



2 Chicago cops hit, killed by train

Officers were investigating a call of shots fired on city's Far South Side

BY JEREMY GORNER
 AND WILLIAM LEE
 Chicago Tribune

Two Chicago police officers were killed Monday night when they were hit by a train while investigating a call of shots fired on the city's Far South Side.

Officers Eduardo Marmolejo, 36, and Conrad Gary, 31, were killed in the line of duty while responding to a call for service on the railroad tracks.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said both men were fathers of young children. Marmolejo had two and a half years on the force, and Gary

had 18 months, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said.

The officers were doing surveillance following a ShotSpotter report when they were hit by an outbound South Shore train at the 103rd Street Rosemoor stop near 103rd Street and Dauphin Avenue around 6:20 p.m.

"These brave young men were consumed with identifying a potential threat," Johnson told reporters at a news conference held late Monday at the Police Department's South Side headquarters.

Johnson said the officers were responding to a shots fired call when a suspect made his way up to the Metra tracks.

"The most dangerous thing is to take a weapon off an armed

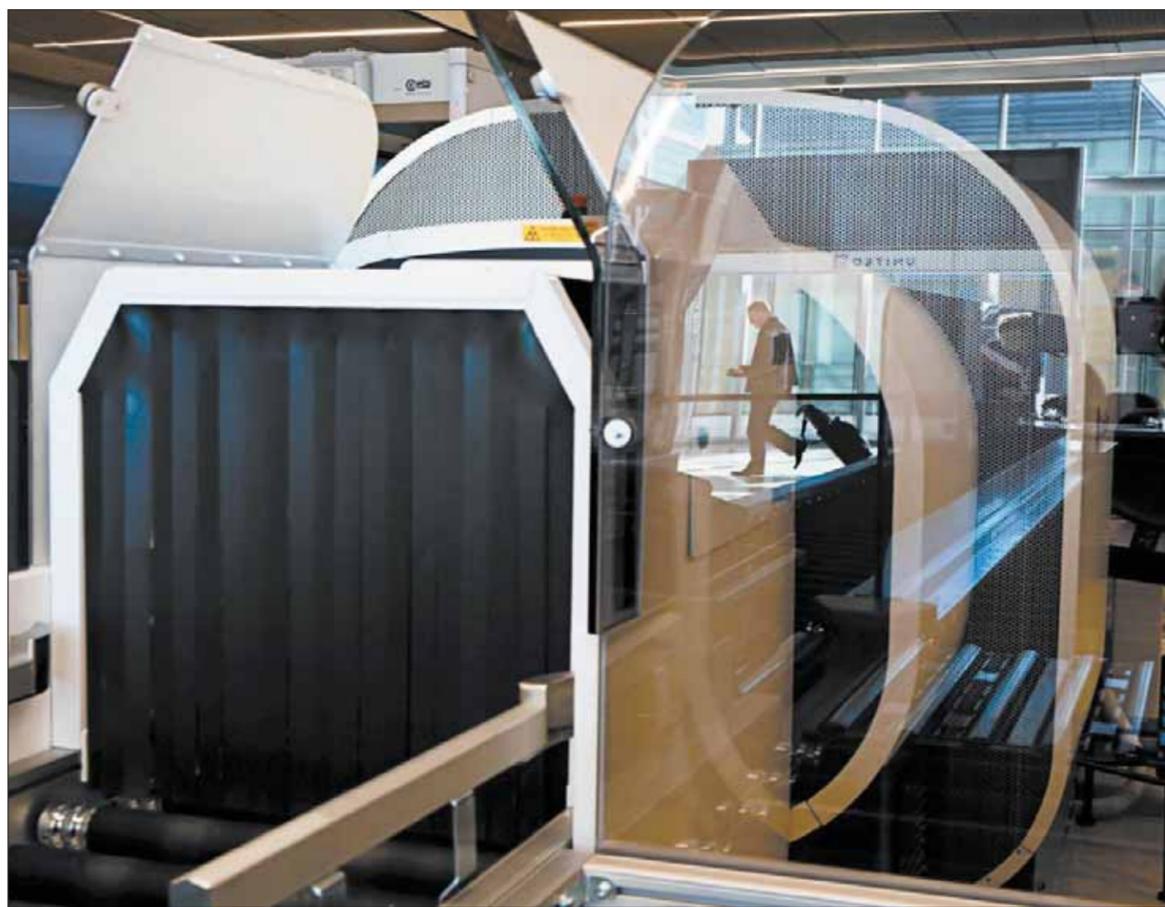
individual," Johnson said.

Both officers were assigned to the Calumet police district, which covers several Far South Side neighborhoods, including Roseland and West Pullman.

Police recovered a weapon near where the officers were struck and were questioning a person of interest late Monday, said police

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New airport baggage screening technology coming to O'Hare



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The L3 Clear Scan machine is a new type of CT scanner that allows screeners to more accurately and quickly identify products in carry-on bags at O'Hare International Airport. The machine, still being set up, is expected to be in service around the first of the year.

Getting through security may become more fluid

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
 Chicago Tribune

Getting through airport security can feel like a juggling act: Travelers try to pull laptops and liquids from overstuffed bags and remove shoes and jackets, all without dropping anything or holding up the line.

That screening might never be hassle-free, but a new scanner at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport might someday eliminate the need to unpack those quart-size bags of liquids.

The new computed tomography scanner at O'Hare's Terminal 1 produces three-dimensional images that Transporta-

"It's what we're hoping the future of the checkpoints will be."

— Mark Howell, Transportation Security Administration spokesman, on the computed tomography scanner

tion Security Administration agents can view from different angles to get a better view of the contents of passengers' bags.

Passengers may not see the new scanner in use until after the holidays — the TSA still needs to test it and train the employees who will operate it.

Airports in Phoenix and Boston were the first to test the technology in June 2017. The CT scanners are now in nearly

two dozen airports, and the TSA plans to have more than 190 scanners in use by the end of next year, said TSA spokesman Mark Howell.

If the new technology lives up to its promise, giving TSA agents a better view of bags being scanned will mean they won't have to do as many hands-on searches, making security more efficient for passengers.

The TSA doesn't have data yet on whether the new scanners have increased efficiency. The machines seem to reduce the need for hands-on bag checks, Howell said, but as with any new technology, there's a learning curve for both agents and passengers.

"We expect it will get better as time goes on," he said.

O'Hare will be the first airport to combine the CT scanner with a new type of screening lane first introduced at O'Hare in late 2016. The newer lanes let multiple passengers place their bags in bins for screening at the same time and automatically

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Russian trolls cast wide net

Ongoing influence worse, reports show

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Russia's sweeping political disinformation campaign on U.S. social media was more far-reaching than originally thought, with troll farms working to discourage black voters and "blur the lines between reality and fiction" to help elect Donald Trump in 2016, according to reports released Monday by the Senate intelligence committee.

And the campaign didn't end with Trump's ascent to the White House. Troll farms are still working to stoke racial and political passions at a time of high political discord.

The two studies are the most comprehensive picture yet of the Russian interference campaigns on American social media. They add to the portrait investigators have been building since 2017 on Russia's influence.

Facebook, Google and Twitter declined to comment on the specifics of the reports.

The reports were compiled

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Flynn associates charged

Prosecutors: 2 acted as agents for Turkey

BY RACHEL WEINER,
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 AND CAROL D. LEONNIG
 The Washington Post

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Federal prosecutors unsealed an indictment Monday charging two business associates of Michael Flynn with acting as agents of the Turkish government and described in remarkable detail how the three attempted to shape U.S. policy and public opinion to advance that country's interests.

Throughout the fall of 2016, while Flynn served publicly as a key surrogate and foreign policy adviser to Donald Trump's presidential campaign, prosecutors say he and business partner Bijan Kian took hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Turkish government to push for the extradition from the U.S. of dissident cleric Fethullah Gulen. Their efforts, prosecutors said, were directed by Kamil Ekim Alptekin, a Turkish business-

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Elk Grove Village applies its motto to NCAA game

Mayor: Sponsorship of Bahamas Bowl has paid off, though some skeptical

BY JOHN KEILMAN
 Chicago Tribune

The way Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson tells it, his brainstorm came when he was stuck inside during the holidays last year, watching a succession of college football games.

Noticing that every game featured a sponsor's logo painted in the grass at the 50-yard line, he felt inspiration strike: His business-

hungry village, which for years has promoted its "Makers Wanted" motto, should get in on the action.

"I told my wife, 'Look at the TV. Picture the 'Makers Wanted Bowl,'" he recalled. "She goes, 'You're (bleeping) nuts.'"

Johnson said he got a similar reaction from others at Village Hall, but he stuck to his guns when a marketing firm told him it was a great idea. One year and \$300,000 later, the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl is about to kick off.

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Western Kentucky's mascot poses with the Valley Boys at the 2014 Bahamas Bowl. This year it's called the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

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■ In Sunday's print edition, a story about University of Illinois professor Fei Wang's firing was inadvertently trimmed, omitting the full name of Louis Wozniak. Here are the paragraphs that should have been included: It has been five years since U. of I. last ousted a tenured faculty member. An engineering professor, Louis Wozniak, who had taught at U. of I. for nearly five decades, had a long history of clashing with the administration before he was dismissed in November 2013 for misconduct. His misdeeds, officials said at the time, included videotaping students without their consent, sending students an email with sexual overtones and refusing to remove private information about students from his website. The Tribune regrets the error.

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Volunteers sort cans from donations at the Greater Chicago Food Depository in Chicago in 2015. The money donated via the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive will provide 143,000 meals.

Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive raises more than \$47,000



REX W. HUPPKE

Well, folks, the results are in and I'm shocked to report the following: I rock.

No one is more surprised to learn of my awesomeness than me, my family, my friends and every other person who has ever met me.

But the evidence is overwhelming.

On Dec. 3, I announced the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive, a virtual fundraiser for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. It was a ridiculous idea that I assumed would fail spectacularly.

The rules were simple: If you hate my columns (and you certainly should), you donate money to the Food Depository under the team name RexStinks. If you like my columns (an absurd notion), you donate money under the team name RexRocks.

This seemed a perfect opportunity for people who hate every word I write (and also never miss a column) to quantify my awfulness in a public forum. Alas, they failed miserably.

The virtual food drive ended Dec. 14, and the results are, to put it mildly, amazing. You remarkable people donated \$47,668.80, a staggering sum that will

provide families throughout Cook County with more than 143,000 meals.

It was the seventh-largest virtual food drive the Food Depository has ever held.

And how did the two teams fare? RexRocks donated \$45,833.98. RexStinks donated \$1,834.82.

That means the RexRocks squad donated about 25 times more money than the RexStinks team. What's that all about?

I offered those who think I'm a moron a golden opportunity. They could donate to a good cause and, if the RexStinks team won, I would write a column eviscerating myself. And I was really going to let me have it — just a blistering critique of my overall idiosyncy and unattractiveness. Instead, I'm stuck with the other part of the deal. A RexRocks team victory means I have to write a column celebrating my own virtuous fabulousness. I don't want to do that, but those are the rules, and if we don't follow the rules, chaos will ensue.

I'll get to the self-adulation in a moment, but first I'd like to heap praise on some people who actually deserve it: You, the readers.

I honestly had no clue what would happen with this silly idea. It was a random shot at getting people who like or dislike my columns to channel their energy in a positive direction. My role here was notably small.

But you people — you magnificent, generous people — saw an opportunity to help those struggling with food insecurity. And help you did. Big time.

The Food Depository has more than 700 sites where people can get food, one in every neighborhood in Chicago and in every suburban area in Cook County. It serves more than 800,000 people each year.

To everyone who donated, regardless of team, thank you so much. To everyone who shared the link to the food drive on social media, to everyone who encouraged friends and family members to chip in, I am grateful beyond words.

And to those who read about the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive and concocted conspiracy theories about how the Food Depository must be a radical progressive operation (it isn't) and how I must be rigging the results (I couldn't, it's the Food Depository's website), thank you for the entertainment. Never change. (I'm not making this up, I received numerous emails from readers convinced the fix was in.)

If you happened to miss out on a chance to donate, you can always visit the Food Depository's general online donation page at www.myfooddrive.org. Or, if you're feeling ambitious, you can go to that same website and create your own virtual food drive. Trust me, if I can do it, you

or your company can too. (I'm not the brightest bulb on the Christmas tree — many have said so.)

Well, I guess I've put off the "praising myself effusively" part long enough. A promise is a promise.

Let's see, where to start? My staggering good looks? My passionate devotion to the craft of journalism and the world-changing impact of my indelible words? Or maybe I should focus on my insight and the fact that I'm always right.

No, none of that feels the least bit comfortable. The truth is, I'm as insecure as the next person and I spend considerable time worrying that at any moment everyone will figure out I have no clue what I'm doing.

So I just keep doing it and hope for the best.

This is one of those cases where "the best" came through. And I'm humbled by all the good you people did.

Thank you for reading, whether you agree with me or not. Thank you for the kind emails you send, and I'm sorry I don't respond as often as I should. Thank you for the mean emails you send, because I save them and will one day get rich publishing a coffee table book filled with your vitriol.

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Patti Blagojevich willing to go to any lengths to get husband out of prison



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Let's say your husband used to be the governor of Illinois. But now he is serving 14 years in federal prison on what you are convinced were trumped-up corruption charges.

Say it's less than two weeks before Christmas too, and the thought of spending another holiday without your partner in both love and power-grabbing is unbearable. Maybe you feel a little guilty that he's going to be locked up for the seventh Christmas in a row because it was you, after all, who got him into politics.

Say your only hope of getting your husband home is to sweet-talk a man you might otherwise despise. Say this man happens to be president of the United States and he alone holds the key to your husband's early release. So you hold your nose and do what you have to do. Wouldn't any spouse do the same?

Let's say this president happens to be a Republican and your husband is a Democrat — or at least he used to be. But not just any plain old Democrat — he was commissioned and sanctioned by the Democratic machine, which also commissioned and sanctioned your father, a longtime Chicago alderman who, in turn, got to commission and sanction others.

And let's say you appeared to get close to garnering the sympathy of this president back during the summer when you wrote an op-ed for the conservative Washington Examiner newspaper, blaming the administration of his nemesis, former President Barack Obama, for your husband's unfair treatment.

You knew that was a lie, though — the bulk of the investigation was under George W. Bush's administration — but that doesn't matter because you know this president is loose with the truth too.

So now it's months later and

the end of the year is quickly approaching and nothing has happened. So you decide to give it one more shot. There's actually a lot more new material out there to work with this time. So you say to yourself, "Let's see if I can get the president to picture himself in my husband's place — a once-powerful, party-loyal politician who was impeached, convicted and is now stuck behind bars."

So you go on Fox News' "The Story with Martha MacCallum," and decry all of the presidential probes underway, including the special counsel's investigation into possible collusion between Russia and Donald Trump's presidential campaign and a separate investigation by federal prosecutors in New York into fundraising and spending by Trump's inaugural committee.

You've been paying close attention to the news and decide to try to leverage the fear and anger the president has over his perceived "presidential harassment" as a get-out-of-jail-free card for your husband.

So you refer to your husband's prosecutors as "political assassins" with "unchecked power and no oversight" that allows them to go after any politician they want.

Then you decide to take it a step further and name names. You mention James Comey and Robert Mueller. Of course, the president is seething now at the mention of the former FBI director and the special counsel in charge of the Russia probe.

"It's a very dirty business when these prosecutors with their unchecked power and no oversight can go after any politician they want," you say.

These "prosecutors are trying to rewrite the law and say that just because someone gives you a campaign contribution and they hope that one day you might talk to them about legislation, that's somehow a crime," you add.

Now that you have Trump's attention, you go full throttle.

"They were successful at going after my husband and locking him up and throwing away the key. And because no one stopped them for doing that to my husband, they are going after a bigger



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Patti Blagojevich is trying to drum up support to get her husband, Rod, released from prison.

target. They've been emboldened because they got away with it with my husband. They undid an election, going after someone they didn't like for some reason and used every means within power to do it.

"Once they set their sights on you, they will keep on until they have you sitting in jail for 14 years. They keep putting pressure on people who are close to you, your friends and other associates, people who have committed wrongdoing unrelated to you and

put pressure on them."

You mention that the president has your husband's petition for clemency, but you politely acknowledge that he's a busy man with a lot on his plate. Now you wait to see whether he took the bait.

Bingo! Two days later, the president calls you "wonderful" in a tweet.

"Required television watching is last weeks @marthamaccallum interview with the wonderful wife of Rod Blagojevich ... If that

doesn't tell you something about what has been going on in our Country, nothing will. Very sad!"

The only problem is that he doesn't mention the word clemency. Then you realize your performance as the compassionate, Trump-supporting Patti Blagojevich must have been too good. The president actually thought you were genuinely concerned about him.

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Jesuits named in list alleging sexual abuse

18 priests with ties to Chicago area included, with instances dating as far back as 1955

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

Eighteen Jesuit priests with ties to Chicago-area institutions were named on a list released Monday alleging instances of sexual abuse dating back more than six decades, including one defrocked priest who was convicted of sex crimes in federal court.

The Midwest Province Jesuits, part of a Catholic religious order known for its focus on education, released a list of dozens of priests with credible allegations of sexual abuse to their names since 1955.

In a Monday evening phone interview, the Rev. Brian Paulson, provincial of the Midwest Province, said the list was a response to the scandals that have rocked the Roman Catholic Church for the past two decades — from the 2002 abuse crisis exposed by The Boston Globe to the more than 300 Pennsylvania priests who were found to have sexually abused children, according to an August grand jury report.

“I think in the past, church leaders tried to avoid scandal,” Paulson said. “But I think now we realize the greater scandal is keeping this information in our drawer.”

Larry Antonsen, a Chicago leader of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said putting the names out there is a start. “I think it’s good that they’re putting out these lists, I really do,” he said. “Whether it’s complete or not, I don’t know. And it’s really hard to trust anybody in the Catholic Church because they’ve been hiding and lying for such a long time.”

Antonsen said he would ultimately like to see grand juries convened in every state. But, he said, “I really do believe seeing the names, maybe it will spark somebody else to come forward.”

More than 50 priests were named as perpetrators in cases where there was “reasonable certainty that the sexual abuse of a minor occurred.” Several worked at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Holy Family Parish and St. Ignatius College Prep on the Near West Side, and Loyola University Chicago, among other institutions.

In a statement, Loyola Academy leaders urged anyone abused while at the school to report it to authorities and said the community stands with all survivors of abuse.

“Loyola Academy supports the release of the information by the Midwest Province regarding past cases of sexual abuse by Jesuits and hopes this act of accountability will help the victims and their families heal,” according to the statement.

Paulson, in a letter accompanying the list, apologized to victims of abuse and said the publication of the list was done “in the spirit of transparency and reconciliation.”

“Many of you have suffered in silence for decades,” Paulson wrote. “Our concern and prayers are with you and we hope and pray that this step will strengthen the trust of those we serve. We recognize that our feelings on this day are nothing compared to the depth of suffering endured by those who have been abused, especially by one as trusted as a priest or vowed religious.”

Most of the named Chicago-

area priests have died. Some were eventually dismissed, meaning they left the Jesuit order of their own accord or were asked to leave. Eight priests on the list are still living, but all have been removed from public ministry and assigned to residences where they receive supervision, according to the province.

It was unclear how many cases on the list were reported to law enforcement.

Civil authorities are notified immediately of cases involving minors and living Jesuits, according to the province. If the victim is now an adult but was a minor at the time of the abuse, the province notifies the appropriate prosecutor’s office. If the allegation is made where the victim was an adult at the time, the province refers victims to appropriate civil authorities.

The list is prefaced as being based on a “process of consultation and not a legal judgment.”

The most recent allegations occurred in the Chicago Jesuit community.

Donald McGuire, a prominent priest and retreat director who traveled frequently, was among those on the list. The Tribune reported that the convicted sex offender abused dozens of children around the globe, according to internal church records released in 2013, and was associated with what was, at the time, the largest settlement amount per individual paid in the history of the U.S. Catholic sexual abuse crisis.

The Midwest Province list accused McGuire of multiple instances of abuse across five Chicago-area institutions: at Loyola Academy from 1954-57 and again from 1965-70, Loyola University Chicago in 1976, Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington from

1981-84 and from 1985-88, Canisius House in Evanston from 1988-2002 and the Chicago Jesuit Community from 2002-05.

A letter written in 1970 by the Rev. John H. Reinke, then president of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, described McGuire’s presence at the school as “positively destructive and corrosive.”

Another priest named Monday is M. Lawrence Reuter, who served as president of Loyola Academy from 1975 to 1990. Loyola was an all-male high school until 1994.

Reuter was accused of abuse from 1986 to 1988. He was removed from active ministry in 2010 after he admitted an “inappropriate relationship” with a student, the Tribune reported. Reuter later was permanently removed from public ministry.

Other priests named in the list include four other Jesuits associated with Loyola Academy:

■ Ignatius Burrill was accused of abuse that occurred in 1977.

■ Donald O’Shaughnessy was accused of abuse that occurred in the 1970s.

■ A single allegation was lodged against both Wilton Skiffington (1963-64) and Gerald Streeter (1963-64) following their deaths.

Five priests named were associated with St. Ignatius College Prep:

■ Mark Finan was accused of abuse that occurred in 1944.

■ J. Robert Koch was accused of abuse that occurred in 1966.

■ Stanley Wisniewski was accused of a single instance of abuse that occurred in 1966.

■ Single allegations were made against Harry Barton (1956-57) and Allan Kirk (1979) after their deaths.

Six priests named were associated with Holy Family Parish:

■ Donald Butler was accused of abuse that occurred from 1964 to 1968.

■ Maurice Meyers was accused of abuse that occurred in 1964.

■ John Lane was accused of abuse that occurred from 1966 to 1976.

■ David McCarthy was accused of abuse that occurred from 1965 to 1978.

■ Thomas Gannon was accused of abuse that occurred in 1998.

■ A single allegation of abuse that occurred in 1953-54 was made against Philip Mooney after his death.

John Powell was accused of abuse that happened in 1967 at Loyola University Chicago, as well as abuse from 1966-67 at the Bellarmine School of Theology in North Aurora.

Two priests with Chicago ties were named on a similar list this month. And more names are expected to be published by the Northeast Province next month.

The Midwest Province, formed in 2017 and encompassing 12 states, currently has more than 500 Jesuit members, and 4,000 have served in the province since 1955. An additional review of the Midwest Province Jesuits’ records will be made in 2019 by Hillard Heintze, an independent investigative services firm based in Chicago, according to the Monday letter, and the list will be updated.

“I have great confidence in the work that we’ve done, but nonetheless there are also judgment calls and because we’re working from files that are at times 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 years old,” Paulson said. “This review will verify our work, and if they look at something differently and they bring that to my attention, I will update the list.”

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Man dies after being hit by CTA train

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
Chicago Tribune

A man was killed when he was hit by a CTA “L” train Monday morning at the Belmont Avenue station in Lakeview, disrupting service for more than two hours, officials said.

The man was struck by a Red Line train a little before 8 a.m. and was taken in critical condition to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said. The man later died, a police spokeswoman said.

Witnesses told police the man, age 24, jumped in front of the train, according to a police spokesman.

The Red, Brown and Purple lines all were stopped at the station at 945 W. Belmont Ave. starting about 7:50 a.m. Service resumed on two tracks by about 8:40 a.m., with all lines moving — but only running on two tracks, not the usual four, and not stopping at Belmont — by just before 9 a.m., according to the CTA.

Service was fully restored at 10 a.m., said Katherine Hosinski, a spokeswoman for the CTA.

During the disruption, the transit agency tweeted that riders should “expect major delays.” The agency also encouraged riders to allow extra time and consider alternate service, such as Lake Shore Drive express buses or buses to other rail lines, such as the Blue Line.

“We apologize for the disruption to service; there was a collision between a train and a person at Belmont, resulting in a medical emergency,” the CTA said in another tweet.

In another tweet, the CTA told those who were not already on trains heading toward Belmont to consider taking a bus instead. A bus shuttle was set up to provide alternate service through the affected area, but the CTA acknowledged it would take time to put that service into place during the morning rush hour.

At some points during the morning, the CTA’s tweets and staff offered conflicting information. Tweets said train service was resuming but bypassing Belmont, while a staff person at Argyle told passengers not to board because

southbound trains were stopping at Wilson and turning back northbound.

Twitter users also reported getting incorrect information from station staff, leading the CTA to apologize.

When a Brown Line train stopped at Paulina during the service disruption, the majority of passengers exited after multiple announcements from the train operator about delayed service.

Outside the station, passengers gathered with their phones out. No cars were immediately available on the Uber app, so some passengers headed into a nearby Starbucks to pass time as they waited for rides.

One woman asked a reporter what was happening with the

trains and said it was strange to see so many people standing around the intersection on a Monday morning.

On one Red Line train that was held at the Berwyn stop on the Red Line for a time, passengers started disembarking to call a ride-sharing service or find another way to their destination.

One man stepped off, saw someone he knew coming up the stairs and stopped her.

“Don’t do it,” he said. “It’s awful today.”

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A CTA employee prevents passengers from entering the Belmont “L” station on Monday as all Red, Brown and Purple line trains were stopped after a man was struck and killed by a train.

Man charged with reckless homicide in fatal crash

Woman, her unborn child were killed in Kane County wreck

Courier-News

A 19-year-old Carpentersville man has been charged with reckless homicide in connection with a car crash that killed a pregnant woman and her unborn child, the Kane County state’s attorney’s office said.

Frank Ruiz, of the 100 block of Cordova Road, is accused of driving at an excessive speed and disobeying a traffic signal in the May 19 collision at Route 25 and Golfview Lane.



Ruiz

Rocio Hernandez-Balderas, 32, of Carpentersville, and her unborn baby were killed and two others were injured in the collision, according to a news release from the state’s attorney’s office.

According to information released by the Carpentersville Police Department in May, Hernandez-Balderas was one of five people in a 2011 Toyota Corolla going east on Golfview Lane through the Route 25 intersection about noon when they were struck by a 2005 GMC Yukon driven by Ruiz, according to the news release.

The force of the impact pushed the Corolla against a utility box, requiring hydraulic tools to free the people inside, police said.

Ruiz has been charged with two counts of reckless homicide and two counts of aggravated reckless driving, all of which are felonies.

He turned himself in to authorities Friday, and bail was set at \$25,000 Saturday, the release said.

Ruiz was released based upon his promise to appear in court, the release said.

His next court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 25.

3 men killed in crash near Woodstock are identified

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY AND AMANDA MARRAZZO
Chicago Tribune

The McHenry County coroner Monday morning identified the three young men who were killed when an SUV they were riding in hit a tree early Sunday in an unincorporated area near Woodstock, officials said.

A fourth person was seriously injured in the crash.

The crash involved a 1994 Jeep Cherokee and occurred in the 3100 block of Lily Pond Road, south of McConnell Road, just after 3:30 a.m. Sunday, according to the McHenry County sheriff’s office. Preliminary reports said the Jeep was northbound when it left the road and struck the tree.

The driver, identified as Ryan K. Fleming, 20, was killed, as were

two passengers, Daisen T. Hollands, 21, and Quinlan M. Hartney, 20, according to McHenry County Coroner Anne Majewski. The three lived in Woodstock.

Autopsies revealed that Fleming died of blunt trauma to the chest, Hollands died of blunt trauma to the spine and chest, and Hartney died of blunt trauma to the chest, Majewski said.

Results of toxicology tests, which are routine for such cases, are pending, Majewski said.

Another passenger, a 20-year-old man, was transported to Northwestern Medicine Huntley Hospital and later transferred to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge in serious condition, authorities said Sunday.

The Jeep did not have air bags, and it appeared that the occupants were not wearing seat belts, ac-

ording to the sheriff’s office.

The McHenry County sheriff’s office Major Crash Investigations Unit and the McHenry County coroner’s office were investigating.

McHenry County sheriff’s office spokeswoman Sandra Rogers said there have been fewer than five accidents along Lily Pond Road this year.

A neighbor who lives near the scene of the accident and asked not to be identified said the rural road is fairly straight except for the area in which the crash occurred. She added that the crash happened near the home of the passenger who survived.

The woman also said a candlelight vigil of about 25 people was held Sunday night at the site of the crash.

The men all previously at-

tended Woodstock High School, said Kevin Lyons, spokesman for Woodstock Community Unit School District 200. They have no immediate family members attending the school now, but because of their age, school personnel are aware that current students may be friends of the victims or friends of the families involved, Lyons said.

Principal Art Vallicelli said Monday morning that school counselors are available for any student who wishes to talk about the tragedy. Woodstock High School and District 200 staff offered their condolences.

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Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot whispers to her field coordinator, Mac LeBuhn, while attorney Michael Dorf speaks as they file a motion to dismiss Toni Preckwinkle's petition signature challenge during a hearing Monday at the Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners.

Vallas drops challenge to McCarthy ballot signatures in mayoral race

Lightfoot moves to dismiss similar effort made by Preckwinkle

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Ex-police Superintendent Garry McCarthy's path to appear on the mayoral ballot was cleared Monday when onetime Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas dropped his objections to the former top cop's nominating petition signatures.

Vallas released a statement saying he was withdrawing the challenge despite the fact he believes as many as 45,000 of the 55,000 signatures McCarthy submitted to get on the ballot are "fraudulent or from unregistered people." Pursuing the

challenge would be too expensive and time-consuming, Vallas said in a statement.

"We will focus our time, resources, and efforts on continued campaigning throughout the city to hear from and bring our message to Chicago citizens," Vallas said.

McCarthy's campaign lawyer John Fogarty said that while he was confident McCarthy would have beaten the Vallas challenge, he's "very pleased" the campaign can concentrate on running for mayor instead of answering questions about signatures. "This short-circuited where we would have gotten to anyway," Fogarty said after a brief hearing on the case Mon-



McCarthy

day.

Candidate Jerry Joyce previously dropped his challenge to Bill Daley's petitions. Vallas' move leaves 10 mayoral candidates still facing challenges from other campaigns. Candidates need valid signatures of 12,500 registered Chicago voters to get on the Feb. 26 mayoral ballot.

On Monday, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot called on Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle to stop challenging her campaign signatures and those of four other women who are trying to get on the ballot.

"This isn't really about whether we have valid signatures, as you all know," Lightfoot

said. "It's about the political machine playing political games. It's about Toni Preckwinkle trying to create doubt, preventing competition on the ballot and distracting from the substantive issues people all over the city really want to talk about."

Lightfoot filed a motion Monday to dismiss Preckwinkle's challenges to her signatures, and a hearing officer ordered both campaigns to return for a decision Friday.

Preckwinkle has said she is challenging the signatures of other candidates because meeting the signature threshold is a benchmark all campaigns need to meet.

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An upgrade for baggage screening

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divert bags flagged for extra review without halting those behind them. They also have a second conveyor system that shuttles empty bins back to the front of the line.

"It's what we're hoping the future of the checkpoints will be," he said.

The TSA already uses CT scanners to screen passengers' checked luggage. But until recently, those machines were too large to use at the security checkpoints passengers travel through on the way to the gate, Howell said.

The new machine, in the security checkpoint open to United Airlines passengers traveling first or business class and certain loyalty program members, is only slightly bigger than the traditional X-ray machines used to screen carry-on baggage.

But the images it creates are clearer and three-dimensional, unlike the flat X-ray images. That means TSA agents can rotate the image to get a better view of items in different parts of a bag.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A laser scanner that identifies and tracks bags in the new L3 Clear Scan machine CT scanner is demonstrated Monday at O'Hare International Airport.

Computer algorithms scan the image to identify items that might warrant a closer look, like a laptop or container of liquid. A TSA agent can then view those items individually and, if they're deemed OK to fly, digitally remove them from the image to make the remaining items easier to see.

Eventually, travelers may be able to leave more items in their bags when going through security. Travelers using the new

scanners don't have to remove laptops, Howell said. In the future, that could extend to liquids as well, but for now the usual rules still apply.

If O'Hare's machine isn't up and running before the holidays, that will leave the airport down one scanner during an extremely busy travel period. But Mike Hanna, who leads United's operations at O'Hare, said he doesn't expect that to pose a problem. Automated screening lanes add-

ed over the past two years have helped keep wait times short, he said, and the airline plans to add monitors letting customers know how long they can expect to wait in the coming year.

"It's better to make sure all the bugs are worked out," Howell said. "We want security and efficiency."

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Elk Grove Village: Bahamas Bowl sponsorship has paid off

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The game, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday, was the least-watched bowl last year and features two teams this year that don't exactly have huge Chicago-area followings: the University of Toledo and Florida International University.

But Johnson said the publicity the unusual sponsorship has stirred up, including write-ups in newspapers across the country and even overseas, already has made the payout worthwhile. "As far as name recognition and notoriety, that \$300,000 has been repaid thousands of times over."

Johnson said the village had considered sponsoring other games but decided against the Hawaii Bowl because of its 9:30 p.m. start time and against the New Mexico Bowl because of potential bad weather.

"Everyone wants a bowl game that's sunny, nice and warm," he said.

That left the Bahamas Bowl,

which went without a title sponsor last year after three years of being backed by the Popeyes fast food chain.

The Village Board unanimously approved the deal with bowl owner ESPN over the summer (the total cost included an extra \$100,000 to produce new TV commercials). The contract contains numerous provisions to keep the village's name and motto front and center.

They include logos galore, from the big one in the middle of the field to patches on the players' jerseys; assurances that ESPN announcers will refer to the game as the "Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl" in all on-air references; and a slew of commercials touting the village.

The village unveiled four of them during its board meeting last week. The ads focus on Elk Grove's massive industrial park and its convenient access to transportation routes. The commercials also feature Stern Pinball, a local com-

pany whose products will be part of a tournament between the teams, Johnson said.

The mayor himself will have the chance to give "a five-minute live welcome speech at Team Welcome Dinner," according to the contract. He said he might finagle a few minutes in the broadcast booth, too.

Elk Grove Village has tied its marketing to sports before, signing a deal to air commercials during Chicago Cubs games. Johnson said that ad campaign coincided with a declining vacancy rate in the industrial park, though he couldn't say for sure that the commercials were the prime factor.

He hoped for similar results from the bowl game sponsorship but conceded it could be hard to make a direct connection.

"Talking to any marketing person around, it's already been a grand slam," he said. "They've all said that."

Quantifying the success of bowl sponsorship, from the Bad Boy

Mowers Gasparilla Bowl to the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, can be tricky.

A pair of business professors in 2015 published a research paper in which they looked at the stock prices of companies that sponsored bowl games. They found that the stocks were generally unaffected after companies announced their sponsorships.

The Bahamas Bowl contract also grants the village 25 tickets, though Johnson said he and two fellow officials who are heading to Nassau are paying their own way. Local business executives are traveling there, too, while back at home, the village plans to host a watch party at Real Time Sports on Devon Avenue.

Residents polled outside the Elk Grove Village Public Library one recent morning gave mixed verdicts on the deal.

Sue Coppenbarger, 67, who was walking her French bulldog Argos, had little interest in the game but no problem with the sponsorship.

Police Board sets hearing for 4 cops

Face possible dismissal in alleged McDonald cover-up

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Police Board has tentatively scheduled hearings in March for four officers facing possible dismissal over allegations they covered up the circumstances of the fatal police shooting of Laquan McDonald.

The Police Department is seeking to fire Officers Janet Mondragon, Daphne Sebastian and Ricardo Viramontes, and Sgt. Stephen Franko for allegedly giving or approving accounts of the shooting in police reports that were contradicted by police dashboard camera video.

On Monday, Thomas Johnson, a hearing officer for the Police Board, set aside March 5 through 7 to hear evidence.

Officer Jason Van Dyke also faces firing over the same allegations, but Johnson signaled the board may handle his disciplinary hearing separately in light of his October conviction for the on-duty killing of the 17-year-old McDonald. A Cook County jury convicted Van Dyke of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery for each time he shot McDonald.

Judge Vincent Gaughan is scheduled to sentence Van Dyke on Jan. 18.

Three other officers also just went on trial recently on criminal charges alleging they falsified police reports by exaggerating the threat posed by McDonald.

Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson, who will decide the fate of ex-Detective David March, former Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney, was supposed to announce her decision Wednesday but has delayed that ruling.

During Monday's proceedings, city attorneys seeking the officers' firings said they were still trying to obtain exhibits from both trials.

Mondragon, Sebastian, Viramontes and Franko are on paid desk duty but relieved of their police powers.

All four are alleged to have violated Rule 14, which bars lying in statements or reports.

Sebastian and Mondragon reported that McDonald waved a knife as he approached Van Dyke and his partner while ignoring repeated commands to drop the weapon. After Van Dyke shot McDonald, the teen fell to the street but continued to move, trying to get back up with the knife, according to Viramontes.

The department charged Franko with, among other things, signing off on Van Dyke's allegedly false reports on the incident.

The now-infamous dashcam video — released by court order more than a year after the October 2014 shooting — showed the white officer opening fire within seconds of exiting his squad car as the black teen walked away from police with the knife in his hand.

Among the issues to be resolved before the March hearings is whether the city will call Officer Dora Fontaine, a key prosecution witness at the three officers' recent trial. If that happens, attorney Jennifer Russell, who represents Fontaine, could face conflict-of-interest issues since she also represents Mondragon, Sebastian and Viramontes.

Russell declined to comment after Monday's hearing.

Meanwhile, Franko's lawyer, Thomas Pleines, told reporters he was eager for the Police Board to hear his client's case.

"We're just anxious for the opportunity to put on his case to prove that he did nothing wrong," he said.

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Officer in fatal shooting receiving death threats

Patrols guard home of Midlothian cop after November incident

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A Midlothian police officer who fatally shot security guard **Jemel Roberson** has been subjected to death threats, with police patrols assigned to his house, according to the village.

The disclosure came in a Dec. 13 letter from the village to the state attorney general's office in response to a Daily Southtown request under the state's Freedom of Information Act for information about the officer.

Roberson was shot in the early morning hours of Nov. 11 at

Manny's Blue Room in Robbins, where he was working security, when a fight broke out and shots were fired.

Police from multiple jurisdictions responded to the shooting, including a white officer from neighboring Midlothian, who shot Roberson in the parking lot as he held one of the suspected bar shooters on the ground at gunpoint, according to witnesses.

The Southtown is seeking police reports generated by Midlothian police related to the shooting, as well as the officer's personnel files. The Southtown is continuing to seek the information through FOIA requests with the attorney general.

In its response to the chief of the attorney general's public access bureau, Midlothian notes the

"officer has very real fear for his life if he is identified at this time."

The village cited posts on social media, including the police department's Facebook page, and said that apart from death threats, there have been "intentional attempts to disclose (the officer's) home address."

State police are investigating the shooting, and the officer is on administrative leave pending the outcome of that investigation.

"Demands for the officer's termination, prosecution and incarceration have been proposed regardless of what the investigation and evidence determine," Midlothian's letter to the attorney gener-



Roberson

al's office states.

On Nov. 20, U.S. District Court Judge Joan Lefkowitz denied a motion by Roberson's family seeking to force the disclosure of the officer. The matter is scheduled to be back before the judge on Jan. 18.

In denying the Southtown's request for police reports and supplemental files pertaining to the shooting, Midlothian notes that such information is in the hands of state police, and such a disclosure would jeopardize the investigation.

"The specific reasons disclosure would compromise the investigation involves witnesses who have yet to be interviewed and suspects involved in the incident that have yet to be arrested," the

letter reads.

Witnesses and Roberson's family said that Roberson was wearing clothing identifying him as a security guard, although a preliminary investigation by state police disputes that. State police said the Midlothian officer gave Roberson "multiple verbal commands" to drop his gun and get on the ground, but witnesses said the officer started firing at Roberson before giving him an adequate chance to respond to the verbal commands.

Midlothian police later issued a statement offering condolences to Roberson's family and calling the shooting "the equivalent of a 'blue on blue,' friendly fire incident."

