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Federal workers cope with stress

Some nervous at grim prospect of lengthy shutdown

BY JULIET LINDERMANN AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three days, maybe four. That's how long Ethan James, 21, says he can realistically miss work before he's struggling.

So as the partial government shutdown stretched into its sixth day, James, a minimum-wage contractor sidelined from his job as an office worker at the Interior Department, was worried. "I live check to check right now," he said, and risks missing his rent or phone payment. Contractors, unlike most federal employees, may never get back pay for being idled. "I'm getting nervous," he said.

Federal workers and contractors forced to stay home or work without pay are experiencing mounting stress from the impasse affecting hundreds of thousands of them. For those without a financial cushion, even a few days of lost wages during the shutdown over President Donald Trump's border wall could have dire consequences.

As well, the disruption is starting to pinch citizens who count on a variety of public services, beyond those who've been finding gates closed at national

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BRIAN SLEET
1977-2018

Political activist, lawyer and mentor

Popular leader's influence reached across Chicago

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

In Chicago's competitive political circles, Brian Sleet was known as a forthright, well-connected strategist who would toil relentlessly to help candidates connect with marginalized communities in new and innovative ways, those who worked with him said.

But even after laboring on more than a dozen campaigns and running unsuccessfully for City Council himself, they said, it wasn't until he helped Kim Foxx become the first black woman elected as Cook County state's attorney that he felt truly accomplished.

Sleet, 41, was found dead Wednesday night in his Chatham apartment, and an autopsy concluded he died naturally of heart disease, friends and officials said.

"He was very proud of the work he did on my campaign. He often joked that ... my victory would finally put him 'on the map,'" Foxx told the Tribune on Thursday. "It's important for me to say that I don't know if I would have won without him. He was a brilliant, thoughtful and an incredible force long before we worked together."

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UNSOLVED 75 SHOT, 4 CHARGED



While moving out in October, Kendra Rodriguez, right, hugs her friend Dominique Coleman near where Rodriguez's fiance was found shot.

Months after fiance shot, peace and answers fleeting

She lost the man she loved to a violent weekend. His killer is yet to be caught.

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND JEREMY GORNER | Chicago Tribune

The last pile of boxes and rags and empty cleaning bottles had been swept together into the middle of the empty room.

Kendra Rodriguez took one hurried pass through the apartment she had shared with her fiance and was now leaving. She was in an anxious, almost breathless, rush to leave.

"I'm not trying to feel anything," she said, pulling the door closed.

But before Rodriguez left the South Shore complex, there was one last thing to do.

She darted around the back of the apartment building and found a spot on the low curb. There she sat alone, her head bowed and quiet tears falling.

This was where her fiance,

Earl Young, had been shot and killed on an August evening.

His killer has not been caught.

In Chicago, police have been clearing fewer and fewer shootings and homicides over recent years, dropping far beneath national averages and well below other big cities. In 2017, Chicago's rate of clearing homicides (including those that happened in previous years) was 35 percent compared with 60 percent nationally.

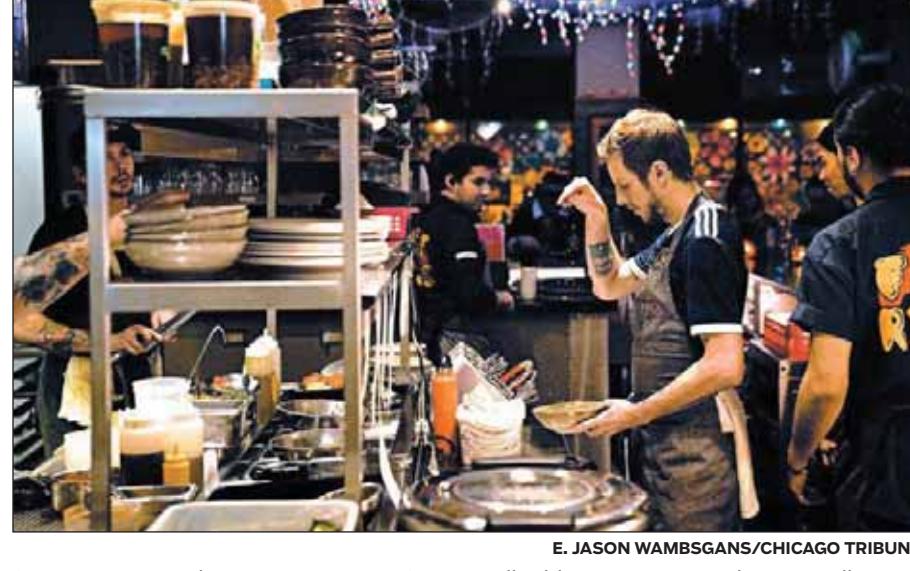
The Tribune has spent the past five months analyzing the first weekend of August, when Young and at least 74 other people were shot in one of the

most violent weekends in recent memory, looking at the department's struggles and their impact on victims, their loved ones, even whole neighborhoods.

Earl Young's slaying would appear to be a case detectives had a strong chance of solving. There were witnesses, and a suspect was immediately identified. Police talked to the suspect's family on the scene. The car he fled in was found less than a mile away, a straight shot down 77th Street.

Yet five months later, the suspect has yet to be arrested or

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Starting next week, Fat Rice in Logan Square will add a 4 percent surcharge to all checks to help pay for employee health insurance and boost wages of kitchen staff.

Meal comes with serving of health for your server

At Logan Square's Fat Rice, surcharge aids staff insurance

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

After six successful years in business, Logan Square hot spot Fat Rice is taking a calculated risk: Starting next week, it will add a 4 percent surcharge to all customer checks to help fund health benefits, a method

health insurance and boost the wages of kitchen staff.

Fat Rice's decision is the latest in a small but growing movement among Chicago restaurants to bring health benefits to an industry notorious for not offering them, a trend advocates say is necessary if restaurants are to maintain stable work forces amid surging competition.

The decision to add a separate line item to customer checks to help fund health benefits, a method

that has been tried with some success at other restaurants, came after careful consideration, the owners said.

"This is a massive risk for us," said Fat Rice chef Abe Conlon, who opened the Macau-inspired restaurant with business partner Adrienne Lo. "But hopefully we are established enough that we are able to do this without major hiccups."

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Hemp, pot's quieter cousin, making noise

It could be next Ill. cash crop even before marijuana

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Hidden in a cornfield in western Illinois last summer, 1,200 stalks of cannabis grew tall and bushy. But these plants won't get anyone high.

They make up the first crop of hemp to be grown legally in Illinois in decades. And in the new year, the seeds from the plants will help sow the first modern widespread commercial hemp harvest.

Hemp — the same plant that makes marijuana but without the THC that gets users stoned — is ready to come out of hiding. Earlier this year, state lawmakers authorized its production in Illinois. And just this month, the new federal farm bill that legalized the production of the plant nationwide was passed with bipartisan support and signed into law by



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Logan Bird checks on hemp plants in a small research lab on a farm near Roseville.

President Donald Trump.

Hemp has long lived in the shadow of its more popular cousin, marijuana. But with the recent explosion of the cannabis extract cannabidiol, or CBD, as a dietary supplement, advocates say hemp will emerge as the next big cash crop in Illinois.

And while advocates believe they have the support to get both recreational marijuana, and

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Take in a show while ringing in the new year

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■ A Perspective column Thursday by Clarence Page incorrectly said that a planned march by Women's March Chicago was canceled because of a controversy involving the national Women's March Inc. and alleged anti-Semitism. In fact, Chicago organizers say they decided not to have a march in January for logistical reasons and that their statement against hate was not aimed at the national organization.

■ A story Wednesday about a CPS effort to fire a teacher misspelled the name of the teacher in one instance. His name is James Galinski.

■ In Tuesday and Wednesday's Latest Line feature in Chicago Sports, a Wednesday label was incorrectly used for Thursday, Friday and some Saturday college football bowl games.

■ A Dec. 17 story about a TEDx Talk by Aaron Lawlor included an incorrect reference to the name of the Vernon Area Public Library.

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The author's maternal great-grandparents, Miriam and Louis Kamenovich, are shown in a Polish-speaking district of Eastern Europe before World War I. On her lap is Hilda, one of four children Miriam sent to Chicago when they were young.

This Jewish family tree was transplanted — and blossomed



RON GROSSMAN

Considering my family's Jewish immigrant roots, it's not surprising that the family tree doesn't go straight from Ellis Island to Talmudic scholars. It branches out to include Christians, atheists and the religiously indifferent.

Uncle Velvel, one of my first forebears to come over, wasn't particularly religious and technically wasn't my uncle. He was a brother of my maternal grandfather, but we called all senior members of the family who weren't our parents or grandparents "uncle" or "aunt."

Either way, Velvel's wife was the pious one and had him buried in Israel. "He lies there between great rabbis," she explained to Aunt Hilda, Velvel's sister. Hilda had gone to the funeral home upon hearing of his death. Too late, he already was en route to the Holy Land.

Retelling the story, Aunt Hilda would roll her eyes when she got to the part about the great rabbis. I took that as acknowledgement that Velvel might prefer being between bookies in a billiards parlor.

A worldly type, Velvel drove a cab and played pool.

So, too, did my father — who was introduced to my mother by Velvel.

My father's father came to America with his Uncle Ike. Roughly the same age, they responded to the New World differently. Grandfather Barney was pious and a pack peddler, as he had been in Europe. Uncle Ike remade himself as a pawnshop proprietor, was well-to-do and made a scene at a family wedding.

He was asked to contribute a ring — he'd taken plenty in hock — for the marriage of ne'er-do-well relatives. He screamed in outrage to hear it called cheap jewelry at the ceremony. Ike had forgotten that, according to age-old ritual, someone has to attest that the bride's ring is worth only a few shekels.

Others may be troubled by what happened in successive generations. To me, it bears witness to America as the quintessential land of choice.

In some countries, defecting from your ancestral religion can get you killed. Here all get to be what they want to be.

My Uncle Ben wanted to be a "free thinker," as my father put it. Ben married my mother's sister and, as an engineer, wanted their two daughters to learn about this world, not the next one. He gave them gerbilis so they could observe how nature works.

One daughter became a Christian. The other identi-

fied as Jewish. Her daughter is an atheist. I dearly wanted gerbilis, but my father enrolled me in a *cheder*, a Hebrew school instead.

Six years of after-public-school classes enabled me to read, if not speak, the language. Whole passages of prayer still pop into memory. That training one allowed me to pass a security check at a Rome synagogue, on alert for terrorist attacks.

But my first ex-wife came from a secular Jewish home. We considered ourselves socialists and deigned to give our son and daughter religious instruction. That was the opium of the masses — or in my case, their Manischewitz, the sweet red wine blessed at the Sabbath table.

We called our son Lev for Leon Trotsky, who paid with his life for fighting Stalin's takeover of the Russian Revolution.

My second ex-wife insisted that our four daughters be raised Jewish. They went to a Jewish day school. They honor the injunction *tikkun olam* — repair the world.

Still, I faced a personal dilemma: I never had even a smidgen of a religious experience. So I consider myself in the faithful's reserves: If called, I'll be there. Meanwhile, if you rag on Israel, I'm going to be in your face.

But lately there's an unexpected development. You could call it miraculous. Lev's son Diego has

chosen to be Jewish. Artistically gifted, as a 10-year-old he taught himself Hebrew calligraphy. He was curious about the words' meaning.

That gave Lev a new responsibility. His wife is a Seventh-day Adventist, a Christian who keeps the Sabbath. She can't drive on Saturday, so Lev has to get their son to a synagogue.

Testing the sincerity of Diego's commitment, Lev set him a Talmudic puzzle: Judaism traces lineage through the female line, and his mother isn't Jewish.

Diego replied that the Bible says King David was a descendant of Ruth, who wasn't Jewish.

Hedging his bet, Diego will undergo formal conversion while preparing for his bar mitzvah. On that occasion, I'll have to believe there's life after death.

Otherwise, how could my grandparents and a legion of honorary aunts and uncles be present? As my grandson reads from a biblical scroll, I'll blow kisses skyward — thanking my immigrant forebears for transplanting our family to fertile soil where a wondrously variegated, all-American clan could blossom.

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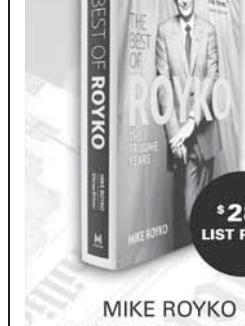
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Trump recites 'Night Before Christmas' — his way



REX W. HUPPKE

This column was first published Dec. 19, 2017.

As an early Christmas gift, I received an EXCLUSIVE and TOTALLY NOT-AT-ALL-MADE-UP transcript of President Donald Trump reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to a group of children at the White House.

Predictably, it is the greatest reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" ever in the history of the world. Many are saying so.

Enjoy:

"Twas the night before Christmas, and in the White House ...

You see what I did there? I said "White House," because I'm the president. We won the White House. It was — by far — the largest Electoral College victory in history, many told me that. Nobody had ever seen anything like it, and that's why I said "White House" in this poem, because that's where I live now because I'm president. I'm very clever, believe me.

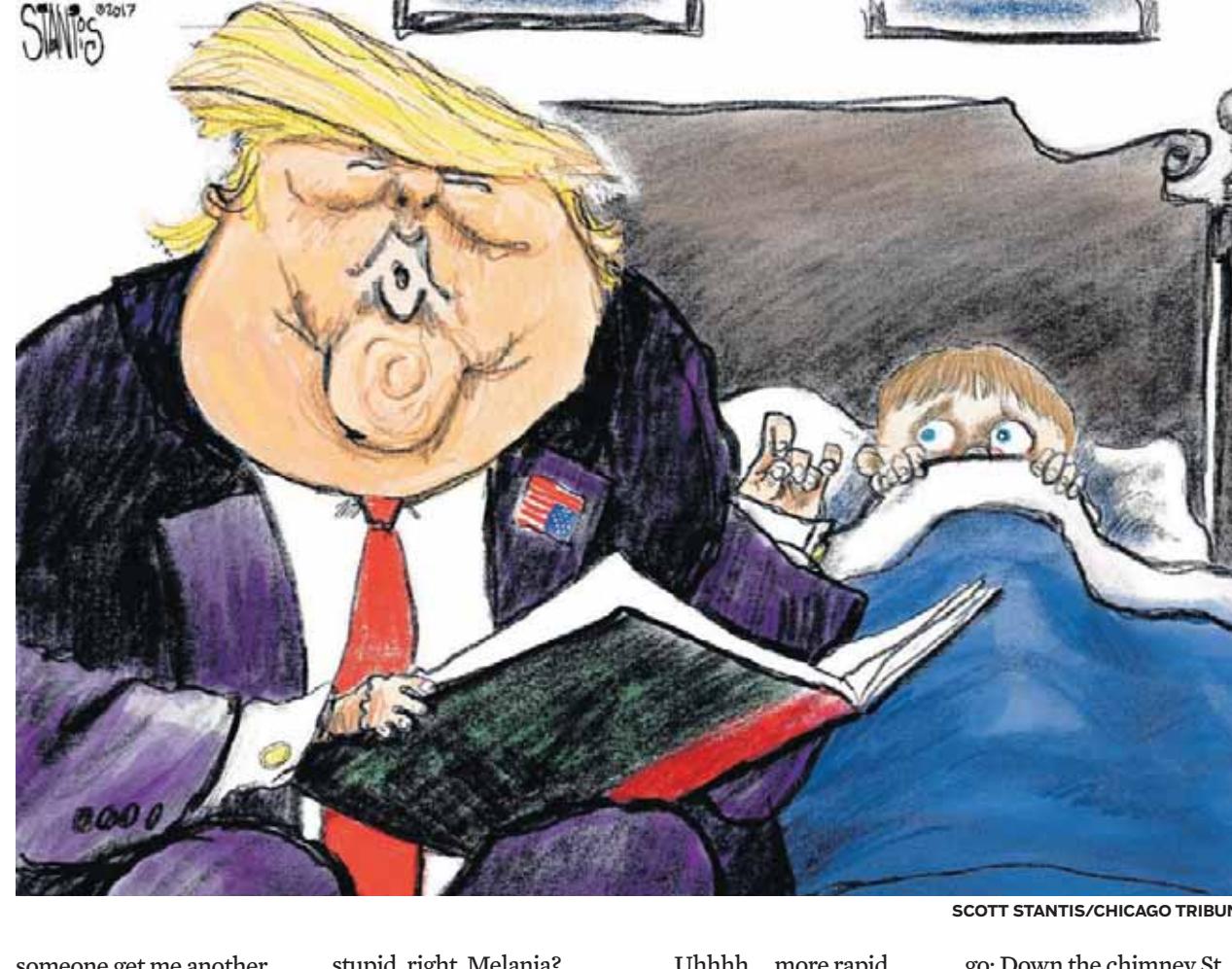
OK, where were we? Oh, yeah ...

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, which is good, because mice are filthy creatures. Especially as pets. I hate pets, they're very low-class.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

I bet that's how people at my rallies feel before I show up. They get so excited, they really do, they just love their president so much. I'm sure they get more excited about me than they would about this St. Nicholas person. What kind of last name is Nicholas anyway, sounds foreign.

OK, let's keep going. Can



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someone get me another Diet Coke?

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar plums danced in their heads. And Mama in her kerchief ...

And let me tell you, kids, Mama is looking quite nice, you see the picture here? I bet she'd let me take that kerchief off, they all do, when you're a star or the president you can do whatever you want, grab 'em by the sugar plums, whatever.

What? Oh, sorry. Back to the poem.

Let's see, hot mama, I in my cap — what kind of dope wears a cap? — uhuhh ... just settled our brains, blah blah blah. Here we go.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

If it was my lawn it probably would've been Don Jr. or Eric doing something

stupid, right, Melania? Where's Melania? Is she here? Why is she trying to run away? Stay here, honey, this is gonna be great. Isn't she beautiful?

Anyway, so the loser with the dopey cap goes to the window and looks out to see who's there ... he should've built a wall, right? Keep those people out. A big, beautiful wall, just like the one we're going to have, which, by the way, Mexico IS going to pay for. You'll see.

So ... threw up the sash ... blah blah ... something, something.

Here we go: When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer, with a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

Nick? Who's he? Oh ... St. Nicholas. The foreign guy from before. DEPORT!

Uhhhh ... more rapid than eagles ... I like those, very patriotic. Make America Great Again, right? Hah! These kids love me, I'm their president, why wouldn't they?

Then he names all the reindeer, Dancer, Flasher, Vixen, Ivanka, whatever.

Then a bunch of words ... dry leaves, hurricanes — you know, no president has dealt with hurricanes better than I have. We fixed everything, in record time.

Even in Puerto Rico, which, personally, I don't even like. Seems like it should belong to Mexico. WALL!!

Let's move this along or the very dishonest media will say I took up too much of your time. They lie so much. You know what I call them? FAKE NEWS. Nobody ever used the word "fake" before I did, I came up with that completely on my own.

Let's see ... ah, here we

go: Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. Like a coal miner. We love our coal miners, and we are bringing their jobs back quickly, believe me. Clean coal jobs, they'll be cleaning so much of that coal they bring out.

OK, so this St. Nicholas guy is there now, and I honestly don't know why everyone's so excited about him. It's not like Donald Trump just appeared with a bag full of Trump Steaks.

Now THAT would be exciting, right? Because people love me, I'm telling you, they love me, don't listen to what the lying media say.

Ummmm ... his eyes, how they twinkled, his dimples, how merry ... blah blah ... stump of a pipe.

OK, the fat guy winks, he does his work, puts stuff in

the stockings — probably stuff from China knowing this guy. Where did they get this poem from? We're going to have a better poem next year, I promise you. It will be a real American poem. And it will feature me, because let's be honest, I'm the one people want to see. And my red hat is way better than this loser's droopy red hat.

Buh-bum-bum ... ah, here we are: But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all" ... what the hell? HAPPY Christmas? Are you kidding me? It's "Merry Christmas." I've said that so many times before. MERRY! M-E-R-R-Y. Now that I'm president, everyone can again say Merry Christmas, not like when Obama was president and nobody could say those two magical words because he was from Kenya.

I want this poem banned! You see, kids, this is what the Deep State does to me every day. They want to destroy Trump. Destroy, destroy, destroy.

Let's wrap this up. I'm giving you each a copy of my truly famous and amazing book, "The Art of the Deal." You can get it on the way out, but you have to make a small donation to my re-election campaign. It's worth it, it's such a great value.

Have a Merry Christmas, kids. Remember who the real Santa is — it's President Donald Trump. In fact, many are saying I'm far better than Santa ever was. Believe me.

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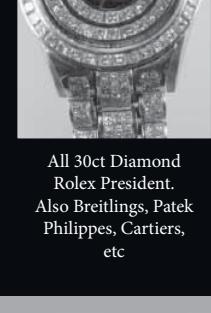
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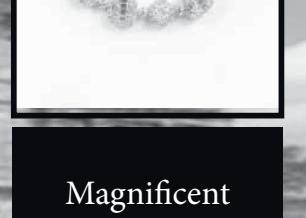
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Drexina Nelson, cousin of Marques Gaines, talks with reporters in 2016 outside the 7-Eleven where Gaines died.

Man serves 5 months in death that shocked city

Felon whose actions led to a man's death set for release

BY WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

Since her cousin died on the streets of Chicago in a notorious incident captured on video, it has taken nearly two years for Drexina Nelson to regain the ability to laugh at their memories together.

Recently, while driving to her photography studio in Atlanta, an old Justin Timberlake song that Nelson and her cousin Marques Gaines loved came on the radio. For the first time since his death, she sang and smiled, remembering happier times when they would belt out tunes together.



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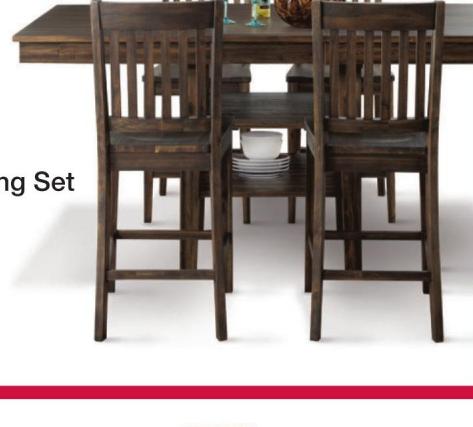
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Answers, peace fleeting amid her mourning

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charged.

The wait for answers has been unbearable for Rodriguez. She has found herself constantly hoping the detective on the case would call with news — likening it to waiting for a doctor's diagnosis that never comes.

"All the time," said Rodriguez, 32. "All the time. You are constantly waiting. ... And you are waiting for the phone to ring. It is something you think about all the time. Have they caught him yet? Why hasn't anyone called? Have they forgot about him?"

Through all this, Rodriguez moved out of her home of six years, unable to stay where Young had been killed. Losing him was hard enough. But she also had to face neighbors too afraid to speak up about what they saw. "These are people that I have spoken to in passing every day."

A love story

Rodriguez saw Young immediately when she walked into a house five years ago for a meeting of a local social club.

Though an active member for years, she'd never seen Young. She walked straight to the staircase where he was sitting and asked who he was.

"My name is Montana," he responded, using his club nickname.

It was not love at first sight — at least for Kendra. Both were dating others at the time. But Young later told a friend that, from the moment he met her, he wanted to marry her.

Their friendship grew over four years. They often saw each other socially and came to confide in each other.

"We told each other what was going on (in our lives)," she remembered. "What was going wrong."

By 2017, both were out of their previous relationships. One day, out of the blue, Young called her.

"He said, 'You ready?'" she recalled. "I said, 'For what?' And he said, 'Lace your boots up. We're going to go on this ride together.'"

They started dating. He moved into the South Shore apartment where she lived



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Kendra Rodriguez looks out the window while moving into her new apartment earlier this month in Chicago.

almost immediately and helped her raise her five children, attending school events and graduations. He became the most close to her 15-year-old son, playing basketball with him.

"They were a match made in heaven," said a friend, Dominique Coleman, 32. "You know some people just click. They just clicked."

Darnell Payne, dean of students at Sullivan House High School, was delighted that Young, a former student he mentored, found Rodriguez. "They found comfort in each other," said Payne, who said Young had a tough background, including some convictions.

Young begged Rodriguez to have his child. Their daughter, Kourage, was born eight months ago. Young's birthday was April 28, hers is April 26.

Rodriguez spent a month before the birth in the hospital with complications. Young was by her side.

It was a busy home. In addition to the six children, the couple had two dogs: a pit bull Rodriguez had bought for Young and one from his aunt.

It was an argument over the dogs that escalated that August evening, according to police reports. The dogs went to the bathroom on the back deck and a neighbor became upset.

Young and a man argued on the deck behind the home. Rodriguez heard gunshots from her apartment. Young was dead, found on the sidewalk behind the building. He was 30.

Killed with impunity'

Most Chicago homicides happen outdoors and are rooted in some sort of conflict among small, loosely aligned gang factions.

Chicago police have said this is one reason detectives struggle to clear more homicides. The violence is quick, catching victims and witnesses off guard, and evidence is often scattered. It's not uncommon for people to settle their own scores instead of going to police.

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Vincent spent many years working in kitchens without access to health insurance and knows what a difference it can make. He has bad psoriasis and for years couldn't treat it.

Within weeks, police had enough information to issue a citywide alert on a suspect seen leaving the area with another person, according to a source.

Rodriguez said she was initially in close contact with the detective on the case, who explained to her that more witnesses needed to come forward. Since then, there have been no significant updates. She finds this hard to understand because police know who they are looking for.

The Tribune asked for an update from the detective division. A department spokesman responded by email that progress was being made: One person had been interviewed and a second was being sought for questioning. No other details were released.

Payne, the high school dean of students, also finds the wait tough to endure and hard to understand.

"It's devastating to us," said Payne, 47, who offered Young a place to live as a teenager when he was homeless.

He worries that no arrest will fuel the relentless cycle of violence. "It causes street guys to become vigilantes,"

Payne said.

Violent crimes go unsolved mostly in neighborhoods already dealing with the chronic threat of violence. Feeling there is no justice adds to the trauma, according to Brad Stolbach, a psychologist at University of Chicago medical center and co-director of Healing Hurt People-Chicago, a violence intervention program based at U. of C. and Stroger hospitals.

"What it really is, in the most affected communities, is you can be killed with impunity," Stolbach said. "So your death is not viewed as very important. What message does that send to everybody who could be that person in front of that bullet?"

Yet when people under siege from violence engage in violence themselves, perhaps to protect themselves, they are "viewed as the problem," Stolbach added.

Rodriguez says she hopes the detective is working hard to solve the case. But she has not heard from him since before she moved in October.

"Chicago does have a lot of violence ... we understand," she said. "But in

the situation like this, we don't want our loved ones to be in the back of a case file. So no matter how busy you get, we feel this is your job. It was a life taken. ... Even if you got this heavy workload, have someone reach out to these victims' families. Let them know you are not forgotten."

A fresh start?

Less than two hours after closing the door at her old apartment, Rodriguez stood gazing out a bedroom window of her new home with a close friend by her side. They looked at a sweeping, dramatic view of the city and quietly chatted.

The city churned below — train whistles and the low murmur of expressway traffic. The friends were interrupted by a mover who walked in and joked about when the first house party would be.

They laughed.

The apartment, with its bright white walls, walk-in closets and smooth curved corners, seemed to hold promise.

But there was also a sense of uncertainty. The move was just one of several changes forced on Rodriguez since Young was shot. Her two elementary school-aged children have gone to stay with relatives out of state, she said. Her 15-year-old broke three knuckles after he punched a refrigerator on the four-month anniversary of the shooting — which means he has to sit out his team's basketball season. She had to give up the dogs. And Rodriguez has not returned to work.

"My life has been ripped apart," she said. "I didn't just lose Earl in this."

There's yet another layer of tension: The people who know what happened and who was involved but have not come forward.

"A lot of tension," Rodriguez said. "I completely understand (they are reluctant) but I mean, I still need somebody to step forward and say, 'I saw this and I was out there.'"

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Fat Rice going against the grain

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While large restaurant groups like Lettuce Entertain You and Boka Group offer health insurance to hourly employees, the benefit is uncommon among smaller, independent restaurants operating on thin margins and without an administrative staff.

Bob Goldin, a partner at Chicago-based food industry consulting firm Pentallect, said restaurants are going to have to start offering health care benefits to attract and retain employees, and those that don't are going to be at a significant labor disadvantage as Chicago's restaurant scene continues to grow.

But Goldin doubts adding a surcharge to pay for the perk will be received well beyond a few neighborhood restaurants, as many customers will view it as another tax and balk.

"I just don't see it spreading," he said. "Consumers are sympathetic with the situation, but by and large the attitude is 'You pay them, why should we?'"

The surcharge is already common in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and in Chicago it is being implemented at a growing number of popular haunts in the progressive bastion of Logan Square.

The restaurant Giant pioneered the concept locally last year when it added a 2 percent surcharge to customer bills to cover part of the cost of offering employees health insurance, and nearby restaurants Daisies and Bixi have since adopted similar models. Dos Urban Cantina, also in Logan Square, plans to follow suit in the first quarter of 2019.

"We're family, we want to take care of each other," Dos Urban chef and co-owner Brian Enyart said, adding that he wouldn't be able to afford health benefits for his

25 employees without the surcharge.

Fat Rice's 4 percent "hospitality provision" fee is meant to cover a portion of health insurance for all 40 of its employees plus raise the wages of kitchen workers, who currently earn less than half of what tipped servers earn even when they work longer hours, Lo said. The goal is to raise hourly wages for kitchen staff, such as dishwashers and cooks, by at least \$3 an hour, while still allowing servers to collect tips.

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The fee, which will be attached to checks not only at Fat Rice's restaurant but also at its neighboring bakery and cocktail lounge The Ladies' Room, will be explained on the menus and servers will be trained to explain it to customers.

"We want to minimize wage disparities between front- and back-of-house," Lo said.

Unlike at some restaurants, the charge will not be optional, though if a customer raises a stink it will be removed.

"If someone is that upset about it, truthfully, that's not the kind of guest we are interested in serving," Conlon said.

To ease the sticker shock, Fat Rice will adjust the standard suggested gratuity listed on checks to read 16%/18%/20%, rather than the 18%/20%/22% guests currently see. The owners expect most customers won't mind paying an extra \$4 on a \$100 check if it is benefiting employees. None of the money will go to ownership wages or investor dividends, they said.

There is debate in the restaurant community about whether a surcharge is the wisest way to pay for improved working conditions, but Conlon and Lo said they weighed other options and determined this is the best route.

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Care Act requires employers with at least 50 full-time equivalent employees to provide a group health plan, people working for smaller employers are left to buy their own insurance on the marketplace. But group plans tend to have lower deductibles and more stable rates than individual plans, making it a preferable option, Boik said.

Some restaurants introducing health benefits for workers are avoiding the surcharge and opting instead to raise prices.

At Loop bar and restaurant Slightly Toasted and nearby Little Toasted, partner Tyler Mendoza plans to bump menu prices up by 25 cents and add a small blurb explaining that it helps cover the cost of offering health insurance. Mendoza, who hopes to launch health benefits by the end of the first quarter of 2019, said "the companies that do it sooner will be able to attract and retain staff better."

Raising prices "won't be quite as divisive" as imposing a surcharge, which can make people feel like they're paying more, he said.

"I think other parts of life are important and I don't think we do it enough in the restaurant industry," he said. "There is so much time and sacrifice, and I want people to have a life too."

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THE 9 BEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS NO. 8

1963

Bears record: 11-1-2. Coach: George Halas. On Dec. 29, 1963, at frigid Wrigley Field (4 degrees, -11 wind chill), the Bears beat the Giants 14-10. Billy Wade scored both Bears touchdowns. "Before 45,801 mitten, blanketed and shivering spectators crowded into the north side ball park," Tribune reporter George Strickler wrote, "the Bears brought the title back to Chicago for the first time in 17 years by rallying twice, then throttling New York's desperate last second challenge."

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BEARS ARE AWED... THEN THEY GO WILD!

It Adds Up to Giant Touchdown



Quarterback Bill Wade breaks thru middle of Giant line for 17 yards during first quarter of yesterday's title battle in Wrigley field. Coming in to halt Bear star is Dick Pesonen (25).

In the WAKE of the NEWS
By DAVID CONDON

THEY used to say that you never bet against the Chicago Bears, Notre Dame, and Joe Louis. The era of Notre Dame's invincibility has passed and the calendar long ago cut down boxing's Brown Bomber. But the Bears are still around to fly championship pennants. The New York Giants learned that.

The Bears slapped back the Giants with a ferocity that reminded one of a mother braying an assauk on her cubs.

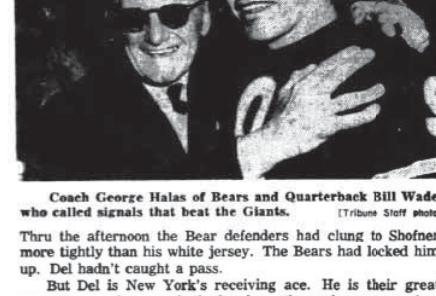
So this morning the Bears are flying their eighth pennant emblematic of the championship of the National Football League. That championship was earned yesterday with the 14 to 10 conquest of the Giants in Wrigley field.

Yesterday's temperature was 9 degrees at the noon kickoff hour, and it was dropping. But as the minutes passed, Chicago fans found their spirits soaring. Even when the Giants took a 7 to 0 edge the first time New York had the ball, you found an audience unshaken in the belief that these 1963 Bears were destiny's darlings.

Destiny played a role. But a big assist came from Richie Petitbon, the defensive back from Tulane. With just seconds left on the clock, Petitbon nudged destiny out of the way and personally took charge. He cut into the end zone with eyes for a desperation pass thrown by New York's frustrated graybeard, Y. A. Tittle. This was the "desperation" bomb. If it was on target, New York had the winning touchdown.

If THAT delayed fuse bomb from Tittle would connect in the end zone, there would be no tomorrow for the Bears. They barely would have had time to accept a kickoff.

Getting into the end zone, with two other Bear defenders keeping him company, Petitbon also had eyes for Del Shofner,



Coach George Halas of Bears and Quarterback Bill Wade who called signals that beat the Giants. [Tribune Staff photo]

Thru the afternoon the Bear defenders had clung to Shofner more tightly than his white jersey. The Bears had locked him up. Del hadn't caught a pass.

But Del is New York's receiving ace. He is their great one. He was the one who had to have the assignment as time was tolling off and Tittle had to fling the final aerial. The Bears were on the precipice. They would be saved if they could cling another few seconds. The Giants were over the precipice, clawing and clutching furiously.

Petitbon, the Bear, leaped around like an outfielder scooting for a long fly ball. He went for the football like a homing pigeon heading for the loft. The ball dropped onto Petitbon's grasp in the end zone. He sprang a bear trap on it. The football, and the Bears' eighth world championship, were locked in the grasp of Richie Petitbon.

THIS was a contest when your breath stopped as frequently as the clock on the big scoreboard looming over the center field bleachers.

But the play that the assembled frozen fans always will remember will be Petitbon's grand larceny.

That catch was payday at the mill, Christmas at home,

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MOON MULLINS



WE GOT AN INVITATION TO LADY P.'S NEW YEAR'S PARTY-- SHELL NEVER MISS IT.

OH-OH-- IT'S A BLACK TIE AFFAIR.

YOU MEAN YER SUPPOSED TO WEAR A BLACK TIE?

SURE-- IT'S FORMAL...

CARTOON BY JAMES C. GIBSON

AS USUAL, LADY PLUSHBOTTOM'S IDEAS ARE GOOFY BUT INTERESTING.

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BOSTON, 27; PITTSBURGH, 6; BROOKLYN, 2; CLEVELAND, 2; BOSTON, 4; SPRINGFIELD, 1.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Ball (arrow) is loose near 40-yard line and Barnes, former Bear, has clear path.

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Barnes scoops up ball on 41-yard line and sets in motion only Giant touchdown which came when Y. A. Tittle passed 14 yards to Frank Gifford in end zone. [Tribune Staff photo]

Hawks, Hall Blank Leafs, 2-0

BY CHARLES BARTLETT

Goalie Glenn Hall, Right Wing Ken Wharman, and associate Chicago Black Hawks last night completed the first half of their 1963-64 National Hockey league schedule with a smoothly wrought 2 to 0 victory over the world champion Toronto Maple Leafs before an elated Chicago audience of 16,100.

Hall demonstrated why he's the reigning custodian of the league's Vezina prize for goators by scoring his fifth shutout of the season, the 56th of his career, and most impor-

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Referee Frank Udvari, who officiated at the Dec. 7 Hawk-Leaf brawl in Toronto, which

cost both teams \$4,975 in fines, called only three penalties last night, two against Chicago, one on Toronto.

The Hawks, who have never had it so good at this midway point,

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Cameras Go Away

One by one they filed up the stairs and into the dressing room, vacated only moments earlier by the television cameras which, had they won, would have beamed their delight to the nation. Both those cameras are gone for winter.

Richie McElhenny walked out, his grizzled head bowed. Roger Brown went past, head high, tears running down his round cheeks. Y. A. Tittle was crying, too, from pain and frustration as limped on his injured left knee. Last in was Jack Stroud, a beefy tackle, who turned to the jeering hundreds and gestured, like a

team which beat the Hawks out of their first league title by a

measly half-game last March.

McElhenny had to work to record the only 20-goal campaign of his career, required just the first 20 sec-

onds last evening to get No. 19 for this semester, and then hit No. 20 in the eighth minute of the first period. The right wing member of the scooter trio now has 95 career goals putting him in eighth place. The first three times in three years he had gotten the Giants into the playoff, and three times he was unable to get them.

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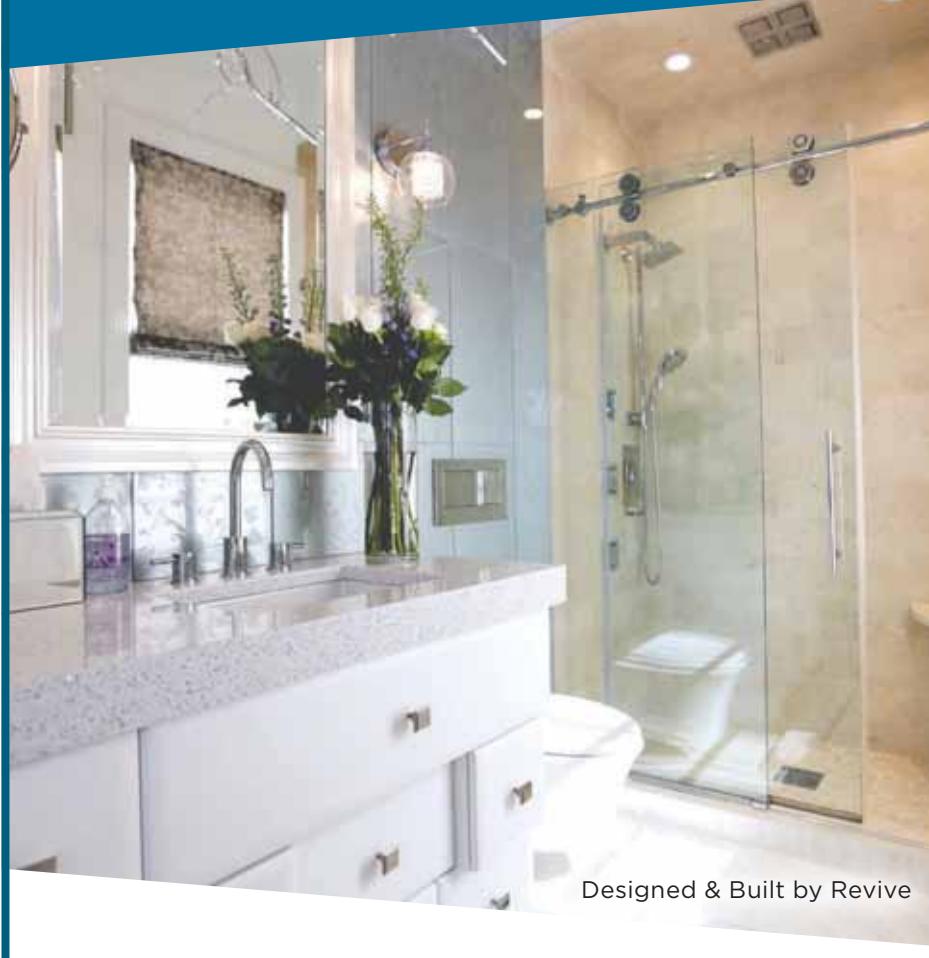
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Hinsdale nonprofit offers free haircuts for people with cancer

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

Chicago Tribune

When Candy Fraser learned that the Hinsdale nonprofit where she takes an exercise class for cancer patients was offering free professional hairstyling services, she immediately signed up for a haircut.

"This is so marvelous because some people really need their head shaved at some point, or they're starting to grow in fuzzy hair and they don't know how to take care of it," said Fraser, 65, of Clarendon Hills, whose hair was less than an inch long when she had it trimmed and shaped two months ago at Wellness House.

Wellness House, which offers free wellness, education and support programs for people with cancer, slowly began offering free professional haircuts at its Hinsdale location this fall, with a formal launch for the program Dec. 7. So far, more than 10 patients have participated, and Wellness House, which has two volunteer stylists, hopes to add more in January, according to Senior Director of Programs Lisa Kolavennu.

"Appearance is such an outward sign to the world of what's happening" during cancer treatment, said Kolavennu. "It can feel very powerful to have some con-

trol over managing that. We even find that, for example, with head-shaving in our salon, many people will want to do that before their hair even starts to fall out because it's an act of taking control over one's situation."

Haircuts take place in a comfortable and inviting multipurpose room outfitted with a salon chair, a sink for shampooing, and a cart for supplies, said Anthony Tuzzolino, co-owner of I Design Salon & Blowdry Bar in Hinsdale and a volunteer stylist. "People have definitely commented on how much better they feel afterward," he said.

Patients can bring friends or relatives, and the room is private, so people who are losing their hair don't have to worry that others are staring at them.

"We see people in all different phases of their cancer journey," Tuzzolino said. "I've seen people that are going into treatment and just want to get rid of their hair because a large portion of it has already fallen out. I've seen people that are already growing their hair back for three months, or 10 months, and they don't know what to do with it."

Fraser, who was diagnosed with the blood cancer multiple myeloma in 2017, has gone through chemotherapy, dialysis for related

kidney problems, and a bone marrow transplant, and she said she's now doing well. The retired school technology coordinator had a friend shave her head during treatment, and it had grown back a bit when she had it trimmed at Wellness House.

"I liked it. It was great," she said of her haircut. There's a real need for services as basic as free shampooing, she said; when she was on dialysis, she had a catheter in her chest and couldn't take a shower. She got her hair washed at a salon, she said.

The Wellness House hair salon is funded, in part, by a donation from Burr Ridge attorney John Eisel, who lost his wife, Linda, to breast cancer in 2015. Everybody reacts to cancer differently, Eisel said. Linda, who wore a wig during treatment, didn't want people to know she was sick, or to treat her differently.

"She was always getting complimented on her wig, and it was kind of her way of looking healthy and feeling healthy," said Eisel, 69, whose gift supports an array of Wellness House salon services, including a wig boutique. "I knew I wanted to do something with Wellness House, and this kind of spoke to me as something she would really like."

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Exiting GOP legislator to lead revenue agency

Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker picked an outgoing Republican lawmaker to lead a key financial agency, his transition team announced Thursday.

State Rep. David Harris of Arlington Heights will lead Pritzker's Illinois Department of Revenue, the state's main tax-collecting agency.

The former leader of the Illinois National Guard didn't run for re-election in November.

Harris will become head of the revenue department

as Pritzker and his new administration take over a state government on Jan. 14 that has a \$71 billion pile of unpaid bills and other steep financial challenges.

Harris was one of the Republican lawmakers who broke ranks with Gov. Bruce Rauner and voted to raise the Illinois income tax in the summer of 2017.

The incoming Democratic governor also announced outgoing Attorney General Lisa Madigan's chief of staff will be his general counsel. Ann

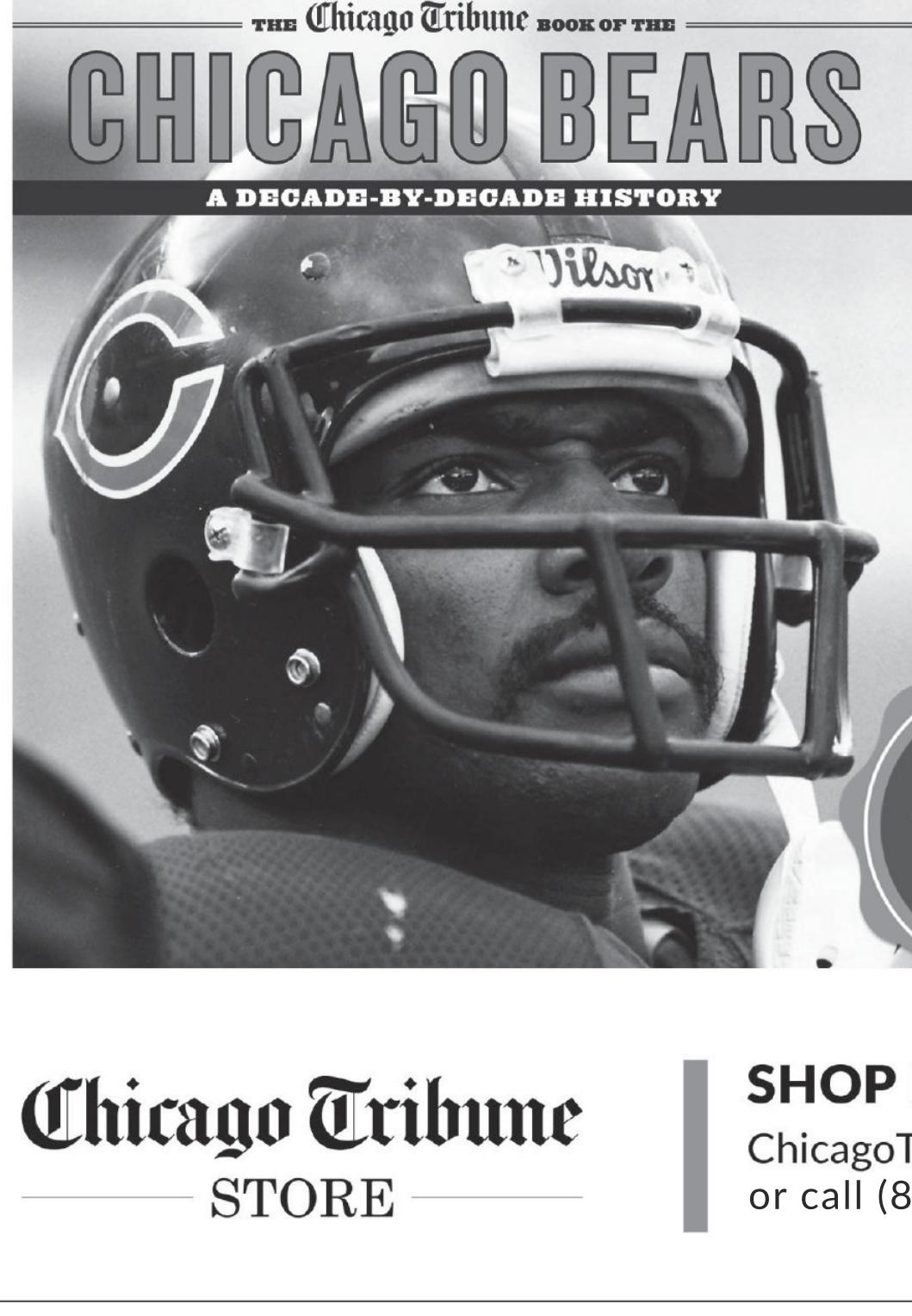
Spillane has worked as a top attorney at the Environmental Law and Policy Center and as a partner at Sachnoff & Weaver.

Pritzker's transition team announced former Downstate Democratic state Sen. John Sullivan will be the state Department of Agriculture director. And Sean Rapelyea, a former political director at Hillary Clinton for Illinois, will be Pritzker's chief of staff for external affairs.

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Pot's quiet kin making noise in Illinois

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CBD produced from marijuana, legalized in Illinois for adults, that process would probably take until 2020 to get established, giving hemp a head start because it's already legal.

Andy Huston, a sixth-generation farmer who grew that first seed crop in the Roseville area, about 60 miles west of Peoria, says CBD is just the beginning. Hemp can also be used to produce fiber for clothing, textiles, building materials, paper and food.

"CBD oil will help the industry get started," he said, "but there's going to be tons of offshoot businesses that will come out of this."

Hemp Business Journal reported that the plant generated \$820 million in U.S. sales in 2017, most of it imported, but with projections to grow to nearly \$2 billion by 2022 as it shifts to a made-in-America industry. A lead sponsor of the Illinois hemp legalization bill, state Sen. Toi Hutchinson, a Democrat from Olympia Fields, said the law will allow local farmers the ability to grow a product that's already imported and available in stores.

Typically, farmers prefer to have buyers lined up before they grow, so the industry is likely to start slowly in 2019. There's a need for processing facilities to turn the crop into usable products. Once growers know how to raise it and where to sell it, based on current prices, Huston believes it would be much more profitable than the typical local crops of corn and soybeans.

Hemp was widely grown domestically before the federal Marihuana (sic) Tax Act of 1937 made it prohibitively expensive and the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 made it illegal. Founding fathers George



Farmer Andy Huston checks harvested hemp plants drying in a shed on his farm near Roseville earlier this week.

Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew hemp, and it was harvested in Illinois for rope during World War II.

