



Gun violence decreases for 2nd year

Chicago data show double-digit percentage drops citywide, but West and South sides still bear brunt

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL
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Chicago Tribune

For the second year in a row, the number of homicides and shootings in Chicago dropped by double-digit percentages in 2018,

though some neighborhoods on the West and South sides continue to bear the brunt of gun violence as they have for decades.

Homicides dropped by 15 percent, shootings by 18 percent, according to data kept by the Tribune. That continues a trend

from 2016, when violence reached levels not seen since the 1990s.

"Are we where we want to be? Of course not," Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told the Tribune. He attributed the progress over the last year to improved technology, more federal involvement in investigations of gun crimes and continued efforts to rebuild community trust.

"I do think we are taking steps in the right direction," he said.

As of Friday, more than 2,900 people had been shot and there were at least 570 homicides this year, according to statistics kept by the Tribune. Last year, at least 3,567 people were shot and at least 675 homicides were recorded.

The data also show that two of the most violent police districts last year were still among the top

areas for shootings and homicides this year: Harrison on the West Side and Englewood on the South Side, both encompassing neighborhoods that have long struggled with crime.

A third district, Calumet on the Far South Side, was hit by a 33 percent increase in homicides and a 21 percent increase in shootings,

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky celebrates a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 24-10 victory over the Vikings to close out the regular season.

BEARS 24, VIKINGS 10

BEARS HAVE 'MO,' IF NOT BYE

No party like a garage party for these die-hard Bears fans

BY MORGAN GREENE | Chicago Tribune

Some Bears fans roll out of bed on game day, plop into their recliner, grab their remote and prepare to yell in solitude at their TV.

Others head to the garage.

For fans looking to emulate the experience of watching a game in the bitter cold at Soldier Field, people screaming just inches from their ears, the beer, the brats, the Bears, there's no party like a watch party — especially when it takes place right outside their homes.

On Sunday afternoon, before the Bears beat the Vikings in the regular-season finale and secured a No. 3 seed in the NFL playoffs, superfans Gerolyn and Chuck Baren welcomed friends and neighbors down stairs labeled "Ditka" and "Payton" into their Naperville garage, an MTV "Cribs"-worthy dedication to Chicago's home team.

The couple has refined the garage since its 2015 debut, drenching it in official Bears orange and blue, with an entire wall devoted to Walter Payton, a stuffed bear given to Gerolyn as a gift from her son and signs like: "Blessed, stressed and football obsessed." Perfecting the orange color alone took more than a dozen coats,

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Chuck Baren, right, watches the Chicago Bears battle the Vikings with friends including Frank Ruffino, left, in Baren's garage in Naperville on Sunday.

Eagles at Bears 3:40 p.m. Sunday on NBC-5

The Bears will face the Eagles in the NFC wild-card round next weekend. The Eagles beat the Redskins 24-0 on Sunday to leapfrog the Vikings for the No. 6 spot.

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Look solid in beating Vikings, will host Eagles in playoffs



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

MINNEAPOLIS — The best-case scenario for the Bears would have been lucking into a first-round bye and getting an extra week to prepare for the playoffs.

That would have required an improbable upset by the injury-riddled 49ers against the Rams in Los Angeles.

That scenario didn't come to pass Sunday afternoon, but probably more importantly the Bears head into the postseason for the first time in eight years playing well as they pounded the NFC North rival Vikings 24-10 at U.S. Bank Stadium, knocking the defending division champions out of the postseason.

The Bears improved to 12-4, a remarkable seven-game improvement under first-year coach Matt Nagy. It's the most wins for a first-year coach in franchise history. By knocking the Vikings out, the Bears will host the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles in the wild-card round next weekend at Soldier Field.

The Bears knew they likely would wind up with the No. 3 seed in the NFC and with a wild-card-round

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What's ahead for your commute in 2019

Lots of construction projects are ongoing, but CTA, Metra and Pace held off on fare increases



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Chicago-area commuters in 2019 will see plenty of road construction — from the closed Chicago Avenue bridge and

ongoing repairs on the Jane Byrne Interchange to rebuilding on the Central Tri-State Tollway.

What they won't see is fare hikes on public transit. The CTA, Metra and Pace all agreed to hold off on fare increases this year.

The region also can look forward to wrangling in the state legislature over the possibility of the first new capital infrastructure bill in 10 years. Transit

agency heads and road builders have been banging the drum in favor of new funding, and they hope for results from the new governor, J.B. Pritzker.

Transit

Transit riders will see some new stations, new service and new train cars in 2019.

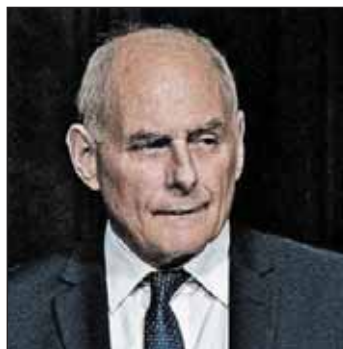
On the CTA, officials plan to finish the \$50 million renovation of the Garfield Green Line station early next year. Also on the Green Line, the CTA will begin building a new Damen Avenue

stop.

The agency also plans to begin renovations on three of the oldest and grimmest stations on the subway system — the Grand, Chicago and Division stations on the Blue Line to O'Hare. The new Belmont Blue Line station should get done in 2019, as well as bus station renovation at the Jefferson Park station.

The big job for the CTA will be the \$2.1 billion Red-Purple Line Modernization Project. Pre-construction work, such as

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Pride, memories for longtime First Division Museum director

Retiring after 13 years with Army archive in Wheaton

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

As Paul Herbert prepares to leave his role as executive director at the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, he is nothing if not diplomatic when talking about what the museum has to offer.

Among Herbert's achievements during his 13½ years as executive director was shepherding the museum through a major renovation that wrapped up in 2017, which was the 100th anniversary of the First Division. Also known as the Big Red One, the First Division is the Army's longest continuously serving division.

The late Chicago Tribune publisher and editor Col. Robert R. McCormick, who willed Cantigny, his estate, for public use upon his death in 1955, served in the First Division during World War I. Cantigny was named after the French site of a battle in the war.

The \$8.5 million renovation helped to update the museum and bring its exhibits forward, post-Vietnam War, to the present day, with a new gallery titled "Duty First" that specifically focused on the First Division's modern-day missions. However, when asked his favorite part of the museum — whether "Duty First" the "First in War" gallery, or even the popular outdoor tank park — Herbert demurs.

"I'd be really hard-pressed (to pick a favorite)," says Herbert, whose job at Cantigny concludes at the end of December. "The story of the First Division is a very compelling, 101-year history, and it parallels the history of the country — that's the important thing — and I love all of it."

A Galena native, Herbert, 68, came to the museum in 2005 bearing stellar academic and military credentials. He graduated from West Point as an Army officer and began a 30-year Army career that concluded when he retired as a colonel in 2002. Herbert's love for history dates back to his formative years in Galena, which is as historic a town as any place in Illinois.

While stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., in the Army, Herbert spent his weekends exploring Civil War battlefields. By the 1980s, he had been assigned to teach military history at West Point, but the role required an advanced de-



MARK BLACK/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Paul Herbert is retiring after over 13 years at the helm of the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park that is devoted to the U.S. Army's First Division, known as The Big Red One.

gree. Herbert then pursued graduate work in history at Ohio State University, and he labored mightily over a two-year period to complete both a master's degree in history as well as all coursework for a doctorate in history. Soon afterward, he finished his dissertation and was awarded a Ph.D.

For the rest of his military career, Herbert accepted teaching assignments, including at the National War College at Fort McNear, before retiring in 2002.

At Cantigny, Herbert replaced the museum's previous longtime executive director, John Votaw. Herbert was hired after the McCormick Foundation, which owns Cantigny, sought an executive director who was a retired Army colonel with a Ph.D. in history.

"I stand on John's shoulders," Herbert said of Votaw. "He and his generation built the museum that I inherited and it's a fabulous museum, so I fell into a very good situation."

Indeed, the museum opened when Cantigny opened in 1960. The original museum was in an old stable that had been redesigned by architect Andrew Rebori — a longtime friend of McCormick's who also designed McCormick's burial site at Cantigny. In 1992, the First Division Museum moved to a new building at Cantigny that was designed by Vickrey, Ovresat & Awsumb, later known as VOA Associates, and the previous museum building then was repurposed as a welcome center.

Herbert said he is proudest of the team that he has been able to build and retain at the museum.

"I think we have a very professional museum staff and I think they are as passionate about our mis-

sion as I am, even though they are not veterans," he said. "And so I'm completely confident that I can step away from this and they'll carry on."

Herbert also said he is proud of the museum's renovation, which he had wanted to begin when he arrived in 2005. Before the renovation, the First Division Museum's galleries ended with the Vietnam War.

"That was current history when the museum was built in the late '80s, but now it's 50 years old," he said. "But my efforts along those lines collided with the recession in 2008, and no matter how hard I worked at persuading our board, I had to cool my jets. We finally got that approved in 2015 and spent most of 2016 and 2017 doing it and reopened it in August 2017. And if I do say so myself, I think we're the best military museum of our size in the United States. I think we knocked it out of the ballpark."

Outreach has been a critical part of Herbert's role at Cantigny, which has relationships with schools, other museums, veterans groups and the active First Division.

"It's real easy to see it as a facility at Cantigny Park, and it is that, but it is also a key institution in a large interspersed community of people interested in the history of the First Division and military history more largely," he said. "We've published books. We do teacher training. We've sent kids from inner-city schools to Normandy each year. We just do a ton of work, and as a matter of fact, I would say that the majority of my time (has been) spent managing our external relationships because our staff is just so

good at the internal work."

David Hiller, the McCormick Foundation's president and CEO, said Herbert's contributions to the First Division Museum, Cantigny Park and the foundation "are unmatched."

"Paul has a deep personal commitment to telling the stories of the young men and women who volunteered to put their lives on the line for all of us every day," said Hiller, a former publisher of the Tribune. "We owe it to them to understand what they do and why we as citizens ask them to do it. These are the stories the First Division Museum tells. Paul infused the museum with this perspective of soldiers' own stories, which help build bridges and empathy for a part of American life that few Americans now experience."

Herbert's replacement as executive director, Krewasky Salter, also is a retired Army colonel with a Ph.D., and will start work in April. In the meantime, Herbert said he hasn't yet decided his next move.

"The one decision I've made is, in 2019, I'm not going to do a whole lot of anything other than catch up with my dispersed family and take some time for myself and think those grand questions over and decide what I really want to do (next)," he said.

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Demolition debate in Edgewater

Community groups fight Loyola over fate of 2 buildings

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
Chicago Tribune

There was a time when Loyola University Chicago officials were responsive to resident outcry about neighborhood preservation, said an organizer of a Sunday afternoon protest outside two Edgewater buildings slated for demolition Friday.

But that was 30 years ago, said Marjorie Fritz-Birch, who represents the Edgewater Historical Society and the Edgewater Environmental Sustainability Project, groups that for months have been calling on Loyola to discuss the planned demolition of a historic home and a 63-unit apartment complex that the university intends to replace with a 400-bed dormitory that will be called St. Joseph's Hall.

"We're willing to work with them; we just want a compromise. But they're just pushing us aside," Fritz-Birch said ahead of the noon protest. "They refuse — refuse — to listen to us."

The historic home built in 1912 at 6312 N. Winthrop Ave. and the larger of the two structures, a nine-story apartment building with 63 units at 6330 N. Winthrop Ave., built in 1926, originally were scheduled to be razed in February.

Those who oppose the plan said they only learned the date had been moved forward when Ald. Harry Osterman, 48th, received a notice.

Evangeline Politis, a



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Vice President Kathy Gemperle, center, and members of the Edgewater Historical Society and the Edgewater Environmental Sustainability Project are calling for Loyola to revise plans to demolish two buildings on North Winthrop Avenue.

spokeswoman for Loyola University Chicago, in an emailed statement Sunday said the university remains a community partner dedicated to the betterment of its students and the city, and refutes claims that the institution isn't listening to residents.

"We support the community's right to express their opinions and perspectives. As a Jesuit, Catholic university, we advocate for civil discourse and strongly believe it advances education and understanding," she wrote. "... the University participated in a number of community meetings in 2018, including one held by Alderman Harry Osterman in late August, which welcomed

conversation regarding a zoning variance needed for the construction of the building."

About 20 people showed up at the site Sunday to express their disapproval of the university's plans to demolish the historic building and the moderate-income housing. They do not take issue with the need to build more student housing, rather they oppose plans to tear down what could be salvaged or repurposed, said Allen Stryczek of the Edgewater Environmental Sustainability Project.

"It takes away the ability for modest-income families to live here, and that's one of the things we all value about Edgewater,"

Stryczek said. "We wanted to make our voice known to Loyola that we're objecting to these demolitions on historical, environmental and moral grounds."

Stryczek also said that due to Loyola's tax-exempt status, demolition of the building would remove an additional \$70,000 annually from Chicago's tax base, placing an even greater property tax burden on other Chicago residents.

Politis said Loyola has owned the building at 6330 N. Winthrop for five years, and it has always been a market rate apartment building.

"The average rent there this year was \$1,096 per month, which is not significantly different from the

average rent in Edgewater that is \$1,098 per month. Loyola's demolition contractors will also be taking steps such as spraying the site with water to mitigate the release of dust during demolition and keep the community safe," Politis wrote.

There is one point all parties agree on, and it's the local group's dedication to reusing and preserving materials.

"There are plans to divert some of the buildings' artifacts and building materials away from landfills and into re-use salvage yards and shops," Politis said.

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Ind. trooper helps return dog to owners after crash

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
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For Damiann Daugherty, the scariest part of hitting a patch of ice and totaling her pickup wasn't when she broke the truck's back window with her head, causing her to be rushed off in an ambulance.

It was knowing that although her children were safe, her beloved Siberian husky Anastasia got scared during the crash and took off running along Interstate 65.

It took 24 hours, the help of dozens of strangers, social media posts and two dedicated Indiana State Police employees, but Daugherty got her dog back.

"Just as long as we got Anastasia back home, the injuries to me don't matter. A bump can heal," Daugherty told the Tribune hours after she was reunited with Anastasia, a 6-year-old dog the family has had since she was a puppy.

Daugherty is originally from Chicago but now lives with her husband and younger children near Knoxville, Tenn. The family was visiting her older sons who still live in Chicago and one son who lives

near Crown Point, Ind. After the visit, she was headed back to Tennessee, driving her GMC Sierra south on I-65 in the center lane and going about 55 mph because of the slick conditions, she said.

As she passed mile marker 253 about 8:30 a.m., disaster struck.

"I hit a patch of ice in that lane that put my pickup into multiple spins," Daugherty said.

Anastasia was in the rear of the pickup, outfitted with a hardtop. The roof was detached when the truck was totaled, according to the crash report. The dog must have been frightened from the commotion, and she ran off, Daugherty said.

Even though she herself was seriously injured, Daugherty said, "It was devastating not knowing where she was and if she was all right. She was all I could think about."

That's when a series of strangers stepped in to help the family, including former Marine and Indiana State Police Master Trooper Dwayne Halliburton.

Daugherty posted an account of the ordeal on Facebook as well as a picture of Anastasia that was

shared almost 700 times as of Sunday afternoon.

"If it wasn't for everyone looking and all the Facebook postings, we might never have found her," Daugherty said.

An alert Indiana State Police dispatcher, Mary Stevens, also saw the social media post.

"I received a text from our dispatcher, and she was reading on Facebook that apparently a dog that was traveling in a vehicle that was in an accident and it jumped out of the vehicle, and apparently the owners couldn't find it," Halliburton said.

Early Sunday, Stevens asked him if he could swing by mile marker 253 to look for Anastasia, he said.

"I'm getting close to the 251 mile marker, and guess who's running on the side of the road," Halliburton said with a laugh. "As it turns out, I just happened to be at the right place at the right time."

Halliburton, a dog lover but not a dog owner, had some trouble corralling the husky. He pulled off into the median, and Anastasia was about 25 feet from him but didn't go in the direction he'd hoped at first. As he was trying to control the dog's movements, he told



INDIANA STATE POLICE

John and Damiann Daugherty are reunited with Anastasia, a 6-year-old Siberian husky, on Sunday.

Stevens he had the dog in sight and asked her to get Daugherty on the line.

Daugherty and her husband, John, met Halliburton on U.S. 30 while he blocked off traffic behind him.

"Everything was going as planned, and I was praying to God that the dog didn't come out to the interstate," he said.

Shortly after the Daughertys arrived, they spotted Anastasia and called her to them. The dog and owners were reunited as Halliburton snapped a photo.

Halliburton said it wasn't the first time he's saved a dog; he had a similar call in the Jasper area a few years back, he said.

Though he visits animal control a few times a week to feed and pet the dogs, he hasn't yet taken one home. The youngest of his three daughters, now a sopho-

more in high school, has been begging for a dog, and Halliburton said he expects he'll cave by the time he hits his 20-year anniversary with the department next summer.

The Daughertys traveled to Chicago in two vehicles, and on Sunday, John and Damiann, and their two youngest children — and, of course, Anastasia — piled into John's full-size Chevrolet Silverado and headed for home. They'll worry about replacing her truck once they get home, Damiann said. For now she's just grateful to Halliburton that her family, all of it, is together again.

"God bless him and everyone who helped us in the last 24 hours. Without them, I don't know what would have happened," Daugherty said.

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Sheriff's deputy charged with criminal sexual assault

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
Chicago Tribune

A longtime Cook County sheriff's deputy on Sunday was charged with criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse, officials said.

Luke Hatzipetros, 43, an 18-year veteran of the Cook County sheriff's office, was "de-deputized" by that agency Friday after an investigation into the allega-

tions, said Cara Smith, chief spokeswoman for the office.

He turned himself in to the Chicago Police Department with his attorney present Saturday, Smith said, and was arrested on the felony charges. "This individual was de-deputized in connection with the investigation and these charges, and we have been cooperating fully with the state's attorney's office in this investigation," Smith

said.

Hatzipetros appeared in bond court Sunday before Judge Stephanie Miller, who ordered him held without bail, said Tandra Simonton, chief spokeswoman for the state's attorney's office.

Smith said the investigation began at least a week earlier, and prior to his arrest, the sheriff's office served three orders of protection against Hatzipetros. Smith said she wasn't

sure if the three people he was ordered to stay away from all were alleged victims. "We had been working with Chicago Police Department for several days prior to that and, in addition, ensuring the orders of protection were served on him," she said.

Being "de-deputized" means Hatzipetros was stripped of his police powers, but it does not mean he was immediately terminated. He remains on the

payroll until the process he's entitled to under the collective bargaining agreement takes its course, Smith said. "I would anticipate that he will ultimately be suspended without pay."

Hatzipetros was being held in the Cook County Jail.

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Playwright serves love in time of misfortune

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

At the Far South Side police station, this holiday season is tinged with sadness.

It's apparent in the lobby, where near illuminated Christmas trees and gift-wrapped presents there are two large pictures of the officers who were fatally hit by a train earlier this month.

The deaths of the young officers, Eduardo Marmolejo and Conrad Gary, brought to five the number of Calumet District officers who have died this year. Two died from suicides in the district parking lot, and a third died in July after collapsing at the station.

When Janet Edmondson, 70, learned about the tragedies on the news, a thought sprang into her head: Somebody needs to show some love to this district.

"The next thought was ... why don't you do something?" Edmondson recalled Sunday as she served up fried chicken, catfish fillet and spaghetti to hungry officers inside the police station at East 111th Street.

Edmondson, a playwright, organized the dinner with the help of volunteers and the cast of her current show, "Walk in My Shoes," which tells the stories of 12 women overcoming their own adversities. On Sunday, the cast members wore custom T-shirts that said #cpdllove as they scooped hearty helpings of food out of aluminum containers.

Edmondson's son and grandson, both police officers assigned to different areas, ate with their co-workers.

Superintendent Eddie Johnson said the dinner helps officers know that they are not alone.

"These officers over here in particular have some weight on their shoulders, but I am still humbled and so incredibly proud of them," Johnson said Sunday outside the station. "Despite the tragedies (we) have had to deal with for the last few months, we still come to work every day and do what we are asked to do."

To help officers cope with the losses, police chaplains and members of the employee assistance program have visited the station, Johnson said. Officers can access further counseling through the employee program, he added.

"They are still hurting, but they know that's part of the job," Johnson said.

The most recent tragedy hit the district Dec. 17 when Marmolejo, 36, and Gary, 31, followed a shooting suspect onto Metra tracks near the Rosemoor stop before they were fatally hit by a train.

In July, 47-year-old Vinita Williams collapsed at the station and later died. Two days earlier, 36-year-old Brandon Krueger was in his patrol car when he used his service weapon to shoot himself in the station parking lot. In September, 54-year-old Regine Perpignan also shot herself in the station's parking lot.

Calumet District police Officer Covonnia Jones said going to church has helped her deal with this difficult year. She was placed in the Calumet District two years ago after serving 16 years in the Gresham District on the South Side. Jones, 52, said she had gotten to know Marmolejo and Gary because she worked the same shift as them.

She stopped in at the dinner Sunday to grab some food before wrapping up her shift.

"We really appreciate this," she said, "because we always think people don't like the police."

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No party like garage party for these Bears fans

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Gerolyn Baren said. During warmer weather, they open the garage and set up a tent in the driveway to keep the kids outside. On Sunday, a day that started in the 20s, the door was closed and neighbors and friends inside were decked out in warmer blue and orange clothing. Chuck Baren wore a Peyton jersey as he cut jalapeños stuffed with cream cheese and wrapped in bacon on a Bears cutting board. Outside the kitchen was a calendar with Bears games prominently marked, a sad face scribbled for any losses. “All our friends know about our garage,” Chuck Baren said, as kickoff approached and attendees took their seats in Bears folding chairs. “It’s winter, so we have to compromise,” Gerolyn Baren said, acknowledging the Bears helmet space heaters in the garage. But for some fans, enduring the frigid weather is the point.

Chris “Bub” Doherty, of Huntley, has hosted a “conditions” party since he was out of college, first in his parents’ garage in McHenry and then in his own garage. “Years ago we were going to Salvation Army and purchasing cheap TVs just to make sure we had enough for the game,” Doherty said. “Basically moving the living room into the garage. And then the thought process was, it would be a game that the Bears would play at home, whatever elements the Bears were getting.” The idea is to bear the conditions of whatever is outside,” said Ryan McClintock, a Roscoe Village resident and family member who has braved a number of Doherty’s “conditions” parties.

This year, the family took its party on the road to a garage in Minnesota. About half of the dozens of fans in attendance would be rooting for the Vikings. It was about 15 degrees when Doherty arrived, he said, and the family was prepping for a “cold one.” “Years ago when we first started, we tried to be bold and pick some of the coldest games,” he said. There was once a bonfire in the middle of the driveway, said Doherty, but in recent years, they’ve picked earlier games.

“Years ago it was probably about hanging with my buddies, crashing at my parents house and doing it outside in the garage,” Doherty said. “But it’s kind of evolved over the years. It’s grown. It takes on a whole new meaning now that everybody has kids. “Our kids get to participate in it, and they all get bundled up,” McClintock said. “They haven’t done it in the last few years because



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Chuck Baren (34) and Gerolyn Baren (10) watch the Bears-Vikings game with friends in their Naperville garage Sunday.

Bears have momentum, if not bye

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game at home. With a young roster, the majority of which is not playoff-tested, Nagy made the right decision by ensuring his team went into the playoffs playing well. That meant keeping their best players on the field Sunday. It was a raucous environment, thanks to a stadium-record crowd of 66,878, something that can’t be replicated in practice no matter how loud your crowd-noise speakers are, and the kind of thing the Bears will have to tackle if they want to make a deep playoff run.

Wide receivers Anthony Miller and Taylor Gabriel left the game with shoulder injuries, and that’s concerning given that receiver Allen Robinson was held out of this game with a rib injury suffered in last week’s victory against the 49ers. But there was no other way to get these players prepared for the kind of hostile crowd the Bears would have to handle in, say, New Orleans in the NFC championship game. The Eagles didn’t escape their 24-0 victory over the Redskins in Washington

without damage as quarterback Nick Foles was knocked out with a rib injury. The Bears simply haven’t faced a rough spot on the road since the season opener in Green Bay. Maybe this is something Nagy had in mind as his offensive linemen were forced to work off silent counts and still did a good job protecting for quarterback Mitch Trubisky and opening holes in the ground game as Jordan Howard (21 carries, 109 yards, two touchdowns) topped 100 yards for only the second time this season and the second time in the last four games. Trubisky was sharp with the football with no turnovers. He completed 18 of 26 passes for 163 yards, a perfect 40-yard pass to Gabriel setting up a 1-yard touchdown run for Howard in the second quarter. That’s the kind of efficient effort the Bears need from Trubisky in the playoffs, and he didn’t look jumpy at all with the stadium roaring at the start. After the Vikings pulled within 13-10 late in the third quarter, the Bears marched 75 yards on 16

plays in a drive that consumed 9 minutes, 5 seconds and might be remembered as one of the most important possessions of the regular season. Tarik Cohen scored on a 4-yard run and then linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski caught a pass from Trubisky for a two-point conversion with Nagy’s faith in kicker Cody Parkey probably on pause for the remainder of the season after he banged a try off the right upright for his third miss on a point-after attempt this season.

Fill-in Vikings offensive coordinator Kevin Stefanski got the job three weeks ago with the mandate to run the football, but there was no place to go against the Bears’ front. Even as it became apparent the 49ers weren’t going to catch up to the Rams, who led 31-10 at halftime, the Bears had their starters on the field into the fourth quarter. The Vikings ran the ball 15 times for 63 yards, and that wasn’t enough to create any kind of play-action passing game for Kirk Cousins, the \$84 million man who was supposed to get the Vikings over the hump after they

reached the NFC title game last season. Cousins completed 20 of 33 passes for only 132 yards. He was forced to get the ball out quickly, which prevented Stefon Diggs and Adam Thielen from challenging the secondary. The defense has played against a few better offenses, but this was a pretty dominating effort and without the benefit of a home crowd. Nagy rotated in reserves in the fourth quarter, and they still dominated Cousins and the Vikings offense. Roy Robertson-Harris went off after he crushed Cousins and it looked like he jammed his neck on impact. The 49ers never had a shot as the Rams wound up whipping them 48-32, eliminating the Bears’ hopes of earning a coveted bye. With the bye out of the equation, the Bears’ best move was to go into the playoffs with momentum. After winning their fourth straight game and fifth straight in the division, they have it.

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we’ve had too many kids, but we had the drunkest award. In years past, everybody was trying to compete for it. But we still tend to have some fun.” “Whether it’s in the good years or the bad years, it still brings everybody together to have a good time,” Doherty said.

Over in Naperville, the Baren’s Bears garage party was in full swing. “You can see, it’s encompassing,” said Gerolyn Baren. “You can’t not be in the mood for football when you’re out there.” “I think they’ll win,” Chuck Baren said. “I just get excited for the mo-

ments. Every play I’m on the edge of my seat.” When running back Jordan Howard rushed for a 42-yard gain in the first quarter, Gerolyn Baren screamed, a giant version of Howard on the wall to her left, a glass of wine in her hand. When the Bears got their first touchdown of the

game, with Howard celebrating in the end zone, the Baren’s kissed. A chorus of “Bear Down, Chicago Bears” erupted. And then blasted from a speaker as the group clapped along. Other fans seem to find a similar camaraderie in their collective game watching.

Longtime fan Cathy Tantillo has attended her aunt’s annual kickoff watch party, which is partially held in a garage in New Lenox, for years. The party started as an excuse to bring the family of season-ticket holders together, she said, and it has grown over the years. “Even when we don’t get together, we’ll be texting each other and calling each other during the game,” Tantillo said. “We’re oddly watching the game together even if we’re not.” The pregame activities, like a Bears-themed raffle, are based in the garage. Outside there’s an Easter egg hunt with mini-footballs for the kids. The food is standard tailgating fare, with nods to the competitor. “This year because we were playing the Packers for that first game, we had a few more cheese-related items than we usually do,” Tantillo said. “Last year we were playing the Atlanta Falcons and so we had a Georgia peach cobbler and we went a little more Southern.” Her aunt, Julie Prill, said there were so many people at this year’s party, the septic went. “It was a running joke that this year all the money from the drawing is going to pay for the port-a-potty,” she said. “And we even had the port-a-potty decorated with Bears stuff.” On Sunday, after halftime, as the sun set and the sky turned from blue to orange, projected Bears lights danced off the Baren’s garage door. As the fourth quarter went on, the garage grew chilly. “I never thought we’d be in this position this year, so it’s a gift,” said Frank Ruffino, who met the Baren’s tailgating at Soldier Field with his girlfriend Laura Woll. “It’s been 7 years, 11 months, 27 days and 2 hours since we were at the top of our division,” he said off the top of his head. “It’s been a long time since we’ve had this nervous excitement.” As the clock ticked down, the Baren’s planned their tailgating meal for the next game, but this time they’re planning to go to Soldier Field for the party. “We’ll be partying here at your garage while you guys are at the game,” joked neighbor Linda Querrey. “Look at how sad they are,” said Chuck Baren, as a shot of benched Vikings panned across the TV. With 17 seconds left, the garage boomed with claps and cheers. Gerolyn Baren whooped as coach Matt Nagy walked on to the field. When quarterback Mitch Trubisky appeared, Woll said, “You need to shave!” And “Bear Down, Chicago Bears” could be heard from outside the garage.

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Construction, political wrangling ahead for 2019

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demolishing buildings and utility work, started in 2018. The start of major construction is expected next fall, though the whole project will not be finished until 2025. The project involves a flyover that will carry Brown Line trains over Red and Purple line tracks north of Belmont Avenue, and the rebuilding of century-old track and stations. Metra will continue implementation of its \$400 million federally mandated positive train control, a GPS-based safety technology that slows down or stops a train to enforce track speeds and prevent collisions. Last June, BNSF began using the technology on its line and implemented a revised schedule, which contributed to delays on Metra’s busiest line. Metra plans to finish implementing positive train control by 2020. Pace riders will see service cuts on some suburban routes. The suburban bus service also plans to launch the Milwaukee Avenue Pulse Line, high-frequency service that will

run between the CTA’s Jefferson Park Blue Line station and the Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles. **Illinois Tollway** On the Illinois Tollway, work will wrap up on a two-year project to rebuild and widen part of Interstate 88 between Interstate 290 and the York Road Toll Plaza. Design and advance work will continue for the new Interstate 490 Tollway, planned as part of western access to O’Hare International Airport. Initial construction will begin on the 490 interchange at Illinois Route 390 with work between Illinois Route 83 and York Road, according to the Tollway. Work will continue on interchanges connecting I-490 to the Tri-State Tollway (Interstate 294) and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (Interstate 90). The Tollway also will continue reconstruction work of the Edens Spur (Interstate 94) Tollway, and rebuilding and widening the Central Tri-State at the north end between

Balmoral Avenue and Wolf Road in Franklin Park. New Tollway projects will include the Illinois Route 23 interchange project on I-90 in Marengo, and the Illinois Route 47 interchange project in Sugar Grove. **State and Chicago roads** The Illinois Department of Transportation will continue work on the seemingly interminable Jane Byrne Interchange project, which will continue into 2022. IDOT officials say that motorists will see more of the same type of construction delays on the complex project in 2019, while more disruptions will come in 2020, when a major ramp will need to be closed. This is the ramp from the inbound Eisenhower Expressway to the northbound Kennedy Expressway, which sees 26,000 cars a day. The state Transportation Department also plans to continue work next year on the outbound Kennedy at Cumberland and Harlem avenues, and on



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The Illinois Department of Transportation will keep working on the seemingly interminable Jane Byrne Interchange project into 2022.

the replacement of the deteriorating I-290 bridge over Salt Creek in Addison. The department is building a “diverging diamond” interchange at Interstate 55 and Weber Road in Romeoville and Bolingbrook, intended to improve travel times and safety in a growing area. Diverging diamond interchanges are designed to be safer and take up less space than cloverleaf designs. Another Chicago-area diamond is at Route 59 and I-88 in Naperville. In Chicago, the city expects to make repairs to the Depression-era Lake Shore Drive bridge over the Chicago River, which

will also allow for the completion of the long-awaited Navy Pier Flyover bike and pedestrian path. Chicago Avenue over the river will remain closed to traffic while the city puts up an interim bridge early next year. A new, permanent bridge will be built in 2021. Road reconstruction work for the Obama Presidential Center also is expected to start next fall, pending federal review, according to CDOT. Finally, work will continue on the planned 312 River Run, a 2-mile path that will connect the Irving Park, North Center, Avondale and Albany Park

neighborhoods to three parks. The project includes the Riverview Bridge, which will cross over the North Branch of the Chicago River under the Addison Road Bridge. The bridge, more than 1,000 feet long, is expected to be completed late next summer, according to the city. The city also plans to start work on a new pedestrian bridge over Lake Shore Drive at 43rd Street, which will be accessible for wheelchair users. *The transportation song quiz will return next week.* mwisniewski@chicagotribune.com
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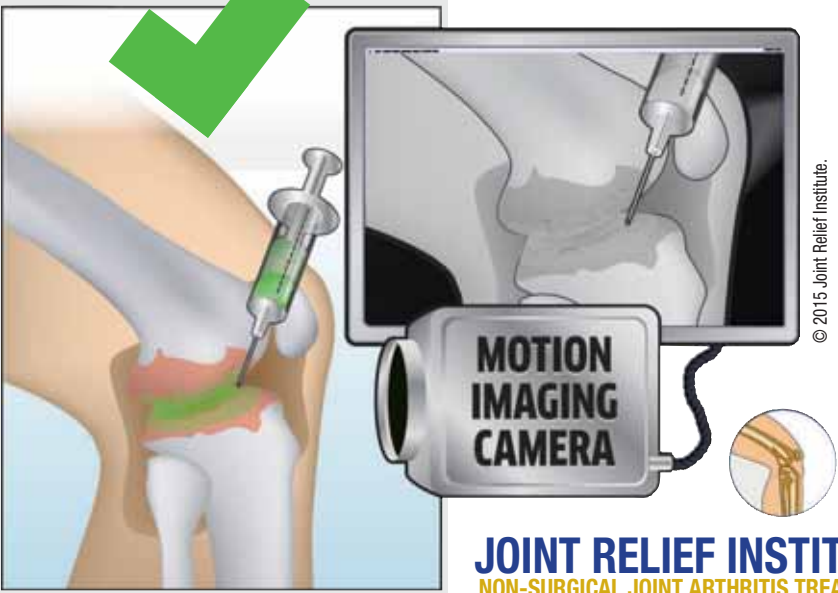
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Tribune Publishing malware probe ongoing

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The Chicago Tribune and other Tribune Publishing newspapers on Sunday continued to experience issues associated with a malware attack, and some content likely will be missing from Monday's papers, the Chicago-based company said.