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Deal averts strike by teachers in District 211

By **JOHN KEILMAN**
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A teachers strike in Palatine-based Township High School District 211 was averted Monday when the district announced that a tentative deal on a new contract had been reached.

The teachers had warned that a strike could begin Tuesday, one day before finals were scheduled to start. Now, the exams will proceed as planned, the district said.

The district did not release details about the new contract, but John Braglia, president of Northwest Suburban Teachers Union Local 1211, gave what he said was an outline of the deal.

The sticking point had been the calculation of teachers' raises. Both sides agreed on a 2 percent base salary increase for the first year of the four-year deal, but after that, the union wanted raises to match the annual rate of inflation. The administration offered raises that were 75 percent of the 10-year average of inflation.

Braglia said the final number, which he would not specify, fell in between those proposals. On top of the raises, he said, the district agreed to "operational amenities" such as more counselors and extra compensation for teacher assistants.

"There's a lot of really good stuff in this contract that truly will improve the quality of service we'll provide," he said.

The union had said it sacrificed during its last contract because the economy was doing poorly; its increases in base pay lagged well behind the rate of inflation.

Braglia said nearly 90 percent of union members voted to accept the new contract. The school board still must give its approval, and that might not happen until January, he said.

District 211 Superintendent Daniel Cates did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The two sides negotiated over the weekend and continued talking Monday.

According to its website, District 211 is the largest high school district in Illinois, with about 12,000 students.

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Police investigate the scene where two officers were struck by a South Shore train near 103rd Street and Dauphin Avenue on Monday.

2 Chicago officers hit by train as they were responding to call on South Side

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spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

In a departmentwide memo, Johnson said the officers were "killed in the line of duty while responding for a call of service on the railroad tracks."

"I am deeply saddened by this tragic event and ask that everyone keep their (families) and co-workers in their thoughts and prayers," Johnson said. "An investigation is underway, and we will keep everyone updated as details emerge."

Metra officials shut down all traffic on the Metra Electric District tracks Monday evening while authorities worked at the scene.

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, which operates South Shore trains, uses Metra tracks.

The officers' deaths were similar to an incident on the West Side in 2002 in which Officer Benjamin Perez was fatally struck by

The two Chicago police officers who died Monday night are among four killed while on duty this year.

a Metra train on an embankment while conducting an investigation.

The two Chicago police officers who died Monday are among four killed while on duty this year.

Their deaths come about a month after Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28, was killed in a mass shooting at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center on the Near South Side. Two women, Dr. Tamara O'Neal, 38, and pharmacist Dayna Less, 24, were also killed in the Nov. 19 shooting.

On Feb. 13, Cmdr. Paul Bauer, 53, was fatally shot while chasing a suspect to a stairwell outside the Thompson Center in the Loop.

Three other officers have died within the Calumet District while

at work this year, two of them from suicides when shooting themselves outside the district's police station on East 111th Street in separate incidents.

The third officer who died, 47-year-old Vinita Williams, died in July after collapsing at the station. Her cause of death was ruled inconclusive, pending further review by the Cook County medical examiner's office.

As Chicago police officers expanded the area of the crime scene on the tracks Monday evening, a bi-level rail car with the silhouettes of numerous passengers inside remained stopped on the overpass that crosses 103rd Street.

Nearby, bystanders outside a

Popeyes restaurant walked or ran to the area of the tracks, some ducking under the yellow police tape.

A woman in the group said she had been at her home nearby planning a trip to the restaurant when the sight of several police officers driving through alleys west of the tracks made her postpone her trip. Less than an hour later, officers swarmed the area and a police helicopter was overhead.

"Imma pray for their families. That's all I can do. And then these people on the train, trying to get home..." said the woman, who asked not to be identified.

Two CTA buses arrived in the area around 9 p.m. to offload the train passengers.

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Comey blasts GOP over Trump's attacks

Ex-FBI chief says lawmakers failed to defend rule of law

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Director James Comey on Monday accused President Donald Trump of trying “to burn down the entire FBI” and charged that congressional Republicans were willing accomplices for failing to challenge him.

“The FBI’s reputation has taken a big hit because the president, with his acolytes, has lied about it constantly,” Comey told reporters, following his second closed-door interview this month with House lawmakers running a politically divisive investigation into how federal law enforcement officials handled probes of the Trump campaign’s alleged Russia ties and Hillary Clinton’s emails.

But Comey directed his vitriol not just at the GOP members of the House Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform committees, but at all Republicans — including retiring GOP lawmakers, such as Sens. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., and Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who have openly criticized Trump but aren’t seeking re-election.

“At some point someone has to stand up and face the fear of Fox News, fear of their base, fear of mean tweets, stand up for the values of this country and not slink away into retirement but stand up and speak the truth,” Comey said, without naming names.



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Former FBI chief James Comey speaks to reporters on Monday after his House testimony.

Comey testified for nearly six hours Monday, in addition to the six-hour closed-door discussion he had with panel members earlier this month.

During that session, he defended his decisions as FBI director — such as superseding then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch to declare the Clinton probe closed and then informing congressional leaders days before the 2016 election that it had been reopened.

Comey reiterated that defense even more strongly Monday, flatly refusing to take any personal responsibility for the reputation of the FBI having suffered under his stewardship.

He instead blamed Trump for “lying about the FBI, attacking the FBI and attacking the rule of law in this country,” and the “silence from people in this building” — meaning Capitol Hill — for allowing him to do it.

“Republicans used to understand that the actions of a president matter, the words of a president matter, the rule of law matters and the truth matters,” he said. “Where are those Republicans today?”

Republicans on the panel have been in open conflict with Comey about whether he was appropriately forthcoming with his answers, and whether his testimony

contradicted former statements he has made.

According to a transcript of the first round of proceedings, Comey declined to answer several questions pertaining to the FBI’s probe of Trump, arguing that the details he was being asked to provide were too closely tied to special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation of the Trump campaign’s suspected ties to Russia.

Comey also declined to say whether Trump, in firing him last year, had attempted to obstruct justice, although an FBI lawyer present at the interview appeared to confirm that the special counsel was

looking into such matters.

Republican lawmakers asked Comey about former national security adviser Michael Flynn’s FBI interview, suggesting his rights were violated because he was rushed into doing it without access to White House counsel.

They were making those arguments as charges against Flynn’s former business associates were being unveiled as part of a federal probe into secret lobbying by Turkey to pressure the United States to extradite a Turkish cleric.

Comey would not say what he knew of the FBI’s investigation into Flynn’s associates, but he defended the interrogation of Flynn as “extremely consistent” with bureau guidelines. Republicans emerged from both sessions frustrated by Comey’s inability or refusal to answer certain questions.

“Consistently, the FBI has had legal counsel there to try to discourage the answering of certain questions that might be good for the American people to know,” Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said outside the meeting room.

Meadows said Monday that there were inconsistencies between Comey’s testimony behind closed doors and his previous public statements. Democrats emerging from the session, and Comey himself, disputed this assessment. A transcript of the first session suggested that Comey’s first closed-door testimony mirrored much of what he has said in public settings.

In between the two interviews with House panels, Comey said at an event in New York that if Trump were not president, he

would be “in serious jeopardy of being charged” by New York prosecutors in a case concerning payments made to silence women who alleged affairs with him years ago.

Trump’s longtime lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison for those and other matters that U.S. District Judge William Pauley called a “veritable smorgasbord of criminal conduct.”

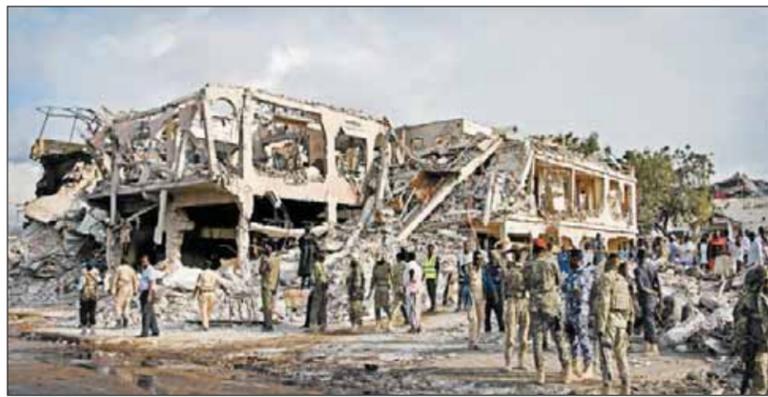
Comey is one of the last people the joint House panel is expected to question in the probe, which is expected to end — or change in character — once Democrats take over the House majority next year. Democrats have accused the GOP of using the investigation to try to discredit the FBI and Justice Department as a means of undermining Mueller’s probe.

“They seem to be wanting to play defense counsel for the president,” said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., who is currently ranking member of the oversight committee and is expected to serve as its chairman next year.

On Monday, oversight committee member Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr., D-Mo., said the interview was “the last gasp of the Republican majority in this House, to paint this narrative to protect the Trump administration and the Trump campaign.”

“And they really don’t have a leg to stand on,” Clay added.

The joint panel is also expected to interview Lynch behind closed doors on Wednesday. No other interviews have been announced.



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The U.S. has stepped-up airstrikes in Somalia the past three years in efforts to contain al-Shabab, responsible for a truck bomb in Mogadishu that killed 512 people last year.

U.S. airstrikes in Somalia rise with at least 45 this year

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A spate of American airstrikes against Islamic extremists in Somalia is the latest in a dramatic uptick in U.S. attacks in the Horn of Africa nation since President Donald Trump took office.

The weekend strikes, which killed 62 people, targeted al-Shabab militants who want to establish their own version of repressive Shariah law in Somalia. A Somali intelligence officer told The Associated Press that the strikes on Gandarshe, a town along the Indian Ocean coast, were aimed at foiling a planned extremist attack.

The U.S. conducted 17 airstrikes in Somalia from 2007 to 2015, according to Bill Roggio of the Long War Journal who has tracked airstrikes in several countries for more than a decade. But those numbers have sharply escalated in recent years.

In 2016, the last year of Barack Obama’s presidency, the U.S. launched 15 strikes in Somalia. That number rose to 31 in 2017 and at least 45 this year.

Al-Shabab once controlled large swaths of Somalia, including much of

the capital, Mogadishu. African Union forces have succeeded in pushing the extremists from most major cities, however the group continues to be active in Somalia’s rural areas and still launches suicide car bomb attacks in the capital. Last year, a massive truck bomb killed more than 500 people.

There are 3,000 to 7,000 al-Shabab militants in Somalia, along with up to 250 Islamic State members.

The U.S. is targeting training camps and other sites to reduce al-Shabab’s military capacity, said Roggio, who predicts the airstrikes in Somalia will continue at the current pace or increase.

“They are effective in keeping al-Shabab at bay, but not effective at defeating them — dealing them a decisive blow,” Roggio said.

The weekend strikes were aimed at al-Shabab fighters who were preparing a major attack on a Somali government military base in the Lower Shabelle region, said the intelligence official, who insisted on anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the matter. The official said the airstrikes hit a military camp and battle vehicles in Gandarshe. Al-Shabab has long used the historic town

southwest of Mogadishu, as a place to organize and launch attacks, including car bombs that hit the capital.

The U.S. military said Monday it carried out four strikes on Dec. 15 in which 34 people were killed and two more Sunday, which killed 28. No civilians were injured or killed in the attacks, U.S. military officials said.

The strikes were carried out in close coordination with Somalia’s government and were “conducted to prevent al-Shabab from using remote areas as a safe haven to plot, direct, inspire and recruit for future attacks,” said the U.S. military statement.

The strikes are part of the Trump administration’s strategy in Africa that addresses three core U.S. interests on the continent: advancing trade and commercial ties, making sure that money spent on U.S. aid is not wasteful and combating violence and Islamic extremism.

After decades of the U.S. largely leaving Somalis to work out their own problems, the Trump administration with its focus on counterterrorism operations has grown the number of U.S. military personnel in the country to an estimated 500.

Report: U.S. held talks with Taliban on ending Afghan war

BY SAYED SALAHUDDIN
Special to The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. diplomats held talks with Taliban delegates on Monday in the United Arab Emirates to discuss ways to end the war in Afghanistan, a Taliban spokesman and Afghan government officials said.

Saudi, Pakistani and UAE officials also participated in the meeting, one of several held between U.S. diplomats and representatives of the Afghan insurgent group in recent months, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a statement.

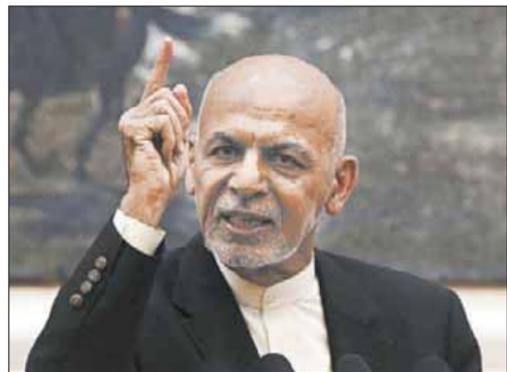
Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and the UAE were the only nations that recognized the Taliban’s radical Islamist government when it ruled Afghanistan from 1996 until its ouster in late 2001.

There was no official confirmation from the presidential palace in Kabul whether any government official would participate in the meeting. But Afghanistan’s national security adviser, Hamdullah Mohib, said in a tweet that he met Sunday in the UAE with officials from the three countries and the United States.

Mohib said he had discussed President Ashraf Ghani’s road map for peace, which allows Taliban representatives to take part in the political process and run for office. The plan also raises the prospect of constitutional changes while maintaining what the government describes as the country’s achievements since the militants were driven from power in Kabul by Afghan resistance forces and U.S. airstrikes.

Mohib said he had discussed the “direct engagement of the Afghan government with the Taliban for an intra-Afghan dialogue.”

Shah Hussain Mur-tazawi, a spokesman for Ghani, said the U.S.-Taliban meeting was being coor-



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Afghan President Ashraf Ghani’s peace plan allows Taliban representatives to take part in the political process.



Mohib



Khalilzad

minated with the Afghan government.

“The Afghan government supports any effort and action that paves the way for an Afghan-led peace process,” he said. Ultimately, “it is the Afghan government that signs and parliament that approves any peace agreement.”

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Kabul described the meeting as “part of efforts by the United States and other international partners to promote an intra-Afghan dialogue aimed at ending the conflict in Afghanistan.”

The Taliban has repeatedly refused to deal directly with Ghani’s government, which the group considers a U.S. puppet that is racked by internal divisions and regarded as inefficient.

Zalmay Khalilzad, the new U.S. envoy for Afghanistan, will lead the talks in the UAE, officials said. He has held at least two meetings with Taliban officials in Qatar, where the group maintains a political office. The Taliban said last

month that its representatives met with Khalilzad for three days in Doha, the Qatari capital.

He has traveled to the region and spoken with a number of diplomats and leaders since he was appointed as a special envoy by President Donald Trump in September.

The Afghan-born diplomat suggested the formation of an interim government instead of holding a presidential election as scheduled in April. The aim would be to allow the peace process to succeed and then hold the vote with the Taliban’s participation.

But members of Ghani’s administration have rejected the idea, insisting on going ahead with the election despite widely mismanaged parliamentary polls in October.

The main stumbling blocks in past talks between U.S. and Taliban representatives have been conditions set by the two sides on how to end the war.

The Taliban has insisted on a pullout date for U.S.-led troops before any talks with the Kabul government and has demanded that Washington not oppose the establishment of an Islamist government.

U.S. officials have been pushing to keep some troops and at least a couple of bases in the country.

Papadopouloses to go Hollywood

Docuseries focusing on couple hopes to capitalize on their personal drama

BY ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When former Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos stepped out of a federal prison in Wisconsin this month after serving two weeks for lying to the FBI, he was greeted by his wife, Simona Mangiante Papadopoulos — and a documentary series crew.

It was perhaps inevitable: Now that he has completed his role in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, George Papadopoulos is looking to Hollywood.

A docuseries about the couple is being produced by a Los Angeles-based company that hopes to capitalize on the personal drama surrounding the 31-year-old energy consultant and his Italian wife.

"The story to me is this young couple who falls in love and days later find themselves in the middle of this international scandal," said executive producer Stephanie Frederic of FGW Productions.

Frederic said the series will examine Papadopoulos' account of his interactions

with the Trump campaign and the FBI, including his recent claims that he was set up by Western intelligence officials opposed to Donald Trump's election as president.

But, she insisted, the series is not intended to be political.

"I have friends who are angry at me for doing this series," Frederic said. "I'm not doing this for politics. A good story is a good story. I think they're a good story."

The company, whose past credits include A&E's 2017 six-part docuseries, "Who Killed Tupac?" and the 2016 PBS documentary "Eyes on the Prize: Then and Now," does not have a distributor for the still-unnamed project.

Frederic said the series will not be a reality show, in which story lines are often scripted, but rather a docuseries following the two as they grapple with their post-Mueller life. The couple are not being paid to appear in the series but will receive payment for providing photos and other mementos, she said.

Papadopoulos said he and his wife decided to participate in the docu-



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The docuseries will focus on George Papadopoulos and his wife, Simona Mangiante.

series because they wanted "a true image of ourselves to be presented for the first time since I was embroiled in the Russia investigation."

He said the project will follow the couple's day-to-day activities, reveal new details about the investigation and focus on his current ambition: running for Congress.

Simona Papadopoulos is planning on pursuing acting and modeling, he said.

The two met in the spring of 2017 through LinkedIn. Both had worked for a London-based think tank run by Maltese professor Joseph Mifsud.

That's the professor who told George Papadopoulos in 2016 that the Russians had dirt on Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in the form of thousands of emails, according to court papers.

Papadopoulos' account of that claim to Australian diplomats in a bar in London in May 2016 helped trigger an FBI counterintelligence investigation into Trump's campaign.

The couple began a whirlwind romance and were dating by the time Papadopoulos was arrested in July 2017. They married this March, while Pa-

papopoulos awaited sentencing after pleading guilty to lying to the FBI about key details involving his conversations with Mifsud and Russians he met through the professor.

Frederic said the series will address skepticism about their quick romance and questions about Simona Papadopoulos' background.

The project, still in its early phases, is financed by investors of FGW Productions, Frederic said. She declined to name them but noted none are Russian.

Frederic, a former television anchor who has worked with BET and

A&E's "Biography," said the crew has already captured moments of high drama — no surprise to anyone who follows the couple on Twitter and tracks their frequent clashes with his parents and online critics.

The cameras were rolling last month as Simona Papadopoulos accompanied her husband as he reported to a federal prison camp in Wisconsin. The young couple argued on the way, Frederic said, adding: "It's the biggest fight I've ever seen on television."

Simona Papadopoulos said producers told the couple the show is not intended to show them in a good or bad light. "We want people to judge us for who we are," she said.

"It's a human story that gives people better understanding of the pressure a federal investigation can cause to a newly married couple," she added.

She said she and her husband are hoping for a fresh start now that he has completed his prison term. They've moved to Los Angeles, where she has been looking for acting gigs, and the couple have been hanging out with new friend Tom Arnold.

Camera crews are set to follow the two until at least February.

Saudi Arabia rejects U.S. Senate's 'interference' in kingdom

BY AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia issued an unusually strong rebuke of the U.S. Senate on Monday, rejecting a bipartisan resolution that put the blame for the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi squarely on the Saudi crown prince and describing it as interference in the kingdom's affairs.

It's the latest sign of how the relationship between the royal court and Con-

gress has deteriorated, more than two months after Khashoggi was killed and dismembered by Saudi agents inside the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul. The assassins have been linked to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

U.S. Senators last Thursday passed the measure that blamed the prince for Khashoggi's killing and called on Riyadh to "ensure appropriate accountability." Senators also passed a separate measure calling for the end of U.S. aid to the

Saudi-led war in Yemen.

In a lengthy statement early Monday, Saudi Arabia said the Senate's resolution "contained blatant interferences" in the kingdom's internal affairs and undermines its regional and international role. The resolution was based on "unsubstantiated claims and allegations," the statement said.

"The kingdom categorically rejects any interference in its internal affairs, any and all accusations, in any manner, that disrespect its leadership and any at-

tempts to undermine its sovereignty or diminish its stature," it said.

Such language is usually reserved for those who criticize the kingdom's human rights record, such as Sweden in 2015 after the public flogging of a blogger, and Canada this year over the arrests of women's rights activists.

But the statement was also tempered in saying the kingdom "reaffirms" its commitment to relations with the United States and describing the Senate as "an

esteemed legislative body of an allied and friendly government."

President Donald Trump has been reluctant to condemn the crown prince, despite U.S. intelligence officials concluding that Mohammed must have at least had knowledge of the plot. Trump instead has touted Saudi arms deals and has thanked the Saudis for lower oil prices.

Saudi Arabia denies Mohammed was involved in the Oct. 2 killing of Khashoggi, a Washington

Post columnist who wrote critically of the crown prince. Under intense international pressure, the kingdom recently acknowledged that the plot was masterminded by top Saudi agents close to Mohammed.

The Saudi statement said the Senate's position will not affect the kingdom's "leading role in the region," its role in supporting the stability of international energy markets, its counterterrorism cooperation and its stand with the U.S. in confronting Iran.

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Flynn associates charged with illegally lobbying for Turkey

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man with close ties to the country's leadership.

U.S. law enforcement has repeatedly rejected Turkey's bid to send the cleric back to his home country despite pressure from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who believes Gulen responsible for a failed 2016 coup attempt. By prosecutors' account, the foreign government found a powerful and enthusiastic ally in Flynn — one who was willing on the eve of the presidential election to pen an op-ed pushing for Gulen's expulsion.

That piece in The Hill, which called Gulen a "radical cleric ... running a scam," was the culmination of a monthslong public and private lobbying campaign for which the Turkish government agreed to pay Flynn's consulting firm \$600,000, according to the indictment.

The money was funneled through a company run by Alptekin, who also arranged meetings and delivered guidance from his country's leaders, according to the indictment.

Kian and Alptekin are charged with conspiracy and acting as agents of a foreign government; Alptekin is also accused of making false statements. Kian made his first appearance in Alexandria federal court Monday; Alptekin remains in Turkey.

While Flynn's efforts to have Gulen extradited from the U.S. were previously known, the indictment demonstrates the extent to which he was working to advance the interests of his Turkish clients.

Negotiations began in July 2016, according to the court records, after the Justice Department told the Turkish government that Gulen could not be extradited without more evidence of wrongdoing.

"We are ready to engage on what needs to be done,"



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Bijan Kian, onetime business partner of Michael Flynn, made his first appearance in federal court Monday.



Flynn Gulen

Kian wrote Alptekin, on July 27.

"I just finished in Ankara after several meetings today" with Turkish ministers, Alptekin wrote back to Kian — who also goes by Rafiekian — and Flynn the next month, according to the indictment. "I have a green light to discuss confidentiality, budget, and the scope of the contract."

That contract, drawn up in September 2016, required the Flynn Intel Group to "deliver findings and results including but not limited to making criminal referrals" against Gulen.

That same month, according to the indictment, Flynn, Kian, and Alptekin met with high-level Turkish officials in New York to discuss the campaign. Over the next two months Flynn's firm lobbied a member of Congress, a congressional staffer and a state government official, according to the indictment. But in October, Alptekin complained that there had been no "smoking gun." Kian, ac-

ording to prosecutors, in response produced a draft of the op-ed, which compared Gulen to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini and argued the U.S. should not provide a "safe haven" for the cleric.

"The arrow has left the bow!" Kian emailed Alptekin on Nov. 4, 2016. "This is a very high profile exposure one day before the election."

Flynn's op-ed was published in The Hill on Nov. 8, the day Trump was elected. It prompted concern in the Justice Department's national security division and criminal division, where officials wondered why Flynn, aspiring to be national security adviser to the next president, was parroting the talking points of the Turkish government.

Flynn is set to be sentenced Tuesday for lying to FBI agents as part of a special counsel investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign. Prosecutors asked that he receive no prison time, citing his "substantial assistance." As part his plea, Flynn agreed that he took part in this scheme. But the case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James Gillis and Evan Turgeon in the Eastern District of Virginia, not the special counsel.

Russia social media influence worse, ongoing

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by the cybersecurity firm New Knowledge and by the Computational Propaganda Research Project, a study by researchers at the University of Oxford and Graphika, a social media analysis firm.

The Oxford report details how Russians broke down their messages to different groups, including discouraging black voters from going to the polls and stoking anger on the right.

"These campaigns pushed a message that the best way to advance the cause of the African-American community was to boycott the election and focus on other issues instead," the researchers wrote.

At the same time, "Messaging to conservative and right-wing voters sought to do three things: repeat patriotic and anti-immigrant slogans; elicit outrage with posts about liberal appeasement of 'others' at the expense of U.S. citizens; and encourage them to vote for Trump."

The report from New Knowledge says there are still some live accounts tied to the original Internet Research Agency, which was named in an indictment from special counsel Robert Mueller in February for an expansive social media campaign intended to influence the 2016 presidential election. Some of the accounts have a presence on smaller platforms as the major companies have tried to clean up after the Russian activity was discovered.

"With at least some of the Russian government's goals achieved in the face of little diplomatic or other pushback, it appears likely that the United States will continue to face Russian interference for the foreseeable future," the researchers wrote.

The New Knowledge report says that none of the social media companies turned over complete data sets to Congress and some of them "may have misrepresented or evaded" in testi-



JON ELSWICK/AP

Facebook and Instagram ads linked to a Russian effort to disrupt the U.S. political process.

mony about the interference by either intentionally or unintentionally downplaying the scope of the problem.

An example of continuing interference came months after Trump took office, when Russia's disinformation teams trained their sites on a new target: special counsel Mueller.

The Russian operatives unloaded on Mueller through fake accounts on Facebook, Twitter and beyond, falsely claiming that the former FBI director was corrupt and that the allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 election were crackpot conspiracies. One post on Instagram — which emerged as an especially potent weapon in the Russian social media arsenal — claimed that Mueller had worked in the past with "radical Islamic groups."

The Senate panel has been investigating Russian interference on social media and beyond for almost two years. Intelligence committee Chairman Richard Burr said in a statement that the data shows how aggressively Russia tried to

divide Americans.

One major takeaway from both studies is the breadth of Russian interference that appeared on Instagram, which is owned by Facebook and was not frequently mentioned when its parent company testified on Capitol Hill. The study says that as attention was focused on Facebook and Twitter in 2017, the Russians shifted much of their activity to Instagram.

The New Knowledge study says that there were 187 million engagements with users on Instagram, while there were 77 million on Facebook.

"Instagram was a significant front in the IRA's influence operation, something that Facebook executives appear to have avoided mentioning in congressional testimony," the researchers wrote. They added that "our assessment is that Instagram is likely to be a key battleground on an ongoing basis."

The Russian activity went far beyond the three tech companies that provided information, reaching many smaller sites as well. The New Knowledge report

details sophisticated attempts to infiltrate internet games, browser extensions and music apps. The Russians even used social media to encourage users of the game Pokemon Go — which was at peak popularity in the months before the 2016 presidential election — to use politically divisive usernames, for example.

Also notable is the study's finding that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was favorably treated in posts aimed at both left-leaning and right-leaning users. The New Knowledge report says there were a number of posts expressing support for Assange and Wikileaks, including several in October 2016 just before WikiLeaks released hacked emails from Hillary Clinton's campaign.

The Oxford study notes that peaks in Internet Research Agency advertising and organic activity — or posts, shares and comments by users — often corresponded with important dates on the U.S. calendar, crises and international events.

Other findings in the studies:

■ During the week of the presidential election, posts directed to right-leaning users aimed to generate anger and suspicion and hinted at voter fraud, while posts targeted to African-Americans largely ignored mentions of the election until the last minute.

■ Establishment figures of both parties, especially Clinton, were universally panned. Even a tag targeted to feminists criticized Clinton and promoted her primary opponent, independent Bernie Sanders.

■ IRA's posts focused on

the United States started on Twitter as far back as 2013, and eventually evolved into the multi-platform strategy. ■ Facebook posts linked to the IRA "reveal a nuanced and deep knowledge of American culture, media, and influencers in each community the IRA targeted." Certain memes appeared on pages targeted to younger people but not older people. "The IRA was fluent in American trolling culture," the report says.

The Washington Post contributed.

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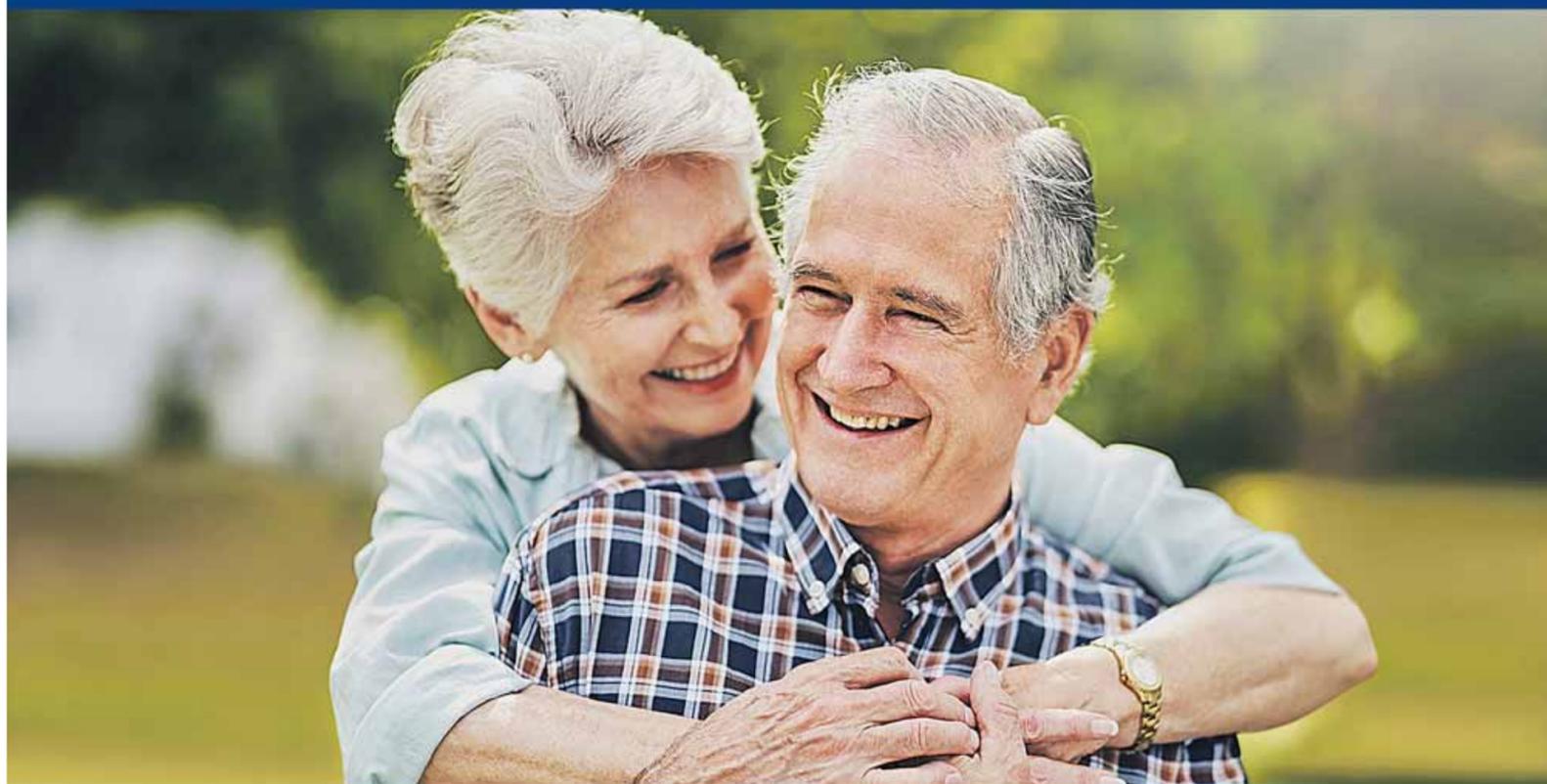
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President plans to establish unified U.S. Space Command

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump plans to sign an executive order before the end of the year creating a U.S. Space Command as a major military command.

Vice President Mike Pence will make the announcement Tuesday at the Kennedy Space Center, in Cape Canaveral, Fla., two U.S. officials said.

The move is separate from Trump's goal of creating a "Space Force" as an independent armed serv-

ice branch.

The Air Force's existing Space Command would be a key component of the new joint entity, raising space to the same status as U.S. Cyber Command.

The move would actually recreate a U.S. Space Command, which existed from 1985 to 2002. It was disbanded after the 9/11 terrorist attacks so that U.S. Northern Command could be established, focusing on defense of the homeland.

Farout: Scientists spot solar system's farthest known object

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronomers have spotted the farthest known object in our solar system — and they've nicknamed the pink cosmic body "Farout."

The International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center announced the discovery Monday.

"Farout" (pronounced far-out) is about 120 astronomical units away — that's 120 times the distance between Earth and

the sun, or 11 billion miles. The previous record-holder was the dwarf planet Eris at 96 astronomical units.

The Carnegie Institution's Scott Sheppard says the object is so far away and moving so slowly it will take a few years to determine its orbit. At that distance, it could take more than 1,000 years to orbit the sun.

It's an estimated 310 miles across.

GOP Sen. Alexander, R-Tenn., not seeking 2020 re-election

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee announced Monday that he won't seek re-election in 2020, giving the state its second open Senate contest in two years.

Alexander, 78, said in a news release he was deeply grateful for being elected to serve more combined years as governor and senator than anyone else in Tennessee, but that it's now time for

someone else to have that privilege.

Alexander was governor from 1979 until 1987, helping to bring the auto industry to the state. He was first elected to the Senate in 2002 and re-elected in 2008 and 2014.

He developed a reputation as a consensus builder, advancing recent laws to address the opioid crisis and overhaul the way music is licensed and songwriters are paid.



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

Making amends: Flowers were left Monday at the Kindertransport memorial in Berlin. Germany agreed to one-time payments of \$2,800 to survivors, primarily Jews, who were evacuated from Nazi Germany as children, many of whom never saw their parents again.

May sets postponed vote on Brexit for the week of Jan. 14

LONDON — Prime Minister Theresa May said Monday that the postponed vote in Parliament on Britain's Brexit agreement with the European Union will be held the week of Jan. 14 — more than a month after it was originally scheduled and just 10 weeks before Britain leaves the EU.

But even as May insisted she could salvage her unpopular divorce deal, pressure was mounting for dramatic action — a new referendum or a vote among lawmakers — to find a way out of Britain's Brexit impasse and prevent the

economic damage of a messy exit from the EU on March 29 with no agreement in place.

The British government and the EU sealed a divorce deal last month, but May postponed a parliamentary vote intended to ratify the agreement last week when it became clear legislators would overwhelmingly reject it.

She tried to win changes from the EU to sweeten the deal for reluctant lawmakers, but was rebuffed by the bloc at a summit in Brussels last week.

May's authority also has been shaken after a no-

confidence vote from her own party on Wednesday that saw more than a third of Conservative lawmakers vote against her.

May told lawmakers in the House of Commons on Monday that they would resume debate on the deal when Parliament comes back after its Christmas break the week of Jan. 7, with the vote held the following week.

"I know this is not everyone's perfect deal," May said. "It is a compromise. But if we let the perfect be the enemy of the good then we risk leaving the EU with no deal."

Dems want to query agents on migrant girl's death

WASHINGTON — Democrats with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus say they will tour a Border Patrol station in New Mexico on Tuesday to investigate the circumstances leading up to the death of a Guatemalan girl who collapsed hours after she and her father were

taken into U.S. custody on Dec. 6.

The congressional delegation, led by Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, plans to visit the border crossing at Antelope Wells, where Jakelin Caal, 7, and her father, Nery Caal, entered the U.S. illegally as part of a group of 163 migrants.

The caucus members will then visit the Lordsburg Border Patrol station, 90 miles north. According to congressional aides, lawmakers want to question the Border Patrol agents present when Caal became critically ill, but CBP officials have not granted the request.

CBS denies \$120 million in severance to Les Moonves

NEW YORK — Former CBS CEO Les Moonves will not receive his \$120 million severance package after the company's board of directors determined he was fired "with cause" over sexual misconduct allegations.

The board said Monday it reached its decision after finding that Moonves failed to cooperate fully with investigators looking into the allegations. The board also cited what it called Moonves' "willful and material misfeasance," violation of company policies and breach of his contract.

Moonves was ousted in September after allegations from dozens of women dating back to the 1980s who said he subjected them to mistreatment including forced oral sex, groping and retaliation if they resisted. Moonves denies the allegations and can challenge the findings in arbitration.

In Yemen: A cease-fire went into force early Tuesday in the Red Sea port of Hodeida after intense fighting between government-allied forces and Shiite rebels erupted shortly before the U.N.-brokered truce took hold in the contested city, Yemeni officials said. The city handles about 70 percent of Yemen's imports.

In Missouri: A man has been ordered to watch the movie "Bambi" as part of his sentence for illegally killing hundreds of deer. David Berry Jr. was ordered to watch the Disney classic at least once a month during his one-year jail sentence in what officials call one of the largest deer poaching cases in state history.

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EDITORIALS

Don't forget Ed Burke's enablers

Butcher paper no longer obscures the entry to Ald. Ed Burke's City Hall office. But the federal agents who raided Burke's lair left him politically weakened. Is that enough, finally, to bring scrutiny to the \$100 million per year city workers' compensation system that Burke monolithically controls?

Some Progressive Caucus aldermen see in Burke's predicament a chance to strip him of that authority and hand the program to the city's corporation counsel. If this gambit sounds familiar, you're recalling one of the City Council's many days of infamy: Feb. 10, 2016. The question is whether aldermen who didn't find the courage to rein in Burke nearly three years ago will find it today.

Here's how that sorry 2016 episode unfolded:

To placate citizens demanding an end to City Hall corruption, the aldermen reluctantly gave City Hall's inspector general, Joseph Ferguson, the power to investigate them and their staffs. But in the day's most important vote, the council voted 25-23 to keep Ferguson's office from examining council programs that spend hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Each of those 25 yes votes — see the names of the guilty at the end of this editorial — was decisive. And reprehensible.

The enablers let Burke and others hide their fiefs from the IG, and thus from taxpayers, too. As if to say, *We don't want to know how Burke does out that \$100 million, and you don't want to know either. Because then you'd want to know the same about our pet programs. So go away.*

Before the vote, several aldermen offered nonsensical reasons for shielding the workers' comp and other legislative programs from routine auditing. Against stiff competition, then-Ald. Will Burns excelled: "Some law enforcement officers — and don't mistake it, IGs consider themselves prosecutors — we know there have been people railroaded and falsely convicted and on death row."

Wow. Who knew that auditors checking payments to payrollers could doom innocent Chicago aldermen to a death row that doesn't exist.

Also recall that, several weeks before Burke and his enablers kept such travesties



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago Aldermen Tom Tunney, 44th, left, and Ed Burke, 14th, at City Hall in 2017. Tunney was one of 25 aldermen who voted to shield the aldermen from the full scrutiny of City Hall's inspector general.

ties from happening, 30 aldermen had said they supported wording that would hold council members to the same scrutiny all other municipal employees face. In fact, when they were up for re-election in 2014, 35 aldermen had signed on to an earlier version of the inspector general ordinance.

The first name on that list of 35 bravehearts: Ald. Joe Moore. But come Feb. 10, 2016, here was Moore spinning a fable that the watered-down version of the ordinance was "a huge victory" for reform. Moore then gave a vivid demonstration of why not every Chicagoan trusts City Hall: He explained that just because an alderman signs up in favor of a measure doesn't mean he or she will, um, vote for it.