But one lingering question for modern-day farmers is how hemp growing will be licensed. The Illinois Department of Agriculture plans to publish its proposed rules Friday, said Jeff Cox, chief of the Bureau of Medicinal Plants. Those will govern who can grow hemp, where, how much a license will cost and how to qualify.

The law requires licensed farmers to give police the exact GPS coordinates of their plot, so investigators can do spot testing to make sure they are growing hemp and not pot.

Federal and state laws define hemp as cannabis sativa plants that have less than 0.3 percent THC. If the plants test high or "hot," they can be ordered to be destroyed.

To comply with the federal farm bill, the rules would have to include a criminal background check to exclude anyone with recent felony convictions for drugs. A similar background check was initially required for the state's pilot medical marijuana program, which has been selling the drug since 2015, but that requirement was dropped this year. Critics said it was unfair to patients, and state health department officials said it slowed the licensing process too much, but law enforcement officials requested the provision for hemp in the new Illinois

law — something to be determined in the new rules.

After a 90-day public comment period, the state rules may be finalized in April, and state officials hope to take applications and approve licenses as quickly as possible, so farmers can get seeds or seedlings in the ground by June 1 for an optimal growing season.

If the proposed rules are workable when they come out Friday, some farmers will be quickly taking out their credit cards to order scarce hemp seed, said Liz Moran Stell, executive director of the Illinois Stewardship Alliance, a pro-farming group that lobbied for the state law.

"There's going to be way more competition in 2020," she said. "It's urgent to get the licensing done in time for spring planting."

So far, about 150 farmers and entrepreneurs have inquired with the state about growing hemp, a small fraction of the 72,000 farmers in the state. Cox expects that number to grow substantially once the rules come out and farmers know how to plan.

Until now, hemp products were legal to import to the U.S. but not to produce here. Most of the hemp and CBD products now available in specialty shops and grocery stores come from Europe, Canada and China.

Starting in 2014, Congress authorized hemp production only through university research programs. But with cannabis remaining illegal per federal law,

college officials initially were concerned about losing federal funding if they participated. Only Western Illinois University in Macomb started such a program, which is where Huston got his license to grow. Southern Illinois University in Carbondale is also starting a research program.

The new federal farm bill takes hemp off the Controlled Substances Act, thereby allowing interstate commerce, crop insurance, and standard business loans and tax deductions. Those will be major advantages for hemp over medical marijuana, which remains illegal under federal law. Another big difference is that while medical marijuana must be grown indoors for security reasons, hemp can be grown outdoors on a much larger scale.

That's why hemp could be a welcome relief for farmers losing money to low corn and bean prices and the recent tariff war with China, said Huston, who is part owner of Salveo Health & Wellness medical marijuana dispensary in Canton, Ill. Such dispensaries can sell CBD derived from marijuana already, but only to licensed patients.

Medical marijuana business owners want to make sure hemp has to undergo the same testing as their products, which get screened for potency, pesticides and other contaminants. Otherwise, because CBD can be derived from both hemp or marijuana plants, there will be an unfair playing field, said Ross Morreale, co-founder of Ataraxia, which grows and sells medical marijuana.

Hemp could bring new opportunities in particular to smaller family farmers, many of whom have been hurt or driven out of business by the "get big or get out" pressures of selling commodities like corn and beans, said Rob Davies, spokesman for the Illinois Farmers Union.

While CBD is the first play for farmers, Davies said, the long game is in fiber, as the need for natural, biodegradable materials increases. If farmers pool

their money to buy processing plants, they can keep the profit. "It's a way to stabilize farming," he said.

Processors are also looking to cash in on the new hemp market. Orochem Technologies Inc. in Naperville issued a statement that it has patents to extract CBD, and plans to help farmers produce a variety of products.

Since passage of the farm bill, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that any use of CBD oil as a dietary or health supplement is illegal without FDA approval, so industry members are waiting for direction from the FDA.

"They need to find a

legitimate path for companies to conform to," Stark said.

Earlier this year, the FDA approved the first plant-derived CBD drug, Epidiolex, to treat epilepsy. Hemp supporters claim the plant also helps a wide variety of other ailments, but the FDA has warned CBD marketers against making unsubstantiated medical claims. The removal of hemp from the Controlled Substances Act will allow research to investigate its health effects. That's where growers hope to make big money.

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GOP Latino vote steady under Trump

Position hasn't weakened despite immigration rhetoric

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — Pedro Gonzalez has faith in Donald Trump and his party.

The 55-year-old Colombian immigrant is a pastor at an evangelical church in suburban Denver. Initially repelled by Trump in 2016, he's been heartened by the president's steps to protect religious groups and appoint judges who oppose abortion rights. More important, Gonzalez sees Trump's presidency as part of a divine plan.

"It doesn't matter what I think," Gonzalez said of the president. "He was put there."

Though Latino voters are a key part of the Democratic coalition, there is a larger bloc of reliable Republican Latinos than many think. And the GOP's position among Latinos has not weakened during the Trump administration, despite the president's rhetoric against immigrants and the party's shift to the right on immigration.

In November's elections, 32 percent of Latinos voted for Republicans, according to AP VoteCast data. The survey of more than 115,000 midterm voters — including 7,738 Latino voters — was conducted for The Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago.

Other surveys also found roughly one-third of Latinos supporting the GOP. Data from the Pew Research Center and from exit



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A man holds up a sign for then presidential candidate Donald Trump in Anaheim, Calif.

polls suggests that a comparable share of about 3 in 10 Latino voters supported Trump in 2016.

The stability of Republicans' share of the Latino vote frustrates Democrats, who say actions like Trump's family separation policy and his demonization of an immigrant caravan should drive Latinos out of the GOP.

"The question is not are Democrats winning the Hispanic vote — it's why aren't Democrats winning the Hispanic vote 80-20 or 90-10 the way black voters are?" said Fernand Amandi,

a Miami-based Democratic pollster.

The VoteCast data shows that, like white voters, Latinos are split by gender — 61 percent of men voted Democratic in November, while 69 percent of women did. And while Republican-leaning Latinos can be found everywhere in the country, two groups stand out as especially likely to back the GOP — evangelicals and veterans.

Evangelicals comprised about one-quarter of Latino voters, and veterans were 13 percent. Both groups were about evenly split between

the two parties. Mike Madrid, a Republican strategist in California, said those groups have reliably provided the GOP with many Latino votes for years.

"They stick and they do not go away," Madrid said. Much as with Trump's own core white voters, attacks on the president and other Republicans for being anti-immigrant "just make them dig in even more," he added.

Sacramento-based Rev. Sam Rodriguez, one of Trump's spiritual advisers, said evangelical Latinos

have a clear reason to vote Republican. "Why do 30 percent of Latinos still support Trump? Because of the Democratic Party's obsession with abortion," Rodriguez said. "It's life and religious liberty and everything else follows."

Some conservative Latinos say their political leanings make them feel more like a minority than their ethnicity does. Irina Vilarino, 43, a Miami restaurateur and Cuban immigrant, said she had presidential bumper stickers for Sen. John McCain, Mitt Romney and Trump scratched off

her car. She said she never suffered from discrimination growing up in a predominantly white south Florida community, "but I remember during the McCain campaign being discriminated against because I supported him."

The 2018 election was good to Democrats, but Florida disappointed them. They couldn't convince enough of the state's often right-leaning Cuban-American voters to support Sen. Bill Nelson, who was ousted by the GOP's Spanish-speaking Gov. Rick Scott, or rally behind Democrats' gubernatorial candidate, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, who lost to Republican Rep. Ron DeSantis.

Still, in the rest of the country, there were signs that pleased Democrats. Latinos voted at high rates in an election that saw record-setting turnout among all demographic groups. Latinos normally have among the worst midterm turnout rates, and while official data won't be available for months, a number of formerly-Republican congressional districts in California and New Mexico flipped Democratic.

That's why Republicans shouldn't take solace from being able to consistently win about one-third of Latinos, said Madrid. They're still losing two-thirds of an electorate that's being goaded into the voting booth by Trump.

"That is contributing to the death spiral of the Republican Party — even if it holds at 30 percent," Madrid said. "That's a route to death, it's just a slower one."

Walmart influences debate over black charter schools

By SALLY HO
Associated Press

Amid fierce debate over whether charter schools are good for black students, the heirs to the Walmart company fortune have been working to make inroads with advocates and influential leaders in the black community.

The Walton family, as one of the leading supporters of America's charter school movement, is spreading its financial support to prominent and like-minded black leaders, from grassroots groups focused on education to mainstream national organizations such as the United Negro College Fund and Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, according to an Associated Press analysis of tax filings and nonprofit grants data.

"Those closest to the challenge often have the best solution," said Marc Sternberg, who leads the Walton Family Foundation's education efforts.

Charter schools, which are publicly funded and privately operated, are often located in urban areas with large black populations, intended as alternatives to struggling city schools. Black enrollment in charters has doubled over the

course of a decade, to more than 760,000 students as of 2015-16, according to the latest federal data, but the rise also has been marked by concerns about racial segregation, inconsistent student outcomes, and the hollowing-out of neighborhood public schools.

While some black leaders see charters as a safer, better alternative in their communities, a deep rift of opinion was exposed by a 2016 call for a moratorium on charters by the NAACP, a long-time skeptic that expressed concerns about school privatization, transparency and accountability issues.

The Black Lives Matter movement is also among those that have demanded charter school growth be curbed.

When NAACP leaders gathered to discuss charters in 2016, a group of demonstrators led the Cincinnati hotel to complain to police that they were trespassing. The three buses that brought the 150 black parents from Tennessee on the 14-hour road trip were provided by The Memphis Lift, an advocacy group that has received \$1.5 million from the Walton foundation since 2015.

Deidra Brooks, chief of staff for The Memphis Lift,

said they were not asked by Walton to carry out the protest and declined to say how much of their budget came from the foundation. The startup advocacy group seeded by Walton money also provides parents school choice counseling and advocacy training.

Like U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and many other billionaire philanthropists, the Waltons — one of America's richest families — embrace charter schools and education reform as an avenue to help the neediest. The Walton foundation is in the midst of a \$1 billion pledge dedicated largely to expanding charters.

Andre Perry, an education policy expert at the Brookings Institution, said the Walton foundation's reliance on black faces to make its case for charters suggests that they're exploiting black people for a "white agenda."

"It's a sad thing that education reform is about how much money you have and not about what connection you have with black communities," Perry said.

Much of the \$9 million granted to the United Negro College Fund has been spent on the scholarship



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organization's fellowship program for students interested in education reform. Likewise, the foundation gave \$170,000 in recent years to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation for its events, while the Waltons are also giving \$530,000 to sponsor an affiliated education policy advocacy and campaign training workshop.

Walton money totals nearly \$2 million to the 100 Black Men of America campaign and \$7.3 million to the National Urban League. Both groups have strong ties to charter schools on the ground.

The Waltons have given small amounts to other kinds of black community groups, as well, including

the New England Blacks in Philanthropy organization, the Association of Black Foundation Executives and the National Black Child Development Institute.

And this year, the foundation sponsored a luncheon at a Detroit conference for the National Association of Black Journalists, which was advertised as "The Importance of Educating our Black Children" and primarily featured Walton's pro-charter grantees as panel speakers.

"Of course we've seen pushback from people in general, but that goes with privatization. The forces of privatization are powerful and have friends in all sorts of places," said Victor Goode, the NAACP's educa-

tion director.

After the NAACP proposed the moratorium, Walton money had a hand in the highly publicized debate that followed. The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, an advocacy group that has received more than \$16 million from Walton, organized a campaign that urged the NAACP to reconsider, including a letter signed by more than 160 black education leaders.

Among them was prominent charter advocate Howard Fuller, a former Milwaukee schools superintendent. The Waltons gave \$17 million to his now-defunct advocacy group, the Black Alliance for Educational Options.

Wanted: School bus drivers all over U.S.

By GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — School districts throughout the U.S. are struggling to find school bus drivers, a challenge that has worsened with low unemployment and a strong economy.

The problem has become so severe that some districts are offering sign-up bonuses for new drivers, while others rely on mechanics, custodians and other school employees to fill the gap. For parents and students,

the shortage can mean longer waits for a ride to school and more crowded buses.

The shortage stems from a variety of factors, including limited work hours and high barriers to entry. Drivers generally need a commercial driver's license, which requires training, sometimes without pay, said Mike Martin, executive director of the National Association of Pupil Transportation.

"Unless you have something to fill in the gaps (between drives), you can't

make the money you need to support your family," Martin said. "These days, most people are looking for some kind of regular, full-time hours."

In Iowa's Southeast Polk Community School District, transportation director Daniel Schultz said the persistent shortage has grown worse in the suburban Des Moines district because there aren't as many retired farmers, a group that commonly took the job for extra income.

In St. Paul, Minn., some

students are arriving late to school because fill-in drivers aren't familiar with the normal routes. A school district in Ypsilanti, Mich., had to cancel a day of school in February because there weren't enough substitute drivers to cover for sick drivers.

And in Hawaii last year, a driver shortage in Maui forced officials to suspend bus rides for some students and limit rides for some others. The district offered free monthly bus passes on local public transportation.



NATTI HARNIK/AP

Public school bus driver Kristi Meyers loads children onto her bus, in Lincoln, Neb., last week.

Saudi king orders Cabinet shake-up after writer's killing

BY AYA BATRAWY
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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's King Salman issued a wide-ranging overhaul of top government posts on Thursday, including naming a new foreign minister, following international fallout from the killing of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi nearly three months ago.

He also ordered a shake-up of the kingdom's supreme council that oversees matters related to security. The council is headed by the king's son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whose powers, including roles as deputy prime minister and defense minister, were untouched in the overhaul.

The changes appear to further consolidate the crown prince's grip on power by appointing to key posts advisers and members of the royal family seen as close to him.

It may also signal further efforts to show that changes are being made after the U.S. Senate passed a resolution saying it believes the crown prince is to blame for Khashoggi's grisly murder inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

As the crown prince struggles to convince many in Washington and other Western capitals that he had nothing to do with Khashoggi's killing, the soft-spoken Adel al-Jubeir was replaced as foreign minister by Ibrahim al-Assaf, a longtime former finance minister. Al-Jubeir was appointed to minister of state for foreign affairs at the Foreign Ministry.

Al-Assaf is well known to international investors, having led several Saudi delegations to the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Al-Assaf sits on the boards of oil giant Saudi Aramco and the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, both of which are overseen by the crown prince. He



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Among the changes by King Salman, right, is an overhaul of a panel led by Prince Mohammed bin Salman, left.

holds a doctorate degree in Economics from Colorado State University and a master's degree from the University of Denver, according to his biography on Aramco's website.

Al-Assaf had been serving as a minister of state last year when he was reportedly detained at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Riyadh along with dozens of high-ranking officials and princes in an anti-corruption sweep led by the crown prince. Shortly after, al-Assaf appeared back at a Cabinet meeting to the surprise of many.

The Associated Press could not independently confirm reports of al-Assaf's arrest. The opaque sweep helped Prince Mohammed consolidate power and net the government more than \$13 billion in settlements.

The changes announced Thursday include aides to the crown prince, including Musaed al-Aiban as national security adviser — in addition to other positions he holds — and former media minister Awwad al-Awwad as adviser to the royal court. Khalid al-Harbi was named head of general security.

Turki al-Sheikh, a confidant of the crown prince, was removed as head of the Sports Authority and re-

placed by Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki al-Faisal. This means al-Sheikh no longer oversees a cybersecurity body that was led by Saud al-Qahtani, a close aide to the crown prince who was fired from his post and sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury Department for helping to mastermind the plot that led to Khashoggi's killing.

Khashoggi wrote critically of the crown prince in columns for The Washington Post before he was killed. After denying any knowledge of Khashoggi's death for weeks, Saudi authorities eventually settled on the explanation that he was killed in an operation masterminded by former advisers to Prince Mohammed. The kingdom denies the crown prince had any involvement, although the CIA has concluded he was complicit in the killing.

Al-Sheikh will now lead the General Entertainment Authority, created to help organize and promote concerts and other events that had long been banned in the conservative country.

Turki Shabbaneh, who has held positions in privately owned Saudi TV channels, was named minister of media. Hamad al-Sheikh, who studied in the U.S., was appointed minister of education.

Iraqi lawmakers infuriated, demand U.S. troop withdrawal

BY PHILIP ISSA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — President Donald Trump's surprise trip to Iraq may have quieted criticism at home that he had yet to visit troops in a combat zone, but it has infuriated Iraqi politicians who on Thursday demanded the withdrawal of U.S. forces.

"Arrogant" and an "a violation of national sovereignty" were but a few examples of the criticism emanating from Baghdad following Trump's meeting Wednesday with U.S. servicemen and women at the al-Asad Airbase.

Trips by U.S. presidents to conflict zones are typically shrouded in secrecy and subject to strict security measures, and Trump's was no exception. Few in Iraq or elsewhere knew the U.S. president was in the country until minutes before he left again.

But this trip came as curbing foreign influence in Iraqi affairs has become a hot-button political issue, and Trump's perceived presidential faux-pas was failing to meet with the prime minister in a break with diplomatic custom for any visiting head of state.

On the ground for only about three hours, the American president told the men and women with the U.S. military that Islamic State forces have been vanquished, and he defended his decision against all advice to withdraw U.S. troops from neighboring Syria.

He declared: "We're no longer the suckers, folks."

The abruptness of his visit left lawmakers in Baghdad smarting and drawing unfavorable comparisons to the occupation of Iraq after the 2003 invasion.

"Trump needs to know his limits. The American occupation of Iraq is over," said Sabah al-Saidi, the head of one of two main



NABIL AL-JURANI/AP
Qais Khazali promised Parliament would vote to expel U.S. forces from Iraq or would force them out by other means.

blocs in Iraq's parliament. Trump, he said, had slipped into Iraq, "as though Iraq is a state of the United States."

While Trump didn't meet with any officials, he spoke with Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi by phone after a "difference in points of view" over arrangements led to a face-to-face encounter between the two leaders getting scrapped, according to the prime minister's office.

The visit could have unintended consequences for American policy, with officials from both sides of Iraq's political divide calling for a vote in Parliament to expel U.S. forces from the country.

The president, who kept to the U.S. air base 60 miles west of Baghdad, said he had no plans to withdraw the 5,200 troops in the country.

He said Ain al-Asad could be used for U.S. air strikes inside Syria.

The suggestion ran counter to the current sentiment of Iraqi politics, which favors claiming sovereignty over foreign and domestic policy and staying above the fray in regional conflicts.

"Iraq should not be a platform for the Americans to settle their accounts with either the Russians or

the Iranians in the region," said Hakim al-Zamili, a senior lawmaker in al-Saidi's Islah bloc in Parliament.

U.S. troops are stationed in Iraq as part of the coalition against the Islamic State group.

American forces withdrew in 2011 after invading in 2003 but returned in 2014 at the invitation of the Iraqi government to help fight the jihadist group.

Still, after defeating ISIS militants in their last urban bastions last year, Iraqi politicians and militia leaders are speaking out against the continued presence of U.S. forces on Iraqi soil.

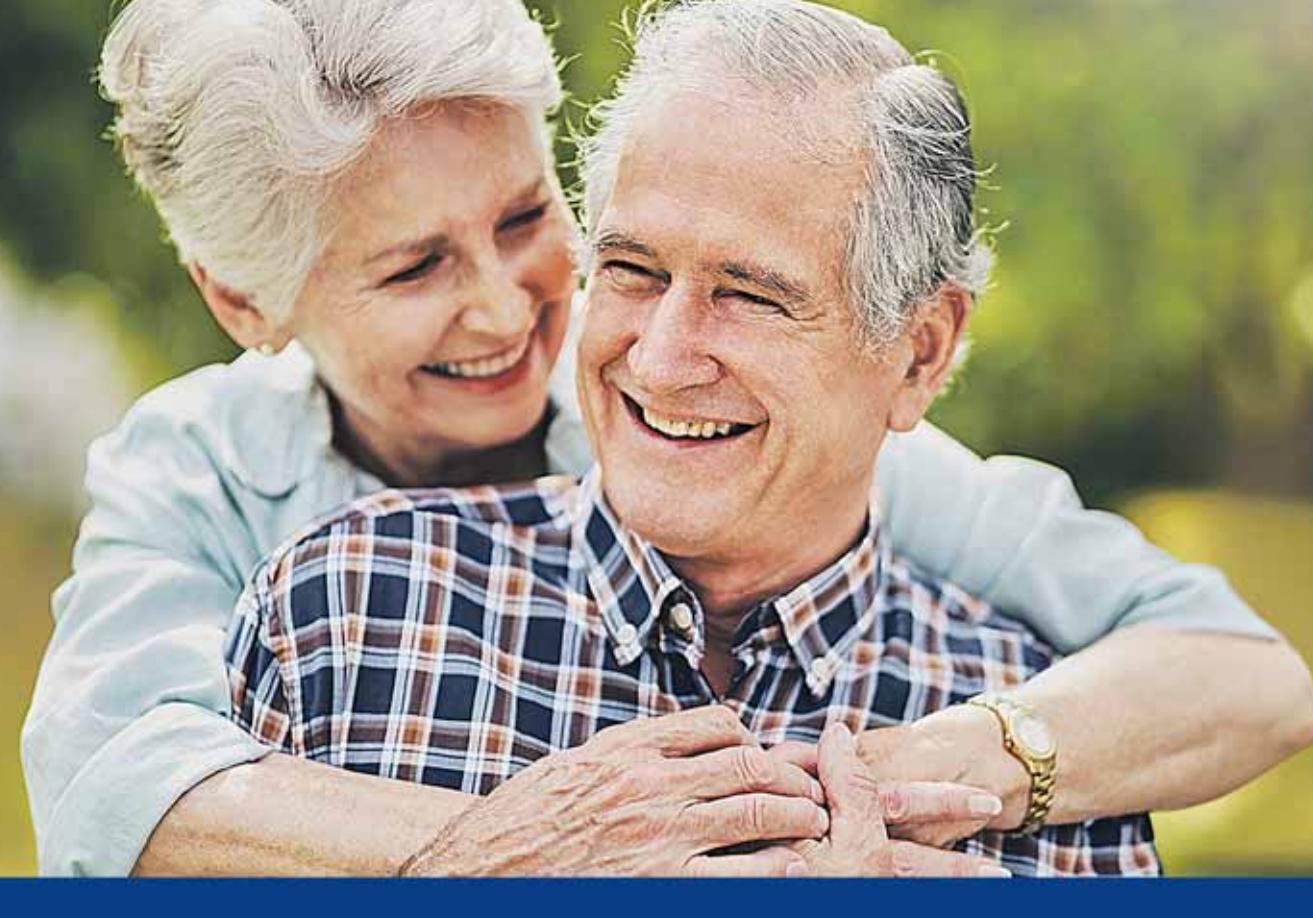
Supporters of the populist cleric Moqtada al-Sadr won big in national elections in May, campaigning on a platform to curb U.S. and rival Iranian involvement in Iraqi affairs.

Qais Khazali, the head of the Iran-backed Asaib Ahl al-Haq militia that fought key battles against ISIS in northern Iraq, promised on Twitter that Parliament would vote to expel U.S. forces from Iraq, or the militias would force them out by "other means."

Khazali was jailed by British and U.S. forces from 2007 to 2010 for managing sections of the Shia insurgency against the occupation during those years.

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2018: YEAR IN REVIEW

When innocents died and guilty lied

BY DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The mass shooting at a Parkland, Fla., high school, which killed 17 students and staff, and sparked nationwide student-led marches for gun control, was the top news story of 2018, according to The Associated Press' annual poll of U.S. editors and news directors.

The No. 2 story was the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller into whether Donald Trump's election campaign coordinated with Russia. It was one of several major stories — in a year jam-packed with dramatic developments — in which the U.S. president played a role.

A year ago, the surge of #MeToo sexual misconduct allegations that toppled many powerful men was voted the top news story of 2017. The continuing momentum of #MeToo in 2018 was this year's No. 3 story.

Here are 2018's top 10 stories, in order:

Parkland shooting:

It happened on Valentine's Day — an act of senseless hate by a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle who killed 14 students and three staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Previous mass shootings had prompted passionate calls for tighter gun-control laws, but this time was different. A group of student survivors at the school, soon joined by allies nationwide, launched the March for Our Lives movement that organized massive walkouts and peaceful protests at schools across the country. The movement remains active, and has helped energize the broader campaign for tougher gun laws.

Trump-Russia probe:

Throughout 2018, Mueller's team investigated whether Trump's campaign colluded



JOEL AUERBACH/AP

Parents wait for news after a mass shooting Feb. 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

with Russia ahead of the 2016 election and whether the president obstructed the investigation. The evidence shows a broad range of Trump associates had Russia-related contacts during the campaign and transition period; some former Trump aides have been indicted for lying to the FBI.

#MeToo:

The #MeToo movement, which surfaced late in 2017, maintained its momentum throughout 2018 as many more powerful men were forced to account for past instances of sexual assault and misconduct. Once-revered comedian Bill Cosby was sentenced to prison; so was Larry Nassar, the former Michigan State and USA Gymnastics sports doctor convicted of molesting hundreds of young women.

Disgraced Hollywood

mogul Harvey Weinstein was charged with rape. And Les Moonves was ousted as top executive at CBS after a dozen women accused him of sexual misconduct.

Mass shootings:

When a Marine combat veteran shot dead 12 people at a country music bar in California in November, it was a grim "Not again" moment for many Americans — the fifth mass shooting of the year in the U.S. that produced nationwide shock and sorrow. In May, two months after the Parkland shooting, eight students and two teachers were killed at a high school in Santa Fe, Texas. In June, a gunman shot dead five employees at the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis, Md. And in October, 11 people were killed at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pitts-

burgh during Shabbat morning services.

U.S. midterm elections:

With Donald Trump on the minds of many voters, Democrats managed to flip about 40 seats in the House of Representatives to seize control of that chamber from Republicans. But the GOP boosted its slim majority in the Senate and will have a 53-47 edge in the next session of Congress.

U.S. immigration:

Events along the U.S.-Mexico border produced yearlong drama and controversy. At the height of the midterm election campaign, Trump deployed thousands of Army troops to the border, warning of threats from a caravan of migrants who'd journeyed from Central America. Earlier, a zero-tolerance order from

Trump resulted in more than 2,500 migrant children being separated from their families. The practice sparked global outrage from politicians, humanitarians and religious groups; images of weeping children and anguished parents were splashed across newspapers and television.

Kavanaugh hearings:

Trump nominee Brett Kavanaugh was narrowly confirmed to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court after explosive Senate hearings on allegations of sexual harassment and assault stemming from his high school and college years. While millions of Americans watched on TV, senators heard testimony from Kavanaugh, who denied any wrongdoing, and accuser Christine Blasey Ford, who said he attempted to

rape her during a party when they were in high school. Kavanaugh's presence on the high court gives its conservative bloc a 5-4 majority.

California wildfires:

The most populous state endured an epic year for wildfires, culminating with devastating November fires occurring simultaneously 450 miles apart. The Camp Fire in Northern California swept through the city of Paradise, killing at least 86 people — the deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century. Nearly 14,000 homes and hundreds of businesses were destroyed. In Southern California, three people died and 1,500 structures were destroyed by the Woolsey Fire.

Climate change:

Worsening natural disasters around the world intensified the focus on climate change; delegates at a global summit in Poland negotiated an agreement on the next steps to minimize harm. In the U.S., a government report warned of devastating impact, prompting push-back by Trump.

Khashoggi killing:

For weeks, Saudi authorities issued a variety of denials. But eventually it became clear that Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi was killed on Oct. 2 inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. Khashoggi, a native of Saudi Arabia, was fiercely critical of its royal regime and the Saudi role in the catastrophic war in Yemen. The murder has had major diplomatic repercussions, in part because of widespread belief that Saudi Arabia's powerful crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, was involved. The U.S. Senate passed a measure blaming the crown prince for the death, a move opposed by Trump as he tries to preserve close U.S.-Saudi ties.

Dead Guatemalan boy's father heard rumors they could cross

BY SONIA PEREZ D.

Associated Press



CATARINA GOMEZ/AP

GUATEMALA CITY — The father of an 8-year-old Guatemalan boy who died in U.S. custody took his son to the border after hearing rumors that parents and their children would be allowed to migrate to the United States and escape the poverty in their homeland, the boy's stepsister told The Associated Press.

Felipe Gomez Alonzo died Monday at a New Mexico hospital after suffering coughing, vomiting and fever, authorities said. It was the second such death this month. Another Guatemalan child, 7-year-old Jakelin Caal, died in U.S. custody on Dec. 8.

Both deaths are under investigation.

"We heard rumors that they could pass (into the United States). They said they could pass with the children," said Catarina Gomez Lucas, the boy's 21-year-old stepsister, explaining why Felipe and his father, Agustin Gomez, made the dangerous journey.

Gomez Lucas would not say who spread the rumors or who transported the father and son to the border from Yalambojoch in Huehuetenango province, a poor community of returnees from Mexico who had fled Guatemala in the bloodiest years of that country's 1960-1996 civil war. The stepsister spoke to the AP on Wednesday by telephone from Yalambojoch.

The boy's death came during an ongoing dispute over border security and with the U.S. government partially shut down over President Donald Trump's insistence on funding for a longer border wall.

The Trump administration has long argued smugglers capitalize on vulnerable parents because of "loopholes" in American law, such as anti-trafficking

legislation passed in 2008 that effectively prevents the immediate deportations of Central American children.

After hearing the rumors, Agustin Gomez thought he should take advantage of "the opportunity" to fulfill his son's dreams. He grabbed a few changes of clothing, bought the boy new shoes and left with what money he had, Gomez Lucas said.

Felipe "always wanted a bicycle," and in the U.S. he wouldn't have to endure the poverty and lack of opportunity in Guatemala, she said.

The boy's mother, 31-year-old Catarina Alonso Perez, said she spoke with her son the day before they arrived at the U.S. border.

"He wasn't sick on the way; he wasn't sick here," she said through her stepdaughter in the Mayan language known as Chuj.

Both Felipe and Jakelin came from rural communities with extreme poverty. Both were taken to the border by their parents and detained by the U.S. Border Patrol before they fell ill.

It appears Felipe got sick after authorities moved him from El Paso, Texas, to Alamogordo, N.M., because of overcrowding.

"He was very happy to leave" on the voyage,

Gomez Lucas said, so the family does not understand what happened.

She said the family stopped hearing from Felipe's father on Dec. 18, when he and the boy were detained.

On Dec. 25, he called to say the boy had died in a hospital.

"He told us that (Felipe) was fine all day, that he was playing with other children. But then he said he felt bad and his stomach ached," the stepsister said.

Felipe told his father he did not know what was wrong with him and that it felt like something was stuck in his throat, Gomez Lucas said.

The father said Felipe asked him not to cry because he "was not going to get better," according to the boy's stepsister.

Felipe was taken to a hospital, and the father said he gave the boy to doctors, who soon informed him his son had died.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said the boy displayed signs of illness Monday and was taken with his father to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with a cold and a fever and prescribed amoxicillin and ibuprofen.

He was released that afternoon but returned in the evening with nausea and vomiting and died there just after midnight, CBP said.

After the two deaths, the government announced that it would conduct additional medical screening for children and consider other changes.

Agustin Gomez was drowning in debt, Gomez Lucas said. He sold a piece of land to survive, but the money was not enough, so he decided to take out a loan and travel to the United States.

Felipe is survived by five siblings, two from his father's first marriage and three from his stepmother and father.

New Horizons mission nears object 'beyond known world'

BY SCOTT DANCE

The Baltimore Sun



NASA/AP

Illustration provided by NASA shows the New Horizons spacecraft, which is about the size of a baby grand piano.

spacecraft," said Hal Weaver, the mission's project scientist. "By examining what it looks like now, we are looking back at the time of planetary formation."

Ultima Thule is in a region at the edge of the solar system known as the Kuiper Belt. Scientists suspect the region is home to hundreds of thousands of asteroid- or cometlike objects at least as big as Ultima Thule — officially known as 2014 MU69.

While Pluto and its moons are also part of the Kuiper Belt, Ultima Thule is a billion miles farther from Earth. It took New Horizons nearly a decade to reach Pluto, even though it rocketed from Earth at up to 36,000 mph, faster than any mission before it.

As dramatic and illuminating as the Pluto fly-by was, scientists know even less about what to expect from Ultima Thule.

Because it's so far away and so dim, they aren't sure if it's a single mass. They suspect it is made up of two lobes, but it also could be two separate objects orbiting around each other.

"We were already getting hints of what Pluto was going to be looking like well in advance of the day of closest approach," Weaver said.

"It could potentially be the most primitive object ever encountered by a

mystery, we think, until the last hour or so."

That hour is expected to come around midnight Jan. 1, when scientists predict New Horizons will begin observing Ultima Thule in earnest. The spacecraft's moment of closest approach to the object is expected around 12:30 a.m.

The fly-by itself is a complicated and risky process, but one that is run completely on auto-pilot.

Scientists have spent more than a year fine-tuning a flurry of commands New Horizons will follow to capture images and spectroscopic data, which together will show both what Ultima Thule looks like and what it's made of.

New Horizons' speed, coupled with Ultima Thule's size, also poses problems. If the spacecraft weren't flying so fast, it wouldn't reach its target in any reasonable time. But because of that speed, the scientists must perfectly time the pre-programmed sequence of observations to ensure Ultima Thule is literally in the frame of New Horizons' cameras.

"The object's so small that if you're off, you could miss the whole thing," said Alice Bowman, the New Horizons mission operations manager.



ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/GETTY-AFP

The U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., is seen as the government shutdown entered its sixth day Thursday.

Federal workers nervous at prospect of lengthy shutdown

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parks. For example, the government won't issue new federal flood insurance policies or renew expiring ones.

Trump and congressional leaders appear no closer to a resolution over his demand for \$5 billion for the border wall that could now push the shutdown into the new year. The House and Senate held a perfunctory session Thursday, but quickly adjourned without action. No votes are expected until next week, and even that's not guaranteed. Lawmakers are mostly away for the holidays and will be given 24-hour notice to return, with Republican senators saying they won't vote until all parties, including Trump, agree to a deal.

The president spent part of the day tweeting about the shutdown, insisting "this isn't about the Wall" but about Democrats denying him "a win."

"Do the Dems realize that most of the people not getting paid are Democrats?" he asked in one tweet, citing no evidence for that claim. That earned him a reprimand from Democratic Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, who tweeted: "Federal employ-

ees don't go to work wearing red or blue jerseys. They're public servants."

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., sounded a similar note, saying that federal employees affected by the shutdown "work for the FBI & TSA (not GOP or DNC)."

"They signed up to protect us & work for America regardless of party," she said in a tweet.

Roughly 420,000 federal workers were deemed essential and are working unpaid, unable to take any sick days or vacation. An additional 380,000 are staying home without pay.

While furloughed federal workers have been given back pay in previous shutdowns, it's not guaranteed.

The Senate passed a bill last week to make sure workers will be paid. The House will probably follow suit.

House Democrats tried Thursday to offer a measure to re-open government, but they were blocked from action by Republicans, who still have majority control of the chamber.

A spokesman for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has said Democrats' likely plan is to put a bill that funds the government, without money for Trump's wall, on the

floor on Jan. 3. That is the first day of the new session of Congress, when Democrats take control of the House.

"Unfortunately, 800,000 federal workers are in a panic because they don't know whether they'll get paid," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., who tried to offer the bill. "That may make the president feel good but the rest of us should be terribly bothered by that, and should work on overtime to end the shutdown now."

Contractors like James, placed indefinitely on unpaid leave, don't get compensated for lost hours.

"This is my full-time job.

This is what I was putting my time into until I can save up to take a few classes," said James, who plans to study education and become a teacher. "I'm going to have to look for something else."

As federal employees tell their stories on Twitter under the hashtag #ShutdownStories, Trump has claimed that federal workers are behind him, saying many have told him "stay out until you get the funding for the wall." He didn't say whom he had heard from, and he did not explain the incongruity of also believing that most are

Democrats.

Steve Reaves, president of Federal Emergency Management Agency union, said he hasn't heard from any employees who say they support the shutdown. "They're all by far worried about their mortgages," he said.

Reaves said the shutdown could have consequences that stretch beyond a temporary suspension of salary. Many federal government jobs require a security clearance, he said, and missed mortgage payments or deepening debt could hurt their clearance.

David Dollar, a Federal Bureau of Prisons employee and union steward in Colorado, said at least two agency employees lost their homes after the 2013 shutdown suspended their salaries. Bureau of Prisons employees are considered essential, and must work without pay. The agency is already understaffed, and shutdown conditions make everything worse, he said.

"You start out at \$44,000

a year, there's not much room for anything else as far saving money for the next government shutdown, so it puts staff in a very hard situation."

Washington Post contributed.

Trump 'bone spurs' diagnosis was favor, doctor's daughters allege

BY KEITH MCMILLAN

The Washington Post

Daughters of a deceased podiatrist say it's "family lore" that their father helped Donald Trump — long before he became president — avoid being drafted for military service in Vietnam, The New York Times reported Wednesday.

The daughters of Larry Braunstein, Elysa Braunstein and Sharon Kessel, told the Times that their father, as a "favor" provided the fall 1968 diagnosis of bone spurs that helped Trump get a medical exemption. In return, the doctor received access to Fred Trump, Trump's father and owner of the Queens building in which Larry Braunstein's practice operated.

If there was anything wrong in the building, my dad would call and Trump would take care of it immediately. That was the small favor that he got," Elysa Braunstein told the Times, referring to the president's father.

The Times could not find documentation from the family, the doctor who bought Braunstein's practice, or the National Archives to corroborate the daughters' recollection. The White House did not respond to the Times' requests to follow up.

Larry Braunstein died in 2007.

Trump received four deferments from the draft while studying at Fordham and the University of Pennsylvania, although he'd been found fit for duty during an examination in

1966, and had been a football and basketball player at New York Military Academy. After graduation, Trump was eligible to be drafted, but as The Post's Craig Whitlock reported in 2015:

"Trump's exposure to the draft, however, didn't last long. Two months later, on Sept. 17, 1968, he reported for an armed forces physical examination and was medically disqualified, according to the ledger from his local Selective Service System draft board in Jamaica, N.Y., now in the custody of the National Archives.

The ledger does not detail why Trump failed the exam — the Selective Service destroyed all medical records and individual files after the draft ended in 1973 and the military be-

came an all-volunteer force.

In recent days, Trump, a Republican presidential candidate, and his campaign have said that he received the medical deferment because he had bone spurs in his feet. But rather than clear up all questions about why he did not serve in the military during the Vietnam era, they have given shifting accounts that are at odds with the few remaining documents in his Selective Service file.

The daughters said their father was initially proud to have helped someone famous but later grew tired of Donald Trump's tabloid and reality-TV antics. The doctor had been a Democrat, and the daughters say they are, as well. They also told the Times that they are not fans of Trump.

2nd man nears finish of historic solo trek across Antarctica

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS

Associated Press

A British adventurer was close to becoming the second person to traverse Antarctica completely unassisted just a few days after an American became the first to perform the feat, which was previously said to be impossible.

Louis Rudd's expedition blog on Thursday showed that the 49-year-old has only has about 50 miles left on the journey across the continent and is expected to

finish Saturday.

If Rudd — a Hereford, England, resident and captain in the British Army — completes the journey, he'll become the second man to do so after Colin O'Brady of Portland, Ore., became the first on Wednesday.

The more than 900-mile trek took O'Brady 54 days. O'Brady and Rudd were competing to become the first to travel across Antarctica without getting new supplies or help from the wind. O'Brady won after he covered the last 80 miles in

one big, impromptu final push to the finish line that took well over an entire day.

"While the last 32 hours were some of the most challenging hours of my life, they have quite honestly been some of the best moments I have ever experienced," O'Brady posted on Instagram, where he has been documenting the arduous journey.

Rudd congratulated O'Brady on his blog late Wednesday.

"I've just heard that the American Colin's finished,"

Community leader had a common touch in city

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I thank him for putting me on the map."

Sleet was a political consultant, lawyer, devoted mentor and popular community leader whose influence reached all corners of Chicago because he pledged his support to so many causes, friends said.

He grew up in the Chatham neighborhood on the South Side and graduated from Whitney Young Magnet High School in 1996. He studied sociology at Dartmouth College and obtained a law degree from the University of Illinois.

His girlfriend of six years, Nathalie Essex, remembered him as the most "kind-hearted, decent person" she had ever met. If she had one complaint about him, she said, it was that he spread himself too thin because he wanted to help everybody.

"He loved Chicago. He loved his community. He wanted to make a difference," Essex said.

Even after racking up elite credentials, Sleet made it a point to return to his South Side community because not only was it a place where he was needed, it was the place he loved, said Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th.

"He felt it was his responsibility to make sure Chatham kept its best and brightest," Sawyer said. "Chatham is a mindset, and he embodied it. He ate here, he used the local cleaners and shopped here. He could have lived anywhere, but he had pride in Chatham and he appreciated it so much."

After moving back from college, Sleet spent some time teaching elementary school. He also worked for the U.S. Census Bureau. Sleet practiced independently as an attorney, mainly on family law cases.

In 2011 he ran for alderman in the 6th Ward. It was during that race that he developed a friendship with Sawyer, who started as his competitor but evolved into a close ally. Sleet joined Sawyer's campaign during the runoff, and after Sawyer won the post, Sleet was appointed his chief of staff.

"Brian knew everyone was important, and he made them feel that way," Sawyer said. "He knew the waitresses, the cleaning staff, as well as the foundation heads and CEOs. He knew everyone by name and he would take the time to get to know people and make them feel important. He became invaluable to me. He was my closest adviser."

In 2015, Sleet threw his energy into Foxx's reform campaign. Before she decided to run, Sleet talked with her about how to approach black voters and how to dissect complicated issues. And then he guided her through messaging at a time of high tension and anxiety related to the police slaying of Laquan McDonald and how it was handled.

"Brian understood and embodied nuance in politics, whereas everybody is about simple messages and simple answers," Foxx said. "He knew people in the community. With him, I was asking, 'What do I do? What do I say? How do I navigate this time?' He was really blunt: 'You don't pander ... Walk through this period in your voice, doing the things that make sense for you.'"

It was Sleet's background in sociology that trained him to easily relate to people around him and understand how issues were connected across race and class lines, he once said.

Recently, Sleet worked as a senior adviser with Kivvit, a communications strategy



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2013

Brian Sleet held a law degree and used his sociology training to seek common ground on political issues.

firm. But earlier this year, he also started his own consulting agency and worked to help connect corporate clients with grass-roots leaders.

At Kivvit, Sleet was the unassuming, observant colleague who didn't demand attention, said Sophie McCarthy, a managing director with the firm. But when the staff would enter community events and gatherings, it became obvious that he was well-known, highly respected and had connections at all levels.

"Brian had this ability to see things other people don't see," McCarthy said. "Brian was quite at home in very elite institutions and boardrooms, at high levels of power. But quite at home with activists too."

While he had a firm hand in politics, Sleet was the considerate neighbor who deliberately parked farther away from his building so others could get closer access and park near the streetlights. He was the former classmate who'd always make an appearance at the birthday celebration, fundraiser or grand opening to show support. In all ways he was a friend, said city Treasurer Kurt Summers, who met Sleet when Summers was 8 years old and remained close friends with him over three decades.

As news of Sleet's death spread, it shocked and hurt the community that knew him. Foxx, Sawyer and Summers joined Ald. Sophia King and a number of residents at his apartment late Wednesday night trying to make sense of it.

"He is, hands down, the brightest political mind that I have come across," said King, 4th. "He had a keen sense of who people were and their surroundings and had a pulse and could capture that. (He'd) tell you how to speak to them and how to captivate an audience. He just had that ability to reach people and to understand communities and to understand how to approach them."

On Thursday, tributes to Sleet poured in from all over social media, making his name a trending topic in the state on Twitter. On Instagram and Facebook, residents posted the slogan "Sleet is Chicago" and wrote captions expressing their sorrow.

"Brian Sleet was a beloved figure in local politics, a good friend and a mentor to many," Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker said.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel offered his condolences on Twitter: "Brian Sleet embodied the best of politics and public service in a career that ended far too soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time."

Lauren Peters, who ran Susana Mendoza's campaign for comptroller as Sleet helmed Foxx's county run, tweeted, "There are a lot of people in this business. Most aren't good. Brian Sleet was. He was good people."

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COLIN O'BRYAD/GETTY-AFP

Colin O'Brady will celebrate with Louis Rudd after his finish, says O'Brady's wife.

finish Saturday.

If Rudd — a Hereford, England, resident and captain in the British Army — completes the journey, he'll become the second man to do so after Colin O'Brady of Portland, Ore., became the first on Wednesday.

The more than 900-mile trek took O'Brady 54 days. O'Brady and Rudd were competing to become the first to travel across Antarctica without getting new supplies or help from the wind. O'Brady won after he covered the last 80 miles in

one big, impromptu final push to the finish line that took well over an entire day.

"While the last 32 hours were some of the most challenging hours of my life, they have quite honestly been some of the best moments I have ever experienced," O'Brady posted on Instagram, where he has been documenting the arduous journey.

Rudd congratulated O'Brady on his blog late Wednesday.

"I've just heard that the American Colin's finished,"

he wrote. "Fantastic, well done to him. He'd pushed really hard all the way across and done extremely well, so congratulations to him."

Rudd wrote that he never felt like he was in a race and that "it's always been about completing the journey."

It's been an emotional trek for Rudd, who decided to do the solo in honor of his close friend and fellow British explorer Henry Worsley, who died near the end of his attempt at an unassisted solo trek across

Antarctica in 2016.

Though others have traversed Antarctica, they either had assistance with reinforced supplies or kites that helped propel them.

O'Brady plans to stay on Antarctica until Rudd finishes his trek, said O'Brady's wife, Jenna Besaw.

"It's a small club," she joked. "His intention is to wait for Louis and have kind of a celebratory moment with the only other person on the planet to have accomplished this same thing."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Mexico's new president: Annual fuel theft of \$3B an inside job

MEXICO CITY — The theft of \$3 billion in fuel every year from Mexico's state-run fuel depots and pipelines is an inside job, the country's new president said Thursday.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said thieves don't just drill taps into government pipelines. He said company employees steal fuel and distribute it, or help thieves by ensuring fuel continues to run through pipelines.

Mexico's top prosecutor said criminal investigations have been opened against three employees of the state-owned oil company Pemex for alleged involvement in thefts.

While thieves drill an average of about 42 illegal taps a day, Lopez Obrador said that represents only about 20 percent of losses. The rest was presumably stolen from distribution centers aboard tanker trucks.

Sheriff: California officer's killer is fugitive and in U.S. illegally

SAN FRANCISCO — A gunman who killed a California police officer during a traffic stop over possible drunken driving is in the United States illegally, authorities said Thursday, as a manhunt for the attacker stretched into a second day.

Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson said authorities identified but won't yet name the man who killed Cpl. Ronil Singh of the small-town

Newman Police Department. Authorities said they believe he's still in the area some 100 miles southeast of San Francisco.

Singh stopped the attacker Wednesday as part of a drunken driving investigation and fired back to try to defend himself, Christianson said.

Singh, 33, a native of Fiji who joined the department in 2011, was married and had a newborn son.

Official: Russia tested weapon 27 times faster than sound

MOSCOW — Russia's new strategic weapon has rendered any missile defenses useless at a small fraction of their cost, officials said Thursday.

The Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle flies 27 times faster than the speed of sound, making it impossible to intercept, Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov told state TV.

The new weapon "essentially makes missile defenses useless," he said.

Borisov spoke a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin oversaw what he described as the conclusive successful test of the Avangard and hailed it as a reliable guarantee of Russia's security for decades to come.

In Wednesday's test, the weapon was launched from the southern Ural Mountains and the Kremlin said it hit a practice target on Kamchatka, 3,700 miles away.



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

Cool daddies: Rescue workers dressed as Father Frost, a Santa Claus-like character, scale the wall of a children's hospital Thursday in Moscow before greeting patients. By tradition, Father Frost arrives on New Year's Eve and delivers presents to children.

Disinformation use in Ala. race may be illegal, state AG says

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said Thursday that his office is exploring whether disinformation tactics deployed against Republican Roy Moore during last year's special election violated state campaign laws and that he was worried the operation could have affected the closely fought Senate race.

"The information is concerning," said Marshall, a Republican. "The impact it had on the election is something that's significant for us to explore, and we'll go from there."

Moore lost the election

to Democrat Doug Jones.

Marshall, who said he learned of the disinformation campaign called Project Birmingham through news reports over the past two weeks, stopped short of announcing a formal investigation but said his office is gathering information about the effort.

Jones reiterated his support for a federal investigation into the matter.

Internet billionaire Reid Hoffman apologized Wednesday for giving \$750,000 to a group, American Engagement Technologies, that allegedly had ties to an effort to

undermine support for Moore and bolster Jones.

Jonathon Morgan, chief executive of Texas-based research firm New Knowledge, has acknowledged being paid by American Engagement Technologies to experiment on a small scale with disinformation tactics, including creating a Facebook page that sought to appeal to Republicans who might not support Moore. Morgan has repeatedly denied that he attempted to affect the outcome of the election or that he had any role in the broader efforts of Project Birmingham.

Obama tops Trump as most admired by Americans

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama, who's touring the U.S. to promote her autobiography, was named the most admired woman by Americans in a Gallup poll released Thursday. It's the first time in 17 years that former first lady Hillary Clinton didn't top the list.

Gallup's annual poll, conducted Dec. 3-12 among 1,025 U.S. adults, asks respondents what man or woman, living today in any part of the world, they admire most.

Former President Barack Obama is the most admired man for the 11th year in a row, besting current President Donald Trump, who's second.

