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FATAL FORCE FROM PRIVATE SECURITY

Guards at a liquor store fatally shot a woman in a fleeing SUV. Cops treated them as victims. No one's been held responsible.

By DAVID HEINZMANN | Chicago Tribune

As the black SUV sped away, fleeing an early-morning confrontation in a liquor store parking lot, two men working security rushed toward the trouble and drew their guns.

In rapid bursts, they fired in the direction of the SUV, continuing the barrage even as the car fled up Cicero Avenue on the West Side.

Sitting in the back seat was Adriana Reyes, a 20-year-old pizzeria clerk who had left home that evening hoping to enjoy some time with a girlfriend. One of those bullets struck her in the head. Hours later she died.

The security guards, Dontay Bryant, then 21, and Jose Sepulveda, then 25, told police they acted in self-defense. In police reports on the August 2015 incident, both men stated that they fired because the



FAMILY PHOTO

One of Linda Lugo's favorite photos of her daughter shows Adriana Reyes mugging for the camera. Reyes was killed in August 2015 when two private security guards opened fire on an SUV fleeing a parking-lot confrontation on the West Side.

vehicle was driving right at them. Detectives listed them as victims.

But security video taken from multiple angles tells a different story.

The guards were never directly in the path of the fleeing vehicle, the video reveals. The footage shows them shooting from the sidewalk at the SUV's passenger-side windows. They didn't stop when the car drove away; one of the guards walked into the street while still firing. Police recovered 20 shell casings from the area where the guards had been shooting.

No one has been held responsible for Reyes' death. Prosecutors charged two people in the SUV with murder: the driver, and a passenger who fired a gun, hitting no one, during the preceding argument in the parking lot.

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Trump: Cohen broke law, not me

President places blame entirely on lawyer for felonies

By JOHN WAGNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump denied Thursday that he had directed his former personal attorney Michael Cohen to break the law during the 2016 campaign by buying the silence of women who claimed they once had affairs with the future president.

But in morning tweets, Trump did not dispute that he had directed Cohen to make the payments, as Cohen and federal prosecutors have alleged — actions that could imperil Trump.

The president claimed that Cohen bore responsibility for any criminal violations of campaign finance law related to the payments to former Playboy playmate Karen McDougal and adult-film star Stormy Daniels.

"I never directed Michael Cohen to break the law," Trump wrote in Twitter statements. "He was a lawyer and he is supposed to know the law. It is called 'advice of counsel,' and a lawyer has great liability if a mistake is made. That is why they get paid."

In these and other statements Thursday, Trump tried to place blame entirely on his

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Accused agent targeted NRA, GOP

Russian pleads guilty to conspiracy in plea deal, agrees to help

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Russian woman accused of being a secret agent admitted Thursday that she conspired to infiltrate the American gun-rights movement to gather intelligence on conservative political groups as Donald Trump rose to power.

Maria Butina, 30, agreed to plead guilty to a conspiracy charge as part of a deal with federal prosecutors.

The case, which is separate from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election, has offered insight into how Moscow seeks to influence American policy.

Prosecutors say Butina and her Russian patron, Alexander Torshin, used their contacts in the National Rifle Association to pursue back channels to American conservatives during that campaign, when Trump defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Court documents detail how Butina saw the Republican Party as prime for Russian

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'I had to see my son be put in a body bag'

Frankfort mom shows 8th-graders the heartbreaking aftermath of heroin overdose



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Alex White took his first steps at 10 months old.

Once he could walk, he ran. Once he could run, he climbed. The neighbors used to call his parents and say, "Did you know Al's on the roof again?"

"From the time he was little," his mom, Kim White, said, "I knew it would take every ounce

of my being to keep this beautiful, high-spirited young man alive."

He was a hugger.

"Never a handshake, always a hug," his friend Austin Zenere said. Alex and Austin met in first grade. They played travel baseball together. "And it wasn't a quick hug. He made sure to hold it."

Alex wouldn't abide teasing.

Kids were harassing another boy on the school bus when Alex was in fourth grade — stealing his hat, passing it around. The boy's mom called Alex's mom that night to thank her. Alex had shut down the teasing and returned her son's hat.

"He was the type of guy who 100 percent wouldn't do any-



thing malicious," his friend Adam Meyers said. "He was never going to join in on poking fun." He was loving.

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Since Kim White lost her son five years ago, she's made it her mission to keep his story alive.

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JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Michael Cohen, right, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, arrives at federal court with his family on Wednesday.

A dog's loyalty is real. Cohen's 'blind loyalty' is not.



DAHLEEN GLANTON

If you really want to talk about blind loyalty, let's talk about dogs.

For now, I'm going to skip over Michael Cohen's confession in court Wednesday that he committed a host of crimes because of "blind loyalty" to his former boss, Donald Trump.

Most of us would dismiss that excuse as dog poop, the way the federal judge apparently did before sentencing Trump's longtime private attorney to three years in prison for tax fraud, campaign finance violations and other charges.

Anyone who has ever owned a dog knows what real blind loyalty looks like. We see it every day when we come home from work, school or even a quick run to the grocery store and find our pooch anxiously waiting at the door to greet us.

Our pets know in their hearts that when we grudgingly leave them home alone, we will dutifully come back to rescue them. So they wait patiently for a truth that is reconfirmed day after day.

We saw a vivid example of that loyalty recently in the story of Madison, the Anatolian shepherd mix who waited nearly a month for his owner to return to their burned-out home in Northern California.

Andrea and Bill Gaylord were forced to flee Paradise, Calif., when last month's deadly Camp Fire ap-

proached, forcing them to leave their two dogs behind. Animal rescuers found one of the dogs, but they were unable to locate Madison.

So the rescuers placed food, water and an article of Andrea Gaylord's clothing near the burned-out home, hoping that her scent would help to keep the dog alive. It worked.

When the evacuation order was lifted last week and the Gaylords were finally able to return to their property, Madison was waiting, as if he were guarding the ruins of their home until his family could return.

Anyone who has ever had a dog likely can relate to this. I certainly have my own heartwarming story about my bichon frise, Chatham.

My 11-year-old pup was ill when I had to go away on a business trip, so I left him in the care of his longtime veterinarian. I did not realize at the time how sick he was. When I returned, I was heartbroken to learn that he would have to be put down.

Chatham had slept most of the time I was away, the veterinarian told me. Over those three or four days, he wouldn't eat, and his severe lack of energy made him unrecognizable as the playful pup who loved to impress everyone with his ability to walk across a room on his two hind legs.

But the moment he saw me, he got up and leaped into my arms. He powdered my face with wet kisses. His eyes were so full of joy.

And suddenly, it faded as he collapsed into my lap. It had taken all he had left in him to greet me the way I was accustomed to being

greeted whenever I returned from a trip. Resting in my arms, he closed his eyes, and within minutes he was gone.

The veterinarian told me that Chatham had waited for my return to die. And I believed her, because that's what loyal dogs do.

Why are dogs so loyal?

Some experts say it's because of their primal instinct for survival. You are the one who provides them with food and shelter. So in return, they become your loyal guardians. They are protectors of not only the home but of your well-being. They read your emotions and know that their most important job is to stand by you when you need them most.

That's where Cohen miserably failed the loyalty test. Trump needed him to lie to investigators in order to protect him, but Cohen refused. He had once vowed that he would "take a bullet" for Trump, but when the weapon was fired, Cohen smartly jumped out of the way. This once-loyal guard dog turned into a snake and slithered away.

Another reason for their loyalty is that dogs are pack animals, and your family becomes their pack. In the wild, loyalty to the pack is essential to survival. Animals know they must work together to find food and protect themselves from predators. To do that, each animal must put the interests of the pack above its own.

When his own well-being was on the line, Cohen kicked Trump out of the pack. After years of following his master like a puppy dog, Cohen decided to shift his loyalty to another pack — his wife and two children. He finally realized that they were the pack that needed him most, and he rightfully chose to put their interests above Trump's.

The third — and most controversial — reason for loyalty is that dogs love you as much as you love them.

I like to think that Chatham waited for me because he knew I couldn't bear it if he had died while I was gone. I'm convinced that the only place he wanted to be when he took his last breath was resting peacefully in my arms.

That kind of loyalty is both unconditional and indestructible. Cohen's was neither. I doubt that he ever loved Trump or even respected him. It was always about the connections, the power and the money Trump could provide for him.

The things he did for Trump were opportunistic. They stemmed from greed, entitlement and unprincipled values.

There is no warm and fuzzy ending to Cohen's story because his relationship with Trump had nothing to do with loyalty. More than anything else, it was about stupidity.

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Frankfort mom shares her pain to spare others

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Even in front of his foot-
ball-playing, weight-lifting
teenage friends, he always
reminded his mom, “I love
you.” For her birthday one
year, he wrote her a poem:

*You’ve been at my side
since I was small enough to hold.
I can see why you’re never
cold.*

*When you have a Heart
full of Gold.*

*Your son will Always Be
here to watch*

You grow old.

Love, Al

He was fragile, like all
kids. But maybe a little
more so.

“He took things a little
harder than most people,”
his younger sister, Kelly
White, said. “Even simple
things like a breakup. It was
harder for him to get
through that stuff than
other people. Even as a
little kid, he was very, very
sensitive.”

Kim White wonders if
her son’s beautiful, break-
able heart is what killed
him.

‘A bit fragile’

Alex died of a heroin
overdose at age 23. It was
five years ago in August.

Since then, his mom has
been on a mission to keep
her firstborn son’s story
alive and true, serving as a
cautionary tale about the
way opioids sneak into a
family and wholly ravage it.

“I have found, through
talking to other moms in
my situation, that most of
the young people that fall
into substance use are
extremely sensitive and a
bit fragile,” Kim White said.
“They could be really tough
on the outside, but inside,
not so much.”

Alex grew up in south
suburban Frankfort, in Will
County, where the cor-
ner’s office recorded 85
deaths related to heroin
and the synthetic opioid
fentanyl in 2017, up from 78
the previous year.

Opioid overdose deaths
in Illinois increased 82
percent between 2013 and
2016, according to Illinois
Department of Public
Health data. In 2016, the
state saw 1,946 opioid over-
dose fatalities, twice the
number of fatal motor
vehicle accidents and one
and a half times the num-
ber of homicides.

Nationally, more than
72,000 people died from
drug overdoses in 2017,
according to Centers for
Disease Control and Pre-
vention data, and more
than three out of five drug
overdose deaths involved
an opioid.

“Almost 200 people lost
their lives to drug over-
doses every day last year,”
Kim White said. “That’s
like if a plane crashed out of
the sky every single day.
That’s how many people

are dying.

“Don’t you think we
should be talking about
that?”

‘The pain never leaves’

Kim White talks about it
with eighth-graders. Hun-
dreds of them at a time.

She goes to middle
school health classes in
Frankfort and nearby Man-
hattan, Mokena and Orland
Park and tells them the
story of Alex — the story of
a kid who grew up a lot like
they did, a kid who played
on or against their teams, a
kid whose family will never
recover, not really, from his
absence.

“The pain never leaves,”
Alex’s dad, Bob White, said.
“We lost Al over five years
ago, and I remember the
day as if it were 5 minutes
ago.”

Kim White started
emailing middle school
principals in 2016, three
years after Alex died. “I tell
them, ‘I lost my son. This is
an epidemic, and it’s not
going away.’ ”

Several schools ignored
her or turned her down.
But Hickory Creek Middle
School, where Alex and his
younger siblings, Kelly and
Jake, attended, invited her
to speak.

“First I thought, ‘I can’t
do this,’ ” Kim White said.
“ ‘I’m just going to stand up
there and cry.’ ”

For moral support, she
brought her friend Kathy
Dyer, whose son Billy died
of an overdose about eight
months before Alex died.
Billy was a year older than
Alex. He also went to
Hickory Creek.

She got through that first
presentation and emailed
more schools. She learned
to contact the health teach-
ers directly. They almost
always said yes.

In 2017, retired Chicago
police Officer John Roberts
started joining her. Roberts
is the co-founder of Heroin
Epidemic Relief Organiza-
tion (HERO), a foundation
he helped launch after his
own son Billy died from a
heroin overdose in 2009.
He started telling Billy’s
story to the students, and
Dyer started telling her
Billy’s story as well.

Kim White estimates
they will have talked to
2,000 eighth-graders by the
end of this school year.

“If we can walk away
and have even two people,
anybody, look back and say,
‘Remember those parents
came and told us they lost
their kids and told us what
they were like and told us
what it’s like to live without
them?’ ” Kim White said.
“That’s our goal. We want
them to have a future. We
don’t want their families to
suffer like we have.”

She and Dyer and Rob-
erts sat around the Whites’
kitchen table on a recent
Thursday, sharing chicken



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Family picture of Alex White at home of his parents Kim and Bob White in Frankfort earlier this week.

salad and cranberry
muffins and taking turns
holding one another’s pain.

“We had over 400 signa-
tures in the guest book at
Billy’s service,” Dyer said.
“All these young people
filled my house beforehand,
making posters with pic-
tures and glue sticks. I’ve
still got 50 or 75 of them in
my basement.”

Roberts talked about his
wife. She’s struggling to
keep weight on since their
son’s death. She just dipped
below 90 pounds, Roberts
said. Nine years after Billy
died.

“It brings you to your
knees,” Kim White said.

It’s a tricky balance, they
said, to share enough of
their grief to make an im-
pression on the students, but
not so much of their grief
that they traumatize them.

“I think what gets their
attention, though, is relat-
ing to these guys who grew
up near them, who went to
their schools,” Dyer said.
“They think, ‘How did they
go down that path? How do
you get to a point that you
can’t stop?’ This opioid
addiction is so, so tough to
get through.”

‘Al’s taking pills’

Alex didn’t start taking
opioids until college, his
mom said.

After high school, he
attended the University of
Iowa, where he roomed
with Meyers. They were
kicked out of the dorms
freshman year for smoking
marijuana, and they moved
off-campus. Later that year,
Alex was arrested for pos-
sessing alcohol as a minor.
He decided to transfer to
Illinois State University.

“It was kind of like a
three-year thing,” Meyers
said. “It went from, ‘Al’s
with me and we’re partying
and we’re young and we’re
dumb, but everything’s
fine,’ to ‘Al’s hanging out
with different people, most
of whom I know and like
from high school, for the
most part,’ to, ‘Al’s taking
pills. Have you seen Al? Al’s
so skinny.’ ”

Alex broke his hand
during college, his mom
said. That may have been
when he started taking pain
pills.

He graduated from Illi-
nois State University in

May 2012 and moved
home. He found a job. His
parents thought his behav-
ior was odd — he was
moody and quick to anger,
he was putting inexplicable
miles on the car. A friend of
Kelly’s called her and said
she heard Alex was taking
pills. In July, his parents
found a white, powdery
substance and a straw on
his desk after he left for
work one day.

“We were panicked,”
Kim White said. “When
your child is born, there’s
not a manual that tells you,
‘When your son is 22 and
you find out he has a sub-
stance use disorder, here’s
what you do.’ I called coun-
selors, doctors, rehabs.
Anyone I could think of to
ask, ‘What are we supposed
to do?’ ”

They tried several differ-
ent rehab centers, but none
of them took. At the time,
Kim White said, most of
the rehab centers they
found didn’t offer Subox-
one, methadone or naltrex-
one — medications that
ease symptoms of with-
drawal during detox and
help patients maintain
abstinence from opioids.

“Your brain has
changed,” Kim White said.
“The drugs rewire your
brain, and you need some-
thing to help you get off of
them. Al was at a point
where he couldn’t even
help himself.”

He checked himself out
of every place they checked
him into.

“We tried a place in
Arizona,” Kim White said.
“We tried a place in Cali-
fornia because it was 30
miles from the nearest
town, and they said no one
ever leaves. He left.”

“Eventually, we tried a
place in Florida, and this
was our reasoning,” she
said, her eyes filling with
tears. “If we send him to
Florida and he leaves, he’ll
be OK because it’s warm
there. I mean, as a parent,
you’re thinking, ‘It’s warm
there. He won’t freeze. It’s
warm there.’ ”

‘I am not one bit ashamed’

Opioids reduce the in-
tensity of pain by going to
work in the nervous system
or on specific brain recep-
tors. They can also cause

drowsiness, euphoria,
confusion and other symp-
toms. It’s common for
people with a substance use
disorder — the term used
by the U.S. Department of
Health and Human Serv-
ices to replace “substance
abuse” or “substance de-
pendence” — to misuse
legally prescribed opioids
(oxycodone, hydrocodone)
or switch from prescription
opioids to heroin because
heroin is more readily
available and cheaper.

Because heroin is often
mixed with other chemi-
cals and drugs on the black
market, people who use it
are at an increased risk of
overdose, compared with
other opioids, according to
the Department of Health
and Human Services.

Kim White wants stu-
dents to hear all of that. She
wants Alex’s death to help
them understand all of that.

“I am not one bit
ashamed of my son,” she
said. “Young people’s brains
are being pruned and don’t
fully develop until they’re
25. The part of the brain
that controls impulses and
understands consequences
is the last part to develop.
I’m not making excuses,
but one bad decision
shouldn’t lead to this.”

She and her partners,
Dyer and Roberts, explain
that their sons weren’t
perfect, but neither did
they deserve to be sen-
tenced to death for their
missteps.

They show the eighth-
graders photos of their sons
— from prom, from gradua-
tion, from family vacations.
They tell them about re-
ceiving the phone calls that
their boys were dead.

Dyer’s son Billy died at
home. Dyer found him. He
was 24. Roberts’ son Billy
died at a childhood friend’s
house. He was 19. He died
while Roberts and his wife
were driving frantically to
the house, having received a
call from Billy’s friend that
he’d stopped breathing.

Alex died at his friend
Austin Zenere’s condo.
They’d spent the evening
with a group of high school
friends. Alex had been
home from his latest rehab
stint for a month. They
were hopeful that he had
stopped using. Kim White
gave Austin enough money
to get Alex some food.

“We were with him the
entire time,” Austin said.
“When he went to the
bathroom, one person went
with him. Before we went
to bed, I gave him a hug and
was like, ‘I’m so happy
you’re back.’ He went to
bed and never woke up.”

The coroner ruled Alex’s
death an accidental over-
dose from “heroin and
alcohol intoxication.”

“The coroner also told us
that Alex didn’t have very
much alcohol in his sys-
tem,” Kim White said.

They don’t know when
he used heroin that night.

‘I need an army’

“I had to see my son be
put in a body bag,” Kim
White told a group of
eighth-graders gathered at
Hickory Creek Middle
School in late November.
“That haunts me. We don’t
want any of your families to
go through that.”

The students sat in a
windowless room, in row
upon row of stackable
plastic chairs. A white
screen at the front of the
room showed pictures of a
smiling Alex.

When Kim White
stopped talking, you could
hear a pin drop. Dyer went
next. Then Roberts.

“I tell their teachers, ‘You
can have their minds. I
want their hearts,’ ” Rob-
erts said afterward.

He stands before them as
a retired cop, a law-and-
order guy. But mostly as a
broken father.

“I need help,” he told the
room of teenagers. “We’re
not winning the war on
drugs. I’m here to tell you
we’re losing the war on
drugs. I need an army. I
need you.”

He begs them not to
start. Not to experiment. To
walk away the first time,
every time someone says,
“Hey, you want to try some-
thing?”

“This could happen to
you,” he said. “In this com-
munity. It happened to
those two boys, Billy and
Alex. It happened to my
Billy. It could happen to
anyone. It crept into my
home and stole my son
from me, and no matter
what fight we put up or
what fight he put up, it was
too late.”

Kim White hopes the
students talk to their par-
ents about their presenta-
tion. She hopes that each
conversation — in the class-
room, at home afterward —
chips away at the stigma
that clings unfairly to her
son’s death, to any death
from a drug overdose.

She hopes more schools
invite them in. She hopes
more parents who’ve lost
kids to substance use disor-
ders consider reaching out
to schools in their own
communities.

“All over the United
States, people should be
doing this,” she said.
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DCFS sued over psych system

Cook County public guardian: ‘Inhumane’ practice of leaving kids too long in hospitals

By **CHRISTY GUTOWSKI,**
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Chicago Tribune

Cook County’s public guardian sued the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services on Thursday, alleging the beleaguered child welfare agency is causing “immense harm” to mentally ill foster children by keeping them in psychiatric hospitals beyond medical discharge dates as it struggles to find them homes with appropriate services.

“It’s hard to imagine anything that says to a child more, ‘You don’t matter,’ than being in a locked psychiatric hospital when there’s absolutely no reason for you to be there,” said Charles Golbert, the county’s acting public guardian.

The federal class-action lawsuit, which seeks an end to the practice, was filed on behalf of more than a dozen Illinois foster youths against DCFS and several employees, including the estates of two deceased past agency directors.

The suit alleges that state officials have known for decades about the lack of suitable placements, and that they worsened the tragic circumstances of the children’s lives by repeatedly cutting budgets for appropriate treatment facilities and foster homes.

The “inhumane” practice, known as “beyond medical necessity,” costs taxpayers more than \$125,000 a month, the suit alleges. From 2015 through 2017, more than 800 children were held this way, including more than 30 percent of children in DCFS care who were hospitalized, the suit states.

The problem is so well known, according to the suit, that in 2015 state lawmakers directed DCFS to formally track children and teens in foster care who languish after being medically cleared for discharge. The lawsuit also follows a ProPublica Illinois investigation into the problem published in June.

Two 19-year-old plaintiffs shared their experiences at a news conference about the suit. The Tribune is not using full names to protect the privacy of the teens, who remain under DCFS guardianship.

Skylar L. was 15 when she stayed in a psychiatric hospital for 79 days beyond medical necessity, according to the lawsuit. In the six months she spent there in 2015, Skylar said she was allowed to go outdoors only once.

“I felt like a prisoner,” she said at a news conference at the Loevy & Loevy law firm, which helped bring the suit. “I felt very depressed. ... I don’t want anybody to go through what I went through.”

Skylar, who now lives in Des Plaines, said she received just one hour of daily schooling, which she said consisted of doing word puzzles.

Burl F. entered DCFS care after experiencing extreme abuse from



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Charles Golbert, acting Cook County public guardian, appears with plaintiffs Skylar L. and Burl F. after announcing a class-action lawsuit against DCFS.

his father and was placed in a psychiatric hospital in 2008, according to the suit. He stayed in the hospital for about two months beyond his discharge date.

“I didn’t get a chance to see my family,” said Burl, who now resides in Calumet City. “I was behind in school. There were days I woke up feeling I was at home and just realizing I was at the hospital. I stayed there Christmas. I missed my birthday. It was hard.”

DCFS spokesman Neil Skene said the agency had no comment on the lawsuit. He called it a “very complex challenge” to find placements for youths with severe behavioral or mental health needs. Some of these children may display adverse behaviors, including fire-setting and self-harm practices, that get them rejected from private providers, foster homes or their own families, he said.

“The availability of community resources and facilities to handle complex behavioral and physical health needs of children and teenagers is a serious need in Illinois,” Skene said in a statement. “This is a decades-long problem in Illinois that has now fallen to the current leadership of DCFS. We are at the deep end of a challenge within the health care system. ... Rebuilding the capacity of the mental health system will require more than a lawsuit.”

Also Thursday, a federal judge put a hold on a U.S. government attempt to cut off funding for an Uptown psychiatric hospital that is struggling to survive amid

complaints that young patients face unsafe conditions. Chicago Lakeshore Hospital had gone to court to try to stop a Saturday cutoff date for the facility to continue billing Medicare and Medicaid for new patients.

At a hearing, Meredith Duncan, an attorney for the hospital, said an abrupt cutoff federal funding would eliminate a unique facility that “takes the most difficult cases, the youth that other providers cannot and will not take.”

Duncan said Chicago Lakeshore has put in place a corrective action plan and substantial changes already have been made to the way it handles allegations of abuse. The hospital presented the changes to the government, but officials have refused to even consider it and the two sides “are at an absolute impasse,” she said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Valerie Raedy, who represents the government, said “there is damage being done” by having children remain in the hospital’s care. She said the facility has repeatedly failed to take corrective action even after the issues were exposed in the media.

“(The hospital) was unable to keep its patients — vulnerable young kids — safe from sexual and physical abuse,” Raedy said. “They were aware of the ProPublica and Chicago Tribune reports and still were not in compliance.”

U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman opted to keep the federal money flowing while the issues are sorted out. The next

court date is Jan. 2.

DCFS stopped admitting children in its care to Chicago Lakeshore several weeks ago amid an increased number of calls to the state’s child abuse hotline this year. The final DCFS teen was transferred out Nov. 30.

The child welfare agency has launched at least 20 hotline investigations in 2018. Many of the complaints alleged inadequate supervision by staff as young patients fought or engaged in sexual activity. In some investigations, staff members were accused of being physically or sexually abusive. A Nov. 19 complaint involved a 9-year-old patient who accused a staff member of choking her while trying to restrain the child.

Most of the hospital’s inspection violations this year related to regulatory issues such as the length of telephone cords or improperly secured doors. But a Nov. 21 inspection cited the child abuse investigations and found hospital policies and procedures were inadequate and constituted an “immediate threat to patient health and safety.”

Chicago Lakeshore is one of the largest hospitals for psychiatric services in Illinois, serving more than 5,000 patients a year in two buildings, including one for children and teens. An estimated one-quarter of DCFS children who need inpatient psychiatric services are treated there, with many languishing beyond their scheduled discharge date as the state agency struggles to find them homes.

This was the second time in recent months that the hospital asked a federal judge to intervene. After an earlier threat to cut off government funding, the hospital filed a similar request Sept. 27, then promptly withdrew it when regulators agreed to give the hospital more time.

In their latest legal filing, hospital officials said they have appealed directly to federal officials but cannot get a hearing until February — weeks after the Dec. 15 deadline. The hospital has another 30 days after this weekend’s deadline to bill for current patients.

Hospital administrators said they installed new security cameras in early November, replacing an old system that at times resulted in inoperable cameras and crippled complaint investigations.

“The expectation of allegation-free acute psychiatric care to traumatized children and adolescents, especially those who are a product of the public system, is unequivocally unrealistic,” Dr. Peter Nierman, the hospital’s chief medical officer, wrote in an attachment in this week’s court filing. “While it is incumbent upon our staff to limit the opportunities for abuse and neglect to occur, an expectation of zero tolerance for allegations constitutes a complete lack of understanding of the psychopathology of what we do as providers in this field.”

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Beer aged with Hobson oak wood chips

Some proceeds from sales to go to Naperville Parks Foundation

By **ERIN HEGARTY**
Naperville Sun

Beer connoisseurs can taste Naperville history — literally — with the release Saturday of an imperial milk stout at Solemn Oath Brewery made with, and named after, the area’s beloved Hobson oak tree.

Hobson beer was aged with wood from the tree in bourbon barrels for the past 10 months and will be available on draft and in four-packs of 12-ounce cans beginning this weekend. The beer is 10.8 percent alcohol; a four-pack costs \$29.99.

The Hobson bur oak tree stood near the intersection of Hobson Road and Greene Road for 250 years before it was cut down in 2016 because of decay.

Solemn Oath Brewery collaborated with Hop Butcher For The World and Miskatonic Brewing Co. on the beer that incorporates Hobson bur oak wood chips.

A description of Hobson on Solemn Oath’s website gives a

nod to the beer being in the making for more than 250 years.

“Hobson pays tribute to the wild and gnarled bur oak that stood in DuPage County from approximately the mid-1700s until November 2016, when it had reached the end of its life and had to be felled. The Naperville Parks Foundation spearheaded efforts for the wood to be put to use and our use is, of course, to make beer,” the website said.

“Along with our friends at Miskatonic and Hop Butcher we brewed an imperial milk stout and aged it in bourbon barrels on top of wood chips from the famous tree. The end result is a massively rich stout, full of chocolate, that has a smooth warming finish with just a hint of smoke. We think it’s a fitting tribute to a true local icon.”

Solemn Oath plans to unveil two other beers and bring back two beers Saturday. A portion of the proceeds from Hobson will go to the Naperville Parks Foundation.



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A beer aged with wood from Naperville’s old Hobson oak tree will be unveiled at Solemn Oath Brewery on Saturday.

“Solemn Oath, Miskatonic and Hop Butcher worked to bring good taste to an old tree,” said Mary Lou Wehrli, secretary for the Naperville Parks Foundation.

Since the tree was cut down, its wood has been given to artisans and local breweries as a way of giving it new life. Since

early this year, the wood has not only been used to brew beer but carved into bowls, a guitar, furniture and other things.

The Hobson oak tree is “permeating the future in ways unexpected,” Wehrli said.

The foundation raises support and awareness for open

spaces and financially supports Naperville Park District facilities and programs.

It also assists families in the community who cannot afford park district programs.

Local nonprofit organizations, including Loaves and Fishes and Edward Foundation, have partnered with the foundation to auction pieces of Hobson oak art and furniture during fundraisers.

The sale of an initial beer, Ole Knotty brewed at Hop Butcher For The World in collaboration with Solemn Oath and Miskatonic, paired with auction items and the sale of Hobson oak saplings has brought in more than \$29,000 for the foundation and other nonprofit groups, Wehrli said.

“The story of the Hobson tree fits in with what other nonprofits are trying to accomplish in terms of a better community, a healthy community in hopes for the future,” Wehrli said.

For more information on Saturday’s event, go to www.solemn-oathbrewery.com.

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Van Dyke defense tries for new trial by questioning old rulings

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Former Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke is scheduled to return Friday to a Cook County courtroom for just the second time since his historic conviction as his lawyers attempt to win a new trial against long odds.

Judge Vincent Gaughan could set a sentencing date for Van Dyke, who was taken into custody following his conviction Oct. 5 for the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. He is being held in isolation at a Quad Cities-area jail.

The arguments for a new trial could be extensive, but in the end Gaughan would have to find he had himself erred for Van Dyke's legal team to prevail. The next step for Van Dyke after his sentencing would be an appeal to a higher court.

The defense is challenging nearly every major ruling by Gaughan before and during the trial, perhaps most prominently the judge's refusal to move the trial outside Cook County because of extensive pretrial publicity.

In its most surprising allegation, the defense says that two undisclosed jurors concealed their own criminal records — marijuana convictions in both cases — during the jury selection process, raising questions about their bias toward police.

The defense also argues that the jury's acquittal of Van Dyke on a charge of official misconduct was inconsistent with its conviction on second-degree murder and aggravated battery charges, requiring the entire case to be thrown out.

Van Dyke, 40, became the first Chicago cop in half a century to be convicted of murder in an on-duty incident.

Police dashboard camera video showed the white officer opening fire within seconds of exiting his squad car as the black teen walked away from police with a knife in his hand, contradicting reports from officers at

the scene that McDonald had threatened officers with the weapon. McDonald was shot 16 times.

The graphic video, released by court order more than a year after the October 2014 shooting, has rocked the Police Department, leading to a scathing U.S. Department of Justice report and a consent decree — overseen by a federal judge — that will guide police reform.

The post-trial filings by Van Dyke's legal team, led by Daniel Herbert, allege a cavalcade of errors by the judge and jury.

In written responses, special prosecutor Joseph McMahon's team argues that the split verdict wasn't inconsistent, the judge's decisions were legally sound and the jury selection process ensured a fair trial.

The defense attempt to move the trial outside Cook County was one of the most extensively argued issues before the trial. In recent paperwork, Van Dyke's legal team also decried the unusual game of legal chess that preceded the trial.

Gaughan delayed ruling on the so-called change of venue until after jury selection, leading the defense to hold off on its decision whether to let a jury or the judge decide Van Dyke's fate.

After all but one of the jurors had been sworn in, Gaughan called on the defense the next morning to declare its choice while continuing to delay ruling on moving the trial.

In a surprise move, Van Dyke then opted for a jury trial. Just before opening statements, Gaughan formally refused to move the trial.

That unusual sequence of events denied Van Dyke "the opportunity to knowingly and intelligently waive his right to a jury trial," said a defense filing.

Prosecutors, though, contended that the way it played out, in fact, worked in Van Dyke's favor, giving the defense a sneak peek at jurors before needing to decide on a

jury or bench trial.

Van Dyke's "conduct gained him the tactical advantage of being able to test the waters to first gauge the composition of the resulting jury before making the election as to bench or jury," prosecutors wrote in a recent filing.

The defense also leveled the unusual charge that two jurors who decided Van Dyke's fate had been "dishonest" while filling out extensive questionnaires and answering questions during jury selection, failing to disclose past convictions.

Asked about any arrests for "a crime other than a traffic ticket," Juror A acknowledged a DUI but failed to disclose a guilty plea for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia in 2016, the defense said.

Juror B omitted a 10-year probation sentence in Texas for a 1995 third-degree felony conviction for marijuana possession and may still be under court supervision for a more recent DUI conviction, according to the defense. That same juror has used four separate birth dates and did not disclose at least two arrests of a son or that a son-in-law is serving prison time in Texas, the defense said.

If those details had been divulged, Van Dyke's legal team said it would have questioned both further and might have sought their dismissal from the jury.

"Additionally, with both jurors having had contact with the criminal justice system, a high probability exists that either or both may have an implicit bias against police officers," the defense filing said.

The argument could be a hard sell for Gaughan, who praised jurors repeatedly through the trial for their attention.

Before the verdict was read, he warned spectators against any outbursts.

"I don't want anybody second-guessing (the jurors)," he said. "They've done an outstanding job."





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They argued that an underlying crime — the gunshot — led directly to the fatal shooting. But the Cook County state's attorney's office dropped the murder charges when the men pleaded guilty to lesser crimes related to the parking lot fight.

No agency investigated the use of deadly force by the guards or their employer, Reliance Security Services, and records show the company didn't report the shooting to the state as required by law.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation oversees security guard licensing but has established no guidelines for use of force by private security guards and provides little oversight over the industry. State regulators said they are not responsible for finding violators of the reporting requirement or setting standards for firearms training.

"The duty to file a weapons discharge report is on the security agency. Municipalities and other units of local government may notify IDFPR if they have problems with a licensee by filing a complaint," department spokesman Eric Eizinger wrote in an email responding to questions from the Tribune.

There were also no immediate consequences for Da Icehouse, the liquor store that hired the guards as part of an agreement with the city to allow it to sell alcohol as late as 5 a.m.

Six months after Reyes' death, in February 2016, a woman leaving the liquor store was critically injured in an exchange of gunfire between another customer and Icehouse security guards, police say. In July of that year, Icehouse guards fired their guns once more, police records show. Though no one was injured in that instance, the city subsequently shut down the store for five months.

Reliance didn't report these shootings to the state, records show, and no oversight review was initiated against the firm or its officers.

The lack of consequences in Reyes' death has left her mother, Linda Lugo, feeling that justice for her daughter is nowhere to be found.

Pulled from bed by a phone call, Lugo soon found herself hearing from a doctor at the Mount Sinai Hospital emergency room that there was no hope Reyes would recover from the bullet fragments in her brain. Lugo said she sought information from police detectives who had come to the hospital but they would tell her nothing. It wasn't until much later — after her lawyer obtained the security video — that she understood how her daughter was shot.

"When I seen the video, it was really disturbing to see that these two armed security guards, that are here to serve and protect and keep an environment safe, shot into the back of this vehicle that was no longer on the premises that they were securing," she said. "The car was already on Cicero."

The case also highlights how security guards can be armed and placed in dangerous situations with little training.

Bryant and Sepulveda had been licensed as armed guards for just a few months when they were assigned to protect the Icehouse, located in a high-crime stretch of the West Side. In granting a late-night liquor license to the store in 2012, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration required the owners to hire armed guards because of the potential for violence.

In brief interviews, Bryant and Sepulveda said they went through a one-week training course provided by Reliance, which operates out of a storefront in Albany Park. They said they were not instructed on whether to shoot at a fleeing vehicle — something the Chicago Police Department considers a violation of policy for its officers.

Sepulveda told police he had 10 rounds in his gun that night and fired all of them. In police reports reviewed by the Tribune, Bryant did not say how many times he fired, but there were six rounds left in his gun's 16-round magazine.

In the aftermath of her daughter's death, Lugo has filed a lawsuit against both Reliance Security Services and the Icehouse. Brian Coffman, the lawyer handling the suit, said the account of

the incident in police reports was inaccurate and "the prosecution of any type of criminal case was totally bumbled."

"You've got two private security guards essentially acting like they're in the Wild West," he said. "They weren't in any danger. No one was in danger, and they're unloading their clips."

The Cook County state's attorney's office "charged the wrong people," Coffman said.

A spokesman for the state's attorney's office said the combination of circumstances and evidence led to prosecutors' decision to drop the murder charges, but he declined to discuss specifics.

Bryant and Sepulveda both defended their actions to the Tribune and said they were confident they received adequate training to use lethal force.

"If it wasn't necessary for me to shoot at the vehicle, I would be the one who's locked up right now," said Bryant, now 24. "If any laws were broken with what I did, I wouldn't be listed as a victim."

Reliance's owner, Abdul Khan, declined to comment, citing pending litigation and the advice of his lawyer.

Geoff Alpert, a criminologist who focuses on use-of-force issues and teaches at the University of South Carolina, said security guards should stick to their role, which is to protect the establishment.

"It's real simple," he said. "You become the eyes and ears for the real police. ... How could a security guard think he could step outside the store and get involved in a conflict he knows nothing about and use deadly force?"

'To protect the people'

On the night Reyes died, she was expecting an innocent evening out, her mother said. Nothing in Reyes' past suggested otherwise.

Raised by a single mother, with a younger sister, Reyes had graduated from a Northwest Side charter high school in 2012 and started taking community college classes.

"She graduated high school — she was on the soccer team, the basketball team," Lugo said. "Adriana was just outgoing. She was independent."

Triton College officials confirmed she was enrolled in the fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters but did not return the following fall. Her mother said she was taking time off to work multiple jobs and "was signed up to go back to school."

She had no criminal record. "Adriana was never involved in gangs," Lugo said. "Adriana has never been arrested. ... She wasn't affiliated in any way, shape or form."

But Reyes' friend, Bianca Rodriguez, ran with a more troubling crowd, police and court records show. She was married to Valentine Rodriguez, who police identified as a member of the Maniac Latin Disciples.

When Reyes joined Bianca Rodriguez for the evening, they wound up riding in an Infiniti SUV with Valentine Rodriguez, who was driving, and Ronnie Henderson, also a reputed Maniac Latin Disciple, according to police.

At an intersection a couple of miles east of the Icehouse, the two men got into an argument with a carload of rival Spanish Cobra gang members, police reports said.

The Spanish Cobras, in a Kia Soul, then drove to the Icehouse at 356 N. Cicero Ave. to buy liquor. The Infiniti followed them into the parking lot directly north of the store. It was around 2 a.m., but the lot was busy with customers and idling cars, according to security video provided to the Tribune by Lugo's lawyer.

Two of the men from the Kia emerged from the store's front door on Cicero and walked toward the parking lot, the video shows. As the men crossed the lot, Henderson brandished a gun from the back seat of the Infiniti, waving it at the two men before firing a shot that hit no one. The Infiniti then accelerated toward the exit on Cicero.

While this scene unfolded, security guards Sepulveda and Bryant were around the corner of the building, standing guard by the store's entrance on Cicero, the video shows. The store's security cameras captured Sepulveda craning his neck to try to see what



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Linda Lugo shows a collage with photos of her late daughter. She is suing the security firm that employed the guards at the Icehouse as well as the liquor store itself, contending the guards had no justification to shoot.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The city approved a late-night license for the Icehouse in 2012 on the condition that the liquor store hire armed security. It is the only stand-alone liquor store in Chicago to hold a late-night liquor license.

was going on in the parking lot as the dispute escalated.

Once the shot was fired, Sepulveda and Bryant drew their guns and dashed a few steps toward the entrance of the parking lot. As the Infiniti left the lot, passing by the guards, they began shooting at the open passenger-side windows, video shows.

The guards continued firing after the SUV turned onto Cicero. One bullet struck Reyes in the back of the head, and the two men in the vehicle suffered minor gunshot wounds.

In grand jury testimony related to the murder charges against Henderson and Rodriguez, Bryant was asked why he opened fire.

"Because the vehicle was not stopping. And it was going to hit me. And they had already fired at someone else in the parking lot," Bryant said, according to a transcript of his testimony. "So I fired my weapon to get them to stop the vehicle. And to protect the people that was in the parking lot."

That testimony matched the statement Sepulveda gave to police detectives immediately after the shooting. One detective jotted down this summary: "Truck appeared to come at me and partner

— (eastbound) out of parking lot. Fired on (truck) — at threat in rear seat — fired till the threat left our range. Emptied weapon — 10 rounds."

In interviews with the Tribune, the former guards both maintained that the vehicle was coming right at them and that opening fire was necessary to protect themselves and others — despite what the video shows.

"They fired shots, and the car was coming directly toward us," Sepulveda said before breaking off the brief conversation.

Asked if it was possible he panicked because of the circumstances of the incident, Bryant said he did not.

"I know when — and when not — to use my weapon," he said. "I know I did not panic. There was nothing to panic about. You don't panic in situations like those."

In the shooting, the only aspect of the guards' conduct that came under police scrutiny was whether they were presenting themselves at the time as police officers, which is a crime. Both Bryant and Sepulveda were wearing dark tactical gear, including bulletproof vests emblazoned with the word "POLICE" across the back.

But the guards were not charged with impersonating a police officer. Their uniforms also included smaller Reliance patches, and the guards did not take any actions that demonstrated they intended to mislead people to believe they were cops, said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

In the aftermath of the shooting, police told the owners of the liquor store that the guards should not wear gear identifying them as police officers, which could give people the wrong idea, Guglielmi said.

"They did talk to the business and said, 'Hey, this is confusing,'" he said.

A dangerous place

The Icehouse is the only stand-alone liquor store in Chicago to hold a late-night liquor license, allowing it to stay open until 4 a.m. on weeknights and 5 a.m. on weekends.

Despite the store's location in a high-crime area — usually a red flag for a liquor license — the city approved its request to stay open longer in September 2012. But there was a caveat: To mitigate the



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Two security guards at a Chicago liquor store fired a barrage of shots at an SUV, killing 20-year-old passenger Adriana Reyes. The guards said the SUV was coming right at them. But video shows they were not directly in the vehicle's path as it drove away.

“If it wasn’t necessary for me to shoot at the vehicle, I would be the one who’s locked up right now. If any laws were broken with what I did, I wouldn’t be listed as a victim.”

— Security guard Dontay Bryant

“You’ve got two private security guards essentially acting like they’re in the Wild West. They weren’t in any danger. No one was in danger, and they’re unloading their clips.”

— Brian Coffman, the lawyer for Linda Lugo, mother of Adriana Reyes

risk for trouble, city regulators required the owners to hire armed guards to protect the store after 10 p.m.

When a liquor license application is pending, city officials seek the opinion of Chicago police, who often object to the city issuing a license in a high-crime area.

There could not have been any doubt that the guards would be working in a dangerous part of town.

In the five years before the city’s Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection granted the late-night license, there had been 161 recorded criminal incidents in the 300 block of North Cicero Avenue, according to city records. Among them were 17 robberies, 38 drug arrests, 36 assaults and batteries, and one homicide.

Weighing in on the Icehouse’s request for a late-night license, the district commander at the time

pointed out potential concerns but did not object, the Tribune reported last year.

Meanwhile, the Icehouse’s owner at the time put nearly \$30,000 in donations into the campaign funds of 28th Ward Ald. Jason Ervin. Chicago aldermen have power over economic development issues in their wards.

Ervin has told the Tribune that the donations had nothing to do with his support for the liquor store, which he said gives his

constituents an alternative to illegal drugs.

The Icehouse case is not the only one in which the city has sought to fix a problem liquor business by requiring armed guards. Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey said the lawyers who advise city regulators in the licensing process may order such requirements on a case-by-case basis. However, they do not formally track those decisions, he said.

But based on the recall of staff members, McCaffrey provided a few examples.

Last December, the Police Department used the city’s summary closure ordinance to shut down Mid City Food and Liquor, 500 S. Kostner Ave., after years of legal and code violations were capped by a homicide in the store’s parking lot. The victim in that slaying, Anthony Johnson, had been shot once before in the same parking lot, and since January 2016 two other people also had been shot there.

City lawyers allowed the business to reopen in January under a “nuisance abatement plan” that specified “security guards shall be armed at all times.”

In April, the city lawyers also signed amended nuisance abatement plans requiring two separate businesses that share a building in the 600 block of South Homan Avenue — Citgo at Homan and Murray’s Fish and Chicken — to have an armed guard on site.

At the Icehouse, owners met the city’s requirement by hiring Reliance Security Services. Guards from the company fired their weapons on two occasions in 2016, in one case during a shootout with a gang member that gravely wounded a woman who was an innocent bystander.

Fed up with the mayhem around the Icehouse and citing building and safety code violations, Chicago police moved to have the store temporarily closed. When the Icehouse reopened in November 2016, the city required it to stop using Reliance for security.

“Reliance Security Services will no longer provide security for the Subject Property effective immediately,” the city wrote in a resolution signed by the Department of Law, Building and License Enforcement and the store’s owner.

In April 2017 — a month after the Tribune’s story about the violence surrounding the store and its controversial late-night license — the city entered into a new “plan of operation” for the store.

That new plan no longer requires that the store employ armed guards.

The Icehouse’s current owner, Raed Bisharat, said he made several security improvements during the months the business was shut down in 2016. He said the store is much safer now, though his guards are still armed for some shifts.

“I told the security guards, we want to make money but we don’t want to make blood money,” Bisharat said. “They shouldn’t shoot people, to begin with. Security should be there to prevent any problems from happening. That’s why you’re there, not (to take action) after the problem.”

City lawyers say the new security contractor is MSP 1 Intelligence Corp., based in a storefront building in the 10800 block of South Michigan Avenue.

At the Icehouse, a flashing LED sign still welcomes customers until 4 a.m. on weeknights and 5 a.m. on weekends.

Awaiting justice

The same month the store’s new plan of operation took effect, prosecutors dropped the murder charges against Henderson and Valentine Rodriguez.

Rodriguez’s wife, Bianca, pleaded guilty to an obstruction of justice charge for driving away in the Infiniti SUV after Reyes and the two men were taken to hospitals. She was sentenced to probation and a short sentence that was negated by time she had already spent in Cook County Jail while the case was pending.

Bryant and Sepulveda both told the Tribune they were no longer working as security guards. In a June interview, Sepulveda said he was living on the South Side and driving a truck. Bryant recently was stationed in Texas with the Army, according to Defense Department records.

Meanwhile, Linda Lugo suffers the absence of her daughter and endures the tedious pace of her lawsuit.

But whether any business owner will end up being held liable for Reyes’ death remains unclear. Reliance’s insurance company, Mesa Underwriters, has asked a judge to excuse the company from any responsibility in the case.

Some legal experts say the company may have a point. In another sign of the state’s limited oversight, Illinois law requires security contractors to carry liability insurance but does not specify what kind. Mesa Underwriters has pointed out in court that Reliance Security’s policy specifically excludes coverage for incidents involving firearms.

In effect, the state of Illinois granted licenses to a company that is in the business of supplying armed security guards but whose insurance does not cover incidents with firearms.

Lugo keeps a collection of photo collages of Reyes in the living room of her small apartment in Belmont Cragin on the Northwest Side. After work one weekday recently, she showed them to visitors, pointing to one photo of her daughter mugging for the camera. She declared it one of her favorites.

On a different poster board, she singled out another photo, of a toddler in a swimsuit looking up at the camera on a bright, sunny day.

“This is her when she was little,” Lugo began. But then words failed her. Choking up, she put the photos aside.

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Rauner looked to replace himself on Nov. 6 ballot

Sensing a loss, governor spent months seeking a new candidate

By Mike Riepelle and Rick Pearson
Chicago Tribune

Sensing an embarrassing re-election loss after President Donald Trump's 2016 election and a narrow primary victory in March, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner spent months last spring and summer actively seeking out a candidate to replace him on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Rauner, speaking Thursday to ABC-7 Chicago, acknowledged speaking to two men and two women about replacing him atop the 2018 GOP ticket in the race against Democrat J.B. Pritzker, but did not disclose by name whom he contacted.

Former Republican state Sen. Karen McConnaughay of St. Charles acknowledged to the Tribune that she was recruited by Rauner in mid-April, about



Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker talks with President Donald Trump during a meeting with newly elected governors in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Thursday.

a month after he defeated GOP primary challenger state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton by just 3 percentage points.

Sources said Rauner's recruitment effort also in-

cluded Todd Ricketts, a member of the family that owns the Chicago Cubs who is now finance chairman of the Republican National Committee; and Erika Harold, an Urbana attorney who at the time was the GOP nominee for attorney general.

She ultimately lost to Democratic state Sen. Kwame Raoul. A source close to Harold said Rauner contacted her about replacing him on the ticket in August, mere months before the general election.

Efforts to reach Ricketts and Harold were unsuccessful.

The sources asked not to be identified in order not to jeopardize their positions in state Republican Party circles.