If the alleged co-sponsors had kept their word and voted for full IG oversight, the workers' comp program now would be

getting scrutiny, and the Progressive Caucus might not be trying to get the corporation counsel on the case. We don't know if that's the correct home for this program: Why not do as many large employers do, and hand the program to an insurance professional in a city human resources office? Or is that too simple and apolitical?

Here's how that 2016 vote played out.

A "yea" vote is the self-serving vote to shield the aldermen from the full scrutiny of the inspector general and, in turn, from the scrutiny of voters:

Yeas (25): Brian Hopkins, 2nd; Will Burns, 4th; Leslie Hairston, 5th; Roderick Sawyer, 6th; Gregory Mitchell, 7th; Michelle Harris, 8th; Anthony Beale, 9th; Patrick Thompson, 11th; George Cardenas, 12th; Ed Burke, 14th; Raymond Lopez, 15th; David Moore, 17th; Derrick Curtis, 18th; Howard Brookins, 21st; Ricardo

Munoz, 22nd; Daniel Solis, 25th; Walter Burnett, 27th; Jason Ervin, 28th; Ariel Reboyras, 30th; Gilbert Villegas, 36th; Emma Mitts, 37th; Margaret Laurino, 39th; Patrick O'Connor, 40th; Thomas Tunney, 44th; Joseph Moore, 49th.

Nays (23): Proco Joe Moreno, 1st; Pat Dowell, 3rd; Susan Sadlowski Garza, 10th; Marty Quinn, 13th; Toni Foulkes, 16th; Matthew O'Shea, 19th; Willie Cochran, 20th; Michael Zalewski, 23rd; Michael Scott Jr., 24th; Chris Taliaferro, 29th; Milagros "Milly" Santiago, 31st; Scott Waguespack, 32nd; Deborah Mell, 33rd; Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th; Nicholas Sposato, 38th; Anthony Napolitano, 41st; Brendan Reilly, 42nd; Michele Smith, 43rd; John Arena, 45th; James Cappleman, 46th; Ameya Pawar, 47th; Harry Osterman, 48th; Debra Silverstein, 50th.

Absent (2): Roberto Maldonado, 26th; Carrie Austin, 34th.

Paging all prosecutors to Chicago's 13th Ward

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, U.S. Attorney John Lausch Jr. — we offer each of you a warm invitation. The Democratic machine's challenge to a 13th Ward aldermanic candidate is now history. What remains is the question of whether one or more political operatives in that slice of Chicago aggressively flouted state and federal laws against election fraud, voter intimidation, violation of civil rights, suborning perjury ... the list of potential crimes is rich with possibility.

Determining whether anyone broke laws is where you come in. If you do.

The written evidence in this remarkable case rests with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. The commis-

sioners are easy to find at 69 W. Washington St. They're scheduled to meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Perhaps they'll formally refer the 13th Ward case to one of you — could well be you, Ms. Foxx — for investigation. But there are peculiarities here that might interest you, too, Ms. Madigan and Mr. Lausch. Each of you has spoken nobly about protecting the integrity of the election process. Maybe you'll join in the work of doing that.

Unlike the many situations where a criminal probe may be merited but no public agency has yet complained about it to prosecutors, none of you has to wait for a referral in this case. The elections board has been handing out copies of the documents in question to anyone who requests them. You can have your own sets if each of you simply has someone phone

in a request. Then you can pursue the origin of those documents. The documents are evidence; their origin is the mystery for you and your investigators to unravel.

We're talking about those 2,796 affidavits sworn by 13th Ward voters, each seeking to revoke his or her alleged petition signatures for aldermanic candidate David Krupa. He's the 19-year-old DePaul University freshman who's challenging Ald. Marty Quinn. Quinn answers to Illinois House Speaker, Illinois Democratic Party chair and influential 13th Ward resident Michael Madigan.

Quinn's camp withdrew its objection to Krupa's candidacy before an elections board hearing officer had to rule on it. But that's irrelevant to whether someone committed crimes while helping to con-

struct that objection.

Krupa's attorney says Krupa filed 1,729 petition signatures — more than triple the 473 valid signatures needed to get on the ballot. Tribune columnist John Kass thought it odd that 2,796 people had tried to revoke, at most, 1,729 signatures. Kass grew more curious when it turned out that only some 187 of the 2,796 affidavit filers evidently had signed Krupa's petitions. What's the genesis of those other 2,609 affidavits, each sworn under penalty of perjury?

So you can see, prosecutors, why we're curious about the possibilities of fraud, intimidation, civil rights violations and urging voters to perjure themselves.

Once more: Determining whether anyone broke laws is where you come in. If you do.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

As in all investigations, the FBI and every other relevant arm of the federal government should be held to account when it departs from law or policy. If elements of the Trump investigation were tainted by partisan bias, we need to know. But, at this point, claims that the investigation itself is inherently illegitimate should be dismissed.

An entirely necessary and proper investigation may well be reaching its most crucial phase. As it does, it's time for partisans to ditch conspiracy theories and reach mutual agreement to follow the evidence and apply the law to the facts without regard for personal affection or policy preference. Any other approach — either by pundits or politicians — fails their audience or their constituents.

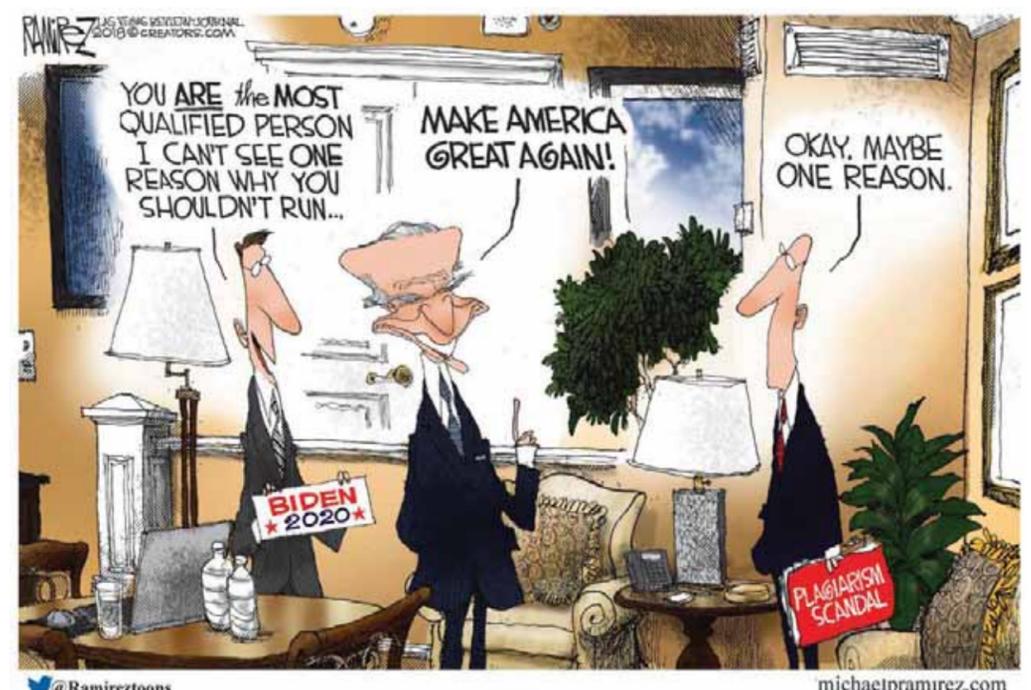
The Trump team has surrounded the truth of its dealings with Russia with a bodyguard of lies. Not a single American should find that acceptable or excusable. Let's find the truth and confront it fearlessly. No other approach will provide the justice and transparency America needs.

David French, National Review

When rap first made its way onto Russian airwaves in the 1990s, authorities considered it an exotic, largely innocuous musical genre more concerned with partying than politics. Until recently, some rappers were even happy to be seen supporting Vladimir Putin. In 2015, Timati, one of Russian hip-hop's biggest stars, released a track called "My Best Friend is President Putin." Yet as Putin's popularity has slumped along with the country's economy, Russia rappers — who enjoy online audiences of millions — have turned their attention to thornier issues: poverty, drug use, and the often grim realities of provincial Russian life.

Marc Bennetts, Politico EU

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Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker is open to raising the state's fuel tax and pairing it with a capital spending bill. He also is open to casino expansion.

Get ready, Illinois residents, for the government you chose



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

New year, new governor, new legislature. Among Illinois Democrats, there's a thrill of excitement that only Chris Matthews' leg during a Barack Obama speech could appreciate.

In January, Democrats will increase their control of Illinois, Cook County and suburban governments. In the Illinois House, Democrats will hold 74 seats to Republicans' 44. In the Senate, Democrats will hold 40 seats to the GOP's 19. For the most part, voters swept out the suburban Republicans who have often served as the General Assembly's only fiscal disciplinarians. So please, suburbanites. Stifle your complaints about high taxes. This is the government you chose.

The majority party also took every statewide office including governor. And on the Cook County Board, only two of 17 seats remain in Republican hands. That is if you consider Commissioner Peter Silvestri of Elmwood Park a Republican, and no one really does.

Democrats, you dominated. Spike the ball in the end zone. Body-surf House Speaker Michael Madigan across a sea of pink hats. Treat the

start of the spring legislative session like a locker room victory party. Champagne hairspray, everyone.

The Democrats already are rolling out plans for higher taxes, more gambling, legalized dope and additional borrowing, particularly if it's the risky pension bond-sale variety. Mayor Rahm Emanuel called for a change to the Illinois Constitution's pension clause to control pension costs. But the most likely action at the city and state levels will be can-kicking and borrowing — exactly what got us here.

And don't be fooled: Emanuel supports those ideas, too, with his idea for a \$10 billion bond sale to prop up the city's pension funds.

But that's not all. Last week, Emanuel called for a 20- to 30-cent-per-gallon increase in the state gas tax, which would mean higher fuel prices, to pay for infrastructure projects. Illinois last raised its gasoline tax in 1990. But that doesn't mean motorists have been getting a deal for the last 28 years. Drivers already pay an 18.4 percent federal gas tax and a 19-cent-per-gallon state tax. On top of that, buying gas in Chicago comes with a city motor fuel tax, a Cook County motor fuel tax and the highest-in-the-nation 10.25 percent sales tax. Many suburban municipalities and counties have added and increased gas taxes as well.

Only a handful of states add sales taxes at the pump — and Illinois is

one of them. What does it all mean? Even when gas prices are low, about one-third of what Illinois consumers pay at the pump goes to taxes.

Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker is open to raising the state's fuel tax and pairing it with a capital spending bill. That's an easy sell in Springfield. Essentially, it's taking on more debt to pay for hundreds of bricks-and-mortar projects that hardly get vetted. Lawmakers love that. If approved, a capital bill would be in addition to the \$31 billion capital bill lawmakers passed in 2009. Don't like paying more at the pump? Too bad. This is the government you chose.

Pritzker also is open to casino expansion. Casino bills have been floating through Springfield for more than a decade. One of the latest versions would have authorized casinos in Chicago, Rockford, Lake County, the south suburbs, Danville and Williamson County in southern Illinois. The legislation would have allowed expansion of the state's existing 10 casinos in Des Plaines, Elgin, Aurora, East Peoria, East St. Louis, two locations in Joliet, Metropolis, Alton and Rock Island. The bill also would have added slot machines at airports and racetracks.

Those gaming opportunities would be in addition to the 2009 expansion of legalized video poker at bars, restaurants and those storefronts you see around town with cute names like "Rosy's Cafe." Legalizing all of those

video gaming machines was the equivalent of adding more than 20 additional casinos in Illinois. But let's add more. Government already spent the revenue they'd bring in.

See what I mean about this electric moment in Illinois, like the "thrill going up my leg" Matthews described on MSNBC after listening to one of Obama's 2008 speeches? Democrats have exciting plans for taxpayers. Perhaps Chicago will repurpose its shuttered schools into mini-casinos with marijuana bakeries and loan sharks on-site. Keep it convenient, you know? The ideas are flowing.

And for Democrats who don't play along, who resist, the message is clear. Incoming freshman Rep. Anne Stava-Murray of Naperville, a Democrat who ran independently of Madigan's organization and vowed she would not support him as speaker, is being pressured by fellow legislators, union bosses and Madigan's allies to change her mind. She told the Chicago Sun-Times she is receiving phone calls and visits, and was pressured during a recent women lawmakers' retreat to be a team player, to not oppose the speaker — or else.

Welcome to Illinois. If you're a Democratic voter, this, too, is the government you chose.

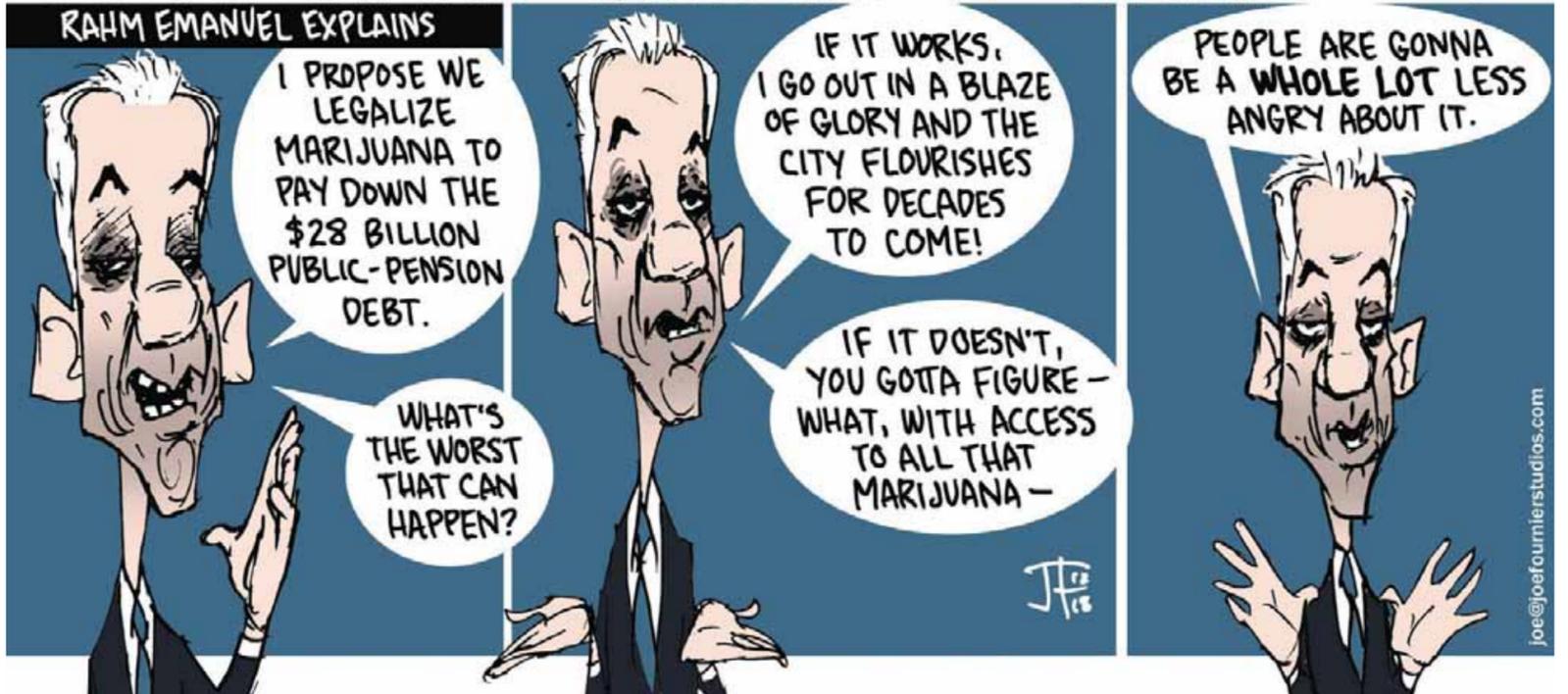
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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The problem with Emanuel's pension fix

The Tribune is to be commended for the urgency with which it has addressed the pension issue. But the proposed solution, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's proposal to amend the Illinois Constitution, is not a viable remedy. Simply put, the inevitable legal challenges will consume crucial time, perhaps five years or more, with the ultimate outcome of such challenges uncertain. In the absence of good faith negotiations, the problem is far too complex to entrust to office-seeking politicians and the courts.

Even if an amendment such as that posed by Emanuel — allowing for laws changing pension contracts — is adopted, vested interests are guaranteed to fight this at every turn. While they adopt these delay tactics, the financial shortfall is exacerbated. Moreover, it is not clear that the contracts clause of Article I, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution, which supersedes the Illinois Constitution, will permit state laws to abrogate the state's own contracts. This could be another time-consuming legal battle. Predictably, years will pass before all this is decided as budget deficits swell even further. All this, and there is no guarantee we won't wind up back at square one.

With these delays, the proposal to amend the Illinois Constitution could play right into the hands of those defending the status quo. There are already hints of this in Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker's statement to oppose the Emanuel proposal. A superior solution would be a negotiated long-term bargain between the pension beneficiaries' representatives and responsible people in government. Eventually this may happen, but not until the the right people sit down at the table for serious negotiations.

What is the mechanism for such a negotiated solution? Some independent objective body should propose reasonable solutions. Perhaps the Civic Foundation or an ad hoc commission of financial, actuarial and economic experts convened by then ex-mayor Emanuel could perform this function.

Clearly, time is running out, and the opportunity for a responsible negotiated resolution is waning. Better sooner than later, because the future of Illinois depends on it.

— James Munson, Chicago

Chicago rejected again

So another huge corporation, Apple, has bypassed Chicago and the state of Illinois. It really does not take a person with an IQ of 140 to figure out why. The state of Indiana recently announced a surplus in the general fund and now the state of Minnesota has just announced a surplus.

How in the world can two neighboring states have surpluses and Illinois is close to bankruptcy? These states are creating more jobs and have a steady population, whereas Illinois is losing population. If you do the same thing over and over again and expect different results, then you are insane. I'm beginning to think that the people of Illinois and the city of Chicago might be on their way to the loony bin.

— Harold Plucienik, Chicago Heights

Ending County Board invocations

Kudos to incoming DuPage County Board member Dawn De Sart and several other newly elected board members for calling for an end to longtime tradition of beginning board meetings with a religious invocation. Such invocations clearly violate the separation of church and state enshrined in our Constitution. As a seven-decade non-theist, I've promoted strict adherence to this separation whenever I encounter its violation.

The DuPage County Board should no more bring up religion to start its meetings, than a church service should bring up county government business at the beginning of its liturgy. County Board Chairman Dan Cronin, who supports the invocation practice as "a wonderful way to start board meetings," says "we'll have to consider changes" if a majority of board members support De Sart's proposal. While passage is not likely based on comments of Cronin and incumbent board members, the newly elected members are signaling early on that it will not be business as usual on the county board in 2019.

— Walt Zlotow, Glen Ellyn

Chicago's sudsy source of pride

Chicago may have missed out on the bid for the second Amazon headquarters and the recently-announced corporate expansion of Apple, but it should take great pride and solace in knowing that it was anointed craft beer capital of the country.

— Bruce Nathanson, Glenview

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And now the Boy Scouts



CAL THOMAS

The erosion of what many Americans once believed were the foundations of our country continues apace. They include, but are not limited to, overspending and debt (personal and national), never-ending wars, uncontrolled borders leading to massive immigration with no time for or expectation of assimilation and political divisions that grow wider by the day.

It's now the Boy Scouts of America's turn to join the parade.

The organization, which began in 1910 to, according to its website, "... train youth in responsible citizenship, character development and self-reliance" so they become honest men, worthy of admiration and respect, is now in danger of dissolving because of lawsuits filed alleging Scouts were sexually abused.

In response to the suits, Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh issued a statement:

"We have a social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting." Yes, they do, but what about their "moral responsibility" to keep sexual predators

out of Scouting so that boys won't be harmed in the first place?

The Scout oath says, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

What does this mean in our anything-goes culture? On my honor? In today's twisted thinking, how should honor be defined and by whom? Duty to God? What about the atheist? What does "best" mean, and doesn't that discriminate against boys who can't live up to such a standard? Physically strong? Doesn't that mean that the physically weak might feel excluded? And then we have the most offensive of all, at least by ever-shifting standards of what constitutes morality. Scouts are to be "morally straight."

According to whose morals? And what does "straight" mean? To certain activists, it could sound like an anti-gay slur.

But this is not a gay issue, this is a criminal issue. This is about sexual predators taking advantage of lax leadership and mutable organizational guidelines that make it easy for them to gain access to vulnerable children.

How many Boy Scouts must suffer abuse before someone at the top of the BSA organization admits the group made a mistake by opening the door so wide it became inevitable that some very bad

people would enter? How many more children will suffer before BSA admits it did not do its due diligence?

Some of the alleged abuses go back to the '60s, according to The Wall Street Journal, but that is precisely where the rending of American culture began. The cultural decline was facilitated by court rulings banning prayer and Bible reading in public schools and by the Playboy philosophy of Hugh Hefner and his counterpart, Helen Gurley Brown, who told female readers of Cosmopolitan magazine they could be as promiscuous as men.

Some Scouts and Scoutmasters have announced they are leaving or have already left the Scouting program and have either aligned themselves with church programs or abandoned scouting altogether. If the Boy Scouts of America files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the organization's so-called leaders will have only themselves to blame.

The last time I checked, a "tolerance" badge was not one of the awards Boy Scouts can earn. Given the lowering of standards in the Scouting program, it should be no surprise that the Boy Scouts of America is headed for the ash heap that has claimed other "morally straight" entities.

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2018 has taught us our democracy is strong

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

We should not underestimate the damage President Donald Trump might yet do to our democratic institutions, political norms and civic discourse. As multiple investigations (on collusion, obstruction of justice, Trump's foundation and his inaugural committee) close in on Trump, the risk for him to behave in outlandish, illegal and anti-democratic ways increases.

Of late, we've seen Trump come unglued when court filings revealed bits and pieces of his association with a Russian real estate project during the 2016 campaign and with efforts to conceal hush payments to women before Election Day. His banishing of CNN's Jim Acosta from the White House, groundless claims of fraud in the Florida Senate and governor's races, willingness to accept lies from Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, creation of a phony migrant caravan crisis to juice up his base and justify deploying the military, and incessant lying tell us his authoritarian mindset and contempt for democratic institutions and values, if anything, have hardened.

Moreover, the descent of the Republican Party into a know-nothing, reactionary and nativist party is disconcerting, even to nonconservatives.

Rachel Kleinfeld, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for Peace who specializes in democracy and governance, tells me, "I'm worried about the collapse of the Republican Party. Rather than a conservative ideological group, which any democracy needs to represent those views among the citizenry, it has become a group seemingly committed simply to power-seeking and trying to diminish democracy to achieve power." She adds, "The end of The Weekly Standard and the wagons circled against those who disagree with the directionality of the party today is particularly worrisome, as that blocks future renewal."

Nevertheless, with all those worries, those who have waged political and legal battles against efforts to undermine democratic institutions and norms have several grounds for optimism.

For starters, Trump is losing far more often than he is winning. He lost control of the House of Representatives in a landslide, was compelled to let Acosta back into the White House, was rebuked by the Senate on Mohammed bin Salman, hasn't been able to shut down a single investigation, watches as Cabinet members (Scott Pruitt and Ryan Zinke, to name two) leave in disgrace and faces at least two formidable lawsuits on foreign emoluments, one in which the court has ordered discovery to begin. He can tweet or rant directly to the press corps, he can insult women and attempt to smear the special counsel, but to what effect?

"The good news is Trumpism is losing," says Ian Bassin, executive director of Protect Democracy, which has conducted a valiant legal war against Trump's unconstitutional conduct. "His popularity is at historic lows for a president, the American people rejected his politics overwhelmingly in the midterms, and despite his attempts to corrupt the Justice Department and rule of law, the investigations into Trumpworld continue and continue to find criminal wrongdoing."

Second, the courts and the Justice Department are doing an admirable job of enforcing the laws and the Constitution (e.g., siding with Acosta, indicting and obtaining plea deals from Trump associates, shutting down his assault on sanctuary cities and on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Chief Justice John Roberts publicly rebuked Trump for claiming there are "Obama judges" (and presumably "Trump judges"). The courts issue orders and, while Trump and his lawyers may raise specious appeals, he is forced to abide by their rulings. Likewise, the mainstream free press continues to report, track his lies and uncover governmental wrongdoing.

Third, a large majority of Americans woke up, came to understand Trump is a liar and saw the necessity of giving control of the House to the opposing party. Polls show they don't buy Trump's "Hoax!" claims about the Russia probe and don't think climate change is a ruse. Moreover, they turned out in historic numbers in the

midterms. Kleinfeld says, "I am given confidence by the immense amount of civic energy going into our democracy, from the unprecedented amount of new people running for office, to new organizations like Protect Democracy and Bright Line Watch, to the concerned conversations I overheard about the basic functioning of our democracy in coffee shops."

Finally, House Republicans' refusal to fulfill their constitutional obligations was not rewarded. Congress, which has been AWOL in the battle to defend our democratic norms and institutions, will now have a critical role to play in oversight, investigation and legislation. At least for now, Democrats have maintained a responsible tone, an interest in ethics reform and, as we saw on display in the Oval Office last week, determination to defend objective reality and hold Trump accountable for his lies. The joyous reaction to a likely speaker of the House willing to look Trump in the face and tell him he's not telling the truth suggests the public hasn't been blinded by Trump's blizzard of lies. So long as a majority of Americans are determined to defend objective reality, which is essential to hold leaders accountable in a democracy, there is hope that Trump and his sycophants will continue to shed support.

In short, American democracy has been stress-tested. "American democracy in 2018 was like a house on the Kansas plain getting battered by an autocratic tornado. The walls shook, the windows rattled, but the structure held," observes Bassin. "But the Trumpist winds are still hammering at the door so we'd be foolish to stay seated in our rocking chair. We need to get the wood boards, the sand bags, the duct tape — and reinforce the guardrails that will keep our democracy stable."

Whether the house remains standing or comes through the storm sturdier than ever will be up to the voters. We still have a republic — if we can keep it.

The Washington Post

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

United CEO: I was given a gift of life

Exec recalls transplant as Northwestern announces milestone

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz had just finished working out at home when his knees buckled.

He remembers thinking, “That was weird.” But he recalled the words of a doctor friend who had warned him not to ignore seemingly odd symptoms that could indicate heart problems.

Munoz called 911. He then broke his nose stumbling to unlock the front door so the paramedics could come in.

A few months later, in January 2016, he had a new heart beating in his chest.

Munoz runs one of the world’s largest airlines. But on Monday, the 59-year-old wasn’t at United’s Chi-



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Oscar Munoz, right, CEO of United Airlines, who received a heart transplant in 2016, talks with 2018 heart transplant recipient Juan Deleon.

cago headquarters or on a plane. He was sitting alongside others who had also undergone heart transplants at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. They gathered as

Northwestern doctors announced that this year they’ve broken the record for performing the most heart transplants ever at an Illinois hospital in one year.

With less than two weeks left in 2018, doctors have transplanted 54 hearts this year, besting the previous record of 45 heart transplants set by Rush University Medical Center in 1995, according to Northwestern.

“The accomplishment is a reflection (that) there’s more patients in Chicago that are receiving the type of care that they ought to be receiving,” said Dr. Allen Anderson, medical director of the Center for Heart Failure at Northwestern’s Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute.

Illinois hospitals have performed 167 heart transplants this year — up from 139 last year — according to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Nationally, doctors have performed more than 3,100 heart transplants so far this year.

In recent years, it’s become easier to get donor hearts, Allen

said. That’s partly because of an increase in the number of people dying from opioid overdoses, and a result of changes to the national system for allocating organs. Also, people with hepatitis C may now be organ donors thanks to advances in the ability to cure the disease.

Demand for hearts, however, continues to outstrip supply. In Illinois, 215 people are waiting for heart transplants.

Dr. Duc Thinh Pham, the Northwestern center’s surgical director, called donating a heart “the most selfless decision anyone could make.”

Munoz said he doesn’t yet know the identity of his heart donor, but he hopes to one day. “Three years ago, around Christmas, I was here and I was given a gift of, in essence, life,” Munoz said at a news conference.

Munoz’s heart troubles came as

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‘We’ve got big plans’

Indiana retailer seeks to overturn Prohibition-era state law to sell directly to Illinois consumers

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

An Indiana wine retailer is one step closer to overturning a Prohibition-era Illinois law and selling wine directly to consumers in the Prairie State.

Lebamoff Enterprises, which owns 15 Cap n’ Cork liquor stores in Fort Wayne, Ind., prevailed in the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals last month, allowing it to reopen a 2016 lawsuit against Illinois for the right to sell and ship wine across state lines.

The appellate decision reversed a Chicago federal court, which dismissed the case last year, reflecting a potential shift in judicial sentiment away from strict state control of alcohol sales. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to hear a case next month challenging Tennessee’s residency requirements for retail liquor licenses.

Eileen Boyce, a spokeswoman for the Illinois attorney general’s office, which is representing the state in the Lebamoff case, declined to comment on the ruling.

A multigenerational family business, Lebamoff is also pursuing a similar case against Michigan. The plan is to expand beyond Indiana by selling to its neighbors over the internet.

“It’s costly to do what we’re doing, obviously,” Lebamoff co-owner Joe Doust said. “We’ve got big plans to open things up.”

The Lebamoff case may have broad legal implications, pitting interstate commerce protections against strong state liquor

laws empowered by the 21st Amendment, which ended the ban on alcohol sales 85 years ago this month.

States have had the ultimate authority in alcohol regulation since the repeal of Prohibition, with a patchwork of laws that, for the most part, restricts sales to licensed in-state businesses. The relevance of those regulations is increasingly being called into question in the e-commerce age.

“The very notion in the modern economy of physical location and what it is to be a local business is changing,” said Alex Tanford, an Indianapolis attorney representing Lebamoff in both border cases. “No place is that more of a problem than the alcoholic beverage laws.”

The Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 created a three-tier system of producers, distributors and retailers. It requires that any alcohol shipped to the state must go through a distributor and be sold by a retailer with a physical location in the state.

Illinois retailers are allowed to ship to customers statewide, unless prohibited by local laws. The state statute bars anyone from shipping “alcoholic liquor from a point outside” the state to anyone other than a licensed distributor.

Cutting out the middleman would disrupt a system that generates significant revenue.

There are 109 distributor facilities in the state of Illinois, which collected \$222.7 million in excise taxes in 2016, accord-



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Amy Keegan, manager at a Cap n’ Cork store in Fort Wayne, Ind., stocks beer earlier this year.

ing to the Wine and Spirits Distributors of Illinois, a trade association and intervening defendant in the Lebamoff appeal.

Karin Lijana Matura, executive director of the trade group, declined to comment on the ongoing litigation.

Lebamoff currently does about 10 percent of its sales online, mostly fulfilling bulk orders for wine clubs located throughout Indiana, Doust said. Deliveries are made by the company’s own fleet of trucks.

By expanding beyond the state lines, Doust envisions internet sales ramping up to a much broader customer base, with shipping by FedEx and UPS. The offerings would expand as well, from the current 5,000 wines to as many as 50,000 varieties, he said.

“If we could do it online and just display it, it makes it much easier,” Doust said. “That’s the

Amazon concept — they’re fulfilling as they get the orders.”

Becoming a regional or national online wine purveyor remains an endeavor limited by state law. California-based K&L Wine Merchants, a leader in the industry, ships to only 11 states, scattered across the country between Oregon and New Hampshire, according to its website.

While Illinois regulators and distributors oppose Lebamoff’s lawsuit, at least some retailers are ready to open up the floodgates to online sales and interstate competition — as long as the business flows both ways.

In 2016, Binny’s Beverage Depot, a 70-year-old, family-owned Chicago liquor retailer with 40 Illinois locations, was blocked when it attempted to cross into northwest Indiana with a new 33,000-square-foot

store in Schererville. After Binny’s received local approval, then-Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed laws strengthening residency requirements, effectively killing Binny’s expansion plan.

“Indiana retailers circled the wagons to keep Binny’s out of the state,” Binny’s spokesman Greg Versch said.

Versch said Binny’s does a “fair amount of business” through website orders and ships wine within the state of Illinois. If the Lebamoff lawsuit prevails, Indiana would once again be on Binny’s retail radar.

“I think what is keeping us from shipping out of the state are the same regulations that are keeping them from shipping in,” Versch said. “So if the strike zone is the same for everyone, it’s a fair game.”

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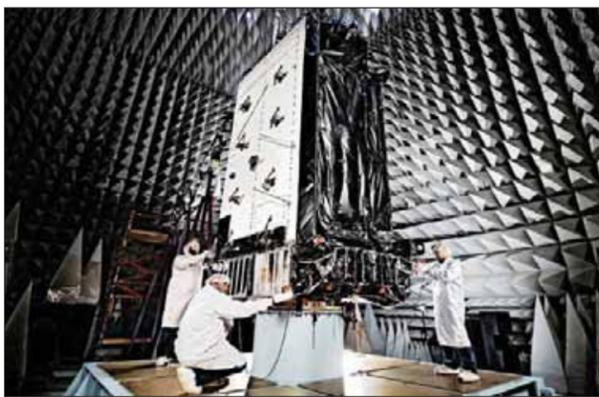
Next-gen satellites to launch

BY DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press

DENVER — After months of delays, the U.S. Air Force is about to launch the first of a new generation of GPS satellites, designed to be more accurate, secure and versatile.

But some of their most highly touted features will not be fully available until 2022 or later because of problems in a companion program to develop a new ground control system for the satellites, government auditors said.

The satellite is scheduled to lift off Tuesday from Cape Canaveral,



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The first GPS III satellite is shown inside the test facility at Lockheed Martin’s complex near Denver.

Fla., aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. It’s the first of 32 planned GPS III satellites that will replace older ones now in orbit. Lockheed Martin is building the new satellites outside Denver.

GPS is best known for its

widespread civilian applications, from navigation to time-stamping bank transactions. The Air Force estimates that 4 billion people worldwide use the system.

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Boeing to buy controlling stake in Embraer units

Associated Press

Boeing is buying a majority stake in Embraer’s commercial aircraft and services operations for \$4.2 billion.

The joint venture, announced Monday, gives Chicago-based Boeing 80 percent ownership of those operations, with Embraer owning the remaining stake.

Boeing will have operational and management control of the company. Embraer will keep consent rights for some decisions, such as the transfer of operations from Brazil.

The deal still needs approval from the Brazilian government, as well as shareholders and regulators.

The companies also agreed to another joint venture to promote



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Chicago-based Boeing Co. is seeking to purchase a majority stake in Brazil’s Embraer.

and develop new markets for the multimission medium airlift KC-390. Embraer will own a 51 percent stake in the joint venture, with Boeing owning the remaining 49 percent.

The transaction is targeted to close by the end of 2019.



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New tech problem must be faced

Concerns grow over likely bias in facial recognition

BY DINA BASS
Bloomberg News

An unusual consensus emerged recently between artificial intelligence researchers, activists, lawmakers and many of the largest technology companies: Facial recognition software breeds bias, risks fueling mass surveillance and should be regulated.

Deciding on effective controls and acting on them will be a lot harder.

This month, the Algorithmic Justice League and the Center of Privacy & Technology at Georgetown University Law Center unveiled the Safe Face Pledge, which asks companies not to provide facial AI for autonomous weapons or sell to law enforcement unless explicit laws are debated and passed to allow it.

Microsoft said the software carries significant risks and proposed rules to combat the threat. Research group AI Now, which includes AI researchers from Google and other companies, issued a similar call.

"Principles are great — they are starting points. Beyond the principles we need to be able to see actions," said Joy Buolamwini, founder of the Algorithmic Justice League.

None of the biggest makers of the software — companies such as Microsoft, Google, Amazon.com, Facebook and IBM — has signed the Safe Face Pledge.

Large tech companies may be reluctant to commit to a pledge like this, even if



Employees look into facial recognition devices and swipe their badges to enter the assembly line area at a Pegatron factory in Shanghai in 2016. Concerns are growing over possible bias that facial recognition brings.

they're concerned about negative consequences of the software.

That's because it could mean walking away from lucrative contracts for the emerging technology. The market for video surveillance gear is worth \$18.5 billion a year, and AI-powered equipment for new forms of video analysis is an important emerging category, according to researcher IHS Markit. Microsoft and Facebook said they're reviewing the pledge. Google declined to comment.

"There are going to be some large vendors who refuse to sign or are reluctant to sign because they want these government contracts," said Laura Moy, executive director of the Center on Privacy & Technology.

Microsoft is still selling facial recognition software to governments, a fact that the American Civil Liberties Union took the company to

task for last week. It asked Microsoft to halt the sales and join the organization's call for a federal moratorium on government use of the technology.

The use of facial recognition for surveillance, policing and immigration is being questioned because researchers, including Buolamwini, have shown the technology isn't accurate enough for crucial decisions and performs worse on darker-skinned people.

Providers have responded differently to the scrutiny. Microsoft is defending government contracts generally, while asking for laws to regulate the space.

Amazon took issue with research by the ACLU into the Rekognition program it sells to police departments, but the company has also said it's working to better educate police on how to use the software.

Companies including

Microsoft, Facebook and Axon, a maker of police body cameras, have formed AI ethics boards, and Google published a set of more-general AI principles in June.

The Safe Face Pledge asks companies to "show value for human life, dignity and rights, address harmful bias, facilitate transparency" and make these commitments part of their business practices. This includes not selling facial recognition software to identify targets where lethal force may be used.

The pledge also commits companies to halt sales of face AI products that are not "subject to public scrutiny, inspection, and oversight."

There are also commitments to internal bias reviews as well as checks by outside experts, along with a requirement to publish easy-to-understand information on how these technologies

are used and by which customers.

Startups Simprints Technology, Robbie AI Inc. and Yoti Ltd. were the inaugural signers of the pledge.

"It's kind of the wild west when it comes to use of automated facial analysis technology, and it's also an area that's shrouded in secrecy," Moy said. The Safe Face pledge tries to address both areas, but Moy also believes new laws are needed.

That's where Microsoft is focusing its attention. The company recently detailed the laws it would like to see passed. Microsoft president and chief legal officer Brad Smith put the chances of federal legislation in 2019 at 50-50, most likely as part of a broader privacy bill.

But he said there's a far better shot at getting something passed in a state or even a city next year. If it's an important enough region,

say California, that would probably be enough to make software sellers change their products and practices overall, he said.

In the meantime, Microsoft said it will turn down some AI contracts where it has concerns, and already has. Smith wouldn't specify which deals it has rejected, and he has also said Microsoft will continue to be a key vendor to the U.S. government.

"We've turned down business when we thought there was too much risk of discrimination, when we thought there was a risk to the human rights of individuals," Smith said.

Amazon thinks it's too soon to regulate.

"There are many positive and important uses of this technology that are being implemented today, to include preventing human trafficking, reuniting missing children with their parents, and improving security," the company said in a statement. "It is too early to come out with blanket statements supporting broad regulation, given this technology is in the early stages of deployment, and we have received no indications of misuse."

Still, the company said it will work with governments on standards and guidelines for the technology to maintain privacy and civil liberties.

Facebook said it's committed to using the technology responsibly and supports thoughtful proposals. The social-networking company, which uses face recognition to identify people in photos users post, said it's eager to work with Microsoft and others.



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Honeycrisps have become so popular they are now the fifth-most-grown apple.

How do you like them apples? Taste backlash hits Honeycrisps

BY KATE KRADER
Bloomberg News

Walk around a New York farmers market, and you'll hear one word incessantly, whether you're standing by the purple carrots or the Hudson Valley Duck. That word is "Honeycrisp."

Honeycrisps have become so popular they are now the fifth-most-grown apple, bypassing Golden Delicious; by 2020 they could become the third-most-grown variety.

Now growers have had enough of them. Not only has the Honeycrisp's dominance caused major problems for East Coast farms because of the high maintenance they require, there's a taste backlash, too.