Obama was the most admired man among Democrats and independents, while Republicans overwhelmingly said they preferred Trump.

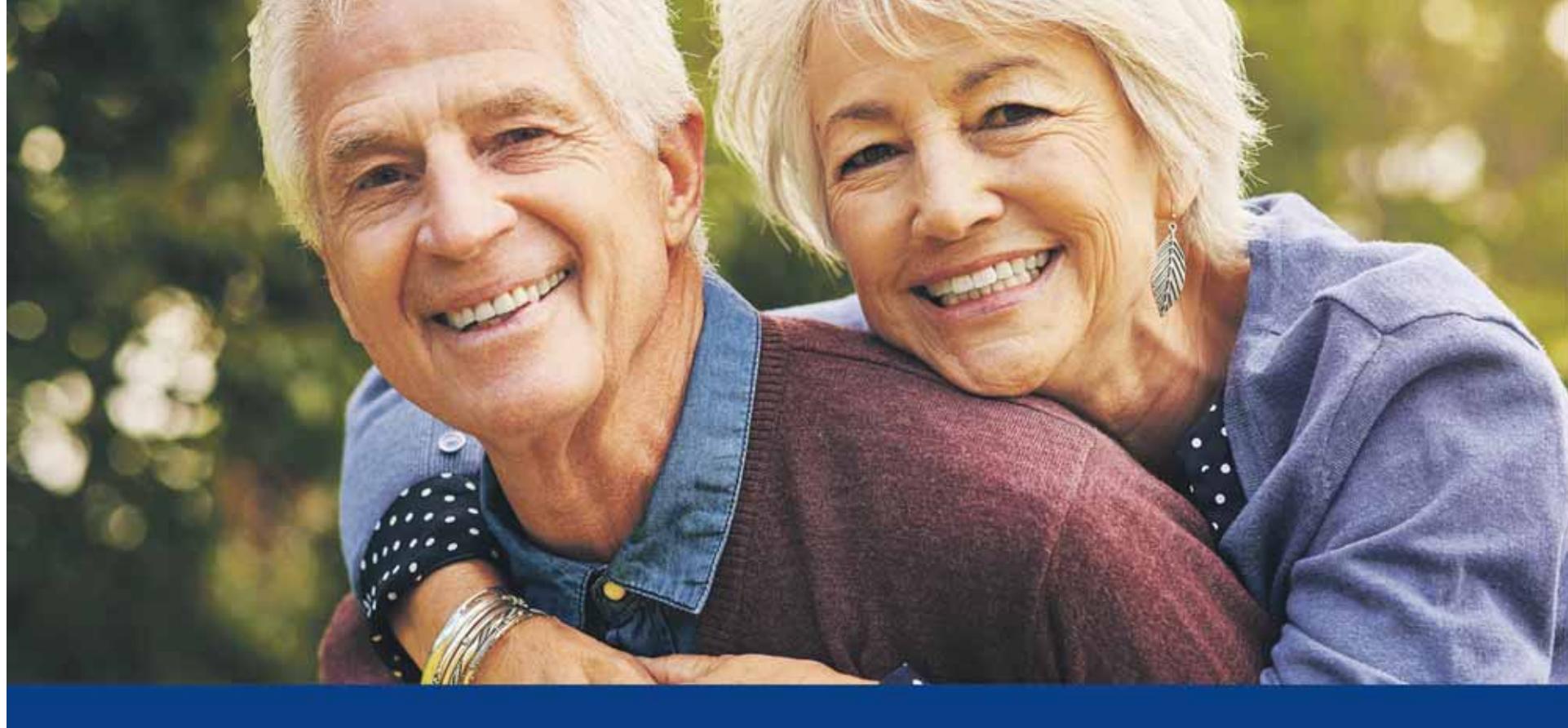
Among women, Oprah Winfrey came second, while Clinton fell to third.

In France: A 12-year-old boy in the French Alps was found alive and uninjured after being buried under an avalanche for 40 minutes. Chances of survival are usually considered minuscule after 15 minutes under the snow. Police said among the reasons the boy survived is that his airways were not blocked by snow.

In Congo: Police in Beni fired live ammunition and tear gas Thursday to disperse protests against an election delay in the east, blamed on a deadly Ebola outbreak, that means more than 1 million votes will not count in Sunday's balloting. Protesters set up blazing street barricades and some attacked an Ebola response center.

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EDITORIALS

Should Illinois Tollway keep spending \$25M?

Northern Illinois has its share of public works projects that have languished in the “planning stages” for years without ever seeing an inaugural bucket of concrete poured. Millions spent, nothing delivered. A third airport in Peotone comes to mind. So do the Illiana toll road and, for those with long memories, the Crosstown Expressway proposal of the 1960s and ’70s.

You probably can put the Route 53 extension on the same dusty shelf. Proposals for an expressway that would extend Route 53 into Lake County stretch back to the 1960s.

But now the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the arbiter over which transportation projects get whatever federal funding is available for the region, has taken the Route 53 extension off of its priority list. When you say “no federal funding,” you’ve said a lot.

Unbowed, the Illinois Tollway is forging ahead with a \$25 million environmental study launched last year to help officials determine whether the proposed toll road is needed to handle growth in Lake, northern Cook and eastern McHenry counties. The 25-mile extension would link up Arlington Heights in Cook County to Grayslake in Lake County, and widen a stretch of Route 120.

So while the already dim prospects for the project have grown ever dimmer, the Illinois Tollway is still spending the \$25 million. Why?

Tollway officials say they hope this study will help bring finality to a half-century debate: Should this project be built or not? The officials say the study is examining a wide geographic area and not just the Route 53 corridor. Conceivably, the Route 53 extension or some other notion — improved arterial roads? — could emerge as a potential solution for the area’s traffic snarls. CMAP then could return the Route 53 extension or a replacement project to its priority list.

The question is whether those two “coulds” justify continuing to spend the \$25 million. The Tollway by itself arguably can provide all the finality it wants: *If CMAP is downgrading this idea, we’re finished spending money on it.*

The Tribune’s Mary Wisniewski quotes former Tollway Director Bill Morris, of Grayslake, as calling the agency “irresponsible” for spending millions of dollars on yet another environmental study. Last year the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a consumer advocacy organization, listed the Route 53 project, which if ever built would carry a price tag of \$2.65 billion, on its roster of the nation’s most wasteful highway boondoggles.

Still, the proposed extension has always had influential friends. They include the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a think tank whose board members represent the



The Illinois Tollway is going ahead with an environmental study on the proposed Route 53 extension launched in 2017 to help officials determine if the road is needed.

construction industry and labor unions — entities that stand to profit if the extension ever gets built. Proponents of the extension argue it would bring jobs and commerce to Lake County.

But for now the proposal to extend Route 53 is going nowhere.

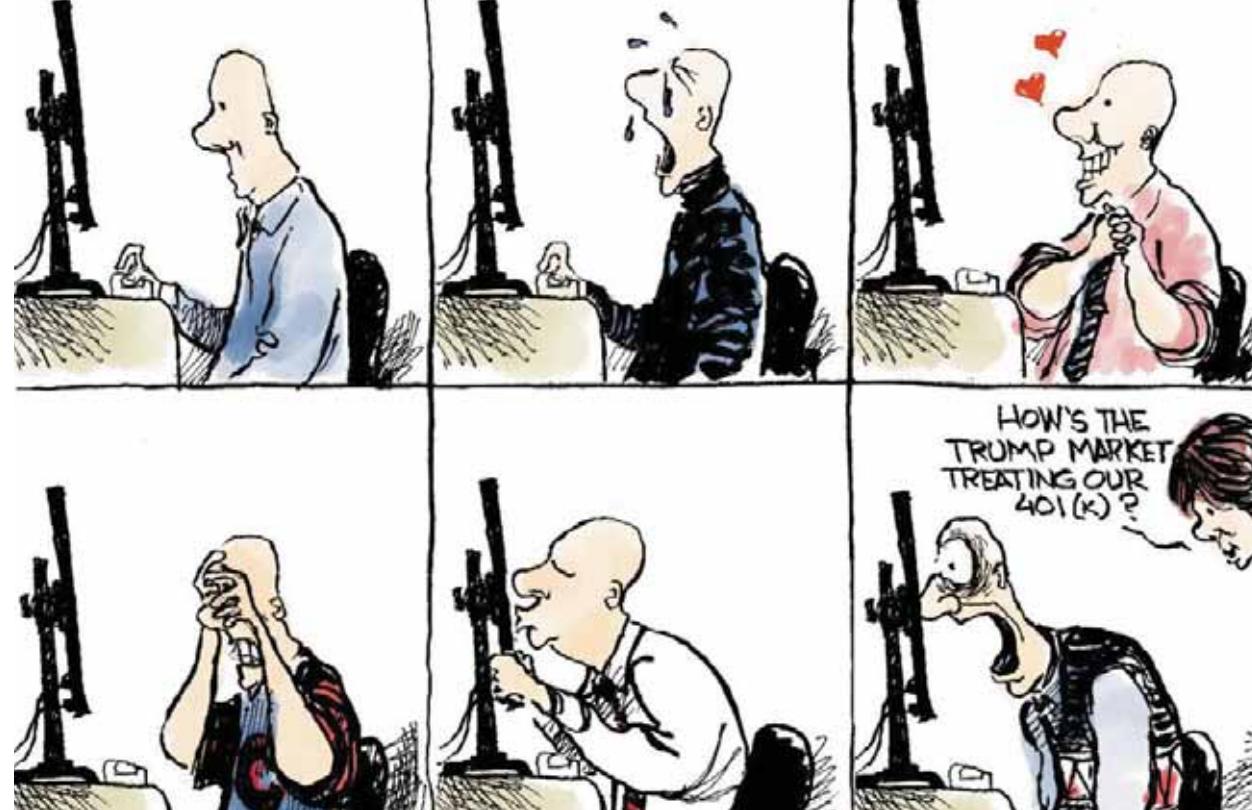
Here's free-of-charge advice for the directors of the Tollway:

Your chairman, Bob Schillerstrom, says the environmental study is in its early stage. Yes, your staff sincerely thinks spending this \$25 million could — emphasis ours — eventually lead to some project that CMAP would rule eligible for federal funding. But to those of us who pay the tolls, that sounds like a \$25 million hope that the study will justify spending gazillions on new concrete.

With all of that, why not give the Route 53 extension — or any new derivative of it — a well-deserved rest? Why not declare any such project comatose for now? Why not revive it if and when the localities involved agree on whatever road improvements they desire?

And why not admit that continuing to spend the \$25 million doesn’t bring finality to this long debate. It only perpetuates it.

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‘StealMe123’: Hackers, thieves and your vulnerable passwords

Every year, hackers pilfer the personal online data of millions of Americans. They may use that stolen information to hijack identities and run up charge bills. You’d think computer users would respond by beefing up their defenses, changing passwords often and making them more hacker-resistant.

Not exactly. This year’s most commonly used bad password is “123456,” according to software company SplashData, which releases an annual top 100 terrible passwords list from those exposed on the internet. The second most prevalent is — ta-da! — the word “password” itself.

All those who steered clear of those extremely hackable pass phrases, pat yourselves on the back. Now, how many of you are guilty of using these easy-to-guess entries: *letmein* (No. 43 on the SplashData worst 100 passwords list), *Jordan* — yes, *that Jordan* (46th on the list) — *blahblah* (66), *“hello”* (68), *“aaaaaa”* (85), *“whatever”* (91) and the hostile *“biteme”* (100). Making its debut this year: *“donald”* at No. 23.

SplashData CEO Morgan Slain’s warning to oh-so-clever souls who chose to commandeer the president’s name: “Hackers have great success using celebrity names, terms from pop culture and sports, and simple keyboard patterns to break into accounts online because they know so many people are using those easy-to-remember combinations.”

Experts recommend passwords of up to 12 mixed characters, including symbols, numbers and capital letters. They suggest users never reuse a word, but set up new ones for every site. They recommend signing up for dual-factor verification and trying a password management tool.

That’s our public service reminder on how to avoid hackers and thieves. Now, our plea to tech geniuses: Help!

By now, we figured, the password would be a relic, a trivia answer to stump millennials. No such luck. Remembering a multitude of pass phrases continues to torment us, especially since we’ve been promised that retinal scans or facial identification or even chips embedded under the skin would by now unlock websites with ease.

All of those things exist and can help. The hack-averse can also avail themselves of aforementioned password management tools — some are free. But some of those apps can require a long, complicated master password to unlock all the others. You see where we’re going with this: The easier a passphrase is for you to recall, the more vulnerable your data.

Many people default to a different strategy. They routinely forget their passwords, and thus are forced to create new ones. Not optimal, but at least they don’t stick with *iloveyou* (No. 10) or *666666* (No. 14) or *football* (No. 16). We hope.

Rueful reality: Nothing is safe from hackers. If they’re determined to steal data, they’ll often find a way. Ask Equifax, the credit security giant hacked in 2017. Whom would you expect to be a smarter, more careful steward of your financial secrets?

Your best hope is make life harder for the hackers, perhaps by composing a different — and not easily guessed — password for every site. Yes, that can involve creating a multipage list of passwords. Ours runs to five pages. But we guarantee you’ll never be forced to rack your brain for a code and then get locked out after three attempts.

Spare us the lecture about relying on latter-day papyrus for security that digits and pixels cannot guarantee.

And don’t forget where you stash those five pages.



“123456” led the bad password field in 2018.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Violent uprisings are a sign of public unhappiness. They are also a sign of state failure. France is hardly a failed state, nor will it be one. But it is exhibiting symptoms associated with state failure. It is struggling to maintain practical control of its territory. It is failing to provide security to its citizens and their property. Its authority to make collective decisions has eroded, as has its monopoly on the legitimate use of force.

While it’s important to ask what has caused such despair here that French citizens wish to inflict violence upon other French citizens, it is just as important to ask why they have succeeded.

On Dec. 1, the undermanned police were ambushed by 5,000 violent casseurs and left, all day, to battle in hand-to-hand combat for control of the area around the Charles de Gaulle Etoile. How could that have happened? How could they have been left without reinforcement?

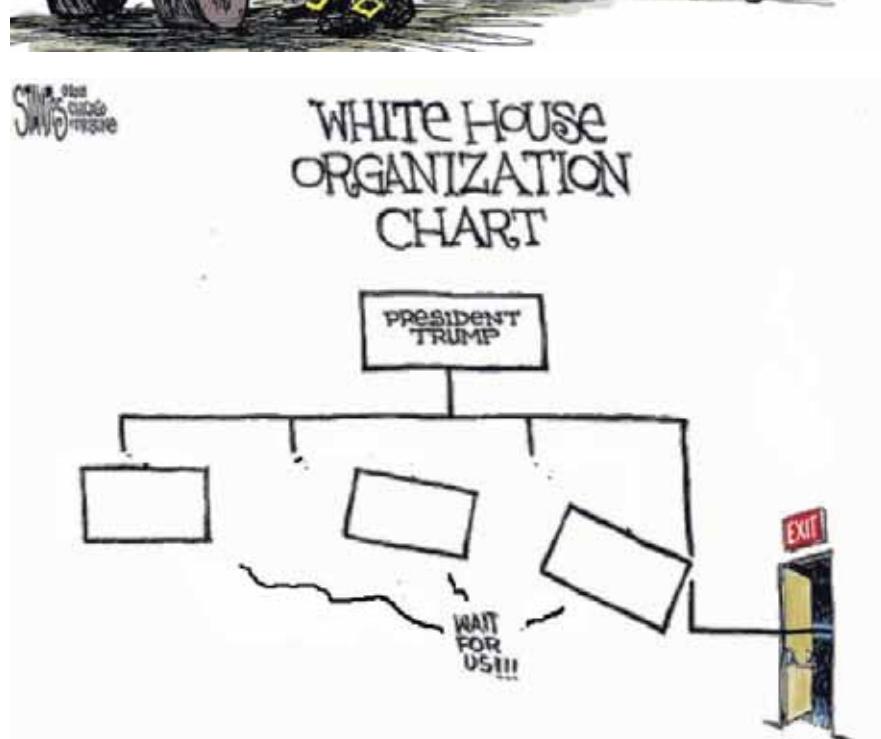
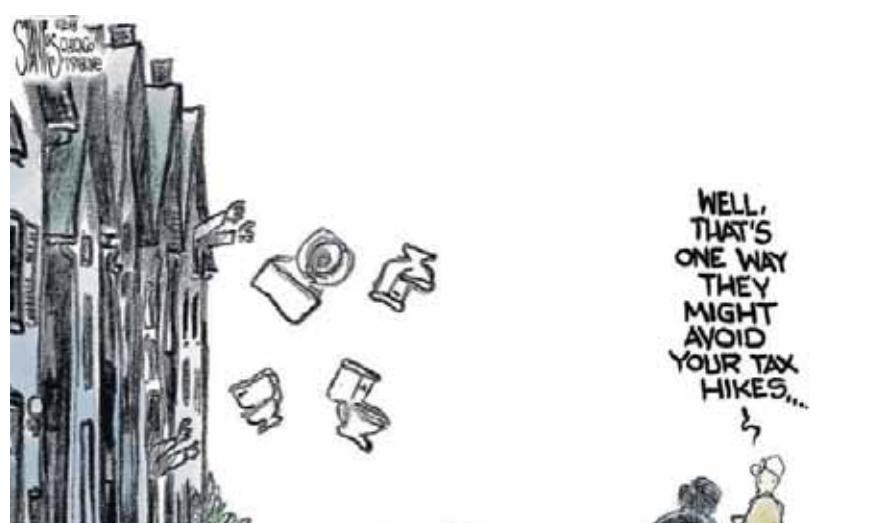
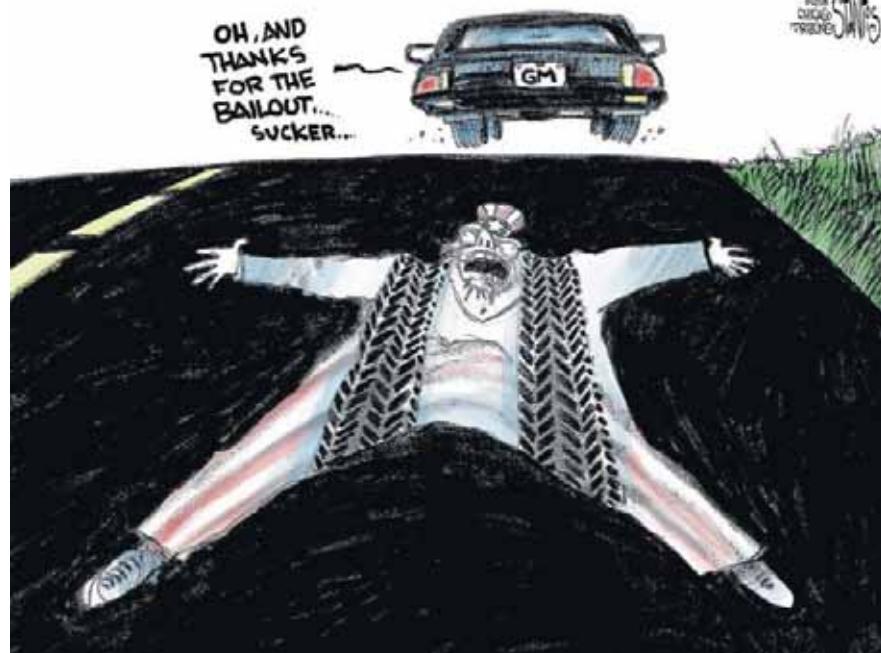
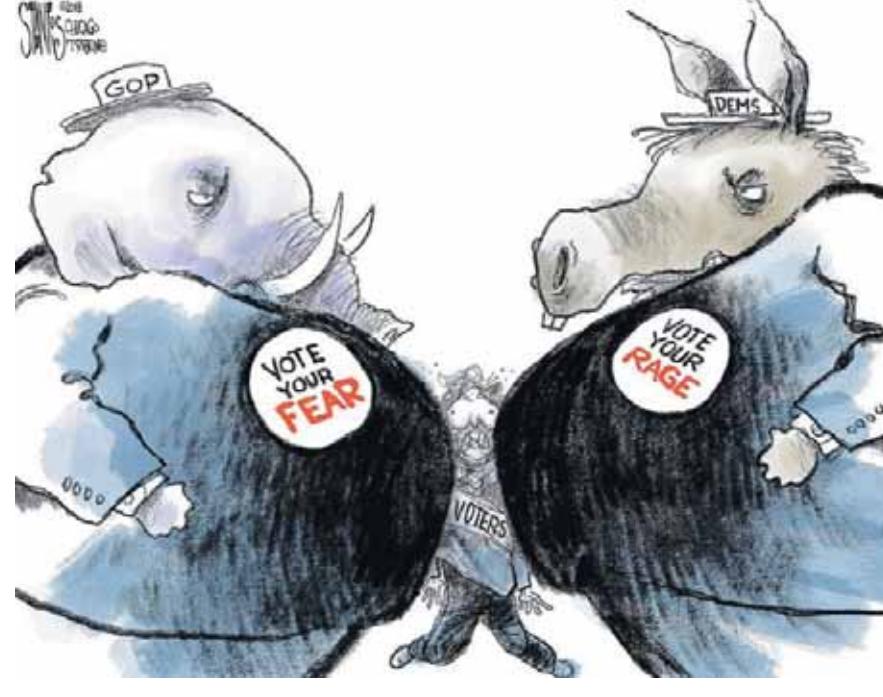
The answer is that France doesn’t have enough cops, and those they have are organized inappropriately for a crisis of this nature. The protests may now fizzle out, but if they continue at this tempo, President Emmanuel Macron will have little choice but to declare a state of emergency and call in the army.

God knows what the political consequences of that would be; it would be an unprecedented admission of political defeat. But if you would be a state, you must ensure domestic peace. That is what a state is for.

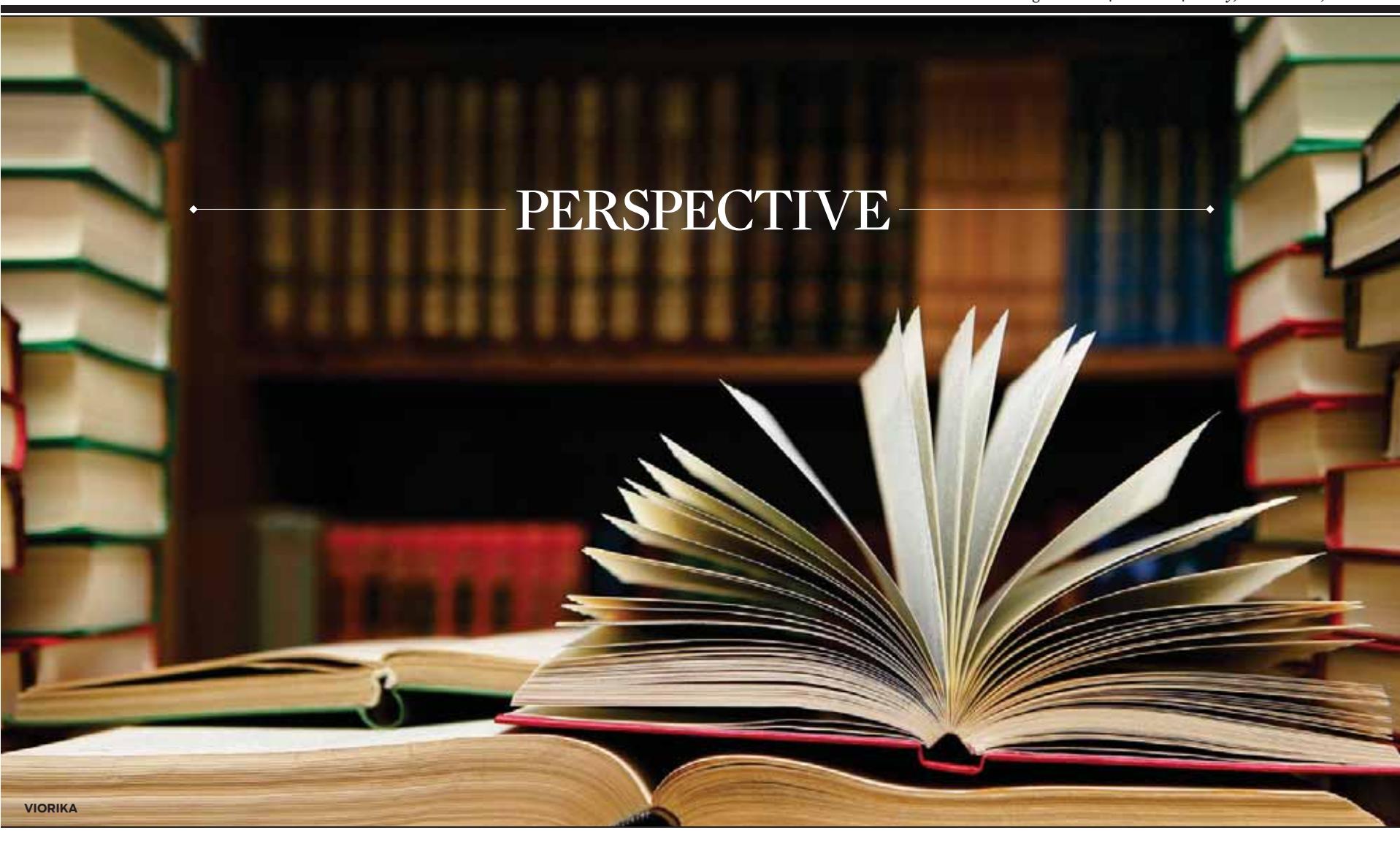
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MY FAVORITE NONFICTION OF 2018

BY STEPHEN L. CARTER

Just in time for all the year-end lists, here are my nominees for the best nonfiction books of 2018.

I haven't read everything published this year, but I read a great deal, and these are my 15 favorites.

Each reflects serious thought, research and argument. Each made me look at things in a new way. The first 14 are listed in random order (no tyranny of the alphabet). At the end is my choice for best nonfiction book of the year.

Richard Sennett: "Building and Dwelling: Ethics for the City."

Sennett, who has been writing about cities for a good half-century, has never been sharper. As the world grows more urban, he argues, we face a crisis: Cities are shaped by the designs of planners rather than by the actual lives, needs and beliefs of their inhabitants. People who live in cities should not only be free but feel free.

Joanne B. Freeman: "The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to the Civil War."

Think we're divided now? In 1854, one member pulled a gun on another ... on the floor of the House of Representatives. Freeman's book is full of such vignettes. (Yes, the famous Sumner story is here.) And our rhetoric pales next to the barbs exchanged in those days.

Bryan Caplan: "The Case Against Education: Why the Education System is a Waste of Time and Money."

I'm not sure he's right, especially about education being almost entirely for the purpose of signaling, but goodness does he make a strong case. Agree with him or not, you'll never look at the schools and colleges in quite the same way.

David W. Blight: "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom."

Already lauded as the definitive book on Douglass, this volume by our foremost expert on the great orator showcases Douglass' human foibles as well as his grand triumphs.

Paige Williams: "The Dinosaur Artist: Obsession, Betrayal and the Quest for Earth's Ultimate Trophy."

Less a dinosaur story than a heist story — how did that illegal Tyrannosaurus skeleton wind up at an auction in New

York? — with plenty of fascinating details about the way that the market for fossils has distorted the incentives in paleontology.

David Quammen: "The Tangled Tree: A Radical New History of Life."

Actually, more a history of the science that helps explain life. Never has molecular phylogenetics seemed so fascinating. And the discovery a few years ago of a new form of life is something I'd overlooked. But what I find particularly fascinating about this widely acclaimed volume is Quammen's ability to show us, in lively prose, how terribly difficult science is: The false starts, the confirmation bias, the backbiting and jealousy, the lengthy detours that become expensive dead ends. And the personalities. (He's particularly good on the controversial genius Lynn Margulis.)

Tyler Cowen: "Stubborn Attachments: A Vision for a Society of Free, Prosperous, and Responsible Individuals."

Three cheers for long-termism! Pity that neither politics nor the psyche of (most) humans actually work that way. The writing, from my Bloomberg Opinion colleague, is at once amusing and relentless. A fun, provocative read.

Jason Brennan: "When All Else Fails: The Ethics of Resistance to State Injustice."

One of our most provocative philosophers argues that if we can use force to stop others from hurting people unjustly, we can also use force to stop the government from hurting people unjustly.

Juan Williams: "'What the Hell Do You Have to Lose?' Trump's War on Civil Rights."

I am not generally a fan of polemics, but Williams is an elegant writer,

gathers evidence dispassionately and stays far away from political correctness. He skewers everybody. You needn't agree with every word to find this a fine read.

Sabine Hossenfelder: "Lost in Math: How Beauty Leads Physics Astray."

Turns out that mathematicians are doing great things, but the physicists not so much. Hossenfelder, a theoretical physicist and popular blogger on the subject, accuses her colleagues of being so in love with elegance that they don't worry as much as they should about whether they're right or wrong. (Parts of the book are tough sledding for the lay reader, but it's more than worth the effort.)

Colin G. Calloway: "The Indian World of George Washington: The First President, the First Americans, and the Birth of the Nation."

You may never look at the Father of Our Country in quite the same way after reading this finalist for the National Book Award. It turns out that Washington was not terribly kind to those who were here first.

Jeffrey C. Stewart: "The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke."

A brilliant biography, winner of the National Book Award, of the man who largely fostered the flowering of black art and writing that became the Harlem Renaissance and laid the foundation for much of African-American intellectual thought over the ensuing century.

Gregg Easterbrook: "It's Better Than It Looks: Reasons for Optimism in an Age of Fear."

So maybe the world isn't going to pieces. Easterbrook argues that if we study actual evidence, things are actually going well in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world, economically,

environmentally, demographically and in most other ways. And most of what's not working, he says, we have the tools to fix.

Philip Hamburger: "Liberal Suppression: Section 501(c)(3) and the Taxation of Speech."

Don't be turned off by the provocative title. Hamburger asks a great question: Why exactly do we limit the political speech of charitable organizations? Answers it, too. The rule wasn't handed to us on stone tablets; it's always been politics, all the way down.

Finally, my choice for the best nonfiction book of 2018:

Earl Swift: "Chesapeake Requiem: A Year With the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island."

I can't remember a book in recent years that taught me quite so much. Every page is vivid and rich. Tangier Island, Va., famous as a source of soft-shell crabs, is going under, literally — a victim of rising seas, relentless storms and a changing economy. Swift spends plenty of time on the ground, and so is able to pierce the veils of myth and mysticism that have long surrounded the community of fewer than 500 stalwarts, whose political and religious lives are far more complex and nuanced than their stereotypes suggest. He doesn't agree with their beliefs, but his respect and affection for them are patent. A model for what serious reportage should be.

So those are my picks for 2018. Happy reading.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

In Barrington, ignorance stokes discrimination

Upon reading the article in the Tribune ("At end of family's rainbow, theft of gay pride flag stirs a suburb," Dec. 20) about Casey Handal and Zadette Rosado having their gay pride flag stolen from their backyard, I was extremely disappointed that there is still so much discrimination in the 21st century. Knowledge is at everyone's fingertips, if people would just take the time to research something they may not understand.

Sexuality is a spectrum that is normal throughout the animal

kingdom. It ranges from heterosexuality to homosexuality with a whole lot of diversity in between. It is not a choice, but a biological phenomenon that occurs in the womb, in two separate phases, all guided by a cascade of hormones. It is no one's "fault." It is no different from the range of the colors of different people's eyes, or the texture of their hair. No one makes a conscious choice to suffer hate and discrimination.

All any of us want is someone to love and cherish, and a family to call our own. A nuclear family in whatever form is the bedrock of society. Because someone else's family may not look like yours, doesn't mean they are not

legitimate.

Congratulations to Casey and Zadette on their upcoming marriage. May they live long and productive lives in love and happiness, and hopefully someone will take the time today to read some science.

— Eileen Smith, Minooka

Hold church hierarchy accountable

As a lifelong practicing Catholic, I find the problem of abusive priests disgusting and know it will not be solved until the church's hierarchy is held accountable for obstructing justice by protecting predators and enabling abuse. To regain lost moral authority and credibility, the policy of the church must change to having all complaints of abuse and/or cover-up investigated by the appro-

priate civil authorities. Church hierarchy is not equipped to investigate abuse claims properly and it has obvious conflicts of interest, such as protecting reputation and assets.

Given the church's track record in cases of abuse, the clerical perpetrators and their protectors should be treated no differently than any other member of society who preys on children and violates positions of trust.

They are no different. The hierarchy of the church has allowed this problem to exist for far too long and needs to take strong, definitive measures at the upcoming bishops conference to demonstrate they are serious about ending it. Committing to the use of existing civil authorities to investigate all claims of abuse and cover-up of abuse would be a good start.

— Jack Higgins, Oak Brook

Fed's puzzling decision

I must admit that I am confused by the Federal Reserve's recent increase in interest rates. Chairman Jerome Powell contends that the board's actions are not influenced by political considerations. However, since I don't see any signs of a pickup in inflation, one has to wonder why the increase at this time? Either the Fed members are sending a signal to President Donald Trump that they are truly independent or they are trying to micromanage the economy. In either case, their actions have the effect of hurting the economy by making borrowing costs for consumers and businesses more expensive and causing wild fluctuations in the stock market, neither of which is desirable. Let's hope the board acts more wisely in the future.

— Dan Schuchardt, Glen Ellyn

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BUSINESS

Markets close positive after challenging day

Political uncertainty has rattled investors through December

BY TAYLOR TELFORD

The Washington Post

Following Wall Street's best single day of trading in a decade, U.S. markets were jittery Thursday but closed positive across the board.

Political uncertainty left the markets fluttering throughout the day, but the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 255 points, or 1.1 percent, after falling more than 580 points in the afternoon. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was up 0.86 percent at close. The tech-heavy Nasdaq compos-

ite index was up 0.38 percent. Low trading volumes exacerbated the effects of political volatility.

December has been brutal for Wall Street. A number of factors, including a trade conflict with China, interest-rate hikes, President Donald Trump's attacks on the Federal Reserve and a partial government shutdown, have rattled investors in the worst month since the financial crisis. Since Dec. 1, the S&P 500 is down more than 10 percent.

On Wednesday, after a rough four-day losing streak and a nota-

bly bleak Christmas Eve, markets were buoyed by reports of record-breaking holiday retail performances and assurances that Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's job was not in jeopardy. The Dow snagged its biggest point gain in history, surging 1,086 points.

But some analysts were not confident the buying would continue.

"While yesterday's rally was very encouraging, we could see some additional selling in the last few days of the year amid ongoing concerns over the government



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shutdown and existing concerns over the near-term economic outlook," Ivan Feinseth, chief investment officer at Tigress Financial

Partners, wrote in a note to investors Thursday.

Wednesday's success in U.S. markets was also met with skepticism in Asia and Europe, where markets reopened after a Christmas break. Japan's Nikkei 225 index jumped nearly 4 percent to 20,077 after suffering big losses earlier in the week.

But other Asian markets were relatively neutral. The Shanghai Composite index slipped 0.6 percent to 2,483.09; the Hang Seng Index was down 0.7 percent at 25,478.88. In Europe, post-Christmas performance was shaky. Ger-

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Instagram update an accident

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Chicago Tribune

Instagram rolled out an update Thursday morning — accidentally, apparently — that had Chicago users demanding via Twitter that the Facebook-owned company change it back.

The update, which required users to tap to see the next post instead of scrolling through a feed, was short-lived.

Adam Mosseri, head of product at Instagram, tweeted just after 10 a.m. Thursday that the update was accidentally rolled out to a broader audience than intended. If users were still seeing the updated version — which some said resembled posts made using Instagram's story feature — users should restart the app, he said in the tweet.

Instagram users in Chicago tweeted their relief that the update was not permanent.

"Did anyone else's Instagram already go back to the scrolling as opposed to that awful update? Am I the only one? Did they hear our anger and instantly revert back? It's a miracle!" said a tweet from user @Michael_AC23.

User @hauswifetweeted: "Well thank god that horrible experience only lasted 45 min."

Before the social media app reverted back to its pre-update form, Chicago-area users tweeted their disdain.

"This new #instagramupdate makes me feel like I'm on a dating app. I'm not trying to swipe photos @instagram can I have the old layout back?" tweeted user @j_mallari.

Some threatened to leave the platform.

"Yo @instagram you guys already suck but I was dealing with it. Change this abomination back or I'm deleting this like I did Facebook," said user @tpgough.

A statement sent by Instagram spokeswoman Paige Cohen said that "due to a bug, some users saw a change to the way their feed appears today. We quickly fixed the issue and feed is back to normal. We apologize for any confusion."

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Water Tower Place mall in Chicago bustles with activity Wednesday. Rather than dump old stock, retailers are increasingly putting out new items to take advantage of those hardy shoppers with gift cards to spend and an urge to snag a good deal for themselves.

SECOND SEASON

The holidays are mostly over, but many are still shopping

The holidays are mostly over. Gifts have been exchanged. But retailers' cash registers are still ringing.

The turn of the year has traditionally been a time for retailers to dump unsold holiday merchandise onto sale racks. Most shoppers on State Street the day after Christmas said they had come in hopes of scoring a deal. But increasingly, stores are also putting new merchandise out after the holidays to encourage shoppers with gift cards or returns to splurge on full-priced merchandise.

Jeanine Konopelski, 53, said she is willing to forgo a discount "if it's what we really want." She

and her daughter Taylor, 16, of California, were shopping at Anthropologie at Block 37 on State Street while visiting family in Chicago. After-Christmas shopping is one of their traditions, and they had gift cards to redeem.

Shoppers enthusiastically cracked open their wallets this holiday season, according to early sales data. Consumers spent more than \$850 billion between Nov. 1 and Dec. 24, boosting U.S. retail sales 5.1 percent over the same period last year, according to Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracks spending in stores and

online. Online sales rose about 19 percent, Mastercard SpendingPulse said.

But there's still more shopping activity to come, analysts say.

Of the 10 days in the holiday season expected to bring the most shoppers to stores, two are after Christmas — Dec. 26, the eighth-busiest day, and Dec. 29, the 10th-busiest, said Brian Field, senior director of retail consulting practice at ShopperTrak.

Shoppers visiting stores on State Street on Wednesday said browsing the sales was a holiday tradition, or a chance to reward

themselves after spending on family and friends.

"It's a bargain hunt," said Kathie Winkelmann, 56, of Lake Zurich, while shopping after Christmas this week at the Banana Republic Factory store at Block 37 on State Street.

Others were dealing with the aftermath of gift exchanges: gift cards and returns.

Linda Bialek, 63, of Oak Lawn, stopped at Macy's on her lunch break in hopes of exchanging a sweater before the shelves grew picked over. The size she wanted was already sold out but she said she'd found two possible substitutes.

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Carson's HUD rolls back Obama housing rule

BY TRACY JAN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — At a training last month for hundreds of fair-housing advocates, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson crowed about his suspension of an Obama-era rule mandating that communities fix long-standing patterns of segregation.

The regulation, hailed as one of the most ambitious efforts to fight racial bias in housing in decades, was too burdensome on cities, he said, according to four people present. So was another Obama rule that held lenders and landlords liable for policies that led to discrimination even if none was intended, he added.

The audience, many of whom had spent years working to make sure marginalized groups get



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Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson is nearing the end of his second year in the Cabinet position.

equal access to housing, was stunned. "Tone deaf," said one attendee.

The scene illustrated the uncomfortable reality for Carson as he nears the end of his second year as HUD secretary. Though he is charged under the law with eliminating discriminatory housing practices, Carson is also a longtime skeptic of using government

power to remedy such inequality.

Beyond his attempts to roll back the agency's fair-housing rules, Carson is overseeing a department whose fair-housing budget and staffing have been cut. And, notably, he has departed from the practices of recent Democratic and Republican pred-

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TV giants not playing games in fee fights

BY BRIAN FUNG

The Washington Post

Sports fans nationwide may soon find themselves cut off from some of the most anticipated televised football games of the year as massive media and television companies go to war with one another over the programming fees required to air those matches.

Beginning next week, TV customers on Verizon FiOS and Charter's Spectrum service could be hit by widespread channel blackouts after the companies' contracts with major programming giants expire.

In November, HBO went offline for Dish Network customers for the first time in the premium channel's history; the spat remains unresolved.

The contract fight between Verizon and Disney has spilled out into the public this week, with both companies sending out messages to customers notifying them who will be to blame if a new deal isn't signed.

Despite the looming headache for pay-TV subscribers, those with digital antennas can get around a blackout by directly tuning into broadcast networks.

The disputes highlight how rising media consolidation in America, along with the pressures brought by cord-cutting, have turned contract-renewal talks into a high-stakes, winner-take-all affair.

As more content has come under the ownership umbrella of a shrinking handful of powerful firms, companies now undergo bruising, long fights over content pricing and terms.

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Debbie McDermott's daughter, Jamie Sparks, ties skeins at Stonehedge Fiber Mill.

'Shop local' movement increases sales of yarn

BY SHIREEN KORKZAN

Associated Press

It began when Debbie McDermott allowed her daughter Jamie to raise two sheep for a 4-H project. Eventually, her 165-year-old farm was transformed into a successful, family-run, custom fiber processing mill.

McDermott's Stonehedge Fiber Mill, which opened in 1999 in East Jordan, Mich., now produces more than 700 pounds of yarn monthly for customers in 38 states and Canada. It produces an additional 15,000 pounds monthly for its personal lines of yarn, including Shepherd's Wool, which is milled and dyed in-house before it's shipped and sold in about 300 shops.

"I really think the appeal is our yarn's made in the U.S., and people are more and more going toward U.S.-made products as a support for U.S. companies," McDermott said.

Most garments worn in the United States in the first half of the 20th century were American-made, but the decline of the American textile industry began after World War II, according to knitting and wool industries expert Clara Parkes. She's a member of American Sheep Industry — an industry trade group — and author of several books on knitting.

In recent years, however, there's been a slow-growing

demand for wool yarn that's completely produced in the United States, from sheep to skein, Parkes said.

One reason, she thinks, could be that consumers are turning back to wool because of the environmental risks of microplastics in garments made from synthetics like acrylic, nylon and polyester. The microplastics are released into waterways when the synthetic garments are washed.

Locally sourced yarn helps not only the environment but local businesses too, Parkes said. "There's the environmental impact of shipping goods all the way across the world and bringing it back, but now people are asking themselves, 'What if I can get the wool here and just keep it here?'"

Consumer interest in locally sourced yarn inspired the Michigan Fiber Cooperative to produce a line, Fresh Water Fiber, which uses wool and alpaca from Michigan farms. It's processed by Stonehedge Fiber Mill and dyed by Why Knot Fibers in Traverse City.

One store that stocks Fresh Water Fiber is Wool & Honey in Cedar, Mich. Owner Melissa Kelenske said she buys from Michigan-based fiber artists and companies that focus on producing high-quality, ethically sourced yarn with attention to their environmental impact.

Another yarn company that supplies Wool & Honey is Brooklyn Tweed, of Portland, Ore. Knitwear designer Jared Flood founded the company in 2010 to "preserve, support and sustain" American textile production by doing business with sheep farmers, fiber mills and dyers across the United States.

The business concept "was not so much about patriotism as supporting local economies," said Christina Rondepierre, Brooklyn Tweed's marketing manager.

"It was also the revitalization of East Coast mills and dyeing houses and the whole U.S. textile industry so they could sustain income and make sure towns and business were able to" stay afloat, Rondepierre said. For example, the Harrisville, N.H., Historic District mill village spins some of Brooklyn Tweed's yarns.

But patriotism, too, is helping to revive the American wool industry.

After Ralph Lauren drew flak for making its Team USA apparel for the 2012 Summer Olympics in China, the fashion company had all Team USA apparel for the 2014 Winter Olympics made in the United States. The yarn used for the closing ceremony sweaters was 4,000 pounds of Shepherd's Wool from Stonehedge Fiber Mill.

Market uncertainty rattles investors

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many's DAX fell 0.3 percent to 10,601.98; France's CAC 40 rose 0.8 percent to 4,664.54. Britain's FTSE 100 was flat at 6,685.64.

The Nasdaq struggled Thursday after Reuters reported that Trump is considering issuing an executive order in January that would ban the use of telecommunications equipment from Chinese tech giants Huawei and ZTE. The news comes on the heels of alleged progress in trade negotiations between the U.S. and China at the Group of 20 Summit in Buenos Aires.

The two countries are on a 90-day break to formulate terms of a possible trade agreement, which has already been rocked by the

arrest of Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou in Canada in early December. Negotiations are scheduled to resume in early January.

The end of 2018 has brought a chain of political surprises, including the sudden resignation of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Trump's withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria against the advice of his national security team. While some predicted Trump might soften his stance in the budget dispute over the border wall after seeing the uncertainty rule the markets, his tweets Thursday morning suggested that the government shutdown might extend into the new year.

December also saw the sharpest drop in consumer

confidence in 2018, despite a strong labor market. The Conference Board, a business research group, said its consumer confidence index fell more than expected this month, with concerns about economic slowdown pushing consumer's expectations for the future to their lowest point since November 2016.

If these fears spill over into consumer behavior, it would spell trouble for the U.S. economy, according to Chris Rupkey, of MUFG Union Bank.

Consumers have been the driving force behind the solid economic growth recently with business investment cooling, and if the consumer gets cold feet, then one of the economy's major engines may fail," Rupkey wrote to investors.

HUD rolls back rule

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cessors of using their secretarial power to root out systemic racial discrimination by launching broad-based investigations into bias by banks, real estate companies and others.

Carson has only once used his authority as HUD secretary to scrutinize widespread housing discrimination, moving ahead under public pressure on an investigation against Facebook that was initiated by the agency.

President Barack Obama's HUD secretaries used the tool — known as "secretary-initiated complaints" — an average of 10 times per year, while President George W. Bush's second HUD secretary used it an average of five times per year, according to a Washington Post examination of the agency's annual fair-housing reports to Congress.

"If you're going to have this position, you have to use it," said Kim Kendrick, who began championing the use of secretary-initiated actions as the HUD assistant secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity during Bush's second term. "You can potentially have an impact nationwide."

The Obama and Bush administrations wielded the HUD secretary's enforcement powers to investigate home insurance companies that refused to sell policies in African-American neighborhoods, real estate brokers who refused to show certain houses to black home buyers, and mortgage lenders that illegally denied loans to black and Hispanic borrowers or charged them higher rates, according to HUD records.

The intense scrutiny of racist or otherwise discriminatory housing practices resulted in financial compensation for large

numbers of victims and forced offending companies to change practices, according to HUD's reports to Congress.

Defenders of Carson, who as a presidential candidate decried a federal effort to desegregate American neighborhoods as "failed socialist experiments," argue he is not retreating from the agency's civil rights mission.

Rather, HUD spokesman Jereon Brown said, the agency is prioritizing a backlog of 600 individual complaints of discrimination instead of initiating broad-based actions.

More than half of the individual complaints pertained to discrimination on the basis of disability, according to HUD. A quarter pertained to race, and fewer than a third to national origin.

"Nearly 500 people had their cases resolved" since 2017, Brown said, "versus focusing our resources on larger secretary-initiated cases."

Each year, HUD receives thousands of complaints from individuals alleging discrimination that the agency is required to investigate.

Unlike broader secretary-initiated cases that seek redress for victims who may not even have been aware that their rights had been violated, individual complaints may focus on issues such as wheelchair access at an apartment building, sexual harassment by a landlord or allowances for service animals, former and current HUD officials say.

Carson's focus on responding to individual allegations of bias over proactively seeking solutions to patterns of disparity aligns with Republican orthodoxy, said Robert Driscoll, a deputy assistant attorney general in the Justice Department's civil rights division during the Bush administration.

Brown, the HUD spokesman, said Carson chose to exercise his authority against Facebook because the case "potentially affects millions."

"If an individual is rejected for housing because he is black — those kinds of cases should always gain traction in a conservative administration," Driscoll said. "Republicans are more likely to see problems with defining discrimination based on group statistics."

Other civil rights attorneys say that while it's important to resolve individual complaints of discrimination, those efforts are unlikely to address structural inequality or result in widespread change.

"The fact there has only been one complaint by Secretary Carson says to everyone that HUD will no longer be in the business of aggressively enforcing fair-housing laws," said Aderson Francois, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center who directs the Institute for Public Representation Civil Rights Law Clinic.

"HUD is in danger of becoming something of a zombie agency."

After initially suspending a preliminary investigation into Facebook that began under Obama in late 2016, Carson in August filed his sole secretary-initiated complaint against the platform.

He accused Facebook of giving landlords and developers advertising tools that made it easy to exclude groups protected by the Fair Housing Act. Among the many ways Facebook did so, HUD said: literally drawing a red line around majority-minority ZIP codes and not showing housing ads to users who live in those areas.

Facebook said its policies prohibit discrimination and that it would continue working with HUD to address the agency's concerns.

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Still the season for shopping

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"They run out so fast," she said.

UPS said post-holiday gift card spending and returns mean its busiest season extends into the new year.

Although returns were predicted to peak

before Christmas thanks to an earlier start to the holiday shopping season, with 1.5 million packages sent back on Dec. 19, UPS still expected to handle 1.3 million on Jan. 3, said Kat Marran, UPS' vice president of U.S. marketing.

Retailers are getting better at responding to trends and continually bringing in new merchandise, said Gabriella Santaniello, president and founder of retail research firm A-Line Partners.

That means they're not stuck trying to sell spring apparel to customers shivering in early January winter. It also means there is fresh merchandise on shelves for post-holiday shoppers. If retailers can get those customers to skip

the clearance rack, that boosts their bottom lines.

"If someone's been in the stores, they've seen (the holiday merchandise) already," Santaniello said.