Sunday print editions were delivered in its markets across the U.S. but did

not contain classified ads and some paid death notices, which share a common system disrupted by the malware, the Chicago-based company said Sunday.

Monday's papers will likely be missing the same content as the company investigates the attack with the assistance of the FBI, and works to restore its systems.

"We have made significant progress and are proud

of our team across the organization that put Sunday's delivery of newspapers back on an ordinary schedule through incredible and extraordinary effort," Tribune Publishing spokeswoman Marisa Kollias said in a statement Sunday.

The company discovered the presence of malware Friday.

A source familiar with the investigation said the malware has been identi-

fied as Ryuk ransomware, which was highlighted as a threat associated with overseas hackers in an August government cybersecurity report. There was no ransom demand made, the source said.

All Tribune Publishing newspapers were impacted by the malware, with the South Florida Sun Sentinel among those unable to produce its paper in time for Saturday delivery. Those newspapers were delivered

on Sunday, the company said.

In Southern California, former Tribune Publishing newspapers the Los Angeles Times and San Diego Union-Tribune were also affected. Tribune Publishing completed its \$500 million sale of the Los Angeles Times and San Diego Union-Tribune to biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong in June, but still provides shared printing services to the California

newspapers.

Formerly known as Tronc, Tribune Publishing also owns The Baltimore Sun; Hartford Courant; Orlando Sentinel; the New York Daily News; the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Md.; The Morning Call in Allentown, Pa.; the Daily Press in Newport News, Va.; and The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va.

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Gun violence falls 2nd year in row

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according to the Chicago Police Department.

'Why they gotta shoot her?'

For many residents in these neighborhoods, it was more a year of loss than progress.

In Roseland in the Calumet District, Adrienne Lando stood in a field where two teenage boys had been shot dead in August. When she learned one of them was a boy who had lived with her during a difficult period in his life, she collapsed in the grass and sobbed, repeating his nickname: "Bibby."

In Englewood, where murders were up 8 percent over last year, a young mother was shot while holding her baby at a September party for the child's father — who was killed in a West Englewood shooting in March 2017. "Why they gotta shoot her when her baby is in her hands?" the woman's mother, Jewel Maddox, asked outside the hospital where surgeons operated on her daughter.

In West Garfield Park, a violent area of the Harrison District where homicides increased by 3 percent, a girl holding her baby cousin

was shot and killed in the street in June. She'Nyah O'Flynn, 12, had been in town from Michigan visiting family. The girl's mother, She'Vaughn O'Flynn, rushed from Michigan to Stroger Hospital, still wearing pajamas, and prepared herself to see her daughter's body. "I actually grew up with her, in a sense," O'Flynn told the Tribune. "She humbled me."

The spike in the Calumet District stems from a "really horrible gang issue over there," Johnson said. "We're well aware of what's driving it." The superintendent said the department was "working really hard" to bring down the violence there, but declined to provide details, saying he did not want to divulge strategy.

In the Englewood District, former Cmdr. Kenneth Johnson had earned praise for overseeing a big drop in violence in what has been one of the city's most violent areas. But he was charged this year with stealing more than \$360,000 in Social Security funds in a scheme that lasted more than 23 years.

As of Friday, Englewood looked to end the year with 50 homicides, third-highest in the city. The superintendent said he didn't be-

lieve Johnson's indictment and removal as commander played a part in the increased crime.

"No, I think there's a number of contributing factors to that," he said. "They did such a great job last year, now they're competing against those numbers. We have lost some momentum there."

A persistent gang conflict has recently erupted again, but Johnson said he was "confident in the leadership over there."

Richard Rosenfeld, chairman of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, said the city needs to see big declines in traditionally violent areas too.

"The data for Chicago — and this is the case no matter where one looks — makes it dramatically clear when we talk about a city homicide rate, we are talking about a very mixed bag, where some areas are dropping and other areas are flat or have experienced more homicides this year than year-to-date last year," he said.

The Central and Near North districts, which cover downtown, experienced sharp increases in aggravated batteries, with 503 reported in 2018 — 114 more than in 2017. Both areas also had more shootings.

And despite the steady decline citywide, Chicago continues to have more homicides than New York City and Los Angeles combined.

As of about mid-December, New York City had 278 homicides and Los Angeles 243.

Still, Rosenfeld acknowledged that "when we see a 14 or so percent decline in homicide, especially in a city in which homicides have been spiking up in recent years, that is ... meaningful."

'The right direction'

Johnson credited three main factors for the downward trend.

The first was greater use of strategic decision support centers, or "mini-war rooms," designed to better predict where shootings may occur and respond more quickly to gunfire. District supervisors analyze data in real time through a computer program call HunchLab to determine where to deploy patrol and tactical officers.

The department has expanded the number of districts that have such centers — 20 of the city's 22 districts — but they have been operating the longest in the Harrison and Englewood districts that are still among the most violent in the city.

Still, Johnson said he was "encouraged by all the things that we're doing, including investing in the technology approach to crime fighting, because that makes us more proactive and more predictive."

A second factor was the department's collaboration

with federal agencies, including the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office.

Johnson pointed to a carjacking case that played out downtown in April. Johnson pointed to a carjacking case that played out downtown in April. Two people, one of them an elderly man, were shot during a crime spree that included the carjacking of an undercover Chicago police officer in the Near North neighborhood.

The attack was the first time the U.S. attorney's office got involved in a local carjacking case, Johnson said. A carjacking task force was put in place, and police have reported a drop in carjacking the last half of the year.

Additional federal help came in continuing investigation into the random killings of two men in Rogers Park, a case that remains open.

The third — and "possibly the most important" — factor is the continuing efforts to build trust between the police and community in a year when a Chicago police officer, Jason Van Dyke, was found guilty of second-degree murder and aggravated battery for the on-duty killing of Laquan McDonald, who was shot 16 times.

Johnson referred to "no-snitch zones" that criminals see as safe havens because they know the residents will not talk to police. "They're afraid of possible retaliation," Johnson said. "Let's

face it — the police don't witness a lot of these crimes but we have to rely on them to point us in the right direction."

What's ahead

For 2019, Johnson said he hopes to further expand the strategic centers, making them available to detectives.

"Strategic centers worked so well in patrol that we are going to duplicate that effort in the detective area," the superintendent said. "Hopefully this will help the clearance rate."

The clearance rates for Chicago police detectives have fallen to embarrassing lows, about 20 points below national averages and far beneath other big cities like New York and Los Angeles.

"I want to see the Chicago Police Department better and we're not there yet," Johnson acknowledged.

The superintendent said he wants to be remembered as someone who "brought the CPD into the 21st century" and who "fought valiantly" to improve failing relationships with the community and police officers.

"We're only as strong as the faith the community has in us," he said. "I want people to be able to say to me: 'I feel safer now than I did some years ago.'"

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No deal to end shutdown in sight

Kelly: Trump backed away from wall months ago

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump long ago backed away from his campaign pledge to construct a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, his outgoing chief of staff said, as the president's demand for "border security" funding triggered a partial government shutdown with no end in sight.

John Kelly, who will leave his post Wednesday after a tumultuous 17 months in the job, said in an exit interview with the Los Angeles Times that Trump abandoned the notion of "a solid concrete wall early on in the administration."

It marked the starkest admission yet by the president's inner circle that his signature campaign pledge, which sparked fervent chants of "build that wall" during Trump's rallies and is now at the center of a budgetary standoff, would not be fulfilled as advertised.

"To be honest, it's not a wall," Kelly said, adding the mix of technological enhancements and "steel slat" barriers the president now wants along the border resulted from conversations with law enforcement professionals.

The partial shutdown began Dec. 22 after Trump bowed to conservative demands that he fight to make good on his vow and secure



Kelly



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Sen. Lindsey Graham said Sunday on CNN there won't be a deal without wall funding before he met with the president.

funding for the wall before Republicans lose control of the House on Wednesday.

Democrats have remained committed to blocking the president's priority, and with neither side engaging in substantive negotiation, the effect of the partial shutdown was set to spread and to extend into the new year.

On Sunday, White House counselor

Kellyanne Conway called discussion of the apparent contradiction "a silly semantic argument."

"There may be a wall in some places, there may be steel slats, there may be technological enhancements," Conway told "Fox News Sunday."

"But only saying wall or no wall is being very disingenuous and turning a complete blind eye to what is a crisis at the border."

Neither side appeared ready to budge off its negotiating position. The two sides have had little direct contact during the stalemate, and Trump did not ask Republicans, who hold a monopoly on power in Washington until Thursday, to keep Congress in session.

Conway said Sunday that

"the president has already compromised" by dropping his request for the wall from \$5 billion, and she called on Democrats to return to the negotiating table.

"It is with them," she said, explaining why Trump was not reaching out to Democrats.

Democrats maintain that they have already presented the White House with three options to end the shutdown, none of which fund the wall, and insist that it's Trump's move.

"At this point, it's clear the White House doesn't know what they want when it comes to border security," said Justin Goodman,

Democratic leader Chuck Schumer's spokesman.

After canceling a vacation to his private Florida club, Trump spent the weekend at the White House. He has remained out of the public eye since returning Thursday from a 29-hour trip to visit U.S. troops in Iraq, instead taking to Twitter to attack Democrats. He also moved to defend himself from criticism that he couldn't deliver on the wall while the GOP controlled both the House and Senate.

"For those that naively ask why didn't the Republicans get approval to build the Wall over the last year, it

is because IN THE SENATE WE NEED 10 DEMOCRAT VOTES, and they will give us "NONE" for Border Security!" he tweeted. "Now we have to do it the hard way, with a Shutdown."

Trump had lunch Sunday with South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, who said he hoped to end the shutdown by offering Democrats incentives to get them to vote for wall funding.

"To my Democratic friends, there will never be a deal without wall funding," Graham said on CNN before the meeting with the president.

Graham proposed to help two groups of immigrants get approval to continue living in the U.S.: 700,000 young "Dreamers" brought into the U.S. illegally as children and 400,000 people receiving temporary protected status because they are from countries struggling with natural disasters or armed conflicts.

He also said the compromise should include changes in federal law to discourage people from trying to enter the U.S. illegally.

"Democrats have a chance here to work with me and others, including the president, to bring legal status to people who have very uncertain lives," Graham said.

After meeting with the president, Graham said Trump was "open-minded" about a broader immigration agreement, saying the impasse presented an opportunity to address issues beyond the border wall.

The shutdown is forcing hundreds of thousands of federal workers and contractors to stay home or work without pay.

House GOP releases findings from probe of FBI and DOJ

Chairmen again call for second special counsel

By KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The outgoing Republican committee chairmen in charge of a year-long probe of how the FBI and Justice Department handled investigations into the Trump campaign's alleged Russia ties and Hillary Clinton's emails once again called for a second special counsel to look into such matters in a letter to top administration and congressional officials summing up their work.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., sent their letter to acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker, Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

In it, they encouraged them to pick up where the House panels left off and "continue to identify and eliminate bias" at the federal law enforcement agencies

so the public can trust the institutions to make decisions solely on the facts and the law and totally devoid of political bias or consideration."

"Our 2016 presidential candidates were not treated equally," Goodlatte and Gowdy wrote in a statement accompanying the release of the letter. "The investigators in both investigations were biased against President Trump."

The House GOP leaned heavily on details in an inspector general report released earlier this year to make their arguments about bias having infected the FBI and DOJ's proceedings.

The IG's report found that while certain individuals, such as former top FBI counterintelligence officer Peter Strzok, displayed clear personal bias against Trump, there was no evidence that the conclusions of the investigations themselves were biased.

Nonetheless, Republicans and Democrats have openly warred over the implications of the IG report and their own investigation for months.

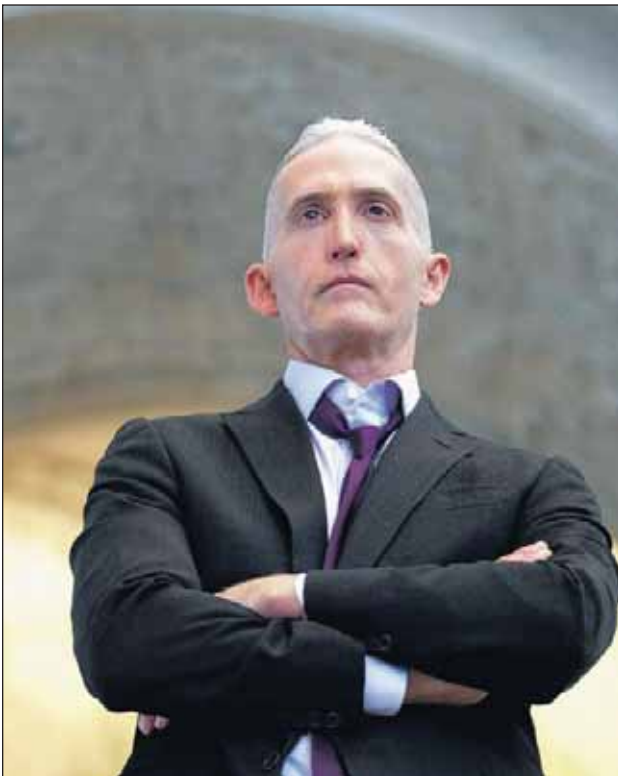
Democrats have frequently charged that the GOP used the congressional investigation as a means of

discrediting the work that provided the foundation for special counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing probe of Russian meddling.

Republican leaders denied that charge in their letter, arguing that "whatever product is produced by the special counsel must be trusted by Americans and that requires asking tough but fair questions about investigative techniques both employed and not employed."

But after dozens of mostly closed-door interviews and months of high-profile partisan clashes, the seven-page letter comes as a remarkably quiet ending — with lawmakers offering no discernibly new insights or recommendations for how the federal law enforcement agencies erred or might improve their work.

Alongside the call for a second special counsel — which Goodlatte and Gowdy first formally called for back in March — the panel leaders recommended that others take a closer look at the process of securing warrants to conduct surveillance on individuals, and how much detail investigators are required to provide the secret court that approves such



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Government Reform Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy, shown, and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte again call for a second special counsel to look into the way the FBI handled controversial investigations.

warrants about "informant or source issues and the divulging of bias information."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the incoming chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has already told reporters that he plans to take up this issue.

In the letter, GOP panel leaders criticize the decisions several of the wit-

nesses testified to making during the investigations. They focus on those of former FBI Director James Comey, pitting his testimony against that of former FBI general counsel James Baker, whose comments, they said, suggested that Comey possibly erred in deciding not to prosecute Clinton over her use of a private email server.

The Republican chairmen also cite Baker's testimony to reiterate a criticism of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who they say should have returned to Capitol Hill for a closed-door interview about his reported comments that he suggested recording Trump and then trying to invoke constitutional procedure to remove him from office.

Such an interview was scheduled with panel leaders in late October, but abruptly canceled amid an outcry from rank-and-file panel Republicans, who felt they too should be allowed to pepper Rosenstein with questions.

Some of those panel members, led by Reps. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., and Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, also sought to have Rosenstein impeached.

Jordan will take over as the top Republican on the Oversight and Government Reform panel in just a few days, at which point the Democrats taking over House leadership — and the chairmanship of the panels — are expected to dramatically alter, if not formally shutter, the probe.

The letter from Gowdy and Goodlatte was not accompanied by the release of any transcripts from interviews that have not yet been made public.

A classified version of the panels' findings is being made available to members.

Ex-commander warns of plans to cut troops

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The former top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said Sunday that withdrawing up to half the 14,000 American troops serving there would reduce the incentive for the Taliban to negotiate a peace deal after more than 17 years of war.

Retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal said the U.S. has "basically traded away the biggest leverage point we have."

McChrystal's comments were in response to reports that President Donald Trump had ordered the Pentagon to develop plans to withdraw thousands of American troops by next summer.

Outgoing Defense Secretary Jim Mattis mentioned the order in his resignation letter. Mattis' last day in the administration is Monday.

The U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission in 2014, but American and allied troops remain, conducting strikes

on the Islamic State group and the Taliban and working to train and build the Afghan military.

"If you tell the Taliban that we are absolutely leaving on date certain, cutting down, weakening ourselves, their incentives to try to cut a deal drop dramatically," McChrystal said on ABC's "This Week."

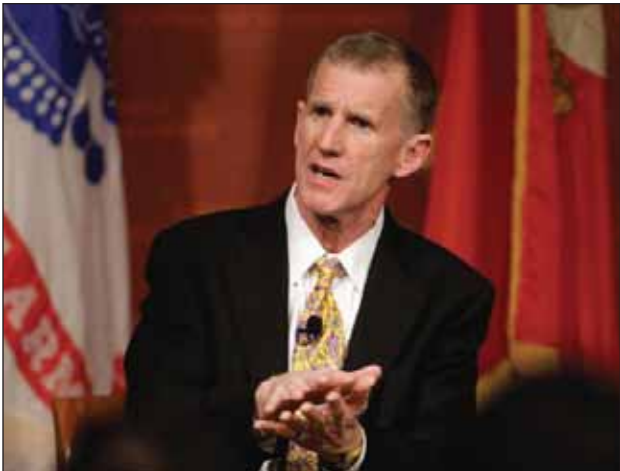
McChrystal also said he's worried that the Afghan people will lose confidence in the U.S. as an ally that can be counted on.

"I think we probably

rocked them," said McChrystal, who commanded U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan for about a year.

He also was critical of Trump personally, saying he doesn't believe Trump tells the truth. The comment came when asked what he would say if he were asked to join the Trump administration.

"I think it's important for me to work for people who I think are basically honest, who tell the truth as best they know it," he said.



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Retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal said the U.S. has "basically traded away the biggest leverage point we have."

Troubles, frustrations mark Congo election

Voters wait in long lines, many polls open late if at all

BY MATHILDE BOUSSION AND SALEH MWANAMILONGO
Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo — As Congo's election reached closing time for polling stations Sunday, at least one voting center was just preparing to open. Lengthy voting delays were reported across the country, marring the presidential election the country hoped would be its first peaceful, democratic transfer of power since independence in 1960.

Election observers reported multiple problems around the vast Central African nation, which is choosing a successor to President Joseph Kabila after his 17 years in power.

The election had been delayed since late 2016, prompting the opposition to charge that Kabila was trying to stay on past his mandate.

While many polls closed in the evening, others stayed open to allow those waiting in line to cast their ballots and at least one polling station was just getting ready to open.

The voting center at Les Angès school in Kinshasa had not opened during the day because it did not have



JEROME DELAY/AP

Police officers secure the Les Angès primary school Sunday in Kinshasa, Congo. Angry voters burned machines and ballots, angered that registration lists had not arrived.

battery cables to power the voting machines and the center did not have a voters' roll.

The station finally got what it needed and was getting ready to open for voting after official closing time.

Election officials said they would stay open until everyone in line had voted. As darkness began to fall, an electricity generator was set up to help people vote in darkness.

Other polling stations had closed and the counting

of ballots had begun. Official results are to be announced by Jan. 15, although preliminary results are expected earlier than that.

Among some 21 candidates, top opposition leaders Martin Fayulu and Felix

Tshisekedi are challenging Kabila's preferred successor, former interior minister Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary, who is under European Union sanctions for a crackdown on people protesting delays to the election.

Tshisekedi, after casting his ballot, said some polling stations in Kinshasa, the capital, had not opened six hours after voting began. He accused Congo's government of creating an election day mess to spark a court challenge that could allow Kabila to extend his time in power.

"I deplore all the disorder," Tshisekedi said, calling Kabila's government "responsible for this mess."

The voting machines that Congo was using for the first time posed a special problem. The opposition has warned that the machines could be used to manipulate the vote. Many of the country's 40 million voters have never used a computer, and electricity is limited.

The Catholic church's election observer mission said it had received 544 reports of malfunctioning voting machines. It also reported 115 cases of election observers being kicked out of polling centers or not being allowed access, as well as 44 cases of vote-buying or corruption.

Nearly 50 polling stations in Kinshasa were idle for hours because lists of registered voters had not been delivered, electoral commission chief Corneille Nganga told The Associated Press.

The sprawling city is an opposition stronghold.



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Iraqi Air Force jets take part in a 2016 parade in Baghdad, Iraq. Syria's state news agency Sunday said President Bashar Assad has authorized Iraqi forces to attack ISIS in Syria.

Assad OKs Iraqi forces to attack ISIS in Syria

BY ALBERT AJI
Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian President Bashar Assad authorized Iraqi forces on Sunday to attack the Islamic State group inside Syria without waiting for permission from authorities in Damascus, the state news agency SANA said, as the two allies coordinate their fight against extremists ahead of a planned U.S. withdrawal from Syria.

The announcement highlights the close relations between the two neighboring Arab countries that are both allied with Iran. ISIS once controlled large parts of both countries when it declared a caliphate in 2014.

Iraqi warplanes and artillery have in the past pounded ISIS positions inside Syria after getting the green light from Syrian authorities.

The extremists have been defeated in Iraq but still hold a small area in Syria close to the Iraqi border.

On Saturday Assad received a letter from Iraq's Prime Minister Abdul-Mahdi calling for both countries' coordination in "fighting terrorism."

President Donald Trump announced earlier this month that the U.S. will withdraw all of its 2,000 forces in Syria.

The main U.S.-backed Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces has expressed concerns that the U.S. plans to pull out could lead to the revival of ISIS, saying that the extremists have not been defeated yet in Syria.

In Washington, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he is going to encourage Trump to sit down with generals and reconsider pulling troops from Syria.

"Slow this down, make sure that we get it right, make sure ISIS never comes back," Graham said on CNN. "Don't turn Syria over to the Iranians. That's a nightmare for Israel."

Graham said that it's possible for the U.S. to reduce its footprint in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and that he supports the goal of having allies "do more and pay more."

But he added that he also sees the U.S. military playing a role in all three countries for "a while to come."

"I want to fight the war in the enemy's backyard, not ours," Graham said.

Graham has been a confidant of Trump's, but it's

unclear how much Trump will listen to him on Syria.

Still, Graham said he's generally pleased with Trump's foreign policy initiatives.

"All I ask him to do is to make sure we don't fumble the ball inside the 10-yard line; sit down with the generals," Graham said.

In Tehran, Iran and Syria signed a long-term strategic and economic agreement Sunday as the war winds down in Syria, where Iran and Russia were the main backers of Assad's government since the crisis began nearly eight years ago.

Syria's SANA news agency quoted Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Mohammed Samer al-Khalil, who signed the agreement, as saying that the deal includes "full cooperation on the financial and banking levels."

He added that this would allow Iranian companies to be present through investments in Syria.

The Syrian government has gained control of large parts of the country with the help of Iran and Russia and some Arab countries have reopened their embassies in Damascus.

Journalist group counts 94 slayings of media staff

Targeted killings, bomb attacks, wars mark deadly 2018

BY RAF CASERT AND MARK CARLSON
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — An international trade association says on-the-job slayings of journalists and news media staff rose again in 2018 following an overall decline during the past half-dozen years.

The International Federation of Journalists said in an annual report set for release Monday that 94 journalists and media workers died in targeted killings, bomb attacks and conflict crossfire this year, 12 more than in 2017.

Before the declines seen in five of the past six years, 121 people working for news organizations were slain in 2012.

Since the federation started its annual count in 1990, the year with the most work-related killings, 155, was 2006.

The deadliest country for people who work in the news media this year was Afghanistan, where 16 of the killings occurred.

Mexico was next, with 11. Yemen had nine media slayings and Syria eight in 2018.

Beyond the tragedy of lives lost, such killings affect the pursuit of truth and sharing of information in communities and countries where they happen, the president of the International Federation of Journalists said.

"Journalists are targeted because they are witnesses," the group's president, Philippe Leruth, told The Associated Press. "And the result of this, when a journalist or many journalists are killed in a country,



MARCO UGARTE/AP

A man carries a portrait of slain journalist Hector Gonzalez Antonio as his daughter, left, mourns at his funeral in Mexico City. Gonzalez worked for the newspaper Excelsior.

you see an increase of self-censorship."

Iraq, where 309 media professionals were killed over the past quarter-century, long topped the federation's annual list. The federation identified a photojournalist as the one victim in the country this year.

While 2018 brought a worldwide increase, the total remained in the double digits for a second year running.

The IFJ connects some 600,000 media professionals from 187 trade unions and associations in more than 140 countries.

The group said the new report showed that journalists face dangers apart from the risks of reporting from war zones and covering extremist movements.

"There were other factors, such as the increasing intolerance to independent reporting, populism, rampant corruption and crime, as well as the breakdown of law and order," the Brussels-based group said in a statement.

Suddenly high on the list, in sixth place, was the United States with five

killings. On June 28, a gunman in Annapolis, Md., opened fire in the newsroom of the Capital Gazette newspaper and fatally shot four journalists and a sales associate. The man had threatened the newspaper after losing a defamation lawsuit.

The Oct. 2 slaying of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi, a columnist for The Washington Post who lived in self-imposed exile in the United States, had worldwide impact. He went to the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul to formalize a divorce so he could marry his Turkish fiancée, but instead was strangled and dismembered there — allegedly by Saudi agents.

Khashoggi wrote critically of Saudi Arabia's royal regime, and the alleged involvement of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the journalist's slaying has put the governments of other countries under pressure to sever economic and political ties.

"Jamal Khashoggi was a very well-known figure, but you know, the most shocking statistic is that we know that nine of 10 journalist murders remain unpunished in the world," Leruth said.

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St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar said Saturday they did not know the motive for the shootings.

Mo. man kills girlfriend, her kids, mother

Associated Press

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — A St. Louis-area man shot to death his girlfriend, her two young children and her mother in the home they all shared, authorities said Saturday.

He exchanged gunfire with officers as he fled and was captured several hours later in a convenience store, covered in blood and wounded.

Prosecutors filed 15 charges against Richard Darren Emery of St.

Charles, Mo., including first-degree murder, assault and attempted robbery.

Authorities said Emery, 46, abandoned his pickup and tried unsuccessfully to steal a woman's car while on the run, attacking her.

Emery remained in a local hospital with two gunshot wounds that authorities said did not appear self-inflicted and most likely came from the shootout with officers.

St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar said investigators

did not know the motive for the shootings as of Saturday.

St. Charles is a city of about 70,000 on the Missouri River northwest of St. Louis. Officials said it's had a spate of deadly domestic violence incidents recently — with six deaths in the past eight days that Lohmar said are unrelated.

Officials said police got a call just before midnight Friday about a shooting at the house where Emery and the victims lived.

Lohmar said officers later found three victims dead

of gunshot wounds in one bedroom. They were Zoe Kasten, 8; her brother, Jonathan Kasten, 10; and their grandmother, Jane Moeckel, 61.

Officers found the fourth victim, a 39-year-old woman, in the home's master bedroom, suffering from gunshot wounds but still alive, Lohmar said. She was taken to an area hospital, where she died.

Authorities did not name the fourth victim but described her as the children's mother.

Pakistan's press talk of subtler censors

But authorities deny media interference

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani journalists, who have taken on military dictators and been beaten and jailed in the pursuit of a free press, say they now face a form of censorship that is more subtle but no less chilling, one spearheaded by the security services.

Journalists and press freedom advocates say the military and the powerful Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI, are pressuring media outlets to quash critical coverage. The newly elected government is meanwhile slashing its advertising budget, squeezing a key source of revenue for private newspapers and TV stations.

Qazi Salauddin, a veteran Pakistani journalist who has witnessed successive periods of direct military rule, said today's censorship is the worst it's ever been.

"Today we don't know what will annoy them," he said of the military. "Today we have to do self-censorship and that is the worst kind of censorship, because it is done out of fear."

Websites have been shut down, including the Urdu website of the U.S. State Department's Voice of America, after it reported on a tribal movement critical of military operations in regions bordering Afghanistan. Mashaal Radio, affiliated with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, has also been shut down.

Authorities are also targeting social media, asking Twitter to suspend accounts and submitting requests to Facebook to take down pages for a variety of reasons, ranging from criticism of the military to propagating hate and insulting Islam.

Taha Siddiqui, a blogger and journalist critical of the security services, lives in self-imposed exile in France after an attempt on his life earlier this year, which he blamed on the ISI. He said Twitter suspended his account twice in 72 hours, telling him it was because of "objectionable content that was in violation of Pakistani law," without elaborating.

New legislation regulating print and online media has also alarmed press freedom advocates, who fear it will grant authorities even more censorship tools.

Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry denies the government is cracking down on press freedoms, saying it only acts to prevent incitement to violence. Pakistan has banned coverage of the hard-line Tehreek-e-Labbaik movement after it held violent protests and threatened to kill a Christian woman who was acquitted of blasphemy charges after years spent on death row. Blasphemy is punishable by death in Pakistan, and the mere accusation can spark deadly mob violence.

But journalists say the interference goes much further, and has worsened since July's national elections. They say intelligence agents have called reporters to demand that opinion pieces be withdrawn and to quash investigative reports on allegations that the military intervened in the vote to help elect Prime Minister Imran Khan.

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NYPD adds drone to monitor New Year’s Eve celebration

NEW YORK — It’s an Auld Lang Syne of the times: For the first time, a police drone will be keeping watch over the New Year’s Eve celebration in New York’s Times Square.

The unmanned eye-in-the-sky is the latest wrinkle in the New York City Police Department’s ever-evolving plan to keep revelers safe.

About 7,000 police officers will be on duty for Monday night’s festivities in Times Square, including counterterrorism teams with long guns and bomb-sniffing dogs. Police cars and sand-filled sanitation trucks will be positioned to stop vehicles from driving into the crowd.

And, above it all, a remote-controlled quadcopter will be giving police a unique view of the merriment — and any potential mayhem.

It’s the first time the NYPD is sending up a drone for a big event.

France to deploy 147K security forces for New Year’s Eve

PARIS — France is deploying more than 147,000 security forces nationwide to gird for New Year’s Eve unrest as yellow vest protesters prepare to join the public revelry.

The Interior Ministry said Sunday that the heavy security measures are needed because of a “high terrorist threat” and concerns about “non-declared protests.”

Police in Paris say they will put a security perimeter around the Champs-Elysees, the site of an annual New Year’s Eve light show and celebration.

Anti-government protesters angry over taxes and President Emmanuel Macron’s pro-business policies are planning to be on the famed avenue.

Previous New Year’s Eves in France have produced burned cars and other disorder.

Putin tells Trump he’s ‘open to dialogue’ in New Year’s letter

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin has told U.S. President Donald Trump in a New Year’s letter that the Kremlin is “open to dialogue” on the myriad issues hindering relations between their countries.