News that Rauner actively sought a replacement raises questions about the sincerity of his re-election effort, and adds to the consternation surrounding the state GOP.

The one-term governor used his personal wealth to rebuild and subsidize the Illinois Republican Party and GOP legislative campaign organizations, only to see Pritzker defeat him by nearly 16 percentage points as Democrats swept all statewide offices and expanded their legislative majorities.

Rauner created turmoil among Republicans by signing legislation expanding abortion, immigrant and transgender rights, alienating core social conservatives in the party's base, many of whom then backed Ives in the primary.

Of his effort to replace himself on the ticket, Rauner told the TV station: "I said, 'I'll step aside. I'll give you huge financial resources. You run for governor. I'll support you. You have as good or better chance to get elected than me.' All four of 'em said, 'No. Too tough. Too unlikely. Too difficult.'"

Rauner's effort to remove himself from the top of the ticket — after injecting \$50 million of his own money into the contest — would have created myriad problems for whoever took up the challenge, and potentially would have exacerbated the split within the GOP.

McConnaughay, who retired from the legislature in September, said Rauner's effort to remove himself from the ticket was "indicative of how he governed" and how he repeatedly sought to avoid blame for failures.

"He tried to take himself out the same way he came in. He never learned the job," McConnaughay said.

"He really came into office with this belief that he had some sort of mandate to strong-arm his agenda through. But he never understood the process. He didn't try to understand the process. He didn't think he needed to understand the process," she said. "As a result, he demonstrated a lack of respect for the process."

Rauner could not automatically dictate a replace-

ment for himself on the ballot. Replacing candidates on the ballot requires approval of the Republican State Central Committee, which was already facing divisions over Rauner's power.

Rauner told the TV station that when President Donald Trump won the White House in 2016, but lost Illinois by 17 percentage points, that "changed the dynamic from good chance of re-election to very, very difficult chance for re-election."

"I would say it's a contributing factor," Rauner said of the Trump effect on his November loss. "I personally believe that if (Democratic) Sen. (Hillary) Clinton had won the White House, I think the odds of us of winning re-election would have been dramatically higher."

Trump's victory created political difficulties for Rauner. He spent most of his first term attempting to distance himself from the controversial president and refused to use his name in public. Later, he embraced Vice President Mike Pence, the former governor of Indiana. In late October, Rauner attended a Trump rally in southern Illinois, an area favorable to the president, but departed early without speaking to the president or getting a shoutout on stage.

Ironically, Rauner's remarks about Trump came as his successor, Pritzker, was in Washington with a group of new governors invited to the White House. He sat two seats to the right of a president he derided during the campaign as "a racist and a bigot and a xenophobe."

Trump said of the new governors: "Most of them have become stars, if not all."

"Because you won," Trump said. "Winning is a wonderful thing."

Pritzker brought up his founding of tech incubator 1871 in Chicago in introducing himself to Trump and the roundtable of governors-elect.

"And as I've been speaking with your daughter, I've also been a national advocate for early childhood education," Pritzker said, referring to Trump's daughter Ivanka.

Back in Chicago on Thursday evening, Pritzker said he focused on the state's construction needs, and that he joined Michigan's incoming governor in talking about the danger of Asian carp.

"I think it's important that I work with the administration and with our federal officials, because there really is so much that we need to get done here in the state," Pritzker said. "The federal government can be involved in that."

Trump "seemed to be in a good mood, and he was welcoming of all the governors that were there," Pritzker said.

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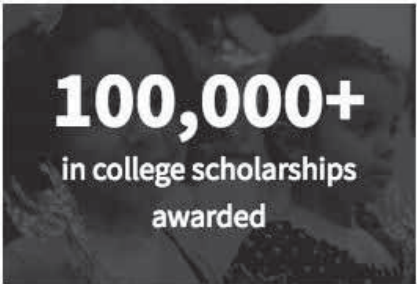


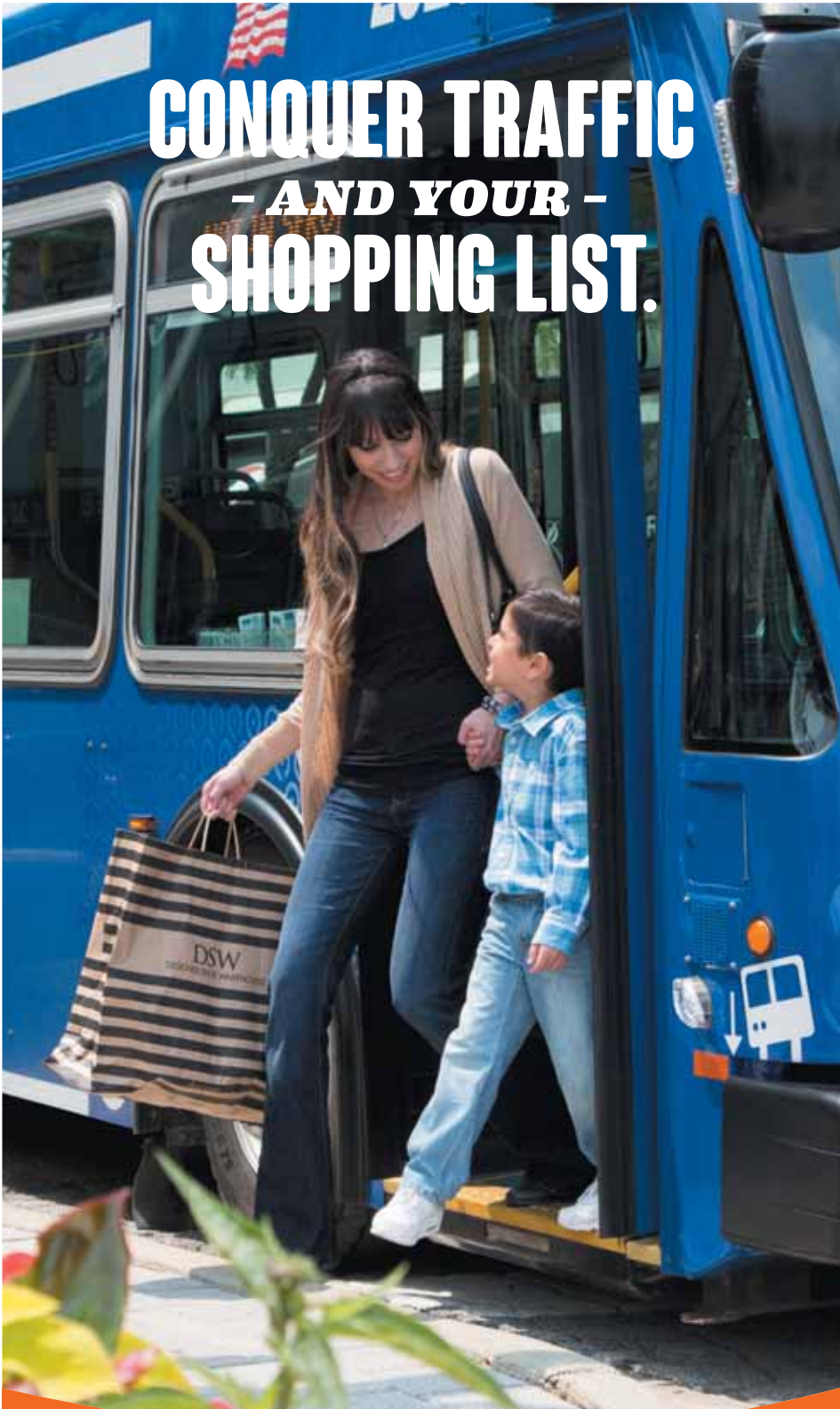
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Police: Bomb threats are extortion attempts

By ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

Bomb threats emailed Thursday to schools, banks and government buildings in Chicago, Aurora and other locations across the country were extortion attempts and the threats were a hoax, Chicago police said.

At least four emailed threats were sent in Chicago, according to Officer Michelle Tannehill. Two of the threats targeted buildings in the 400 block of North Cityfront Plaza Drive in the Streeterville neighborhood and another threat went to a building in the 600 block of West Randolph Street in the West Loop Gate neighborhood.

Officers conducted precautionary sweeps of select locations, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. “Threats in Chicago are part of a similar pattern being made nationwide,” he said.

The incident caused some tense moments at a day care facility in the city’s Old Irving neighborhood. Kathleen O’Shaughnessy was working at her insurance job when a staffer at her child’s day care, Kiddieland on North Cicero Avenue, contacted her to

say the building was being evacuated. Alarmed, she left work and called her roommate, whose 3-year-old boy was also at Kiddieland.

The roommate found out that the children, ranging in age from infants to 5, had been taken to a Dunkin’ Donuts at Six Corners. After running over there, he spotted “about 100” kids inside, eating munchkins.

O’Shaughnessy said she was relieved when she found out the whole thing was a hoax — “but my heart hasn’t stopped racing.”

DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick said emails demanded money be sent electronically or an explosive device would be detonated.

Threats were emailed to at least four sites in Aurora, including City Hall and Rush Copley Medical Center, city officials said.

About 200 people were evacuated from Aurora City Hall shortly after 1 p.m. following a threat. People were routed to a parking lot across the street while police searched the building. Police gave the all-clear and allowed people to return to the building about 1:45 p.m.

In a tweet, Rush-Copley officials said they received an emailed bomb threat and

alerted Aurora police. The threat was unsubstantiated and “appropriate safety measures” were put in place, they said.

“The hospital is open and patient care has not been compromised,” the tweet said.

One business in Lake Bluff was also targeted, as well as a Wintrust Financial in Rosemont.

Across the country, the New York City Police Department said the threats were meant to cause disruption and compel recipients into sending money. Some of the emails had the subject line: “Think Twice.”

The Palm Beach County (Florida) sheriff’s office and the Boise (Idaho) police said they had no reason to believe that threats made to locations in those areas were credible either.

Some schools closed early and others were evacuated. Penn State University notified students via a campus alert. Near Atlanta, people were ushered out of a courthouse.

The Associated Press and Beacon-News reporters Steve Lord, Megan Jones and Sarah Freistat contributed.

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Man shot at Bridgeview funeral home

By ZAK KOESKE
Daily Southtown

A man in his early 20s was shot during a visitation service at a Bridgeview funeral home Wednesday night after a fight broke out between mourners, village police spokesman said.

The shooting, which left the man with non life-threatening injuries, took place about 8 p.m. inside the Hann Funeral Home in the 8200 block of South Harlem Avenue, police said.

Spokesman Ray Hanania said it wasn’t clear what

caused the fight but that several of the people involved are believed to be members of a Chicago street gang. The alleged shooter, who has not been apprehended, is a suspected gang member, he said.

It was unclear whether the man or the individual who was being waked had gang ties, he said.

The victim, who police said was shot in the leg, was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn but fled the hospital after receiving treatment, Hanania said.

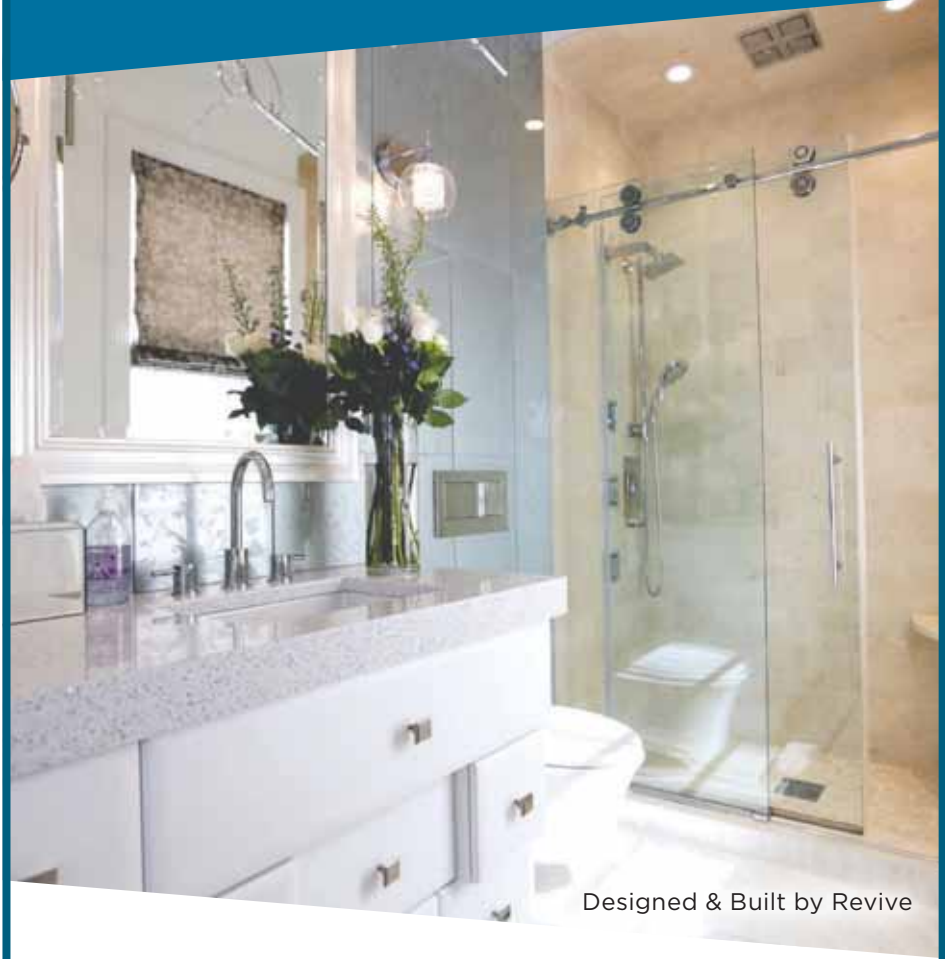
Police are searching for both the man and the suspect, but because many of the witnesses to the shooting are believed to have gang ties, police have had difficulty obtaining cooperation, he said.

The funeral home was open Thursday. Its operators said the shooting had not disrupted business, but deferred all questions about it to Bridgeview police.


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Man killed in crash at Porter airport

Post-Tribune

Witnesses to a fatal plane crash Thursday morning at Porter County Regional Airport said there were “complications” shortly before the plane crashed, according to a release from Porter County Coroner Chuck Harris.

“The pilot was unable to regain control of the aircraft,” Harris said in the release. His office was dispatched to the crash scene at 1:20 p.m.

Authorities identified the victim and sole occupant of the plane as Azam J. Zayed of Oak Lawn, Ill., and said Zayed owned the plane as well. Next of kin was notified through the Oak Lawn Police Department, according to Sgt. Jamie Erow, public information officer with the Porter County Sheriff’s Department.

The crash occurred at 10:46 a.m. Thursday at the airport, east of Indiana 49 and north of U.S. 30 in



Washington and Morgan townships were called to the scene of a single-fatality plane crash Thursday morning.

Valparaiso, Erow said, adding investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration arrived at the scene around 1:30 p.m. and were there for a few hours.

The single-engine Piper Comanche was departing the airport and crashed under unknown circumstances, said Elizabeth Isham Cory, a spokeswoman with the FAA’s Great Lakes regional office in Des Plaines, Ill.

The National Transportation Safety Board has been notified and will be in charge of the investigation, Isham Cory said, adding that agency will release any further information about the crash.

A flight restriction remained in place by the FAA for the area until midnight Thursday, Erow said.

Also assisting were the Washington and Morgan Township fire departments.

Amy Lavalley is a freelance reporter for the Post-Tribune.

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**Oak Brook may purchase
34 acres from McDonald's**

By **CHUCK FIELDMAN**
Pioneer Press

The Oak Brook Park District appears headed to a purchase of the 34 acres of McDonald's-owned property at Kensington Road and Jorie Boulevard, following a November referendum and despite a developer having a contract for the land. The park board announced a closed session for 6:30 p.m. Monday to discuss the purchase of property for the use of the public. It will be held in the Canterbury Room of the Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road. In the release announcing the closed session, the district noted an item on the agenda for the open

session includes approval of a real estate contract to buy the property known as the McDonald's soccer fields. Any action to purchase the property would have to be done in open session. A Nov. 6 referendum to sell \$17.9 million in bonds to fund the purchase of the property was approved by more than a 2 to 1 margin. However, McDonald's and home builder PulteGroup confirmed a deal Oct. 31 for the developer purchase the property to build a luxury, gated residential community with 170 town houses. That deal was contingent on PulteGroup obtaining needed zoning changes from the village, which never heard an official propos-

al for the development. Rob Getz, vice president of land acquisition at Pulte, said Thursday that he was not aware of the park board's scheduled meeting and would not comment on whether his company had pulled out of the deal with McDonald's. The vacant property has been used for several years as soccer fields. Park district officials said if they are able to purchase the property they would continue to use it for soccer fields and possibly for cricket. McDonald's purchased about 14 acres of the property in 1996 from the park district, which used the \$10 million it collected from the sale to build the Family Recreation Center.

Shot 'went through the front door'

By **FRANK ABDERHOLDEN**
News-Sun

A Zion man, who authorities say inadvertently shot his pregnant wife through a door and caused the death of their unborn child during a confrontation in Round Lake this week, had his bail set at \$2 million Thursday morning in bond court. Lake County Circuit Court Associate Judge Paul Novak set the bond for Alvin Quinn, 30, of the 2200 block of Lewis Avenue, who is charged with felony counts of involuntary manslaughter of a child and reckless discharge of a firearm following Tuesday's incident at a home on Nippersink Road. Assistant State's Attorney Dan Lenzini told the judge that Quinn entered the home where he and his 25-year-old wife had once lived and argued with someone inside the residence about items he left there after moving to Zion. "He struck the individual with the firearm, and it went off and went through



JOE SHUMAN/NEWS-SUN

Alvin Quinn, 30, is taken into custody on Dec. 11 after authorities say a gun he was holding went off.

the front door, striking his wife in the head," Lenzini said. According to Lenzini, based on the woman's injuries and loss of blood, the baby died, and he told the judge the mother was gravely injured and might not survive. According to Lenzini and Lake County court records, Quinn's prior arrest record shows he was convicted of

domestic battery and burglary. According to records, he was also charged at one time with illegal possession of a firearm, criminal damage to property and domestic battery causing bodily harm. Sgt. Christopher Covelli, spokesman for the Lake County Major Crime Task Force, said that there were between five to 10 people inside the home at around the time of the shooting. Round Lake police officers were called to the home around 2 p.m. Tuesday for a disturbance and shots fired. When officers arrived, they found a woman with "a significant head wound, believed to be a gunshot wound." Covelli said the woman, whose identity has not been released by authorities, was transported by an ambulance from the Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District to a local hospital, where she was listed in critical condition.

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NATION & WORLD

Have money, will transplant

Lifesaving treatment often requires proof of payment first

By JONEL ALECCIA
Kaiser Health News

When Patrick Mannion heard about the Michigan woman denied a heart transplant because she couldn't afford the anti-rejection drugs, he knew what she was up against.

On social media posts of a letter that went viral last month, Hedda Martin, 60, of Grand Rapids, was informed that she was not a candidate for a heart transplant because of her finances. It recommended "a fundraising effort of \$10,000."

Two years ago, Mannion, of Oxford, Conn., learned he needed a double-lung transplant after contracting idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a progressive, fatal disease. From the start, hospital officials told him to set aside \$30,000 in a separate bank account to cover the costs.

Mannion, 59, who received his new lungs in May 2017, reflected: "Here you are, you need a heart — that's a tough road for any person," he said. "And then for that person to have to be a fundraiser?"

Martin's case sparked outrage over a transplant system that links access to a lifesaving treatment to finances. But requiring proof of payment for organ transplants and post-operative care is common, transplant experts say.

"It happens every day," said Arthur Caplan, a bioethicist at the New York University Langone Medical Center. "You get what I call a 'wallet biopsy.'"

Virtually all of the nation's more than 250 transplant centers, which refer patients to a single national



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registry, require patients to verify how they will cover bills that can total \$400,000 for a kidney transplant or \$1.3 million for a heart, plus monthly costs that average \$2,500 for anti-rejection drugs that must be taken for life, Caplan said. Coverage for the drugs is more scattershot than for the operation itself, even though transplanted organs will not last without the medicine.

For Martin, the social media attention helped. Within days, she had raised more than \$30,000 through a GoFundMe account, and officials at Spectrum Health confirmed she was added to the transplant waiting list.

"The ability to pay for post-transplant care and life-long immunosuppression medications is essential to increase the likelihood of a successful transplant and longevity of the transplant recipient," officials wrote.

In the most pragmatic light, that makes sense. More than 114,000 people

are waiting for organs in the U.S. and fewer than 35,000 organs were transplanted last year, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, or UNOS. Transplant centers want to make sure donated organs aren't wasted.

"If you're receiving a life-saving organ, you have to be able to afford it," said Kelly Green, executive director of HelpHopeLive, the Pennsylvania organization that has helped Mannion.

His friends and family have rallied, flocking to fundraisers that ranged from hair salon cut-a-thons to golf tournaments, raising nearly \$115,000 so far for transplant-related care.

Allowing financial factors to determine who gets a spot on the waiting list strikes many as unfair, Caplan said.

"It may be a source of anger, because when we're looking for organs, we don't like to think that they go to the rich," he said.

Nearly half of the patients waiting for organs in

the U.S. have private health insurance, UNOS data show. The rest are largely covered by the government, including Medicaid, the federal program for the disabled and poor, and Medicare.

Medicare also covers kidney transplants for all patients with end-stage renal disease. But, there's a catch. While the cost of a kidney transplant is covered for people younger than 65, the program halts payment for anti-rejection drugs after 36 months. That leaves many patients facing sudden bills, said Tonya Saffer, vice president of health policy for the National Kidney Foundation.

Legislation that would extend Medicare coverage for those drugs has been stalled for years.

For Alex Reed, 28, of Pittsburgh, who received a kidney transplant three years ago, coverage for the dozen medications he takes ended Nov. 30. His mother, Bobbie Reed, 62, has been scrambling for a solution.

"We can't pick up those costs," said Reed, whose family runs an independent insurance firm. "It would be at least \$3,000 or \$4,000 a month."

It's been a struggle for decades to get transplants and associated expenses covered by insurance, said Dr. Maryl Johnson, a heart failure and transplant cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

"It's unusual that there's 100 percent coverage for everything," said Johnson, a leader in the field for 30 years.

GoFundMe efforts have become a popular way for sick people to raise money. About a third of the campaigns on the site target medical needs, the company said.

But when patients need to raise money, they should use fundraising organizations specifically aimed at those costs, transplant experts say, including HelpHopeLive, the National Foundation for

Transplants and the American Transplant Foundation.

There's no guarantee funds generated through such general sites such as GoFundMe will be used for the intended purpose. In addition, the money likely will be regarded as taxable income that could jeopardize other resources, said Michelle Gilchrist, president and chief executive for the National Foundation for Transplants.

Her group, which helps about 4,000 patients a year, has raised \$82 million for transplant costs since 1983, she said. Such efforts usually involve a huge public relations push. Still, 20 percent of the patients who turn to NFT each year fail to raise the needed funds, Gilchrist said.

In those cases, the patients don't get the organs they need. "My concern is that health care should be accessible for everyone," she said, adding: "Ten thousand dollars is a lot to someone who doesn't have it."

Senate condemns Saudis over Yemen, Khashoggi

Historic votes put pressure on House amid Trump's stance

By KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate cast two historic votes Thursday to end U.S. participation in the Saudi-led war effort in Yemen and condemn the Saudi crown prince as responsible for the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, delivering clear political rebukes of President Donald Trump's continued embrace of the kingdom.

The unanimous vote to hold Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman responsible for Khashoggi's murder reflects the extent to which senators of both parties have grown tired of Trump's continued defense of Mohammed's denials.

It also puts significant pressure on leaders in the House — where the presi-

dent's Saudi policy is a much more partisan issue — to allow members to cast a similar vote condemning the crown prince before the end of the year.

The Senate votes Thursday set the stage for broader strategic debates about Saudi policy when Congress regroups next year.

Just before the Senate voted to condemn Mohammed over Khashoggi's killing, senators voted 56-41 to end U.S. participation in the Saudi-led campaign in Yemen by invoking the War Powers Resolution — the first time a chamber of Congress has done so.

The 56-vote majority, a figure that includes seven Republicans, suggests that Saudi critics will still have a majority next year to challenge Trump on Saudi policy.

Republicans and Democrats have said they plan to pursue sanctions against Saudi officials involved in Khashoggi's murder, to stop

the transfer of nondefensive weapons until Saudi forces withdraw from Yemen, and other measures to restrain a crown prince whom many lawmakers see as out of control.

The votes came hours after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis briefed House lawmakers behind closed doors.

A recent CIA assessment found that Mohammed was probably responsible for the killing of Khashoggi, a Washington Post contributing columnist, in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2.

"They have to be held responsible," Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., the incoming chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said after the briefing, referring to Mohammed and Saudi King Salman.

But there are Republicans in the House who defend the crown prince.

"We recognize killing



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Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks up Thursday after the chamber's vote to pull support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

journalists is absolutely evil and despicable, but to completely realign our interests in the Middle East as a result of this, when for instance the Russians kill journalists... Turkey imprisons journalists?" Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., said. "It's not a sinless world out there."

That stands in stark contrast to the Senate, where several Republicans have been encouraging a broad response to Saudi Arabia over not just Khashoggi's killing and the Yemen war, but the kingdom's blockade in Qatar and a slate of human rights abuses they say have compromised the

Port truce

RIMBO, Sweden — Yemen's warring sides agreed Thursday to an immediate cease-fire in the strategic port city of Hodeida, where fighting has disrupted vital aid deliveries and left the country on the brink of starvation in the 4-year-old civil war.

The truce, along with a mass prisoner exchange agreement reached earlier, were seen as important first steps toward further talks in January aimed at drawing down a stalemated conflict that has killed thousands of people and left millions more in misery in the Arab world's poorest country.

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U.S.-Saudi alliance.
Trump has refused to condemn Mohammed for the killing of Khashoggi.



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Democratic House leader Nancy Pelosi wonders about the usefulness of trying to get the president's tax returns.

House Dems to seek Trump tax returns

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats controlling the House next year will start trying to obtain President Donald Trump's income tax returns from the Internal Revenue Service, the likely next speaker said Thursday.

But Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., expected to lead the House when the new Congress starts in January, said she thinks the White House will fight the request, "so the question is where do we

go from there."

Pelosi's comments reflected Democrats' struggle to balance liberal voters' antipathy and suspicions of Trump against the likelihood of a legal struggle and uncertain political gains.

Trump, a wealthy real estate developer, shunned decades of tradition by presidential candidates and refused to release his tax returns during his 2016 campaign. He said he was being audited, even though IRS officials have said taxpayers under audit are free

to release their returns.

The law says the chairs of three congressional committees can request tax returns and the Treasury secretary "shall furnish" them for panel members to review privately. Pelosi told reporters that the House Ways and Means Committee "will take the first steps" toward obtaining the documents.

Democrats would love to explore numerous questions about Trump's personal financial webs. Those include whether there are

conflicts of interest between his companies and his presidential actions, whether he's properly paid taxes and whether he benefited from last year's mammoth, Republican-written tax bill.

A court battle over the request could take years to resolve. Some are concerned Trump could cast himself as being persecuted by Democrats attempting to use the IRS to pursue their political enemies and warn his conservative backers that they might be next.

White House staffers uneasy on what's next

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lawyer for felonies that his advisers and allies are increasingly concerned could imperil the president.

The statements come as Trump feels besieged by multiplying investigations in New York and Washington and uncertain about what may be around the corner, according to several of his associates.

“What’s happened so far is not good, and it could get worse,” said a former senior administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to comment candidly.

In reference to the Cohen case, this person added: “Are they crimes? Yes. Is that a bad look if the president is directly tied to it and could under normal circumstances be criminally prosecuted? Yes. And no, that’s not a good thing.”

Cohen was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison for what U.S. District Judge William Pauley called a “veritable smorgasbord of criminal conduct” — crimes that included tax violations and lying to a bank as well as those related

to the hush-money payments.

Cohen told Pauley that his weakness was “a blind loyalty to Donald Trump” and a failure to refuse the then-candidate’s demands.

“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,” Cohen said in court.

The developments have shaken people in Trump’s orbit. White House staffers say they feel uneasy and nervous about what might come next, while Trump is publicly revealing a sense of betrayal that his longtime lawyer implicated him in crimes.

Trump is worried about the intensifying state of not only the hush-money investigation by the U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York, but also of the Russia probe by special counsel Robert Mueller, according to people with knowledge of the president’s private discussions.

The Wall Street Journal also reported Thursday that federal prosecutors in Manhattan have opened another



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investigative front by probing whether Trump’s 2017 inaugural committee mispent some of the record \$107 million it raised from donations.

“He’s never been in a position where he can’t shuck and jive and work his way out of things,” said one Republican who works closely with the White House. “Well, it’s all coming home to roost.”

Trump resisted commenting Wednesday on Cohen’s prison sentence, ignoring questions shouted by reporters about whether his former fixer had worked to cover up Trump’s “dirty deeds.”

But on Thursday morning, Trump weighed in on Twitter for the first time. He claimed that he did “nothing wrong with respect to campaign finance laws.”

Then he asserted that Cohen “probably was not guilty” of even civil violations related to the payments to McDougal and Daniels — a view at odds with the view of many lawyers.

Lastly, Trump argued that Cohen agreed to charges “in order to embarrass the president and get a much reduced prison sentence, which he did —

including the fact that his family was temporarily let off the hook.”

Trump echoed those tweets in a television interview recorded later Thursday. Sitting down with Fox News Channel anchor Harris Faulkner in the West Wing of the White House, Trump said of his interactions with Cohen, “I never directed him to do anything wrong.”

Trump also sought to minimize his relationship with Cohen, saying Cohen did “more public relations than law,” was generally responsible for “low-level work” and was merely “OK on television.” In retrospect, the president told Faulkner, hiring Cohen was a mistake.

The latest developments have exposed the depth of Trump’s efforts to deceive the public about the illegal hush-money payments, and some of his friends and advisers said privately that they fear those efforts could imperil the president.

While there is a consensus view inside the White House that a sitting president will not be indicted, the former senior administration official described a deep uncertainty about other ways that Trump could be held liable.

And there is growing anxiety among Trump’s allies, including in Congress, that he could be vulnerable to the various investigations and, eventually, Democratic-led impeachment proceedings.



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The 15-member panel took issue with Broward County deputies in the February shooting.

Panel rips sheriff’s policy in Fla. school massacre

Commission also critical of training

By TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The commission investigating a Florida high school massacre criticized the responding sheriff office’s active shooter policy Thursday, saying it contributed to the failure of some deputies to run into the building and confront the gunman.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission found Thursday that Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel’s policy that deputies “may” confront active shooters rather than “shall” gave some an excuse for not entering the building during the Feb. 14 massacre that left 17 dead. The commission found that several deputies arrived at the school during the shooting but stayed outside, including Scot Peterson, who was assigned to the school.

Israel has attacked Peterson for not entering the building but told commissioners last month that he didn’t want deputies engaging in “suicide missions,” which is why he changed the policy to say “may.”

But the commission’s law enforcement members said that could be handled by training deputies how to confront shooters in the safest way possible.

“May” gave them (deputies) the out not to enter,” said Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, a commissioner. “They decided to be cowards instead of heroes.”

Peterson retired shortly after the shooting after video showed him going to the three-story building where the shooting happened, pulling his gun and then taking cover outside. In a lawsuit filed by a victim’s father, Peterson’s attorney argued in court Wednesday that the deputy had no legal obligation to confront the shooter — an argument the judge rejected.

Some deputies remained outside the school, even after other deputies and police officers from a neighboring city charged inside. The commission said Israel should investigate those deputies and take appropriate disciplinary action.

The commission, meeting in Tallahassee, also found the training Broward deputies receive for confronting active shooters is inadequate, pointing to statements several made to commission investigators

that they couldn’t remember the last time they were trained.

The commission criticized the sheriff’s office and FBI for not acting on tips that suspect Nikolas Cruz was a potential school shooter, but said Broward deputies who responded to Cruz’s home numerous times during his teens for minor incidents acted appropriately. Both agencies say they have taken steps to avoid a repeat.

The commission also found that Cruz, a 20-year-old former Stoneman Douglas student, never met the criteria for involuntary mental health confinement and even if he did, that would not have banned him from buying the semi-automatic rifle he used.

The 15-member commission includes law enforcement, education and mental health professionals, a legislator and the fathers of two slain students. The members have been meeting periodically since April and must file a report to Gov. Rick Scott, incoming Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Legislature by Jan. 1.

Cruz has pleaded not guilty, but his attorneys have said he would plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Trump’s new Africa strategy takes aim at China, Russia

Some critics say U.S. ignored policy for too long

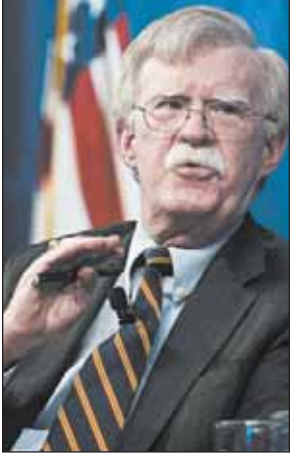
By MARIA DANILOVA
AND CARA ANNA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Thursday announced a sharp refocus of its Africa strategy to counter what it called the “predatory” practices of China and Russia, which are “deliberately and aggressively targeting their investments in the region to gain a competitive advantage.”

National security adviser John Bolton laid out the new strategy in remarks at the Heritage Foundation, saying the U.S. will now choose its African partners more carefully.

He took special aim at China, accusing it of wielding “bribes, opaque agreements, and the strategic use of debt to hold states in Africa captive to Beijing’s wishes and demands.”

Russia, he alleged, is also “seeking to increase its influence in the region through corrupt economic dealings.” Russia and China’s efforts across the African continent, he said, “stunt” its economic growth.



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National security adviser John Bolton says the U.S. will now choose its African partners more carefully.

Some critics have said this administration has let Africa policy drift for too long, while the president is well known for his disparaging remarks about the continent that is home to 1.2 billion people.

Addressing members of Congress on Wednesday, Assistant Secretary of State Tibor Nagy was the latest to warn of China’s increasing economic, military and political influence in Africa, a continent with some of the world’s fastest-growing economies and trillions of dollars’ worth of natural resources.

Africa’s population is set to double by 2050, he said, a

“demographic tsunami.”

Any renewed U.S. effort to counter China in Africa, however, comes years late. China became the continent’s top trading partner nearly a decade ago and has invested billions of dollars in high-profile infrastructure projects.

In response to warnings by the U.S. and others about indebtedness to China, some in Africa have noted sometimes uncomfortable financial terms set out by Western powers in the past. Others praise China’s no-strings-attached terms with no insistence on human rights reforms.

Congress passed legislation earlier this year creating a \$60 billion international development agency, widely viewed as a response to Chinese overseas development programs.

Under the new “Prosper Africa” strategy, Bolton said, “we will encourage African leaders to choose high-quality, transparent, inclusive and sustainable foreign investment projects, including those from the United States.”

He warned that the U.S. will “reevaluate its support for U.N. peacekeeping missions” as well as aid to countries whose govern-

ance it finds troublesome, including South Sudan.

“The United States will no longer provide indiscriminate assistance across the entire continent,” Bolton said.

He added that “countries that repeatedly vote against the United States in international forums, or take action counter to U.S. interests, should not receive generous American foreign aid.”

On the military front, China opened its first overseas military base last year in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti, the site of the only permanent U.S. military base on the continent. Bolton warned of a possible shift of the strategic region, along the lucrative and busy Red Sea shipping lane, to China.

As Beijing and others seek to grow their military presence, the U.S. is pulling back. The Pentagon in November said it planned a 10 percent cut in the U.S. Africa Command’s total force of 7,200 troops, to be carried out over several years, as its global focus shifts from counterterrorism to perceived threats from Russia and China.

Whatever steps the U.S. takes next, perceptions are an immediate hurdle. The president is known for his reported unflattering remarks.

While Congress has restrained some of his administration’s proposed deep cuts in foreign aid, Trump has put forth no signature Africa project and there is no sign he intends to visit.

Jennifer Cooke, director of the Institute for African Studies at George Washington University, said the U.S. should avoid trying to be too transactional.

“We are not going to beat China at its own game, which is massive investments and in infrastructure and roads, ports, railroads and vanity projects,” Cooke said.

Boy Scouts exploring ‘all options’ to address fiscal troubles

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Boy Scouts of America says it is exploring “all options” to address serious financial challenges, but is declining to confirm or deny a report that it may seek bankruptcy protection in the face of declining membership and sex-abuse litigation.

“I want to assure you that our daily mission will continue and that there are no imminent actions or immediate decisions expected,”

Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh said in a statement issued Wednesday evening.

Surbaugh was responding to a Wall Street Journal report that the BSA, founded in 1910, had hired a law firm to assist in a possible Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. He described the report as “news speculation,” but he acknowledged that the group is “working with experts to explore all options available” as well as the pressures arising from multiple

lawsuits related to past instances of sexual abuse.

“We have a social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting, and we also have an obligation to carry out our mission to serve youth, families and local communities through our programs,” Surbaugh said.

Other institutions facing multifaceted sexual abuse scandals have sought bankruptcy protection recently. USA Gymnastics took the

step last week as it attempts to settle dozens of lawsuits related to abuse by now-imprisoned gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar.

About 20 Roman Catholic dioceses and other religious orders around the U.S. have filed for bankruptcy protection as a result of clergy sexual abuse claims.

Surbaugh apologized on behalf of the BSA to those abused during their time in the Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts also has been trying to reverse a decline in membership.



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The Boy Scouts of America is suffering financially from sex-abuse litigation and declining membership.

Accused agent admits targeting NRA, GOP

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influence and courted conservatives through networking and contacts with the NRA. She posed for photos with prominent Republicans, including former presidential candidates, and snagged a picture with Donald Trump Jr. at a 2016 NRA dinner.

Butina's case, brought by federal prosecutors in Washington, comes amid a broader push by the Justice Department to enforce U.S. laws governing foreign agents, including those accused of working for Russia.

As part of her deal, Butina pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to act as an unregistered foreign agent and agreed to cooperate with investigators.

Prosecutors say it is "very likely" she will be deported after her sentence is completed. The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison, though the defense noted Thursday that federal sentencing guidelines recommend no time to six months. She has been jailed since her arrest in July.

According to her plea agreement, Butina's work was directed by Torshin, a former longtime member of

the Russian parliament who until recently was an official in Russia's central bank. He is now under sanction by the Treasury Department for his ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Butina acknowledged she "sought to establish unofficial lines of communication with Americans having power and influence over U.S. politics." She admitted that her boyfriend, conservative political operative Paul Erickson, helped her as she tried to use his ties with the NRA to set up the back channels. Erickson, who is referred to as "U.S. Person 1" in court papers, has not been charged. His attorney said he is a good American who "has done nothing to harm our country and never would."

In a 2015 proposal she crafted with Erickson's help, Butina argued it was unlikely Russia would be able to exert influence using official channels and, as an alternative, suggested using back channel communications to build relationships with Republicans, according to court papers.

Pushing her travel to the U.S. and her work with the NRA as selling points, Butina argued that she had

already "laid the groundwork for an unofficial channel of communication with the next U.S. administration." She asked for \$125,000 from an unnamed Russian billionaire to attend conferences in the U.S. and meet with people who she thought may have influence with the Republican Party and sent the proposal to Torshin. He responded by telling her the proposal would "be supported, at least in part," according to court documents.

Torshin also asked Butina to help justify him attending a national NRA meeting in 2016 and Butina encouraged his attendance "partly because of the opportunity to meet political candidates," according to her plea agreement. In addition to attending numerous NRA events, Butina also organized "friendship dinners" in Washington with influential political figures.

In their filings, prosecutors have said federal agents found Butina had contact information for people suspected of working for Russia's Federal Security Services, or FSB, the successor intelligence agency to the KGB. Inside her home, they found notes referring to a potential job



DANA VERKOUTEREN

A sketch shows Maria Butina and her attorney Robert Driscoll during a hearing Thursday.

offer from the FSB, according to the documents.

Investigators recovered several emails and Twitter message conversations in which Butina referred to the need to keep her work secret and, in one instance, said it should be "incognito." Prosecutors said Butina had contact with Russian intelligence officials and that the FBI photographed her dining with a diplomat suspected of being a Russian intelligence agent.

Butina's lawyer, Robert Driscoll, had previously denied the charges against her as "overblown" and said

prosecutors criminalized her mundane networking opportunities. He said Butina was a student interested in American politics and wanted to see a better relationship between the U.S. and Russia.

On Thursday, prosecutors also appeared to have backed off their assertion that Butina's attendance at American University was little more than a cover to enter the U.S. In their filing, prosecutors said "all available evidence" indicated she had a genuine interest in a graduate school education.

After Butina's plea, a senior Russian lawmaker said he was convinced that Butina had caved and was pressured to confess. Leonid Slutsky, chairman of the State Duma's foreign affairs committee, told Russian news agencies that the charges against Butina had been trumped up and that she fell victim to what he called "political inquisition."

Butina told the judge Thursday that she was pleading guilty of her own volition and was not pressured, threatened or coerced.

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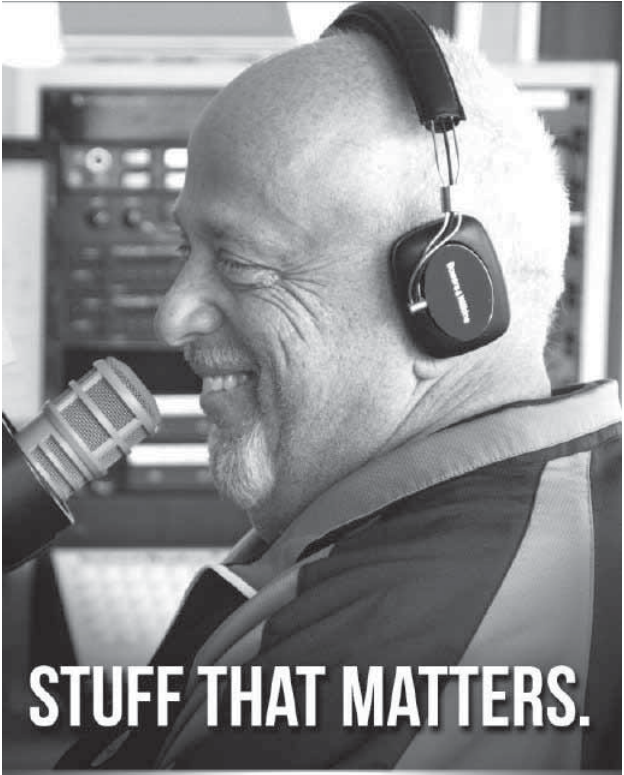


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Koreatown mural casts shadow

To some, homage to star invokes imperial Japan rising sun flag

By **HOWARD BLUME**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The giant image of Ava Gardner on the outer wall of a public school gym in Koreatown speaks to history. On that score, everyone agrees.

But what the artist intended as an homage to the Cocoanut Grove, which once stood nearby, Korean groups say is as offensive to them as a swastika would be to Jews or a burning cross to African-Americans.

They don't object to the movie star, who frequented the famed nightclub, or to the palm trees, monkey and Moorish arch superimposed on her profile to evoke the club's exotic decor. At issue are the rays radiating out from her face, which they say look like those on the rising sun of the imperial Japanese battle flag used during World War II — when Japanese forces committed atrocities against Koreans and others.

The protests of the Wilshire Community Coalition — with its long list of local groups and scholars — have prompted the Los Angeles Unified School District to take assertive action. The district has agreed to paint over the mural at the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools complex during winter break, said Roberto Martinez, the senior school district administrator for that region.

The artist who painted the mural is stunned. So is the National Coalition Against Censorship, which represents a variety of groups including the American Association of School Administrators and the American Civil Liberties Union.

"Removing the mural sets a dangerous precedent of submission to public pressure in assessing art



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Those behind this mural at the RFK Community Schools deny any association with the Japanese Imperial battle flag.

and allowing students' access to diverse viewpoints and ideas," the coalition said in a statement.

Martinez estimated that removing and replacing the mural would cost about \$20,000.

"Art is intended to celebrate the human spirit, not to offend the community," Martinez said during a news conference in the school library last week. "If we have offended anybody, I apologize."

To Chan Yong "Jake" Jeong, who led the mural protest and celebrated at last week's event, the district's announcement represented "such a happy day."

But Beau Stanton, who had donated his time to paint the mural, was taken by surprise.

"I'm really disappointed," said Stanton, who was in

Miami on business when the district made its decision public. "My understanding was that this event was going to be a conversation. I had heard that teachers from the school were going to be speaking on my behalf. I was hoping we could have this opportunity to speak to the community and assuage some of these concerns."

Those who objected to the rays on the 30-by-40-foot image say they are too reminiscent of the controversial flag.

"This flag symbolizes the Japanese military aggression which resulted in (some) of the most of horrendous and gruesome crimes against humanity in human history," the Wilshire Community Coalition wrote in a Nov. 15 letter to the school system.

"We love Japan and Ger-

many!" they wrote. "However, such cruel history against humanity is not to be repeated."

Early in the Meiji era, which began in 1868, the military adopted the sun-ray flag, said UCLA associate professor William Marotti, a specialist in modern Japanese history. That flag became strongly associated in historical memory with the events surrounding World War II.

The atrocities of the Japanese regime — recounted by the Korean groups — include the use of chemical weapons, brutal forced labor, the subjugation of women from Korea and other conquered lands as sex slaves and the grotesque medical experimentation of the military's notorious Unit 731.

Many Koreans remain bitter over Japan's rule of

being the prime example.

The issue is partly generational, partly geographical, said Jennifer Jung-Kim, a UCLA history lecturer who is Korean-American and grew up mostly in the U.S. To her and her U.S.-raised son, the resemblance to the flag is remote, "but my husband lived in Korea until he was 14. He sees it very differently. To him the mural looks very reminiscent of the rising-sun flag."

Some Japanese have defended the sun-ray image, which they say dates back long before the creation of Imperial Japan. The Japanese Navy and civil defense force still use versions of it in their flags. The motif has been woven into the leotards of Japanese Olympic gymnasts.

Such discussions have nothing to do with his mural, said Stanton, a 32-year-old artist who splits his time between Los Angeles and New York.

The history he pulled from was that of the Cocoanut Grove, for decades one of Hollywood's top watering holes. Big names both relaxed and performed there. It repeatedly hosted the Academy Awards. The Grove was attached to the equally historic Ambassador Hotel, where Kennedy was assassinated in 1968.

His school mural was part of a 2016 project to place murals across the campus. Local activists began raising objections this fall, said Sharon Joung, a spokeswoman for the coalition.

The artist's good intentions are not the issue, local superintendent Martinez said: "As beautiful as they might be, Confederate statues have memories and mean a lot of different things to different people. It's the same thing here because for many older generations of Koreans, this mural might evoke memories of the past."

Studies describe 'scary' warming at the poles

Melting even in deep winter and in Arctic unnerves the experts

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scientists are seeing surprising melting in Earth's polar regions at times they don't expect, like winter, and in places they don't expect, like eastern Antarctica.

New studies and reports issued this week at a major Earth sciences conference paint one of the bleakest pictures yet of dramatic warming in the Arctic and Antarctica. Alaskan scientists described never-before-seen melting and odd winter problems, including permafrost that never refroze this past winter and wildlife die-offs.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Tuesday released its annual Arctic report card, detailing the second warmest year on record in the Arctic and problems, including record low winter sea ice in parts of the region, increased toxic algal blooms, which are normally a warm water phenomenon, and weather changes in the rest of the country attributable to what's hap-

pening in the far North.

"The Arctic is experiencing the most unprecedented transition in human history," report lead author Emily Osborne, chief of Arctic research for NOAA, said Tuesday.

What's happening is a big deal, said University of Colorado environmental science program director Waleed Abdalati, NASA's former chief scientist who was not part of the NOAA report.

"It's a new Arctic. We've gone from white to blue," said Abdalati, adding that he normally wouldn't use the word "scary" but it applies.

And that means other problems.

"Continued warming of the Arctic atmosphere and ocean are driving broad change in the environmental system in predicted — and also unexpected — ways," the report said.

One of the most noticeable problems was a record low sea ice in winter in the Bering Sea in 2017 and 2018, scientists said.

In February the Bering Sea "lost an area of ice the area of Idaho," said Dartmouth College engineering professor Donald Perovich, a report card co-author.

This is a problem because the oldest and thickest sea

ice is down 95 percent from 30 years ago. In 1985, about one-sixth of Arctic sea ice was thick multi-year ice, now it is maybe one-hundredth, Perovich said.

University of Alaska Fairbanks marine mammal biologist Gay Sheffield said she studies the record low ice, but she lives it daily in Nome, far north on the Bering Sea.

"Having this area ice free is having this massive environmental change," Sheffield said at the American Geophysical Union conference in Washington, adding there's been a "multi-species die off" of ocean life. She said that includes the first spring mass die off of seals along the Bering Strait.