A retailer might take a holiday best-seller and create an updated version in a new color, or cater to consumers committing to resolutions with new athletic apparel and sneakers, Santaniello said.

During the first two days after Christmas, retailers including Lululemon, Athleta, Urban Outfitters and J. Crew sent customers emails promoting new merchandise, not just discounts, according to Milled, a website that tracks retailers' email promotions.

Some chains call the post-holiday shopping period Winter 2, some Pre-Spring, some the Second Season. Whatever name it goes by, "they're basically getting a second bite at the apple with customers who have available spending money," said Craig John-

son, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy.

But other shoppers said they were focused on the deals.

Sophia Vittallo, 50, from Park Ridge, saw a top she liked at Macy's on Wednesday but kept walking because there didn't appear to be a discount. She and a friend were shopping with their daughters while waiting for a table at Macy's Walnut Room.

When it comes to after-Christmas shopping, "it has to be on sale, she said. "I don't like to pay full price."

That's what makes customers with gift cards to burn particularly desirable, Johnson said.

Convincing someone to part with hard-earned cash can be a challenge, but when someone receives a gift card, "it's like found money," Johnson said. "They don't mind paying full price for something new."

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'Tech addicts' reboot in rehab

Special treatment being applied to a modern malady

BY MARTHA IRVINE

Associated Press

BELLEVUE, Wash. — We like to say we're addicted to our phones or an app or some new show on a streaming video service.

But for some people, tech gets in the way of daily functioning and self-care. We're talking flunk-your-classes, can't-find-a-job, live-in-a-dark-hole kinds of problems, with depression, anxiety and sometimes suicidal thoughts part of the mix.

Suburban Seattle, a major tech center, has become a hub for help for so-called "tech addicts," with residential rehab, psychologists who specialize in such treatment and 12-step meetings.

"The drugs of old are now repackaged. We have a new foe," Cosette Rae says of the barrage of tech. A former developer in the tech world, she heads a Seattle area rehab center called reSTART Life, one of the few residential programs in the nation specializing in tech addiction.

Use of that word — addiction — when it comes to devices, online content and the like is still debated in the mental health world.

But many practitioners agree that tech use is increasingly intertwined with the problems of those seeking help.

An American Academy of Pediatrics review of worldwide research found that excessive use of video games alone is a serious problem for as many as 9 percent of young people. This summer, the World Health Organization also added "gaming disorder" to its list of afflictions. A similar diagnosis is being considered in the United States.

It can be a taboo subject in an industry that fre-



A self-described tech addict stands in front of a video game store at a mall in Everett, Wash.

quently faces criticism for using "persuasive design," intentionally harnessing psychological concepts to make tech all the more enticing.

One 27-year-old man, found through a 12-step program for tech addicts, works in the very industry that peddles the games, videos and other online content that has long been his vice. He does cloud maintenance for a suburban Seattle tech company and constantly finds himself fending off temptation.

"I'm like an alcoholic working at a bar," he laments. He spoke on the condition that he not be identified, fearing he might harm his career in an industry he's long loved.

As a toddler, he sat on his dad's lap in their Seattle area home as they played simple video games on a

Mac Classic II computer. By early elementary school, he got his first Super Nintendo system and spent hours playing Yoshi's Story, a game where the main character searched for "lucky fruit."

As he grew, so did one of the world's major tech hubs. Led by Microsoft, it rose from the nondescript suburban landscape and farm fields here, just a short drive from the home he still shares with his mom, who split from her husband when their only child was 11.

As a teen, he took an interest in music and acting but recalls how playing games increasingly became a way to escape life. "I go online instead of dealing with my feelings," he says.

He'd been seeing a therapist for depression and severe social anxiety. But

attending college out of state allowed more freedom and less structure, so he spent even more time online. His grades plummeted, forcing him to change majors, from engineering to business.

After graduating in 2016 and moving home, he'd go to a nearby restaurant or the library to use the Wi-Fi, claiming he was looking for a job but having no luck.

Instead, he was spending hours on Reddit, an online forum where people share news and comments, or viewing YouTube videos. Sometimes, he watched online porn.

Others who attend a 12-step meeting of the Internet & Tech Addiction Anonymous know the struggle.

"I had to be convinced that this was a 'thing,'" says Walker, a 19-year-old from Washington whose parents

insisted he get help after video gaming trashed his first semester of college. He agreed to speak only if identified by first name, as required by the 12-step tenets.

Help is found at facilities like reSTART. Clients "detox" from tech at a secluded ranch and move on to a group home.

They commit to eating well and regular sleep and exercise. They find jobs, and many eventually return to college. They also make "bottom line" promises to give up video games or any other problem content, as well as drugs and alcohol, if those are issues. They use monitored smartphones with limited function — calls, texts and emails and access to maps.

The young tech worker didn't go to reSTART. But he, too, has apps on his

phone that send reports about what he's viewing to his 12-step sponsor, a fellow tech addict named Charlie, a 30-year-old reSTART graduate.

At home, the young man also persuaded his mom to get rid of Wi-Fi to lessen the temptation.

He still relapses every couple months, often when he's tired or upset or very bored. He tells himself that his problem isn't as bad as other tech addicts.

"Then," the young man says, "I discover very quickly that I am actually an addict, and I do need to do this."

Having Charlie to lean on helps. "He's a role model," he says.

"He has a place of his own. He has a dog. He has friends."

That's what he wants for himself.

Male cruise worker claims harassment by female boss

BY MICHAEL SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

hostile workplace. The majority of cases are brought by women.

Rebecca Pontikes, an employment lawyer in Boston, said it is "rare to have this exact scenario."

"It's not rare to have a sexual harassment scenario with male harassed for being gay or a transgender man," Pontikes said in an email. "It's also not unheard of to have a case with male on male sexual harassment where you have this sort of behavior among men."

The law protects workers against discrimination because of their sex, said Stephanie Bornstein, a law professor at the University of Florida.

"That means, if a man believes he was discriminated against or experienced a hostile work environment because he is a man, he can allege sex discrimination," Bornstein said in an email. "Because of sex" also includes 'because of gender stereotypes' — meaning feminine or masculine dress or behavior."

Complaints of age discrimination have become more common as the workforce has gotten grayer with the aging of baby boomers, Pontikes and Bornstein said. Federal law protects workers age 40 and older from discrimination.

In the complaint, McHugh, a labor analyst who had worked at Disney for 18 years until he was fired last year, said all of the top executives and senior managers in the division he worked in were female and didn't reflect the gender makeup of the division's workforce.

Employment discrimination cases, more often than not, don't make it to a jury. They are either settled or dismissed on a procedural motion, Bornstein said.

Experts in workplace law say it's uncommon for a female manager to be accused of sex discrimination against a male underling and creating a

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SAVINGS UPDATE

How much higher will the Fed raise rates?

For U.S. savers, what a difference three years can make. Back in December 2015, the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates for the first time since the Great Recession in 2008, finally taking an upward step out of a seven-year valley of near-zero rates.

Fast forward to this December, and the Fed has now made eight additional increases, announcing the latest one last week. The Federal Funds Target Rate now sits 2.25 percentage points above its 2015 level.

This matters to cash savers because savings, money market and certificate of deposit rates are correlated with the Fed's rate. While any single rate bump might not move the needle across the entire banking industry, this three-year period of nine hikes has driven up rates throughout the deposit accounts market.

But is the Fed finished, or will it hike rates higher

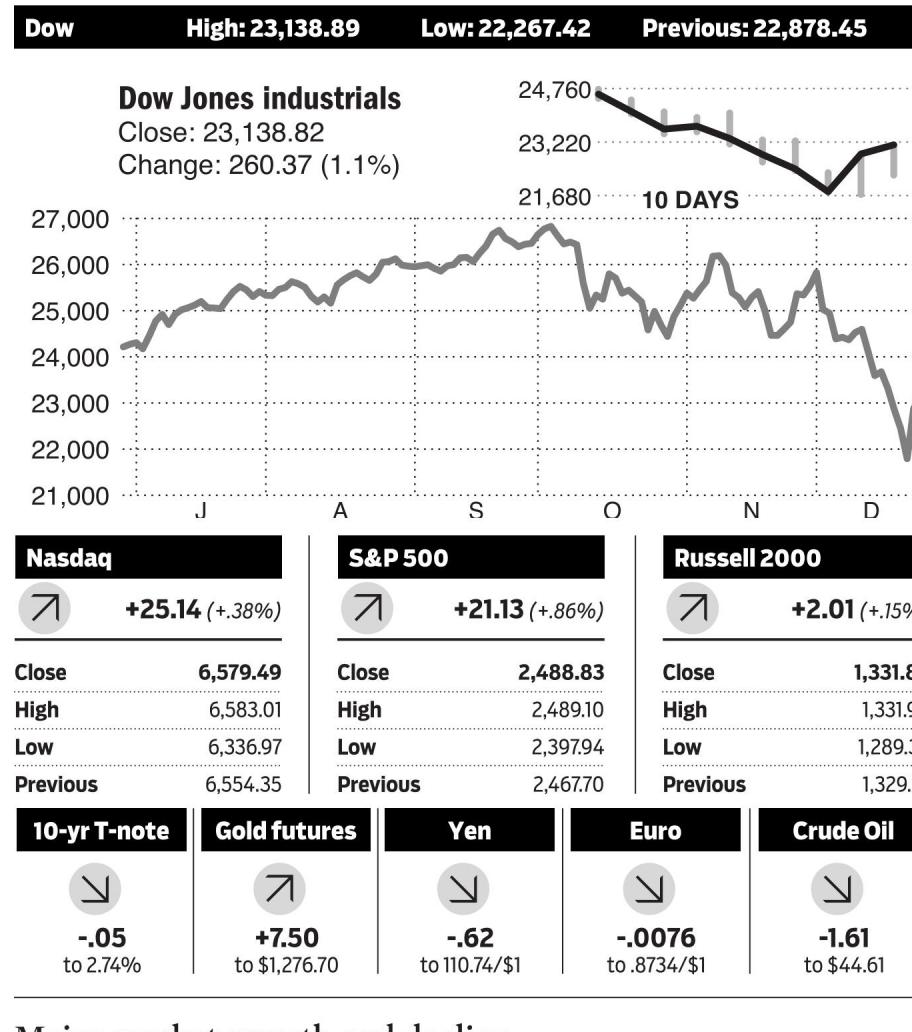
still? There is never a reliable crystal ball for this question, as the Fed's rate-setting committee holds sole responsibility for that decision, and privately meets to determine a verdict every 6-8 weeks. But with each new decision, they submit a written projection for the future, and currently, they're signaling that we may see two more bumps in 2019.

This information matters particularly to CD savers, since they lock into a rate for the future. As a result, opening a new CD right before a rate hike is announced can be disappointing. On the other hand, savings and money market funds can spontaneously benefit from any number of increases, but at the expense of lower-than-CD rates.

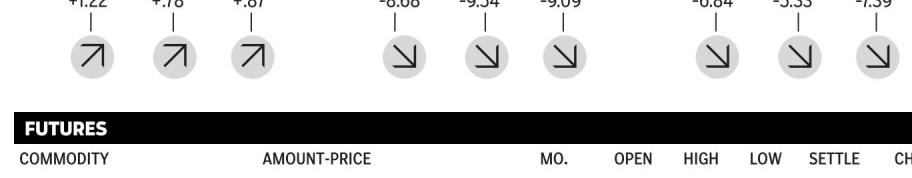
The Fed's forecast last week of two more hikes in 2019 is a slight downgrade from its previous prediction of three increases next year. But still it suggests that the rising tide cash savers have been enjoying may still have some swell in it.

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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel Mar 19	511.50	513	507.25	510.50	+.50	
	May 19	519	520.25	514	517.75	...	
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel Mar 19	373.25	376.50	373.25	374.50	+1.25	
	May 19	381	384.25	381	382.25	+1	
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel Jan 19	870.75	876	867	869	-1	
	Mar 19	883.75	889	880.50	882.50	-.50	
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 19	27.49	27.57	27.27	27.31	-.05
	Mar 19	27.80	27.86	27.58	27.63	-.02	
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 19	303.40	305.50	302.90	303.90	+.50
	Mar 19	307.90	310.10	307.40	308.30	+.40	
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 19	46.58	46.70	44.37	44.61	-.61
	Mar 19	46.87	47.01	44.65	44.90	-.64	
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	3.500	3.666	3.441	3.637	+.094
	Feb 19	3.424	3.554	3.359	3.546	+.088	
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.3419	1.3419	1.2858	1.3040	-.0264
	Feb 19	1.3315	1.3361	1.2734	1.2850	-.0349	

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	70.63	+.01	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	96.39	+.67	Mondelez Intl	O	40.23	+.23
AbbVie Inc	N	89.91	+.87	Equity Residential	N	66.06	+.64	Morningstar Inc	O	109.99	+.54
Allstate Corp	N	81.79	+.99	Exelon Corp	N	44.78	+.30	Motorola Solutions	N	112.41	+.24
Aptargroup Inc	N	92.37	+.60	First Indl RT	N	28.48	+.02	NiSource Inc	N	25.33	+.27
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.96	+.29	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	37.90	+.51	Ntnr Trust Cp	O	82.75	+.15
Baxter Intl	N	65.56	+.13	Gallagher AJ	N	72.29	+.98	Old Republic	N	20.76	+.11
Boeing Co	N	317.14	+.31	Grainger WW	N	281.93	+.38	Packaging Corp Am	N	84.28	+.16
Brunswick Corp	N	45.86	+.92	GrubHub Inc	N	75.25	+.28	Paylocity Hldg	O	59.45	+.08
CBOE Global Markets	N	95.62	+.15	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	86.42	+.01	Stericycle Inc	O	36.72	+.36
CDK Global Inc	O	46.92	+.76	IDEX Corp	N	125.43	+.17	Teleph Data	N	32.22	-.31
CDW Corp	O	79.46	-.21	ITW	N	125.94	+.25	TransUnion	N	56.15	+.68
CF Industries	N	43.24	+.64	Ingridion Inc	N	91.13	+.45	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.35	+.14
CME Group	O	184.32	+.35	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	129.68	+.15	US Foods Holding	N	31.06	+.14
CNA Financial	N	44.06	+.23	Kemper Corp	N	66.28	+.12	USG Corp	N	42.80	-.05
Caterpillar Inc	N	126.67	+.19	Kraft Heinz Co	O	43.76	+.47	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	242.27	+.07
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.22	-.21	LKQ Corporation	O	24.09	-.66	United Contl Hldgs	O	83.04	-.76
Deere Co	N	146.72	+.35	Littelfuse Inc	O	168.78	+.05	Ventas Inc	O	59.19	-.35
Discover Fin Svcs	N	58.87	+.74	MF Financial	O	39.29	+.12	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	68.36	+.64
Dover Corp	N	70.11	+.15	McDonalds Corp	N	175.71	+.68	Wintrust Financial	O	65.53	-.43
Equity Commonwealth	N	29.85	+.14	Middleby Corp	O	100.33	-.07	Zebra Tech	O	155.35	+.23

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.27	-.12
Bank of America	24.37	+.26
Chesapeake Energy	2.21	+.02
AT&T Inc	28.15	+.07
Ford Motor	7.85	...
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.32	+.07
Rite Aid Corp	.65	-.01
Twitter Inc	28.68	+.02
Lloyds Banking Grp	2.50	-.01
Citigroup	51.77	+.33
Wells Fargo & Co	45.53	-.06
Pfizer Inc	42.85	+.66
Nokia Corp	5.63	+.07
Barrick Gold	13.71	-.01
Energy Transfer L.P.	12.84	-.10
EnCana Corp	5.81	+.02
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.94	+.30
Kinross Gold	3.24	+.10
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.90	+.26
Kinder Morgan Inc	15.51	-.13
JPMorgan Chase & Co	97.07	+.01
Freeport McMoRan	10.67	+.27
Square Inc	56.15	+.83
Schwab	3.68	+.02

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

Based on total assets

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	17.49	-.41
Apple Inc	156.15	-.10
Microsoft Corp	101.18	+.62
Helios and Matheson	.01	+.00
Energius Corp	7.04	+.24
Micron Tech	31.93	+.10
JD.com Inc	21.70	+.60
Facebook Inc	134.52	+.34
Intel Corp	46.36	+.17
Cisco Syst	42.91	+.44
MagniGas Applied Tech	.25	+.05
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.73	...
Roku Inc	30.46	+.11
Comcast Corp A	34.47	+.33
Caesars Entertain	6.71	+.11
Nvidia Corporation	131.17	-.19
Qualcomm Inc	56.09	+.13
Zynga Inc	3.88	+.06
Huntingt Bancshs	11.81	-.70
Netflix Inc	255.57	+.19
Real Goods Solar	.52	+.07
Novavax Inc	1.88	-.12
Penn Natl Gaming	18.74	-.24
Starbucks Cp	63.20	+.12

NASCAD STOCK MARKET

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Shanghai	2483.09	-.15
Stoxxx600	329.58	-.57
Nikkei	20077.62	+750.6/+3.9
MSCI-EAFE
Bovespa	85460.19	+324.1/+4
FTSE 100	6584.68	-101.3/-1.5
CAC-40	4598.61	-27.8/-6

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OBITUARIES

MARY CAMERON FREY 1932-2018

Covered Chicago's society and philanthropy scene

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Mary Cameron Frey was a longtime society columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times and later for Crain's Chicago Business whose coverage provided an inside look at philanthropy in Chicago.

"Mary's work ethic was remarkable," said former Tribune Associate Editor Joycelyn Winnecke, who was managing editor at the Sun-Times and worked with Frey. "She introduced me to people as her boss, but everyone knew that Mary was in charge, in every room and in every situation. On the job, she would swoop into a party, photographer by her side, survey the situation and decide who should be in her column and who should not, and start ordering people here and there. And she was there solely to work, not as a party guest."

Frey, 86, died of natural causes Dec. 26 at Roper St. Francis Healthcare's hospice cottage in Charleston, S.C., said her son, Bill Cameron. She had moved to Charleston in May after decades as a resident of the Gold Coast.



FAMILY PHOTO

Mary Cameron Frey had moved to Charleston in May after decades as a resident of the Gold Coast.

"Around Town" column. She later added writing about gardening to her responsibilities.

Tribune Marketplace Editor Andrea Hanis, who edited Frey's columns at the Sun-Times and later at Crain's Chicago Business, called Frey "grand and generous and blunt and one of the most natural-born reporters I've ever worked with, not that she would have thought of herself that way."

"She may have covered society and gardening, both of which she enjoyed, but she was very sharp on the topics of Chicago power, money and business," Hanis said. "She understood her audience (and) ... was quick to make connections between people and was a great conversationalist."

Retired Sun-Times gossip columnist Bill Zwecker called Frey a "force of nature" with a wit "that could cut deeply at times."

"She knew more about the social and charity scene in Chicago than anybody else I think I've ever known," Zwecker said. "She took great pride in promoting so many causes, and she cared a lot about the civic and nonprofit world in Chicago, and she documented it for a long time and always did it with a lot of flair and had a lot of fun with it. She took the cases and the events seriously, but never took either herself or the people who were running these events too seriously."

Winnecke emphasized that although Frey's column technically was a society column, "her beat was bigger than parties."

"She covered the civic and corporate leaders who raise millions and spend

millions every year to make important things happen," she said. "Mary's society column was really coverage of philanthropy and its crucial role in Chicago. Mary was a towering figure in these circles, and people sought her approval and attention. It was a big deal to make Mary's column."

At age 74 in 2006, Frey took a voluntary buyout from the Sun-Times. Almost immediately, she resumed her work, writing a weekly society column for Crain's. Frey mentored former Tribune staff reporter Shia Kapos, who in 2007 began writing her "Taking Names" column for Crain's.

"Having written about society for so many years, Mary knew everyone in town and took me under her wing to introduce me," Kapos said. "Mary was as fierce a reporter as she was personable. She wasn't intimidated by CEOs and would give her two cents where she saw fit. The brave ones who wanted to appear in her column learned to appreciate the barbs."

Frey retired from Crain's in late 2010.

An annual Christmas party at Frey's Gold Coast home was "an amazing who's who," Winnecke said.

"Mayor (Richard M.) Daley wouldn't miss it," she said. "One year there was Mayor Daley, three governors and (U.S.) Rep. Dan Rostenkowski."

Hanis called Frey "a great and loyal friend and confidante who shared experiences, opened doors and just delighted in guiding me and other women on our own adventures."

"She wanted us all to work hard on our careers, have professional hair — hers was always perfect — and climb as high as we could," Hanis said. "She was a great hostess in Chicago and Michigan, where she knew everyone — not just the VIPs, either."

Frey's first husband died and she was divorced from her second and third husbands, Bruce Cameron and Donald Frey. In addition to her son, Frey is survived by two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Frey's family is planning a celebration of her life in Chicago in February.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 28 ...

In 1832 John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Andrew Jackson.

In 1897 the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917 the New York Evening Mail published a facetious — as well as fictitious — essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1945 Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also in 1945 author Theodore Dreiser died in Hollywood, Calif.

In 1989 Alexander Dubcek,

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ILLINOIS
Dec. 27
Lotto 28 30 37 41 42 45 / 11
Lotto jackpot: \$4.5M
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Pick 4 midday 5960 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday 01 03 14 18 32
Pick 3 evening 986 / 9
Pick 4 evening 2756 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto evening 08 09 14 20 34

Dec. 28 Mega Millions: \$348M
Dec. 29 Powerball: \$40M

WISCONSIN
Dec. 27
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the former Czechoslovak Communist leader who was deposed in a Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968, was named chairman of the country's parliament.

In 1994 CIA Director R. James Woolsey resigned, ending a tenure that was shadowed by the Aldrich Ames spy scandal.

In 1995 CompuServe obeyed a German order to suspend member access to 200 Internet newsgroups deemed pornographic.

In 2000 Chicago-based retailer Montgomery Ward & Co., with 37,000 employees in 30 states, announced it was liquidating the 250-store chain after 128 years.

In 2004 the U.S. Agency for International Development

said it was adding \$20 million to an initial \$15 million contribution for Asian tsunami relief as Secretary of State Colin Powell bristled at a U.N. official's suggestion the United States was being "stingy."

In 2005 former top Enron Corp. accountant Richard Causey pleaded guilty to securities fraud and agreed to help pursue convictions against Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling. **Also in 2005** a U.S. immigration judge ordered retired auto worker John Demjanjuk, accused of being a Nazi concentration camp guard, deported to his native Ukraine. (Demjanjuk was deported to Germany in May 2009 where he faces trial as accessory to murder.)

In 2012 Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law banning the adoption of Russian orphans by U.S. families. (The law went into effect in 2014.)

In 2014 U.S.-led international military forces formally ended their combat mission in Afghanistan after more than 13 years even as deadly violence continued in parts of the country.

In 2015 Iraqi troops retook the center of Ramadi with heavy air support from the U.S. and other coalition forces; the city in western Iraq had fallen to Islamic State fighters in May.

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Death Notices

Bean, Helen Patricia 'Patsy'
Helen Patricia "Patsy" Bean (nee Moloney), age 87, beloved wife of the late Kenneth L. Bean; loving mother of Kenneth (the late Patricia) Bean, Sandra Bean, Diane (David) Parent, Karen (Thomas) Marvina, Lori (Kevin) Koning and the late Donna (Steven) Teschke; dear grandmother of 15; dearest great-grandmother of 8; cherished sister of Peggy (the late Basil) Woodroffe, Marcella Cromley, Martha (Thomas) Pickert and the late Wilma (the late Frank) Fink; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2-7 P.M. Funeral Monday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park to St. Stephen Deacon and Marty Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Good Shepherd. In lieu of flowers memorials to the J and K Memorial Trust would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708 532-3100



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Brady, Frank L.

Francis L. "Frank" Brady, Devoted husband of Catherine, nee Smith, for 66 years; Loving father of Kathleen (Kevin) Morgan, Michael (Teresa), Alice (late John) Niles, Rosemary (Kevin) McGuire, Theresa Stark, and Thomas (Lori); Proud grandpa of Erin, Anne, Patrick, Katie, Rose, Kevin, Robin, Casey, Carrie, Steven, Ryan, Kayleen, Dylan, and Olivia; Great-grandpa of 13; Dear brother of Sr. Patricia Brady, O.P., late Kevin, late Daniel, Colleen (Jack) McGuire, and Mary Brady (Howard Weiner); Fond uncle, great-uncle, and friend to many; Past Grand Knight Cardinal Bernardin Council – Knights of Columbus; Proud U.S. Army Veteran; Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Monday, 9:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Brunetti, Filippo

Filippo Brunetti Dearly Beloved Husband of Kelly Nee Bronk. Cherished Father of Charlotte and Brennan. Beloved Son of Vito and Clara Brunetti. Dear Son in Law of Diane and William Riordan and the late James Bronk. Loving Brother of Antonio (Michelle) and Flora Brunetti. Fond Brother in Law, Nephew, Uncle, Cousin and Friend of Many. Visitation Saturday 9:30 until 10:30 A.M. at St. Emily Church, Mt. Prospect, Mass 10:30 A.M. Ent. All Saints Mausoleum. In Lieu of Flowers, Donations to Filippo's Children College Fund would be appreciated. Please visit Filippo's memorial at carbonarfuneralhome.net 708-343-6161

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Bultena, Cornelius H. 'Bud'

Cornelius H. "Bud" Bultena, age 93, WWII U.S. Army Veteran, beloved husband for 66 years to the late Jeanette, nee Kieft (2017). Loving father of Beth (Ron) Wolf and the late Tim Bultena. Cherished grandfather of Kate (Mike) Cole and Dan (fianceé Ali) Wolf. Dearest great-grandfather of Alexander Cole. Preceded in death by his two sisters, Marie Bultena and Elizabeth (late Jim) VanVossen. Visitation Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 12:00 Noon at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave., (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, IL. Memorials to Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431 are preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Byster, Leonard

Leonard Byster, age 96; beloved husband of Arlene L. nee Levine; loving father of Leslie Byster (Ted Whitney), Sandra (Jerry) Weiss, Diane Byster, and Barbara Byster; proud grandfather of Daniel, Mark, and Adam Weiss; fond brother of David (the late Gloria) Byster, the late Morton (Bernice), and Albert; brother in law of Yetta Byster; uncle of many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews. Leonard was lovingly cared for by Diocelina Arell and Wilfredo Quella. Service Monday 10am at Shir Hadash Synagogue, 200 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, 60090. Interment will follow at 12 Noon at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, 60706. Memorial contributions may be made to Shir Hadash Synagogue, 200 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090, www.shir-hadash.org, or to your favorite charity would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 737-625-8621

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DIOMBALA , ANNE M.

Anne M. Diombala nee Antolak, 93 of Riverside at rest December 24, 2018, beloved wife of the late James; devoted mother of Janice (Thom) Qualkinbush, Laura D. (Tracy) Morland, Karen Diombala (Chris Cheney) and the late Mary Ann (Rick) Cauah; cherished nonnie of Ryan, Ian and Andrew; dearest sister of Ed (Anna), Bob and the late Angeline, John, Peter, Chester, Helen, Stanley, Joe, Wally and loving Mom to many. Visitation Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 11:15 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Mary Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Funeral Info at 708-447-2261 or www.ivinsfh.com.

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Ford

See Martin W. Carey notice.

Carey, Martin W. 'Marty'

Martin W. Carey, at rest Dec. 22, 2018. Age 71. Beloved husband of Mary Carol, nee Vail. Loving father of Kelly (Phil) Ford, Kristen Carey, Daniel Carey and the late Martin E. Carey. Grandpa "Chicago" to McKayla, Jensen, Peyton, Ashton Ford. "Big" little brother to Katie (Michael) Goldrick. Fond uncle of many. Proud U.S. Air Force Viet Nam Veteran. Longtime member of Ticket Sellers, I.A.T.S.E. Local 750. Die hard White Sox fan. Visitation Friday Dec. 28, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. at **PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS / GAMONEY & SON DIRECTORS** 6938 W. North Ave. (3 blocks east of Harlem Av.) Chicago, Private interment Sat. Dec. 29 in St. Martin Church Cemetery in Farmersville, Ill. Info: 708-848-6661

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Gall, Robert A. 'Bob'

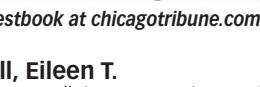
Robert "Bob" A. Gall, age 69, at rest December 23, 2018. Loving brother of Barbara (Frank) Moudry and Ronald (Charlotte) Gall. Beloved uncle of Carol (Tom) Delegan, Michael (Cindy) Moudry and Jeff (Dominique) Moudry. Great-uncle of 6 and great-great uncle of 9. Bob is also survived by many dear friends. Visitation Friday December 28th from 3 to 8 pm at Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd. 2921 S. Harlem Avenue, Berwyn. Funeral service Saturday December 29th, 10:30 am at the funeral home where the services will conclude. Information: 708-484-4111 or adolfservices.com



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Greco, Margaret M.

(nee Flynn), retired special education teacher for the Chicago Public School District. Beloved wife of the late Clement. Loving mother of Mary Kay (Jack Fameria) Greco, Joseph Greco, Peggy (Mike) Gacki, Linda (Dan) Fameria and the late; Danny Boy & John Greco. Cherished grandmother of 21 and great grandmother of many. Dear sister of Kathleen (Frank) Lettiere. Wonderful friend of many. Visitation Friday, December 28th from 3 until 9 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, December 29th, 9:30 a.m. at the Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Saint Mary Cemetery. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Ingersoll, Eileen T.

Eileen T. Ingersoll (nee Murray), age 90, a former resident of Chicago and Palos Hills, IL, passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Johnson, Carol M.

Carol M. Johnson, age 78, of Oak Lawn, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2018 with her loving niece at her side.

Carol was the loving daughter to the late Walter and Ruth Maxwell; devoted wife to the late Harold Johnson for over 47 years; cherished sister to Peter (Charlene) Maxwell and the late Raymond Maxwell; sister-in-law to Linda Maxwell, Joanne Johnson and Marilyn Johnson, beloved aunt to Keith (Katie) Maxwell, Leslie (Mark) Hubbard, Amy Maxwell-Penrod, Kara (Jeffrey Liu) Maxwell; proud great-aunt to eight; and great-great aunt to two.

Carol was a special education teacher for Christopher Elementary for the Chicago Public School System for over 30 years.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 30, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Blake Lamb Funeral Home (4727 W. 103rd Ave.; Oak Lawn, IL 60453). And again from 9:00 am until the time of her funeral at 10:00 am at Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (9401 S. Oakley Ave.; Chicago, IL 60643) with Pastor Jennie English-Dumont officiating. She will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made towards the church.

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Karamitsos, Konstantinos Ioannis 'Dino'

Konstantinos "Dino" Ioannis Karamitsos age 61 of Wheeling. Beloved father of John (Stephanie) and Dimitrios (Kelly) Karamitsos. Loving Companion of the late Christine Mitchell. Cherished Pappou of Alexandra and Johnny.

Fond brother of Dina Karamitsou, Nick (Areti) Karamitsos, Antonios Karamitsos, Eleftheria (late John) Demos, Aglaia (Antonios) Brillakis and the late Antonios Karamitsos, Maria Karamitsou and Nontas Karamitsos. Fond Uncle, Cousin and Friend of many. Former owner of the Original Mitchell's Restaurant in Chicago.

Visitation Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 pm at Kolssak Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling. Funeral Service Monday 10:30 am at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 East Dempster Street, Des Plaines, IL. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. For Funeral info 847.537.6600, www.funerals.pro



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Krouse, Paul C.

Paul C. Krouse, age 81, passed away on December 26, 2018 in his home in Boca Raton, FL with his family by his side. Born in Chicago, IL May 7, 1937. Beloved son of the late Anna and Eugene Krouse and loving stepson of the late Leo Krouse. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Ann Wolf Krouse.

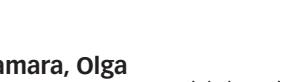
Loving father of the late Amy (Jason Rosenthal), Beth (Mark Kaufmann), Joe (Megan Dunne), and Katie Froelich (Brian Saltzman), 10 beautiful grandchildren, his sister Barbara Zipperman, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on December 30, 2018 at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 4-6 PM, 199 Royal Palm Way, Boca Raton, FL. A Memorial Service will take place Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave, Glencoe, IL at 1 PM followed immediately by Shiva until 5 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Jewish United Fund, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum or The Amy Krouse Rosenthal Foundation.

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Machay, Kenneth J.

Kenneth J. Machay, age 54, suddenly. Cherished son of Mariann Machay and John (Shirley) Machay. Loving brother of John (Janice), Richard (Julie) and Michelle Machay. Dear stepbrother of Susan Young and Roberta (Larry) Zyla. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Many years of service with Zhou B Art Center-Chicago.

Visitation Sunday 3-9 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Monday 10:30 AM service at the funeral home. Interment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidash.com (708) 974 4410



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Mc Namara, Olga

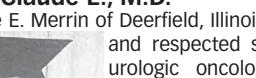
Olga Mc Namara, nee Nawratiluk, long time resident of Edison Park. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Mc Namara. Loving mother of Barbara (Joe Chiczewski) McNamara and Michael McNamara. A good woman; humble, modest, honest, dependable and loyal. Olga had a family that truly loved her. Dear sister of Wanda (the late Jack) Burns and the late Alex (the late Manja) Narret. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Saint Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo (at Touhy), Chicago. Family and friends will gather at 11:00 AM for Mass at 11:30 AM. Interment Saint Adalbert. Arrangements entrusted to M J Suerth Funeral Home. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com



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Menconi, Marvin C.

Marvin C. Menconi, 75; Beloved husband of Gail nee Winstead; Devoted father of Michelle Menconi, Patti (Jim) Pagni, Lori (John) Buscher and Lisa (Nick) Ruggieri; Loving grandfather of James, Julia and Joey Pagni, Gabriella, Nico and Alexia Ruggieri and Joe and Megan Buscher; Great-grandfather of Lily, Caleb, Teddy and Layla; Son of the late Pasquale and the late Marie (Mosebach) Menconi; Dear brother of Jim (Linda) Menconi and brother-in-law of Gary (Lynn) Winstead; Fond uncle to many and friend to countless others. Visitation Sunday Dec. 30th from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service begins Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Merrin, Claude E., M.D.

Dr. Claude E. Merrin of Deerfield, Illinois, a talented and respected surgeon and urologic oncologist passed away suddenly October 27, 2018. Born April 18, 1936 in Paris, France, Dr. Merrin obtained a Bachelor of science degree in Experimental Science from the University of Paris and a Medical Degree from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He completed his internship and residency in General Surgery and Urology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Merrin did a Fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York in the Department of Urology as a Cancer Research Clinician and Director of the Dialysis Unit and Transplantation Program, eventually being named Chief of the Department of Urologic Oncology in 1974.

Dr. Merrin was the co-author of over 95 clinical research papers and a pioneer in innovative and experimental treatment of genitourinary tumors. He was nationally and internationally renowned. In 1979 he moved to Chicago where he practiced for 30 years mainly at Swedish Covenant Hospital. He retired in 2010 due to health circumstances. A non-smoker, he courageously fought Stage IV lung cancer for more than nine years.

Dr. Merrin had always maintained a great sense of personal and professional satisfaction not only for the confidence placed in him by his patients, but the realization that his expertise extended their lives.

Dr. Merrin was a member of numerous medical societies in Chicago as well as on the national level. He was active in the French community in Chicago and a member of the Union of the French Abroad (UFECA). He frequently traveled to France with his family. An avid licensed pilot, he flew gliders, ultralights, single engine airplanes and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). In addition, he built an ultralight aircraft and two experimental airplanes from aircraft kits.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Susan (nee Egan) Merrin, son Robert (Irene Alonso Aparicio) Merrin, daughter Catherine Merrin and two grandchildren. Also survived by his sister Monique (Michel) Bertet, nieces and nephews, friends and extended family. A memorial service is being planned for sometime in the Spring.

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Smutny, Robert F.

Robert F. Smutny, 84 years of age, at rest December 25, 2018. Loving husband of Bonnie K. and the late Loretta J. Dear father of Glenn (Sharon), Karen and Richard (Kimberly) Smutny. Step-father of Debbie (Tom) Corbo, Mendy (Jeff) Hand and Kim Baker. Grandfather of Joseph, Katie (Tony), Dan, Deanna (German), Heather, Mandy, Michael

Foley and Justin. Great-grandfather of Claire and Andrés. Brother of Arlene Rabity (Hank Luebeck), lifelong, dear friend of Donald Arvidson and family friend Olga Foley. Fond uncle of many. Services are Monday, December 31, 2018, 9:00 am at Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd., 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Darien. Mass. 10:00 am. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery, Forest Park. Visitation is Sunday, Dec. 30th from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Info at 630-325-2300 or www.adolfservices.com.

A 1957 graduate of the University of Illinois, Bob was licensed to practice architecture in 47 states. He was the owner and president of the Jonson Architects located in Hinsdale, Illinois, for nearly five decades. His firm specialized in the food processing industry, working with such notable clients as Culligan International, McDonald's Corp., Keebler Co., Home Run Inn, and The Eli's Cheesecake Company. In addition to working all across America, his buildings can be found in Germany, France, Russia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, and Mexico. Bob was also a member of the National Association of Realtors for 45 years. He was a founding member of the Darien Rotary Club, twice past president and Paul Harris member. Bob loved to travel with his family, photography, classic cars and especially the beauty of northern Wisconsin. Bob touched the lives of many people with his generous heart and compassion for those less fortunate.



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Tunney, Peter

Peter Tunney, age 88, at rest Dec. 24. Beloved husband of the late Mary Tunney. Native of Aghagower, Westport County Mayo, Ireland. Dear father of Thomas, Joseph Retired USAF (the late Avia), Patrick, Eugene, Ret. CCSO (Joanne) and the late John (Deli Liu) Tunney. Loving grandfather of Shannon, Kelly, Megan, Seamus, Bridget, Mary, Lucy and the late Erin Tunney. Fond brother of the late Anne McManaus and John Tunney. Peter was a native of Derrycross, Westport County Mayo, Ireland. Peter was a longtime employee of the City of Chicago as a brick layer and Masonry inspector. He was a member of the Brick Layers Local Union #21 and an Union Official for 60 years. Visitation Sunday Dec 30th from 3pm to 6pm at the **John E. Maloney Co.** Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Avenue. Family and friends will gather Monday, Dec 31 at 10:00am at St. Gertrude Church, 1420 W. Granville for funeral Mass. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Funeral info (773) 764-1617



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Ungeran, Michael Todd

Michael Todd Ungeran of Downers Grove passed away on December 21, 2018. He was beloved husband to Marnie, loving father of Jacob 8 and Matthew 7; beloved son of Ruth Ann Ungeran (nee Born) and Robert J. (Diane) Ungeran; brother of Nicole Ungeran. Born March 12, 1973, in Kenosha Wisconsin, Mike was a life-long Packer fan with a distinctive sense of humor that brought many smiles (and the occasional groan). Mike grew up in Shorewood, Illinois, graduated from Joliet West High School in 1991, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1996. Growing up, Mike played hockey and later went on to coach and referee within the community. He played baseball in his youth and enjoyed attending White Sox games with friends and family as an adult. In college, Mike joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, served as Chief Justice to the University's Greek Council, and was recognized for his contributions and impact on campus as a Gimlet Leadership Honorary. Professionally, Mike was a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) with CO, IL, IN, MI, MN and OH. He was member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) where he served on the state board of directors from 2004-2007, and was awarded the "Citizen Engineer of the Year" by the Illinois Section of ASCE in 2008. Mike's passions included being outdoors to hunt and fish and living out a love of God and country with political activism. He found happiness in family traditions like travel and movie nights and loved playing video games side-by-side with his sons, Jake and Matt. A visitation will be held at The Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge (5901 South County Line Road; Hinsdale, IL 60521) on Sunday, December 30, beginning at 1:00 PM and continuing until the memorial service commences at 5:00 PM. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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Weiner, William

Dr. William Weiner, born February 2, 1917, died December 25, 2018. Bill, as he preferred to be called, devoted most of his professional life to the study and teaching of economics and social sciences.

He attended elementary and high schools in Galveston, Texas, received his Bachelors and Masters degrees at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, and his PhD at Columbia University in New York City.

During Bill's professional life, he taught at many institutions, including the following: Mississippi State College, University of Massachusetts, Colby College and the City Colleges of Chicago.

Bill served in the United States military from March 15, 1942 to December 21, 1945. About a week after the Battle of Remagen, Rhine River Bridge was taken by the United States Army and Bill suffered a thigh wound. Following hospitalization, he was assigned to assist in the supervision of prisoners-of-war.

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Bill is preceded in death by his first wife Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Taylor Weiner; his second wife Elizabeth Sucec Weiner; his parents Freida and Isaac Weiner; sisters Sadie Kaiser and Trudi Brickman; brothers Sam Weiner and Abe Weiner; niece Sandra Kaiser Lambert and great grand niece, Leah Karp.

Bill is survived by: Betty's brother Michael Joseph Taylor and his children Dr. David William Taylor and Michele Elizabeth McMullen. Also: Elizabeth's two sons and their families - Gregory Sucec (and his sons Gregory Jr., Matthew, and Jonathan); and Dennis Sucec (and wife Debra Hurwitz and their children Joshua and Anna) as well as Dennis' children Meg, (her children Kelsey and Kallie); Bruce, (his children Connor, Elena, and Erin); and David (and his son Andrew).

He is also survived by: sister in law Phyllis Weiner, her sons Alan Weiner and Larry Weiner (and wife Joy and their children Hannah and Robert); sister in law Coy Weiner, her sons Bill Page and Craig Page (and wife Chris and his daughter Cassandra Umphress and her family), her daughter Coy Ann Wunderlich (and husband Bill, sons Tyler Wunderlich and Travis and his wife Nicole Wunderlich and their sons Taylor Samuel Wunderlich Alex Caleb Wunderlich), nieces Debbie Shaw (and husband George and their son Kevin Wade Shaw and Vanessa Lam), Nan Solomon (and husband Mendel, their daughters Lynette Karp, her husband Robert and their sons Joshua and Matthew and Connie Vanwaghen, her husband Andy and their children Sarah, Julia and Hannah); nephews Jerome Kaiser, Mike Brickman (and wife Carol and their children Tim, Will, and Theresa), and Art Brickman (and wife Tara Sitser).

Bill is also survived by many grand nieces and nephews, great grand nieces and nephews and a great great grand niece: Peggy Heller (and husband Rik and their children Isaac and his wife Rachel and daughter Ava, Lauren and her husband Jonathan Berk and Anna and her fiancé Brett Seidler), Cindy Hochstein, Danny Hochstein (and wife Karen and their sons Vincent and Joel), Michelle Hochstein, and Amy Hochstein (and her son Jonah Rankin). Additionally, there are numerous cousins and many friends.

The family wishes to thank his caregivers and hospice workers for their dedication and affection for Bill. Bill donated to many causes and if you are so inclined, feel free to donate to a charity of your choice in his memory.

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Zasadil, Richard Frank

Richard Frank Zasadil, 1928-2018, of Bonita Springs, FL, formerly of Chicago and Berwyn. 42 year employee with Western Electric Co. and proud of his Czech heritage. Beloved husband of the late June, nee Knight. Devoted father to son Steve and daughter Sharon (Tim) Hynes. Proud grandpa to Brandon (Abigail), Marc (Melanie) Zasadil, Andy, and Emmet Hynes. Great grandpa to Freya and forth coming Mila Zasadil. Step-grandpa to Pat (Margaret), step-great grandpa to Sophie, Rita, and Bridget Hynes. Loving brother to Judy (Bob) Nelson, uncle to Bob (Kris) Nelson and Jim (Mary Pat) Nelson. Great uncle to Scott, Alex, Carole Ann, Sean, Catherine, Paige, and Sarah Nelson. Many loving cousins. Services and Interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery Private. Info. (630) 941-5860.

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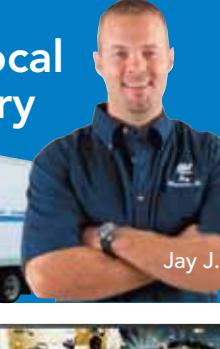
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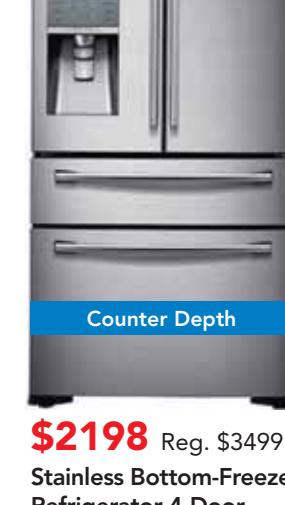
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around and the trade for Khalil Mack — the best in-his-prime pass rusher the Bears have had since Hall of Famer Richard Dent — come next. Place them in whatever order you wish.

A strong argument can be made that talent trumps scheme, and Mack certainly is a freakish player. But the defense didn't

become a force when Mack arrived from the Raiders on Sept. 1 as part of the boldest acquisition in the NFL this season.

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'Look where I am now'

How 6-foot-9 freshman **Giorgi Bezhanishvili** danced his way through adversity, growing up in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, to become beloved at Illinois

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — An hour after practice, 6-foot-9 Illinois freshman Giorgi Bezhanishvili was back on the State Farm Center court, where the Southern Illinois women's team was about to practice for that night's game against the Illini.

Suddenly, Bezhanishvili was on bended knee before Salukis coach Cindy Stein, whom he had never met, begging her to dance with him to the salsa music playing over the loudspeakers. Stein

UP NEXT
Florida Atlantic at Illinois
2 p.m. Saturday, BTN+

laughed and protested as he pleaded: "You'll be fantastic. You'll love it. Let's dance."

Her objections eventually allowed her to escape. But in an instant, Bezhanishvili's size-16½ Nikes rapidly wound around each other, and he was guiding Illinois graduate assistant Jenn Dynis — wearing a winter coat — as she attempted to keep up.

He had planned to show a

reporter some of his dance moves, but like most days in Champaign, everyone became Giorgi's audience. And nobody is a stranger in Giorgi's world.

Before leaving the arena, he stopped to chat with a security guard he knows by first name. He reminded a befuddled student manager about the importance of eye contact. His teammates laugh at the mere mention of his name.

After only a few months at Illinois and just 12 games into his college career, Bezhanishvili might be the most popular man on campus. He certainly seems like

the happiest.

"It's all about your emotions," he said. "It's all about expressing yourself. As long as you feel good, that's all that matters."

He was describing how to learn salsa dancing.

But these have also been the instructions for Bezhanishvili's life, imparted by his mother, Lali, who lived in a different country than her children for nearly a decade to ensure their survival.

"My mom," Bezhanishvili said, "is my hero."

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TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On college football

QBs just a couple of really chill dudes

ND's Book, Clemson's Lawrence both began season on the bench

ARLINGTON, Texas — Trevor Lawrence stepped down from the podium and asked something of a Clemson media-relations official: "Can I keep this pin?"

Yes, Trevor, you can keep the Cotton Bowl pin. And the bottle of Gatorade you've been sipping.

That slice of charming naivete might be the only time this year Lawrence has acted like the true freshman he is.

Asked about the suspension of defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence (unrelated), who flunked an NCAA-mandated drug test, the rail-thin 6-foot-6 quarterback expressed sympathy before adding: "Y'all can tell I'm not taking anything."

Classic Lawrence. He is super-chill, with a heartbeat that ranges from perhaps 50 to 50.1 beats per minute.

His counterpart at Notre Dame, Ian Book, gives off the same vibe. He seems equally unbothered by prying questions and an oncoming blitz.

"He is cool, calm and collected in everything he does," Irish tight end Nic Weishar said.

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COTTON BOWL
Arlington, Texas
#2 Clemson (13-0) vs.
#3 Notre Dame (12-0)
3 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

ORANGE BOWL
Miami Gardens, Fla.
#1 Alabama (13-0) vs.
#4 Oklahoma (12-1)
7 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Santa Clara, Calif.
7 p.m. Jan. 7, ESPN



BULLS & HAWKS
■ The Dunn-Markkanen-LaVine experiment is set to resume again for the Bulls.
■ Collin Delia makes 46 saves and Patrick Kane scores a hat trick in Hawks' 5-2 win over Wild.
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PHIL ROSENTHAL

For McDonoughs, the son rises

Like a lot of sports fans, Sean McDonough grew up watching games on television with his dad on the couch.

"We didn't just stare blankly at the TV," McDonough said the other day. "He engaged in conversations. 'Why do you think they punted?' and 'Do think that was a good call?' It was fun."

It was, in retrospect, a master class.

His father, Boston Globe sports writer Will McDonough, eventually would be on TV himself, one of the nation's preeminent NFL commentators.

In time, so would Sean, who will handle play-by-play for ESPN on Saturday when Notre Dame meets Clemson in a College Football Playoff semifinal in Arlington, Texas.

"It was almost a little bit of a laboratory, though we didn't know it at the time," McDonough, 56, said. "But I learned an awful lot about how to be an analytical thinker while watching sporting events."

It has been almost 16 years since his father died of a heart attack at 67. The anniversary is Jan. 9th, two days after McDonough is scheduled to do the radio call of the national championship game from Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif.

Yet, he says, hardly a working day goes by that someone doesn't reach out to share a fond memory of his dad, sometimes relating a random act of kindness the old man did.