The Kremlin published a summary of Putin’s “greeting message” to Trump on Sunday. The summary states the Russian leader wrote: “Russia-U.S. relations are the most important factor behind ensuring strategic stability and international security.”

Trump canceled a formal meeting with Putin scheduled for Dec. 1 at the G20 summit in Buenos Aires, tweeting “it would be best for all parties” given Russia’s seizure days earlier of three Ukrainian naval vessels.

Since then, the Kremlin has repeatedly said it is open to dialogue.



RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/AP

A Hindu holy man walks at the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati river on a cold and foggy morning ahead of Kumbh Mela in Allahabad, India. Kumbh Mela is a 45-day festival starting in January and attended by millions of Hindus.

Senator: Fed ‘chief doing a good job,’ can’t be fired on a whim

WASHINGTON — Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said Sunday that Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell is “doing a good job” and rejected the notion that President Donald Trump could fire him out of frustration over the stock market, in the strongest statement yet from a Republican against any moves by the president to oust the central bank chief.

Trump most likely does not have the authority to remove Powell, experts say.

Yet amid the markets’ recent volatility, the president has repeatedly sought to blame Powell and asked advisers whether he has the power to fire him, two people familiar with the exchanges told The Washington Post.

In an interview on CBS News’ “Face the Nation,” Shelby described the Federal Reserve as “the bedrock of our financial system” and said it is “set up to be independent.”

“I don’t believe blaming the Federal Reserve for this or that — whoever the president or a congressman or senator is — helps matters,” Shelby said. “The president cannot fire the chairman of the Federal Reserve, except for cause. I

think Chairman Powell, myself, is doing a good job.”

Shelby chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee and previously led the Senate Banking Committee, which is responsible for holding confirmation hearings for Fed nominees.

Trump nominated Powell last year but has been regularly berating the central bank chairman lately, claiming that he is raising interest rates too quickly.

Earlier this month, Shelby said Trump needs to be “very careful” in how he approaches the central bank.

Israel protests Jordan minister’s disrespect

JERUSALEM — Israel said Sunday that it had filed a strong protest to Jordan over a picture of a Jordanian government minister stepping on an image of the Israeli flag.

Israel’s Foreign Ministry said its embassy in Amman delivered the protest. It said it took the incident extremely seriously and had also summoned Jordan’s acting ambassador to Israel.

A photo published on a Jordanian website showed Information Minister Jumana Ghuneimat stepping on a large image of the Israeli flag.

Footprints were also

printed on the flag, which Israel said was displayed at a gathering of Jordan’s engineering union. The incident occurred last Thursday at Jordan’s Trade Union building.

Ghuneimat was not answering her phone on Sunday and did not issue any public statements.

16 dead in Bangladeshi vote called ‘farcical’

DHAKA, Bangladesh — More than a dozen people were killed in election-related violence in Bangladesh on Sunday, as voters went to the polls to decide whether to give Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina a third consecutive term amid opposition claims that her leadership has become increasingly authoritarian.

The leader of Bangladesh’s opposition alliance called Sunday’s vote “farcical,” saying any outcome would be rejected and demanding that a new election be held under the authority of a “nonpartisan government.”

Calls to several Hasina aides seeking comment were not immediately returned.

Bangladesh’s leading English-language newspaper, the Daily Star, said 16 people were killed in 13 districts in election-related violence.

In Montana: A Montana ski resort says it has safely evacuated 140 people from a chairlift after a mechanical problem prompted operators to stop the lift. The Flathead Beacon reports it took 2 hours to remove everyone from Whitefish Mountain Resort’s Chair 5 on Saturday. The resort says no one was injured.

Disney-Verizon: Verizon customers can continue to watch ESPN, ABC and other channels owned by Disney after the two companies announced a deal over programming fees. The two companies said in a joint statement Sunday: “Verizon and The Walt Disney Company have reached a broad-based distribution agreement.”

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- ACROSS**

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 - 5 Evans or Robertson
 - 9 Shapeless mass
 - 13 Lassos
 - 15 Overlook; miss
 - 16 Overnight dance party
 - 17 Unassisted
 - 18 On the __; taking no part in the action
 - 20 Become firm
 - 21 Misery
 - 23 Equestrians
 - 24 Unlocks
 - 26 Carp
 - 27 Dan Quayle’s successor
 - 29 Opposite of roundabout
 - 32 City in England
 - 33 Sulks
 - 35 “For __ a jolly good fellow...”
 - 37 Boone & Benatar
 - 38 Yes-man
 - 39 Great __; very tall dog
 - 40 __ mask; knit facial covering
 - 41 Keep a cooking turkey moist
 - 42 Handbag
 - 43 Few and far between
- DOWN**

 - 1 Rugged cliff
 - 2 Pit
 - 3 Remorseful
 - 4 Three and seven
 - 5 Prescribed amounts
 - 6 “What Kind of Fool __?”
 - 7 Tupperware top
 - 8 Endless period
 - 9 Card game
 - 10 “Penny __”; Beatles song
 - 11 No longer happening
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Do you have dense breast tissue?

New Illinois law will require doctors to tell you after mammograms

By LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

About half of all women have dense breast tissue — which can hide cancer on mammograms and is associated with a higher risk of the disease — but many Illinois women with the trait might not know it.

That, however, is about to change.

Starting in January, a new state law will require doctors to tell patients, after mammograms, if they have dense breast tissue and warn women of the implications. For years, mammogram reports have contained information on breast density, but often in language that patients might not understand, and not all patients had access to the official reports.

The new law requires that information be put in lay terms and given to patients. The law also will require women be directed to doctors who focus on breast imaging, rather than primary care or other doctors, for more information.

Illinois is the 36th state in the nation to pass a law about breast density notification, and the bill sailed through the state legislature with no opposition. Still, the American Medical Association opposes such laws in general, saying that there is no medical consensus on a reliable method for judging breast density and no clinical guidelines that recommend more screening for women just because of dense tissue. The law may also lead to questions about what women should do once

they have the information.

The law comes after years of advocacy from patients, some of whom say their cancers were missed because of their dense breast tissue. Had they known that dense breast tissue could make it difficult for mammograms to detect cancer, they would have gotten more testing and could have potentially started battling their diseases earlier, advocates say.

Mindy Chychlyk, of Wilmette, had no idea she had dense breast tissue before she was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 at the age of 46.

She had a routine mammogram in June of that year, with normal results. An internal report noted that she had dense breast tissue, but that information wasn't shared with her, she said.

A month after that mammogram, she felt a lump in her breast and underwent follow-up testing, which uncovered three cancerous tumors. The cancer also had spread to her lymph nodes.

A double mastectomy, radiation and chemotherapy ultimately eliminated her cancer. But the fact that it spread to her lymph nodes puts her at higher risk of it someday returning.

"Had this been caught even a year earlier, it might not have gone that far," Chychlyk said.

Patti Beyer, of Glenview, also had mammograms for 24 years before she learned that she had breast cancer in 2016. A doctor had told her years before that she had dense breast tissue, but not that it could mask can-



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Dr. Georgia Giakoumis Spear advocated for a new law requiring doctors to tell women if they have dense breast tissue after mammograms.

cer on mammograms or was associated with a higher risk of getting the disease.

Beyer didn't learn those facts until a discussion with her sister. That led her to ask for an ultrasound with her mammogram. It turned out she had stage 1 invasive breast cancer.

After a lumpectomy and radiation, Beyer is now cancer-free. But she was disturbed that her referring physician didn't tell her earlier about the risks of having dense tissue and that Illinois, unlike other states, didn't require it.

"Not being told, for me, was as bad as the diagnosis of having cancer," said Beyer, 67, who worked with legislators and advocated for the law. "It makes you feel very isolated, very dismissed as a woman."

A number of Chicago-area health systems, such as NorthShore University HealthSystem, Rush University Medical Center and Advocate Health Care, al-

ready send letters notifying patients about their breast density, and, in some cases, what it means. Others, however, do not.

"We felt that a woman has a right to know if she has this tissue type, and she has a right to know the sensitivity of her screening test is going to be limited," said Dr. Georgia Giakoumis Spear, who helped create the legislation, which was sponsored by Rep. Michael McAuliffe, R-Chicago, and Sen. John Mulroe, D-Chicago. Spear is also chief of breast imaging at NorthShore and the doctor who detected Beyer's cancer.

A number of Chicago-area radiologists call the law a step in the right direction, though they acknowledge that some of the science behind breast density and cancer detection still has a ways to go.

Measuring breast density is an imprecise science, said Dr. Sarah Friedewald, chief of breast imaging and medi-

cal director of the Lynn Sage Comprehensive Breast Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

"The extremes are very easy to tell, but everything else in between ... is extremely subjective," she said. That means one radiologist might say a woman has dense breasts while another may say she doesn't.

Younger women tend to have denser breasts. Breast density is not something that can be determined through touch.

The law may also raise an important question for women after they find out they have dense breast tissue: What to do next?

A health system may recommend such women receive additional screenings, such as through ultrasounds or MRIs. In Illinois, insurance companies must cover certain supplemental screenings for women with dense breast tissue.

But additional tests might

not be right for everyone.

Some doctors — wanting to spare patients from additional costs and anxiety — might only recommend additional screenings if a woman has other risk factors as well.

The American College of Radiology supports informing women about their breast density, but warns that supplemental screening "should be a thoughtful choice after a complete risk assessment, not an automatic reaction to breast density itself."

"It kind of raises awareness, but then leaves everybody with some unknowns at this point," said Dr. Hal Kipfer, a partner at DuPage Medical Group in the breast imaging section, of the new law. "It's a starting point."

Many women will now have to decide what to do once they find out they have dense breast tissue.

Earlier this year, Margaret Wiggemansen, 56, faced such a choice after her radiologist at Rush recommended she get an additional test as part of an initiative there to offer supplemental screenings to women with dense tissue.

Wiggemansen's primary care doctor and gynecologist both told her it was unnecessary, but the Evanston woman followed her radiologist's advice. Her radiologist found a small, cancerous tumor. Wiggemansen underwent a successful lumpectomy.

"Had I waited a year, it would have been a completely different story," Wiggemansen said. "I just feel so lucky that it was brought to my attention."

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Obama center and parity at city parks

Black and brown kids in Chicago deserve an equal playing field, literally. That’s what Friends of the Parks announced in a report released earlier this month. As a South Side native working to make a positive impact on our community, I am always interested in new ways we can make sure our kids have the same access as everyone else, regardless of their ZIP code.

However, one major park project was curiously omitted from the report — the Obama Presidential Center, which will soon find its natural home in Jackson Park. The center will bring new life to this historic park, restoring it to the crown jewel on Chicago’s lakefront that it once was. It will remove the speeding cars, which cut through the center of the park, allowing kids to safely run and play. It will create new active and passive spaces, including children’s play-grounds, a sledding hill, and walking trails. It will bring new educational and recreational programming to expose our kids to world-class learning opportunities right in their own backyard.

While Friends of the Parks calls for more resources, it simultaneously ignores the pinnacle example of what black and brown kids deserve from their parks. As they reflect on their own report, I hope Friends of the Parks will come out, once and for all, to publicly support bringing the Obama Presidential Center to Jackson Park.

— Torrey L. Barrett, CEO, KLEO Center, Chicago

See ya later, Illinois

I’m one of the 45,000 who left Illinois. Goodbye, state of my birth and of my parents, wife, siblings and children. In my 74 years there, I went to college, married, raised two children, paid the mortgage, saved for retirement and buried my wife. Because of this, I left with regret. But Illinois is not livable for a retired, fixed-income conservative.

As a one-party state with a corrupt de facto boss and decades of feckless politicians, it has made colossally bad fiscal decisions that are coming back to cripple it. The state is circling the drain, and I didn’t want to be part of that. It’s like seeing a family member dying of a disease caused by irresponsible lifestyle choices.

— Paul McBride, Camas, Wash.

Ethylene oxide risk

Thank you for the enlightening article on the impact on public health from companies such as Sterigenics. (“Chemical’s public health impact just becoming clear,” Dec. 23) Unfortunately this is just another example of companies taking advantage of the system and public to make money at our expense. Until government appoints ethical and knowledgeable people to be in charge of the EPA, USDA, and FDA instead of hiring political lack-eyes, companies will continue to take advantage and push the limits with pollution and toxins they emit into our environment, endangering our health and lives. If you care about your health and our environment, next election vote for candidates who pledge to look out for the public’s health instead of politicians who will be puppets of wealthy corporate contributors.

— Christine Frantzen, Naperville

Don’t rename Dan Ryan

Instead of Bill Daley having the Dan Ryan Expressway renamed for former President Barack Obama, let me give him five other suggestions: police Cmdr. Paul Bauer, fire-fighter Juan Bucio, police officers Samuel Jimenez, Eduardo Marmolejo or Conrad Gary. And if he wants to name a few other streets here in Chicago, a quick trip down to the lakefront by the police and fire memorials will provide more than 600 other suggestions.

— Robert Stasch, Chicago

Obama Plaza?

I see that Bill Daley thinks it’s a good idea to rename the Dan Ryan Expressway after Barack Obama. I do not think that would be a good idea. But if he feels so strongly about it, I would imagine he would have no problem changing the name of Daley Plaza, or the Daley Center or even Maggie Daley Park to honor our former president. How about if we leave it up to Bill to choose one of those three to be re-named? Let us know what you come up with.

— Jim Mullins, Oak Brook

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For all that younger voters are drifting to the left, cultural conservatives have taken comfort from the knowledge that the reproduction favors the right — the more religiously devout and traditionalist you are, the more children you are likely to have. And so one day the Latin Mass Catholics, for example, shall inherit the Earth again. ...

The demographic advantages of cultural conservatism can be offset by the cultural left’s dominance of education and the media, and they largely have been. Business Insider reported on findings by the data analytics firm Crowdpack that showed the ideological skew of a variety of industries by examining how employees in various fields direct their campaign contributions. The results should not surprise:

Academics, the entertainment industry, print media, and “online computer services” — the social networks — were the most reliably left-wing groups, and no industry on the right of the graphic spread presented by BuzzFeed was even close to being as far to the right as those groups were to the left. ... Academia and Hollywood are virtual vacuums as far as conservatives are concerned. ...

Cultural conservatives can home school, they can send their children to Hillsdale or Christendom or Grove City College — but where will they work when they graduate? Even pizza companies must follow the unwritten laws laid down by the opinion police.

Daniel McCarthy, Spectator USA



CAROLYN COLE/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Coping with wildfire dangers — even in the Midwest

In the space of a few hours last month, Paradise became Hell. The pleasant community of 26,000 in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada found itself in the path of a raging wildfire that sent residents fleeing in terror. By the time it was over, the Camp Fire had destroyed thousands of homes in the vicinity and killed at least 86 people.

Scientists say the West can expect far more wildfires, thanks to climate change that produces hotter, drier conditions. It can also anticipate ever-expanding destruction of life and property, because the number of people living on the “wildland-urban interface” has risen. “Between 2000 and 2013,” reports The Wall Street Journal, “more than three-quarters of all buildings destroyed by fire in California were in the state’s WUI.”

Fortunately, there are measures that can limit the number of homes that burn in these disasters, and not just in California and its neighboring states. The Midwest is not immune to such dangers. It’s not too early for people and governments here to start thinking about how to head them off.

California has two problems that encourage people to build in fire-prone areas. On one hand, the state keeps fire insurance rates from rising to levels reflecting the heightened risk in vulnerable areas. Local governments often fall short when it comes to establishing and enforcing regulations to protect homes.

On the other hand, onerous restrictions on building in such cities as San Francisco and Los Angeles

have choked off residential construction, driving home prices and rents sky-high. The shortage of urban housing pushes many people to move to the country in search of places they can afford to live. Action on both fronts would help to reduce the likely toll of wildfires.

Wherever they live, homeowners also can act to protect themselves and their homes from fires that originate outdoors. Among the steps recommended by experts are removing leaves, pine needles and other flammable material from gutters, roofs and lawns, building fences and decks out of materials other than wood, and covering vents with mesh screens to keep embers out.

All these precautions would be useful even in neighborhoods not only in the wildland-urban interface and not just in the West.

Chances are good that many builders and local authorities will begin to adopt them across the country.

Yes, even in the Midwest — which, by the way, is not immune from wildfires.

You may have forgotten the 2011 Pagami Creek Fire, which torched 93,000 acres in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of northern Minnesota, and the 2013 Germann Road Fires in northwestern Wisconsin, which scorched 7,500 acres and destroyed 104 buildings. In 2012, fire consumed 375 acres in Sand Ridge State Forest, southwest of Peoria.

These were puny by Western

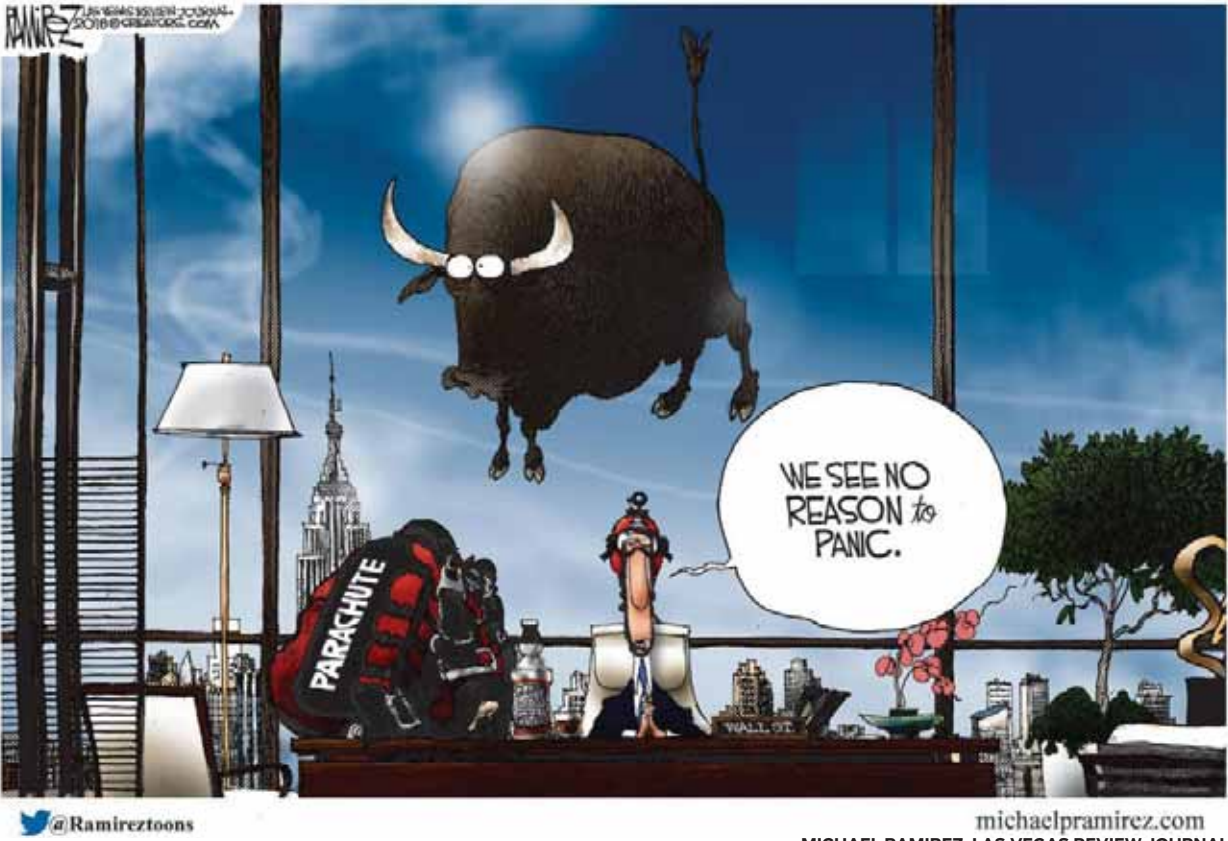
standards, yes — but that was no comfort to those in close proximity to the flames, or to those who had to watch flames scorch their properties and buildings.

And don’t forget that the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history occurred in, yes, eastern Wisconsin: The wind-whipped Peshtigo forest fire of Oct. 8, 1871, killed an estimated 1,200 to 2,500 people in the logging region, burned 1,875 square miles and destroyed 12 towns. Three large Michigan fires erupted the same day. History hasn’t paid much attention to this confluence of Midwestern fires in a hot, dry autumn; they were overshadowed by the Great Chicago Fire that also started on Oct. 8, 1871. That urban conflagration scorched 3.3 square miles, killed some 300 people and left 100,000 homeless.

Climate change promises to bring more frequent and severe droughts and hotter summers to the Great Lakes area. While the consequences in our region will be less drastic than in many places, it’s not too early to incorporate this forecast into individual and government plans. If you’re erecting a house or other structure in a forested area, ask your architect and builder to use the techniques and materials that protected some structures in the California wildfires while others nearby turned to ash.

Californians have been surprised by the speed and extent of the transformation, and they are scrambling to combat the new peril. Those of us with more time to adapt shouldn’t waste it.

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The snippets, flashes and brilliant blips from 2018

By Christopher Borrelli
Chicago Tribune

Here's what I remember from 2018:

Being unable to pull myself away from a frustrating, tearful, noise-free, almost touchingly sincere hourlong talk with Kanye West on WGCI-FM 107.5's morning show.

Smiling at the twisted genius of Logan Arcade's animatronic all-canine act, reprogrammed as a legitimately rousing robot Misfits cover band, the Biscuits.

Thinking you could taste the Missouri dust in HBO's "Sharp Objects" and feel the crushed stone of the network's "My Brilliant Friend," the year's most tactile TV watching.

Wondering if the subject of the Museum of Contemporary Art's West By Midwest show (through Jan. 29) — the migration of Midwest artists to the West Coast — was conceptually thin, then wishing more art shows took such illuminating conceptual leaps.

Hoping artist Carlos Almaraz, a Chicagoan who moved to Los Angeles, and a standout in that MCA exhibit, straddling protest posters and fine arts, received a local retrospective.

Humming along in the movie theater to the Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose's soul classic "Too Late to Turn Back Now," used so buoyantly in the club scene in Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman" (then being unable to get the song out of my head for two months).

Nodding at news that the latest Monopoly allows cheating.

The long passage in Rebecca Makkai's "The Great Believers" about Chicago during the AIDS crisis, recounting the random things, places and people that the dead miss out on: "Dancing elbows out, dancing with arms up, dancing in a pool of sweat. All the books he hadn't started. The man at Wax Trax! Records with the beautiful eyelashes. The man who sat every Saturday at Nookies, reading the Economist and eating eggs."

And these lines from Chris Rock's "Tamborine" stand-up special on Netflix: "Some say that young black men are an endangered species. That's not true, because endangered species are protected by the government."

Laughing at the superhero open audition in "Deadpool 2."

Tearing up — to be honest, crying — at the decency and kindness of "Paddington 2."

The house in Andersonville that transformed on Halloween night into a "Disco Inferno," complete with go-go dancers, foot-working demons, disco balls and unceasing disco.

Not hating those pictures of Harry Styles' clever Halloween costume — he was Elton John, circa '75, Dodgers Stadium.

Pausing my flip-finger on the remote after stumbling on the sight of former Styx frontman Dennis DeYoung on WTTW, cracking jokes during a pledge drive and rolling his eyes at his co-host for not recognizing the names of public-broadcasting journalists.

Feeling unsure where to rest my eyes (in a happy, overwhelmed way) at the sensory explosion of live actors, silent film imagery, literary history and shadow-puppet theater during the Court Theatre and Manual Cinema's singular joint staging of "Frankenstein."

Feeling conflicted about George W. Bush and Michelle Obama's cute candy-passing.

Feeling unsurprised that Google dropped "Don't be evil" from its official code of conduct.

Experiencing a momentary flood of relief during an otherwise tedious Lollapalooza when Durand Jones & The Indications blasted through Curtis Mayfield's "(Don't Worry) If There's a Hell Below, We're All Going to Go."

Driving the length of Pennsylvania and wishing the drive were longer as I binge-listened the podcasts "Do You Know Who Jason Segal Is?" and "Headlong: Surviving Y2K," both in their own ways less interested in their topics than in a serious curiosity about



WARNER BROS.

"Aunt Lucy said that if we're kind and polite, the world will be right," notes the bear of the title in "Paddington 2," which drew a tear or two.



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kanye West with son Saint at a White Sox-Cubs game. A few weeks earlier, West sat for a compelling interview with WGCI-FM 107.5.



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Australian Hannah Gadsby is among the smartest and funniest writers/comedians around.

people.

Wishing there were a "Black Panther" spinoff focused on Letitia Wright as Shuri.

Riding a horse through open plains, then stopping to fish and sit on a porch and watch the sun set in "Red Dead Redemption 2" — essentially, being so taken with a video game's boundless attention to detail and variety, I forgot to, you know, play the game.

Swinging similarly through a New York so intricately established and believable in the new "Spider-Man" video game that I forgot my mission and decided to check out my old apartment from 1994. It was still there. (I wasn't home.)

Admiring the tattered bust of Lincoln newly restored and lovingly installed in the West Englewood Library after the city removed it from its original 69th Street location, where the statue was vandalized and torched and spray-painted and beloved for a



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A bust of Abraham Lincoln was restored and lovingly installed in the West Englewood Library.

century.

Sitting up straighter each time Jodie Comer's always-delighted and cheerfully cruel sociopathic assassin appeared in "Killing Eve" — a feat that requires Comer to play an actor so skilled at imitating human behavior you do wonder if there is a person there.

Sitting at the edge of my chair (and not realizing it) as New York art critic and Pulitzer winner Jerry Saltz fired off in a gazillion directions during his Chicago Humanities Festival talk, declaring that like Bruce Springsteen he would continue on and on "until there is nobody alive in the audience," and asking if there were any artists in the audience, to raise their hands, then asking the rest of the audience to laugh at them.

Listening to saxophonist Kamasi Washington at the Riviera pay moving tribute to another young jazz star, trumpeter Roy Hargrove, who had died earlier in



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Durand Jones & The Indications at Lollapalooza blasted through Curtis Mayfield's "(Don't Worry) If There's a Hell Below, We're All Going to Go."

the day at 49.

Eating a whole loaf of jalapeno-cheese bread at Pan Artesanal Bakery in Logan Square.

Watching "Hereditary" by myself at a late-night showing in Evanston and having an emotion I have never had watching a movie — the urge to flee the theater, to be anywhere but here, not because it was bad (in fact, it was my favorite movie of the year) but because Toni Collette's performance was so lacerating and difficult, I felt real aches.

Watching, conversely, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" and having another emotion that I rarely have while watching a movie — thinking it was so smart, inventive and full of genuine joy that most filmmakers, most artists period, are just not trying hard enough.

Standing before Argentine artist Liliana Porter's remarkable, humane installations at the Carrie Secrist Gallery, of miniature workers tilling land and watering plants.

Enjoying the video for Vince Staples' "FUN!" — a jubilant tour of his hometown of Long Beach, Calif. — though being unable to place where I had seen its blurred zooms and dronelike cinematography before, until, in the video's final moments, the camera cuts to a white teenage boy playing with Google Maps, indulging a little cultural tourism.

The corporate slogan of Hamp-ton Deville, the behemoth at the center of the Comedy Central series "Corporate": "We don't make anything. We make everything."

And this from Zadie Smith, defining the unappreciated necessity of a well-run library: "An indoor public space in which you do not have to buy anything in order to stay."

The thrill of not knowing where the remarkable "Woods" episode of "Atlanta" — a study of authenticity, with time for a nail salon, a ghost story and actual forest — was headed.

The odd charm of Tom Cruise and director Christopher McQuarrie explaining in an unan-

nounced online video, seemingly for their love of the craft, how TV's "motion smoothing" option is a bad idea, reducing cinematic imagery to a soap-opera flatness.

The bold, galvanizing use of Childish Gambino's "This is America" at the start of the Red Clay Dance Company's "Ekili Munda/What Lies Within" at Columbia College of Chicago.

Eavesdropping on a couple in the Smart Museum who were arguing, heatedly, ironically, in a show about the history of how perception is used in visual art, whether the woman in the Carrie Mae Weems photograph "Black Woman with Chicken" was holding a chicken or a piece of food. (For the record: She's holding a fried chicken leg.)

Speaking of eavesdropping, standing behind a man at Midway so lost in "First Reformed" with Ethan Hawke, he held up a hand to a TSA agent to wait a sec, 'til it's over, then put his phone on the belt and entered the scanner.

Embracing the return of '70-style paranoia and surrealism-tinged realism in Steven Soderbergh's "Unsane," Julia Roberts' "Homecoming," Marvel's "Legion," Netflix's "Maniac" and in the gathering darkness of "The Favourite."

Rewatching Hannah Gadsby's Netflix special "Nanette," and rewinding parts of Rock's, and being convinced the smartest writers we have today are our smartest comedians. (This line from Gadsby, already a classic: "I don't identify as transgender. But I'm clearly gender not-normal. I don't think even lesbian is the right identity for me. I really don't. I might as well come out now. I identify as tired.")

Looking for the time to experience everything you just read.

And wondering how many weeks and months and days were packed into 2018? How many 24 hours felt like 72? And when you put your head to a pillow on Dec. 31 — or Jan. 1 — how many years will you have lived in 2018?

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UN special envoy Angelina Jolie at a news conference at the Government Palace in Lima, Peru, in October.

A future in politics for Angelina Jolie?

Angelina Jolie has not ruled out a move into politics — and has joked that she might be tough enough to take the rough and tumble that comes with it. The American actress and United Nations envoy told BBC radio that she “can take a lot on the chin,” a possible reference to her bitter divorce from Brad Pitt. When asked if she is moving in the direction of politics, the 43-year-old Oscar winner said, “I honestly will do whatever I think can really make change.” Jolie is a special envoy for the UN refugee agency. She used her slot as a “guest editor” on the BBC to highlight refugee issues in the Middle East. She also included Chinese artist Ai Weiwei and Nobel Peace Prize winner Denis Mukwege on the show.

— Associated Press

Dec. 31 birthdays: Actor Anthony Hopkins is 81. Guitarist Andy Summers is 76. Actor Ben Kingsley is 75. Actor Tim Matheson is 71. Bassist Tom Hamilton is 67. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 60. Singer Paul Westerberg is 59. Actor Val Kilmer is 59. Actor Lance Reddick is 56. Singer-actor Joey McIntyre is 46. Cellist Mikko Siren is 43. Singer Psy is 41. Drummer Jason Sechrist is 39. Musician Drew Taggart is 29.

Box office

- 1. “Aquaman,” \$51.6 million
- 2. “Mary Poppins Returns,” \$28 million
- 3. “Bumblebee,” \$20.5 million
- 4. “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” \$18.3 million
- 5. “The Mule,” \$11.8 million
- 6. “Vice,” \$7.8 million
- 7. “Holmes and Watson,” \$7.3 million
- 8. “Second Act,” \$7.2 million
- 9. “Ralph Breaks the Internet,” \$6.5 million
- 10. “Dr. Seuss’ The Grinch,” \$4.2 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



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Longtime British comedy star dies: British actress and comedic star June Whitfield, whose long career included memorable roles in TV series “Absolutely Fabulous” and “Terry and June,” has died. She was 93. Her agent said she died Friday night. Whitfield enjoyed a career spanning decades, appearing on some of Britain’s most popular TV shows. She was prominent in the “Carry On” series and the sitcom “Terry and June” with Terry Scott in the 1980s before playing a vital role in “Absolutely Fabulous.” Her time on “Ab Fab” playing the slightly odd mother of Jennifer Saunders’ boozy character Edina introduced Whitfield to fans who hadn’t been born when she started on radio decades earlier.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Ex worries about loan repayment

Dear Amy: Several years ago, I loaned \$4,000 to a woman. She and I were in a romantic relationship, which had just ended. Our relationship was a positive one, but I blame myself for not becoming more involved in the lives of her children. The money was used to fund a lawsuit against her former husband. The suit was ultimately unsuccessful. Over the years, I have occasionally reached out with a nice note. I haven’t heard back in a few years — maybe because she has remarried. I was reminded of the loan when I rediscovered a notarized letter we both signed. The letter stipulated no terms for repayment, except when she is in a position to do so. I basically forgot about the money once the suit failed. I’ve never brought it up. Is it wrong to bring it up now? She is on solid financial ground and I could use the money. I wouldn’t want her to think I was pressuring her or implying that I had been brooding all this time. Actually, I hoped for a better post-relationship relationship with her, in part to feel better about myself. I also had another idea: My aging mother and I take care of my bedridden father. The woman who owes me is a social worker. Should I make an offhand comment that she could pay off the debt by providing some social work advice/help when needed? Should I bring up the debt and feel like a worm in order to possibly be repaid? — Wondering

Dear Wondering: You should ask that this debt be

repaid and NOT feel like a worm but like a worthy human being. You and your former partner behaved responsibly to the extent that after she talked you out of \$4,000, you had the agreement notarized. Why you wanted to fund this chase after her former husband is beyond me, but, from the tone of your question, you seem to be easily manipulated because of feelings of inadequacy. Advocating for yourself is good for your self-esteem; you deserve to be repaid for your generosity and thanked for your kindness. You don’t seem to have any ongoing relationship with this woman, so you should not care what she thinks of you now. I realize I’m telling you how to feel, but I’m really trying to coach you into behaving reasonably and responsibly. Under no circumstances should you ask this person to perform professional work for your family. I fear that if she were active in your household, she would somehow end up with your house.