Ornithologist George Di-voky who has been studying the black guillemots of Cooper Island for 45 years noticed something different this year. In the past, 225 nesting pairs of the seabirds would arrive at his island. This past winter it was down to 85 pairs but only 50 laid eggs and only 25 had successful hatches.

He blamed the lack of winter sea ice.

With overall melting, especially in the summer, herds of caribou and wild reindeer have dropped



NOAA

This summer 2018 photo shows the USCG Icebreaker Healy on a research trip in the Chukchi Sea of the Arctic Ocean.

about 55 percent — from 4.7 million to 2.1 million animals — because of the warming and the flies and parasites it brings, said report card co-author Howard Epstein of the University of Virginia.

University of Alaska Fairbanks researcher Vladimir Romanovsky said he was alarmed by what happened to the permafrost — ground that stays frozen years on end. This past year, Romanovsky found 25 spots that used to freeze in January, but never froze this year.

Because of warming, the Arctic is "seeing concentrations of algal toxins moving

northward" infecting birds, mammals and shellfish to become a public health and economic problem, said co-author Karen Frey.

And the warmer Arctic and melting sea ice has been connected to shifts in the jet stream that have brought extreme winter storms in the East in the past year, Osborne said.

But it's not just the Arctic. NASA's space-based radar, Icesat 2, in its first couple of months has already found that the Dotson ice shelf in Antarctica has lost more than 390 feet in thickness since 2003, said radar scientist Ben Smith of the Uni-

versity of Washington.

Another study released Monday by NASA found unusual melting in parts of East Antarctica, which scientists had generally thought was stable.

Four glaciers at Vincennes Bay lost 9 feet of ice thickness since 2008, said NASA scientists Catherine Walker and Alex Gardner.

Loss of ice sheets in Antarctica could lead to massive rise in sea level.

"We're starting to see change that's related to the ocean," Gardner said. "Believe it or not this is the first time we're seeing it in this place."



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Loved ones await word Wednesday of search-team efforts in finding Cody Beverly, Erica Treadway and Kayla Williams.

Trio saved from mine call ordeal 'terrible'

By **JOHN RABY**
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Their faces covered in black soot, three adults safely rescued after several days in an inactive West Virginia coal mine were mobbed by loved ones in a teary reunion, then they thanked the crews that got them out.

The three walked out of an ambulance at a fire hall in Whitesville to screams of relatives for a brief reunion Wednesday night before being taken to a hospital.

Cody Beverly, 21, told news outlets that the four-day experience inside Elk Run Coal's Rock House Powell mine near Clear Creek "was terrible."

"I'm with my family now. I'm fine," he said.

Beverly later told NBC News, "Anybody who was involved in searching for us, I just want to thank you with everything inside of me," he said.

"This is the biggest lesson I've ever learned in my life," he said. "This is a life-changing experience for

me."

"We appreciate every one of you guys," said Kayla Williams, 25, who also was among those rescued.

Williams' father, Randall Williams, said she had gone into the mine in search of copper. People in the region do "whatever they can do to make money if they ain't got a job," Randall Williams told CBS News.

Erica Treadway, 31, was the third person rescued.

Raleigh County Prosecutor Kristen Keller said Thursday that the sheriff's

office is conducting a criminal investigation into the latest incident.

Reports of people entering inactive mines in search of copper to sell are not uncommon.

Late last month crews abandoned their search at another West Virginia mine for a missing man suspected of stealing copper.

Two others who were arrested indicated the third man had gone inside a mine, but the search was called off after a team encountered unsafe conditions.



JEAN-FRANCOIS BADIAS/AP
Police officers stand guard Thursday, two days after a fatal attack, in Strasbourg, France,

Suspect in French attack killed in police shootout

Officials: Man fired as officers sought to make an arrest

BY SAMUEL PETREQUIN, ELAINE GANLEY AND MSTYSLAV CHERNOV
Associated Press

STRASBOURG, France — The man authorities say killed three people near a Christmas market in Strasbourg died Thursday in a shootout with police at the end of two-day manhunt, French authorities said.

Paris prosecutor's office, which handles terror cases in France, formally identified the man killed in the eastern French city as Cherif Chekatt, 29, a Strasbourg-born man with a long history of convictions for various crimes, including robberies.

Chekatt also had been on a watch list of potential extremists.

The news came a couple of hours after Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said a man believed to be Chekatt had been gunned down during a police operation in the city's Neudorf neighborhood.

Castaner said the suspect opened fire on police

Thursday night when officials tried to arrest him.

"The moment they tried to arrest him, he turned around and opened fired. They replied," Castaner said.

A local police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said the man who shot at police was armed with a pistol and a knife.

Strasbourg mayor Roland Ries said police acted on a tip from a woman.

Local police officer Emmanuel Georg told BFM TV station that three police officers patrolling the neighborhood tried to intercept a suspect corresponding to Chekatt's description as he was about to enter a building.

"He opened fired, they responded and managed to shoot him down," Georg said.

A witness to the shootout said he heard shots and rushed to the window to see what was happening. He closed the shutters when he spotted the cornered suspect across the street.

"I was very afraid for my children, I told them to go

away, and I went to the side," Cem Akcakaya said.

After it was over, he said he saw the man motionless on his back on the pavement, his left arm askew.

Chekatt is accused of killing three people and wounding 13 Tuesday night.

Castaner said earlier Thursday that three of the injured had been released from a hospital and three others were fighting for their lives.

More than 700 officers were deployed to find Chekatt, government spokesman Benjamin Griveaux told CNews television. French authorities said Chekatt had 27 criminal convictions, receiving the first at age 13.

The SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist activity online, said the Islamic State group's Amaq news agency was claiming the gunman as a "soldier" of the group, although ISIS claims of responsibility have often been considered opportunistic in the past.

Chekatt allegedly shouted "God is great!" in Arabic and sprayed gunfire near the Christmas market Tuesday.



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After Palestinian attack, Israel launches crackdown in W. Bank

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israel's military launched a West Bank manhunt Thursday, setting up checkpoints and blocking roads, after a Palestinian gunman killed two Israeli soldiers at a bus stop outside a West Bank settlement and sped away.

The shooting added to a deadly week that claimed seven lives, including an Israeli newborn, a 60-year-old Palestinian businessman and three

Palestinian assailants, two of them members of the Islamic militant Hamas.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would “settle accounts” with Thursday’s attackers, while Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas held Israel responsible for what he said was a violent environment.

Netanyahu also said he would legalize thousands of existing West Bank settlement homes whose status was in question.

Flake’s Senate farewell speech cites threats to democracy

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, President Donald Trump’s most vocal Republican adversary in the Senate, cautioned in his farewell address Thursday that the “threats to our democracy from within and without are real.”

Flake, 55, declined to seek re-election to a second term, acknowledging that his battles with Trump over the past two years made it unlikely he

could survive a primary challenge.

While Flake did not mention Trump in his speech Thursday, he said that describing the state of the nation’s politics as “not healthy is something of an understatement.”

“We of course are testing the institutions of American liberty in ways that none of us likely ever imagined we would — and in ways that we never should again,” Flake said.

Motorists nab cash spilled by armored truck, causing crashes

An armored truck spilled cash Thursday on a New Jersey highway, leading to two crashes as drivers stopped their cars and scrambled to grab the swirling money.

The frenzy happened during morning rush hour in East Rutherford.

In online videos, a man in uniform is seen moving through traffic on foot trying to collect money, while others exit cars to do the same.

Police said the chaos led to two crashes, though it’s unclear whether anyone was injured.

A police spokesman said it appeared that the armored vehicle had an issue with the lock on one of its doors. In a statement, Brink’s confirmed the truck belonged to the company and said it will investigate.

Authorities said people who picked up cash can return it without penalty.



Train disaster in Turkey: Emergency workers examine the wreckage after a high-speed train hit a railway engine and crashed into a pedestrian overpass at a station Thursday in Ankara, killing at least nine people on board and injuring dozens of others.

Congress passes overhaul of sexual harassment policies

WASHINGTON — Congress approved an overhaul Thursday of its process for handling sexual harassment claims, capping a tumultuous year that saw more than a half-dozen lawmakers resign amid allegations of sexual misconduct.

The bill passed both chambers and holds lawmakers, including those who leave office, financially liable for settlements resulting from harassment and retaliation. There is no cap on the amount a lawmaker would be liable for.

It also eliminates mandatory counseling and me-

diation for victims, as well as the “cooling off” period that they are now required to observe before filing a lawsuit or requesting an administrative hearing.

The legislation now heads to President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it.

Efforts to overhaul the Congressional Accountability Act, which hasn’t been significantly updated since its passage in 1995, began a year ago, when Capitol Hill found itself squarely at the center of the #MeToo movement. Allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct

brought down several powerful, longtime lawmakers.

The bill allows staffers access to a confidential adviser who is an attorney and able to offer technical assistance and guidance, but not legal representation. The House earlier this year passed a separate resolution giving their own staffers access to House counsel, a protection not included in the final bill.

It also requires public reporting of settlements, including identifying lawmakers who are personally liable, and extends protections to interns, fellows and other staff.

Ind. police exchange gunfire with teen at school

RICHMOND, Ind. — A 14-year-old boy who arrived at an Indiana middle school Thursday morning that was already on lockdown after a tip about potential violence shot out glass in a locked door and entered the school before exchanging gunfire with officers inside, authorities said.

The boy, who police said died inside the school from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, wasn’t a student at Dennis Intermediate School in Richmond, said Indiana State Police Capt. Dave Bursten.

Bursten did not release additional information on the boy or the weapon he used. No officers and no one else at the school were injured.

Police and school officials were notified that an armed person was heading to the school with the intention of hurting people.

False alarm: Bomb threats emailed Thursday to schools, businesses and government buildings across the U.S. triggered searches — but there were no signs of explosives, and authorities said the scare appeared to be a crude extortion effort. Some emails sent from a spoofed address had the subject line: “Think Twice.”

Migrant girl, 7, dies in custody of Border Patrol

A 7-year-old girl from Guatemala died of dehydration and shock after she was taken into Border Patrol custody last week for crossing from Mexico into the United States illegally with her father and a large group of migrants along a remote span of New Mexico desert, U.S. Customs and

Border Protection said Thursday.

The child’s death is likely to intensify scrutiny of detention conditions at Border Patrol stations and CBP facilities.

According to CBP records, the girl was taken into custody about 10 p.m. Dec. 6.

More than eight hours later, the child began having seizures at 6:25 a.m., CBP records show. Emergency responders measured her body temperature at 105.7 degrees, and according to a statement from CBP, she “reportedly had not eaten or consumed water for several days.”

In Mali: Suspected jihadists on motorcycles have killed at least 42 people during a series of attacks on Tuareg nomadic camps, local leaders said Thursday. The attacks Tuesday and Wednesday targeted members of the group MSA, which has been fighting militants with ties to the Islamic State group.

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EDITORIALS

Who'll investigate this 13th Ward fiasco?

“... Madigan also announced that 187 teams of assistant attorneys general from her office will monitor the General Election to ensure that Illinois voters' rights are protected and polling places are accessible.”
— News release from the office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Nov. 5, 2018.

“The U.S. Attorney's Office will monitor the federal, state and local elections in Chicago and surrounding suburbs on Nov. 6, 2018. ... The Department of Justice has an important role in deterring election fraud and discrimination at the polls, and combating these violations wherever they occur.”
— News release from the office of U.S. Attorney John Lausch Jr., Nov. 2, 2018.

Before elections, federal, state and local prosecutors routinely warn that flocks of legal eagles will fly low, looking for fraud, intimidation, discrimination — serious crimes that undercut American democracy and citizens' civil rights. The common pledge is, as the feds put it, to pursue possible infractions “wherever they occur.” Chicagoans are about to learn whether that includes their 13th



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Political workers collected nearly 2,800 affidavits that revoke residents' signatures supporting 13th Ward aldermanic candidate David Krupa.

Ward.
That's where Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's political organization may have gone too far in its effort to undermine a not very threatening aldermanic candidate, 19-year-old DePaul University freshman David Krupa. There's enough smoke rising from the Southwest Side to raise suspicions. Is there a fire?
We don't pretend to know if federal or Illinois laws have been flouted in the 13th Ward, let alone

by whom. But someone with more legal powers than the journalists who've been leading this investigation had better find the answers to a plume of questions.

L'affaire Krupa has been the talk of political Chicago in the moments when political Chicago isn't talking about those mysterious FBI raids on the offices of Ald. Edward Burke, 14th.
By any measure, Krupa until now has been a long shot to de-

feat Ald. Marty Quinn, a Madigan coat-holder. Krupa had to submit 473 valid signatures of 13th Ward residents to get on the ballot. In a legal filing, his attorney says Krupa delivered 1,729 signatures to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.
Yet someone else filed 2,796 affidavits from residents seeking to revoke their petition signatures for Krupa. Affidavits are legal documents signed under penalty of perjury, so surely none of them is untrue. But the math doesn't work. Among possible explanations:
Maybe 2,796 people signed petitions for Krupa and regretted it so much they rushed to sign revocation affidavits, but Krupa's campaign filed only 1,729 of their signatures?
Maybe those extra 1,067 13th Warders suffered mass memory loss and only *thought* they signed Krupa's petitions, but were so fearful of having done so that they raced to a notary public and signed revocation affidavits?
Yes, those two possibilities strain credulity. Especially since the 13th Ward evidently has produced only 187 affidavits that match up with Krupa's petition signers. Maybe we instead have a loaves-and-fishes miracle in

which a dozen legitimate affidavits, left alone on a desktop over a weekend, multiplied exponentially?
Or maybe what really occurred in the 13th Ward is closer to the claim by Krupa's lawyer that Krupa “was attacked by an organized, massive fraud of false affidavits, false notarization, and harassment that strike at the heart of the electoral process.”
On Saturday, an election board hearing officer is scheduled to ponder the mystery of the many affidavits. By various routes, the matter could make its way to the board members. They can launch an investigation or hand the matter to prosecutors.
Meeting Tuesday with the Tribune Editorial Board, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx said she had read Tribune columnist John Kass' account of the affidavits but had yet received no complaint from the election board. If she did receive a referral, Foxx said, it could go to her special prosecutions unit for investigation or, if federal statutes are at issue, to the U.S. attorney.
“That is an intriguing story,” Foxx said. “We're eager for the conversation.”
So are Chicagoans, Ms. Foxx.

Drinking in all Chicago has to offer, one brew at a time

Would you like to read a verse of Chicago industrial poetry? Oh, you're probably thinking, that must be a reference to Carl Sandburg's glorious ode to the “City of the Big Shoulders,” with its powerful refrain: “Hog Butcher for the World,/ Tool maker, Stackers of Wheat.”
Good guess, especially since Sandburg's 1914 poem, “Chicago,” mentions a key ingredient on our minds: wheat. But no, we aren't referring to Sandburg. When we say Chicago industrial poetry (a category of literature we may have invented), this is what we have in mind:
Brewed to hum, targeting resin and blazing forest fruits using house 2-row, Vienna, malted oats and malted wheat alongside Simcoe, Amarillo and Mosaic hops for expressive mango, citrus and peach qualities with a stabilizing dankness.
Wow: “Brewed to hum ... with a stabilizing dankness.” We're not sure of the meaning, but that's a beautiful poem about a manufacturing process. It also happens to be the menu description from

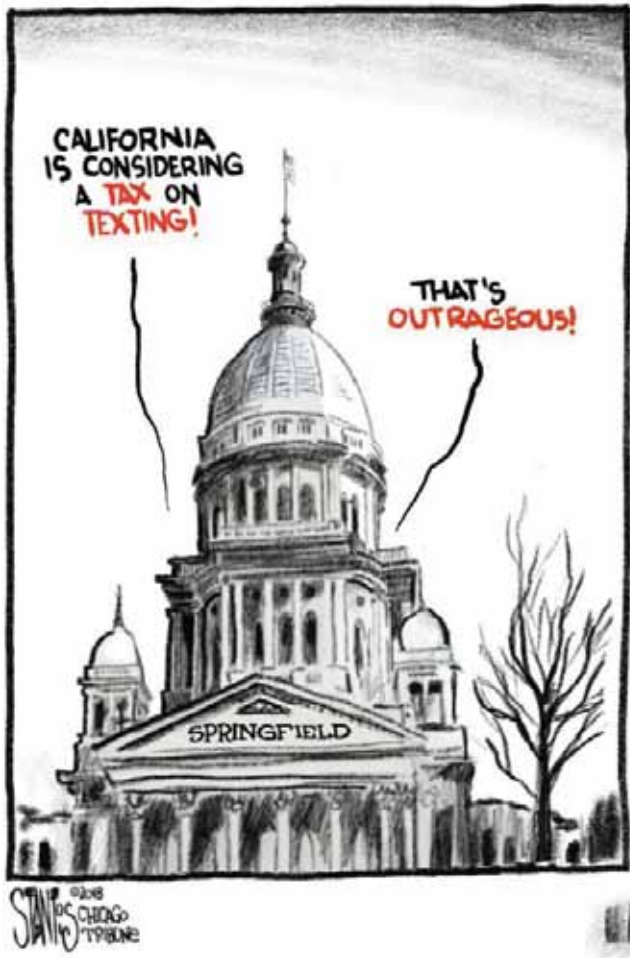
Hopleaf Bar on North Clark Street of Wand IPA, a beer brewed by Chicago's Half Acre Beer Co. In other words, it's a geeked-out sentence about a craft beer. Still, it sings, doesn't it? Especially to beer lovers, and Chicago these days is a wonderful place to feel besotted about beer.
According to statistics from the Brewers Association, metropolitan Chicago has more breweries than any other city in the United States: 167. There are breweries in the city (Revolution and Pipeworks on the North Side, Open Outcry on the South Side), in the suburbs (Two Brothers) and in nearby Indiana (Three Floys in Munster). Obviously there are countless places in which to drink beer, from corner taverns to brewery-owned taprooms. But at the center of the beer ecosystem are the breweries, which give Chicago a national reputation as well as a lot of delicious suds.
We're not advising readers to try a beer from every producer in one sitting, but there is a lot to celebrate. Chicago's intriguing array of breweries represents a wonderful addition to the city's quality of life and a contributor to



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Manager Jenny Faflik pours a glass of beer at the Kings & Convicts Brewing Co. taproom in Highwood.
the local economy. Breweries are small businesses and job creators.
The rise of craft beer in Chicago traces to Goose Island Beer Co., which started brewing in the late 1980s. As beer drinkers embraced flavorful, creative brews as an alternative to mass-appeal products, Chicago took off as a brewing center. Nationally, craft beers represent about 12 percent of the overall beer market with retail sales in 2017 of \$26 billion, the Brewers Association says. That total doesn't include Goose because it's no longer independent; it's owned by Anheuser-Busch InBev.
“We're just so much more deliberate about how we eat and drink,” Tribune beer reporter Josh Noel tells us about the craft phenomenon. Noel is also the author of “Barrel-Aged Stout and Selling Out,” a fascinating book about Goose Island and the rise of craft brewing. “A generation or two ago, beer was the same thing you drank last time and the same thing you're going to drink next time,” Noel says. Today, beer drinkers are more sophisticated and adventurous.
There's a lot that goes into the making of a great city. And come to think of it, there's a lot that goes into a great beer, too. And it's all happening in Chicago.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The numbers of dead are staggering: 14,000 Russian women die annually from domestic violence-related injuries. That's about 38 women killed every day. ...
In early 2017, the State Duma, the lower house of Russia's Federal Assembly, decriminalized some forms of domestic violence, meaning that first-time offenses against a partner or child bear a fine rather than a criminal charge and trial. The controversial bill was backed by the Russian Orthodox Church, which has historically advocated for less government interference in household matters. The church's commission on family affairs even stated in 2015 that it considers the term “domestic violence” to be a tool used by radical feminists. ...
... Police are unlikely to interfere in attacks unless they cause “substantial bodily harm,” as per the new law. And already, according to Human Rights Watch, police are starting to refuse to investigate women's reports of domestic violence. This marks a return to the treatment of women in the 1990s, when the police and authorities simply refused to get involved in family matters. ...
To stop this cycle, an entire society will have to grapple with centuries of socially and politically condoned brutality toward women. And that will have to happen where the violence actually takes place: in the home.
Anna Denejkina, Foreign Policy

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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DEMOCRATS, THE WALL IS YOUR FRIEND. USE IT.

By Marc A. Thiessen

Good news for the incoming House Democratic majority! They have something President Donald Trump really, really wants: money to build a border wall. Trump is desperate for this money. Mexico won't give it to him. Only congressional Democrats can. Without their consent, he can't deliver on one of the key campaign promises he made during the 2016 election.

There's a name for this in classic negotiating strategy. It's called "leverage." Good negotiators use leverage (something they have, which their adversary wants) to obtain what are called "concessions" (something their adversary has, which they want). The result is what experts call "compromise." This is how the civilized world gets things done.

But in a fit of pique, Democrats are throwing away their leverage, insisting that they will never — under any circumstances — give Trump the wall he so desperately wants. The reason? Because he

wants it and they despise him.

There is a name for this in negotiating strategy as well. It's called "insanity."

It would be one thing if Trump were demanding that Democrats make some great moral compromise. But he is not. Democrats say they are for border security. They may think that a wall is a costly and inefficient way to secure the border, but there is nothing inherently wrong with a wall. In 2006, 26 Senate Democrats — including Charles Schumer, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton — voted for the Secure Fence Act of 2006, which required the Department of Homeland Security to build two layers of reinforced fencing along 700 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Is there some profound moral difference between a fence and a wall? No.

So why not give Trump his wall in exchange for something they want? They could give Trump the \$5 billion he is asking for to begin construction of the wall in exchange for a path to citizenship for the nearly 2 million "Dreamers" — mainly immigrants

Democrats may think that a wall is costly and inefficient, but there is nothing inherently wrong with a wall.

who were brought to the United States illegally as children through no fault of their own. Trump would negotiate on this basis in a heartbeat.

Then, when Democrats take the majority next year, they could offer him the remaining \$15 billion to \$20 billion he needs to finish the wall, in exchange for legal status for the other 11 million people here in the country illegally. The wall could buy legal status for every immigrant living, illegally, in the shadows — a longtime Democratic priority.

Again, Trump would likely be willing to cut such a deal. He is on record repeatedly saying that he wants to find a way for the vast majority of

immigrants (the "good ones," he calls them) living here illegally to get right with the law and secure legal status, so long as we get rid of the rapists, murderers and drug dealers (aka the "bad ones") and secure the border. That is what Democrats claim they want to do as well. So take him up on it.

Or, if they don't want to use their leverage to solve the illegal immigration problem, then Democrats could use the wall as leverage to win concessions from Trump on something else. Democrats have laid out an ambitious agenda — from shoring up Obamacare, lowering the cost of prescription drugs and Medicare-for-all to modifying Trump's tax cuts, increasing the minimum wage, strengthening environmental rules, tackling global climate change and enacting paid family leave. The possibilities are endless.

If Democrats don't use the wall as leverage, they won't get any of this.

In their Oval Office meeting, Schumer told Trump that "elections have conse-

quences" — echoing the infamous words spoken by Obama to congressional Republicans in 2009 when they presented him with their ideas for a stimulus package. Back then, however, Democrats controlled not just the House but the Senate and White House too. Today, Republicans control the executive branch and have an expanded Senate majority. So if Democrats want to get anything done, they can't ram it through over GOP objections, because Trump has leverage too — in the form of a pen he can use to sign or veto legislation.

To get anything done, Democrats have to negotiate — and compromise.

The answer for Democrats is simple: Don't refuse the wall; use the wall.

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Mayor Emanuel, commit your post-City Hall life to pension reform

By David Greising

With one foot out the door, Mayor Rahm Emanuel is showing boldness and ambition at a level not seen when he still had elections to worry about.

But just because Emanuel is presenting his ideas at the tail end of his eight-year mayoralty does not mean they should be considered dead on arrival.

Emanuel clearly believes he still has the political juice to bend events to his will — juice a newly elected mayor might not have — on political risks a new mayor might not take. If he's right, then the citizens of Chicago can count themselves fortunate.

The mayor Wednesday called for a constitutional amendment to help fix the city's and state's pension problems and proposed selling bonds — in the past he has floated selling as much as \$10 billion in bonds — that he said will lower the cost of paying Chicago's pension obligations.

The idea for selling bonds, on the bet that the investment return would outpace the interest rates tied to repaying the debt, has appeal on paper. But people in Illinois have been burned by plans like this before.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Gov. Pat Quinn sold nearly \$20 billion in pension bonds — with the same kind of pitch Emanuel is using — yet proceeds went into the state operating budget and the pension funding gap kept growing. When Mayor Richard M. Daley leased the city's parking meters to an investment group for \$1.2 billion, he promised the proceeds would



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor Rahm Emanuel has called for a constitutional amendment to help fix the city's and state's pension woes and proposed selling bonds.

be set aside for a "rainy day" fund. That didn't happen either.

Emanuel has promised his bond proceeds would go into a "lock box" to guarantee they go only to help pay down pension debt and alleviate the impact of a \$1 billion spike in annual pension payments set to take effect in five years.

Laurence Msall of the Civic Federation follows such things closely, and he said Wednesday that Emanuel's plan so far lacks the specifics the Civic Federation would need to determine if the city would benefit long term. But given the track record in Illinois, Msall noted, a measure of skepticism is needed.

Emanuel's other big idea — for an amendment of the state constitution — is long overdue.

The constitution defines pensions as contracts "the benefits of

which shall not be diminished or impaired." In practice, that means the pension deal offered to government workers the day they start work is not reduced for the rest of their lives. Ever.

But the constitution is not the only factor causing Illinois' worst-in-the-nation pension funding. Mismanagement and underfunding by state and city officials are the larger cause. Numerous fixes have been tried over the years — including one led by Emanuel — and state courts have turned most of them back, citing the "diminished or impaired" language in the constitution.

This brings us to Emanuel's plan for an amendment. He is done trying to finesse a fix that can withstand court review. He wants constitutional change. Only then can political leaders work with labor groups to get a fix that

addresses pension shortfalls and brings relief to struggling state and city budgets.

Emanuel is leveling the focus of his argument at automatic cost-of-living increases built into many state and city pension plans.

Many Chicago and Illinois workers earn pensions that come with 3 percent compounded annual increases. That guaranteed increase might have seemed reasonable in the 1970s, after the current constitution was passed, when inflation rose from about 3 percent to above 13 percent. Back then, retirees actually were losing ground.

Today, with inflation hovering around 2 percent, pension payments are rising at a rate 1 percentage point higher than inflation. Add in the compounding — the fact that each year's increased payment becomes the base from which the next year's 3 percent hike is tallied — and even that small differential adds up.

Emanuel presented his idea as "progressive," the same language Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker uses for a tax plan that would charge higher rates for richer people. Emanuel's argument is that it's unfair — regressive, I guess — for the city to be laying off people or demanding furloughs even while retirees keep drawing what the mayor described as annual raises.

The unions and retirees won't see it that way. And the would-be successors to Emanuel rushed, almost uniformly, to attack Emanuel's idea. After all, they've got union voters to worry about.

But in a sense, Emanuel may be doing a favor for the mayoral

candidates and Pritzker. He is putting a serious idea on the table and taking the fire for it.

By doing so, Emanuel is giving Pritzker an opening to consider the idea without bearing the political cost of introducing it. Chicago's next mayor will benefit in the same way.

Emanuel will be out of office soon, so it's easy to write off his late-term conversion to a constitutional amendment as a political stunt. But here's how Emanuel can prove doubters wrong: He can commit to stay in the pension fight even after his term expires.

True, he won't be mayor. But no one who knows Emanuel, or the state's politics, expects him to disappear altogether. By staying in the pension battle, Emanuel could stay relevant. He could bring together all parties, knock heads and get things done.

Going back to the work Emanuel did on the North American Free Trade Agreement for President Bill Clinton, he has shown an ability to get a deal even when he doesn't hold office. Pritzker or the new mayor would be smart to ask Emanuel to do just that.

There is no bigger issue for Chicago and Illinois than addressing the constitutional underpinning of the city and state pension problems. Emanuel has made a bold gesture by calling for a constitutional amendment. He should show this was more than rhetoric and commit to stay in the fight.

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How's Trump going to pay for wall?

I am very confused with all the discussions about the possibility of a government shutdown if President Trump does not get his desired border wall funding from Congress. I am even more confused with those representatives and senators who are coaching the president not to back down on his funding level.

What happened to the promise that Mexico would pay for the wall? We heard that Mexico would pay for the wall as frequently as we heard that it would be built. Instead of arguing with the incoming Congress, I would expect the president to be meeting with Mexico over the issue. If Trump supporters are still so anxious to build the wall, perhaps they can organize something like a bake sale to the come up with the difference that Mexico will not fund.

—Kevin Schaller, Wauconda

Carp cowboys

The “carp cowboys” and their efforts in the battle against Asian carp, as detailed by the Tribune story (“‘Carp cowboys’ round up invasive Asian carp as Illinois, federal officials debate costly measures to protect Lake Michigan,” Dec. 9), are compelling. We wish keeping Asian carp out of the lakes were as simple as hiring more hardworking fishermen to keep the lakes safe. However, it’s going to require more than that.

Fishing Asian carp out is necessary, but not sufficient to stop their advance. While fishermen are hard at work, Asian carp continue to swim slowly, but determinedly, toward Chicago. Thousands of carp don’t need to reach the lake to cause harm. These fish eat a lot, grow rapidly and spawn multiple times a year. Only a few are needed to establish a breeding population.

We need to build on the fish harvesting program by adding structural measures to permanently hold back the carp. To that end, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently released its final draft plan for Asian carp control measures at Brandon Road Lock and Dam. The facility is a natural choke point in the waterways leading to Lake Michigan.

Great Lakes residents have overwhelmingly and repeatedly spoken out in support of the Brandon Road Lock and Dam project and stopping Asian carp. Unfortunately, Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and his administration have stalled this momentum, slow-walking any progress at Brandon Road. His administration repeatedly downplayed the risks of Asian carp getting into the Great Lakes and questioned the need for additional protections.

We have an opportunity for a fresh start with the change in administration in Illinois. Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker can not only establish Illinois as a leader on Great Lakes issues but do so by bringing home a major infrastructure project with multiple benefits that already enjoys broad support from Congress and the other Great Lakes states.

—Molly Flanagan, vice president for policy Alliance for the Great Lakes

Gas tax? No way

Politicians in Illinois are calling for a gas tax increase to pay for bridge repairs and other infrastructure projects.

I think we need to tell the politicians: No way. They have driven our state into bankruptcy with a debt load that can never be paid back, and they are always looking for more things to tax and reasons to raise the taxes we already have.

Are our bridges crumbling? Let them crumble. Are our roads deteriorating? Let them deteriorate.

Are our politicians capable of being shamed into reducing spending and acting responsibly with our money? I doubt it, but it’s worth a try.

—Larry Craig, Wilmette

The gas tax gouge

I have read and heard plenty about Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s proposal to increase gas taxes to ostensibly pay for infrastructure. Has he been paying attention to France? Does he really think those who have to drive to get to whatever jobs are left in Illinois will stand for this kind of gouging? On top of the gouging we get on the Illinois Tollway’s newest toll road, Route 390? How about if we fix the pension problem so our taxes don’t all go to people who don’t work anymore?

—Brian Varley, Elgin

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Nick Ayers, right, with Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, declined the president’s offer to become chief of staff.

Why no one wants to be Trump’s chief of staff

By Chris Whipple

Nick Ayers’ snub of President Donald Trump, rejecting his offer to become chief of staff, has stunned people who thought the 36-year-old, sharp-elbowed political operative would leap at the second-most-powerful job in Washington. But given the nature of the chief of staff’s position in the Trump White House, what may be truly stunning is that anyone would agree to take it.

“Congratulations, you’ve got the worst f---ing job in government.” That’s what James Baker, President Ronald Reagan’s quintessential gatekeeper, tells every incoming White House chief of staff when asked for his advice. In the best of times, the position is so relentless and crushing, it cuts grown men down to size.

“The White House chief of staff walks around with a target on his back and on his front,” says Baker. “Those aren’t the only parts,” adds Rahm Emanuel, who served under President Barack Obama before becoming mayor of Chicago.

“I used to be 6-foot-4,” says 5-foot-9 Ken Duberstein, Reagan’s chief during his final year in office. Baker, a smooth-as-silk Texas lawyer, found the job under Reagan so debilitating that when Treasury Secretary Donald Regan proposed swapping jobs in 1985, Baker leaped at the chance like it was a get-out-of-jail-free card. Decades later, Emanuel

often made a point of showing off to visitors the leafy outdoor patio and cozy fireplace at opposite ends of his West Wing office. “These are nice,” he said. “Everything in between sucks.”

Those were the best of times for chiefs of staff, under presidents who both understood and valued the position. Under Trump, the job is exponentially more difficult — perhaps impossible.

“Take everything you’ve heard and multiply it by 50,” Reince Priebus told me a few months after he was unceremoniously fired as Trump’s first chief of staff — by tweet, while standing on an airport tarmac. Priebus was talking about the chaos and dysfunction that occur when a president confuses governing with campaigning, or running the 26th floor of Trump Tower. Instead of empowering his chief to get things done, Trump ignored and humiliated him. Once a rising star as Republican National Committee chairman, Priebus left with his reputation in tatters.

I have been sharply critical of Priebus in the past but, in fairness, anyone serving this president should be graded on a curve. A friend of Priebus, incensed by the jabs thrown by his predecessors, says they can’t conceive of the unique challenges posed by Trump: “Give me a break. They couldn’t do it. After a week, they would be curled up in the corner in a fetal position, shooting

opioids.”

The job has been even more damaging to the reputation of John Kelly. The highly respected retired four-star general was empowered in a way that Priebus never was and, for a while, imposed discipline. But he was arrogant, imperious and politically inept. (Kelly’s unhinged tirade against Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., showed that he shared his boss’ tendency to tell flagrant untruths without apology.)

Far from serving as a moderating influence on Trump’s authoritarian impulses, Kelly often reinforced the president’s worst partisan instincts. Partly as a result, the White House has been in thrall to ideologues who have shown they have no idea how to govern.

No wonder few qualified candidates seem to want the job under Trump. The irony — and the tragedy — is that no president has ever been more in need of a competent chief of staff. This White House is headed toward trouble: emboldened Democrats controlling the House, special counsel Robert Mueller closing in and a tough re-election battle looming — if the president avoids impeachment and removal from office.

Trump needs a wartime consigliere, preferably with political savvy. But more important, he needs a chief who knows the difference between campaigning — which is demonizing and dividing — and governing, which is

building coalitions and striking deals in the country’s best interest. Trump needs to find his own equivalent of James Baker: experienced, grounded, comfortable in his or her own skin, confident enough to walk into the Oval Office, close the door and tell the president what he does not want to hear.

The 45th president is not the first to arrive in office full of hubris, thinking he’s the smartest person in the room. Most presidents get over that. After a year and a half in office, with his agenda stalled, President Bill Clinton empowered a new chief of staff, Leon Panetta, to whip his administration into shape. Despite his shaky start, Clinton cruised to re-election in 1996. It took Jimmy Carter 2½ years to realize that he had to appoint a chief (before then, Hamilton Jordan had been his reluctant, de facto lieutenant). Carter did not find the right person until his final year in office, when he tapped a brilliant lawyer and ex-Marine named Jack Watson.

Alas, it was too late for Carter, who lost his re-election bid in a landslide. In this watershed moment for another beleaguered presidency, time is also running out for Donald Trump.

The Washington Post

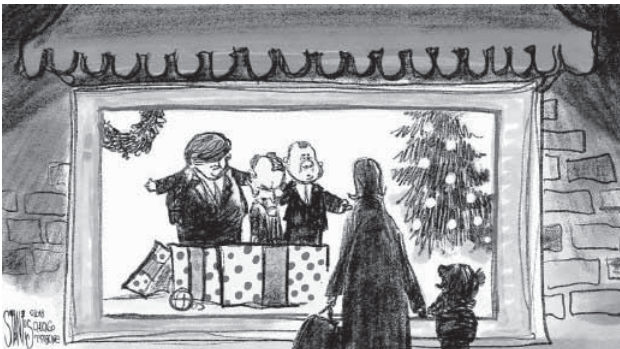
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Mayor Rahm Emanuel, seen Thursday after the Ferrara Candy announcement, said the company's move downtown was set in motion about a year ago.

Apple bypasses Chicago

BY ALLY MAROTTI
AND RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

Chicago was bypassed by another tech behemoth Thursday when Apple announced plans to build a \$1 billion campus in Austin, Texas, with smaller sites or expansions in six other cities.

It was just last month that Amazon said it will split its much-anticipated second headquarters between New York City and Arlington, Va. Chicago had been named one of the 20 contenders for the second headquarters, labeled HQ2, when the list of bidders was narrowed in January.

In an early morning post Thursday on its website, Apple said in addition to the Austin campus, it would open locations in Seattle, San Diego and Culver City, Calif., and over the next three years will expand in New York; Pittsburgh; Boston; Boulder, Colo.; and Portland, Ore. It also left open the possibility of expanding elsewhere in the United States "over time."

"Apple is proud to bring new investment, jobs and opportunity to cities across the United States and to significantly deep-



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Apple announced Thursday it would construct a new campus in Austin, Texas. Apple is the second tech giant to bypass Chicago.

en our quarter-century partnership with the city and people of Austin," Apple's CEO Tim Cook said in its news release. "Talent, creativity and tomorrow's breakthrough ideas aren't limited by region or zip code, and, with this new expansion, we're redoubling our commitment to cultivating the high-tech sector and workforce nationwide."

In January, when Apple announced plans to expand, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said the city would compete for the company.

"I don't know what Apple is looking for, but whatever it is, we're going to go compete and we're going to put our best foot forward," Emanuel said at the time.

On Thursday, Andrea Zopp, president and CEO of World Business Chicago, downplayed losing out on Apple.

"We were focused on other companies," Zopp said. "Apple

was not at the top of our list."

She pointed to other announced office expansions in Chicago this year, including by Google and Facebook. Two weeks ago, Salesforce confirmed plans to lease 500,000 square feet in the Wolf Point development on the Chicago River, creating a regional headquarters where the software firm said it will add at least 1,000 jobs. The 60-story skyscraper, which will be called Salesforce Tower, is expected to open in 2023. The company already employs about 1,400 people in Chicago.

She also highlighted large-scale movements of jobs to Chicago by companies such as McDonald's and Walgreens as a sign that traditional corporations view Chicago as a place where they can hire young, tech-savvy workers.

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Ferrara Candy HQ will move to Old Post Office



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Ferrara Candy Co. will relocate its corporate headquarters to Chicago's Old Post Office from Oakbrook Terrace next summer, bringing almost 400 jobs to the massive structure straddling Congress Parkway.

Ferrara has a little more than 300 office employees now, with plans to expand to about 400 in the new space, where it will move by late next summer, Ferrara CEO Todd Siwak said. The move downtown, to an open and collaborative layout, will help the company recruit and retain talent, he said.

"It provides us the opportunity to create the space employees have asked for, with the necessary flexibility to expand as our business continues to expand," he said.

News of the lease comes on the heels of word Thursday that Chicago missed out on an office expansion by Apple in several cities, a deal Mayor Rahm Emanuel previously said Chicago planned to pursue. Apple will build a \$1 billion tech campus in Austin, Texas, with

smaller locations in Seattle, San Diego and Culver City, Calif., and office expansions in Pittsburgh, New York and Colorado.

The Ferrara announcement confirms a Tribune story in November that the maker of candy brands like Nerds and Lemonheads was negotiating to take space in the 2.8 million-square-foot building. So far, its only neighbor in the building at 433 W. Van Buren St., will be Walgreens, which earlier this year announced plans to move 1,800 employees there in 2019, most of them from its Deerfield headquarters.

The building has been vacant since 1996, and is undergoing an \$800 million-plus redevelopment into modern office space by owner 601W Cos.

Ferrara will take 77,000 square feet on the sixth floor of the Old Post Office. The move will relocate the company about 2 miles from its birthplace.

Ferrara Candy started in Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood in 1908, selling sugar-coated almonds, a popular Italian wedding treat.

Ferrara says it is the third-largest candy-maker in the United States, with more than \$2 billion in annual sales. The company was acquired last year by Ferrero, the Italian manufacturer of Nutella and Tic Tac

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Tribune Publishing ends talks with McClatchy Co.

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Tribune Publishing has terminated negotiations to sell the Chicago-based newspaper company to McClatchy, a source familiar with the matter said Thursday.

The decision, reached by the Tribune Publishing board Thursday, followed several months of negotiations with the California-based McClatchy Co. The source said potential antitrust issues in Florida, where McClatchy owns the Miami Herald and Tribune Publishing owns the nearby Sun Sentinel, ultimately derailed a deal between the two companies. Putting both those newspapers under the McClatchy corporate umbrella would have created economic synergies important to the deal but there were concerns

it wouldn't pass muster with federal regulators, multiple sources said.

Both Tribune Publishing spokeswoman Marisa Kollias and McClatchy spokeswoman Jeanne Segal declined to comment Thursday.

Tribune Publishing, formerly known as Tronc, also owns the Chicago Tribune; Baltimore Sun; Hartford Courant; Orlando Sentinel; the New York Daily News; the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Md.; The Morning Call in Allentown, Pa.; the Daily Press in Newport News, Va.; and The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va. The company reverted to its legacy name in October.

McClatchy, a publicly traded company that owns more than 30 newspapers in 14 states, emerged as a potential buyer in September, and was among three suitors to



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Tribune Publishing, owner of the Chicago Tribune, has terminated sale talks with McClatchy, a source said Thursday.

submit a formal bid by Tribune Publishing's deadline of Nov. 1.

The other bidders include New York-based investment firm Donerail and Dallas-based newspaper group Aim Media. Both of those bids remain on the table, the source said.

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Allstate CEO says stop arguing, start preparing

Chicago Tribune

Allstate has paid out more than \$1.2 billion to victims of two devastating wildfires in California.

The Northbrook-based insurer on Wednesday announced estimated November losses of \$685 million before taxes, including an estimated \$670 million related to the Camp Fire in Northern California and the Woolsey Fires near Los Angeles. That's despite cutting in half the number of policies Allstate issues in California over the past decade. Part of the losses tied to the California fires will be covered by reinsurance, which is a form of insurance that insurance companies buy.

In a news release, Allstate Corp. CEO Tom Wilson noted that 7,500 wildfires in California this year, two hurricanes on the

East Coast and other severe weather events across the country have put "customers in danger and at risk of losing their homes and hard-earned money." But he stopped short of attributing those events to a changing climate.

"It's time to address the impact that more severe weather is having on Americans instead of fighting about climate change. ... It is now time to come up with longer term solutions, such as ensuring power lines are properly maintained, homes have natural fire barriers and building codes reflect increased severe weather," Wilson said in the release.

Allstate previously announced \$202 million in estimated pretax losses for October, bringing losses for the past two months of October and November to \$887 million before taxes.



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Sniffing out explosives in cargo

Aviation experts say canines can do it better, cheaper

BY JUSTIN BACHMAN
Bloomberg News

The Transportation Security Administration has begun approving private explosive-detection canine firms to screen cargo flying from U.S. airports under a new program finalized last month. The change offers freight haulers a new option to inspect all of their cargo — something they need to accomplish within the next few years.

Bomb-detection canines have become standard for cargo companies in many parts of Europe and Asia.

The United State, however, is just starting to catch up, said Steve Alterman, president of the Cargo Airline Association. A lot of that freight flying overhead right now hasn't been screened at all.

U.S. air cargo screening rules date to 2010, when Congress mandated that each item carried aboard passenger aircraft be inspected, following recommendations from the 9/11 Commission. Passenger airlines also ship cargo in their aircraft bellies, jamming commercial freight beside your suitcase.

In a major change aimed at tightening security, however, the International Civil Aviation Organization is requiring that all cargo be screened, removing the distinction between passenger and cargo air operations. That's a lot of freight, and screening must be in place by July 1, 2021. With that looming deadline, rising



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cargo loads and the expense of buying a lot more detection equipment, Congress decided that more dogs may be the way to go.

The TSA trains a limited number of bomb-sniffing dogs each year, and they're solely for the government's use.

Airlines may also expand their use of dogs to screen cargo, though the TSA handles passenger luggage directly. While the three largest U.S. airlines have seen their cargo sales increase as much as 20 percent this year from 2017, revenue for the service remains under \$1 billion annually for each.

A lobbyist for the carriers' trade group, Airlines for America, supported increased use of cargo-screening dogs for passenger airlines in testimony last year before Congress.

Ross Feinstein, a spokesman for American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, agreed. The TSA program "will help increase the pipeline of certified canines in the field to help strengthen aviation security and will allow aviation stakeholders to utilize canines for cargo-screening purposes," he said.

Under existing regulations, all cargo bound for the U.S. must be screened. As for cargo leaving the U.S., a matrix of different rules applies, often depending on the destination.

For the cargo industry, which includes a variety of large players such as FedEx, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings and UPS, the arrival of more dogs at major U.S. cargo centers could increase screening efficiency, allowing greater volumes of traffic. Contracted canine-

screening can also help shippers avoid some of the capital costs of using X-ray and other screening machines in some locations. That, in turn, could boost profits.

"We want a more effective way of doing it — and we think the dogs do a heck of a job," Alterman said. It's going to change decision-making on "whether or not we have to spend millions of dollars on machines that don't do the job as well as we'd like them to do."

When trained to detect explosives, a canine's nose is a physiological marvel that gives it an olfactory sense far superior to that of humans, and many other animals.

"No piece of technology has truly been able to match the sensitivity or reliability of man's best friend," Chris Daniels, vice president for corporate strategy at Global

K9 Protection Group LLC, wrote in a 2018 article for the Airforwarders Association's quarterly journal.

Dismantling a large pallet for X-ray screenings — and then reassembling it — can take as many as six workers 6 to 9 minutes per pallet, according to the Dec. 3 issue of Air Cargo Week, a trade journal. A dog, however, can perform the same screening in about 30 seconds without the freight needing to be unpacked.

"Dogs are more efficient at screening cargo," said Christopher Shelton, branch manager of the TSA's Canine Training Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas, which oversees the certification standards for the program and will conduct spot audits.

The TSA trains 300-350 dogs per year at its San

Antonio training center to handle airport work.

The TSA's new third-party program will approve certification firms and assess each screening team; those teams (one human, one dog) will need to pass annual reviews to retain their certification in the program. For its part, the TSA will conduct random, "short-notice assessments."

Marc Murphy is director of air cargo and aviation for MSA Security, which calls itself the largest U.S. canine-screening firm. His company stands to benefit significantly from the change in TSA policy. Dog-screening demand in the cargo industry will grow, he predicts, because "they understand the efficiency and the speed of a properly trained explosive-detection canine."

MSA has 15 certified teams for the new program and plans to expand to 200 by the end of next year, depending on demand, Murphy said. He added that MSA is building dog-training facilities near six major airfreight centers: Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and San Francisco, along with a trio of cities where major U.S. cargo companies focus their air operations — Cincinnati, Louisville, Ky., and Memphis, Tenn.

Rival screening company Global K9 Protection, based in Opelika, Ala., said it plans to have 52 teams working by the end of next month at 27 locations. Training takes 12 weeks for each dog, followed by an additional two months with its human handler, Daniels said. "They have to train together and be certified together," he said.



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American Airlines is adding flights between Chicago and New Hampshire, Montana and Colorado.

American adding flights at O'Hare

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

American Airlines is adding flights to three new destinations from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport this summer that should appeal to outdoor enthusiasts.

The airline will start daily, year-round flights between Chicago and Manchester, N.H., on June 6, American said Thursday in a news release.

American is also adding summer flights to Kalispell, Mont., the closest airport to Glacier National Park, and to Durango, Colo.

Flights between Chicago and Kalispell will run daily and are scheduled to

start June 6, American said. The Durango flights will only be offered on Saturday and begin June 8.

No carrier currently offers direct flights between Chicago and Durango, according to the Durango airport's website. Southwest Airlines flies daily between Midway Airport and Manchester, and United Airlines has seasonal flights between O'Hare and Kalispell.

The new flights at O'Hare were among 18 new routes American announced Thursday. Tickets for all the new flights will go on sale Monday, American said.

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New Gary plant plans to turn trash into fuel for United jets

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

A new plant in Gary plans to turn hundreds of thousands of tons of trash into fuel, some of which could end up powering United Airlines' planes.

California-based Fulcrum BioEnergy on Thursday announced plans for the \$600 million alternative fuel plant in Gary. Construction is not expected to start until 2020. But once operations begin, Fulcrum said the plant could create about 33 million gallons of fuel from 700,000 tons of waste each year.

Chicago-based United, which invested \$30 million in Fulcrum in 2015, will have the chance to purchase 15 million of those gallons and is "fully planning to exercise those rights," said Aaron Robinson, the airline's senior manager of environmental strategy and sustainability.

