



Burke steps down as finance chairman

Emanuel seeks ethics changes following federal charge against 50-year alderman

BY BILL RUTHHART AND JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Ald. Edward Burke will end his long run as the powerful chairman of the City Council's Finance Committee after being charged with attempted extortion, he announced Friday, but said he would stay in the race for another term representing his Southwest Side ward.

In the wake of the federal

charge against Burke, Mayor Rahm Emanuel said he will seek new city ethics reforms. Emanuel also said he would remove the city's \$100 million-per-year workers' compensation program, which Burke has clouded in secrecy for decades, from the City Council and place it within the city's Finance Department.

Given the charges that Burke attempted to shake down a business owner over a permit, the mayor said he would introduce

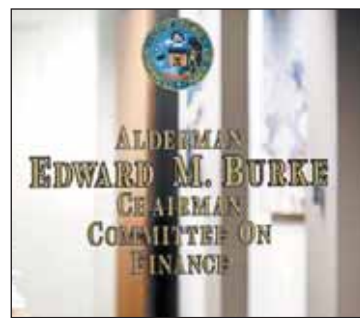
changes aimed at making the city's zoning and permitting process more transparent. He also promised a new ordinance that would strengthen the city's rules on conflicts of interest disclosures for aldermen. Emanuel did not specify what changes would be made in those two areas, and his office said no further details would be available Friday.

Without naming Burke, Emanuel said his legislative actions can't "replace having a moral and ethi-

cal compass that informs your judgment of right from wrong, and what is appropriate."

"And that judgment must be informed by a moral sense and an ethical sense of why we do what we do, who we're here to work for, and what is our purpose in seeking public life and serving in public life," Emanuel said. "And anything that brings shame to that means that we have lost our purpose and

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Chicago Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, first became Finance Committee chairman in 1983.

Socially conscious Bears players helping kids from Chicago's South and West sides



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Bears linebacker Sam Acho greets members of the My Block, My Hood, My City organization during a November visit at Halas Hall in Lake Forest.

Impact made off the field

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

As the van pulled up Football Drive and the giant orange "C" on the guard shack became visible, 17-year-old Tim Johnson kept thinking the same thing.

"This can't be real," he said. Johnson, a senior at Morgan Park High School on the South Side of Chicago, saw the Bears outdoor practice fields covered in snow. He saw the arched roof of the Walter Payton Center.

"This can't be real," he thought again.

And when it came time to stand on the sideline at the

Bears' final practice of November, Johnson had one other thought as a pack of defenders jogged past.

"Khalil. Mack," he said with a wide grin. "Man. That is a big man. ... My heart was just beating. I have never been that close to professional football players before."

At Halas Hall, this was another routine Friday with the Bears finishing preparations for that weekend's game against the Giants. But for Johnson and 12 other Chicago teens who traveled to Lake Forest as part of a visit with "My Block, My Hood, My City," this was beyond belief.

"This is a blessing for me," said 18-year-old Trevon Walker,

a senior at Phillips High School.

Maybe this was only a day trip from the inner city to the North Shore, a pop-in to see the NFC North's first-place team. But there was far more behind it, a glimpse into a partnership designed to broaden kids' horizons and instill hope.

During the fall, as part of an initiative to increase their social justice outreach, the Bears, selected five nonprofit organizations to partner with. With guidance from the University of Chicago Crime Lab, Bears players identified valuable programs in under-resourced communities, targeting organizations with a focus on educating and empowering

youth.

By the Hand Club for Kids; Kicks 4 the City; SAGA; YWCA Lake County.

My Block, My Hood, My City also was on the list, an organization that aims to lift kids in underprivileged neighborhoods in Chicago past the poverty and isolation they often experience.

For Jahmal Cole, the organization's founder and CEO, that starts with exposing kids to new opportunities and environments. "You have to help them see what's out there," Cole said.

That's where the Bears come in. Last March, after NFL owners agreed teams would match player donations to social jus-

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tice causes of up to \$250,000, the Bears formed a nine-person social justice committee. The five players on that committee — Sam Acho, Trey Burton, Akiem Hicks, Mitch Trubisky and Chase Daniel — spearheaded a fundraising effort among teammates in the locker room.

Front-office leaders, including general manager Ryan Pace, chipped in. So did the Bears coaches, including Matt Nagy.

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GOLDEN GLOBES

Who's going to win? What's there to see?

The Golden Globes can't be seen as a true precursor to the Oscars. But this year's Globes ceremony is the day before Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences members begin voting for Oscar noms, providing Globes winners a remind and everyone of their worthiness. **A+E**, Page 25

Trump: Shutdown could last months or years

Border issues unresolved after meeting with Dems

BY CATHERINE LUCEY, LISA MASCARO AND JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Friday he could keep parts of the government shut down for "months or even years" as he and Democratic

leaders failed in a second closed-door meeting to resolve his demand for billions of dollars for a border wall with Mexico. They did agree to a new round of weekend talks between staff members and White House officials.

Trump met in the White House Situation Room with congressional leaders from both parties as the shutdown hit the two-week mark amid an impasse

over his wall demands. Democrats emerged from the roughly two-hour meeting, which both sides said was contentious at times, to report little if any progress.

Trump appeared in the Rose Garden to frame the upcoming weekend talks as progress, while making clear he would not reopen the government.

"We won't be opening until it's solved," he said. "I don't call it a

shutdown. I call it doing what you have to do for the benefit and the safety of our country."

Trump said he could declare a national emergency to build the wall without congressional approval, but would first try a "negotiated process." He previously described the situation at the border as a "national emergency" before he dispatched ac-

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Bears show concern for kids

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Combined with a contribution from the Bears organization and matching grants from the NFL and Bears Care, a total of \$815,830 was donated to the five charities.

Most important, connections were established. From the start, the Bears were focused on creating lasting relationships.

"That was something that was very important to our players," Bears Chairman George McCaskey said. "And it was something I was incredibly impressed with. They didn't want to just write a check, pose for the photo and walk away. They wanted to target agencies and organizations where they could remain involved and be active in the programming."

Added Hicks: "We were never just looking at this as charity — hey, here's a few dollars. It's more so having an ability to affect the minds and the culture and looking out for people's well-being."

A matter of caring

Cole grew up in North Chicago, has been a Bears fan all his life and proudly used his introduction to McCaskey in November to offer his personal account of Devin Hester's kickoff return touchdown to open Super Bowl XLII. "My voice is still hoarse," Cole said. "Besides my daughter being born, that was probably the best moment in my life. I'm telling you."

Nowadays the 35-year-old Cole channels his energy into lifting teens over the massive obstacles in their environment.

My Block, My Hood, My City has connected with 120 students from eight high schools on Chicago's South and West sides. The Bears' financial donation, Cole said, has been vital in keeping the program going, in helping fund opportunities that encourage kids to step outside their comfort zones, exploring new cultures, communities and cuisine.

Tim Johnson, for example, speaks fondly of attending the play "Sammy," a tribute to singer and musician Sammy Davis Jr. Even better, he was in attendance at McCormick Place in January 2017 when President Barack Obama delivered his farewell address.

"It's important to see things and parts of life that you've never seen before or never even thought about doing," Johnson said. "This is a dream come true for a kid. It really is. This program has changed what I thought about Chicago. I used to think Chicago was a really bad place, that no one cared about us."

Cole recites a sobering statistic — that roughly 95 percent of the teens in his organization have personally known someone who has been killed while only about 40 percent have known someone who has gone to college.

Ultimately, Cole wants to provide these kids access to healthier lifestyles. He wants them to feel confident aspiring for more.

Cole, who grew up poor himself, knows how numb these kids can become to the brutal hardships in their West Side and South Side neighborhoods.

"These kids order their food every day through bulletproof-glass windows," Cole said. "Helicopters land on their homes at night. These communities are militarized. All you see is surveillance cameras. Blue lights flashing. German shepherds sniff you on the train when you get on at 79th Street in the morning."

"Our kids think that's regular. That's not regular?"

Bears linebacker Sam Acho has felt Cole's positivity and believes in his leadership ability. Already, they have developed a deep connection.

"He's using his gifts for a bigger purpose," Acho said. "Obviously, Jahmal is highly intelligent and energetic and has all these special

traits. But instead of using that for his selfish gain, he's using all that to better people. That's the kind of thing that gets me excited."

A passion to help

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Acho is sitting at a conference table on the second floor at Halas Hall and reciting one of his favorite Bible verses: Proverbs 31:8.

This, the Bears veteran says, is one of his guiding forces, one of the reasons he is so passionate about the work the Bears' social justice committee has started. Acho knows he and his teammates can spur change in some of Chicago's roughest areas.

"I care about people who are on the margins," Acho said. "I care about people who are forgotten about."

For years, Acho has been active in community outreach efforts. But this past spring, he said, after the Bears signed tight end Trey Burton, he finally found a kindred spirit in the locker room, a teammate to not only validate his benevolent ambitions but to join forces with, helping to turn visions into action.

Over dinner one evening this spring at a barbecue joint, an Acho-Burton brainstorming session took off. Both players were discussing gun violence in Chicago and a multitude of other problems affecting the city. Both players expressed their desire to help.

"We just started dreaming," Acho said. "It was, 'Man, what if we could really help change some of these negative storylines in Chicago? What if we could go do something in these communities? What if? What if? What if?'"

"And that led us to this point of, 'Dude, let's do it. Honestly, let's do it.'"

Initially, that sent Acho, Burton and a handful of teammates into the city this spring on their own. They started with recurrent visits to By the Hand, an after-school program that strives to support at-risk kids in rough neighborhoods by assisting with academic issues and life skills.

On those trips, players sat in "peace circles," each composed of a small group of kids with at least one police officer. Only the person with the designated talking stick could speak. Conversations began. Scars were exposed.

Acho can still hear one African-American girl's voice, her confusion and despair too raw. For so long, she had been ridiculed for her intelligence, for her academic ambitions. Now she was spilling it all, telling everyone in the circle how peers had mocked her.

"Thirteen years old. Really good in school," Acho said. "And kids were saying, 'You're not black. You're white!' ... That really hurt her. I remember her saying, 'Why does being black have to be associated with being dumb? Why can't I just be smart because I'm smart?'"

Acho could feel a lump in his throat. He wanted this girl to understand her self-worth.

He knew meetings like this, discussions like this had to become a starting point for larger efforts.

Getting involved

Acho was the first to greet the My Block, My Hood, My City group at Halas Hall on that November Friday. As the teenagers settled into a viewing suite overlooking the team's newest fields, Acho leaned over a high table and struck up conversation.

Trevon Walker, loquacious and full of ambition, used the forum to express his dream of going to college.

Walker and Rayshawn Washington also told Acho of the work they were doing in their Engle-

wood community, organizing a program in which kids get together with police officers in an effort to create more positive relationships.

"You hear the stories of these horrible neighborhoods," Acho said. "But here you have kids who are actively trying to change the story line. I get excited. Because when you stop and actually listen to someone's story, you realize things aren't as hopeless as they might seem. ... Trevon isn't stuck in feeling sorry for himself. Trevon is trying to maximize his opportunity."

For Bears players on the social justice committee, those encounters have been important reminders of how basic yet meaningful their support can be. Many of these kids simply want to be heard, to connect with those who will listen to their hopes while also recognizing their fears and obstacles.

"At some point it's not really that our guys are professional athletes," McCaskey said. "I think that really helps in the beginning. But at some point and at the most basic level, these kids are finding out that somebody cares about them."

On that November afternoon at Halas Hall, Cole hoped the kids from My Block, My Hood, My City not only noticed Khalil Mack and Eddie Jackson and Tarik Cohen but the multitude of others who are part of the Bears' daily operation.

He hoped the connections that were made were just sparks to light a fire. Ultimately, he hopes Bears players can help teach students how to set goals for themselves.

"Personal goals. Educational goals. Professional goals," Cole said. "A lot of kids don't know how to set goals. Daily goals. Weekly goals."

"I also hope the kids can be exposed to so many of the other career opportunities that there are within the Bears organization. They need to know they can work in marketing. They can work in sports science. They can work in general operations. If you love this game, you can be a part of it without ever having to touch a football."

Getting started

The roots of these efforts cannot be overlooked.

In the weeks leading up to August's Hall of Fame Game, Bears players, according to Acho, had numerous passionate discussions about how they might approach the national anthem. President Donald Trump had touched a nerve with his continual criticism of NFL players who had used peaceful pregame demonstrations as an attempt to spark conversation about social injustices across the country, including police brutality.

At a September 2017 rally in Alabama, Trump blasted players such as Colin Kaepernick who had chosen to take a knee during the national anthem. The president called for the league to take drastic measures. "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now. Out! He's fired. He's fired!'" Trump said.

That was the most notable in a series of flare-ups in which the president and others publicly chastised players for their demonstrations.

At the NFL owners meetings in May, the league adopted a policy that would fine teams and players who did not stand for the anthem. Less than two months later, the league rescinded that mandate.

Still, each time the issue became inflamed and the rhetoric amplified, the more unsettled some Bears players became. Even those who didn't have a deep attachment to one side or the other felt insulted in being told



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Members of My Block, My Hood, My City watch pregame activities before a game between the Bears and Rams on Dec. 9 at Soldier Field.

what they could and couldn't stand for.

At their angriest, Acho said, many Bears players talked openly about taking a knee themselves, backlash be darned. Ultimately, though, players reached an agreement. The form of the demonstration was never what this was supposed to be about. The focus had to remain where it was always intended to stay — raising awareness of minority oppression and finding ways to empower youth to create change in under-resourced communities.

"We have an opportunity to impact and change people's lives," Acho said. "Who's speaking up for the voiceless? Who's speaking up for the kids in these neighborhoods who are getting shot? Who's speaking up for the kids who are caught up in the opioid crisis?"

For the Bears, a concerted effort was made to channel their energy toward meaningful causes. Thus, at that preseason opener in Canton, Ohio, the Bears locked arms for the national anthem. It was a straightforward show of unity. The team's true path to making a difference would come away from the field, away from the cameras, away from all of the arguments.

Thus, when that \$813,850 donation to five charities was made six weeks later, Acho made a mental note that it probably would never have gotten off the ground — especially not in this form — had Kaepernick not started a movement. The conversations that came from that became a flashpoint.

"It stirred something," Acho said.

Added Hicks: "If Kaepernick never plays another down in football, he will always be (remembered for this). Maybe not as the one who started the conversation. But he definitely brought it to the forefront. As soon as that happened, more people started talking. More people started to have ideas. More people started saying, 'Man, there is change available. We can make a difference.'"

Kids can be kids

During the November visit to Halas Hall, Cole couldn't help but point out the laughter and youthful behavior of the teenagers in his program. For a few hours, they were decompressing, not having to be so hyper-alert to their surroundings.

"They get to be kids for a second," Cole said. "That's possible for them here. They don't have to be so aware. There's a burden to being so aware. And you don't always know it until you get away from it."

Trevon Walker showed off his new Bears hat covered in autographs. He also held up the glove rookie wide receiver Anthony Miller had given him. The whole day, to that point, had been a thrill.

Still, Walker acknowledged that his upbringing on the South Side has exposed him to things no kid should have to experience.

When Walker was an infant, he said, his father, George Edward Walker, was shot and killed.

He notes that due to the rampant gun violence in his community, he often realized he was safest at swimming practice or reading a book inside his home.

Walker has come to dread

funerals. "Watching somebody mourn is not good," he said. "It hurts the soul."

Walker has seen too many peers to count drop out of school or turn to selling drugs or, in some cases, wind up in jail. He realizes every day, even on the way to school, he is walking through a minefield.

"The gun violence is outrageous," Walker said. "Seeing kids my age getting shot brings tears to me. I know these are kids that can be something in life. And to lose their life in that way is ridiculous. My mom would always tell me that a bullet doesn't have a name on it. So always watch where you're going."

Added Johnson: "I take the bus to school and I see it every day. I thank God that it wasn't me. I'm thankful I'm not out here selling drugs and gang-banging. That's not the type of life I want."

Not one-time thing

A bit later, Cole openly hoped that neither the 13 kids from My Block, My Hood, My City nor the Bears would see their November connection as a one-time field trip. This has to become much more.

A week later, with tickets donated by Trubisky and Acho, the My Block, My Hood, My City group sat in Sections 122 and 123 at Soldier Field to watch the Bears' 15-6 victory against the Rams.

In the offseason, when the time constraints for players aren't as restrictive, Cole hopes many of the Bears will come visit the neighborhoods these kids call home.

Said Cole: "It's a great opportunity to see that community through that lens of the youth, through the assets. If you've never been to North Lawndale, the kids can take you to 16th and Kedzie and say, hey, this is Joe's, the best hoagies in the city. Or this is my hidden-gem restaurant, the Green Tomato. Or here's the intersection that means a lot to me. This is my block. This is where I eat every day. This is my school. This is where I play and have fun."

Cole is certain that experience would open the eyes of Bears players, exposing them to the destitution and suffering in the communities but also giving them a feel for the youthful optimism that exists too.

"There's a lot of resilience that comes out of these kids," Cole said. "It's impressive."

These are some of the reasons Hicks pushed to become a leader on the Bears' social justice committee, wanting to help lift kids. Hicks' mother grew up on the South Side until she was in her midteens, giving him a deeper connection to some of Chicago's biggest issues.

"I want kids to know there is more to the world than what they see and experience just in their immediate environment," Hicks said. "And maybe if they can feel that hope and that positivity toward the future, maybe their current circumstances won't weigh on them so heavily."

At this point, the energy is building. But the follow-up will be vital.

"These are seeds that have been planted," Cole said. "We'll see how they sprout."

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Palatine school worker files suit against union

Man alleges he's being forced to pay dues

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS
Chicago Tribune

A northwest suburban school employee is suing his labor union, saying he's being blocked from opting out of membership despite a landmark Supreme Court ruling last year that barred public unions from requiring government employees to pay dues.

Erich Mandel, a diesel mechanic from Palatine, alleges in the suit that he tried in August to end his union membership and cease paying dues in the wake of

the June decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Janus v. AF-SCME*, a case with Illinois roots that determined public sector workers could no longer be required to pay dues to a union as a condition of employment.

But Mandel's lawsuit, filed last month in federal court in Chicago, says Service Employees International Union Local 73 continued to collect dues from his paycheck "based solely on a union card that (he) purportedly signed" prior to the *Janus* ruling, before he had the right to opt out.

The union declined to comment, as did Mandel's employer, Palatine-based Community Consolidated School District 15,

which was also named in the suit. SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 employees in Illinois and Indiana, according to its website.

A September letter from the union said Mandel couldn't cancel his membership until July, the next authorization date on his union card, according to court documents.

But Mandel's attorney argues the union card is unenforceable in the wake of the Supreme Court decision.

"When he joined the union, his choices were join the union and pay union dues or not join the union and pay union fair share fees," said Jeffrey Schwab of the

Liberty Justice Center, which also represented Mark Janus, an Illinois state worker and the plaintiff in the watershed Supreme Court case.

Because of the *Janus* ruling, Mandel "should have been given the option to pay nothing and not be a member of the union," Schwab said.

Mandel's lawsuit claims his First Amendment rights to free speech and free association have been violated by the union and school district, where he has worked as a diesel mechanic in the transportation department since 2013.

The lawsuit is asking the court to bar the district from deducting

dues from his paycheck and the union to cease collecting them; it also seeks damages of all union dues collected during his employment.

The *Janus* ruling, hailed as a political victory for Gov. Bruce Rauner, has far-reaching implications for some two dozen states nationwide, including Illinois.

In late 2018, a collective bargaining unit of six field supervisors in west suburban Naperville's Public Works Department lost its union representation after half its membership used *Janus* rights to opt out of paying dues.

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Security workers remain on the job at airports even though the Department of Homeland Security isn't funded while the president and congressional Democrats fight over the shutdown and border security.

Lingering federal shutdown may cost airport TSA workers

Paychecks Monday could be last for those at O'Hare and Midway

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

The paychecks that Transportation Security Administration workers at O'Hare International and Midway airports get Monday will be their last until the federal partial government shutdown ends, a union spokesman said.

Security workers remain on the job at airports even though the Department of Homeland Security isn't funded while President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats fight over the shutdown and border security. Workers will be paid Monday for the pay period before the shutdown began, but they won't be paid in two weeks for the work they're doing now unless a deal is cut to end the shutdown.

"They are now uncertain how long they will have to stretch it," Dorothy James, an American Federation of Government Employees vice president, said in a statement. "Many federal employees live paycheck to paycheck."

"Federal Employees impacted by the shutdown are not guaranteed to be paid for time that they work or are furloughed during the shutdown," she said. "In prior shutdowns, Congress agreed to back pay, but there is no such guarantee now."

Hours after a new class of lawmakers was sworn in Thursday, House Democrats advanced bills that would reopen the government but would not pay for the border wall Trump wants. The president, meanwhile, showed no signs of giving in.

"The Shutdown is only because of the 2020 Presidential Election," Trump tweeted. "The Democrats know they can't win based on all of the achievements of 'Trump,' so they are going all out on the desperately needed Wall and Border Security — and Presidential Harassment. For them, strictly politics!"

The Washington Post reported Friday that top Trump appointees would get raises of about \$10,000 per year Saturday unless Congress acts to block them.

And despite the shutdown, most people won't see effects in their daily lives.

Packages continue to move through the mail. Courts are open. Many federal agencies' spending bills already have been approved, so they aren't in danger of closing. Others keep essential workers, such as airport security personnel, on the job.

"In terms of security screenings, the officers screening at the checkpoints will continue to work through the shutdown," TSA regional spokesman Mark Howell said last month.

The shutdown did, however, have a small cameo in Chicago on Thursday.

In sending reporters a federal criminal complaint charging Ald. Edward Burke with attempted extortion, U.S. Attorney John Lausch's spokesman Joseph Fitzpatrick wrote: "Due to the lapse in federal government appropriations, the U.S. Attorney's Office is not separately providing case information to the media or updating its website and social media accounts. The office's essential law enforcement functions, including criminal prosecutions, will continue."

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Ex-church deacon gets 5 years for sexual abuse of girl

Crystal Lake man served as volunteer with kids' choir

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO
Chicago Tribune

A former church deacon whom supporters described as a "role model" was sentenced Thursday to five years in prison for the sexual assault of an underage church choir member.

David Tapley, 54, of Crystal Lake, was found guilty by a jury in September of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. The conviction followed testimony from the girl who, with her service dog nearby in the courtroom, said Tapley began touching her inappropriately in the car on rides home from choir practice at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cary.

Tapley's wife teaches at the affiliated school, and Tapley was a volunteer musician for the church's children's choir. At the time he was charged, Tapley was deacon of a separate church — Fox Valley Christian Reformed Church in Crystal Lake — but stepped down from his leadership role after the allegations surfaced, the pastor there confirmed.

According to testimony, other instances of sexual abuse against the girl occurred during bike rides where other children were present and on Easter Sunday 2015.

Crystal Lake police Detective Kevin Doherty testified that the girl also reported that when she was in sixth grade, Tapley took her to his office at the Roosevelt University campus in Schaumburg, where he worked at the time, and molested her there, though he was not charged in connection with that specific allegation. A university official confirmed Thursday that Tapley is no longer employed there.

Officials said she was around age 9 when the abuse began and it continued until she was 14.

Tapley must serve 50 percent of the sentence and, when he's released, he must register as a sex offender and will be placed on two years of sex offender probation, during which he will be provided treatment. He was also ordered to pay the girl's family \$15,000 compensation for medical expenses plus \$200 per month for her mental health care, and to pay an additional \$27,000 to a victims' compensation fund.

The girl said on the stand that she has engaged in self-harm. Her father testified that she suffers post-traumatic stress disorder from the abuse, has trouble sleeping and disassociates from reality. She has been hospitalized and has fallen behind in school and the family has mounting medical bills, plus heavy monthly costs for her service dog.

In asking McHenry County Judge James Cowlin earlier to hand down the maximum sentence of 14 years, the girl's mother said at a sentencing hearing in December: "Please do not allow him to molest another child and do this to another family."

She said Tapley "manipulated" her daughter and that the

damage he has caused "cannot be undone."

"He shows no remorse, accepts no responsibility ...," the mother said. "He robbed her of her dreams."

The girl said Tapley treated her not as a person but "just a thing he needed to satisfy himself. ... All I wanted is to have a normal childhood and he took that from me."

While the girl's mother was testifying, a courtroom deputy abruptly approached Tapley's wife, Theresa, and escorted her out of the courtroom, where she was admonished for raising her middle finger at the girl's mother while the mother was on the stand, officials later confirmed.

Theresa Tapley was one of several people who testified on Tapley's behalf, describing him as a trusted, compassionate Christian. Theresa Tapley called her husband "loving, gracious, selfless and humble."

Friends and family members testified that Tapley worked for years with Christian camps and church youth groups and taught many children to play the guitar.