Dear Amy: Next month is the one-year anniversary for my boyfriend and me. Right before Thanksgiving I discovered he was contacting other women, through emails, photos and profiles, for dating and hooking up. He said he was reaching out to other women because he wanted to do things he didn’t think I’d be into, so rather than talk to me about it, he outsourced his intimacy. I decided to stay and try to work it out. The last few weeks have been raw and intense. I can see he is

trying and feels remorseful, but we are far from out of the woods. I still find myself very sensitive and easily triggered. I don’t feel like celebrating an anniversary because it feels tainted by his cheating and dishonesty and I am very disappointed we couldn’t even have our honeymoon phase. Am I being petty not wanting to celebrate? — Finding My Way

Dear Finding: Not every relationship must somehow hue to a predictable path. I hope you will detach more from these phony benchmarks and pay closer attention to the matter currently before you: the daily effort to communicate honestly — about everything. Your guy’s choice to “outsource” intimacy is worrying. Learning to talk about things that are hard to talk about is a true cause for celebration. Postpone the Champagne until you feel true trust and intimacy.

Dear Amy: I can’t believe your hysteria over pot smoking. Marijuana is not the source of all evil, Amy. “Parents in Despair” were worried about their teen’s behavior. You blamed the pot. I blame the teen. Shame on you. — Responsible Adult

Dear Adult: These parents reported that their 17-year-old is high every day. Yes, I’d say his marijuana use is a major factor that should not be ignored.

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It is possible now to watch way too much TV and never hear a word of English.

American TV went global, and that’s good news for all

By ROBERT LLOYD
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One of my favorite television shows of 2018 is the 2015 French dramedy “Call My Agent!” about a Parisian talent agency. I was slow to find it, but a friend, an ordinary, TV nonprofessional friend, told me about it. I find that interesting in itself and part of what seems to be a trend: American TV viewers are increasingly watching foreign-language series and talking about them. You may have lately watched, discussed or read about HBO’s “My Brilliant Friend,” co-produced with a pair of Italian networks, much of it played in an antique Neapolitan dialect that required subtitled even in Italy. Or “Babylon Berlin,” a Weimar Republic crime drama picked up by Netflix from Sky Deutschland. As with all waves, it had been building for a while before it broke, but this does feel like the year American television went global. Indeed, it is easily possible now to watch way too much television and never hear a word of English. This is good news for us and everybody. The seem-

ingly ineluctable one-way flow of American pop culture to the world, at least since the movies came in, could not but help swell the size of our national head. Even as the world convulses in fits of chauvinism, parochialism, populism and xenophobia, television in its various delivery systems has never been more cosmopolitan and international. Netflix, which rules the streaming world, is everywhere (except mainland China, Syria, North Korea and Crimea) and, according to one report, consumes 15 percent of global internet bandwidth. Amazon Prime — where you can watch the German innocent-man thriller “You Are Wanted,” the Japanese comedy “Businessmen vs. Aliens” and India’s “The Remix,” a reality show involving Bollywood songs — is also a global player. Hulu, the other big streamer, lacks the reach of Netflix and Amazon, though that is likely to change. Hulu is the home of the Swedish sci-fi drama “Real Humans,” the Israeli spy drama “False Flag” and the German high-finance drama “Bad Banks.” It’s true that American Spanish-language networks Telemundo and Univision

have been around for a while, as have dedicated cable and satellite stations like the Francophone TV5MONDE, TV Japan and the Cantonese TVB. But as a rule, foreign language series, though sometimes remade for American television, never made the crossing; indeed, they have yet to crack broadcast prime time, and they may never. But elsewhere, we are taking them straight now, with gusto. A switch has been turned on. For whatever reason, we have become a little more open to otherness. For a long time, our pop-cultural notions of other places were shaped by whatever could be built on a Hollywood back lot. Given the circumstances, it is not strange that a person raised here might come to believe that everything of value comes from the United States and takes place in English. Globalized television is invigorating. It brings us to the intersection of the familiar and the exotic, shows us that we are alike but different, different but alike. It teaches us that we are not the center of the universe, and even beside the point. It may be just what the world needs now.

IN PERFORMANCE

Night of comedy stuck in a sexist time

By ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

“I ain’t saying (stuff that’s) bad onstage now,” comedian, actor and Chicago native DeRay Davis said early on in his 20-minute opening set Saturday night at the 4,250-seat Arie Crown Theater, hinting at a gay joke he definitely wasn’t making, and bemoaning the current state of comedy and the perceived sensitivities of the world. “They took Kevin Hart off the Oscars.” Hart’s refusal to apologize for past homophobic comments went unmentioned, but whoever the mysterious “they” are who “took” the Oscars from Hart earlier this month would likely have had a busy night cutting comedians’ mics for ill-conceived content during the first of three nights of DeRay’s Annual Funny & Famous Comedy Countdown. “The first year, we did one show. Last year, we did two,” Davis said proudly. “This year, we got three.” By any measure, three shows in a theater of this size is a huge accomplishment (“Over 12,000 tickets sold,” Davis said on Instagram earlier on Saturday). If only the jokes on display here over two and a half hours and five comedians were deserving of such crowds. So, what’s the problem? Certainly Davis, an impressive multiphenate and no slouch in the stand-up department — check last year’s excellent Netflix special “How to Act Black” or his set on HBO’s “All Def Comedy” for ample evidence — knows how to craft a joke and work a stage, but his opening set and recurring hosting interludes served as the



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Chicago native DeRay Davis performed Saturday night.

highlights of a lengthy night. It’s not that the lineup — which shifts slightly for each show but remains fairly stacked with recognizable names — isn’t impressive, or that these comedians — Saturday’s performers included Leon Rogers, Jessica “Jess Hilari-ous” Moore, Gary Owen and Michael Blackson — don’t have their schtick down (and yes, this entire show is quite schticky). It’s just that the comedy trap-pings of blatant sexism — never a good look, but historically less frowned upon — are beyond tired and hacky at this point. Amid faux-concern over false #MeToo accusations (“I’m 100 percent positive I’ve never done anything to anyone, but it would be nothing for a woman to accuse me!” lamented Owen); stale apologies for and defenses of Bill Cosby (“Let me stop,” Davis said at one point, halting mid-Cosby joke and changing course. “Rape is not funny.” Glad he cleared that up); and frustrations with the shortcomings of the women in their lives (“I only meet broke ... girls that’s never been anywhere, that want to go everywhere!” groaned Blackson), it was a night full of male grievances and unchecked id. “I’ve been giving a lot of testosterone to the stage,” Davis remarked at one point, in his lead-in to introducing the one female comic of the night, Instagram star and “Rel” lead actress Moore. “Ladies, can I bring a lady to the stage?” Not-so-subtle moments like these — why is Moore (who headlined a show at

Harold Washington Cultural Center earlier this year) just for the ladies if the male comics aren’t just for the men? — punctuated the night. After Moore delivered a solid 30-minute set, during which she remarked on her raspy voice, said she’s “basic level training” gay (for clarification, that means she’s not “gay gay”) and closed out with two lengthy bits on oral sex and passing gas, Owen, whose entry to the stage came a full minute after he was introduced, opened by mocking Moore’s crude last joke at length and saying he wouldn’t be able to look at her on Instagram the same anymore. For all of its shortcomings, the Amazon Prime series “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” expertly captured a glimpse into this type of unabashed male chauvinism and commentary onstage in an episode in which — unlike in Saturday night’s show — the heroine gets the last word against her male counterparts. But that show is set in 1958. Sixty years later, we should be — and, for the most part, are — doing better. Maybe the remaining two shows will involve some evolution in thought. The third and final night of this Comedy Countdown trilogy of shows is on New Year’s Eve. Let’s hope the majority of these jokes — and the sentiments behind them — get left in 2018.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Ryan Seacrest

“Dick Clark’s Primetime New Year’s Rockin’ Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2019” (7 p.m., ABC): For his 13th year, Ryan Seacrest is in New York’s party epicenter, Times Square, to host the primetime coverage of festivities and the midnight countdown, with Christina Aguilera headlining the night’s musical performers. Also in Manhattan, Jenny McCarthy will file reports among the party-goers in the streets.

“New Year’s Eve” (1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m., E!): Following the pattern of his “Valentine’s Day,” director Garry Marshall assembled another huge cast in a multiplotted 2011 salute to another holiday. Featured are Hilary Swank as the executive overseeing the traditional ball drop in Times Square, Sarah Jessica Parker as a mother concerned about her teen daughter’s (Abigail Breslin) plans and Robert De Niro as a hospital patient. Halle Berry, Lea Michele and Jon Bon Jovi are among the many others on hand.

“Fox’s New Year’s Eve With Steve Harvey: Live From Times Square” (7 p.m., FOX): Emmy-winning TV personality Maria Menounos joins Steve Harvey for the network’s second annual live broadcast special from the traditional heart of New Year’s Eve “party central,” Times Square in Manhattan. The three-and-a-half-hour bash — which starts in prime time, then resumes as the midnight ball-dropping approaches — also features a musical performance by Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Sting, as well as appearances by Florence + the Machine, Jason Aldean, Juanes and Why Don’t We. Ken Jeong and Kenan Thompson also appear.

“New Year’s Eve Live With Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen” (7 p.m., 12:05 a.m., 1 a.m., 2 a.m., CNN): Longtime BFFs Anderson Cooper and Bravo executive producer Andy Cohen re-team to host coverage of the high spirits in Manhattan’s Times Square as a massive crowd gathers to wait for and witness the midnight dropping of the ball that ushers in 2019. Elsewhere during the telecast, CNN anchors Don Lemon and Brooke Baldwin file reports from the Central Time Zone, specifically New Orleans. Last year’s pairing of Cooper and Cohen netted CNN its highest-rated New Year’s Eve special on record.

“NBC’s New Year’s Eve” (9 p.m., NBC): Carson Daly returns to host this year’s New Year’s Eve festivities in New York’s Times Square, which opens with an hour in primetime, then picks up the action as the time approaches the midnight dropping of the ball. Keith Urban, meanwhile, will perform and host from Nashville’s Bicentennial State Park during part of the coverage. Joining Daly in New York will be Leslie Jones (“Saturday Night Live”) and Chrissy Teigen. Other performers include Diana Ross, Kelly Clarkson and John Legend.

TALK SHOWS

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Hugh Jackman; Jeff Tweedy talks and performs; Six-String Soldiers sit in with Jon Batiste and Stay Human.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (12:10 a.m., NBC): Composer Lin-Manuel Miranda; internet personality Tyler “Ninja” Blevins; Black Thought and Salaam Remi perform.*

* Subject to change

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| | PBS | 11 | Great Performances © | | Live From Lincoln Center (Season Finale) (N) © ㉔ | | Beatles: Eight Days a Week -- Touring Years ▶ | | |
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| | LIFE | | A Walk to Remember (PG,’02) ★★ | | Shane West. © | | (9:03) My Sister’s Keeper (’09) ★★ | | |
| | MSNBC | | All In With Chris Hayes | | Rachel Maddow Show (N) | | The Last Word (N) | | 11th Hour (N) |
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| | NICK | | Loud House | | Loud House | | Friends © | | Friends © |
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 31): Brotherhood, teamwork and collaboration work magic this year. Keep showing up. Expect romantic surprises. Personal projects flourish this winter, before changing directions with shared finances. A summer partnership blossoms, before a personal view shifts. Celebrate and pull together with the ones you love.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. It's a good time for a significant conversation about money. Connect with the ones who share your financial interests. Advance to the next level.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Collaborate with your partner over the next few days. Cooperate and coordinate to share the load. Your bright idea wins the day. Express your love.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Your work is in demand. Your mind and heart are on the same track. Pursue your long-term goal. Practice strengthens your physical performance.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. You're especially creative. Love kindles into passion. Enjoy special time with people you love. Share the possibilities you've been inventing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Prioritize home and family. Unleash your imagination and then assess what's realistically achievable. Have fun with beautiful details. Let go of expectations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Communication flows easily today and tomorrow. Listen and think before you speak. It's a good time to ask questions. Exchange ideas. Remember what's important. Discover another view.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Silver sparkles into your pockets over the next few days. Gather resources. Opportunities arise naturally in a social setting. Connect and collaborate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Your star is on the rise. Let it light you up. Give thanks for your blessings, and use your power for good. Celebrate and shine.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Pamper yourself. Prioritize your emotional, physical and spiritual health and wellness. Complete one project before beginning the next. Rest, and savor peaceful reverie.

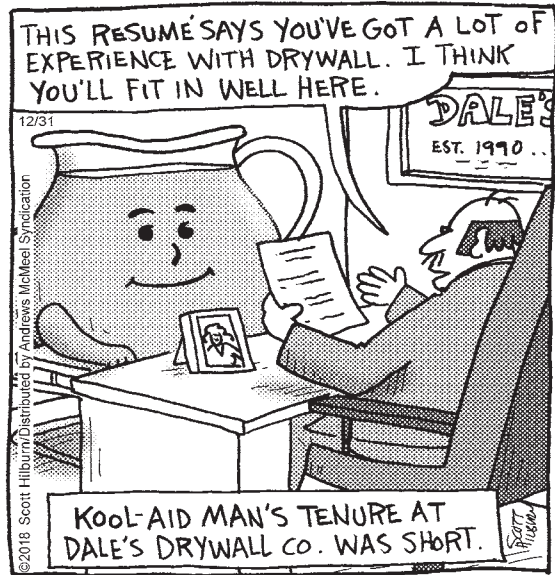
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Connect with friends and loved ones. Relax and listen. Get advice, and then make your own decisions. Learn from someone with experience. Share the love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Professional opportunities arise in conversation. Share what you're up to and what you need. Listen for resources and partnership. What can you provide? Make great connections.

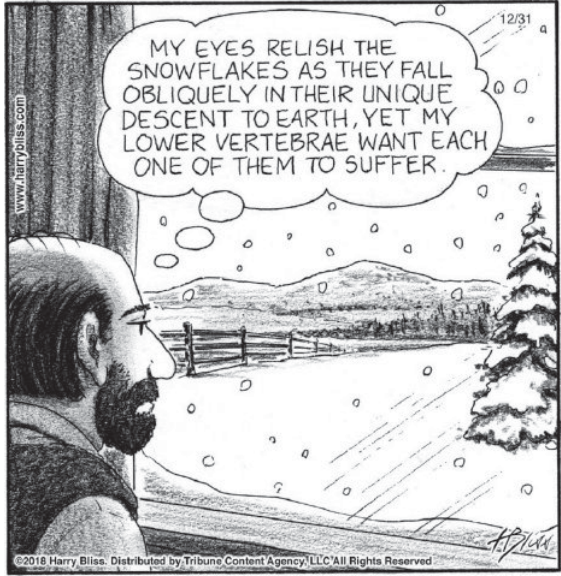
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Travel and romance both look good for the next few days. Schedule logistics carefully. Spread your wings, and wrap them around someone you love.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 7 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A K Q J 8
With the opponents passing, you open 1C and partner responds 1S. What call would you make?
A.1—A raise to 4S is perfect, showing a hand worth about 20 points with no singleton or void. You would make a splinter bid with shortness in a side suit.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Void ♥ Q 9 6 5 3 ♦ K Q 10 5 2 ♣ Q 3 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | ? |

What call would you make?
A.2—The opponents may not have much of a fit and your side might not either. There is danger both in bidding and passing. We like pass.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 9 5 4 ♥ A 6 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ A 10 5 2

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1NT | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| ? | | | |

What call would you make?
A.3—This looks like a minimum, but three aces and a doubleton make this worth accepting. Bid 4S.

Q.4—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Void ♥ A K Q J 8 4 ♦ A Q 9 7 3 ♣ J 10

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥ | 5♣ | Pass | Pass |
| ? | | | |

What call would you make?
A.4—West is annoying us but we have to do something. Bid 5D with confidence and give West a dirty look. Maybe he'll bid 6C.

— Bob Jones
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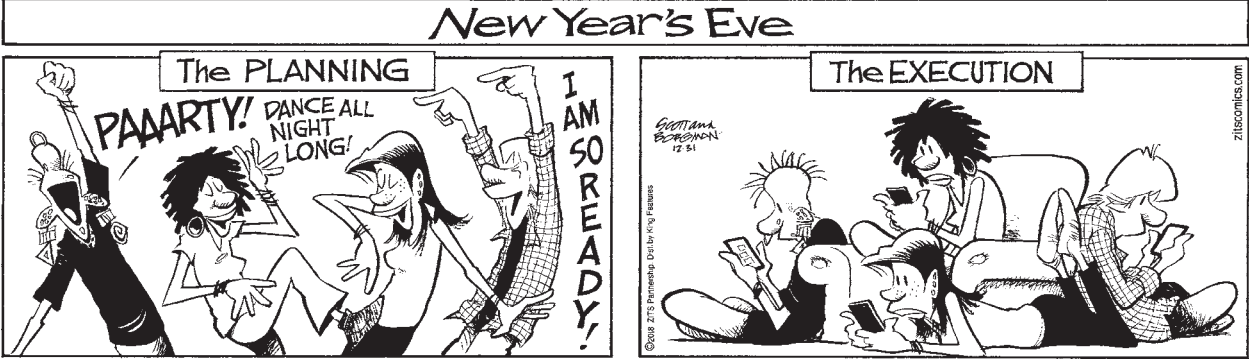
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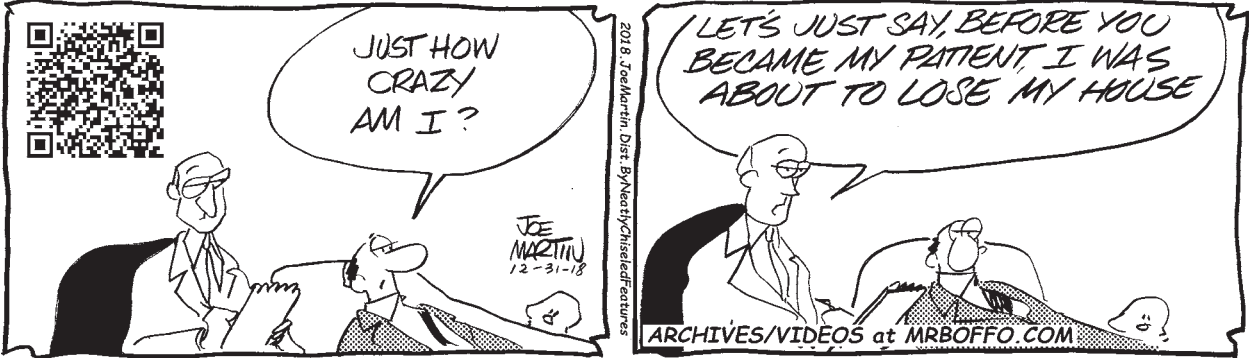
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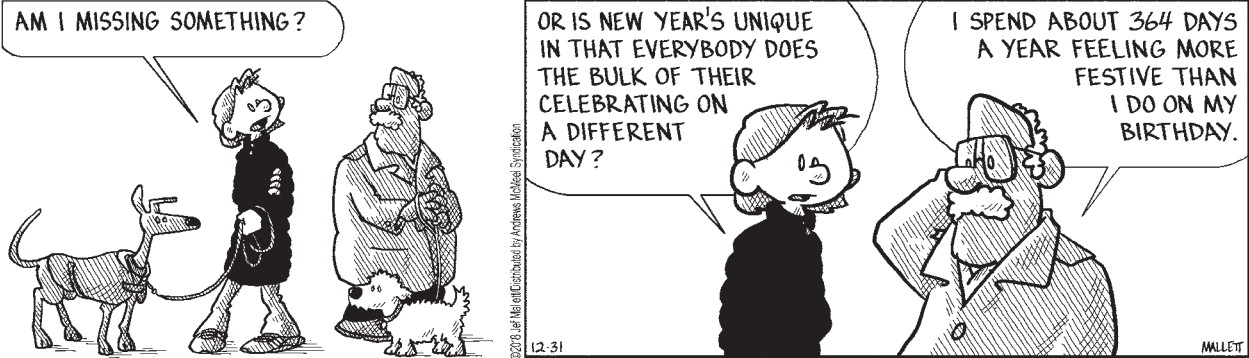
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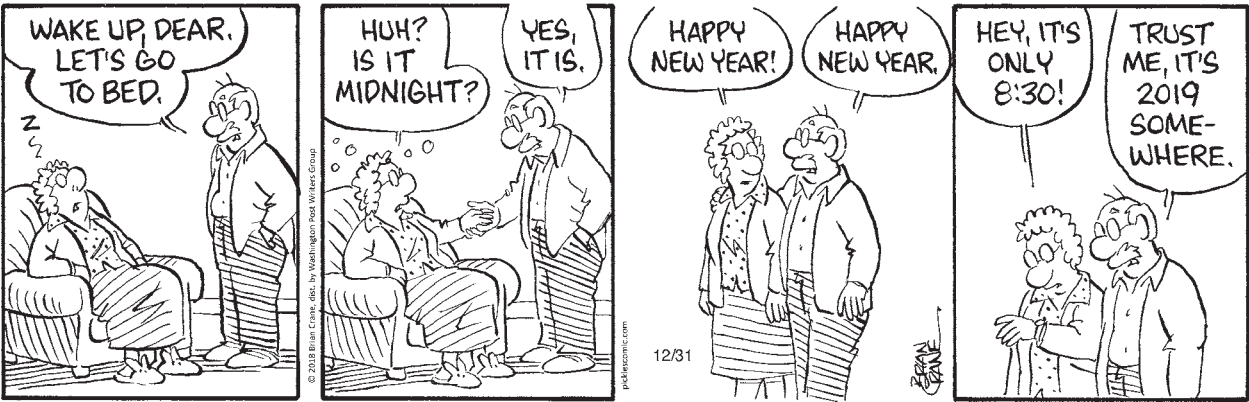
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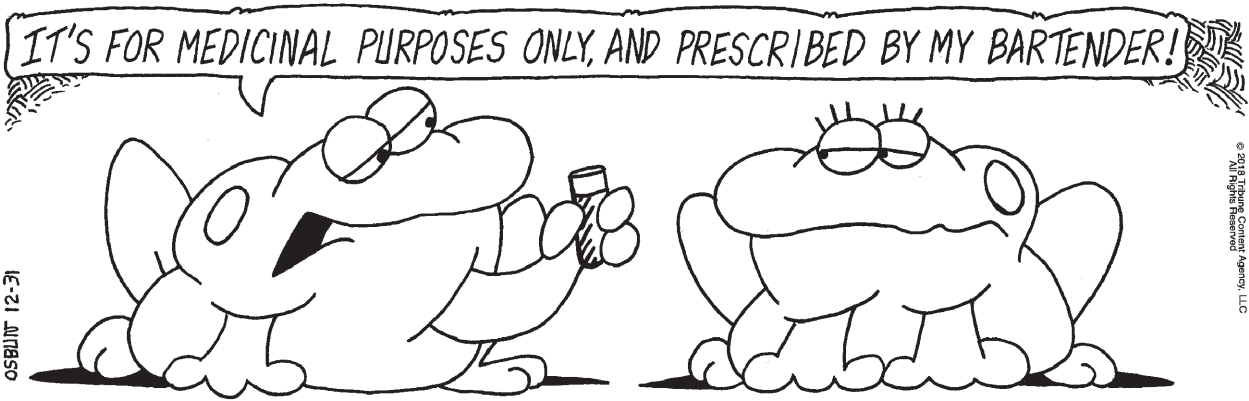
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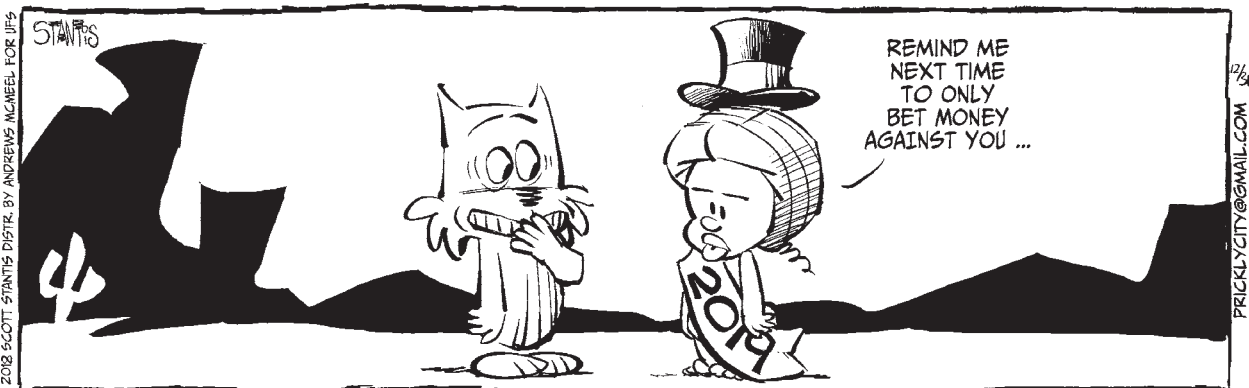
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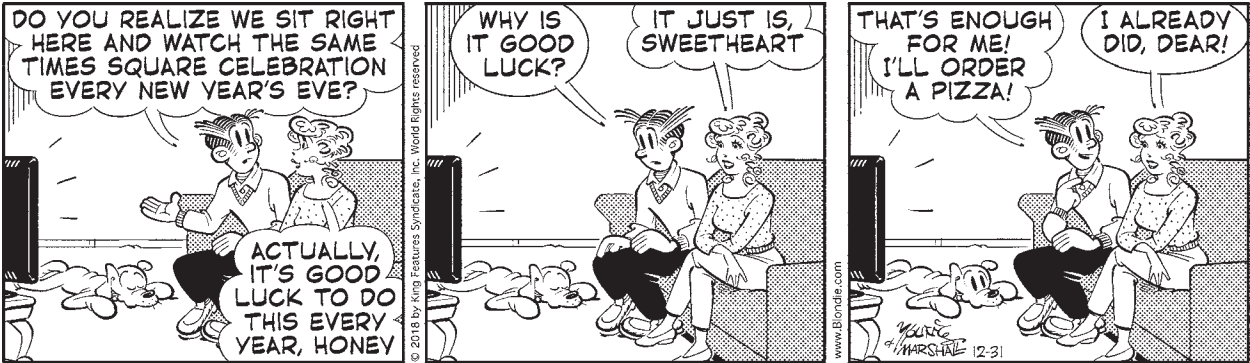
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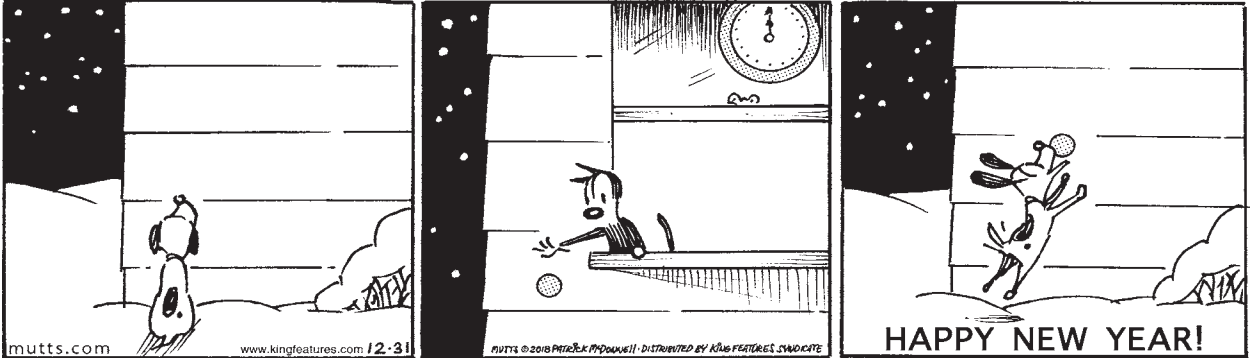
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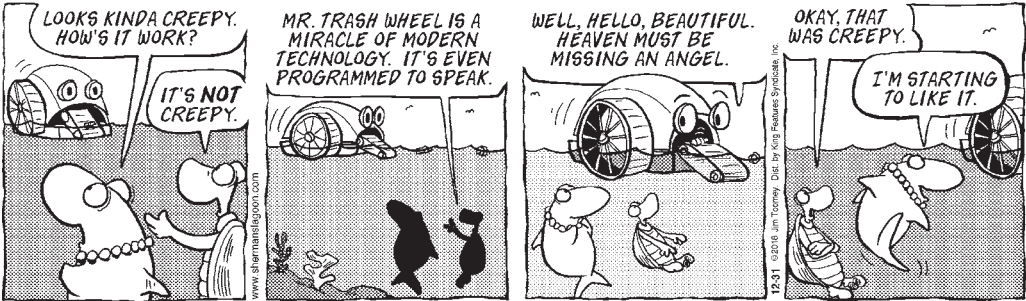
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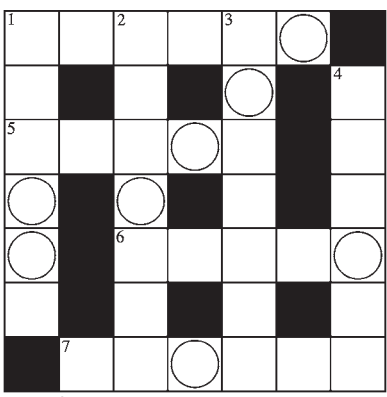
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Trivia Bits

What 2009 Oscar-winning film is, according to its full title, "based on the novel 'Push' by Sapphire"?
A) "Avatar"
B) "Crazy Heart"
C) "The Hurt Locker"
D) "Precious"
Saturday's answer: The Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University opened in 1683 to display the collection of curiosities belonging to Elias Ashmole.
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Jumble Crossword



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CLUE: This country has just one natural lake.

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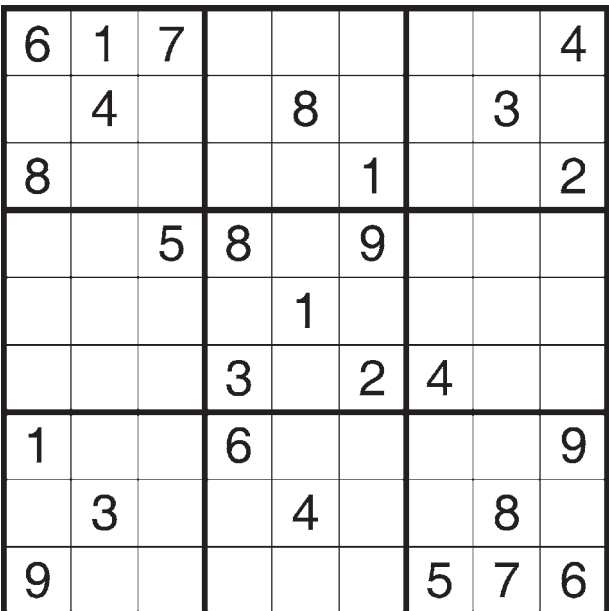
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ANSWERS: 1A-Smooth 5A-Noise 6A-Jello 7A-Unused 1P-Sundae 2P-Option 3P-Tellie 4P-Uh-ho 5P-B-Homdurae 6B-Whisper 7B-Whisper 8B-Whisper 9B-Whisper 10B-Whisper

By David L. Hoyt.