It's not yet clear which airports could end up getting the biofuel, since that



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A new plant in Gary plans to turn trash into fuel, some of which could end up powering United Airlines' planes.

will depend in part on where it makes the most financial sense for Fulcrum to ship the fuel, Robinson said. Some states offer incentives to companies delivering biofuels, and Illinois isn't currently among them, he said.

The Gary plant, which is expected to employ 160 full-time workers at an average wage of \$29 per hour, would be Fulcrum's second facility.

A plant near Reno, Nev., is under construction and expected to begin operations in 2020.

United's agreement with Fulcrum will ultimately give the airline the right to purchase as much as 90 million gallons per year from six plants, not all of which have been built. The cost is competitive with traditional jet fuel, Robinson said.

The 15 million gallons

United could end up buying from Fulcrum's Gary plant would be a drop in the bucket for the airline, which consumed more than 2.5 billion gallons in the first nine months of this year.

But replacing some traditional jet fuel with biofuel is part of the airline's strategy for hitting a goal announced in September: slashing its greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2050.

Fulcrum said its fuel reduces emissions by about 80 percent compared with traditional jet fuel. Those savings come from the fact that it's made from waste that would otherwise go to a landfill and produce methane gas, Robinson said.

United already uses more than a million gallons of renewable jet fuel made by a different producer at its Los Angeles hub.

The airline is one of several companies that have partnered with Fulcrum.

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Ferrara HQ relocating

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candy.

The company is already hiring in short-term space downtown at 222 W. Adams St., one of two towers in the Franklin office complex, Siwak said.

"We're investing in marketing, sales and innovation capabilities, which will allow us to perpetuate our growth," he said.

Ferrara was represented in the lease by brokers Todd Mintz and Andy Strand of Jones Lang LaSalle. New York-based 601W was represented by Telos Group brokers Steve Smith and Daniel Heckman.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said the company's move downtown was set in motion about a year ago when a Ferrara employee

sat behind him on a flight. She told him many employees would like to work downtown, and encouraged the mayor to call Ferrara's CEO, Emanuel said Thursday.

That led to a meeting with Siwak, and eventually a deal at the Old Post Office.

About one-third of Ferrara's headquarters employees live already live in the city, according to Siwak.

Ferrara currently leases about 60,000 square feet in Oakbrook Terrace, its headquarters since 2012, Siwak said. Ferrara's headquarters has been outside the city for more than a half-century, the company said.

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"We see it (Apple's decision) not as a major statement, but really as a reflection that one company, compared to the six or seven others that are expanding here, chose to expand in other cities," Zopp said Thursday at an event announcing Ferrara Candy's planned headquarters move to Chicago's Old Post Office from west suburban Oakbrook Terrace.

Ferrara will eventually employ about 400 workers at the headquarters.

Zopp also bristled at the idea that missing out in two far-flung, highly publicized searches — by Amazon and Apple — would reflect poorly on Chicago's reputation in the tech industry.

"I would disagree with that," Zopp said. "I don't know how you say 3,000 Salesforce jobs is not high-profile. I don't know how you say 2,000 small tech startup jobs in two years is not high-profile. (Apple and Amazon are) just two of

many."

"You can't continue to look at just the big names," Zopp added. "Those are important, and they're going to continue to expand. But the growth is going to be in startups, where we're continuing to expand, and larger traditional companies expanding their tech and innovation space, which is also happening here."

Amanda Lannert, CEO of Chicago-based software company Jellyvision, said she thinks despite the fact the city didn't land Apple, Chicago's tech scene is moving in the right direction.

"Are we trending as fast as anyone would like? No, never," she said. "It's a bummer to not get the marquee ones, but the jobs are still coming here, the companies are still coming here, there's still real growth."

In Austin, Apple will open with 5,000 positions in engineering, research and development, operations, finance, sales and customer support. The site, according to Apple, will have capacity to accom-

modate 15,000 employees.

The three other new locations — Seattle, San Diego and Culver City — will have more than 1,000 employees each.

Early this year, Apple said that it would make more than \$30 billion in capital expenditures in the U.S. over the next five years. That, the company said in January, would create more than 20,000 new jobs at existing and new campuses that Apple planned to build.

Meanwhile, Chicago was strengthening its ties with the tech giant.

Cook was in town in March for a highly publicized launch event for Apple's new, school-focused iPad at Lane Tech High School. The chief executive had visited Chicago in October 2017 as well, when Apple opened its new flagship store on Michigan Avenue along the Chicago River. He also praised the city during an appearance on Emanuel's podcast at that time.

Apple also partnered with the city last December to

teach coding to Chicago Public School students and has since partnered with at least one other Chicago-based nonprofit.

When Sonia Nagar, vice president at Pritzker Group Venture Capital, lived in and recruited tech talent to Austin, she found people drawn to the city for its eclectic vibe and warm weather. Chicago needs to play up what it has to offer, she said.

"Obviously we can't change the weather. I think we can highlight the coolness factor," Nagar said. "People will go where there's economic opportunity, and so if we have more startup success stories that are hometown, that grow from \$0 to \$1 billion or more and wealth is created, then people will come here."

The Associated Press contributed.

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OBITUARIES

STEVE ZUCKER 1940-2018

Agent for Jim McMahon, stalwarts of ‘85 Bears

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Steve Zucker started out as a lawyer for the city of Chicago and ran a criminal defense practice before becoming one of the city’s best-known sports agents. He later expanded his practice to the entertainment arena as well, representing a broader array of personalities.

“He was an accomplished attorney, so as far as negotiating went, he did his homework,” said his wife, Shelly. “He’d walk in the room (and) he knew exactly how to negotiate.”

Zucker, 78, died of complications from stomach cancer Dec. 2 at his home, his wife said. He had been a longtime Winnetka resident.

Born in 1940 in Chicago, Stephen Wade Zucker grew up in the West Rogers Park neighborhood and graduated from Senn High School. He attended University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for three years before transferring to Roosevelt University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree. He then received a law degree in 1966 from DePaul University College of Law, where one of his classmates was future Mayor Richard M. Daley.

A protege of the late state Sen. Robert Cherry, Zucker worked in precinct politics in his early years in Chicago’s 46th Ward, and once toyed with running for alderman.

Right after law school, Zucker took a job with the Chicago corporate counsel’s office under future Cook County Sheriff Richard J. Elrod. Zucker prosecuted many of the cases that arose from the tumultuous 1968 Democratic National Convention. That meant handling charges against activists like Dick Gregory, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Abbie Hoffman.

Zucker opened his criminal defense practice in 1971. He mostly handled drug cases but at one point defended Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt against criminal contempt charges. Zucker also represented renegade skyscraper climber “Spider Dan” Goodwin, who had been arrested for scaling the high-rises then known as Sears Tower and the John



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Attorney Steve Zucker, who later became a Chicago sports agent, died Dec. 2.

Hancock Center.

In 1984, Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon’s agent, Jerry Argovitz, left the sports business. Through Argovitz, McMahon approached Zucker, seeking help in renegotiating his contract.

“Jim asked Steve to be his attorney. He never used the word ‘agent.’ He said, ‘I need an attorney, I need you to do a contract with the Chicago Bears,’ and Steve said he didn’t know how to do that. But Jim said, ‘I trust you,’ and Steve stepped up to the plate,” Shelly Zucker said.

Quickly, Zucker and his wife became close friends with McMahon and his then-wife, Nancy McMahon.

“They were like family to us out there (in Chicago),” recalled Nancy McMahon, who now is based in California. “Steve just couldn’t have been nicer. They watched out for us, he and Shelly both. And he knew everything. You could ask him any question about anything.”

Before long, Zucker attracted other Chicago Bears players as clients, including Otis Wilson, Steve McMichael, Dave Duerson and Kevin Butler. Zucker also picked clients from outside Chicago, including Eric Dickerson, Deion Sanders, and Michael Westbrook. Basketball clients included Darryl Dawkins and Rod Strickland.

“I was always a sports nut, a pretty good sandlot player, and now I live vicariously through my clients,” Zucker told the Tribune in 1989.

Zucker also represented TV figures including one-

time WGN-Ch. 9 news anchor Allison Payne and the late Tim Weigel, a WLS-Ch. 7 and WBBM-Ch. 2 news and sports anchor, with whom Zucker later famously had a public feud that culminated in dueling lawsuits and a confrontation in a Skokie restaurant.

In 1986, Zucker formed Zucker Sports Management Group, a firm that offered other services for its star clients beyond simply negotiating contracts. For example, Zucker Sports Management reaped fees for rehabilitating athletes’ images through its public relations arm, and separate fees for marketing lines of apparel and for financial counseling.

“If you charge (athletes) a fair percentage of what you should charge, you can make a nice dollar in negotiating,” Zucker told the Tribune in 1989. “But the big money is in marketing. Thanks to my relationship with Jim (McMahon), he really put me on the map with that, and we’re able to reach out and find commercials and endorsements for my players.”

Zucker later wound down his business as an agent, although he never retired from his work as a defense attorney, his wife said.

In November, Zucker published a 240-page hardcover memoir, “Playing Games Is Serious Business.”

“Just last month, he was in Lake Forest Hospital in the intensive care unit, and I asked him, ‘What can I do for you?’” Shelly Zucker said. “He said, ‘Get my book published.’ It came out 10 days before he passed away, and it was delivered so he could see it.”

Zucker was on the board of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation — now known as the JDRF. The relation was a personal one, as one of Zucker’s sons had been diagnosed with diabetes at age 5, and Zucker and his wife had worked to form a Chicago-area chapter of the foundation in 1980.

Zucker also is survived by two sons, Neal and Herbert; two daughters, Jennifer Zucker Healy and Tory Boyer; a sister, Patty Penner; and six grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



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Crane, Mary R.
Mary R. Crane (nee Norton) was born on January 27, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois to John Joseph and Anne (nee Tobin) Norton. She died at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Mary is survived by her husband Jim Crane whom she married on February 11, 1961 in Chicago; her children Mary Crane, Elizabeth Crane and Patrick (Kathy) Crane; her grandchildren Patrick Crane, Jack Crane, Maggie Crane and Lindy Crane; her sister Sr. Florence Norton; as well as many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 North Arlington Heights Road, (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.) Arlington Heights, IL 60004 where prayers will be said Monday, December 17, 2018 at 8:45 am proceeding to Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church, 440 S. Mitchell, Arlington Heights, IL for Funeral Mass at 9:30 am. Interment will be at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine. In lieu of flowers and in Mary’s honor, please extend a Random Act of Kindness to someone. That’s how she lived, and she would have enjoyed knowing that acts of kindness are being done on her behalf. Funeral information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Cullotta, Peter ‘Tex’
Peter “Tex” Cullotta, 82 of Schaumburg. Loving husband of Florence, nee Moca; devoted father of Linda (Tim Felde) Cullotta, Karen (John Slania) Cullotta and Peter D. (Laurie Leigh) Cullotta; beloved brother of Marie (the late Andrew) DeLuca, the late Anthony (the late Carmelina) Cullotta and the late Joseph (the late Rose) Cullotta; grandfather of 9 and cherished great grandfather of 3.

Visitation Friday, from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. at **Morizzo Funeral Home** and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169; Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 A.M. until time of prayers 9:15 A.M. proceeding to St. Marcelline Church, 820 Springguth Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193 for a 10:00 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. For further information please contact Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. The family also invites you to visit www.morizzofuneralhome.com. and sign his guest book.



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DeVereaux, John P. “Jack”
John P. “Jack” DeVereaux; Age 76, recently of Santa Ana, California. Passed away December 10, 2018; USMC 1959-1963. Retired CAPT. Orange County Sheriff Dept. 1963-1998. He was predeceased by his parents John P. Sr. (CPD) and Faye (RN). He is survived by his sister, Pat Glatz and nieces Kathy Shaheen, Lisa Glatz and Tracy (Jeff) Ebert as well as many wonderful friends and colleagues in California. Memorial Visitation Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Denis Church, 8301 S. St. Louis, Chicago, IL; Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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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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ON DECEMBER 14 ...

In 1799 the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mt. Vernon, Va., home; he was 67.

In 1819 Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861 Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London; he was 42.

In 1911 Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1919 writer Shirley Jackson, best known for her 1948 short story “The Lottery,” was born in San Francisco.

In 1936, the comedy “You Can’t Take It With You” by George S. Kaufman and

Moss Hart opened on Broadway.

In 1939 the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1946 the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1962 the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1975 six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

In 1981 Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1986 the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by

Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

In 1989 Nobel Peace laureate Andrei Sakharov died in Moscow; he was 68.

In 1993 a Colorado judge struck down as unconstitutional the state’s voter-approved ban on gay rights laws.

In 1995 Presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.

In 2000 the Federal Trade Commission unanimously approved the \$111 billion merger of America Online and Time Warner.

In 2001 George O’Leary resigned as Notre Dame football coach five days after being hired, admitting he had lied about his academic and athletic background.

In 2003 a weary, disheveled Saddam Hussein was displayed on television screens worldwide, a day after his capture by U.S. troops.

In 2014 the National Labor Relations Board ruled that McDonald’s and some of its franchisees were joint employers that violated labor rights of employees at various restaurants nationwide.

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Dec. 15 Powerball: \$246M

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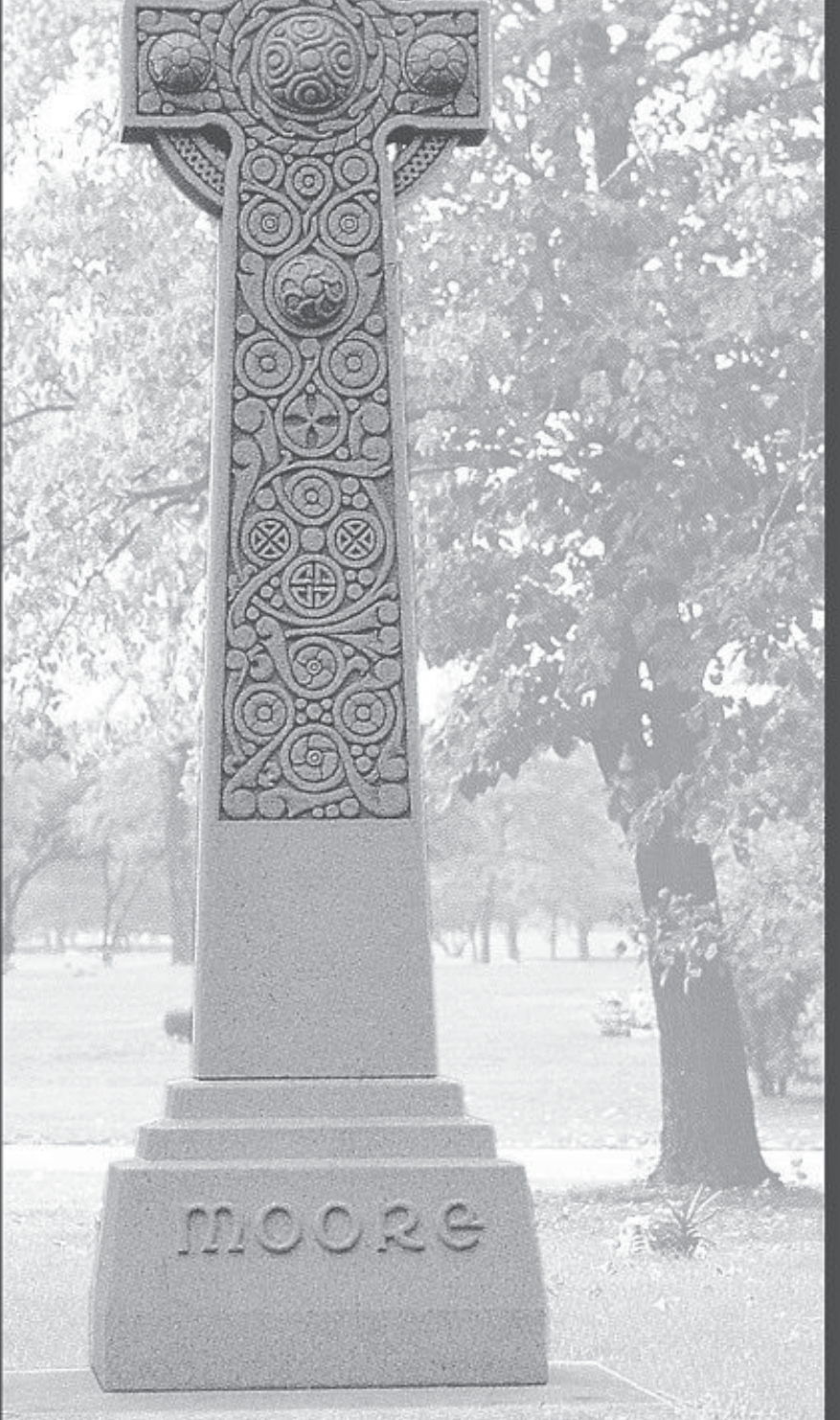
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Ellis, Jr., James J.

James J. Ellis, Jr. of Las Vegas, formerly of Forest Park, age 71. Beloved husband of the late Andrea, nee Canon; loving father of Devon; dear brother of Daniel (Laurie), Robert (Pamela) and the late William; cherished son of the late James J. and Marilyn Ellis. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Feit, Charles Anthony

Charles Anthony Feit, age 89, of Skokie, Illinois, died peacefully at his home on December 12, 2018. Beloved husband for 56 years to the late Marilyn Cuccio Feit; loving father of Margaret Feit (Brian) Clarke, Peter (Katherine) Feit, Catherine "Katey" Feit (Michael Bremer), Madeleine (Daniel) Cusick, Jane Feit (David Goldberg), and Rosemary Feit (Matthew Moren); proud grandfather of Matthew (Melanie), Martha, and Paul Clarke; Anthony, Laura, Timothy, and Nathaniel Feit; Noah and Peter Bremer-Feit; Hannah, Leigh, Flannery, and Arden Cusick; Andrew, Nico, and Camille Goldberg; and Flynn Moren; dear brother of Eugene (Barbara) Feit and the late Thomas (Nancy) Feit; brother-in-law of Dr. Joseph (Louise) Cuccio, the late Andrew Cuccio (Dolores Hammond), the late Frank (Mary Margaret "Pat") Cuccio, and the late Rose (Tom) McDowell; and caring uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, December 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois. Funeral Mass Monday December 17, 2018 10:00 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests a contribution to a charity focused on eradicating poverty and hunger, such as The Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, New York 10022, The Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, Illinois 60632, or Howard Area Community Center, 7648 N Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois 60626. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or 847 675-1990.

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Gillespie, Judith Wehs

Judith Wehs Gillespie. Age 76 of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of James R. Loving mother of Heidi, Alyssa, Ben, Jerome, Amber and the late Jim. Devoted grandmother of Inaya, Amrita, Darshan, Bailey, Tyler, Logan, Ben, Will, James, Jake, Jamie and George. Dear sister of the late James L. Wehs. Visitation Monday, December 17, 4-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, friends and family to meet at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church. Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Luminarts Cultural Foundation, www.luminarts.org appreciated. Please visit Judith Wehs Gillespie you tube site. Funeral Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Griner, John J.

John J. Griner, age 79, beloved husband of Gretchen of 55 years; loving father of Michael (Mary) and Kenneth (Melissa); cherished grandfather of Anthony and Audrey. Memorial visitation Saturday, December 15, from 10 am to 12 pm; Funeral service 12 pm at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Interment private. For more info www.nelsonfunerals.com or 847-823-5122.

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Jude, Frances

Frances Jude Nee Nicosia. Dearly Beloved Wife of the late Oscar. Loving Mother of Annie (Jim) Wise, Pauline Jude and Linda Wickline. Cherished Grandmother of Andria (Kurt) Keiser, Ryan (Jen) Wickline, Joe and Josh Wise. Great Grandmother of 8. Dear Sister, Aunt and Friend of Many. Visitation Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm at CARBONARA FUNERAL HOME 1515 No. 25th Avenue, Melrose Park. Chapel Service Saturday 1 pm. Int. Mt. Carmel Cemetery

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Lundquist, Bertha D.

Bertha D. Lundquist, born 1923 died December 12, 2018. She is survived by her children Janis Lundquist (David Theiler), Susan Wegrzyn (Kenneth), Brian Lundquist (Mary Griffin); special person Florence Santarsieri; grandchildren Erin Wegrzyn (Jonathon Schrader), Kelly Wegryzyn-Jankowiak (Jack Jankowiak), Megan, Grace and Emma Lundquist; two great-grandchildren Greyson and Wyatt Jankowiak. Bert is preceded in death by her husband Frank. Visitation Friday from 9:00am until time of service at 11:00am at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Peace Hospice in Naperville appreciated. Our thanks to them for all their care of Bert. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Magnuson, Rev. Dr. George Peter

October 8, 1934 - October 18, 2018
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www.monarchsociety.com/obituary/george-magnuson

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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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McMahon Schejbal, Geraldine Claire 'Jeri'

Geraldine "Jeri" Claire McMahon, age 76, of Eddyville, Kentucky and formerly of Burr Ridge, IL, passed away at her home on Sunday, December 9. She was a retired self-employed artist, a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church in Cadiz, KY a master gardener and a volunteer with the Lyon County Food Bank.

Survivors include one daughter, Seane McMahon, Lincolnwood, IL; one son, William McMahon, Chicago, IL; one sister, Joan Geary, Hinsdale, IL; one brother Richard Roddewig, Chicago, IL; and nine grandchildren, Grace, Connor, Emily, Will, Molly, Elizabeth, Sadie, Malley and Kim.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Schejbal; her parents, Clair and Geraldine Hendricks Roddewig, and one daughter, Megan McMahon Behnke.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Matthias Church in Chicago on December 22 at 9:30 am.

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Mennella, Mary Helen

Mary Helen Mennella, nee Cioe; Beloved wife of the late Vincent Mennella; Devoted mother of Dr. Mary Jeanette (David) Mennella Nordin, Vincent (Patricia, nee Stevens), John (Jaye, nee Berman), Peter (Sintia, nee Surjadi) and Christopher Mennella; Loving daughter of the late John and Jenny Cioe, nee Aiello; Fond grandmother of Vincent, Francesca, Angelica and Nicola; Dear sister of Paul (Nancy Nocke) Cioe, the late Alberta (Alfred) Meegan and the late John Rocco Cioe; Dear aunt and cousin to many; Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Family and friends are asked to meet at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago for the Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info (773) 889-1700

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Murzanski, Janis Anne

Janis Anne Murzanski (nee Suvada) age 74. Beloved wife of Joseph. Devoted mother of Janis A. (Steven) Dennis. Loving grandmother of Joseph, Alexandra and Anna. Dear sister of Allan Suvada and Sandra (Dr. Thomas) Arndt. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Owner of Janis Anne Travel for 47 years. Memorial visitation Sunday, Dec. 16th, 3-8 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Friends and family are asked to gather Monday, Dec. 17th, at St. Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, for 10 AM Memorial Mass. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance at ocrahope.org. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974-4410

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Nazimek, Lorraine Antonette

Lorraine Antonette Nazimek, nee Czestochowski, age 95, of Niles, passed away December 10, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Nazimek, dear cousin of Edward Chester (Anne), the late James Chester (late Linda) and Ronald Chester (Carmen), step-mother of Larry E. Nazimek, sister of the late Walter G. Czestochowski, daughter of the late Agnes, nee Scheliga, and late Aloysius Czestochowski. Graduate of St. Hyacinth Grade School and Holy Family Academy Class of 1942. Retired Executive Secretary, Department 609, Sears, Roebuck and Co. Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, Fr. John J. Dussman Council #3731. Member of St. Catherine Laboure Parish, past leader of the Rosary Group and Bingo worker. Visitation Sunday, December 16 from 2 to 6 PM at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd. (just south of Lake Ave. on west side), Glenview. Visitation will also be held Monday, December 17 from 9:30 AM until time of the Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview. Entombment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Phillips, Michael R.

Michael R. Phillips, 79, passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2018. He is survived by his wife Lenora, son Michael (Jody) Phillips and daughter Jeanine (Matthew) Maloney, sisters: Patricia (late Lawrence) Gorey and Margaret (James) Dunlavy, sister-in-law Charlotte (late Thomas) Phillips, five grandchildren: Marymargaret, Thomas, Madison, Megan and Macey. Michael is preceded in death by his parents Roy and Margaret Phillips.

Michael was a United States Army Veteran, a member of IUOE Local 399 and was considered an "all around handy man". He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and was loved by all who knew him. Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018 directly at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 8501 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN with a 10:00 am Mass of Christian Burial with Father Michael O'Keefe officiating. Visitation will be on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Kish Funeral Home, 10000 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm and again at the church on Monday, from 9:30 am until the 10:00 am Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to www.cureitfoundation.org.

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Schulz, David

David Schulz, 73, passed away December 8th 2018, at his home in Hawthorn Woods, IL. David was born in Evanston, IL where he grew up with his parents, Otto and Jane, and was the youngest to his siblings, James, Barbara, Dorothy, Betsy, and his twin brother Peter. David married his bride, Noreen Schulz 42 years ago. David graduated from the University of Chicago (MBA) followed with a career in banking. He spent the later part of his career lending a helping hand to those in need with his work through Lamb's Farm and the NSSRA. David enjoyed writing, many of his articles were published in local newspapers. David got great joy in singing in his church choir. David is survived by his loving wife, Noreen, his son Michael, his daughter Karen and two grandchildren, Caleb & Audrey. He is preceded in death by his younger son, Kevin. A visitation will be held on Monday, December 17th from 4:00-8:00pm at Kelley & Spalding Funeral home, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL. A memorial mass will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL, at 10:00am. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Sikora, Virginia

Virginia Sikora (nee Gadowski), age 90. Beloved wife of the late Raymond Sikora. Dear sister of the late Wanda and the late Joseph. Fond aunt of Joyce. Virginia was the Past President of the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation from 2005 until 2017, Past President of the Polish Women's Alliance of America from 1999-2011.

She was also the Treasurer for the City of Detroit, Treasurer of the Detroit Board of Education, Trustee of the Detroit Police and Fire System. Virginia was a 41 year member of Detroit Municipal Credit Union and was also the first woman elected to the Board of Directors as President of the Credit Union. A Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 N. Harlem Avenue in Niles. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation, 6645 N. Oliphant, Chicago, IL 60631 are appreciated. **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home** of Niles is entrusted with arrangements. Info 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Vezina, Ronald E

Ronald E. Vezina, 86, of Orland Park, passed away on Monday December 10th, 2018 after a brave battle with cancer. Beloved husband for 66 years of Ann (nee Avesani); devoted father of Debbie (Jim) Howard, James Vezina, and Mark (Renae) Vezina; cherished grandfather of Scott Howard, Kristin (Jon) Ziebarth, Ryan (Sarah) Howard, and Josh Vezina; loving great-grandfather of Mila Ziebarth. Ron is also survived by his younger brothers Gerald (Kathleen) Vezina, Eugene (the late Kay) Vezina, and Bruce (Mary Kay) Vezina, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Bernita, and was a friend to many. Ron was a veteran of the US Navy serving in the Korean War. He worked for MetLife for 40 years, was an active lifelong member of Tornados, Inc., was a member of Saint Elizabeth Seton Church and Men's Club, and was involved in various other organizations. Services will be private.

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Wessberg, Barbara

Barbara Wessberg, 65, died suddenly on December 12, 2018. Barbara's career was full as a senior manager at UFCW Union and Midwest Health as well as a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker. She leaves behind her husband of 26 years, Albert Wessberg; her mother, Patricia Edenhofer; her brother, Bob; her niece and nephew, Julie and Michael. She rests in peace and we are grateful to have had her love and friendship. Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 1:00pm at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 149 W. Main St. (Lake-Cook Rd.), Barrington. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Ronald McDonald House, www.rmhc.org/donate. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, Barrington. For information, please call the funeral home at 847-381-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com where friends may leave an online condolence message for the family.

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Wheeler, Elaine

Elaine (nee Mueller) Wheeler, 89, of Arlington Hts. Beloved wife of the late Donald Joel Wheeler; loving mother of Linda Ann (late Douglas) Hilton, late David Joel (late Ann) Wheeler and Debra Lynn (Charles) McAtee; cherished grandmother of Rachel, Kevin, Michelle, Susan, Rebecca and Theresa; great grandmother of Elliot, Andrew, Ainsley, Miles and Jackson; fond sister of Theodore (Barbara) and Richard (late Shirley) Mueller. Visitation Sunday, from 3 until 8 PM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home**, 1520 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts. Funeral service 11 AM, Monday, at **Glueckert Funeral Home**, Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. Funeral info. & condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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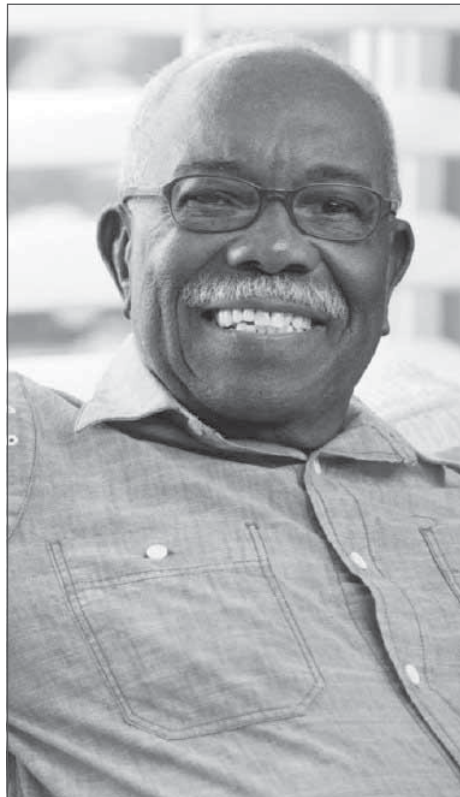


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Who's in? Who's out?

The case for — and against — 7 *Bears*
who could receive *Pro Bowl* invites

By DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

Late Sunday inside an exuberant Bears locker room, defensive end Akiem Hicks admitted he was still feeling the juice of a 15-6 upset of the Rams, a victory that stamped the Bears as one of the best teams in football. One of the best defenses for certain.

The Rams came to Chicago averaging 440 yards and 35 points. They left after managing just 214 yards and six points.

Whether Bears defenders had wanted to or not, they made a major statement with such a dominant performance. Four take-aways. Three sacks. In prime time. For a national audience. For the whole league to witness.

With his adrenaline still pumping, Hicks apologized in advance for his excitement. But he had every right to go bragging on the defense.

"Do we feel like we play dominant defense? And do we feel like we should be respected and feared by most of the league?" Hicks said. "Yes."

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Akiem Hicks
Our guess:
In



Eddie Jackson
Our guess:
In



Kyle Fuller
Our guess:
In



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Our guess:
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Our guess:
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Eddie Goldman
Our guess:
Out

MAGIC 97, BULLS 91 Commissioner stays mum on recent issues

Before Bulls lose again, Silver says he won't get involved in the turmoil

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

MEXICO CITY — Adam Silver didn't wade too deeply into the Bulls' tumultuous week on Thursday night.

But the fact the commissioner knew about it and fielded a question before the Bulls' 97-91 loss to the Magic at Mexico City Arena as part of the NBA's Global Games underscored how loudly that week reverberated throughout the league landscape.

"I'm very careful not to get involved in the operation of any particular team. I don't know firsthand about a player who did or didn't call the players associ-

ation," Silver said, addressing one juicy detail from discussions about boycotting Jim Boylen's practice Sunday. "I read the story. But no one called me to complain. The players association hasn't talked to us. I accept, though, that in a group of young men who are playing there may be a difference in view occasionally in terms of when players should be practicing and how hard they should be working. Generally, those issues are worked out by teams.

"And I read some of the comments that have come back from Bulls management, their coach, and there seems to be a meeting of the minds. When a new coach comes in midseason, that coach may have a different way of doing things than the

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REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Coach Jim Boylen yells to his players during the Bulls' 97-91 loss to the Magic on Thursday night in Mexico City.

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Harper sweepstakes a win for White Sox

Just being in hunt for superstar is sign of progress

The White Sox leave the winter meetings Thursday having accomplished what they needed to do.

For the first time since the start of the rebuild, they became relevant again.

No, the acquisition of alleged innings-eater Ivan Nova — who actually lasted more than six innings only six times in 29 starts last year — wasn't what did it. Nor was getting Harold Baines into the Hall of Fame a factor.

What made the Sox relevant was the nonstop discussion about their interest in signing a prime-time free agent, notably Bryce Harper, the star of the Las Vegas meetings.

The Sox are no closer to sign-

ing Harper than they were when the meetings began. No one outside of Harper and agent Scott Boras knows who really is in the mix, though the Sox and Phillies are the teams that have been mentioned the most in the early going, and both teams have been vocal about their ability to spend money.

The usual suspects — the Yankees, Cubs and Dodgers — have done nothing to suggest they're interested in Harper, though that doesn't necessarily mean they're out of the picture.

"If something doesn't make sense today, it doesn't mean it won't make sense tomorrow,"

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PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Harper may fix ratings game

Wonder what's fueling the White Sox's ambition to sign Bryce Harper?

One reason is the sputtering of the Bulls and Blackhawks. The Cubs, too, but mostly it's the perfectly dreadful Bulls and Blackhawks.

After years of the Cubs saying they will leave NBC Sports Chicago to launch an outlet of their own after the 2019 season, it's widely expected they will in fact do so.

In striking out on their own, the marketplace and viewers' appetite for footing the bill largely will determine whether the Cubs in fact strike out.

There are, to be sure, complicating factors that may make the timing of this move less than ideal, but let's save that discussion for another day.

(This is the hill the Cubs have chosen. But we were talking about Harper, whom the Cubs also could land but have indicated, in public at least, that they probably won't.)

Assuming the Cubs do ditch their NBC Sports Chicago partners — the White Sox, Blackhawks and Bulls — it's expected those three franchises will band together on their own TV and streaming concern.

Their Cubs-less video entity is going to need something to generate interest.

Or someone.

Someone like Harper.

While the White Sox are doing what they can to build a future contender, they very much could use a superstar to make the franchise impossible to ignore by fans as well as media outlets.

Harper presumably would draw viewers while everyone waits for their investment in promising young talent to mature and, when they do, to elevate their efforts.

That's what pries open Jerry Reinsdorf's checkbook.

Upping the stakes — and the need for someone able to make their channel more than an afterthought — is the fact that the Hawks and Bulls are going the “Thelma & Louise” route off the cliff this season.

Both the Bulls and Hawks awoke Thursday with the second-worst records in their respective leagues. They stink on ice (and hardwood).

The Hawks on Wednesday snapped their latest losing streak at eight with a victory over the Penguins, which just goes to show you can't lose them all.

They've won four of their last 23 and are 4-12-2 since Jeremy Colliton was installed



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

There's almost nowhere to go but up for Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton and Bulls coach Jim Boylen. Their teams are meandering near the bottom of the standings.

as coach in place of Hall of Famer Joel Quenneville, whose 6-6-3 start this season was deemed substandard by team high-ups and in need of a major shake-up.

Consider them shaken, not stirred — but, really, more rattled.

Their fellow United Center habitues, the Bulls, are faring little better.

Going into Thursday night's game against the Magic in Mexico City, the Bulls — 1-3 under recently installed martinet Jim Boylen — were winners just twice in their last 15 games.

The only thing worse than sitting through Bulls and Hawks telecasts this season has been sitting through NBC Sports Chicago's postgame shows trying to explain away defeat after defeat as a parent might try to encourage a spectacularly ungifted child.

(“I know you're disappointed, but the other team was really good and I thought you showed real progress in some areas. No, really, you did.”)

This has been exacerbated by NBC Sports Chicago's decision to eschew other late-night programming, such as its headlines-and-highlights show, in favor of going all-in on postgame shows.

So when the Bulls drop a 133-77 nail-biter to the Celtics, with Boylen benching



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

starters in part to keep them fresh for practice the next day, viewers get to relive every single moment afterward first on the standard-issue postgame show. Then they get “Bulls Outsiders,” a post-postgame show that talks up what happened earlier but with less insight.

The trio of men on “Outsiders” are meant to evoke a fan experience of some sort, but actual fans would be a lot less amused this season with the Bulls, not to mention themselves.

They're going for a “Wayne's World” vibe, but what's needed is something closer to “Mystery Science Theater 3000,” a show that combined knowing comedic commentary and digs played over less-than-stellar movies.

Rerun the games with realistically critical and sardonic patter over the actual play-by-play call.

At worst, it would be tolerable.

At best, it could be downright entertaining.

That would get everyone through the winter.

Harper would be expensive, but he could get everyone through the summer.

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ASK THE REPORTER

K.C. JOHNSON

Everybody can play blame game



Fred Hoiberg was touted as the guy to take the Bulls to the next level. When he failed, they pushed the blame to their

roster, rebuilt the team and then fired Hoiberg. Now the Bulls are a total laughingstock. Where's the accountability for the front office after creating this fiasco?

Keith O.

Nobody wants to hear the following three statements: John Paxson isn't going anywhere unless he resigns first. Paxson said Gar Forman's job is safe. And as far as a laughingstock, well, let's wait and see what happens when Kris Dunn, Lauri Markkanen, Bobby Portis and Zach LaVine have had time to play together. Remember the (minor) buzz at media day? People were intrigued by the Bulls' young talent. Injuries have prevented them from playing together. Yes, from Hoiberg's firing to near daily headlines on Jim Boylen's behavior, the Bulls are drawing ridicule. Things happen. When the team is bad, they're magnified. I covered the practice after the previous franchise-worst loss in November 2001, when Tim Floyd and Charles Oakley got into a shouting match, Floyd yelled at Oakley to coach the team and never left his office. But stuff happens with good teams too. Scottie Pippen demanded a trade from a defending champion. The Bulls need to stay connected to put this current ridiculousness behind them.

LaVine seems to be one of the central figures in this round of nationally embarrassing Bulls news. And, while talented, he has also proved a bit difficult to integrate into a team-oriented offensive system. Is there an argument to be made that he's more of a problem than a solution when it comes to winning?

Carson B.

LaVine's advanced metrics through his first four seasons haven't affected winning much. That said, LaVine is healthy. He's 23. And he's committed to getting better. I wouldn't give up on him. I also don't find him as selfish as some fans suggest. He has had three games this season with nine assists.

—K.C. Johnson

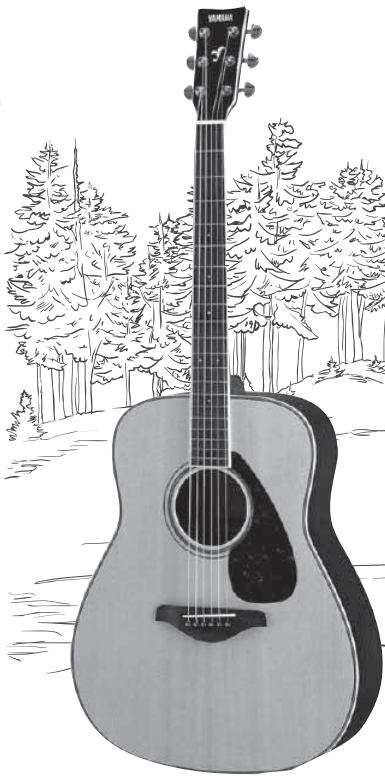
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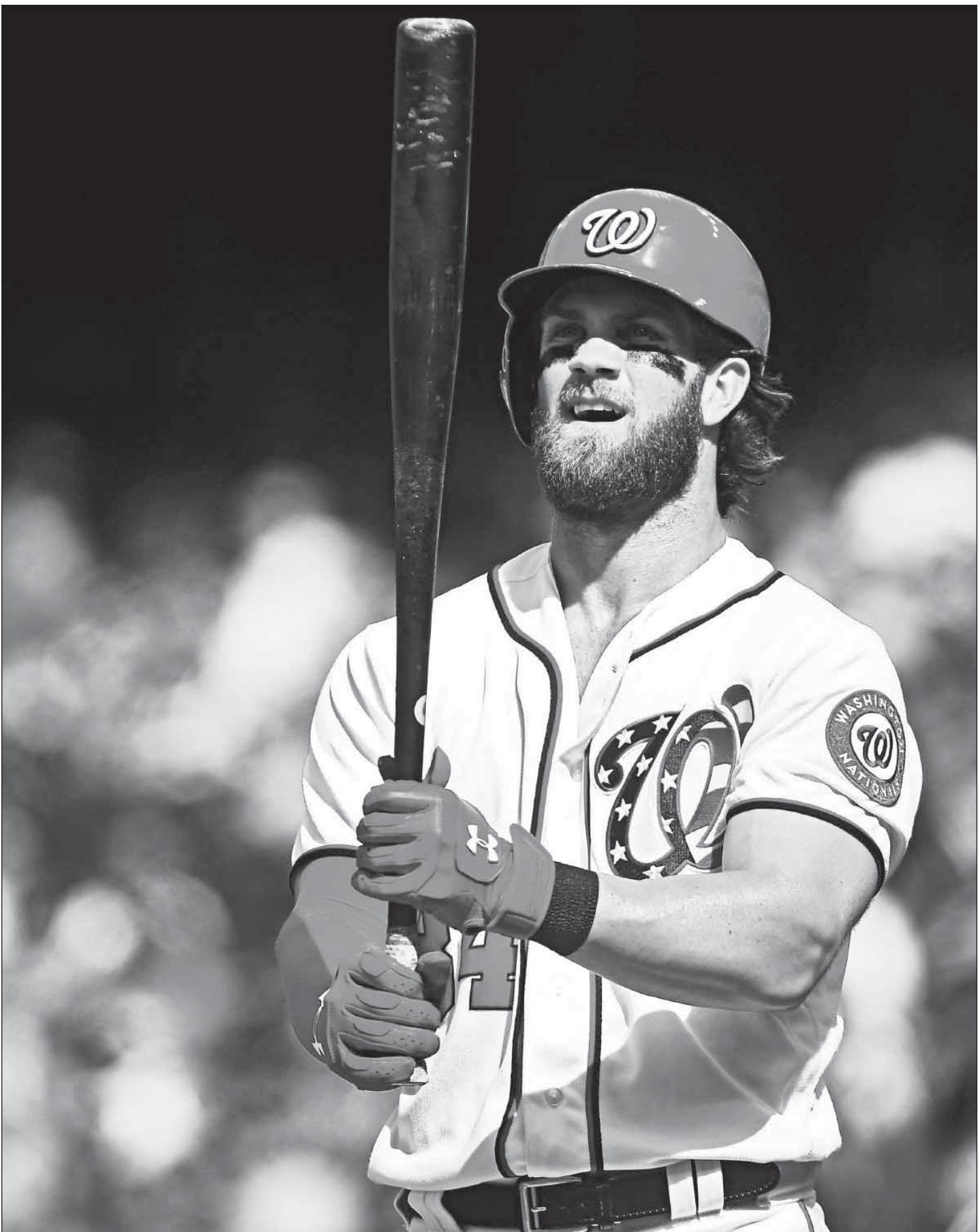


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Even if the White Sox offered Bryce Harper a record-setting contract, other factors could play a key role in his ultimate decision.

WHITE SOX

Devil in the details

Hahn on wooing Harper: ‘There’s only so much we can control in the end’

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — As the Bryce Harper sweepstakes move into the homestretch, the White Sox’s chances to sign the prized free agent may come down to details and determination.

“There’s only so much we can control in the end,” Sox general manager Rick Hahn said as the winter meetings concluded Thursday. “Ultimately, free-agent players have earned the right through hard work and longevity through their career to choose their ultimate destination.

“Sometimes, (things beyond) money factor into those things, whether it’s family, the wife’s family’s location — which I heard from someone the other day on a smaller free agent — family preference, spring training. All we can do is put our best foot forward, our most aggressive foot forward on who we feel are necessary targets.”

Tension between the Sox and Harper’s agent, Scott Boras, has been exaggerated, as the Sox drafted left-hander Carlos Rodon,

who was advised by Boras, in 2014 and signed him to a \$6.582 million bonus.

With the Indians willing to move members of their three-time American League Central championship team, the Sox may see this offseason as the time to pull out all the stops. Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf signed off on the rebuilding mission three years ago with an eye on the World Series.

“There is a competitiveness where you want to reinforce what we’ve done,” Hahn said. “You don’t want the suffering to be for naught. There has to be a pot of gold at the end of this, so to speak. His competitiveness has been a part of this from the start.

“Jerry was very much on board from the start when (executive vice president) Kenny Williams and I talked about how things were going to unfold and some of the hardship on the front end and some of the moves we wanted to be a part of on the back end to move these things along.”

Because the stakes are high for Harper, 26, it could be more than a week before a contract is finalized with the team he chooses.

“Contracts have gotten more complicated in recent years with the opt-outs, various deferrals and other mechanisms that it’s very possible that in the end, we’ll see something that we haven’t seen before

in terms of structure,” Hahn said.

Boras negotiated opt-out clauses in contracts for J.D. Drew and Alex Rodriguez, who exercised them. The Sox have a deep and talented farm system, but Harper may want an opt-out clause in case the rebuild doesn’t go the way the Sox envision.

“All things are negotiable,” Boras said Wednesday. “I don’t think there’s any term in a contract that cannot be discussed and evaluated.”

While negotiating with Harper, the Sox believe they improved the roster by acquiring starting pitcher Ivan Nova and reliever Alex Colome.

“We also know we’ve got a lot of work to do to get to that level of being able to win a championship,” said Hahn, acknowledging they want to add a reliever and a catcher. “Now what it takes to win the division may fluctuate a bit. It may not be as high.

“So the price of entry into the playoffs might be lower in the AL Central in the coming years. We’ll see. But ultimately what we’re trying to do is build something that’s capable of contending with everybody. So the eye level still remains pretty high for what we’re trying to accomplish.”

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Harper mania has made Sox relevant

Sullivan, from Page 1

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman told reporters. “All I can keep telling you is, you know where my current focuses are, but at the same time we’re a fully operational Death Star.”

That was a reference to former Red Sox executive Larry Lucchino’s assertion the Yankees were the “Evil Empire,” a dated reference that could easily be attached to the Red Sox these days.

The Cubs’ alleged lack of interest stems from budgetary concerns, which is why no one speculated Harper’s friend Kris Bryant was carrying a message from his BFF when meeting with Cubs brass in their cushy suite on Wednesday.

The Dodgers already have two of the top five hitters in the National League — Justin Turner and the returning Corey Seager — and really don’t need Harper to win the National League West again.

So what happens if it turns into a bidding war between the Sox and Phillies? Would Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf blink after going this far?

If the final bids were in the same neigh-

borhood, there’s no reason to think Harper would pick the Phillies over the rebuilding Sox because he wants to win.

Remember, the Phillies were one of the worst teams in baseball the final two months of 2018, going 16-33 after Aug. 7 to finish 80-82. They hit .232 in the second half, better than only two teams, and ranked 24th in runs scored after the break. Despite spending \$75 million on Jake Arrieta last winter and making noise about throwing around “stupid” money this winter, they are no closer to a World Series than the Sox.

What the Sox need to do is make an offer that’s front-loaded and includes an opt-out after four years, making Harper the highest-paid player in the game through 2022, by which point we’ll know if the rebuild worked. If it doesn’t pan out, Harper can leave at age 30 and sign another 10-year megadeal elsewhere.

We don’t know what Harper and Boras are thinking, so maybe it’s a moot point. Perhaps they’re just using the Sox for leverage, waiting for the Dodgers, Yankees or the always dependable “mystery team” to swoop in on the eve of spring training and

blow everyone away.

Back in February 2004, Chicago was anxiously awaiting word on where Greg Maddux would wind up, with the hope he’d return to the Cubs, who had come five outs short of reaching the World Series. Boras, who once played minor-league ball in the Cubs system, acknowledged the storybook appeal of having Maddux end his Hall of Fame career back on the North Side.

“Hey, we’re all former Cubs here,” Boras said. “It would be a delightful story.”

Maddux signed a three-year, \$24 million deal to return to the Cubs, though it didn’t have a delightful ending. Maddux couldn’t prevent the Cubs from blowing a wild-card spot in ’04 or underachieving in ’05 and ’06, when he was dealt to the Dodgers at the trade deadline.

Harper to the Sox would be delightful as well, even though there’s no guarantee they will be contenders within two seasons.

But at least they would get attention in a Cubs town, which is half the battle.

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CUBS

There’s still plenty of work to do

Cubs have to address need for reliever, backup catcher

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — The Cubs won’t conduct their first spring-training workout for two months, and the season opener is 3½ months away.

Those dates provide temporary relief in an offseason dominated by changes only to manager Joe Maddon’s coaching staff.

Before the Cubs made a quiet departure from the winter meetings Thursday, team officials spoke more about their potential improvements than about external additions such as the ones that highlighted past winters and helped set up four consecutive National League playoff appearances.

The Cubs would benefit from a slow-developing market for relievers, which is beginning to thaw after Jeurys Familia and Joe Kelly agreed to three-year contracts with the Mets and Dodgers, respectively.