There were never any complaints in all the years he had worked closely with children, said Michael Tapley, who flew to Illinois from California to testify in support of his brother.

"He is one of the most generous people I know," Michael Tapley said.

David Tapley's sister-in-law Sue Cash described him as "caring, compassionate, always there to serve."

"He's a very faithful Christian," she said. "He loves people like God."

Tapley, who had no other criminal history, could have received probation for the conviction.

But in announcing his sentence Thursday, Cowlin said he considered the state's "strong case" that Tapley committed a "physical intrusion on a young girl" that caused her harm.

Cowlin said Tapley used his position of power and trust to gain access to the victim for his own "perverted enjoyment."

The judge also noted that one act of abuse occurred in a church parking lot.

Officials with SS. Peter and Paul church stressed in a letter to the congregation, sent following Tapley's conviction in September, that Tapley was never a member of the church and that he assisted with the church choir for a brief period in 2015 at the request of a relative. The letter said Tapley was barred from the premises in July 2015 when church officials were informed of the abuse allegations.

"Please know that the parish has not received any other report of abuse associated with Mr. Tapley, and we are not aware of any," said the letter, which was signed by the church's pastor, the Rev. Jeremy Trowbridge, who provided a copy to the Tribune.

The letter also noted that the alleged abuse began before Tapley's brief association with the church but stated: "In hindsight ... the parish should have made this notification to you in July 2015."

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ELECTION 2019

Petitions of Glenview candidate, 19, under review

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Glenview trustee candidate Benjamin Polony, 19, said Wednesday he is confident his nominating petitions will withstand the scrutiny after an objection was filed against them.

A village Electoral Board hearing was convened at Glenview Village Hall to hear the challenge.

"This is some attempt by an opposing party to try to scare me off the ballot," Polony said after opening arguments in the village Electoral Board's review. "They probably see me as an easy target because I'm 19. They got that wrong. I'm ready to fight this and win the election."

The Electoral Board, composed of Village President James Patterson, Village Clerk Matthew Formica and Trustee Deborah Karton, moved to continue the hearing until the Cook County Clerk's Office can schedule a time to inspect Polony's petitions.

Polony is seeking one of three

trustee seats open in the April 2 election. He is running against two slates of three candidates each. Mary Cooper, Chuck Gitles and incumbent Michael Jenny were endorsed by the Citizens for Glenview. Tom Greenhaw, Dia Morgan and Cathy Wilson are running as part of the Better Government in Glenview Party.

Glenview residents Elizabeth Brown, Kathleen Gazda, Judith Traynor and William Traynor, none of whom is seeking village office in the April municipal election, have filed multiple objections to Polony's petitions, said Mary Ryan Norwell, an attorney representing the four in the case.

Polony's petitions contain signatures of people who are not registered to vote at the addresses on the petitions, fraudulent signatures, signatures of people who live outside Glenview, missing or incomplete addresses, and people who signed more than once, Norwell said.

"Because of these irregularities and insufficiencies, we believe the

nominating papers contain fewer than the minimum number of signatures as required by election code," she said. "We're asking that the candidate's name be stricken and not appear on the ballot in the April election."

Polony's father, Richard Polony, who is representing him in the case, said many of the signatures were collected at Glenview Village Hall from Glenview residents who had just voted in the November election.

"We were surprised to see objections to individuals who had just voted in the election," Richard Polony said. "To say those signatures were not registered voters or were forgeries was a surprise. Some of those individuals were our own neighbors. We know them personally and yet their signatures were objected to."

Polony said once the petitions are reviewed, the board will find that the objections are "not well founded."

Phil Rockrohr is a freelancer.

Burke staying in race for alderman

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our guiding north light, which helps us and informs our decisions.”

Still, Emanuel on Friday noted the 50-year alderman's affection for the city, and did not directly condemn his alleged actions as outlined in a federal complaint unsealed Thursday. The mayor announced that his City Council floor leader, Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, would take over the Finance Committee. O'Connor said he would start in his new role Monday.

While he's giving up his City Council chairmanship, Burke posted a video Friday to his 14th Ward Facebook page saying he plans to keep running for a 13th full term in spite of the federal charges. “By now, I'm certain that you've learned of yesterday's events,” says Burke, standing in front of American and Chicago flags. “I want you, my friends and supporters, to know that I fully intend to seek re-election.” Burke could not be reached for comment.

The alderman was charged by federal authorities with attempting to extort the owners of a Burger King franchise in his ward. Burke allegedly sought tax business for his private law firm and a campaign contribution in connection with permits the restaurant owners needed for their renovation.

The Chicago Tribune reported Thursday that the \$10,000 in contributions authorities alleged Burke solicited illegally was intended for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who is running for mayor. Preckwinkle has said she returned the money while the federal complaint states the candidate who received the money kept \$5,600.

Emanuel spoke with Burke about stepping down as chairman Thursday evening, not long after the veteran alderman turned himself in to federal prose-

cutors at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in the Loop and then appeared before a magistrate judge in a packed 17th-floor courtroom.

Conflicts and transparency

Burke's family has controlled the 14th Ward since 1965. As a young police officer, Burke won election as Democratic committeeman for the ward in July 1968 after his father, Ald. Joseph P. Burke, died of lung cancer while in office. The following year, Burke won election as alderman and has held the post ever since, rising from a young ward healer to one of the most powerful council members the city has ever seen.

Burke first became Finance Committee chairman in 1983, a position he has held for all but a few years since. In the subsequent decades, he has consolidated a huge amount of control within the committee, handling the workers' compensation program and Police Department settlements, along with just about any other high-profile proposals that affect the city's bottom line.

It's not unusual for Burke to frequently lock down proposed ordinances in his committee, deciding how and when to bring forth for hearings those he favors while leaving others to wither on the vine. Burke has an encyclopedic knowledge of City Council rules, and often outfoxes aldermen trying to push proposals he doesn't like by citing some guideline they've failed to heed.

But his rampant conflicts of interest also were no secret. His City Hall duties often overlapped with his lucrative outside business of filing property tax appeals for Chicago's wealthy.

Each year, Burke files a long financial disclosure list that includes firms from which his law firm has earned money. The alderman often abstains from

committee and council votes because his firm represents businesses that could be affected by the outcome — even after presiding over committee hearings at which the issues were discussed.

Those abstentions are known as invoking “Rule 14,” and Emanuel said Friday that he would make changes to strengthen such disclosures aldermen must make.

Emanuel was asked Friday whether he had been uncomfortable with Burke's many conflicts. “That's a fair question,” Emanuel said after a long pause. “It's not one I'm going to answer.”

Earlier this year, the city Board of Ethics looked into whether Burke violated city conflict-of-interest rules when he sidelined an effort to increase the property taxes paid by the owners of two buildings his law firm represents. The board, however, cleared Burke, with Chairman William Conlon saying the alderman “submitted compelling evidence” that he did not know the proposed City Council “order” he stalled could have affected firms represented by his law firm, Klafner & Burke, in property tax appeals cases.

Emanuel also said Friday that he would bring “a high-voltage spotlight to the ways permits and zoning changes are handled and approved.” He noted that both Burke and 20th Ward Ald. Willie Cochran have faced federal charges in which the aldermen held up zoning or permits.

“The processes for zoning changes are way too opaque,” Emanuel said. “I plan on this ethics package bringing a floodlight of transparency to that process, so that City Council members, staff at all levels and especially the public all have a clear understanding of the rules and visibility into what is happening and there can be no second-guessing in how the process works.”

Workers' compensation program

Emanuel also announced an overhaul in how the city runs and manages its massive workers' compensation program.

The attempted extortion charge against Burke did not involve the program, but the veteran alderman for decades has had absolute control over how the program is administered. Workers' compensation also has been exempt from the purview of city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson.

Emanuel said that in discussing the matter with O'Connor, the incoming finance chairman, both agreed the program should be moved into the mayor's administration.

“My office has been in contact with the inspector general, and our Law Department over the last couple months has been reviewing best management practices from around the country, and they have shown that employee benefits are best managed under one department. In Chicago's case, that is the Department of Finance,” Emanuel said. “The transition will ensure there will be more transparency and oversight into this important program as well as increased efficiency and improved risk management practices.”

Both the U.S. attorney's office and City Hall inspector general have had an interest in how Burke handles workers' compensation. But Burke and his allies have fought those efforts, making the handling of workers' compensation one of the most opaque multimillion-dollar operations at City Hall.

In 2012, Ferguson sought access to records related to the workers' compensation program to review it for waste and inefficiency. Burke denied Ferguson access to those records, contending they fell outside the watchdog's jurisdiction. That same year, a federal grand jury issued subpoenas for the program's database, injury records, medical assessments and claim investigation records dating to January 2006. Federal authorities also had subpoenaed similar records in 2006. Nothing appeared to have come of those requests.

In 2016, when the City Council gave Ferguson the right to investigate aldermen, the workers' compensation program was exempted. That ensured it would be left under Burke's complete control. Also in 2016, Ferguson issued a report on risk management, noting that three entities — the Department of Finance, the Department of Law and the Finance Committee — oversaw the city's various “claims and risk management” programs. He recommended they all be brought under one umbrella, as in other major U.S. cities such as New York and Los Angeles.

Ferguson on Friday confirmed he spoke to Emanuel about the shift of the work-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ald. Edward Burke departs in a taxi after turning himself in Thursday at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

ers' compensation program but cautioned “that the devil is in the details.”

“What we have is an opportunity to hit the reset button in a way that allows us to get this right,” Ferguson said. “Not only with respect to the workers' comp program, but also the workers' comp program in relation to the city's broader management of risk issues.”

Political optics

In O'Connor, Emanuel will have a veteran North Side alderman and close ally taking over the helm of the powerful Finance Committee. O'Connor was selected because he is the vice chair of the committee and council rules stipulate that alderman take over in the case of a resignation by the chair.

Having O'Connor in charge of the Finance Committee is also a best-case scenario for Emanuel, as the outgoing mayor tries to complete a series of high-profile projects before leaving office in May.

O'Connor has served on the council since 1983, making him the second most senior member of the body, and he's well-positioned to take over the difficult task of running the Finance Committee.

He said Friday that he wants to use the last few months of Emanuel's time in office to help the outgoing mayor set up the framework for a controversial pension borrowing program, and establish special property tax districts to help pay for massive developments in high-profile properties along the Chicago River and in the South Loop. “Right now, I'm looking at it at a four- to five-month assignment,” O'Connor said. “After that, the mayor will change, and some of the people on the council will change and things will be different.”

And O'Connor said much of his time will be taken up with helping turn workers' compensation over to the Finance Department. “This isn't flipping a light switch. You can't take the files from one office to another and say, ‘I'm done,’” he said. “We need to make sure people who are getting services keep getting them, and that we set this thing up following best practices for the long term. The goal would be to have it in place for the next mayor in May.”

But some mayoral opponents on the City Council are already complaining about the powerful position going to such a close mayoral confidant for even a few months at a time they want more transparency and collaboration with the mayor's office.

“There's a problem with Mayor Emanuel and Burke

and O'Connor deciding who's going to be the next finance chair,” said Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd. “Mayor Emanuel sat on his hands while Burke held all this power, and O'Connor helped block our attempts at reform. I don't think it's proper for the guys who enabled this to keep calling the shots.”

Waguespack said that if O'Connor chairs the Finance Committee for longer than a month, he and other aldermen will push for a vote to install someone else. It would be difficult for them to line up the votes to oust O'Connor if Emanuel works hard behind the scenes on his behalf, however.

While Emanuel took the allegations against Burke as an opportunity to pursue reforms, he stopped short of criticizing the alderman directly. That's a contrast from various candidates running to succeed the mayor who called on Burke not only to step down as finance chair but also to resign altogether.

Emanuel, though, said Chicagoans should not discount the value in voters getting to make that decision in the Feb. 26 election.

“What he decides to do on the aldermanic race is up to him. If he decides to go forward, the voters will decide something,” Emanuel said. “I don't think you should dismiss what the voters have a right to have a voice in. That's what the democratic process is.”

When Emanuel first ran for mayor in 2011, he talked of removing Burke as finance chair. That never happened as the two reached an understanding once the mayor took office.

Emanuel did reduce the size of Burke's around-the-clock security detail, and his office confirmed Friday that the 75-year-old alderman now will lose that protection altogether. O'Connor will not have such protection either, City Hall confirmed.

The mayor bristled Friday when a reporter asked him if he shared some responsibility for allowing Burke to amass so much power at City Hall.

“I don't think that's my responsibility. I take responsibilities for my actions, and I take responsibility as mayor, but you say I'm responsible for Ed Burke being so powerful? Only you and my mother think that,” Emanuel said. “I don't even get the basis of the question.”

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TINLEY PARK

Negotiation OK'd for redevelopment of former mental health center

By **MIKE NOLAN**
Daily Southtown

With an eye toward acquiring the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center, village officials will negotiate with a development group that has proposed building hundreds of homes and is seeking tax increment financing help and other incentives of nearly \$69 million.

The exclusive negotiating rights agreement with Melody Square LLC will be in effect for six months, with issues such as potential uses of the 280-acre site and incentives being discussed.

At a Village Board meeting Thursday, residents accused officials of "rushing" the agreement through, although the village said that entering into negotiations doesn't bind it to ultimately approve Melody Square's plans or incentive amount.

Melody Square's proposal includes 435 single-family homes described as active-adult age-restricted housing targeting buyers 55 and older, as well as a 200-unit luxury senior apartment building. Separately, an additional 60 single-family detached homes are proposed as well as 100 town homes.

According to the village, Melody Square's principals include national homebuilders K. Hovnanian Homes and M/I Homes, along with commercial property owner Rick Heidner. Another partner in the group is David Dorgan, who served as Tinley

Park's village manager from 1991 until 2003.

In 2015, Tinley Park planned to pay the state what was then an asking price of \$4.16 million for the property, north in a bid to gain greater control over what might be built there, then backed away from that idea.

Village officials said they have been waiting on an updated appraisal of the property from the state.

Having a development partner will "send a message to the state" that Tinley Park is interested in moving ahead with redevelopment, village manager Dave Niemeyer said at the meeting.

Melody Square's was one of three proposals reviewed by the village and a consultant, SB Friedman.

Melody Square wants tax increment financing assistance from the village to demolish buildings on the 280-acre property, northwest of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street, and environmental remediation of the site, according to its proposal.

Testing completed in 2014 revealed environmental issues such as asbestos, an abandoned sewage treatment plant, leaking underground storage tanks holding gasoline and other petroleum products, drums containing chemicals, and soil contaminated with mercury and lead. An estimate for the village put the cost of cleaning the site and demolishing the many buildings on the property to get it ready for development at \$12.4



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Tinley Park will negotiate with a developer that is proposing to build homes on the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center site.

million.

Unlike a shovel-ready site, costs for developing the property could be anywhere from 40 percent to 70 percent higher than for a typical residential development, largely because of the demolition and environmental remediation costs, according to SB Friedman.

Some residents questioned why the village would want a development with a large number of homes, noting statistics that show Illinois continues to experience an exodus of residents to other states.

Officials have said that although the property is in a tax increment financing district, the site's location in Cook County makes large-scale commercial development unlikely due to higher property taxes.

UrbanStreet Group, had proposed 785 single-family homes,

306 town homes, 500 apartments and 200 units of senior housing, including active-adult and assisted-living units.

Trustee John Curran said that large number of homes could have overwhelmed local school districts with an influx of students, noting that most of the housing in Melody Square's proposal is restricted to buyers 55 and older.

"It's a need," he said of housing for older residents.

During a public comment period prior to the Village Board vote, many residents said it was frustrating because they were asking questions without having more specifics about the proposal.

Mayor Jacob Vandenberg said there would "be multiple other opportunities for public comment," and officials noted that any development would undergo ex-

tensive review by the village's Plan Commission as well as the Village Board.

After six months, if progress is being made, the negotiating agreement with Melody Square could be extended, or the village could "go back to the drawing board" and start fresh with a different developer if talks stall, village attorney Patrick Connelly said.

Two trustees — Michael Glotz and Michael Pannitto — voted against proceeding with negotiations with Melody Square.

In a breakdown of its incentive request, Melody Square is proposing \$6 million for demolition of buildings on the property, \$12.8 million for infrastructure work such as utilities and streets, and \$6.5 million for environmental remediation.

Incremental increases in property tax revenue in the TIF district the land is located in would be used to pay those expenses, according to the village.

Melody Square also has asked that any existing TIF revenue be turned over to help in getting redevelopment started.

Melody Square's proposal earmarks about 140 acres of the site for housing development and more than 80 acres for parks and open space.

Six to 10 acres of the total site would be earmarked for commercial uses, with potential interest in a hotel and movie theater, according to Melody Square.

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Trump: Shutdown could last years

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five-duty troops in what critics described as a pre-election stunt.

Trump also said the hundreds of thousands of federal workers who are furloughed or working without pay would want him to "keep going" and fight for border security. Asked how people would manage without a financial safety net, he declared: "The safety net is going to be having a strong border because we're going to be safe."

Democrats, on the other hand, spoke of families unable to pay bills and called on Trump to reopen the government while negotiations continue. Senate Democratic Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said, "It's very hard to see how progress will be made unless they open up the government."

Friday's White House meeting with Trump included eight congressional leaders — the top two Democrats and Republicans of both chambers. People familiar with the session but not authorized to speak publicly described Trump as holding forth on a range of subjects but said he made clear he was firm in his demand for \$5.6 billion in wall funding and in rejecting the Democrats' request to reopen the government.

Trump confirmed that he privately told Democrats the shutdown could drag on for months or years, though he said he hoped it wouldn't last that long. Said Trump: "I hope it doesn't go on even beyond a few more days."

House Democrats muscled through legislation Thursday night to fund the government but not Trump's proposed wall. However, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said those measures are non-starters on his side of the Capitol without the president's support.

A variety of strategies are being floated inside and outside the White House, among them trading wall funding for a deal on immigrants brought to the country as young people and now here illegally, or using a national emergency declaration to build the wall. While Trump made clear during his news conference that talk on DACA (the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program) would have to wait and that he was trying to negotiate with Congress on the wall, the conversations underscored rising Republican anxiety about just how to exit the shutdown.

Trump designated Vice President Mike Pence, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and adviser Jared Kushner to

"I don't call it a shutdown. I call it doing what you have to do for the benefit and the safety of our country."

— President Donald Trump

work with a congressional delegation over the weekend. That meeting is set for Saturday morning, the White House said.

Some GOP senators up for re-election in 2020 voiced discomfort with the shutdown in recent days, including Cory Gardner of Colorado and Susan Collins of Maine, putting additional pressure on Republicans.

But with staff-level talks, there is always an open question of whether Trump's aides are fully empowered to negotiate for the president. Earlier this week, he rejected his own administration's offer to accept \$2.5 billion for the wall. That proposal was made when Pence and other top officials met at the start of the shutdown with Schumer.

During the news conference, Trump also wrongly claimed that he'd never called for the wall to be concrete. Trump did so repeatedly during his campaign, describing a wall of pre-cast concrete sections that would be higher than the walls of many of his rally venues. He repeated that promise just days ago.

"An all concrete Wall was NEVER ABANDONED, as has been reported by the media. Some areas will be all concrete but the experts at Border Patrol prefer a Wall that is see through (thereby making it possible to see what is happening on both sides). Makes sense to me!" he tweeted Dec. 31.

Trump was joined by Pence in the Rose Garden, as well as House Republican leaders Kevin McCarthy and Steve Scalise. McConnell, who went back to the Capitol, said it was encouraging that the White House officials and the congressional contingent would meet over the weekend "to see if they can reach an agreement and then punt it back to us for final sign off."

Schumer said that if McConnell and Senate Republicans stay on the sidelines, "Trump can keep the government shut down for a long time."

"The president needs an intervention," Schumer said. "And Senate Republicans are just the right ones to intervene."

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Impeachment seen as forbidden fruit

Pelosi wants such talk taboo, but brash Dem freshmen eager

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had only been in office for a few hours when a handful of Democrats defied her persistent calls not to begin the new Congress by talking about impeachment.

Just after Pelosi was sworn in Thursday, long-time Democratic Reps. Brad Sherman of California and Al Green of Texas introduced articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

That evening, newly elected Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan riled up a supportive crowd by calling the president a profanity and predicting that he will be removed from office.

Tension over impeachment is likely to be a persistent thorn for Pelosi, who will have to balance between a small, vocal group of the most liberal members of her caucus, who want to see Trump removed immediately, and the majority of her members who want to wait for special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation to finish.

Pelosi purposely avoided — and encouraged most fellow Democrats to avoid — any talk of impeachment during the election, believing there could be backlash from voters.

While eager to paint impeachment as the Democrats' only agenda, Trump has also expressed some



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., reportedly assured President Donald Trump that impeachment wasn't a priority.



Tlaib

Sherman

worry both publicly and privately at the prospect. He has told confidants that he finds the impeachment talk somewhat unnerving, according to an outside adviser who spoke to him in recent days.

The president, who has long fashioned himself as the ultimate winner, told the confidant that he worried that impeachment, even if he retained office, would be a stain on his legacy.

While he thought impeachment would rally his own base in the 2020 election, it could hurt his standing with foreign leaders as he negotiates trade deals, according to the adviser.

While many Democrats might favor impeachment, those calling for it are largely outliers.

Most Democratic lawmakers listened to Pelosi and campaigned on kitchen table issues such as health care and jobs and prefer to keep them at the forefront of the party's focus.

Still, it will be hard for Pelosi to quiet some on her left flank who see their new majority as a direct challenge to Trump.

"Impeachment is on the table," Sherman said. "You can't take it off the table."

Tlaib, who represents a liberal district in Detroit, exclaimed at an event late Thursday that Democrats were going to "impeach the mother-----." She didn't back down Friday, tweeting that "I will always speak truth to power."

Her spokesman, Denzel McCampbell, said Tlaib, one of two Muslim women in Congress, "was elected to shake up Washington" and will not stay silent.

"The congresswoman absolutely believes he needs to be impeached. She ran and won by making this very clear to the voters in her district," McCampbell said.

Pelosi said Friday at an MSNBC town hall said she wouldn't censor her colleagues, and that Tlaib's

language was no worse than things Trump has said.

Pelosi said the House shouldn't move to impeach Trump without more facts and that she believes impeachment is divisive.

The prospect of that division delights Republicans, who have used impeachment calls to fire up their base of voters. Trump seized on the topic, asking in a tweet Friday, "How do you impeach a president who has won perhaps the greatest election of all time, done nothing wrong?"

Speaking later Friday to reporters in the Rose Garden, Trump said he thought Tlaib's comments were "disgraceful" and that she "dishonored herself."

At a meeting Friday at the White House on the gov-

ernment shutdown, Trump opened his remarks with his concerns about impeachment, according to a White House official and a tweet from Pelosi's spokesman Drew Hammill.

Trump said that Pelosi assured him during the meeting that "we're not looking to impeach you," and that he replied "that's good, Nancy, that's good."

Hammill later tweeted a slightly different recap: "Speaker Pelosi made clear that today's meeting was about re-opening government, not impeachment."

There has been some discussion in Trump's orbit about how to deal with a possible impeachment effort. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who led impeachment efforts against President Bill Clinton two decades ago, encouraged conservatives to foster what he believes would be counter-productive impeachment talk among Democrats.

The 1998 battle backfired on Republicans, who were seen as overreaching while Clinton's poll numbers rose.

"Make it the speaker's problem, make her deal with the nutty wing of her party," Gingrich said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Many Democrats on Friday distanced themselves from Tlaib's words.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said he doesn't think "comments like these particularly help."

House Oversight and Reform Committee Chairman Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said the comments were "inappropriate" and go against efforts to reclaim civility.



Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., left, says the bill would include measures to expand voter registration, improve access to voting options and tighten election security.

House Dems targeting Trump on tax returns, transparency

BY MIKE DEBONIS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Democrats are set to pursue legislation that squarely targets President Donald Trump by requiring presidential candidates to disclose 10 years of tax returns, mandating more transparency for presidential inaugural and transition committees, and tightening White House ethics standards.

Those provisions are only a small part of a broad reform bill — the "For the People Act" — that encompasses campaign finance, election integrity and security, congressional ethics and more.

But they are a clear signal that Democrats intend to take an aggressive approach to Trump and his administration.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and other Democrats are planning to unveil an outline of the legislation. The Washington Post obtained an advance blueprint of the bill, which will move through several House committees over the coming weeks and is tentatively set for floor consideration early this year.

Under the blueprint, presidents, vice presidents and candidates for those offices would be required

to release 10 years of returns — a move prompted by Trump's refusal to release any returns in the 2016 campaign up to the present day, breaking with the practice of both Democratic and Republican presidents in recent decades.

This effort to secure Trump's tax returns is moving in parallel to an effort to use existing federal law that allows the chairs of the congressional taxation committees to inspect any U.S. tax return. Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass., has said he expects to move in that direction over the coming months, though that gambit is likely to be subject to litigation.