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| 4 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| 3 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
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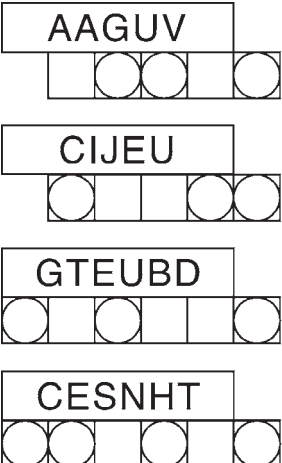
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



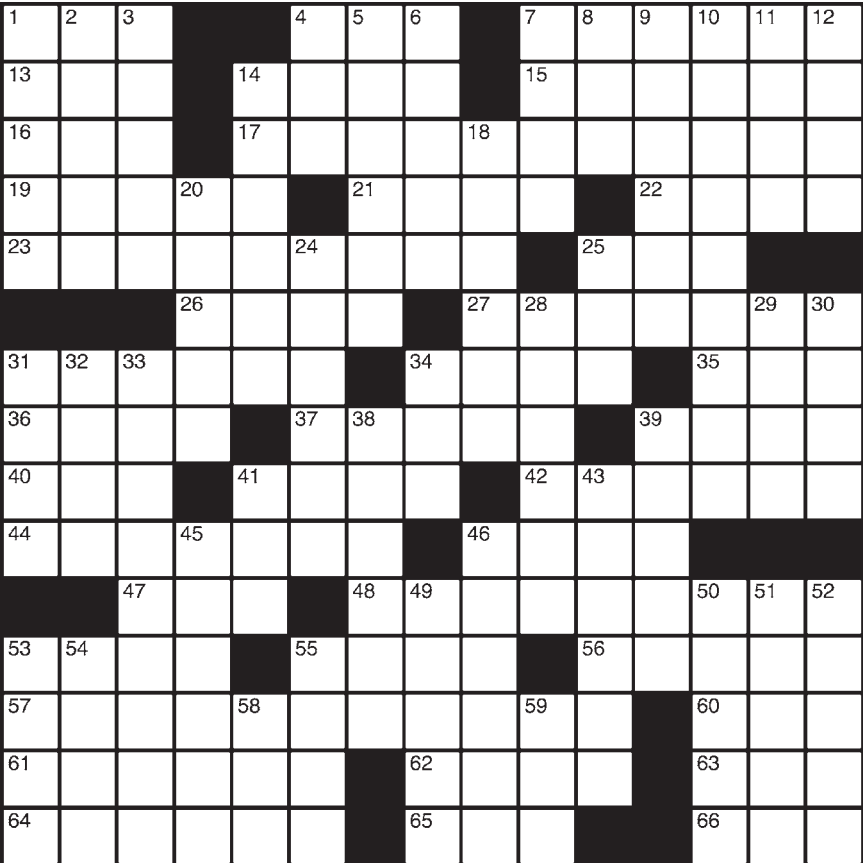
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Jumbles: RELIC RAVEN ATTEST DOODLE
Answer: The badly-decaying metal gate at the old mansion was made of — "ROT" IRON

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Actress Vardalos
- 4 Chapel vow
- 7 Fine apparel
- 13 Bird that gives a hoot
- 14 Stock horror film servant
- 15 Came down and spoiled the picnic
- 16 Open _ night
- 17 Persistent ache
- 19 Ski resort feature
- 21 Self-defense spray
- 22 Fey of "Date Night"
- 23 Window section
- 25 D.C. pro
- 26 Yard sale caveat
- 27 Bar for circus swingers
- 31 Long-faced
- 34 Tire, with "out"
- 35 Controlled Substances Act org.
- 36 Hyde Park buggy
- 37 Madison Ave. pro
- 39 Main point

- 40 Lincoln or Ford
- 41 Poker variety
- 42 Lawn service company that merged with TruGreen
- 44 Fairbanks resident
- 46 Period of prosperity
- 47 Windy City train org.
- 48 Heartthrob in the band One Direction
- 53 Off-kilter
- 55 Fuzzy green plant that grows on rocks
- 56 Dimwit
- 57 "Common Sense" author
- 60 Down Under bird
- 61 Make pure, as sugar
- 62 Maker of Aspire laptops
- 63 Young fellow
- 64 Show up at
- 65 Winter hrs. in Minneapolis
- 66 Beats by _; audio equipment brand

- 11 Horse rider's strap
- 12 Writer Ferber
- 14 Actually existing: Lat.
- 18 Summer pitcherful
- 20 Biblical song
- 24 Whacked gift holder
- 25 Links standard
- 28 Coerced payment
- 29 Citrus peel
- 30 Puts away dishes?
- 31 Animal welfare org.
- 32 Eurasian border river
- 33 "Tomb Raider" heroine
- 34 Iraq War armament: Abbr.
- 38 Big name in tires
- 39 Lose one's marbles
- 41 Jamaican music genre
- 43 Paper jam site
- 45 Thwart
- 46 Nuts and bolts
- 49 Sir _ Newton
- 50 Give ground
- 51 Red Sox great
- 52 Practice piece
- 53 Razor brand
- 54 Spark, as an appetite
- 55 Grad. degree for teachers
- 58 Landers of letters
- 59 Driving range barrier

Saturday's solution



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Down

- 1 Chinese menu assurance
- 2 Volunteer's words
- 3 Reynolds Wrap makers
- 4 Grocery chain letters
- 5 Rigid beliefs
- 6 Church instrument
- 7 Obama Education secretary Duncan
- 8 Garment label
- 9 First-rate
- 10 "Aced that test!"

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BRING ON THE CHAMPS

Bears dominate Vikings, will take on Eagles in opening round of playoffs



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Defensive end Akiem Hicks, right, tackles Vikings running back Dalvin Cook in the first quarter of the Bears' victory Sunday. They'll host the Eagles in the first round of the playoffs.

Defense sends an unmistakable message: Don't mess with us in the postseason

MINNEAPOLIS — If you needed an indication that the Bears had come came to play Sunday afternoon, it came quickly. On the Vikings' second possession, on third-and-4, defensive tackle Eddie Goldman shot into the backfield, grabbed Kirk Cousins and whipped the helpless quarterback to the ground. Sack. Six-yard loss. Punt. The next time the Vikings offense took the field, they tried to run on first down. This time Akiem Hicks did the damage, burying Dalvin Cook for no gain, then laughing and chirping right into the running back's face mask. "It was a lot expletives," Hicks



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On the Bears

cracked after the game. "It was really rough." Sure, the Bears didn't need to bring their A game to U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday. With a playoff invitation already in hand, they didn't have the same do-or-die urgency their hosts had. And with the Rams steamrolling the 49ers on the West Coast, the Bears basically were locked into the NFC's No. 3 seed well before sundown. But if that led you to believe this team would go through the motions or flip on the cruise control, you haven't been paying attention this season. As has been the case since September, the

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■ Miller's day shortened in first quarter with shoulder injury. **Page 3**

All-purpose offense enjoys stellar day, boding well as Bears coast into playoffs

MINNEAPOLIS — Don't worry about what the final score was in the Bears' season finale against the Vikings on Sunday. The media guide will keep it for eternity — 24-10, Bears — allowing us to devote our brain cells to something more meaningful. Given the Bears' secure place as the NFC's No. 3 seed entering the game, we're better served by focusing on how Taylor Gabriel soared through the air and hauled in Mitch Trubisky's long throw in the second quarter. The 40-yard gain to the Vikings 1-yard line set up the Bears' second touchdown and, most importantly, created some positive momentum toward answer-



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On the Bears

ing their biggest question entering the postseason: Can they score enough points to really make a run at this thing? Gabriel's catch, Jordan Howard's early 42-yard run and Trubisky's third-down magic indicate yes. And that would make the Bears a threat to any opponent, no matter the venue. "We have a little bit of everything, which is hopefully tough for defenses to defend," Trubisky said. "Whatever is working, just roll with it." That applied to the entire playbook against the Vikings. It was a big reason the noise levels

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

No shortage of idiots in 2018

Amid the Blackhawks missing the playoffs for the first time in 10 years, Addison Russell's assault on proper sensibilities, an abusive football coach at Maryland, Jay Cutler yawning through his wife's reality show and one-time soccer great Maradona being a complete boor at the World Cup, there was far too much to object to — big and small — in 2018.

Here then is an airing of just some of the grievances, the year in rebuke:

Idiots, idiots, idiots: Four racists were ejected from a Blackhawks game at the United Center in February after taunting the Capitals' Devante Smith-Pelly, a black Canadian, with chants of "basketball, basketball, basketball."

Here's hoping they were sent back home to the century they came from.

Aerial attack: Bears kicker Cody Parkey has a four-year, \$15 million contract that guarantees him \$9 million. After his four-goal-post game against the Lions, the team had him practice at Soldier Field.

Two TV stations sent news helicopters to record the proceedings only to have the Bears quash their coverage as violations of the team's media policies.

To challenge the policies would have risked ejection of cameras and reporters from other practices, news conferences, etc.

But why not push the Bears to actually give them the boot and see if anyone in the organization can kick with accuracy?

What makes Sammy run: The year in Sammy Sosa came via two interviews and three quotes from the former Cubs slugger.

"I never failed a drug test," Sosa told Sports Illustrated in a "Where Are They Now?" piece. "So why are you asking me about that when they don't have nothing on Sosa?"

Sosa to NBC Sports Chicago's David Kaplan: "I'm a humble man. I'm not a man to have ego."

Sosa, again to SI: "I passed Ernie Banks for most home runs in Chicago Cubs history. He has a statue, and I don't have nothing. So, what the (expletive)?"

The Oakland Raided: Jon Gruden gave up his ESPN "Monday Night Football" job to return to coaching, accepting a 10-year



JOHN HEFTI/AP

The Bears and Cowboys are happy that Raiders coach Jon Gruden flunked his first two attempts at "Let's Make a Deal."

deal reportedly worth \$100 million to take over the Oakland (soon-to-be Las Vegas) Raiders.

The Raiders spun their wheels but helped the Bears and Cowboys win their respective divisions with deals sending Khalil Mack to Chicago and Amari Cooper to Dallas.

The way Team Gruden plays its cards, no wonder Vegas is rolling out the red carpet.

The gift of grab: An adult fan snagged a baseball obviously thrown to a little kid in the crowd at a July Cubs game at Wrigley Field. The moment was caught in a viral video and he was then savaged on social media, only to have it turn out the clip didn't show the whole story.

The man ultimately was hailed as selfless and thoughtful by the boy's family, fans seated nearby and the Cubs organization.

It turned out the man wound up with four baseballs during the game. Three went to kids, including the one apparently slighted in the much-circulated clip.

Fortunately, everyone learned their lesson, and afterward all were kinder to each other on Twitter, Facebook, etc.

Twitter twaddle: After Final Four-bound Loyola defeated Tennessee in the second round of the NCAA men's college basketball tournament, a Knoxville, Tenn., radio wit named Cody McClure took aim at media darling Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the Ramblers' then-98-year-old chaplain and biggest fan.

"(Expletive) Sister Jean — everyone," McClure tweeted, only he used the actual four-letter expletive.

"The joke value came because of the fact we were dealing with a 98-year-old nun who is deservedly beloved by people for her outstanding service," the Noel Coward of Knoxville later explained to the Tribune. "Anything said that would oppose that would create a little shock value, right? It was meant to be comedic — cheap, maybe — but comedic."

Not cheap, devalued.

Quota, un-quota: An opinion piece from then-Fox News executive editor John Moody accusing the U.S. Olympic Committee of undermining Team USA's medal chances by developing a more diverse pool of athletes was yanked off the cable channel's website.

Moody wrote the USOC seemed to embrace the motto: "Darker, Gayler, Different."

Fox News said the column did "not reflect the views or values of Fox News" despite Moody being one of the cable network's leading editorial executives and with the channel since its 1996 inception.

Moody retired less than three weeks later.

Those who can, do: Retiring Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer — who "did not exhibit the kind of leadership and high standards that we expect ... on the football staff," according to an independent investigation conducted at the behest of school trustees — will co-teach a course this spring titled "Leadership and Character" in the university's business school.

Meyer's teaching it, not taking it.

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EAGLES 24, REDSKINS 0

Eagles win, get to take on Bears

LANDOVER, Md. — Nick Foles' magic stretched all the way back to Minnesota.

Foles did it again, leading the Eagles to a 24-0 victory over the Redskins and the defending Super Bowl champions earned the NFC's final wild-card berth when the Bears beat the Vikings on Sunday.

The Eagles (9-7) will play at the Bears (12-4) at 3:40 p.m. Sunday.

Foles tied Philip Rivers' NFL record by completing 25 straight passes and threw two touchdown passes before a chest injury forced him out of the game. Nate Sudfeld fired a 22-yard TD on his only pass.

Foles, the Super Bowl MVP in the Eagles' win over the Patriots last February, is 6-0 in must-win games filling in for Carson Wentz.

Foles stepped in after Wentz was sidelined by a back injury earlier this month and guided the Eagles to an upset on the road against the Rams as a 13½-point underdog. He set a franchise record for yards passing in a game with 471 in a 32-30 comeback win last week against the Texans.

The Eagles controlled the ball for 43:19. Their defense held the Redskins to 89 yards total offense.

The Redskins (7-9) lost six of seven after leading the NFC East at 6-3.

Foles finished 28 of 33 for 221 yards, two TDs and one interception.

He tossed a 2-yard pass to Alshon Jeffery to cap a 19-play, 87-yard drive that took 11:49 in the second quarter, giving the Eagles a 10-0 lead. Foles was 10 of 10 on the drive and the Eagles converted three times on third downs and once on fourth-and-1.

Foles connected with Nelson Agholor on a 6-yard pass to make it 17-0 late in the third quarter. On the previous play, Foles had a chance to break the completion record but misfired on a pass to Agholor.

Sudfeld hit Agholor on a catch-and-run TD to make it 24-0 in the fourth.

The Redskins hadn't been shut out since a 24-0 loss to the Rams on Dec. 7, 2014. It was the Eagles' first shutout since beating the Giants 27-0 on Oct. 12, 2014.

— Associated Press



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears linebacker Danny Trevathan tackles Vikings running back Dalvin Cook.

'D' sends a message

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defense came to play. They were determined to set a tone. And with hit after vicious hit, the message was sent.

The Vikings offense wasn't ready for this kind of fight. The Bears defense was clearly playoff ready.

A 24-10 victory gave Matt Nagy's team its 12th victory, the most by a Bears team since 2006. Perhaps more importantly, this was the torpedo that sunk the Vikings' ship and left the Twin Cities in a state of extreme aggravation.

"Our captains on our defense wanted our mentality to be, 'Let's try to end this early. Let's try to kill their confidence,'" cornerback Prince Amukamara said.

Added linebacker Leonard Floyd: "We knew they were going to come out and give us their best game. Because they had to win to stay alive. So we wanted to make sure we (matched) their intensity."

For Nagy, a much more urgent effort will be needed this week to polish his offense and special teams for the playoff stage. But the defense, under the guidance of coordinator Vic Fangio, has been special all season. And its stinginess was again on display Sunday.

The first four series for Cousins and his crew: three-and-out, three-and-out, three-and-out, three-and-out.

By the time the Vikings came onto the field for their fifth possession, they hadn't come within 15 yards of Bears territory. They had 2 total yards of offense. Their offensive line looked wrung out. Cousins seemed increasingly uneasy. An energized sellout crowd became noticeably anxious.

The Vikings didn't pick up a first down until 6 minutes, 8 seconds remained in the first half. They didn't score until the final minute before halftime. By that point, they had been outgained 205-49.

The Bears again were playing a game entirely on their terms.

"We believe in one another," linebacker Danny Trevathan said. "We believe in

Coach Nagy. We believe in our whole cause. And when you have that, you get out there and play ball. There's no worry about who we're playing. It's all about putting in that work during the week and then getting into the game and having fun and executing."

For those who lost track, the Bears trailed at halftime only once in their final 10 regular season games. In that span, they outscored opponents 138-48 in the first half. The defense allowed only two first-half touchdowns over that stretch.

In 10 games.

And by bullying the Vikings Sunday, the Bears again gave Chicago a huge wave of hope to surf into the new year. With this defense playing with this tenacity, they will be around in every game they play in January. And with a few big plays and a couple of timely breaks, they could even play a game in February.

Right now, no one in the NFL is laughing at that idea, a grand goal that would have seemed ridiculous when the season began.

Throughout the past 17 weeks, the Bears have taken care of business with an exceptional blend of confidence, ambition and terrific attention to detail.

More than anything, the Bears have given a football-crazed city what it has wanted for so long — a return trip to the playoffs, again with a nasty and hungry defense leading the way.

"This lets us know we can play our best ball late in the season," Trevathan said. "Playoff atmosphere. Guys fighting for their lives. They gave us everything they had. But I feel like we handled it well. As a defense, we put our foot on their neck."

Next stop: the playoffs. A home game against the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles.

"Time to turn it up a notch," Floyd said.

There's every reason to believe that's exactly what these Bears will do.

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Offense ups its game

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inside U.S. Bank Stadium went from deafening at the start to librarian by the end. Except for the boos, of course.

The Bears' 169 rushing yards were only 10 fewer than their season high. Meanwhile, Trubisky was 8 of 10 passing for 119 yards on third down against the NFL's best third-down defense.

As tune-ups go, then, the Bears' engine is revving.

"We're getting stronger by the week," coach Matt Nagy said.

The game ultimately did not affect the Bears' playoff positioning because the Rams blew out the 49ers to secure the No. 2 seed and first-round bye. But the Bears can at least carry Sunday's offensive success with them into next weekend's wild-card-round game against the Eagles.

On the other hand, Cody Parkey's latest missed extra point did nothing but increase antacid sales. No matter how many times Nagy and special teams coordinator Chris Tabor voice their trust in Parkey, the Bears' kicking problem is a potential Achilles' heel in January.

First, though, the good news. Trubisky played his best road game of six this season. And he did so against the best defense he has faced in the loudest, most hostile environment.

He was 18 of 26 for 163 yards. Nothing eye-popping there, sure. But he never turned the ball over and wasn't sacked.

"It all starts in the huddle — communication and leading," Trubisky said. "We had great pass protection, and guys getting open on the outside makes making good decisions a lot easier."

Trubisky was magnificent on the 16-yard, 75-yard touchdown drive in the third

quarter that amounted to a 9-minute, 5-second chokehold on the Vikings' playoffs hopes.

On that march, the Bears converted five third downs. Trubisky accounted for four of them. Three with his arm and one with his legs. He even ran out of bounds on a 12-yard scramble on third-and-5 as Harrison Smith closed on him, leaving no chance for Smith to hit him late, as he did in their first meeting Nov. 18.

Trubisky settled into the game quickly, completing his only pass on a six-play, 71-yard touchdown drive to open the game. It was a dart to Trey Burton that converted third-and-3. That was simply the start of it.

The long ball to Gabriel was the type of vertical play the Bears have been missing. To get it one game after Trubisky hit Allen Robinson for 43 yards against the 49ers is a trend in the right direction.

On third-and-7, the Vikings played with only one safety and single coverage outside. Trubisky got rid of the ball early, giving Gabriel a great chance to track it and run underneath it. It left his hand while Gabriel was at the 28-yard line, and Gabriel caught it at the 3.

The run game was just as potent. Howard had 21 carries for 109 yards, his best output on the season. The Bears' 169 rushing yards were the second-most given up by the Vikings this season.

With the offense locked in and the defense the closest thing to a sure bet at Soldier Field, Parkey's inconsistency is the pit in Chicago's collective stomach.

If the Bears offense plays like it did Sunday, though, they can overcome their kicker. And they could beat anyone.














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From left, Javon Wims, Mitch Trubisky, Tarik Cohen, Kevin White and Bobby Massie celebrate Cohen's touchdown in the fourth quarter of Sunday's win over the Vikings.

BEARS

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Gabriel just short going long

But 40-yard pass play sets up Bears for 2nd TD — and helps prove receiver can stretch the field



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Taylor Gabriel pulls in a pass against Vikings defender Holton Hill in the second quarter of Sunday’s game. The play put the Bears on the 1-yard line and led to a touchdown.

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Bears wide receiver Taylor Gabriel took a step toward the inside of the field near the Vikings’ 35-yard line, and then broke toward the left sideline at U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

For the rest of the play, Vikings cornerback Holton Hill played catch-up.

As Gabriel reached the 10-yard line, he curled back toward the inside, looked to his right and saw quarterback Mitch Trubisky’s pass sailing right toward him. He hopped off both feet, took the football in his gut and fell down.

The key play in the Bears’ 24-10 victory over the Vikings in the regular-season finale would have been perfect, but for one small detail.

Gabriel landed at the 1-yard line with Hill on top of him. The play was called a touchdown but overturned upon review. The Bears instead got the ball at the 1 with 7 minutes, 43 seconds left in the second quarter.

Running back Jordan Howard added the touchdown to his total instead, plowing up the middle on the next play. That gave the Bears a 13-0 lead after Cody Parkey’s extra-point attempt hit the right upright.

Gabriel could at least take satisfaction in the 40-yard catch, his longest since a 54-yarder on Oct. 14 against the Dolphins.

“You have to be able to stretch the field vertically when you get a chance, and Mitch gave him a great opportunity to make the play — and then he made the play,” Bears coach Matt Nagy said. “To come down with

that ball, Taylor’s done that this whole year. There have been a few games here where we haven’t had those, but to get one was nice.”

Since the Dolphins game, Gabriel’s longest catch was for 22 yards against the Bills on Nov. 4, and he hadn’t had a reception of longer than 20 yards since then. It’s been long enough that Gabriel went on Twitter to defend his lack of deep catches in the week leading up to the Vikings game, noting that opponents are “respecting the deep balls” and playing more zone to minimize such threats.

Past opponents’ defenses didn’t matter Sunday, when Trubisky was right on target with this long shot, releasing quickly as Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr closed in on him.

“It was something we were working on all week,” Gabriel said. “Teams have been playing us in a lot of zone, taking away the big plays, so it felt good to finally get a big play.”

Trubisky needed Gabriel’s playmaking ability on an afternoon when the Bears started without top wide receiver Allen Robinson because of his rib injury and lost receiver Anthony Miller to a shoulder injury in the first quarter.

That left the Bears with Gabriel, Josh Bellamy, Kevin White and Javon Wims in their receiving corps. Gabriel had four catches for 61 yards in the first half. He didn’t add to that total in the second half because he, too, left the game with sore ribs.

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BEARS NOTES

Miller’s day shortened after shoulder injury on 1st drive

BY COLLEEN KANE, RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Bears rookie wide receiver Anthony Miller stayed down on the field at U.S. Bank Stadium for several seconds as the training staff rushed out to help him in the first quarter Sunday against the Vikings.

Not long after that, Miller was headed to the locker room with a left shoulder injury that knocked him out for the remainder of the game.

In September, Miller dislocated his left shoulder against the Cardinals but didn’t need surgery. He missed the Bears’ following game against the Buccaneers, but he returned after the Bears’ scheduled week off and has played in 15 games this season.

Miller might have been in position for a big game with wide receiver Allen Robinson sidelined with a rib injury. But instead Miller was injured on the Bears’ first drive, after carries of 8 and minus-1 yards.

After he left, the Bears were down to Taylor Gabriel, Josh Bellamy, Kevin White and Javon Wims in their wide receivers group. Gabriel later injured his ribs.



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Bears wide receiver Anthony Miller (17) is helped off the field after suffering a left shoulder during the first quarter Sunday.

“I can’t say for sure because we have to look at them further, but I feel confident they’ll be OK,” Bears coach Matt Nagy said of Miller and Gabriel.

White and Wims made rare appearances on the Bears’ active list and got involved in the passing game in the first half.

White made his first catch since Oct. 28.

On third-and-6 late in the first quarter, quarterback Mitch Trubisky found White for a 22-yard catch, with White leaping to grab it against safety Harrison Smith.

Wims finished with four catches for 32 yards, including catches of 16 and 9 yards on the Bears’ third touchdown drive in the fourth quarter.

Long time coming: Kyle Long returned to the starting lineup after an eight-game absence because of a right foot injury. And the Bears wasted no time in getting the three-time Pro Bowl lineman involved in the offense.

The Bears’ first offensive play was a Jordan Howard run behind right guard for 7 yards. The second was also behind Long at right guard, and Howard took it for 42 — the team’s longest run of the season.

Howard had a season-high 109 rushing yards on 21 carries with two touchdowns.

Long played most of the first half before yielding to veteran fill-in Bryan Witzmann.

“I felt good physically,” Long said. “It’s been a long time since I had game reps. I wouldn’t quite say it’s like riding a bike, but it’s somewhere near that. It’s probably more

like riding a skateboard. There’s some balancing involved. ... I knew I was going to be on a pitch count, so I tried to make the most of my opportunities in there.”

The Bears rushed for 169 yards on 37 carries and surrendered no sacks.

Schedule set: After the Bears clinched the NFC North earlier this month, their opponents for the 2019 season were set. Along with their division slate, they will play teams from the AFC West and NFC East. Because of their first-place finish in the division, they also draw two other division winners, the Rams and the Saints.

The Bears will host the Vikings, Packers and Lions in NFC North play. They also will welcome the Cowboys, Giants, Chiefs, Chargers and Saints to Soldier Field.

Along with their three road games in the division, they will travel to play the Eagles, Redskins, Broncos, Raiders and Rams. The location of the game against the Raiders is to be determined as they figure out where they will play their home games in 2019.

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NFL WEEK 17

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| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV | |
| y-New England | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 | 436 | 325 | 8-0-0 | 3-5-0 | 8-4-0 | 3-1-0 | 5-1-0 | |
| Miami | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 319 | 433 | 6-2-0 | 1-7-0 | 6-6-0 | 1-3-0 | 4-2-0 | |
| Buffalo | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 | 269 | 374 | 4-4-0 | 2-6-0 | 4-8-0 | 2-2-0 | 2-4-0 | |
| N.Y. Jets | 4 | 12 | 0 | .250 | 333 | 441 | 2-6-0 | 2-6-0 | 3-9-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-5-0 | |
| SOUTH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV | |
| y-Houston | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 | 402 | 316 | 6-2-0 | 5-3-0 | 9-3-0 | 2-2-0 | 4-2-0 | |
| Indianapolis | 9 | 6 | 0 | .600 | 400 | 327 | 6-2-0 | 3-4-0 | 6-5-0 | 3-1-0 | 3-2-0 | |
| Tennessee | 9 | 6 | 0 | .600 | 293 | 270 | 6-1-0 | 3-5-0 | 5-6-0 | 4-0-0 | 3-2-0 | |
| Jacksonville | 5 | 11 | 0 | .313 | 245 | 316 | 3-5-0 | 2-6-0 | 4-8-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-5-0 | |
| NORTH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV | |
| y-Baltimore | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 | 389 | 287 | 6-2-0 | 4-4-0 | 8-4-0 | 2-2-0 | 3-3-0 | |
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 6 | 1 | .594 | 428 | 360 | 5-3-0 | 4-3-1 | 6-5-1 | 3-1-0 | 4-1-1 | |
| Cleveland | 7 | 8 | 1 | .469 | 359 | 392 | 5-2-1 | 2-6-0 | 5-6-1 | 2-2-0 | 3-2-1 | |
| Cincinnati | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 | 368 | 455 | 4-4-0 | 2-6-0 | 4-8-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-5-0 | |
| WEST | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV | |
| y-Kansas City | 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 | 565 | 421 | 7-1-0 | 5-3-0 | 10-2-0 | 2-2-0 | 5-1-0 | |
| x-L.A. Chargers | 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 | 428 | 329 | 5-3-0 | 7-1-0 | 9-3-0 | 3-1-0 | 4-2-0 | |
| Denver | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 | 329 | 349 | 3-5-0 | 3-5-0 | 4-8-0 | 2-2-0 | 2-4-0 | |
| Oakland | 4 | 12 | 0 | .250 | 290 | 467 | 3-5-0 | 1-7-0 | 3-9-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-5-0 | |
| NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV | |
| y-Dallas | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 | 339 | 324 | 7-1-0 | 3-5-0 | 9-3-0 | 1-3-0 | 5-1-0 | |
| x-Philadelphia | 9 | 7 | 0 | .563 | 367 | 348 | 5-3-0 | 4-4-0 | 6-6-0 | 3-1-0 | 4-2-0 | |
| Washington | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 281 | 359 | 3-5-0 | 4-4-0 | 6-6-0 | 1-3-0 | 2-4-0 | |
| N.Y. Giants | 5 | 11 | 0 | .313 | 369 | 412 | 2-6-0 | 3-5-0 | 4-8-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-5-0 | |
| SOUTH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV | |
| y-New Orleans | 13 | 3 | 0 | .813 | 504 | 353 | 6-2-0 | 7-1-0 | 9-3-0 | 4-0-0 | 4-2-0 | |
| Atlanta | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 414 | 423 | 4-4-0 | 3-5-0 | 7-5-0 | 0-4-0 | 4-2-0 | |
| Carolina | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 376 | 382 | 5-3-0 | 2-6-0 | 5-7-0 | 2-2-0 | 2-4-0 | |
| Tampa Bay | 5 | 11 | 0 | .313 | 396 | 464 | 4-4-0 | 1-7-0 | 4-8-0 | 1-3-0 | 2-4-0 | |
| NORTH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV | |
| y-Chicago | 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 | 421 | 283 | 7-1-0 | 5-3-0 | 10-2-0 | 2-2-0 | 5-1-0 | |
| Minnesota | 8 | 7 | 1 | .531 | 360 | 341 | 5-3-0 | 3-4-1 | 6-5-1 | 2-2-0 | 3-2-1 | |
| Green Bay | 6 | 9 | 1 | .406 | 376 | 400 | 5-2-1 | 1-7-0 | 3-8-1 | 3-1-0 | 1-4-1 | |
| Detroit | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 | 324 | 360 | 3-5-0 | 3-5-0 | 4-8-0 | 2-2-0 | 2-4-0 | |
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| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV | |
| y-L.A. Rams | 13 | 3 | 0 | .813 | 527 | 384 | 7-1-0 | 6-2-0 | 9-3-0 | 4-0-0 | 6-0-0 | |
| x-Seattle | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 | 428 | 347 | 6-2-0 | 4-4-0 | 8-4-0 | 2-2-0 | 3-3-0 | |
| San Francisco | 4 | 12 | 0 | .250 | 342 | 435 | 4-4-0 | 0-8-0 | 2-10-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-5-0 | |
| Arizona | 3 | 13 | 0 | .188 | 225 | 425 | 1-7-0 | 2-6-0 | 3-9-0 | 0-4-0 | 2-4-0 | |

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

WEEK'S RESULTS

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 31, Green Bay 0
Houston 20, Jacksonville 3
New England 38, N.Y. Jets 3
Carolina 33, New Orleans 14
Buffalo 42, Miami 17
Atlanta 34, Tampa Bay 32
Dallas 36, N.Y. Giants 35
Seattle 27, Arizona 24
L.A. Chargers 23, Denver 9
Kansas City 35, Oakland 3
L.A. Rams 48, San Francisco 32
Philadelphia 24, Washington 0
Chicago 24, Minnesota 10
Pittsburgh 16, Cincinnati 13
Baltimore 26, Cleveland 24
Indianapolis at Tennessee, late

NFL CALENDAR

Dec. 30: Regular season ends.
Jan. 5-6: Wild-card playoff round.
Jan. 12-13: Divisional playoff round.
Jan. 20: NFC, AFC championship games.
Jan. 27: Pro Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
Feb. 3: Super Bowl, Atlanta.
Feb. 26-March 4: NFL combine, Indianapolis.
March 13: League year and free agency begin.
March 24-27: Annual owners meeting, Phoenix.
April 25-27: NFL draft, Nashville, Tenn.