The Cubs need to trade a few contracts to create financial room for a late-inning reliever to help compensate for injured closer Brandon Morrow, who is expected to be out through April as he recovers from right elbow surgery.

Left-handers Andrew Miller and Zach Britton are among the best available in a glutted market, but the price remains high because of their quality and versatility.

“Certainly Zach Britton’s history as a closer, he was dramatic,” said agent Scott Boras, referring to Britton’s American League record of converting 60 consecutive save chances from 2015 to ’17. “There are few closers who have that history. So whenever he’s on a club, it would be highly unlikely he wouldn’t carry out that role.

“But keep in mind, Zach is a great teammate, a winning player and the kind of guy who will always do what’s needed from the club he’s with.”

Boras indicated Britton’s value will dictate his contract rather than the role he would be asked to fill.

“Sometimes the guy who bats leadoff has the ability to hit fourth,” Boras quipped.

The Cubs are looking at several reliever candidates, including free agent Joakim Soria, but creating payroll space remains paramount because they are in danger of exceeding the \$206 million luxury-tax threshold for the 2019 season.

The addition of a veteran backup catcher would take the pressure off starter Willson Contreras and Victor Caratini, 25, whose development is somewhat limited in a backup role. Contreras’ numbers dipped significantly in 2018 compared with his first two seasons, when he batted .278 with 35 home runs and a .356 on-base percentage and provided stable defense.

Maddon would prefer Contreras stick to one setup position behind the plate instead of alternating between squatting and extending his leg.

“He was searching for different methods,” Maddon said. “And when you have to search constantly, normally that means something is not quite right. We do have to arrive at a moment he’s most comfortable with and most functional. And sometimes you have to sacrifice comfort for function.

“Even in the batter’s box, you have to sacrifice comfort for function, and then that becomes more comfortable as you get into this originally uncomfortable spot. All of these things we’ve got to deal with with him.”

So far the Cubs’ biggest offseason additions are hitting coach Anthony Iapoce and pitching coach Tommy Hottovy. Hottovy, who watched reliever Brandon Kintzler throw a bullpen session in Las Vegas this week, will continue to accelerate his teachings well in advance of spring training.

“If we can get some early work with all those guys, it’s important,” Hottovy said.

Hottovy believes the transition from advance scouting coordinator to pitching coach won’t be so drastic because of his daily game planning with Maddon the last four seasons.

“The communication will remain the same,” Hottovy said. “We’re just doing it in the dugout and not just before each series. There will be a learning curve, but Joe is a good communicator.”

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Zach Britton is one of the best available relievers on the free-agent market but might be too expensive for the Cubs.

BLACKHAWKS

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Hayden brings energy to role on power play

So far, Colliton likes what he has seen: ‘He’s got a motor’

By JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

It’s difficult for a guy like John Hayden to find the right role in the NHL.

He has enough offensive talent to be considered for the top line, enough energy for the checking line and enough character for the team to know he’ll work his hardest anywhere you put him.

Hayden’s latest role is as the net-front presence on the power play, a demanding job that didn’t immediately scream his name. Over the first 79 games of his career, Hayden had played a total of 14 minutes, 5 seconds on the power play.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton hasn’t shown any apprehension at mixing things up to see what works, and four games ago added him to the first unit with Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane, Alex DeBrincat and Brent Seabrook.

“We’re just trying to find new ideas,” Colliton said. “It’s something we talked about with the other four guys who are going to go out there too. What about this? Why don’t we try this? I think we all feel like it can work.”

The Hawks are 2-for-16 over those four games, a 12.5 percent conversion rate that’s not much better than their overall 12.1 percentage this season. But beyond the numbers, the power play has looked better than it has in weeks and Hayden is embracing his new role.

“It’s been great,” Hayden said. “It’s new this year, but I played a little bit there last year, I played on the power play in Rockford and a decent amount in Yale. So it’s something I’ve done before and something I want to take advantage of going forward.”

Colliton has liked what he has seen from Hayden, and not just on the power play.

“He’s got a motor,” Colliton said. “He’s got energy. He’s playing hard away from the puck and what he’s done in a few different situations, a few different lines is he creates possession. He can play on their half of the ice, he creates turnovers. He’s willing to go to the net.

“That’s why he’s on the power play, he’s willing to stand there and take a beating and immediately it adds a new dimension to the power play where any puck to the net is now a chance because he’s there.”

Hayden was a healthy scratch nine times over the season’s first 29 games. As long as



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Winger John Hayden may have found his niche as the net-front presence on the Blackhawks’ power play.



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he remains a staple on the power play, those days are likely behind him.

“As I’ve played more games in this league and played with different lines, there’s another level of comfort that I’ve started to feel,” Hayden said. “I’ve played on a line with almost every guy in here and now the power play, and I (was on the penalty kill) last year.

“It’s really just experience that’s invaluable and then listening to the rest of the guys. So for me it’s about taking it day by day and communicating with the guys to see whatever way I can help.”

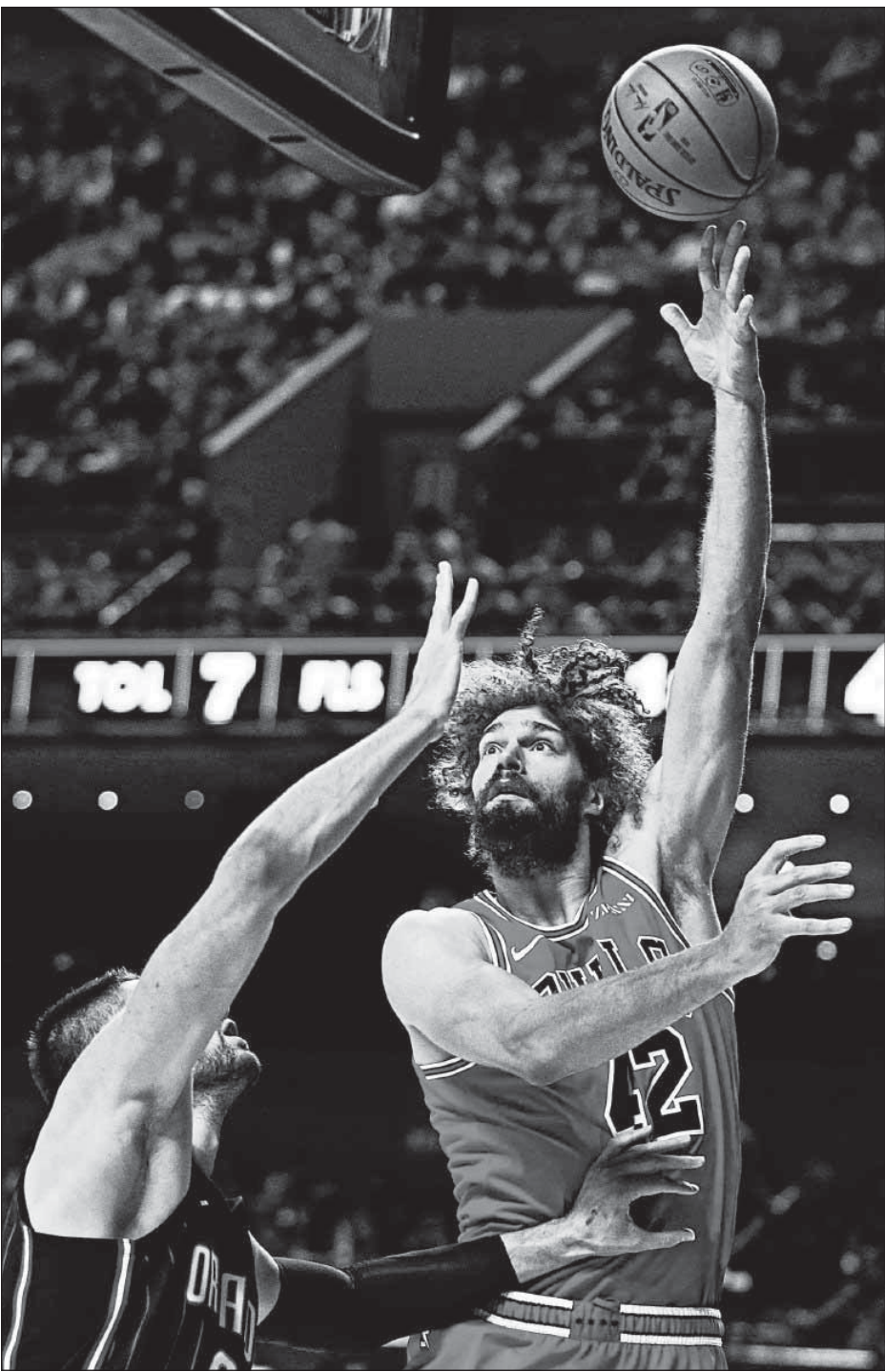
Rutta placed on waivers: The Hawks placed defenseman Jan Rutta on waivers Thursday, clearing the way to send him to Rockford if he goes unclaimed.

The Hawks are carrying eight defensemen, including Rutta, after calling up Carl Dahlstrom from the IceHogs on Wednesday. Dahlstrom had an assist and played 22 minutes, 34 seconds in his first game against the Penguins while Rutta was a healthy scratch.

Rutta, 28, is on a one-year, \$2.25 million deal and will be an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season.

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BULLS



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

The Bulls’ Robin Lopez puts up a hook shot over the Magic’s Nikola Vucevic on Thursday.

Magic beat Bulls

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prior coach. ... I will say there are rules set up in the collective bargaining agreement in terms of practice times and days off. No one has suggested to me that any of those rules have been violated.”

Backed by ownership and management and coaching to his true personality, Boylen remains resolute in his approach. He has said change is “raw.” And he has hinted at more changes coming now that Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis are healthy and back in the rotation.

Dunn came off the bench for the second straight game behind Ryan Arcidiacono, although Boylen said Dunn will start “eventually.” Dunn said he always does what his coach asks of him.

Meanwhile, Jabari Parker played a season-low 4 minutes, 10 seconds and none in the second half. The team’s highest-paid player and second-leading scorer and rebounder barely played despite Chandler Hutchison not dressing with an illness.

Parker, who signed a two-year, \$40 million deal in free agency that has a team option, hasn’t experienced a smooth homecoming.

Plans to start him at small forward were shelved. Fred Hoiberg moved him to a reserve role before Portis’ injury, which pushed Parker back into the starting lineup. Now his reserve minutes have dropped under Boylen, who told Parker and the team that his practice habits will determine future playing time.

This is why even though the Bulls have said all the right things publicly and legitimately felt Sunday’s two-hour meet-

ings were beneficial after talk of the practice boycott was scuttled, the current positivity will be tested.

Boylen not only has asked for more toughness and commitment but also sacrifice.

“We did have some distraction,” Boylen said. “We had some situations. But at the end of the day, it brought us closer. It opened more lines of communication. Togetherness is something we talk about. That’s an act. It’s not just a word.”

The Bulls displayed some toughness when Lauri Markkanen sank a tying 3-pointer with 66 seconds left despite missing eight of nine shots to that point. But after Nikola Vucevic drew an offensive foul, Dunn got whistled for the same on a drive with 33.7 seconds left.

Vucevic sank a wide-open jumper, and Zach LaVine, who led the Bulls with 23 points, missed on a drive. D.J. Augustin then sank four free throws in the final 9.9 seconds.

Silver made addressing the schedule one of the top priorities of his tenure, drastically reducing sets of back-to-back games and eliminating four-games-in-five-nights scenarios. The rest-friendly approach has led to some of the pushback Boylen is experiencing.

“We think the changes in the schedule have been very effective, and we’re hearing that directly from our teams and our players,” Silver said. “We think it has had a direct impact on the quality of the play on the floor and it’s resulted in less resting of players.”

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BULLS NOTES

Paxson: No recruiting worries

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

MEXICO CITY — If Jabari Parker isn’t on the payroll at the team option of \$20 million next season — a strong likelihood given that his role will diminish now that Bobby Portis has returned from injury — the Bulls could have roughly \$40 million of salary-cap space.

Despite the team turmoil over the last week, executive vice president John Paxson isn’t worried about the possible effect on recruiting free agents.

“We’re not at that stage to worry about it,” Paxson said. “All along what we’ve talked about is in the long run our young guys developing the way we think they can develop. If they become top NBA players — Lauri Markkanen, Wendell Carter Jr., Zach (LaVine) — and you get to be a pretty good basketball team, that sells people wanting to play with guys like that. You see it all the time. The good players want to play with the other good players. So we’ll address that when the time comes.”

Leading men: LaVine, Robin Lopez, Justin Holiday, Portis and Markkanen compose the Bulls’ leadership committee, whose formation coach Jim Boylen announced Tuesday. Such a group is more typical in the NFL, in which teams carry larger rosters.

But following Sunday’s events in which a group text exchange circulated with two or three players originally suggesting a

boycott of Boylen’s practice following a back-to-back and an intense week, Boylen went to players with the idea.

He said he wanted to establish the committee for issues that “strike to the soul and spirit of our team.”

Dotted-line time: The Nets signed guard Spencer Dinwiddie to a three-year extension worth \$34 million, which prompted this tweet from Dwyane Wade:

“Happy for @SDinwiddie_25 he paid his dues. Always thought he would have been a good fit in Chicago when i was there for our team. Very good combo guard. Congrats brother!”

The Bulls indeed waived Dinwiddie, originally acquired from the Pistons in the Cameron Bairstow trade, not once but twice in 2016. The first came in July when the Bulls agreed to deals with Wade and Rajon Rondo in free agency. With Jerian Grant slotted to back up Rondo, the Bulls determined Dinwiddie expendable.

Then, after re-signing Dinwiddie for training camp, the Bulls waived him after acquiring Michael Carter-Williams for Tony Snell and signing R.J. Hunter. Wade throwing shade at the Bulls after they paid him roughly \$39 million drew attention.

Layups: Chandler Hutchison didn’t dress because of illness. ... Markkanen wore a Finnish jersey with his name on the back into Mexico City Arena when the team arrived pregame.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Is Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald better suited to the college game than the pros? The Packers might offer him a chance to find out.

Any cons to pros?

Maybe a few, but NU coach Fitzgerald still drawing some interest from NFL

The Pat Fitzgerald/Packers buzz has led to genuine curiosity, healthy skepticism and, because it's 2018, wagering odds.

Last week MyBookie.ag listed Fitzgerald as a co-favorite with Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels at 6-1.

I'd say it's at least 16-1. But even at that, it's worth examining and asking several questions: Is Packers President Mark Murphy, the former Northwestern athletic director, genuinely interested? If so, would Fitzgerald reciprocate? If an offer were extended, would Fitzgerald actually leave Evanston for Green Bay? How long would it take him to adjust to ending media conversations with "Go Pack!" instead of "Go Cats!"?

Here are some thoughts after consulting with several people in the industry, including Fox Sports analyst Dave Wannstedt (former coach of the Bears, Dolphins and Pitt, his alma mater) plus a former college head coach who now works in the NFL and did not want to be named.

1. Two days after veteran Packers beat writer Tom Silverstein wrote, "It's almost a lock the Packers will contact Fitzgerald," CBS Sports NFL writer Jason La Canfora tweeted out a 1,500-word column to his 540,000 followers under this headline: "Packers' search for their next head coach should start with Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald."

La Canfora: "In this year where there are so few 'sure thing' head coaching candidates in the NFL, Fitzgerald would be the perfect boss for this club. ... Sure, I know the word on the street. Fitzgerald will never leave his alma mater. ... I (also) know that (Aaron) Rodgers is never going to be in his mid-30s again, and that this is a once-in-a-lifetime job right-bleeping-now."

2. Fitzgerald has been recruiting and running closed bowl practices since the Big Ten title game. He responded to my inquiry via text with a "GO CATS!" and "I don't discuss rumors." Smart. Why get locked into promises you might not be able to keep? Plus the attention is good for recruiting. "Young man, I'd rather coach you than Aaron Rodgers."

3. Wannstedt, who is close with Fitzgerald (they share an agent in Chicagoan Bryan Harlan), said this of the Packers: "It's a great job. Mark Murphy will pay well and the coach will have support." And did we mention the quarterback is named Aaron Rodgers? Wannstedt had a good run in Miami (42-31), twice making the playoffs. Yet his best quarterback was Jay Fiedler.

4. If you have a great quarterback, you can win the Super Bowl.

5. Wannstedt said an NFL head coach has to be knowledgeable about the entire game and an expert in one phase — offense, defense or special teams. At Northwestern, Fitzgerald is associated with defense and



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

special teams. His 2011 offense, coordinated by Mick McCall and run by quarterbacks Dan Persa and Kain Colter, finished fifth in the Big Ten in yards per play. Since then, that ranking has fallen to eighth, ninth, 14th, 14th, 10th, sixth and 12th. (The conference expanded to 14 teams in 2014.)

6. If the Packers are looking for someone to bring a "cutting-edge offense," as Silverstein wrote, I'm not sure how they can justify hiring Fitzgerald. The NU offense was futuristic in 2000, when Randy Walker and Kevin Wilson switched to a no-huddle, zone-read spread. Then almost everyone started doing it.

7. Former Notre Dame coach Bob Davie once told me the NFL is "pure football" — none of what some coaches consider the BS ... recruiting, fundraising, dealing with academics, selling the program.

8. In college coaching, Wannstedt said, "You have to enjoy recruiting and understand the importance of it because it's 24/7 ... evaluating players and convincing them that you will be able to make the biggest difference in their lives."

9. Is Fitzgerald strong enough in X's and O's? Could he be the defensive equivalent of Matt Nagy? Consider this: As Northwestern's All-Everything linebacker in the mid-'90s, Fitzgerald would peer into the backfield, analyze the stances of the offensive linemen and signal to defensive backs whether the play would be a run or pass. Cornerback Chris Martin said Fitzgerald was right 99 percent of the time, which is to say Fitzgerald loves the strategy and science of football. That's how a guy with 4.8 "speed" became a two-time national defensive player of the year.

10. My personal thought: Fitzgerald absolutely could become the kind of X's and O's maven that flourishes in the NFL. But if he left the college game, he would forgo many of the things that make him Coach Fitz: His deep care for players and their families; his push that they be academically elite (NU's 98 percent Graduation Success Rate tied for the FBS high); the extra motivation derived from coaching at his alma mater.

11. And how could he leave now? The Wildcats finally broke through and won the Big Ten West. Hunter Johnson, the five-star quarterback transfer from Clemson, becomes eligible in the fall. Northwestern just unveiled the \$270 million Fitz Carlton, which supercharges recruiting and allows players to train, eat and recuperate on campus. Fitzgerald loves his athletic director (Jim Phillips), president (Morton Schapiro) and top donor (Pat Ryan). And Fitzgerald's family — wife Stacy and their three sons — is entrenched on the North Shore.

12. As Wannstedt once said, famously and infamously, "All the pieces are in place."

13. Wannstedt on the Packers: "It might be the right job but the wrong time. Now is as exciting a time to be at Northwestern as they have had in a long, long time."

14. It is possible to work in Green Bay and have your family remain on the North Shore. It's a three-hour drive. When Jerry Fontenot coached for the Packers, his family lived on the North Shore.

15. Nick Saban (15-17), Chip Kelly (28-35) and Steve Spurrier (12-20) couldn't win in the NFL. Pete Carroll and Jim Harbaugh have succeeded at both levels. Lovie Smith's Bears defense rocked; his Illini defense gave up 63 points three times last season. What does all that mean? The situation often dictates success.

16. The biggest differences between coaching in college versus the pros? As the anonymous coach put it: "It is, by far, recruiting and relating to millennials without being too heavy on them. With all the transfers and potential issues, if you make one kid mad, he and his parents can sully your name and reputation. ... The professional environment of older men working to survive for their families brings an approach that makes it all about football and ultimately winning."

17. Fitzgerald, he said, might be more suited to the college game because "he is a development guy who cares about the player that's in the uniform. Many (in college) preach it but turn the cheek when it's not helping them win."

18. Wannstedt on NFL players: "You have to be able to motivate and communicate with guys that are making 10 times more than you. You deal with their egos and everything away from football."

19. Fitzgerald would need help putting together an NFL staff. It's hard to envision defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz, who turns 71 on Friday, taking a new gig. And like Hankwitz, McCall has never coached in the pros.

20. That said, Fitzgerald has tons of NFL contacts. He seems to bond with every NFL scout who comes through Evanston.

21. Were Murphy to rehire Fitzgerald, skeptics would say: Man, he doesn't have much of a network. Hiring the same guy twice? Yet if he has such a strong conviction that Fitzgerald is the right guy, he might be willing to sink or swim with him. Murphy is 63, so this could be his final coaching search.

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Carr believes Fitz in NFL could work

Saints WR says his college coach up for any challenge

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Like most associated with Northwestern football, Saints receiver Austin Carr believes Pat Fitzgerald could make it as an NFL coach. And like most, he hopes never to find out.

"I do think it's a long shot," Carr said Thursday. "I think he is a college football coach to his core, but you never know."

Were Fitzgerald to go to the pros, he would have to earn the trust of his players. At Northwestern, his credibility tank overflows. He's a former two-time national defensive player of the year who helped the Wildcats get to the Rose Bowl. And as a coach, he has had three 10-win seasons since 2012.

"It begins with a respect for him having played at such a high level," Carr said. "And then his genuine care for the players, knowing when to push harder (and) when to taper off, his understanding of injuries and our schedules. It's not just a college football load, but the Northwestern load. When he opens his mouth about what the players should do, it's not falling on deaf ears because he shares how he failed and succeeded."

"(The NFL) is such a win-or-lose league. It can go season by season."

Carr, 24, is enjoying a breakthrough season with the Saints, who are 11-2 heading into Monday night's road game against the Panthers. Carr has nine receptions and made scoring catches in back-to-back games last month.

Before joining the Saints, he spent four months with the Patriots. So the former Northwestern walk-on knows a little something about a winning culture.

Under coach Sean Payton, Carr said, the Saints stress "high camaraderie and high interaction — from (different) position groups to both sides of the ball. It is a locker room of high-character players, most of whom are motivated intrinsically: They want to win the Super Bowl and be the best they can be."

Asked to quantify how much more complex the professional game is, Carr put it like this: Saints receivers had 55 personnel groups for a recent game. At Northwestern, where the players are also occupied with subjects such as macroeconomics and political science, they would enter a game having to be versed in no more than 10 personnel groups.

"Coach Fitz is smart," Carr said. "I don't think it would be too big of a challenge for him."



SCOTT CLAUSE/AP

Former Northwestern receiver Austin Carr thinks Wildcats coach Pat Fitzgerald would adjust quickly to the NFL.

Ex-Maryland coach tries to turn the tide

By DON MARKUS | Baltimore Sun

Former Maryland coach DJ Durkin could become the latest football coach to rebuild his career at Alabama.

According to a report Thursday on AL.com, Durkin has been working with the Crimson Tide in a "consultant-like capacity" for the past week.

Durkin, 40, was fired Oct. 31, one day after the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents had reinstated him following nearly three months on paid administrative leave.

Durkin lost his job in the aftermath of offensive lineman Jordan McNair's death in June and allegations of a "toxic" culture in the way he ran the football program during his 2 1/2-year tenure at Maryland.

Neither Durkin nor a spokesperson for Alabama coach Nick Saban could be reached for comment. Durkin's attorney, Jeffrey Klein, declined to comment.

Because Maryland announced Durkin was fired without cause, he was to receive the \$5.4 million owed to him as part of his buyout.

Durkin's presence in Tuscaloosa, Ala., comes as Mike Locksley, the Tide offensive coordinator whom Maryland hired last week as its new coach, returns to Alabama to prepare the team for its Dec. 29 College Football Playoff semifinal against Oklahoma.

Locksley, who spent the past week talking to current Maryland players, recruiting and building his staff, will finish his duties as offensive coordinator for the top-seeded Tide.

NFL

BEARS

Fangio, Helfrich analyze a big win

By COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

The Bears coordinators spoke Thursday at Halas Hall as their units prepare to take on the Packers on Sunday at Soldier Field with a chance to clinch the NFC North title. Here are highlights from those sessions.

After the Bears held one of the NFL's top offenses to six points Sunday night against the Rams, Vic Fangio said he "tried to do a cartwheel but I couldn't."

The 60-year-old Bears defensive coordinator was joking (we think), but he acknowledged he took satisfaction in his unit's dominance against a Rams team led by quarterback Jared Goff and running back Todd Gurley.

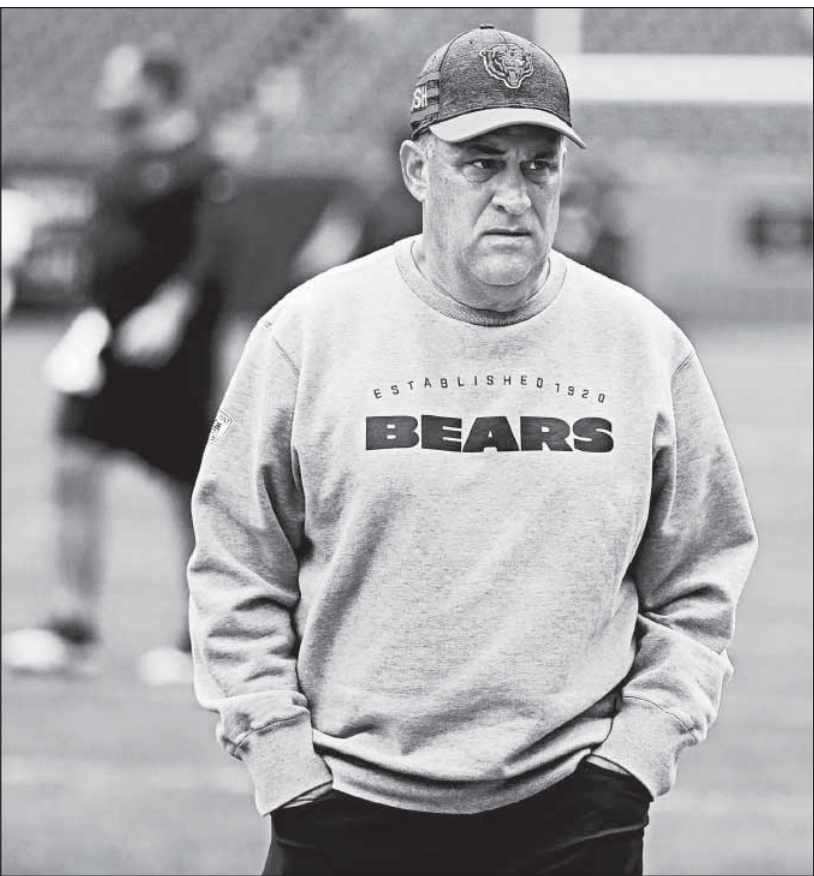
"I was happy for our players, knowing what it meant for them as individuals and as a unit," Fangio said. "The Sunday night games, you get home later and then have to get right back at it, so that curtails a little of the celebrating."

Fangio said one defensive difference between the loss to Giants and the victory over the Rams was that the Bears avoided the handful of mistakes from missed assignments and poor technique that hurt them a week earlier. They'll need to minimize those again against a Packers group he said is "highly talented on offense."

"This is a very, very talented offense that has been very productive in their time there," Fangio said. "It's going to be a major, major challenge in this game."

Offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich saw things that were "unlike" quarterback Mitch Trubisky on Sunday against the Rams.

Trubisky completed 16 of 30 passes for 110 yards and a touchdown. His three interceptions were a career



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Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said he was so excited about the defense's performance against the Rams that he "tried to do a cartwheel" but couldn't.

high, and his 33.3 passer rating was a career low.

"He's a good critic of himself," Helfrich said. "He had some moments that are just very unlike him, things that we haven't seen. His footwork, his balance, his confidence in operation was just a tick off, and that resulted in missed opportunities. There's nobody that's worked harder or attacked it better than him both throughout that game, the second half of that game, and this week."

However, Helfrich wouldn't speculate whether the issues were related to Trubisky's two-week layoff from injury or the freezing weather.

Fangio said defensive backs Sherrick McManis and DeAndre Houston-Carson will have to make the most of their opportunities with nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan out for the season with a broken left foot.

Fangio noted that McManis, in his seventh season with the Bears, has experience at the nickel position.

"He played there for about the first half of the 2015 season and then when we inserted Bryce," Fangio said. "He became a mentor to Bryce

all along the way, starting at that point, and it has continued up until this point. I think he'll be ready to play."

Fangio said Houston-Carson has a lot of practice experience working in the Bears' dime package but not a lot of game experience there.

"He's a smart guy," Fangio said. "He has good instincts, and I know personally he has been champing at the bit to get some defensive snaps. So I think he'll be ready mentally and emotionally."

Helfrich said he thought the Bears offensive line, including rookie left guard James Daniels, had a "great approach" to stopping Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald, a candidate for NFL defensive player of the year.

Donald had no sacks, one quarterback hit and two tackles Sunday.

"(Daniels) had a great mindset going into it," Helfrich said. "You never really know how that guy's going to respond until you get in that moment."

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NFL NOTES

Chargers go for win in rally over Chiefs

Associated Press

Philip Rivers led the Chargers to a pair of touchdowns in the final minutes, then hit Mike Williams for the go-ahead 2-point conversion with 4 seconds remaining in a 29-28 victory over the Chiefs on Thursday night in Kansas City, Mo.

The Chargers (11-3) trailed 28-14 before Justin Jackson scored with 3:49 to go, then forced Patrick Mahomes and Co. into a quick punt. Rivers went right back to work, throwing a fourth-down dart to Travis Benjamin and getting some help from a questionable pass-interference penalty on their final drive.

The flag on Kendall Fuller gave the Chargers first-and-goal at the 1 with 8 seconds to go, and Williams hauled in a juggling catch along the sideline. Faced with an extra point for overtime, coach Anthony Lynn went for the win, and Rivers found Williams all alone in the end zone.

Not only did the Chargers clinch a playoff berth, they forged a first-place tie with the Chiefs (11-3) in the AFC West.

Eagles mum on Wentz:

Carson Wentz sat out the open portion of practice because of a back injury, increasing the possibility that Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles will start at quarterback for the Eagles on Sunday against the Rams.

Two people familiar with Wentz's injury confirmed that Wentz has a fractured vertebrae, but no definitive determination has been made regarding his status, pending further evaluation. Both people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Foles hasn't taken a snap

in a game since Week 2. He took over in Week 14 last season after Wentz tore two ligaments in his left knee. Foles led the Eagles to their first NFL title since 1960 and started the first two games this season, going 1-1.

Wentz has 3,074 yards passing, 21 touchdowns and seven interceptions in 11 games this season after finishing third in the NFL MVP voting last year.

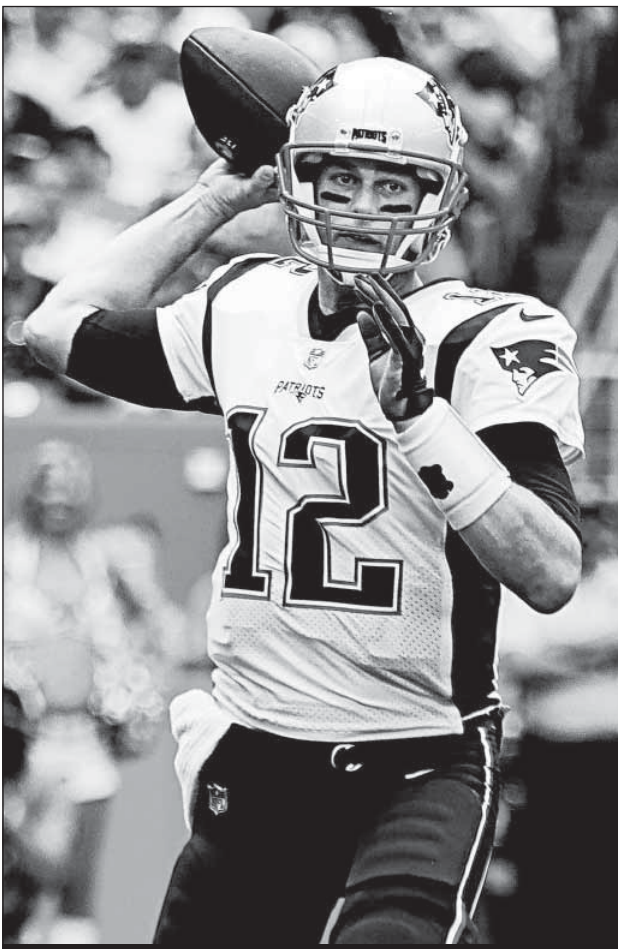
Extra points: Bills RB LeSean McCoy returned to practice on a limited basis a day after being held out because of an injury to his left hamstring. Coach Sean McDermott said the team will continue evaluating McCoy's progress before determining whether he can play Sunday against the Lions. ... The Browns will again be without rookie CB Denzel Ward, who will miss his second straight game with a concussion Saturday at Denver. Ward has been in concussion protocol since getting hurt making a tackle Dec. 2. ... Jets RB Isaiah Crowell and WR Quincey Enunwa will not play against the Texans on Saturday. Crowell is dealing with a toe ailment, and Enunwa has an ankle injury. ... A Texas jury returned a \$25 million verdict against former Cowboys player Josh Brent and the owner of a now-defunct nightclub in the death of Brent's teammate, Jerry Brown Jr. Brown was killed six years ago when the car Brent was driving overturned in Irving. Brent had a blood-alcohol level of .18 percent. Brown's mother, Stacey Jackson, and his estate sued Brent and Beamers, an Irving nightclub, alleging the nightspot overserved Brent with alcohol.

Week 15 picks

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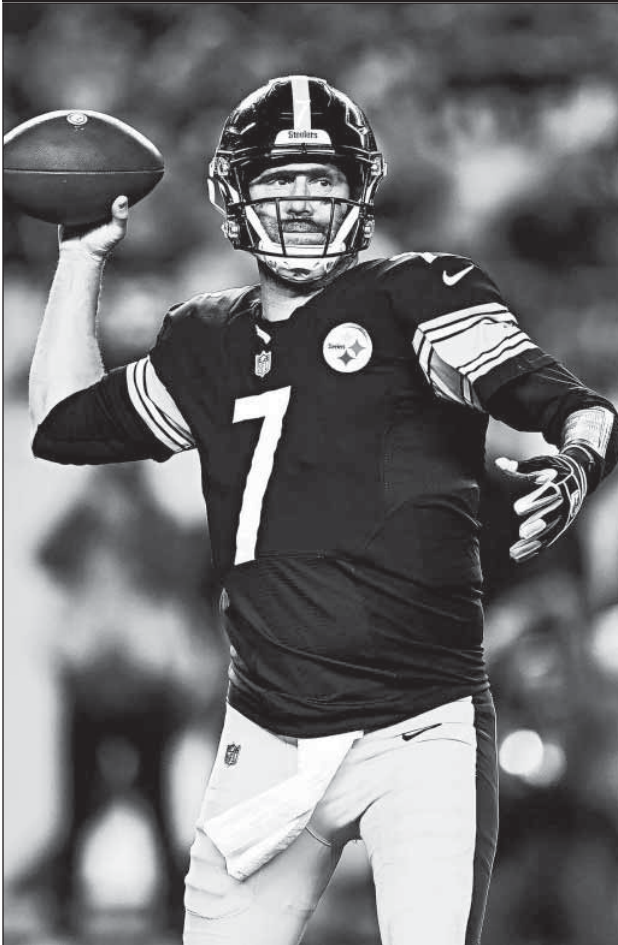
Last week: 9-7 (8-8 vs. spread)
Season: 135-71-2 (99-101-8 vs. spread)

	TEXANS (9-4) AT JETS (4-9) 3:30 p.m. Saturday, NFLN Texans by 6½ (O/U 41½)	The Jets had a good win over the Bills last week, and they play better at home. That said, go with Deshaun Watson and the Texans, who will bounce back from their loss to the Colts because they have to. Texans 28, Jets 24
	BROWNS (5-7-1) AT BRONCOS (6-7) 7:20 p.m. Saturday, NFLN Broncos by 2½ (O/U 46)	The Browns are running the ball and sticking with it, and that's allowing their defense to stay fresh. The Browns are stopping the run well, too, and that's key against a Broncos team coming off a bad loss. Browns 23, Broncos 21
	PACKERS (5-7-1) AT BEARS (9-4) Noon Sunday, FOX-32 Bears by 6 (O/U 45)	The Bears might not be rolling on offense, but their defense is smothering. That will be good enough against the up-and-down Packers, especially because Aaron Rodgers can struggle in Chicago. Bears 28, Packers 21
	LIONS (5-8) AT BILLS (4-9) Noon Sunday Bills by 2½ (O/U 39½)	The Bills defense is fairly stingy, but the Lions are a bit better team. Two mediocre teams that can occasionally get hot. Go with the more experienced quarterback in this one, Matthew Stafford, even though he's on the road. Lions 24, Bills 21
	BUCCANEERS (5-8) AT RAVENS (7-6) Noon Sunday Ravens by 7½ (O/U 46½)	The Buccaneers can be explosive on offense, but maybe not against this defense, which gave the Chiefs all they could handle last week. The Ravens grind it out on the ground, playing typical December football. Ravens 23, Buccaneers 20
	CARDINALS (3-10) AT FALCONS (4-9) Noon Sunday Falcons by 10 (O/U 44)	As disappointing as this season as been for the Falcons, they should be able to handle the Cardinals, particularly in Atlanta. The Cardinals were able to generate only three points last week in a home loss to the Lions. Falcons 30, Cardinals 10
	RAIDERS (3-10) AT BENGALS (5-8) Noon Sunday Bengals by 3 (O/U 45½)	The Bengals played a lot better at the Chargers last week than most people expected. The Raiders are coming off a huge win over the Steelers. The Bengals don't have to travel and are used to the weather. Bengals 27, Raiders 23
	TITANS (7-6) AT GIANTS (5-8) Noon Sunday Giants by 1½ (O/U 43½)	Both teams have won two in a row, and the Titans really have the ground game going. The Giants finally have figured out what they want to do on offense and are prepared to hold serve. Giants 28, Titans 21
	DOLPHINS (7-6) AT VIKINGS (6-6-1) Noon Sunday Vikings by 7½ (O/U 44½)	A team that fires a coach during the season tends to play well the next week, even if it's just a coordinator. So go with the Vikings over a Dolphins team that's coming off an emotional, stunning win over the Patriots. Vikings 31, Dolphins 24
	REDSKINS (6-7) AT JAGUARS (4-9) Noon Sunday Jaguars by 7½ (O/U 36)	Two teams in dueling tailspins. Apparently, you can run it on the Jaguars now, as the Titans discovered in dramatic fashion. The Redskins are capable of cobbling together a close win. Redskins 13, Jaguars 10
	COWBOYS (8-5) AT COLTS (7-6) Noon Sunday Colts by 3 (O/U 47)	The Cowboys are feeling good about themselves, as they should. The Colts are riding high, too, after an impressive division win. Leave it to Andrew Luck to find a way to take the Cowboys down a notch. Colts 23, Cowboys 21
	SEAHAWKS (8-5) AT 49ERS (3-10) 3:05 p.m. Sunday Seahawks by 3½ (O/U 43½)	These aren't quite the Seahawks of old, but they're winning in familiar fashion. The playoffs are inching ever closer. Niners coach Kyle Shanahan deserves credit for keeping that M*A*S*H unit competitive. Seahawks 30, 49ers 20
	PATRIOTS (9-4) AT STEELERS (7-5-1) 3:25 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2 Patriots by 2½ (O/U 52)	The Steelers are really struggling, and they're facing a brutal 1-2 punch coming in the Patriots and Saints. The Patriots rebound from their shocking, last-second loss to the Dolphins. Patriots 31, Steelers 27
	EAGLES (6-7) AT RAMS (11-2) 7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5 Rams by 11½ (O/U 52½)	After a so-so game and a terrible game, Jared Goff returns to form at home, and the Rams start looking like a top-shelf offense again. Watch them pull away in the second half of this one. Rams 34, Eagles 17
	SAINTS (11-2) AT PANTHERS (6-7) 7:15 p.m. Monday, ESPN Saints by 6½ (O/U 51½)	The Saints are back on track for the No. 1 seed and they're determined not to let the Panthers derail them. The Panthers defense is a shell of its former self, and Drew Brees will capitalize on that. Saints 31, Panthers 21






LYNNE SLADKY/AP (ABOVE), JOE SARGENT/GETTY

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger will square off Sunday in Pittsburgh.



SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
			GB Noon FOX-32, AM-780				
		@SA 7:30 WGN-9, AM-670		@OKC 7 WGN-9, AM-670		BKN 7 WGN-9, AM-670	
	WPG 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		SJ 6 WGN-9, AM-720		NSH 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		@DAL 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720

FRIDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA		
6:30 p.m. Pacers at 76ers		ESPN
9:30 p.m. Thunder at Nuggets		ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
6 p.m. UIC at DePaul	FS1, WSCR-AM 670	
8 p.m. Green Bay at Creighton	FS1	
G-LEAGUE		
7 p.m. Canton at Windy City	NBCSCH+	
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
7 p.m. FCS playoffs: North Dakota St. vs. South Dakota St.	ESPN2	
GOLF		
9 p.m. Indonesian Masters	Golf Channel	
3:30 a.m. Alfred Dunhill Championship (Sat.)	Golf Channel	
NHL		
7:30 p.m. Jets at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720	
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
1:20 p.m. Nuremberg vs. Wolfsburg	FS2	
COLLEGE WRESTLING		
5 p.m. Arizona State at Penn State	ESPN2	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE					
DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS		TM
Sat	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)	11	30
Sat	Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. La-Lafay. (7-6)	12	30
Sat	New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah St (10-2)	12	30
Sat	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St (7-5)	2	30
Sat	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	UAB (8-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)	4	30
Sat	New Orleans	New Orleans	MTSU (8-5) vs. Appalachian St (10-2)	8	30
Sue	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB (10-3) vs. North Illinois (8-5)	4	30
Wed	Frisco	Frisco, Tex.	San Diego St (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4)	7	30
W20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)	7	30
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)	11	30
D21	Idaho Potato	Boise	W Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)	3	30
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11	30
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (10-2)	2	30
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)	6	30
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9	30
D26	SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. (7-5) vs. Boise St (10-3)	12	30
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4	15
D26	Cheez-IT	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8	15
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12	30
D27	Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4	15
D27	Texas	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8	30
D28	Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12	30
D28	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (9-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4	15
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St (8-4) vs. Wash. St (10-2)	11	30
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11	30
D29	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11	30
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12	15
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3	30
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-4)	7	30
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11	30
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1	30
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2	30
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St (6-6)	2	30
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6	30
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6	30
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11	30
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St (9-3)	noon	30
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon	30
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St (12-1)	4	30
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2)	7	45
J7	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7	30

OTHER BOWLS

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	Pasadena vs. National	3
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

FCS PLAYOFFS

Friday's semifinal	
North Dakota State (13-0) vs. South Dakota State (10-2), 7	
Saturday's semifinal	
Maine (10-3) vs. E. Washington (11-2), 1	

DIV. II CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday in McKinney, Texas	
Valdosta St. (13-0) vs. Ferris St. (15-0), 3	

NFL

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	9	4	0	.692	359	247
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	282	291
Green Bay	5	7	1	.423	315	307
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	271	319
AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	276	246
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	281	295
Washington	6	7	0	.462	249	297
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	307	331
NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	11	2	0	.846	447	283
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	324	332
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	332	383
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	316	367
NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-L.A. Rams	11	2	0	.846	425	313
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	340	266
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	178	327
San Francisco	3	10	0	.231	275	350
AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	367	306
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	321	241
Cleveland	5	7	1	.423	292	332
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	307	397
AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	364	293
Miami	7	6	0	.538	278	333
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	201	320
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	270	330
AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	9	4	0	.692	323	259
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	349	300
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	251	254
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	212	273
AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	499	380
x-L.A. Chargers	11	3	0	.786	395	298
Denver	6	7	0	.462	290	282
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	244	388

x-clinched playoff spot; y-division

WEEK 15

THURSDAY'S RESULT		
L.A. Chargers 29, Kansas City 28		
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE		
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 3:30 (NFLN)		
Cleveland at Denver, 7:20 (NFLN)		
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE		
Green Bay at Bears, noon (FOX-32)		
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, noon		
Detroit at Buffalo, noon		
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, noon		
Arizona at Atlanta, noon		
Oakland at Cincinnati, noon		
Dallas at Indianapolis, noon		
Miami at Minnesota, noon		
Washington at Jacksonville, noon		
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05		
Dallas coach for West Michigan (MWL)		
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 7:20 (NBC-5)		
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE		
New Orleans at Carolina, 7:15 (ESPN)		
Feb. 3: Super Bowl, Atlanta.		

GOLF

ALFRED DUNHILL CHAMPIONSHIP		
Leopard Creek CC		
Makelane, South Africa		
Purse: \$1.7 million		
Yardage: 7,287; Par: 72		
First Round		
Oliver Bekker, 66		
South Africa		
Dimitrios Papadatos, 67		
Australia		
Raphael Jacquelin, 68		
France		
Espen Korstad, 69		
Norway		
Hoywon Park, 69		
Sweden		
South Korea		
Dylan Frittelli, 69		
South Africa		
Darren Fichardt, 70		
South Africa		
David Drysdale, 70		
Scotland		
Pablo Larrazabal, 69		
Spain		
Liam Johnson, 69		
Scotland		
Oliver Wilson, 69		
England		
Ockie Strydom, 70		
South Africa		
Robert Karlsson, 69		
Sweden		
Ben Evans, 70		
England		
David Lipsky, 70		
United States		
Bernd Wiesberger, 70		
Austria		
Marc Warren, 69		
Scotland		
Oliver Wilson, 69		
England		
Ockie Strydom, 70		
South Africa		

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL		
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Detroit: Named Juan Nieves pitching coach for Toledo (IL); Mike Rabelo manager, Brian Harper hitting coach and Mark Johnson pitching coach for Erie (EL); Andrew Graham manager and Jorge Cordova pitching coach for Lakeland (FSL); Willie Blair pitching coach and Eddie Dennis coach for West Michigan (MWL).		
Tampa Bay: Acquired 3B Yandy Diaz and a player to be named for INF Jake Bauers. Acquired RHP Cole Sulser from Cleveland and a three-way deal, sending cash to the Seattle Mariners.		
Texas: Acquired RHP Jordan Romano from the Chicago White Sox for cash considerations. Acquired the sixth overall selection in the Competitive Balance Round A of the 2019 MLB draft from Milwaukee for LHP Alex Claudio.		
BASKETBALL		
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION		
New York: Signed G Allonzo Trier to a guaranteed NBA contract. Waived G Ron Baker.		
FOOTBALL		
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE		
Cleveland: Promoted LB Xavier Woods-Luster from the practice squad. Placed TE Orson Charles on injured reserve. Signed QB Ashton Lampkin to the practice squad. Placed QB Robert Jackson on the practice squad/injured list.		
HOCKEY		
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE		
Detroit: Reassigned F Dylan Sadovny from the Chicago (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).		
ECHL		
ECHL: Suspended Allen's David Makowski three games and fined him an undisclosed amount; fined Allen's Greg		

LATEST LINE

NBA		FRIDAY	
pregame.com		Atlanta	
at Boston	13	New York	
at Charlotte	10	at Cleveland	
at Milwaukee	10	Indianapolis	
at Philadelphia	off	Washington	
at Brooklyn	1½	Miami	
at Memphis	off	at Toronto	
at Portland	off	at Sacramento	
at Golden State	8	at Denver	
Oklahoma City	2		
COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
		FRIDAY	
at DePaul	9½	Ill.-Chicago	
at Arkansas St	2	Fla. Atlantic	
at Creighton	18½	Green Bay	
NHL		FRIDAY	
at Blackhawks	0	at Winnipeg	off
at Las Vegas	-135	at New Jersey	+125
at Rangers	-143	Arizona	+130
at Pittsburgh	-140	Boston	+130
at Detroit	off	Off Ottawa	off
at Carolina	off	Off Washington	off
at St. Louis	off	Colorado	off
at Edmonton	-140	Philadelphia	+130

NFL		
WEEK 15		
Houston	6½	at NY Jets
at Denver	2½	Cleveland
SUNDAY		
at Bears	6	Green Bay
at Minnesota	7	Miami
at Cincinnati	3	Oakland
at Baltimore	7½	Tampa Bay
at Indianapolis	2	Las Vegas
at Buffalo	2½	Detroit
at NY Giants	1½	Tennessee
at Jacksonville	7½	Washington
at Atlanta	10	Arizona
Seattle	3½	at San Fran.
New England	2½	at Pittsburgh
at LA Rams	11½	Philadelphia
MONDAY		
		at Carolina

BEARS



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears linebackers Khalil Mack (52) and Danny Trevathan (59) force Buccaneers quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick to fumble, during the first half of their game at Soldier Field on Sept. 30.