The other provisions respond to concerns about the operations of the Trump inaugural committee, which raised tens of millions of dollars with little formal transparency, and his transition team, criticized for a lack of ethics oversight.

Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., who had led the drafting of the bill, focused on other aspects of the bill in a recent briefing — including measures that would expand voter registration, improve access to voting options and tighten election security, as well as improve disclosure of political donors and reduce their

outsized influence on the political process.

"I have a feeling the 2020 election is going to have a historic turnout for voting, and if we're not ready for that, we could end up with a train wreck," he said. "This is a set of prescriptions to make sure every election that comes down the pike is handled in a respectful way."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has long advocated for fewer restrictions on political spending, said last month that the bill was effectively dead on arrival in the Senate.

Sarbanes said he was not bothered by the rejection and said Democrats were determined to lay down a marker on good-government issues. Republicans, he added, might cooperate on some pieces of the package, such as digital ad transparency and election security.

"You could stamp on this thing, 'McConnell rejected,' and it would immediately give it more credibility," he said. "If he wants to ultimately stand with his arms folded between the American people and their democracy, then he should go right ahead, but I think he's going to get knocked over by where the sentiment of the country is right now."

Jailed American spent years collecting Russian contacts

BY LYNN BERRY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. corporate security executive and former Marine who has been jailed in Moscow on spying charges has spent more than a decade cultivating friends and contacts in Russia, both virtual and real.

Paul Whelan sought out friends throughout the country, most often through a social networking site similar to Facebook and popular in Russia.

Several told The Associated Press that the American never seemed sinister, merely someone who was interested in Russia and wanted to be pen pals.

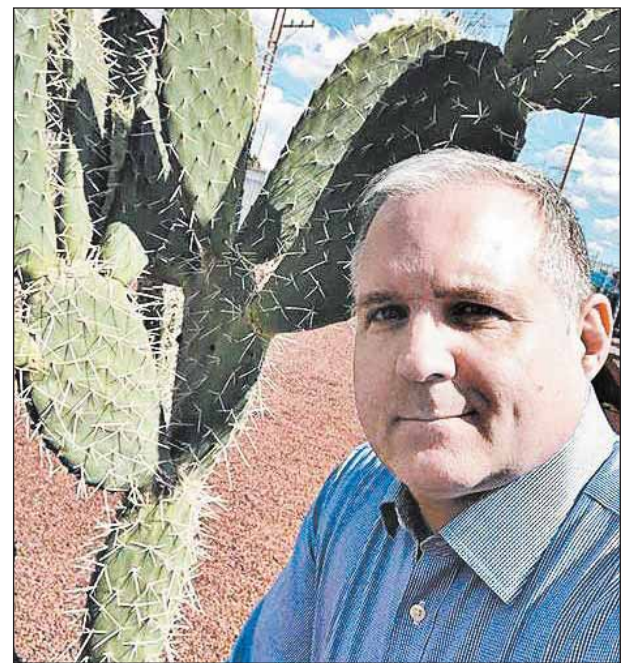
"I know him as a friendly, polite, educated, and easygoing guy," said one of his contacts, who, like the other Russians interviewed for this story, spoke on condition of anonymity because of Whelan's legal troubles.

Whelan was arrested Dec. 28 while on a two-week visit to the country and has been charged with espionage. The Russian government has so far given no details about the allegations against him, but a close look at his social media history suggests why he might have come to the attention of the Russian security services, regardless of his motives.

He has collected dozens of contacts on the social media site, nearly all of them men, many of whom have at least some connection to the military.

His family back home says he was nothing more than a tourist. In a Washington Post op-ed published Friday, his twin brother, David, urged the U.S. government to pressure Russia to release him.

"Paul is a kind and considerate brother, son and uncle, and a generous and loyal friend," he wrote. "He travels as often as he can, both for work and pleasure.



FAMILY PHOTO

Paul Whelan was arrested Dec. 28 while on a two-week visit to Russia and has been charged with espionage.

He is many things to many people, but he is not a spy."

Whelan, 48, could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of spying.

He is also a citizen of Britain, Canada and Ireland, which brings international pressure on Russia from several fronts. He was born in Canada to British parents, but grew up in Michigan, where he now lives.

"He has British citizenship. The British side has sent a request for a consular visit," the Russian state news agency Tass cited Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova as saying.

Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs on Friday confirmed that Whelan also holds Irish citizenship and said it is requesting consular access, while Global Affairs Canada confirmed that it is providing consular assistance to Whelan and is asking Russian authorities for more information on his case.

His family said he was in Moscow over the holidays for the wedding of a fellow former Marine and had

planned to travel to St. Petersburg before flying home this weekend. Instead he's in Lefortovo, a notorious prison run by the KGB in Soviet times and still used for foreigners accused of spying.

Whelan has been visiting Russia since at least 2007 travel.

Even before then, he had begun developing a network of contacts throughout Russia. Some said they met him online in 2006 and became "pen pals," trading practice in English for Russian. Whelan seemed fascinated with Russia and its culture, they said.

For nearly a decade, he has had an account on VKontakte, which means In Contact.

One of Paul Whelan's friends on VKontakte said he believed the arrest was a mistake because a true spy would never act as openly as he did. He said Whelan gave him his home address and they exchanged Christmas cards.

Former CIA officers also have expressed doubts that Whelan was working for U.S. intelligence.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Appeals court backs president in transgender military case

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court in Washington sided with the Trump administration Friday, saying restrictions on transgender men and women serving in the military can stand.

The decision lifted an injunction that had barred the government from limiting their service.

The unsigned order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has no immediate impact on

transgender troops because federal judges in three other cases have temporarily prevented the administration from implementing its policy.

The Defense Department said it is continuing to abide by the other court orders that allow transgender men and women to enlist and serve.

Even so, the five-page ruling was a blow to the civil rights and gay rights organizations challenging the policy nationwide.



SEAN GALLUP/GETTY

Post-Christmas treat: Elephants at Tierpark in Berlin munch on Christmas trees Friday as part of an annual tradition. The zoo takes only fresh, unsold trees from selected vendors. Monkeys get trees decorated with vegetables, and tigers get meat decorations.

China begins first surface exploration of moon's far side

BEIJING — A Chinese space rover explored the lunar terrain on Friday in the world's first mission on the surface of the far side of the moon.

Jade Rabbit 2 drove off a ramp the previous night and onto the soft, powdery surface after a Chinese spacecraft made the first-ever soft landing on the moon's far side. A photo by China's space agency showed tracks left by the rover as it headed away

from the spacecraft.

The Chinese rover has six powered wheels, allowing it to continue to operate even if one wheel fails. It has a maximum speed of about 200 meters per hour and can climb a 20-degree hill or an obstacle up to 8 inches tall.

Previous moon landings have been on the near side of the moon, which faces Earth. The far side has never been explored on the surface.

U.S.: Airstrike targeted militant tied to USS Cole bombing

WASHINGTON — An American airstrike earlier this week targeted an al-Qaida operative accused of involvement in the attack nearly two decades ago on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors, a U.S. military spokesman said Friday.

The man targeted, Jamal al-Badawi, is wanted in the United States for his role in the Oct. 12, 2000, attack on the guided-missile destroyer in the Yem-

eni port of Aden. He was indicted by a U.S. grand jury in 2003 and charged with 50 counts of various terrorism offenses, including murder of U.S. nationals and murder of U.S. military personnel.

The spokesman said the airstrike was conducted Tuesday in the governorate of Marib, which is east of Sanaa, the Yemeni capital, and that U.S. forces are assessing results to confirm al-Badawi's death.

Data of politicians and celebs in Germany hacked, put online

BERLIN — Twitter suspended on Friday an account that posted links to sensitive personal data and documents stolen by hackers from hundreds of German public figures and politicians — from every political party but the far-right Alternative for Germany.

The exposed material included addresses, cell-phone numbers and chat records, along with banking, credit card and other financial information, German news media said.

The breach, discovered by journalists on Thursday, affected politicians at all

levels, including the European, German and state parliaments as well as municipal officials, said Martina Fietz, a spokeswoman for Chancellor Angela Merkel. She said the country's cyberdefense agency was investigating.

Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said an initial analysis suggests that the material was obtained from cloud services, email accounts or social networks. He said there was no indication that federal government or parliament computer systems were compromised.

The German news

agency dpa reported that the information included a fax number and email address belonging to Merkel and several letters to and from the chancellor.

Although the data reportedly include information such as internal party communications and in some cases personal financial records and credit card details — some of the data years old — RBB said there appeared to be no politically sensitive documents.

The Twitter account listed as located in Hamburg was taken offline at midday Friday after gaining about 17,000 followers.

Dozens of tourists robbed on trail to Rio landmark

SAO PAULO — Dozens of tourists hiking toward the famous Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro were held at gunpoint for up to two hours in a mass robbery that could mark an early test for anti-crime crackdowns promised by Brazil's new president.

Police said Friday that at least three assailants carrying knives and a gun set up the ambush on the trail, which cuts through a dense forest that borders a slum on the outskirts of the city and has been the site of numerous muggings.

More than 30 people were robbed — about half

foreigners from Asia, Europe and elsewhere in South America — as the thieves took hostages and waited for more tourists to arrive.

They took cellphones, cameras, wedding rings and credit cards, police said, adding that nobody was hurt.

Weather Channel app sold users' data, suit says

LOS ANGELES — People relied on the most popular mobile weather app to make plans and figure out how to dress for the elements, but its owners used it to track their every step and profit off that information, Los Angeles prosecutors said Friday.

The operator of The Weather Channel mobile app misled users who agreed to share their location information, selling their data to third parties, City Attorney Michael Feuer said.

Feuer sued the app's operator in Los Angeles County Superior Court to stop the practice.

A spokesman for IBM Corp., which owns the app, said it has always been clear about the use of location data collected from users.

The Weather Channel app claims it has approximately 45 million users a month, the lawsuit said.

Announced departure:

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., who has served in Congress for nearly four decades and recently shepherded a sweeping farm bill to passage, announced Friday that he will not seek re-election in 2020 at the end of his fourth term, opening up a seat the GOP has held for nearly a century.

Recall:

Ford is recalling more than 953,000 vehicles worldwide to replace Takata passenger air bag inflators that can explode. Included are the 2010 Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX, the 2010-2011 Ford Ranger, the 2010-2012 Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ, the 2010-2011 Mercury Milan, and the 2010 to 2014 Ford Mustang.



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December jobs report offers reassurance

U.S. employers went on a hiring spree as '18 ended: 312K jobs

By **JOSH BOAK**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers dramatically stepped up hiring in December, adding 312,000 jobs in an encouraging display of strength for an economy in the midst of a trade war, slowing global growth and a partial government shutdown.

The Labor Department said Friday that the unemployment rate rose slightly to 3.9 percent, but that reflected a surge in job seekers — a positive for growth.

Average hourly pay improved 3.2 percent from a year ago, up from 2.7 percent at the end of 2017.

The jolt in hiring offered a dose of reassurance after a tumultuous few months on the financial markets.

Stocks surged on the



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Builders added 38,000 construction jobs in the U.S. last month, adding to a strong December jobs report.

news, along with word that the U.S. and China will hold trade talks beginning Monday in Beijing and comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell that the U.S. central bank will be flexible in judging whether to raise interest rates.

The governments of the United States and China

have expressed interest in a settlement but have given no indication that their stances have shifted. After several tit-for-tat tariff increases last year, Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed Dec. 1 to postpone further hikes.

Powell further cheered stock market investors Friday, telling a conference of

economists in Atlanta that he will not resign if asked to do so by Trump, who has complained that the Fed has pushed rates higher and caused the stock market to decline despite the fact that there is no evidence that inflation was getting out of control.

“We are always prepared to shift the stance of policy and to shift it significantly if necessary” to meet the goals of maximum employment and stable prices, Powell said.

The S&P 500 index climbed 84.05 points, or 3.4 percent, to 2,531.94. The Dow rose 747 points, or 3.3 percent, to 23,433.16.

Job growth at this pace is a sign that the economy will continue to expand for a 10th straight year, even if overall growth slows somewhat because of the waning stimulus from Trump's tax cuts.

“The labor market is very strong even though the economy appears to be slowing,” said Eric Wino-

grad, senior U.S. economist at the investment management firm AllianceBernstein. “Those two things cannot coexist for very long. Either weakening demand will lead firms to dial back the pace of hiring or the robust pace of hiring will lead firms to ramp back up production.”

Trump called the job growth “GREAT” on Twitter. But Kevin Hassett, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, told reporters on Thursday that the next jobs report for January could be weak if the government shutdown continues. Hundreds of thousands of government employees put out of work would lower the job totals.

“So when we see the January jobs number, it could be a big negative,” Hassett said.

The health care, food services, construction and manufacturing sectors were the primary contributors to last month's hiring.

Health care and education services added 82,000 jobs, the biggest jump since February 2012. Restaurants and drinking places posted a net gain of 40,700 jobs. Builders added 38,000 construction jobs, while manufacturers increased their payrolls by 32,000 workers.

Businesses are still searching for more workers.

Fresh Coat Painters, based in Cincinnati, plans to nearly double the 300 employees who paint homes and businesses as it expands this year across this country. The franchiser is also launching an apprenticeship program to attract workers, in addition to providing higher pay and benefits.

Tara Riley, president of Fresh Coat, said that franchise owners are having to actively search for workers instead of simply posting ads.

“We realized it was a mindset change: You have to be recruiting, rather than hiring,” Riley said.

Marriott hackers focused on passport info

Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — Fewer Marriott guest records than previously feared were compromised in a massive data breach, but the largest hotel chain in the world confirmed Friday that 5.25 million unencrypted passport numbers were accessed.

The compromise of those passport numbers has raised alarms among security experts because of their value to state intelligence agencies.

The FBI is leading the investigation of the data theft and investigators suspect the hackers were working on behalf of the Chinese Ministry of State Security, the rough equivalent of the CIA.

The hackers accessed about 20.3 million encrypted passport numbers. There is no evidence that they were able to use the master encryption key required to gain access to that data.

Unencrypted passport numbers are valuable to

state intelligence agencies because they can be used to compile detailed dossiers on people and their international movements.

In the case of China, it would allow that country's security ministry to add to databases of aggregated information on valued individuals. Those data points include information on people's health, finances and travel.

“You can identify things in their past that maybe they don't want known, points of weakness, black-

mail, that type of thing,” said Priscilla Moriuchi, an analyst with Recorded Future who specialized in East Asia at the U.S. National Security Agency where she spent 12 years. She left the agency in 2017.

When the hotel chain disclosed the breach in November, the company said hackers compiled stolen data undetected for four years, including credit card and passport numbers, birthdays, phone numbers and hotel arrival and departure dates.

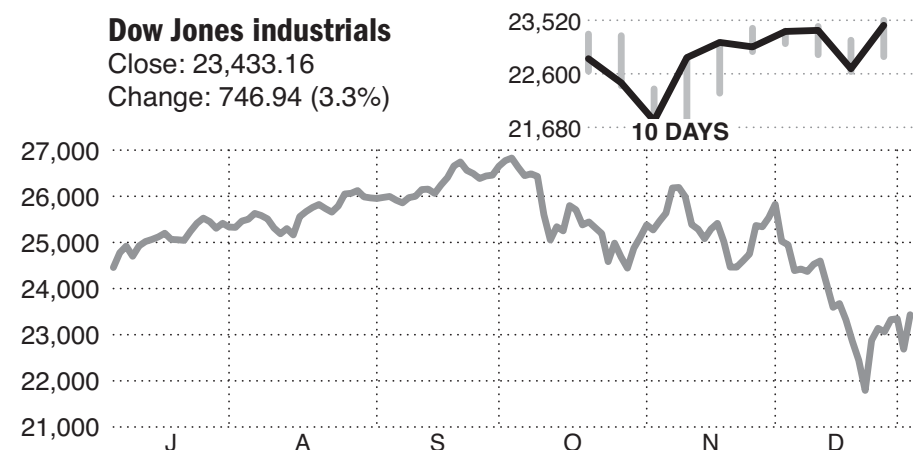


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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,518.64 Low: 22,894.92 Previous: 22,686.22



Nasdaq +275.35 (+4.26%)

Close: 6,738.86
High: 6,760.69
Low: 6,554.24
Previous: 6,463.51

S&P 500 +84.05 (+3.43%)

Close: 2,531.94
High: 2,538.07
Low: 2,474.33
Previous: 2,447.89

Russell 2000 +49.86 (+3.75%)

Close: 1,380.75
High: 1,383.16
Low: 1,333.10
Previous: 1,330.89

10-yr T-note +10 to 2.65%	Gold futures -9.10 to \$1,282.70	Yen +74 to 108.51/\$1	Euro -0.0007 to .8772/\$1	Crude Oil +87 to \$47.96
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.61	NASD +2.34	S&P +1.86	DOW -3.92	NASD -3.31	S&P -3.84	DOW -7.36	NASD -5.57	S&P -7.70

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	513.75	518.75	513	517	+3.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	380	383.50	379.75	383	+3.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	898.25	910	898.25	909.50	+9.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 19	28.22	28.45	28.22	28.41	+2.3
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	315.70	320.30	315.60	319.00	+2.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 19	46.90	49.22	46.65	47.96	+87
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 19	2.914	3.049	2.894	3.044	+0.99
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 19	1.3364	1.3981	1.3293	1.3478	-0.017

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	68.11	+1.89	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	95.39	+2.4	Mondelz Intl	O	40.84	+1.10
AbbVie Inc	N	89.07	+2.78	Equity Residential	N	64.56	+4.0	Morningstar Inc	O	108.51	+7.4
Allstate Corp	N	82.67	+2.37	Exelon Corp	N	44.62	+5.0	Motorola Solutions	N	115.56	+4.80
Aptargroup Inc	N	91.07	+1.98	First Indl RT	N	28.59	+5.5	NISource Inc	N	25.54	+4.4
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.71	+9.4	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	39.88	+2.22	Old Republic	N	20.64	+4.3
Baxter Intl	N	66.50	+2.02	Gallagher AJ	N	72.32	+1.78	Old Public	N	20.64	+4.3
Boeing Co	N	327.08	+16.18	Grainger WW	N	279.13	+11.09	Packaging Corp Am	N	86.17	+3.28
Brunswick Corp	N	46.64	+1.64	GrubHub Inc	N	75.80	+4.49	Paylocity Hldg	O	60.68	+3.37
CBOE Global Markets	N	98.36	+2.77	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	87.84	+4.26	Stericycle Inc	O	37.55	+3.8
CDK Global Inc	O	49.08	+1.51	IDEX Corp	N	129.35	+7.93	Teleph Data	N	34.91	+1.75
CDW Corp	O	77.88	+7.5	ITW	N	127.18	+3.73	TransUnion	N	56.21	+2.06
CF Industries	N	43.96	+3.39	Ingredion Inc	N	94.04	+1.96	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.35	+2.0
CME Group	O	184.68	+3.18	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	127.39	+5.50	US Foods Holding	N	32.76	+1.24
CNA Financial	N	44.81	+1.22	Kemper Corp	N	66.92	+1.89	USG Corp	N	42.98	+1.2
Caterpillar Inc	N	128.15	+6.64	Kraft Heinz Co	O	44.49	+1.18	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	255.03	+11.67
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.86	+3.0	LKQ Corporation	O	23.83	+9.2	United Contl Hldgs	O	82.68	+2.68
Deere Co	N	151.68	+7.63	Littelfuse Inc	O	170.28	+7.12	Ventas Inc	N	57.60	-2.8
Discover Fin Svcs	N	61.29	+2.88	MB Financial	O	41.23	+8.2	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	69.57	+2.24
Dover Corp	N	72.96	+3.17	McDonalds Corp	N	178.28	+3.38	Wintrust Financial	O	69.05	+1.96
Equity Commonwlth	N	29.43	-0.3	Middleby Corp	O	104.02	+3.32	Zebra Tech	O	152.97	+6.09

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.23	+1.17
Bank of America	25.58	+1.02
Chesapeake Energy	2.25	+1.12
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.48	+0.08
Bristl Myr SqB	46.89	+1.77
Ford Motor	8.08	+0.30
Vale SA	14.02	+1.19
AT&T Inc	30.34	+7.6
Nokia Corp	5.93	+3.6
EnCana Corp	6.23	+1.8
Square Inc	58.18	+5.76
Swstn Energy	3.90	+2.6
Ambev S.A.	4.42	+1.8
Freeport McMoran	10.82	+7.5
Pfizer Inc	43.00	+9.6
Royal Dutch Shell A	60.55	+1.34
Unitedhealth Group	239.62	+2.77
Twitter Inc	29.95	+1.98
Alibaba Group Hldg	139.75	+9.15
Energy Transfer L.P.	14.18	+8.4
Nabors Inds	2.39	+0.5
Petrobras	14.76	+5.0
Schlumberger Ltd	39.09	+1.49
Oracle Corp	46.71	+1.93

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	139.75	+9.15
Alphabet Inc C	1070.71	+54.65
Alphabet Inc A	1078.07	+52.60
Amazon.com Inc	1575.39	+75.11
Apple Inc	148.26	+6.07
Bank of America	25.58	+1.02
Berkshire Hath B	195.20	+3.54
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.15	+2.53
Facebook Inc	137.95	+6.21
JPMorgan Chase	100.69	+3.58
Johnson & Johnson	127.83	+2.11
Microsoft Corp	101.93	+4.53
Pfizer Inc	43.00	+9.6
Royal Dutch Shell B	62.22	+1.46
Royal Dutch Shell A	60.55	+1.34
Unitedhealth Group	239.62	+2.77
Verizon Comm	56.36	+1.4
Visa Inc	133.65	+5.52
WalMart Strs	93.44	+5.8

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	28.09	+9.3	-3.5
American Funds AMRCNBAlA m	25.02	+4.1	-3.2
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	43.14	+1.29	-11.3
American Funds CptlncBlrdA m	56.77	+9.5	-7.0
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	52.77	+1.69	-7.6
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	43.30	+1.54	-4.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.81	+3.9	-5.1
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	34.30	+1.08	-7.0
American Funds NWPrspctVA m	38.01	+1.28	-7.3
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	41.37	+1.17	-3.8
DFA EMktCorEq	19.42	+4.9	-16.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.27	-0.4	-2
Dodge & Cox Intl	37.85	+1.16	-18.5
Dodge & Cox Stk	176.74	+5.95	-7.0
DoubleLine TlRetBd	10.43	-0.4	-3.0
Fidelity 500dixnsPfm	87.99	+2.92	-5.2
Fidelity Contrafund	11.14	+4.2	-3.4
Fidelity ContrafundK	11.14	+4.1	-3.4
Fidelity TlMktDixnsPfm	71.41	+2.39	-5.9
Fidelity USBDixnsPfm	11.29	-0.6	+4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.16	+0.4	-5.2
Metropolitan West TlRetBd	10.42	-0.4	+6
PIMCO IncInstl	11.85	...	+9
PIMCO TlRetns	9.95	-0.5	+1
Schwab SP500dix	38.70	+1.28	-5.2
T. Rowe Price BCGF	97.12	+4.03	+3
T. Rowe Price GrStk	57.92	+2.30	-2.1
Vanguard 500dixAdmrl	233.82	+7.76	-5.3
Vanguard DivGrlnv	24.49	+6.2	-1.1
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	67.14	+1.90	-5.7
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	69.69	+2.67	-4.8
Vanguard HCAmrl	80.89	+2.51	-3
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.40	-0.5	-1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.96	...	+1.7
Vanguard InsidXlns	229.89	+7.63	-5.3
Vanguard InsidXlnsPlus	229.91	+7.63	-5.2
Vanguard InsTSMInPls	54.72	+1.83	-5.7
Vanguard MdCpdxAdmrl	172.74	+5.45	-9.8
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	122.40	+4.79	-3.7
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Frustration with gun violence

Chicago's gun violence is a frustrating, on-going problem. As noted in the Tribune ("Frustration all around with city's gun violence," Dec. 30), the clearance rate for most shootings is dismally low. According to the Tribune, of 13 dead and 62 others wounded during the first weekend of August, charges had been brought in four cases!

Perhaps part of the problem is some community leaders who brush aside shootings. Each incident is dismissed as a "young man who stupidly discharged a gun." Former Chicago Police Department Superintendent Garry McCarthy is condemned for wanting to bring federal charges against the individual who discharged a gun near South Side railroad tracks, leading to the deaths of two CPD officers. I'm speaking specifically of Rev. Michael Pfleger, who in his Wednesday Dec. 26 Facebook post seemed to condemn McCarthy ("SHAME on Garry McCarthy") for calling for felony charges against the gunman, but seemed to view the gunman discharging the gun as "stupidly discharging a gun."

If Chicago is going to make a dent in the violent crime rate, there can be no doubt Chicago gun victims want to fully prosecute criminals who recklessly and viciously use guns on our streets. It's a shame Father Pfleger can't understand that.