"There are so many apples that are just as good or better," says Tom Maynard of Maynard Farms in Ulster Park, New York, who has pick-your-own orchards in the Hudson Valley and brings his produce to McCarran Park in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, N.Y., on the weekends. "A Honeycrisp is sweet, crunchy, juicy — and that's the end. I grow them for consumers. I was never a fan."

Among the varieties Maynard champions is the Evercrisp, which now outsells his Honeycrisps even though he's priced them the same at \$2.20 a pound. Honeycrisps typically sell for \$1.50 a pound more than other apples.

"Almost everyone who tastes it prefers it over Honeycrisp. It has more varietal flavor," says May-

nard.

Other heavy-hitting apples are on deck, with names that feed off the Honeycrisp's most outstanding attribute — its crunch.

Cameo

Discovered in Washington State in 1987 by accident, this apple has gained traction in the last few years and can now be found in supermarkets. It's dull red with stripes of yellow. Caramelized fruit, nicely tart, with a dense bite. Generously juicy.

GoldRush

Yellow in color (hence the name), the GoldRush was developed in the 1990s and traces its breeding to the Golden Delicious. Very firm and crisp, with brisk tartness. It's like the most interesting Granny Smith you've ever tasted.

Ruby Frost

The Ruby Frost, bright red with splashes of yellow, was released by the New York Apple Growers association and Cornell University in 2010, complete with a blue snowflake logo and a catchphrase — "Cool, Crisp, Craveable." It was created to have high vitamin C content. Mellow sweetness and honeydew flavor; strong, crunchy texture.

Suncrisp

Released in the mid-'90s, the greenish-red Suncrisp is round and plump and also has roots in the Golden Delicious family. A com-

plex, tropical fruit-and-pear taste; not as juicy or as crisp as some other Honeycrisp contenders.

Ambrosia

Discovered in British Columbia in the '90s, the Ambrosia has been making inroads in the U.S. It's been a bright spot in apple sales over the past few years, along with Honeycrisps, thanks in part to its voluptuous size and golden hue, with bright red stripes. Comes on strong with sweetness that fades; a boatload of juiciness and crunch.

Snapdragon

Another graduate of Cornell's apple-breeding program, the Snapdragon is a direct descendant of the Honeycrisp. It's millennial enough to have a video game-esque dragon logo, a dedicated homepage, and even Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Gently sweet with a perfumed aftertaste; white-fleshed and thick-skinned, with moderate crunch.

Evercrisp

A cross between two hugely popular apples, the Fuji and Honeycrisp, the Evercrisp was introduced by the Midwest Apple Improvement Association around six years ago. Growers like them because they're thicker-skinned and sturdier than Honeycrisps. In-your-face candied-apple sweetness, with a background tang and monstrous crunch. Exceptional.

Satellites harder to jam

Satellites, from Page 1

But it was developed by the U.S. military, which still designs, launches and operates the system. The Air Force controls a constellation of 31 GPS satellites from a high-security complex at Schriever Air Force Base outside Colorado Springs, Colo.

Compared with their predecessors, GPS III satellites will have a stronger military signal that's harder to jam — an improvement that became more urgent after Norway accused Russia of disrupting GPS signals during a NATO military exercise this fall.

GPS III also will provide a new civilian signal compatible with other countries' navigation satellites, such as the European Union's Galileo system. That means civilian receivers capable of receiving the new signal will have more satellites to lock in on, improving accuracy. "If

your phone is looking for satellites, the more it can see, the more it can know where it is," said Chip Eschenfelder, a Lockheed Martin spokesman.

The new satellites are expected to provide location information that's three times more accurate than the current satellites. Current civilian GPS receivers are accurate to within 10 to 33 feet, depending on conditions, said Glen Gibbons, the founder and former editor of Inside GNSS, a website and magazine that tracks global navigation satellite systems.

With the new satellites, civilian receivers could be accurate to within 3 to 10 feet under good conditions, and military receivers could be a little closer, he said.

Only some aspects of the stronger, jamming-resistant military signal will be available until a new and complex ground control system is available, and that

is not expected until 2022 or 2023, said Cristina Chaplain, who tracks GPS and other programs for the Government Accountability Office.

Chaplain said the new civilian frequency won't be available at all until the new control system is ready.

The price of the first 10 satellites is estimated at \$577 million each, up about 6 percent from the original 2008 estimate when adjusted for inflation, she said. The Air Force said in September it expects the remaining 22 satellites to cost \$7.2 billion, but the GAO estimated the cost at \$12 billion.

The first GPS III satellite was declared ready nearly 2 1/2 years behind schedule. The problems included delays in the delivery of key components, retesting of other components and a decision by the Air Force to use a Falcon 9 rocket for the first time for a GPS launch, Chaplain said.

Northwestern transplanted 54 hearts, set state record

Transplant, from Page 1

a surprise to him. He was a marathon runner, a triathlete and a vegan.

"This is why symptoms matter so much," Munoz said. "It's genetic in a lot of people, and it was with me."

After that heart attack in October 2015, Munoz was in a coma for about a week and got a type of pump known as a left ventricular assist device. He was ultimately added to the list of people waiting for hearts.

On the morning of his birthday in January 2016, Anderson, with Northwestern, phoned him.

"Allen called and said, 'Have we got a kick-ass heart for you,'" Munoz recalled.

He went to work the morning of his transplant and attended a meeting. At lunch time, he excused himself from the office. His coworkers didn't know he was headed to Northwestern for the transplant.

"As a public company CEO, I went through the whole gamut of privacy — you need to know, you need to tell everybody every-

thing, to minding for my family, and my wife and kids," Munoz said.

Munoz's recovery went smoothly, and he returned as CEO in March 2016. But he knows not everyone is as fortunate.

"For every one of us that is saved by the things we heard about today, unfortunately, there are many that aren't," Munoz said. That's part of the reason he's traveled the world telling his story since his transplant, to raise awareness about the signs of heart attacks.

"I don't think I'll ever get tired of telling this story and, more importantly, I'll never get tired of thanking folks," Munoz said.

A number of other heart transplant patients also shared their stories Monday to help Northwestern celebrate the milestone.

Ralph Nuti, of St. Charles, said he could barely walk 20 feet before he got the same kind of pump as Munoz and ultimately a heart transplant three months ago. Nuti had endured decades of heart

problems.

Nuti, 61, said he's now enjoying his grown children and young grandchildren.

"Before, I'd be sitting in a chair and I couldn't do a lot with them," Nuti said. "Now, we're going to the arboretum to see the light fest and we're taking my older one out to go shopping."

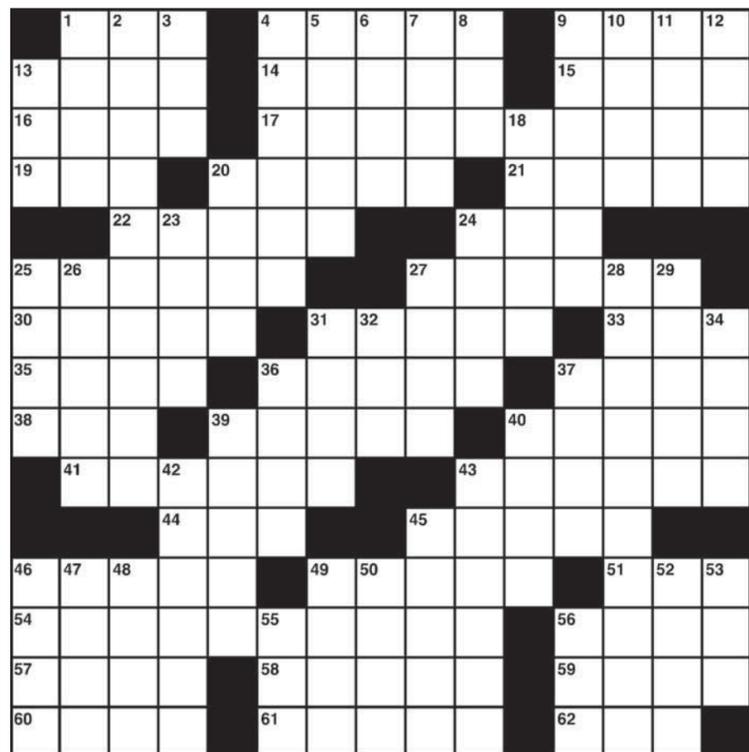
It's a life-changing surgery for those who undergo it, Anderson said.

"There are no perfect therapies in this world, but for the right people (heart transplant) is a proven therapy that allows people to return to their lives," Anderson said. "That might be playing with their grandchildren, watching their children get married, or running a Fortune 500 company."

The hospital with the next-highest number of heart transplants this year was University of Chicago Medical Center, with 38. Loyola University Medical Center had 28.

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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Mrs. Nixon
- 4 Seizes
- 9 ___ of the Apostles; biblical book
- 13 Dry riverbed
- 14 Fit for a king
- 15 Opposite of "Giddyap!"
- 16 Bee colony
- 17 The whole kit and caboodle
- 19 Late bedtime
- 20 DVD remote button
- 21 Wash off soapsuds
- 22 Lasso's end
- 24 Friend
- 25 Grow up
- 27 Firstborn of several
- 30 Mistreat
- 31 Rascal
- 33 Presidential nickname
- 35 Harbor town
- 36 Hunger pains
- 37 Nylons
- 38 Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named ___"
- 39 Heroic tales
- 40 Disastrous defeats
- 41 Sleep-like state
- 43 Head covering
- 44 ___ for tat

DOWN

- 1 Gout symptom
- 2 Swashbuckler
- 3 Man's accessory
- 4 Travolta/Newton-John musical
- 5 Medley of skits, songs & dances
- 6 Middle ___; historical period
- 7 Uncovered
- 8 ___ as a fox
- 9 For ___; temporarily
- 10 Facial feature
- 11 Heavy weights
- 12 Cooking herb
- 13 English rock band
- 18 Exchange
- 20 ___ over; study intently
- 23 Kick out
- 24 Adder's sign

Solutions



- 25 Atlas pages
- 26 Approximately
- 27 Breakfast order
- 28 Disreputable fellows
- 29 1 of the 5 senses
- 31 Hothead's problem
- 32 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
- 34 In case
- 36 Treaty
- 37 Make sharper
- 39 Shoot from hiding
- 40 Learn by ___; memorize
- 42 Disagreeing
- 43 Pleasant-smelling shop
- 45 Like a capitol roof
- 46 Unexpected obstacle
- 47 Sheltered bay
- 48 Exclude
- 49 "___ Skies"; Irving Berlin song
- 50 Sled race
- 52 Acorn droppers
- 53 Student transport
- 55 "Peter ___"
- 56 Stinger



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President Donald Trump with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell at the White House.

Trump balks as Fed poised to raise key interest rates

BY HEATHER LONG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday urged the Federal Reserve not to raise interest rates, but Fed officials are widely expected to do so this week despite the president's ongoing public effort to dissuade the U.S. central bank from putting any brakes on the economy.

"It is incredible that with a very strong dollar and virtually no inflation, the outside world blowing up around us, Paris is burning and China way down, the Fed is even considering yet another interest rate hike. Take the Victory!" Trump wrote Monday in a Twitter post.

Fed officials will conclude a two-day meeting on Wednesday, and Wall Street traders predict nearly an 80 percent chance the Fed raises rates a quarter point this week, setting them at a range of 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent. That hike would keep rates low by historical standards but put them at the highest level in a decade.

The president's repeated exhortations against the Fed raising rates break with his predecessors, who generally avoided commenting

publicly on the central bank's policies to protect its credibility and independence.

Interest rate increases are meant to check inflation, but they can also slow the economy, adding another challenge to Trump's efforts to deliver on his promises of booming growth. A slowing economy — or a recession — could damage Trump's re-election efforts in 2020.

While the U.S. economy looks strong right now, there are signs of a potential slowdown. On Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average closed off 507 points, or 2.1 percent, to 23,592, extending a slide after a 496-point loss Friday. The blue-chip barometer is notching its worst month in more than three years. The S&P 500 fell 54 points, or 2.1 percent, to 2,545.

The Dow is on track to end 2018 in the red, potentially notching the worst performance in a decade and erasing one of Trump's top talking points that the market has thrived in his tenure. The housing market has also been weak, and business investment, which bounced earlier this year, dried up in the third quarter.

Still, the Fed is worried about the economy overheating and says small, gradual interest rate increases are the best way to tap the brakes a bit to ensure inflation doesn't rise too quickly and bubbles don't form.

Unemployment remains at an almost 50-year low and growth is expected to be around 3 percent this year, well above the 2 percent the Fed thinks is normal for the U.S. economy. Wages are also growing at their fastest pace in a decade in nominal terms, a sign more inflation could be coming.

Investors and the White House will be watching carefully Wednesday for what the Fed and leader Jerome Powell indicate is likely to happen in 2019. The Fed had predicted three more rate hikes next year, but many economists now think that is too many.

In recent months, Trump has lashed out at the Fed and its leaders, calling the central bank "loco" and "out of control" and saying he is "not even a little bit happy" with Powell, whom Trump appointed to the top job just over a year ago after he decided not to reappoint former Fed Chair Janet Yellen.



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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,088.08 Low: 23,456.88 Previous: 24,100.51



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-156.93 (-2.27%)	-54.01 (-2.08%)	-32.67 (-2.32%)
Close: 6,753.73	Close: 2,545.94	Close: 1,378.14
High: 6,931.81	High: 2,601.13	High: 1,417.10
Low: 6,710.01	Low: 2,530.54	Low: 1,372.73
Previous: 6,910.66	Previous: 2,599.95	Previous: 1,410.81

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.04 to 2.85%	+10.40 to \$1,247.40	-0.54 to 112.75/\$1	-0.0036 to .8811/\$1	-1.32 to \$49.88

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-3.40	-3.80	-3.48	-5.69	-3.91	-5.38	-4.84	-3.45	-5.36

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	531	537.50	530	535.25	+5.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	384.25	386	383.25	384	-1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	900.75	909.25	900.25	904.75	+3.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	28.48	28.57	28.15	28.17	-0.32
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	311.70	313.80	311.70	313.40	+1.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl	Feb 19	51.25	51.87	49.01	49.88	-1.32
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 19	51.52	52.15	49.32	50.20	-1.27
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 19	1.4362	1.4575	1.3932	1.4104	-0.0239

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	69.75	-1.01	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	97.81	-3.18
AbbVie Inc	N	84.93	-0.68	Equity Residential	N	67.74	-2.20
Allstate Corp	N	80.16	+0.86	Exelon Corp	N	45.61	-1.45
Aptargroup Inc	N	98.64	-1.70	First Indl RT	N	30.26	-1.21
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.38	-1.23	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	39.63	-1.77
Baxter Intl	N	64.19	-1.51	Gallagher AJ	N	72.41	-1.77
Boeing Co	N	316.13	-2.62	Grainger W W	N	284.51	+1.10
Brunswick Corp	N	45.49	-1.09	GrubHub Inc	N	75.89	-3.31
CBOE Global Markets	N	100.27	-6.2	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	89.93	-2.66
CDK Global Inc	O	46.89	-8.1	IDEX Corp	N	129.31	-3.25
CDW Corp	O	84.73	-2.98	ITW	N	128.10	-2.94
CF Industries	N	41.37	-0.69	Ingredion Inc	N	93.68	-2.00
CME Group	O	185.59	-2.05	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	126.86	-6.39
CNA Financial	N	43.89	...	Kemper Corp	N	64.72	-1.39
Caterpillar Inc	N	124.47	-2.30	Kraft Heinz Co	O	46.82	-0.64
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.01	-0.88	LKQ Corporation	O	24.55	-0.05
Deere Co	N	146.08	-2.93	Littelfuse Inc	O	167.44	-1.70
Discover Fin Svcs	N	59.90	-1.92	MB Financial	O	39.48	+0.06
Dover Corp	N	74.33	-1.99	McDonalds Corp	N	180.79	-2.50
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.24	-0.98	Middleby Corp	O	107.73	-1.62
				Mondelez Intl	O	42.81	-0.74
				Morningstar Inc	O	112.80	-1.62
				Motorola Solutions	N	123.24	-3.41
				NiSource Inc	N	26.64	-0.85
				Nhrn Trust Co	O	85.62	-0.75
				Old Republic	N	20.69	-0.72
				Packaging Corp Am	N	86.74	-6.70
				Paylocity Hldg	O	60.29	-3.20
				Stericycle Inc	O	39.10	-1.30
				Teleph Data	N	33.20	-1.12
				TransUnion	N	56.64	-2.31
				Tribune Media Co A	N	45.34	-0.28
				US Foods Holding	N	31.53	-2.8
				USG Corp	N	43.05	+0.2
				Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	241.95	-4.90
				United Contl Hldgs	O	86.21	-1.53
				Ventas Inc	N	60.87	-1.69
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	76.22	-2.52
				Wright Financial	O	68.25	+8.0
				Zebra Tech	O	158.97	-12.92

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.15	+0.05
Bank of America	24.47	-0.01
Ford Motor	8.50	-0.02
AT&T Inc	29.86	-0.36
Chesapeake Energy	2.25	-0.08
Johnson & Johnson	129.14	-3.86
Pfizer Inc	43.11	-0.69
Oracle Corp	45.73	-0.87
Wells Fargo & Co	46.61	+0.07
Weatherford Intl Ltd	0.38	-0.05
Nokia Corp	5.87	-0.07
Citigroup	54.25	-0.77
Kinross Gold	3.01	+0.13
JPMorgan Chase & Co	99.01	-1.28
Twitter Inc	33.43	-2.44
Barrick Gold	13.65	-0.01
Vale SA	13.03	+0.07
Transocean Ltd	7.31	-0.25
Sthwstn Energy	3.62	-0.18
Lloyds Banking Grp	2.53	-0.05
Snap Inc A	5.58	-0.34
Rite Aid Corp	0.82	-0.07
Schlumberger Ltd	39.05	-0.93
CocaCola Co	48.33	-1.01

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	143.98	-5.02
Alphabet Inc C	1016.53	-25.57
Alphabet Inc A	1025.65	-26.06
Amazon.com Inc	1520.91	-71.00
Apple Inc	163.94	-1.54
Bank of America	24.47	-0.01
Berkshire Hath B	197.92	-2.08
Exxon Mobil Corp	74.04	-1.54
Facebook Inc	140.19	-3.87
JPMorgan Chase	99.01	-1.28
Johnson & Johnson	129.14	-3.86
Microsoft Corp	102.89	-3.14
Pfizer Inc	43.11	-0.69
Procter & Gamble	92.77	-3.87
Royal Dutch Shell B	58.86	-0.65
Royal Dutch Shell A	57.71	-0.52
Unitedhealth Group	258.07	-6.95
Verizon Comm	55.95	-1.13
WalMart Strs	90.77	-1.08

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.40	-0.60	-5
American Funds AmnrcnBala m	26.24	-0.29	-1.8
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	645.39	-6.3	-8.8
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	57.25	-0.55	-6.0
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	57.80	-1.06	-4.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	48.60	-1.01	-1.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	21.82	-0.27	-3.9
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	37.38	-0.67	-4.4
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	40.79	-0.69	-4.7
American Funds WAMtlInvSA m	42.83	-0.74	-1.4
DFA IntlCorEqInx x	11.75	-0.24	-14.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.36	+0.02	-6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	38.26	-0.47	-15.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	189.44	-3.22	-3.9
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.38	+0.02	+1.0
Fidelity 500ldxInxPrrm	88.51	-1.87	-3.0
Fidelity Contrafund	11.06	-0.27	-2.2
Fidelity ContrafundK	11.07	-0.26	-2.0
Fidelity TtlMktldxInxPrrm	71.71	-1.57	-3.7
Fidelity USBldxInxPrrm	11.21	+0.03	-8
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.17	-0.02	-3.6
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.33	+0.02	-6
PIMCO Incstl	11.78	+0.01	+1
PIMCO TtlRetInx	9.93	+0.03	-6
Schwab SP500ldx	39.96	-0.84	-3.0
T. Rowe Price BCGr	96.62	-2.61	+1.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	57.72	-1.53	-8
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	234.90	-4.97	-3.0
Vanguard DivGrInx	26.43	-0.55	+1.3
Vanguard EqInxAdmrl	73.23	-1.36	-4.0
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	70.31	-1.63	-2.4
Vanguard HCAmrl	87.30	-1.65	+2.9
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.34	+0.02	-1.2
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.84	+0.01	+7
Vanguard InsdInx	232.99	-4.93	-3.0
Vanguard InsdInxPlus	233.01	-4.93	-3.0
Vanguard InsTlSMInxPls	56.31	-1.23	-3.6
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	175.07	-4.25	-6.9
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	132.53	-2.56	-6
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.41	+0.01	+5
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	64.68	-1.65	-6.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.11	-0.24	-3.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.60	-0.17	-4.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	31.81	-0.35	-4.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.43	-0.25	-5.4
Vanguard TtBldxAdmrl	10.38	+0.02	-1.0
Vanguard TtBldxInx	10.38	+0.02	-9
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	22.03	+0.01	+2.1
Vanguard TtInBldxInx	33.06	+0.02	+2.2
Vanguard TtInBldxInv	11.02	+0.01	+2.2
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	25.71	-0.24	-12.2
Vanguard TtInSdxInx	102.81	-0.99	-12.2
Vanguard TtInSdxInxPlus	102.83	-0.99	-12.2
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	15.37	-0.15	-12.2
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	63.38	-1.39	-3.6
Vanguard TtSMldxInx	63.40	-1.39	-3.6
Vanguard TtSMldxInv	63.35	-1.39	-3.7
Vanguard WngtMAdmrl	69.16	-0.75	-2.5
Vanguard WlsvInxAdmrl	62.44	-0.32	-2.1
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	61.91	-1.06	-6.2

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.375	2.37
6-month disc	2.52	2.47
2-year	2.68	2.71
10-year	2.85	2.89
30-year	3.11	3.14

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1247.40	\$1237.00
Silver	\$14.639	\$14.513
Platinum	\$795.90	\$785.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.56

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	38.2570
Australia (Dollar)	1.3932
Brazil (Real)	3.9021
Britain (Pound)	.7918
Canada (Dollar)	1.3409
China (Yuan)	6.8970
Euro	.8811
India (Rupee)	71.610
Israel (Shekel)	3.7672
Japan (Yen)	112.75
Mexico (Peso)	20.1157
Poland (Zloty)	3.77
So. Korea (Won)	1129.29
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.84
Thailand (Baht)	32.81

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2597.97	+4.2/+2
Stoxx600	343.26	-4.0/-1.1
Nikkei	21506.88	+132.1/+0.6
MSCI-EAFE	1748.60	-3.6/-2
Bovespa	86399.69	-1049.8/-1.2
FTSE 100	6773.24	-71.9/-1.1
CAC-40	4799.87	-53.8/-1.1

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OBITUARIES

VERNER OHST 1930-2018

Longtime high school teacher in suburbs

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Verner Ohst spent three decades as a high school teacher and administrator at two high schools in Villa Park and Elmhurst.

"He really enjoyed watching people intellectually discover, and the process of being the catalyst for other people's intellectual journeys," said Ohst's son Philip.

Ohst, 88, died of natural causes Nov. 3 at the River Glen of St. Charles assisted living community in St. Charles, said his son Andrew. He had moved to St. Charles in February after previously being a longtime resident of Wheaton.

Born in Mason County, Mich., Ohst grew up on a family farm in tiny Scottville, in the western part of the state near Ludington. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts and woodworking from Michigan State University in 1952 and then served in the Army Signal Corps in Metz, France.

After leaving the Army in 1954, Ohst pursued graduate studies in education at Michigan State before moving to the Chicago area in 1958. He started teaching driver's education at York High School in Elmhurst in 1958 and sponsored the school's chess club.

Ohst moved to Willowbrook High School in Villa Park when it opened in



FAMILY PHOTO

Verner Ohst retired from Willowbrook High School in Villa Park in 1988.

1959. There, he taught driver's education, industrial arts and science. He soon became the chairman of Willowbrook's driver's education department.

In 1967, Ohst transitioned to the administration at Willowbrook, serving as an administrative assistant for scheduling student assignments while also still teaching and overseeing the driver's education program. He later worked as a counselor and full-time student assignment scheduler.

"One of his responsibilities was for scheduling (classes), and those were the days before sophisticated computers, when everything was done on long, long strips of paper, and it was a very difficult job," recalled Bob Polzin, a retired Willowbrook guid-

ance counselor and a former colleague. "He was hardworking and had a good work ethic."

For Ohst's part, manual class scheduling had "kept us up until three in the morning," he told the Tribune in 1971. In the late 1960s, many DuPage County school districts formed a cooperative that began using a College of DuPage computer to schedule students. Ohst told the Tribune in 1971 that the new system was "fantastic" and "very functional."

Ohst became his school district's director of administration in 1972. In the mid-1970s, he suffered a venal bleed and stepped away from his work as an administrator, Andrew Ohst said. He returned to the classroom, where he taught mostly science classes and also worked as a stage use supervisor at Willowbrook.

Ohst retired from Willowbrook in June 1988. During retirement, he enjoyed traveling and worked for two decades as a golf ranger at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton, Andrew Ohst said.

Ohst's wife of 46 years, Nina, died in 2009. In addition to his sons, Ohst is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Jerdee; four grandchildren; a brother, Gerald; and a sister, Patricia Batzer.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 18 ...

In 1737 violin-maker Antonio Stradivari died in Cremona, Italy.

In 1787 New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1865 the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

In 1886 baseball Hall of Famer Ty Cobb was born in Narrows, Ga.

In 1892 Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1915 President Woodrow Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940 Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.

In 1944, in a pair of rulings, the Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.

In 1956 Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1957 the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first civilian nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went online.

In 1969 Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty for murder.



ALAN SINGER/NBC

In 1997 comic actor Chris Farley was found dead of a drug overdose in his Chicago apartment; he was 33.

In 1971 Jesse Jackson announced in Chicago the founding of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).

In 1972 the United States began its heaviest bombing of North Vietnam. (The bombardment ended 12 days later.)

In 1987 Ivan Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for plotting Wall Street's biggest insider-trading scandal to date.

In 1994 former President Jimmy Carter arrived in Bosnia-Herzegovina on a private mission to seek an end to 32 months of war.

In 1998 the House began debate on four articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton.

In 1999, in St. Martinville, La., Cuban inmates who had held a jail warden and six others hostage for almost a week surrendered.

In 2000 the Electoral College cast its ballots, with President-elect George W. Bush receiving the expected 271; Al Gore, however, received 266, one fewer than expected, because of a District of Columbia Democrat who left her ballot blank to protest the district's lack of representation in Congress. **Also in 2000** antitrust regulators approved the merger of British drug companies Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC.

In 2003 two federal appeals courts ruled the U.S. military could not indefinitely hold prisoners without access to lawyers or American courts. **Also in 2003** a jury in Chesapeake, Va., convicted teenager Lee Boyd Malvo of capital murder in the Washington-area sniper case. **Also in 2003** a judge in Seattle sentenced confessed Green River Killer Gary Ridgway to 48 consecutive life terms.

In 2004 the former Iraqi general known as "Chemical Ali," Ali Hassan al-Majid, went before a judge in the first investigative hearings of former members of his regime.

In 2011 Vaclav Havel, who led the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia and became the country's president in 1989, died in Hradec in northern Czech Republic; he was 75.

In 2012 an independent panel faulted the State Department for "grossly inadequate" security in the attack at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans dead, including Ambassador Chris Stevens. **Also in 2012** bank robbers Joseph Banks and Kenneth Conley used bedsheets to rappel 15 stories of a high-rise federal jail in Chicago in a daring jailbreak. (They were both later captured.) **Also in 2012** Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to be voted The Associated Press Player of the Year in college football.

In 2017 an Amtrak train making the first-ever run along a faster new route hurtled off an overpass near Tacoma, Wash., and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below, killing at least six people.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
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In Memoriam

Rocco D. Christofano

November 9, 1920—December 18, 2016
Dearest Father, Uncle, and beloved Poppi,
Today we celebrate your life, the life of a man who embraced each day with purpose, who worked with diligence, and who loved us all with unbounded joy. For all that you taught us, and all that you cared, we are ever grateful.
With love everlasting,
Your Devoted Family
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Death Notices

Benes, Margaret A.

Margaret A. Benes, age 89, of Stickney, Illinois passed away on Saturday December 15, 2018. Margaret was born June 14, 1929. Margaret is survived by; daughter Joan M. (the late Michael) Thorsen; and son David (Jane) Benes; grandchildren Jennifer (Andrew) Flynn, Angela Thorsen, Michael (Maria) Thorsen, Jessica (James) Waite, Jaclyn Benes and Alex Benes and great-grandchildren Kailee Benes, Amelia Waite, Braden Flynn, Payton Flynn, Genesis Thorsen and Kimberley Thorsen. Margaret was preceded in death by her loving husband Charles E. Benes.

Visitation Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home**, 4101 S. Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402. Funeral Service Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home** for a 10:00 am chapel service. Entombment Mount Auburn Memorial Park. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.MountAuburnFuneralHome.com for the BENES family.

Mt. Auburn
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Brown Jr, Willie

Willie Brown Jr., Army Veteran, age 80, of Oak Park; beloved husband of Sharon, nee Manksy; loving father of Christine Diaz, William (Mira) Brown, Elizabeth (Christopher Waco) Brown, and Aaron Brown; cherished grandfather of Matthew (Hannah), Christopher, Lucas, Jacob, Adam, Kyle, Alexander, Tyler, Elliot, and William; fond brother of Blanche Hamm, the late Bernice Brown, and the late Nora (the late John) Watson; uncle of Pastor Eric (Diane) Brown Sr. and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, December 18th, 10 a.m. until time of Mass, 11 a.m., at St. Catherine/St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park. Interment Oakridge Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com



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BURR, JO

Jo Burr, nee Utanoff, age 84. Beloved wife of Judge Edward Burr (ret.); loving mother of Bruce (Ellen), Michael, and Susan (Scott) Goldman; adored grandmother "Jojo" of Jordan, Brandon, Sam, Katie, Sydney and Jackie; treasured sister of Sondra (Alan) Engel and the late Richard (Shirley) Utanoff; dear aunt and cherished friend to many. Private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Alzheimers Association or the charity of your choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Castronova, Nicholas P.

Nicholas P. Castronova, 86 was born June 29, 1932 in Allentown, PA and passed away June 29, 2018. Nicholas was the beloved husband of the late Joan Castronova nee Mollback; loving father of Linda Castronova, Lana (Gary) Latkow, Leanne (William) Moylan, Nicholas (Brigitte Baur) Castronova; cherished grandfather of Dana (Joseph) Edwards, Nicholas Moylan, Erick Latkow, Marc Moylan, Brooke Moylan, Annabel Castronova, and Linnea Castronova. Nicholas was a Navy veteran who served in the Korean War, and an employee of Tempel Steel for 37 years before retiring. He will be reunited on Wednesday December 19, 2018 with the love of his life, his late wife Joan on their 65th wedding anniversary. All services are private.
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Deslauriers, James R.

James R. Deslauriers, age 82, of LaGrange, IL; beloved husband to Marianne (nee Soucie) for 53 wonderful years; loving father of Michael P. Deslauriers; dear brother of Norma (Richard) Reid and the late Thomas (Cecelia) Deslauriers; uncle and friend of many. Jim truly loved life and always had an infectious smile and kind words for everyone he met. Visitation Wednesday, December 19 2018 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Service Thursday December 20th 2018. Funeral prayers 9:00am from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church for Mass at 9:45am. Interment to follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorial donations given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hfunerals.com.
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DISPENSA, ANTHONY

Anthony Dispensa, 88, of Western Springs. Beloved husband of the late La Vergne. Loving father of Gary (Ruth), Gail (late Joseph) Uniacke and Kim (Paul "Andy") Stocklein. Devoted grandfather of Carolyn (Joseph) Rehak, Daniel Dispensa, Joseph Uniacke, Emily (Gary) Ellington, Sara (Willy) Fox, Bridget Uniacke and Elise Floss. Dear great-grandfather of Abigail and Nolan Ellington, Emma and Franklin Rehak. Also survived by a brother, Nicholas. Dear uncle of many. Visitation 3 to 9pm Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside, where Funeral Service will be held at 10:30am Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Boy's Town appreciated. Anthony was a member of the Showman's League of Chicago. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hfunerals.com
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Friess, Mildred C. 'Millie'

Mildred Caroline Friess, a life-long resident of Chicago, died on December 15, 2018. The only child of Francesco "Frank" John Garbarino and Caroline Wilhelmine "Lena" (Schulz) Garbarino, she was born in Chicago on July 6, 1921. A member of SteinMetz High School class of 1939, she graduated fifth in her class and took night classes in accounting and book-keeping at Schurz High School. On October 27, 1945, Mildred was joined in marriage to Edward "Ed" E. Friess at Bethel Lutheran Church, Chicago. Mildred was employed as a bookkeeper for most of her working career. Although Mildred and Ed had no children, they were known as "Aunt and Uncle" to the children of Mildred's cousin, Lois J. (Netrefa) Szarz. She is lovingly survived by her "niece" Joan E. (Szarz) Bolthouse of Fredericksburg, Virginia, five "great nieces and nephews", four "great-great nieces", and dear and close friends, Ruth Stark, of Chicago, and Gary and Janet Johnson, of Park Ridge. Ed, her loving husband predeceased her on April 10, 1991. She was also predeceased by her parents, her cousin Lois, and her "niece" Karen L. (Szarz) Daubs. Mildred was an avid reader of books and newspapers, but her passion was pinocle. According to Mildred's wishes, a private memorial service will be held graveside at Elmwood Cemetery and Mausoleum. River Grove, IL. For info www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847) 823-5122.



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Gazda, James R.

James R. Gazda, age 75. Beloved son of the late John and Lottie; caring and supportive brother of Diane; cherished cousin of many. James was a polio and cancer victim with long-term suffering. Visitation Wednesday, December 19, 2018 from 3-8 pm at **Matz Funeral Home**, 3440 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Funeral prayers Thursday 9:30 am at the funeral home proceeding to St. Ladislaus Church. Mass 10 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to the charity of one's choice appreciated. For info: (773) 545-5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com
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Giesen, Frank H.

Frank H. Giesen, 86, died December 12, 2018 in Duluth, Minn. following a long illness. Mr. Giesen was born in Superior, Wis., on October 5, 1932, the son of Irving and Tracy (nee O'Donnell) Giesen. He married Mary Girouard on August 13, 1955.

Mr. Giesen was the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Consoer, Townsend and Associates of Chicago. He was a civil engineer who led a broad range of public works projects in from the 1950s through the 1990s. His specialty was wastewater treatment. He oversaw engineering projects in Nashville; Chicago; Monroe, Mich.; Pensacola, Fla.; Nassau County, N.Y.; Duluth; and Puyallup, Wash.

He joined Consoer Townsend as a junior engineer in 1955 in their Chicago office. He moved to Nashville in 1961 as part of an engineering team for a wastewater project near Madison, Tenn. By the mid-1960s, he headed the Nashville office.

Mr. Giesen left Nashville in 1980 to become President of Consoer Townsend. He served in that position until his retirement in 1990. During his tenure, Consoer Townsend completed the engineering work on the Terminal 5 development at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, in addition to numerous public works projects in the City of Chicago and State of Illinois. His leadership also involved working with state and local government on toxic waste clean-up projects following passage of the Superfund legislation in the 1980s.

After his retirement, Mr. Giesen moved to Solon Springs, Wis., where he became active in community and regional development. Mr. Giesen also served as President of Solon Springs Township and was a citizen representative to the Wild Trails Commission for Douglas, Washburn and Barron Counties.

He is survived by a daughter, Tracy (Don) Tredinnick, Savage, Minn., sons, David (Laura) Giesen, Libertyville, Ill.; Stephen (Yvonne) Giesen, Pagosa Springs, Colo.; Robert (Linda) Giesen, Rogers, Ark.; Greg (Brenda) Giesen, Chesapeake, Va.; a sister, Clare Giesen, New Orleans and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary and his daughter Mary Patrice Giesen-Lamm.

Visit will begin at 10:00 AM, Thursday, December 20, 2018, at St. Pius Catholic Church, 11651 BUS US-Hwy 53, Solon Springs, WI, and will continue until the 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial with Rev. Fr. James Kinney as celebrant.

The Lenroot-Maetzold Funeral Home, 1209 E. 5th Street, Superior, is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a condolence or sign the guestbook, please visit our website at www.lenroot-maetzold.com.

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Golden, Grant

Grant Golden, 8/21/29 - 12/15/18, loving son of the late Sophie & Abe Golden. Treasured husband of Karyl (nee Gesmer) Golden for 64 years. Devoted father of Glenn (Tina Ingall), Nancy (Rabbi Jeffrey Hauser), & Neil (Lynne). Adored Zayde

of nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Mitzi Heytow.

Known for his highly principled long career with The Nedlog Company, Grant also left a legacy of excellence in tennis in many different roles. He was proud of playing on the U.S. Davis Cup team, prouder of his successful Father/Son tennis record with his father & with each son, and proudest of & grateful for his beautiful family.

He was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for Meritorious Service, Far East Command, U.S. Army. Memorial service 2 pm Sunday, Dec. 23, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka. In lieu of flowers we suggest contributions to Bright Futures c/o Vi at the Glen, 2500 Indigo Lane, Glenview, IL 60026.

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Kakavetsis, Harilaos "Harry"

Harilaos Kakavetsis, 81, Born in Monopoli, Kastoria, Greece; Beloved husband of Lambrini (nee Souikas); Devoted father of Bill (Colleen) and Genie (Tim) Menzia; Cherished grandfather of Austin, Olivia, Ethan and Eve; Loving brother of Sotirios (Konstandina), Konstandina (the late Evangelos) Pavidis and the late Petros and Aristides; Dearest brother-in-law of Nick Souikas and the late Sam (Cossette) Souikas; Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Tuesday December 18, 2018 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home 8025 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL. Friends and relatives are requested to meet Wednesday morning at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. Niles, IL. for 11:30 a.m. Funeral Service. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, info: 847-581-0536.



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Pick 4 evening 5132 / 9
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Dec. 18 Mega Millions: \$284M
Dec. 19 Powerball: \$262M

WISCONSIN
Dec. 17
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Pick 4 7097
Badger 5 10 14 16 17 22
SuperCash 05 08 10 16 17 26

INDIANA
Dec. 17
Daily 3 midday 276 / 9
Daily 4 midday 9191 / 9
Daily 3 evening 806 / 8
Daily 4 evening 5604 / 8
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Dec. 17
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Krengel, Theodore Herzl

Theodore Herzl Krengel age 93. Beloved husband of Joan nee Franks. Loving father of Cecelia (Lawrence) Menaker, Joshua (Marta), and Beth (Lawrence) Elman. Proud grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of one. Dear brother of the late Ruth Spector. Founder and former chairman of Allied Tube & Conduit Corp. and former president of American Technion Society. Graveside service Wednesday 2PM at Beverly Cemetery, 120th & Kedzie Avenue, Blue Island, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Technion Society, 111 W. Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, 60602, www.ats.org or JUF, 30 S. Wells Street, Chicago 60606, www.juf.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Kroczyńska, Barbara

Barbara Erhan Kroczyńska, 59, dear daughter of Marianna and late Henryk Klosinski, loving mother of Michal and Konrad Kroczyński, proud grandmother of Stasz Kroczyński loving wife of Selim Erhan, and dear sister of Iwona Babis, a wonderful scientist, a visionary gardener a renovator and an activist, passed away on December 14, 2018 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She will be missed by all that she touched in her fruitful life. Visitation Thursday, December 20, from 4 to 9 p.m. Funeral Prayers, Friday, 9:15 a.m. at **Lawrence Funeral Home** 4800 N. Austin Ave., Chicago. Procession to St. Mary's Church for 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Mt. Olive Cemetery. For more info www.lawrencefh@gmail.com or 773-736-2300.