SUMMARIES

BILLS 42, DOLPHINS 17

Miami 0 14 3 0 — 17
Buffalo 14 0 14 14 — 42
First quarter A: 67,420.
QB: Allen 1 run (Hauschka kick), 10:14.
Buf. Z Jones 18 pass from Allen (Hauschka), 8:31.
Second quarter MIA: Tannehill 3 pass from Stills (Sanders), :54.
MIA: R. Santos 29 interception ret. (Sanders), :39.
Third quarter Buf.: Foster 5 pass from Allen (Hauschka), 9:09.
Buf.: McCoy 9 run (Hauschka), 6:57.
MIA: FG Sanders 29, 1:28.
Fourth quarter Buf.: Allen 30 run (Hauschka), 11:13
Z Jones 26 pass from Allen (Hauschka), 7:44.
TEAM STATS

| MIA | BUF | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 17 | 23 |
| Total net yards | 225 | 381 |
| Rushes-yards | 25-99 | 33-166 |
| Passing | 126 | 215 |
| Punt returns | 2-9 | 2-9 |
| Kickoff returns | 6-118 | 2-44 |
| Int. returns | 1-29 | 2-17 |
| Comp.-att-int | 19-32-2 | 17-26-1 |
| Sacked-yds lost | 4-24 | 1-9 |
| Punts | 5-35.0 | 3-37.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 3-2 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 4-35 | 2-34 |

Rushing: MIA, Ballage 12-47, Drake 11-43, Tannehill 2-9. **Buf.** Allen 9-95, Ivory 14-45, McCoy 10-26.
Passing: MIA, Tannehill 19-31-2-47, Stills 1-10-3. **Buf.** Allen 17-26-2-24.
Receiving: MIA, Drake 5-52, Amendola 4-26, Stills 3-27, Smythe 3-14, Gessick 1-18, B. Bolden 1-9, Tannehill 1-3, Ballage 1-1. **Buf.** Z Jones 6-93, Foster 4-21, Croom 2-32, McCoy 2-18, Ivory 1-46, K. Williams 1-9, McLeod 1-5.
Interceptions: MIA, Jones 1-29, Buf., Edmunds 1-17, White 1-0.
Missed FG: Buf., Hauschka 42

FALCONS 34, BUCS 32

Atlanta 0 7 17 10 — 34
Tampa Bay 7 10 3 12 — 32
First quarter A: 52,884.
TB: Evans 19 pass from Winston (Santos kick), 3:48.
Second quarter TB: FG Santos 36, 8:25.
TB: Godwin 30 pass from Winston (Santos kick), :46.
AIA: J. Jones 19 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), :20.
Third quarter AIA: Ryan 5 pass from Sanu (Bryant kick), 8:49.
TB: FG Santos 45, 6:39.
AIA: FG Bryant 49, 1:59.
AIA: Coleman 23 run (Bryant kick), :44.
Fourth quarter AIA: Ridley 7 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 6:10.
TB: Evans 10 pass from Winston (pass failed), 8:09.
TB: Godwin 19 pass from Winston (pass failed), 6:10.
TEAM STATS

| ATL | TB | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 27 | 22 |
| Total net yards | 489 | 433 |
| Rushes-yards | 30-109 | 20-92 |
| Passing | 380 | 341 |
| Comp.-att-int | 32-45-1 | 22-35-1 |
| Sacked-yds lost | 4-45.0 | 4-50.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 9-85 | 3-30 |

Rushing: ATL, Coleman 8-45, Hill 8-30, Langford 9-25, Ryan 4-17, Sanu 1-2, TB, Barber 15-66, Winston 2-23, Rodgers 3-3.
Pass: ATL, Ryan 31-44-1-378, Sanu 1-10-5, TB, Winston 21-35-1-345.
Receiving: ATL, J. Jones 9-138, Sanu 7-50, Hopper 5-67, Ridley 5-32, Gage 2-14, Paulsen 1-9, Coleman 1-9, Hill 1-9, Ryan 1-5, TB, Godwin 1-14, Evans 6-106, Humphreys 5-56, Brate 2-39, Wil-son 1-16, Barber 1-2, Rodgers 1-2.
Interceptions: ATL, Kazez 1-2, TB, Adams 1-13.

TEXANS 20, JAGUARS 3

Jacksonville 3 0 0 0 — 3
Houston 3 14 0 3 — 20
First quarter A: 71,848.
TB: FG Forbath 25, 10:08.
Hou: FG Fairbairn 23, 5:20.
Second quarter Hou: Watson 5 run (Fairbairn kick), 14:56.
Hou: Miller 7 run (Fairbairn kick), 3:01.
Fourth quarter Hou: FG Fairbairn 24, 10:52.
TEAM STATS

| JAC | HOU | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 6 | 23 |
| Rushes-yards | 3-13 | 6-17 |
| Fourth down eff | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Total net yards | 119 | 342 |
| Avg gain | 2.5 | 4.6 |
| Rushes-yards | 16-30 | 33-134 |
| Passing | 89 | 208 |
| Punt returns | 3-17 | 6-56 |
| Kickoff returns | 1-40 | 0-0 |
| Int. returns | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Comp.-att-int | 15-28-1 | 25-35-0 |
| Sacked-yds lost | 3-18 | 6-26 |
| Punts | 9-49.9 | 7-42.1 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 8-68 | 2-15 |
| Possession time | 24:53 | 35:07 |

Rushing: JAC, Bortles 4-15, Hyde 10-13, Williams 2-2. **Hou,** Watson 13-66, Miller 17-56, Blue 3-12.
Passing: JAC, Bortles 15-28-1-107, Hou, Watson 25-35-0-234.
Rec. leaders: JAC, K. Cole 4-45, O'Shaughnessy 3-25, Westbrook 3-10, Moncrief 2-21, Hyde 2-6, Bell 1-0. **Hou,** Hopkins 12-147, Carter 4-67, Barkley 4-33, Fowler 3-21, Si-monson 2-14, Gailman 1-7, Penny 1-0.
Punt returns: JAC, Westbrook 3-17, Hou, Carter 6-56.
Receiving: JAC, Bortles 10-47, Miller 1-0. **Hou,** Watson 13-66, Miller 2-21, Miller 2-20, Griffin 1-8, J. Thomas 1-6.
Interceptions: JAC, Westbrook 3-17, Hou, Carter 6-56.
Tackles-assists-sacks: JAC, Smith 8-2-0, Campbell 5-2-15, Ngakoue 3-2-15, Jackson 3-1-15, Cunningham 5-1-0, Wright 4-1-0, Watt 3-1-15, Watkins 2-1-2.
Interceptions: Hou, Hal 1-0.

COWBOYS 36, GIANTS 35

Dallas 0 14 7 15 — 36
New York 0 7 11 17 — 35
Second quarter A: 77,750.
DE: White 17 pass from Brady (Maher kick), 8:11.
Dal: Jarvin 19 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 1:50.
NY: Lattimer 21 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), :15.
Third quarter NY: FG Rosas 48, 9:00.
Dal: Jarvin 39 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 5:00.
Fourth quarter NY: Engram 6 pass from Manning (Engram pass from Manning), 1:53.
Dal: Jarvin 39 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 5:00.
TEAM STATS

| DAL | NYG | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 23 | 20 |
| Total net yards | 419 | 441 |
| Rushes-yards | 22-51 | 25-143 |
| Passing | 368 | 298 |
| Kickoff returns | 7-70 | 5-142 |
| Comp.-att-int | 27-44-0 | 24-41-1 |
| Sacked-yds lost | 4-19 | 1-3 |
| Punts | 3-38.7 | 2-47.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 6-46 | 11-78 |

Rushing: Dal, R. Smith 12-35, Jackson 6-16, Prescott 4-0, NY, Barkley 17-109, Gailman 6-23, S. Shepard 1-7, Man-gin 1-2.
Passing: Dal, Prescott 27-44-0-387, NY, Manning 24-41-1-301.
Receiving: Dal, Jarvin 1-19, Bortles 6-94, Cooper 5-31, Gallup 3-50, R. Smith 2-14, Hurns 1-48, Schultz 1-17, Austin 1-0, N. Brown 1-3, NY, Engram 5-81, Lattimer 4-24, Burkhead 1-18, 4-67, Barkley 4-33, Fowler 3-21, Si-monson 2-14, Gailman 1-7, Penny 1-0.
Missed field goals: Dal, Maher 34

PATRIOTS 38, JETS 3

NY Jets 3 0 0 0 — 3
New England 7 14 7 10 — 38
First quarter A: 65,878.
DE: White 17 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 5:16.
NYJ: FG Myers 40, :54.
Second quarter NY: Burkhead 18 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 12:53.
NE: Dorsett 9 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 11:03.
Third quarter NE: Van Noy 46 fumble return (Gostkowski kick), 10:48.
Fourth quarter NE: Edelman 5 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 3:26.
TEAM STATS

| NYJ | NE | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 12 | 24 |
| Total net yards | 239 | 375 |
| Rushes-yards | 23-104 | 30-131 |
| Passing | 135 | 244 |
| Punt returns | 1-0 | 4-28 |
| Kickoff returns | 4-70 | 0-0 |
| Int. returns | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Comp.-att-int | 16-28-0 | 24-33-0 |
| Sacked-yds lost | 4-32 | 1-6 |
| Punts | 5-47.4 | 4-40.8 |
| Fumbles-lost | 3-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 4-30 | 4-30 |
| Possession time | 27:47 | 32:13 |

Rush: NY, McGuire 18-41, Darnold 1-28, Henderson 2-19, T. Cannon 2-16, NE, Michel 14-50, White 4-30, Edelman 2-24, Dorsett 2-16, Burk-head 1-14, Hoyer 3-(-3).
Passing: NY, Darnold 16-28-0-167, NE, White 22-34-1-238.
Receiving: NY, Burnett 5-73, A. Roberts 3-28, R. Anderson 3-24, McGuire 2-24, Herndon 1-18, Leggett 1-7, J. Jones 1-3. **NE,** Hogan 6-64, Edelman 5-69, Dorsett 5-34, White 4-39, Gronkowski 2-24, Burkhead 1-18, Schuster 5-29, T. Smith 3-30, Watson 2-29, Ingram 2-15, Lewis 1-12, H. Hill 1-3.
Interceptions: Car, Jones 1-5.

PANTHERS 33, SAINTS 14

Carolina 13 10 7 3 — 33
New Orleans 0 0 0 14 — 14
First quarter A: 68,990.
Car: FG Gonzalez 36, 7:24.
Sea: Lockett 29 pass from Wilson (Janikowski kick), 1:25.
Second quarter Sea: Carson 7 run (Janikowski kick), 11:39.
Ari: Fitzgerald 15 pass from Rosen (Gonzalez kick), 5:44.
Ari: FG Gonzalez 50, 1:12.
Third quarter Sea: Davis 17 run (Janikowski kick), 4:34.
NO: T. Smith 9 pass from Bridge-water (Lutz kick), 13:28.
Car: FG Catanzaro 51, 8:17.
NO: T. Hill 9 run (Lutz kick), 3:47.
TEAM STATS

| CAR | NO | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 25 | 17 |
| Total net yards | 374 | 294 |
| Rushes-yards | 37-111 | 27-184 |
| Passing | 263 | 125 |
| Punt returns | 0-0 | 2-18 |
| Kickoff returns | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Int. returns | 1-5 | 0-0 |
| Comp.-att-int | 18-30-0 | 14-22-1 |
| Sacked-yds lost | 4-24 | 1-5 |
| Punts | 3-54.7 | 5-42.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 3-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 2-10 | 6-94 |
| Possession time | 33:26 | 26:34 |

Rushing: Car, Artis-Payne 16-56, Allen 5-19, McCaffrey 4-18, Cadet 11-17, Armah 1-1. **NO,** Washington 11-108, Ingram 5-28, Line 3-19, Bridgewater 4-12, T. Hill 3-11, Lew-15-6.
Passing: Car, Allen 16-27-0-228, Gilbert 2-3-0-40, NO, Bridgewater 14-22-1-118.
Receiving: Car, L. Thomas 5-61, Moore 4-81, Samuel 2-72, Wright 2-20, Artis-Payne 2-22, McCaffrey 1-22, Cadet 1-5, Armah 1-5. **NO,** Thomas 5-29, T. Smith 3-30, Watson 2-29, Ingram 2-15, Lewis 1-12, H. Hill 1-3.
Interceptions: Car, Jones 1-5.

SEAHAWKS 27, CARDINALS 24

Arizona 3 10 8 3 — 24
Seattle 7 7 7 6 — 29
First quarter A: 68,990.
Car: FG Gonzalez 36, 7:24.
Sea: Lockett 29 pass from Wilson (Janikowski kick), 1:25.
Second quarter Sea: Carson 7 run (Janikowski kick), 11:39.
Ari: Fitzgerald 15 pass from Rosen (Gonzalez kick), 5:44.
Ari: FG Gonzalez 50, 1:12.
Third quarter Sea: Davis 17 run (Janikowski kick), 4:34.
NO: T. Smith 9 pass from Bridge-water (Lutz kick), 13:28.
Car: FG Catanzaro 51, 8:17.
NO: T. Hill 9 run (Lutz kick), 3:47.
TEAM STATS

| ARI | SEA |
|-------------|-----|
| First downs | 12 |

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Coach Pat Fitzgerald and Northwestern will try to put an end to Utah's six-game bowl winning streak.

Two of a kind

NU, Utah hoped to play in Pasadena, but Holiday Bowl will do

SAN DIEGO — Adam Cushing and Jim Harding bonded over chalk-talk sessions in Evanston. The offensive line coaches for Northwestern and Utah swapped ideas, kept in touch, got together at conventions and texted before championship week-end.

“Good luck and hope to see you in Pasadena!” Cushing wrote.

Victories would have sent the teams to the Rose Bowl. Instead, after Utah lost to Washington in the Pac-12 title game and Northwestern fell to Ohio State in Indianapolis, the next texts were along the lines of: Well, still see you in SoCal!

The teams traveled to San Diego for the Holiday Bowl, a nice consolation prize.

“Jim asked me if there was any way I could bring a Pequod’s pizza,” Cushing said.

Cushing is off to coach Eastern Illinois after Monday’s game. Seniors such as Clayton Thorson, Flynn Nagel, Montre Hartage and Tommy Doles will begin the next chapter of their lives. That provides motivation for the Cats, as does the chance to win a third straight bowl game, which would be a program record.

Northwestern’s run of two straight bowl wins is downright adorable compared to Kyle Whittingham’s run at Utah. His Utes are 11-1 in bowl games on his watch and have won six straight.

Asked Sunday for his take on Whittingham’s bowl record, NU coach Pat Fitzgerald responded: “I prayed a lot, hoping Coach would share his plan. He hasn’t yet. Maybe after the game. ... You just tip your hat. He’s a coach’s coach, one of the best, a pro’s pro.”

Whittingham was a college



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

linebacker, at BYU. Fitzgerald manned the middle of the field at Northwestern.

Neither program is flashy. Both are underrated.

When you think Big Ten, Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State and Wisconsin probably come to mind first.

When you think Pac-12, it’s USC, UCLA, Stanford and Oregon. And yet Utah has won the Pac-12 South twice in the last four years. The Wildcats are 15-2 in their last 17 Big Ten games, counting the loss to Ohio State.

“There’s a lot of common ground with the two programs,” Whittingham said in a telephone interview. “We operate with more of a blue-collar approach. We’re former linebackers who are cut from the same cloth in a lot of ways. We subscribe to the same basic beliefs about how to run a program.”

Develop players. Stress the fundamentals. Demand discipline.

Yeah, the boring stuff.

Both relish being an underdog.

“I feel we do operate better when we have a chip on our shoulder,” Whittingham said. “Something to prove.”

Said Fitzgerald: “I think this is my ninth bowl game, and we’re 9-for-9 in being underdogs.”

In his earlier years, Fitzgerald’s crew had some tough, quasi-road matchups — Texas Tech in Dallas, Texas A&M in Houston — and his Wildcats lost their first four bowls.

They are 3-1 since with wins over Mississippi State in the Gator, Pittsburgh in the Pinstripe and Kentucky in the Music City.

“I’ve adapted our practice plans over my years, and I think



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6 p.m. Monday, FS1

the guys appreciate it,” Fitzgerald said, referring to less-frequent, less-demanding practices.

“If I were to call the guys from eight years ago they’d say: Why didn’t we do that then?” he said.

“(Now) it’s a lot of meeting room time, allowing them full-body recovery. We’re doing a lot of stuff sports-science wise so the guys are feeling great, healthy and fast.”

If Fitzgerald wants a burner, he can give tailback Drake Anderson a shot. The freshman has appeared in just two games, so there’s no concern about burning his redshirt.

Utah’s top quarterback, Tyler Huntley, hasn’t played since Nov. 3 after injuring his collarbone. If he is medically cleared, he figures to play over Jason Shelley.

NU linebacker Paddy Fisher said Utah’s offense reminds him of Purdue’s — a spread with lots of motions and formations.

Utah has a terrific defense with a particularly strong front seven. The Utes yield 4.6 yards per play, 10th best among FBS teams.

“This will be one of the better bowl games to watch,” Fisher said. “Both are tough, physical teams with a great leader at head coach and players who buy into the culture of the team.”

The pick: NU’s defense will miss injured linebacker Nate Hall and tackle Jordan Thompson. And Utah’s bowl record under Whittingham is too strong to ignore. **Utah, 24-14.**

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Packers-Fitzgerald rumor resurfaces

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

NFL Network insider Ian Rapoport reported Sunday that the Packers will seek to interview Northwestern’s Pat Fitzgerald for their head-coaching vacancy.

Rapoport wrote that while Fitzgerald “has shut down countless interview requests from the NFL in the past,” this time could be different because of Fitzgerald’s ties to Packers CEO Mark

Murphy, who elevated him to head coach at NU in 2006.

A source told the Tribune that no interview has been scheduled because Fitzgerald is focused on preparing for Monday’s Holiday Bowl in San Diego against Utah.

Fitzgerald responded to a previous inquiry from the Tribune with a text of “Go Cats!” and “I don’t discuss rumors.”

He reiterated that Sunday dur-

ing a news conference to preview Monday’s game.

Asked about the “elephant in the room,” rumors of interest from the Packers, Fitzgerald shot back: “About me?”

He added: “I thought (the Tribune) reported that over a month ago. I’ll reiterate my stance: I don’t talk about rumors, number one, and number two, hashtag Go Cats.”

And yes, he said “hashtag.”

NOTRE DAME

And now ... what’s next for the Irish?

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

ARLINGTON, Texas — Roll your eyes if you want. Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly believes the gap between his team and Clemson is not that great.

In his mind, his team’s 30-3 loss to the Tigers was not a butt-whooping: “We gave up four big plays that we characteristically don’t give up. We moved the football and did the things necessary to (win). They were the better team, no doubt. But I do not feel like there was an overwhelming difference in terms of talent.”

OK, but Clemson did enjoy a yardage advantage of 538-248. Notre Dame reached the red zone only once. The Tigers sacked Ian Book six times and had him running for his life many, many others.

“If we coached better and we made plays that we have been making all year, we would have had a pretty good darn game going into the fourth quarter.”

Here are three thoughts on what’s ahead — no ifs, ands or buts:

1. If Irish fans need a silver lining, they should consider this: The players who will decide between the NFL and returning to Notre Dame likely did not improve their draft stock.

Cornerback Julian Love, receivers Miles Boykin and Chase Claypool, defensive ends Khalid Kareem and Julian Okwara and safety Alohi Gilman have decisions to make.

Gilman did tally a College Football Playoff-record 18 tackles. Boykin caught five balls for 69 yards and drew a pass interference penalty. Claypool (two catches, eight yards) dropped one along the sideline but made a terrific diving catch. Okwara had a sack. Kareem had three tackles, ½ for a loss. Love missed some of the game with a concussion.

Asked if it would be a tough call, Boykin replied: “Definitely. If I were to leave this place it would tear me apart, honestly. I love my teammates. I love the school. And I want to win a national championship.”

2. The Irish believe this loss well help them grow.

Or at the very least they want to believe it.

“I think this was a great

learning experience for our younger guys,” fifth-year linebacker Drue Tranquill said. “It’s painful not to go out on top, but I’m excited to hand the torch off to these guys.”

Kelly and the players were asked, of course, how they felt this loss compared to the 42-14 demolition at the hands of Alabama six seasons ago.

“I left that game feeling like there was so much work to do done from the inside out, so much development, so much recruiting,” Kelly said. “This felt so much different. ... Now giving (the players) the opportunity to see how they need to play in this atmosphere, not flawless but with excellence, we can come back here and win.”

That Alabama game was over in the first quarter. Saturday night’s wasn’t decided, essentially, until just before halftime. The Irish were outscored only 7-0 in the second half Saturday mainly because of Clemson’s indifference.

“Too many mistakes,” Boykin said. “Missed opportunities. Can’t do that in big games.”

Asked if there’s a big gap between Notre Dame and Clemson, Boykin replied: “I don’t think so, not at all. I think when you look at it, we put them in some pretty compromising positions. We had a lot of people open downfield a lot of times. I think experience is what we’re lacking.”

3. Book has the right stuff.

Some quarterbacks might have complained after getting harassed all game. Book is too smart for that, saying: “I’m happy with the way the O-line played. I’m just thankful for them as a whole, especially the seniors as well.”

Center Sam Mustipher said Book “held up well. There was never a situation where he came to the sideline frustrated or uncomfortable.”

Added Boykin: “Ian did what he could do. We were asking the world of him against that defense, but I think this game will help him a lot.”

Book will return in 2019 as a fourth-year junior.

Asked if Book can make strides, Mustipher replied: “That’s up to him. If I know Ian like I think I do, he will go back to the drawing board and work as hard as ever to lead this team. We’re on the brink, and that will only make him hungrier.”



MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Clemson’s Albert Huggins puts the pressure on Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book in the first half Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MATCHUP

Alabama, Clemson preparing for Part IV

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

Alabama and Clemson, again.

The top-ranked Crimson Tide and No. 2 Tigers both had double-digit victories in their semifinal games Saturday, setting up what has quickly become an annual postseason meeting. They will meet in the College Football Playoff for the fourth consecutive year, the third time in the championship game.

And the winner this time will become the first 15-0 FBS champion.

Alabama-Clemson Part IV, Nick Saban vs. Dabo Swinney, comes Jan. 7 on the opposite side of the country for both teams. The national title will be at the home stadium of the NFL’s San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif.

This matchup has seemed inevitable since the Tide and Tigers started the season ranked 1-2. They will also likely finish that way, like they did two seasons ago when they began the season as the top two teams in the AP Top 25.

Both have been winning games by wide margins this year. Clemson freshman Trevor Lawrence threw for 327 yards

and three touchdowns as the ACC champion Tigers beat No. 3 Notre Dame 30-3 in the Cotton Bowl.

“Phenomenal night,” Swinney said.

Alabama jumped out to a 28-0 lead on way to its 45-34 win in the Orange Bowl over Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray and Big 12 champion Oklahoma.

Before Alabama had to rally to beat Georgia 35-28 in the SEC championship game, the closest margin for the Crimson Tide had been 24 points. That was 24-0 over then-No. 18 Mississippi State on Nov. 10 when they posted their second consecutive shutout victory.

Alabama beat fellow SEC team Georgia in last year’s CFP title game after a 24-6 win over Clemson in its semifinal game at the Sugar Bowl.

Clemson won the 2016 championship — its only other national title was 1981 — with a 35-31 victory over Alabama after Hunter Renfrow, now a Tigers senior, caught a 2-yard TD from Deshaun Watson with a second remaining in Tampa Bay.

Alabama beat the Tigers 45-40 in Arizona for the 2015 title after the teams combined for a 40-point fourth quarter.

BULLS



FRANK GUNN/AP

Raptors forward Chris Boucher fouls Bulls guard Kris Dunn as he tries to shoot in the first half Sunday night in Toronto.

RAPTORS 95, BULLS 89

Tough muck loss

‘Road-dog mentality’ almost enough to surprise Eastern Conference leaders

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

TORONTO — After his first game as Bulls coach on Dec. 4, Jim Boylen colorfully described his approach to away games as having a “road-dog mentality.”

Slow the game down. Muck it up. Make defense a priority.

For most of Sunday’s game against the Eastern Conference-leading Raptors, it worked.

“One of the best teams in the league, if not the best team in the league,” Boylen said of Toronto, who entered tied with the Bucks for the NBA’s best record.

Ultimately, turnovers, rebounding and an off night from Zach LaVine doomed the Bulls, who lost 95-89 despite holding the Raptors to 37 percent shooting.

The Bulls allowed a season-low 14 points in the first quarter and a season-low-tying 40 points in the first half. But the Raptors scored 21 points off 18 Bulls turnovers and piled up a 24-10 advantage in second-chance points. The Bulls allowed 17 offensive rebounds.

LaVine, who fouled out in the waning seconds, scored 13 points on 3-for-17 shooting.

“Nobody’s saying we don’t want to play with pace someday or we don’t want to have more possessions in a game,” Boylen said. “But right now for this group, I feel in my heart this is what we need to do. We’re going to try to keep it simple. I thought we had to start with spacing. We have to do the basics of the game better.”

Lauri Markkanen’s 15 points and 10



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rebounds led the Bulls, and his 3-pointer with 1 minute, 21 seconds left made it a three-point deficit. But Kawhi Leonard, who led the Raptors with 25 points, iced the game with free throws.

The Raptors played without All-Star guard Kyle Lowry and valuable big man Jonas Valanciunas.

This marked the second game all season — and the second straight — that LaVine, Markkanen and Kris Dunn started. Before Friday’s game, in light of their imminent first start, Boylen addressed his team about another of his consistent themes: shared sacrifice.

“My message was, I’ve been around teams that have three players with great talent and ability. But they’ve been veteran players,” Boylen said. “This is a young group of players that we have high hopes and expectations for and they’re going to have to share. And they’re going to have to support each other.”

“When one has the ball, the others have to do their assignments off the ball whether it’s screening, cutting or spacing. It’s going to happen to all three of them at certain times. So it’s going to be something we’re going to have to focus on every night. We have to play for each other.”

Dunn finished with 14 points and eight assists.

For the second straight game, all five

Bulls starters plus one reserve scored in double figures. Last game, it was Robin Lopez. This time, in his most confident offensive game, rookie Chandler Hutchison scored 11 points on 5-for-5 shooting, one point shy of his season-high.

As for his fellow rookie, Wendell Carter Jr. is quietly confident. So he didn’t need a game like he had in Friday’s victory over the Wizards to help him mentally.

In fact, it’s telling that he had only one thing on his mind entering Sunday.

“Keep it going,” Carter said. “I feel like consistency is what builds superstars in this league.”

Carter scored in double figures for his third straight game, just the second time this season he has done that after an eight-game stretch earlier. He also posted a double-double and wasn’t called for a foul for the first time all season.

“That’s the beauty of it,” Carter said. “When one thing isn’t going for me, I know I can affect the game in other ways. If my touches aren’t there, rebounding and blocking shots and defending are all effort things. I can bring that to the table every game.”

“Players who go out and you know exactly what they’re going to do for their team is important. So that’s something I definitely want to build off, no matter if it’s points, rebounds, blocks. I want to bring something to the game so everybody knows that’s coming no matter who we play.”

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BLACKHAWKS

No contest: Delia must play ‘Classic’

Goalie’s ‘unreal’ play should earn him start at Notre Dame



JIMMY GREENFIELD
On the Blackhawks

The timing of the Winter Classic could not be better.

The Blackhawks are playing their best hockey of the season, and it appears the NHL’s signature outdoor game will be played in perfect conditions in a classic foot-ball stadium with just

the right amount of cold and snow.

Best of all, circumstances have riled up Hawks fans and created a genuine controversy: Who should be in net when the Hawks face the Bruins on Tuesday at Notre Dame Stadium?

Should it be Collin Delia, the rookie who has won his first three starts of the season in magnificent fashion but never has played on a stage as large as the Winter Classic?

Or should it be Cam Ward, a Stanley Cup-winning veteran who has had an up-and-down season but stopped 56 of 59 shots in the Hawks’ first two games after Corey Crawford was lost to another concussion?

The only person with a vote that count isn’t ready to cast his ballot. Not even after Delia stopped 30 of 32 shots in a 3-2 win over the Avalanche on Saturday night.

“Well, that’s something we’ll talk about,” Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said.

“(Delia) is not going to play all the games the rest of the year. So we take each game by itself. We look ahead. But that’s a conversation we’ll have internally.”

That conversation should go something like this:

Hawks assistant coach: “Delia, right?”

Colliton: “Yep, Delia.”

The 24-year-old from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., hasn’t merely been good since getting called up from Rockford; he has been unreal in each of his three starts.

In two victories against the Avalanche and one against the Wild, Delia owns a 1.66 goals-against average and a .957 save percentage after stopping 111 of 116 shots.

As for Ward, when you look at all NHL goalies with at least 12 appearances, you could make the argument he has been the worst in the league. His 3.90 GAA is the worst, and his .886 save percentage is second-worst behind the Blue Jackets’ Joonas Korpisalo.

Crawford was a workhorse until he got hurt, usually getting rest when the Hawks played back-to-back games. The Hawks play consecutive games on Jan. 6-7 against the Penguins and Flames. That would be a perfect time to give Delia a day off.

Let’s be clear, this argument isn’t really about who should start the Winter Classic, which is just another game on the schedule. It’s about getting Delia as much experience as possible over the final 41 games — and going with the goalie who gives the Hawks the best chance to win.

It’s hard to believe, but the Hawks have a chance to make a run at the postseason. It’s extremely unlikely, and they would have to go something like 28-10-3 in those final 41 to even have a chance to sneak in. But the way they’re playing now — with Delia in net — the chance exists.



The main argument for Ward seems to be that, sure, Delia is playing great, but Ward has had some good games, and with this possibly being his last NHL season he deserves a final moment in the sun. In Tuesday’s case, literally in the sun.

Does Ward, 34, deserve special consideration because he’s a well-regarded veteran? If he were still with the Hurricanes — with whom he spent 13 seasons and won a Cup as a rookie in 2006 — then the sentimental aspect would make sense.

But Ward has played only 17 games in a Hawks uniform, and until Crawford got hurt he would not have gotten off the bench on Tuesday.

That’s where Ward should remain, backing up the Hawks’ No. 1 goalie: Collin Delia.

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BULLS NOTES

Ex-Bull Griffin makes impact with Raptors

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

TORONTO — Raptors coach Nick Nurse first met Adrian Griffin in 2007, when Griffin played for the Bulls and Nurse coached the Iowa Energy, the Bulls’ D League affiliate.

“I spent a lot of time with him there,” Nurse said Sunday.

Two weeks after the Raptors tabbed Nurse to replace the fired Dwane Casey, Nurse hired Griffin as his lead assistant coach. It’s the fifth coaching stop for Griffin, who worked on Tom Thibodeau’s staff for five seasons has been a finalist for head coaching positions.

“He’s 20 years in the league now,” Nurse said. “He brings experience from the player side. He has really worked with some great coaches. He has a really outstanding defensive pedigree. He’s a good person and a stabilizing force for

some of our young players.”

Spurs standard: Jim Boylen spent two seasons in San Antonio with Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green, the main pieces the Raptors acquired in the surprising July trade of DeMar DeRozan.

“It’s about the team there first. It’s about following your assignments to help the team win. That’s all they talk about. And those two guys are great at it,” Boylen said of the Spurs’ influence on Leonard and Green. “Danny Green is a 3-and-D guy, a great shotblocker. He does a lot at the defensive end that people don’t talk about. And Kawhi Leonard is as good a two-way player as I’ve ever seen or been around.”

The Raptors played without Kyle Lowry, who sat with a sore back. It’s the second straight game the Bulls avoided seeing an All-Star guard after missing John Wall on Friday in Washington. Wall will

undergo season-ending surgery next week. Lowry is expected back soon.

“We’re positive and hopeful that it’s going in the right direction,” Nurse said.

Layups: Head athletic trainer Jeff Tanaka stayed at the team hotel with the flu. ... Boylen said Bobby Portis “had a good day” Saturday and improved, but the coach has “no idea” when the forward will return. Portis sprained his right ankle on Dec. 19, and the Bulls said he’d miss two to four weeks. “I can tell with that look in his eye that he feels he made big strides,” Boylen said of his Portis’ Saturday workout. ... As part of the rotating cast of play-by-play announcers calling select games for Neil Funk alongside Stacey King, longtime NBC Sports Chicago host and astute basketball mind Mark Schanowski worked Sunday’s game. Coincidentally, Funk turned 72 on Saturday.

Hawks get Caggiula, Garrison from Oilers

The Blackhawks said goodbye to defenseman Brandon Manning and hello to forward Drake Caggiula with a trade the team announced Sunday.

The Hawks sent defensemen Manning and prospect Robin Norell to the Oilers for forward Caggiula and veteran defenseman Jason Garrison.

Manning, 28, was in the first year of a two-year deal with the Hawks. He struggled to become a mainstay in the lineup and had one goal and two assists in 27 games.

Caggiula, 24, had 11 points in 29 games with the Oilers this season. Garrison, 34, had one goal in 17 games with the Oilers.

Last season, Garrison split time between the Golden Knights and the Chicago Wolves in the American Hockey League.

— Shannon Ryan

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FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP FILE

Team USA's women's hockey players celebrate after winning the gold medal game against Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea.

Most memorable games required WORKING OT

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

This was a year when many of the most memorable games required working overtime.

There was Alabama's sudden victory in the college football championship, not to mention the U.S. women capturing Olympic gold in a thrilling hockey shootout.

Of course, we'll long remember that 18-inning marathon at the World Series. And don't forget Notre Dame shocking mighty UConn at the women's Final Four with a last-second shot in extra time.

A look back at the compelling contests of 2018:

Hawaiian punch

Facing conference rival Georgia in the national championship game, Alabama trailed 13-0 at halftime and wasn't doing much of anything offensively. In one of the gutsiest decisions of his brilliant coaching career, Nick Saban benched quarterback Jalen Hurts and brought in freshman Tua Tagovailoa. The Hawaii-born Tagovailoa threw for 166 yards and three touchdowns, including the winning 41-yard pass to DeVonta Smith in overtime for a 26-23 victory. It was the fifth national title of Saban's 11-year tenure in Tuscaloosa, and perhaps the most satisfying. "Joy's a great win," Saban said. "Unbelievable."