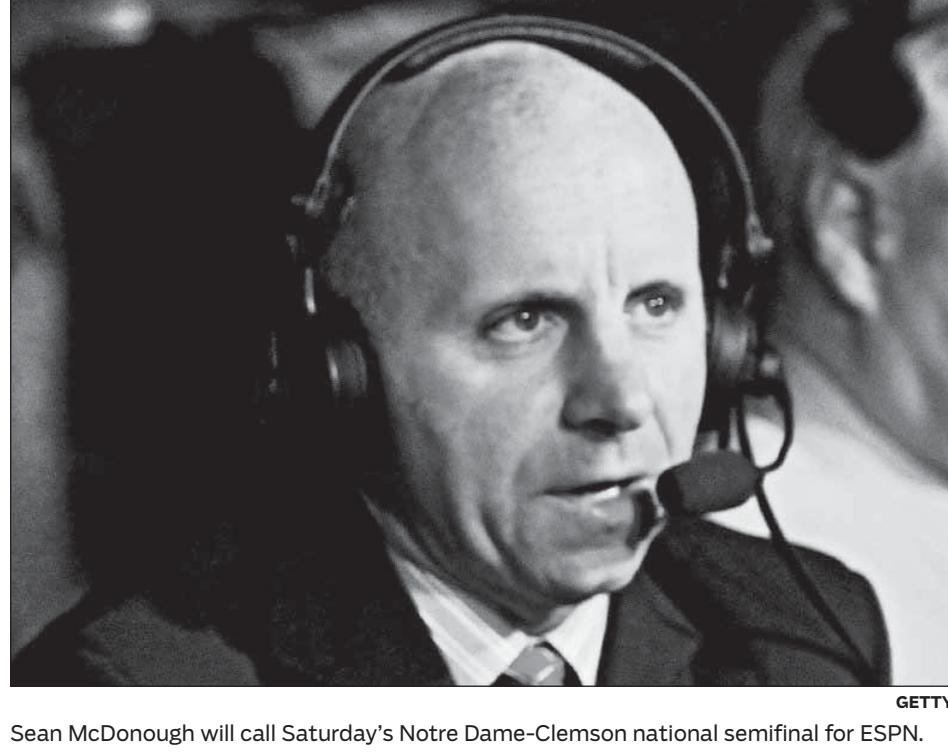
"There are so many things I learned from him and most of them are not related to TV or journalism but just are in how to live life," McDonough said.

"He was a very hard worker. You don't get all the scoops and accomplish all that he accomplished without working hard at it, and I think of myself and my four siblings, we all have a work ethic that came from him."

While McDonough's resume includes a phenomenal number of major sports events — including "Monday Night Football," baseball's World Series, the U.S. Open in tennis, golf's major tournaments and the Olympics — he isn't a flashy sportscaster.

McDonough is an outstanding announcer because he tells what happens efficiently, knows how to share a story without gilding it.

Never pushing too hard, McDonough conveys the urgency, excitement and meaning of a moment absent the histrionics that can make an announcer stand out.



Sean McDonough will call Saturday's Notre Dame-Clemson national semifinal for ESPN.

He feeds off energy rather than try to gin it up artificially and keeps the focus on the action.

He's not one to ignore something gone awry but judicious rather than simply picking fights.

His exit from "Monday Night Football" after analyst Jon Gruden announced in January he was returning to coaching led ESPN to go in another direction with Joe Tessitore calling plays. Tessitore practically shakes viewers by the lapels while McDonough is closer to pulling up a chair next to viewers.

McDonough feels college football is a better fit for him, though he remains an NFL fan.

"I love every college football Saturday," he said. "I just enjoy the atmosphere, the anticipation through the week, the buildup to game day, all the traditions they have on these campuses. ... It lends itself to more storytelling than X's and O's."

Between the two college football playoff games, McDonough will call Texas-Georgia in the Sugar Bowl for ESPN on Tuesday night from New Orleans.

"The regular season's a lot of fun, but this is the time of year when the excitement really ramps up," McDonough said. "There will be a lot of people who don't pay too much attention to college football during the regular season who will be jumping in to watch or listen to these games. So it's exciting to know these games are ultrameaningful."

If he gets the tone and approach correct, if he asks the right questions of his partner and is prepared to respond to whatever comes at him, it's because he started looking at games long before anyone gave him a microphone.

"I think my job is really to be the voice of the fan and I try to talk about what I think the people at home watching would be talking about with each other," McDonough said.

"That comes from having sat on the couch in our house when I was a kid and watched countless hours of sporting events with my dad."

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ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

Vikings would pose toughest playoff test



Assuming the Rams beat the 49ers to clinch the No. 2 seed, who would be the Bears' most challenging

playoff opponent? The Vikings for the third time this year? The hot, defending champion Eagles or the Seahawks?

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The Rams are a 10-point favorite over the 49ers, and while the Niners defeated the Rams 34-13 in the 2017 finale, the Rams rested many key players as the outcome did not affect their playoff standing. The 49ers are short-handed, too, after a slew of injuries and more in Sunday's loss to the Bears. So that raises an interesting question: Whom would the Bears most or least like to see if they are the No. 3 seed?

All three possibilities — the Vikings, Eagles and Seahawks — have been playing well lately. None has been great on the road, while the Bears have been excellent at Soldier Field with a 7-1 record that includes a 24-17 victory over the Seahawks in Week 2 and a 25-20 victory over the Vikings in Week 11.

Let's take a look at the three teams in play for the No. 6 seed:

■ Vikings: 3-4-1 on the road,

3-2 in their last five games.

■ Seahawks: 4-4 on the road,

4-1 in their last five games.

■ Eagles: 3-4 on the road,

4-1 in their last five games.

I don't think any opponent, at least in the wild-card round, is going to come into Soldier Field and score a lot of points. I think you start looking at the opposing defenses, and to me the Vikings have the best unit.

The Eagles are playing well, but their secondary is a mess because of injuries.

The Seahawks are good on defense, and you know what you're going to get with the Cover-3. They're athletic but not great.

The Vikings can rush the passer, although they're much better doing that at home in the dome than on the road, and they have some playmakers in the secondary.

It will be fascinating to see how it all plays out.

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For Bears to keep Fangio, they may need to ante up

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The Bears ranked 10th in the league in total defense last season and have seen young players such as Eddie Jackson, Bryce Callahan, Eddie Goldman and Roquan Smith flourish while veterans Kyle Fuller, Akiem Hicks and Prince Amukamara have started playing the best ball of their careers.

There's a good reason Nagy quickly identified keeping Fangio as his No. 1 priority, a process that led to an anxious few days at Halas Hall while the defensive mastermind considered his future in the organization along with opportunities elsewhere.

Fangio has more momentum than ever as a head-coaching candidate, and it will be interesting to see what opportunities come his way in the next two weeks. Fangio has interviewed for a top job three times: with the Bears last season, the 49ers in 2015 and the Chargers in 1997. Twenty-two years after first being considered for a head-coaching position, Fangio finally might land one.

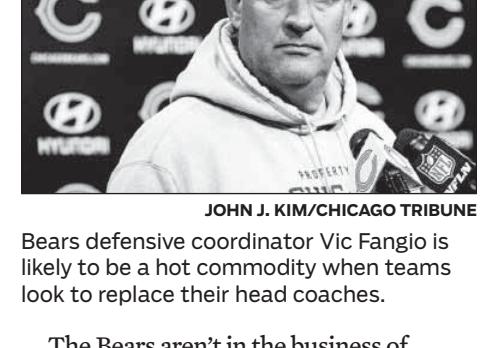
It remains to be seen how many teams will have vacancies. The Packers and Browns already have openings, and more are sure to follow. In fact, as many as eight teams could be looking for a new coach.

The Packers reportedly have interviewed former Colts coach Chuck Pagano, 58, and former Colts and Lions coach Jim Caldwell, 63. Neither is more qualified than the 60-year-old Fangio. It would be surprising if Fangio weren't on the Packers' list of candidates. Why not ask the top coordinator to review your organization?

The Bears have to be bracing for the possibility that Fangio will be in demand. If the Bears play in the wild-card round — and a Rams victory Sunday over the 10-point-underdog 49ers would ensure that — teams would have to wait until after that first playoff game to interview Fangio. The Bears faced the same scenario before sitting down with Nagy last year in Kansas City, Mo.

Maybe the Bears would consider sweetening Fangio's deal to keep him in place. Fangio likes it here. He's very fond of his players and has been fiercely loyal to his assistants, retaining them all from a year ago. He enjoys autonomy under Nagy to do his thing. He's beloved by the fan base and oversees a defense that is poised for a long run of success in a league in which sustained excellence for three years can be difficult to achieve. The Bears have stars at all three levels of their defense and they're young.

But the allure of reaching the pinnacle of the coaching profession certainly would weigh heavily for a guy who would be positioned similarly to Mike Zimmer when the Vikings hired him in 2014.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio is likely to be a hot commodity when teams look to replace their head coaches.

The Bears aren't in the business of ripping up contracts for players or coaches but they might have to think outside the box if Fangio is weighing options in the next few weeks. If the Bears can pay to rebuild Halas Hall, they at least can make Fangio an offer that is hard to refuse. It wouldn't be unprecedented — one of the reasons Josh McDaniels did a U-turn last offseason on his way to Indianapolis after the Patriots' Super Bowl loss was because of a pay raise.

The Bears need to keep in mind the many recent examples of teams that have struggled after losing a coordinator.

■ The Falcons led the NFL in scoring in 2016 at 33.8 points per game under coordinator Kyle Shanahan, who then left to coach the 49ers. The Falcons have averaged 23.6 points in 31 games since then.

■ The Panthers haven't been the same defensively since Sean McDermott left during the same offseason to coach the Bills, and coach Ron Rivera reassumed control of that unit earlier this month.

■ Andy Reid's downfall in Philadelphia, where Nagy's career began as an assistant, can be linked to the retirement and death of defensive coordinator Jim Johnson after the 2008 season. The Eagles were one of the league's best defensive units for 10 years and went on a steep decline after Johnson left.

■ Former Bears coach Lovie Smith ran off Rivera as defensive coordinator following the team's appearance in Super Bowl XLI after the 2006 season. The Bears defense was solid but didn't become fearsome again until Rod Marinelli arrived in 2009.

Fangio is one of the biggest reasons the Bears are 11-4 and returning to the playoffs for the first time since 2010. Keeping him happily employed in Lake Forest would go a long way toward believing the franchise is just beginning a run at what it has been chasing for the longest time: sustained success.

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BEARS

Long may play against Vikings

Lineman eager to taste playoff football for the first time in his six-year career

BY DAN WIEDERER

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Sure, Kyle Long was on injured reserve, standing on the sideline at Levi's Stadium on Sunday afternoon wearing a ballcap and short-sleeved orange T-shirt. Long has spent the past nine weeks trying to recover from a serious right ankle injury and play again this season.

Still, when Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky took an extremely late hit in the fourth quarter, drilled by 49ers safety Marcel Reese well after he had begun sliding, Long found himself in the center of a fracas.

A handful of Bears players rallied to Trubisky's defense and went after Harris. A group of 49ers swarmed to defend Harris. Long, all 6-foot-6 and 316 pounds of him, bulled into the middle of the melee. He had no worries that he was the only player in the skirmish without a helmet or pads.

"I just know that my quarterback was on the ground, and you don't take cheap shots at our quarterback," Long said Wednesday. "I could be out there in my underwear and I'm still going to be going after somebody."

Long kept his cool, helped keep the peace and again showed why he is one of the most respected veterans on this first-place Bears team.

Now, three weeks into his 30s, Long is hoping to contribute in a much more significant fashion. He was back at practice Wednesday and pushing to get back on the field against the Vikings.

The Bears can activate Long to the 53-man roster Saturday, making him eligible to play Sunday in Minneapolis. Coach Matt Nagy said that possibility is very much in play. And Long emphasized that he would be willing to play even a couple of series as a means to test his ankle and conditioning.

"I'm always open to playing," Long said. "It's going to be a matter of getting my body right and having the understanding with the coaches of where I'm at physically. And that's a big thing, that open line of communication."

Long also has felt a surge of eagerness in his recovery with the realization the Bears have playoff football ahead. For the first time in his career.

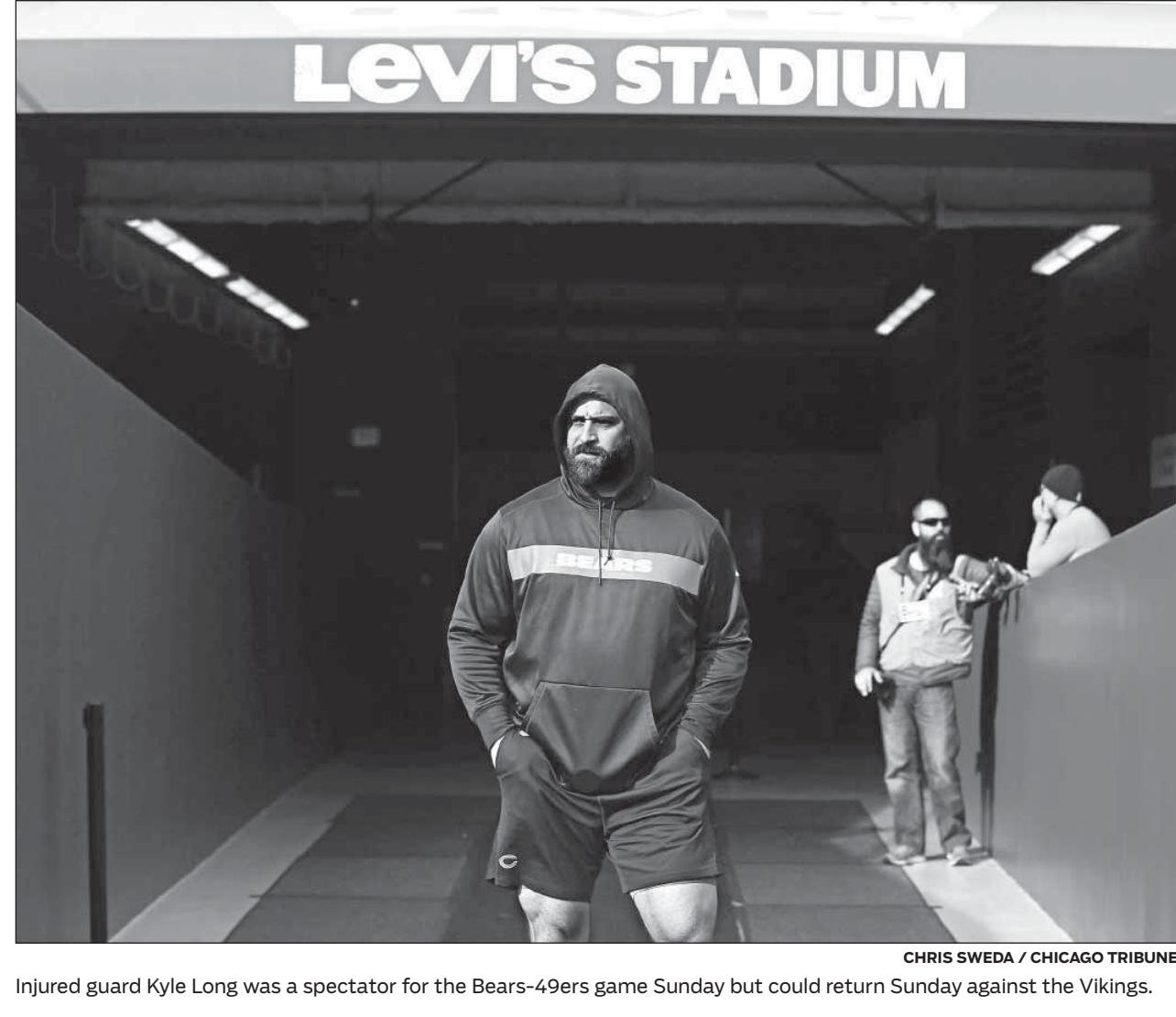
In Long's first five seasons, the Bears never finished above .500. Each of the last four ended with last-place dread. Now there's a very real possibility Long will get to taste the playoffs.

"I've never been a part of it," he said. "And I know how hard this team has worked since Day 1."

Long noted that Nagy held his first team meeting on April 3 at Halas Hall. Later that day, Long was honored at a luncheon in Des Plaines as the recipient of the Bears' Ed Block Courage Award, given to players who show great professionalism, strength and dedication.

So yes, for the sixth-year veteran, there's even a little more meaning to his bid to return to the field.

It's amazing this discus-



CHRIS SWEDA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Injured guard Kyle Long was a spectator for the Bears-49ers game Sunday but could return Sunday against the Vikings.

sion is even taking place. When Long was injured in the fourth quarter against the Jets in Week 8, he was screaming in agony on the Soldier Field grass and left on a cart. Six days later, he was placed on IR for the third consecutive season. The thought of him playing again this season seemed far-fetched, even as Long tried to dig deep into his reserves of optimism.

"In the moment," Long said, "when you're dealing with an injury, you never

know if the light at the end of the tunnel is actually the end of the tunnel or another train coming to hit you. So I'm glad I was able to make my way out and see some sunshine."

The hope elevated, Long said, after the initial imaging tests on his ankle.

"I've had images before where it might be time to clean out your locker," Long said. "But this was a good image session."

In 2016, Long suffered a severe ankle injury against

the Buccaneers in which he shredded numerous ligaments and tore his peroneal tendon. This, thankfully, wasn't that.

Thus Long reminded himself to stay fully engaged every week, locked in at every meeting and trying to get better however he could.

Maybe, just maybe, he could play again.

"You never know which team you're going to see again," Long said. "And you never know what bit of

information that you learn in a meeting is going to pay dividends down the road. With an opportunity this week to possibly play and having prepared for Minnesota (last month), I find comfort in the fact that I've prepared for this team before from a mental standpoint."

The Bears, meanwhile, take comfort in the idea that Long might be able to help them again.

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Week 17 picks

BY SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

Last week: 12-4 (11-5 vs. spread)
Season: 158-80-2 (119-113-8 vs. spread)



DOLPHINS (7-8)
AT BILLS (5-10)
Noon Sunday
Bills by 4½ (O/U 39½)

The Dolphins have lost 11 of 12 road games dating to last season, and five of their last six at the Bills. The forecast calls for cold and cloudy weather in Buffalo on Sunday, and that doesn't favor the visitors. **Bills 24, Dolphins 20**



FALCONS (6-9)
AT BUCCANEERS (5-10)
Noon Sunday
Falcons by 1½ (O/U 50½)

The Falcons have their confidence up after a couple of wins in a row, albeit against bad teams — the Cardinals and Panthers. It's a meaningless game, so the Buccaneers might test-drive QB Ryan Griffin. **Falcons 31, Buccaneers 27**



COWBOYS (9-6)
AT GIANTS (5-10)
Noon Sunday, FOX-32
Giants by 6 (O/U 41½)

The Giants are looking to finish strong, and the Cowboys already have the No. 4 seed locked up. Ezekiel Elliott pretty much has his second rushing title in the bag, so he can cool his jets. **Giants 24, Cowboys 20**



PANTHERS (6-9)
AT SAINTS (13-2)
Noon Sunday
Saints by 7½ (O/U 43½)

The Panthers gave the Saints a scare a couple of weeks ago, putting the clamps on them before losing 12-9. Even though Saints have the No. 1 seed, they're not going to take their foot off the gas at home. **Saints 30, Panthers 17**



JETS (4-11)
AT PATRIOTS (10-5)
Noon Sunday, CBS-2
Patriots by 13½ (O/U 44½)

The Patriots, the only team that's undefeated at home, can clinch a first-round bye with a win. The Jets have the potential to be stubborn for a half, at least, so this could be interesting. **Patriots 27, Jets 17**



JAGUARS (5-10)
AT TEXANS (10-5)
Noon Sunday
Texans by 6½ (O/U 40½)

The Jaguars can lay eggs, as they've shown, but they can also be scary with their defense and sporadic running game. The banged-up Texans are limping into this one, but they have a lot of incentive to win it. **Texans 27, Jaguars 23**



LIONS (5-10)
AT PACKERS (6-8-1)
Noon Sunday
Packers by 7½ (O/U 44)

The Lions have come away victorious in two of their last three trips to Lambeau Field, but they're running on fumes. Don't bet against Aaron Rodgers in this one, even though it has been a lousy season. **Packers 27, Lions 21**



EAGLES (8-7)
AT REDSKINS (7-8)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Eagles by 7 (O/U 42)

The Redskins have fought hard at times this season, but they don't have much left. The Eagles have incentive to win, and Nick Foles has given this team that special something. **Eagles 30, Redskins 20**



CHARGERS (11-4)
AT BRONCOS (6-9)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Chargers by 6½ (O/U 41½)

It's highly unlikely the Chargers will get that No. 1 seed, but they still need to play as if it's in reach. This team needs a running start into the postseason. The Broncos are coming off a disappointing loss to the Raiders. **Chargers 31, Broncos 17**



RAIDERS (4-11)
AT CHIEFS (11-4)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Chiefs by 13½ (O/U 52½)

The Raiders are capable of putting a good game together, as they showed Monday night. And the Kareem Hunt-less Chiefs aren't as good as they were earlier this season. Still, the No. 1 seed awaits. **Chiefs 31, Raiders 21**



BEARS (11-4)
AT VIKINGS (8-6-1)
3:25 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32
Vikings by 4½ (O/U 40½)

The Bears are in the playoffs, and at minimum will play host to a first-round game. The Vikings are hungrier — they still need to clinch a berth — have a solid defense, and they're playing in front of a home crowd. **Vikings 24, Bears 21**



BROWNS (7-7-1)
AT RAVENS (9-6)
3:25 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2
Ravens by 5½ (O/U 41)

The Browns are no pushovers. They've won three in a row and have some talented players on both sides of the ball. But the Ravens have an elite defense and their running game is rolling with Lamar Jackson at quarterback. **Ravens 24, Browns 20**



49ERS (4-11)
AT RAMS (12-3)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Rams by 10 (O/U 48½)

The Rams can't sleep on the 49ers, who have played really well the last three weeks. But the Rams showed last week that, even without Todd Gurley, they can grind out a win on the ground. **Rams 28, 49ers 23**



BENGALS (6-9)
AT STEELERS (8-6-1)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Steelers by 14½ (O/U 45½)

The Steelers, who still have a flicker of hope to make the playoffs, have beaten the Bengals seven times in a row. The Bengals are banged up and out of contention. Still, anything can happen with division opponents. **Steelers 31, Bengals 20**



CARDINALS (3-12)
AT SEAHAWKS (9-6)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Seahawks by 13½ (O/U 38½)

This one could get ugly. The Seahawks figure to run it down the Cardinals' throat, and Pete Carroll isn't a big fan of playing backups to preserve his starters for the playoffs. The Seahawks build some momentum here. **Seahawks 27, Cardinals 9**



COLTS (9-6)
AT TITANS (9-6)
7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5
Colts by 3 (O/U 43)

In Week 17's only win-and-you're-in game, don't bet against Andrew Luck, who has gotten his second wind with Frank Reich as coach. Marcus Mariota isn't at full speed, and that's a tough break for the Titans. **Colts 27, Titans 23**

NFL NOTES

Fitzgerald remains mum on retirement

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Cardinals receiver Larry Fitzgerald has caught a pass in 226 straight games.

Now, though, he finds himself on a 3-12 team that ranks last in the NFL in offense with a rookie quarterback in Josh Rosen and all the inconsistencies that brings. Fitzgerald has 65 catches for 698 yards and five touchdowns. Decent stats for anyone else, but in the previous three years, Fitzgerald caught 109, 107 and 109 passes. So why keep playing? In terms of wins and losses, this will be the worst record of any of his 15 Cardinals teams, no matter what happens Sunday in Seattle.

Fitzgerald seems physically capable of continuing beyond this season.

"I believe from an ability standpoint there's very few people that can do what Larry does," Cardinals offensive coordinator Byron Leftwich said. "That's just honest. When the ball comes in his direction, when it's time to make the play, he's one of the best to ever do it."

Fitzgerald is remarkably durable. He's caught a pass in 226 consecutive games. Sunday will mark his 234th NFL game, all with the Cardinals, tying the franchise record set by kicker Jim Bakken, who played from 1962-78.

With 14 yards receiving, he'll top 2,000 yards receiving against the Seahawks. Fitzgerald's already topped that mark against the Rams and 49ers, so he would join Jerry Rice as the only receivers to accomplish that feat against three teams.

Watson to retire: Saints tight end Ben Watson announced that he will retire after the end of the season.

Watson, 38, in his 14th season, has 5,856 yards and 44 TDs in his career.

BLACKHAWKS

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Duncan Keith watches as Collin Delia gets set to make one of his 46 saves on Thursday night.

BLACKHAWKS 5, WILD 2

46 defense

Delia's monser night, Kane's hat trick too much for Wild

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Chicago Tribune

Because Corey Crawford has been so good for so long, nearly a decade has passed since there has been a question about whom the Blackhawks' starting goalie should be.

Now that Crawford is out indefinitely with another concussion, each game brings forth the question: Who will be in goal for the Hawks?

On one hand is Cam Ward, a Cup-winning veteran signed as a free agent last summer to take the net in case Crawford went down with an injury.

On the other is Collin Delia, a rookie with three NHL starts on his resume entering Thursday's game against the Wild but who is the top goalie prospect in the Hawks' system.

The choice Thursday was Delia, and it was the right one. A confident and poised Delia stopped 46 shots in lifting the

Hawks to a 5-2 victory at the United Center. Patrick Kane had a hat trick — the last one on an empty net — and Brandon Saad had a pair of goals for the Hawks, who improved to 5-2-1 in their last eight games.

Delia isn't concerned about whether coach Jeremy Colliton will give him a second straight start Saturday against the Avalanche in Denver.

"It's Jeremy's decision ultimately and he makes the decision that's best for the team, and we respect that," Delia said. "If your number's called you better be prepared to go and if not you're supporting the other guy."

The Hawks aren't facing a goaltender controversy as much as what their philosophy should be at the moment: Are they playing for this season or the future?

Ward started three of the first four games after Crawford's injury and played exceptionally well in two. The poor start — a 6-3 loss to the Panthers in the final game before the holiday break — led to Delia getting the nod Thursday.

Ward is on a one-year deal and is unlikely to be back next season. Even if Delia has a few clunkers,

it's hard to argue that the Hawks, who have a long way to go to climb back into the playoff race, aren't better off by giving Delia the majority of the starts while Crawford is out.

"Can't say I'm that surprised that he's performed as he has," Colliton said. "He's very self-aware and he built up a lot of confidence last season that he was capable and he could go through tough times and adversity and it's not gonna bother him."

The Wild had the first five shots on goal, but the Hawks took a 1-0 lead on Kane's 18th of the season.

Delia stopped the first 13 shots he faced before finally allowing Zach Parise's 16th of the season with five minutes left in the first period.

Kane and Saad each had a power-play goal, the first game this season in which the Hawks scored twice with a man advantage.

"I don't think we played the best tonight, but we just found a way to win," Kane said. "That's something we've gotta learn to do. We don't have our best some nights."

"I thought Delia was unreal in net and really held the fort for us."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Prospects look sharp at World Juniors

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Chicago Tribune

Several Blackhawks prospects had a big impact on the first day of the World Junior Championships in Vancouver.

Penn State's Evan Barratt, the Hawks' 2017 third-round pick, scored the winning goal for the U.S. team in its 2-1 win over Slovakia. Defenseman Adam Boqvist, the Hawks' first first-round pick in 2018, had a pair of assists in Sweden's 2-1 victory over Henri Jokiharju's Finland squad. Jokiharju is on loan to Finland during the tournament.

Switzerland's Philipp Kurashev, the Hawks' 2018 fourth-round pick, and the Czech Republic's Jakub Galvas, a 2017 fifth-rounder, each had an assist in the Czechs' 2-1 overtime victory.

Patrick Kane said he caught a

little bit of the Sweden-Finland game but watched the entire U.S.-Slovakia game, which made him feel kind of old. Former Hawks teammate John Madden's son, Tyler Madden, is a Canucks prospect and a center on the U.S. team.

"I remember being in here in 2010 and John Madden bringing his little kid around, he was like 10 or 11 years old at the time and now you watch him in World Juniors," Kane said. "It's pretty crazy how things come full circle. Always fun to watch this time of year."

Injury updates: Corey Crawford (concussion) was the only injured Hawks player not to skate with the team Thursday. Forward Marcus Kruger (concussion) was on the ice doing some drills before the morning skate, a positive development nine days after he suffered a concussion against the Predators.

Defenseman Brandon Davidson (knee surgery) practiced Thursday without limitations and is nearing a return. The Hawks are unlikely to carry eight defensemen and would need to make a roster move when Davidson is activated.

Big break: The NHL's three-day holiday break came at a perfect time for the Hawks, who had just concluded a stretch of five games in eight days and have played a league-high 39 games.

"It was huge," Colliton said. "I think we kind of ran out of gas at the end."

"The Colorado game, we found a way to win, but we didn't have a lot of juice. During the game, you feel it, but when you watch the game after (a 6-3 loss to the Panthers) we didn't have much jump at all."

BULLS

Bulls' core braces for chemistry test

LaVine, Markkanen, Dunn healthy, ready to blend their skills

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

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primary ballhandler. Does there at least need to be a pecking order?

"I think there's an understanding of a pecking order, but it has to be a team concept too," LaVine said. "Because we all know who we are. I don't think anybody is just like, 'Hey, look, I'm the No. 1 guy, nobody else can say so.' I don't think we have personalities like that."

On paper, it might look like a meaningless stretch. It's not.

With Zach LaVine returning as a starter after coming off the bench for one game following a five-game absence with his sprained left ankle, the Bulls will play him, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen together for just the 16th time in the 18 months since the franchise centered the rebuild around them.

Think about that. Since trading Jimmy Butler in June 2017, LaVine, Markkanen and Dunn have logged a mere 278 minutes together. That's less than six full games.

It's well-documented how poorly the three have played together to this point, with 12 of those games coming last season as LaVine worked his way back from left ACL rehab. In 12 shared minutes during Wednesday's loss to the Timberwolves, the Bulls produced an abysmal offensive rating of 72.3 points per 100 possessions.

It's becoming a tired subject for the principals. But it won't go away until the dynamic improves — if it does.

"I'm not frustrated. I'm excited. We don't know what's out there yet," coach Jim Boylen said. "I do know it's going to come down to sharing and caring and uplifting each other."

Boyleen is seeking the Spurs' standard of the ".5 rule." It's where a player drives, passes or shoots within a half-second of receiving the ball.

In other words, the offense doesn't stagnate.

"That's what we're building to," Boylen said. "But until we play together, it's going to be a work in progress."

Complicating matters is the current offensive style of Boylen. While acknowledging the Bulls one day could be a push-the-pace, open-floor team, he has publicly stated his desire to master the basics.

Along these lines, Boylen has slowed the pace, largely eschewed 3-point shots and worked mostly from the inside out. He likes establishing post play and points in the paint.

In the 11 games under Boylen, the Bulls rank 25th in pace and last in both 3-pointers made and attempted.

"We're all really good friends, so everything should be real easy," LaVine said. "But nothing is made that way. You gotta work at it. I don't think we've had the correct time to work at it. But we have to get it done regardless because you start evaluating things like that eventually."

Starting on Friday night at tipoff versus the Wizards.

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Lauri Markkanen, from left, Kris Dunn and Zach LaVine have played together only 278 minutes since the Bulls traded Jimmy Butler.

NBA

James may miss several games

News services

A day after an MRI revealed that LeBron James had a left groin strain but otherwise escaped serious injury, ESPN reported Thursday that the Lakers are preparing for James to miss several games.

The Lakers announced Wednesday that the four-time league MVP was "day to day." But the team doesn't plan to rush James back to the lineup because it's the first time he has

suffered a severe groin injury.

James, 33, left the Lakers' victory over the Warriors on Tuesday with the injury.

He has played in 116 consecutive regular-season games, 156 straight games including the playoffs.

Also, James was named The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year on Thursday.

James, who made it to the NBA Finals for the eighth straight year, won the award for a third time.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

ORANGE BOWL

When your 'D' deserves an 'F'

How getting bashed all year is helping Sooners plan for Crimson Tide

By CHUCK CULPEPPER

Washington Post

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The young men who play defense for Oklahoma have undergone a whopping privilege.

They've heard their unit described with extravagant amounts of disparagement and ridicule across multiple media and social-media platforms.

What optimal preparation for post-collegiate life.

"What would it be if you were getting praise all the time?" sophomore cornerback Tre Brown said. "Right? It wouldn't be any fun."

Luckily, they've been getting praise well shy of all of the time.

As No. 4 Oklahoma prepares to play No. 1 Alabama in the Orange Bowl semifinal Saturday night

after No. 2 Clemson and No. 3 Notre Dame prep in the Cotton Bowl semifinal in the afternoon, the Sooners defense sticks out like a sore set of all thumbs.

Observe some numbers. Here are the rankings of the four playoff offensive units, in yards per play: Oklahoma is No. 1, Alabama No. 2, Clemson No. 3 and Notre Dame No. 34. Now, here are the four defensive units, in yards per play: Clemson is No. 1, Alabama No. 7, Notre Dame No. 8 ...

... and Oklahoma No. 101.

It's better than in total defense, in which Oklahoma ranks 108th.

Opponents have scrounged for 178 points against Clemson, 193 against Alabama and 207 against Notre Dame, while opponents have piled up 421 points on Oklahoma. After the 48-45 loss to Texas on Oct. 6, the Sooners switched coordinators, from Mike Stoops to Ruffin McNeil. Later, they treated their too-knowledgeable fans to that stretch of giving up 46 to Texas Tech, 47 to

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Points allowed by Clemson (178) Alabama (193) and Notre Dame (207) combined compared with how many Oklahoma has given up.

Oklahoma State, 40 to Kansas and 56 to West Virginia, which helped itself to 704 total yards.

When in the Big 12 championship game Texas got only 27 points and 437 yards on Oklahoma, it constituted improvement. Of course, given Oklahoma's offense, 27 and 437 from the defense will do beautifully.

Still, it's instructive to relearn that those who attempt to play defense for the Sooners are people, just as it's good to learn that those people might find getting lambasted to be instructive.

"To be honest with you, the way I grew up, you get made fun of, and

you get clowned on, and you kind of just learn to — it is what it is," linebacker Curtis Bolton said. "I'm not worried about what everybody's got to say. If I don't have love for them in my heart, if they're not a part of my circle, your opinion doesn't matter to me."

This setting incubates a fine learning process, according to linebacker Caleb Kelly, who gained notice for his crucial scoop-and-score in Oklahoma's 59-56 win at West Virginia on Nov. 23.

At the start, Kelly said, "Coaches always tell us, 'Don't listen to the noise. Don't listen to the good all the time, and don't listen to the bad all the time.'"

Over time, he said, "You kind of just get used to it. You say, 'OK, if I react to all these (negative) things, one, it's going to be draining for me, and two, I'll get bad publicity as well!'"

Huddled against this nation of noise and its dens of derision, the Sooners' starting 11 features four

Texans, two Californians, one Canadian, one Kansan, one Arkansan, one Missourian and one Oklahoman (Brown). Those 11 include two who were five-star recruits from at least one analyst, then a hodgepodge of four- and three-star sorts.

All have learned the distinctive value of continuing while getting pilloried. "Oh, yes!" said their assistant coordinator, Kerry Cooks, the 44-year-old former captain at Iowa. "Some year in this business, you're going to get criticized. But the amount of scrutiny these guys, players and coaches have been under this year, it just makes you stronger ... definitely translates into life."

"You come in as a freshman, a lot of these guys come in with four and five stars, and all of a sudden they're getting criticized — 'Oh, you're not that good,' and 'You're not this and that' — it's gonna hurt the pride a little. But as you go through the process, you understand, you're at Oklahoma, man."

COTTON BOWL

Tranquill has it all together

Irish LB juggles football, marriage

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

DALLAS — Everyone in sports wants a ring.

Notre Dame's Drue Tranquill already has one. Thing is, it's a gray silicone wedding band, the result of exchanging vows with high school sweetheart Jackie (nee Gindt) in July. She is expecting in May.

"Didn't waste any time," Tranquill said with a grin.

It might seem crazy to marry so young, but Tranquill, 23, is more mature than most 30-somethings.

"Personally I couldn't handle it" junior safety Jalen Elliott said. "But Drew is such an unbelievable person, I see him having no problem balancing it all."

The Tranquills were married in July in their hometown of Fort Wayne, Ind. A beautifully produced tear-jerker of a wedding video is on YouTube.

"Worked out on a Friday, had Saturday off and came back Sunday for Monday workouts," Tranquill recalled.

They did manage to honeymoon in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, before fall camp. Jackie is a nutritionist with a degree from Purdue.

"We wanted to get married as soon as she graduated," he said. "She was kind enough to let me pursue my dreams and come to South Bend to find a job. She could have gone anywhere in the country."

Tranquill, who will start at linebacker Saturday against Clemson in a College Football Playoff semifinal, tore the ACL in his left knee in 2014. A year later, that ligament in his right knee snapped. He kept at it, shifting from safety to rover to linebacker as he grew into a 235-pound man.

"When I saw him in high school," coach Brian Kelly said, "I knew he would impact our football team in some fashion. Five or seven years later — I'm not sure how long it's been — he has in three positions."

Kelly joked how Tranquill, Notre Dame's only married player, managed to impress his wife after the season: Returning from national awards functions, he took Jackie on a private flight back to South Bend.

"The bar is high," Kelly said. "That is going to set him up for failure. When she has to fly commercial, it will (be) a pretty long honey-do list."

Extra points: As expected, Clemson star defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence and two backups will miss the Cotton Bowl after their "B" samples revealed the performance-enhancing substance ostarine.... Notre Dame backup quarterback Brandon Wimbush all but confirmed he will transfer after the season as a graduate student, saying: "Sometimes you have to look out for your best interests. I just want that opportunity to go fulfill my dreams. My decision will allow me to do so."



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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence looks to pass against Boston College, while Notre Dame's Ian Book runs for a TD against Northwestern.

Quarterbacks are chill dudes

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Lawrence was a five-star recruit and has NFL size. Book was a hidden gem and stands about 6 feet.

But the similarities extend past their personalities.

Both began the season on the bench. Both supplanted healthy starters. And now both are leading their teams into a College Football Playoff semifinal Saturday, hoping for the right to play for the national title.

'One shot'

It's Week 4 and Clemson is undefeated. The Tigers are playing Georgia Tech. Something is missing in their offense.

Coach Dabo Swinney switches quarterbacks, subbing Lawrence in for a veteran, Kelly Bryant. Lawrence fires four touchdown passes in a 49-21 blowout.

Will Lawrence become the permanent starter?

"We're not going to set depth charts here in the postgame press conference," Swinney says.

Notre Dame heads into a

Week 4 showdown at Wake Forest feeling vulnerable. The Irish have failed to exceed 24 points in victories over Michigan, Ball State and Vanderbilt. Veteran Brandon Wimbush has thrown one touchdown pass and four interceptions in those three wins.

Coach Brian Kelly huddles with offensive coordinator Chip Long and quarterbacks coach Tommy Rees. They love Wimbush, a great leader and honorable guy. But this cannot go on.

Kelly informs his players that Book will start that Saturday. They are not surprised.

As offensive lineman Liam Eichenberg puts it: "We have this guy who is doing so well in practice. You can't keep this kid on the sideline. Sometimes all a guy needs is one shot, one game."

The night before kickoff, Kelly meets with the ABC/ESPN crew and tells play-by-play man Sean McDonough that Book will get the call.

As McDonough recalls it: "Brian said: 'I think we're good enough to win every game on defense and special teams but we can't keep

playing off like this (on offense).'"

Rees compared him to Drew Brees — similar size, smarts, accuracy and athleticism.

And Long told McDonough: "Every catch should not have to be the catch of the day. It's a little flat pass and there's 10 more yards there if the receiver doesn't have to make a diving catch."

That "it" factor

Lawrence was sensational the rest of the season. He completed 65 percent of his passes and fired 24 touchdowns to just four picks.

Asked if he expected Lawrence to be so good so quickly, Clemson co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott replied: "Yes. I'd be lying if I said no. We watched him in high school and he was very similar to Deshaun (Watson). He has that 'it' factor. He was the kind of kid who watched film in the coaches' offices during his lunch break.

His football IQ might have been further along than we expected. But when we recruited him, we knew what type of player he'd be."

Book's stats also dazzled: a 70.4

percent completion rate with 19 touchdowns and six interceptions.

"I think he has been immaculate," Wimbush said of the man who took his job. "I can't speak highly enough of how he has produced."

Receiver Miles Boykin said the switch to Book "opened the playbook all the way. We can run what we want to run. He's extremely accurate, and that makes it easier on guys like me. Having a quarterback who you know will place a ball where only you can get it ... The rest is left up to us."

So here they are. The chill brothers. Neither was sure he would play this season. Neither has lost a game as a starter.

"Everything unfolded differently than I expected," Lawrence said. "But it's just been awesome."

Said Book: "It's really cool to have similar situations. I'm happy for him. We both probably feel very fortunate to compete. Both of us have the same dream of winning a national championship."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Bezhanishvili's happy trail

Bezhanishvili, from Page 1

Dance was as central as basketball to Bezhanishvili's upbringing in Georgia, a former Soviet republic at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, bordered to the west by the Black Sea and famous for its fertile wine regions.

He excelled at both hobbies — he placed second in classical dance in a national competition at age 10 — and they became outlets for him, conduits to joy as life around him crumbled.

When Americans ask about his homeland, Bezhanishvili frequently replies, "Family is everything in Georgia."

Even when it meant sacrifice.

Giorgi was 3 and his brother Davit 5 when they moved in with grandparents after Lali fled to Europe as a refugee, desperate to find work.

Rustavi, Georgia, was an industrial center during the Soviet era. But after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, the nation saw economic collapse, high unemployment and shrinking population.

Lali had earned an economics degree and played basketball at a university. She worked for a large corporation.

"Then everything was upside down," Lali said in a phone interview from Vienna. "My education was nothing. My diploma was nothing. People lost their jobs. Companies closed. The government was changing (every) two, three months. I saw my teachers selling their clothes at the market. All of my friends were educated, had jobs, but were all lost."

Giorgi, now 20, remembers his childhood home without heat. The family boiled water in a kettle, mixed it with cold and poured it over themselves. "That was our shower," he said.

Crime rose. Power outages were frequent and food sparse.

"It's basically a ghetto town. It was a gray city," he said. "There was nothing to do. You can't imagine."

Lali was at a breaking point. Stay with her children and struggle together? Or leave and inflict emotional pain but provide a future for her sons?

Her husband, also unemployed and from whom she later divorced, brought firewood inside to heat the home one winter day. Lali burned her finger. "That was it," she said.

"I had to go. There were no jobs, no money. I was just worrying about the future of the kids. I was depressed at that time. I love my children, but I had to go somewhere. In Georgia, we have no chance."

She met with a travel agent, scrimped together money and left for the Czech Republic in 2002 with temporary paperwork but no solid plan.

"I went to nowhere," said Lali, who was 33 at the time. She knew nobody. She didn't understand the language.

She placed trust in strangers, connecting with former refugees who had found their way and absorbing their advice.

"I can't believe this happened to me," she said, pausing her story to laugh and cry in disbelief. "It's like a movie. I really paid a high price for everything."

She stayed in the Prague refugee center for a month before being advised she could find employment easier in another country. She paid a smuggler to drive her and another refugee to the border.

Across the street, the driver said when he stopped the car, is Austria.

Always dancing'

With only \$100 in her pocket, Lali made her way to an Austrian refugee center that allowed residents 3½-month stays. On a tip from another woman there, she asked a shop owner in a nearby market for work.

"I'm ready to do anything," she said she told the woman. "Please help me." She secured a job as a housecleaner, initially earning only 2.5 euros per hour.

Lali lived in a tiny, unheated apartment and cleaned homes seven days a week, saving money to send to Giorgi, Davit and her parents, Lida and Amur. Despite lacking the proper paperwork, she said she couldn't worry about the risk. Eventually she made 7 to 10 euros per hour.

She quickly learned German and English in addition to Russian and Georgian. (Her sons now know all four languages too.) She was later hired as a receptionist at a hotel, where she still works.

"I only want to make money for family," she said.

Lali saved to mail puzzles and toys home. She said she'll never forget the day she was able to send 250 euros.



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She didn't have access to a computer, so she bought a camcorder with VHS tapes she mailed to her mother. Lida recorded the boys for hours at a time, swimming, dancing, playing basketball, goofing off.

The recorded images temporarily filled holes in Lali's heart with glimpses of the lives she was missing. Giorgi instantly loved the camera, lighting up when he saw it was on.

"He's just a happy kid and always dancing," Lali said. "He likes entertaining."

His grandparents kept him occupied so he would stay out of trouble. At 6, he enrolled in dance lessons and was hooked. He learned salsa, rumba, jive, cha-cha, waltz, tango and foxtrot, earning high marks in competitions.

"I loved it," Bezhanishvili said, putting his arms in a frame and shimmying.

Around the same time, he began playing basketball. The professional team BC Rustavi is a draw for the community and a source of pride.

By 12, he had grown so tall that his frame was too uncomfortable for a dance partner. He focused solely on basketball.

His grandfather, who drove a truck for work, would drop him off at the gym where his club team practiced. Sometimes Bezhanishvili took a city bus and practiced alone from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m., when his grandmother would show up and order him home, disbelieving he spent an entire day in the gym.

The Rustavi gym was far from gleaming. "There was no heat," he said. "We wore hoodies over our jerseys. It was very cold." But he excelled quickly.

At home, he and neighborhood kids played basketball in the street.

"The playgrounds?" he said, throwing back his head to laugh. "Oh, it was nothing like here (in America). It wasn't even a playground."

New balls were quickly stolen, so they used old, flatter ones. A hoop? What a luxury that would be. Kids marked two lines with chalk on an overhanging pipe. Hit between the stripes and that's a basket. They did the same on a tree branch in an empty lot.

By the time Bezhanishvili was 13, Lali could afford a larger apartment. She endured the seemingly endless bureaucratic hassle of securing the proper paperwork. Her sons could join her in Austria.

"The day I had dreamed of, to bring my children to me," she said.



GIORGİ BEZHANİSHVİLİ/FOR THE TRIBUNE

"When I saw them, it was the shock of my life. You work, work, work. Suddenly time passes. I had lost so much in my life."

— Giorgi Bezhanishvili's mom, Lali, on being reunited with her sons after nearly a decade apart

Different worlds'

But it was difficult. For nearly a decade, their mom was just a voice on the phone. They knew she loved them, but still ...

"When I saw them, it was the shock of my life," Lali said. "You work, work, work. Suddenly time passes. I had lost so much in my life. One year we needed to get to know each other. We are just strange people for (each other)."

The living conditions of their new home in Vienna, while humble compared with many of the lavish homes in one of Europe's more affluent cities, seemed like luxury to Bezhanishvili. When clear water flowed from the faucet instead of the murky liquid he was accustomed to, his jaw dropped.

"It was two different worlds," he said. "I couldn't believe it."

He and Davit didn't know German (Austria's primary language) or English yet. In school, they sat confused and silent. Bezhanishvili recalled a teacher berating him for not understanding instructions and sending him to the principal's office, where he

Freshman big man Giorgi Bezhanishvili, who is averaging 9.9 points and 4.9 rebounds, poses on the Illinois campus with his mother, Lali. She visited him in Champaign and saw him play against Georgetown in November.

was harshly reprimanded again in a foreign language.

"I just cried," he said. "We came home and passed out."

The stress was unbearable, and despite Vienna's wealth and opportunity, the boys wanted to return to Rustavi. Lali scheduled therapy sessions and enrolled them in basketball.

"Basketball helped a lot," Bezhanishvili said. "You make friends. You learn the language."

He adjusted to life in Vienna, thrived in basketball, made "hundreds of friends" and bonded with his mother.

"My mom, we laugh now all the time," he said. "We always knew she was doing all of this for us, to give us a better future. She is the strongest woman I know."

Their time together was short-lived again. Five years after Giorgi and Lali were reunited, he departed for the United States to pursue basketball on a grander stage.

'Who's this kid?'

"Basketball was everything for him," Lali said. "If you are not afraid, go! I didn't push him. He could come back if he didn't like it. I told him, 'If your mama did it, you can manage.'"

Bezhanishvili had some American teammates in the Austrian Basketball League. One was former Lehigh player Michael Ojo, who unbeknownst to Bezhanishvili sent video of him to Pittsburgh assistant Sam Ferry.

Ferry called Bezhanishvili, who told him he was still a year away from graduating. Through more global basketball connections, word got to a coach for the New York AAU team Jayhawks, and he told his friend Chris Chavannes, who coached at the Patrick School in New Jersey.

Chavannes trusted his sources and arranged for Bezhanishvili to play for the high-profile program that produced Kyrie Irving, Al Harrington and Samuel Dalembert.

"It all happened very fast," Bezhanishvili said.

Despite bouts of homesickness, he was determined to stay the course.

"The biggest adjustment was just the daily grind," Chavannes

said. "How intense it is, the immediate attention. He went from playing once a week to playing three times a week in front of large audiences and traveling. It was a big hurdle. But he's the same person, not a shy person. He gets along with everyone."

While Bezhanishvili received attention from college programs such as Hofstra, it was Illinois that zeroed in after seeing him play against another athlete the staff was recruiting.

"About five minutes into the first quarter, I said to (assistant) Orlando (Antigua), 'Who's this kid?'" Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. Bezhanishvili averaged about eight points as a senior but scored 18 that day and held LSU-bound Naz Reid to single digits.

"I said, 'How come you don't score more?'" Underwood recalled. "He said, 'I have more appreciation when I pass.' It was such a mature way of thinking. His IQ stood out. I said (to Antigua), 'We're offering him the first opportunity we get.'

When Bezhanishvili visited Champaign in March, he committed on the spot. His mother joined him for the quick two-day trip. Both were impressed.

"There was just so much love," Bezhanishvili said. "Everyone was like a family."