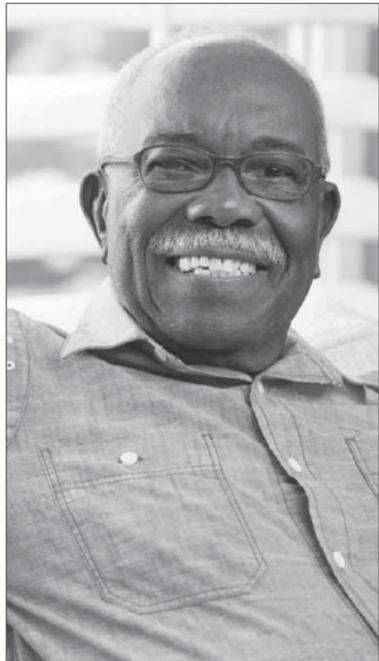
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Kurek, Louise C. nee Blazonczyk

Age 91, beloved wife of the late Alfred "Fritz" J. Loving mother of Annette "Cookie" Kurek, Donna (Joseph) Rozich, and Daniel (Kimberly) Kurek. Cherished grandmother of Justin and Jared Rozich, Julien and Sofia Boss, Ashish Japal, Billie Jean and Nicky Kurek. And great-grandmother of Anthony Rozich. Fond daughter of the late Fred and the late Antoinette Blazonczyk nee Blaszyński. Dear sister of the late Edward (Christine "Tish") Blazonczyk. And sister-in-law of the late Alice (late Edward) Koziol. Dear aunt of Anita Koziol, Kathy Blazonczyk, Edward Blazonczyk, Jr., and Anthony Blazonczyk. Loving companion of the late John Yakupkovic. Member of Club Chocholow #43 and many other Polish clubs and organizations. Louise and her husband Fritz ran The Northway Bar and Restaurant in Hiles, Wisconsin for 32 years. Funeral Friday, 8:45a.m. from Zarzycki Manor Chapel 8999 South Archer Avenue in Willow Springs, Illinois. To SS. Cyril & Methodius Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3-9p.m. 708-839-8999 or zarzyckimanorchapels.com.

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Leptich, Bernice Anna 'Bea'
Bernice Anna Leptich "Bea", nee Eiermann, 100, born Oct. 6, 1918, died Dec. 17, 2018, was a resident of Church Creek Assisted Living in Arlington Heights. Beloved wife of the late John Leptich. Daughter of the late Oscar and Anna Eiermann. Mother of Diana Broski, Sharlene (Tony) Lunardini. Grandmother to Brian (Stacy) Lunardini, Scott (Christine) Lunardini. Great grandmother to Tyler Lunardini. Sister to the late Erna (Lendall) Richie of California. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Was an active member of Navy Seabees Women's Auxiliary President of Island X2 from 1956-1958 and again from June 1993 until it disbanded December 2014. Please omit flowers. Donations to Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association. www.seabee.org In honor of the "John Leptich Memorial Scholarship fund".

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Loconti, Sr., Ronald

Beloved husband of Doris nee Maggio. Loving father of Ron, Jr. and Stephanie. Visitation Wednesday 4 - 8 PM at THE ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago. Funeral service Thursday 10 AM. Int. Mt. Carmel Cemetery. For info (773) 276-7800 or ragobrothersfuneralhome.com.

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Marshall, William Matthews 'Bill'

Marshall, William M. "Bill"



Bill Marshall died December 11, 2018 at age 91 of complications from a fall. All four of his children were at his bedside.

Our Dad took life as it came. By example, he taught his children fairness and social justice before it was called by that name. He taught the value of hard work, holding down two jobs for most of his life. He was proud of his Scottish heritage, and enjoyed wearing the Marshall clan colors. He was happiest dancing to Big Band music in a nightclub, or doing anything in the outdoors.

Bill was born in Chicago on August 4, 1927. He and his brother lost their father when Bill was two, and his brother still an infant. A regular visitor as a young boy to Jane Addams' Hull-House, he was among the first children to attend Viola Spolin's drama improvisation classes there, thanks to his friendship with her son, Paul Sills, who later would found The Second City improvisational theater troupe. Despite his family's poverty, and with Spolin's help, the course of Bill's life was changed when he was accepted on academic scholarship to Chicago's Francis W. Parker School where he earned top grades, played varsity football, was on the swim team, and made lifelong friendships. Early graduation led to Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where he played varsity football for three years, and was team captain in 1945. He played one season of lacrosse. A music lover, he sang with the Kenyon choir. He left Kenyon to serve a year in the Army stateside, in part tending to German prisoners of war at Fort Sheridan in Highwood, Ill. He returned to Kenyon for his senior year and graduated in 1948 with a degree in psychology.

Work with Donnelley Publishing (The Yellow Pages) followed, then medical school, where his effort, Bill later said, was doomed due to the college chemistry classes he missed during wartime. He went on to work for the Chicago Welfare Department, where he met our beloved mother, the late Jane Little. They married in 1954 and raised three children before moving to Northbrook, where they settled into a home built as a farmhouse in 1896. Their fourth child was born in 1965. Bill held a sales position at Sonneborn/Witco Chemical Corporation for 35 years, until retirement in 1992.

Bill was an early adopter of green practices when he launched Antique Barns & Beams, a firm that re-purposed siding and timbers from historic hand-built barns for many Midwest restaurants, architects and designers.

Dad shoveled his own snow and raked his own leaves. He was a hands-on grandfather to nine grandchildren. He volunteered as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher to immigrants and Lake County (Illinois) Jail inmates. Preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Jane, he is survived by his four children, Edward Marshall (Helen), Sarah Aldridge (Rev. David), Elizabeth Richardson, Susan Bleser (Michael) and nine grandchildren. He also is survived by his companion of 17 years, Dianne Sands.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m. at The First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield (Calvin Hall), 824 Waukegan Road, with a brief reception to follow.

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Mio, Betty J.

Betty J. Mio
nee Holder. Beloved wife of Harold K. Windhorst & the late Joseph R. Mio. Loving mother of John R. (Jill Neumayer), Catherine, Rebecca (Scott) Triptow & Lawrence. Caring grandmother of RG, Joanie, Anthony, Aubry, Alyssa, Joseph, Gerard, Scott, Nicholas, Maria, & John Paul. Dear aunt to many nieces & nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3 - 8 PM. Funeral Wednesday 10:30 AM from THE ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago. Mass at Divine Savior 11 AM. Int. Irving Park Cemetery. For info (773) 276-7800 or ragobrothersfuneralhome.com.

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Montgomery, Gloria M.

Gloria M. Montgomery of Burr Ridge. Wife of the late Harry A. Mother of Chris L. (Amy Teri), Missy Montgomery-Rader, and Step- mother of Alison G. (Allen) Crumbley. Grandmother of Eloise and Harper, Harrison and Dovan Rader and Alana, Leigha, Olivia Crumbley. Sister of Sharon (Mark) Steger. Visitation Thursday 2:30 pm to time of Funeral Service 7:30 PM at **COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME** 7508 S. County Line Road (one block south of 155/Stevenson) Burr Ridge. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to LaRabida Childrens Hospital 6501 Promontory Dr. Chicago 60649. Funeral info 630654 8484 or www.coglianesese.com

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Myrdacz, Mary 'Marysia'

Visitation Wednesday December 19, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday December 20, 2018, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.

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O'Neill, Bridget

Bridget O'Neill, nee Quigley, age 88, Native of Co. Tipperary, Ireland; beloved wife of Larry for over 56 years; loving mother of Gerry; dear sister of Sr. Stephanie Quigley and Margaret (Roy) Fox and the late John Joe (the late Agnes), the late Michael (Pauline), the late Eddie (the late Mae) and the late Nicholas (Kitty) Quigley; aunt of many nieces and

nephews. Visitation Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, 9:30 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 North Ellsworth Street, Naperville. Private Interment in Ireland. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Paciga, Joseph G. 'Joe'

Joseph G. Paciga, age 52, of Naperville, IL passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL on April 21, 1966. Joe is survived by his loving wife; Shannon (nee Radigan) Paciga, and daughters; Olivia and Tessa Paciga. He was preceded in death by his parents; Joseph F. and Loretta (nee Ciukaj) Paciga. Dearest Uncle, brother-in-law, son-in-law, nephew, cousin and cherished friend to many. Joe's passing has greatly saddened the hearts of all who knew him, Go Joe! Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL. Funeral Mass, Friday, December 21, 2018 at 12:30 p.m., St. Raphael Catholic Church, 1215 Modaff Rd, Naperville, IL. Interment private. Memorial in Joe's name may be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital at stjude.org. Info: 630-355-0264 or www.beidelmankunschfh.com

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Petrik, Edward J

Edward J. Petrik, 83, Hernando, FL, formerly of Berwyn, IL, passed away Dec 12, 2018. He is survived by his wife Donna (Repine), children Edward (Deirdre), Donna (George) Pawlak, and Jennifer (Jackie Secor) Petrik, grandsons Michael and Jacob Petrik.

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Pugno, Marcella M.

Marcella M. Pugno nee Natonski, 91, beloved wife of the late Ben; loving mother of Thomas (Janice) Kasperski and Raymond (Elaine) Kasperski, Diane (James) Lyon, John (Diane) Pugno and late Frank Pugno; dear grandmother of Jason, Rikkaela (Daniel), Joseph, Sara, Julie, Nicholas (Carry), Timothy and Lucas; great grandmother of Trista, William and Camden; fond sister of Lawrence Natonski, late Edward (Loretta) Natonski and late Florence Natonski, aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday, December 19th. 9:30 A.M. from **Suburban Family Funeral Home** 5940 W. 35th St. (Corner of 35th St. & Austin) Cicero to St. Mary of Czestochowa Church. Mass 10 A.M. Entombment Pope John Paul II Mausoleum, Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, 8:30 A.M. until time of service at 9:30 A.M. 708-652-1116 or visit www.Suburbanfamilyfh.com.

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Rapponotti, John C.

John C. Rapponotti, age 85; beloved husband of Connie Iacovetti; father of Karen (Mark) Koulogeorge, Paul (Cindy) and Mark (Karla) Rapponotti; grandfather of Sarah, Peter and Andrew Koulogeorge and Brett and Scott Rapponotti. Visitation Thursday December 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 11:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Catholic Church; 64 Norfolk Avenue, Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital are appreciated. Arrangements by Sullivan Funeral Home. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com.

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Santos, Anne Rose

Anne Rose Santos nee Skaljak, 95, longtime resident of Glenview, passed away December 16, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Billy Warren Santos; loving mother of Christine (Gregory Holliday) and Monica Santos; dear sister of Mary Skaljak. Visitation Wednesday 9:15 am until time of mass 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St. (at Church St.), Glenview. Interment Our Lady of Sorrows, Queen of Heaven. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL 60025.

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Sienkiewicz, Alice

Alice Sienkiewicz, Age 92, nee Walaszcyk. Beloved wife of the late Henry. Loving mother of the late Craig. Adored daughter of the late Cecylia (nee Orloff) and the late Alexander Walaszcyk. Dear sister of the late Gloria Walaszcyk. Fond sister in law of Dick (late Lynn) and the late Edwin (late Wanda) Sienkiewicz. Cherished aunt and great aunt of many. Family & Friends are asked to meet directly at St. Rosalie Church, 4401 N Oak Park Ave., Harwood Heights for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday Dec. 19. Entombment to follow Mass at the Mary, Mother of God Mausoleum, St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Sinnard, Bruce O. Sinnard

Bruce O. Sinnard 85 of LaGrange Park. Beloved husband to Sue for 62 years, passed on November 26. Born in North Dakota and raised in Warren County Iowa, Bruce enlisted with the U.S. Navy in 1954 as an Electrician's Mate and a pitcher for their baseball team. He married Sue Bruere in June 1956. Graduating from Iowa State with a degree in Industrial Engineering, Bruce enjoyed a 38-year career as a Regional Sales Manager for International Paper. Member of the Highlands Presbyterian Church for 50 years, Bruce enjoyed singing in the choir and volunteering his many other talents. Adored by his children, Darla Sinnard (Thomas Belzely), Shelly (William) Edenbeck, Julia (Steven) Cochran, and Steven (Keeley). Bruce was a father figure to many who treasured his kindness, dry wit, and genuine desire to be involved in their lives. Survived by six loving grandchildren, brother Gary (Dorie) Sinnard and countless friends and relatives. He loved playing pinocle, fishing, golfing, watching sports or discussing baseball strategy. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings. Special thanks to the staff at Hinsdale Hospital for their tireless and gentle care. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Highlands Presbyterian Church, 1902 W. 59 Street, LaGrange Highlands, IL 60525. A Celebration of Life service will be held at this Church on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with fellowship and refreshments following. Funeral info. **COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME** 630 654 8484 or www.coglianesese.com

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Sloane, Alice

Alice Sloane, age 76, of Geneva, died Saturday, December 15, 2018. She was born February 15, 1942 in Chicago to Leon and Julia Krajecki. She is survived by two daughters, Victoria (Casey) Clewell and Alexandra (Joshua) Galicia; two grandchildren, Zachary Clewell and Owen Galicia; sister Chestra (Larry) Stilwell, brother Jerome (Kandice) Krajecki; and five nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald Sloane.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 A.M. Friday, December 21, 2018 at St. Peter Catholic Church, Geneva. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Geneva. Visitation will be 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Friday December 21, 2018, at **Yurs Funeral Home** 1771 W. State Street, Geneva, IL 60134.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Sarcoma Foundation of America.

To leave an online condolence or remembrance to the family, visit the funeral homes' obituary page at www.yursfuneralhomes.com. For more information, please call **Yurs Funeral Home** Geneva, 630-232-7337.

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Strobo, Robert F. 'Bob'

Robert (Bob) F. Strobo, age 66, of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018. Bob was preceded in death by his mother, Mary, his father, Joseph, and his son, Keith. He is survived by his wife Lucy; his children, Robert (Robyn, children Ella and Violet), Randy (Emily, children Frank and Reid), Kevin (Ashley, children Kingston and Abayah), and Lindsey (Christopher, children Leia and Otis); his sister Sharon; his brother Joey; extended family; and friends far and wide.

Bob was born on January 16, 1952 in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Mendel Catholic Prep School in 1970. Shortly after high school, he entered the Army Reserves and served as a field wireman after being called for active duty. He had a lifetime career in computer technology, most recently employed at Republic Bank & Trust Company. Bob was happily married to Lucy Strobo (Dicke) for 45 years. Together they had five children and eight grandchildren. He was a proud father and grandfather who never missed a game or birthday party. Bob was always there to help his children with their latest home improvement project, give rides to the airport, or hand out candy and presents to his grandchildren. He spent all his free time doing projects around the house with Lucy, watching Bears football, and with his grandchildren. Up to the date of his death, Bob was hardworking and dedicated to his family.

The family will greet friends on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 2:00pm to 8:00pm at the **Ratterman Funeral Home** located at 12900 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40243. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kentucky Humane Society, online or 1000 Lyndon Lane Suite B, Louisville, KY 40222; or the Arrow Fund, P.O. Box 1127 Prospect, KY 40059-9031.

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Temkin, Harold I.

Harold I. "Hal" "Tiger" Temkin, age 88; beloved husband of Alice Herman Temkin and the late Lynn, nee Mansowitz; loving father of David (Rachel) and the late Maryl Temkin; proud grandfather of Charlie and Sammie. Memorial service Thursday 2 pm in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. Contributions may be made to Inner-City Education Program, www.innercityeducation.org, P.O. Box 64837, Chicago, IL 60664. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Vidmar, Jacqueline Henneberry

Age 74, of Denver, CO and formerly of Hinsdale and Joliet, IL, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Rose Medical Center in Denver, CO. Born on January 5, 1944 in Joliet, she was the daughter of Jayne (nee Henneberry) and the late Fred R. Vidmar. Jacquie is survived by her mother, Jayne Vidmar; sister, Kaye (Vidmar) Ferry; son, JJ

Schuber; daughter, Healy (Daniel) Schuber Pietsch; grandchildren, Penelope and Theodore Pietsch; as well as many cherished friends, loved ones, and family. She will also be missed by her beloved canine companion, Pepper, who was always by her side.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred R. Vidmar, and her grandparents, Margaret (nee Comerford) and John Joseph Henneberry.

A teacher, artist, tennis player, world traveler and wonderful hostess of memorable get-togethers, Jacquie will be most remembered as a beloved mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend who treasured her relationships. Her heart was full of love and she displayed true grace and grit her entire life.

Visitation for Jacqueline A. Vidmar will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m., at the **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home**, 3200 Black at Essington Rds., Joliet. Funeral Services will be Thursday at 10:15 a.m. from the funeral home chapel to the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Minooka. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to Cure PSP (<https://www.psp.org/>) would be appreciated. For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or visit her Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com



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Vogl, "Joanne"

"Joanne" (Barbara J.) Vogl, nee Bradford, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida passed away at age 89 on Dec. 7, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Joanne is survived by her children Charles (Cindy) Vogl, Ann Russo, Bradford Vogl and six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A future memorial service is being planned. For those wishing to honor Joanne, the family suggests memorial gifts be designated for Alzheimer's Research at Mayo Clinic www.mayoclinic.org/development.

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Vozella, Patricia

Patricia Vozella, 70, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018. Born in Chicago, she was a nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston for over 25 years. She enjoyed gardening, knitting, and playing with her 2 dogs Lovey and Sparky. She is survived by her loving daughter, Heather (Doreen); daughter of Anna Maria & (the late Ralph) Vozella; sisters Marilyn (the late Greg) Blegen, Jennifer (Joseph Sr.) Gagliardo, & brother Dennis; devoted aunt of Nick, Joseph Jr. (Renee Sarno), Michael, & John; great aunt of Ava & Emma. Funeral services will be held at **Rago Brothers Funeral Home** 7751 W Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60634 on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 from 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. Mass will follow at 11a.m. at St. Francis Borgia Church 8803 W Addison St., Chicago, IL 60634 proceeding to Queen of Heaven, 1400 S Wolf Road, Hillside, IL 60162. For info (773) 276-7800 or ragobrothersfuneralhome.com.

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Walker, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Walker, 82, of Chicago, Illinois born February 6, 1936 in Saint Louis, Missouri. Beloved brother of Ann (the late James) Whelan; Uncle, great uncle and friend of many passed away at home December 13, 2018. Celebration of Life: the family is conducting services privately. In lieu of flowers please send donations in Thomas' memory to Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corp, a lifelong passion and a place of friendship for him, Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corp, Post Office Box 501, Rosemont, IL 60018. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990



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Yanku, Cynthia A.

Cynthia A. Yanku nee Babel, beloved wife of the late Michael Yanku. Loving mother of Amanda (Jason) Fortner and Matthew Yanku. Cherished grandmother of Eva Fortner. Dear sister of Douglas (Camino) Babel. Fond aunt of Sebastian and Adrian Babel. Funeral Thursday 11 a.m. at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Aaliyah Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alicia Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01017

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Shawn Gillespie (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 18, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 18, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jasmine Ruelh

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Danielle Marie Ruelh (Mother) AKA Danielle Ruelh

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00945

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
Alicia Johnson Jeremiah Truss

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alicia Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01018 18JA01019

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 18, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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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IN THE INTEREST OF
Jasmine Ruelh

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jose Gonzales Sr. (Father)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00945

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jose Gonzales Sr. (Father)** Any And All **Unknown Fathers** Any respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 12, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, 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.

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December 18, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jasmine Ruelh

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Danielle Marie Ruelh (Mother) AKA Danielle Ruelh

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00945

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Danielle Marie Ruelh (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 12, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, 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.

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December 18, 2018

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Jasmine Ruelh

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Danielle Marie Ruelh (Mother) AKA Danielle Ruelh

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00945

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Danielle Marie Ruelh (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 12, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 18, 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
Josiah Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alicia Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01020

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Lorenzo Cane (Father)**, AKA **Clarence Shearer**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 18, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/07/2019, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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 18, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Markell Grimes

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tameika Evans (Mother) AKA Taimaka Evans AKA Tameka Evans

JUVENILE NO.: 13JA00126

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Tameika Evans (Mother)** AKA **Taimaka Evans AKA Tameka Evans**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 18, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Carley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2019, at 11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 18, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF BANK MERGER

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for consent to merge Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Oak Park River Forest Bankshares, Inc., with and into Byline Bank of Chicago, Illinois, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Byline Bancorp, Inc.

It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1828(c).

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with John Connelly, the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, at 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3447 not later than December 23, 2018. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the Chicago FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. December 18, 2018 6034646

TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LASALLE TRUST 48845 FIRST AMERICAN BANK TRUSTEE OF TRUST #93457 DATED 08/22/2003 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #94357 DATED 12-29-1988 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #94357 DATED 12-29-1988, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007924 FILED November 27, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0000018 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at 272 S BARTLETT RD, BARRINGTON HILLS, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 01-15-300-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 19, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 19, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on May 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 19, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/17, 18, 19/2018 6027663

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TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK... LOITTE BOSS OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS... INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007268 FILED October 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0010968

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK... GLACIER PROPERTY GROUP DRIVE USA LLC DRIVE USA LLC, R/R DORSEY SERVICES INC. DRIVE USA LLC, OCCUPANT MICHAEL MANAGER CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK... INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007273 FILED October 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0011155

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK... ETHEL LEWIS CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK MICHAEL MCCLEURE... CORPORATION COUNSEL OCCUPANT CHARLES LEWIS SAMMIE DAVIS UNKNOWN OWNERS... INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007277 FILED October 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0011154

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK... LOOP MTG CORP WEST WASHINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT, INC., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES WEST WASHINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT, INC., RA: TERENCE J MORAN CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK MICHAEL MCCLEURE... INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007440 FILED November 6, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0006836

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK... TERRAPIN INVESTMENTS WEST WASHINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT, INC., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES WEST WASHINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT, INC., RA: TERENCE J MORAN WEST WASHINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT, INC., MICHAEL PERRY, PRESIDENT UNKNOWN OWNERS... INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008009 FILED December 3, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0006847

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK... LUCILLE BOYD OCCUPANT DOMINIQUE BARNARD UNKNOWN OWNERS... INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007220 FILED October 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0010856

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Put pedal to the metal

Trubisky needs to keep Bears' revved-up engine roaring in last 2 games



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake
of the News

On the day after the balance of power shifted in the NFC North, the sun came up at Halas Hall and the future looked brighter than it had in nearly a decade. Nothing enhances the view of an NFL organization more than seeing a Super Bowl on the horizon.

The Bears could relax after making the playoffs for the first time in eight long, painful years, but they won't. And they shouldn't. Coach Matt Nagy's latest correct call came in realizing the need to treat the final two regular-season games like they matter. Because they do. A first-round bye still hangs in the balance, especially with the 11-3 Rams reeling after two straight losses. A postseason weekend off equates to a playoff victory in the NFC bracket.

Besides, quarterback Mitch Trubisky must keep playing so the momentum he regained in Sunday's clincher over the Packers carries into January.

The boldest impression Trubisky made

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After family time — and 'one beverage' — Nagy eyes what's next

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

After the music and lights of "Club Dub" were turned off in the Bears locker room Sunday night at Soldier Field and the players departed with their NFC North champions T-shirts and hats in tow, Matt Nagy took some personal time to celebrate.

The Bears coach hung out with his wife, Stacey, and their four sons. He ate some sushi.

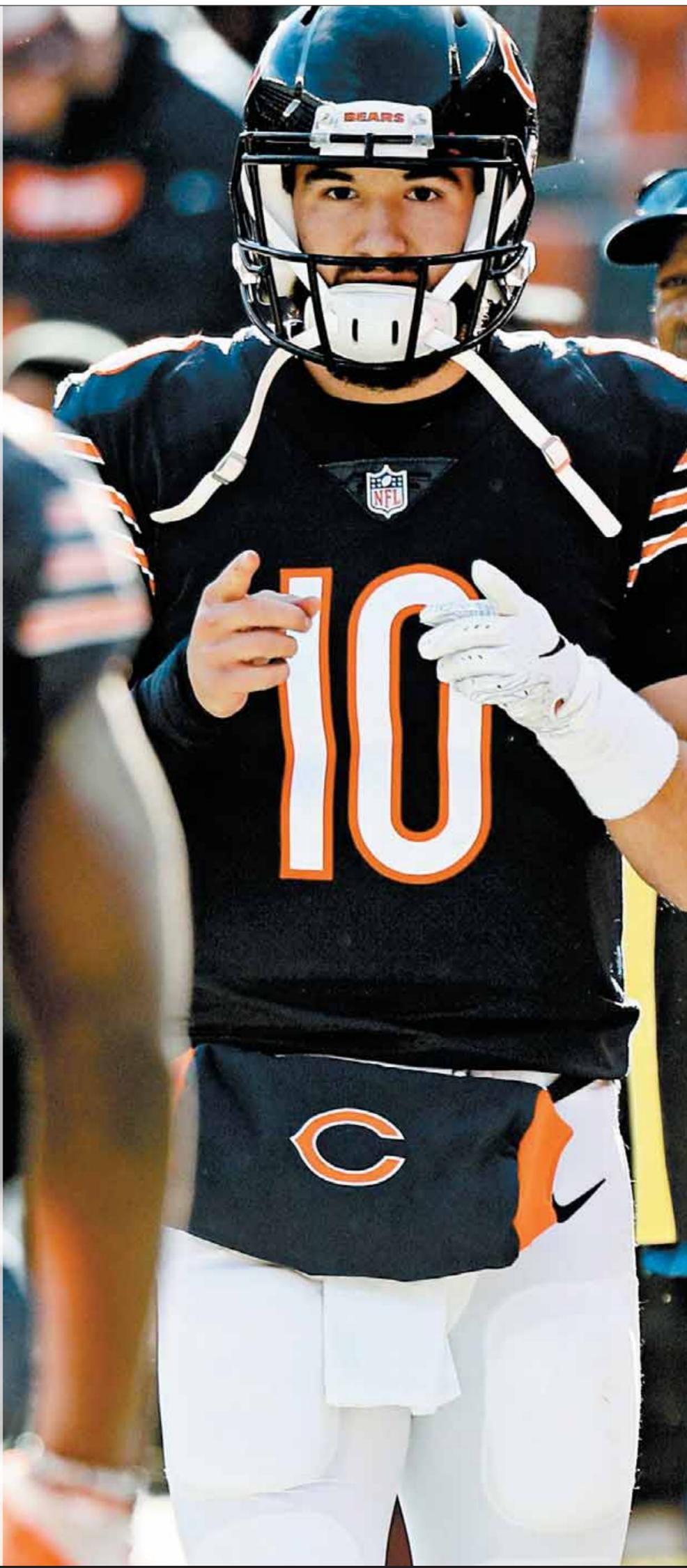
"And I had one beverage," he said, noting it was a glass of cabernet.

Nagy helped bring playoff football back to Chicago for the first time in eight years. He turned a team with four straight last-place finishes into a division winner in less than one year. And he became the first Bears coach to win 10 games in his inaugural season since George Halas in 1920.

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Mitch Trubisky had a 120.4 passer rating in the win over the Packers.

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It's time to let Crawford heal, look to future

Goaltender's health is No. 1, but team needs to plan ahead



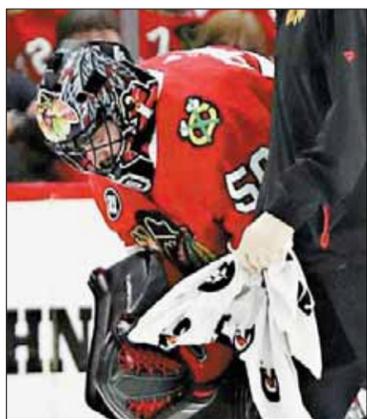
JIMMY GREENFIELD
On the
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The sight on the ice was jarring, then nauseating.

Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford lay on his back, his hands pulled to his head, moments after a high-speed collision with teammate Dylan Strome. It came as no surprise when coach

Jeremy Colliton revealed after Sunday's game that Crawford had suffered his second concussion in less than a year.

The cause of the collision — the Sharks' Evander Kane skating fast toward the net and pushing Strome so hard that Crawford's head snapped back into the goal post and dislodged the net — was of far less importance than its outcome.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Goaltender Corey Crawford skates off the ice after suffering a concussion Sunday.

Yes, Kane received a penalty for goaltender interference because it was careless, but there is no way to conclude it was intentional.

What is true and scary is how the scene on the ice immediately transported you back to Crawford's struggle to return from the concussion he suffered last season.

For months, Crawford couldn't even get on the ice. And when he did finally begin skating in September during training camp, his on-ice sessions before practices were limited to around 30 minutes.

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For the Sox, it's much ado about Manny

Courtship begins on S. Side as team tries to woo shortstop



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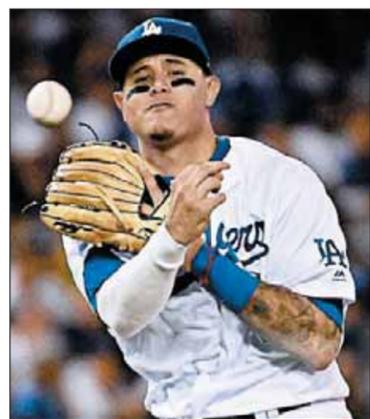
The White Sox's acquisition of Yonder Alonso on Friday changed the dynamics of the biggest guessing game to hit the South Side in years.

Bryce Harper or Manny Machado?

Machado was in town to visit the Sox on Monday, starting his tour of interested teams that reportedly includes the Yankees and Phillies. The Sox had a series of meetings with Machado at the ballpark and around the city, according to sources.

Alonso, meanwhile, spoke to Chicago media members Monday via teleconference after the weekend deal with the Indians for a Sox prospect.

Most fans know by now that Alonso is Machado's brother-in-law, which theoretically could tip the scales toward the Sox when the free-agent shortstop makes



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Free-agent shortstop Manny Machado could join his brother-in-law on the Sox.

his decision. Of course, the \$300 million or so needed to reel in Machado likely will take precedence over working alongside his wife's brother.

"In regards to my brother-in-law, we couldn't be more happy for me to be in such a great organization, a great team," Alonso said. "He's obviously going to be meeting with other teams, including the White Sox."

"We're definitely very close. We live three blocks away from each other in Miami. It'd be very, very nice to also be

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Blame Fox for 'Moose' call

Fox analyst Daryl "Moose" Johnston can't help it.

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky had taken a knee with 10 seconds remaining to close out a 24-17 victory over the Packers on Sunday, securing the team's first NFC North title and playoff berth since 2010.

"The 2018 Bears win the division and they're going to the playoffs," play-by-play announcer Chris Myers said.

Sixteen seconds of crowd noise followed, uninterrupted by Myers or Johnston. "Bear Down, Chicago Bears" played over the public-address system. Bears coach Matt Nagy shook hands with Packers interim coach Joe Philbin, then pulled Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers close for a brief conversation.

One could imagine Johnston closing his eyes, gritting his teeth and drawing upon all his analytical powers and broadcast experience for the perfect way to put the Bears' last-place-to-first odyssey into perspective.

What Johnston actually said: "This is going to be a team to watch when you get into the playoffs."

From mundane, he segued into gibberish about playoff seeds.

"We talked about getting off that one seed," Johnston said. "Dallas is losing right now. That kind of keeps them off Seattle. I'm interested to see how Chicago does. Better special teams today, so they've got all three phases working."

Um, OK.

Here's a tip, Moose: Speak only if it improves the silence.

It's hard to believe this was lost on Myers, who took a moment to point out it was wrong to say the Vikings control their playoff destiny because, by definition, destiny cannot be controlled.

But this isn't really Myers' fault, or even Johnston's. They shouldn't have been calling the Bears-Packers game in the first place.

Blame this on "Thursday Night Football."

If Joe Buck and Troy Aikman hadn't worked the midweek Chiefs-Chargers game in prime time for Fox and NFL Network, they wouldn't have had Sunday afternoon off.

Given Fox's love for the Cowboys, they likely would have been assigned to Cowboys-Colts instead of Kevin Burkhardt and Charles Davis, considered the network's No. 2 announcing team.

That would have freed Burkhardt and Davis to call Bears-Packers, and Bears fans wouldn't have been stuck with Myers-Johnston.

Jumping Jeff Joniak: You know who wasn't at a loss for words when the Bears downed the Packers? Fist-pumping Bears radio play-by-play voice Jeff Joniak, who wouldn't let analyst Tom Thayer get in a word edgewise.



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Quarterback Mitch Trubisky and the Bears celebrating their first division title since 2010 didn't exactly inspire the most astute insight from Fox analyst Daryl Johnston.

"It's been an anguishing absence from the playoffs — seven years, 11 months, 27 days," Joniak said on WBBM-AM 780/WCFS-FM 105.9. "They go last to first and they win the NFC North, 2018 division champions."

"For the first time since 2010, they're headed back to the playoffs, and these loyal fans have been rewarded for their loyalty and they have a Bears team to be proud of right now. Fun, tight, exciting, stubborn, intense and Matt Nagy's swag has led this team from really humble beginnings."

It's not a perfect call. ("These loyal fans have been rewarded for their loyalty"?) But you should see video the Bears posted of Joniak excitedly gesturing and bouncing as he delivers it.

Fact check: Funny thing about "the NFL's oldest rivalry," as Fox referred to the Bears and Packers. It dates to 1921, the year the Packers joined the NFL. But the Bears and Cardinals, who for decades both called Chicago home, first played each other in 1920, the inaugural season of what was to be the NFL when the Bears were still the Decatur Staleys.

Season of good cheer: Since the Honey Bears were disbanded after the Bears' Super Bowl XX victory, there have been occasional calls to revive the cheerleading squad.

The Bears have resisted, but they now have public-address announcer James Riebandt leading cheers, pleading fans to make noise.

It would be nice to think Bears fans are engaged enough at Soldier Field to be

enthusiastic without prompts.

Let's put it this way: Soldier Field crowds have been subdued in recent years because they lacked a reason to cheer, not because they didn't know when and how to do so.

Packers backers: Despite winning in court to keep a Packers fan in Green Bay regalia from pregame sideline access it makes available to some season ticket holders, the Bears did allow some fans in Packers gear to watch warm-ups from the field before Sunday's game.

If the team hadn't fought so hard to assert its rights, the Packers backers might not have been noticeable.

All eyes on Bears: Sunday's game on FOX-32 was the Bears' highest-rated daytime telecast of the season in the Chicago area. It averaged a 32.75 household rating, which translates to more than 1 million TV households in the Chicago market — nearly a third of the market overall.

Only the three prime-time appearances on NBC's "Sunday Night Football" — the season opener in Green Bay (35.3) and games against the Vikings (34.4) and Rams (33.7) — averaged higher household ratings in the Chicago area. The Bears-Packers rematch fared better locally than even the Week 2 "Monday Night Football" victory over the Seahawks, which averaged a combined 29.7 on ABC-7 and ESPN.

The previous daytime high was a 28.06 on Nov. 11 against the Lions.

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Another Packers alum questioning Rodgers' might



Not that he needs any outside piling on this season but, after a day in which the Bears did just that, Aaron Rodgers heard about his inability to deliver in the clutch

from a former Packers player.

"I mean really if you can't out play Mitch Trubisky, how good are you?" tweeted LeRoy Butler, a safety who played for the team from 1990-2001. "Aaron's only job is to OUT play the other QB! Agree? You will never win scoring 17 pts."

He was right about that last part. Rodgers completed 25 of 42 passes for 274 yards and zero touchdowns and threw his first interception in an NFL-record 402 passes on a tip in the end zone, finishing with a 68.9 percent passer rating. Trubisky, the Bears' quarterback, completed 20 of 28 passes for 235 yards, two touchdowns and a 120.4 passer rating.

If there were stats for frustration, Rodgers would lead the league. He has been intercepted only twice on 537 pass attempts, but he has not delivered when it mattered for the Packers, who are 5-8-1. To be sure, he had to fight his way through an injury he suffered in the season opener, but he has come under the kind of criticism to which he is decidedly unaccustomed. It came to a head Sunday, when the team was eliminated from the playoffs for the first time with a healthy Rodgers since 2008.

His stats have not been bad; they've just paled in comparison to the league's youngsters and he has uncharacteristically failed to come through in the clutch, with Green Bay losing a number of close games that they would ordinarily have won. When you're the NFL's highest-paid player, the questions come quickly and furiously.

Rodgers' mechanics have come under fire, as has his decision-making. He has been criticized for allegedly caring so much about the record for passes without an interception that he was unusually cautious with his throws.

And there have been plenty of passes that were just purely overthrown, as was the case Sunday.

There was even ludicrously premature social media conversation about — gulp — Rodgers' future at age 35.

After two more meaningless games, the Packers will head into the offseason with a long to-do list. Hiring the right head coach for Rodgers is essential, as is having a smart draft and shopping for reasonable free agents. LeRoy Butler would say there's work for Rodgers to do too.

— Washington Post

Nagy quickly turns focus to what's next

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So Nagy might have been justified in giving himself a grander celebration.

But when he met with reporters some 18 hours later Monday at Halas Hall, he already was looking ahead, stating the Bears aren't going to coast over the final two weeks of the regular season.

There's still a shot the Bears could wrestle away a first-round bye, most likely from the 11-3 Rams, who have lost two in a row. The Bears, who face the 49ers and Vikings on the road, would have to gain a game against the Rams to force the head-to-head tiebreaker. The schedule seemingly favors the Rams, who take on the Cardinals in Arizona and the 49ers at home.

But Nagy sees an opportunity, and that's where he wants to keep his and his team's focus this week.

"It's OK to celebrate and enjoy last night, but we have bigger things that we're trying to achieve," Nagy said. "And I think that's going to be the biggest challenge for us where we're at is understanding, 'OK, we accomplished a good goal, but that's not enough.' And so how do you make sure everyone understands that?"

"(Over the last two weeks), there's the ability for us to be, basically, four different seeds. Some are slimmer than others. But take that into account, it makes it easy. You go play and you play to win."

Nagy said the Bears might readjust their focus in Week 17 if they're locked in to their playoff seed before heading to Minnesota. But until then, he's not worried about his players. He has been asked twice before this season how the Bears would respond to big wins — after beating the Vikings and the Rams — and his team won each of the following games.

That's evidence of Nagy's ability to keep his team on task, but he credited his players.

"It's how they're handling themselves week to week," he said. "It's how they handle themselves in practice. It's how they handle themselves in games. And I appreciate that."

Just because Nagy is ready to turn the page to the 49ers doesn't mean he didn't



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Coach Matt Nagy and the Bears celebrated Sunday, but he says, "We have bigger things that we're trying to achieve."

appreciate what the Bears accomplished Sunday by beating the Packers for the first time in the last nine games against them at Soldier Field.

He said he thanked general manager Ryan Pace, Chairman George McCaskey and owner Virginia McCaskey for giving him the opportunity to lead the charge.

"It was nice because I know, No. 1, how much it means to them, the success that we're having," Nagy said. "It's always positive when you're winning, and then when you do it at home and you do it against a division rival with the Packers it means a lot."

He also watched his players dance during their postgame locker room party and cherished the smiles his coaches wore.

Nagy was a part of coaching staffs that went to the playoffs several times with the Eagles and Chiefs. He knew reaching that milestone was a first for many in the Bears contingent Sunday.

"We've had a bunch of different coaches that haven't had this success before," Nagy said. "We've had players that haven't had it. We put a lot of time and hours into this, so we're crazy if we won't allow them to enjoy it for a little bit. But the neat thing is you hear everybody talking about that we really want more. ... We have to make sure we focus on that."

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Bears need to keep pedal to the metal

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had nothing to do with the ugly, blinking Christmas sweater he wore to the news conference. Trubisky was even more electric during the game, outplaying future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers by completing 20 of 28 passes for 235 yards and two touchdowns without an interception for a 120.4 passer rating — numbers befitting a bona fide playoff quarterback. He rambled for first downs. He responded.