— Tony LaMantia, Chicago

Peace in the neighborhoods

What can we do to bring peace and a reduction in violence to gang infested neighborhoods? The first thing is to get away from the notion that guns are the main cause of the problem. No doubt guns play a major role in gang violence but it's much more than a gun problem, it's a gang problem.

Our country is saturated with guns, yet no other group commits as many shootings and killings as street gangs do. Waiting for gun laws to solve the problem means the problem will not be solved in our lifetime. Thus, the carnage will continue unabated.

We have a situation in areas of the West and South sides where gangs of teenagers and young adults are able to outthink and outgun all levels of law enforcement, thumbing their noses at society. What can that say about the level of competence of law enforcement and local officials when young thugs control the neighborhood instead of the police? For a gang to maintain control of territories mean that it wields more power than the citizens, the schools, the businesses, the churches, the politicians and the police. And these are young people.

And just who are these young people who have given Chicago a national reputation for violence? They are the product of an environment and upbringing that has so traumatized, dehumanized and desensitized them that they can snuff out God's greatest creation without batting an eye. Many of these gang members with blood on their hands are beyond counseling, schooling and jobs. They are a menace to society and must be treated harshly. Known gang leaders and members must be constantly harassed, picked up and questioned about their gang involvement and livelihood. One goal would be to get them to publicly disavow allegiance to the gangs. Since gangs do much of their deadly work from cars, random roadblocks should be set up in selected neighborhoods. Who owns the cars they are using, and are they properly licensed?

Law abiding citizens in these neighborhoods would probably welcome these measures. The bottom line: Stop treating gangs with kid gloves.

— Ned L. McCray, Tinley Park

Invest for the long haul

Columnist Steve Chapman wrote in his Dec. 27 column about President Donald Trump being his own worst enemy on the economy. Take a step back, Steve. Most analysts have been telling us for months that the markets could not sustain the high peaks they have enjoyed in the last 18 to 20 months. Everyone who has any sense should have anticipated the December Dive investors just experienced. Furthermore, a close look at the year-to-date performance of the Dow Jones index on the morning of Dec. 26 indicated it was down only a wee bit more than one half of 1 percent and still much higher than at the beginning of 2017.

The sound bites of "the worst December since 1931" and the declarations of the sky is falling were countered a bit by investors who seized on the buying opportunities out there in the market.

At 70 years old, and having been through so many ups and downs but living comfortably, I offer this: Do your research, find a trustworthy adviser, be vigilant and remember the old axiom of being in it for the long haul. Your patience will pay off and things will be just fine.

— George Weiler, Randall, Wis.

Drug testing for marijuana

It appears that all politicians are in favor of legalizing marijuana to raise revenue. Do they realize that many fields require drug testing before an individual is hired? Health, construction and police are among them. If someone is already employed, how could his or her usage ever be controlled? Please ask your representatives to explain their positions.

— John Miller, Crete

Resisting China's crackdown on religion

This past year was a bad one for China's religious believers, particularly Christians and Muslims. In January, military police closed a church in the province of Shanxi that had some 50,000 congregants — not by locking the doors but by dynamiting the building. In December, the government seized a church in the city of Chengdu, arresting the pastor and more than 100 of his parishioners, some of whom said they were beaten.

Both churches were guilty of operating without official permission under a new set of regulations designed to tighten the Chinese government's control of religion in all its forms. The organization Human Rights Watch says hundreds of unauthorized churches have been demolished in a campaign "to ensure that religious groups support the government and the Communist Party."

The Catholic Church has been forced into an uncomfortable accommodation to keep operating in China. Under an agreement reached in September, Pope Francis accepted seven bishops appointed by the government and gained a veto over the bishops Beijing chooses in the future.

It's not just organized Christianity that has been targeted. Individual belief also is under attack. In April, the government barred online merchants from selling the Bible, which may now be purchased only at church stores.

President Donald Trump is not known for his fervor on the topic of human rights, but his administration has made a commendable priority of focusing attention on Beijing's hostility toward religion. In September, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo denounced "an intense new government crackdown on Christians in China." In October, Vice President Mike Pence raised the issue again, asserting, "For China's Christians, these are desperate times."

It may seem natural for a U.S. administration that has much support from



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A family takes a photograph at a Catholic church after a Christmas Eve Mass in Beijing. The number of Christians in China has grown by about 10 percent per year since 1979, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, to as many as 130 million.

evangelical conservatives to highlight the mistreatment of Christians. But it also has decried persecution of Muslims, some 1 million of whom are held in re-education camps in the province of Xinjiang. Human Rights Watch says, "The authorities have effectively outlawed Islam in the region." In September, the White House indicated it was considering sanctions on individual Chinese officials involved in the crackdown.

No faith is exempt from official interference and control. "All of the five religions officially tolerated by Chinese leaders — Buddhism, Catholicism, Daoism, Islam and Protestantism — are now experiencing draconian treatment from the government of President Xi Jinping," reported The Washington Post.

Communist regimes have long aimed at stamping out religion, which they see as a dangerous rival for the allegiance of their people. But Beijing has seen the number of Christians grow by about 10 percent per year since 1979, according

to the Council on Foreign Relations — to as many as 130 million. In a decade or so, China could have the world's largest population of Christians.

Such growth "makes the government very nervous," University of Notre Dame political scientist Karrie Koesel told the Post. "It's not because they're challenging the state, but the state sees religion as an existential threat."

Religious freedom, however, is a vital human right that deserves to be respected even in authoritarian countries. The Trump administration can't dictate what the Chinese government does toward its religious citizens, but it can make sure that the world is fully aware of its abuses — and that at least some of the abusers pay a price.

The Beijing regime, meanwhile, ought to consider whether it really wants to be the enemy of those at home and abroad who find meaning and understanding in faith — whether Christian, Muslim or any other. History shows that religions always outlast governments.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The moment is turning weird. Even President Obama stepped forward to tidy up the scene by claiming that the inconvenient Trump boom is really the Obama boom. By all lights, the media should have treated this as laughable. Had a Republican leg of lamb been victorious on election night 2016, markets would have priced upward on the news that the Obama agenda was finished. Investors aren't clairvoyant but they respond to unexpected information. And seldom in history have circumstances conspired to give so clear a verdict on an outgoing administration.

When it's all over, this will be one lesson worth holding on to. Mr. Trump's personal fight for survival is likely to dominate our politics for the foreseeable future. And yet if anything justified his election in the first place, it was the wake-up call from 63 million voters to America's leadership class. Alas, it's hard to listen to people like James Comey and Mr. Obama himself and not see our political system trying hard to expel Mr. Trump so it can go back to doing exactly what it was doing before he was elected.

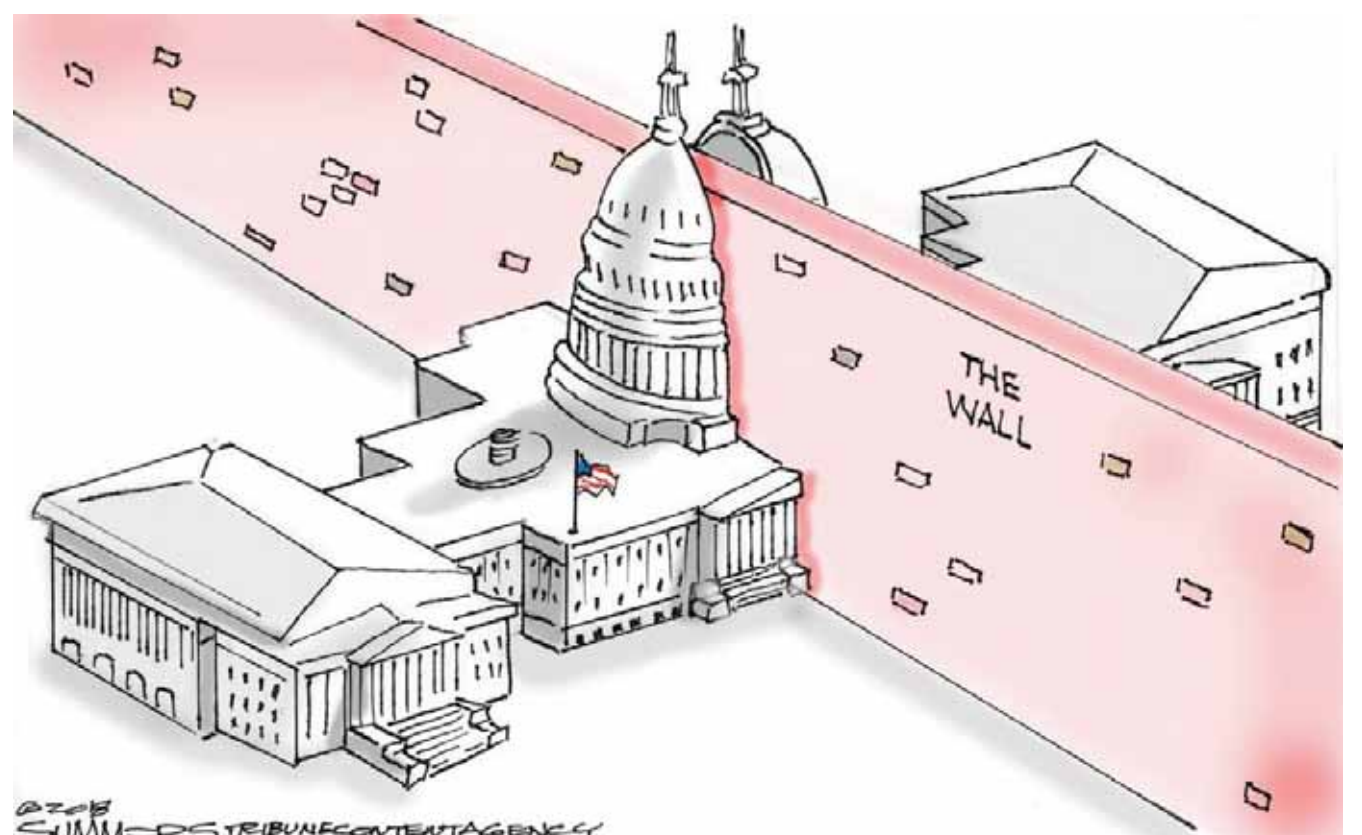
Holman W. Jenkins Jr., The Wall Street Journal

The biggest clue that the U.S. military expedition in Syria has become misguided is the confusion over its purpose. It originally was supposed to be all about combating the so-called Islamic State or ISIS, but then the Trump administration started talking more about getting the Iranians out or standing up to the Russians, which are completely different objectives. And if we are concerned about the absence of a proper process, consider that U.S. troops in Syria are now in a foreign war for purposes for which there has been no congressional authorization at all.

As far as the ISIS part of the mission is concerned, the central misconception in all the current hand-wringing about the impending withdrawal of U.S. troops is the false equation of terrorist threats to U.S. interests with a group's possession of some barren real estate in Syria. Contrary to the "fight them over there or else fight them at home" cliché that is being invoked once again, the history of ISIS suggests an entirely different dynamic. The group was less, not more, oriented toward international terrorism when it was focused on maintaining its mini-state in Syria and Iraq. ISIS still poses a threat — as an ideology, an instigator of hate, and a perpetrator of political violence — but it is not a threat that will be managed through military combat over Syrian real estate.

Paul R. Pillar, LobeLog

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TO: OCCUPANT; MARY HENDERSON; CAMBRIDGE APARTMENTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION/O DAVID SUGAR; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; ANNIE HUDGINS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006880 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0007081 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2210 E 70TH PL., UNIT #G2, CHICAGO, IL 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-24-425-008-1032 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; LIB INVESTMENTS, INC. SECURED INVESTMENTS, LLC; City of Chicago; EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC; GWENDOLYN THOMAS; CAMELLIA BOYD; WILSON WATSON; LETHERO BOYD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006881 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0007271 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7618 S DANTE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-413-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or

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TO: OCCUPANT; FRANCES PAGAN; ALEXANDER BRIM; CHUNTEL HAYNES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006882 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0007308 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7241 S LANGLEY AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-27-214-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; ELETA MURRAY a/k/a ELETA J. MURRAY-SMITH; PATRICIA MURRAY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MILO MURRAY; DONALD SMITH; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; JIHAN MURRAY-SMITH; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006883 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0007429 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8321 S PRAIRIE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-34-304-047-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT; EQUITY TRUST COMPANY, CUSTODIAN, FBO MELINDA J WALKER IRA; EQUITY TRUST COMPANY; MELINDA WALKER; CHATHAM COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; CHRISTOPHER SPANN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006884 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0007473 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8146 S DREXEL AVE., UNIT #8146-3, CHICAGO, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-115-022-1028 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; HENRY MURPHY; MYRLINE MURPHY; ALL AMERICAN ONE STOP HOME IMPROVEMENT COMPANY; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services f/k/a Illinois Department of Public Aid; Illinois Attorney General; VIRGINIA COLLINS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006885 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0007588 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8446 S CONSTANCE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-36-312-044-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT; DAISY APOLLO; CARLETTE APOLLO; NAGLE AVENUE PARKING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; JESS FOREST; NAGLE AVENUE PARKING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; 1608 N. NAGLE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; 1600-12 N NAGLE, LLC; 1608 N. NAGLE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006920 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009443 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1614 N NAGLE AVE., UNIT #11, CHICAGO, IL 60707 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-31-423-053-1011 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AHL1; JAZMIN CRUZ; OLGA BELTRAN; JENNIFER GAMA; OCCUPANT DAVALOS; OCCUPANT LASSALLE; OCCUPANT PACHECO; OCCUPANT ROMAN; VENTURA DAVALOS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006921 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009451 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2162 N MELVINA AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60639 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-32-119-042-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; DUSTIN ANDREWS; SPAULDING PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC.; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; GUARANTEED RATE, INC.; CONNECTED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC D/B/A CONNECTED FIRE SAFETY SERVICES; GEOFFREY CREEDEN; NATALIE ANDREWS; SAMUEL RIOLO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006922 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold

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06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009602 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2016 N SPAULDING AVE., UNIT #P-4, CHICAGO, IL 60647 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-35-233-034-1017 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; OSCAR FIGUEROA; ADRIANA TORRES;; NEIGHBORHOOD LENDING SERVICES, INC.; ROSA FIGUEROA; City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006924 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009810 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5251 S WASHTEAW AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-12-410-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; CHRISTIAN ORENES a/k/a ORENES J. CHRISTIAN; CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; City of Chicago; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON C/O BAYVIEW LOAN SERVING, LLC; LEXINGTON COMMONS COACH HOUSES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MADONNA LABRANCHE; DARRELL PARROTT; CHRISTIAN ORENES A/K/A ORENES CHRISTIAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006942 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010127 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7221 S ROCKWELL ST., CHICAGO, IL 60629 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-25-212-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been

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TO: OCCUPANT; KOFFI CISSE; COURTYARD IN FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; AMERICAN COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT, INC. D/B/A ACM COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT; WILLIAM NELSON; LORNA CISSE; DANIEL CISSE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006943 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010182 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4233 W 76TH ST., UNIT G-33, CHICAGO, IL 60652 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-27-401-058-1069 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; JOHN MURLASITS; Discover Bank; THERESE KAMMHOLTZ; PATRICK KAMMHOLTZ; PETER KAMMHOLTZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006945 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010266 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 511 W 44TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-04-316-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

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GOLDEN GLOBES PREVIEW

5 things to watch for Sunday

BY GLENN WHIPP
 Los Angeles Times

Does it feel like “A Star Is Born,” the consensus Oscar front-runner for best picture, came out a really long time ago? Like, I don’t think I’ve heard the song “Shallow” in at least 24 hours. What I’m wondering: Is anyone out there worried that Bradley Cooper’s romantic remake peaked too soon?

Those fretting should cast their cares to the wind as Sunday’s Golden Globes ceremony will provide ample reminders that “A Star Is Born” is alive and well and fully capable of roaring like a Lady Gaga aria at this year’s Oscars.

Voted on by the 88 active members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the Globes can’t be seen as a true precursor to the Oscars in that the overlap between the HFPA and the film academy is exactly one member. (Shout out to Lisa Lu!)

But this year’s Golden Globes ceremony (7 p.m. Sunday, NBC) arrives the day before academy members begin voting for Oscar nominations, providing the evening’s winners with a spotlight and megaphone to remind everyone of their worthiness, charm and, in the case of Christian Bale, a visual sign of the extreme measures he took to portray Dick Cheney.

Other than a slimmed-down Bale, what should we look for at this year’s show? Here are five key areas of interest.

How many speeches will Bradley Cooper make?

Three is the max, as the dimpled multi-hyphenate is nominated as a producer, director and actor. The HFPA has historically swooned over music-centered movies, so the Globe for best motion picture — drama is a lock. After that, though, it gets tricky.

For drama actor, Cooper is up against another performer playing a musician, Rami Malek in “Bohemian Rhapsody.” I’ve spoken to a handful of HFPA members who tell me the group went collectively gaga over the Queen biopic and would like to honor Malek, its driving engine. But the HFPA also prides itself on being awards season flag-planters, which could help Cooper since, of the two, he’s the one who’s actually in a decent movie.

So one, maybe two speeches. But not three, as Alfonso Cuarón will likely win directing honors for the visually poetic “Roma.”

Will the HFPA provide a boost to ‘The Favourite’?

The HFPA splits its movie categories between drama and comedy/musical, and this year, the lighter fare is providing most of the evening’s intrigue. And by “lighter,” I’m referring to nominated movies about Jim Crow-era racism, scheming manipulation in an English royal court and one of the most despised political figures of the past century.

Now that you’ve stopped laughing, let’s get down to business. Between “Green Book,” “Vice” and “The Favourite,” I’d guess Globes voters will lean toward Yorgos Lanthimos’ wickedly vulgar costume drama. Tonally, “The Favourite” is right in the wheelhouse of past winners like “The Grand Budapest Hotel” and “American Hustle.” And, unlike “Green Book,” it hasn’t faced any kind of awards season backlash.

But this is a category that could go any number of ways, including an upset win for “Mary Poppins Returns.” This bunch loves musicals, though, curiously (admirably?), the HFPA didn’t nominate any



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This year’s Golden Globes hosts Sandra Oh and Andy Samberg roll out the red carpet at The Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday.



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The remake of “A Star Is Born” by director Bradley Cooper is up for five awards, including best motion picture drama.



ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA/FOX SEARCHLIGHT FILMS

Globes voters may lean toward Yorgos Lanthimos’ wickedly vulgar “The Favourite” for best motion picture comedy/musical.

of the “Poppins” songs. So maybe its chances aren’t so practically perfect after all. I’m sticking with “The Favourite.”

Can Sandra Oh pull double duty as co-host and Globe winner?

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler hosted the Globes three times. In the middle year, Poehler had to change gears and head to the stage to accept an award for her lead turn on “Parks and Recreation.” (I’d like to think that there were celebratory waffles later in the evening.)

This year, co-host Oh is up for lead actress in a drama for BBC America’s celebrated series “Killing Eve.” A win isn’t certain, not with HFPA favorite Julia Roberts also in the category for her showcase turn on Amazon Studios’ “Homecoming.” But Oh should still probably enlist someone ahead of time to safeguard her trophy while she’s working. She has a strong chance of winning.

Will it be ‘out with the old, in with the new’ again on the television side?

The last comedy series to win back-to-back Globes was “Glee” in 2009-10. “Homeland” repeated on the drama side in 2012-13. The HFPA loves to churn through its television honorees, often giving an actor the Globe one year and then completely ignoring her or him the next.

“The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” won comedy series last year, shortly after its first episodes debuted on Amazon Prime. Its second season saw no dip in quality and it has all the elements — eye-popping costumes and production design, great music, strong performances from women — that should make it a shoo-in to repeat.

But there’s often no discernible logic behind the HFPA’s television choices beyond an attraction to shiny new things. That means we could see Netflix’s bitter-sweet buddy comedy “The Kominsky Method” prevail for comedy and either

“Killing Eve” or “Homecoming” take the drama series Globe.

How many ‘Big Lebowski’ references will Jeff Bridges drop while accepting the Cecil B. DeMille Award?

This is the booze-soaked Globes (a “naturally zesty enterprise”), so the “careful, man, there’s a beverage here” adage could come in handy. And since this is the HFPA, Bridges could trot out the “you’re not dealing with morons” line if he decided to take a mean-spirited, Ricky Gervais-approved approach. And given that Globenominated Sam Elliott will be in the room, Bridges could let a few F-bombs fly, hoping the actor who played the Stranger might shout, “Do you have to use so many cuss words?” But, you know, that’d be just, like, his opinion, man. Bridges abides, no matter what approach he takes.

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Chicago-area comic to compete on ‘Worst Cooks in America’

BY TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

Stand-up comedian Travele Judon’s friends and family members aren’t joking when they say they hate his cooking.

“My signature dish was like a three-meat pasta. There’s chicken breast, ground turkey and shrimp. Where I come from, more is better,” said Judon, who grew up on the South Side and lives in a south suburb. His friends and family “hate it. They think it looks like throw up. Pretty much if I cook it, they won’t show up or my wife will claim her stomach hurts.”

The 33-year-old is one of 15 contestants on Season 15 of “Worst Cooks in America,” which is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Sunday on the Food Network. Chefs Anne Burrell and Tyler

Florence mentor the contestants as they compete in a series of basic cooking challenges for a chance to win \$25,000.

This is not Judon’s first time working in television. He shot a sitcom pilot, “The Travele Show,” about a comedian struggling to balance work and family, in 2016. He also plays a jail guard on an upcoming episode of NBC’s “Chicago P.D.”

Judon, who calls himself a “clean comedian” because his material is family friendly, said he has opened for Chicago R&B singer Jeremih; gospel duo Mary Mary; and gospel singer Tye Tribbett. He said he plans to accompany Chicago gospel musician Jonathan McReynolds on his upcoming tour, which is scheduled to kick off in March.

Judon said he typically performs on the weekends, so he’s

responsible for feeding his daughters during the week. He signed on to “Worst Cooks” with his family in mind.

“My kids, they love pancakes, and I couldn’t even do that. My wife kind of urged me to try out for the show so I can learn how to cook so I can pull my weight more around the house,” Judon said. “I’m giving it my all to win. I’m going to bring a lot of laughs, a lot of joy to the show. You’ll see me grow as a cook and as a fellow castmate.”

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Chicago-area stand-up comedian Travele Judon competes on Season 15 of “Worst Cooks in America,” premiering Sunday at 8 p.m. on the Food Network.



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The Doctor (Jodie Whittaker) rises to world-protector battle mode in "Resolution."

Fabric of universe shifts with 'Doctor Who's' 'Resolution'

BY ROBERT LLOYD
Tribune News Service

For reasons perhaps known only to the Time Lords of Gallifrey, such as they may or may not currently exist, the traditional "Doctor Who" Christmas special was moved to New Year's Day this year. Ordinarily, such chronological mischief would threaten the fabric of the universe. But we are still here, seemingly.

Last year was a watershed year for the long-running franchise, the story of an absurdly old but generally quite fit traveler in space and time and what until 2018 had been his companions but currently are hers. It was the year that Jodie Whittaker became the Thirteenth Doctor, the first woman to play the part since the show's premiere in 1963.

All new Doctors are met with skepticism upon arrival and largely accepted thereafter, though Whittaker has faced extra head winds from fans who flat-out refuse to entertain the notion of a female Doctor. I loved her casting even before her season premiered, and I've loved her throughout the season, shepherded by new showrunner Chris Chib-

nall, if I haven't always loved the season. But I have loved it enough, enough of the time, and series viewership is reported to be up.

Tuesday's episode did indeed take place on New Year's Day, Earth time; as we meet them, the Doctor and her human gang of three — Graham (Bradley Walsh), Yaz (Mandip Gill) and Ryan (Tosin Cole) — have been traveling, taking in multiple New Years from ancient Mesopotamia to Sydney Harbor 2000. But beyond a few holiday references and some talk of "new beginnings" and a line that begins, "Here's my New Year's resolution" — the title of the episode is "Resolution" — the episode could take place anytime.

Anyway, an alert comes in. All is not well on Earth. Specifically under Sheffield town hall, where some 10th-century bones are being dug up.

With Chibnall having held back all season from dipping into the series' historical larder of enemies — your Cybermen, your Zygons, your Sontorans, your Slitheen and, most significantly, your Daleks — it is hardly surprising that the bow on the package of Chibnall's first season would bring one of them back. It's coming in the

next paragraph if you want to quit now.

Yes, it's the Daleks. Or, anyway, a Dalek.

"Resolution" deploys the familiar gambit of a threat from the past, long buried and newly awakened. There is the parasitic possession of a human by an alien. There are themes of love and sacrifice and various technological deorum ex machina made up as necessary. There is a variation on the old saw about a gun in the first act going off in the third, but with a microwave oven. Some things don't add up.

None of that matters if you're having a good time, of course.