Pro Bowl prognostications

Bears, from Page 1

Asked if such a performance would turn heads around the NFL, Hicks laughed. “I thought we’d been turning heads,” he said. “Did we just get good? Last year, we were a top-10 defense. We weren’t stopping there.”
Week after week, the Bears defense has

continued to earn credit for lifting a recently hapless franchise back into championship contention. The meaningful rewards are coming soon. With one more victory, the Bears would clinch their first playoff berth since 2010. And when Pro Bowl rosters are announced next week, the Bears figure to be well-represented.
The invitations to Orlando, Fla., will be

given out Tuesday during a prime-time special on NFL Network. When the Pro Bowl topic came up early this week at Halas Hall, Hicks explained why it would mean something to him personally to receive that honor.
“It’s something I’ve aspired to achieve,” he said. “It’s something I’ve wanted for a really long time. Is it going to happen? Is it

guaranteed to happen? No. Have I been shafted before? Yes. Will it hurt the same? It for sure will.”
To be certain, Hicks belongs in Orlando. And if he goes, he’ll likely be joined by several teammates. With less than a week before the selections are made, here’s a snapshot look at the Pro Bowl chances of the Bears’ seven most deserving candidates.

Khalil Mack, outside linebacker

The case for: Across the league, Mack is regarded as the best player on a top-tier defense. His September arrival is seen as the match that lit the wick for an already solid Bears defense to explode. Mack’s 10 sacks rank sixth among NFC edge rushers. He also has forced six fumbles, tied with Dee Ford of the Chiefs for the NFL lead. Plus, there’s a belief in many league circles that Mack’s mere presence has been a major factor in the emergence of so many playmakers around him.
The case against: Mack has been to the Pro Bowl three times already. Isn’t that enough? All kidding aside, there’s no legitimate reason to keep him away from Orlando.
Signature moment: One could easily vote for Mack’s candy-from-a-baby strip-sack of the Packers’ Deshone Kizer in the season opener. An argument could also be made that his habit of thrusting 310-pound tackles to the ground with just one hand tells you all you need to know about his rare combination of athleticism and strength. But we’ll single out his fourth-quarter strip-sack of Cardinals quarterback Sam Bradford in Week 3. The Bears trailed 14-13 at the time, and that takeaway at the Bears 16-yard line took points from the Cardinals and allowed the Bears to march 59 yards the other way for the winning field goal. That’s a winning play in a winning moment.

Our guess: In.



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Defensive end Akiem Hicks (96) has been a nightmare for offensive linemen and is enjoying a career season.

Akiem Hicks, defensive end

The case for: Hicks’ stats — 48 tackles, 11 for a loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles — are impressive but hardly describe his full impact. As good as Mack has been, an argument can be made that Hicks has been the defense’s most valuable player, an every-week game-wrecker who has been dominant against the run and solid as a pass rusher. The 6-foot-5, 332-pound Hicks has been a nightmare for offensive linemen and is enjoying a career season in his seventh year.
The case against: Hicks will need to work to get his sack total into double figures. (He needs four in the final three games.) And for those enamored with one stat column only, maybe that’s a hurdle Hicks won’t be able to clear. Still, after the dominance Hicks has shown all season, if he were kept out of the Pro Bowl, he would have every right to argue the selection process is a sham.

Signature moment: Hicks should have the box score of his Week 11 performance against the Vikings framed and hung above his fireplace. Six tackles, five of them for a loss. A sack. Two quarterback hits. And as eye-catching as those numbers are, the game film from that night is even more terrifying. This is what it would look like if a construction ball took down a house made of Legos.

Our guess: In.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears free safety Eddie Jackson intercepts a pass to end the second quarter against the Rams on Sunday.

Eddie Jackson, free safety

The case for: Jackson has five interceptions through 13 games, the second-highest total among NFC safeties. He has forced two fumbles and scored three touchdowns, boasting a career TD total of five. Jackson was named NFC Defensive Player of the Month in November and has been not only a clutch playmaker, but also an energetic and vocal leader for the defense.
The case against: At times, Jackson’s tackling has been erratic, a self-admitted weakness he’ll have to shore up to be considered a complete safety. Still, that’s a nit-picky complaint that detracts from the game-changing contributions he has made all year.

Signature moment: Jackson’s 41-yard interception-return touchdown on Thanksgiving was a big play in a big moment, a getaway car that allowed an exhausted Bears team to steal a 23-16 road win over the Lions. Four nights earlier, Jackson returned a Kirk Cousins interception 27 yards to help seal a huge 25-10 win over the Vikings in prime time.

Our guess: In.

Kyle Fuller, cornerback

The case for: Start with Fuller’s seven interceptions, tied with Xavien Howard of the Dolphins for the NFL lead. Then realize Fuller also has 26 passes defended, best in the NFL. Fuller’s teammates and coaches point out his 2018 success hasn’t come by accident but is a byproduct of how hard he studies and how intensely he prepares. Given a four-year, \$56 million contract with \$18 million guaranteed last spring, the veteran cornerback didn’t exhale. Instead, he stayed motivated to provide a satisfying return on investment.
The case against: Fuller doesn’t have a household name and had enough bumpy patches early in his career that outsiders might be slow to the party in recognizing just how good he has become. Once again, that would be a silly reason for him not to get his Pro Bowl invitation.
Signature moment: The November game against the Bills stands out. A feisty defense catalyzed a 41-9 blowout. Fuller’s deflection on a pass to Terrelle Pryor in the second quarter ricocheted to Adrian Amos for a pick. His pass breakup on Zay Jones on the next series allowed Leonard Floyd to get his first career pick and his first career touchdown on a 19-yard return. Fuller also grabbed an interception in the second half of that game.

Our guess: In.



Mr. Do-It-All Tarik Cohen is on pace for 1,300 yards from scrimmage and seven touchdowns as a running back.
JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

Tarik Cohen, return specialist

The case for: Cohen is averaging 12.4 yards on punt returns, best in the NFC among players with at least 10 returns. And if the Pro Bowl is also supposed to be a fun showcase of the league’s most exciting players, it’s worth pointing out Cohen is on pace for 1,300 yards from scrimmage and seven touchdowns as a running back, easily the most dangerous weapon in the Bears offense.
The case against: Cohen has yet to return a punt for a touchdown, lacking a viral special teams highlight that would bolster his case. He also hasn’t handled kickoff-return duties much this season.

Signature moment: You never know what will happen when the ball’s in Cohen’s hands. On the final play of regulation against the Giants in Week 13, he threw a game-tying 1-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Miller on a trick play named “Oompa Loompa.” For Cohen, that was the exclamation point to a day in which he also posted career highs with 12 catches and 156 receiving yards.

Our guess: Alternate.

Danny Trevathan, inside linebacker

The case for: Trevathan has 87 tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception. He has been a fiery leader in the middle of the defense and was named NFC Defensive Player of the Month in September.
The case against: Trevathan’s production has been steady but far from spectacular. Luke Kuechly of the Panthers and Bobby Wagner of the Seahawks are Pro Bowl regulars, and Trevathan isn’t in that company.

Signature moment: The Bears closed out their first win of the season, a 24-10 defeat of the Seahawks, when Trevathan came through with a key strip-sack late in the game, hustling to chase down Russell Wilson and swatting the ball from the quarterback’s right hand.

Our guess: Alternate.

Eddie Goldman, defensive tackle

The case for: Goldman has easily been the most underappreciated cog in the Bears defense, a space-eating nose tackle who does so much dirty work without complaining. His presence in the middle has been beneficial to Hicks as opponents struggle to handle both linemen.
The case against: The Rams’ Aaron Donald is getting in. The Buccaneers’ Gerald McCoy and Saints’ Sheldon Rankins probably are too. Goldman’s numbers — 45 tackles, two sacks — aren’t a big enough reflection of his true value. He’s also a quiet guy by nature, rarely attracting much spotlight.

Signature moment: Goldman’s sack of Rams quarterback Jared Goff for a safety Sunday put the Bears ahead to stay in a 15-6 upset that told the rest of the league just how good this defense is. It was an impressive play in a big moment.

Our guess: Out.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



MARIA GAMBALE/AP

New York Fury team competitors react during a competition against a team from Boston in Super League Gaming, an organization that hopes to become the Little League of esports.

‘Little League for esports’ hopes to cultivate future

By JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Christian Pineda plays a lot of video games, but he’s best at “Minecraft.” Hunched over a laptop in the front row of a half-full movie theater last month, the 13-year-old eagerly showed off why.

“I basically know the controls like the back of my hand,” he said before turning his focus back to a tight match against a rival team from Boston. Christian claims to be shy at school, but here, he’s a vocal leader on a New York team of nearly 20 esports competitors, some as young as 6 years old. With a spot in the league finals on the line, Christian tapped away at his keyboard and excitedly discussed tactics with teammates.

The group was strategizing over pickaxes and archers, not pitchers and catchers, but the focus on teamwork and communication could have come straight from the bench at a youth baseball game.

At Super League Gaming events like this, that’s the goal.

“Like Little League for esports,” said Super League CEO Ann Hand.

Super League is trying to bring structure to an industry devoid of it at the youth level. The organization was founded in 2015 and runs national leagues for three esports games: “Minecraft” for players in elementary and middle school, and “League of Legends” and “Clash Royale” for older players. Kids are often introduced to competitive video games via “Minecraft” before graduating to “League of Legends,” giving them a place to train and play throughout their teenage years and beyond — the “League of Legends” competitions don’t have an age limit. Super League Gaming has tens of thousands of players, although not all attend every live event, and its “Minecraft” championship has been turned into a reality TV show on Nickelodeon.

The hope is that Super League can close a major gap in the esports ecosystem for young gamers, particularly in the U.S. The industry is set to eclipse \$1 billion soon, and there are more professional opportunities than ever. Pros in the NA LCS — the top North American “League of Legends” circuit — averaged over \$300,000 in salary this season, and many colleges now provide esports scholarships. Careers in esports coaching or game design are increasingly in demand, too.

But to pursue those jobs, players need to start early. Esports pros often peak in their early 20s, and elite talents in countries like South Korea are being identified before reaching middle school.

The relatively weak U.S. gamer pool is holding back North American franchises from competing on an international stage. Esports powerhouse Cloud9 became the first NA LCS club to make the



Frankie Capello, 11, is among the young competitors of Super League Gaming, which includes gamers as young as 6 years old.



Christian Pineda, 13, is a vocal leader on a New York team in Super League Gaming, with his specialty being “Minecraft.”

semifinals at the League of Legends World Championship this year, and it only had one U.S. player in its starting lineup. The lackluster American feeder system was a talking point when NA LCS franchise owners met this summer.

“A lot of our amateur system has fallen away,” said NA LCS Commissioner Chris Greeley. “I think we all agree that it is shallower right now than it could be and should be.”

Riot Games, which publishes “League of Legends” and manages its professional circuits, is partnered with Super League and hopes the organization can boost the reputation of American gaming. Super League uses proprietary software to pair players with competition at the appropriate skill level, and its weekly in-person events allow for stronger

development than if players were left to practice alone. Super League also makes it easier for pro franchises to scout players and evaluate their talent and makeup.

“You can’t really just look at the best players online and use that as your primary way to find the next great pro because the problem is that you don’t know a lot about their behaviors,” Hand said. “Will they be able to handle the pressure of being at the Staples Center or Madison Square Garden?”

Just like Little League, it’s not strictly about churning out elite talent. Super League also creates an in-person sense of community around gaming, one that allows parents to watch and even coach. Some have concerns about their kids spending too much time on screens, but at least with Super League, gaming happens in a social, supervised space — better

than playing solo in a basement or bedroom.

“It’s one of the best decisions we’ve made,” said Alon Rothschild, who drives his 11-year-old son, Frankie Capello, over an hour from Staten Island to compete with New York’s “Minecraft” team.

The co-ed organization provides players with uniforms, tech support and access to its digital platform, which allows players to log into Super League competitions from anywhere. But it’s the in-person events that pull kids in.

“You’re actually sitting next to each other and you’re talking,” Frankie said. “When you’re talking, you basically are getting the better experience with your friends. I love talking with my friends and doing this.”

The league hasn’t turned out any professional players, though

it’s taking steps to ramp up its gamer development. It has created a training program within its software for at-home use and is offering boot camps focused on helping players improve. Hand wants to begin hiring former professional gamers to coach.

Super League is also eyeing expansion into games like “Fortnite.” Although Super League’s player base is believed to be the largest of its kind in the U.S., it still represents a sliver of the gaming world, leaving a lot of room for growth before Super League is as synonymous with esports as Little League is with baseball.

Getting there could be a boon in an already booming industry.

“A kid who does play Little League is an MLB fan for life,” Hand said. “Cultivating that future fan through our youth leagues is really essential.”

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Instead of taking victory lap, Ovechkin laps field

BY BARRY SVRLUGA
Washington Post

Because we no longer need to say there's one remaining bauble that would complete Alex Ovechkin's career, because we have eliminated all the "buts" and "if onlys" from his time with the Washington Capitals, and because he is 33 and — once again — leading the NHL in goals scored, why not just go right for the jugular with the most ludicrous question possible:

Can he catch Gretzky?
"I don't think it's possible," Ovechkin said Wednesday afternoon following Capitals practice, maybe 14 hours after he finished off the 21st hat trick of his career. "I don't see it. Maybe if you scored 100 goals in a season ..."

Shoot. Ovechkin is on pace for just 68.

Maybe this is a silly exercise, but what else is left to say about Ovi in this town? He won the Stanley Cup. He increased his legend by the way he celebrated. He came back from the shortest summer of his hockey life, newly minted as a first-time father, and rolled into a season in which a letdown was not only understandable, but all but assumed. And through 30 games, he has 25 goals, four more than any other player in the league.

How many Alex Ovechkin appreciation pieces is one too many Alex Ovechkin appreciation pieces?

Hold your answer, because we have no idea how much longer he's going to play. So for now, hit those same notes.

"O's a freak," right wing T.J. Oshie said.

"This is a player that's reinventing himself," first-year coach Todd Reirden said.

He may be reinventing himself, but the results, with Ovechkin, seem to always be the same: The puck ends up in the back of the net with a regularity that does not resemble anyone else from his era.

We'll get to that in a minute. But first, let's do the simple math.

Wayne Gretzky scored 894 goals in his 20 NHL seasons. Ovechkin, in the first half of his 14th season, has 632. That's a big gap. Be conservative: If Ovechkin scores 25 goals over the Capitals' remaining 52 games — which would give him his first 50-goal season since 2015-2016 — he would finish this season with 657 in his career. That would mean he would have to average 40 goals over nearly six more seasons — until he's 40 years old — to catch the Great One.

Not likely, right? Of course, his average output entering this season was 46.7 goals. So, um ... how much longer are you going to play, Alex?

"I mean, it's all about my health," Ovechkin said. "I don't want to be 35 years old and all my body is cracking. I want to play with my kids. I want to be able to do some different things. But right now, I don't want to think about it, because it's not the point."

Right. The point is what he's doing in the moment, which is remarkable. You know how old Gretzky was when he recorded the last of his 12 40-goal seasons? He was 30. Ovechkin is on his way to his third 40-goal season since he turned 30.

We have to acknowledge, too, that Gretzky played in an era so vastly different than Ovechkin's, you might as well compare apples to porterhouse steaks. In 1981-82, the year Gretzky scored 92 goals, NHL teams averaged 4.01 goals per game. Last season, when Ovechkin led the league with 49, teams averaged 2.98 goals per game. That's a stark contrast in style of play.

Maybe a better measure, even as we consider whether Gretzky is reachable, is comparing Ovechkin to his contemporaries. Over the 13-plus seasons since Ovechkin's rookie year, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, his old nemesis, has the second-most goals. Know how many more goals Ovi has than Sid? Just 206. The gap between Ovechkin and Crosby is the same as between Crosby and Paul Stastny, who sits in 66th place over that span. Amazing.

So going forward: Ovechkin probably could be limited to skating with a walker or a cane and still be able to shuffle over to the left circle and rifle home shots on the power play, say, 15 times a year



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin could have been forgiven for a letdown following a Stanley Cup season, but he was leading the league in goals.

between now and, oh, eternity.

"I'm sure he can stay over there as long as he wants," Oshie said.

But the reinvention of himself includes a new arsenal: going to the net and scoring the ugly goals that never seemed to appeal to him, leading the league in even-strength goals rather than using the power play as a crutch, passing with both creativity and appropriateness, and a level of responsibility that has shown up in past playoffs but hasn't been consistent in Novembers and Decembers past.

Some proof: Ovechkin is now playing in five-on-six situations — when the Caps are protecting a late lead and the opponent has pulled the goalie — which means

he has to block some shots and dig in on defense, but gives him the chance at some easy empty-netters. Why is he on the ice in those moments? Because he has shown he's more committed to two-way hockey. He has earned the right to be out there.

That fits, too, with another transformation, if you ask around the Capitals: Ovechkin, in what should be the latter part of his career, has changed his practice habits. When he once glided, he now tries. When he once sulked, he now celebrates. It's not unusual for Ovechkin to score in practice and joyously signal to the video coaches — who record all these sessions at home — to mark that play so the coaches can review it

later.

That joy marked Ovechkin's play when he first arrived in Washington. Now, he has found it again. Maybe it has something to do with being freed from the pressure that the Cup always carried. Maybe it has something to do with becoming a father. His son Sergei was born over the summer.

Come to think of it, might a longer career — a career in which the production level is maintained, rather than drops — allow young Sergei to see his dad score meaningful goals that the younger Ovechkin will remember and understand?

"I hope so," Ovechkin said. "I mean, I don't know till what age I'm going to play, but definitely a

couple more years for sure."

The facts are that he is closer to the end of his career than to the start. The numbers just don't make it look that way.

"Of course you have to think about the future, what you have to do about it, what's the next step after the hockey career," Ovechkin said. "But still, it's right now, I have three, four, five years left in my arsenal, and we'll see."

We'll see, all right. Three, four, five years would not be enough to catch Gretzky. And that's fine. What Alex Ovechkin is providing right now, on a nightly basis, is a reason to dream the biggest dreams of what he might accomplish when he should be slowing down, but isn't.

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“Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” brings a fresh take on familiar mythology. Miles Morales, who is bitten by a genetically altered spider, is voiced by Shameik Moore.

‘SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE’ ★★★ 1/2

NO TANGLED WEBS IN THIS HERO TALE

Just when you’ve had it with ‘Spider-Man’ movies: Along comes a sharp, funny, animated triumph

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS | Chicago Tribune

We’ll begin with an unfair apples-and-oranges comparison because, let’s face it, a lot of the Marvel Cinematic Universe has a way of unrolling like an endless roll of Fruit by the Foot.

Unlike the hugely profitable, hugely dull live-action Marvel smash “Avengers: Infinity War,” the animated “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” gives ensemble superheroism a good name while giving audiences a really good time. It’s zipperier than “Incredibles 2,” and nearly as witty as the first “Lego Movie,” with whom it shares a very funny screenwriter, Phil Lord.

Maybe we just needed this dangerously familiar mythology to find the right animated incarnation to make it

feel fresh. “Into the Spider-Verse” doesn’t go for hard-edged photorealism in its computer animation style. Instead, it goes for bright, nimble illustration, not quite 2-D, not quite the clinical digital product we’re all too used to consuming. Watching it is like flipping through your favorite Spider-Man spin-off comics while you’re on your third Mountain Dew.

Spider-Man, as many have noted, is among the most relatable of superheroes, with his baked-in teen angst,

his concerns about how he looks in Spandex and his dreams, realized, of magical urban flight. “Into the Spider-Verse” derives most of its story from the character of Miles Morales, an Afro-Latino Brooklyn teenager whose father is a vigilante-hating cop. Exploring the subway tunnels with his uncle Aaron, Miles is bitten by a genetically altered problem spider. Soon he learns that he, like Peter Parker (killed off, temporarily, early in the picture), has been chosen to take on the Spidey mantle. He’s not alone. In “Into the Spider-Verse,” a delightfully varied rogue’s gallery of alternate-universe Spideys jostle for our attention, in the guise of different characters playing out different Spidey destinies in different time zones. A rip in the space-time

continuum (never as well-made as you’d expect) throws everyone together in New York, including Spider-Gwen; anime-style Peni Parker; a fedora-sporting, black-clad wiseacre, Spider-Noir; a Warner Bros.-looking cartoon pig, Spider-Ham; and the dead-beat edition of Peter Parker, whose marriage to Mary Jane has gone kaput and who is living an aimless, sweat-pants-at-dinner existence.

Directed by Peter Ramsey, Robert Persichetti Jr. and Rodney Rothman, working from a script by Rothman and Lord, the movie hangs its Spidey masks on a few simple virtues. One: Miles, as voiced by Shameik Moore, makes for a swell young protagonist. Two: To a

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At left, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda star in 1980’s “9 to 5”; at right, Jack Lemmon, from left, Shirley MacLaine and Edie Adams in “The Apartment” (1960).

Culture of harassment on film

From “The Apartment” to ‘9 to 5,’ hit movies reflect still-rampant workplace misconduct



NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up

On Wednesday, former “Price is Right” game show host Bob Barker turned 95, prompting a number of seemingly anodyne birthday tweets from news organizations including USA Today — which linked to an article that contains no mention of the lawsuits in which Barker was named over the years.

Funny, that. Barker left the show in 2007. Time magazine reported on the culture of the show’s workplace, which includes a history of “complaints — including sexual harassment, racial discrimi-

nation, wrongful termination and emotional abuse and intimidation — against ‘Price is Right’ producers and its longtime former host Bob Barker (that) depicts an institutionalized attitude that allowed executives to treat models on the show (and female staffers) as second-class citizens.”

That women, particularly women of color, are often treated as second-class citizens in the workplace is not an aberration. We know this. We’ve known it for years. None of this is new information. And yet here we are in 2018 still trying to root out the rot.

Hollywood itself acknowledged this reality (and profited off it) decades ago when Billy Wilder served up a heaping plate of “get a load of this mess” in 1960’s “The Apartment.”

Twenty years would go by before “9 to 5” hit theaters in 1980, fueled by many of the same issues, but this time with a story focused on the women themselves.

Both films are fiction — but the type of everyday harassment depicted therein remains any-

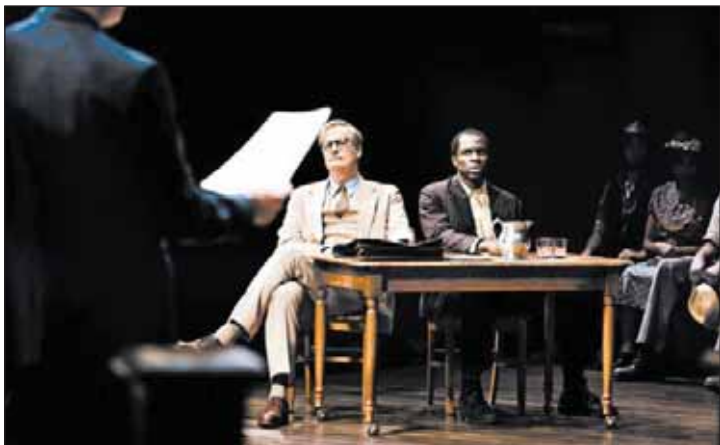
thing but. Fast forward to last week, when we learned the grisly details of a report prepared by lawyers for CBS investigating the workplace conduct of Les Moonves, the TV network’s former chairman and chief executive.

A few details of note: Lawyers were told by “multiple people that CBS had an employee ‘who was “on call” to perform oral sex’ on Mr. Moonves.”

And at least one board member knew as early as 2007 about an alleged sexual assault by Moonves — but considered it trivial and “said, in effect, ‘we all did that,’ according to the report.”

In a recent op-ed for the Hollywood Reporter, former Tribune TV critic Maureen Ryan made this observation: “What the industry needs to do now is move beyond reading the latest exhaustive report about this or that individual and stop assuming things will change if we take out a few bad apples. Folks, the whole barrel of apples is rotten. It needs to be washed out and

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JULIETA CERVANTES PHOTO

Jeff Daniels, left, and Gbenga Akinagbe in “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

BROADWAY REVIEW

Sorkin drags ‘Mockingbird’ into present

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Ever since Gregory Peck starred in the film version of Harper Lee’s “To Kill a Mockingbird” in 1962, the small-town lawyer Atticus Finch has been a symbol of American decency. Not unlike Jimmy Stewart’s George Bailey, he’s been an emblem of how ignorance can only be banished through empathy. If you wanted to dismantle the systemic racism of the American South, argued the avuncular Atticus with every fiber of his genial being, you should do so by doing your job, having patience, sticking to the facts, working doggedly within the system and, above all, by being willing to walk a step or two in each individual’s shoes.

Under his worldview — dominant in America of the early 1960s — even the most deplorable white supremacists among us have the potential to come around. If they are made to feel understood.

Doesn’t fly so well today, does it?

Yet until now, Christopher Sergel’s loyal dramatic adaptation of “Mockingbird” — which I’ve reviewed a lot over the years — is the only authorized stage version that ever has existed. As in the film, the dramatic climax of that script occurs when the beaten down African-American citizenry of Lee’s semi-fictional Depression-era Maycomb, Ala., rise to their feet as Atticus walks by, thus denying agency to the very people most impacted by the horrors of the sham rape trial that results in the conviction of an innocent black man. By the end of the courtroom drama, Atticus’ daughter Scout, through whose eyes we view this story, has realized she is the daughter not just of a country lawyer, but of a dogged all-American hero.

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Janet Jackson will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on March 29.

Jackson, Nicks join Rock Hall of Fame

Janet Jackson joined her brother Michael and the Jackson 5 as members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, earning induction on Thursday along with Stevie Nicks.

Radiohead, the Cure, Roxy Music and the Zombies will also be ushered in next spring at the 34th induction ceremony. It will be held March 29 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Jackson's induction comes after her third time as nominee and many saw it as overdue, given her prowess as a hitmaker with "All For You," "That's the Way Love Goes," "Nasty," "Together Again" and "What Have You Done For Me Lately."

Jackson said on Thursday: "Thank you Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I am truly honored and I am happy to be in there with my brothers."

It will be Nicks' second induction into the rock hall, since she's already there as a member of Fleetwood Mac. She launched a solo career in 1981 with her duet with Tom Petty, "Stop Draggin' My Heart Around." Other hits followed, including "Edge of Seventeen," "Stand Back" and "I Will Run to You."

Other 2019 nominees who didn't make the cut included LL Cool J, Devo, Rage Against the Machine, MC5, John Prine, Todd Rundgren and Kraftwerk.

The hall will announce ticket sales for March's ceremony next month. HBO and SiriusXM will carry the event.

— Associated Press



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Aguilera to headline 'Rockin' Eve': Christina Aguilera will perform live minutes before the ball drops to usher in 2019 in New York's Times Square. Dick Clark Productions announced Thursday that Aguilera will be joined by Bastille, Dan and Shay and New Kids On The Block leading up to the countdown on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest." Aguilera last performed on the show in 2007.

Springsteen's Netflix film: If you couldn't get tickets to Bruce Springsteen's Broadway performance, you'll soon be able to see it at home. Director Thom Zimny's "Springsteen on Broadway" film will appear on Netflix early in the morning of Dec. 16, hours after the singer's 236th and last performance in Manhattan's Walter Kerr Theater. A soundtrack is being released Friday.

Brzezinski apologizes for homophobic comment: MSNBC says Mika Brzezinski's absence from "Morning Joe" on Thursday was not related to her apology for using a homophobic slur the day before in reference to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. The morning show co-host had criticized Pompeo for comments he made to Fox News regarding the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Afterward, she apologized on Twitter, saying it was a "SUPER BAD choice of words."

Dec. 14 birthdays: Actress Dee Wallace is 70. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 55. Actress Michaela Watkins is 47. Actress Vanessa Hudgens is 30. Singer Tori Kelly is 26.



ASK AMY

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Wife and mom missing out on friends

Dear Amy: I am at a crossroads in my social life and could use some advice.

I am a married mother in my early 30s. Over time I have had a "falling-out" (so to speak) with every one of my lifelong friends (from high school/college). I will spare you the specifics, but I now find myself with no close friends to share my life with. I miss the friendships I used to have, but I do not miss the drama and disruptions they caused in my life. I have had no luck finding new friends my age who share my interests.

Is there something wrong with me? Why at this stage in my life is it so difficult to make and maintain these relationships? My marriage is strong, my career is everything I want it to be, and my children are happy and successful, yet I seem to be failing at having and keeping close friends. Any advice?

— *Friendless*

Dear Friendless: I don't know if there is something "wrong" with you, but your behavior of dropping all of your friendships implies a pattern — and you are at the center. So, yes, you should examine your own behavior, take responsibility and most important, see what negative patterns emerge that you can change.

Making new friends, especially in adulthood, is a significant challenge. Most parents find themselves thrown together with other parents at the playground or at school; these connections can evolve into rewarding relationships that revolve around family life. Are there other moms in your circle you'd

like to befriend? Many of us also find pals that bloom into friendships at work.

But making friends is challenging. And transforming an acquaintance into a friendship can seem like a delicate dance. One of my own besties simply approached me in our daughters' kindergarten classroom and said, "Hey, you seem cool. Do you want to be friends?" Turns out, I'm not that cool (she is!), but we've managed to stay friends for 25 years.

Read "Friendships Don't Just Happen!: The Guide to Creating a Meaningful Circle of Girlfriends," by Shasta Nelson (2013, Turner). Nelson is also CEO of the friendship matching site girlfriendcircles.com.

Dear Amy: We built a custom home a few years ago and went to great lengths to research our neighbor's house colors before we decided on ours. After much thought, we chose a white-and-black scheme. No other house on our street is similar to ours.

Fast-forward to today, and a new house is being built next door to ours. They are intending to paint their house the same colors as ours (although they believe their white paint will be "quite different").

They bought their lot knowing our paint choices. They also are aware that this decision will frustrate us. Is it tacky to copy someone's house colors when you're direct neighbors?

— *Frustrated Neighbor*

Dear Frustrated: There are many neighborhoods and housing associations where people are forced through strict rules to paint their houses within a

narrow range. Lucky you — you have the freedom to paint your house the way you want! Your new neighbor has the same freedom.

Having a house painted white isn't exactly pushing the boundaries of taste and design — you've chosen the most popular house color. Surely you can't be that surprised that someone else on your street will also choose to have a white house. Even if this were a deliberate copying of your home, you have choices about how to behave. Even if you are feeling frustrated, you should behave as if you feel flattered.

No, it is not tacky to paint a house white, even if your neighbor's house is also white. This might be a good lesson for you. You seem very careful, deliberate and controlled. Other people aren't like you. Understanding and accepting this will be a good exercise in neighborliness.

Dear Amy: "Wondering" was ensnared in a family drama when visiting her close older friend. Her friend's cousins accused Wondering of coming on to male family members.

I think it's possible that these family members were trying to isolate the older woman, in hopes of receiving an inheritance. Unfortunately, I have seen this happen.

— *Wondering No More*

Dear No More: This is a possibility. "Wondering" should take steps to try to reconnect with her friend.

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'MORTAL ENGINES' ★★

In the dystopian future, steampunk cities stalk

By KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

The post-apocalyptic young adult fantasy flick "Mortal Engines" rolls into and out of one's consciousness like "traction cities" that roam its landscape. There are so many aviation goggles and large gears grinding that it's basically "Steampunk: The Movie." It starts out at a very high level of steampunk, then manages to go up even from there. We've got "old tech" and waistcoats aplenty, hot-air balloon cities galore. Bowler-hatted royal guards? We've got 20. But who cares, no big deal, there's a whole lot more.

The "Lord of the Rings" team of Peter Jackson, Fran Walsh and Philippa Boyens have tackled Philip Reeve's 2001 book of the same name, with Christian Rivers making his directorial debut. There's not much setup for the dystopian future. Except there was a "Sixty Minute War" the Earth's crust was somehow shattered into thousands of pieces thanks to some kind of nuclear-type weapon



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After a cataclysmic event destroyed civilization, "predator cities," like London, above, devour everything in their paths.

called a Medusa, and now all the cities and towns of the world sit atop giant tractor treads, traveling around and eating other smaller towns for "resources" as their citizens hoot and cheer. "Mortal Engines" asks you to just go with it, so, yeah, we'll just go with it.

Rivers has been working in the art and visual effects departments with Jackson and Co. since "Dead Alive" in 1992, and his sense of

visual acumen is extraordinarily imaginative and huge in scope. The designs of the cities and their inner workings are remarkable, with a sense of industrial beauty. London, a big, brutish thing with St. Paul's Cathedral sitting on top like a little hat, motors hither and yon, munching up tiny Bavarian mining villages while its dapper residents maintain museums filled with artifacts of the ancient times,

like toasters and smart-phones.

Puckish museum assistant Tom (Robert Sheehan) has his world thrown topsy-turvy when he's tossed into a giant waste tube with Hester (Hera Hilmar), a mysterious girl. She makes a dramatic attempt on the life of Thaddeus Valentine (Hugo Weaving), London's most powerful energy tycoon. Tom, who's never been off

London, is caught up in Hester's quest for vengeance, as well as her escape from a killer robot skeleton. The pair are scooped up by anti-traction activist Anna Fang (Jihae) and enlisted into the resistance, housed in a city in the sky made up of biplanes, balloons and rickety scaffolding.

The sheer size and beauty of "Mortal Engines" is transporting. Even the predatory London is high-

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for sequences of futuristic violence and action)

Running time: 2:08

tech and well-dressed. And Anna's crimson plane, seemingly crafted from wood and paper, is jaw-dropping. There is so much that's pleasing to look at, from the costumes to the characters, to the sets and landscape. It's hard to imagine the execution, with a near-seamless blend of practical sets and computer-generated spectacle.

One just wishes the same level of craft went into the characters and script. There's not a lot of stake in the outcomes of any of the characters, and the script is laden with cliched chestnuts that start to get as rusty as the crunchy engines. The only real lessons seem to be "don't do war" and "robots have feelings, too." Visually, it's busy, hefty and propulsive, but emotionally and thematically, it's as light as air. These engines could have used a bit more in the tank.

Spider-Man

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large extent "Into the Spider-Verse" is an extended training montage, with Peter Parker (voiced by Jake Johnson) prepping Miles for battle with various adversaries and a collider that must be destroyed in order for Earth to survive.

Despite that doomsday scenario, for once the cobwebs of leaden seriousness have been shaken off. This film is full of quips, generously distributed. (For reasons best left unexplained, one of the biggest laughs arrives in the middle of a chase sequence on the line: "He took a bagel!") The action scenes, espe-



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Peni (Kimiko Glen), Spider-Gwen (Hailee Steinfeld), Spider-Ham (John Mulaney), Miles Morales (Shameik Moore), Peter Parker (Jake Johnson) and Spider-Man Noir (Nicolas Cage) in "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse."

cially in the marvelous first half, excite and amuse without the usual pummeling overkill.

All the voice work

shines, chiefly that of Hailee Steinfeld (Gwen), Mahershala Ali (Aaron) and Nicolas Cage's splendidly droll turn as Spider-Noir.

The second half's a bit of a letdown, with pro forma and protracted world-saving combat that goes on. But by the end, we're back

where we need to be: captured, happily, by Miles' story, and the "Spider-Verse" notion of the mask being for everyone up to

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Running time: 2:00

the task. The movie year in superheroes began with "Black Panther" and now ends, or nearly, with this latest "Spider-Man," which is second only to Sam Rami's "Spider-Man 2" for quality.

So I guess we didn't sit through "Infinity War" and the DC Comics "Justice League" for nothing.

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Metz

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refiled from the bottom up.”

The movies told as much.

In “The Apartment,” which won Oscars for best picture, director and screenplay, Jack Lemmon plays C.C. Baxter, an ambitious if not overly assertive insurance man who’s been swallowed up by a large corporation — in the parlance of the film, he’s just “some schnook that works in the office.”

And he’s easy pickings for his supervisors, who decide Baxter’s one-bedroom apartment shall be made available to them on demand in the evenings when they are cheating on their wives. It’s literally a quid pro quo scenario: He’s being harassed by proxy — pressured into giving over his apartment for their sexual affairs, or risk a bad performance review. These executives are awful. The worst of them (in part because he hides it behind such a patrician and genteel demeanor) is the director of personnel himself, Mr. Sheldrake, played by Fred MacMurray.

Take that in for a moment. *The director of personnel.* The man who decides which employees shall rise through the ranks — or lose their jobs entirely — and the man who has slept his way through the office, including his secretary. She casually lets slip Sheldrake’s history to his current fixation, Shirley MacLaine’s elevator operator Fran Kubelik, during a drunken office Christmas party:

“Just before me there was Miss Rossi in auditing, and after me there was Ms. Koch in disability. And right before you was a Miss, um, oh, what’s her name? She’s on the 25th floor”

Sheldrake promptly fires her for daring to speak the truth.

What’s maybe more interesting than the movie itself is how we collectively talk about its themes. Often



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Jane Fonda, from left, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton play fed-up office workers who kidnap their boss in “9 to 5.”



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Les Moonves was forced to resign as president and chief executive officer of CBS Corp. after allegations of sexual harassment emerged.

in reviews, the focus is on Baxter’s untenable situation. On Fran’s lovelorn arc and the way the two eventually come together at the end. The structural and institutionalized harass-

ment the fuels the story — “We all did that,” as that real-life CBS board member reported so nastily quipped — is downplayed or seen as incidental to the meat of the movie.

The writer-director Cameron Crowe wrote a book about Wilder and spent a good deal of time with Wilder at the end of his life. Here’s Crowe on “The Apartment”:

... How we talk about movies says as much as the movies themselves.

“Reviews were not uniformly excellent, with some critics attacking the racism of the film’s subject matter.”

What does that mean? What is racy, exactly? The affairs? Or the blunt depiction of sexual harassment in the workplace?

Reviewing the film years later in 2001, Roger Ebert describes Baxter and Fran as a pair of “jaded realists who have given up on love and are more motivated by paychecks.” What a curious way to describe two people

who are being manipulated by their boss in ways that were at the very least deeply unethical if not yet illegal in 1960. (Also: Who isn’t motivated by a paycheck; is that a bad thing?)

Ebert’s career was defined by his humanistic view of the stories movies can tell — he was and still is widely read, which makes his observations so influential. But it’s startling to read his review for “9 to 5.”

In the film, a trio of belittled and sexually harassed office workers — Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda — take matters into their own hands when they kidnap their boss, played by Dabney Coleman.

The movie’s early fantasy sequences of eliminating their boss become a semireality — and the back half of the film functions as a real-world fantasy all its own: Women could actually get things done without jerks like this guy around — as they make fundamental changes at work, including a memo that announces: “Effective immediately, employees will be paid equal salaries for equal job levels.”

Ebert’s takeaway: While the movie has a “dash of social commentary,” his interest was primarily Parton’s terrific performance (and I agree with him here; she’s wonderful).

But again, how we talk about movies says as much as the movies themselves. To Ebert, “9 to 5” was a “good-hearted, simple-minded comedy that will win a place in film history, I suspect, primarily because it contains the movie debut of Dolly Parton.”

That it depicted the lived experiences of women in the workplace (and would continue to do so for the next 38 years)? That it validated — on the big screen, no less — what women have been saying for decades? That interested him less, I suppose.

Both films are available to rent via streaming, and they feel as though they were made today.

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Sorkin

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Aaron Sorkin’s genuinely radical and thoroughly gripping new Broadway adaptation of this novel — which opened Thursday night at the Shubert Theatre with Jeff Daniels in the starring role — has no truck with the heroic image of Atticus, his wide-eyed daughter and the famous Finch briefcase, a stand-in for the slow march toward justice, all striding together into a new American dawn. No siree. Sorkin has written a “Mockingbird” that fits this riven American moment. And the director, Bartlett Sher, has felt little need to assuage with sentimentality.

Daniels interprets Atticus as carrying an unexplained sadness, a sense of personal dread that chills his relationships, even with his own children. Where Peck (and any number of other actors over the years) viewed Atticus’ value system as immutable and lived with confident rectitude, Daniels treats him as a weary, unknowable Homeric traveler, slowly realizing that he has no adequate tools to fully fight the Jim Crow hydra, capable of rearing up at any moment and taking down our fragile American democracy.

Even if the fundamental

story, especially the courtroom dialog, remains much the same, Sorkin has turned “Mockingbird” into a deconstruction of Finch’s core philosophy — that minds must be changed through considerate understanding. And in so doing, of course, he’s homed in on the great divide among progressives — do you converse with and try to understand the “deplorables,” if only for practical purposes, or does moral rectitude require you to resist, lest they flood America with variations on the timeless theme of white supremacy?

To do that, Sher did not need to turn the character Bob Ewell into so broad a villain (as his daughter Mayella, the superb Erin Wilhelmi is far more credible). But Sorkin did have to add agency to the African-American characters whom Lee gave little voice. Most notably, Calpurnia (LaTanya Richardson Jackson) now takes down Atticus in his own kitchen, acquiring much of his moral centrality, schooling him in what are, for her, the painful personal consequences of his own gentility. And the long-silent Tom Robinson (Gbenga Akinnagbe) now speaks — and not of Atticus as his savior.

How you feel about all this will depend really on whether you’re a Constitu-

tional originalist like Antonin Scalia, or whether you see worth in a living, breathing “Mockingbird,” a play that surely respects this beloved American novel, but also overhauls its point of view. I embrace the latter, especially given the evidence that Lee always intended Finch to be more complicated and troubled than the one immortalized by Peck.

Either way, this new version pulses with relevancy. Now that Sorkin’s adaptation is on the table, it will make its predecessor seem dated at best, redundant at worst. It has the capacity to change how America sees this story for good.

“Mockingbird” now has three narrators switching between childhood memory and their adult selves — Celia Keenan-Bolger’s Scout, as is traditional, Scout’s brother Jem (Will Pullen), and their gay friend Dill (Gideon Glick), who wants nothing more than to be part of Atticus’ orbit, a need that the distracted Finch fails to

quickly see. The change is consistent with all of the above, but I missed the father-daughter centrality. There was room for more kindness to these curious children than Daniels yet allows. Some of his coolness to the touch feels unexplained.

But Sorkin sees more hope in the fevered Link Deas (the excellent Neal Huff), one of the only Alabama white citizens with a personal understanding of the pain of racism, and in Boo Radley (Danny Wolohan), who here teaches Scout a lesson that Atticus cannot conceive — coming to terms with what you fear most about yourself (and your kind) is the only way toward freedom for all.

“To Kill a Mockingbird” plays at the Shubert Theatre, 225 W. 44th St.; call 212-239-6200 or visit tokillamockingbirdbroadway.com

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‘BEN IS BACK’ ★★★

Family addiction drama hits home for the holidays

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

In its emotional peaks “Ben is Back,” the new drama from writer-director Peter Hedges, affords Julia Roberts the chance to go full-on “Steel Magnolias” — delivering short, sudden outbursts of desperation, anger and tough love. Getting to those peaks, however, Hedges’ film doesn’t travel the expected route. This addiction drama is primarily a showcase for its superb leading performers, and in its compressed time frame (24 hours around Christmas) it feels like a well-made play more than a fully amplified feature film. The acting is enough, though. Roberts co-stars with Lucas Hedges, best known for “Manchester by the Sea,” and the son of the writer-director. At the beginning of “Ben is Back,” 19-year-old Ben shows up unannounced at his family’s house near Yonkers, N.Y. He apparently has left



Holly (Julia Roberts) and her son Ben (Lucas Hedges) battle addiction in “Ben is Back.”

his rehab facility with the blessing of his sponsor, or so Ben says, with just enough upbeat certainty to arouse suspicion. When Roberts, as Holly, first sees him, she’s pulling up in the family station wagon and the look on her face is one of pure terror. The trust, the ease and a lot of the glue in this mother-son relationship has been

dangerously depleted. In dribs and drabs, Hedges’ script reveals the worst of what this family has endured since the onset of Ben’s addictions (which began with painkillers at 14). Chronic lying, a pattern of theft and repeated, life-threatening chemical devotion to his demons: This is a story millions and millions have known.

Ben’s youngest stepsiblings are happy to have their brother back for Christmas, though his teenage sister Ivy (Kathryn Newton) can’t hide her distrust of her heartbreaking brother. “I’ve got a good feeling about this,” Holly announces early on, regarding Ben’s return. “Well, I don’t,” says Ivy. Deep down Holly knows the Christmas at hand will

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be complicated at best. The movie works like a screw, slowly tightening. As with any addiction drama, a dread-filled brand of suspense hangs in the air: When will the protagonist begin using again? Where are the temptations hidden? How will everyone else be affected? There are other characters, notably Holly’s wary but supportive husband (Courtney B. Vance) and a variety of Ben’s acquaintances — users, dealers, people owed money and fed up with Ben’s evasions. Hedges deploys a burglary, a stolen dog and one too many tidy vignettes in the film’s second half, as he charts Ben and Holly’s dark night of reckoning. Unlike the recent “Beautiful Boy,” however, “Ben is Back” remains scrupulously un-

fussy in its visual approach. It’s the more piercing of the two films. “Ben is Back” may not reach the level of Trey Edward Shults’ “Krisha,” which concerned a recovering alcoholic’s treacherous Thanksgiving among family, but nobody in American movies today can get at the beating heart of a conflicted, hurting post-adolescent the way Lucas Hedges can. Playing a loving woman with a full dose of self-awareness as well as a capacity for self-deception, Roberts brings the fireworks when called for. No surprise there. What’s become increasingly clear in recent years, however, is just how much this actress can find in between the peaks. She’s more and more comfortable doing less and less. And everything registers with her, every second.

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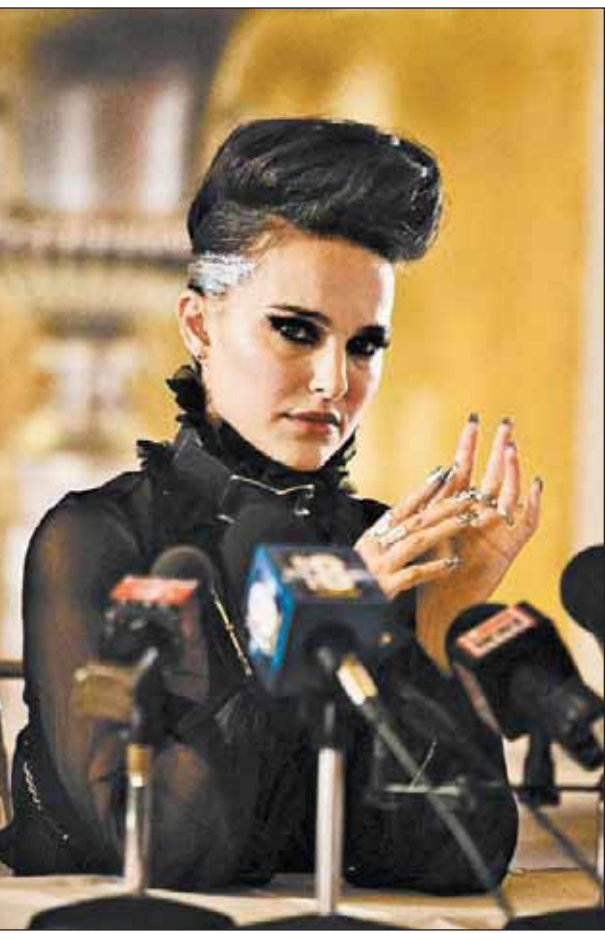
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‘VOX LUX’ ★★★

Pop star is born, and she’s ice-cold

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

In space, stars find their way into existence by way of interstellar molecular clouds at a temperature of just above absolute zero. That’s seriously cold. In “Vox Lux,” the narcissistic human star at the center of writer-director Brady Corbet’s film thrives, however recklessly, at a similar temperature. Natalie Portman plays the pop diva, Celeste, with such witty relish that her coldness becomes a tonic. The character may be hollow celebrity incarnate, but Portman dives right in, returning from the depths of a flamboyantly trashed portrayal saying, in effect: C’mon in! The water’s fine. “Vox Lux” is the sardonic yang to the sincere, heart-yanking yin of this season’s big awards fave, “A Star is Born.” It’s framed as a dark fairy tale, narrated in cool, measured tones by Willem Dafoe. Corbet begins in 1999, with a (fictional) Staten Island, N.Y., school shooting. (This was the year of the real-life Columbine High School massacre.) Young Celeste, played by Raffey Cassidy, survives a bullet to the throat, while all around her schoolroom, others die. At the memorial service, the seriously injured Celeste sings a ballad, co-written with her sister (Stacy Martin), as a coping mechanism. The song goes viral. Celeste’s star rises. Much of the first half of “Vox Lux” unspools as a black comedy about fame and other forms of terrorism in America. Celeste, her sister and their mother



Natalie Portman plays the school shooting survivor-turned-pop diva in “Vox Lux.”