Just look'

At Illinois, Bezhanishvili rides around campus — even in rain or snow — on his \$100 Walmart bicycle he named "Lambo," as in Lamborghini. Between games at the Maui Invitational, he became a sensation for his dance moves in a competition among opposing players, wildly kicking his legs to each side.

"Giorgi surprises me every day with his antics," teammate Kipper Nichols said.

On the court, Bezhanishvili is a work in progress, but he provides a versatile big-man presence that suits Underwood's scheme. He averages 9.9 points and 4.9 rebounds while shooting 49 percent from the field and scored a season-high 22 points in a loss at Notre Dame.

Underwood envisions what a developed Bezhanishvili could look like as a point forward once he has honed his natural passing and dribbling.

"I think he's an Ethan Happ-caliber guy," Underwood said, referring to Wisconsin's 6-10 All-America forward. "The kid has a big upside. His skill set is ridiculous."

Bezhanishvili's emotions are visible — sometimes too visible — on the court. He says that's the Georgian way, and he's adjusting.

He received a technical foul against Georgetown for "talking too much" to a referee. He has fouled out of three games and picked up four fouls in five others.

"His love for the game speaks volumes. It oozes out of him," Underwood said. "He's so genuine with it. There's no false bravado or false intent meant with any of it. It's a pure passion. We do have to control his emotions sometimes, but it's a nice problem to have. It's very contagious."

Teammates laugh about how often he swears in foreign languages or when he breaks out in dance before practices.

His mom came to Champaign again to see him play against Georgetown on Nov. 13, bringing him Georgian and Austrian treats and savoring their time together with walks around campus. She and Davit wake at 3 a.m. sometimes to watch livestreams of Illini games.

Watching him play in college is validation for Lali, who has found comfort in her own life with bike rides and jogging during her spare time in Vienna.

"When I see my kids successful and my parents alive, I know," she said. "Maybe I didn't achieve euros or dollars. But I did something in my life. I did something for my family."

Every day, Bezhanishvili said, he calls his grandparents, brother and mother. He hopes to one day open a basketball center in Rustavi, similar to the academy in the capital city of Tbilisi that NBA veteran and fellow Georgian Zaza Pachulia started.

"With heat," he said with a wink.

He aims to make the NBA but won't pressure himself. "Look at this," he said. "Illinois has everything I need. There is more than I need here."

Bezhanishvili raised his arm and smiled. He glanced behind him at a glowing orange Illinois sign not far from the locker room.

"Look where I am now," he said. "Just look."

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THU	Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Wisconsin 35, Miami 3	
THU	Texas	Houston	Baylor 15, Vanderbilt 38	
FRI	Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30
FRI	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15
FRI	Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St. (8-4) vs. Wash. St. (10-2)	8
SAT	Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*
SAT	Balk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*
SAT	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St. (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15
SAT	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3
SAT	Orange	Miami, Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)	7
D21	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)	1
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St. (6-6)	245
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (6-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St. (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	630
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St. (6-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St. (9-3)	noon
J1	Fiesta	Gainesville, Ariz.	Louisville (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 BOWLS				
J19	Shrim	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	3
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30
DATE BOWL SITE RESULT				
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22	
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La.-Lafayette 24	
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas 13	
D15	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20		
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21	
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13	
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 13	
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Texas	Ohio 27, San Diego State 0	
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20	
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34	
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Army 70, Houston 14	
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Troy 42, Buffalo 32	
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech 31, Hawaii 14	
FCS CHAMPIONSHIP				
Saturday, Jan. 5 at Toyota Stadium: Frisco, Texas				
North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m.				
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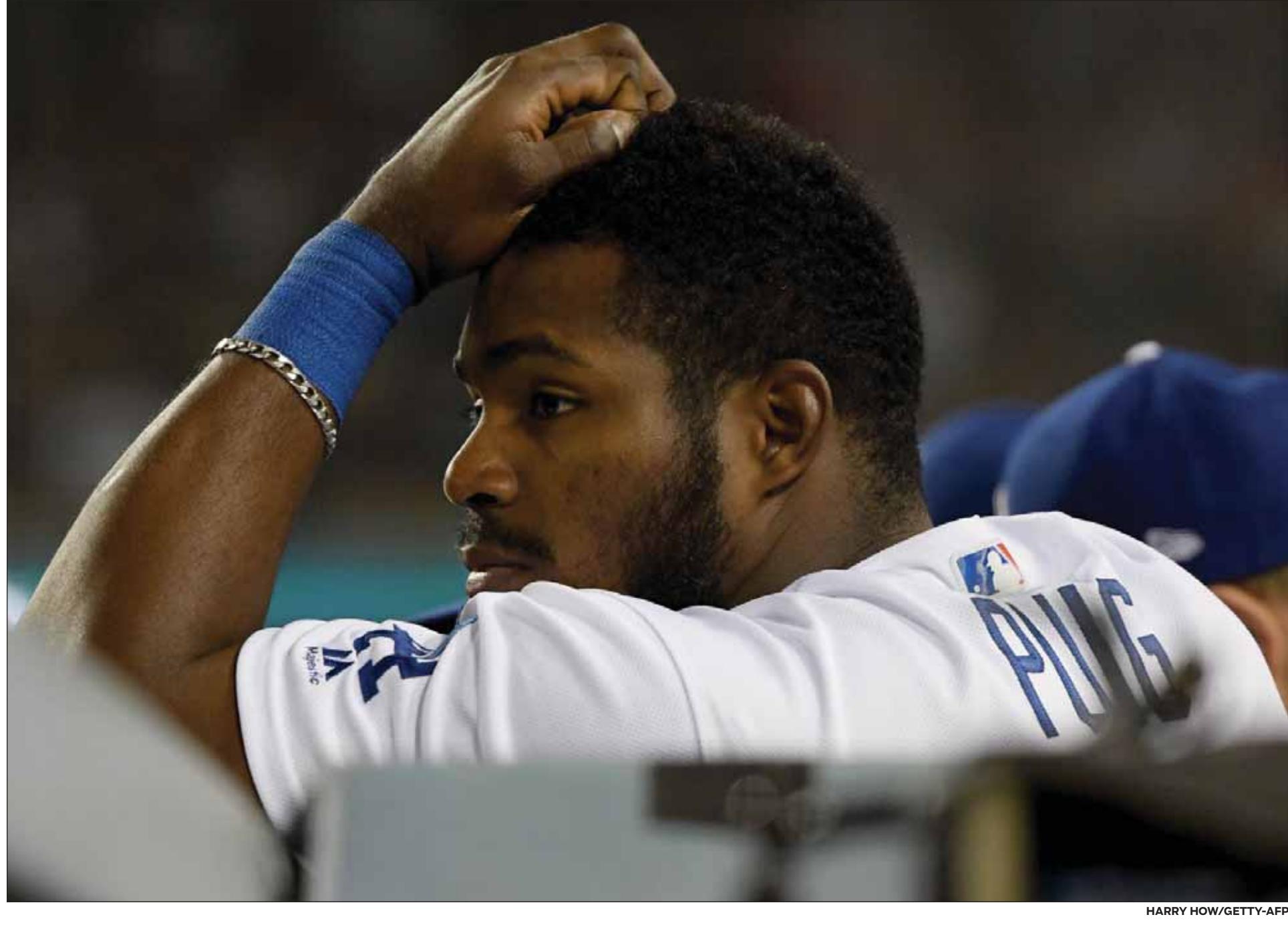
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Yasiel Puig's six seasons with the Dodgers was filled with drama - with big hits and flamboyant displays at the plate and a frustrating, lackadaisical approach on the field.

COMMENTARY

PULLING THE PLUG ON AN 'ELECTRIC TALENT'

Shedding Puig helps ease Dodgers' worry, wonder over slugger's behavior and clear nearly \$11M in salary to chase free agents

BY BILL PLASCHKE

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Yasiel Puig was energetic, exciting and fun. Yasiel Puig was also selfish, irresponsible and ultimately destructive.

His success with the Dodgers was epitomized by that three-run home run in Game 4 of the World Series against the Boston Red Sox, the glorious flipping of his bat, the triumphant raising of the arms, the playful flex of his biceps for fan Kobe Bryant.

Yet his failure here was epitomized only a couple of weeks earlier when a base-running blunder against the Atlanta Braves earned him a rare playoff dugout scolding by manager Dave Roberts.

During his six seasons in Los Angeles, Puig captured the hearts of Dodger fans, but lost the trust of his team. He won moments, but cost games. He was their biggest star, but also their biggest clubhouse burden.

The most popular cheer at Dodger Stadium was, "Puig!"

But if that low guttural tone came from the dugout, it would often be a "Booooo."

Vin Scully delightfully called him the "Wild Horse."

But too many times, Puig acted like the wild rear end of that horse.

Mourn the loss of Puig you will — and surely you will — but the Dodgers got the better end of Friday's trade simply by getting rid of him.

In a deal that was all about dumping, the Dodgers traded Puig, Matt Kemp, Alex Wood and Kyle Farmer to the Cincinnati Reds for two minor-leaguers and a major-league pitcher, Homer Bailey, who was 1-14 with a 6.09 ERA last year and will promptly be released.

While the Dodgers received no guaranteed assets for three contributors, they freed up salary space to potentially improve their outfield with a free agent such as Bryce Harper or A.J. Pollock. Barring that, they could also use

the financial flexibility to acquire a top starting pitcher, which, along with catcher, is one of their two biggest needs.

No matter what happens next, it was a win if only because they were finally able to send Puig packing.

It was a move they have been attempting for a couple of years, a move which has been promoted several times in this column space, a move which had become not just optimal, but necessary.

This being his final year before free agency, an arbitration year in which Puig was projected to make about \$11 million even though he was no longer an everyday player, it was the perfect time. Cincinnati being the new home of his beloved batting coach Turner Ward, the Reds were the perfect place.

Hitting against all pitching in that homer-happy ballpark on the Ohio River, Puig will be fine. While Dodgers fans won't like this one bit, the team has to be thrilled.

No more wondering if Puig will show up on time, and whether he'll actually be invested once he's there. No more hoping he won't be so empowered by a diving catch that his next throw will sail purposely over the cutoff man.

No more worrying that he'll become so starved for attention during the middle of a lazy July afternoon game, he'll try to steal third with two outs and kill another inning.

No more fretting about a plate approach that rarely included adjustments, base-running tactics that needlessly threatened potential big innings, and general disrespectful behavior that could be impulsively detrimental.

The beginning of the end occurred in August of 2016, when he was sent to the minor leagues for a month and promptly appeared in a video partying with his Oklahoma City teammates.

The last straw perhaps happened in the middle of August of this season, when Puig shoved and slapped a taunting San Francisco Giants catcher Nick Hundley, resulting in a two-game suspension.

Make no mistake, his behavior



HARRY HOW/GETTY-AFP

Dodgers slugger Yasiel Puig celebrates after hitting a three-run homer off Red Sox pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez in the sixth inning of Game 4 of the 2018 World Series.

wouldn't have mattered as much if his production equaled his distraction. But it didn't. He never quite lived up to that amazing rookie summer in 2013, never collecting more than 74 RBIs, and only once hitting more than 23 homers.

He was an average player. But man, he had his moments, and the Dodgers will miss those moments.

He was fearless in the postseason, with five homers and 18 RBIs in the last two Octobers. Not only did he have that mammoth blast in Game 4 of the recent World Series, but earlier his three-run homer in the sixth inning in Game 7 of the National League Championship Series against the Milwaukee Brewers basically gave the Dodgers the pennant.

Every time he came to the plate, Dodger Stadium buzzed, and his influence reached far beyond Chavez Ravine.

He was great in the community, especially with children, who he would entertain behind the batting cage before games. He

was engaging on social media, the rare baseball player who connects with fans and isn't afraid to market himself.

When asked to assess Puig's career in Los Angeles, Dodger baseball boss Andrew Friedman summed it perfectly with the first part of his answer in a Friday conference call.

"That's a very deep question," said Friedman. "Obviously he's made a tremendous impact on this team, on this community, he's an electric talent."

Friedman added, "Obviously going through the well-publicized issues in 2016, he was kind of at a fork in the road in terms of which way to go. To his credit, he put in a lot of hard work and focused on being a better teammate and performing more consistently and has been a big part of the success we had in 2017 and 2018."

No matter where you stand on the polarizing figure, there is a certain sadness to his departure, a sadness borne of a lost opportunity.

Puig could have been great here. He should have been great here.

When Puig first arrived in Los Angeles at age 22 after a harrowing journey from his Cuban homeland that was aided by smugglers from a Mexican drug cartel, his immaturity was understandable and his enthusiasm was infectious.

Perhaps he could have learned to channel that energy into greatness, but members of the Dodgers ownership group never forced him to grow up. Blinded by his ability to sell tickets, they enabled and empowered behavior that became more childish and disrespectful as his fame increased.

They were always making excuses, always looking the other way, even to the point of not retaining his mentor and monitor Tim Bravo, the one man that could get through to Puig.

In the end, the only way the Dodgers could truly handle him was to trade him. Yasiel Puig was fun while he lasted. He just couldn't last.

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Want the nation's top college football players to play in bowl games? Expand the college football playoff to 24 teams and entice them to stick around. Because electing not to play in bowls to avoid injury and prepare for the NFL draft is a sound, business decision.

Make them matter

BY SHAWN WINDSOR

Detroit Free Press

Stop the romanticism. Rip off the amber-hued glasses. Forget the nostalgia, the traditionalism, the notion that college football is somehow different.

It's not.

It's a business. It's just that players haven't treated it as such.

Until now.

If Michigan linebacker Devin Bush Jr. wants to skip the Peach Bowl and get ready for the NFL draft? He should. If Michigan State cornerback Justin Layne wants to skip the Redbox Bowl and do the same? He should, too.

You can hate it. You can wish every eligible — and healthy — player available would suit up for whatever bowl game your team makes. You can pine for the era when those players did suit up.

You know, like in 2015, the year before running backs Christian McCaffrey (Stanford) and Leonard Fournette (LSU) skipped their bowl games and set off weeks of hand-wringing about the demise of the team ethos, sportsmanship, sacrifice and integrity.

But none of that will change the fact that many of the best players in college football will no longer be taking part of college football bowl games.

The question is: why?

Actually, we know why. Bush and Layne and Michigan junior defensive end, Rashan Gary, and Michigan senior running back, Karan Higdon, and 14 other future pros made the choice because of money, including West Virginia quarterback, Will Grier.

The better question might be: why now?

When McCaffrey and Fournette chose to skip their bowl games two years ago, it was the second year of the College Football Playoff. And, even then, the bowl games already felt diminished.

McCaffrey weighed the risk of injury against glory in the Sun Bowl and chose to protect himself. Because, really, does the Sun Bowl matter?

To its organizers and sponsors, yes. To the folks who earn by working the stadium and the grounds, obviously. To the schools who get a payout? Sure. To the coaches who crave the extra month of practice and the chance to meet a clause in their contract that gives them a bonus for making a bowl game? Of course.

But do games like that matter to the players? To the fans? To the students who attend the schools and have little hope of making the game?

No.

At least not in places like Stanford and LSU. Or Michigan and Michigan State.

That isn't to say fans of those programs won't tune in when their teams play. Or that a few more casual football fans won't, either.

But, remember, there are 39 bowl games this year. And I'd bet you can't name 10 of them. Because you don't care. So why should the players care when they have the chance to get drafted?

It's a business decision. Just as it's a business decision for the NCAA to allow so many bowl games in the first place.

Though I wonder how much longer it will make for good business? The model is broken. Players, students and fans want to participate and watch when there is something at stake.

Expanding the playoff would cure this, at least in part. But not by merely adding four more teams. The NCAA needs to follow its own model and create a 24-team playoff, as it does in the Football Championship Subdivision.

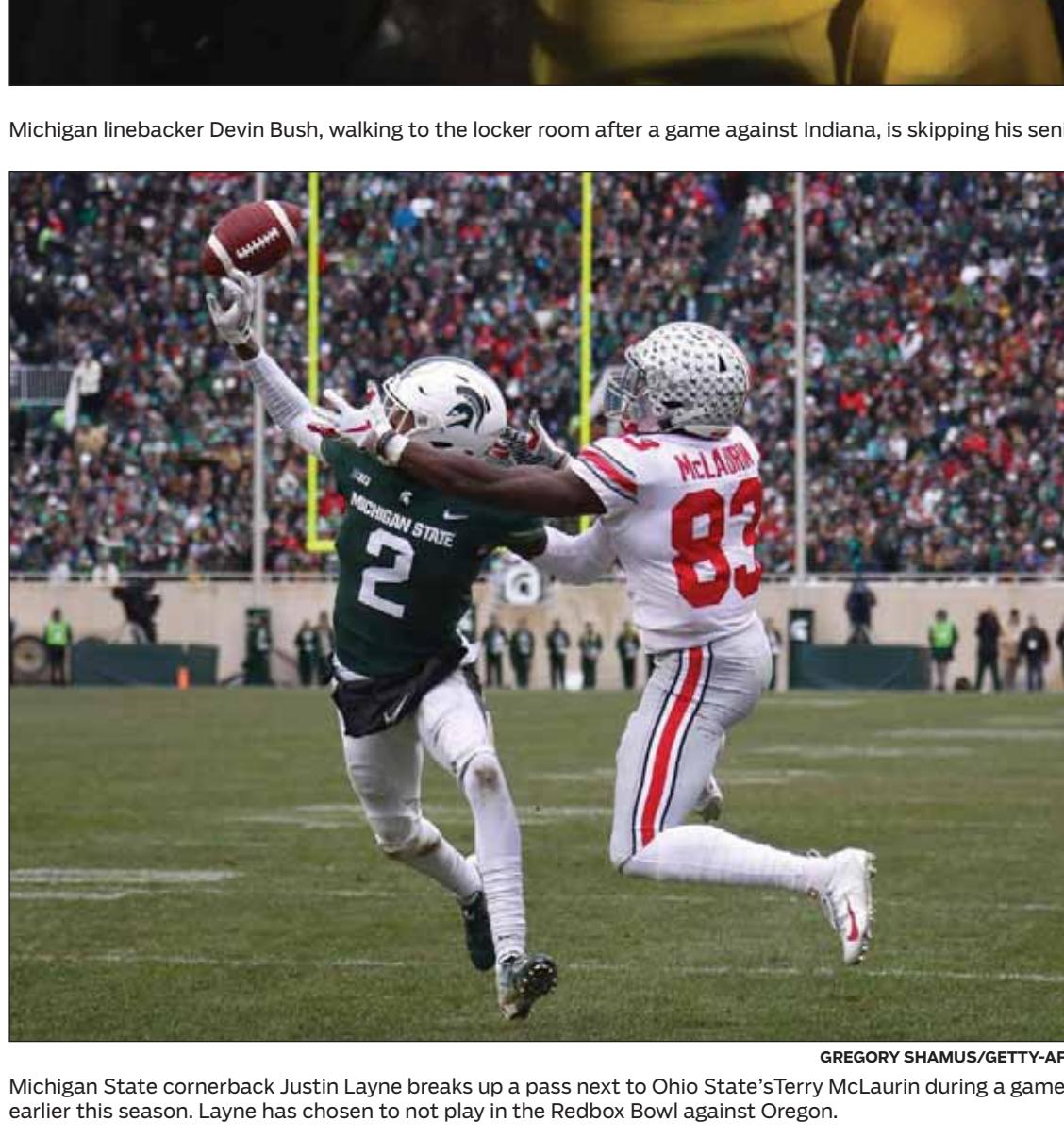
And if you're worried about the bulk of the 129 FBS teams — where Michigan and MSU and Alabama reside — that would never sniff a playoff appearance? Well, there are 125 teams in the FCS, and most of those teams don't make the playoff, either.

If that's too harsh, the NCAA



PAUL SANCY/AAP

Michigan linebacker Devin Bush, walking to the locker room after a game against Indiana, is skipping his senior season and entering the NFL draft.



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY-AFP

Michigan State cornerback Justin Layne breaks up a pass next to Ohio State's Terry McLaurin during a game earlier this season. Layne has chosen to not play in the Redbox Bowl against Oregon.

could soften the landing by keeping some of the lower-tier bowls for schools like Eastern Michigan and UAB and Appalachian State, all of whom made bowl games this year.

Or even create a second playoff, kind of like the NIT in NCAA basketball. All it would require is for the NCAA to admit it has a fairer, more interesting system in place in every other sport it over-

sees, then use it in the one place it doesn't.

Now, would this stop the movement of players skipping post-season games to prepare for the NFL draft? Not likely. Even if the NCAA did expand to 24 playoff teams, the players who wind up in a lower-tier bowl will still see it as a consolation, and act accordingly if they have a chance at the NFL.

MSU's head coach, Mark Dantonio, said he was disappointed over Layne's decision to skip the Redbox Bowl (the Spartans play Oregon Dec. 31).

"Everybody these days has a different philosophy on how these things are working out," he said last week. "My philosophy is you finish — you finish the season, and that includes bowl games and playoff games. Other

people feel differently. It doesn't mean I'm right and they're wrong, it's just a difference of philosophy."

But, all due respect, Layne's decision doesn't represent a different philosophy. It represents the same one that's propelled college football for decades: money. This is why college football in its current form exists.

Layne was just late to the party. To which I say: welcome.

Maybe now that he is here, along with the rest of those who skipped their bowl games, the forces that created the system will feel motivated to fix it.

It's still a grand and compelling sport. Playoff expansion isn't going to ruin that. And for those who argue that it will, that no games matter like regular-season college football games, I'd ask if you watched Rutgers play Maryland this year?

Or Alabama play The Citadel? Or any number of hundreds of games that had little to do with the outcome of the sports' season?

For this notion that the regular season matters more than any other is the narrative that props up the antiquated and outdated bowl model. It's a false narrative.

What matters in the regular season is when top-ranked teams face off, or rivalry programs compete. Because if your team loses twice — and most teams do — then the intrigue fades fast.

It wouldn't with a real playoff. More teams would have a chance. Which means more of the best players in the game would stay and compete in the postseason.

They need a reason to take a chance at getting injured. Until they get one, expect more heartfelt goodbyes.

Chicago Tribune

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MOVIES



PAUL HEBERT/ABC

Becca Kufrin got engaged and then split up on "The Bachelor."

Outrageous reality TV moments of the year

BY VARIETY STAFF

Sometimes the truth is wilder than anything a writer could dream up. These things would seem completely over the top or perhaps even implausible if done in a scripted series, but they were all very real occurrences that happened to be caught on camera for unscripted series this year.

Here, Variety selects the most memorable moments in unscripted television for 2018.

"American Ninja Warrior"

The show is full of astonishing athletic feats, but standouts include the run of deaf Ninja Warrior Kyle Schulze, with the crowd cheering him on in sign language; women Ninjas like Allyssa Beird and Michelle Warnky, who inspire young girls; and ALL of the reactions — every emotion from joy to amazement to incredulity — of hosts Matt Iseman and Akbar Gbajabiamila. — Carole Horst, managing editor, features

"The Bachelor"

They both ended up living happily ever after, but who could forget when the titular bachelor Arie Luyendyk Jr. proposed to Becca Kufrin on national television — only to break up with her (again, on national TV), after realizing he was actually in love with runner-up Lauren Burnham. The shocker is undoubtedly one of the most controversial moments in "Bachelor" history, even inspiring a "Saturday Night Live" skit. Of course, Kufrin got the ultimate TV revenge: her very own season of "The Bachelorette," during which she found love with winner Garrett Yrigoyen. As for Luyendyk Jr. and Burnham? While the pair might be one of the least-loved duos of Bachelor Nation, the happy couple is expecting their first child together in 2019, which sounds like the perfect recipe for another reality show. — Elizabeth Wagmeister, senior correspondent

"Big Brother"

Host Julie Chen was back on air for a live eviction of the summer competition series less than a week after her husband and boss Les Moonves was ousted from his position as CEO and chairman of CBS. When she said goodbye at the end of the show, she did so for the first time using

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From top center, left to right: Viola Davis, Amy Adams, Nicole Kidman, Marina de Tavira, Melissa McCarthy, Lupita Nyong'o and Saoirse Ronan.

THE ACTRESS ROUNDTABLE

Seven women, seven to-die-for roles in awards season films

BY AMY KAUFMAN AND MARK OLSEN | Los Angeles Times

They may be internationally recognized as Hollywood's most glamorous movie stars, but the women on this year's actress roundtable all insisted they're most passionate about representing flawed, barefaced, complex female characters on the big screen.

We recently sat down with Nicole Kidman, who played an undercover cop with addiction struggles in "Destroyer," as well as the mother of a teen sent to a gay conversion program in "Boy Erased;" Viola Davis, who starred as a woman who must pull off a heist to settle her late husband's debts in "Widows;" Saoirse Ronan, who took on an iconic Scottish monarch in "Mary Queen of Scots;" Lupita Nyong'o, who appeared as a spy tasked with keeping Wakanda safe in "Black Panther"; Amy Adams, who tackles real-life political figure Lynne Cheney in "Vice;" Marina de Tavira, who played a mother who relies heavily on her nanny to help with her children during a divorce in "Roma" and Melissa McCarthy, who brought to life a writer who finds she can make money forging literary memorabilia in "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

Here is an excerpt of that conversation, edited for length and clarity.

Q: *Viola, in talking about your movie "Widows," you've been doing it with such confidence and joy. Do you feel like there was a moment where you sort of turned a corner and came into yourself?*

Davis: You don't come into yourself just overnight. It's gradual. You sort of fail, you get back up, you hit another wall, you fail again, you have a moment of success. I would say that I really came into myself with "How to Get Away With Murder." Only because it was a character that had all of the adjectives that were never associated with me as an actress. And not just because I was African-American and dark-skinned — because it just wasn't my type. Any time someone said "attractive," if it was in the

breakdown, I didn't get that role. So when the character was described as sexual and possibly sociopathic, I was like, "not me." ... I really had to come into myself. I really had to take chances. But I still feel like I'm coming into myself, because now I'm at a point where I sort of am losing some passion, because this (promotion) can kind of do it to you. You're feeding two monsters — the actor and this (gestures to the group). And feeding this can take away from the actor, it really can.

Q: *What is that process like, when you say finding your passion?*

Davis: I think you need a challenge. I created a production company out of necessity, because if I literally waited for Hollywood, I would still be mama. But because of the production company and because of my imagination, I can find those emerging artists out there somewhere floating around writing for someone like me. I always say I want my "Klute." I want my "Alice Doesn't Live Here." I want my "Kramer vs. Kramer." I want to be that black girl in a movie that

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'LIYANA' ★★★ 1/2

Orphans' story at heart of AIDS plight

BY GUY LODGE

Variety

It is through oral storytelling that most key folk tales, myths and histories across African culture have been passed and preserved through the generations. It is by tapping into this rich tradition, meanwhile, that "Liyana" makes authentic a device that might otherwise have seemed cutesy: leaving half its story in the hands, or rather mouths, of five young Swazi orphans, as they collectively weave an epic quest narrative about a resilient girl trying to reunite her family against daunting odds. The rest of Aaron and Amanda Kopp's short

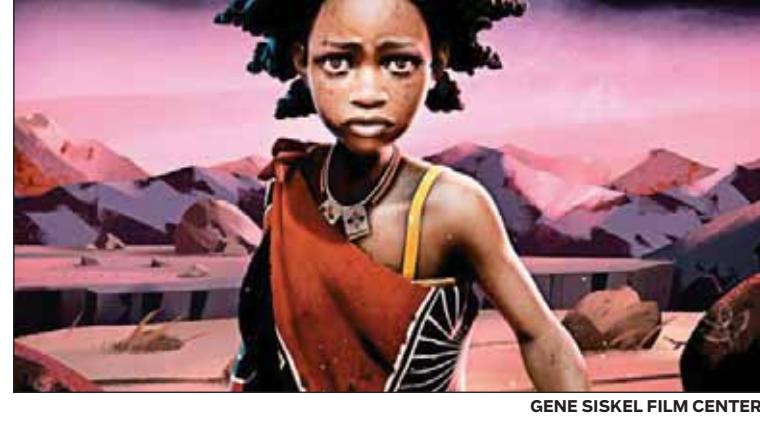
but stouthearted documentary colors in the challenging reality that shapes the children's fiction — foremost among them the AIDS epidemic that continues to blight the tiny nation of eSwatini (formerly Swaziland).

"Liyana" uses vibrantly distinctive animation to illustrate the kids' ongoing, imaginative saga: Fusing static but 3D-sculpted characters with subtly shifting 2D backdrops, this "breathing painting" style lends a picture-book quality to their tale while still nodding to the fluidity and porosity of the oral tradition. Designed by Nigerian-born visual artist Shofela Coker, these visuals act in vivid contrast to the un-

adorned verite of passages depicting storytelling sessions and daily routines at the Likhaywa Lempilo Lensha orphanage, where our young narrators reside. Misery isn't what the Kops are after, though, and a predominance of sunshine and small, smiling faces in its articulation of tough times has understandably made this documentary a hit on the festival circuit.

A nugget-shaped slip of a kingdom landlocked between South Africa and Mozambique, eSwatini (renamed only this year by reigning monarch King Mswati III) has been granted few big-screen

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Five orphaned Swazi children invent a fierce, doughty girl as a kind of proxy protagonist, whose struggles clearly reflect their own in "Liyana."

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Jack Black's "gaming, food and life" YouTube channel with his son is called Jablinski Games.

Black starts gaming YouTube channel

Actor Jack Black just launched a YouTube channel called Jablinski Games.

The channel will focus on "games, food, and life," according to the description underneath the intro clip on the channel. "It's gonna be bigger than Ninja. It's gonna be bigger than PewDiePie," Black said before attempting (and failing) to impersonate YouTube's biggest gaming celebrity.

Black's first video already has over 1.2 million views. The Jablinski Games channel has nearly 350,000 so far, and the actor is apparently working on it with his son. "I just want to clarify that there is no production behind this," he said in the comments. "This is all my son. He's holding me hostage and I can't be Tracer. Help..."

Jablinski Games plans to release a new video every Friday. Right now, reaction to it seems generally positive, if a little perplexed.

"This whole channel feels like I'm having a really weird dream but I love it," said YouTube user Neon.

Black is certainly not the first Hollywood celebrity on YouTube. Will Smith, Dwayne Johnson, Russell Brand, and more run successful channels where they share vlogs and recipes, and/or plug their current projects. But, Black might be the first high-profile celebrity to start a channel dedicated to video games.

— Variety



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Cyrus confirms wedding: Miley Cyrus shed some light on rumors she got hitched to longtime love Liam Hemsworth by sharing a series of snaps that show their wedding. Next to one photo of the couple hugging, Cyrus wrote "12.23.18," seeming to imply they were married on Sunday. That would line up with earlier hints that they tied the knot over the weekend, after a friend of the pair posted an Instagram that included a shot of them about to cut a wedding cake.

Carey breaks Spotify record: Mariah Carey's 24-year-old Christmas classic is so popular it set a new one-day streaming record on Spotify on Christmas Eve. "All I Want for Christmas Is You" was played 10.8 million times on Spotify on Monday. The song bested the record set by rapper-singer XXXTentacion, who logged 10.4 million streams with "SAD!" a day after his death in June.

Thicke engaged: Singer Robin Thicke popped the question to his girlfriend, model April Love Geary. She announced the engagement in an Instagram video showing Thicke asking Geary to marry him and her writing "YES." Geary is pregnant with their second child after giving birth to their daughter earlier this year. Thicke was married to actress Paula Patton for nine years before their 2015 divorce.

Dec. 28 birthdays: Actress Maggie Smith is 84. Actor Denzel Washington is 64. TV personality Gayle King is 64. Comedian Seth Meyers is 45. Actor Joe Manganiello is 42. Singer John Legend is 40.



ASK AMY

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A roundup of giving opportunities

Dear Readers: In the spirit of this "giving season," I present my annual roundup of charitable groups readers should consider supporting.

Your donation may go further at a small local nonprofit than at a large one. I reserve much of my donating for local organizations that give within my community of need.

In researching these charities, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in an era when generosity and helping those in need is a core value.

This is a subjective list. Your own giving should reflect your interests and values. Most (but not all) of the organizations listed here have a top (four-star) rating on charitynavigator.org, an excellent source for researching a charity.

World Central Kitchen (worldcentralkitchen.org): This relatively tiny nonprofit, started by Chef José Andrés, inspired the world with its quick response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. According to The New York Times, "No other single agency ... has fed more people freshly cooked food since the hurricane, or done it in such a nurturing way."

The Camp Fire in and around Paradise, Calif., inspired a similar response. In addition to daily efforts, World Central Kitchen fed 15,000 Thanksgiving dinners to first responders and displaced residents. worldcentralkitchen.org

Donors Choose: This group connects classroom teachers with people who can help them. On the website, teachers post their

classroom wishes, ranging from colored pencils to winter coats for children who don't have them. donorschoose.org

Water Mission: Founded by an environmental engineer and his wife in South Carolina in 2001, this Christian-based charity is on the ground quickly in a crisis, responding to natural disasters, but also to the need for fresh water every day. watermission.org

Feeding America: If you type a ZIP code into this national organization's search engine, you will find a local food bank within its network that will gratefully receive your donation. feedingamerica.org

Direct Relief: This charity operates in all 50 states and in 70 countries, delivering medicine, staffing medical clinics and providing medical safety nets to underserved populations. Operations range from serving in Syria to assisting in Houston and Puerto Rico and providing support during the California wildfires. directrelief.org

Homes for Our Troops: This group turns funds into concrete action, building a new home or adapting an existing home for handicapped accessibility. The finished home is then given to a disabled veteran. All services and materials are donated. hfotusa.org

International Rescue Committee: Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC delivers lifesaving care to people fleeing conflict and natural disaster. The IRC worked to resettle refugees in Europe dislocated from conflict in World War II, and its work continues in the crisis in Syria, throughout Africa and around the world. rescue.org

Polaris: Human trafficking is modern slavery, and victims are often vulnerable people who are co-

erced, dislocated and then forced into slavery — often in the sex trade. Law enforcement, clerks and long-haul truckers are being trained to spot and rescue these individuals. Victims can text BeFree (233733) and be connected with an advocate. polarisproject.org

Save the Children: When disaster strikes around the world, Save the Children is there with food, medical care and education. The website has a cool gift catalog; purchases help fund the organization's worthy mission. savethechildren.org

Patient Services Inc.: This group was founded in 1989 to offset the devastating impact of the high costs associated with medical treatment of chronic illnesses. Its mission is to help people cover the high cost of health care, through offering "premium and co-payment assistance." patientservicesinc.org

Homes for Our Troops: This group turns funds into concrete action, building a new home or adapting an existing home for handicapped accessibility. The finished home is then given to a disabled veteran. All services and materials are donated. hfotusa.org

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'HOLMES AND WATSON' ★ 1/2

Ferrell, Reilly in a loony misfire

BY NOEL MURRAY

Los Angeles Times

In the rare moments when the mystery spoof "Holmes & Watson" clicks, the movie is like a cross between a raunchy '80s comedy and a Daffy Duck cartoon. As super-detective Sherlock Holmes, Will Ferrell is just like Daffy, the overconfident hero, blustering his way into trouble. And as Dr. John Watson, John C. Reilly is Porky Pig, the long-suffering sidekick. They're a winning pair of losers.

But while Ferrell and Reilly's Daffy and Porky routine is good for a few chuckles, it's likely to disappoint fans of the more sidesplitting "numbskull buddies" dynamic the duo perfected in their hits "Talladega Nights" and "Step Brothers." Even the stars sometimes look befuddled about what they're supposed to be doing, romping around Victorian London in a parody that never figures out what it's mocking.

Fast-forward to the early 1900s, and Sherlock Holmes and his best friend, Dr. Watson, are two of the most famous people in England, thanks to their long battle of wits with criminal genius professor James Moriarty. But then

Written and directed by Etan Cohen (who previously made the Ferrell vehicle "Get Hard"), "Holmes & Watson" starts with Arthur Conan Doyle's master sleuth as a boy, learning to suppress his feelings so the bullies at school won't get to him.

That odd prologue — not that funny, not that relevant to the plot — is the first big sign of trouble for "Holmes & Watson." Cohen and Ferrell (who co-produced the picture) apparently wanted their Holmes to be brilliant as Doyle's, while still letting the star play to one of his strengths: acting like an overgrown child. Their solution? Make Holmes so emotionally stunted that he's kind of a drip to be around.

Moriarty escapes justice and threatens to kill the queen, putting the crime fighters' reputation at risk.



John C. Reilly, left, and Will Ferrell in "Holmes & Watson."

Ralph Fiennes plays Moriarty, in one of the movie's many impressively cast supporting turns.

"Holmes & Watson" also has Kelly Macdonald as the landlady/servant Mrs. Hudson, Hugh Laurie as Sherlock's brother, Mycroft, Rob Brydon as Inspector Lestrade, Steve

Coogan as a shady one-armed tattoo artist and Rebecca Hall as a visiting American doctor who bewitches Watson.

Cohen and company play around with the classic Holmes mythology. One of the more zingy recurring gags has Sherlock and Watson casually offering each other heroin and cocaine, riffing on Holmes' frequent drug use in Doyle's stories.

Otherwise, "Holmes &



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"Watson" plays fast and loose with the source material, especially when it comes to historical context. Some of the anachronisms are just meant to be jokes, like the heroes using 100-year-old technology to take selfies and send drunken sexts. Others are lazier, like putting the Titanic into a story with Queen Victoria, who died a decade before that ship was built.

True, it's silly to nitpick the timeline in a Will Ferrell comedy. But that little goof speaks to a larger slackness. Cohen and his cast don't commit themselves to making fun of anything specific about Sherlock Holmes or the early 1900s; instead they just generally have a go at anything old-timey (like the way Reilly's Watson pronounces the name of that exotic insect "the moskwit-to").

Because of the talent involved, every now and then "Holmes & Watson" hits on something bizarrely inspired. But too many of the movie's gags land with a thud. An extended dig at President Donald Trump comes off as smug. An Alan Menken-penned musical number is more clunky than magical. Multiple smutty scenes never build up any good scatological momentum because the picture's rated PG-13.

"Holmes & Watson" is more of a well-meaning misfire than a total train wreck. It's frustrating mainly because all of these folks can do much better.

Running time: 1:30

How 'Vice' almost had a musical number

BY KRISTOPHER TAPLEY

Variety

Adam McKay's "Vice" has clearly divided critics, with some calling it a bold and daring analysis of one of the most pivotal figures in American politics, and others mincing no words in labeling it, full stop, the worst film of the year.

(Truly, in the year of a Dinesh D'Souza movie, people are grandstanding with that.) But, as a filmmaker friend confides, "Divisive is always better. Otherwise, you go gently into that good night."

Both fan and hater alike can at least agree that McKay at times breaks

form in drastic fashion with the film. Shakespearean pillow talk from Christian Bale and Amy Adams might not work for you, but you sure weren't expecting it in a Dick Cheney biopic.

One outrageous sequence was left behind on the cutting room floor, and it had achieved a level of lore even before the film started screening over a month ago. "Is the musical number still in there?" those familiar would ask. Alas, no, it's not, but McKay and company tried their damnedest.

"I couldn't get that one to work," McKay admits. "It was kind of when Rumsfeld was teaching Cheney about

Washington, D.C., and how to get ahead. It's sort of like 'neither a borrower nor a lender be,' he's kind of giving him that speech. But the speech is about, 'Who cares about anything? You've got to just get ahead of people, making your moves.' I think there was a line in it, 'The means justify the ends,' which I always loved."

Oscar-nominated composer Nicholas Britell wrote the song, which featured Alabama Shakes singer Brittany Howard "just wailing on it," McKay says. Not only that, but the production tapped "Hamilton" choreographer Andy Blankenbuehler for the sequence.

The only other major



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Adam McKay could not figure out how to make a musical sequence work in the film and ultimately left it out.

element McKay wanted to include but had to jettison was material featuring the young Cheneys. Test screenings made it clear all of that was holding the movie back. "The audience

just did not care about 15-, 16-, 17-year-old Dick Cheney," McKay says.

But fear not. The director says he hopes to put the deleted material on the DVD/Blu-ray release.

The actors roundtable

With these characters, the stories never get old

BY MARK OLSEN
AND AMY KAUFMAN
Los Angeles Times

A hero and/or a villain, a boxer, a painter, a driver and a striver, an outlaw and a priest. You don't need them to walk into a bar to know that the characters played by the actors on this year's actors roundtable cover a lot of ground.

We recently brought together Ethan Hawke, who played a country priest in a crisis of conscience in "First Reformed;" Michael B. Jordan, who was the vivid villain Erik Killmonger in "Black Panther" and also the hero Adonis Johnson in "Creed 2;" Willem Dafoe, who played troubled painter Vincent van Gogh in "At Eternity's Gate;" Viggo Mortensen, for his role as a man who learns to look past his own prejudice in "Green Book;" Steven Yeun for his charmingly enigmatic, possibly sinister playboy in the Korean film "Burning;" and John C. Reilly for his performances as a Western outlaw in "The Sisters Brothers" and as screen star Oliver Hardy in "Stan & Ollie."

Though their roles may seem to have little in common, this group had a lively, engaged and startlingly sincere conversation about working.

The following is an edited transcript.

Q: Michael, "Black Panther" has become so much more than just a movie, it really has become a cultural phenomenon. When did you know the movie was going to have that kind of impact?

Jordan: When Ryan first gave me the call about playing Killmonger and I read the script and I knew what he wanted to make the movie about, I got really excited. And the cast that I was gonna be working with, I knew they were gonna be bringing so much to the table. And honestly the rehearsal process of fleshing out those characters, like me, coming from an African-American perspective, you know a lot of actors from Nigeria, from Ghana, from Senegal, from Lagos. The conversation of what it meant to be African came up in that discussion and when you're working through these scenes and figuring out what character needs what and what am I bringing to the table? How can I feed your character, what do you need from this scene? It started a conversation that I never knew I needed to have and it started a bigger discussion and that's when I really started to realize the impact.

Q: You made that movie with Ryan Coogler, whom you've worked with numerous times. Do you guys feel like when you find a director that you like you just wanna collaborate with them as much as possible or do you like to mix it up and try out as many people, collaborations as you can?

Reilly: Well, I've worked with the same directors a few times and I've found the first person I repeated with was Paul Thomas Anderson and I remember going from his first movie, "Hard Eight," into "Boogie Nights" thinking like, "Oh cool, it's the same group of people." But what I quickly realized after the first couple days of rehearsals was every film is a custom job. And it doesn't matter if you've worked with this director before, it's a new day, it's a new script, it's a new character and it's a custom tailoring job. And so you have to reinvent. And then we did it again for "Magnolia" and the same thing for other directors that I've worked with more than once. You have to honor the moment and really look at what does this world need? Not what did we do last time, but what are we gonna do now?

Dafoe: But then there's also the benefit of having known the director and if they inspire you and you've



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Actors Viggo Mortensen (from left, in back), Michael B. Jordan, John C Reilly, Steven Yeun (from left, in front), Willem Dafoe and Ethan Hawke join in a wide-ranging conversation about their films, their directors and Hollywood today.

got a shorthand, you have a trust. You know it takes a long time, particularly if you're required to do something that's risky or out of your comfort zone. It's much easier if you trust the guy. Him or her. If you've been around the block with them it's easier to slide into. You have a shorthand.

Mortensen: I think they can help you avoid making mistakes too. They can see you. They know you and you trust them so if they say, "No, no, no I know where you're going, but don't." You're like, "OK."

Hawke: There's also a funny thing that can happen, which is when you don't know a director, they're often casting the idea of you. Something they saw in you in a different movie. And when they're your friend, they're casting you. And they see a side of you, you know like "Fruitvale" is so different from "Black Panther." Somebody else who's directing "Black Panther" might not have known that you could play the bad guy. But somebody who's your friend gets it. And the most challenging parts I've ever gotten have come from people who are casting me, their friend.

Mortensen: The friendship thing can go any number of ways. Every part's different, every actor, actor relationship is different. With Mahershala (Ali, co-star of "Green Book"), I happened to get to know him nine months before we did this movie and we connected. We were in one of these things where they have these lunches, like the Independent Spirit Awards, where the people who are nominated can come. And usually it's like a big room that you're like, "OK, how do I get through it and out quick?" 30-second conversations, a minute at most. And I found myself in a corner with my son, who came with me as my personal bodyguard, holding my hand, basically. I'm by the bathroom door in this corner and I look and there's Mahershala. And I go, "Hey," you know, how much I liked his work and before we know it we're talking for half an hour about anything but, and I think we were both relieved to get out of the

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hobnobbing. We ended the conversation as we do sometimes, if you get along with someone, "Well maybe someday we'll end up doing something." Next job for both of us is ("Green Book"). So we did have a jump and that was helpful actually.

Q: John, Willem, the two of you are in movies based on real life people that a lot of people are familiar with, Oliver Hardy and Vincent van Gogh. How did you prepare to take that on?

Reilly: Well, it was an enormous responsibility for me. Those guys, to me, were like the fountainhead of everything that I did, you know from the time I was a little kid I was obsessed with Laurel and Hardy. I thought, "Well, I'm never gonna be as good as Oliver Hardy, but maybe I'm the one who's supposed to carry this torch right now." And so, step by step, I allowed myself the audacity to say that I could maybe try to channel this guy.

Dafoe: Vincent van Gogh, everybody thinks they know about him. And I knew this was going to be a very good film director, Julian Schnabel, who is also a great painter doing a film about a painter. Did I really know how to look at his work? No. I knew the stuff that most people know. When someone asks me to inhabit a character like that, not to explain who he is or to even know who he is, but I knew there was going to be something to go toward, that's what I love more than anything else.

Q: Steven, as you've been talking about "Burning" you've spoken in such a personal way about what the movie has meant to you. When you went into the project did you think it would become as personally meaningful for you and your sense of Korean-American identity as it's become?

Yeun: No, I was just stoked to get to work with, in my opinion, a master director. Lee Chang-dong is one of my favorite directors and so I didn't process what I was getting into. But that experience was very transformative for me. I

think it was colliding with a lot of things, having a kid, getting off a show that was so long-running and then getting to work with someone that wears the wisdom on his self. Not pretentiously but you just see it. And you can't help but just, through osmosis, just take that in. So yeah, I want to live like he does, after working with him. It was pretty cool.

Q: Willem, you can be in a movie like "At Eternity's Gate," this very emotional portrait of Vincent Van Gogh and you're also in the blockbuster "Aquaman." Do you approach those roles differently? Are there things about them that are the same or are you attracted to what's different?

Dafoe: I'm attracted to what's different. John said it before, every time out you gotta look at the people, the situation, the material and say, "What are we trying to do here?" And you have some ideas, you prepare as much as you can to just get you in movement and get you going forward. And then once you start doing it, then you've gotta have the wisdom to know when to adjust your strategy or ditch stuff that you were attached to and find a new way. But each time I've got an amnesia. When I'm working on something, that's all I can think about. I don't think about anything else, that's the world to me, and it's about entering that world. Variety keeps you knowing that there's not one way to do things. Keeps your heart open, keeps your mind open. I think that's what's important.

Reilly: I think sometimes actors get a lot of flak for doing the same thing, being stereotyped or whatever. But a lot of times it's the audience that's doing that to you, because the audience wants you to be that same thing again and if you don't have the luxury of a few different options, sometimes you have to pick the thing that the audience wants. Next thing you know you've done five things in a row that the audience wanted you to do

and you're locked in this place. I've had a lot of variety in my career and I think it's because of the audience. And my own ability to go, "Hold on, I think I did that before, I'm gonna say no to that." That can be a difficult economic decision to make.

Yeun: That's like kind of where I'm at right now, people really wanted to put me in a specific place. After seven years of ("The Walking Dead") they're like, "Oh, you're the nice guy that does the right thing and is tough." And it was interesting to get those really vague parameters and still somehow give me the same exact roles. I was like, "How did you distill three vague things into a stereotype?" It's crazy. My friend, Andy Lincoln, said to me, "It takes about a year for people to get your choices or for you to change people's minds."

When you say no, it doesn't change people's minds but you kind of have to let that percolate for people.

Hawke: If somebody wants to pay you to do what they've already seen you do, they're not interested —

Jordan: It's the closest to a guarantee they have.

Hawke: Right. They're not interested in the development of your creative life. That's not what they're there to do. I remember when I was a kid, I was in "Dead Poets Society." Over the next four, five years I got offered every movie that had to do with prep schools. If there was a prep school movie, that was what I got. You do "Training Day," all of a sudden you get offered a ton of cop movies. That's what it is you do. "Boyhood" comes out, all of a sudden if there's a dad, they want me to be the dad. The life of an actor is sifting through that. You can stay in your little box but just move to the left. And then, all of a sudden, the box starts expanding, you know?

Q: Ethan, this year alone has been so prolific for you, between "First Reformed" and "Juliet Naked" and directing "Blaze," you're working at a rapid-fire pace. Clearly, you're still really motivated and get a lot out of working. Is this a new period for you or have you always been like this?

Hawke: You say pace but it's felt very normal to me.

You know when I was a kid I ran a theater company. I like being around artistic people and I feel like making, telling stories and being part of substantive art is what I wanna do with my time on this planet. So nothing's changed except sometimes people notice and sometimes they don't. I feel for me, the opposite is true, which is I'm starting to feel the benefits of consistency in age. I'm not making the same mistakes — or I've made the same mistake five times now so I'm making it a little bit better. Being a part of independent cinema is something that I find really exciting. We live in a time period where there's such a great pull towards money and equating money with defining success. And if you study the history of mankind, you don't need to look very long, to decide it's a terrible barometer for success — accumulation of wealth. Everybody's like you're either for us or against us, you're either left, you're either right, you're either up, you're either down, and life is so different than that. Life is so much more nuanced than one thing. I love movies because they can show us that. So my life's been just being about doing that, as much as possible.