Whittaker's Doctor rises from her habitual state of goofy wonder to world-protector battle mode, that attitude of nervous confidence the Daleks always bring out in her, and does some expert springing and sprinting and sliding. And though Daleks are fundamentally ridiculous, they are also terrifyingly monomaniacal. They just don't quit.

Meanwhile, the BBC has announced that there will be no further episodes until 2020 — "Resolution" is it for 2019. So perhaps the fabric of the universe has been disturbed after all.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Bridechilla meets Momzilla

Dear Amy: I am getting married next summer and have been dealing with a ton of wedding stress.

One of the major contributors to this stress is my mom. I have tried very hard to be a Bridechilla (instead of a Bridezilla), but I am getting so frustrated I don't know what to do! I wanted to involve my mom in my wedding planning, so I brought her to everything. But every time I decide on what I want, she is unhappy about how bad my choices are!

When she visited my wedding venue, she wouldn't even look around; she frowned the whole time. When dress shopping, she told me I was fat and ugly in my dream dress; when I showed her my wedding invitations, she told me they were not nice or classy because I did not use gold foil.

Now she is upset because I am involving her less and she feels I am involving my future mother-in-law more. This is completely not true!

The only difference is when I say no to my mother-in-law, she accepts my decision — whereas my mom will complain about past issues and never has anything nice to say about my wedding. She even said to me yesterday, "This is MY wedding. Well, it's yours, but it's also mine!"

I want to have this wonderful experience of planning my wedding and keep her involved, but I am so sick of her raining on my parade and making it all about her! What should I do?

— Trying to be a Bridechilla

Dear Trying: You've tried

your best to solicit your mother's positive involvement, and she just can't seem to get there. Frankly, calling you "fat and ugly" while you modeled your wedding dress should have marked the stark end of her involvement. That statement is flat-out mean-spirited.

This is not your mother's wedding. It is yours. Now you will have to do the adult thing and proceed by making choices you want to make, regardless of how your mother feels about them. She has lost the right to weigh in with any authority.

I suggest you stop trying to draw her in and instead merely tell her that you love her and that you hope she can find a way to be happy for you. Your mother's assignment moving forward should be to find a dress for herself that she likes, and to focus on ways to make this celebration a positive one for herself and other family members.

In the future, when she expresses negative emotions or opinions, you should only respond: "Well, Mom, I'm sorry you feel that way." That's it.

Dear Amy: We have two stepgrandchildren, ages 16 and 14. My wife and I have tried to welcome and include them in every event, whether in or out of our homes. They refuse to participate and typically sit in a guest room on their phones. They do not even acknowledge gifts.

Their father is a great guy and is embarrassed by their behavior. We continue to include them but have accepted that this is how it is. Any advice?

— Stepgrandparents

Dear Grandparents: It sounds as if your daughter is the stepmother to these children. She and her husband should try harder to urge them toward participating, at least in a superficial way. Do they have any creative ideas?

Relationships are built through sometimes-glancing experiences, and I hope you make it clear to these kids that you value having them in your family, even if you're still trying to get to know them.

In the best situations, teens often more or less "opt out" of family gatherings. You might not notice this behavior so much, or be as bothered by it, if these teens didn't have "step" status.

Be brave enough to ask these kids to help you set the table, stir the sauce or serve the brownies. Understand and tolerate some awkwardness. And keep trying.

Dear Amy: I felt for the "Gluten-free Hosts," who had a very demanding dinner guest with (it sounded like) celiac disease. The guest who insisted that they basically sterilize their kitchen was being unreasonable.

I have celiac, and I understand that sometimes I have to bring my own food. You get used to it.

— Gluten-free Guest

Dear Guest: When you bring your own food, you know exactly what you are getting.

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Scarlet Spencer, left, and Dallas Young

"Cousins for Life" (7:30 p.m., Nickelodeon): Kevin Kopelow and Heath Seifert team up again for this delightful new kids' buddy comedy. The show mainly revolves around Stuart and Ivy (Dallas Young, Scarlet Spencer), 12-year-old cousins who must make some adjustments in their close relationship when their sibling dads temporarily blend households, after Stuart's mother is deployed overseas.

"NFL Football" (3:35 p.m., ABC 3:35 p.m., ESPN): Andrew Luck's comeback season continues as his Indianapolis Colts (10-6) visit J.J. Watt and the Houston Texans (11-5) to begin the wild card round of the NFL playoffs. Luck and the Colts have been one of the great stories in the NFL this season. As AFC South rivals, the two teams split their matchups this season, but the Texans won the division.

"Super Troopers 2" (7 p.m., 12:25 a.m., HBO): Fans of the Broken Lizard comedy troupe had to wait for this 2018 sequel to the group's 2001 cult comedy hit "Super Troopers," as this follow-up languished in development hell until finally a crowd-funding drive provided financing. The action picks up several years after the first film, with the officers having been fired for inadvertently killing actor Fred Savage during a ride-along. Jay Chandrasekhar, who also directs, stars.

"Superfly" (7 p.m., 4:56 a.m., Starz): Director X brought the sharp visual style he honed in music videos to this 2018 crime drama, a remake of an iconic 1972 blaxploitation film from Gordon Parks Jr. Trevor Jackson ("Grown-ish") takes the leading role of Youngblood Priest, an Atlanta cocaine dealer who has been pushing drugs since he was 11. After he narrowly escapes being killed by a rival thug, however, Priest decides he'd better turn over a new leaf before he meets a violent end.

"Molly's Game" (8 p.m., Showtime): Academy Award-winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin ("The Social Network") got a similar Oscar nod for his adapted script to this 2017 crime drama, which also marked Sorkin's directorial debut. Based on the memoir of Molly Bloom, the film stars Jessica Chastain in a Golden Globe-nominated performance as Molly, a former Olympic skiing hopeful whose career is ended by injury.

"Ghost Adventures" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): The first of a two-part special presentation takes Zak Bagans and his team mates Aaron Goodwin, Jay Wasley and Billy Tolley to Alton, Ill., a town just north of St. Louis on the banks of the Mississippi River. In this community, considered by some to be one of the most haunted places in America, the paranormal investigators make their way to McPike Mansion, a Victorian structure with a rich history.

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS ©		FBI ©		48 Hours (N) ©		News (N) ▶
	NBC 5	The Titan Games Men and women from all walks of life battle head-to-head for the chance to become a Titan.				Saturday Night Live (N) ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	The Kids Are Alright	The Kids Are Alright	Single Parents	Single Parents	The Alec Baldwin Show: "Jerry Seinfeld." (N) ©		Eyewitness News (N) ▶
	WGN 9	Crocodile Dundee (PG-13,'86) *** Paul Hogan. An Australian hunting legend graves the wilds of Manhattan.				WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		Man of the People (N)
	Antenna 9.2	B. Miller	B. Miller	Soap ©	Soap ©	Johnny Carson ©		
	This TV 9.3	The Saint: "Jeannine." ©		The Saint: "The Scorpion." ©		The Saint ©		The Saint ▶
	PBS 11	Doc Martin: "Mysterious Ways." (N) ©		Shakespeare and Hathaway (N)		Maigret: "Maigret in Montmartre." ©		
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: "The Ghost of Frankenstein." ©				Lost in Space ©		B. Rogers ▶
	H&I 26.4	Hunter: "The Fourth Man."		Hunter		Hunter: "Silver Bullet."		Hill Street ▶
Bounce 26.5	† (6) Twisted (R,'04) *		Swordfish (R,'01) *** John Travolta, Hugh Jackman.				Eraser ***	
FOX 32	NFL Football: Seattle Seahawks at Dallas Cowboys. The NFL East-champion Cowboys battle against the Seahawks in a wild-card round				Matchup. (N) (Live) ©		Hell's Kitchen ▶	
Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ▶	
Telem 44	† (6) Skiptrace ('16) ** ©		John Wick (R,'14) *** Keanu Reeves. ©				Noticiero	
CW 50	AHL Hockey: San Antonio Rampage at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)						Dateline ▶	
UniMas 60	† (6) Blood Diamond (R,'06) *** Leonardo DiCaprio.				Rambo (NR,'08) ** Sylvester Stallone.			
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Moses	Bishop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)				Fútbol Mexicano (N)		Noticias ▶	
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 01.05.19." (N) (Live) ©				
	AMC	Colombiana (PG-13,'11) ** Zoe Saldana, Jordi Mollà. ©				XXX (PG-13,'02) ** ©		
	ANIM	The Steve Irwin Story ©				Crikey! It's the Irwins: Croc-ossal (Series Premiere) (N) ▶		
	BBCA	Planet Earth: S. Pacific		Planet Earth: S. Pacific		Planet Earth: S. Pacific		Wild West ▶
	BET	† (6:55) Rush Hour (PG-13,'98) *** Jackie Chan.				Rush Hour 3 (PG-13,'07) **		
	BIGTEN	College Hockey: Ohio State at Michigan State. (N) (Live) ©				The B1G		The B1G
	BRAVO	† (5:54) The Notebook (PG-13,'04) ** Ryan Gosling.				(8:56) The Notebook (PG-13,'04) **		
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	News (N)
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Boss ▶
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N) ©		Love, Gilda (NR,'18) *** Chevy Chase, Bill Hader. ©				Highlights ▶
	COM	† (6:25) We're the Millers (R,'13) ** Jennifer Aniston.				The Interview (R,'14) ** ©		
	DISC	Garage Rehab: Master		Garage Rehab: Master		Street Outlaws ©		
	DISN	Another Cinderella Story (PG,'08) ©		Raven		Raven	Coop	Coop
	E!	† (5) Bridesmaids ('11) *** Bridesmaids (R,'11) *** Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. ©						
	ESPN	College Basketball: Clemson at Duke. (N) (Live) ©				SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©		SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	† College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: West Virginia at Texas. (N) ©				Basketball
	FNC	Watters' World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters ▶
	FOOD	Worst Cooks in America		Worst Cooks in America		Worst Cooks in America		Cooks ▶
	FREE	† Toy Story 2 (7:25) Toy Story 3 (G,'10) *** Voices of Tom Hanks. © (SAP)						Shrek *** ▶
	FX	Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13,'03) *** ©						Bough ▶
	HALL	Winter Castle (NR,'19) Emilie Ullerup. ©				Love on Ice (NR,'17) Julie Berman. ▶		
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Love It or List It ©		Say Yes (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N) ▶
	HIST	Vanished (N) ©				Alcatraz Escape: The Lost Evidence ▶		
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Gladiator (R,'00) *** Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. ©						
	LIFE	Surviving R. Kelly ©		Surviving R. Kelly (N) ©		Surviving R. Kelly (Series Finale) (N) ©		Surviving ▶
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		11th Hour ▶
	MTV	† (5) The Parent Trap *** Mean Girls (PG-13,'04) *** Lindsay Lohan. ©						Lindsay ▶
	NBCSCH	NBA G League Basketball: Stockton Kings at Windy City Bulls. (N)				Football		Basketball ▶
	NICK	Henry (N)	Cousins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ©
OVATION	† (6) The Negotiator (R,'98) *** Samuel L. Jackson.				Troy (R,'04) *** Brad Pitt, Eric Bana. ▶			
OWN	Iyanla, Fix My Life ©		Iyanla, Fix My Life ©		Iyanla, Fix My Life ©		Iyanla ▶	
OXY	Snapped: "Tracy Lawson."		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Donna Cobb."		Snapped ▶	
PARMT	Happy Gilmore (PG-13,'96) ** Adam Sandler. ©				Billy Madison (PG-13,'95) ** ©			
SYFY	† Fast Five ** San Andreas (PG-13,'15) ** Dwayne Johnson. ©						Futurama	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	
TCM	Gunfight at the O.K. Corral (NR,'57) *** ©				(9:15) Gunfight at Comanche Creek ▶			
TLC	Say Yes to the Dress: "Hell Yes to the Dress." (Season Premiere) (N) ©				Say Yes to the Dress ©		Say Yes ▶	
TLN	Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace		Humanitarian		Pure Pas	
TNT	† (6) The Jungle Book *** (8:15) The Wizard of Oz (G,'39) *** Judy Garland. ©							
TOON	Dragon	Dragon Ball	Ballmastrz	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Family Guy	Dragon (N)	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost ▶	
TVL	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Jurassic Park (PG-13,'93) *** Sam Neill, Laura Dern. ©				Mod Fam		Mod Fam	
VH1	Selena (PG,'97) *** Jennifer Lopez. Mexican-American singer skyrockets to fame.						Obsessed ▶	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶	
WGN America	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ▶	
PREMIUM	HBO	Super Troopers 2 (R,'18) ** ©		(8:40) Pacific Rim Uprising (PG-13,'18) ** ▶				
	HBO2	The Sopranos: "Bust Out."		The Sopranos ©		The Sopranos ©		Sopranos ▶
	MAX	The Newton Boys (PG-13,'98) ** ©				(9:05) A Time to Kill (R,'96) *** ©		
	SHO	Shameless ©		Molly's Game (R,'17) *** Jessica Chastain, Idris Elba. ©				
	STARZ	Superfly (R,'18) ** Trevor Jackson. ©				Outlander ©		Counter ▶
STZNC	† (6:36) Clear and Present Danger (PG-13,'94) ***				Black Sails: "XIII." ©		Hunt ▶	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 5): Envision 10-year plans this year. Your consistent action inspires others. Fall in love again. You're the star this winter, before a challenge for shared accounts. A collaboration gets hot this summer, leading to a shift in your personal image. Set the stage to realize your dream.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Discuss the possibilities. Today's Capricorn new moon/solar eclipse benefits your career over six months. Ask for what you want.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Exploration ignites over the next six months. Studies, travel and investigation thrive with the new moon/eclipse in Capricorn. Consider all possibilities.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Today's Capricorn new moon/eclipse benefits shared finances over the next six months. A dream or fantasy seems within reach. Get budget approval before advancing.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Discover a deeper connection with your partner over six months. Your collaboration grows and flowers under this new moon/solar eclipse in Capricorn.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Physical power, health and vitality rises under the Capricorn new moon/eclipse. Performance breakthroughs and energy surges propel you ahead.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Passions spark under this romantic new moon/eclipse. The object of your heart's desire seems within reach. Love flowers over the next six months.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Domestic dreams come true with imagination, soapy water and elbow grease. The Capricorn new moon/eclipse inspires home renovation over six months. Prioritize family needs.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Tap into a creative surge. Expect intense learning over six months with this new moon/eclipse. Write and illustrate your vision. Discuss ideas, and brainstorm solutions. Ask questions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Dip your bucket into a lucrative stream over the next six months following the Capricorn new moon/eclipse. Take advantage to catch some silver.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Ask for what you want. Enjoy extra power and confidence with today's new moon/eclipse in your sign. Realize a personal dream.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 5. Make time to review, revise and plan over the next six months under the Capricorn new moon. Peaceful productivity blooms. Meditate on the road ahead.

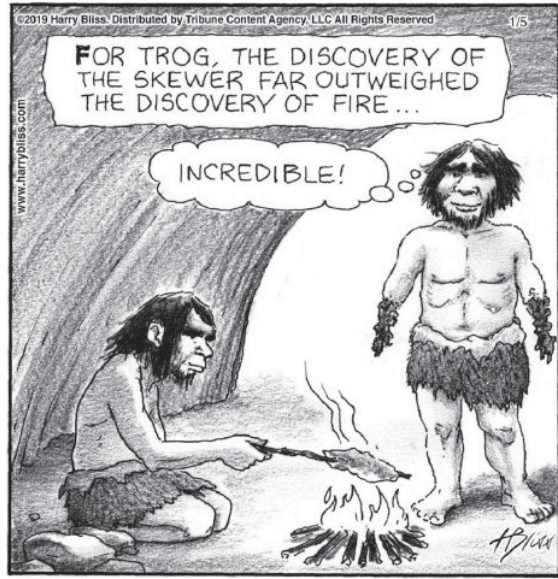
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Meetings and gatherings get especially fruitful and productive, with the new moon/eclipse in Capricorn. Collaboration arises naturally over six months. Share resources and ideas.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ K J 8	♥ A 5 4	♠ A 10 3 2	♥ J 10 7 6
♦ A 10 7 6 4 3	♣ 3	♦ J 2	♣ 9 7 6
West		South	
♠ 9	♥ Q 9 8 2	♠ Q 7 6 5 4	♥ K 3
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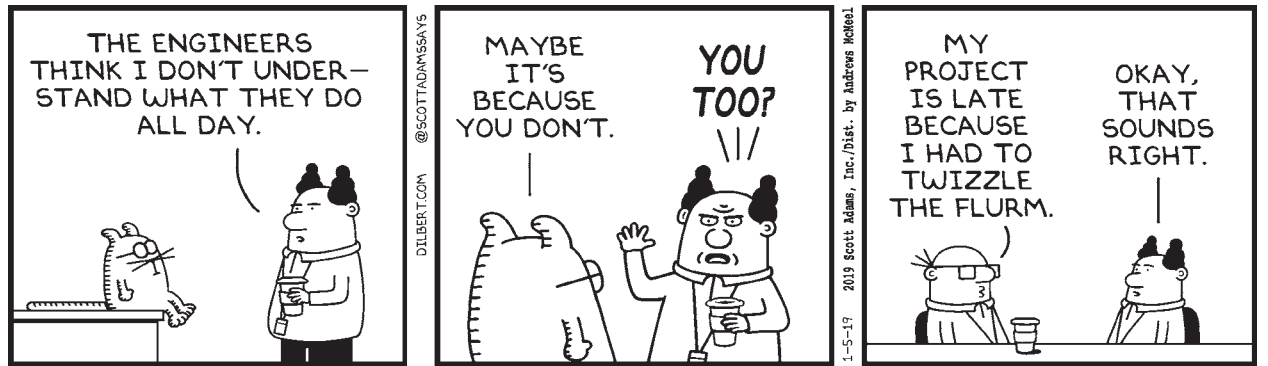
Sometimes a great player makes a great play that is difficult to explain. At least it is difficult for us to explain. Maybe that's why they are great players. Karen McCallum, a multiple World Champion, was South, in today's deal from a team game.

At the other table, South won the opening heart lead in hand and led a low spade to dummy's jack, which East allowed to hold. Declarer continued with the king of spades and could no longer make the hand. East won with her ace and shifted to the nine of clubs, ducked all around. A second club forced dummy to ruff and South couldn't avoid the loss of two trumps and two clubs. McCallum also won the heart lead in hand and led a spade to the jack, also ducked. At this point, she found the only way to make her contract — she played three rounds of diamonds! East ruffed and led the nine of clubs, covered by the king and ace. A second club was ruffed in dummy and McCallum continued leading high diamonds from dummy. East ruffed with the 10 and was over-ruffed. Declarer's last club was ruffed in dummy and the defense had to settle for the ace of trumps. Making four!

McCallum could reason, from the auction, that the hearts were 4-4. Also, West might have led a diamond with a singleton, so it was reasonable to place West with two diamonds. But playing the black suits to split like that? A remarkable guess.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