Golden girls

The two powerhouses of women's hockey faced off in the gold medal game at the Pyeongchang Winter Games. It lived up to the hype in every way. The United States broke its 20-year gold medal drought and denied Canada its fifth straight title with a 3-2 shootout victory. Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson scored for the Americans in the sixth round of the shootout with a dazzling, triple-deke move, sliding the puck past the outstretched glove of Canadian goalie Shannon Szabados. U.S. goalie Maddie Rooney stuffed the last two Canadian shooters to clinch the thrilling triumph. "Joy's the only word that comes to mind," said Gigi Marvin, a three-time Olympian and oldest member of the U.S. team.



BEN MARGOT/AP FILE

The Cavaliers' LeBron James reacts between Jordan Clarkson, left, and Kevin Durant during Game 1 of the NBA Finals. With 4.7 seconds remaining, Cleveland's J.R. Smith grabbed an offensive rebound and inexplicably dribbled back toward halfcourt instead of shooting with the game tied.

Up all night

A fall classic, indeed. The longest game in World Series history finally ended with Max Muncy's leadoff homer in the bottom of the 18th inning, giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 3-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox. The seven-hour, 20-minute marathon lasted until 12:30 a.m. on the U.S. West Coast — and 3:30 a.m. for those still awake back East. Game 3 had a bit of everything: 46 players, including 18 pitchers, and 561 pitches. Never before had a World Series game gone more than 14 innings. In the end, it was the Dodgers' only highlight of the series. Boston won the title in five games.

Buzzer beater (x2)

UConn was undefeated on the season, with just one loss in its previous 147 games, when the Huskies faced Notre Dame in the Final Four semifinals. In overtime, with the score tied and one second left on the clock, Arike Ogunbowale hit a jumper from the corner that gave the Fighting Irish a stunning 91-89 victory. Ogunbowale wasn't done, either. Two nights later, she swished a

buzzer-beating 3-pointer to lift the Irish to a 61-58 win over Mississippi State in the NCAA championship game.

Minnesota miracle

Case Keenum was down to his final play in an NFL playoff game. His only option was to throw the ball up like he used to do his Texas backyard and hope for the best. Keenum heaved a pass along the sideline to Stefon Diggs, who somehow slithered away from the defense for a 61-yard touchdown that gave the Minnesota Vikings a 29-24 victory over the New Orleans Saints. "It never ends that way," Diggs said. "Usually, it's reality." The remarkable play shall forever be known as the Minnesota Miracle.

Red Devils rally

Belgium, one of the world's top-ranked teams, was expected to brush aside Japan in the Round of 16 at the World Cup in Russia. Then, early in the second half, the Asian squad scored two quick goals to grab the lead. The European powerhouse was down but not out. Jan Vertonghen started the comeback with a wild, loop-

ing header in the 69th minute. Five minutes later, substitute Marouane Fellaini headed in the tying goal. Finally, in waning seconds of stoppage time, Nacer Chadli capped a remarkable 3-2 victory with an end-to-end attack. The Red Devils became the first team to overcome a two-goal deficit in a World Cup knockout match since West Germany in 1970.

Down goes Virginia!

A No. 16 seed had never beaten a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. Until the University of Maryland-Baltimore County came along. The Retrievers, representing a school better known for chess, etched their name alongside memorable underdogs such as Buster Douglas and the 1980 U.S. men's hockey team with a dominating 74-54 rout of Virginia. The Cavaliers entered the NCAA Tournament as the No. 1 overall seed after going 31-2 in the regular season. They never had a chance against UMBC. "These are the moments that you dream of," said Jaius Lyles, who scored 28 points. "It's always exciting to make history."

Philly special

For the first time since 1960, the Philadelphia Eagles could call themselves champion of the NFL. They did it with a thrilling Super Bowl victory over Tom Brady and the New England Patriots that rewrote the offensive record book. Nick Foles guided the drive of a lifetime, capped off by Zach Ertz's bobbling touchdown catch that had to survive replay review. Then, an exhausted defense came up with two stands in the final moments to preserve the 41-33 victory. "We've played this game since we were little kids," said Foles, the game's MVP. "We dreamed about this moment."

J.R. for the tie




With LeBron James scoring 51 points, the Cleveland Cavaliers had a chance to steal Game 1 of the NBA Finals at Golden State. But, after George Hill missed the second of two free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining, J.R. Smith grabbed the offensive rebound and inexplicably dribbled back toward halfcourt instead of shooting. Though he denied it afterward, it seemed clear Smith thought the Cavaliers were leading. Actually, the game was tied. The Cavs never got off a shot, lost 124-114 in overtime and were swept by the Warriors in four straight games. It turned out to be James' last hurrah in Cleveland; he moved on after the season to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Roma rebounds

Mighty Barcelona was sitting pretty after a 4-1 thrashing of Roma in the opening leg of the UEFA Champions quarterfinals. Heading to Leg 2 in Rome, the Catalans were riding a streak of 18 straight matches without a defeat. In fact, they had not lost all season in either La Liga or the Champions League. Roma ended that streak in dramatic fashion, building momentum with an early goal, adding another from the penalty spot shortly after halftime and capping the comeback on Kostas Manolas' header in the closing minutes. That gave the Italian squad a stunning 3-0 victory that sent it to the semifinals on the away-goals tiebreaker.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

| TEAM | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
|  | PHI DATE TBA FOX-32, AM-780 | | | | | | |
|  | | | ORL 7 WGN-9, AM-670 | | IND 7 WGN-9, AM-670 | | BKN 2:30 NBCSCH, AM-670 |
|  | | BOS Noon NBC-5, AM-720 | | @NYI 6:30 NBCSCH, AM-720 | | | @PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720 |

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

| NBA | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 6 p.m. | Celtics at Spurs | NBA TV |
| MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | | |
| 3 p.m. | Creighton at Providence | FS1 |
| WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | | |
| Noon | Nebraska at Ohio State | BTN |
| 2 p.m. | Illinois at Northwestern | BTN |
| COLLEGE FOOTBALL | | |
| 11 a.m. | Military Bowl: Cincinnati vs. Va. Tech | ESPN |
| 1 p.m. | Sun Bowl: Stanford vs. Pittsburgh | CBS-2 |
| 2 p.m. | Redbox Bowl: Michigan State vs. Oregon | FOX-32 |
| 2:45 p.m. | Liberty Bowl: Missouri vs Oklahoma St. | ESPN |
| 6 p.m. | Holiday Bowl: Northwestern vs. Utah | FS1, WGN-AM 720 |

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| 6:30 p.m. | Gator Bowl: North Carolina St. vs. Texas A&M | ESPN |
| NHL | | |
| 11:30 a.m. | Predators at Capitals | NHL Network |
| 8 p.m. | Sharks at Flames | NBCSCH |

COLLEGE HOCKEY

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| 4 p.m. | Boston College at Notre Dame | NBCSCH+ |
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

| 2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE | | | |
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| DATE | DIV. | SITE | TEAMS |
| MON | Military | Annapolis, Md. | Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6) |
| MON | Sulu | Paso, Tex. | Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6) |
| MON | Redbox | Santa Clara, Calif. | Michigan St. (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4) |
| MON | Liberty | Memphis, Tenn. | Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St. (9-6) |
| MON | Holiday | San Diego | Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4) |
| MON | Gator | Jacksonville, Fla. | NC St. (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4) |
| TUE | Outback | Tampa, Fla. | Mississippi St. (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4) |
| TUE | Citrus | Orlando | Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St. (9-3) |
| TUE | Fiesta | Glendale, Ariz. | LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0) |
| TUE | Rose | Pasadena, Calif. | Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St. (12-1) |
| TUE | Sugar | New Orleans | Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2) |
| 7 | CFP Final | Santa Clara, Calif. | Alabama (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0) |

OTHER BOWLS

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|-----|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------|
| J19 | Shrine | St. Petersburg, Fla. | East vs. West | 2 |
| J19 | Collegiate | Pasadena, Calif. | American vs. National | 3 |
| D26 | 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. Texas13 |
| D15 | Las Vegas | Vegas | Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20 |
| D15 | Camellia | Montgomery, Ala. | Ga. Southern 19, Western Arizona 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 |
| D21 | Bahamas | Nassau | Florida International 35, Toledo 32 |
| D21 | Famous Idaho | Boise | BVU 49, Western Michigan 18 |
| 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 |
| D26 | SERVPRO | Dallas | Boston Coll. vs. Boise State, ccd. |
| D26 | Quick Lane | Detroit | Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10 |
| D26 | Cheez-IT | Phoenix | TCU 10, California 7 (OT) |
| D27 | Independence | Breveport, La. | USC 56, Temple 27 |
| D27 | Pinstripe | Mellbourne, Ohio | Wisconsin 25, Miami 3 |
| D27 | Texas | Houston | Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38 |
| D28 | Music City | Nashville | Auburn 63, Purdue 14 |
| D28 | Camping World | Orlando | Syracuse 34, W. Virginia 18 |
| D28 | Alamo | San Antonio | Wash. St. 28, Iowa St. 26 |
| D29 | Peach | Atlanta | Florida 41, Michigan 15 |
| D29 | Belk | Charlotte, N.C. | Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0 |
| D29 | Arizona | Tucson, Ariz. | Nevada 16, Ark. State 13 |
| D29 | Cotton | Arlington, Tex. | Northwestern, Iowa |
| D29 | Orange | Miami Gar., Fla. | Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34 |

FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Jan. 5 at Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas
North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m.

MLB

CUBS SPRING SCHEDULE

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| Home games at Sloan Park, Mesa, Ariz. | |
| Sat., Feb. 23 | vs. Brewers, 2:05 |
| Sun., Feb. 24 | at Giants, 2:05 |
| Mon., Feb. 25 (SS) | at Dodgers, 2:05 |
| Mon., Feb. 25 (SS) | vs. Padres, 2:05 |
| Tue., Feb. 26 | vs. D-backs, 2:05 |
| Wed., Feb. 27 | at Rangers, 2:05 |
| Thu., Feb. 28 | vs. Athletics, 2:05 |
| Fri., Mar. 1 | at D-backs, 2:10 |
| Sat., Mar. 2 | vs. Brewers, 2:05 |
| Sun., Mar. 3 | vs. White Sox, 2:05 |
| Mon., Mar. 4 | at Reds (SS), 2:05 |
| Tue., Mar. 5 | at Angels, 2:10 |
| Wed., Mar. 6 | vs. Royals, 2:05 |
| Thu., Mar. 7 | vs. Rockies, 2:05 |
| Fri., Mar. 8 | at Mariners, 2:05 |
| Sat., Mar. 9 | (SS) vs. Angels, 2:05 |
| (SS) at Giants, 2:05 | |
| Sun., Mar. 10 | at Brewers, 3:05 |
| Tue., Mar. 12 | vs. Reds (SS), 9:05 |
| Wed., Mar. 13 | at Athletics, 3:05 |
| Thu., Mar. 14 | vs. Rangers (SS), 3:05 |
| Fri., Mar. 15 | at White Sox, 3:05 |
| Sat., Mar. 16 | at D-backs, 3:10 |
| Sun., Mar. 17 | vs. Rockies, 3:05 |
| Tue., Mar. 19 | (SS) vs. Mariners (SS), 3:05 |
| (SS) at Royals, 8:05 | |
| Wed., Mar. 20 | vs. Dodgers, 9:05 |
| Thu., Mar. 21 | vs. Giants, 3:05 |
| Fri., Mar. 22 | at Mariners, 3:05 |
| (SS) at Indians, 8:05 | |
| Sat., Mar. 23 | at Rockies, 8:40 |
| Sun., Mar. 24 | at Padres, 2:10 |
| Mon., Mar. 25 | vs. Red Sox, 8:05 |
| Tue., Mar. 26 | vs. Angels, 2:05 |
| Regular-season opener | |
| Thu., Mar. 28: | at Rangers |

WHITE SOX SPRING SCHEDULE

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| Home games at Camelback Ranch, Glendale, Ariz. | |
| Sat., Feb. 23 (SS) | vs. Dodgers, 2:05 |
| Sun., Feb. 24 (SS) | at Athletics, 2:05 |
| Sun., Feb. 24 | at Padres, 2:10 |
| Mon., Feb. 25 | vs. Giants, 2:05 |
| Tue., Feb. 26 | vs. Royals (SS), 2:05 |
| Wed., Feb. 27 | at Mariners, 2:10 |
| Thu., Feb. 28 | at Rangers, 2:10 |
| Fri., Mar. 1 | at Mariners, 2:10 |
| Sat., Mar. 2 | vs. Rockies, 2:05 |
| Sun., Mar. 3 | vs. Cubs, 3:05 |
| Mon., Mar. 4 | vs. Angels, 2:05 |
| Tue., Mar. 5 | (SS) vs. Padres (SS), 2:05 |
| (SS) at Indians, 2:05 | |
| Thu., Mar. 7 | vs. Brewers, 2:05 |
| Fri., Mar. 8 | at Angels, 2:10 |
| Sat., Mar. 9 | at Rangers, 2:05 |
| Sun., Mar. 10 | vs. Athletics (SS), 3:05 |
| Mon., Mar. 11 | at Brewers, 3:05 |
| Tue., Mar. 12 | (SS) vs. Mariners, 3:05 |
| (SS) at Royals, 3:05 | |
| Wed., Mar. 13 | at Dodgers, 9:05 |
| Fri., Mar. 15 | vs. Cubs, 3:05 |
| Sat., Mar. 16 | vs. Dodgers, 3:05 |
| Sun., Mar. 17 | at D-backs (SS), 3:10 |
| Mon., Mar. 18 | vs. Giants, 3:05 |
| Tue., Mar. 19 | at Reds, 8:05 |
| Wed., Mar. 20 | vs. D-backs, 3:05 |
| Thu., Mar. 21 | vs. Rangers (SS), 3:05 |
| Fri., Mar. 22 | at Angels (SS), 3:10 |
| Sat., Mar. 23 | at Dodgers, 2:05 |
| Sun., Mar. 24 | vs. Indians, 2:05 |
| Mon., Mar. 25 | at D-backs*, TBD |
| Tue., Mar. 26 | at D-backs*, TBD |
| *-at Chase Field | |
| Regular-season opener | |
| Thu., Mar. 28: | at Royals, TBD |

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| CENTRAL | W | L | OL | SOL | PT | GF | GA |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| WOLVES | 20 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 44 | 128 | 99 |
| Iowa | 17 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 41 | 114 | 94 |
| G. Rapids | 18 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 41 | 105 | 103 |
| Texas | 17 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 38 | 118 | 96 |
| Milwaukee | 16 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 38 | 90 | 95 |
| Rockford | 15 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 37 | 78 | 98 |
| San Antonio | 14 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 82 | 96 |
| Manitoba | 12 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 71 | 99 |

2 pts for a win, 1 for an OT/shootout loss.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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| Manitoba 4, Colorado 0 | |
| Hartford 6, Springfield 5 (OT) | |
| Hershey 2, Providence 1 | |
| Texas at San Antonio, late | |
| San Diego at San Jose, late | |

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Los Angeles: Designated RHP Austin Brice for assignment. Agreed to terms with C Jonathan Lucroy on a one-year contract.

Toronto: Assigned LHP Clayton Kricheldorf and cash considerations from San Diego for OF Connor Panas. Designated RHP Oliver Drake for assignment.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Atlanta: Assigned F Omar Johnson to Erie (NBAGL). Transferred F Alex Poythress to Erie.

Denver: Waived G Nick Young.

Memphis: Waived G/F D.J. Stephens.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Boston: Assigned F Jesse Gabrielle from

Providence (AHL) to Wichita (ECHL).

Blackhawks: Acquired F Drake Cagliardi and D Jason Garrison from Edmonton for Ds Brandon Manning and Jabin Norrell.

Dallas: Assigned G Colton Point from Texas (AHL) to Idaho (ECHL).

Edmonton: Traded D Chris Wideman and a conditional 2019 third-round draft pick to Florida for D Alexander Petrow.

Los Angeles Kings: Assigned F Michael Amadio to Ontario (AHL).

Pittsburgh Penguins: Assigned G John Cullen to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL) to Wheeling (ECHL).

St. Louis Blues: Assigned G Jordan Bielow to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled G Evan Fitzpatrick from San Antonio.

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Grand Rapids Griffins: Recalled D Tyler Hamilton from Toledo (ECHL).

Manitoba Moose: Returned F Austin Carroll to Utah (ECHL).

Tucson Roadrunners: Returned F

enic Alberga to Norfolk (ECHL).

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins: Assigned F Troy Josephs to Wheeling (ECHL). Recalled F Cam Brown from Wheeling.

ECHL
Kalamazoo Wings: Claimed D Brandon Chubb from waivers from Fort Wayne.

Kansas City Mavericks: Released G Kevin St. Pierre as emergency backup.

Manchester Monarchs: Loaned F Tony Cameranesi to Utica (AHL).

San Antonio Rampage: Released F Stanislav Dzhukov.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Atlanta United: Signed D Brek Shea to a one-year contract.

COLLEGE
Florida: OT Jawaan Taylor will enter the NFL draft.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC | W | L | PCT | GB | L10 | STK | HOME | AWAY | CONF |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Toronto | 27 | 11 | .711 | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 14-4 | 13-7 | 17-7 |
| Philadelphia* | 23 | 13 | .639 | 3 | 6-4 | W-1 | 16-3 | 7-10 | 17-11 |
| Boston | 21 | 14 | .600 | 4½ | 6-4 | W-1 | 11-5 | 10-9 | 15-7 |
| Brooklyn | 17 | 21 | .447 | 10 | 7-3 | L-2 | 9-11 | 8-10 | 13-10 |
| New York | 9 | 28 | .243 | 17½ | 1-9 | L-7 | 4-12 | 5-16 | 6-22 |

| SOUTHEAST | W | L | PCT | GB | L10 | STK | HOME | AWAY | CONF |
|------------|----|----|------|----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Miami | 17 | 18 | .486 | — | 6-4 | L-1 | 8-11 | 9-7 | 8-13 |
| Charlotte | 17 | 18 | .486 | — | 5-5 | L-1 | 13-7 | 4-11 | 16-12 |
| Orlando | 16 | 19 | .457 | 1 | 4-6 | W-2 | 10-11 | 6-8 | 11-9 |
| Washington | 14 | 23 | .378 | 4 | 3-7 | W-1 | 10-7 | 4-16 | 8-14 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 24 | .314 | 6 | 6-4 | W-2 | 6-10 | 5-14 | 8-15 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT | GB | L10 | STK | HOME | AWAY | CONF |
|-----------|----|----|------|----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Milwaukee | 25 | 10 | .714 | — | 8-2 | W-3 | 16-3 | 9-7 | 17-5 |
| Indiana | 24 | 12 | .667 | 1½ | 8-2 | W-4 | 13-5 | 11-7 | 18-5 |
| Detroit | 16 | 18 | .471 | 8½ | 3-7 | L-2 | 11-8 | 5-10 | 12-15 |
| Chicago | 10 | 27 | .270 | 16 | 4-6 | L-1 | 5-13 | 5-14 | 7-15 |
| Cleveland | 8 | 29 | .216 | 18 | 2-8 | L-6 | 5-13 | 3-16 | 7-20 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| SOUTHWEST | W | L | PCT | GB | L10 | STK | HOME | AWAY | CONF |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Houston | 20 | 15 | .571 | — | 9-1 | W-4 | 12-5 | 8-10 | 12-11 |
| San Antonio | 20 | 17 | .541 | 1 | 7-3 | W-1 | 14-5 | 6-12 | 16-12 |
| Memphis | 18 | 17 | .514 | 2 | 3-7 | L-1 | 10-7 | 8-10 | 12-11 |
| Dallas | 17 | 18 | .486 | 3 | 3-7 | W-1 | 15-3 | 2-15 | 10-15 |
| New Orleans | 16 | 21 | .432 | 5 | 3-7 | L-1 | 12-6 | 4-15 | 9-13 |

| NORTHWEST | W | L | PCT | GB | L10 | STK | HOME | AWAY | CONF |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Denver | 23 | 11 | .676 | — | 6-4 | W-2 | 12-4 | 9-8 | 15-6 |
| Oklahoma City | 22 | 13 | .629 | 1½ | 5-5 | L-1 | 14-3 | 10-9 | 12-11 |
| Portland* | 20 | 16 | .556 | 4 | 5-5 | L-1 | 13-6 | 7-10 | 12-13 |
| Utah | 18 | 19 | .486 | 6½ | 5-5 | W-1 | 8-8 | 10-11 | 12-12 |
| Minnesota | 17 | 19 | .472 | 7 | 4-6 | W-1 | 12-6 | 5-13 | 8-14 |

| PACIFIC | W | L | PCT | GB | L10 | STK | HOME | AWAY | CONF |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Golden State | 24 | 13 | .649 | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 15-5 | 9-8 | 14-9 |
| Los Angeles | 21 | 15 | .583 | 2½ | 5-5 | L-1 | 12-5 | 10-9 | 16-11 |
| L.A. Lakers* | 20 | 16 | .556 | 3½ | 4-6 | L-2 | 12-6 | 8-10 | 14-11 |
| Sacramento* | 19 | 16 | .543 | 4 | 6-4 | W-1 | 10-7 | 9-9 | 12-13 |
| Phoenix | 9 | 28 | .243 | 15 | 5-5 | L-2 | 5-13 | 4-15 | 5-17 |

*-late game not included

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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| Toronto 95, Bulls 89 | |
| Orlando 109, Detroit 107 | |
| Minnesota 113, Miami 104 | |
| L.A. Clippers 105, Oklahoma City 103 | |
| Philadelphia at Portland, late | |
| Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, late | |

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

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| Atlanta at Indiana, 2 | |
| Atlanta at Florida, 5 | |
| Boston at San Antonio, 6 | |
| Memphis at Houston, 6 | |
| Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 | |
| Minnesota at Phoenix, 7 | |

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

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| Utah at Toronto, 6:30 | |
| Detroit at Milwaukee, 7 | |
| New York at Portland, 8 | |
| Portland at Sacramento, 8 | |
| Phila. at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 | |

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Milwaukee 129, Brooklyn 115 | |
| Houston 108, New Orleans 104 | |
| Washington 130, Charlotte 126 | |
| Atlanta 111, Cleveland 108 | |
| Boston 112, Memphis 103 | |
| Utah 129, New York 97 | |
| Denver 122, Phoenix 118 | |
| Powell State 115, Portland 105 | |
| San Antonio 122, L.A. Clippers 111 | |

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

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Serena Williams returns a shot against Krystyna Pliskova during their first round match of the French Open at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris. French tennis authorities said Williams' daring, full-length catsuit would no longer be welcome at the French Open.

ODD OFFERINGS:

Weird science, camels and soup

BY FRED LIEF
Associated Press

There was a soup thrower in the locker room. There was a tickler on the hockey rink. There were science deniers swallowing their hot air. There was a hint of doomsday on a golf course. Sports drifted into strange places in 2018. Sometimes everyone seemed lost.

The Scottish soccer team Brechin played an entire 36-game season without winning a game. That hadn't happened since the 19th century. The Washington Nationals brought three camels to spring training, a proclamation that this year they would finally get over the playoff hump. Well, the hump was big and there were no playoffs for the Nationals, just the lasting scent of camel's breath.

And be happy you weren't the person in charge of ordering food for Norway's team at the Pyeongchang Olympics. Instead of getting 1,500 eggs, as requested, 15,000 arrived. Hey, omelets for everyone!

Get this man a password: Worried about safety at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics? This should make you feel better. The man in charge of cybersecurity says he's never used a computer. The most standard cable connection is a mystery to him. Suffice to say, Yoshitaka Sakurada did not come off well in his remarks, drawing laughs from Japanese lawmakers. Says Sakurada: "I give instructions to my aide, and so I don't plug into a computer myself. But I am confident our work is flawless."



KOJI SASAHARA/AP

Japan's Minister in Charge of Tokyo Olympics Yoshitaka Sakurada, the minister in charge of cybersecurity, is in the spotlight for acknowledging he had never used a computer and made comments showing he had no idea what a USB port might be.

Dedicated follower of fashion: Serena Williams knows her way around a tennis court as well as the world of couture. But French tennis authorities said her daring, full-length catsuit would no longer be welcome at the French Open. Rising to her defense were not so much the editors of Vogue but Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the former president of Iran. He tweeted that the French were "disrespecting" Williams. He added, with no hint of his role in dictating fashion choice during his rule, that "some people haven't realized the true meaning of freedom."

Deer Vijay: It's over. Not often do lawyers get to draw up confidentiality agreements regarding deer antlers, but so it was with golfer Vijay Singh. The three-time major winner settled a lawsuit that

Rice and beans: When you go 0-16 these things happen. The Cleveland Browns plunged to such depths after their winless 2017 season they were compelled to knock down a report they were considering former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to be their next coach. Rice, a life-long Browns fan, knows her football but is probably on safer turf at a NATO conference. The Browns noted their "utmost respect" for Rice but said no thanks. Rice, on Facebook, expressed confidence in the team's next hire. However, if need be, she offered to "call a play or two next season."

Icecapades: Maybe Freud can explain this. Or maybe Gary Bettman. In the merry month of May, two NHL players got in touch with their inner 6-year-old. Vegas goalie Marc-Andre Fleury tickled the ear of a helmetless Blake Wheeler of the Winnipeg Jets. Fleury says he was simply "trying to have a little smile by myself." Then there's Brad Marchand of the Boston Bruins — no tickler he. He licks opponents. First, he went after Toronto's Leo Komarov, then Tampa Bay's Ryan Callahan. The league told Marchand to cut it out, threatening punishment. A couple of coaches were exasperated. A macho punch to the face is one thing, but this? "I don't get it, I don't understand it," the Lightning's Jon Cooper said. Added the Jets' Paul Maurice: "It gives me the willies."

Spaceballs: Two of the NBA's best briefly left the court for

another galaxy. Kyrie Irving, during a 2017 podcast, wondered if the Earth might be flat. Social media were not kind to such musings. This year, the Celtics guard seemed to acknowledge at a Boston summit that his planet is indeed as round as a basketball and said he was sorry "to all the science teachers." Celestial back-court mate Stephen Curry, meanwhile, wondered if it was a hoax that astronauts walked on the moon. The Golden State star told ESPN he was "obviously" joking and "silently protesting" how this story "took a life of its own." In any case, NASA says it has mounds of lunar rocks to show Curry, who happily agreed to accept the invitation to tour the space agency.

Fairway to heaven: This was supposed to be a nice day of golf in Hawaii. Instead, it felt like Armageddon. Everyone's phone at the Sony Open started flashing: A missile is coming, and this is the real deal. One golfer, John Peterson, tweeted that he and his family were taking cover under mattresses in the bathtub and praying to the almighty. The alert was a false alarm, but until then there was panic in the lobby, with people running around, not knowing what to do. Golfer Colt Knost surveyed the mayhem and had this thought as the apocalypse possibly approached: "I texted one of the rules officials and asked if tee times were delayed."

AP sports writers Doug Ferguson, Tom Withers and Stephen Whyno contributed to this report.

Death Notices

Alexovich, Dorothy A.

Visitation Thursday, Jan. 3, from 10:30 a.m. until time of service 12 p.m. at Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home, 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Monica Church would be appreciated. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For more information www.kolbusmayfh.com or 773-774-3232.

Balkus, Mary

Sister Mary Balkus, SSC, 93, Educator. Beloved member of the Sisters of St. Casimir for 70 years, died December 26, 2018. Sister Mary taught in elementary schools in Illinois and Maryland. She also was principal at Villa Joseph Marie High School in Holland, Pennsylvania and taught social studies for 35 years at Maria High School in Chicago. Sister Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Konstant and Mary Balkus, her brother Bernard Balkus, and her sisters Lee Balkus and Sister Mary Constance Balkus. Visitation and Wake Service at Franciscan Village Chapel, 1270 Village Drive, Lemont, IL, Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by the Mass of Resurrection at 11:30 a.m. Interment, St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SSC Retirement Fund. 773-776-1324

Berman, Earl

Earl Berman, age 92. Beloved husband of Muriel, nee Isaacson. Loving father of Audrie Berman (Mark Mendelsohn), Cynthia (Randy) Brown and Janet Berman-Brooks. Proud grandfather of Sarah (Shimon) Birnbaum, Jason Brown, Emma Courtney, Alex Courtney, Spencer Brooks and Morgan Brooks. Adored great grandfather of Davida Birnbaum. Dear brother of the late Jerome (the late Dorothy) Berman. Fond uncle of Marcy Berman. Service Wednesday 10AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Rd.) Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Hadassah Chicago North Shore, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 800, Northbrook, IL 60062. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals at Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfi.info

Blaszak, Frances M.

Frances M. Blaszak, nee Depner, 101 years old, beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Barbara Server. Cherished grandmother of Steven Server. Preceded in death by her four sisters Irene Depner, Margaret Depner, Anna Wilson and Bertha Como. Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dear friend of Randall Server. Frances grew up in East Hazel Crest, then lived in Roseland and eventually settled in Tinley Park. She retired from International Harvester after 32 years of service. Frances will be remembered as a hard worker and a perfectionist, great cook and baker, and very fashionable. She remained mentally sharp until the end. Visitation Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon with a Funeral Service to follow at 12:00 Noon at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Washington Memory Gardens, Homewood, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

Cattoen, Richard A.

Cattoen, Richard A. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (nee Bain); devoted father of Catherine Rozmus and the late Richard Cattoen; cherished grandfather of Michaela and Adrienne Rozmus; loving brother of the late Joan Eliot. Memorial Visitation, Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2019, 9:30 AM until the time of the Memorial Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church, 411 N. Wheeling Road, Prospect Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Cukla, Susan

Susan Cukla nee Ditlevsen age 62. Beloved wife of Ronald. Dearest Mother of Stacey (Tyler) Beswick and Julie. Cherished Grandmother of Teddy. Fond sister of Kathy (Tony) Grosch, Ann (the late Dave) Wilczak and Keith. Many nieces nephews relatives and friends. Funeral Saturday 10 A.M. at Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL Visitation Friday 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL 630-510-0044

Egan, Audrey Pearl

Beloved wife of the late Redmond Egan. Cherished sister of the late Joan, pearl, and Maryjane. Loving mother of Pam (Michael) Redmond and Susan (the late James) Duff. Proud grandmother of Bridgette Duff, Mike Redmond, Sean Duff, Annie Dale, John

Redmond, and the late Meghan Gunia. Proud grandmother and aunt to many. Memorial Mass at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2019, to be held at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago, IL, 60646.

Egan, Norine E.

Egan, Norine E., Beloved wife of the late Richard. Loving Mother of Richard (Verne), James (the late Joan), Dennis Egan, Kathleen (Daniel) Johnson and the late Michael. Cherished grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of thirteen. Loving sister of Edward (Sandy) Ganshirt and the late Denise Plath. Visitation Wednesday 4-9 a.m. Funeral, Thursday 10:00 a.m. at the Elms Funeral Home, 7600 W. Grand Ave., (North @ 76th Ave.) Elmwood Park. Interment Mount Emblem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to LRCA, 8607 ARNOLD AVE, RIVER GROVE, IL 60171 www.elmsfh.com or 708-453-1234

Estes, Donald W.

A memorial service will be at a later date as he has donated his body to science. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Illinois Foundation for Deaf Children at Illinois School for the Deaf. The family is being assisted by Schwarz Funeral Home, Mendota.

Gilbertsen, Fred O.

Fred O Gilbertsen age 90 of Des Plaines, beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Metzler); loving father of Ralph (Peggy), Noreen (Richard) Claxton, and Karen (Joseph) Boettinger; cherished grandfather of Tim, Kate, Lisa, Amy, Lauren, Elizabeth, and William and great grandfather of Owen; dear brother of Howard Gilbertsen. Visitation Wednesday Jan 2, 3-8 pm at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St (corner of Northwest Hwy /Rt14 and Rand Rd) Des Plaines Funeral Thursday 10:00 am at the funeral home. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. For info please call 847-824-5155 or Visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

Jann, Irwin

A memorial service will be held on January 10th. Please contact the family for details.

Kaplan, Elaine Ann

Elaine Ann Kaplan, beloved wife of the late Armon John Kaplan for 60 years. Loving mother of Peter (Kristen), Tom (Ellen) and Robert Kaplan. Proud grandmother of Chase (Natalie) Kaplan, Cole Kaplan, Josh (Kaeley) Kaplan, Jamie (Greg) Davenport, Jake Kaplan, Julianne Kaplan and Amy (Dan) Carthew. Cherished great-grandmother of Braylen, Greysen, Bailey, Oliver, and Cora. Memorial service Wednesday, 2:30 PM at Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Rd., Northfield. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Elaine Kaplan Memorial Fund at the Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035, www.hplibrary.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals at Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfi.info

Kropifko, Arthur Nathan

Visitation Wed., Jan. 2, 3:30-9pm (eulogies 7pm), Olson at Burke/Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, 6471 N Northwest Hwy, Chicago, 60631, 773-774-3333. Interment Thurs. Jan. 3, 11am, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to www.wardogsmakingithome.org or any disabled veterans' charity of your choice. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

Laskowski, Stanley A.