Reilly: One more thing. Because I'd like to call out the elephant in the room. So this thing we're doing here, all of us coming here, is about awards season, to sort of put ourselves out there in this awards race.

And it really killed me the last time I did it, 15 years ago. It really messed me up because I was putting myself on the line, and felt like I was competing with other actors and that didn't feel right. So I just wanna say, our performances are out there competing against each other, but I don't feel like I'm competing with you guys. I want you to know that I'm with you guys and that our performances are being voted on but we are not being voted on.

Jordan: Because I'm always the youngest guy usually on set or around you know, other actors and stuff like that, just to hear you guys' perspective and just what you guys have been through in the process, for me, I'm sitting here just soaking it up, man. So to your point, I never felt like I was in competition at all but this is just like, it's been a learning experience that I'll never forget. So I appreciate you guys just being honest and vulnerable. So that's solid.

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Actress

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is just a paradox, a whirling dervish. So, that's how I hope to find my passion again.

Q: Nicole, you've also become more involved in producing projects. What's the inspiration for that?

Kidman: Initially, it was born out of frustration because I just wasn't getting offered anything that was of any substance. It feels very good, you feel, "Ah, I can actually do something that puts me in a little bit of control of my destiny." And I think a lot of us as actors, we don't have control of our destiny so much. Because as much as we're wanting to have roles and opportunities, a lot of times you only get what you audition for. Most people don't get the choice of how to construct a career.

Amy Adams: I think I prefer producing.

McCarthy: Really?

Adams: The day-to-day. I love being on set and being a part of the solution and having people hear me. That was a new thing for me. ... As an actress, I found that whether or not people would hear me, I didn't trust my own voice. I felt like that wasn't my place to make a suggestion that would improve the day, whereas, as a producer, I had no trouble, and I really loved it. And now I'm sure going back to just being a — what they call, which I hate — an actor for hire, I'm going to feel like, "Nobody puts baby in the corner." A beast has been unleashed.

McCarthy: You can't go back. That's a good thing though, I think.

Adams: No, you can't go back. I've definitely unleashed the Kraken. I really love it, whereas with acting, I feel so vulnerable as an actress that I don't know that I love it. I love it when I'm doing it, and then even after the scene's done, I feel like I've lost something. And it's hard to get it back.

Q: Nicole, you've made a specific commitment to working with female filmmakers. What was it that drove you to make that decision and to make it as a public statement?

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Viola Davis credits the TV series "How to Get Away With Murder" for helping her come into her own.

it could become maybe 20 percent women. ... I've done some of my best work with men, so it's not like I'm going to never work with them again, but I'm just trying to shift the statistics when I can.

Q: Lupita, watching "Black Panther," you can tell the project was something special and that it meant something to all of you who were making it. Did that seem unusual?

Nyong'o: Well, I don't know how to work from a place other than for it to feel vital. And I personally choose stories that I feel have to exist. ... And then for it to be shared, that was definitely very moving. It was a vibration.

We haven't seen this kind of story before. This kind of opportunity on this scale had not been granted to any of us before. ... And yeah,

you could feel it on set. Even with the extras. I remember when we were shooting the big coronation of the king and we were on these very precarious cliffs and we had to be like, tethered to them in order for us not to fall. The conditions were harsh: The sun was really strong and we couldn't leave at our will and so it meant long hours of just standing there.

For those of us who were main cast, we had to be there. But extras have the opportunity of not coming back, but they came back every single day. They were so committed to that experience,

because they just never had that opportunity before.

Davis: You know, an actor has a hell of a responsibility. I always think, "What does it mean to create a character or a narrative that people can be proud of?"

Other women can be proud of.

The person can be proud of. I'm always confused by that. Only because there are parts of ourselves that are so freaking putrid. ... Those moments when you can be raw, just take the veil off what makes you so human, it's why we do what we do. It's not about image and message and being pretty. I don't always wanna please my race. And I hope you understand what I mean by that. I don't always wanna please them. I wanna please them by showing them being honest about who I am. Truth.

McCarthy: In so many films, you start to see these perfect women that I don't know. I don't know the pleasant, perfect, always coifed, perfect job, never says the wrong thing. I don't know her. I don't wanna know her. I don't think she exists. But I think you have so many of those, and it's a bit of a disease. You have all these people out there watching, saying, "Is that what my life should be? Should I be perfect?"

Do I have to loom my own clothes and make organic baby food?"

And then you play somebody who's aggressive and not great with their kids and someone's like, "Oh, she's unlikable. That's why you fall in love with people. You fall in love with their weirdness."

Ronan: Isn't it because it reminds them of what they're ashamed about?

McCarthy: It hits something uncomfortable in people. They do the surveys when you screen a movie, and (the audience says), "I don't like that part when she did that because it wasn't nice." I'm like, "It wasn't supposed to be nice. It wasn't given to you to

make you feel good. It's holding up a mirror to yourself and the audience."

Q: Saoirse, you've always seemed to portray yourself that way. When you were in "Lady Bird," you said you didn't want to cover up your acne because teenagers have bad skin.

Ronan: I'd grown up playing characters that just didn't wear makeup and were usually tomboys, and there was never a role I played that was described as "pretty," because I wouldn't have been seen in that way. And in hindsight now, I'm glad that that's the way it ended up going.

Adams: It's so funny, because out in the world, I don't ever wear makeup and I always look a mess.

People are like, "You're so brave to look like that." I'm like, "I always look like I just wiped food off my jeans in real life."

Ronan: But do you find as well that people don't recognize you as much when you don't put makeup on? Because they see us so much when we're like this, and I guarantee you none of us dress like this on our own.

Davis: No, they recognize me all the time, especially when I just put the rag on my head. Because I'm that actress, you know. I'm that actress.

De Tavira: When they called me to audition for "Roma," it said no makeup and I was so relaxed. I said, "Oh, I'm not going to have to look good," or they're not looking for that, you know? They just want to see who I am, and there was no makeup at all in the film. I could just forget about the way I looked. It helped a lot.

Q: Marina, you're a well-established theater actress in Mexico, but "Roma" has introduced you to a whole new audience. Would you like to have an international film career now?

De Tavira: Right now, I'm just really overwhelmed to be here and talking to all these amazing actresses. It's been incredible. I knew ("Roma") was going to be something beautiful, but I never thought that it would be like the way they've been receiving the film. I mean it's in Spanish, it's in black and white, it's really local, it's really about Mexico. And suddenly I feel like everybody is talking about the way they can relate to it. So I'm just enjoying it day by day, I don't know what's going to come next.

Q: Lupita, after you won an Oscar for "12 Years a Slave" in 2014, you didn't appear on screen again for a little while. Was that because you weren't getting the kind of roles that you wanted to get?

Nyong'o: For me to have gotten such a ground-breaking role in "12 Years a Slave" and that it led to an Academy Award was extremely dizzying. And it was something that I had to grow into. Because there was a lot that came my way really quickly, and I had to make sense of it. What I got told a lot after I won was, "This is your moment, seize the day, get in there, the time is now or never."

And that sent me into a little bit of a panic, because I hadn't expected it. I had to ask myself: What am I in this for? Did I do this for the accolades, or did I do this for the love of the work? And what exactly is my love? ... And I came to the realization that I did it because I love acting, it's the one thing that I have an insatiable appetite for. And I had to give myself permission to fail. It had to be OK for me to go forward and not break barriers, to be unremarkable.

Q: Melissa, you had a similar experience with being sort of shot out of a cannon after being nominated for "Bridesmaids" seven years ago. How did that change your career?

Ronan: To get nominated for comedy, that was a big thing.

McCarthy: That was, yeah. I felt like, was this an accident? I didn't win, but it's as if you're going to burn up into an ember and be gone in a year. It's like,

"Take everything now!" I was like, "Well, I'm not good enough to take stuff." I have to like it in some way. I have to love the characters. ... I love the strange women I get to play. I'm much more fascinated with them than myself. I get to walk around in their shoes and be ruder or smarter or more aggressive or more likable than I am as an actual person. I think that's all you can concentrate on — what it is that drives you.

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In "Liyana," a Swazi girl sets out to unite her family.

Liyana

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showcases over the years. That's all the more reason to welcome "Liyana," which spotlights verdant natural beauty without overly romanticizing the problems of an impoverished country with the world's highest HIV infection rate. (That U.S.-based Aaron Kopp, also responsible for the film's clean cutting and camerawork, is Swazi born and raised is felt in the film's unforced conviction.) That grim HIV statistic accounts for many of the orphans at Likhaya Lemphilo Lensha, and they bear it with stoic acceptance: One of the film's most quietly heart-clutching scenes, shot with a tender, calm interest in community process, sees a young boy being tested for the virus at a local clinic, while other diagnosed children dutifully collect their medication.

Yet happily industrious harmony prevails at the farm-based orphanage, where the kids variously chip in to work the land and tend the livestock. When renowned South African actress and activist Gcina Mhlophe arrives to workshop a story with the children, however, individual tragedies and traumas emerge in her sessions with the five orphans carrying the film. Together they invent a fierce, doughty girl — the eponymous Liyana — as a

kind of proxy protagonist, whose struggles clearly reflect their own. Orphaned herself when her abusive father dies from AIDS, Liyana is left bereft when her younger twin brothers are abducted by traffickers; accompanied by her trusty bull, she sets out to find them. This gritty contemporary setup eventually gives way to a solo rescue narrative, rife with human and animal obstacles, that hinges on more folkloric, sometimes even fairytale-like, conventions.

It's a simple but stirring tale, lent character by the children's endearingly eager telling and atmospheric texture by Coker's inspired visual interpretation. Working in deep, varied earth tones against skies of blazing blue or coral, the animation is angular and stylized in a way that cleverly recalls indigenous rock art on occasion; contrasting shots of the boys' own supplementary artwork extend the idea of a story filtered through multiple imaginations in the African way, never becoming calcified in the process. "Liyana" is really a film for enterprising, discussion-inclined parents and teachers to share with their own young ones, passing the story on in the process.

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Lala Kent, left, and James Kennedy on "Vanderpump Rules."

killer fashion sense and aptitude with a makeup brush — suddenly emerged as a master impressionist with her impression of Melania Trump in "Drag Race's" marquee comedy challenge, "Snatch Game." Her

Trump was not just pitch-perfect visually and aurally — we'd have expected as much from a perpetual A-student like Aquaria. But she was also canny and resourceful in turning other people's remarks into moments to pivot into her own one-liners. From that moment on, Aquaria, the season's eventual winner, seemed unbound, capable of practically anything. And best of all, she provided some of the season's heartiest laughs. — Daniel D'Addario, chief television critic

Survivor

After a couple dud seasons, "Survivor's" 37th (!) season came roaring out the gate with an especially game cast ready to play. The initially dubious "David vs. Goliath" theme has paid off, with the "Goliath" tribe getting too cocky while the supposedly weaker "David" tribe was running strategic circles around them. No moment showed off that dynamic better than the tribal council in

Breadth-First Search

when the outnumbered Davids perfectly played two advantages to send a Goliath home, even after he played an immunity idol. — Caroline Framke, television critic

Terrace House

In the endlessly pure, wonderful romance that is Shion and Tsubasa, it's hard to pick out just one moment. But the turning point was truly Shion's birthday, when Tsubasa surprised him by decorating the playroom and giving him a scarf (for which she traveled all the way to Tokyo). It marked Tsubasa's biggest move toward him yet — and cemented Shion's romantic feelings for her, about which he was previously unsure. — Alex Stedman, news editor

Vanderpump Rules

It's not about the pasta, and it never was. Fry up some goat cheese balls and turn on your TV to rehash one of the most wild moments of 2018: Lala Kent and James Kennedy's epic throw down inside Sweet Chick. Was "pasta" code for cocaine? Kristen Doute told Andy Cohen no, but she has been known to scam. Here's to finding out the truth in Season 7! — Meg Zukin, social media editor

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Danny McBride

"Arizona" (7 p.m., 12:15 a.m., Cinemax): A good cast struggles to coax an uneven script to life in Jonathan Watson's 2018 black comedy, which only got a limited release in theaters. Rosemarie DeWitt stars as struggling and recently divorced real estate broker Cassie Fowler, who finds her life driven off the rails after she witnesses the apparent murder of her boss (an uncredited Seth Rogen) at the hands of an enraged client (Danny McBride).

"Popstar's Best of 2018" (8 p.m., CW): Hosts Elizabeth Stanton and James Maslow take a look back at the good, the bad and the downright weird highlights of 2018, a year that — whatever else you might say about it — was rarely boring. Topics for this new one-hour special were selected via polls with the readers of Popstar! Magazine, a celebrity-centric publication aimed mainly at teenagers.

"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): A new episode called "Piling on the Pork" finds host Guy Fieri dropping in on a Puerto Rican spot in San Antonio, where the kitchen builds a unique take on nachos and also plates up a monster pork chop. Elsewhere, a gangster grill in New Orleans serves pork knuckles and sweet bird, while a funky joint makes pork tacos and transforms collards into a mouthwatering melt.

"Z Nation" (8 p.m., 10 p.m., Syfy): Season 5 comes to a close with a finale called "The End of Everything," although no decision has been announced about whether a Season 6 will follow. In the story, humans, Talkers and Blends join Warren (Kellita Smith) and the heroes to help George (Katy M. O'Brian) defeat Estes and Pandora (Jack Plotnick, Lydia Hearst).

"Van Helsing" (9 p.m., 4 a.m., Syfy): In the Season 3 finale, "Birth Ritual," Scarlett, Axel and Mohamad (Missy Peregrym, Jonathan Scarfe, Trezzo Mahoro) find themselves caught in the potentially lethal crossfire as Vanessa and Sam (Kelly Overton, Christopher Heyerdahl) face off in a bitter confrontation to see who will be the first to find the Last Elder.

"Extreme Love" (9 p.m., 11 p.m., 2 a.m., WE): Adapted from a wildly popular digital series of the same title, this new eight-episode program presents stories of relationships that reinvent traditional notions of romance in the 21st century. The Season 1 premiere, "New Additions; Grandma Fetish," introduces Shawna, whose fiance, Dave, is completely obsessed with sex dolls. Another segment features Kyle, who dates sexy grandmothers, as he introduces his 91-year-old girlfriend to his startled mother.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Dolly Parton performs; actor Nick Kroll.*
"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Melissa McCarthy; actress Phoebe Robinson.*
"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Director Ben Stiller; actors Marina de Tavira and Yalitza Aparicio; Griffin and Elley Duhe perform.*

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MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Garth: Live at Notre Dame! C	HD			Blue Bloods: "Second Chances." C	HD	News (N) ♦
NBC 5	Midnight, Texas: "Yassis, Queen." (N) C		Dateline NBC (N) C	HD				NBC 5 News (N) ♦
ABC 7	Fresh Off the Boat	Speechless C		20/20: "A Killing on the Cape." C	HD			News at 10pm (N) ♦
WGN 9	★ (6) NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Washington Wizards. (N) (Live) C	HD	Last Man Standing C		WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) C	HD		WGN News at Ten (N)
Antenna 9.2	Alice C	Alice C	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach C	Coach C	Murphy	
This TV 9.3	Toy Soldiers (R, '91) ★ Sean Astin, Wil Wheaton. C					Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 C		
PBS 11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please!		Great Performances: "Leonard Bernstein Centennial Celebration at Tanglewood." (N) C	HD	♦	
The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld C	
MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett			
H&I 26.4	Star Trek C		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce 26.5	Scandal C		White Chicks (PG-13, '04) ★★ Shawn Wayans.				Little Man ♦	
FOX 32	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	HD	Hell's Kitchen: "What Happens in Vegas." C		Fox 32 News	Bears Unleashed	Modern Family C
Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles HD		NCIS: Los Angeles HD		NCIS: Los Angeles HD		NCIS: LA ♦	
TeleM 44	(7:05) La Sultana (N) C		Falsa Identidad (N) C	Señora Acero (N) C			Chicago (N)	
CW 50	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Popstar's Best of 2018 (N)	CSI: Miami: "See No Evil."			Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Me cago de risa HD					Rosario Tijeras HD		
WJYS 62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument		
Univ 66	Jesús		Mi marido tiene familia	Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)		
AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) C		Live PD: "Live PD -- 01.06.18." C	♦				
AMC	Cast Away (PG-13, '00) ★★★ Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. C						Dietland ♦	
ANIM	Tanked: Unfiltered (N) C	(8:01) Tanked (N) C		Tanked: Musicians (N)			Tanked ♦	
BBCA	Doctor Who C	(8:05) Doctor Who C		(9:10) Doctor Who C			Dr. Who ♦	
BET	blackish C	blackish C	Get On Up (PG-13, '14) ★★ Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis. C					
BIGTEN	★ Wm. Basketball (N)		Women's College Basketball (N)				BTN Live ♦	
BRAVO	★ Medicine Married to Medicine C	(8:45) The School of Rock (PG-13, '03) ★★★ C						
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best Weekend		Politics	
CNBC	Deal or No Deal C		Deal or No Deal C		Shark Tank C		Shark ♦	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Special Report C		CNN Tonight (N)		AC 360 ♦	
COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park ♦	
DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush: The Dirt (N)		Gold Rush WW (N)		Gold Rush ♦	
DISN	The Good Dinosaur (PG, '15) ★★★		Coop	Coop	Raven		Raven	
E!	Sex-City Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City
ESPN	★ Football (N) Scores (N)		College Football: Valero Alamo Bowl (N) ♦					
ESPN2	★ College Basketball (N)	Dominant 20 Outback (N)	UFC Countdown (N) C				SportCtr (N)	
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity N C		The Ingraham Angle (N)			Fox News	
FOOD	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive Diners (N)	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive Diners, Drive Diners, Drive						
FREE	★ Ratatouille (7:20) The Incredibles (PG, '04) ★★★ Voices of Craig T. Nelson. C				700 Club ♦			
FX	Jason Bourne (PG-13, '16) ★ Matt Damon, Tommy Lee Jones. C				Jason Bourne ('16) ★★ ♦			
HALL	Jingle Around the Clock (NR, '18) Brooke Nevin. C				Christmas Under Wraps (NR, '14) C			
HGTV	Dream Dream	Dream	Dream	House (N)	Hunters Int'l	Hunters		
HIST	Ancient Aliens C	(8:02) Ancient Aliens C	(9:05) Ancient Aliens C	Aliens C				
HLN	Forensic Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	Two Men Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE	Enough (PG-13, '02) ★ Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell. C				(9:33) Killer Mom ('17) ♦			
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)				11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦	
NBCSCH	Chicago Hud	Football	Chicago Bulls Postgame		The Kappy Sled Head		Beer Money	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG, '05) ★★ Steve Martin.				Friends C	
Ovation	★ (6) A League of Their Own (PG, '92) ★★★ Tom Hanks				The Game (R, '97) ★★★ C			
OWN	20/20 on OWN C		48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	20/20 ♦	
OXY	Aaron Hernandez Uncovered: "Part One." C				Aaron Hernandez Uncovered C			
PARMT	★ Dirty	The Hangover Part II (R, '11) ★ Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. C					Talladega ♦	
SYFY	★ (5:04) Need for Speed	Z Nation (Season Finale) (N) Van Helsing (Season Finale) (N) C	Z Nation (Season Finale) (N) C					
TBS	Captain America: Civil War (PG-13, '16) ★★★ Chris Evans. C				ELEAGUE (N)			
TCM	A Hard Day's Night (G, '64) ★★★ C	(8:45) Jailhouse Rock (NR, '57) ★★ Elvis Presley.						
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: What Now	90 Day (N)	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction		
TLN	Camp Meeting				Life Today	Dare	7th Street	
TNT	Blended (PG-13, '14) ★ Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore. C				Kindergarten Cop ★★★			
TOON	Gumball Gumball	Amer. Dad Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy			
TRAV	Ghost Adventures C		Ghost Adventures: "Inns of the Dead." (N) C					
TVL	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam ♦		
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars (N) C	13 Going on 30 (PG-13, '04) ★★★ Jennifer Garner. C						
WE	Love After Lockup C		Love After Lockup (N) C	Extreme Love (Series Premiere) (N) C	Love- Loc. ♦			
WGN America	★ (6) Full Metal Jacket (R, '87) ★★★ C		Full Metal Jacket (R, '87) ★★★ Matthew Modine. C					
HBO	★ Rampage ★ Sally4Ever	(8:10) Dances with Wolves (PG-13, '90) ★★★ Kevin Costner. C						
HBO2	Thrones (7:18) Game of Thrones	Sally4Ever	Wonder Woman (PG-13, '17) ★★★ C					
MAX	Arizona (NR, '18) Danny McBride.		(8:25) MacGruber (R, '10) ★ Will Forte.	X2 ★★★				
SHO	★ (6) The Death of Stalin	Baby Driver (R, '17) ★★★ Ansel Elgort. C			Pimp ('18) ♦			
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Director Peter Segal tries on a woman's POV in 'Second Act'

BY AKIVA GOTTLIEB

Variety

Director Peter Segal is not a household name, and to hear him tell it, that's by design. But the 56-year-old Hollywood veteran is one of the directors most responsible for the evolution of movie comedies over the past two decades, with a seemingly preternatural sense of what moviegoers want. Segal's films, which include a couple of cult classics and some of Adam Sandler's biggest hits, have grossed more than \$1 billion worldwide, the majority grossing more than \$100 million each.

Segal's latest film, "Second Act," stars Jennifer Lopez and hit theaters Dec. 21.

Consider this praise from fellow funnyman Judd Apatow. "Pete is one of the few directors who knows how to balance hard comedy and emotional storytelling," Apatow says. "His films are always moving and hilarious. People always want that magical combination."

Agrees Segal's longtime agent, Adam Kanter, "Pete's films are successful, not only because they are entertaining, but because they touch on universal themes. Whatever the genre may be, there is always heart at the center of the film. I admire him for his unique ability to always find the humor in any given situation."

Calling from Toronto, where he's shooting an action-comedy with Dave Bautista, Segal says his primary focus is entertainment.

"The first time I read (a script), I never read it as a director. I read it as Joe Popcorn. I just want to be entertained. I want to make movies that are the kinds of movies I would see. And so I guess I've been fortunate that other people share my taste."

Segal doesn't do abrasive or dark. His films steer clear of hot-button political topics. Segal's comedies are sweet, even when they're

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Dec. 28): Gain wisdom through community and friends this year. Passions spark when least expected. A winter spotlight illuminates you this winter, before a turning point with shared resources. New levels of partnership flower next summer, provoking a personal challenge.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Accept an offer of assistance. You can see what your partner needs. Hold hands on shaky ground. Together you can navigate a challenge.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Stay in rather than going out. Find what you need nearby. Maintain your work, health and fitness routines. Praise for your efforts comes from afar.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Relax and spend time with a significant other. Discover and express passion, beauty and romance. Reaffirm commitments, and share possibilities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Authorize domestic improvements. Clean and beautify your space. The decisions you make now have long-lasting impact. Test paint colors before committing. Get creative.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Dig deeper into a favorite subject. Read, research and write up your findings. Creative expression produces satisfying results. Make a delightful connection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. The next two days could get lucrative. Update your image, website or portfolio. Offer excellent service and value. Your work is in demand.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're in a productive groove. Take charge, and determine what's needed. You can learn new tricks; upgrade your skills, and apply them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Slow down, and recharge. Your imagination and creativity flourish. Let your subconscious tackle a difficult puzzle. Meditate and rest in peaceful surroundings.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. You have more friends than you realized. Share what you're learning. Make valuable connections through social events. Share support, resources and encouragement.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Learn from the competition. A professional goal is within reach. Advance steadily, not recklessly, to resolve a challenge. Passions may seem intense.

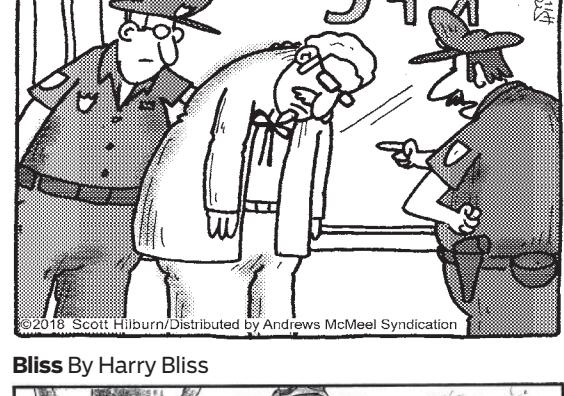
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Make a long-distance connection. Reach out and explore beyond your comfort zone. Investigate and study for exciting results. Discover unexpected beauty and hidden delights.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Work out a financial puzzle with your partner over the next few days. Guard against technical glitches. Consider long-term investments.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

I DON'T CARE HOW DELICIOUS IT IS...
KEEP THE FINGER LICKIN' TO YOUR OWN
HANDS OR WE'RE TAKIN' YOU DOWNTOWN!

**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"Do me a favor. Keep away from that one ... he's freaking weird."

Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North
♠ AK3
♥ 5
♦ K10743
♣ AQ82

East
♠ 972
♥ AOJ62
♦ AQ
♣ 973

West
♠ 108654
♥ 973
♦ J5
♣ 654

South
♠ QJ
♥ K1084
♦ 9862
♣ KJ10

Today's deal is from a team competition at a tournament in Norway some years ago. North-South had a nice auction to their best contract. We especially like North's three spade bid, pinpointing the heart weakness. South would have made a negative double at his first turn if he had four spades, so he would never raise three spades to four.

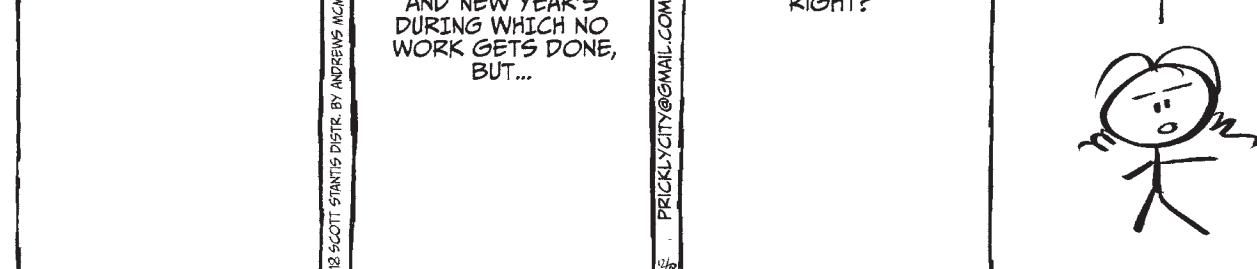
West led his lowest heart. In the partnership style, that showed an odd number of cards in the suit with or without an honor. East made the normal play of the jack at trick one, allowing

The bidding:
North 1♦ **East** 1♥ **South** INT **West** Pass
2♣ Pass **3♦** Pass
3♣ Pass **3NT** All pass
Opening lead: Three of ♥

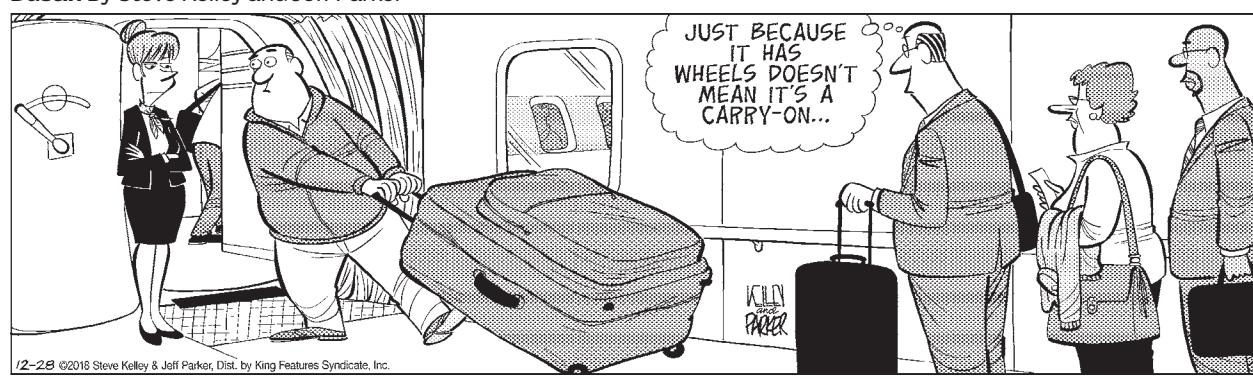
South to take his king and keeping communications open between the defenders. South had only eight winners, so he ran the nine of diamonds at trick two, the percentage play with this diamond holding. East won with his queen and led a low heart, putting South to the guess. Declarer guessed right, putting up his 10 for his ninth trick and that was that.

At the other table, East varied from script and inserted his queen of hearts at trick one. The declarer also won with his king and ran the nine of diamonds at trick two. East won with the queen and returned a low heart, but this declarer had a different guess. It was far more likely, after East's play of the queen earlier, that West had started with a heart honor, specifically the jack. After agonized thought, South played his eight of hearts and lost four heart tricks and two diamonds for down two. Nice play by East!

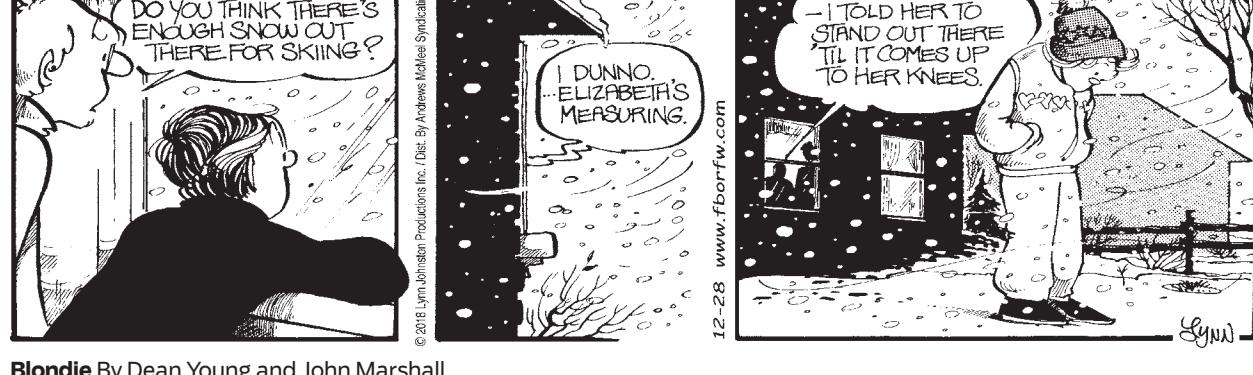
— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin**Frazz** By Jef Mallett**Classic Peanuts** By Charles Schulz**Pickles** By Brian Crane**Dick Tracy** By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis**Animal Crackers** By Mike Osbun**Prickly City** By Scott Stantis

Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne



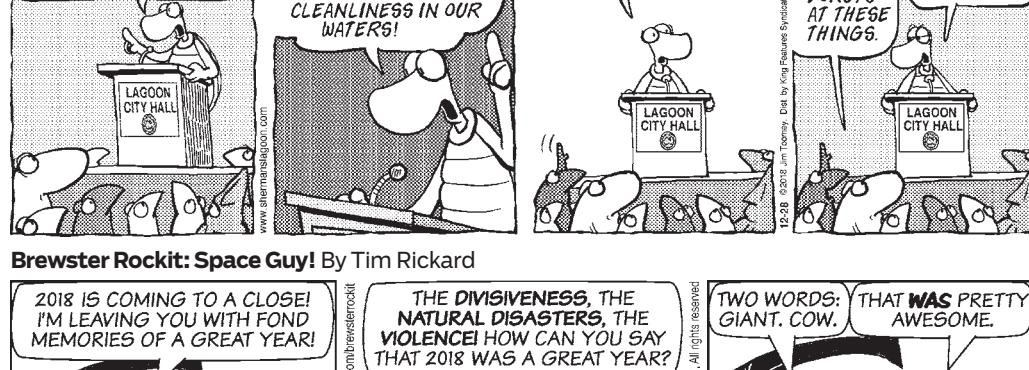
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WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



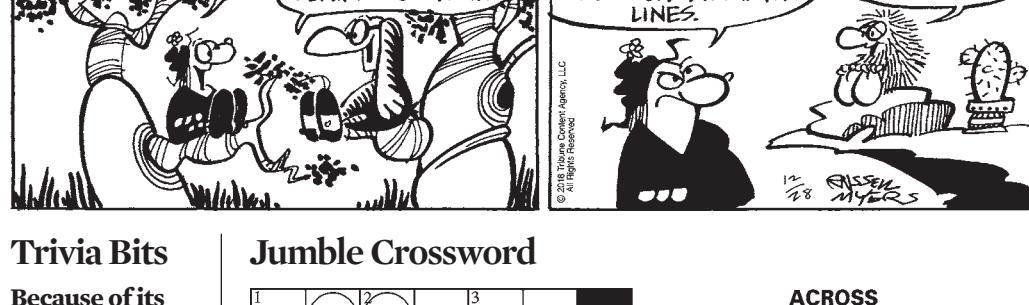
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Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

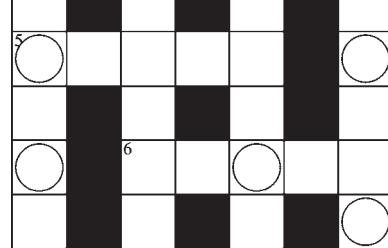
Because of its snazzy yellow crest, Eudyptes chrysophthalmus is known by what common name?

- A) Butter penguin
- B) Canary penguin
- C) Macaroni penguin
- D) Marigold penguin

Thursday's answer: Grapefruit is a hybrid of sweet orange and pomelo that botanists once called "forbidden fruit."

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: outlawed recreational hunting in 2012.

BONUS

ANSWER

ACROSS

- CROVIT
- AHCPE
- SNALA
- DRERAЕ

DOWN

- CAEVAT
- SNECEL
- PSOEPOD
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How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, DEC. 28

NORMAL HIGH: 32°

NORMAL LOW: 18°

RECORD HIGH: 69° (1984)

RECORD LOW: -13° (1924)

Cold winds may bring snow flurries on Friday

LOCAL FORECAST

**46****31**

■ A cold front moves west to east through the area early in the morning with a secondary low pressure trough moving through later in the day and overnight.

■ Highest temps in the lower 50s occur just after midnight with readings falling through the 40s before noon into the 30s during the afternoon.

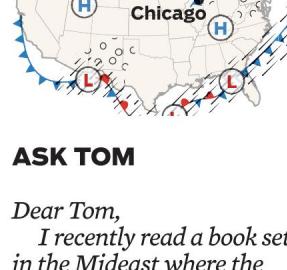
■ Scattered light rain showers early with snow flurries possible later in day into overnight hours.

■ SW winds gusting to 25 mph will shift westerly later in the afternoon and then northwest as they diminish at night.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

**35****25**

Cloudy, colder and much less windy. A few flurries possible. A slightly above normal high in the middle 30s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light northwest winds shift southwest later in the day.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I recently read a book set in the Mideast where the characters experienced something called a "mist oasis." Although the book was fictional, I believe this is a real weather event. Is it?

— Scott Bentley, Woodstock

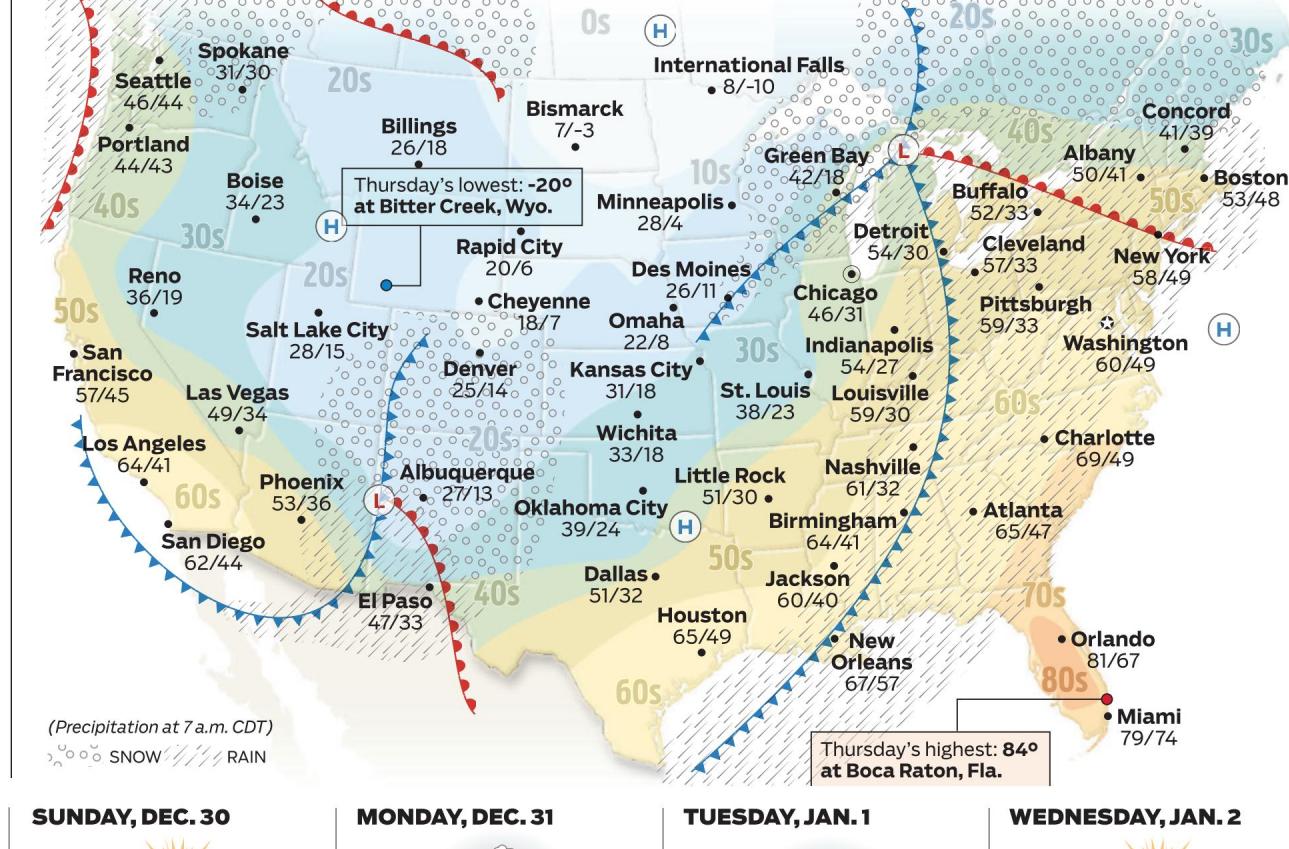
Dear Scott,
It certainly is. Fog or mist oases are found in some desert locations, where in addition to scant rainfall, an additional moisture source for vegetation comes from the frequent fogs and mists that shroud the area. One of the world's best known mist oases is in Egypt's Elba National Park, where moisture from the fog and mist, in combination with the meager rainfall, allows many varieties of vegetation to flourish, creating an ecosystem unlike any other in Egypt. Other fog or mist oases are in the coastal deserts of Peru and Chile, the Dhofer area of Oman, and Guadalupe Island, located off the west coast of Baja California.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Chicago, IL 60618
asktomwhy@wgntv.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merlitz and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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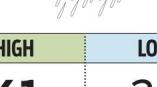
NATIONAL FORECAST

**42****33**

Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 40s, some 10 degrees above normal for this date. Increasing and lowering clouds at night with a chance of rain toward morning. Southwest winds shift southeast at night.



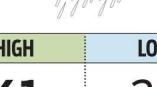
SUNDAY, DEC. 30

**41****25**

New Year's Eve. Cloudy with rain likely. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Cloudy and colder with a chance of flurries overnight. Southeast winds shift to the northwest later at night.



MONDAY, DEC. 31

**30****12**

New Year's Day. Mostly cloudy and cold with gusty NW winds. Scattered snow showers with heavier lake-effect snow in NW Indiana. Highs occur early with readings falling to the 20s in the afternoon.



TUESDAY, JAN. 1

**30****12**

Sunny but cold — high temperatures struggle to reach 20 degrees. Increasing cloudiness overnight with lows in the teens. Westerly winds.



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

**22****16**

Sunny but cold — high temperatures struggle to reach 20 degrees. Increasing cloudiness overnight with lows in the teens. Westerly winds.



Low pressure dominated much of the eastern two-thirds of the nation Thursday. Here, temperatures rose into the 50s for the first time this month. Winds gusted above 50 mph, hitting 54 mph at Pontiac, and rainfall ranged from a half-inch to three-fourths of an inch.

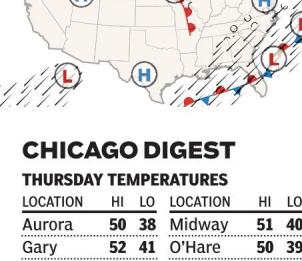
The same system spawned severe thunderstorms and a tornado in Texas. Back to our northwest, winter storm and blizzard warnings were up for Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas into Minnesota, with Finland, Minn., reporting 18 inches of snow.

As low pressure departs to the east, cold northwest winds and snow flurries will follow into our area Friday. Fair skies are expected through the weekend, with rain spreading into our area Monday, followed by much colder temperatures beginning Tuesday into midweek.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

**33****25**

Partly cloudy and not quite as cold with highs in the low to mid 30s. Clear skies overnight. Northwest winds.



Major winter storm to brush city with snow showers Friday



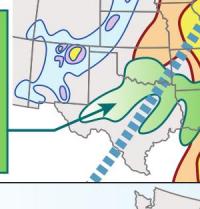
PRELIMINARY SNOWFALLS Through Thursday evening

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Finland, Minn.	18.0"
Goodland, Minn.	11.0"
George Lake, N.D.	11.0"
Miltona, N.D.	10.5"
Martin, N.D.	10.0"
Leola, S.D.	10.8"
Fergus Falls, Minn.	9.0"
Underwood, N.D.	9.5"
Bluffton, Minn.	9.3"
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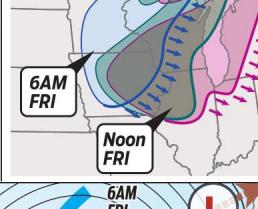
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY SEVERE WEATHER REPORTS:

Tornado	2
Winds	80
Hail	12

THURSDAY'S JET-STREAM AXIS



TRACKING "BACKWASH" SNOW SHOWERS INTO CHICAGO



NON-THUNDERSTORM WIND GUST THURSDAY



O'HARE

39 MPH

MIDWAY

42 MPH

62 mph

60 mph

56 mph

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Champaign, Ill.

Crawfordsville, Ind.

Grissom AFB, Ind.

Terre Haute, Ind.

Bloomington, Ill.

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Kentland, Ind.

St. Joseph, Mich.

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Chicago Tribune ON THE TOWN



Scandinavian EDM superduo Galantis (Linus Eklov, left, and Christian Karlsson) makes crowd-pleasing pop songs.

JIMMY FONTAINE

EDM SUPERDUO BRINGS THE BOOM

BY ALLISON STEWART
Chicago Tribune

Before they united to form the Scandinavian EDM behemoth known as Galantis, Christian Karlsson and Linus Eklov were each hitmakers in their own right.

Karlsson, better known as Bloodshy, helped craft Britney Spears megahits like "Toxic" and "Piece of Me" as part of the production team Bloodshy & Avant, and is also a member of the Swedish pop band Miike Snow. Eklov was a solo artist and DJ who, under the name Style of Eye, co-wrote and produced Icona Pop's "I Love It."

The men joined forces in 2012, performed their first show at Coachella in 2014, and have since released two

full-length albums, "Pharmacy" (2015) and "The Aviary" (2017). Their hit singles ("Peanut Butter Jelly," "Runaway (U&I)," "No Money") are melodic crowd-pleasers, as is mandated by Swedish law. "It's basically Abba," Karlsson says, in a joint phone interview with Eklov in advance of their Sunday and Monday shows at the Aragon Ballroom. "We're all trying to be Abba."

More excerpts from that conversation:

This is what New Year's Eve is like for EDM stars

Karlsson: It's a fun night to work, but we definitely have a different night than the people who go out. We have to plan our own New Year's Eve. We might be

Turn to Galantis, Page 5

TAKE 10: ALL NEW YEAR'S EVE EDITION

BY JESSI ROTI | Chicago Tribune

1. 107.5 WGCI's Pre-New Year's Eve Jam: Send 2018 out on a loud note with a night of rising hip-hop and R&B acts such as locals G-Herbo, Queen Key, El Hitta and Rockstar Rodie. *Tickets start at \$78.50. All ages. 8 p.m. Friday. Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. tinyurl.com/y8vqmyer*

2. 360 Degrees of Celebration: The John Hancock building's observation deck on the 94th floor guarantees an unmatched view of fireworks displays at midnight. Admission includes unlimited rides on TILT, party favors, live entertainment and two glasses of sparkling wine. *21 and over. \$85. 9 p.m. Monday. 875 N. Michigan Ave. tinyurl.com/y7r8la2m*

3. Something Chill for NYE 2019: AMFM has the event for those looking to skip the hassle of dressing up and shelling out big bucks to ring in the New Year. Meander around the Chicago Art Department, dance or lounge while drinking and eating all night long in a laid-back setting. *\$25. 8 p.m. Monday. 1932 S. Halsted St. tinyurl.com/yadculkn*

4. NYE — The Improvised Musical! Your favorite memories are turned into a hilarious musical right before your eyes, courtesy of the iO's veteran improvisers Stacey Smith and Matt Castellvi. All ages. *\$25. 8 p.m. Monday. The Del Close Theater at iO Chicago, 1501 N. Kingsbury St. tinyurl.com/ybdk6yx*



PARRISH LEWIS PHOTO
Queen Key will be part of WGCI's Pre-New Year's Eve Jam.



KRISTEN NORMAN/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Rapper Noname will be at Thalia Hall for three sold-out shows.

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8. NYE 2099 "A Future Fashion Murder Mystery": Music, dancing and murder mystery? The idea of being "dressed to kill" never seemed so literal (*we're kidding, of course*). But Broken Shaker at Freehand Chicago hosts this event, complete with a jazz trio inspired by David Bowie and palm readings by Principe Palmistry. Admission includes two cocktails. Prizes will be given for best looks. *\$40. 8 p.m. Monday. 19 E. Ohio St. tinyurl.com/y8bvnpbk*

9. Elevated NYE: New Year's Eve at Hyde Park's Promontory means party favors, passed Hors d'oeuvres "till exhausted," a midnight Champagne toast, nearly three hours of open bar access and DJs spinning all night long. *Tickets start at \$65, VIP packages available. 21 and older. 8:30 p.m. Monday. 5311 S. Lake Park Ave. West tinyurl.com/yayhvt9w*

10. Countdown to 2019: The Kohl Children's Museum gives families two chances to welcome 2019 "Times Square" style. a morning or afternoon party and make party hats and noisemakers, watch jugglers, tour exhibits and decorate family photos and frames. *\$35 per person. 8:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-3 p.m. Monday. 2100 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview tinyurl.com/ycrc6hcf*

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5. '90s House Party: Ring in 2019 like it's 1999! The Moxy is throwing a cover-free house party under the influence of the decade — complete with inflatable furniture, Lunchable- and Dunkeroo-inspired menu items, a massive Lisa Frank coloring book projection you can color in and Skip-It and Twister contests. It's going to be the bomb. *Free. 9 p.m. Monday. Moxy Chicago Downtown, 530 N. LaSalle Drive. tinyurl.com/ycepogbr*

6. Noname at Thalia Hall: The Chicago-born rapper had a fantastic year that included her set at Pitchfork Music Festi-

val and the release of her sophomore LP "Room 25." Tickets for her three New Year's weekend shows at Thalia Hall, including the Dec. 31 performance, are sold out. *Saturday-Monday. 1807 S. Allport St. thaliahallchicago.com*

7. Noon Year's Eve: The whole family can enjoy a dance party celebration complete with a countdown and confetti drop at 12 p.m., long before the midnight hour thanks to the Chicago Children's Museum. *\$14.95 kids and adults. Festivities start at 10:30 a.m., the museum closes at 2 p.m. Monday. Navy Pier, 700 E. Grand*

TURN IT UP

BY GREG KOT



BEST CONCERTS OF 2018

Janelle Monae, Margo Price, Paul Simon

As we gear up for a new year of concerts, here are my favorite shows from 2018:

1. Janelle Monae at the Chicago Theatre, July 5: The singer put her persona (android alter-ego Cindi Mayweather) on hold and made it personal. Her latest songs give voice to immigrants, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community — anyone who has ever felt like an outsider in their “home” country. She bookended the concert with anthems — “Crazy, Classic, Life” (in which she declared, “I am not America’s nightmare, I am the American Dream”) and the equally defiant “Americans.” In between she shook, shimmied and pranced to an explosive blend of soul, jazz, cabaret, blues and Afrofuturism.

2. Margo Price at Thalia Hall, April 12: After scuffling for a decade in Nashville, Price found a bigger audience with her latest two albums. Her years of gigging translated into a strong, confident display of her broad musical tastes and vocal range. Though rooted in country, she jumps into soul, folk, rock and psychedelia with dexterity, and even takes a few turns on the drums.

3. Paul Simon at the United Center, June 6: In a year of farewell tours, including Elton John and Bob Seger, Simon brought a stellar songbook and a genre-leaping presentation that took a back seat to no one. With 15 musicians weaving the multiculti accents and textures that have been a Simon signature long before even “Graceland,” the singer traveled a rhythm road that spanned continents and cultures. Even recent material such as “Questions for the Angels” belied categorization, an indication that Simon’s musical curiosity, poetic way with a lyric and gift for melody have never waned.