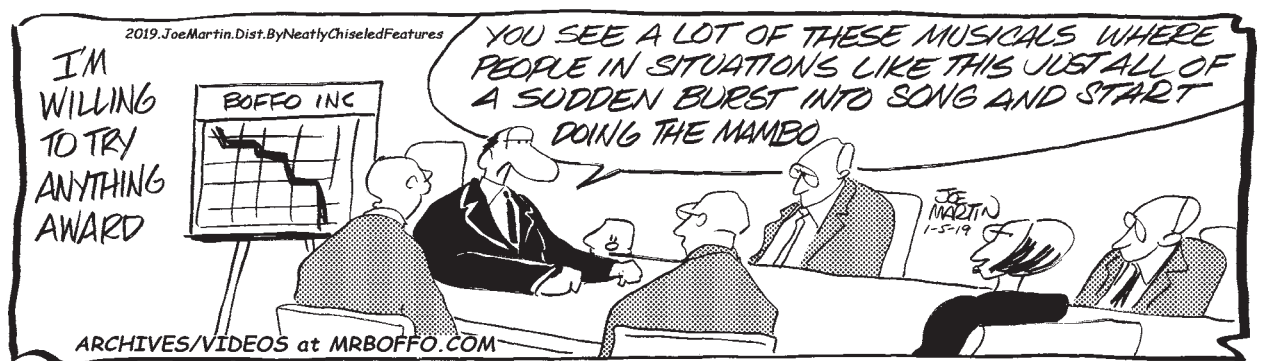
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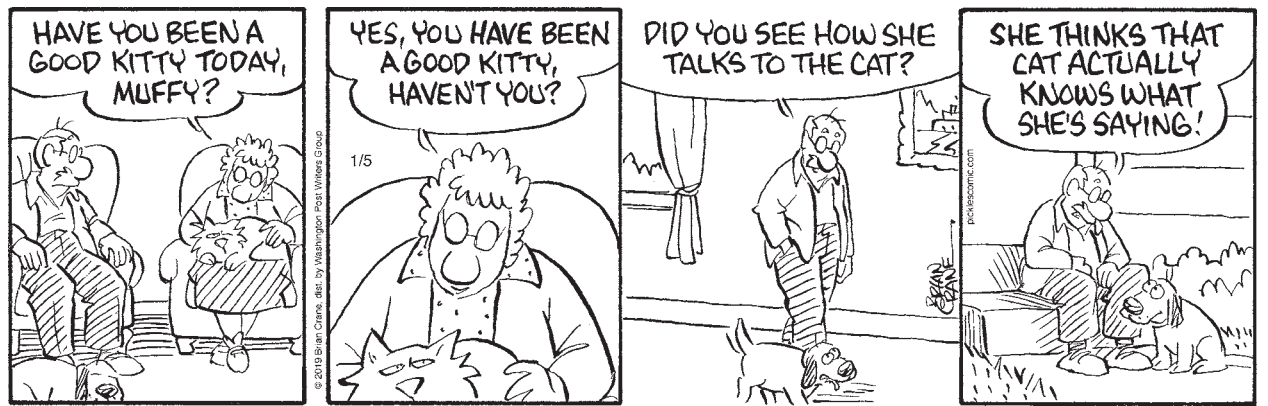
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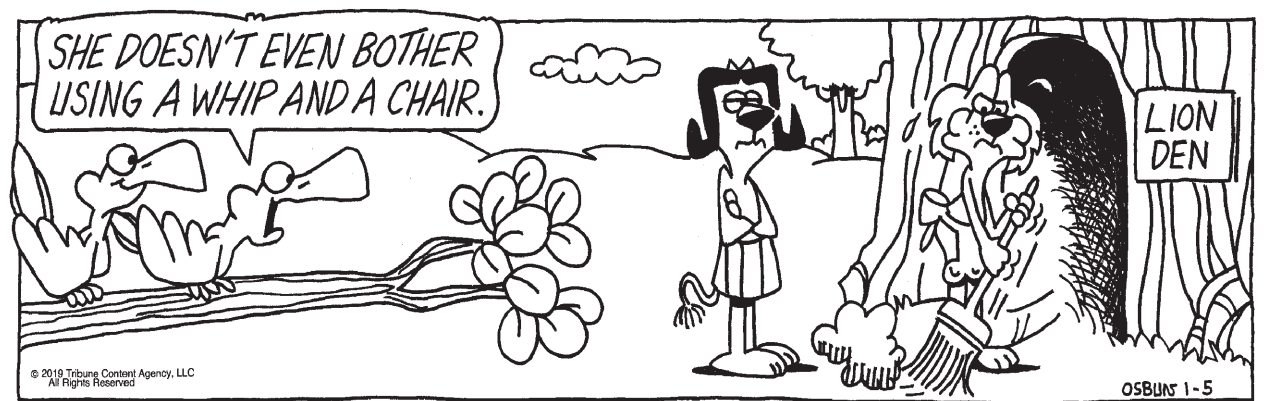
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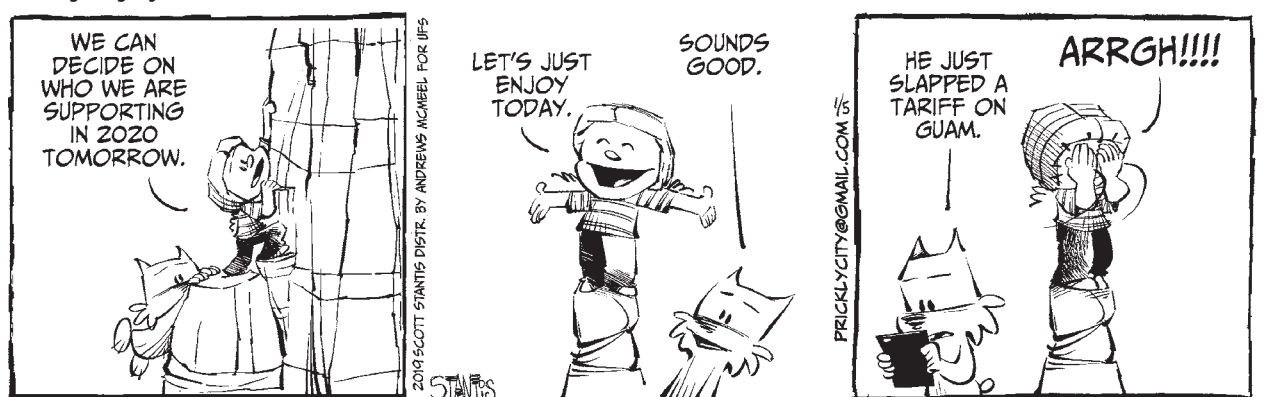
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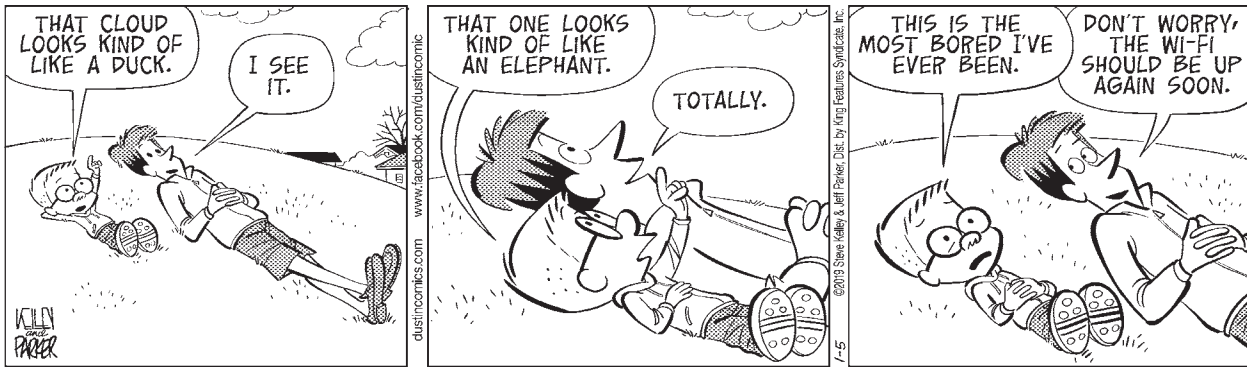
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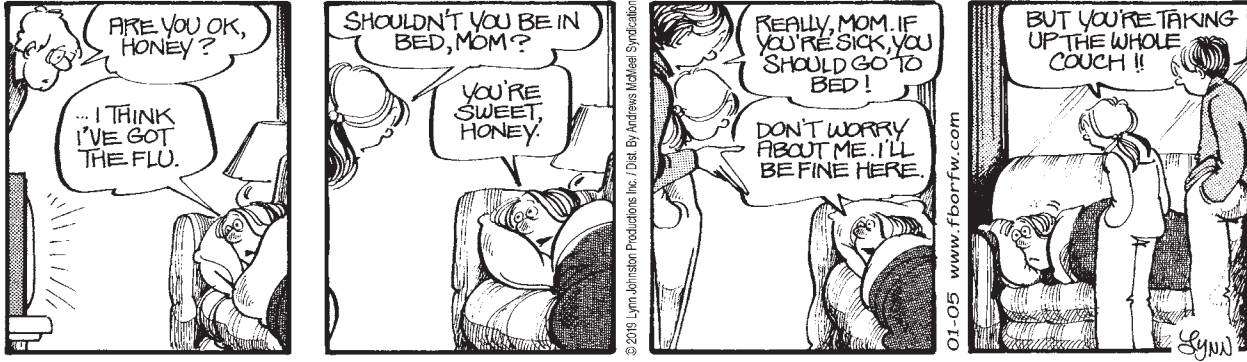
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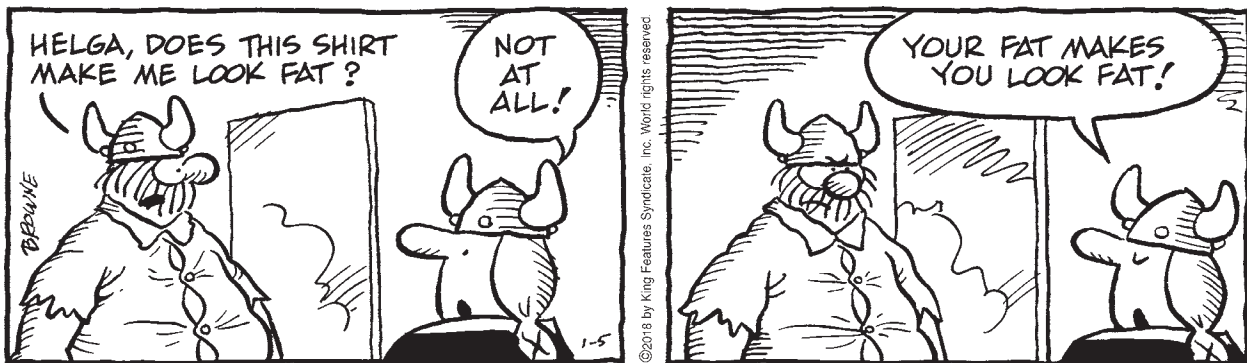
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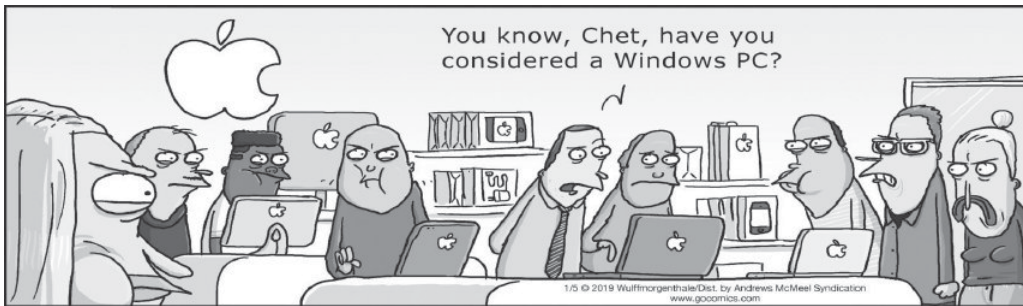
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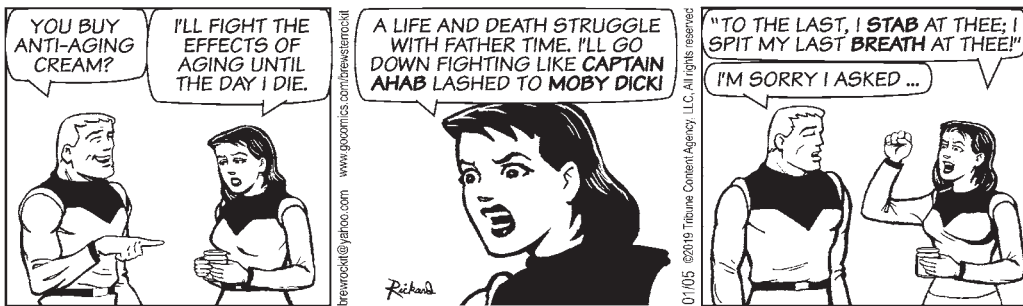
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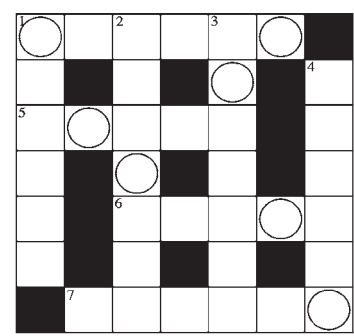
One of the world's first coffee trading centers was the Red Sea port of Al-Makha, or Mocha, in what country?

A) Egypt
B) Jordan
C) Saudi Arabia
D) Yemen

Friday's answer: "Smoke on the Water" describes Montreux "on the Lake Geneva shoreline" in Switzerland.

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: Apply a new coat
CLUE: House
CLUE: Be relevant to

TRIPLE BONUS
The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

ACROSS
1. Convey
5. Bold
6. Atmospheric layer
7. Seller

ANSWER
PRIMTA
VYENR
ZOOEN
DREOVN

DOWN
1. Disregard
2. Reason
3. Burr
4. Straight

ANSWER
GROEN
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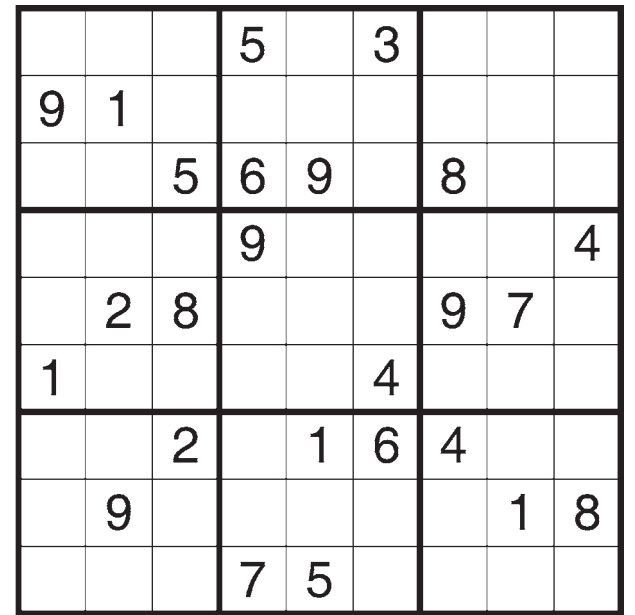
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/5



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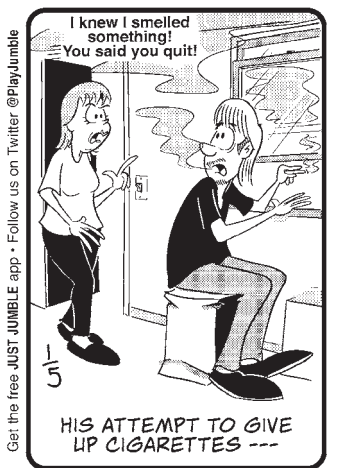
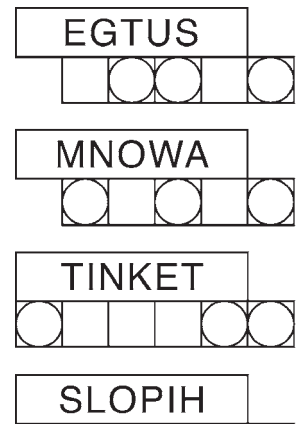
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Friday'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



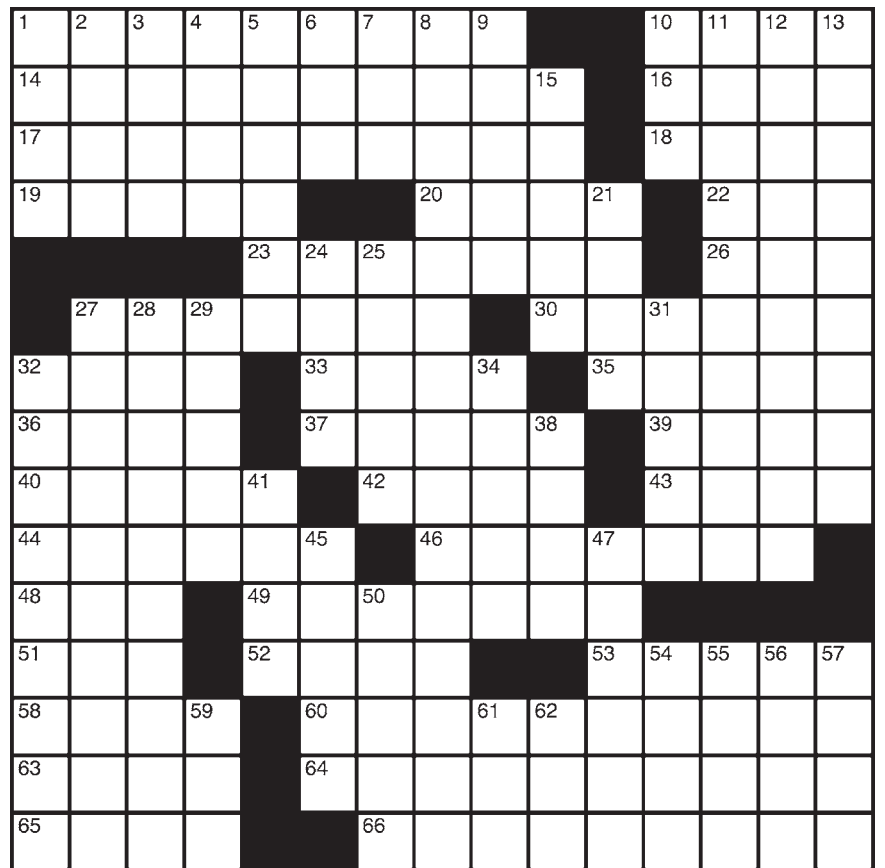
Friday's answers

Jumbles: GLAND HENCE GLOBAL MISFIT
Answer: The delays at the skydiving school were a result of — FALLING BEHIND

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 "Everything is ruined!"
- 10 Felipe's assent
- 14 Teacher and student in one
- 16 On ___ streak
- 17 Gray day feature
- 18 Buds
- 19 Red-and-white hat wearer
- 20 Units
- 22 Weed-gathering org.
- 23 "Put your wallets away"
- 26 Rich beverage
- 27 They need receivers
- 30 A parade may require one
- 32 Well-judged
- 33 Word before stand or hold
- 35 Snow ___
- 36 Mounted, in a way

- 37 Word from the Arabic for "friend"
- 39 Unemployed
- 40 Homophone for a word of permission
- 42 Deceive on the ice
- 43 "Being so great, I have no ___ to beg": "King Richard II"
- 44 Cattle drive figures
- 46 Timon of "The Lion King," e.g.
- 48 Panamanian pronoun
- 49 Back
- 51 USN bigwig
- 52 Bad lot
- 53 Unskilled workers
- 58 Hippie era activity
- 60 Site for old wheels
- 63 Strike zone, at times
- 64 Where love doesn't conquer anything
- 65 Remove an apostrophe from, say
- 66 It may be the best thing to do when you're stuck

- 7 Tokyo, long ago
- 8 Drinks it all in
- 9 View
- 10 Patsy
- 11 "You could've fooled me"
- 12 Exclusive source
- 13 Words of concord
- 15 Step
- 21 Hearty fare
- 24 Ornamental shrubs
- 25 Common chord
- 27 '60s music conspiracy theory
- 28 Dating clarification
- 29 Smooth shift
- 31 IBM's ___ exhibit
- 32 Like some big entrées
- 34 Backpack carrier
- 38 Drones, e.g.
- 41 1856 Stowe novel
- 45 Muzzle
- 47 Meal
- 50 Specifications on vials
- 54 Cartesian connection
- 55 Name of five Norwegian monarchs
- 56 Northwestern U.S. city
- 57 Analog of -ist
- 59 64-Across need
- 61 23andMe test subject
- 62 Frequently complex traffic pattern: Abbr.

Friday's solution



Down

- 1 Their 1943 manual said, "Be Ready To Take Over"
- 2 Entertainment with swaying
- 3 Very much
- 4 Praise extravagantly
- 5 Cartoonist with an Edgar Award
- 6 Podium fixture

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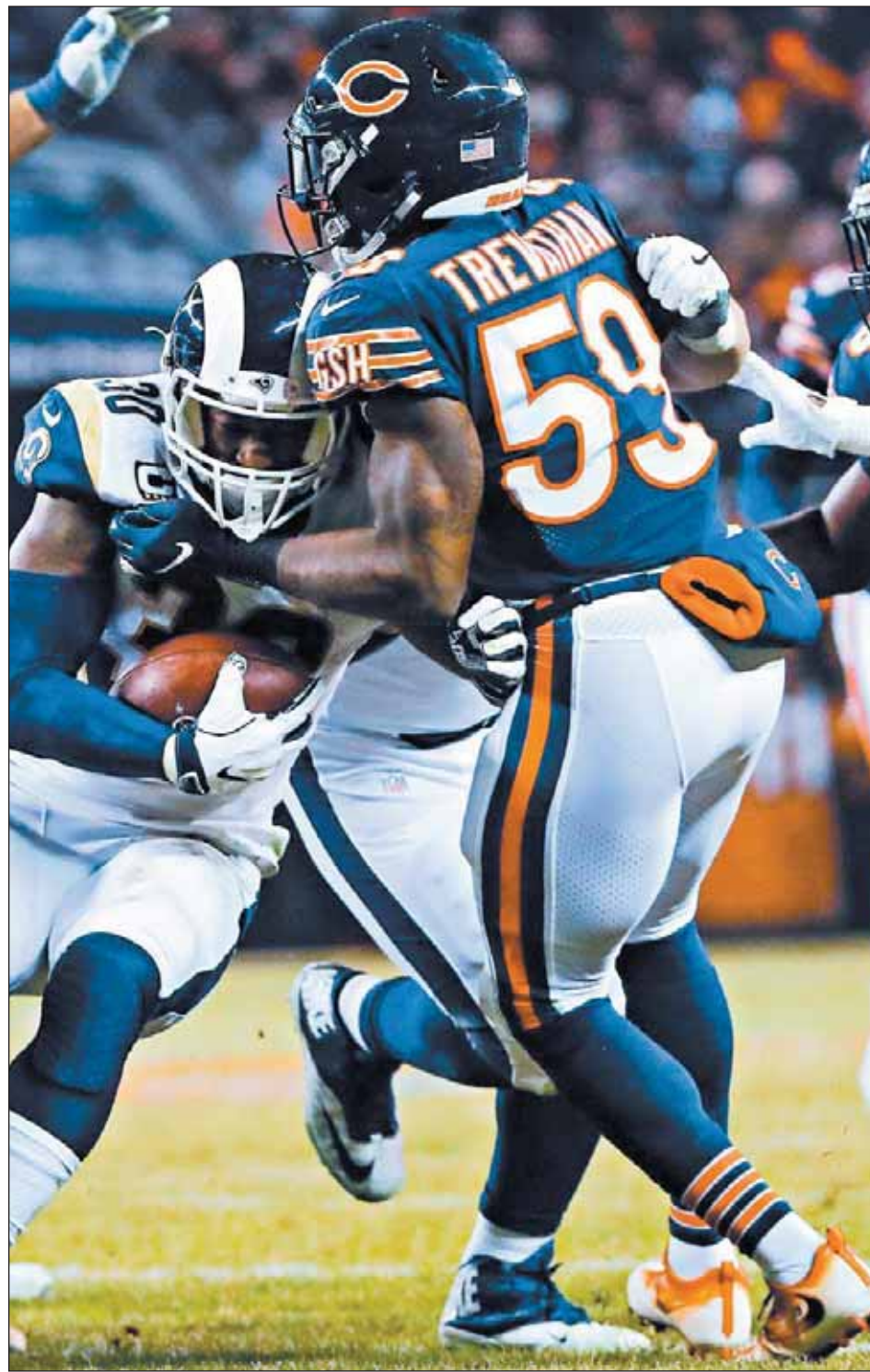
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NFL PLAYOFFS

Winning ways

Still limited, Jackson will be game-time call

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Bears free safety Eddie Jackson's status heading into Sunday's first-round playoff game against the Eagles remains in question as the team weighs how far he has come in his recovery from an ankle injury.

Jackson practiced in a limited capacity for the second straight day Friday, his first days back on the field since he sprained his right ankle in the NFC North-clinching win against the Packers on Dec. 16.

Coach Matt Nagy said Jackson did individual work and some team drills Friday, shortly after he and teammates Khalil Mack, Kyle Fuller and Tarik Cohen were named to the Associated Press All-Pro first team.

The Bears officially listed Jackson as questionable, and Nagy deemed him a game-time decision.

Nagy said the Bears will be "smart" with Jackson but acknowledged they could play him even if he's not 100 percent. It's a matter of determining at what percent Jackson would benefit the Bears on the field.

"If he's X percent, whatever that is, is that something that is smart for him?" Nagy said. "Is that smart for the team? And if we feel like it is, whatever decision we make, we're going to have no regrets. ..."

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In NFL, protect the ball, stop the run are cliches for a reason — they're true

Nothing maintains popularity in the eyes of the NFL more than parity, the idea that every team has the opportunity to compete every season.

It sells tickets. It moves merchandise. It keeps television ratings on the climb.

Nothing reinforces parity more than turnover in the post-season, a real thing that returned to Chicago after a seven-year absence and, yep, might even become reality in Cleveland again one day. Seven of the 12 playoff teams didn't make it a year ago, extending the streak to 29 consecutive years in which the playoff field (which was expanded to 12 teams in 1990) has had at least four teams



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On the Bears

that didn't qualify the year before.

The Bears, Cowboys, Ravens, Texans, Colts, Chargers and Seahawks are in the field after missing a year ago, with some of those teams out of the mix for much longer than that. Four of the eight divisions had a new champion: the NFC North (Bears), NFC East (Cowboys), AFC North (Ravens) and AFC South (Texans).

The march is on to Super Bowl LIII on Feb. 3 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. The wild-card round kicks off Saturday with Colts at Texans and Seahawks at Cowboys. The Chargers visit the Ravens

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NFL PLAYOFFS

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

KICKOFF FORECAST

Mostly cloudy and 38 degrees. East-northeast winds at 8 mph with a wind chill of 33.

MORE COVERAGE

■ Virginia McCaskey's Week 1 pep talk resonated with Bears players and coaches: "She emphasized how important confidence has to be." **Page 3**

■ Through a recently formed social justice committee, Bears players are making their impact felt away from the field too. **Sec. 1, Page 1**

THE OTHER GAMES

Colts at Texans
3:35 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7, ESPN

Seahawks at Cowboys
7:15 p.m. Saturday, FOX-32

Chargers at Ravens
12:05 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2

Playoff key players, from top left (clockwise): Drew Brees, Danny Trevathan, Patrick Mahomes, Tom Brady, DeAndre Hopkins, Lamar Jackson, Russell Wilson, Amari Cooper, Todd Gurley. Bottom three (from top): Melvin Gordon, T.Y. Hilton, Nick Foles.

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BULLS

Paxson on trade: 'Our young guys will play'

Bulls VP addresses moving Holiday, future of Parker

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

One day after trading veteran wing Justin Holiday for Wayne Selden Jr., MarShon Brooks — who won't join the team — and two second-round picks, Bulls executive vice president John Paxson reminded all about the roots of the rebuild.

"Our young guys will play," Paxson said. Heck, Paxson even foreshadowed how Jabari Parker — who after all he has been through is still only 23 — would surprisingly rejoin the rotation after not playing for nine

PACERS 119, BULLS 116 (OT)
Victor Oladipo's 3 with 0.3 seconds left in overtime seals Pacers' win. **Page 6**

games. Parker will stay there if the market for him remains cool until the Feb. 7 trade deadline.

"What we did is consistent with our direction," Paxson said Friday before the Bulls faced the Pacers at the United Center. "Getting the two second-round picks was important to us. Selden's a young player who at some point we'll see if he can give us something. It's a deal we felt we had to make."

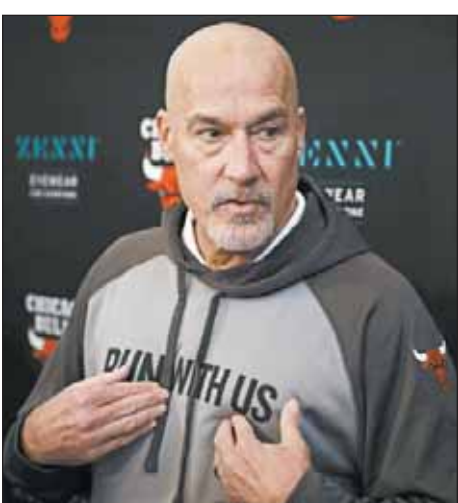
"Chandler (Hutchison) will play some significant minutes, I would think. He has to live up to the standards that (coach) Jim

(Boylan) wants and we want. But he'll get opportunity. We still have some decisions to make with our roster."

Indeed. The Bulls are shopping not only Parker but also veteran center Robin Lopez. "There's been a little shoe-dangling over the past couple years," Lopez wittily responded to a question about whether he's the next shoe to drop. "I'm looking to play basketball. That's what I enjoy doing. I like playing with these guys, so whatever happens, I'm going to work for my teammates."

"Whenever I see (management), they say, 'Keep working, RoLo. Keep at it.' We've got a positive relationship. There's always a lot of talk. That's the nature of the NBA, and good

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Bulls executive VP of basketball operations John Paxson says the recent personnel move "was consistent with our direction."

BLACKHAWKS

Hawks' Kahun getting results

By SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Jeremy Colliton knew what the Blackhawks would be getting when he saw Dominik Kahun compete in the NHL Prospect Tournament in September in Traverse City, Mich.

"He's a hard worker," said Colliton, who was coaching the Rockford IceHogs at the time and now is Kahun's coach with the Hawks. "When he gets out on the ice, he competes. He wins a lot of loose pucks. He's not a big guy, but he's able to win puck battles even against heavier opponents."