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Running time: 1:50

get busy with Celeste Inc. Celeste’s personae remain in perpetual shuffle mode, out-Madonna-ing Madonna. In 2001 the World Trade Center towers fall, which changes everything and nothing. Celeste gets pregnant from a one-night stand, while her ever-lurking, string-pulling manager (Jude Law) keeps his client on track and profitable. Corbet then jumps to 2017, at which point Portman seizes the role of Celeste. Cassidy now plays her daughter, and their extended, forlornly funny conversations become the through-line for “Vox Lux.” Corbet’s atmospheric sense is very strong in this, his second feature: The direction’s fleet-footed and excitingly up for any-

thing. So is Portman. With this picture, alongside her turns in “Black Swan” and “Jackie,” she becomes the patron saint of celebrity burdens and the determination to endure. Celeste has traded one heinous form of notoriety for another kind. “Vox Lux” fabulizes that transformation. As for who’s really in there, under the skin of this boozy, needy, extravagantly self-inflicting wound of a woman — that’s never really answered. Corbet has no time for conventional psychology and nuance. He’s a sensationalist, primarily. But he knows how to move a camera, and while it may be thin, his movie is never less than engrossing in its strangeness.

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‘THE MULE’ ★ 1/2

Eastwood stuck in neutral

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Mules are stubborn. Producer, director and star Clint Eastwood no doubt relished the double meaning in the title of his latest film, “The Mule.” The heavily fictionalized drug courier Eastwood plays here wants no part of today’s world of snowflakes and sensitivities and multi-racial realities. Nor does Eastwood’s character want anything to do with post-1975 technology; he complains constantly about cellphones, when he’s not calling out Mexicans as “beaners,” or African-Americans as “you Negro folks.” It worked for “Gran Torino.” Who knows, maybe it’ll get by here. It brings me no joy to relay this: From an irresistible “tell me more!” of a true story, Eastwood and his “Gran Torino” screenwriter Nick Schenk have made a movie that feels dodgy and false at every turn. “The Mule” is a step up from Eastwood’s earlier 2018 release, “The 15:17 to Paris,” and there’s some satisfaction in watching Eastwood, now 88, trade fours with his co-stars, including his “American Sniper” star Bradley Cooper, Dianne Wiest and Andy Garcia. The inspiration for “The Mule” came from Sam Dolnick’s 2014 New York Times Magazine feature on Leo Sharp. Sharp was a World War II Bronze Star veteran, a horticulturist and day lily “hybridizer” of some renown. When his business stumbled with the rise of online commerce, he tried running drugs for the Sinaloa cartel headed by Joaquin Guzman, better known as El Chapo. Sharp did well: He ran untold millions of dollars of cocaine into Detroit and other cities, making up to \$100,000 a



Clint Eastwood, right, with Taissa Farmiga in “The Mule,” which Eastwood also produced and directed.

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Running time: 1:56

drop. Years went by; no arrests, no suspicion. He was arrested in 2011, served one year of a three-year sentence and died a free man, at 92, in north-west Indiana. “The Mule” retells it as if terrified of giving the main character a strong point of view, or viewing him through a stimulating clash of perspectives. The movie’s version of Sharp is Earl Stone, a babe in the woods, naive in the comically implausible extreme. The movie ticks off one drug run after another, from Texas to Chicago. The road trips are excuses to have Eastwood sing along with Dino to “Ain’t That a Kick in the Head,” or with Roger Miller and “Dang Me.” “The Mule” doesn’t want the audience thinking too much, if at all, about what’s in the back of the pickup. He’s just a lovable coot trying to cash in, and Eastwood is essentially trading “American Sniper” for “American Schlepper.” It’s easy to see why Eastwood was attracted to the story, but with Schenk’s rote ticktock of a

script, “The Mule” struggles to find a rhythm. The implication here is that Earl, threatened with foreclosure, is just another military veteran victimized by the system and desperate for a dignified financial solution to his predicament. So who can blame him for the cartel adventure? Also he learns the importance of family in the nick of time, so: bonus points. “The Mule” is rather touching when viewed as a Hollywood legend working through some personal issues about how he fared as a husband and father. (His daughter Alison Eastwood plays Earl’s estranged and bitter daughter.) But there’s a misjudgment in Schenk’s script, one from which the film can’t fully recover. If Earl is just a patsy, we don’t believe the events. If the movie’s afraid to suggest even a hint of dementia (in real life, Leo Sharp’s lawyers painted him as half-gone and therefore easily manipulated by the cartel), then “The Mule” doesn’t make human, scene-to-scene sense in any direction.

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‘MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS’ ★★ 1/2

Ronan, Robbie rule over messy script, drab setting

By RICK BENTLEY
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There will most definitely be buzz as Oscar season rolls around in regards to Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie’s work in “Mary Queen of Scots.” If all you do is look at their performances, the historical drama is worthy of praise. Step back, and the overall production stumbles through writing mistakes, has a drab look and a storytelling structure that puts the main event so deep into the tale it’s almost an afterthought. “Mary Queen of Scots” begins with Mary Stuart (Ronan), the widowed

queen of France, returning to her native Scotland. Her plan is to reclaim her rightful throne, but Scotland is now under the rule of Elizabeth I (Robbie). First-time feature film director Josie Rourke takes the script by Beau Willimon (“House of Cards”) that skips through history to look at the politics, social unrest and injustice of the era. All that is like going to a concert for a massively popular veteran band and having someone read their biography before the show starts. The one reason to see “Mary Queen of Scots” is the far-too-short sequence where Stuart and Elizabeth finally have a



Saoirse Ronan elevates the entire film as the titular character in “Mary Queen of Scots.”

face-to-face encounter. It’s a main event made so powerful by the two stars it could have been expanded from a few scenes into an entire movie. Mostly, that has to do with Ronan, who at the age

of 24 has already established herself as the heir to Meryl Streep. The three-time Oscar nominee established her amazing acting skills more than a decade ago with “Atonement” and has gotten better as shown

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in works such as “The Lovely Bones,” “Hanna,” “Brooklyn” and “Lady Bird.” Ronan doesn’t just play the role of Mary Stuart but dives so deeply into the character that every page of history is seen through her face, each act of betrayal comes through her eyes and each stifled attempt to claim her rightful place can be heard with each breath. What Ronan does isn’t acting but capturing the soul of the character. This is a waste when the film stumbles around with all the historical bits and pieces. It is the moments of truth Ronan shows that lift the movie above being a standard historical drama.

And that moment comes when Stuart and Elizabeth meet. Both women fear and admire each other. Stuart and Elizabeth are different in age, self-esteem and fertility, but they are the only two people who can really say they understand what the other is going through as strong women in a male-driven world. In Robbie, Ronan gets more of an acting partner who ends up looking even better because of just sharing the screen with Ronan. It’s sad Rourke was more focused on the canvas behind the actors than focusing on the heavy-weight actors performing in front of it. It didn’t help that Willimon’s script has too many unnecessary distractions that pull the attention away from Ronan, the only real reason to see “Mary Queen of Scots.”

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



“Fresh Off the Boat” (7 p.m., ABC): Eddie (Hudson Yang) wants to spend Christmas in New York with Nicole (Luna Blaise), but Jessica (Constance Wu) declares he must follow their family’s tradition of spending the holiday together in the new episode “Cousin Eddie.” As the pair engage in a battle of wills, Louis and Evan (Randall Park, Ian Chen) try to help Emery (Forrest Wheeler) decide which of his friends he should invite to dinner.

“I Love Lucy Christmas Special” (7 p.m., CBS): This year’s edition of a CBS yuletide staple features the newly colorized 1952 episode “Pioneer Women,” in which Lucy and Ethel (Lucille Ball, Vivian Vance) accept a wager with Ricky and Fred (Desi Arnaz, William Frawley) to prove whether men or women had it worse in bygone days. Also, “The Christmas Episode” from 1958, repeated annually, sees the Ricardos and Mertzes decorating a Christmas tree.

“The 87th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade” (7 p.m., CW): Actors Dean Cain and Erik Estrada, along with Laura McKenzie and Montel Williams, are hosts for this annual West Coast tradition, a parade featuring giant character balloons and celebrity-filled cars making their way down a three-mile parade route on Hollywood Boulevard. Actors Garrett Clayton and Elizabeth Stanton are co-hosts for the event, which also includes live musical performances on two stages.

“Christmas Around the Corner” (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Claire (Alexandra Breckenridge), a venture capitalist from New York, tries to help restore the fortunes of a charming but flood-damaged bookstore in Vermont, but her suggestions are rebuffed by Andrew (Jamie Spilchuk), the shop’s owner. Eventually he starts to come around, recognizing they have a common goal in saving the business.

“Speechless” (7:30 p.m., ABC): In the aftermath of an unfortunate Christmas tree fire, Maya (Minnie Driver) tries to smooth things over with a small lie that winds up having massive consequences in this new holiday episode. Elsewhere, hapless Ray (Mason Cook) is forced to live in the shadow of Pepper the dog, a situation that Dylan (Kyla Kenedy) exploits gleefully.

“Korn’s Brian Head Welch: Loud Krazy Love” (9 p.m., Showtime): Co-directors Trey Hill and Scott Mayo spent four years filming this decidedly unconventional documentary profiling guitarist Brian “Head” Welch, who co-founded the band Korn. After years of success, he walked away from the group, and a \$23 million record deal, in 2005 to kick his addiction to crystal meth and endeavor to be a better father to his daughter, Jennea.

TALK SHOWS

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Armie Hammer; musician Mark Ronson; comic Pete Lee.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Tony Shaloub; comic Django Gold.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Justin Theroux; actress Karen Gillan; Gucci Mane performs.*

* Subject to change

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‘SHOPLIFTERS’ ★★★

Family of liars, cheats and thieves

BY ANN HORNADAY
The Washington Post

In “Shoplifters,” we meet two of the main characters as they ply the family trade in a Tokyo food market: Dad Osamu (Lily Franky) gives his young son Shota (Kairi Jyo) the high sign, blocking the view of a clerk while the boy snags as much merchandise as he can before running out of the store.

Is this a playful father-son lark or something more sinister? Writer-director Hirokazu Kore-eda leans into the ambiguity in a movie that feels cozy and affirming one moment, but then undergoes several intriguing shifts as new information comes to light. On their way home, Osamu and Shota encounter a little girl named Yuri (Miyu Sasaki), whom they bring home to feed and warm up. Soon, she’s part of a tight-quartered family that includes Osamu’s wife, Nobuyo (Sakura Ando), Shota’s sister, Aki (Mayu Matsuo-ka), and grandmother Hatsue (Kirin Kiki), the family matriarch, whose small house the family has colonized as squatters-with-benefits, despite having construction and laundry jobs in the city.

With its air of intimacy and fractious affections, “Shoplifters” feels like “The Borrowers” by way of Yasujiro Ozu, a discreetly observed drama about resourcefulness, loyalty and resilience in an era of obscene income inequality and a fatally frayed civic safety net. Although the protagonists here are liars, cheats and thieves, Kore-eda’s sympathies are clearly with people he perceives as forced to subsist on what they can take from wealthier institutions. As one character notes in justifying the family trade, if the store they’re robbing doesn’t go bankrupt, who’s being hurt?

But as “Shoplifters”



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MPAA rating: R (for some sexuality and nudity)

Running time: 2:01

Playing: Now at the Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave., www.musicboxtheatre.com. In Japanese with English subtitles.

proceeds, Kore-eda throws more troubling questions into the mix, so that a winsome film with nods toward “Oliver Twist” and Charlie Chaplin’s “The Kid” becomes something far more complex. In recent films like “Our Little Sister” and “Like Father, Like Son,” Kore-eda has

resorted to manipulation and melodrama to get the audience’s attention and investment. Here, he harks back to his harrowing 2004 film “Nobody Knows,” about a family of abandoned children, applying more rigor to a story whose ethical quandaries are presented with equal parts compassion and toughness. The deeply flawed heroes of “Shoplifters” may not always be right. But they’re not wrong, either, if only because they’re willing to make their own contract with one another, after society has cruelly written them out.

Salute to Vienna
New Year's Concert



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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 14

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BROADCAST		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00		
	CBS	2	I Love Lucy Christmas Special (N) © ❸		The Dick Van Dyke Show -- Now in Living Color! (N)		Blue Bloods: "Ghosts of the Past." © ❸		News (N) ♦		
	NBC	5	Midnight, Texas: "Resting Witch Face." (N) ©		Dateline NBC (N) © ❸				NBC 5 News (N) ♦		
	ABC	7	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	Speechless (N) ©	Child Support (Season Finale) (N) © ❸		(9:01) 20/20 © ❸		News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN	9	Family Classics: Scrooge © ❸				WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © ❸		WGN News at Ten (N)		
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy		
	This TV	9.3	Pocketful of Miracles (NR, '61) *** Glenn Ford, Bette Davis. ©				Deck Hall ♦				
	PBS	11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please!	Cmas-Dan-ube	k.d. lang -- Landmarks Live in Concert: A Great Performances Special (N) ©				
	The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©		
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett		
H&I	26.4	Star Trek: "I, Mudd." ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦			
Bounce	26.5	Scandal ©		The Five Heartbeats (R, '91)		★★ Robert Townsend, Michael Wright. ♦					
FOX	32	Last Man Standing (N)	The Cool Kids (N)	Hell's Kitchen: "What Happens in Vegas." (N) ❸		Fox 32 News (N)	Bears Unleashed	Flannery Fired Up			
Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles ❸		NCIS: Los Angeles ❸		NCIS: Los Angeles ❸		NCIS: LA ♦			
TeleM	44	♦ (6) Sabotage (R, '14) ***		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)			
CW	50	The 87th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade (N)		Christmas Parade (N)		CSI: Miami: "Time Bomb."		Chicago ♦			
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CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 12.14.18." (N) (Live) © ♦							
	AMC	♦ (6) The Polar Express (G)		The Santa Clause 2 (G, '02) ★★		Tim Allen. ©					
	ANIM	Tanked: Unfiltered (N) ©		Tanked (N) ©		Tanked ©		Tanked ♦			
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Frozen		Planet Earth: Frozen		Planet Earth: Frozen		Norton (N) ♦			
	BET	blackish		blackish		Waiting to Exhale (R, '95) ★★		Whitney Houston, Angela Bassett. ♦			
	BIGTEN	BTN Football in 60 ©		BTN Live ©		BTN Football in 60 ©		BTN Live ♦			
	BRAVO	♦ Married to Medicine ©		Married to Medicine (N)		A Madea Christmas (PG-13, '13) ★ ♦					
	CLTV	News at 7		News (N)		News at 8		News (N)			
	CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ♦			
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Special Report ©		AC 360 ♦			
	COM	South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park			
	DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush (N) ©		Master of Arms (N) ©		Reformed (N)			
	DISN	Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG, '12) ★★		Coop		Coop		Raven		Raven	
	E!	The Fast and the Furious (PG-13, '01) ★★		Vin Diesel. ©		Fast & Furious ♦					
	ESPN	♦ NBA Basketball: Pacers at 76ers (N)		NBA Basketball (N) ♦							
	ESPN2	College Football: NCAA FCS Championship Round (N)		SportCtr (N)							
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News			
	FOOD	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive		Diners (N)		Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	
	FREE	♦ (6:20) The Santa Clause (PG, '94) ★★		(8:25) The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ★							
	FX	The Secret Life of Pets (PG, '16) ★★		The Secret Life of Pets (PG, '16) ★★		The Secret Life of Pets (PG, '16) ★★ ♦					
	HALL	Homegrown Christmas (NR, '18) Lori Loughlin. ©		Christmas at Holly Lodge (NR, '17) ♦							
	HGTV	Dream		Dream (N)		Dream		Dream		Hunters (N)	
	HIST	Ancient Aliens: Declassified: "Mars and Beyond." (N) © ♦									
	HLN	CNN Special Report ©		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic	
	IFC	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men	
	LIFE	Christmas Around the Corner (NR, '18) ©		(9:03) A Gift Wrapped Christmas ♦							
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)			
	MTV	Ridic. (N)		Ridic. (N)		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	
	NBCSCH	Pregame (N) NHL Hockey: Winnipeg Jets at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live) ©		Postgame							
	NICK	Henry		SpongeBob		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows ('16) ★★		♦			
	Ovation	♦ (6) A League of Their Own (PG, '92) ★★		Tom Hanks.		Wild Wild West (PG-13, '99) ★		♦			
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 ♦			
	OXY	Dateline: Secrets		Killer Couples ©		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide ♦			
	PARMT	♦ (6:30) I Am Legend (PG-13, '07) ★★		Will Smith. ©		Bellator MMA Live (N) (Live) ©		♦			
	SYFY	♦ The Incredible Hulk ★★		Z Nation: "Hackerville." (N)		Van Helsing (N) ©		Nightfly. ♦			
	TBS	Burgers		Burgers		Central Intelligence (PG-13, '16) ★★		Dwayne Johnson.		ELEAGUE (N)	
	TCM	Blackboard Jungle (NR, '55) ★★		Glenn Ford. ©		To Sir, With Love (NR, '67) ★★		♦			
	TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "Extended: No Way Out." (N) ©		90 Day (N)		Return to Amish (N) ©					
	TLN	Camp Meeting		Life Today		Dare		7th Street			
	TNT	Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back (PG, '80) ★★		Mark Hamill. ©		Star Wars: ♦					
TOON	Gumball		Gumball		Amer. Dad		Burgers		Family Guy		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures: "Ghost Towns." (N) ©		Family Guy		Ghost ♦				
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USA	It's a Wonderful Life (PG, '46) ★★		James Stewart, Donna Reed. ©		Mod Fam ♦						
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars (Season Premiere) (N) ©		RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars ©		Titanic ©						
WE	Love After Lockup ©		Love After Lockup (N) ©		(9:01) Love After Lockup		Love- Loc. ♦				
WGN America	♦ (6) Batman (PG-13, '89) ★★		The Matrix (R, '99) ★★		Keanu Reeves. ©		♦				
PREMIUM	HBO	Mortal		Ready Player One (PG-13, '18) ★★		Tye Sheridan. ©		VICE © ♦			
	HBO2	Once Upon a Time in Mexico ('03) ★★		Sally4Ever		(9:15) The Greatest Showman ★★		♦			
	ATOMIC	Maximal Blonde (R, '17) ★★		Charlize Theron. ©		Judge (N)		Mike Judge		Atomic ♦	
	SHO	Quantum of Solace (PG-13, '08) ★★		Daniel Craig.		Korn's Brian Head Welch (N)					
	STARZ	Counterpart: "Inside Out." ♦		Outlander ©		Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ★★		♦			
STZCNC	♦ (6:06) Scream ('96) ★★		Underworld: Blood Wars (R, '16) ★★		(9:34) The Saint ★★		♦				

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 14): This year inspires long-term dreams. Realize them with steady, persistent efforts. Revelations illuminate your work, services or health. Winter largesse feeds your next exploration. A shared venture gets a financial boost next summer, inspiring a shift in your personal income. Contribution satisfies your spirit.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. All is not as it appears. Imagine a vision realized. Strategize and plan. Balance emotion with reason. Listen for possibilities. Consider steps carefully.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. A team vision seems within reach. Act quickly without spending recklessly. Costs may be higher than expected. Collaborate with someone who sees your blind spot.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Career action builds your skills and influence. Self-discipline pays off. Profit from a dreamer's vision. Dare to be unreasonable for a bold possibility.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. What would it take to realize a travel fantasy? Where would you love to go? Make plans, itineraries and reservations. Expand your frontiers.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Seek private time with your partner. Work out shared financial priorities. Check out an interesting suggestion. Look at a situation from a different view.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Accept a challenge, and ask for help. You can't do everything by yourself; rely on a partner's support. Take decisive action. Collaborate for a common goal.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Persistent actions get results. Maintain physical practices and routines, despite disruption. Discipline pays off with interest. Get imaginative with your work. Strengthen the heart factor.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Dreams seem within reach. Take action for love. Put your efforts behind a matter of heart. Draw upon hidden resources. Use your talents and arts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Family comes first. Follow a domestic dream or intuition. Get rid of stuff you don't need anymore. Find practical solutions to fulfill a vision.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Listen to the emotional undercurrent. Write down insights, visions and dreams. Old assumptions may get challenged. Connect with your friends, relations and allies.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Tap into extra revenue. A long-considered possibility gets realized with persistence and determination. Monitor finances closely.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Take charge of your own destiny. Self-discipline can realize a personal dream. Resist temptation to splurge or overspend. Duty calls.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

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

Many of today's tournament players use a lead agreement known as "third and fifth." They lead the third highest card from an even number of cards in the suit and the lowest card from an odd number. This helps them get a quick count on the hand but can cause problems when they need information about the location of high cards. Other players use "second and fourth." They lead their second highest card from a worthless suit, defined as holding no jack or higher, and their fourth highest card from an honor, giving their count on

The bidding:			
East	South	West	North
1♠	3♦	3♠	4♦
All pass			
Opening lead: Six of ♠			

the second play in the suit. "Third and fifth" players claim they can often work out where the high cards are, and indeed they can — sometimes. "Second and fourth" players wouldn't even consider today's deal as a problem. West's lead of the spade five would promise an honor, on this deal the queen, and East would routinely return a low spade at trick two to partner's queen for a heart shift to defeat the contract. "Third and fifth" players would have a problem. They would solve it correctly on this deal, as they can see that partner must be put on play for a heart lead through the dummy before the ace of clubs is knocked out. They would win the king of spades at trick one, take a deep breath, and return the jack of spades, hoping partner had the queen. West would know what to do — overtake the jack with the queen and shift to a heart. Problem solved on this deal.

— Bob Jones
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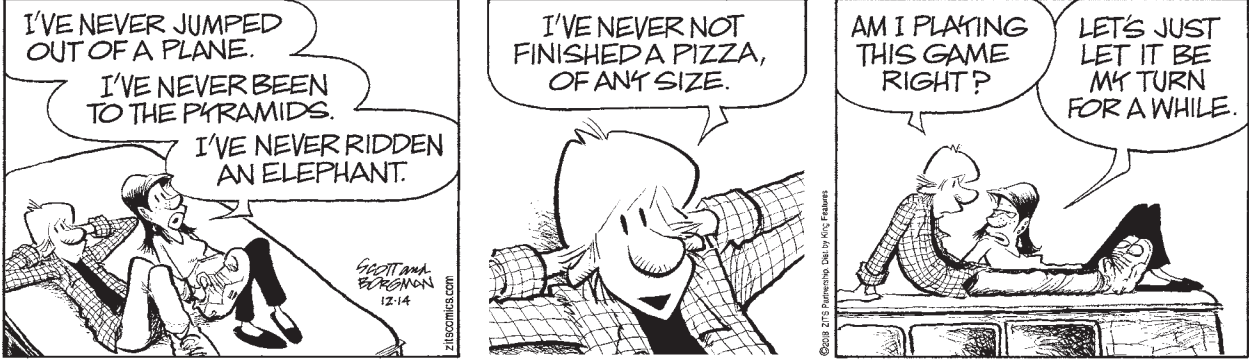
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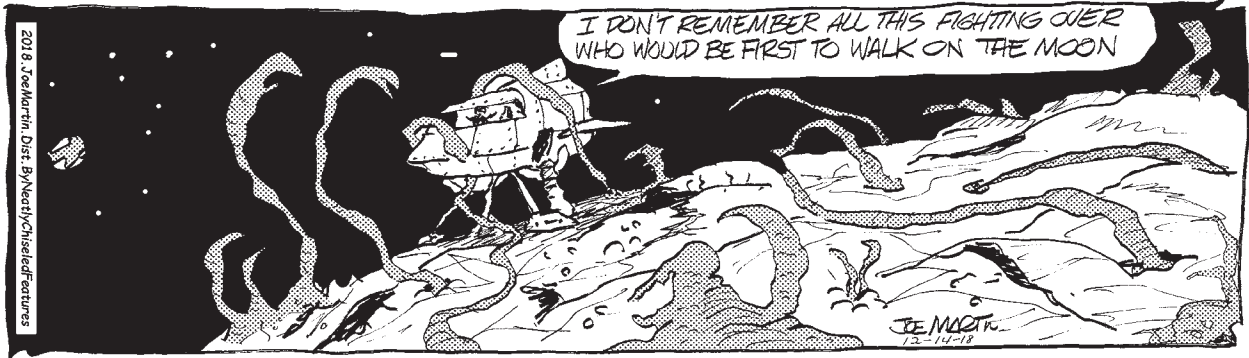
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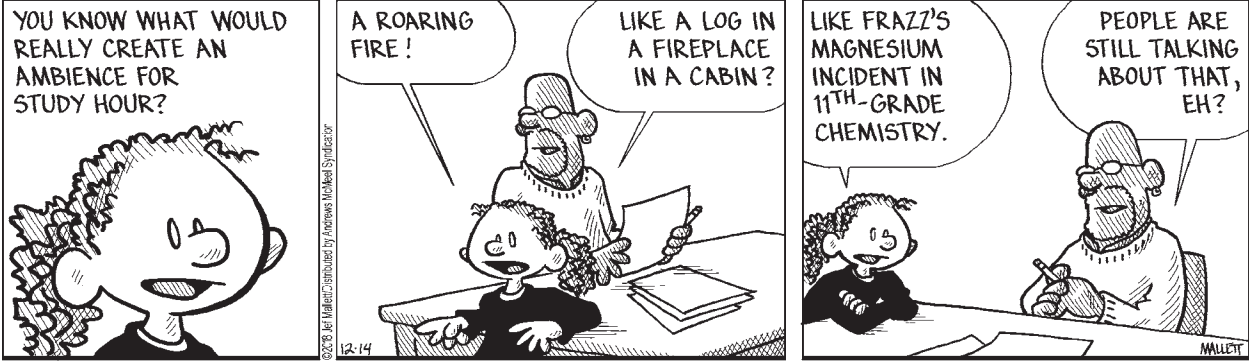
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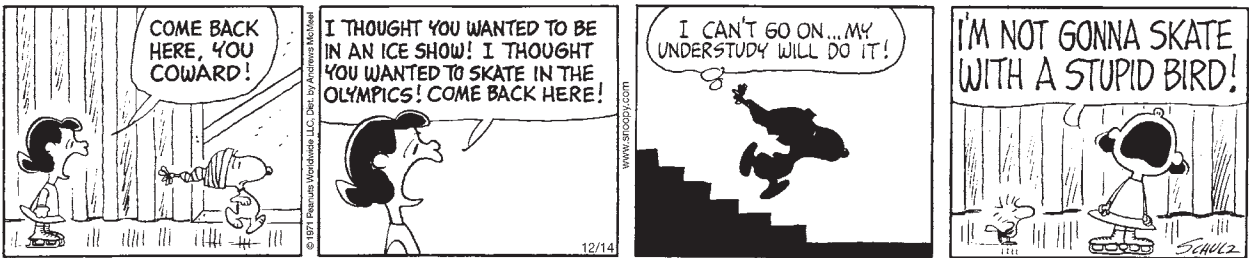
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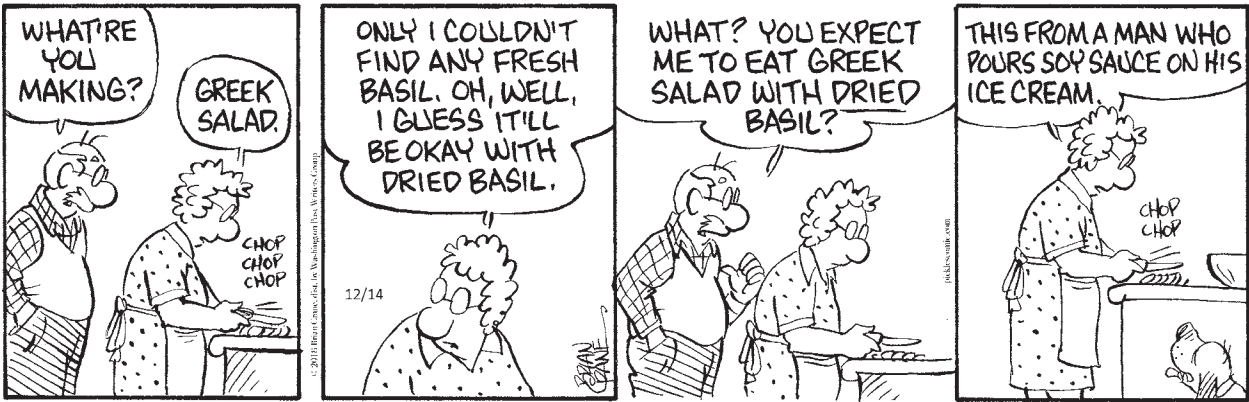
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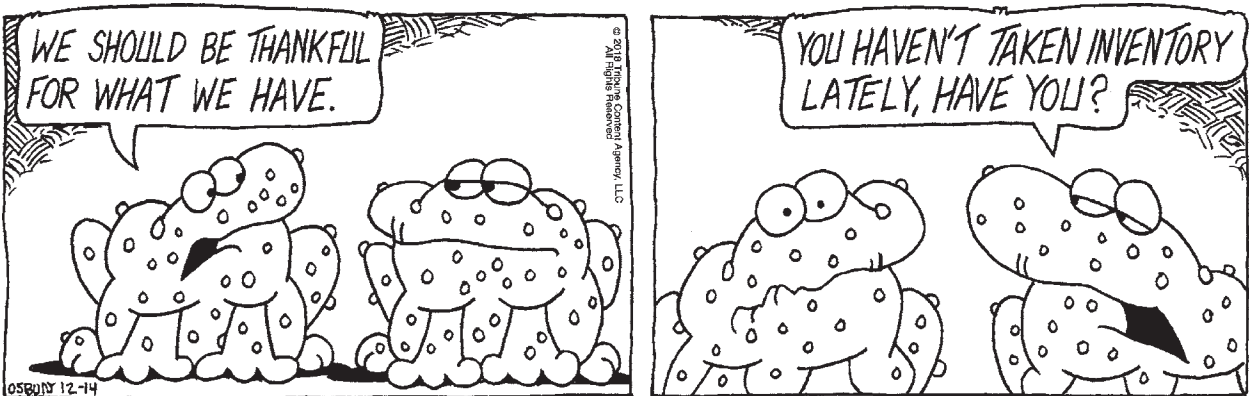
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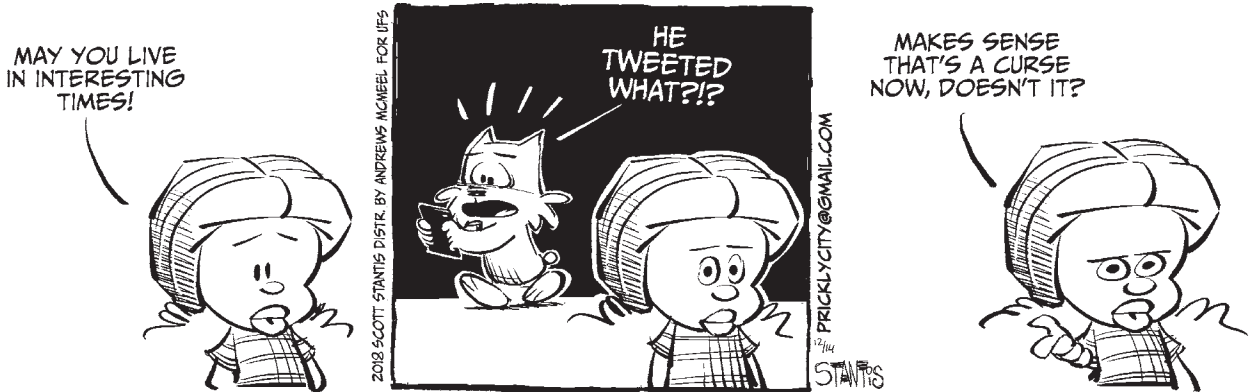
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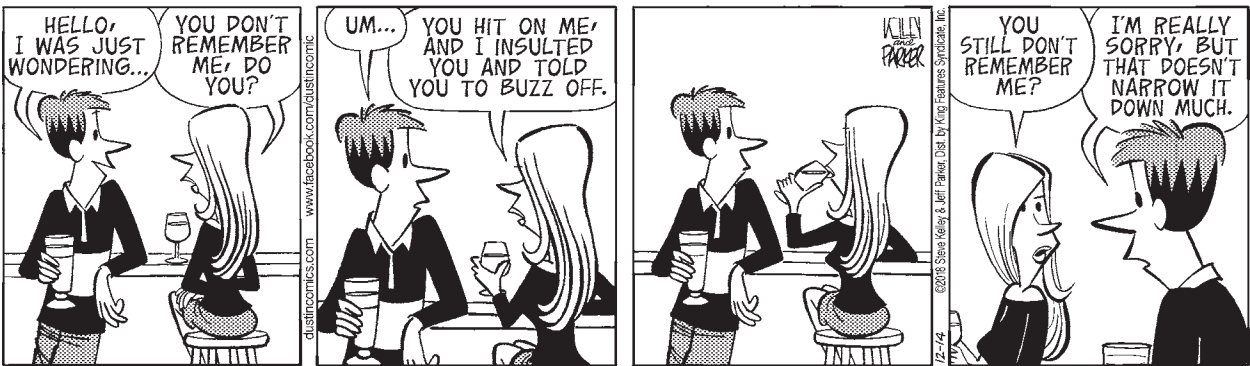
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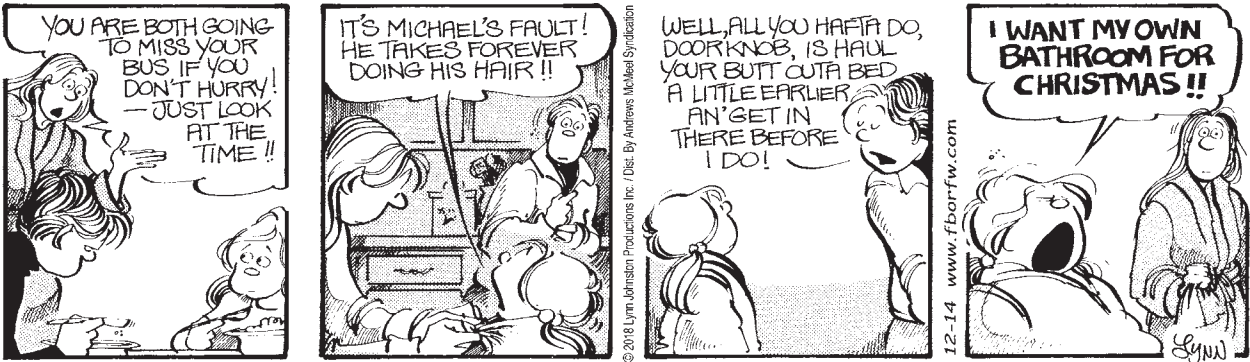
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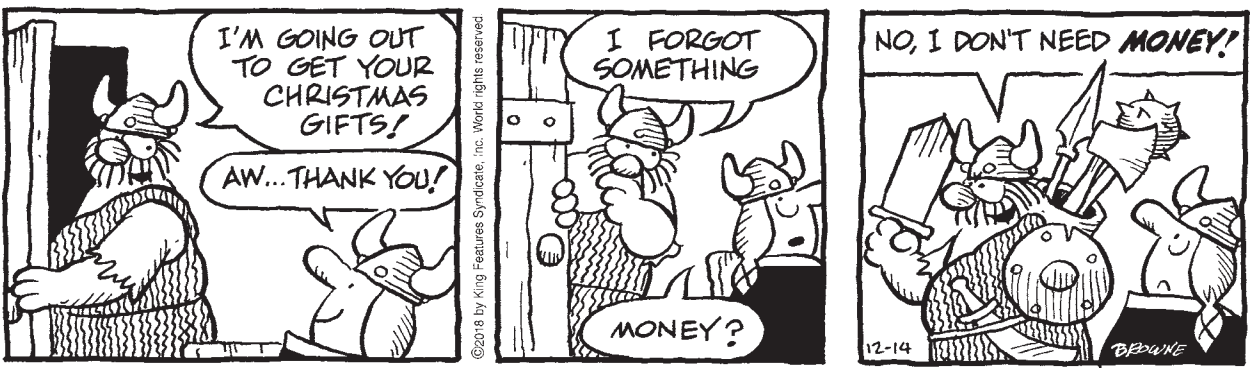
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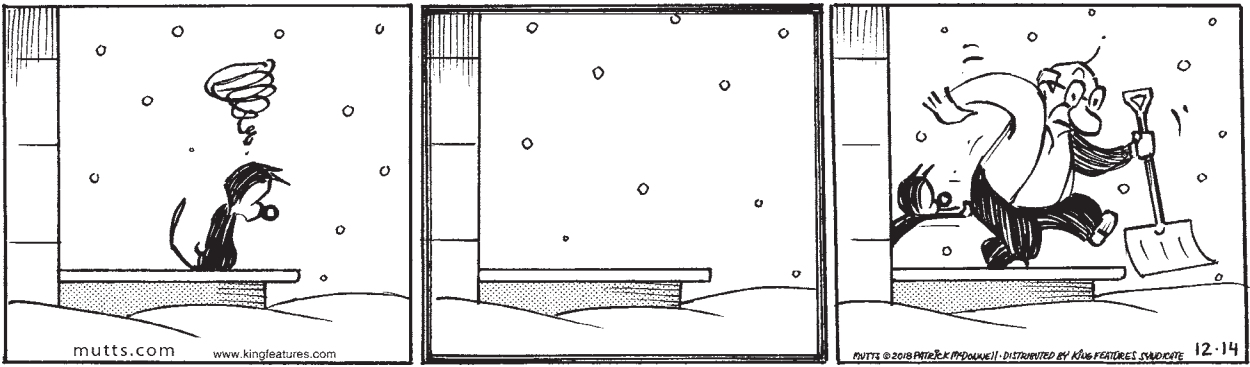
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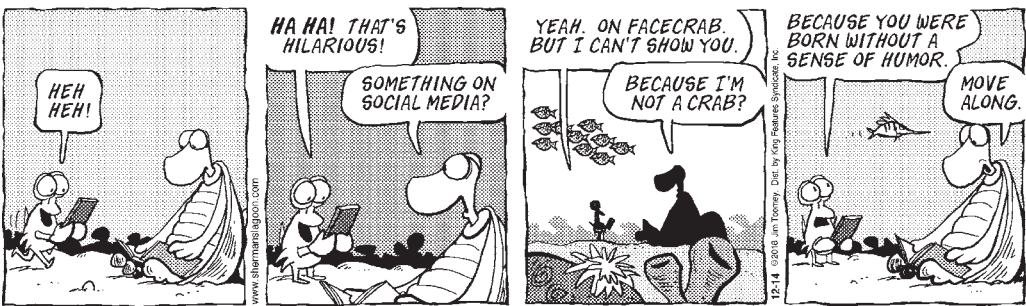
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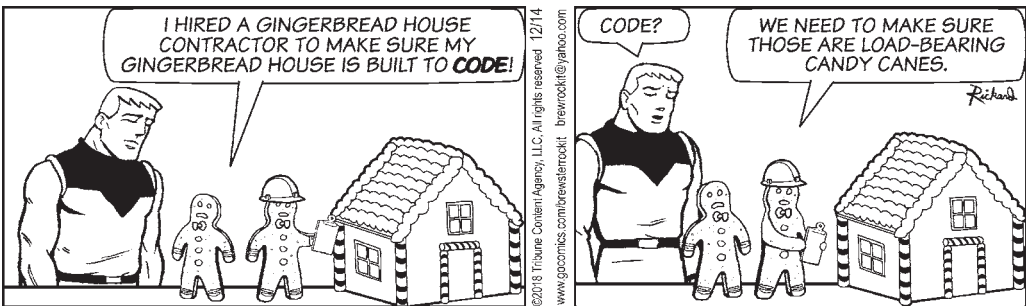
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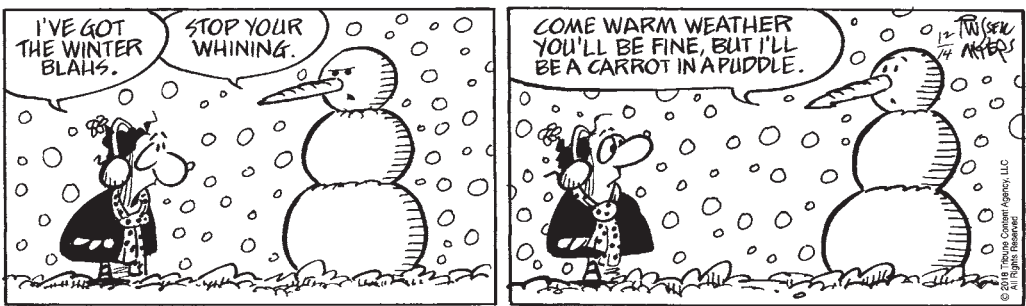
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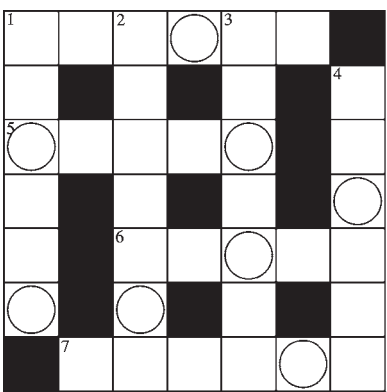
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Trivia Bits

What does Barbados have in common with Cambodia, Ecuador, Iceland and the state of Hawaii?
A) It's a former British colony
B) It doesn't observe daylight saving time
C) It's in the Tropic of Capricorn
D) They are the world's largest growers and exporters of pineapple
Thursday's answer: Galileo
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Jumble Crossword



12-14-18

CLUE: The giant squid is the largest animal without a ____.

BONUS [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

CLUE
1. Baked, broiled
5. ____ pad
6. Picture
7. Plan
CLUE
1. Silky labyrinth
2. Speech
3. Uplift
4. Surpass
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

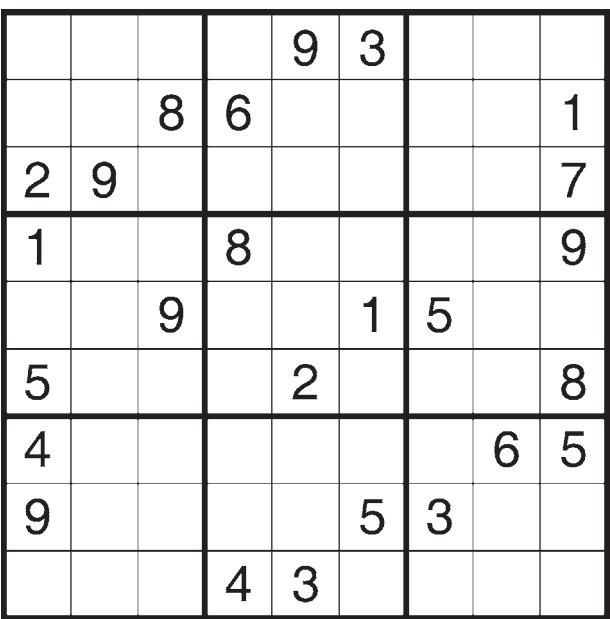
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By David L. Hoyt.

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ON THE TOWN



JULIEN BOURGEOIS

Cat Power discusses her latest album, ‘Wanderer,’ and changes in both her public and private lives

By JESSI ROTI | Chicago Tribune

Cat Power, who has been turning out dark, bluesy folk records and touring as Cat Power since the early 1990s, has been known to cancel a live performance (or entire tour) to take care of herself.

“I’m one of those people that wakes up like I got ... struck by lightning,” she laughs, her raspy, Georgia drawl cracking warmly. “But I

didn’t really get to sleep, I was up late trying to teach my manager about Instagram.” Marshall’s back on the road behind her tenth studio album “Wanderer.” Released in October, the album has been included in many “Best Of” year-end lists, with fans and critics applauding her for coming out swinging after a few years of battles — both personal and professional.

Calling from a designated “phone room”

Turn to *Cat Power*, Page 2

TAKE 10

By JESSI ROTI | Chicago Tribune



IAN IBBETSON

“Cirque Dreams Holidaze” is at the Chicago Theatre this weekend.

1. Cirque Dreams Holidaze: Acrobats, singers and dancers from around the world perform as reindeer, toy soldiers, gingerbread people and more for a holiday spectacular. \$28.50-\$125. 7:30 p.m. Friday; multiple performances Saturday-Sunday. Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. tinyurl.com/y8xdkk6o

2. Wrigleyville Winter Wonderland: This immersive, holiday pop-up features four heated geodesic domes that welcome visitors to take part in various activities and experiences. Free admission. 2-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. At the intersection of Roscoe and Clark streets. tinyurl.com/yewb9vvt

3. Joyful Gingerbread: Visit the Chicago Botanic Garden for a hands-on gingerbread baking class that even the kids can enjoy. Participants will also learn about the different plants needed to make this seasonal treat. \$24 per child. 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Saturday. 1000 Lake Cook Road. tinyurl.com/y8l8fdec

4. Pilsen Community Winter Market: Still in its indoor season, the Pilsen Community Market will bring over 25 vendors — including local artisans, farmers and bakers — to Honky Tonk BBQ. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 1800 S. Racine Ave. tinyurl.com/ybe83c65

5. Funkedesi 22nd Anniversary: The award-winning group — known for blending Indian music with Afro-Caribbean beats, funk, folk and reggae — celebrates 22 years with two shows at The Promontory. \$12-\$24. 6 and 8 p.m. Friday. 5311 S. Lake Park Ave. West. tinyurl.com/y73qlza6

6. Music Box Christmas double-feature: The 35th annual yuletide double-feature boasts “It’s A Wonderful Life” and “White Christmas” back-to-back. Partake in a singalong of classic carols ahead of the screening. \$13.50 single feature/\$20 for double; \$10/\$15 for kids under 13. Through Christmas Eve. 3733 N. Southport Ave. tinyurl.com/y9dccy2a

7. African American Designers in Chicago “Art, Commerce & the Politics of Race”: Including a wide range of mediums — from cartooning and product design to signage, architecture and graphic design — take a look at how black designers and artists remade the image of the consumer and the work of the black artist through American advertising and consumer culture. Free through March 3. Chicago Cultural Center, 4th floor, 78 E. Washington St. tinyurl.com/ycazqvus

8. “That’s Weird Grandma’ Rings in the Holidays”: Popular kid-friendly troupe Barrel of Monkeys celebrates its season with a special holiday edition of its “That’s Weird Grandma” show. \$5-\$20. 8 p.m. Monday through Dec. 22. The Neo-Futurists Theater, 5153 N. Ashland Ave. tinyurl.com/yarczg53



DANIEL WICKE

Lara Carling and Kay Kron return for Chicago Children's Theatre's 2018 holiday production.

9. The Beatrix Potter Holiday Tea Party: Two new stories make up the return of this interactive trunk and puppet show, complete with cocoa and cookies. Dressing up is strongly encouraged, especially as the lobby of the Station at the Chicago Children's Theatre itself is transformed into a Victorian-era dining hall. \$52. 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 30. 100 S. Racine Ave. tinyurl.com/yarczg53

10. Chicago Honky Tonk presents Another Holiday Spectacular: Rockabilly band The Western Elstons and rock ‘n’ roll/swing act The Modern Sounds will provide the tunes, with dance lessons kicking off at 1:30 p.m. Free. 12 p.m. Sunday. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. tinyurl.com/yafqhm2

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Cat Power

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in an airport lounge in New York, Marshall sounded jovial, centered and present despite her voice’s signature “worn-in” quality. She’s doing just fine, thanks for asking.

“I’m so grateful and thankful to be okay; to have made it through the system, you know?” She says, recounting different parts of her life since the release of her last album, 2012’s “Sun.”

“People were saying ‘Oh, you’re crazy.’ ‘You need anti-depressants.’ We all do, we all have our struggles in this lifetime. But I’m healthy, I’m happy, I’m working. I care about people. I’m happy I’m not jaded or bitter.”

Upon that record’s release, Marshall — whose previous history of substance abuse has been hashed, *and rehashed* over her nearly 30-year career — was hospitalized multiple times; eventually diagnosed with the autoimmune disorder angioedema. Her impending European tour was canceled so she could recuperate from what she considers the fight for her life, but eight months later she found herself out on the road and the weight of keeping up appearances began to exhaust her again.

It was at the same time, while in Africa, she found out she was pregnant.

“When I got home and started my journey of deciding whether or not to bring another soul onto this playing field, I took a few weeks seeing doctors to figure out the right answer,” Marshall recalls. “After I decided to be a mom, go forward and have a child — there weren’t any more questions. I needed to prepare. I needed to set up a home base. That’s instinctual, that’s what we do as primal beings.”

Her instinct led her from Brooklyn to a Spanish-style home on Miami Beach with all of her gear, three dogs and an engineer pal from France. Three months after giving birth to her now 3-year old son, she wrote the intro to “Woman,” the second single off “Wanderer.”

“If I had a dime for every time / Tell me I’m not what you need,” she sings through the phone. “If I had a quarter I would pull it together / And I would take it to the bank and then leave.”

“That’s where some sort of map gets created,” she continues. “I don’t know if it’s psycho-spiritual or what, but a map sort of gets laid out involving songwriting or some type of vibration that shows me where I’m going musically.”