4. Gorillaz at the United Center, Oct. 16: The band’s summer concert in 2017 was a bit of a letdown, with frequent cameos dulling the momentum. But a leaner presentation a year later made a big difference, as Damon Albarn threw the most introspective of dance parties. Leading a 13-member band, the singer often sounded like the last person left standing on a dying planet. “Hello, is anyone there?” he cried, even as the audience’s boisterous reaction assured him there was still hope. Hard to imagine anyone else pulling off this many



Janelle Monae performed at the Chicago Theatre on July 5.

singalongs about the Apocalypse, but Albarn and his accomplices kept everyone bouncing through the chaos.

5. Hex, Superorganism and Trupa Trupa at the South by Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas, March 12-16: Each year, SXSW underlines the notion of diversity as the engine that drives musical innovation. In this year of immigration paranoia, this was a conference about artists of color, outsiders from every corner of the world — from Africa and Poland to Jordan and Russia. No act embodied that notion as colorfully as Superorganism, a London-based octet whose ethnic roots encompass South Korea, New Zealand, Japan and Australia. Their multimedia set, steeped in acid-dipped grooviness via Deee-Lite’s “Groove is in the Heart,” set the tone: “Cause we’re all stars tonight, just need to figure out why.” Trupa Trupa, from Gdansk, Poland, blended absurdist lyrics with East European post-punk in the mold of Plastic

People of the Universe and Pulpoc. New Zealand’s coed band Hex celebrated paganism, power chords and surf music with heavy-metal guitars and choir-like vocal harmonies.

6. Lorde at the Allstate Arena, Rosemont, Ill., March 27: This wasn’t arena-pop spectacle by numbers, but intimate, weird, at times awkward, and also witheringly honest and strangely uplifting. Though Lorde’s latest album, “Melo-drama,” didn’t perform as well commercially as its predecessor (the star-making debut, “Pure Heroine”), the New Zealand singer remains resolutely herself, and is all the more fascinating because of it.

7. Melkbelly at the Pitchfork Music Festival in Union Park, July 20: The Chicago quartet played through the rain and seemed to will the sun back into existence with a furiously focused set. Blending punk splatter and metal roar over hurricane drums, the band provided a volatile

platform for Miranda Winters’ split-personality vocals. Though the band has proved over and over again that it can command a club stage, it translated just as forcefully in a larger setting, no matter the weather conditions.

8. St. Vincent at Lollapalooza in Grant Park, Aug. 4: On a stage that suggested an alien boutique populated by showroom dummies, Annie Clark moved like an android mannequin even as she sang with unprecedented passion. If she could seem remote on previous tours, Clark revealed a deeper vulnerability that upped the emotional ante. Her voice and guitar swooped and swam together in animated conversation. The set built to a wrenching crescendo with “Slow Disco” and “New York,” a tribute to her late friend David Bowie.

9. Radiohead at the United Center, July 6: Two years on the road can bring even a veteran band to a new level of accomplishment, and that sharper edge was evident from the opening “Daydreaming.” Even nightmarish soundscapes were transformed into strangely beautiful shapes, as the U.K. quintet didn’t so much perform its songs as transform them. The instruments never were restricted to a particular role within the band’s musical hierarchy, with the rhythm section as prominent as the guitars of Jonny Greenwood and Ed O’Brien, while Thom Yorke often used his voice to color the arrangements as much as sing the melodies.

10. Smokey Robinson at Chance the Rapper’s Special Olympics concert at Northerly Island, July 21: The suave Motown veteran may be a little raspier of voice, but he made the most of his 15 minutes on stage during the six-hour festival celebrating the Special Olympics’ 50th anniversary. Robinson turned his classic “The Tracks of My Tears” into a tour de force, as he patiently moved from a whispery, low-key meditation to devastated mourning, as if reliving a breakup he knows he could never shake off.

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Deep Breakfast’s joke is now a real Chicago event

BY BRITT JULIOUS
Chicago Tribune

Sometimes our best ideas come from the unlikeliest of places. Just ask Michael Hilger, a local musician. Hilger’s new monthly event, Deep Breakfast, first began as something of a joke but now, two events later and just days away from his third, the joke has become something real.

Much like its name, Deep Breakfast developed when Hilger was making his own breakfast. The name is taken from a 1984 ambient album of the same name by Ray Lynch. Although not widely known in the general public, the album was praised by critics during its initial rerelease in 1986, for its seamless blending of electronic and classical music. The album eventually peaked at No. 2 on Billboard’s new age album charts in 1989.

Hilger said he always found the album’s name to be peculiar, the type of name that stays in your head long after hearing it. But he also found the idea of listening to ambient music during the daytime hours (preferably when one is making breakfast in the morning) to be a nice way to start the day.

“It came from just a couple of friends standing around the kitchen taking about that record and I thought it would be funny to do an ambient music series in the morning that’s actually a breakfast buffet,” he says. And so, an event was born.

Each Deep Breakfast will include two components: a breakfast buffet created by chef Mickey Neely and Jess Galli (of Midlife Brow Beer Co.) and a musical performance by a local ambient artist. The first iteration of Deep Breakfast took place two years ago at the Den Theater.

After taking a two-year hiatus to focus take his own music on the road, Hilger resettled back in Chicago and relaunched the party at the new Avondale bar and performance venue, Sleeping Village. Chicago, often known for its micro-music communities, has a wealth of ambient artists for Hilger to choose from for each show, he said. “I’ve loved ambient music and some of the real out there new agey stuff,” he began. “I’ve always been a big fan of that kind of music and make that kind of music. Chicago has a rich community for that type of music and there’s a deep well of resources.”

Musician Sam Wagster, who released the gorgeous ambient record “The Glossary of Surfing,” was the second event’s featured performer while Neely (who is also a partner for the event) and Galli crafted a menu which included a toast bar with handmade blood orange marmalade, Salad, fruit, and a scramble of some sorts. “At the very base level, it’s a good breakfast. It’s a



Michael Hilger is the man behind Deep Breakfast, an event that has turned into a true breakfast buffet with ambient music.

When: 11 a.m. Sunday

Where: Sleeping Village, 3734 W. Belmont Ave.

Tickets: Free, \$20 for food (22+); www.sleeping-village.com

good deal,” Hilger added.

Fifty people showed up for the first event, something Hilger believes reflects the community’s desire for more events at more accessible times. “Those (ambient shows) generally happen late at night at some bar, so it was important to me to have a performance that slows everybody down and calms everybody down at a real nice pace,” Hilger began. “I wanted to create a show that was accessible to everyone.” The next iteration is scheduled to take place at the end of this month and features music by the band Coupler.

Although the event began as something of a joke, Hilger has ambitions for Deep Breakfast which include merchandise. “It’s like the new age joke that never ends at this point,” he added. But for now, he’ll stick to his current structure of delicious food and even better music. “There’s a sense of humor to this,” Hilger said. “The music is beautiful and very thoughtful, but I just want people to have a good time and have a nice morning.”

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Trumpet great will swing in the New Year



HOWARD REICH
On Music

For several years, one of the greatest weeks in Chicago jazz would arrive at the end of the year, when trumpeter Roy Hargrove would take up residence at the Jazz Showcase.

Hargrove's annual engagement, which continued into the New Year, always drew standing-room-only crowds, establishing an artistic and commercial high point for the venerable club.

But Hargrove's death in November at age 49, from complications of kidney disease, left a hole in the world of jazz — and Chicago without one of its most beloved holiday traditions.

To its credit, the Jazz Showcase has found a replacement that seems difficult to beat: Nicholas Payton, one of the most creative and technically accomplished trumpeters of his generation, or any other.

Payton's virtuosity was established long ago, but there's another reason this booking is so important: He felt Hargrove's loss quite deeply and is well positioned to pay tribute to a fallen colleague.

"I lost my spirit brother today," Payton wrote on his blog, after Hargrove's death.

Then Payton went on reminisce about Hargrove's gifts.

"With every note, this

brother dripped soul," wrote Payton. "In every phrase, he never let you forget you were listening to a black man playing that horn. He inspires me to no end."

The prospect of hearing Payton picking up Hargrove's slot at the Showcase — a club where Payton himself has turned in many memorable performances — will pique the interest of anyone who values the art of jazz. The timing of this appearance, in proximity to Hargrove's death, adds to the poignancy of the occasion and, perhaps, the communicative power of the sets to come.

Payton has enlisted a first-rate quintet for the occasion, for he'll be joined by pianist Peter Martin, saxophonist Ron Blake, bassist Rodney Whitaker and drummer Gregory Hutchinson.

Battle of the Saxes

Speaking of Chicago jazz traditions, the annual, year-end tenor saxophone joust at the Green Mill begins this weekend.

In the early days, Chicago tenor saxophone legend Von Freeman used to go head-to-head with former Chicago tenor titan Edward Petersen (who eventually moved to New Orleans). More recently, the Battle of the Saxes has pitted Petersen against Chicago tenor man Eric Schneider, which is the duo that will take the arena this time around.

In the spirit of the holidays (and of keeping the



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Nicholas Payton will step into the late Roy Hargrove's slot at the Jazz Showcase.

When: Dec. 26 through Jan. 1

Where: Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court

Tickets: prices vary; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com

peace), Green Mill owner Dave Jemilo usually declares the battle a draw, but listeners can draw their own conclusions. The saxophonists will be joined by former Chicago pianist John Campbell, bassist Brian Sandstrom and drummer Kyle Swan. 9 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday and Monday (New Year's Eve); ticket prices vary; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

Denise Thimes

Chicago jazz listeners appear to have embraced singer Denise Thimes, who

moved here from St. Louis earlier this year, after testing the waters with performances at Room 43 and elsewhere.

Thimes' sizable voice and charismatic stage manner help explain her appeal to club owners and audiences, with Winter's Jazz Club having emerged as one of her primary homes.

She'll return there this weekend with two distinct programs. *Thimes will lead her quintet in a "Tribute to Roberta Flack"* at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and New Year's Eve shows at 8:30 and 11 p.m. Monday; Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court (on the promenade); ticket prices vary; www.wintersjazzclub.com or 312-344-1270.

Salute to Vienna

For those who enjoy Old

World traditions, the annual "Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert" will feature Strauss waltzes and related fare performed by soprano Micaela Oeste, tenor Brian Cheney, dancers from Kiev-Aniko Ballet of Ukraine and the Strauss Symphony of America (featuring the Chicago Philharmonic), conducted by Oliver Ostermann. 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$33-\$131; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

Soul Jazz Night

Joel Paterson, a genre-bending Chicago guitarist who erases stylistic distinctions between past and present, leads his last Soul Jazz Night of the year. As always, he'll be joined by Chris Foreman on the Hammond B-3 organ and Mike Schlick playing

drums. 11 p.m. Sunday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$5; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

Room 43

This year's weekly sessions at Room 43 come to a close over the weekend, with singer Joan Colllass hosting a Sunday jazz jam featuring pianist Larry Hanks, bassist Joshua Ramos and drummer Ben Johnson. Guests are encouraged to dress in black, silver, gold and glitter for pre-New Year festivities. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday at Room 43, 1043 E. 43d St.; \$10; www.hydeparkjazzsociety.com.

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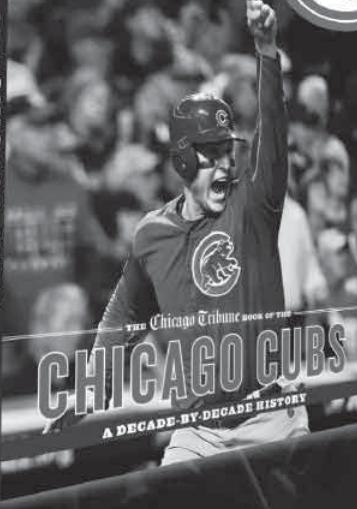
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NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT ROUNDUP

FROM NONAME TO BULLY

BY STEVE KNOPPER
Chicago Tribune

For New Year's Eve, your Official Musical Entertainment ranges from a 90-year-old bluesman who moved to Chicago from Mississippi before his teens to a 27-year-old rapper who grew up in Bronzeville. It's an especially diverse night this year, with options for jazz (check out trumpeter Nicholas Payton with the Roy Hargrove Quartet at Jazz Showcase), bluegrass (Greensky Bluegrass does three sets at the Riviera) and electronic music (Space Jesus will chill and weird you out at Concord Music Hall). And you can't go wrong with any of the below:

Noname: In what is becoming a New Year's tradition, Bronzeville native Fatimah "Noname" Warner returns home to celebrate a productive year — her 2018 album "Room 25" is soft-spoken and smoldering, with soothing electric-piano beats and references to SunnyD, Chick-fil-A and Pine-Sol offsetting tough and complicated lyrics. "I'm struggling to simmer down, maybe I'm an insomni-black," she declares in "Blaxploitation." "Bad sleep triggered by bad government." She takes on gentrification, disillusionment with Hillary Clinton, overcrowded hospitals, sex and D'Angelo, and she's hopeful and discontent all at once, sometimes in the same line. She feels like the type of artist who has so many ideas they can't be contained on a single record. 8 p.m., Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.; \$40-60; 312-526-3851 or www.thaliahallchicago.com

Nick Lowe: We Nick Lowe apologists would probably attend a concert in which he sings "Cracking Up" repeatedly for hours until the stroke of midnight. Fortunately, the former British pub-rocker who wrote Elvis Costello's immortal "What's So Funny ('Bout Peace, Love and Understanding)" as well as his own "Cruel to Be Kind" and "Marie Provost" has evolved into a wry, white-haired crooner without losing a songwriting step. Even better, he's collaborating with Los Straitjackets, the veteran Nashville rock 'n' roll-plus-everything instrumental band, which enjoyed backing him so much on a recent holiday tour that it put out an all-Lowe-covers album last year titled, most excellently, "What's So Funny About Peace, Love and Los Straitjackets." 9 p.m., Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston; \$75-175; 847-492-8860 or www.evanstonspace.com

Avery Sunshine: Ebullient even when she sings "Clearing out my mind / While I'm packing up your stuff," Avery Sunshine of Chester, Pa., has been combining R&B and gospel music for more than a decade, with stops at the 2008 Democratic National Convention and President Obama's 2009 inauguration. She has performed on Broadway, toured with the late blues hero B.B. King and worked with actor Tyler Perry and singer Jennifer Holliday in stage productions. At its most inspirational points, her latest album, last year's "Twenty Sixty Four," has the sunny, funky feel of Cheryl Lynn's "Got to Be Real." 7:30 p.m., City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$58-68; 312-733-9463 or www.citywinery.com/chicago

Bully: Although singer Alice Bognanno is from Rosemount, Minn., and her band formed in Nashville, she may as well be a grunge-rock singer from Chicago. She interned at prolific indie-rock producer Steve Albini's local studio, Electrical Audio, and recorded her own demos on the side. You can tell she's versed in every conceivable grunge touchstone, from Nirvana to Hole to Local H, and she has one of those pure screaming voices that sounds beautiful when set against big, flailing guitars (provided by Clayton Parker). There's a sly I-don't-care-but-I-really-do-care aspect to Bognanno's words, especially on last year's excellent "Losing." 8:30 p.m., Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.; sold out; 773-276-3600 or www.emptybottle.com

Guided by Voices: Like Noname, 33-year-old Dayton, Ohio, fixtures GBV return for a New Year's tradition show, this time at Bottom Lounge. It's hard to remember that dark period in the mid-2000s when singer Robert Pollard broke up his crew and managed to stop releasing music for several straight years.



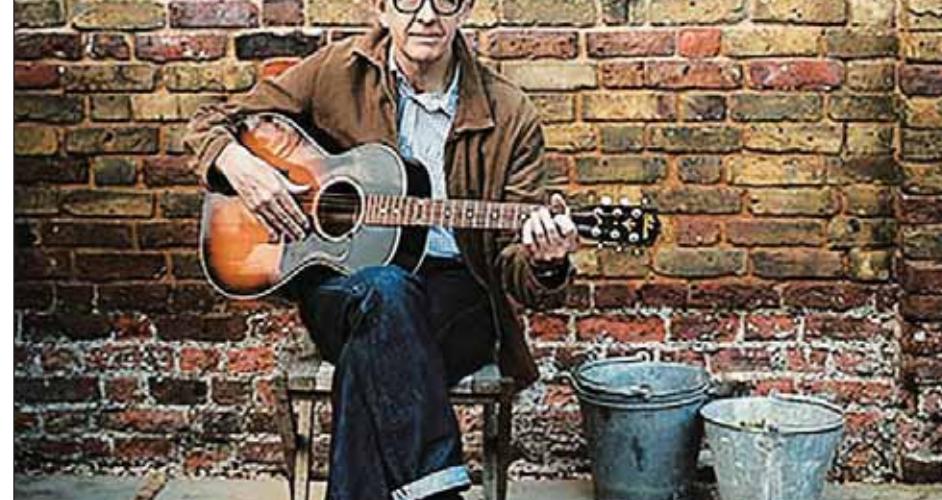
Singer Robert Pollard performs with Guided by Voices at the LA Waterfront in 2017 in San Pedro, Calif.

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Avery Sunshine has been combining R&B and gospel music for more than a decade.

DEREK BLANKS PHOTO



Nick Lowe has evolved into a wry, white-haired crooner without losing a songwriting step.

YEP ROC RECORDS

Lately, GBV has spewed out songs as if the band is Prince or Lil Wayne — the latest album is this year's top-notch, 15-song "Space Gun," following up last year's "How Do You Spell Heaven" and "August By Cake." Where do you start with this band? You can go recent, and luxuriate in the classic-rock riffs and KFC references of "Colonel Paper," or you can go classic, reliving 1994's "Bee Thousand" or 1997's

"Mag Earwig!," masterpieces of tight, melodic, fuzzy indie-pop. 9 p.m., Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St.; \$50-\$85; 312-666-6775 or www.bottomlounge.com

Jimmy Johnson: Most of the Mississippi Delta blues greats are long gone, but Holly Springs-born, 90-year-old singer-guitarist Jimmy Johnson continues to pack clubs locally — his New Year's Eve show will be his 10th in Chicago this month. Johnson, younger brother of blues-and-soul star Syl Johnson, was an 8-year-old cotton-picker in Mississippi before he split for a better life: "I knew at an early age I did not want to be a farmer forever," he says in his website bio. He dug ditches in Memphis, then worked for Harrison Sheet Steel in Chicago, before buying his first guitar at age 28. Since then, the high-pitched singer and even-higher-pitched-guitar-soloist has put out numerous fine albums, although blues fans probably know him best for appearing on Alligator Records' influential "Living Chicago Blues" series in the late '70s. 9:30 p.m., B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted; \$25; 773-528-1012 or www.chicago-bluesbar.com

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Galantis helps Chicago dance in the New Year

Galantis, from Page 1

onstage, or sometimes you do two cities in one night, so you're celebrating on the jet or something. You have to come together with the crew and make your own New Year's.

They worry about messing about the countdown, which is really their only job

Karlsson: Everyone's so nervous. There's people on the side (of the stage), or sometimes we have a clock in front of us, or an iPad.

Eklow: Sometimes there's a completely recorded countdown, that makes it really easy for us. All of a sudden, there's the voice of God.

They wonder what they would do if they ever had New Year's Eve off

Karlsson: I don't remember how life

was before we were working. That's a weird thing to think about. I wonder what we would do.

Eklow: I'm pretty sure we would throw a party.

They first decided to form Galantis after Karlsson made the first move

Karlsson: I called Linus. I heard him talking to another guy about working together. I was thinking about that for a while, and I called him and said, "I think you should be working with me..." It's what we do every single day, we do Galantis. We still have other stuff, but it's on the side. This takes up 200 days a year.

They started life at Coachella, and have toured constantly ever since

Karlsson: It's the most memorable of all our shows. It was pretty cool to start a new band like that. ... The pressure is

When: 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday

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always there, in a way. We didn't have much to lose when we first started. We didn't know that anyone would show up to that Coachella show.

Eklow: We were so excited, I don't think we thought as much about pressure. We were kind of surprised that so many people actually came.

Karlsson: Sometimes it's busier when you're home than when you're out, because everyone's like, "Oh, they're home." There's music (to work on), but also everything else, like making videos, or working on merch, and you're going home to family

business. Sometimes it's actually calmer on tour, believe it or not.

Galantis perform on a massive, three-tiered stage, venue permitting. It's more hazardous than it looks

Karlsson: It's a very big part of Galantis, to be able to change things on the fly and be spontaneous, having the risk of something going wrong, and also inventing something new onstage. It's been part of us since day one.

Eklow: Every night (there are injuries). We're good at covering it up.

Karlsson: We have a lot of accidents all the time. Every night, someone's going to the doctor, or bleeding. It's a really physical show. Or we're just bad at it.

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WEEKEND DINING

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BRAD TAYLOR

Yokocho is serving Japanese-inspired bar bites, like these Crunchy Eggs, a take on deviled eggs with remoulade, furikake, wasabi and tobiko.

Japanese alley bar in Wicker Park

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

To get to Yokocho, you have to walk through a tiny brick alley, past Anaba Hand Roll Bar and into a coach house out back. There, you'll find a small, comfortable bar where you can have a few Japanese-inspired bites, whiskeys and sake.

Some patrons may already be familiar with the space. It was formerly occupied by Mana Food Bar, a vegetarian restaurant that closed Sept. 15. Owner Susan Thompson decided to close it to explore other things, and from this vacancy, Yokocho was born.

"As I've moved through the years, I feel so drawn to Japanese cuisine and culture, I'm a little smitten with it," Thompson said of continuing a Japanese-inspired theme. "I felt like it was a great addition to the street and the neighborhood,

something that's kind of missing in that area — a thoughtful, small place where friends can hang out a little differently than anywhere else."

Thompson remembers going to Japan and visiting a yokochō — a small bar hidden along an alleyway off main streets. With the way the building is tucked behind Anaba Hand Roll Bar, which Thompson also owns, opening a back alley bar was an easy choice.

"After Mana closed, I just started researching Japanese bars, and with the location of a back alley and Anaba being a Japanese hand roll bar, it just made a ton of sense to me," Thompson said.

Because Thompson has spent more than two decades in the restaurant industry (she opened Sushi Wabi in 1998 before opening other restaurants, including SushiDokku and Booze Box), she tapped into some of the

people she's met along the way to help create the food and drink menu.

Thompson consulted Anaba Hand Roll's Ariana Kim for the food, comprised mostly of small plates that feel like bar food, with an emphasis on Japanese flavors: Crunchy eggs, a take on deviled eggs with remoulade, furikake, wasabi and tobiko; crispy tsukune meatballs, made with panko-crusted chicken and topped with bonito flakes; and a chibi burger, which is a small burger — but not a slider — flavored with soy, ginger and garlic. A staff favorite is the edamame trio, in truffle, yuzu, and sweet and spicy flavors.

To pair with the dishes, Yokocho has Sapporo Black on tap, but Thompson also wants guests to pay attention to the cocktails, sake and whiskeys.

The drinks are Japanese takes on classics, so you'll find Ume Smash, made with spicy Akashi

Ume Whisky and Akashi White Oak Whisky, and the Momo Fizz, made with vodka, cava and peach bitters. There are 20 Japanese whiskies, and while the sake list is short, Thompson said she wanted to make sure it was approachable to people who have never tried the rice-based beverage.

Thompson said she hopes Yokocho will appeal to a wide audience, as well as local residents who appreciate Japanese culture. And she wants fans of the closed Mana Food Bar to feel welcome too.

"It's a great place for vegetarians," Thompson said. "There's meat on the menu, but we also want to make sure that the people who loved Mana can come in and enjoy a meal as well."

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— Grace Wong

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Locanda There's skill in Locanda's Streeterville kitchen despite its quiet opening in May. Chef Antoine Cedric, formerly of Pane Caldo, offers Italian plates featuring extra touches that speak to value and commitment. Burrata arrives in a pool of fresh tomato gazpacho with almonds and balsamic-pickled onions. Pastas are excellent, particularly the ravioli with a truffle filling, served with corn sauce and crispy prosciutto bits. Cedric's frutti di mare pasta is especially good, a surfeit of shrimp, calamari, clams and mussels — each at its ideal doneness. The cookie assortment makes a great shared dessert and/or take-home option. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main courses \$18-\$34. 201 E. Walton St., 312-397-8800. — Phil Vettel

The Loyalist One flight below the acclaimed Smyth restaurant lurks John and Karen Shields' more casual spot. It's dark enough to work as a lounge and offers a menu deep enough to entertain serious diners. Start with biscuits with n'duja butter, and know that the cheeseburger might be the best of its kind in Chicago. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$27. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3774. — Phil Vettel

Majani Majani, an African-American vegan restaurant in the South Shore neighborhood, serves what owners describe as "soulful vegan cuisine." Try the barbecue cauliflower. Chickpea-batter-dipped, deep-fried and tossed in a tangy house-made barbecue sauce, it is the most

popular dish. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Saturday, lunch only on Sundays. Prices: \$6-\$16 appetizers and entrees. 7167 S. Exchange Ave., 773-359-4019. — Louisa Chu

Maple & Ash This steakhouse knows how to cook and how to have fun. Standards such as French onion soup are nicely rendered, and pastry chef Aya Fukai offers some of the most beautiful (and delicious) desserts you've ever seen. Open: Dinner daily; downstairs bar open lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$54. 8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888. — Phil Vettel

Margeaux Brasserie Chef/ restaurateur Michael Mina has landed in Chicago with this glamorous, 1920s-inspired brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria. It's as pricey as the Gold Coast address would have you expect, but superb quality and generous portions ease the sting, as do the more casual bar menu and its bargain happy-hour specials.

Look to cooked seafood appetizers (roasted oysters, moules frites) to start, and make room in the budget for the splendid bouillabaisse. Open: Breakfast and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$28-\$59. 11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300. — Phil Vettel

Marisol The chef behind Lula Café (Jason Hammel) is working similar magic in this restaurant inside the Museum of Contemporary Art. Coffee and pastries are served in the early hours, and there are full lunch, brunch and dinner menus, where Hammel's penchant for vegetable-forward plates and sometimes-incongruous ingredients matches are on full, enjoyable display. Alison Cates' desserts never fail to impress. Closed Mondays; no dinner Sundays. Entrees \$16-\$38. 205 E. Pearson St., 312-799-3599. — Phil Vettel

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mi Tocaya Antojeria Diana Davila, the opening chef at Cantina 1910, is back with her own Mexican restaurant, serving food that's creative but still rooted in tradition. Try the "peanut butter y lengua," above, crisped cubes of braised beef tongue in a complex and delicious sauce of peanuts, cured tomato and chile de arbol. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$8-\$13, large plates \$28. 2800 N. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947. — Phil Vettel

fennel should be part of any meal you assemble, and the platters are superb. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices:

Entrees \$20-\$24. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — Phil Vettel

Momotaro The cooked dishes are more compelling than the sushi (however capable) at this ambitious Japanese restaurant. I loved every one of the rice and noodle dishes, particularly the mentaiko spaghetti, an umami bomb of runny egg yolk and togarashi-spiced fish roe. A cocktail-focused basement izakaya has a separate, clever menu.

Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Sushi pieces \$6-\$12, entrees \$16-\$75. 820 W. Lake St., 312-733-4818. — Phil Vettel

Monteverde "Top Chef" alum

Sarah Grueneberg's restaurant is all about pasta. Sit at the bar, where you can glimpse workers rolling, shaping and filling dough, then dive into one of the pastas tipica (traditional) or atipica (creative). There are no bad choices. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Main courses \$10-\$26. 1020 W. Madison St., 312-888-3041. — Phil Vettel

Monnie Burke's Anan Abu-Taleb, a restaurateur who also happens to be the mayor of Oak Park, put up a paradise with Monnie Burke's, a Pilsen destination for American dining with Mediterranean influences. The menu, by culinary director Michael Shrader (previously of Matthias Merges' Folkart group) isn't exciting at first, but the execution is impressive, bordering on thrilling.

He ups the ante on otherwise

ubiquitous starters such as octopus and avocado toast, and entrees don't miss a beat, like the prettily presented Faroe Island salmon. Desserts, also by Shrader, represent a stroll through the chef's childhood. A landscaped patio with radiant heating ensures a longer al fresco season. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$34. 1163 W. 18th St., 312-243-2410. — Phil Vettel

Naoki Sushi Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot that shares kitchen space with Intro. The menu provides the sushi basics, all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — Phil Vettel

Niche One of the best restaurants in the western suburbs is looking pretty spiffy these days, thanks to a quickie remodeling that managed to make the dining room more sophisticated yet less formal. It's a fine backdrop for executive chef Chris Ayukawa, whose creative-American menu abounds with global touches. On-the-ball service is a plus, and while the impressive wine list is pricey, the libations from the recently expanded bar are quite good. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$32. 14 S. Third St., Geneva, 630-262-1000. — Phil Vettel

Oriole Oriole will dazzle any diner who can find its gritty location. There's a set menu of 15 to 20 courses each night, with optional drink pairings. Service is superb, but the focus belongs on Noah Sandoval's simple-looking but complex plates. Extraordinary. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: \$175. 661 W. Walnut St., 312-877-5339. — Phil Vettel

THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Chicago theater scene a busy beat

This was 2018 in Chicago theater.

"Joseph" camped it up in Las Vegas, upsetting family audiences at Drury Lane. Kelly Felthous lit up suburban musical theater. E. Faye Butler finally got to play Madam Rose. At The New Colony, Loy Webb's "The Light," a "Love Jones" for a new generation, illuminated relationships and responsibility — and still made it to New York.

Milwaukee Rep made a play for Chicago audiences. At the Goodman, "The Wolves" roared back. The Chicago Magic Lounge opened for business in Andersonville, even though it looked like a laundromat. At the Windy City Playhouse, "Southern Gothic" played for months and months and months. At Steppenwolf, "Downstate" disturbed. Ike Holter probed Aldermanic politics at Victory Gardens. And lived the Facebook dream.

New theaters? We had 'em. Theo Ubique moved to Evanston. TimeLine Theatre bought itself new digs in Uptown. The Mercury Theatre on Southport Avenue spawned a twin: Venus, a sexy cabaret. Teatro ZinZanni announced plans to set up inside a ghostly Masonic Temple on Randolph Street. The drag queens of Lips announced plans for a new cabaret on Motor Row. The Green Line Performing Arts Center opened in Washington Park. Berwyn's 16th Street Theatre moved to Harlem Avenue. And — after years of trauma — The Uptown Theatre was saved and promised a glorious future.

And up on Berwyn Avenue, Steep Theatre



LIZ LAUREN/GOODMAN THEATRE

Stacy Keach as Ernest Hemingway in the world premiere of Jim McGrath's "Pamplona" at the Goodman Theatre.

opened a cool new bar.

The Chopin Theatre turned 100. The Oriental Theatre is to become The Nederlander.

Stars? Rainn Wilson did wacky comedy. Teller hit it big on Navy Pier with "Macbeth." Michael Shannon packed A Red Orchid and watched the Oscars from the Old Town Ale House. At the Goodman Theatre, Stacy Keach triumphed over his own mortality. Betty Buckley wooed her fans in "Hello Dolly." Pre-Broadway tryouts? We tried "Pretty Woman," "Tootsie" and "The Cher Show" all on for size.

We lost: John Mahoney, the most famous, and the most beloved, man in Oak

Park; Rachel Rockwell, a director on the cusp of international greatness and the best director of kids in the history of Chicago theater; Nicholas Rudall, the most classy of classicists; David Shepherd, improv guru; Frederic Stone, an actor's actor; Gitta Jacobs, who put her heart and her money behind small Chicago theaters; Barbara Harris, a Second City genius too easily overlooked; American Theater Company, after a 33-year run. And that was just some of those who left.

2018 was an annus horribilis for Chicago theater critics. Hedy Weiss exited the Sun-Times, Kris Vire departed Time Out Chi-

cago and Tony Adler left The Reader. Years of experience went with these veteran staffers. All were replaced by clutches of freelancers, although Vire turned lemons into lemonade by founding his own subscription-based website and Weiss kept on keeping on at WTTW-Ch. 11. 2018 wasn't great for the Jeff Committee, either. The all-volunteer awards judges were subject to a barrage of criticism and demands for reform.

Everyone and their sister produced a version of "Frankenstein" (and we're not yet done). "Hamilton" decided to create an exhibition, not just a show. And — oh, the ignominy! — the

long-running blockbuster finally had to advertise a little.

What has been left out? Too much. Too many. Playwright Calamity West had a killer year. Jacob Harvey, after a short but distinguished tenure, left the Greenhouse Theatre Center. Actors Celeste Cooper and Cliff Chamberlain joined the storied acting ensemble at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company.

Playwright Ellen Fairey came back from TV. Elise Marie Davis became artistic director of the Broken Nose Theatre. Derek Van Barnham took over the artistic face of the Broken Nose Theatre.

Shows opened, lived,

died, closed; rants were delivered on social media; all issues and identities and casts were subject to debate. Some of them even took place in front of audiences.

Even as many were exhausted by 2018 and the real world outside, news came of a boost from the City of Chicago. City honchos declared that 2019 is to be the Year of Chicago Theater.

Not unlike any other year, of course, but an opportunity to keep on moving forward, nonetheless.

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CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"Avenue Q" ★★★½

"Avenue Q" is once again a long-running hit in Chicago. "Warning, puppet sex" once again appears on the Mercury Theater's marquee on Southport. Director L. Walter Stearns is letting Princeton, Kate Monster, Gary Coleman, Christmas Eve and the rest of the gang in the show by Jeff Whitty, with music by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez, run on and on and on. On a Wednesday night, the main floor of the Mercury was packed and the show warmly received. Jackson Evans, a terrific Princeton, and Leah Morrow, as meticulously fabulous a Kate Monster as there ever has been, both got standing ovations. Many in the audience, clearly, were seeing this musical for the first time. Through Dec. 30 at Mercury Theater Chicago, 3745 N. Southport Ave.; \$35-\$65 at www.mercurytheaterchicago.com

"Blue Man Group"

★★★½ "Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. There have been only two major overhauls in that time; the latest adds selfie sticks, new music and a livelier finale. I'd argue the Blue Men need a bigger overhaul — they still chomp marshmallows, bang drums and paint up audience members — but this remains a fine gateway for the young into the arts. If you've never had the pleasure, go. Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com

"Familiar" ★★★

The aptly named "Familiar," now at Steppenwolf under the skilled direction of Danya Taymor, is by Danai Gurira, a hugely successful Zimbabwean-American actress and playwright and the daughter of immigrant parents. It's about the marriage of a young lawyer named

Tendikayi (Lanise Antoine Shelley) to an American named Chris (Erik Hellman), and the debate of how much attention the inter-racial nuptials should pay to Zimbabwean traditions. This production sometimes sacrifices truth for laughs, but "Familiar" is written with great empathy. Through Jan. 13 at the Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; \$20-\$109 at 312-335-1650 or www.stephenwolf.org

"Gaslight District" ★★★ The best work in the new Second City e.t.c. Stage revue "Gaslight District" engages at an equal level with the paying customers in the seats. For example, there's a terrific Uber Pool bit mocking the faux communities that emerge in the traffic-snarling world of shared rides. And cast member Jasbir Singh

Vazquez plays a guy who shows up at the offices of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, requesting his own deportation. Vazquez is as good as anyone I've seen on the e.t.c. Stage. I wouldn't say

new director Anneliese

Toft's revue is fully secure

in its own skin, but it's

funny and knows how to

hit hard against soft targets.

Open run on the Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St.

In Piper's Alley; \$21-\$48 at

312-337-3992 and www.secondcity.com

"Gypsy" ★★★★

If you doubt that the passion of one gifted performer can raise the game of an entire young cast, you have not seen E. Faye Butler as Rose in the fabulous new Porchlight Music Theatre production of "Gypsy." Director Michael Weber has nailed the scenes that matter the most: So intense is the moment June (Aalon Smith) realizes that survival means leaving her mother, so deep is the agony of Daryn Whitney Harrell's Louise, I swear you'll stop breathing. That Chicago-



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Anthony Irons, from left, Kasey Foster and Christopher Donahue in "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" by Lookingglass Theatre.

HOT TICKET

"The Steadfast Tin Soldier" ★★★★

The hero of the gorgeous new show at Lookingglass Theatre is tormented by a big baby, swallowed by a storm drain, chased by a rat and incinerated. Mary Zimmerman's new adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" is barely more than an hour long and does not use a lick of human speech. But this is a major new work, with the message that we don't die, we merely change shape. It's a holiday show you don't want to miss. Through Jan. 13 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$35-\$85 at 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglasstheatre.org

Watching Butler, an African-American, play the part for which she clearly has longed merely intensifies the themes of this musical. Through Dec. 29 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St.; \$34-\$61 at 773-777-9884 or www.porchlightmusictheatre.org

"Hamilton" ★★★★

This heartland "Hamilton" is performed by players mostly younger and less experienced than the original New York cast and is less flashy. But it is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. And in Chicago, a city where theater is founded on truth, it is somehow very much more human and vulnerable. That Chicago-

style sensibility is led by Miguel Cervantes, the superb actor in the title role. Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com

"Rightlynd" ★★★

"Rightlynd," a very promising new play by Ike Holter at the Victory Gardens Theater under the direction of Lisa Portes, is a work about Chicago. Set in the fictional 51st Ward of the city, it follows newly elected alderman Nina Esposito (Monica Orozco) in her struggle against gentrification. "Rightlynd" has its super-villains and no interest in being fair to any arguments for urban redevelopment — the characters in the play spit out "brunch" like it's a four-

letter word. But Holter's focus here is also on how any agent of political change has to learn to deal with the world as it currently exists. Through Dec. 30 at Victory Gardens Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; \$27-\$60 at 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.org

"The Santaland Diaries" ★★★

During the peak holiday weeks, the Goodman Theatre likes to have an irreverent seasonal attraction on the smaller of its two stages — this year it's "The Santaland Diaries," the out-of-whack, first-person account by David Sedaris of the satirist's seasonal sojourn at Macy's department store, where he found gainful employment as Crumpet the Elf. The show's only about an hour, well stocked

with laughs and Matt Crowle is a terrific Crumpet in director Steve Scott's wry little production. Through Dec. 30 in the Goodman's Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; \$15-\$61 at 312-443-3800 or www.goodmantheatre.org

"The Woman in Black" ★★★½

"The Woman in Black," now at the Royal George Theatre, is an old-school gothic ghost story, adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from the novel by Susan Hill about a young lawyer sent to a remote English house to deal with a dead woman's affairs. Plenty of people could tell you what happens next. Director Robin Herford's 1987 production was such a hit that it moved to London's West End, where it plays to this day. Chicago's show is actually directed by Herford, starring Adam Wesley Brown and Bradley Arment. With low levels of lighting, amplified sound effects and no digital trickery, this is most certainly the scariest show in town. Through Feb. 17 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at 312-988-9000 or theroyalgeorgetheatre.com

"Women of Soul" ★★★

What qualifies someone to be a woman of soul? At the Black Ensemble Theater — which prides itself on welcoming everyone — you can hear a cast of eight women performing numbers made famous by Mahalia Jackson, Natalie Cole, Janis Joplin, Mary J. Blige, Gloria Gaynor, Donna Summer, Whitney Houston and Adele, among others. The evening ends with a tribute to Aretha Franklin. Penned and directed by Daryl D. Brooks, "Women of Soul" is all about the vocal talents such as Jerica Exum, Cynthia Carter and relative newcomer Hannah Efsits. If you're a fan of this genre, you'll think, what's not to like in such a show? And you'd be right. Through Jan. 27 at Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.; \$55-\$65 at 773-769-4451 or www.blackensembletheater.org



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The event occurs alongside another worldwide collector event, Art Basel in Miami Beach. Together, the shows attract many with a hipper-than-thou contempt for common consumer products. That's ironic, considering that DesignMiami/ is supported by such luxury titans as Louis Vuitton, Fendi, Panerai and — surprise! — Lexus.

The marque is fielding cutting edge design that eschews the ersatz European aesthetic it followed for nearly 30 years. Lexus newfound design voice, as seen in the new LS sedan, LC coupe and LF-1 Limitless Concept crossover, features flowing knife-edged lines and large spindle grilles. It's uniquely Japanese, not to mention very provocative to Western eyes. It can also be seen inside the vehicles as well, where door panels are trimmed with handmade pleats that resemble origami placed alongside Kiriko cut glass. Other interiors are accented with illuminated fiber-optic pinholes and other exotic thoughts that banish the notion that Japanese automakers can copy but cannot innovate.

And in this context, it proves that Lexus's newest product designs fit comfortably alongside the show's avant-garde pieces. But Lexus executives admit that getting here took time.

"First Lexus had to get confident with building premium cars. How do you deliver that," said Kevin Hunter, president of Toyota Motor Corporation's North American design studio, Calty Design Research. "Once you master that, then you can go off on your own and challenge your old direction."

To reach that point, internal structural changes had to happen first, according to Yoshihiro Sawa, president of Lexus International. "Previously, the system was different, and we listened to too many people's opinion. But now we decide in a small group; we don't hear so much from the market. If we research too much like before, we lose our identity."

To Sawa, who spent 20 years as a designer, limiting input is essential. "We're trying to create a new language, a new grammar. It's not so easy to get to that goal. A car should have some sort of strong character or beauty. Too much discussion can spoil that kind of pure direction. Of course, we have discussions, but it's what is the best solution. But the proportion or shape of the grille? Maybe we shouldn't listen too much."

The result can be seen on the streets, where Lexus's newest models don't mimic the careful conservatism of its European competitors.

For the LF-1 Limitless Concept, its sublime copper color sprung from a designer admiring the latest kitchenware trends. "It's all premium stuff," Hunter noted, "and this may be kitchenware that consumers are using and it's something that they can relate to as a premium product."

Inside, such attention to detail is equally important.

"Using authentic materials is important. I think people still understand that as a craft," Hunter said. "There's something that took skill and craftsmanship to get that the way that it is versus something that's composite or feels automated."

"We focus on the elaborate small details," Sawa said.

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JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01140 18JA01139

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), and any and all unknown fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 4, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on 01/11/2019, at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

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Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

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. THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 28, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Demina Spears
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Evianna Raggs (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01006

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 12, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on 01/11/2019, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 28, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nakyl Chapman AKA Nakayla Marie Chapman
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Arionna Chapman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00782

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Arionna Chapman (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on 01/18/2019, at 10:00 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. You may lose all parental rights to the child.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 28, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nakyl Chapman AKA Nakayla Marie Chapman
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Arionna Chapman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00782

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Arionna Chapman (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on 01/18/2019, at 2:00 PM 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. You may lose all parental rights to the child.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 28, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Sincere Young
A MINOR
NO. 2018JD01887

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Antwan Mason (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 21, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on 01/11/2019, at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM 9, 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT December 28, 2018

ATTORNEY'S STATEMENT:
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000

ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

UNIT 3B TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN EDGEWOOD MANOR III CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, DOCUMENT NUMBER 24724062, IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK RUTH PINES JACKSON CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK CIRCUIT OF CHICAGO, C/O CORPORATION COURSES RUTH PINES JR, C/O GREG BINGHAM REGISTERED AGENT AND MEMBER UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007655 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0007226 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1304 E 73RD ST CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-213-184-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031469

TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK DEPAL BUILDERS CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK CHIHAAN 8700 LLC, RA & MANAGER MHAMMAD AWWAD, MATHAM 8700 LLC PROPERTY OWNER UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007972 FILED November 28, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0008104 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 8500 S STEWART AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-30-037-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031469

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CTLC 00802370185 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST DEED NO. 2018COTD007185 FILED January 12, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0008104 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 8500 S STONY ISLAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-36-324-00-0000 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 June 7, 2019 at 9:30 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031469

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LONZELL JONES JR KIMBERLY JONES BRIAN JONES OCCUPANT 7860 S COLES AVE UNIT 1 UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS 2 OCCUPANT 7860 S COLES AVE UNIT 3 ESTATE OF LONZELL JONES JR, C/O LONZELL JONES JR ESTATE OF LONZELL JONES JR, C/O PHILIP J. BERNSTEIN ATTY FOR LONZELL JONES JR, III UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007657 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0007738 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8601 S STONY ISLAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-31-311-014-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031469

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CLAUDETTE G THEODOLE BEST FLOW SEWER AND DRAIN, LLC, RA: EVENS THEODOLE BEST FLOW SEWER AND DRAIN, PLC, C/O CONSULTANT CLERK, STATE EVENT, THEODOLE CONSULTANT OF BEST FLOW SEWER AND DRAIN, LLC EVENS THEODOLE OCCUPANT JESSICA BATTLE CANDICE BATTLE UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007663 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008141 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8511 S SAGINAW AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-321-005-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031469

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK J. LITTLE ROYALTY INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC SERIES B, RA: ERIC FELDMAN & ASSOC, C/O ROYALTY INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC SERIES C, TAHIR J. DANEY, TWENTIE STERLING, OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007348 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-00011230 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7251 S UNION AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-28-110-017-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031814

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK TRUCK PARTS COMPANY OCCUPANT CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #71-82102 DATED JULY 10, 1987 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #71-82102 DATED JULY 10, 1987, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007633 FILED November 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-00001111 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015-2015 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 THE EASTERNLY 50 FEET OF THE REAL ESTATE C/K/A 8263 S VINCENNES AVE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-33-315-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 June 7, 2019 at 9:30 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031813

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK A HARVEST ENTERPRISE CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK JAMES CHERYL SIMONE SIEBELLE NURU, IRREVOCABLE TRUST CONSCIE ROBERTA MILLER, ESQ., TRUSTEES OF THE MILELE NURU TRUST C/O LAW OFFICE OF CONSUELO R. MILLER, LTD. UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007658 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0007749 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3024 E CHILENTHAN PL, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-411-021-0000 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 June 7, 2019 at 9:30 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031473

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOHN KAVOURIS NICK KAV CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #123004-065 DATED 05/29/1997, CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #123006-044 DATED 05/29/1997, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM RITEWAY-HUGGINS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., LARRY HUGGINS, PRESIDENT OCCUPANT RITEWAY-HUGGINS CONSTRUCTION UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007971 FILED November 28, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0005399 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 1030 EAST 87TH ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-30-318-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031473

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK SAMI IMSIAH SAMIIMA CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK AKRAM KHALIL ZAYANEH, E320, LP, RA: DAVID RAY E320, LP, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE 7847-53 S ESSEX AVE, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE 7847 ESSEX, LLC, RA: BRIAN MANNING ROSA INVESTMENTS INCORPORATED, RA: AKRAM ZAYANEH ROSA INVESTMENTS INCORPORATED, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON KIRKPATRICK, ESG UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007683 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0005535 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 7847 S ESSEX AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-327-020-0000 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 June 7, 2019 at 9:30 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TR

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JERRY LEE SELECT FUNDING LLC, RA & MANAGER, DAVID CALDERO, CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK OCCUPANT TERRY RIVERS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007466 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008279 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2138 EAST 97TH ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-12-206-039-0000 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 June 7, 2019 at 9:30 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031667

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CHARLES MCKINNEY IRMA MCKINNEY ANTOINE MCKINNEY OCCUPANT U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES, 2007-2 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007670 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008378 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 10406 S INDIANA AVE CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-15-027-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031698

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CARLTON A WEST TAXPAYER OF HILMER LOVETT SHUJAHANAH LOVETT, MARY J. LOVETT DEREK L. WEST, TRUSTEE OF THE CARLTON A WEST TRUST DATED 07/15/2015 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007634 FILED November 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0008773 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12168 S WALLACE ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-325-059-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031698

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK RANDALL JOSEPH JACKSON OCCUPANT MICHAEL HURLEY UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007673 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008717 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12168 S WALLACE ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-325-059-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031708

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK FRANK EUGENE CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #10519-05 DATED 06/07/1989 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #10819-05 DATED 06/07/1989, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007928 FILED November 27, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003876 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 2543 EAST 96TH ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-07-115-046-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031976

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CHARLES BLAIR PROPERTY MANAGER OLD PLANK TRAIL COMMUNITY BANK, NA SUCCESSOR TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LANSING, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #3504 DATED 08/10/1984 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007928 FILED November 27, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003876 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 602 PULASKI RD, CALUMET CITY, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-07-432-048-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031976

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK GARY O ALVERANGA GARY ALVERANGA OCCUPANT CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007667 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008303 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9753 S BRENNAN AVE CHICAGO, IL 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-12-229-019-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031678

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CHRISTOPHER RICHARD SELENE OCAMPO OCCUPANT DORSEY'S HIGH TECH SALON MANAGER / RENT COLLECTOR UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007385 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0005059 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 10520 S EBBROOK AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-15-020-047-0000 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6030293

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK SERGIO GARCIA GEORGE POLYMANAKOS HAMODA MOHAMAD PROPERTY MANAGER CONNIE MANAGER UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007685 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006149 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 9725 S CRANDON AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-12-223-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 am. 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 603134

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CHILAD PARTNERS OCCUPANT SOUTH SUBURBAN OFFICE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, RA: SCOTT A ROSENBLUM SOUTH SUBURBAN OFFICE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DR MARTIN HALL PRESIDENT CHILAD PARTNERS LTD, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES CHILAD PARTNERS LTD, RA AND PRESIDENT: RODNEY FALLS EVILEIGH WILLIAMS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007384 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0004649 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 3330 WEST 177TH ST, UNIT 2D, 2-12, HAZEL CREST, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-38-25-004-039-024 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 am. 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 in Chicago, 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031028

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK GLEN & JOANN SUMMIT CHRISTOPHER PREMSAGAR MULKANOOR AZ SPE, LLC, RA: HALAWA ILLINOIS REGISTERED AGENT AZ SPE, LLC, KHADER ZAHDAH PROPERTY MANAGER LAKESIDE DR, CHICAGO, IL GEETHA PREMSAGAR CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #10-283 DATED 08-29-2004 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007388 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0003825 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 166

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