Who left Soldier Field more relieved Sunday: Nagy after watching Trubisky succeed or left tackle Charles Leno Jr. after Jennifer Roth accepted his postgame marriage proposal at midfield? Suffice to say both were blissful developments.

After Trubisky missed consecutive games against the Lions and Giants with a shoulder injury, he regressed despite beating the Rams following his three-week layoff. His balky mechanics suffered. He struggled to keep his composure. He exhibited little confidence. Just as Trubisky had begun to answer questions about his consistency, a leaguewide debate resumed about his readiness for big moments.

A week later, this seems like something everyone can agree on after Sunday's performance: Trubisky needs the work, and any risks associated with letting him face the 49ers and Vikings on the road will be worth the potential reward.

In an organization trained by Nagy to think positively, imagine if Trubisky continues to function at a high level and benefits from the growth opportunity the final two games offer.

"We're going to attack this thing and do everything we can to keep winning," Nagy said Monday.

That means starting Trubisky, which means playing the No. 1 offensive line to protect him and making every receiver and running back available. Obviously, if an offensive starter tweaks an injury, the Bears will err on the side of caution. But as much as rest helps a team recover before the playoffs, the threat of rust should worry the Bears more — especially when it comes to Trubisky.

Developing Trubisky no longer is the top priority for the 2018 season. Winning a Super Bowl is. Those chances improve if the Bears enter the playoffs with a streaky young quarterback getting hot to complement their championship-caliber defense. Defensively, the thought process differs slightly because better depth exists.

If Defensive Player of the Year candidate Khalil Mack has as much as a sore throat, give him a lozenge and a Sunday off. If no-brainer Pro Bowl defensive end Akiem Hicks wants to recuperate, let him lie around wherever he wants. Safety Eddie Jackson's ankle injury requires time to mend, so the Bears have little choice but to hope he recovers in time for the playoffs. Jackson's uncertainty also gives the Bears another reason to keep playing Trubisky and Co. — to do everything possible to gain the first-round bye so the difference-making safety has as long as possible to heal.

How ironic: After waiting eight years to get back into the playoffs, what the Bears really could use now is an extra week. It's a credit to Nagy that they even can consider such things heading into Week 16.

People can pretend they saw this resurgence coming, but nobody reasonably could. Not from an organization that lost 34 of 48 games in general manager Ryan Pace's first three seasons. Not from a franchise that fired coach Lovie Smith after its last 10-win season in 2012, experimented by letting former GM Phil Emery run things into the ground, practiced professional negligence by hiring Marc Trestman and allowed John Fox to take his multimillion-dollar retirement tour through Lake Forest. Not from the Bears, the Misfits of the Midway, who made cynicism marketable in Chicago and conditioned so many of us to expect the worst.

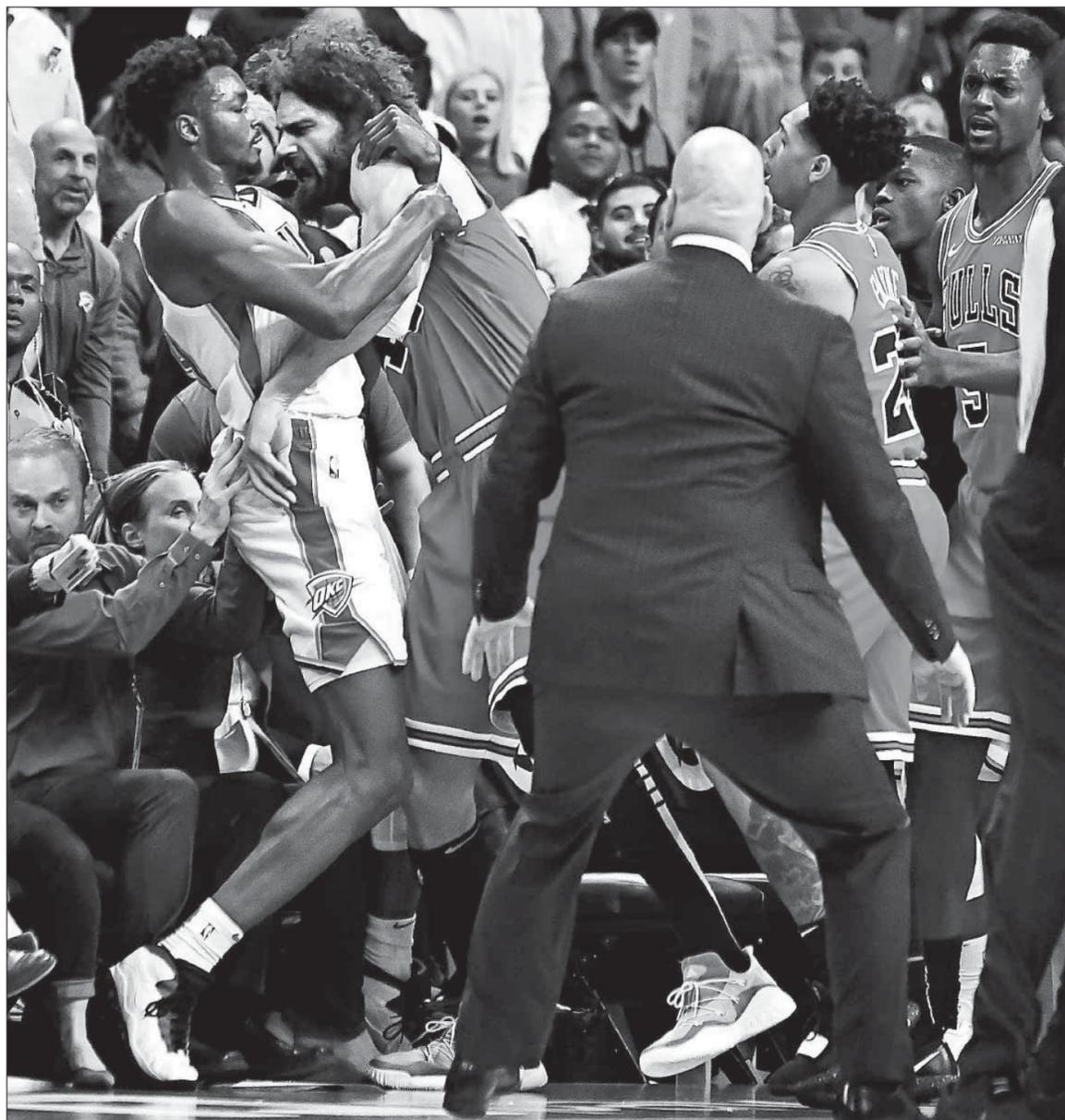
Not anymore. Back on April 3, Nagy convened his first meeting about the 2018 season and promised the Bears that all of this was possible. All the offensive innovation and defensive domination. All the trick plays with cute names executed by 300-pound linemen and postgame celebrations at "Club Dub." All the comparisons with the 1985 Bears that begin with a beloved defensive coordinator who directs a unit colder than the weather. All the belief in the Bears where there once was so much doubt.

Over time, those optimistic words proved more than just coachspeak. Over time, results supported the lofty rhetoric.

Trust can be hard to come by in a passionate football city because by so much losing. But it might be the most significant gain of Nagy's first season.

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Thunder forward Jerami Grant scuffles with Bulls center Robin Lopez in the second half of the Thunder's victory in Oklahoma City.

Bad to the last scrum

Peacekeeper Boylen steps up when tempers flare in another blowout

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Bulls are now 2-5 under Jim Boylen after Monday's 121-96 loss to the Thunder.

They've been competitive in four games, suffered a franchise-record 56-point loss to the Celtics, got outscored by 30 points in the second half by the Kings and committed 23 turnovers in a sloppy but feisty effort that featured a third-quarter scuffle against the Thunder.

They've been in the national headlines for all the wrong reasons, even if the internal vibe following the Dec. 9 team meetings held to address a minority voice to boycott practice doesn't square with the outside perception.

And if you think Boylen is changing his direct approach, think again.

"I think perseverance is one of my positive traits — one of many," Boylen said. "But I also know from this business that it's a long season. You're going to go through some difficult times."

"I look at this thing as a family. Your family is going to have moments where things are difficult. Maybe you communicate poorly. Maybe you have drama, an issue. And that's a moment to stand up and reinforce the things you believe in."

Boylen has made clear his biggest belief — that no individual is bigger than the team. He once took a thrown towel to his face from Rajon Rondo to prove his passion for that point.

On Monday, Boylen entered the third-quarter scrum that started when Russell Westbrook shoved Kris Dunn and Dunn shoved Westbrook back. Jerami Grant followed with some extracurricular activity that Robin Lopez didn't like and those



Thunder guard Russell Westbrook plays to the crowd in the first half Monday night.

two drew double technicals.

"I liked the look in our guys' eyes when that happened," Boylen said. "It bonded them a little bit."

Boylen rushed in and pulled Grant away in a headlock.

"I just don't want guys to get hurt," Boylen said after the game. "I thought the referees handled it really well."

"I'm just trying to get people out of the way. I saw him come across the court into the pile. I have nothing against Grant. I could tell he was upset. As a coach, you're kind of looking out for everybody."

In other words, Boylen, who ended up having a strong relationship with Rondo, doesn't mind if things get messy.

"You violate the essence of the team, we're going to have a tough conversation," Boylen said before the game. "If you run from confrontation, I don't think you're going to last very long in this business. Now, I have not been combative. I have not been degrading. We just have to address the things that we have to do better as a team."

Ball security would be a big one. Improving a slumping offense would be another.

Westbrook's triple-double also featured five steals and Paul George added 24 points for the Thunder. Lauri Markkanen's 16 points and 15 rebounds led the Bulls.

After taking over for Fred Hoiberg,

Boylen took an aggressive approach to change for multiple reasons. It's his natural style. He felt supported by management and ownership. And perhaps biggest of all, he already had relationships with every player.

"It still feels like Jim. It's genuine. His approach is the same," said Lopez, who was ejected later with his second technical for dropping the ball on Grant after Grant fouled to the floor. "We already knew Jim, so there's a level of trust there for guys."

Plus, everything Boylen has said publicly, he also has said privately to his team.

"I think we can get a lot more from our best players. They know that. Once you establish that, it's real easy. And everybody else falls in line with what's acceptable and what we need," Boylen said. "Phil Jackson did it. Gregg Popovich did it. Please don't say I'm saying I'm those guys."

"My point is Rudy Tomjanovich coached Hakeem (Olajuwon) hard but with fairness and compassion. (Michigan State's) Tom Izzo coached Denzel Valentine as hard as anybody when he had him. That's what I've learned. That's what I think is important."

Boylen coached on two title teams with Tomjanovich and one with Popovich. He worked for Izzo. And he spent three days with Jackson last summer.

"I don't know where we lost that coaching a guy with directness and honesty and clarity is old school," he said. "I guess it is now. But guys want to be coached. They might not like it at that moment. But they know deep down inside that this is the right thing for them."

"It is an adjustment period. There's been a lot of change here. In my opinion, change in a good way. It doesn't mean there's not going to be a rough moment or two. But when did holding someone accountable to their dreams, to who they want to be, become old school? I don't get that."

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NHL

'Q' talk heats up after Flyers fire Hakstol

Tribune news services

It took less than two weeks as general manager of the Philadelphia Flyers for Chuck Fletcher to see what he needed to see with coach Dave Hakstol.

The Flyers were still making too many mistakes, still not playing up to their talent level and it was all too clear the message wasn't getting across from their fourth-year coach. With the team mired in a four-game losing streak, Fletcher fired Hakstol on Monday and named AHL coach Scott Gordon as interim replacement.

"To my eyes there was a disconnect between what he was preaching and how the players were playing," Fletcher said. "We need a new voice. We need to have the coaching staff (give) the message to the players and hopefully have the players receive that message and that's why I decided to make the move."

Not much has improved since the team fired general manager Ron Hextall just after Thanksgiving. The Flyers have lost five of six, 11 of 14 and are in last place in the Eastern Conference.

It was not immediately clear when the Flyers would hire a full-time coach, though Fletcher indicated he expects Gordon to work through the remainder of the season. Three-time Stanley Cup-winning coach Joel Quenneville was fired by the Blackhawks last month, but Fletcher said he has not gotten permission from the Blackhawks to speak with Quenneville and hasn't talked to him in roughly two years.

Quenneville doesn't want to coach until after the holidays, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported, citing a source.



Hakstol

Crow's health is No. 1 concern

Greenfield, from Page 1

The process was slow and cautious, and for a while it seemed a return to games was wishful thinking.

Then in early October, Crawford began participating in full practices. By Oct. 18, he was able to make his season debut, and he immediately reclaimed his starting job.

Concussions are too dangerous and mysterious to have any idea how much time Crawford might miss. It could be a couple of weeks, or he could have to wait again until camp starts in September. It's impossible to know, and it would be reckless to speculate.

Two primary questions need to be asked: What will this mean for Crawford's life and career, and what does this mean for the Hawks' season?

One is vital; both are important. Only the hockey question is answerable at this point.

The Hawks didn't reveal Crawford was dealing with a concussion last season, and he and the team felt good enough about his progress to let him practice during a trip to Arizona in February. That ended quickly, and it was months before he skated again.

There shouldn't be any doubt that Crawford, 33, who is recently married and has a 1-year-old son, will do what's best for him and his family if he feels his long-term health is at risk. But it's far too early for anyone to know whether that's the case.

It's not heartless to also explore how Crawford's injury will impact this season and perhaps beyond.

The Hawks are in a vastly different situation than they were a year ago. At the time Crawford's season ended, the Hawks had a 17-13-5 record for 39 points. If they had that record today, they would be in a virtual tie with the Oilers for the final wild-card spot.

But the Hawks are 10-19-6, nowhere near the playoff picture and looking every bit as bad as their record.

If you take the Hawks at their word, allowing five unanswered goals over the final two periods of Sunday's 7-3 loss to the Sharks had little or nothing to do with the scare of seeing Crawford's head slam into a goal post.

While that's doubtful because of the love and concern they have for their teammate — and because they're only human — it's also believable given how often the Hawks have disappeared in games this season.

On Monday, the Hawks recalled goalie Collin Delia from Rockford and officially put Crawford on injured reserve. The earliest Crawford will be eligible to return is Dec. 27 against the Wild. There's no reason Delia, 24, shouldn't get the bulk of the starts in the meantime. He has been leading the AHL with a .933 save percentage and his 2.34 goals-against average is tied for third.

Backup Cam Ward has been one of the least effective goalies in the NHL this season, no matter how you slice it. His .883 save percentage is 58th among the 63 goalies with at least eight appearances. His 4.17 goals-against average is 62nd.

The Hawks' porous defense gets some of the blame for Ward's numbers but not all of it. Same goes for Crawford, who has been putting up the worst numbers of his career.

The biggest difference between this year and last year when Crawford was lost for the season is wins and losses don't matter right now. What matters is that the Hawks use the rest of the season to find out who should be part of the team long term.

And that Crawford uses it to get healthy. No matter how long it takes.

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BULLS NOTES

Parker 2nd player ill after trip to Mexico City

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

OKLAHOMA CITY — It has been a rough week for Jabari Parker.

Last Thursday, Jim Boylen informed the team's second-leading scorer and rebounder that he'd be out of the rotation and judged by his practice habits and defensive effort moving forward. On Friday, the Bulls and Parker's camp discussed working amicably to find him a new home. On Saturday, he drew his first "Did Not Play — Coach's Decision" designation.

And on Monday, he fell victim to the virus that's sweeping the team.

"We've had 13 people in our travel party come down pretty ill," coach Jim Boylen said. "Jabari woke up not feeling great. He came to our (breakfast) meeting, came over to shootaround and it got worse. So we sent Jabari (to the hotel) from shootaround."

Parker joined Chandler Hutchison, who missed last Thursday's game, as the only

players affected by the virus, which started when the team was in Mexico City. Several coaches, executives and support staff were ill.

Parker stayed at the team hotel during the game and met the team for its charter flight home afterward. The Bulls activated Windy City callup Rawle Alkins.

Zach attack: Boylen offered no new timetable for Zach LaVine's return, although he did acknowledge swelling and fluid in LaVine's injured left ankle. It's been previously reported that the Bulls are viewing LaVine's absence more by the week than the day.

LaVine, who returned to Chicago on Saturday, suffered a sprained deltoid ligament in his ankle in the loss to the Magic in Mexico City. He lifted weights and underwent treatment on Monday.

"We're just going to see how he progresses with treatment," Boylen said. "Sometimes, guys bounce back really quick. Sometimes, it takes a little time. But the process is moving forward."

Point, counterpoint: Kris Dunn relishes any challenge. He also loves playing defense. So what's his mindset when matched against the human dynamo that is Thunder guard Russell Westbrook?

"Compete. Guard my yard. And go back at him on the other end," Dunn said. "He plays so physical and so downhill and so aggressive that I try to make him guard me, see if I can get him in foul trouble."

Ryan Arcidiacono opened on Westbrook, with Dunn on Terrance Ferguson and occasionally switched onto Westbrook.

Layups: Justin Holiday extended his franchise-record streak of games with at least one 3-pointer to 42. He's also the only NBA player to make a 3-pointer in all 31 games. ... Assistant equipment manager Steve Pankow taped light-hearted nicknames with jersey numbers above players' lockers. Ryan Arcidiacono, whose father played football, got "51 Butkus" in honor of his number. Wendell Carter Jr., in a nod to a funny beer commercial, got "34 Delly-Delly."

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
						@SF 3:05 FOX-32, AM-780	
		BKN 7 WGN-9, AM-670		ORL 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		@CLE 5 NBCSCH, AM-670	
						FLA 6 WGN-9, AM-720	
		NSH 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720	@DAL 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720	@COL 8 NBCSCH+ AM-720			

TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	PROGRAM	NETWORK
6:30 p.m.	Lakers at Nets	NBA TV
5 p.m.	Princeton at Duke	ESPN2
5:30 p.m.	Appalachian State at Georgetown	FS1
6 p.m.	Binghamton at Notre Dame	WMVP-AM 1000
6 p.m.	Youngstown State at Ohio State	BTN
6 p.m.	Xavier at Missouri	ESPN
7 p.m.	Buffalo at Syracuse	ESPN2
7:30 p.m.	Presbyterian at Butler	FS1
8 p.m.	Western Carolina at Iowa	BTN
8 p.m.	Creighton at Oklahoma	ESPN
9 p.m.	Mississippi State at Oregon	ESPN2
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
6 p.m.	Boca Raton Bowl: NIU vs. UAB	ESPN, WIND-AM 560
NHL		
7:30 p.m.	Predators at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, NBCSN, WGN-AM 720

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
Tue	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB (10-3) vs. N. Illinois (8-5)	6	
Wed	Frisco	Frisco, Tex.	San Diego St. (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4)	7	
Thu	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)	7	
Fri	Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)	11:30*	
Fri	Idaho Potato	Boise	W. Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)	3	
Sat	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Mempis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11*	
Sat	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (10-2)	2:30	
Sat	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (8-3)	6	
Sat	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9:30	
D26	SEVPRO	Dallas	Brigham Young (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	
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	
D28	Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30	
D28	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15	
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St. (8-4) vs. Wash. St. (10-2)	8	
D29	Beach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*	
D29	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*	
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St. (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15	
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3	
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (10-4)	7	
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11*	
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1	
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St. (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2	
D31	Liberty	Mempis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St. (6-6)	2:45	
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6	
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St. (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6:30	
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St. (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*	
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (8-3) vs. Penn St. (9-3)	noon	
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon	
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St. (12-1)	4	
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2)	7:45	
J7	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7	

OTHER SHRINE

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	2
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

DATE BOWL

DATE	BOWL	SITE	RESULT
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La-Lafayette 21
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas 13
D15	Las Vegas	Fresno, Calif.	Fresno 21, Arizona St. 20
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13

2018 AP COACH OF THE YEAR

COACH	TEAM	CONF.	W-L	PTS	LW
Ed Orgeron	LSU	SEC	2	4	4
Matt Rhoads	Baylor	SEC	1	1	9
Chris Petersen	Washington	WAC	1	2	2
Luke Fickell	Cincinnati	ACC	1	1	1
Joe Moorhead	Miss St.	SEC	1	1	1
Scott Satterfield	App St.	SEC	1	1	1

COACHES OF THE YEAR

COACH	TEAM	CONF.	W-L	PTS	LW
2018: Brian Kelly, Notre Dame	Notre Dame	ACC	12	1	1
2017: Scott Frost, UCF	UCF	ACC	1	1	9
2016: Mike MacIntyre, Colorado	Colorado	PAC	1	1	9
2015: Dabo Swinney, Clemson	Clemson	SEC	1	1	9
2014: Gary Patterson, TCU	TCU	SEC	1	1	9
2013: Brian Kelly, Notre Dame	Notre Dame	ACC	1	1	9
2012: Les Miles, LSU	LSU	SEC	1	1	9
2010: Chip Kelly, Oregon	Oregon	PAC	1	1	9
2009: Gary Patterson, TCU	TCU	SEC	1	1	9
2008: Nick Saban, Alabama	Alabama	SEC	1	1	9

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW THE MEN'S TOP 25 FARED MONDAY	W-L	PTS	LW
1. Kansas (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota, Tuesday.			
2. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Princeton, Tuesday.			
3. Tennessee (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Samford, Wednesday.			
4. Michigan (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Air Force, Saturday.			
5. Virginia (9-0) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Wednesday.			
6. Nevada (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Akron, Saturday.			
7. Auburn (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.			
8. Gonzaga (9-2) did not play. Next: at Texas-Arlington, Tuesday.			
9. North Carolina (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Kentucky, Saturday.			
10. Michigan State (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Friday.			
11. Florida State (9-1) beat SE Missouri 85-88. Next: vs. Florida, Wednesday.			
12. Texas Tech (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Duke, Thursday.			
13. Buffalo Tech (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. A&T, Wednesday.			
14. Virginia Tech (10-0) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Tuesday.			
15. Ohio State (9-1) beat SE Missouri 85-88. Next: vs. North Carolina, Tuesday.			
16. Wisconsin (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Grambling State, Saturday.			
17. Mississippi State (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Utah State, Wednesday.			
18. Arizona State (8-2) lost to Vanderbilt 81-65. Next: vs. No. 1 Kansas, Saturday.			
19. Kentucky (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 North Carolina, Saturday.			
20. Marquette (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota, Tuesday.			
21. Houston (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Utah State, Thursday.			
22. Indiana (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Central Arkansas, Wednesday.			
23. Iowa (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Tuesday.			
24. Furman (12-0) did not play. Next: at LSU, Friday.			
25. Nebraska (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Cal State Fullerton, Saturday.			

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED MONDAY

W-L	PTS	LW
1. UConn (9-0) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Wednesday.		
2. Notre Dame (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Wednesday.		
3. Louisville (11-0) did not play. Next: at Central Michigan, Thursday.		
4. Mississippi State (10-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Oregon, Tuesday.		
5. Maryland (10-0) did not play. Next: at Delaware, Tuesday.		
6. Baylor (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Monday.		
7. Oregon (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Mississippi State, Tuesday.		
8. Stanford (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Tennessee, Tuesday.		
9. Tennessee (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Stanford, Tuesday.		
10. N.C. State (11-0) did not play. Next: at Chattanooga, Friday.		
11. Oregon State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Duke, Thursday.		
12. Texas (7-2) did not play. Next: at Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Thursday.		
13. Minnesota (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Saturday.		
14. California (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.		
15. Syracuse (9-2) beat Niagara 94-45. Next: vs. Duquesne, Friday.		
16. Iowa (8-2) did not play. Next: at Drake, Friday.		
17. Arizona State (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Fresno State, Thursday.		
18. Kentucky (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Saturday.		
19. Marquette (9-2) beat Binghamton 93-40. Next: vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Saturday.		
20. DePaul (8-1) beat Tennessee State 95-73. Next: at Loyola of Chicago, Thursday.		
21. Gonzaga (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. Idaho, Thursday.		
22. Michigan State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. FAU, Thursday.		
23. Texas A&M (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Wednesday.		
24. Miami (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.		
25. South Carolina (6-4) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Friday.		

MEN'S AP TOP 25

RK. TEAM	W-L	PTS	LW
1. Kansas (56)	9-0	1586	1
2. Duke (5)	9-1	1488	2
3. Tennessee (2)	8-1	1464	3
4. Michigan (1)	11-0	1442	5
5. Virginia (1)	9-0	1400	6
6. Nevada (2)	11-0	1319	7
7. Auburn	9-1	1156	8
8. Gonzaga	9-2	1147	4
9. North Carolina	8-2	1126	12
10. Michigan St.	9-2	1070	9
11. Florida State	8-1	949	10
12. Texas Tech	10-0	912	11
13. Virginia Tech	9-1	838	13
14. Buffalo	10-0	684	14
15. Ohio State	9-1	647	15
16. Wisconsin	9-2	619	16
17. Mississippi State	9-1	529	18
18. Arizona State	8-1	415	20
19. Kentucky	8-2	377	19
20. Marquette	8-2	350	21
21. Houston	10-0	266	24
22. Indiana	9-2	226	25
23. Iowa	8-2	224	22
24. Furman	12-0	208	23
25. Nebraska	9-2	156	26

OTHERS:	Oklahoma 115,	Marland 103,	Kansas St. 90,	St. John's 59,	Villanova 52,	N.C. State 38,	Purdue 20,	TCU 17,	Iowa St. 9,	Cincinnati 7,	Louisville 6,	Florida 3,	Minnesota 3,	Belmont 2,	San Francisco 2,	NIT 1.
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USA TODAY COACHES POLL

RK. TEAM	W-L	PTS	LW
1. Kansas (27)	9-0	768	1
2. Duke (1)	9-1	709	2
3. Virginia	9-0	697	3
4. Tennessee	8-1	694	4
5. Michigan	11-0	678	4
6. Nevada	11-0	617	7
7. Auburn	9-1	532	8
8. Michigan State	9-2	502	9
9. Gonzaga	9-2	497	6
10. North Carolina	8-2	493	12
11. Texas Tech	10-0	470	11
12. Florida State	8-1	452	10
13. Virginia Tech	9-1	425	13
14. Ohio State	9-1	178	20
15. Buffalo	10-0	318	15
16. Mississippi State	9-1	272	17
17. Wisconsin	9-2	232	19
18. Kentucky	8-2	198	18
19. Arizona State	8-1	178	20
20. Houston	10-0	168	22
21. Iowa	8-2	115	21
22. Marquette	9-2	94	25
23. Braxton	8-2	94	25
24. Maryland	9-2	94	25
25. Furman	12-0	82	28

OTHERS:	Indiana 62;	Oklahoma 58;	St. John's 51;	Kansas State 45;	Villanova 35;	Cincinnati 26;	Texas Christian 24;	Iowa State 15;	North Carolina 13;	North Texas 7;	Central Florida 7;	Louisville 6;	Florida 6;	Purdue 3;	Belmont 2.
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LATEST LINE

NBA	pregame.com	TUESDAY
at Indiana	12	Cleveland
LA Lakers	2	at Brooklyn
Washington	4 1/2	at Atlanta
at Denver	5	Dallas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	TUESDAY
at Duke	29
at Ohio State	26 1/2
at Gonzaga	28 1/2

NHL	TUESDAY
at Blackhawks	off
at NY Rangers	off
at New Jersey	off
at Philadelphia	+151
at Buffalo	+125
at Minnesota	-121
at Carolina	+164
at Arizona	-121
Tampa Bay	-175
at Tampa Bay	+163
at Winnipeg	+154

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	TUESDAY
BOCA RATON	2 1/2
UAB	2 1/2
FRISCO	3
OHIO	3
GASPARILLA	3
MARSHALL	3
BAHAMAS	6
TOLEDO	6
FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO	12
BYU	12
BIRMINGHAM	3 1/2
MEMPHIS	3 1/2
ARMED FORCES	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Illini hope to cash in quick with recruits

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

At the end of a 4-8 season, Illinois gave coach Lovie Smith a contract extension. As much as it was meant to allay the concerns of potentially wavering recruits, the understanding is this recruiting cycle needs to pay immediate dividends on the field.

Illinois has 10 players committed entering the early signing period that runs from Wednesday to Friday. While that's tied with Maryland for the fewest in the Big Ten — a big reason the Illini's class currently ranks 75th nationally and 13th in the conference in the 247Sports.com composite — the quality of some of their commitments shows progress.

The headliners of the class are four-star cornerback Marquez Beason of Duncanville, Texas, and four-star quarterback Isaiah Williams of St. Louis. They're ranked 84th and 109th nationally.

After this class enrolls, most of the players on the team will be Smith's recruits for the first time.

"The first two classes were the foundations," said Jeremy Werner, publisher of Illini Inquirer. "Now they need to win. Isaiah and Marquez give them so much clout with other recruits. Now we need to see them producing. It's time for Illinois to turn this into a winning team."

While Beason's and Williams' commitments appear solid, three-star defensive end Seth Coleman of Melbourne, Fla., has been garnering more attention from other schools since committing to Illinois in July, with Utah making a hard late push. Illinois has had three players decommit in this cycle, including three-star center Jakai Clark of Loganville, Ga., who flipped to Miami last week.

But Clark's decommitment didn't start a domino effect, and the Illini could add other big pieces during the early signing period. Belleville West defensive end Keith Randolph, the No. 9 prospect in the state, will announce his decision Wednesday between Illinois and Michigan State.

The Illini are the favorites to land four-star linebacker Hammond Cooper, Williams' teammate at Trinity Catholic in St. Louis. Cooper intends to announce his college choice during the Under Armour All-America Game on Jan. 3, but Illinois is said to be pushing for him to sign during the early period. After Friday, high school seniors can't sign letters of intent until national signing day on Feb. 6.

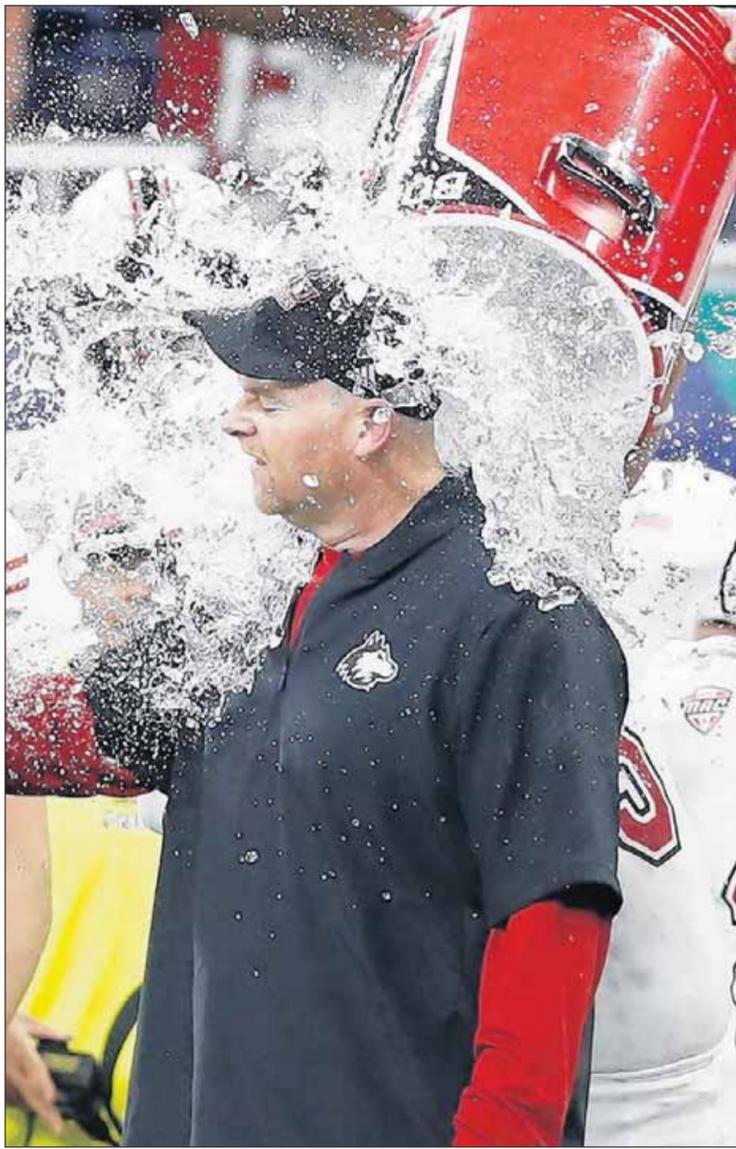
Illinois tight ends coach Cory Patterson previously coached Williams and Cooper at Trinity Catholic.

Northwestern: The Wildcats expect to sign all 18 of their committed players Wednesday, all of whom are composite three-star prospects. Three are from Illinois: Batavia linebacker Michael Jansey, New Trier defensive end Duke Olges and Bolingbrook cornerback Cameron Mitchell. The Wildcats are keeping open a scholarship or two for the February signing date, possibly for a running back, though they feel good about their freshman combo of Isaiah Boswer and Drake Anderson.

Notre Dame: The Irish expect to sign 21 players Wednesday in a class ranked 11th nationally. Notre Dame is also in the mix to land four-star linebacker Asa Turner, a Washington commitment from Carlsbad, Calif., who plans to sign Wednesday, and four-star defensive end Isaiah Foskey of Concord, Calif., who intends to announce his decision in February.

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After winning the MAC, coach Rod Carey and NIU look to end a five-game bowl skid.

BOCA RATON BOWL

League champs set to slug it out

MAC winner NIU underdog vs. Conference USA titlist UAB

BY JOEL BOYD | Chicago Tribune

Only three of the 39 FBS bowl games this postseason feature two conference champions squaring off.

One is the Orange Bowl, which has SEC champ Alabama taking on Big 12 champ Oklahoma in a national semifinal. One is the Rose Bowl, which got its traditional pairing of the Big Ten and Pac-12 champs when Ohio State was left out of the College Football Playoff and sent to face Washington instead.

The third takes place Tuesday night in South Florida when Mid-American champion Northern Illinois meets Conference USA champ UAB in the Boca Raton Bowl at FAU Stadium (6 p.m., ESPN). The Blazers (10-3) are 2½-point favorites over the Huskies (8-5).

Here are five things to watch for and other noteworthy items:

1. If you like teams that get after the quarterback, this is the bowl game for you. NIU leads the nation with 50 sacks, and UAB is tied for third with 43. The Huskies defensive end tandem of Sutton Smith (15 sacks, tied for the FBS lead) and Josh Corcoran (10) has six more combined sacks than the country's next best duo, Kentucky's Josh Allen (14) and Jamar Watson (five). Linebackers Jamell Garcia-Williams (9½ sacks) and Tre Crawford (eight) lead the Blazers pass rush.

2. The NIU defense isn't just about rushing the passer. Led by linebackers Antonio Jones-Davis (119 tackles) and Kyle Pugh (99), the Huskies have held seven of their 13 opponents below 100 rushing yards and are one of only four FBS teams not to allow a 100-yard rusher all season (Clemson, Southern Miss and Marshall are the others). NIU is third in the nation with 2.69 yards allowed per carry and 14th with 109.7 rushing yards allowed per game. Power Five opponents Iowa and Florida State were the only teams to score 30 or more points against the Huskies.

3. On the other side of the ball, NIU has struggled to find a consistent rhythm. The Huskies have scored in single digits four times, including a 7-6 victory at BYU, and rank in the nation's bottom 15 in scoring (20.7 points per game, 119th) and total offense (325 yards per game, 122nd). On the plus side, redshirt sophomore

quarterback Marcus Childers is coming off a career game in NIU's 30-29 comeback win over Buffalo in the MAC title game. Childers was 21 of 33 for a career-best 300 yards and four touchdowns, which tied a career high.

4. That said, the NIU offense goes as the running game goes. The Huskies have won 10 of their last 11 games when rushing for 200 yards or more, including five of six this year (a 13-7 loss to Miami of Ohio was the exception). Redshirt sophomore Tre Harbison needs only 15 rushing yards Tuesday to reach 1,000 for the season.

5. The Huskies' opponent is one of the nation's best stories. UAB terminated its football program after the 2014 season, only to announce six months later, after strong public backlash and fundraising efforts, that it would reinstate the program with a return to competition in 2017. Coach Bill Clark stuck around through the two-year hiatus, and the Blazers went 8-5 in their return with an appearance in the Bahamas Bowl. After winning 10 games and a conference title this year, Clark received the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year award.

Odds and ends: NIU left tackle Max Scharding will make his 53rd start Tuesday. A three-time first-team All-MAC selection, Scharding also was named a first-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Direc-

tors of America and was a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy — known as the "Academic Heisman" — that Clemson defensive tackle Christian Wilkins won.

■ The Huskies are in a bowl game for the 10th time in 11 seasons, but they're looking to end a five-game losing streak in bowls. Their last win came against Arkansas State in the GoDaddy.com Bowl after the 2011 season. That was also the last time the MAC champion won its bowl game.

■ NIU played eight bowl teams this season and nine bowl-eligible teams. Not on that list was Florida State (5-7).

■ NIU and UAB never have played in football, but the Huskies have played three other teams from Alabama: Auburn, Troy and Alabama — which NIU defeated 19-16 in 2003 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Yes, that was before Nick Saban arrived.

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BASEBALL

Sox begin courtship of talented Machado

Sullivan, from Page 1

neighbors on the South Side. I know he's very excited for me. His whole family is very excited for me, and it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"He's going to do his thing, obviously, what's best for his family. But we all understand it's a very tight family and we'd ... like to play at a high level and reach the playoffs and maybe in the future play alongside each other."

Whether it's a factor or not, the Alonso-Machado relationship has been mentioned prominently in almost every story about Alonso's acquisition.

"I hate to disappoint you, but I have not read every story that has mentioned his brother-in-law," general manager Rick Hahn said Saturday.

Trust me, Rick. "It's out there, huh?" Hahn replied.

Hahn said "fundamentally this is a baseball deal" and "potential ancillary benefits" were not part of the Sox's thinking. Of course, it couldn't hurt if the Sox are more serious about signing Machado than Harper, who has no relations on the Sox roster but recently posted on Nicky Delmonico's Instagram page.

The Sox have low-keyed Machado's arrival in town, unlike the wooing of another prominent free agent Jerry Reinsdorf hoped to sign to his rebuilding Bulls team in the summer of 2000. Bulls general manager Jerry Krause, accompanied by Luvabulls cheerleaders, mascot Benny the Bull and a band playing "Sweet Home Chicago," greeted 21-year-old Tracy McGrady at Gate C-20 in the United terminal at O'Hare. The 5-foot-5 Krause hugged the 6-8 McGrady outside the gate, one of the more awkward moments in Bulls free-agent history.

"Jerry Krause is a great man," McGrady said. "I don't know why, I just believe everything he says. It's kind of scary."

McGrady threw out the first pitch before the next day's Cubs-Sox game at Wrigley Field, performed "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch with Elton Brand and visited Rush Street with Brand and B.J. Armstrong.

Alas, McGrady signed with the Magic, and today Reinsdorf's Bulls are in another rebuild.

Whether the Sox have more interest in Machado than Harper is unknown, though they clearly would like to sign one or the other. Machado's comment to The Athletic during the postseason that he's not "Johnny Hustle" has been used to suggest he doesn't always play hard, even though he meant he simply doesn't believe in false hustle. The Sox pounded the "Ricky's boys don't quit" slogan into fans'

"We live three blocks away from each other in Miami.

It'd be very, very nice to also be neighbors on the South Side."

— White Sox new first baseman Yonder Alonso

heads in 2018, hoping to create a narrative of a team that always hustles.

Alonso said the story was "overblown" and Machado "shows up every day."

"I know what he does off the field, on the field," he said. "When he shows up, he's ready to play every single day. He gives it everything he's got, and at the end of the day, it's about winning. Wins, wins, wins. That's all he wants."