"He makes a lot of plays too. He advances the puck. He finds ways to put the guys he's on the ice with in a better spot."

"Even in the Traverse City tournament, that's what I noticed right away: his work ethic, high energy level."

Colliton said that hasn't changed since the 5-foot-11, 175-pound Kahun became a bright surprise, starting the season with the Hawks.

And that work ethic didn't wane during the rough patches.

He had just four goals from October through December. He had one goal and three assists in December.

There are early signs that 2019 is Kahun's year. He has scored in back-to-back games for the first time, including a goal on the Hawks' first shot Thursday night in their 3-2 overtime loss to the Islanders.

He has four points in his last six games and three points in the last four outings.

"I would say I'm getting more and more confident," said Kahun, who signed a two-year deal in May with the Hawks after making a name for himself with a strong performance for Germany in the Olympics. "I'm just trying to play my game and doing what I did back in Germany. I'm getting there. I have good linemates. We talk a lot. I get more and more confident every practice, every game."

What has been working for him lately?

"The chemistry of the line and my game," he said. "I'm more confident to make the plays."

Brookbank joins staff: The Hawks on Friday added Sheldon Brookbank to Colliton's coaching staff, joining Barry Smith and Don Granato. Brookbank, 38, who won a Stanley Cup with the Hawks in 2013, was in his second season as an IceHogs assistant.

He played 351 games during an eight-year NHL career that ended in 2014.

One more shift: Former Hawks forward Dennis Hull will skate at the United Center on Monday before the game against the Flames as part of the "One More Shift" honor.

Hull will wear full gear and join the team on the ice during the national anthem after the starting lineup is announced.

A scoreboard video will show highlights from his career.

Hull played 13 of his 14 NHL seasons with the Hawks from 1964 to '77.

His 904 games played are the most in Hawks history, and his 298 goals rank seventh.

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Dominik Kahun scored on the Blackhawks' first shot of the game in Thursday night's loss to the Islanders.

BEARS

NFC

1. SAINTS

They are a little better on defense than they were during the 2009 Super Bowl championship season. Home-field advantage will help, and it's probably a benefit to Drew Brees and the offense that the Super Bowl will be played indoors.

Points	3rd, 31.5
Points allowed	14th, 22.1
Turnover ratio	7th, +8
Passing offense	12th, 252.6
Passing defense	29th, 268.9
Rushing offense	6th, 126.6
Rushing defense	2nd, 80.2
Special teams	9th

2. RAMS

One could make the case they are the most battle-tested team in the field after playing seven games, winning four, against playoff teams. The Rams are hoping running back Todd Gurley's knee, a late-season issue, is healed.

Points	2nd, 32.9
Point allowed	20th, 24.0
Turnover ratio	4th, +11
Passing offense	5th, 281.7
Passing defense	14th, 236.3
Rushing offense	3rd, 139.4
Rushing defense	23rd, 122.3
Special teams	17th

3. BEARS

The running game has come to life in the last month, and that makes the offense more balanced for a playoff run. In the last five years, no team that has played on wild-card weekend has advanced to the Super Bowl.

Points	9th, 26.3
Points allowed	1st, 17.7
Turnover ratio	3rd, +12
Passing offense	21st, 222.8
Passing defense	7th, 219.7
Rushing offense	11th, 121.1
Rushing defense	1st, 80.0
Special teams	26th

4. COWBOYS

The Cowboys are 7-2 since acquiring wide receiver Amari Cooper in a trade with the Raiders. Not only has he provided Dak Prescott with a reliable target, but his arrival reinvented the running game.

Points	22nd, 21.2
Points allowed	T-6th, 20.3
Turnover ratio	12th, +3
Passing offense	23rd, 222.1
Passing defense	13th, 234.7
Rushing offense	10th, 122.7
Rushing defense	5th, 94.6
Special teams	23rd

5. SEAHAWKS

They combine the NFL's most productive rushing game with one of the most efficient quarterbacks in Russell Wilson. He ranked third in passer rating (110.9) and tied for third with 35 touchdown passes.

Points	T-6, 26.8
Points allowed	11th, 21.7
Turnover ratio	1st, +15
Passing offense	27th, 193.3
Passing defense	17th, 240.1
Rushing offense	1st, 160.0
Rushing defense	13th, 113.2
Special teams	24th

6. EAGLES

They're trying to become the first repeat champions since the 2003-04 Patriots. Quarterback Nick Foles is 9-2 as a starter since 2017, postseason included.

Points	18th, 22.9
Points allowed	T-12, 21.8
Turnover ratio	25th, -6
Passing offense	7th, 266.1
Passing defense	30th, 269.3
Rushing offense	28th, 98.1
Rushing defense	7th, 96.9
Special teams	15th



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In his second season, Bears QB Mitch Trubisky will make his first career playoff start Sunday afternoon against the Eagles at Soldier Field.

Winning ways hard to beat

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on Sunday before the Bears host the Eagles at 3:40 p.m. at Soldier Field.

Of the 12 quarterbacks in the playoff field, four have won at least one Super Bowl ring — the Patriots' Tom Brady, Saints' Drew Brees, Seahawks' Russell Wilson and Eagles' Nick Foles — and four will be making their first postseason appearance: the 2017 first-round pick trio of the Bears' Mitch Trubisky, Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes and Texans' Deshaun Watson plus Ravens rookie Lamar Jackson. Then there are four quarterbacks with previous playoff experience who haven't hoisted the Lombardi Trophy: the Chargers' Philip Rivers, Colts' Andrew Luck, Cowboys' Dak Prescott and Rams' Jared Goff.

Brady has made a remarkable 37 playoff starts (27-10), while the other 11 quarterbacks have combined for 46 postseason starts. Experience certainly helps in the playoffs, but it's not a necessity. There were 32 active quarterbacks with postseason experience this year, and that group was a collective 11-21 in its first playoff starts.

Surveying all 12 playoff teams across some team statistics — points scored, points allowed,

turnover ratio, passing offense, passing defense, rushing offense, rushing defense and special teams — reveals a few interesting numbers. First, the league's four highest-scoring teams — the Chiefs, Rams, Saints and Patriots — earned first-round byes. Second, seven of the top nine run defenses are in the playoffs, and 10 of the 12 playoff teams were in the top 13 in that category, with the Rams (23rd) and Chiefs (27th) the exceptions. Third, the top seven in turnover ratio made the playoffs, and the Ravens (22nd) and Eagles (25th) were the only two not in the top half of the league in that category.

So some of football's most well-worn cliches are more like axioms: You have to stop the run and protect the football. Don't forget being able to run the ball; seven of the top 10 rushing offenses are in the playoffs. Conversely, five teams in the bottom half of the league in passing made the playoffs.

Here's a snapshot of all 12 teams and where they rank in these categories. For special teams, we used the Football Outsiders ranking that many special teams coaches keep an eye on.

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AFC

1. CHIEFS

They figure to need a series of shootouts to win the Super Bowl. The offense is electric. The defense has been awful, especially in the red zone. The Chiefs have surrendered 76 plays of 20 yards or more — that's almost five per game.

Points	1st, 35.3
Points allowed	24th, 26.3
Turnover ratio	6th, +9
Passing offense	3rd, 309.7
Passing defense	31st, 273.4
Rushing offense	16th, 115.9
Rushing defense	27th, 132.1
Special teams	2nd

2. PATRIOTS

They have the best record against playoff teams at 4-0. Bill Belichick's team earned a first-round bye for the ninth straight year, significant because the Patriots have not made it to the Super Bowl during his tenure after playing on wild-card weekend.

Points	4th, 27.3
Points allowed	T-6th, 20.3
Turnover ratio	5th, +10
Passing offense	7th, 266.1
Passing defense	22nd, 246.4
Rushing offense	5th, 127.3
Rushing defense	11th, 112.7
Special teams	16th

3. TEXANS

They have to find a way to improve their pass protection as Deshaun Watson was sacked an NFL-high 59 times. Struggling to keep Watson upright takes away from the Texans' ability to get after quarterbacks. The most remarkable stat making the rounds this week? Wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins had 115 receptions and zero drops.

Points	11th, 25.1
Points allowed	T-4th, 19.8
Turnover ratio	2nd, +13
Passing offense	17th, 236.3
Passing defense	28th, 260.4
Rushing offense	8th, 126.3
Rushing defense	3rd, 82.7
Special teams	5th

4. RAVENS

Rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson is 6-1 as a starter, and his best game came two weeks ago in a road victory over the Chargers. The defense has been stingy, but the Ravens can't fall too far behind.

Points	13th, 24.3
Points allowed	2nd, 17.9
Turnover ratio	22nd, -3
Passing offense	22nd, 222.4
Passing defense	5th, 210.0
Rushing offense	2nd, 152.6
Rushing defense	4th, 82.9
Special teams	6th

5. CHARGERS

Running back Melvin Gordon is finally healing from a knee injury, and they look like a dangerous fifth seed. The league did the Chargers no favor as they have to fly to Baltimore and play at 10:05 a.m. Pacific time.

Points	T-6, 26.8
Points allowed	8th, 20.6
Turnover ratio	T-15th, +1
Passing offense	10th, 255.6
Passing defense	9th, 227.9
Rushing offense	15th, 117.1
Rushing defense	9th, 105.8
Special teams	25th

6. COLTS

Twenty-four of the 53 players on the roster are in their first or second NFL season, so the Colts' arrival, even with veteran quarterback Andrew Luck, might be a year early. Wide receiver T.Y. Hilton has 115 or more yards in four of his last five games versus the Texans.

Points	5th, 27.1
Points allowed	10th, 21.5
Turnover ratio	T-13th, +2
Passing offense	6th, 278.8
Passing defense	16th, 237.8
Rushing offense	20th, 107.4
Rushing defense	8th, 101.6
Special teams	12th

Still limited, Jackson will be game-time decision

Jackson, from Page 1

We've had that rule this whole time, and it's going to be important to communicate with him and see where he's at."

Jackson was getting treatment after practice and declined to talk to the media.

The first-time All-Pro and Pro Bowler had six interceptions, 15 passes defended, two forced fumbles and three return touchdowns this season. Deon Bush started the last two games in place of Jackson. He had two tackles and a forced fumble against the 49ers but didn't show up on the stat sheet against the Vikings.

Nagy noted the fact it's a playoff game could affect the Bears' decision.

"Probably slightly because it is win or go home," he said. "But the team and the player, you have to look at it from both sides, and that's the hard part."

The Bears listed outside linebacker Aaron Lynch as doubtful as he recovers from a right elbow sprain.

Safety DeAndre Houston-Carson didn't practice Friday because of a rib injury and is questionable. Defensive lineman Bilal Nichols also is questionable after being limited with a knee injury, as is usual when the Bears practice inside the Walter Payton Center.

Wide receivers Allen Robinson (ribs), Taylor Gabriel (ribs) and Anthony Miller (shoulder) were cleared to play after practicing all week. Each missed at least part of Sunday's win over the Vikings.

All-Pro honors: Mack earned his third All-Pro selection and first since 2016. His 12½ sacks tied for 12th in the NFL, and he had 18 quarterback hits and six forced fumbles.

Mack credited his coaches and teammates while addressing the award, but he was more focused on gearing up for his second career playoff game. The Raiders lost to the Texans in the wild-card round after the 2016 season.

"These awards mean a little something for family's sake and

for the individual's sake, but ultimately this is a team game and you want to win," Mack said. "That's what it's all about for me."

Jackson, Fuller and Cohen were named All-Pro for the first time. Fuller tied for first in the league with seven interceptions. Cohen, named as a punt returner, had a 12.5-yard average that ranked fourth.

Defensive end Akiem Hicks, the other Bears Pro Bowl selection, was not named to the first or second All-Pro team.

Captain check: Mack, Hicks and Cohen were three of six captains Bears players elected for Sunday's game. Quarterback Mitch Trubisky and center Cody Whitehair were selected to represent the offense, while Benny Cunningham joins Cohen as special teams captains.

Mack said he was honored to be elected by his first-year teammates.

"When you talk about integrating my game (into the Bears), I knew I wanted to come in and

make an impact," Mack said. "I wanted to be a leader and not just vocally but with my actions. Ultimately you want to come in and win, and that's all I care about. To win in the playoffs would be another step we can take."

Boom: Nagy started a celebration tradition after the Bears' Thanksgiving victory in Detroit in which he yells "Boom!" while driving his arm from above his head to the ground. Bears players now expect it in the locker room after every win.

Backup quarterback Chase Daniel is pushing for fans to mimic the celebration at Sunday's game.

"I want to know who the person is that's going to synchronize all of those people," Nagy said. "But I'm sure it can be done. That just happened organically. ... Now they're asking me for it, so I've got to do it."

Chicago Tribune's Rich Campbell contributed.

BEARS

BEARS

Storylines to keep eye on

Part of it all: Matching confidence of '85 team, Long brothers reunion

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

Playoff football is back in Chicago. Bears versus Eagles, Sunday afternoon at Soldier Field. So many plot lines. So much at stake. With kickoff approaching, here's the inside slant on two notable storylines.

'Full attention in the room'

On the Monday of Week 1, at noon sharp, the Bears gathered in the George "Mugs" Halas Auditorium at team headquarters and settled in for one of the year's most memorable pep talks. At the front of the room, Virginia McCaskey spoke with enthusiasm, hopeful the 2018 season could finally be a turning point.

The Bears owner, you'll recall, had famously been described by her son George, the team chairman, in the final days of 2014 as "pissed off" and "fed up with mediocrity." "She's been on this Earth for eight of the Bears' nine championships," George McCaskey said then. "And she wants more. She feels it's been too long since the last one."

That was the day the Bears launched coach Marc Trestman and general manager Phil Emery from Halas Hall. In the three years that followed, Virginia McCaskey had to endure three more last-place seasons, three more agonizing years that produced only 14 victories and so much more agitation.

In September, with a chance to help set the tone for a new start, McCaskey wanted Bears players to see the possibilities. She wanted no limits on the vision they set for 2018.

Most of all, her speech centered around one theme that could help propel the Bears back into playoff contention.

"She talked a lot about confidence," defensive coordinator Vic Fangio recalled. "She emphasized how important confidence has to be."

More specifically?

"She said the '85 Bears were so cocky that it scared her," linebacker Danny Trevathan added. "That message was received. We wanted to get to that point. We wanted to have the attitude that can't nobody freaking touch us right now."

There was something meaningful about that Labor Day gathering, about a 95-year-old woman standing in front of a room of driven football players and coaches and radiating such obvious passion. McCaskey's directives resonated immediately, stoking a fire that already had been lit.

"Confidence is what she led with and confidence is what she finished with," defensive lineman Akiem Hicks said. "The '85 team was one of the most confident teams in history. And when we put this uniform on, she wants to see us go out there and be confident."

"She is very energetic and so very passionate about the things she says. There was definitely full attention in the room."

Cornerback Prince Amukamara insists McCaskey used the word "swag." He knows the sermon made a strong impression.

"From a player's perspective, it was impressive seeing how much the owner cared about us, cared about this team and cared about football," Amukamara said. "She has so much passion and emotion connected to all of this. We definitely saw that that day."

Added outside linebacker Leonard Floyd: "She definitely commanded the room. She has been here for so long. She has seen so many great players and people come through this organization. So when she speaks, it's only right that everybody listen."

To be clear, McCaskey's September speech should not be mistaken as the primary catalyst of the Bears' 12-win season and surprise run to the NFC North championship. There is so much more that fueled this group and transformed it from last-place losers into legitimate Super Bowl contenders.

After all, by the time McCaskey gave that pep talk, the Bears already had invested plenty in the grind to begin their climb. The defense, which began to emerge in 2017, sensed it could be on the verge of a



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Bears owner Virginia McCaskey sits next to Chairman George McCaskey during a celebration of Brian Urlacher in September.

breakthrough. Still, players took to heart what she was getting at.

McCaskey will celebrate her 96th birthday Saturday. On Sunday, she'll watch her team face the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles in the playoffs at Soldier Field. And she'll again notice a group with enough self-belief to continue charging into February.

Most of all, she'll see a nasty Bears defense ready for the stage and hungry for the moment. And, yes, that defense is overflowing with confidence.

Sound familiar?

Obviously, the 2018 defense has so many more steps to take to become even a photo-bomb addition to the panorama of legendary Bears teams and iconic moments. But these Bears finished the regular season as the league leader in takeaways (36). They finished with an NFC-high 50 sacks. They finished as the league's best run defense, allowing only 80 yards per game.

Most important, they finished with a feeling that the real fun is about to begin.

No doubt this defense is playoff-ready.

"Our confidence comes from just putting the work in day in and day out," Hicks said. "We know we have a lot of guys who are super talented, super athletic, freak athletes. ... But the fact guys come to work and are willing to work makes you feel like we can be special."

Added Amukamara: "The more plays that guys make, the more confident we've become. The accolades have helped too. Not saying that guys needed the Pro Bowl (selections) to feel more confident. But I'm certain that did something for a lot of our first-timers. Them getting recognition, our whole defense getting recognition — all of that has added to the recipe."

Want big plays in big moments? Think back to Khalil Mack's strip-sack of the Cardinals' Sam Bradford in the fourth quarter in Week 3, a takeaway that helped the Bears put together a game-winning drive. Or Hicks' forced fumble at the goal line in overtime against the Dolphins three weeks later. Or the fourth-quarter pick-six from Eddie Jackson on Thanksgiving in Detroit. Or Kyle Fuller's interception on the snap immediately after a Mitch Trubisky

pick in the third quarter against the Rams.

The Bears have won four straight. The defense allowed only 42 points in those games — 21 in each half.

Fangio has been the leader of this resurgence. And throughout the season, he has complemented his hard-to-satisfy demands with an outward appreciation for his unit's work ethic and ability to focus on the littlest details. After 32 years in the NFL, Fangio knows a humble and hungry group when he sees one. And he has been most enamored with how united his players have been all season.

"They have a real good love for each other," Fangio said. "And they don't want to let each other down. So they want to execute and do their job."

Fangio's players reciprocate the praise by emphasizing how well their coordinator prepares them every week. That also adds confidence.

Now comes the defense's opportunity to solidify its excellence. Don't forget, the '85 defense went from elite to iconic by spearheading a postseason run in which it scored 16 points and allowed only 10 in three victories.

A shutout of the Giants. A shutout of the Rams. The 46-10 pasting of the Patriots in Super Bowl XX.

Let's be clear. With that group, it wasn't only Virginia McCaskey who was scared.

Now comes this defense's chance to show what it's made of, hoping one day people in Chicago will be gushing about the '18 Bears.

'No good communication'

If you're in the mood for another "Long Brothers: The Reunion" sequel, Bears guard Kyle Long isn't rushing to get involved. Asked what his communication will be like with his older brother Chris this week, Kyle shrugged.

"No good communication," he said. "I'm sure I'll get questions all week about my brother. But he's on the other team, so I have to figure out a way to beat him."

Asked if Chris Long, a veteran defensive end and two-time Super Bowl winner with the Patriots and Eagles, has offered any

guidance on how to handle playoff football, Kyle shook his head.

"We don't really talk a lot of football," he added. "This is my first go at it, so I'm kind of learning as I'm going."

Yes, two of Hall of Famer Howie Long's sons will play against each other Sunday. This isn't a first. The Longs first squared off in 2013, when Kyle was a rookie and Chris was with the Rams. They crossed paths again in the 2016 preseason when the Bears and Patriots gathered in Foxborough, Mass., for a few days of crossover practices and an exhibition game. And last season Kyle and the Bears played a November game against Chris and the Eagles in Philadelphia.

So this, Kyle insists, is just another meeting on a bigger stage. And it will come on Howie's 59th birthday Sunday, and the Fox studio analyst will have the day off because Bears-Eagles is an NBC production. That creates an interesting dynamic for Howie and his wife, Diane.

"It'll be a fun birthday for them," Kyle said. "I don't think my mom will be able to watch. She'll be there, but she'll probably have her eyes covered the whole time. But they love their kids. They'll be happy to be here. Everybody is just happy for both of us."

Last year at this time, Kyle was in the middle of a run of surgeries on his neck, shoulder and elbow. He wasn't allowed to fly in January and early February, so he watched most of Chris' playoff action, including Super Bowl LII, from his couch in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

A year later, Kyle is healthy and part of a playoff team himself. But he's not allowing himself much time for reflection. "Just focus on what I'm supposed to focus on," he said. "The basics: my techniques and trying to help my team win."

That was a predictably robotic response from a 30-year-old veteran who needed six seasons to finally reach the playoffs. Kyle doesn't want to lose focus now. The communication with his older brother can wait until Sunday night.

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The Bears installed ice sculptures around the city Friday, including this one in Pioneer Court, ahead of the team's playoff game against the Eagles on Sunday at Soldier Field.

Ice-cold Bears sculptures installed for playoff game

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

A crowd of tourists and pedestrians gathered Friday morning at Millennium Park and watched as a man armed with a chain saw attacked a giant block of ice and carved out the city's quintessential nickname for its football team: Da Bears.

The ice sculpture was one of four pieces installed Friday in the city by the Chicago Bears in anticipation of Sunday's playoff game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

As the buzz of the chain saw filled the northwest part of Millennium Park, some tourists stopped to snap photos while others stood to watch the piece take shape. The Chicago Bears worked with Forest Park-based Nadeau's Ice Sculptures to install the four pieces.

Jenny Alaimo of Nadeau's said a collaboration between the staff and the Bears led to the four pieces. At 120 S. Riverside Plaza,

near Union Station, an ice sculpture depicted a bear's head. In Pioneer Court, 401 N. Michigan Ave., pedestrians were greeted with a Monsters of the Midway sculpture.

On the North Side, a Bear Down emoji ice sculpture was installed outside Wrigley Field, near Clark and Addison streets, according to a news release.

Each block on the Da Bears sculpture started off as 300 pounds of ice and was carved down to about 150 to 200 pounds, Alaimo said. It takes an artist about an hour to finish one ice sculpture, although the process can take longer depending on the details, she said. The artists usually start off with a chain saw, but the process can involve other tools, such as a chisel, she said.

"We are so excited for the playoffs," Alaimo said. "We are also really hoping, you know, it kind of brings more life and attention to the whole ice culture. It's a lost art, sort of, and we are hoping to kind of bring it back to life here."