As a whole, Marshall describes “Wanderer” as a work about what’s worth letting go and what’s worth holding onto, though her experiences have shown her time and time again that sometimes you don’t have a choice. Apart from lovers and friends, for her that included leaving her musical home of 20 years — Matador



ELIOT LEE HAZEL

Singer-songwriter Chan Marshall, a.k.a. Cat Power, plays Thalia Hall in support of her latest album “Wanderer” on Thursday.

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Where: Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

Tickets: Sold out; www.thaliahallchicago.com

Records.

“They said the album was no good,” she explains, still sounding slightly stung by the dissolution of the relationship. “So for about a year of time, I didn’t have a home for it — I didn’t have a label. I wasn’t sure if this work that I had recorded was gonna ever come out. But my job — it’s an incredible job, and I’m so grateful to have it — is to sing my songs for people. So for that

year, I was touring with my child and just enjoying my life being a mom and trying not to get upset over ‘... *What am I gonna do with my life?*’ I thought, maybe I’ll write a book. I’d love to write a book.”

It was then that Marshall was encouraged by a fellow female artist making a name for herself by singing her blues — Lana del Rey (who provides vocals on “Woman”).

In the liner notes of her 2017 release “Lust for Life,” del Rey thanked Cat Power “for continuing to inspire me through your music and the work you do.” Upon meeting, Marshall says the pop singer “shook” her.

“(Lana del Rey) was like ‘Chan, you’re part of the musical landscape right now.

It’s not before, it’s now,’” she remembers. “As a woman, as a friend, it’s like...your friends who aren’t singer-songwriters or musicians can tell you great, kind things: ‘You’re a great mom’ or ‘Don’t worry, you’re doing fine. The universe will bring you what you need.’ But for another female artist to sort of shake me a little bit and say ‘Are you f-----g crazy? You’re great, do what you do, don’t think twice’” made me feel less alone.”

After that, Marshall struck a deal with Domino and linked up with engineer Rob Schnapf finish mixing the record she produced entirely on her own. Apart from the ten original songs that make-up the album’s unadorned essence — and bear testimony to her own confidence and resilience — “Wanderer” includes a hauntingly lingering cover of Rihanna’s 2013 single “Stay.”

Set to Marshall’s own piano accompaniment, she explains that the song fully encompassed how she was feeling during the album’s entire creative process.

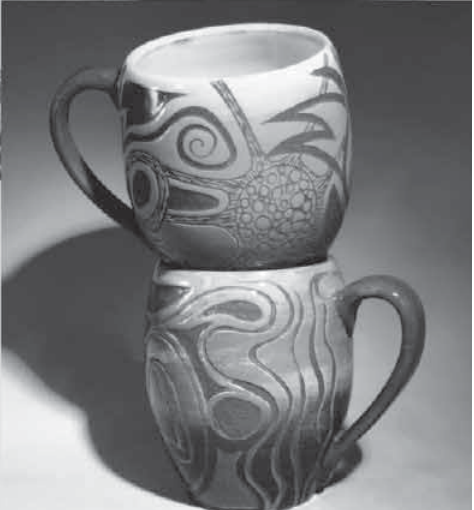
“I didn’t even know he was recording,” she says. “He had the tape rolling and I’m blessed that he captured that. I can never play it again, I don’t know where to put my fingers to find it again — just making (stuff) up like that. The luck of the draw, and the magic of first takes. There are plenty of first takes that no one will ever hear.”

First, second and third takes aside, Marshall says part of her feels like she’s finally figured something out. Well, she says she’s at least been able to make good on something she told herself two decades ago.

“It was the 20th anniversary of my album ‘Moon Pix’ so I went to Sydney, Australia to play one show. I played the entire record. I stopped playing that album in 1999, so I hadn’t played these songs in ... forever. But when I arrived to the stage, I felt a message that I had always knew. Like a wrinkle in time,” Marshall explains. “I felt very clear, and I knew — this sounds crazy — but I knew that I had told myself 20 years ago ‘You’re gonna be ok, just hang in there. You’ve got this, don’t worry. Keep your chin up.’ I was singing these songs from a really hard time in my life and I realized that if I’ve learned anything it’s that I knew I wouldn’t let myself down.

“Right now, it’s such an emotionally abrasive time for everybody, it’s very brutal. All the media — it’s a lot to digest. But that’s why I won’t stop what I do. We all need connection in this dominant disparity. You turn on the TV and it’s just — I don’t know. Anyway, I won’t get started. But if I’ve learned anything, it’s that I can’t let myself down. I knew I’d be ok, I don’t know how I knew that, but I did. If you choose life like that every day, life gets better.”

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Quinn Barlow, left, and Quinn Cochran are growing in musical confidence.

LOCAL SOUNDS

Iris Temple’s music grows from a variety of genres

BY BRITT JULIOUS
Chicago Tribune

“I think more than anything, I’ve just become more secure in myself,” said Quinn Barlow, one half of the Kansas City-bred, Chicago-based electronic duo Iris Temple. “We’ve learned a lot about ourselves this past year, and it shows in the music.”

It’s been a unique journey for Barlow and fellow band member Quinn Cochran, who both settled in the city full-time in 2015. Back then, the two moved to Chicago to immerse themselves in the city’s then-emerging young music scenes. It was a couple of years after Chance the Rapper’s “Acid Rap,” and more and more new artists were making waves both within the city’s borders and across the globe. Chicago, they said, was (and is) a good incubator for artists to create their own unique sound.

“We felt it was a really cool place to do whatever you want and anything goes,” Cochran said. “There was no real genre specific to Chicago at the time. There was hip-hop, but there’s a lot of jazz and soul influence too. And that’s our favorite stuff.”

That “anything goes” ethos was a perfect fit for the two, who say a variety of genres influence their overall sound. Everything from classic rock to r&b to hip-hop can have a place on an Iris Temple record. And Chicago, unlike many other cities which may live and thrive on the sounds born out of their local scenes, is not afraid to push the boundaries of what can be classified as “good.”

“Chicago’s great because everyone here is so supportive regardless of genre,” Cochran began. “I’ve found that if the music is genuine and the music is good, people will support it.”

Cochran and Barlow soon found a following eager to hear more of their experimental productions, which veer away from any solid formula from release to release. And now, the two are hard at work on their

When: 9 p.m. Friday

Where: Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave.

Tickets: \$10-\$12 (18+); www.lh-st.com

next release, an as-yet-untitled EP. In the works for more than six months, the new EP veers even farther away from Iris Temple releases of the past. “It’s also a lot more honest than I’ve ever felt with our music,” Cochran elaborated. “A lot of our first stuff was experimenting. With this project, I feel more solid. I feel very connected to this music.”

If the duo’s earlier releases were more profoundly influenced by the city’s emerging r&b and hip-hop sounds, the latest tunes have a decidedly folk bent. Songs are stripped down, with more live instrumentation over electronic production. And lyrically, the two have begun circling around ideas of positive thinking after both admitting to “struggles with anxiety and depression.”

“Entering the world and figuring out who you are can be a challenging thing. You’re confronted with these feelings and these things you’ve never really had to deal with before and sometimes it’s tough to think positively,” Barlow admitted. “I try to understand that life is the good and the bad and you’ve got to see it like that.”

In fact, that kind of positive thinking is the exact reason why Barlow and Cochran were interested in pursuing music in the first place. “We strive to be self-aware and promote self-love and loving each other,” Barlow added. It’s all about love. It’s all about community for us.”

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Fulcrum Point’s ‘Price of Peace’ is a melting pot of musical genres



HOWARD REICH
On Music

Holiday concerts abound at this time of year, but at least one will look and sound quite unlike the others.

On Dec. 19, the Fulcrum Point New Music Project will join forces with the JuJu Exchange jazz quartet, Chicago Children's Choir, poets from Young Chicago Authors and the Poetry Foundation, plus an array of hip-hop performers, for the world premiere of “Price of Peace” at the Harris Theater.

The oratorio, says Fulcrum Point founder Stephen Burns, will be more than just an amalgam of far-flung musical idioms. For it also will send a message.

“We’ve been collaborating with Kevin Coval and Young Chicago Authors for the last few years, so I thought maybe we should have a program alternating music and poetry,” says Burns, who began brainstorming this approach with his younger colleagues.

“We got together and talked about the whole situation we have in Chicago with violence and inequality and the danger that it is to be a young black man in this city. In fact, it’s not only this city – it’s all over the country now!”

JuJu Exchange members Nico Segal and Julian Reid started coming up with ideas, which were ex-

panded upon by the various parties involved.

“I had no programmatic content – I just turned them loose,” says Burns.

The result will be an ambitious work with an apparently unmistakable political edge.

The first movement, “What Loss,” examines “what was lost in the indigenous culture when Europeans came in and took over,” explains Burns. “We have to take stock and take responsibility. In order for there to be peace, we have to acknowledge the violence that has (occurred) historically. That’s where the poets and the composers are coming from.”

That’s followed by “Streets of Division,” which delves into Chicago’s demographic fault lines.

“With the Great Migration and all the Jim Crow-era events, there’s the whole way the city developed (and) divided into different racial and ethnic neighborhoods,” says Burns. “Of course, there have been many poems written about Division Street and streets of division. It’s about the fact that certain people can’t go to certain neighborhoods, whether it’s through redlining or other, unspoken cultural laws.”

The work closes with “Live Here,” which affirms that “everyone deserves the right to live here in the city of Chicago,” says Burns.

Between these formal movements, the Chicago Children’s Choir – under the direction of Josephine Lee – will deliver interludes that the students created.

“It’s really kind of like a Greek chorus effect,” adds



COURTNEY PEDROZA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Chicago Children's Choir will perform in the world premiere of “Price of Peace” at the Harris Theater.

When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19
Where: Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.
Tickets: \$15-\$30; 312-334-7777 or www.harristheater-chicago.org

Burns, “where in between each movement they really say: What is the price for freedom? What is the price for safety?”

Musically, the suite ranges from Ellington-inspired jazz orchestral writing to gospel-tinged spiritual passages to choral singing streaked with jazz improvisation.

All of which represents quite a 20th anniversary celebration for Fulcrum Point, which has been at the forefront of bridging musical languages and cultures in Chicago. Its annual Concert for Peace originated

with Burns recognizing that all kinds of musical groups celebrate the holidays — but he wondered “what do you do with avant-garde or new music?”

“When everyone was being nostalgic, what hit me was: One thing we all have in common around the holidays is peace on earth, good will to all.”

Thus was born the idea of celebrating peace in a way that invited all comers, regardless of musical predilection.

The name Fulcrum Point underscores that sentiment, since Burns conceived the venture to explore the nexus of composition and improvisation, tradition and innovation, acoustic and electronic sounds.

“Our role,” says Burns, “has been to bring people together and leverage their enthusiasm and talent.”

Donald Harrison

The soulful New Orleans saxophonist has been a frequent visitor to Chicago, where he often collaborated with the eminent pianist Willie Pickens. Because this week marks the one-year anniversary of Pickens’ death, we can expect Harrison to reflect on how much Pickens meant to him – and to everyone who valued leonine jazz pianism. Harrison will lead a quartet. 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$25-\$40; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.

Joel Paterson

Last year, Chicago guitarist Paterson proved that it’s possible to release a holiday album packed with worthy musical content. “Hi-Fi Christmas Guitar” was a valentine to Les Paul, Paterson bringing fresh sensibilities to a mid-20th century aesthetic. He’ll revisit seasonal standards during “Joel Paterson’s Holiday Bash” in a room that long has showcased his gifts. 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Post Animal on what's next

BY ALLISON STEWART
Chicago Tribune

Logan Square psych-rock band Post Animal doesn't have a front-person, at least technically. All its members alternate singing lead, though some members get more outside attention than others.

After joining the group, guitarist Joe Keery landed the role of Steve in the Netflix series "Stranger Things." Though he appears on Post Animal's full-length debut, "When I Think of You in a Castle," and on its single, "Ralphie," he doesn't tour with the band.

All five of Post Animal's active members, in a van on the first day of a tour that will bring them to the Metro on Saturday, called in to discuss their earliest days, the recording sessions in a Michigan lake home that cemented their bond, and the house ghost they (possibly!) caught on tape.

The following are excerpts from that conversation:

The origin story
Wesley Toledo (drums): Dalton and Matt grew up together, so they knew each other from high school. They met Jake in Chicago around 2014, and they started jamming together, they were playing country psych. They brought in Joe, (then) I met them in 2015, when Joe switched to guitar. I started playing drums for them in the summer of 2015, and we added Javi a couple of months later.

Matt Williams (guitar): I got hired (at a restaurant), and Joe was already working there.... We all went to see a Pond show together, and we were like, "Well, let's jam." I think he got the show in early 2015?

Jake Hirshland (guitars): We recorded our first EP in this apartment in Boystown, on Halsted and Addison. There was (virtually) no windows in that apartment.

Williams: I lived in a cupboard under the stairs, Harry Potter-style.

The "Castle" recording sessions, featuring all six members and a ghost (probably), were a formative and occasionally terrifying experience

Hirshland: We were primed for the ghastly stuff, because our friend who lent us the house for the week told us it was haunted by a few members of her family tree. (One night), I was half asleep and half awake, and I locked hands with a very assertive figure. These leathery, large hands grabbed my hands



CINA NGUYEN

Logan Square's Post Animal (left to right: Matt Williams, Dalton Allison, Wesley Toledo, Javi Reyes, Jake Hirshland) released a buzzy full length debut earlier this year.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday
Where: Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.
Tickets: \$19-\$21; 773-549-4140 or www.etix.com

and sort of pulled me out of bed. It wasn't very scary, but there were a couple of other things that were scary that happened. We had a table get knocked over across the room from us, and Dalton was kicked while he was lying on the ground, and I was on the porch and I saw a pretty scary figure out in the distance, but I ran inside.

Dalton Allison (bass): It was the first time that we all felt unanimously inspired by the material. ... I don't think we really imagined that it would have been released on a record label, but we were definitely hopeful. We had never put so much into recording before, and we were just all fairly proud of what we were hearing back.

Hirshland: There's a couple of (unexplainable) reverse sounds

in the drum tracks ... backwards cymbal hits in "Heart Made of Metal." They don't open the gates to Hell or anything like that. Maybe if we played them through some sort of sacred music box, they would do something cool.

Until they began recording, none of the members of Post Animal were entirely sure the band would last

Javi Reyes (guitar): It wasn't really, like, our livelihood at that point. We didn't know if we were going to stay together, we didn't know if it was going to be sustainable, but it's working out for now.

Toledo: We went to record the album in the summer of 2016, and after that we started playing better and better shows. By that time, we started realizing that we could go somewhere with this, or at least give it a real shot at trying to make this our job. In 2017, that's when it all started falling into place, and started becoming a way we

could actually sustain ourselves.

As Keery got more famous, and necessarily more absent, Post Animal struggled with their reputation as "The band with the guy from 'Stranger Things'"

Williams: Initially, there were quite a few people going (just) to see Joe play, but he was busy with acting commitments. If anybody was semi-heckling, like, "Where's Steve?," we would just ignore them and keep playing. We played a show in Baltimore, and immediately after our set, the sound guy put on the ("Stranger Things" soundtrack), and Wes just went, "Seriously? Really, dude? Come on, man." When he got the role, it was so proud, like, "Wow, man, you're doing exactly what you set out to do when you went to theatre school. It's such a rare occurrence, you've gotta do it, man." He was filming and coming back and playing shows with us. He filmed the first season, and we recorded the album the summer

after he finished filming. It was all good. It still is all good.

In 2018, the band played its highest profile festival dates (Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza), and toured constantly. Life in a successful band has begun to seem like a semi-feasible idea

Allison: We were at Lollapalooza, and it was the first time they ever had the cameras that were recording us, and projecting onto the screen live. I don't think any of us ever really imagined something like that would be filming one of us, and we'd be up on the big screen. It's definitely more exciting than I ever imagined.

Williams: I think we're all here to stay, I certainly hope. Unless someone's hiding something, right now in this van.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Vocal stalwart Kurt Elling talks politics, early days

BY STEVE KNOPPER
Chicago Tribune

Important update on jazz singer Kurt Elling: The plant that Barack Obama gave him as a housewarming gift, before he became a U.S. senator in 2005, is doing well. "It's up to my shoulders at this point," says Elling, who bought the 2,300-square-foot Hyde Park apartment from the future president and his wife, Michelle. What kind of plant? "I don't know," Elling says, by phone from San Francisco. "Some foliage thing. Something that grows."

Elling, 51, rents the apartment to a local family while he and his own family, his wife Jennifer, and daughter Luiza, split their time between New York and Chicago. He is on the road 185 nights a year, airing out "The Questions," his recent album of jazz standards and unexpected rock and pop covers with co-producer and guest saxophonist Branford Marsalis.

The apartment changeover was not Elling's only Obama encounter — he performed at a 2009 state dinner. And it's not the only time Elling's life and career has intersected with politics. He gave a 2015 interview lamenting "a cancer in the body politic," adding, "There's so much fear, and there are so many moneyed interests playing off of that fear." "The Questions" is unusually political, as Elling builds the opening version of Bob Dylan's "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall" to a piano-sax climax at the line "the executioner's face is always well-hidden."

He also hits a plaintive falsetto

When: 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday
Where: City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph St.
Tickets: \$45-\$55; 312-733-9463 or www.citywinery.com/chicago

in Paul Simon's dark and weary "American Tune" and adds death-obsessed Wallace Stegner and Franz Wright poems to jazz instrumentals by Stu Mindeman and Joey Calderazzo. In Elling's unwavering, crystal-clear voice, the material is both bleak and hopeful. "Politics is always going to be a part of our experience — it might not feel as fraught as it does these days, but there's always political suffering because of cruelty, and people in power taking advantage and people on the bottom suffering," he says. "In a way, I feel guilty that I haven't attacked issues like that earlier on and with more velocity."

The most challenging thing about reproducing the "Questions" songs on tour is not replicating the emotion but remembering all the Dylan lyrics. "It's basically a piece of really extensive list poetry, so without a specific storyline to remind yourself, or things that are going to rhyme in more logical ways, that can be a challenge," he says. "But if you work hard enough and long enough and repeat it long enough, you can forget all the work and sing the music."

Born in Chicago, Elling grew up singing in several choirs; his father was a church musician. In high school, he moved on to pieces by Carl Orff, Brahms, Han-



ANNA WEBBER PHOTO

On his album "The Questions," Kurt Elling sings jazz standards as well as songs by Bob Dylan and Paul Simon.

del and Bach. In college he emphasized jazz, as well as Rachmaninoff and what he calls "crazy Norwegian composers." He says of his early training: "I'd be the only high school kid in a choir of 70 people — all these gray-hairs, and then there'd be this one dorky kid who really loved the music."

Elling built his own scat-singing style, and by the early '90s he was a fixture at local jazz club the Green Mill. He signed with Blue Note Records in 1995, then put out albums of love songs ("This Time It's Love") and experimental reworkings of standards ("Flirting With Twilight"). He has become a master of vocalese, or the jazz art of inventing lyrics for instrumental compositions, as he does on "The Questions" by fusing musical compositions (Carla Bley's "Endless Lawns") with poems (Sara Teasdale's 1920 "Winter Stars") and his own words.

"As soon as I figured out what (vocalese pioneers) Jon Hendricks and Eddie Jefferson were up to ... I couldn't figure out where they came up with these astonishing melodies to sing," Elling says. "As I continued to collect records and listened more broadly, I would stumble across the original Horace Silver composition and look at the dates and say, 'Oh my God, they did that.' It was like the penny dropped in the machine."

In addition to touring for "The Questions" — the first of his upcoming Chicago shows is focused on Christmas music and the second is on the latest album — and Elling is planning what he calls a "radio-style drama" at New York's Lincoln Center. It's inspired by Joe E. Lewis, a Chicago comedian and singer who performed for Al Capone and other mobsters at the Green Mill in the '20s — when Lewis left for a gig at a competing club, goons beat him nearly to

death. Elling discovered the story as part of "Green Mill lore" as well as the 1957 Frank Sinatra film "The Joker Is Wild." "The Big Blind" is scheduled to open in early March.

Interestingly, the hardscrabble, speakeasy side of jazz history is what made Elling's father, the strict church singer, reluctant to support his music career early on. He'd grown up on the Illinois prairies among "very traditionally pious German Lutheran people," Elling recalls, and learned about jazz from James Cagney gangster films. "He was weirded out," Elling says. "His concerns were, 'Well, Kurt, aren't there a lot of prostitutes in the jazz clubs there?' 'Dad, no, there aren't.' As soon as he met actual people on the scene, he was fine with it."

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Tiger chicken wings at Landbirds in Logan Square. The wings come in mild, medium and spicy and have rice on the side.

Landbirds flies high with lollipop wings

By GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

Eddie Lee has always been someone who travels for other people's food. At his new lollipop chicken restaurant Landbirds, he hopes people will travel for his.

Landbirds replaced an old bike shop in Logan Square and opened the Friday before Thanksgiving. The shop is only cooking up a few quickie items — lollipop chicken wings, fried tofu and Spam fried rice — but its “liquid gold,” the shop's sticky, sweet, savory and spicy sauce, takes hours to reduce and create.

“It's what draws people back. Seeing the repeat customers in such a short amount of time speaks a lot about the product,” Lee said.

This isn't Lee's first foray into the restaurant business. He had an “old school European-style” bakery named Fire and Water



Owner Eddie Lee at Landbirds in Logan Square.

Bakery that made baked goods for local restaurants. But the bakery was dependent on Peter Becker, his former baker, who left for the West Coast, so when Lee couldn't find a replacement, Fire and Water Bakery closed.

Although a few Asian fried-chicken shops have opened in the last year, Lee said he chose

to do lollipop chicken wings because he felt it was something that was lacking and the sauces were never quite right. He loved the chicken wings from Great Sea Chinese Restaurant, which he grew up eating, but he wanted to make them even better.

“I wasn't really completely happy with a lot of the things

that were being offered,” Lee said. “I was into crispy chicken basted with a wet sauce that I could spoon onto my rice and eat on different things.”

The jumbo chicken wings at Landbirds are coated with a combination of gluten-free starches and then coated in the special sauce, available as mild, medium and spicy tiger. If you're not looking for chicken, tofu is similarly prepared. While the wings come with a side of rice, you can also opt for musubi fried rice, made with Spam, kimchi, rice and a drizzle of the house sauce.

“We've been growing organically, and it's really fun to watch,” Lee said. “We have no signage, but (customers) find their way in, and it's especially cool to hear about them coming from Geneva or somewhere else that's pretty far.”

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Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Eden Husband-wife Devon Quinn and Jodi Fyfe carved a pretty double dining room from the headquarters of their catering company, where Quinn churns out a Mediterranean menu. The seafood and pasta are the best dishes, and Quinn's umami doughnuts, stuffed with pork or mushroom miso, are a must-order starter. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Pastas and entrees \$18-\$38. 1748 W. Lake St., 312-366-2294. — Phil Vettel

El Che Bar The sequel to John Manion's La Sirena Clandestina is even better than the first. An open hearth is the visual and culinary focal point, from which come an array of grilled and roasted proteins, including superb steaks and surprises such as grilled oysters and fried cheese. Alexis Chabert's wine list has an apt, New World focus. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$45. 845 W. Washington Blvd., 312-265-1130. — Phil Vettel

Ella Elli This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef Nolan Narut is putting out some destination-worthy plates, including ricotta gnocchi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes \$14-\$27. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552. — Michael Nagrant

Elske Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for “love” and as warm as a lingering hug. Choose the tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and pre-

pare to be wowed. Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$90; a la carte dishes \$15-\$22. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — Phil Vettel

Enna At this bright, summery spot, chef CJ Jacobson applies his veggie-focused California style to Mediterranean dishes. Use pieces of naan-like bread to scoop up hummus (especially the version with lamb ragu), then move on to such dishes as baked halloumi with stonefruit. Open: Dinner daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$17-\$25. 74 W. Illinois St., 312-527-5586. — Phil Vettel

Entente Ty Fujimura (Arami) has another hit with this cozy Lakeview restaurant, which features the talents of chef Brian Fisher, previously at Schwa. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$15-\$33. 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553. — Phil Vettel

Etta Picking up from the hearth-grilled steaks at executive chef Danny Grant's Maple & Ash, his latest project, Etta, excels in flame-kissed cooking. We begin with the Pig Picnic, a shared entree of tender pork shoulder and crisped pork belly that perfectly embodies Grant's simple, flavor-forward ethos. Pizza preparations are impressive, and pastas range from the marvelously complex mafaldine with manila clams, king crab meat and 'nduja butter to the beautiful-in-its-simplicity bucatini cacio e pepe. For more substantial dishes, you'll find fork-tender lamb and lightly smoky wood-roasted chicken. As she does at Maple & Ash, Aya Fukai handles the pastry work, and does so brilliantly. Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Pastas and entrees \$14-\$39. 1840 W. North Ave., 312-757-4444. — Phil Vettel

Everest For 30 years, chef/partner Jean Joho has kept his food at the same lofty level as his 40th-floor dining room in One Finan-



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Funkenhausen Chicago doesn't have a ton of Southern restaurants and barely any German ones; Funkenhausen attempts to check both boxes. Purists of these styles of cooking are unlikely to be satisfied with this mashup, but for the rest of us, there's much to admire. Entrees include the veal schnitzel, as crispy and crunchy as you'd want, and the Surfenturfen, above, a combination of well-seared scallops and crisped pork belly over sauerkraut puree. The must-have dish here is the Piggy Plate, a charcuterie and pickled vegetable assortment that arrives on a pig-shaped slate slab. The selection varies from week to week, but expect a German-Southern blend of pork tongue, bratwurst and sausages with pickled okra, bread-and-butter pickles and, perhaps, some rib tips. Dinner daily; brunch Saturday-Sunday. Small plates \$6-\$15, main courses \$24-\$27. 1709 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4727. — Phil Vettel

cial Place. You won't find 23-course tasting menus here, but you will find a well-managed six-course degustation (\$165) of exquisite balance and substantial portion (no two-bite courses here, excepting the trio of “les preludes” that get the meal off to a lovely start). There are three- and four-course prix-fixe options (\$98 and \$130) as well, and an impressive wine list highlighted by a selection of bottles from Joho's native Alsace. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 440 S. LaSalle St., 312-663-8920. — Phil Vettel

fourteensixteen Though it's a bit checklist-y in its decor (re-

claimed wood, weathered brick, Edison bulbs) and scattershot on its menu, there's much to like about this restaurant. The rooftop bar is an attractive feature. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$36. 14 W. Calendar Ave., La Grange, 708-469-7896. — Phil Vettel

Free Rein Free Rein is the Where's Waldo of Chicago restaurants, hiding behind a wall of shaded glass on Michigan Avenue. The menu features a few nods to chef Aaron Lirette's former GreenRiver, including the fried chicken oysters and the spaghetti in sea-urchin sauce. Among the raw dishes, the madai

carpaccio is a standout. There are seafood towers sized for two, four or six — pricey, naturally, but in line with what steakhouses charge. The roasted sturgeon is a star in the making; the fillet is poached in duck fat, then seared on one side, and it's a gorgeous piece of fish. Breakfast includes grab-and-go pastry options by ex-Sixteen's Evan Sheridan, who also helms the dessert menu. Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$35-\$38. 224 N. Michigan Ave., 312-334-6700. — Phil Vettel

George Trois This five-table dining room nestled within Restaurant Michael in Winnetka is old-school in the historic sense: Chef Michael Lachowicz studied under some of the greatest masters of French cuisine, including Paul Bocuse, Pierre Orsi and the late Jean Banchet. Open: Dinner Thursday-Sunday. Prices: Nine-course \$190. 64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, 847-562-6105, reservations through www.tocktix.com. — Phil Vettel

Giant Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armistage Ave., 773-252-0997. — Phil Vettel

GT Prime Giuseppe Tentori (also GT Fish & Oyster) turns his back on steakhouse conventions in his second restaurant. There's no raw bar, no oversize potatoes, and steaks are served in precisely trimmed slices, rather than doorstep-sized slabs. The star entree is the Carnivore platter (bison, rib-eye, venison, wagyu). Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Steak \$14-\$56. 707 N. Wells St., 312-600-6305. — Phil Vettel

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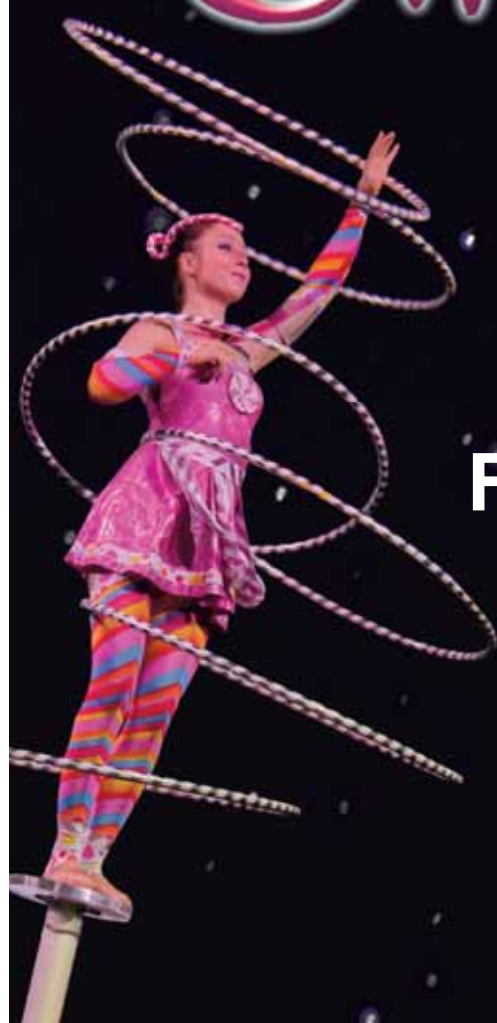
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THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Gomez dramatizes true tales of tragedy

Who is Isaac Gomez?
If you live outside of the world of non-profit theater, you may not know. As recently as 2013, Gomez was an undergraduate student at the University of Texas at Austin.
He moved to Chicago after graduation for an internship in the literary office at the Goodman Theatre and from there, his rise has been swift.
No sooner had his internship at the Goodman ended than Gomez — still just 27 years old — was hired as the literary manager at Victory Gardens Theatre. Once there, he became known for his skill at identifying new writers and also as an outspoken progressive activist, highly critical of the old guard of Chicago theater. “But I was really a closeted playwright,” Gomez said this week over coffee at a North Side cafe, explaining why he decided to leave the kind of job where you are supposed to manage the work of others.
The closet door did not stay closed for long. Already Gomez has cranked out four plays — including “The Displaced” (seen last summer at Haven Theatre), “The Way She Spoke, a Docu-mythologia” (produced in 2016 at the Greenhouse Theatre Center), “Wally World” (Sideshow Theatre Company) and “Ofrenda” (Albany Park Theatre Project). Loquacious, smart and charming, Gomez is the recipient of more grants and awards (including a so-called “make a wave” grant from the Chicago-based 3Arts) than most playwrights twice his age. And so many theater companies wanted a piece of “La Ruta,” the latest play from Gomez, that five different entities get credit for its partial development — the Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre, Primary Stages in New York City, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Pivot Arts.
But it’s Steppenwolf that will give the piece its world premiere; this will be one of the only times in the company’s long history when it has mainlined the work of a Chicago-based playwright who is not (yet, anyway) a member of the Steppenwolf ensemble.
Not only will “La Ruta” be part of Steppenwolf’s mainstage season but it has been given the coveted, financially critical holiday slot (opening night is Dec. 20), a time when more people have time and space to

go to the theater. Steppenwolf traditionally has eschewed the seasonal entertainment common elsewhere in favor of a weighty drama, and “La Ruta” certainly fits that description.
The play, Gomez says, is an outgrowth of a youth spent in the border town of El Paso, Texas, living just a mile or two from the border with Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
“La Ruta” refers to the bus transporting Mexican workers, mostly impoverished rural women, to the American-owned factories, or *maquiladoras*, in Juarez, mostly assembly plants placed there following the signing of NAFTA to take advantage of lower wages outside of the United States. But the play mostly is about the disappearance of hundreds of young women in and around Juarez over a sustained period of time (Roberto Bolano’s acclaimed novel “2066,” also explored some of this history). The causes for the disappearance of the women are generally regarded by those who have studied them as a complex combination of gang warfare, robbery, sexual violence, human trafficking and intimidation. But over time, the unexplained vanishing of so many women and girls in one area also has become a metaphor for governmental inaction (on both sides of the border) in the face of so much suffering.
“I started working on this play seven years ago,” Gomez said, describing how his parents, both of whom were born in the United States, would take him to Juarez, across what once was a free-flowing border. “We used to visit on the weekends,” Gomez said, “until the violence got really bad.”
Gomez went back as an adult — interviewing the women of Juarez. He doesn’t use a word like docudrama to describe the resultant piece — which he describes more as fiction rooted in journalistic research.
“The characters are real,” he said. “The circumstances are real. Many of the characters in the play now are dead. What is fictional merely is the circumstances of their reimagining. I wanted to write about what it is like to life in the wake of unspeakable loss. There are no men in this play, but that does not mean that the presence of men is not palpable.”



JOEL MOORMAN PHOTO

Chicago playwright Isaac Gomez with director Sandra Marquez at a rehearsal for his upcoming play “La Ruta,” which will have its world premiere at Steppenwolf Theatre.

Clearly, “La Ruta” at Steppenwolf represents an important moment in Gomez’s young career. But he says he also feels the moral obligation of what it is like to write about such a history, especially one with origins in the community that gave him life. Among his interviewees, he said, was a mother who had lost her daughter. “She kept saying to me, ‘What’s this for?”

A play?,” Gomez said, his eyes flashing. ““Can you pass on a message for me to anyone who might be watching this? Anyone who could know where my daughter might be.”

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

“A Shayna Maidel” ★★★★★
Barbara Lebow’s 1980s play “A Shayna Maidel” is a much richer work than I ever realized. On its face, this is a simple story of the reconciliation of a father and his two Jewish, Polish-born sisters, one of whom survived a concentration camp, the other who escaped the Holocaust and came to America. *Through Dec. 16 at TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave.; \$40-\$54 at 773-281-8463 or timelinetheatre.com*

“Avenue Q” ★★★★★
“Avenue Q” is once again a long-running hit in Chicago. “Warning, puppet sex” once again appears on the Mercury Theater’s marquee on Southport. Director L. Walter Stearns is letting Princeton, Kate Monster, Gary Coleman, Christmas Eve and the rest of the gang in the show run on and on and on. *Through Dec. 30 at Mercury Theater Chicago, 3745 N. Southport Ave.; \$35-\$65 at www.mercurytheaterchicago.com*

“Blue Man Group” ★★★★★
“Blue Man Group” has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. If you’ve never had the pleasure, go. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

“Familiar” ★★★★★
The aptly named “Familiar,” now at Steppenwolf under the skilled direction of Danya Taymor, is by Danai Gurira, a hugely successful Zimbabwean-American actress and playwright and the daughter of immigrant parents. It’s about the marriage of a young lawyer, to an American and the debate of how much attention the interracial nuptials should pay to Zimbabwean traditions. *Through Jan. 13 at the Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; \$20-\$109 at www.steppenwolf.org*

“Gypsy” ★★★★★
If you doubt that the passion of one gifted performer can raise the game of an entire young cast, you have not seen E. Faye Butler as Rose in the fabulous new Porchlight Music Theatre production of “Gypsy.” Director Michael Weber has nailed the scenes that matter the most: *Through Dec. 29 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St.; \$34-\$61 at www.porchlightmusictheatre.org*

“Hamilton” ★★★★★
This heartland “Hamilton” is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at www.broadwayinchicago.com*

“Plainclothes” ★★★★★
Spenser Davis’ “Plainclothes” is an ambitious but overstuffed situation comedy from Chicago’s burgeoning Broken Nose Theatre. The setting is the loss-prevention office at a Chicago department store, with hourly employees trying to catch mostly impoverished shoplifters. There are elements of improvisation, but also a hyper-naturalistic sensibility and several amped-up performances. *Through Dec. 15 at The Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.; tickets pay-what-you-can at www.brokennosetheatre.com*

“Rightlynd” ★★★★★
“Rightlynd,” a very promising new play by Ike Holter under the direction of Lisa Portes, is a work about Chicago. Set in the fictional 51st Ward of the city, it follows newly elected alderman Nina Esposito (Monica Orozco) in her struggle against gentrification. *Through Dec. 30 at Victory Gardens Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; \$27-\$60 at www.victorygardens.org*



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The cast of the touring production of “The Play That Goes Wrong” at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago.

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“The Play That Goes Wrong” ★★★★★
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“The Santaland Diaries” ★★★★★
During the peak holiday weeks, the Goodman Theatre likes to have an irreverent seasonal attraction on the smaller of its two stages — this year it’s “The Santaland Diaries,” the out-of-whack, first-person account by David Sedaris of the satirist’s seasonal sojourn at Macy’s department store, where he found gainful employment as Crumpet the Elf. The show’s only about an hour, well stocked with laughs and Matt Crowle is a terrific Crumpet in director Steve Scott’s wry little production. *Through Dec. 30 in the Goodman’s Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; \$15-\$61 at 312-443-3800 or www.goodmantheatre.org*

“The Steadfast Tin Soldier” ★★★★★
The hero of the gorgeous new show at Lookingglass Theatre is tormented by a big baby, swallowed by a storm drain, chased by a rat

and incinerated. Mary Zimmerman’s new adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen’s “The Steadfast Tin Soldier” is barely more than an hour long, but this is a major new work. *Through Jan. 13 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$35-\$85 at 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglasstheatre.org*

“Twelfth Night” ★★★★★
William Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night, Or What You Will” takes its name from the coming of the Feast of the Epiphany — and director Michael Halberstam’s warm-centered new production of the venerable comedy of intrigue and disguise has invested heavily in that. Many of Chicago’s classical heavy-hitters are here — the likes of William Brown and Sean Fortunato — and they make the comic scenes of merriment particularly strong. But those

parts of the tale feel separate from the romantic parts. The show doesn’t seem to have figured out what it wants to say about love, but it sure enjoys watching from the sidelines of middle age. *Through Dec. 16 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 and www.writerstheatre.org*

“Witch” ★★★★★
The Faustian myth is one of literature’s most popular themes. In Jen Silverman’s most interesting “Witch,” which has its world premiere at Writers Theatre in Glencoe, Faust becomes Elizabeth, a woman motivated to sell her soul to the devil, given that everyone in her community already believes her to be a witch. How does the equation change when the Faustian bargain must be made by a woman? *Through Dec. 16 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 and www.writerstheatre.org*

OPENINGS

Friday

“Fantastic Mr. Fox”: From Roald Dahl’s classic book, Mr. Fox knows he must be clever to save his family from spiteful farmers, but he winds up saving the entire forest and becoming a hero. *Through Jan. 12 at Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-871-3000 and www.emeraldcitytheatre.com*

Sunday

“Barney the Elf”: After Santa Claus retires, his wicked son reigns as the new head of Christmas, and Barney the Elf is forced to leave his home, landing in a Chicago drag bar. *Through Jan. 6 at Pride Arts Center’s The Broadway, 4139 N. Broadway; www.pridefilmsandplays.com*

Wednesday

“Fiddler on the Roof”: Tony-winning director Bartlett Sher — and the team behind “South Pacific,” “The King and I” and “Oslo” — bring an updated vision to this beloved musical. *Through Jan. 6 at Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.ticketmaster.com*

“The Woman in Black” ★★★★★
“The Woman in Black,” now at the Royal George Theatre, is an old-school gothic ghost story, adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from the novel by Susan Hill about a young lawyer sent to a remote English house to deal with a dead woman’s affairs. Director Robin Herford’s 1987 production was such a hit that it moved to London’s West End. Chicago’s show stars Adam Wesley Brown and Bradley Armacost. This is most certainly the scariest show in town. *Through Feb. 17 at the Royal George, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at theroyalgeorgetheatre.com*

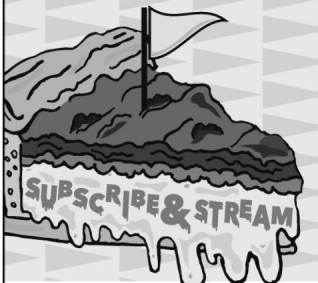


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Tires

Cold weather causes tires to lose air pressure; cold air is more condensed than warm air. So, it's a good idea to check. The proper inflation is posted on the driver's side front door jamb on newer cars and trucks.

While you're at it, check the tread. Take a penny and place it upside down into several places across the tire. If the top of Abe Lincoln's head is showing, replace the tire. Also, check the state of the tread itself. If a tire is worn on both edges, it is under-inflated. If it's worn in the center of the tread, it's overinflated. If you spot cups or dips in the tread, have the suspension or steering systems checked.

Finally, most cars are equipped with all-season tires. Sports sedans and sports cars are commonly equipped with summer performance tires for better dry-weather grip, while hybrids and electric vehicles have low-rolling resistance tires (aka lower grip) for better efficiency. Consider replacing them with winter tires or studded snow tires to improve winter traction.

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Also, have your car's alternator, voltage regulator, belts and connecting cables checked by a mechanic.

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If you can't remember the last time your vehicle's cooling system was flushed, check your records and your vehicle's owner's manual. Flushing the system removes sediment and rust particles to prevent clogging. Be sure to use a 50/50 mix of antifreeze to water. Also, be sure to use the proper antifreeze. Many newer vehicles specify a new, longer-life engine coolant, not the traditional green type. Finally, replace any dried-out, cracked hoses.

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Brakes

When roads get slick, stopping distances increase. If your last vehicle check showed your brakes to be marginal, or the brakes squeal, get them checked and/or replaced.

Clean your car

Wash your car to remove accumulated grime. Then, polish and wax the paint to preserve the finish. Inside, wipe down all surfaces. For leather, use a leather cleaner and moisturizer to prevent cracking. Clear out the glovebox, center console and rear cargo area. Vacuum the seats, carpet and headliner.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Aaliyah Thomas

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Erika Sanders (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00417

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 1, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019**, at **9:15 AM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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December 14, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Anthony Powell aka AKA Baby Girl Hawkins AKA Alteria Hawkins AKA Aja Hawkins AKA Antanyiah Kienna Nazia Monae Powell

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lateria Hawkins (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00122

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Baby Boy Schackart AKA Connor Schackart

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dawn Schackart (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01062

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 31, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Daniel Lindamood

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Diane Lindamood (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00702

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Eric Washington (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 26, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/21/2018**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
David Herold, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Amber Terry (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01102

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **David Herold, Sr (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on , a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Candace Fabri** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jaden Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Michelle Gatlin (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00969

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **John Landers (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 27, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019**, at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Joziah Froylan Makijah Goforth Malaki Kyles

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cierra Kyles (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01073 18JA01074 18JA01075

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Cierra Kyles (Mother) and Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 8, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Neveah Stinnett Izaiah Chidress

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Diamond Chidress (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00618 18JA00617

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dorian Stinnett (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 29, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Richard Stevens** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/03/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2018

STATE OF INDIANA

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) SS:

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

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IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:

MM – DOB 5/11/2016

AND

FERNANDO LITTLE, JR. (ALLEGED FATHER)

ALISA MCCLURE (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER) AND

ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS

TO:

**Fernando Little, Jr. and
Any Unknown Alleged Father
Whereabouts unknown**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any

Unknown Alleged Fathers whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court, One Hamilton Square, #337, Noblesville, IN 46060 – 317-773-9635 for a Continued Initial Hearing on 2/25/2019 at 10:00 AM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.

You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption nor other placement of said child.

You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2018.

Tammy Baitz, Clerk

Michelle J. McCuen, #16650-71
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
938 N. 10th St.
Noblesville, IN 46060
FAX: (317) 232-2306
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IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NO: 29C01-1808-JT-001196

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**LEGAL NOTICES
GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

BID NOTICE
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 209 WILL ACCEPT BIDS FOR CLASSROOM FURNITURE FOR PROVISO WEST HIGH SCHOOL. A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:01 W. ROOSEVELT ROAD, FOREST PARK ILLINOIS ON 12/20/18 AT 9:00 A.M. SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT 8601 W. ROOSEVELT RD. OR WWW.PTHS209.ORG. ALL BIDS ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 BY 11:00 A.M.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Syria Owens

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Samantha Harris (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **15JA01209**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Carlos Owens (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 13, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/04/2019**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES**

J. Congdon Sewer Service, 170-A Alexandra Way, Carol Stream, IL 60188 Phone (630)510-2424 Fax(630)510-9255, is seeking qualified small, disadvantaged businesses for a project for the Village of Indian Head Park- WM Replacement Program. Projects for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: TRUCKING, ASPHALT, CONCRETE. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING (certified letter, return receipt requested), Victor Gerardi, to discuss the Subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date, January 07, 2019.

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Bolder Contractors, Inc. 316 Cary Point Drive, Cary, IL 60013, (847) 236-0785, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the Village of Indian Head Park Water Main Replacement Program Contract 1-2018 Project for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: trucking, trucking, electrical, paving and concrete work. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), Robert Gwiasda to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening Date of January 7th, 2019. All responsive, responsible low bids will be considered for subcontracting opportunities.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES AND ILLINOIS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC

Drs. Darek and Anokhi Bock and Dr. Nader Bozorgi have applied for an IDNR/OWR Permit and an Illinois Coastal Management Program Federal Consistency Concurrence for the construction of a breakwater, in Lake Michigan, at 1313 Westleigh Road, Lake Forest, IL. Inquiries and requests to view the complete application may be directed to Jim Casey of the IDNR/OWR's Chicago Office at (312) 793-5947 or james.casey@illinois.gov. The full application is also available at [http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/WaterResources/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/CMPFederalConsistencyRegister.aspx). You are invited to send comments regarding this project to 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 5-703, Chicago, IL 60601 by January 14, 2019.

FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC
One East Wacker – Suite 1250
Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. ERNESTO CRUZ, SR.; JAZMIN CASSIO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-12717

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Ernesto Cruz, Sr., Jazmin Cassio, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 12 in Block 5 in Treat's Subdivision, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

1030 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651
16-02-313-033-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Ernesto Cruz, Sr., Jazmin Cassio, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fac/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. ERICA N. JONES, AKA ERICA JONES; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.; THE LAW OFFICES OF CHRISTOPHER D. EDMONDS; CITY OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-12824

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Erica N. Jones, AKA Erica Jones, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 405 (Except the North 10 feet thereof) and the North 20 feet of Lot 404 in J.W. McCormack's Westmoreland, a subdivision in the West 1/2 of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 12, North of the Indian Boundary Line, in Cook County, Illinois.

1435 South Spencer Avenue, Berkeley, IL 60163
15-08-109-049-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Erica N. Jones, AKA Erica Jones, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GUARANTEED RATE, INC., Plaintiff, v. DESIREE TAYLOR, CITY OF CHICAGO A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-13440

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Desiree Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

The West 33 feet of the East 42 feet of the South 150 feet of Lot 403 in Austin's Subdivision of Block 14 in Austin's Second Addition to Austinville, in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

5826 West Race Avenue, Chicago, IL 60644
16-08-217-017-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Desiree Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, v. LAWRENCE A. GLINES; MARY THERESA GLINES, AKA MARY T. GLINES; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 27 DAY OF JANUARY 1990 AND KNOWN AS THE JAMES P. FILKINS AND ANNELESE M. FILKINS TRUST, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH13482

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, The Unknown Successor Trustees of the Trust Agreement dated 27 day of January 1990 and known as the James P. Filkins and Annelese M. Filkins Trust, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Lot Four (4) in Block Five (5) in Gillick's Ridge, being a subdivision of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 35, Township 41 North, Range 12 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

734 South Vine Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068
09-35-410-015-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, The Unknown Successor Trustees of the Trust Agreement dated 27 day of January 1990 and known as the James P. Filkins and Annelese M. Filkins Trust, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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FORECLOSURES

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. MIRANDA L. COOPER; WEST SUBURBAN BANK; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH13549

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Miranda L. Cooper, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 9 in the Subdivision of Block 10 in Harding's Subdivision of West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

536 North Avers Avenue, Chicago, IL 60624
16-11-120-022-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Miranda L. Cooper, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, CENLAR FSB, Plaintiff, v. KATHERINE V. DUCANES, AKA CATHERINE V. DUCANES; RUDY M. DUCANES; CITIZENS BANK, N.A. FKA ST. PAUL FEDERAL BANK FOR SAVINGS; CITIZENS BANK, N.A. FKA ST. PAUL FEDERAL BANK, N.A.; S/B/M TO CHARTER ONE BANK S/B/M CHARTER ONE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH13859

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TO: Ragheed A. Azooz; Occupant, 550 N. Quentin Rd., Palatine, IL 60067; 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. 2018COTD008121 FILED: December 4, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: May 8, 2018 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 16-0002036 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2016 w/2014 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: ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF QUINTENS ROAD AND COLFAX STREET AND HAVING 130.88 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON QUINTENS ROAD AND 67.24 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON COLFAX STREET PALATINE, ILLINOIS 60067 Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 02-16-209-010-0000 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 6024531

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