Whether Machado or Harper really is interested in joining a 100-loss team, or just creating more leverage, also is anyone's guess.

One of the Sox's main selling points is their future, headed by Eloy Jimenez, Michael Kopech, Dylan Cease, Luis Robert and others. Alonso left an Indians organization that seems more worried about paring payroll than the likelihood of the Sox catching them anytime soon.

Alonso said he's excited about the Sox prospects, adding, "The time is now, and it's a great place to be in."

Asked about the Sox's future last week at the winter meetings, Indians manager Terry Francona declined to speculate.

"I get a little bit cautious," Francona said. "I don't need to judge other organizations. Somebody asked me about another manager. I feel like I have my hands so full doing my job here, you hate to start evaluating other organizations."

"I will say Rick Hahn does a really good job. I get mad when people are critical of Jerry Reinsdorf. If you ask anybody that ever worked for Jerry, I'd be willing to bet that nobody's ever been critical of him that's ever worked for him."

Whether Alonso can persuade his brother-in-law to join him could determine the Sox's future.

"I definitely want him to be my neighbor, I'll tell you that," Alonso said. "That's no secret. I definitely want him to be by my side. ... But I know he's going to do his own thing and he's going to make his own decision. He's got his family to take care of."

"But what better way to go than go to the playoffs and do some big things together (in Chicago)?"

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BEARS



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Bears outside linebacker Leonard Floyd applies the kind of pressure that had Aaron Rodgers flummoxed in Sunday's 24-17 Bears victory.

Pressure turns him into errin' Aaron

Bears defense gears up for postseason by forcing a Rodgers rarity: A stinker



BRAD BIGGS
Bears Rewind

In securing the NFC North title and a playoff berth, the Bears extinguished the Packers' faint hopes.

They did it by forcing Aaron Rodgers into a rare bad game in the rivalry, preventing him from completing the kind of off-schedule throws that have been back-breakers for the Bears far too many times over the last 11 seasons.

When Rodgers did have a few opportunities to make plays, he was off. Free safety Eddie Jackson's interception in the end zone to effectively seal the game in the fourth quarter was the final example. If Rodgers had led tight end Jimmy Graham on the throw, it was probably a touchdown. But the throw wasn't perfect and inside linebacker Roquan Smith had excellent coverage, able to get his left arm in and deflect the throw to the waiting Jackson.

Rodgers completed eight of his first nine passes, mostly short, quick throws, before struggles set in. He completed only 17 of his next 33 to finish 25 of 42 for 274 yards with no touch-

downs, the one interception and a 68.9 rating, his second-lowest against the Bears. He had a 62.4 rating in the Bears' 17-13 upset at Lambeau Field on Nov. 26, 2015.

Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio sent more than four pass rushers on only three snaps, all in the second half. Rodgers threw incomplete to Davante Adams on one of them with defensive end Roy Robertson-Harris bearing down on him. Nickel cornerback Sherrick McManis had tight coverage on Randall Cobb on a shot at the goal line for a second incomplete. Finally, with cornerback Kyle Fuller coming on a rare blitz, Rodgers went the other direction for a 28-yard completion to Adams despite blanket coverage from Prince Amukamara.

All five sacks came on four-man pressures, and outside linebacker Leonard Floyd had probably his best game of the season. He finished with two sacks, and his pressure up the middle on center Corey Linsley prevented Rodgers from stepping up in the pocket to avoid Khalil Mack and Bilal Nichols on a shared sack. Mack was too much for fill-in right tackle Jason Spriggs to handle, and he did a great job diagnosing a screen pass to Jamaal Williams in the second quarter, forcing Rodgers to scramble.

Rodgers missed some throws

he usually hits, and the combined effect of the pressure no doubt took a toll. He sailed a ball well over an open Cobb in the third quarter on what would have been at least a 25-yard gain. On the next possession, Marquez Valdes-Scantling had two steps on Fuller on a deep shot, but Rodgers badly overthrew him. A perfect throw would have resulted in a score; instead the Packers punted on the next play.

Those are throws Rodgers doesn't usually miss, but the defense is playing at a high level, surging as the postseason approaches.

On the other hand: If the Bears keep getting the kind of efficient outing Mitch Trubisky provided Sunday — 20 of 28 for 235 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions plus 16 yards on scrambles — they will be a tough out in the playoffs.

Trubisky bounced back from his three-pick start against the Rams by making decisive reads to sharp throws. He made a good read on the 13-yard touchdown pass to tight end Trey Burton when rookie cornerback Tony Brown came charging up to the line of scrimmage pre-snap. With no sink by Brown, that put safety Josh Jones in an impossible spot to cover the corner route.

Trubisky knew defensive back Tramon Williams was coming unblocked on his back side when he fired a perfect pass to Josh Bellamy on an 18-yard skinny post before the touchdown toss

to Tarik Cohen just before half-time. He had to get the ball out and knew where to go with it. Trubisky also made nice plays on the move such as the 23-yard pass to tight end Adam Shaheen after eluding the rush.

Mismatch: The Packers had dime personnel on the field for Jordan Howard's 9-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. It was an odd choice by defensive coordinator Mike Pettine as the Bears had three running backs (Howard, Cohen and Taquan Mizzell) and two tight ends (Burton and Shaheen) in the formation.

Maybe the Packers were expecting something exotic, but it was a dressed-up inside zone play. Left guard James Daniels washed down lineman Dean Lowry, and left tackle Charles Leno came off a combination block to easily seal off Jones.

Special stuff: Wide receiver Anthony Miller is the third kick-off returner to get a shot, and his 31-yard runback of the opening kick is tied for the Bears' longest of the season. He looks like the most dangerous returner they've used after trying Benny Cunningham and Mizzell.

Punter Pat O'Donnell turned in another solid effort with a 44-yard net average and two kicks inside the 20. Cohen sparked the offense with a 44-yard punt return.

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BEARS NOTES

Nagy: It's wait, see for Jackson and Lynch

By COLLEEN KANE
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Bears coach Matt Nagy said Monday he doesn't think injuries to safety Eddie Jackson and outside linebacker Aaron Lynch will be season-ending, but the team will know more in the next day after they receive test results.

Jackson suffered a sprained right ankle and Lynch was dealing with an unspecified right elbow injury after the Bears' 24-17 victory over the Packers on Sunday at Soldier Field.

"I don't think we're there for either one of them, as far as the level of concern (that they're season-ending)," Nagy said. "Once we get more info back on them, then I'll be able to answer that better. I don't think either one of them is season-ending."

Jackson twisted his ankle after he intercepted Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers in the end zone with 3 minutes, 14 seconds to play on a pass broken up by inside linebacker Roquan Smith.

Jackson returned the interception to the Bears 8-yard line but fell down untouched when he turned his ankle making a cut. He left the locker room wearing a walking boot.

His pick broke Rodgers' NFL-record streak of 402 consecutive passes without an interception and was Jackson's sixth of the season.

Jackson hasn't missed a game over his first two NFL seasons. But depending on the severity of his injury, the Bears could be cautious with his recovery so he is ready for the first playoff game.

Lynch was injured early in the third quarter when he became tangled with Packers left tackle David Bakhtiari. He immediately pointed to his right elbow while summoning help from the sideline.

Lynch missed two games earlier this season with a concussion. He has three sacks and an interception this season.

Turnaround trend: One thing that makes the NFL unique is the unpredictability of the teams from year to year. That point is driven home by the almost annual occurrence of a team going from worst to first as the Bears have done and as the Texans (10-4) are poised to do with a two-game lead over the Colts (8-6) in the AFC South with two games remaining.

Now that the Bears have clinched the NFC North, in 15 of the last 16 seasons at least one team has finished in first place the season after finishing in last or tied for last place. The Eagles and Jaguars went from worst-to-first last season and Philadelphia went on to win the Super Bowl. The trend really began to pick up in 2003, a year after the current divisional format was created. In NFL history, 47 teams have gone from worst to first, 24 of those since 2003.

Brad Biggs contributed.



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Bears outside linebacker Aaron Lynch leaves the game against the Packers after suffering an injury to his right elbow.

Anticipation builds as Bears await Pro Bowl selections

By DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

As the overseer of a defense that has propelled a surprising playoff run, Bears coordinator Vic Fangio wants to see his players rewarded. Sunday's 24-17 drubbing of Aaron Rodgers and the Packers gave the Bears their most coveted prize, an NFC North championship and a playoff berth. But the cherry on top should come Tuesday evening when Pro Bowl selections are announced.

"Hopefully we'll have some guys make it," Fangio said. "We have several guys who are very deserving and it's about time. There's been a long drought. And I think we should have a good representation. I'll be disappointed if we don't."

The Bears haven't had a defensive player selected to the Pro Bowl since the 2013 season, when cornerback Tim Jennings got the nod. This year, however, the defense's list of candidates is long, starting with outside linebacker

Khalil Mack, cornerback Kyle Fuller, defensive lineman Akiem Hicks and free safety Eddie Jackson. As we documented last week, the case can easily be made for each of those players to be selected. In addition, with Pro Bowl selections made by giving equal weight to voting by fans, players and coaches, it's worth noting that Mack, Fuller, Jackson and strong safety Adrian Amos all finished as the NFC's top fan vote-getters at their respective positions.

Tarik Cohen was also the top

vote-getter in the conference as a return specialist.

Pro Bowl rosters will be announced at 7 p.m. Tuesday in an NFL Network special. Eighty-eight players will be selected for the league's all-star game, which will be played Jan. 27 at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Fla.

At Halas Hall, the anticipation is undeniable. But Bears coach Matt Nagy believes he has players who know how to balance the desire of wanting to make the Pro Bowl with the team's goals.

"We have those types of guys," Nagy said. "They have that balance. They know that if you play well as a team, you'll get recognized. It's like that high school kid who's playing for a single-A team in the middle of nowhere, they'll find you."

"If you're playing well, they'll find you."

The Bears have certainly played well all season, particularly on defense. In addition to a return trip to the postseason, there may also soon be a group field trip to Orlando.

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What's up with Fultz?

From No. 1 draft pick to basketball's biggest enigma

BY CANDACE BUCKNER
Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA — About an hour had passed after Markelle Fultz's last appearance on an NBA court, and he had something to say.

It was Nov. 19, and Fultz had played just seven minutes. Several games earlier he had lost his spot in the Philadelphia 76ers' starting lineup, and during this victory over the Phoenix Suns, Fultz split the backup point guard minutes. For more than a year, his jump shot had been the subject of scrutiny: The gift that had lifted him to the top of the NBA draft had mysteriously developed a strange hitch, precipitating his tumble down the Sixers' playing rotation. His free throw shooting form was soon to be mocked by a Dallas Cowboys player during a Thanksgiving Day game. So that night at 10:40, Fultz blasted a message to the world.

"God got me!" Fultz assured his 228,000 followers in a tweet with a praying hands emoji.

The message provided a brief window into a young man whose life has been cloaked in secrecy over the years since he rose from playing for the Washington-area DC Blue Devils and DeMatha Catholic to the 2017 No. 1 overall NBA draft pick. Back in his DC days, fans called him "the silent assassin" for his steely and unflappable demeanor, but Fultz has struggled in his transition to the pros. On this night, the search for what's troubling the once-pure shooter was taking yet another turn in a year full of them.

A day following the tweet, Fultz's representative, Raymond Brothers, announced that the player would not participate in games or practices ahead of an appointment with a shoulder specialist. According to one NBA source, the news didn't spread through the Sixers organization until after it hit Twitter. Last week, Fultz and his small inner circle were told his physical problem is thoracic outlet syndrome, a compression in the area separating the neck and chest.

With the support of the organization and his teammates, Fultz has started rehabilitation in Los Angeles with physical therapist Judy Seto. He is expected to miss at least a month.

"This is hard," teammate Wilson Chandler said. "We've seen this a few times when players have injuries and you can't find out what it is and you've got people saying it's not an injury, it's mental and it's all these other things. But you know, everybody knows their own body. I'm glad he finally found something. Now he can be at peace with that at least and work to get back on the court."

But some close to Fultz believe the problem is more than physical. In interviews, those who know Fultz — current and former teammates, NBA people as well as Washington-area allies — describe a life burdened by a number of factors, from a restrictive inner circle to lost allies to outside criticism. Those who have peeked inside this world tell stories of those closest to Fultz going to extreme efforts to keep personal details confidential.

At the center is a 20-year-old who seems to be struggling to exert control over his own life and career.

Keith Williams feels vindicated by Fultz's diagnosis, but that doesn't bring him any joy.

Williams, a prominent basketball trainer based in Maryland, mentored Fultz before anyone thought the lanky and clumsy kid could be an NBA player, much less a No. 1 overall pick. Fultz was once so ungraceful, Williams nicknamed him "Bambi." The moniker was Fultz's contact in Williams' cellphone until the protege, who didn't find it funny, made his coach come up with another one.

Williams taught Fultz the jump shot with which DeMatha, the University of Washington and eventually the 76ers fell in love. And Williams noticed a change in that jumper during the summer before Fultz reported to his first NBA minicamp. According to Williams, Fultz's release point started at his chest, not above his head as usual. When Williams asked about the funky release, Williams said Fultz told him, "It



CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

Markelle Fultz is expected to miss at least a month with thoracic outlet syndrome, which has affected the shooting that made him a No. 1 overall draft pick by the 76ers. The injury and his struggles have led to speculation about the source of his difficulties this season.

feels like somebody's holding my arms down."

As others started to dissect Fultz's suddenly ugly shooting motion, a common narrative blamed Williams for altering the technique. Williams said he made only small efforts to dispute the claim, because he didn't want to expose Fultz to further scrutiny. Although the thoracic outlet syndrome diagnosis suggests the changes to Fultz's shot resulted from a physical malady, Williams doesn't celebrate the revelation. He feels for Fultz.

"He's a sensitive young kid, and I think emotionally he went through so much," Williams said.

Williams has been more than a coach, knowing Fultz since he was 7 years old via a relationship with the family and treating him like a son or nephew. In the lead-up to the draft, Williams served as Fultz's representation, connecting him with sponsorships from such brands as Nike, Tissot and JBL. But as things started to derail, Fultz's mother, Ebony, and Brothers took control of the player's off-court life. Williams said he backed off to avoid conflict, but he believes the forced separation might have affected Fultz.

"Everybody mishandled all of his relationships," said Williams, who still makes an effort to maintain contact with Markelle but no longer speaks to Ebony, once a close friend.

Williams did not wish to comment on Ebony's role, but people with knowledge of the situation describe the mother as an imposing figure in her son's life.

"My focus right now is on my son and him getting healthy," Ebony said, not wishing to elaborate on the situation.

Ebony has long been known as an involved mother. A single parent, she did her best to provide for and protect Fultz and his older sister. Ebony attended some prac-

tices for his AAU teams and served as team mom. During one summer game with the under-15 DC Blue Devils, a bag belonging to one of Fultz's teammates was stolen; by the next tournament, Ebony had purchased a bike lock with the intention of securing all the players' bags. But when Blue Devils coaches did not properly secure players' bags with the lock, a witness said Ebony confronted the staff in the middle of a game.

The summer before Fultz's senior year at DeMatha, Ebony did not take kindly to former AAU coach Corey McCrae chastising her son after McCrae had to drag Fultz out of bed ahead of a tournament game in Atlanta. According to a person familiar with the incident, Ebony cursed out McCrae, which several people believe caused the coach to return to Washington and quit the program. McCrae declined to comment for this story.

Fultz is now a professional on a four-year contract worth \$33 million, but close associates said Ebony still goes to great lengths to shield him. During Fultz's first season in Philadelphia, Ebony had cameras installed inside his New Jersey home, according to several people familiar with the setup who described the indoor surveillance as unusual. The cameras have since been removed. Multiple people said Ebony has asked some who have dealt with Fultz to sign nondisclosure agreements for reasons that are unclear to them.

"There's definitely crazy (expletive) going on with the mom and how involved she is and how overprotective she is," said a person with a close connection to Fultz. "The best possible situation is if the mom just backs off for a period of time and gives him a chance to breathe."

Sixers front office officials declined to comment publicly for

this story, as did Brothers. Ebony Fultz did not wish to address other people's claims about her alleged over-involvement in her son's life.

"I'm not concerned about what other people are saying. I'm concerned about my son's health right now. That's my No. 1 priority," she said. "At this time, I don't have a comment. We just found out what's going on with my son and I want to put all of my energy on him and what he needs, the support he needs right now to get healthy."

A few hours before a recent Sixers game against the Washington Wizards, someone has placed a scouting report on Fultz's chair inside the Wells Fargo Arena home locker room. A gray special edition 76ers jersey with the name 'FULTZ' stitched on the back hangs in his stall. Two pairs of fresh-out-of-the-box Nikes are stacked neatly atop each other and on the shelf sits a bottle of Degree spray deodorant. Fultz is nowhere to be found.

Instead of preparing to take on his hometown Wizards, he was heading to St. Louis in search of a specialist. The problem soon had a name, and Fultz will remain away as he tries to heal. Joel Embiid, who missed his first two NBA seasons because of injury before developing into an all-star and one of the league's most-dominant players, can relate to his young teammate.

"I went through the same thing and I know what it feels like," Embiid said. "I can see myself and I know he's going to put in the work and come back and prove them wrong — just like I did."

Embiid, much like his teammate Chandler, did not want to comment deeply on Fultz's personal life.

"I don't talk about it. That's none of my business," the center

said. "I just know that he's a great person. He comes in every day, does his job and tries to make the team better. He's a great guy. Everybody around loves him. I love him personally but that's his business. I don't want to get into the whole family thing."

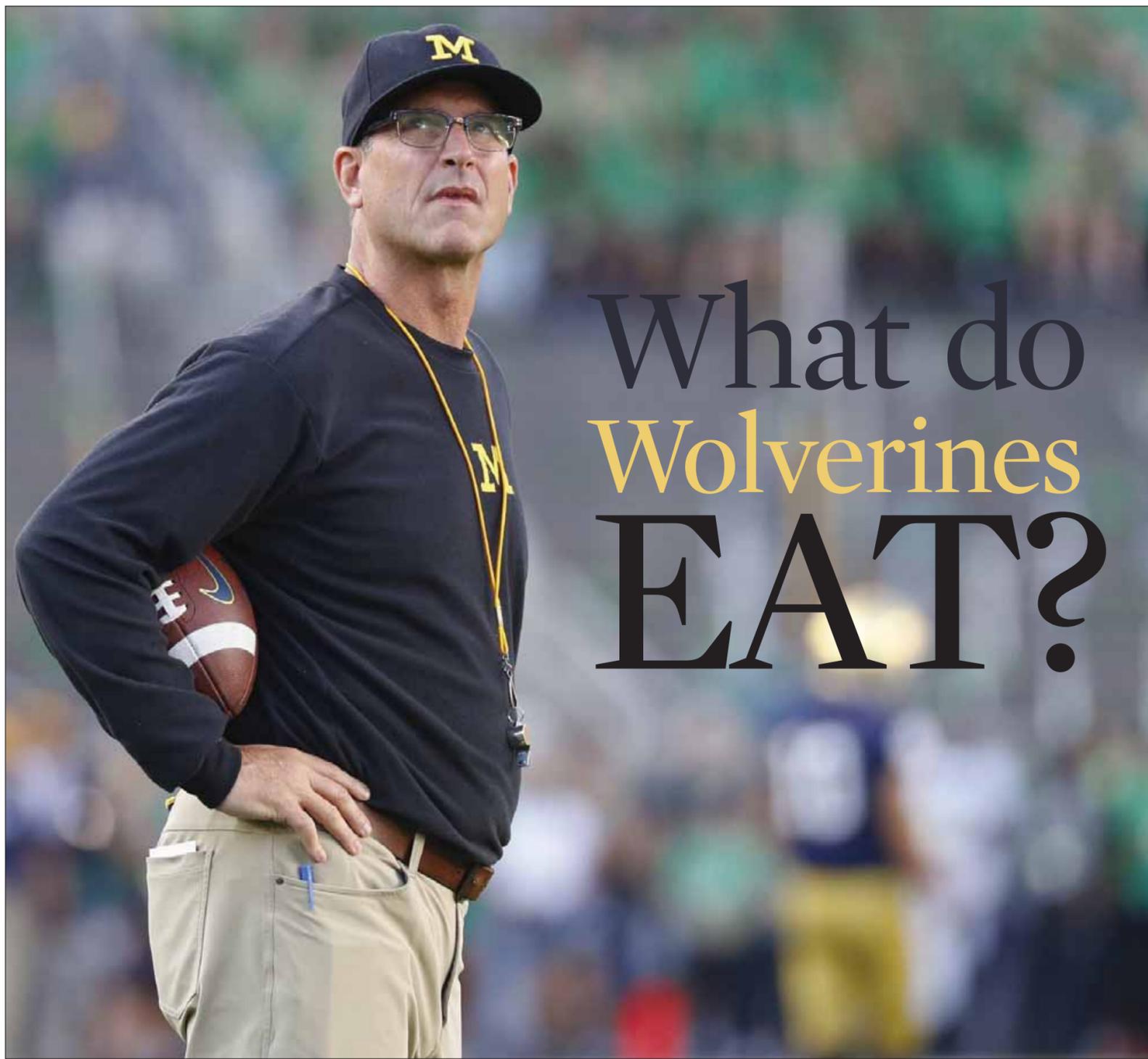
While the Sixers pledge to support their player in his recovery process, and are believed to have a relationship with Brothers and Fultz's inner circle, the organization has been protective in its own way. According to people in the league, the Sixers have rejected multiple trade offers for Fultz. It's not just that Philadelphia remains hopeful in getting Fultz on track to be a star in Philadelphia — much like prior top picks Ben Simmons and Embiid, who both missed their rookie seasons because of injuries. The Sixers have not received trade offers with what they believe to be equal value, a telling sign that indicates how other teams in the league view Fultz and the rocky start to his career.

After sending his Nov. 19 spiritual tweet, Fultz shared the responses from friends and former teammates. On Thanksgiving, Fultz also retweeted video of Cowboys wide receiver Amari Cooper imitating the peculiar method with which Fultz had begun shooting free throws. Since leaving the team, Fultz has interacted with followers mostly with retweets or single emoji. On Nov. 23, however, Fultz constructed an original tweet and shared a biblical scripture.

"A psalm of David," the message read. "The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.'"

It was, as Fultz disappears from public view and even the discussion about his own career, the last time he spoke for himself.

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Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh collaborates with a dietitian to keep players properly fed and hydrated. Changes in NCAA rules have helped the university improve athletes' nutrition.

What do Wolverines EAT?

Start with 12,000 pounds of chicken, lots of eggs

BY ANDREW KAHN
MLive.com

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — What do Wolverines eat? Last year alone, 12,458 pounds of chicken, 39,452 bananas, 9,257 pounds of spinach, and 9,210 gallons of milk, for starters.

And when it comes to the football team, eggs — lots of eggs.

"When I came here, coach (Jim) Harbaugh was like, 'How do you feel about a mandatory breakfast? Most important meal of the day!'" said team dietitian Abigail O'Connor, adding the football team itself now consumes an average of 80 pounds of eggs at breakfast.

Michigan has a staff of dietitians who help make sure the school's nearly 1,000 varsity athletes are fueling to compete at the highest level.

"You're not changing bodies, if you're not eating right!" Michigan head strength and conditioning coach Jon Sanderson says.

At Michigan, that wasn't always the case.

For years, the NCAA put heavy limits on how much schools could feed players through the athletic program. Aside from one meal a day at training table, athletes were allowed free access to fruits, nuts, and bagels — but nothing else — to help replace the calories and carbohydrates lost during training. (Known as "The Bagel Rule," the NCAA outlawed cream cheese and other spreads for the bagels.)

"Someone made a joke that maybe they were afraid we would call a filet mignon a spread," says Caroline Mandel, Michigan's director of performance nutrition for the past 19 years.

The NCAA eventually approved spreads and, in 2014, opened the entire refrigerator.

"It changed the landscape at every school in terms of how nutrition is thought about and how the dietitians function," Mandel says.

At Michigan, that currently means five full-time dietitians employed by the athletic department. (And they are dietitians, as opposed to nutritionists. The former must get a degree in the field, complete an internship, pass a

board exam, and maintain their credentials. In many states, most anyone can call themselves a nutritionist.)

The Michigan football team has its own dietitian, while Mandel and her staff of three oversee the school's other 28 teams. "We collaborate with the coach, the trainer, and the strength and conditioning coach to use nutrition to help athletes adapt to training, recover from training, and perform in competition."

Their work falls into two main categories: education and feeding, or what she calls fueling.

Food is catered to an individual's needs and schedule — personalization and periodization. Mandel provides one-on-one consultations with athletes. Some simply want to perform better on the field. Others wonder if their diet is adversely affecting their sleep. A handful of athletes have diabetes or Celiac disease or high cholesterol.

And Mandel probably knows who these athletes are without looking it up, having studied mgoblue.com headshots to first match a face with a name, then setting out to learn more in person. During an interview at the South Campus multisport athletic facility, Mandel acknowledges nearly every athlete who passes. Asked about one, she rattles off her name, the sport she plays, her mother's name, and her sister's name.

Regardless of the individual, food intake changes whether the athlete is in season or not. Mandel notes that while most young people recruited to play at a high-level Division I athletic program like Michigan's are physically mature, some are still growing. An athlete trying to put on weight is called a "hard gainer."

"He has a real hard time putting on that mass because metabolically he's still burning calories at a rate of that last post-adolescent growth spurt," Mandel says. "Around junior or senior year it gets easier — almost too easy. We've got to be careful."

Wolverines are taught the importance of hydration — a pie chart that appears on a screen at a fueling station in the South Athletics Campus notes that just 34 percent of Division I athletes are

properly hydrated before practice — and might start carrying a water bottle around campus.

Mandel counters misinformation spread through social media, such as the myth that all carbs are bad. "Carbohydrate is still the fuel of choice for high-intensity exercise," she says. "Without enough carb, you're going to fatigue."

The supplement industry is not only loud but largely unregulated. NCAA eligibility is at stake, and many supplements have a banned substance that does not appear on the label. Michigan promotes a "food-first" approach. Athletes who want to take a supplement are encouraged to choose one that has been given a thorough test by an independent agency.

Lauren Link, communications director for the Collegiate and Professional Sports Dietitians Association and the director of sports nutrition at Purdue, notes that fish oil, for example, helps with inflammation. Additional research hints at other benefits as well. And yet fish oil is banned by the NCAA. "We'd maybe like to provide it," Link says, "but we're limited."

There is plenty that schools can provide, and Michigan takes advantage. Using the massive French company Sodexo as its vendor, Michigan provides a grab-and-go breakfast in the Yost Ice Arena concourse Monday through Friday. All athletes are welcome, except the football players, who are offered a sit-down breakfast at their building. Athletes can fill up a bag with a hot breakfast sandwich, yogurt, cereal, oatmeal, fruit, and toast, among other items.

There are 18 fueling stations at the various athletic buildings around campus that offer snacks — smoothies, Gatorade, squeezable apple sauce pouches, bananas — throughout the day.

"Before deregulation, it was crazy to me the things we could provide our athletes," Link says. "They get all kinds of perks — gear, free medical care, stuff they should get — but we couldn't feed them. And we're asking them to burn thousands of calories a day. The fueling stations have been a big approach and a good one."

Four or five nights a week, athletes are provided a training table dinner. The football, basketball, and hockey teams each eat separately, but the other sports meet at Yost, where tables and approximately 120 chairs are set

up. (Plans are in the works for an athlete dining hall in the next several years, Mandel says.)

A recent menu offered grilled pork chops, coconut-lime breaded chicken, Dijon salmon, roasted carrots, zucchini, and rice pilaf one night; beef and chicken fajitas, steak pasta, spicy corn, and roasted asparagus the next; and a pasta station plus teriyaki chicken, panko crusted cod, and broccoli cauliflower the night after that.

"I think without a doubt one of the best things we've ever done is make sure these kids are adequately fed all year, not just the day of a game," says Carol Hutchins, Michigan's softball coach for the past 35 years.

"What's noticeable to me is my teams have been fitter than ever in the last few years."

There are 29 varsity teams and about 1,000 student-athletes at Michigan. One can occasionally fall through the cracks. Tyree Kinne, a safety on the football team, said he didn't eat nearly enough in the day leading up to a night game earlier this season. As a result, he suffered leg cramps and had to leave the game.

"The food was there," Kinne said. "I just didn't really have the appetite."

Michigan tries to incorporate local vendors (Barry's Bagels, for example) and farmers. "This generation of athletes is quite (interested) when it comes to sustainability and recycling and farm to table, so we're really getting into that," Mandel says.

"Overnight oats" has been the biggest hit of the year, according to Mandel. The meal involves oatmeal and milk mixed together and left in the fridge overnight. In the morning, one can add some combination of, say, banana, blueberries, almonds, chia seeds, and honey, and eat it on the go. "We set up a build-your-own every couple of weeks and I'll get texts all night about how to make it."

Efficiency is important for anyone, but especially a college student and even more so a college athlete. Overnight oats save time. So does cooking four chicken breasts at a time so as to provide four meals for the week.

Incorporating meals after practice were a game-changer according to Hutchins. "It accomplishes great nutrition, but to streamline their day is huge. They're in class all day and then they go to practice and they've only got a few hours to study before we want them to go to bed."

Mandel can compute a calorie range for a particular athlete in a particular time of year, which may be anywhere from 2,000 to 10,000 per day. The latter may seem daunting, but Mandel has tricks. Calories can be consumed through a glass: 100 percent fruit juice, milk, smoothies. Liquids leave the body faster than solids and therefore allow for more consumption. A triple-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich can reach 1,000 calories. Three meals and three snacks make it possible to eclipse a five-digit calorie goal.

Abigail O'Connor is the Michigan football team dietitian. There are 143 players on the team, it is a high-profile sport with many demands, and head coach Jim Harbaugh and his first-year strength coach Ben Herbert wanted a dietitian. So O'Connor was hired in February from Minnesota, where she also worked with the football team.

Carlo Kemp, a junior on the football team, put on about 25 pounds this past offseason to better handle playing a new position on the defensive line. "It wasn't really that hard to do," he said. "We were eating right, we were working hard, and everybody was getting stronger." He spoke about drinking more water than he had previously. "And no pizza marathons," he said.

If the average person eats with the 80/20 rule in mind — meaning 80 percent of food choices are healthy and 20 not so much — an athlete should probably be closer to 90/10, Mandel says.

"I'm not a good food-bad food person. I know there are good, balanced eating plans. But there's no one food we're going to demonize ever. That sets people up for guilt and stress. If you want to have a cookie, have a cookie. I just don't want you to fill up on cookies."

Michigan gives its athletes guided tours of grocery stores — the store's perimeter is where shoppers should find the majority of items on their list — and offers cooking classes. The school wants the students to make smart choices even when preparing meals on their own.

"I'm proud we can help smooth the transition from high school to college," Mandel says. "If you've got a kid who's homesick, sometimes food can be that familiar thing. We're helping them navigate their nutrition so they've got good physical and mental energy."

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"If Beale Street Could Talk" director Barry Jenkins, center, with actors Stephan James, left, and KIKI Layne.

THE JOURNEY TO 'BEALE STREET'

How writer-director Jenkins crafted a vision of Baldwin novel

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS | Chicago Tribune

James Baldwin wrote his novel "If Beale Street Could Talk," about young black lives in 1970s Harlem united by love and divided by criminal injustice, in the spirit of a line Baldwin wrote in his earlier nonfiction essay collection, "Notes of a Native Son." Each generation, he wrote, "is promised more than it will get," thereby creating "a furious, bewildered rage."

Writer-director Barry Jenkins concurs. "Mr. Baldwin wrote the novel when he was (angry). Very." And yet Jenkins' film version of "Beale Street" is a paradox: a beautiful, poetic vision of a cruel time and place strikingly like the present.

This marks the first English-language film version of a Baldwin novel. ("If Beale Street Could Talk" was filmed in French in 1998 as "Where the Heart Is.") Writer-director Jenkins, 39, initially considered resetting the narrative as a contemporary story.

"What Mr. Baldwin talked about in his time is now a commentary on ours," Jenkins says, in a recent interview inside the West Loop's Soho House screening room. "These issues of mass incarceration, manipulation of the judicial system, the disenfranchisement of young black men and people of color, these haven't been addressed. Not really." He decided to keep "Beale Street" in period, and to create visual corollaries to the lyrical Baldwin prose.

Opening Dec. 25, Jenkins' third feature follows in the auspicious, Oscar-winning wake of "Moonlight" (2016) and, before that, his disarming 2008 debut "Medicine for Melancholy."

The filmmaker's tastes run the full international gamut, pulling visual influences from everywhere.

Most notably regarding "Beale Street," the director has heightened his penchant for supple, direct-to-camera close-ups. Many, including Jenkins, liken them to the ones found in Jonathan Demme's work. But the influences go back further, at least as far as Yasujiro Ozu's "Tokyo Story" (1953), he says. In "Beale Street," when the camera fixes on Stephan James (as the falsely accused rapist, sculptor Alonzo "Fonny" Hunt) and Kiki Layne (as his

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Jonathan Solomon curated the art installation for Space p11.

Above-ground reflections in an underground space

Pedway gallery exhibit explores boundaries of people and plants

BY KT HAWBAKER
 Chicago Tribune

A morning commute in Chicago's Pedway system sounds like mumbled phone calls and shuffling feet; it smells like burnt popcorn, body odor and the over-roasted beans at Starbucks.

The entire underground walkway system is a landscape of transition: The Metra station brings the burbs to and from the city, while Red and Blue Line travelers hop from the "L" and buzz up to their offices. It's our own little ant colony where

nothing is fixed and nothing lingers.

Jonathan D. Solomon and David L. Hays, however, are out to amend all that. If you are someone who frequents the section of the Pedway underneath Randolph and Michigan, you probably noticed a lilac glow spewing from a storefront adjacent to L.A. Fitness. This aura belongs to Space p11, a new art gallery run by Solomon and Hays that aims to merge the subterranean with the sunlight.

"David and I are interested in the Pedway, because it is a space that is physically underground, and there are ways in which it is culturally underground," Solo-

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Women of Soul' ★★★

Sister hits are a glorious echo

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

What qualifies someone to be a woman of soul?

It's debatable, of course, given that soul music intertwines with jazz, gospel, disco and rhythm and blues. It's a genre with sub-genres like funk, neosoul, psychedelic soul — even Northern soul, once an obsession of mine. And while many would say that soul is only soul when performed by an African-American singer, there's no question that plenty of white women, from Amy Winehouse to Adele, have trained their voices to mimic that sound.

Black Ensemble Theater — which prides itself on welcoming everyone — clearly decided to define the term in the most inclusive way imaginable. And thus over the course of two hours up on the North Side, you hear a cast of eight women performing numbers made famous by Mahalia Jackson, Natalie Cole, Janis Joplin, Big Mama Thornton, Mary J. Blige, Gloria Gaynor, Deniece Williams, Teena Marie, Donna Summer, Mavis Staples, the oft-overlooked Jill Scott, Tina Turner, Etta James, Anita Baker, Izora Armstead and Martha Wash (of The Weather Girls), Diana Ross, Dionne Warwick, Janice Jackson, Patti LaBelle, Whitney Houston and Gladys Knight, albeit without the Pips. (They're



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Jerica Exum, Jessica Seals and Rhonda Preston in "Women of Soul."

not always announced or listed in the program and I had to scribble fast, but I don't think I missed any.) The Brits are repped by Winehouse and Adele and the evening ends with a tribute to Aretha Franklin, with all eight women singing her iconic hits.

If you're a fan of this genre — or, really, these genres — then you might well be thinking, "what's not to like in such a two hours?" And you'd be right. Half of the time on Sunday afternoon, this was not unlike a singalong Messiah. If you have anything

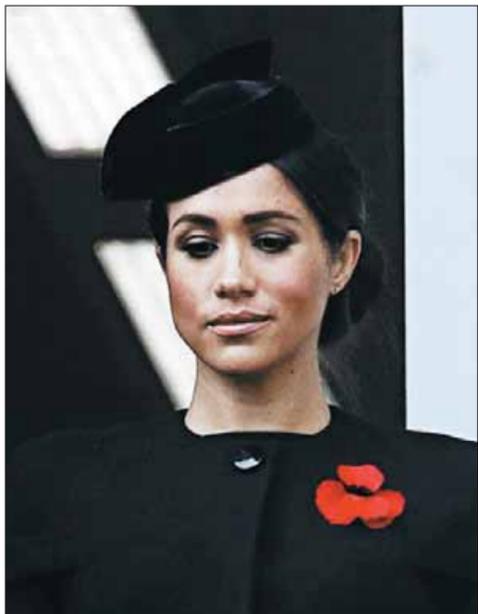
more fun to do than chill out with Cynthia Carter doing "The Best," Jayla Williams Craig belting her way through a Donna Summer medley and sliding sweetly into Deniece Williams, Ariel Williams popping the Ross hit "I'm Coming Out," Colleen Perry "Rollin' in the Deep" and Robin DaSilva taking that "Midnight Train to Georgia," then good for you. I did not.

Penning and directed by Daryl D. Brooks, a growing presence at Black Ensemble, "Women of

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Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, hasn't spoken to her father since getting married, Thomas Markle says.

Markle's father asks her to call home

Thomas Markle appealed to his daughter Meghan to call home, saying Monday they hadn't spoken since her wedding to Prince Harry in May.

The former actress, now known as the Duchess of Sussex, has ignored his attempts to get in touch, Thomas Markle told ITV. Markle had been scheduled to walk his daughter down the aisle, but pulled out of the wedding at the last moment because of heart problems.

"I love my daughter very much and she has to know that, and I would really appreciate if she would call me, just reach out to me," Markle said in the interview from San Diego.

In Markle's first television interview since the duchess announced her pregnancy in October, the 74-year-old grandfather-to-be agreed he'd been "ghosted" by his daughter. He suggested the royal couple had been influenced by media reports about him.

"The funny thing about my daughter and Prince Harry is that they believe everything they read in the paper," he said. "What's happened, I'm not sure. I'd love to talk about it."

Markle hopes Queen Elizabeth II will help heal the rift. He also rejected the notion his daughter had a habit of dumping those she no longer needed.

"That's really not a character trait," he said. "She's always been very polite to everyone. I don't know what's really happening right now."

— Associated Press



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Bridges to receive DeMille Award: Next month's Golden Globe Awards will showcase Jeff Bridges' life and illustrious career by bestowing him one of its highest honors. Bridges will receive the Cecil B. DeMille Award during the 76th annual awards ceremony on Jan. 6, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced Monday. The DeMille Award is given annually to an "individual who has made an incredible impact on the world of entertainment."

Alabama marks 50 years: Country band Alabama will mark their 50th year together with a new tour in 2019. The Grammy-winning trio of Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry and Jeff Cook formed in 1969 in Fort Payne, Ala., and went on to dominate the sound of country music in the 1980s. Their new tour begins Jan. 10 in Detroit.

Offset speaks out: Offset, Cardi B's estranged husband, explained in a tweet Sunday why he crashed her headlining set at a Los Angeles musical festival in order to beg for her forgiveness, saying that a public grand gesture felt like the only way to go. "All of my wrongs have been made public, I figure it's only right that my apologies are made public too," he wrote. Cardi did not smile at her former partner's request, and instead spoke with him briefly on stage before removing his gifts and continuing her performance.

Dec. 18 birthdays: Director Steven Spielberg is 72. Actor Brad Pitt is 55. Singer Sia is 43. Actress Katie Holmes is 40. Singer Christina Aguilera is 38.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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It's time to put 'a book on every bed'

Dear Readers: This is a special day for me, because I take a break from hosting your questions in order to advocate for a cause that is very near and dear to me: literacy.