Stanley A. Laskowski. Veteran U.S. WW II, retired C.P.D. Beloved husband of the late Mary, nee Wroblewski. Loving father of Dlorah (Michael) Adam. Dearest grandfather of Jennifer (Matt) Malone and the late Michael Joseph. Dear great-grandfather of Georgina and Annabel. Loving brother of the late Harriet (late Chester) Schwartz and the late Walter (late Marion). Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday 10:45 a.m. from Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave. to St. Cornelius Church. Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 to 8:00 pm. (773) 774-4100. MalecandSonsFH.com

Leonardi, John E.

John E. Leonardi, age 87, of Downers Grove. US Marine Corp. Veteran, Korean War. Beloved husband of Carmel. Loving father of Sharon (Vincent) Molina and the late Steven. Devoted grandfather of Andrew. Preceded in death by his siblings Joseph, Salvatore "Sam", Vincent "Jim", Mary, Anne, Josephine and Rosina. Dear uncle to many. Visitation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 301 75th St., Downers Grove,

proceeding to St. Scholastica Church in Woodridge for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info 630-964-6500

Leslie, Jr., R. Conrad

A private memorial will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the Leslie/Messenger Scholarship Fund at Miami University or a charity of your choice.

Lundgren, Lawrence Alan

Lawrence Alan Lundgren passed away peacefully at 98 years In lieu of flowers, donations in Lawrence's memory would be welcomed to the Shriners Hospitals for Children www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

McGuire, Dolores

McGuire, Dolores. Beloved mother of Kim Smiros (Jose), William Prunte Retired CPD, and Kelly (Eric) Richardson. Proud and Cherished grandmother of John Smiros, Athena Huff (Travis), Victoria Smiros, Justin (Cook Co. Sheriff), Raelle, Renee, Trey CPD, Prunte, Lucas, Evie Richardson, Chap Oppedisano, and the late Tammi Prunte. Great Grandmother of Kaylee and Abby Huff. Sister of Shirley Daven. Dear aunt of many. Visitation at Cooney Funeral Home (3918 W Irving Park Rd) Sunday 2-8pm. Funeral Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Cooney Funeral Home. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For info call 773-588-5850 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

Okin, Sandra Lee

Sandra Lee Okin (nee Rasnick), age 84; was reunited with her beloved husband of 55 years, Bernard, on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Sandra was the daughter of the late Edith (Sam) Poleofico, and the late Joseph Rasnick; cherished mother of Scott (Gail) Okin, Marc (Mary) Okin, and Rev. G. Jennifer Okin; Proud "Grammy" of Samuel, Asher, Forrest (Elise), Sophia, and Olivia; adoring great grandmother of Milo; sister of Stephen (Joann) Rasnick, and the late Sue (Earl) Guenther. An avid and life-long Mah Jong player, she looked forward to her weekly games with her friends. Interment and graveside service to be held on Monday, December 31, 2018. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice. For more information please contact Shapiro Funeral Services, www.shapirofuneral.com.

Perlini, Stephen

Stephen C. Perlini, age 64 of Woodridge, treasured husband of forty-one years to Linda (nee Leppert); cherished dad of Elizabeth (Mark) Meersman, Sarah (Fred) Biasiello and Stephen (Lauren) Perlini; loved grandpa of Ivy, Mary Jane, and Daniel Meersman, Fred and Mallory Biasiello, and expected baby girl Perlini. Adored son of Lorraine Perlini (nee Drab) and the late Fred Peter Perlini. Dear brother of Laurie Perlini (John Rose), Fred (Deirdre) Perlini, Phillip (Debbie) Perlini, and Molly (Greg) Nelson. Fond cousin, loved brother-in-law, and uncle to many. Steve dedicated his professional career maintaining aircraft to ensure the safety of others. He graduated from the University Of Illinois Institute Of Aviation. Steve was the Director of Aviation Maintenance for Allstate for over 20 years. He was well respected throughout the industry for his attention to detail and valued feedback. Steve was continually recognized for his excellence amongst his peers. Above all, Steve loved his family. Steve was a supportive and tireless father attending numerous sporting events and school functions. As a husband he fostered unconditional love as a true partner in a fulfilling marriage. He would drop everything if anyone was in need of his help. His tool bag was never far from him. Steve's grandchildren brought him immense joy and he never passed up a chance to spend time with them. If his grandkids were unavailable, he played hockey, followed the Blackhawks, drove his classic car, and spent time in the sun. Visitation 2-8 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 1st at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Prayers 9:15 a.m. Wednesday Jan. 2nd from the funeral home to St. Scholastica Church for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Funeral info 630-964-6500. Donations on behalf of Stephen C. Perlini can be made to Hockey Fights Cancer (<https://www.nhl.com/community/hockey-fights-cancer/donate-us-row>).

Santi, Rose

Rose Santi (nee Lorusso), 91, of McHenry, passed away peacefully, Friday, December 28, 2018, at JourneyCare Hospice Facility, Barrington. She was born January 11, 1927, to the late Michael and Filomena (nee De Santis) Lorusso, in Italy. On October 28, 1950, she married Victor C. Santi, at St. James Catholic Church, Highwood, IL. Visitation will be held on Monday, December

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31, 2018, from 10am until the time of Funeral Mass said 1pm at Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 W Bull Valley Road, McHenry. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Rose's name may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, 405 Lake Zurich Rd, Barrington, IL 60010. Colonial Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information, visit www.colonialmchenry.com or call 815-385-0063

Scanlon, Harold C.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass, 11:00 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 8149 W. Golf Road in Niles. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to the highground.us or The Highground Veterans Memorial Park, PO Box 475, W7031 Ridge Rd, Neilsville, WI 54456. Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home of Niles is entrusted with arrangements. Info 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

Smith, Ronald

Service Monday, 11 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd., (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.) Buffalo Grove. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals c/o Buffalo Grove - 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

Sykes, Sandra

Sandra Sykes, age 65, passed peacefully on Sunday December 23, 2018, devoted daughter of the late Byron M. Sykes and Gloria Tasker Sykes; loving sister of Richard G. (Marlene) Sykes; dear sister-in-law of Mary Ellen Cheney; fond niece of Barbara (the late Quintin S.) Sykes; cherished cousin of Valerie Lawlor (Frank Shelden), Quintin S. (the late Rosemary) Sykes, Gary C. Sykes, Sueanne Sykes (Douglas) Sluis, Stephen E. Sykes, Thomas H. Sykes and the late George A. (Mickey) Tasker; dearest friend to many - wherever she went and wherever she was - she made friends and kept them. She was loved by family and friends. She touched people in a deep and positive way. She did it her way. She will be missed. Memorial Visitation Friday January 4, 2019 from 5-9 P.M. Funeral Service Saturday January 5, 2019 at 10 A.M. at Lawn Funeral Home 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462. Entombment Family Mausoleum at Oak Woods Cemetery 1035 E. 67th St. Chicago, IL 60637. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200.

Vogel, Josephine

Josephine Farrell Vogel, 91, formerly of Glenview, IL. Beloved wife of the late David A. Vogel Sr. Dear mother of David A. Vogel Jr., Walter C. F. (Carol) Vogel M.D., Sarah (Ron) Pranger, and Ellen (Steve) Lifson. Grandmother of Kimberly, Alexander, and Christina Vogel, David and Amanda Pranger, and Samantha Lifson. Adored sister of the late Geraldine (Norman) Todd. Josephine was born and raised in Middletown, IN before she moved to Chicago. Josephine was the Illinois Registrar for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for many devoted years. She also spent years volunteering at The Art Institute of Chicago. She will be deeply missed. Visitation Wednesday, January 2nd, 3 to 8 PM, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 1104 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral Services Thursday, January 3rd, 10 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Art Institute of Chicago would be appreciated. Interment Memorial Park. Info 847-901-4012 or visit Josephine's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

Witzel, Marcia

Marcia Witzel, nee Tannenbaum, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Marshall. Loving mother of Steven (Charlotte Stern) Witzel. Cherished grandmother of Zachary and Benjamin. Dear sister of the late Samuel (the late JoPatt) and David (the late Muriel) Tannenbaum. Also survived by her loving extended family members. Service Monday, Dec 31, 2018 1:00pm at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. (1 block N. of Lake Cook Rd.), Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flower, memorials in her name may be made to the JDRF Foundation Illinois Chapter, 1 N. La Salle St., Suite 1200, Chgo, IL 60602, www.jdrf.org. For info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com, (847) 478-1600.

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA DEAN 1946-2018

Journalism professor at NU, TV producer

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

Patricia Dean worked for 18 years in the news production and programming departments at three network-owned television stations in Chicago before spending 16 years teaching broadcast journalism at Northwestern University. “Pat Dean covered the territory, and for most of her life, the territory was Chicago. She was trusted wherever she went — newsrooms, communities, students, faculty colleagues, at Channels 2, 5 and 7, investigative units, consumer units, management,” said Jack Doppelt, a professor at Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism.

Dean, 72, died of complications from breast cancer Nov. 17 at her home, said her sister-in-law, Debbie Dean. She had been a Santa Fe, N.M., resident since 2012 and previously had lived in Southern California and Chicago.

Patricia Kay Dean grew up in Elmwood Park and graduated from Elmwood Park High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Iowa State University in 1968.

Upon graduation, Dean joined WMAQ-Ch. 5, where she worked as a news writer and producer. Soon, she rose to become the producer of the station's 10 p.m. newscast, which was anchored in the 1960s and 1970s by the legendary news anchor Floyd Kalber.

“You had to do the show as Kalber wanted the show done, and that wasn't always easy,” said retired Channel 5 political editor Dick Kay. “He had specific ways of writing copy and of doing his newscasts, and the producer had to be approved by Floyd, period. Pat was top of the line.”

Retired WTTW-Ch. 11 correspondent Rich Samuels, previously a reporter at Channel 5, recalled Dean as “a consummate professional.”

“She was a demanding person, and there was a high quality of writing, a



MARY COFFMAN

Patricia Dean taught broadcast journalism at Northwestern University.

high quality of production values and the reporting as well,” he said. “She was obviously of a different school. She took the job very seriously.”

After about a decade at Channel 5, Dean moved to WLS-Ch. 7, where she worked as a news producer. She won numerous awards in her news career, including a National Press Club award in 1982 and Peabody Awards in 1979 and 1981.

One of Dean's Peabody Awards, in 1981, was shared by Dean and then-Channel 7 investigative reporter Roberta Baskin, who collaborated on an investigative series on corruption at the Illinois secretary of state's office. The series, titled “So You Need a Driver's License?” spotlighted Baskin showing viewers that she could buy seven driver's licenses by paying off public officials.

“Even under the pressures of an investigation fraught with many challenges and deadlines, Pat was always unflustered, calm and professional,” said Baskin, now based in Washington, D.C. “She thought through creative issues as a problem-solver. She was the type of levelheaded producer you wanted on your team for the toughest stories.”

Dean later was program director at WBBM-Ch. 2 during the mid-1980s. In 1987, Dean made a career change, joining Medill as an assistant professor. Over the next 16 years, Dean taught at Medill, including spending five years as the director

of the school's broadcast journalism sequence.

“The transition (to teaching) was seamless because she was continually invested in the city and Chicago's communities,” Doppelt said. “Her core traits ... were her faith, spirit and positive attitude. That's a legacy worth passing on.”

Medill professor Ava Greenwell called Dean “an astute observer of academic politics” and a “great mentor to me.”

“When I arrived at Medill in 1993 she made my transition from the newsroom to the classroom so easy,” Greenwell said. “She advised me to always take a few days to think about any major career changes. I will miss her giving spirit and sage advice.”

While at Medill, Dean earned a master's degree in communication from Northwestern's School of Speech in 1994. She also served for a time as a member of the governing board for WBEZ-FM.

In 2003, the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism recruited Dean to become associate director of the school, effectively overseeing its day-to-day operations. Her role included overseeing curricula and faculty affairs, as well as teaching TV news classes.

“USC sought her out and offered her this fabulous job,” Debbie Dean said. “She was really very torn between staying at Northwestern, but she ultimately decided to take that job.”

Dean retired from USC in 2011 and moved the following year to Santa Fe, where she was a docent for the Santa Fe Opera and was active in her church.

In 2006, Iowa State's journalism school awarded Dean its highest honor, the James W. Schwartz Award.

Dean was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2014, her sister-in-law said.

There were no other immediate survivors.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 31 ...

In 1775 the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army Gens. Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1857 Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

In 1862 President Abraham Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

In 1869 Henri Matisse, one of the foremost painters of 20th century art, was born in Le Cateau, France.

In 1879 Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1904 New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.

In 1946 President Harry Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1961 the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1972 Major League baseball player Roberto Clemente was killed when a plane he chartered and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico; he was 38.

In 1974 private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

In 1985 singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in

San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.)

In 1994 Bosnian government officials and Bosnian Serb leaders signed a U.N.-brokered cease-fire agreement. Also in 1994 John Salvi III, accused of killing two receptionists at two Boston-area abortion clinics, was arrested in Norfolk, Va. (Salvi, later convicted of murder, committed suicide in prison).

In 1997 Michael Kennedy, a son of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado; he was 39.

In 1999 Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced his resignation.

In 2000 the United States finally agreed to sign a treaty creating the world's first permanent international war crimes tribunal, joining most other countries of the world.

In 2004 President George W. Bush pledged \$350 million to help tsunami victims and didn't rule out sending even more U.S. aid to help people recover from what he called an “epic disaster.”

In 2012 the Tribune Co., owner of eight dailies, including the Chicago Tribune, 23 TV stations and other assets, emerged from bankruptcy after more than four years. Also in 2012 the Chicago Bears fired coach Lovie Smith after nine seasons, which included an 81-63 regular-season record, three NFC North titles and a Super Bowl appearance in 2007.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

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| ILLINOIS | |
| Dec. 30 | |
| Pick 3 midday | 483 / 6 |
| Pick 4 midday | 9363 / 1 |
| Lucky Day Lotto midday | 01 06 21 28 38 |
| Pick 3 evening | not available |
| Pick 4 evening | not available |
| Lucky Day Lotto evening | not available |

Dec. 31 Lotto: \$5M
Jan. 1 Mega Millions: \$415M
Jan 2 Powerball: \$53M

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| WISCONSIN | |
| Dec. 30 | |
| Pick 3 | 962 |
| Pick 4 | 9998 |
| Badger 5 | not available |
| SuperCash | not available |

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| INDIANA | |
| Dec. 30 | |
| Daily 3 midday | 152 / 8 |
| Daily 4 midday | 1547 / 8 |
| Daily 3 evening | not available |
| Daily 4 evening | not available |
| Cash 5 | not available |

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| Daily 4 midday | 6308 |
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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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TO: ALL AFRICAN-AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING IN CHICAGO OR ARE APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING IN CHICAGO

This notice is to inform you that the parties have proposed a settlement of a class action lawsuit involving allegations of discrimination against African-American individuals who live in public housing in Chicago or are applicants for public housing in Chicago. Please read this notice carefully and completely.

If you are a member of the class, the notice contains important information about your rights. *Your legal rights will be affected whether you act or don't act.*

| YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT | |
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| DO NOTHING | CHA will move forward with its responsibilities and obligations under the settlement agreement (as described below in paragraph 4). Class Members will surrender their rights to sue the CHA for the specific discrimination claims in this case. |
| OBJECT | Write to the Court about why you do not believe the settlement is fair. |
| GO TO A HEARING | Ask to go to Court in Chicago and speak about the fairness of the settlement. |

BASIC INFORMATION

1. What is the purpose of this notice?

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the proposed settlement in a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of African-American tenants who live in or are applicants for public housing in Chicago. The settlement, which must be approved by the Court, was reached in connection with *Gautreaux v. Chicago Housing Authority, et al.*, 66-cv-1459 (N.D. Ill.).

2. What is this case about?

The original complaint in this lawsuit, which was filed in 1966, alleged that the policies of the Chicago Housing Authority (“CHA”) with respect to the selection of sites for public housing and for the assignment of tenants were racially discriminatory and violated the class members’ rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Sections 1981 and 1983 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. On March 2, 1967, the District Court certified this case as a class action. On February 10, 1969, the District Court granted summary judgment in favor of the class, and found that the CHA had discriminated “by selecting housing project sites in predominantly black neighborhoods and by using racial quotas to limit the number of blacks in housing projects in predominantly white neighborhoods.” The District Court then entered an order on July 1, 1969, “to prohibit the future use and to remedy the past effects of the defendant Chicago Housing Authority’s unconstitutional site selection and tenant assignment procedures, . . . and, among other things, ordered CHA to affirmatively administer its public housing system in every respect ... to the end of disestablishing [its] segregated public housing system.” That Order is known as the 1969 Judgment Order.

3. Why is there a settlement?

Over the ensuing years, the facts and circumstances that gave rise to the entry of the 1969 Judgment Order have changed significantly, and the parties to this litigation have worked cooperatively to advance the purposes of the Judgment Order and implement a desegregated public housing program. The parties agree now that, in view of the substantial change in circumstances that have occurred since entry of the 1969 Judgment Order, the 1969 Judgment Order should be vacated and replaced with a settlement agreement.

4. What does this settlement agreement provide?

The Settlement Agreement, a complete version of which may be found on the CHA’s website at www.cha.org and on Class Counsel’s website at www.bpichicago.org, provides that: (1) the CHA will complete a Development Plan that is attached as an exhibit to the Settlement Agreement; (2) the CHA will limit its development of non-elderly units unless, subject to certain exceptions, those units are in a General or Opportunity Area as those terms are defined in the Agreement; (3) the Class Counsel will have the right to propose reasonable changes to the way in which CHA administers its Housing Choice Voucher program; and (4) CHA will coordinate efforts to implement early learning program initiatives in conjunction with appropriate community partners, at its Dearborn, Lake Park Place/Washington Park, Trumbull and Wentworth public housing developments.

Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the 1969 Judgment Order will be terminated. The Settlement Agreement resolves all discrimination claims against Defendants. The Class Members will release, relinquish, and discharge all claims against the Defendants with respect to the discrimination claims brought by the Plaintiff in this action, and the Class Members will be permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing, or prosecuting any such claims against the Defendants. The Settlement Agreement also provides for attorneys’ fees to be awarded by the Court to Class Counsel for their work in connection with this Action and the monitoring and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement. The Agreement itself will terminate on July 31, 2024.

5. How do I tell the Court that I don’t like the settlement?

You have the right to object to the terms of this settlement by filing a written, signed objection with the Court no later than January 15, 2019. Written objections must be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois at the following address:

Clerk of the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois
Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604
Specifying: *Gautreaux v. Chicago Housing Authority, et al.*, 66-cv-1459

Objections may be filed in person or may be mailed to the Court at the above address but must be actually received by the Court by the deadline set forth above to be considered. Copies of objections must also be mailed or delivered to counsel for the Parties:

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General Counsel
Chicago Housing Authority
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Chicago, IL 60605
Thomas Edward Johnson
Johnson, Jones, Snelling & Gilbert
36 South Wabash Street
Suite 1310
Chicago, IL 60603

6. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the settlement?

A hearing will be held in Room 2503 of the United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago Illinois, at 11:00am on January 17, 2019, for determining whether the Court should give its final approval to the Settlement Agreement. Class Members are welcome to attend the hearing, at their own expense, and they may request permission to speak to the Court. Class Members may also hire their own lawyers at their own expense to speak on their behalf. If Class Members have sent a written objection, they do not need to come to Court. If the Class Member’s objection was postmarked on time, the Court will consider it.

7. Do I need to come to the hearing?

No. But if a Class Member wants to speak at the hearing, she or he must ask the Court for permission. To do so, file a request with the Court by mail with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois at the address listed above, and mail copies to Mr. Polikoff, Ms. Brown, Mr. Bebley, and Mr. Johnson at the addresses listed above, requesting permission to speak at the settlement approval hearing in the case of *Gautreaux v. Chicago Housing Authority, et al.*, 66-cv-1459. The request should state the Class Member’s position and the basis for that position. The request for permission to speak must be filed with the Court prior to 3:00pm on January 15, 2019. The Court may, or may not, grant the request.

8. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Class Members are represented by Alexander Polikoff and Julie Elena Brown of Business & Professional People for the Public Interest, 25 East Washington Street, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60602.

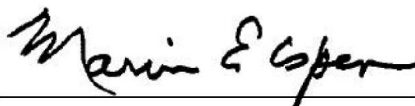
9. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel will petition the Court for attorneys’ fees.

10. Who should I contact if I have any questions?

If you have any questions about the settlement, contact Alexander Polikoff or Julie Elena Brown at BPI. **DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT TO OBTAIN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS OR TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.**

Dated: 12/27/2018


Hon. Marvin E. Aspen
United States District Court

CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, DEC. 31 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 68° (1875) RECORD LOW: -10° (1967)

Chicago area to slip, then slosh into new year

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH

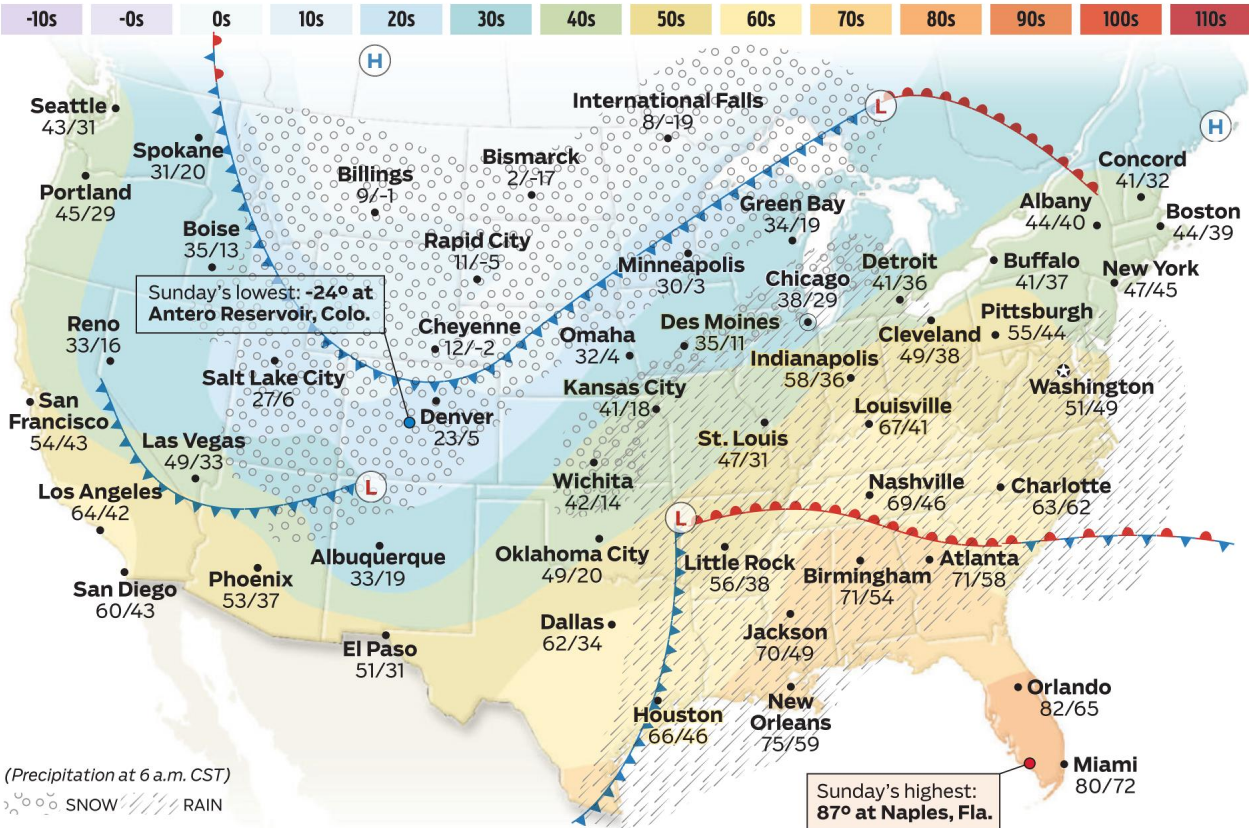
LOW

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■ **A wet finish to 2018**
■ With early morning temperatures holding near or below freezing, rain will create glazing mainly in areas north and west of the city.
■ Glazing ends by mid-morning as temps rise above freezing.
■ Rain continues through the day as temperatures climb into the middle and upper 30s. Southeast winds 10-20 mph become northeast.
■ Rain and drizzle mixes with and/or changes to snow after midnight. Roads may slick up again as temperatures fall below freezing.

NATIONAL FORECAST



It's going to be a wet end to 2018 in Chicago as developing low pressure spreads rain into the area on New Year's Eve. The rain is expected to begin before daybreak, when area temperatures will be near or below freezing, and the initial round of rain may freeze on contact with cold pavements and surfaces, especially north and west of Chicago. Winter weather advisories have been posted there until midmorning, when temperatures are expected to climb above freezing. The rest of the day will be chilly, damp and rainy, with area readings peaking in the middle and upper 30s. Colder air will return as the storm moves out, allowing the rain to mix with or change to snow before it ends in the opening hours of 2019. Colder weather will hold sway through midweek before a return of 40s to the city by next weekend.

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

HIGH

LOW

30

20

New Year's Day. A blustery start to 2019. Cloudy skies and gusty north winds 15-25 mph. Steady or slowly falling temperatures. Some passing snow showers.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

HIGH

LOW

30

19

Sunshine returns as high pressure moves into the area. Diminishing north winds. Seasonably cold as highs struggle to reach 30 degrees.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

HIGH

LOW

34

25

Not quite as cold. Abundant sunshine and light winds allow temperatures to climb above freezing and rebound into the mid-30s.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

HIGH

LOW

40

29

Milder, as temperatures rebound to about 40, nearly 10 degrees above normal. Mainly sunny with west winds 10-18 mph.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

HIGH

LOW

41

29

Another mild day as temperatures break 40 for the second consecutive day. Filtered sunshine dimmed by increasing mid- and high-level clouds. Brisk west winds.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6

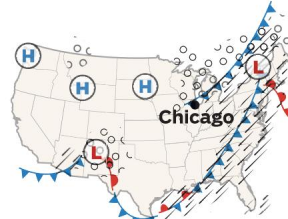
HIGH

LOW

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32

Pacific air tightens its grip on the weather pattern ensuring a continuation of above-normal temperatures. A third-straight day with highs in the lower 40s.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
When does the lake start freezing in the Chicago area?
— Amit Jhingran, Chicago

Dear Amit,
The onset of ice formation in the Chicago area on extreme southern Lake Michigan is highly variable and dependent on the severity of the winter season. When an early-season cold wave delivers a prolonged period of sub-freezing temperatures, ice formation can begin as early as mid-December, but in more typical winters, it may not begin to form until late January or early February. In the mildest winters or when temperatures fluctuate from below to above freezing, ice may not form at all. During the last 10 winters, the earliest that ice has formed was in mid-December 2013, when temperatures remained well below freezing from Dec. 6-16, including three days the mercury plunged to zero or below.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koenenman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Generous rains to dampen city's holiday after early morning glaze

CHICAGO'S 2018 TEMPERATURES "BY THE NUMBER"

Highest: 97° (May 27) Lowest: -9° (Jan. 1-2)

8 NEW RECORDS ESTABLISHED:

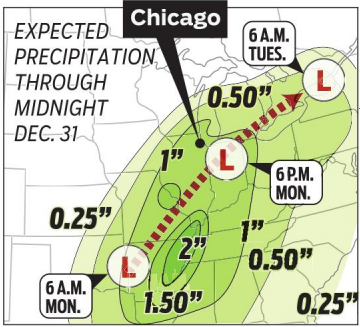
| RECORD HIGHS | RECORD LOWS | RECORD LOW MAXIMUM | RECORD HIGH MINIMUM |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| May 27 97° (Tie) | April 29 31° (Tie) | Jan. 1 1° | June 17 78° |
| May 28 95° (Tie) | June 20 80° (Tie) | | |
| Sept. 20 93° | | Aug. 27 78° | |

40 YEARS AGO—NEW YEAR'S EVE (DEC. 31, 1978)

A snow blast from the past—7.6" of snow fell that day
Snow caused thousands of no-shows at holiday festivities

CHICAGO'S 2018 TO END ON A RAINY NOTE

Dec. 31 precipitation to boost city's 2018's already hefty totals

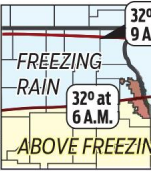


CHICAGO 2018 PRECIPITATION THROUGH DEC. 30: 48.37"

CHICAGO'S TOP 4 WETTEST YEARS SINCE 1871
50.86" 49.83" 49.35" 48.37"
(2008) (2011) (1983) (2018)

Icy start to New Year's Eve

Freezing rain expected as Monday's precip begins; freezing rain ends as temps climb.



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

BLACKHAWKS WINTER CLASSIC

Weather outlook for New Year's Day

Noon forecast Notre Dame Stadium
South Bend, Indiana Jan. 1, 2019

| TEMPERATURE | SKY CONDITIONS | Chance of rain/snow showers | Gusty N winds |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 33° | CLOUDY | | |

PREVIOUS BLACKHAWKS OUTDOOR GAMES

| DATE | LOCATION | WEATHER | FINAL SCORE |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan. 1 2009 | Chicago | 31° DRY | Detroit 6 Chicago 4 |
| March 1 2004 | Chicago | 31° SNOW | Chicago WIN! 5 Pittsburgh 1 |
| Jan. 1 2015 | Washington D.C. | 47° DRY | Washington 3 Chicago 2 |
| Feb. 21 2016 | Minneapolis, Minn. | 37° Flurries | Minneapolis 6 Chicago 1 |
| Jan. 2 2017 | St. Louis, Mo. | 50° RAIN | St. Louis 4 Chicago 1 |

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CHICAGO DIGEST

| SUNDAY TEMPERATURES | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|------------------|
| LOCATION | HI | LO | HI LO |
| Aurora | 36 | 16 | Midway 37 20 |
| Gary | 37 | 21 | O'Hare 36 19 |
| Kankakee | 37 | 18 | Romeoville 37 17 |
| Lakefront | 37 | 21 | Valparaiso 39 20 |
| Lansing | 36 | 19 | Waukegan 35 19 |

| CHICAGO PRECIPITATION | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| PERIOD | 2018 | NORMAL |
| Sun. (through 4 p.m.) | 0.00" | 0.06" |
| December to date | 2.46" | 2.19" |
| Year to date | 48.37" | 36.83" |

| CHICAGO SNOWFALL | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| PERIOD | O'HARE | MIDWAY |
| Sun. (through 4 p.m.) | 0.0" | 0.0" |
| Season to date | 14.1" | 10.0" |
| Normal to date | 9.3" | 9.8" |

| LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
| MONDAY | | |
| Wind SE/NE 10-20 kts. | N 15-20 kts. | |
| Waves 2-4 feet | Inc. 4-7 feet | |
| Sun. shore/crib water temps | 37°/34° | |

| U.S. SNOW COVER | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| DEC. 30 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Area covered by snow | 38.7% | 42.4% |
| Average snow depth | 2.6" | 3.3" |

| TRACKING THE COLD | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| SINCE OCT. 15 | O'HARE | MIDWAY |
| Sub-32° highs | 5 days | 6 days |
| Subzero lows | 0 days | 0 days |

| CHICAGO AIR QUALITY | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Sunday's reading | Moderate | |
| Monday's forecast | Moderate | |
| Critical pollutant | Particulates | |

| MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sun | 7:18 a.m. | 4:30 p.m. |
| Moon | 1:53 a.m. | 1:10 p.m. |



| MONDAY PLANET WATCH | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| PLANET | RISE | SET |
| Mercury | 6:07 a.m. | 3:19 p.m. |
| Venus | 3:30 a.m. | 1:42 p.m. |
| Mars | 11:08 p.m. | 11:10 p.m. |
| Jupiter | 5:11 a.m. | 2:25 p.m. |
| Saturn | 7:23 a.m. | 4:28 p.m. |
| BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION | | |
| Mercury | Not visible | |
| Venus | 5:45 a.m. | 21° SE |
| Mars | 5:15 p.m. | 47.5° S |
| Jupiter | 6:00 a.m. | 65° SE |
| Saturn | Not visible | |

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