In my long career as a writer and reader, I have volunteered in classrooms, libraries and prisons, reading with others and sharing the work of writers important in my own life. I do so in honor of my late mother, Jane, who passed along to me her love of reading and writing — first as a young child on our somewhat isolated dairy farm, and later as adults, when we shared books and letters, sometimes over great distances. This is a legacy I continue to happily share — through the books I recommend in this space and also the two memoirs I have written.

What I learned from my mother's life lesson is that when you have a book, you are never alone. Reading unlocks worlds of imagination and creativity. Literacy imparts power, and this is especially important for people who feel powerless.

The magic of literacy can happen at any time, but it is especially important in childhood. Reading helps a young child's brain develop and mature. Reading for pleasure is a lifelong gift of entertainment and learning.

Today, in memory of my mother on her birthday, I joyfully share an idea that adults can easily adopt to give the children in their lives the gift my mother gave to me, by putting "a book on every bed."

Celebrate giving season
Here's what to do: On Christmas morning (or

whatever holiday you celebrate), make sure each child in your household wakes up to a wrapped book at the foot of his or her bed. The gift could be a new book or an old favorite.

After the child unwraps the book, the most important aspect of this gift is unveiled, when the parent sits and shares it with the child. The sad fact is that more than a third of families in the United States do not regularly share books with their young children. Starting a celebration morning by reading together will forge an unforgettable intimacy for both the child and the parent.

This year I am partnering with Children's Reading Connection, a national early literacy initiative founded in my hometown of Ithaca, N.Y. It focuses on the importance of helping families share books with babies and children. Even babies too young to talk can tune in, in a deep and abiding way, when they are held and read to.

This is an important prescription for health and success in growing brains — and sharing a book is a wonderful way for families to connect. Every year I hear from teachers, librarians, church groups, parents and grandparents who tell me they have adopted the "book on every bed" tradition. I can think of no nicer way to kick off a busy Christmas Day than by snuggling up with a book before opening other gifts.

Actor, writer give back

I am thrilled to announce that this year, the actor and literacy advocate LeVar Burton is supporting and endorsing the "book

on every bed" tradition. As the producer and long-running host of the PBS show "Reading Rainbow," Burton has been the kindly conduit between generations of children and life-long literacy.

"Literacy is the birthright of every human being, even in this digital age," Burton told me. "I don't care if it is in a traditional bound book or on a tablet device ... I simply want our children to read!" ("Reading Rainbow" is available as a mobile app.)

Writer and illustrator Peter Reynolds says, "Picture books are wisdom dipped in art and words." His book "Happy Dreamer" (2017, Orchard Books) is an ideal story for parents to share with their dreamy young children. Key message? "You are good at being you!"

Share literacy in your own way

Parents and caregivers can put a book on every bed in their own households; you can also help spread the cause of literacy by sharing this idea in your own community. For families who celebrate through service projects, I suggest adopting a local classroom or day care center and providing a book for each child to unwrap on Christmas morning.

To learn more, and to watch an "instructional" video of me demonstrating this concept, go to childreadingconnection.org or facebook.com/ADickinsonDaily.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Experience expressive ability of art

'Gris' is one of the most visually striking games of this or any other year

By Christopher Byrd
The Washington Post

In recent years, platformers have proved to be a hospitable genre for video game developers looking to flaunt their artistry. For the generation of designers who grew up playing "Super Mario Bros.," platformers offer a sound formula.

Though the goal of such games is usually to get from one area to the next, that framework supports copious possibilities. Determining how a character moves through a world and what sorts of things should impede or assist in the process allows plenty of room for creativity. It is why games like "Journey" and "Inside" can both be constructed around jumping avatars but otherwise appear quite distinct.

Both of these renowned games are cited by the developers at the small, Barcelona-based Nomada Studio as being influential to their work. A line can be drawn between the high artistic ambitions of those earlier games and Nomada Studio's first game, "Gris." — a platformer that stands as one of the most visually arresting games of this or any other year.

"Gris" (which means "gray" in Spanish) is a game about bringing color and song to the world. It is also about loss, pain, and endurance. It starts with a mystical young woman singing in the open palm of an otherworldly statue. Briefly, she is lifted into the air by the current of her song, but her exaltation ends after she loses her voice. She falls into the statue's hand, which fractures beneath her; so, she falls again, tumbling down in the sky.

The woman finds herself in a world whose only feature is a



DEVOLVER DIGITAL

"Gris" is fashioned around giving players a strong aesthetic experience constructed around the expressive ability of lines, shapes, and colors.

'Gris'

Developed by: Nomada Studio

Published by: Devolver Digital

Available on: Nintendo Switch, PC

black line running along the bottom of the screen which demarcates foreground and background. (Her misery is readily apparent: a tap of a button causes her to slump to the ground.) As she walks, faint lines emerge in the background, giving the environment more depth.

The woman rouses herself from her torpor as the background gives way to more definite shapes — from rocky outcroppings to architectural ruins. By the time she gains the ability to

jump it's clear that the game is fashioned around giving players a strong aesthetic experience constructed around the expressive ability of lines, shapes, and colors.

Guiding the woman further into the black-and-white world, one discovers a floating orb. Approaching the orb sets it in motion. It hovers around the woman when she is standing still and trails her like a little comet or a gigantic sperm cell when she is darting about.

Seeking out orbs is a vital part of the game. Acquire enough of them and they can build bridges in the air that appear like constellations. They can also unlock things. Collecting orbs typically requires solving none-too-vexing puzzles and platforming challenges.

The relaxed gameplay meshes well with the beautiful art design. I lingered over many sections of

the game as I might if I were touring a gallery. "Gris" owes its visual style to Conrad Roset, the game's creative director, who came to the project from the art world. One can only hope that his example encourages other artists to explore the medium.

As the woman advances further, the black-and-white color palette shifts to red, then green, then blue, etc. Changes of this sort occur after the woman comes across open-palmed statues. (Female statues posed in anguish constitute one of the visual motifs in the game.) Rising into the air, the protagonist balls herself up, placing her head in her hands, and from out of that posture she infuses new colors into the world. These shifts in color are so emotionally resonant that they reminded me of the visual strategy at the heart of the films in Kies-

lowski's "Three Colours Trilogy."

In a forest area, there are platforms that ripple between squares and triangles, respectively, making for aerial floors and steps. Later in the game, in its blue period so to speak, one can swim among blocks of water arranged like an ascending row of treetops. "Gris" forgoes the use of game-over screens while still sporting a nice challenge curve. There are optional orbs or mementos to collect that require a bit of sleuthing to uncover.

I welcomed the chapter select feature that unlocks after completing the game so that I could search for the mementos that I missed. Such is the quality of "Gris's" visual art that replaying it struck me as a mandatory indulgence. I think the entirety of its composition demands to be seen.

Beale

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pregnant lover, Clementine "Tish" Rivers), the conversations take on a still, formal quality at odds with conventional realism.

With those signature head-on close-ups, "I'm not telling the audience to judge these people in a certain way," Jenkins says. "I'm removing my hand, so to speak, and inviting the audience to give in to the actor."

Twice now, Jenkins has chosen a DePaul University theater student to play a major role in one of his projects. In "Moonlight," DePaul Theatre School undergrad Ashton Sanders (who left for LA before finishing school) played the adolescent incarnation of the film's protagonist. In "Beale Street," DePaul graduate KiKi Layne was three years into a busy Chicago stage career when she moved west, got a manager and found herself accompanying a friend to his audition for Jenkins' film. She was there to read a scene with him.

"I should be in this, Layne thought. She put herself on tape for Tish, and not long afterward Jenkins flew her to New York to read with Toronto native James, already cast. She got the part. "Seriously! What's up with DePaul?" Jenkins laughs. "It's two-for-two for DePaul students getting the leads of these films! DePaul, Juilliard, Yale, NYU — at those schools, for whatever reason, the training is just so rich. Even though KiKi and Ashton hadn't really done anything on camera, there was just so much there, something very rich and fertile. I need to go speak at



TATUM MANGUS

Stephan James and KiKi Layne in "If Beale Street Could Talk."

DePaul!"

"Beale Street" concerns two radically different Harlem families, thrown together by Tish's pregnancy and then by Fonny's arrest, and conviction, spurred by the allegation of rape. Jenkins and company worked 25 days in New York, five days in the Dominican Republic substituting for the story's Puerto Rico segments (Fonny's accuser flees to Puerto Rico) and a single day in LA, for a scene not in the novel. The movie's epilogue, in fact, wasn't written and shot until very late in an eight-month postproduction process.

The novel ends with Tish giving birth and Fonny behind bars. No one's fate is spelled out. Jenkins' shooting screenplay likewise featured "an ending that sort of drifts to a close," Jenkins says. "That can be satisfying on the page. But all the way through (postproduction) I struggled with it." As originally written, the final, ambiguous moments left people "broken," Jenkins says.

So he opened his laptop. The new ending, he says, is "a realistic depiction of what I think the fate of these characters might be ... there's a scene about eight minutes before that stuck in my mind:

It's when Fonny tells Tish: 'I'm gonna build us a great big table. And our family's gonna eat off that table for a long, long time to come.'" The final tableau, he notes, has mother, father and son sitting at a table. "It may not be the one he wanted to build," Jenkins says, "but it's the one they have."

For actress Layne, now 26, "Beale Street" meant being the newcomer getting up to speed as quickly as possible. Working effectively inside Jenkins' interrogative close-ups, she says, "was the thing I was most concerned about. For Tish, so much of what

she communicates is without speaking. Seeing Barry's previous work, I had some understanding of the intimacy he appreciates. He's so patient. And he allows you to shine. One of my teachers once told me: 'With the camera, all you have to do is think it. Think it, and it'll come across.'"

Actor James, 25, likewise grew to love the performer/camera duets. "When you don't have the other actor there to play with," he says, "it requires giving without receiving. But I really dug it. Barry's never in a rush to cut away from (the close-ups), and it gives the actor the chance to have all these emotions unravel in real time. It's really for the audience's benefit; it's an interesting way to take out the middleman."

Jenkins acknowledges the temptation with "Beale Street" to deliver a tidier, box-office-friendly resolution than the one found in Baldwin's novel.

"Yeah, there was part of me that wanted to, you know, have the shot where the trial ends and everybody claps, and Fonny walks out," Jenkins says, reflecting a moment. "Or maybe he's coming out of the jail, and young Fonny's there, maybe 12 years old. But for the young men who've actually lived that experience, I felt like it wouldn't have done them justice. I wanted something hopeful but grounded."

He pushed it as far as he could, Jenkins says. Any further, and "Mr. Baldwin would've hated it."

"If Beale Street Could Talk" opens Dec. 25 in Chicago.

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Pedway

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mon said in a recent gallery visit. "And, it is both physically and culturally off-grid — it's outside of Chicago's primary spatial logic of the grid."

Solomon and Hays say that the Pedway was once used to hasten the city's commerce and facilitated constant cultural exchanges between its citizens. Upon its initiation, the Pedway functioned as an appendage of the Chicago's meticulous grid.

"But, it's become a vestige of that modernity," Solomon continued.

"It's a significant landscape within the city of Chicago, especially as people become acclimated to the idea that landscapes can also be indoors," Hays added.

The two curators said that many approaches to the Pedway decay its lack of retail and call for



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Located on the Chicago Pedway, Space p11's first show features work by artist Lindsey French called "Phytovision."

a return to its modernist, money-driven heyday.

"They say, 'Oh, if only it were more like the above-ground,' which is exactly what it isn't," Hays continued. They are more

interested in what the system is.

"One of the things that buildings do is isolate a part of nature and separate it from itself. They negotiate a different relationship. So, you could say that this is a

type of interior park. And, it's a very Chicago park, because it's accountable to the grid."

And, what's a park without plants?

The gallery's first exhibition is "Phytovision" by Lindsey French, an artist who leaves her last name in lowercase to pay homage to botanic classifications.

"Phytovision," as both a practice of perception and a plant-oriented media, begins as an experiment to destabilize the primacy of human vision," French writes in an artist statement, "and it quietly opens a number of modes of perception beyond the clear distinctions of our human senses."

Essentially, French is playing with the Anthropocene, or the larger narrative about the symbiotic relationship between plants and humans — with work like videos made for audiences of flora and fauna.

"The human impact on the globe is now pervasive, and to talk

about the natural world as something separate from the world of human intervention doesn't make as much sense as it used to," Solomon says. "We used to think about nature and landscape and buildings and architecture as separate theorizations, but that's not the case anymore."

"We're in such a period of paradigm shifts, and it seems so important to get things in front of people so they can see what the new terms are, what the new aesthetic is," Hays said. "If boundaries between humans and nature are blurring, what does that really look like?"

Probably like the blurred lines between underground and above-ground cultures — or, in this case, an art gallery.

"Phytovision" through Jan. 12 at Space p11, 55 E. Randolph St, Pedway level.

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Arquette takes on complex character

By JANET KINOSIAN
Los Angeles Times

Director Ben Stiller's "Escape at Dannemora," a thriller that unfolds at a non-thriller pace, stars Patricia Arquette as Joyce "Tilly" Mitchell, a woman who oversees the sewing shop at a century-old upstate New York prison. Tilly has verboten sexual trysts with two prisoners under her oversight, Richard Matt (Benicio Del Toro) and David Sweat (Paul Dano), who then manipulate her into helping them escape. The real-world story is a tour de force in exploratory character acting.

The writers, says Arquette, "dug deep, and it was important to Ben too, all these different aspects of Tilly. Who cares if the audience likes them? Just tell the story."

"There is just something about her that fascinates; there's something real about her," she adds. "As I got ready to play her, I told my older brother, 'You know, this lady can really be a (jerk)!' He said, 'You've tried to be such a nice person in your life; why don't you explore that (side)?' It's so true. To play somebody like that is amazing."

The following is an edited transcript.

Q: What were your first impressions of Tilly after you read the script?

A: It felt like she was deceptive, yes, but she also tried to get her needs met, and in a larger sense it's the same for everyone: All people want to be loved, feel alive and to feel something in their lives more than just the 40-hour workweek, the drudgery of everyday life. To feel like you're alive and you matter on Earth. She was going through a crisis and felt depressed, and this kind of attention and warmth pulled her in. It's an intense boiler room when you're in a prison where



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everything is heightened and it's scary. She built a lot into these little moments of human contact.

Q: So did you see Tilly's prisoner connections as warmth or as basically anonymous interactions?

A: A little bit of both. When they have sex, it's really fast because you're not allowed to do this so it has to happen so quickly. But I also wanted to look at who is allowed to be sexual in culture? What body type are you supposed to have? What age are you allowed to be? Are women allowed to be sexual? Or only just young women? A lot of artificial parameters have been put in the story of human beings and human sexuality, and women's sexuality for sure.

Q: Did you see her as a cruel woman, especially her behavior toward her husband, Lyle?

A: Oh, yeah. Honestly, as a woman to even be able to play someone who is cruel, or unlikable, all of those things we never get a chance to even explore on film — yeah! To have a complicated person who is cruel, and then not cruel, who is many different things at once and not even aware of themselves. Her bad behavior she's subconsciously mad at herself and then blames (Lyle) for her behavior because she's not ready to look at it. It's a lot of unconscious behavior.

Q: I read you did not meet with the real Tilly, who is still in prison. Why?

A: I don't know honestly if I could have, but we didn't even try, though I did meet David Sweat. People told me she was threatening and litigious and has a need to control what's written about her, and I didn't have the authority to promise her anything. She's told a lot of things to a lot of people. So, I didn't want to get into Tilly's snare. She was a hustler, but she was being hustled by pros and she wasn't a pro, though she thought she was. And that's also something interesting to me. People often think they're outsmarting the system when they're not.

Q: You've worked with Ben as an actor. How was it different with him as a director?

A: He's a very giving director, making all this space for us. Even when it might not have been his initial instinct, he really let us play things out and try things. He made space to let us win him over if that's needed. He was very much about "The best idea in the room wins." And very generous, I want to say, very protective, very respectful. There were a lot of love scenes, and he was very cognitive of making us all feel comfortable and talking things through. But also bringing levity into things. Everybody needs to laugh, especially in situations like that.

Q: You went through quite a physical transformation for the part: a dental device, contact lenses, wigs, weight gain ...

A: There was no shying away from anything. I don't think (Ben) ever made me feel not beautiful. I think he really respected that part of Tilly; he was fascinated by her. I was fascinated by her — her self-esteem. In some ways she didn't have any self-esteem, and in some ways she really does.



ALAN DAVIS PHOTO

Cynthia Carter, Jessica Seals, Ariel Williams and Jayla Williams-Craig perform at Black Ensemble Theater.

Soul

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"Soul" has virtually no scenes — even the one dude in the cast, Dwight Neal, mostly is employed singing backup, including an especially hilarious turn as the late Roebuck "Pops" Staples. Somebody pops out and gives a quick Wikipedia-style intro on the performer's contribution, stressing the upbeat themes of overcoming adversity, and then the talent fires up.

There is significant talent — some familiar to those of us who have been going to BET for decades but many compelling new faces. Back in the day, Jackie Taylor, the artistic director, used to introduce her white performers as "non-traditional casting" with a big grin on her face. Those two latest beneficiaries, Colleen Perry (who does Adele and Joplin) and relative newcomer Hannah Efsits (Winehouse and Teena Marie with Neal's hilarious Rick James) just kill in this show.

It takes guts to come out and do Houston's "I Have Nothing." At a private party where a similar request was made, I recall watching no less than Heather Headley gulp. But Jerica Exum, a big vocal talent, takes that plunge

When: Through Jan. 27

Where: Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.

Running time: 2 hours, 10 minutes

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and comes up for air pretty darn well.

At one point in the show, the younger cast members (such as Jessica Seals, Williams and Williams Craig) stage a mock-rebellion over the content of the show. "Too much old-school," they say, refusing to perform Act 2. This does not last long. The idea of paying homage to the forefathers — or, in this case, foremothers — has been a central tenant of BET revues as long as I have been seeing them, and the younger women rapidly are schooled by their elders.

"I think these girls need a history lesson," Rhonda Preston says to Carter, already revving up the professor called Tina Turner.

A history lesson is immediately forthcoming. School was rarely this fun.

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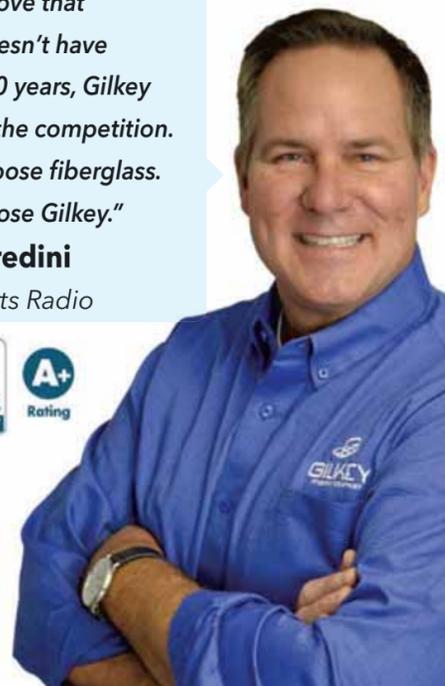
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Carson Daly

"The Voice" (8 p.m., NBC): Last night saw the four finalists battling performance anxiety as they tried to sing as if their lives depended on it — and, from a career standpoint, that was a make-or-break moment for each of them. Now for that foursome, it's a waiting game until host Carson Daly announces Season 15's new Voice at the end of tonight's finale. Expect final thoughts from Blake Shelton, Adam Levine, Kelly Clarkson and Jennifer Hudson.

"The Polar Express" (6 p.m., 8 p.m., AMC): Director Robert Zemeckis' animated 2004 interpretation of Chris Van Allsburg's holiday story features Tom Hanks in multiple roles through a technique called "motion capture," which creates a pseudo-real look. Hanks is most recognizable as the conductor of a train that takes a youngster on a wild ride to the North Pole. Also in the voice cast are Peter Scolar, Michael Jeter, Steven Tyler and Josh Hutcherson.

"Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2018" (7 p.m., CW): "Entertainment Tonight" co-host Kevin Frazier and Canadian TV presenter Keltie Knight team up to present this year's edition of a popular annual special that counts down 12 of the best and most beloved holiday commercials ever, as well as other great TV spots both from the United States and abroad that do a memorable job of capturing and conveying the special spirit of this season.

"Take Back the Harbor" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): This uplifting new documentary from filmmakers Kristi Jacobson and Roger Ross Williams throws a richly deserved spotlight on a group of public high school teens who have embarked on a challenging endeavor: restoring once-bountiful oyster beds to the waters surrounding Governor's Island in New York Harbor.

"Below Deck" (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 1:32 a.m., Bravo): In "Check Yourself," the Season 6 finale, Laura's flirtatious advances send confusingly mixed signals to Adrian after she crashes with Ashton in the crow's nest. Elsewhere, Rhylee's temper flares when Ross suggests to Tyler that he'd be doing Rhylee a favor if he hooked up with her.

"Ink Master" (9 p.m., 12:30 a.m., PARMT): Season 11 comes to a close as Christian Buckingham and Cleen Rock One make another appearance for a final resolution to the Grudge Match. Ultimately, the season's battle climaxes as the top three artists reveal their 35-hour Master Canvas tattoos, and one of them is awarded the coveted title of Ink Master.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m., TBS): Conan O'Brien becomes the first American late-night host to do a show from Armenia.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Former first lady Michelle Obama; actor Lil Rel Howery.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Emily Blunt; Sen Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.); St. Paul & The Broken Bones perform.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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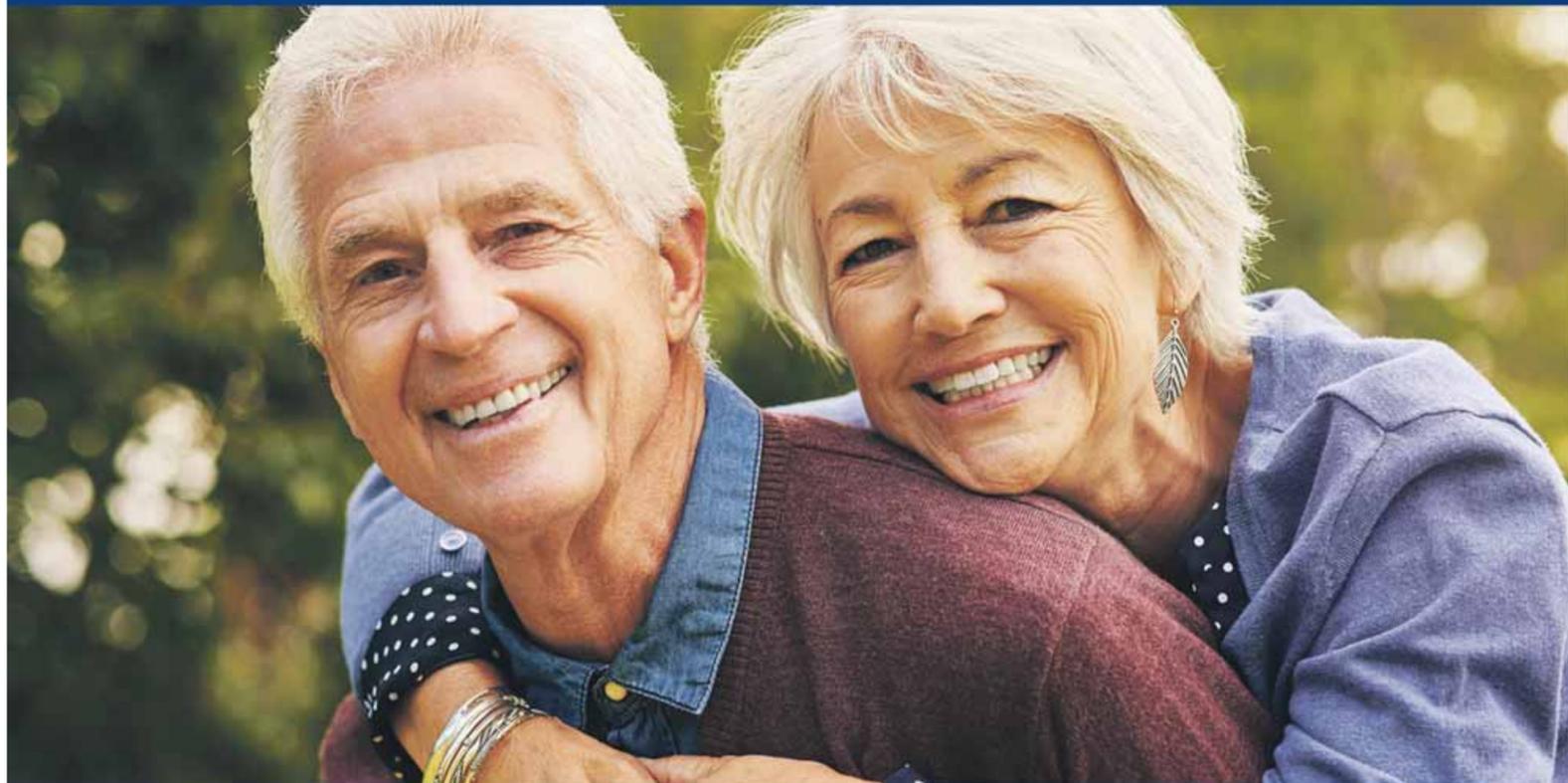
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	NBC 5	The Voice: "Recap: Live Finale Performances." (N) ©		The Voice: "Live Finale, Part 2." (Season Finale) (N) ©				NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Conners ©	The Kids Are Alright ©	blackish: "Gap Year." ©	Splitting Up Together ©	The Rookie: "Pilot." ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) ♦
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Body of Evidence (R,'92) **	Madonna. ©			Suspect (R,'87) **	Cher. ©	♦
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	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Friday's Child."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©		Meet Dave (PG,'08) **	Eddie Murphy, Elizabeth Banks.			Daddy Day ♦	
FOX 32	Lethal Weapon: "A Whole Lotta Trouble." ©		The Gifted: "complications." ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds: "Cure."		Criminal Minds: "Miasma."		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
Telem 44	(7:05) La sultana (N) ©		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MeTV 50	Countdown (N)		Holiday Video (N)		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Como dice el dicho ©		Rosario Tijeras: "La mejor venganza."				Tiro de ♦	
WJYS 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Monument	
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CABLE	AE	Leah Remini: Scientology		Leah Remini (N)		(9:01) The First 48 ©		First 48 ♦
	AMC	♦ (6) The Polar Express (G)		The Polar Express (G,'04) ***	Voices of Tom Hanks.			Jingle ♦
	ANIM	North	Lone Star	Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N) ©		♦
	BBCA	The Last Samurai (R,'03) ***	Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. ©					
	BET	♦ (6:55) Welcome Home	Roscoe Jenkins '08) **			Martin ©	Martin ©	RAQ Rants
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	ESPN	♦ College Football: Cherbundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (N)				SportsCenter (N) ©		
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HALL	A Gingerbread Romance (NR,'18)	Tia Mowry-Hardict.			Christmas in Evergreen: Letters ♦			
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HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	The Breakfast Club (R,'85) ***	Emilio Estevez. ©			(9:15) The Breakfast Club '85) ***		♦	
LIFE	Happily Ever After		Happily Ever After (N)		Happily Ever After (Season Finale) (N)		Happily ♦	
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	The Challenge ©		The Challenge (N) ©		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
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PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master (Season Finale) (N) ©		Airbender ♦	
SYFY	♦ (6) Jeepers Creepers **		I Am Number Four (PG-13,'11) **	Alex Pettyfer. ©				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Guest (Sea-	Conan © ♦	
TCM	The Absent Minded Professor (G,'61) ***	©			Son of Flubber (G,'63) ***		♦	
TLC	7 Little Johnstons (N)				Outdaughtered ♦			
TLN	Let Think	Wealth	David Phelps: It Must Be		Life Today	Music, Word	Camp ♦	
TNT	Law Abiding Citizen (R,'09) *	Jamie Foxx. ©			London Has Fallen (R,'16) ***		♦	
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PREMIUM	HBO	(7:15) Blockers (R,'18) ***	Leslie Mann. ©			REAL Sports Gumbel (N)		Icebox ♦
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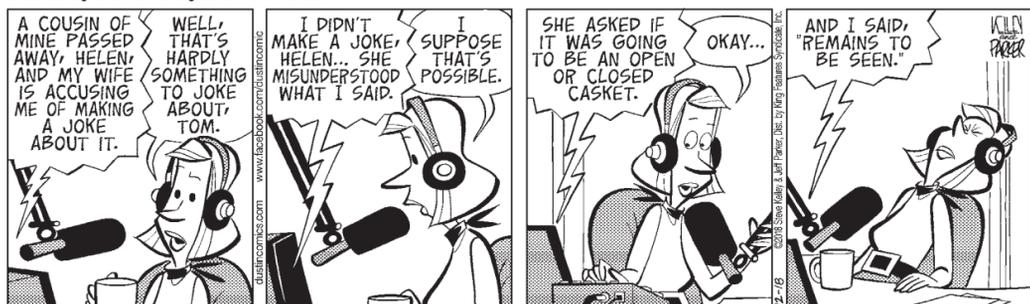
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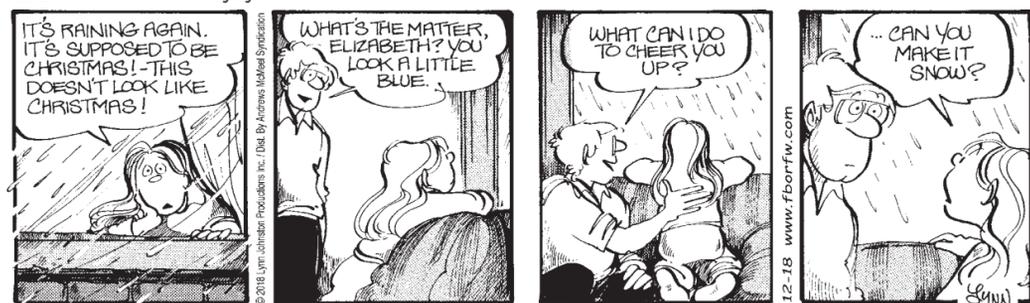
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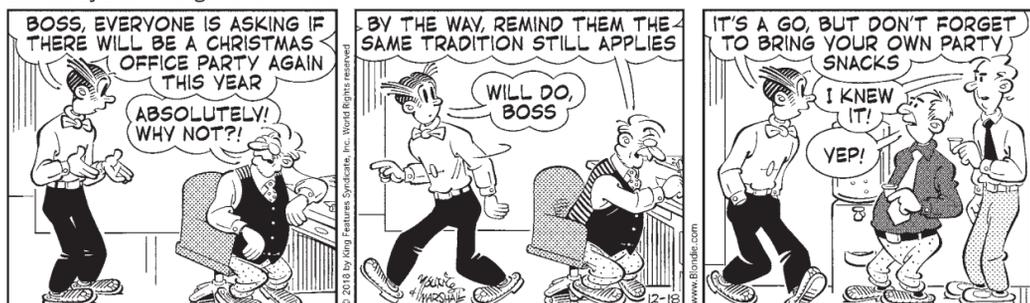
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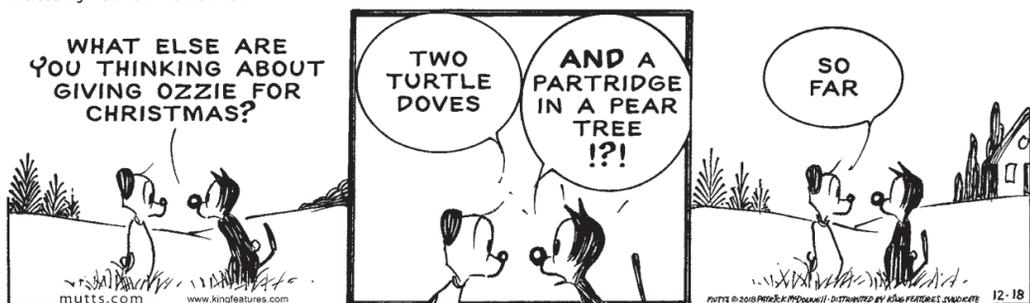
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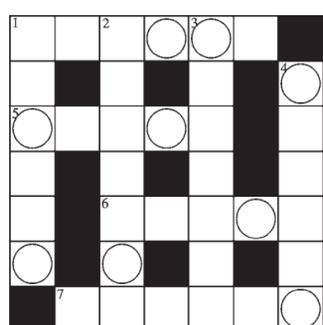
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Trivia Bits

Who was Hemingway talking about when he said, "I never had any respect for him ever, except for his lovely, golden, wasted talent"?
 A) F. Scott Fitzgerald
 B) Pablo Picasso
 C) Ezra Pound
 D) Gene Tunney
 Monday's answer: Jonathan Taylor Thomas provided the voice of Young Simba in "The Lion King."

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Surplus
 - High school students
 - Had in mind
 - Age
- CLUE DOWN**
- Part of a meal
 - Coffee additive
 - Keep up, preserve
 - Memorial, sculpture

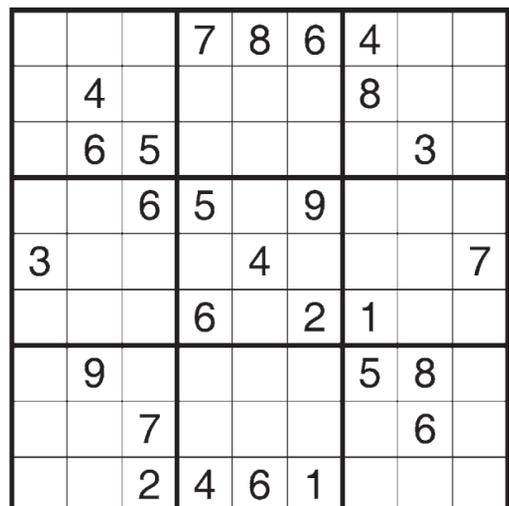
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS _____ became the 16th U.S. state June 1, 1796.

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 ANSWERS: 1-A-Excess 5-A-Teens 6-A-Meat 7-A-Meat 8-A-Meat 9-A-Meat 10-A-Meat 11-A-Meat 12-A-Meat 13-A-Meat 14-A-Meat 15-A-Meat 16-A-Meat 17-A-Meat 18-A-Meat 19-A-Meat 20-A-Meat 21-A-Meat 22-A-Meat 23-A-Meat 24-A-Meat 25-A-Meat 26-A-Meat 27-A-Meat 28-A-Meat 29-A-Meat 30-A-Meat 31-A-Meat 32-A-Meat 33-A-Meat 34-A-Meat 35-A-Meat 36-A-Meat 37-A-Meat 38-A-Meat 39-A-Meat 40-A-Meat 41-A-Meat 42-A-Meat 43-A-Meat 44-A-Meat 45-A-Meat 46-A-Meat 47-A-Meat 48-A-Meat 49-A-Meat 50-A-Meat 51-A-Meat 52-A-Meat 53-A-Meat 54-A-Meat 55-A-Meat 56-A-Meat 57-A-Meat 58-A-Meat 59-A-Meat 60-A-Meat 61-A-Meat 62-A-Meat 63-A-Meat 64-A-Meat 65-A-Meat 66-A-Meat 67-A-Meat 68-A-Meat 69-A-Meat 70-A-Meat 71-A-Meat 72-A-Meat 73-A-Meat 74-A-Meat 75-A-Meat 76-A-Meat 77-A-Meat 78-A-Meat 79-A-Meat 80-A-Meat 81-A-Meat 82-A-Meat 83-A-Meat 84-A-Meat 85-A-Meat 86-A-Meat 87-A-Meat 88-A-Meat 89-A-Meat 90-A-Meat 91-A-Meat 92-A-Meat 93-A-Meat 94-A-Meat 95-A-Meat 96-A-Meat 97-A-Meat 98-A-Meat 99-A-Meat 100-A-Meat

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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1	8	9	2	7	3	6	4	5
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7	4	6	8	5	1	9	3	2
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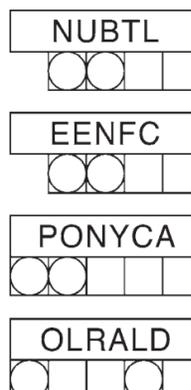
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



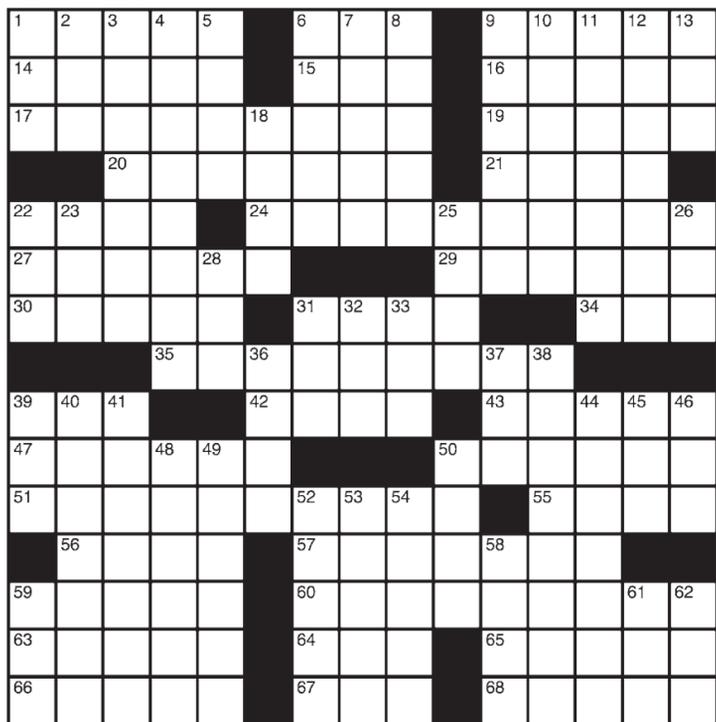
Monday's answers

Jumbles: WALTZ TABBY IDIOCY AUTHOR
 Answer: Her baby was overdue, and the expectant mom was anxious about the — BIRTH "WAIT"

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Crossword

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Across

- Zsa Zsa's older sister
- NYC winter hours
- Italian city known for its cheese
- How French fries are fried
- Sgt., e.g.
- Knight's horse
- *Entrance protection from the elements
- Moneyed group
- "You're asking too much"
- Yankee or Oriole, for short
- 22 _-deuce
- *Monopoly utility
- Metal fuel holder
- "Honestly!"
- John at a piano
- Winter wear
- Wall and 42nd, in NYC
- *Lotto America, since 1992
- Egyptian snake

- They're drawn in pubs
- Western law group
- Shallow sea areas
- Trouser measure
- *Home security system
- Furry "Star Wars" creature
- Chicago daily, familiarly
- Pigged out
- Pierce, as an hors d'oeuvre
- Warm, cozy places ... and a hint to what can precede both parts of the answers to starred clues
- Slowly, in music
- Fla. neighbor
- Love, Italian-style
- Director Welles
- Light brown
- Cylindrical pasta with pointed ends

- Much of the Sunday paper
- Rooster's wake-up time
- Have more birthdays
- Berkeley sch.
- Actress Hayworth
- H.S. grads-to-be
- 28 Year, in Yucatán
- Disney collectible
- Iron source
- Tummy muscles
- Ice Cube's "It ___ Good Day"
- Hosp. staffer
- Get stuck in traffic, say
- Campfire residue
- Had a good day on the links
- Sommeliers, often
- Attached by thread
- ___ Paulo
- Longtime Mass. senator's monogram
- Italian cheese
- James of the Lakers
- '50s Hungarian premier Nagy
- Diet-friendly
- Hometown of St. Teresa
- Showed once more
- On the double, in memes
- 59 _-mo
- Suffix with west
- Set eyes on

Monday's solution



Down

- Prefix with print
- Hill crawler
- Most sticky, as a sweet treat
- Corrupt policeman
- Donation to the poor
- WWII bomber ___ Gay
- Dart
- Rich cake
- Disbelieving cries
- Having bottomed out, as prices
- Worships
- Kalahari mongoose

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