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		PHI 3:40 NBC-5, AM-780					
		BKN 2:30 NBCSCH, AM-670			@POR 9 WGN-9, AM-670		@GS 9:30 NBCSCH, AM-670
	@PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720		CGY 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		NSH 7 NBCSN, AM-720		

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA							
7:30 p.m.	Raptors at Bucks						NBA TV
G-LEAGUE							
7 p.m.	Stockton at Windy City						NBCSCH
11 a.m.	Syracuse at Notre Dame						WMVP-AM 1000
11 a.m.	Michigan State at Ohio State						FOX-32
11 a.m.	Creighton at Butler						FS1
11 a.m.	Central Florida at UConn						ESPNNews
Noon	St. John's at Georgetown						CBS-2
Noon	Kentucky at Alabama						ESPN
Noon	La Salle at Massachusetts						NBCSN
Noon	Cincinnati at East Carolina						CBSSN
1 p.m.	Villanova at Providence						FOX-32, FS1
1 p.m.	Maryland at Rutgers						BTN
1 p.m.	Kansas State at Texas Tech						ESPN
1 p.m.	Valparaiso at Missouri State						NBCSCH
2 p.m.	Florida State at Virginia						ESPN2
3 p.m.	Evansville at Illinois State						NBCSCH
3 p.m.	Baylor at TCU						ESPN
4 p.m.	Kansas at Iowa State						ESPN2
5 p.m.	South Florida at Tulsa						ESPN
5 p.m.	Duquesne at Davidson						NBCSN
6 p.m.	South Carolina at Florida						ESPN2
7 p.m.	SIU at Northern Iowa						NBCSCH+
7 p.m.	Nevada at New Mexico						ESPN
8 p.m.	West Virginia at Texas						ESPN2
9 p.m.	Wyoming at UNLV						ESPN
9 p.m.	San Diego State at Boise State						CBSSN
10 p.m.	BYU at Saint Mary's						ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL							
10 a.m.	Fordham at George Washington						CBSSN
2 p.m.	South Florida at Temple						CBSSN
3 p.m.	Ohio State at Maryland						BTN
4 p.m.	Central Florida at Memphis						CBSSN
5 p.m.	Michigan at Purdue						BTN
NFL PLAYOFFS							
3:35 p.m.	Colts at Texans						ESPN
7:15 p.m.	Seahawks vs. Cowboys						FOX-32
COLLEGE FOOTBALL							
11 a.m.	FCS championship: Eastern Washington vs. North Dakota St.						ESPN2
GOLF							
3 p.m.	Sentry Tournament of Champions						NBC-5
5 p.m.	Sentry Tournament of Champions						Golf Channel
NHL							
Noon	Flames at Flyers						NHL Network
AHL							
7 p.m.	Rampage at Wolves						WPWR-50
COLLEGE HOCKEY							
2:30 p.m.	Michigan at Notre Dame						NBCSN
7 p.m.	Ohio State at Michigan State						BTN
LIGA MX SOCCER							
5 p.m.	Monterrey vs. Pachuca						FS1
TENNIS							
12:30 a.m.	Brisbane ATP/WTA						Tennis Channel

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
Other CFP Final				Santa Clara, Calif. Alabama (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0)	7
OTHER BOWLS					
J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2	
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	3	
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30	
DATE BOWL	SITE	RESULT			
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22		
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La.-Lafayette 24		
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas 13		
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20		
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21		
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13		
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 13		
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Texas	Ohio 27, San Diego State 0		
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Florida International 35, USF 20		
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Florida International 35, Toledo 32		
D21	Famous Idaho	Boise	BYU 49, Western Michigan 18		
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34		
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Roy 70, Houston 14		
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Army 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	Shreveport, La.	Duke 56, Temple 27		
D27	Pinstripe	El Paso, N.Y.	Wisconsin 35, Miami 3		
D27	Texans	Houston	Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38		
D28	Musci 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.	Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13		
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Nevada 16, Ark. State 13		
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3		
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34		
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31		
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13		
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Oregon 7, Michigan State 6		
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 13		
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern 31, Utah 20		
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Texas A&M 52, NC State 13		
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22		
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky 27, Penn State 24		
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU 40, UCF 32		
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Ohio State 28, Washington 23		
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas 28, Georgia 21		

FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday at Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas
North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

NFL

POSTSEASON SCHEDULE

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Sunday
Indianapolis at Houston, 3:35 (ESPN)
Seattle at Dallas, 7:15 (FOX-32)

Sunday
Philadelphia at Bears, 3:40 (NBC-5)
L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 12:05 (CBS-2)

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 12
Bears/Dallas/Seattle
San Francisco 3, Grand Rapids 2 (SO)

Sunday, Jan. 13
Houston/Baltimore/LA Chargers
at New England, 12:05 (CBS-2)
Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia
at New Orleans, 3:40 (FOX-32)

AHL

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Milwaukee 17 12 5 1 40 92 96
Rockford 15 15 3 4 37 80 105
San Antonio 17 10 0 3 35 92 99
Manitoba 13 18 2 0 28 77 106

2pts for a win, 1 point for an OT/shootout loss.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
San Antonio 3, Wolves 0
Syracuse 3, Bridgeport 1
Charlotte 4, Belleville 1
Providence 4, Lehigh Valley 2
Toronto 5, Binghamton 1
Hartford 3, Springfield 1
WB/Scranton 3, Grand Rapids 2 (SO)
Rochester 3, Laval 2
Texas 3, Manitoba 1
Iowa 3, Rockford 0
San Diego 4, San Jose 3
Tucson 7, Stockton 5
Colorado 5, Bakersfield 4

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
San Antonio at Wolves, 7
Utica at Cleveland, noon
Rochester at Laval, 2
Charlotte at Belleville, 6
Grand Rapids at Hershey, 6
High Valley at Hartford, 6
Toronto at Syracuse, 6
Bridgeport at Binghamton, 6:05
Milwaukee at WB/Scranton, 6:05
Providence at Springfield, 6:05
Manitoba at Texas, 7
Colorado at Stockton, 8
San Jose at Ontario, 8
Tucson at Bakersfield, 9

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32)
AFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2)

PRO BOWL
Saturday, 27
at Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 (ABC-7/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3
at Atlanta

AFC Champ vs. NFC Champ, 5:30 (CBS-2)

CALENDAR

Feb. 26-March 4: NFL combine, Indianapolis.
March 13: League year and free agency begin.
March 24-27: Annual owners meeting, Phoenix.

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Eric 25, Windy City 120
Capital City 122, Canton 117
Lakeland 117, Greensboro 107
Fort Wayne 125, Wisconsin 120
Westchester 113, Raptors 110
Salt Lake City 110, Sioux Falls 105
Aqua Caliente 112, Oklahoma City 94

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

at Plantation Course at Kapalua
Kapalua, Hawaii
Purse: \$6.5 million
Yardage: 7,518; Par 73 (36-37)

First Round
66 (7)
Kevin Tway 31-35
67 (4)
Justin Woodland 34-33
Gary Thomas 35-32
Dustin Johnson 33-34
68 (4)
Marc Leishman 34-34
69 (4)
Andrew Putnam 33-36
Andrew Landry 33-33
Patton Kizzir 33-36
Jason Day 36-33
Rory McIlroy 35-34
Bryson DeChambeau 35-34

Patrick Reed 35-35
Jon Rahm 36-34
Bubba Watson 36-34
Webb Simpson 32-38
71 (2)
Cameron Champ 36-35
Michael Kim 38-33
Ian Poulter 36-35

LATEST LINE

NBA
pregame.com
at Denver 9½
Utah 10
at Philadelphia off
at Cleveland off
at Milwaukee off
at San Antonio off
Houston 1
Golden State 7½

at UConn Pk
at Duke 17½
Michigan St 1½
at Carolina 10
Kentucky 4½
at Notre Dame Pk
at Butler 3
at Virginia Tech 16½
St. John's 7
Cincinnati 2
N. Kentucky 4½
at Grand Bay 9
at UMass 9½
at Ohio 3
at Arizona 9½
at Missouri St 4½
Wake Forest at Miami (Ohio) 5½
at Akron 11
W. Michigan Va Common. 6½
at Fordham 2
at Oklahoma 11
at Kansas 12½
Villanova 2½
at Indiana 5½
Maryland 3
at Drake 1
Loyola of Chi 1
at Virginia 9½
at LaSalle 9
Louisiana Tech 9
at Troy 6
Appalach. St. 1
at Oakland 4
Ga. Southern 4
at Tennessee 15½
Marshall 7
at TCU 8½
William & Mary 2½
at DePaul 9½
Coast. Caro. 2½
at Hofstra 6½
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SATURDAY

CUBS

Bears' shadow no problem

With Bears in spotlight, Epstein, Cubs happy to operate in relative peace



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Chicago's intense focus on the Bears has managed to render the Cubs invisible this offseason, something you might have thought impossible only a couple of years ago.

Of course, the Cubs haven't done anything of note other than signing

free-agent infielder Daniel Descalso, so it's probably best to stay out of the spotlight during Bears Mania.

"I'm just happy for them," Cubs President Theo Epstein said Friday from his Wrigley Field office. "It's great to see a plan come together like that. They're a really likable, fun team and you can tell they care about each other and play really hard, so I'm pulling for them."

The longer the Bears' postseason run, the longer the Cubs can remain in the shadows, from which Epstein generally prefers to operate. He said at the start of the offseason the Cubs would be relying on the same nucleus to get them back to where they want to be in 2019 and repeatedly harped about sticking to the budget.

Nothing much has changed since then, other than Anthony Rizzo getting married. A pre-Christmas rumor suggesting Bryce Harper magically might sign with the Cubs at the end of the winter appears to be little more than a pipe dream of overimaginative tweeters, though Epstein declined to address Harper or any other free agents.

It seems against Epstein's nature to remain inactive through an entire offseason. Early in the Cubs' rebuild he couldn't help himself and gave Edwin Jackson a four-year, \$52 million deal in 2013 that proved to be a disaster.

But Epstein insisted it's not that difficult for him to wait for the right moment to make a move.

"There are times to be aggressive and times to be patient, and there are times when you can be aggressive and times where you have to be patient," he said. "Every offseason is unique. We're working hard, and there are a lot of things we're trying to do behind the scenes to make sure we have a successful season next year. I know thus far we haven't added the big names that get the fans excited. I



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— Cubs President Theo Epstein on the Bears

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

understand that's part of the expectations in the offseason.

"But ultimately we'll be judged by how we play, and we're doing everything we can to have a really successful season and live up to our expectations and our standards."

With about five weeks left until spring training, Epstein said he has had more trade discussions than free-agent talk of late. He reiterated the Cubs are focused on adding to the bullpen.

"But we're monitoring free agency," he said, "and if there is something that's practical for us we'll be aggressive in the right bucket."

Epstein and the front office spent the last few weeks interviewing candidates for the bench-coach vacancy created when Brandon Hyde left to become the Orioles manager. The Cubs hired Mark Loretta for the role, and having someone compatible

with Joe Maddon could be more important than ever because Maddon was so familiar with Hyde and longtime sidekick Dave Martinez before him.

Maddon also interviewed the candidates by phone from his Florida home, and Epstein said Lorretta impressed everyone.

"Mark's a highly intelligent person who was a student of the game as a player and has stayed involved in the game the last nine years," Epstein said. "He's someone who sees the game extremely well, understands players, understands strategy and is a connector and a really good communicator."

"He and Joe hit it off really well."

The Cubs still have plenty of time to make changes, but no one would be surprised if they do some tweaking instead of major rehabbing.

When the new year arrives, it's natural

to put the past behind and look ahead. It'll be easy for Epstein and Cubs fans alike to do.

A bad final week ruined the 2018 season, culminating in the wild-card loss to the Rockies. Still, you can't win 95 games without a room full of talent, so it's not like they're starting 2019 at the bottom.

Even if they do nothing major this offseason, the Cubs figure to compete for the playoffs again if most of the players play up to their capabilities.

Either way, Epstein admits he's getting antsy for spring training to begin.

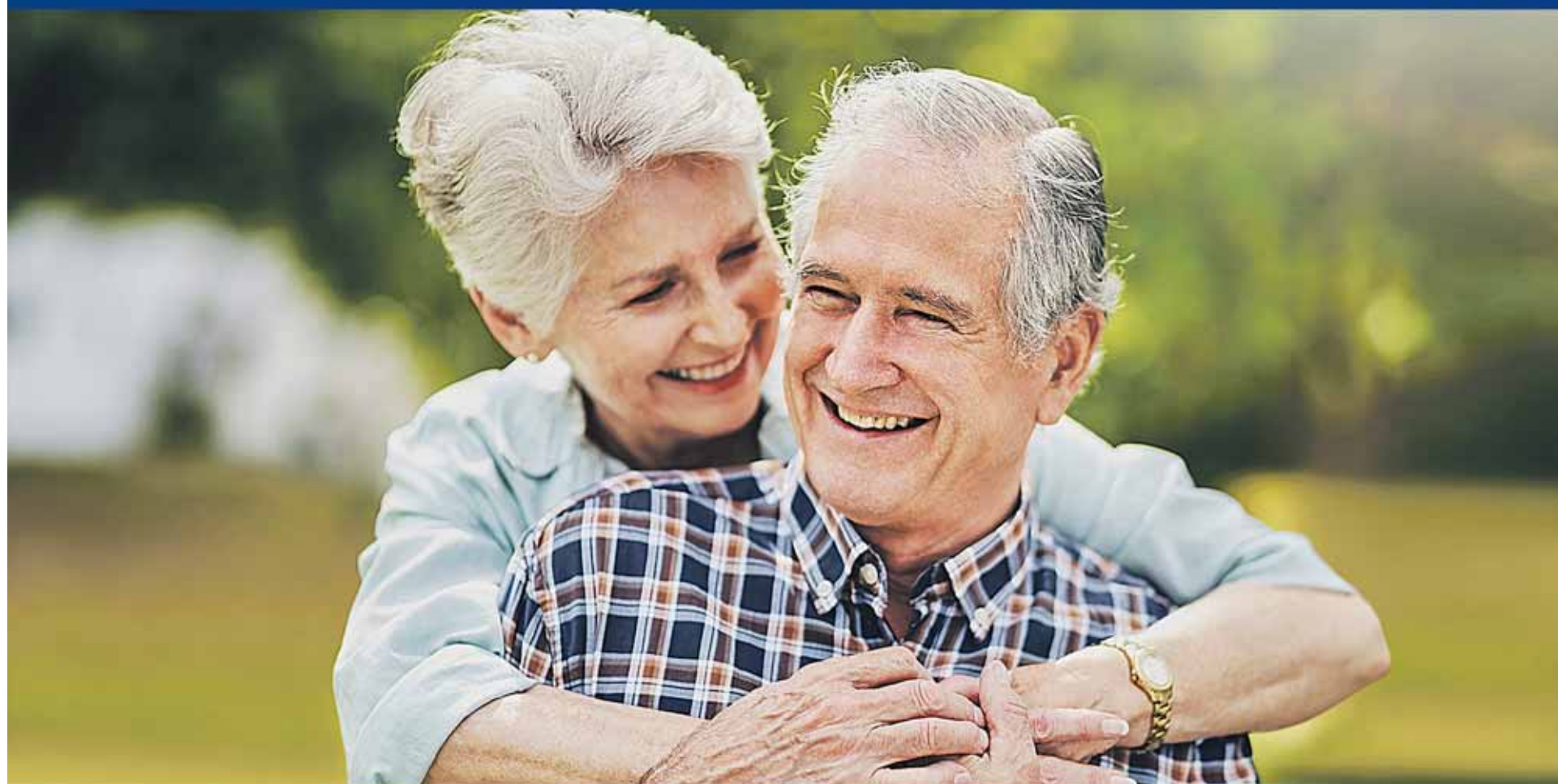
"I am," he said. "We still have a lot of work to do and have a number of things going on, including arbitration (cases)."

"But getting play underway will be good for everybody's mental health."

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Pacers guard Victor Oladipo drives to the basket against the Bulls defense Friday night.

PACERS 119, BULLS 116 (OT)

Offense opens it up, but it's not enough

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Chandler Hutchison strolled into the traded Justin Holiday's vacated starting small forward spot Friday night, taking his place alongside the baby-faced lineup of Kris Dunn, Zach LaVine, Lauri Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr.

That's an average age of 22.5, with two rookies and nobody older than Dunn's soon-to-be-25 for those still awake this Bulls season.

But that wasn't the only difference in the Bulls' approach. Pushing the pace and shooting 3-pointers more freely, the offense finally followed through on coach Jim Boylen's promise to eventually open up.

Ultimately, that offense couldn't overcome the streaking Pacers, who won their sixth straight with a 119-116 overtime victory. Victor Oladipo banked in a 3-pointer over Kris Dunn with 0.3 seconds left, capping a stretch of ridiculous shot-making.

Myles Turner, whom Dunn dunked on viciously with 72 seconds left in OT, sank a 3-pointer with 296 seconds to play. Markkanen matched that 3-pointer to tie it with 9.3 seconds remaining.

After the game-winner by Oladipo, who scored 36, LaVine for good measure sank another 3-pointer that came just after the overtime buzzer, a call held up by video review.

But with LaVine scoring 31 points and Markkanen 27, Dunn recording a double-double with 16 points and a career-high 17 assists and Carter posting 15 points and eight rebounds, the future flashed some serious potential.

And, really, that's what this season is about.

The Bulls attempted more 3-pointers than they had since winning Dec. 15 in San Antonio and reached 100 points for the fourth time in Boylen's 15 games as coach. They also posted their first 30-point first quarter since Dec. 10.

LaVine mostly fueled that early barrage, scoring 17 of his points in the quarter

before sitting almost all the second with foul trouble. LaVine forced overtime with a 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds left, capping his 12-point fourth quarter.

At the end of day, Holiday or no Holiday, Robin Lopez or no Robin Lopez, the second half of the Bulls' season — and the rebuild — remains centered on LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen.

"We need to see growth. We need to see how they play," executive vice president John Paxson said pregame. "We're a month into Jim's tenure now, and I think they understand what's expected. There are going to be hard games. We just need to see development."

Boylen basically challenged the principals acquired in the Jimmy Butler trade to do more.

"We are trying to explain to our guys what leadership looks like, show them what leadership looks like, give examples of when we do or don't do it," Boylen said. "And Lauri, Zach and Kris have to do more. Not just play, they have to do more at the defensive and offensive end. And they have to make people better."

"Justin was a big-time defender, big-time team guy and was reliable. Guys have to pick up the slack. And I'm banking that they will."

Layups: If Bobby Portis practices without incident Saturday, Boylen said Portis will play Sunday versus the Nets. Portis sprained his right ankle Dec. 19. ... Wayne Selden Jr., acquired from the Grizzlies in the Holiday trade Thursday, hasn't practiced, so he wasn't active. But Boylen envisions a role for the 6-foot-5-inch guard: "He's a big body. He's physical. He can play the way I want to play in our system." Selden, who will wear No. 14, offered this self-scouting report: "I can shoot it, create off the dribble and try to be the best defender I can be." ... Paxson confirmed MarShon Brooks, also acquired in the trade, is unlikely to report to Bulls. ... Paxson on dealing Holiday: "It's hard. He's been such a model teammate and has represented us so well. He's just a great person."

Paxson comments on recent Holiday trade, Parker future

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players stay focused."

Much of the outside focus during Boylen's 15-game tenure has been on his offensive style. He has slowed the pace from Fred Hoiberg's philosophy, making the defensive end his priority.

Given that management vowed to play with pace and space when it plunged into the full rebuild and traded Jimmy Butler, is Paxson comfortable with Boylen's approach?

"We've talked about that, and the issue is we've got to get a little more pace to our game. Jim, Doug Collins, we all talk about it together," Paxson said. "I don't think you can necessarily pay attention to everything at once. You make a change in-season, it's very hard for the coach. You didn't have a training camp to establish things. Practice time is limited. This will be a good time for us to improve in that area. We've got a lot of games left."

"(Boylen) wanted to try to establish something on the defensive end. We're doing a better job there. We're a young team. It's going to be a work in progress for a while. And Jim knows. We talk about it every day: We've got to find a way offensively to get some easier shots."

It always seemed Parker, a willing passer and versatile scorer, could help in that regard. Yet Boylen removed the Bulls' premier offseason addition from the rotation Dec. 15 for defensive and effort issues before his surprising re-entry on Friday.

Paxson supported both Boylen's decisions.

"The one thing Jim has been really consistent with is the accountability aspect," Paxson said. "I believe you can hold players to a certain standard of what you want as a coach. Jabari is a really good guy. ... He's a terrific person. If we can acclimate him back into things, he's going to get a chance. This league is about getting chances, even for players who have been through what Jabari has been through."

Paxson touted how the organization couldn't focus on fit when it signed Parker to

a two-year, \$40 million deal with a team option that now won't be picked up. With Lauri Markkanen and Bobby Portis at power forward, Parker had to play small forward.

"I don't get as caught up in positions. Our game is not as defined as it once was," Paxson said. "It's a wing spot. When we went through that whole process, it's not just (general manager) Gar (Forman) and I making that decision. We had interaction with Fred and his staff. We were all on board. That's all in the past. We're not even going to worry about that."

It seemed fitting that Doug McDermott landed in town Friday with the Pacers. The Bulls waived Cam Payne to finalize the Holiday trade, closing the book on a string of failed transactions starting with McDermott's draft-day acquisition in 2014.

The Bulls traded the rights to Gary Harris and Jusuf Nurkic to land McDermott and create some extra cap space to pursue Carmelo Anthony — and then Pau Gasol — in 2015. They eventually traded McDermott to the Thunder with Taj Gibson and a second-round pick in 2017. Payne, Joffrey Lauvergne and Anthony Morrow came, and now all are gone.

"You make decisions and hope for the best," Paxson said. "The reality is both Arch (Ryan Arcidiacono) and Shaq (Harrison) have outplayed (Payne). They fit what we want to do. Cam had some struggles with his foot and trying to get him back. We wish him well."

So the focus shifts to the future. And if trading veterans improves the Bulls' draft-lottery position, well, so be it.

"I keep telling Jim, this league is always about wins and losses," Paxson said. "We always want to win. But right now, we have to focus on other things. And we've said that all year. It's hard to lose. You walk into the locker room and guys are competing, coaches are preparing. So that's hard."

"But from my seat, Gar's seat, ownership's seat, we have to keep the big picture in mind. And that's what we're doing."

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Biegel, Charles "Chuck"

Charles "Chuck" Biegel, age 93, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, passed away on January 1, 2019. He was born on July 19, 1925 in Evergreen Park, IL. Semper Fi "Always faithful" to his God, to his country, and to his family. Chuck was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Betty Biegel. He is survived by his loving children, Nancy Steva of Naperville, Richard Biegel of Chicago, and Carol Biegel of Hinsdale, IL; his cherished grandchildren, Robert, Carrie, John, Timothy and Katherine and great-grandchildren, Sophia, Grant, Nathan, and Lily. Chuck proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII and was part of General MacArthur's return to the Philippines in October 1944. After he was honorably discharged, he went on to earn his degree from the University of IL, as well as find the love of his life, Betty Louise Foss. They were married at St. Paul's Union Church in Chicago on October 29, 1949 and enjoyed the next 58 years of their lives together. In his early working years, Chuck was a sales manager with Belden Wire & Cable, Chicago. In 1973, he started CB Auto Parts in Romeoville and within a few years expanded the operation to Bolingbrook. He then became the proprietor of Rentals Unlimited, Bolingbrook and successfully operated his businesses until his retirement. In his free time, Chuck enjoyed the game of golf and was a fearless traveler. Well into his 70's he was still hitting the ski slopes or white water rafting in Colorado. Along with his wife Betty, Chuck was a very active member of Grace United Methodist Church and many of its ministries. Above all he was a committed family man who loved his God and his country. He will be deeply missed. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Chuck's life, memorials may be directed to the Salvation Army or Community Service Council, 440 Quadangle Dr., Suite C, Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM with a military walkthrough at 6:30 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, and Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 10:00 AM until the time of service 11:00 AM at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville. Interment will follow at the Naperville Cemetery. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



Biegel of Chicago, and Carol Biegel of Hinsdale, IL; his cherished grandchildren, Robert, Carrie, John, Timothy and Katherine and great-grandchildren, Sophia, Grant, Nathan, and Lily. Chuck proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII and was part of General MacArthur's return to the Philippines in October 1944. After he was honorably discharged, he went on to earn his degree from the University of IL, as well as find the love of his life, Betty Louise Foss. They were married at St. Paul's Union Church in Chicago on October 29, 1949 and enjoyed the next 58 years of their lives together. In his early working years, Chuck was a sales manager with Belden Wire & Cable, Chicago. In 1973, he started CB Auto Parts in Romeoville and within a few years expanded the operation to Bolingbrook. He then became the proprietor of Rentals Unlimited, Bolingbrook and successfully operated his businesses until his retirement. In his free time, Chuck enjoyed the game of golf and was a fearless traveler. Well into his 70's he was still hitting the ski slopes or white water rafting in Colorado. Along with his wife Betty, Chuck was a very active member of Grace United Methodist Church and many of its ministries. Above all he was a committed family man who loved his God and his country. He will be deeply missed. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Chuck's life, memorials may be directed to the Salvation Army or Community Service Council, 440 Quadangle Dr., Suite C, Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM with a military walkthrough at 6:30 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, and Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 10:00 AM until the time of service 11:00 AM at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville. Interment will follow at the Naperville Cemetery. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Blitz, Toby

Toby Blitz nee Gadlin, 95. Beloved wife of the late William Blitz. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Terry Lampert) Blitz, David (Dale Warren) Blitz, Alan (Caron Weil) Blitz and Michael (Robin Schusteff) Blitz. Cherished grandmother of Matthew (Anna) Blitz, Marnie (Shawn) Nunnally, Brian (Tracy) Blitz, Kevin (Allison) Blitz, Jared Blitz, Shelby Blitz, Ariel Blitz, Courtney (Amanda Hall) Blitz and Rachel Blitz. Adored great grandmother of Ryan, Emma, Wesley, Catalina, Asher, Logan, Maddie, Chase and Isla. Dear sister of the late Sam (the late Ruth) Gadlin. Dearest sister-in-law of the late Carmont (the late Mildred) Blitz and the late Nettie (the late Dr. Sumner) Hagler. Service Sunday 10AM at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL, 60062. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name to the "Blitz Family Children's Cultural Arts Fund" (BFCCA) for the benefit of the Temple Beth-El community, www.templebeth-el.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Crater, William A. 'Bill'

William A. "Bill" Crater, 82, recently of Crest Hill, of Tinley Park 59 years, passed away on Dec. 29, 2018, surrounded by his family. Husband of Sherry Crater and the late Sylvia Crater, 1995. Father of the late Katherine Crater, 2014, Candace Crater, Kyle (Frances) Crater, Lance (Carolyn) Crater, and Greg Crater. Step-father of Ryan (Sarah) Linsner, Rebecca (Ciff) Sinks, Erik (Lisa) Linsner. Proud Grandpa of 16 and Great-grandpa of 1. Brother of the late Janet Larson, Agnes Starks, Ruby Jean Giro, the late Helen Knight, the late Patricia Albright, and James Crater. Born in Custer Park to Lyle and Wilma Crater, Bill, graduated ISU receiving a BA and MA in Secondary Education, Science. He retired after teaching at Bremen Community School Dist. 228 for over 40 years where he chaired the Science Dept. for many years. He also coached Track and Cross Country and was a long-time Drivers Ed teacher. He was the ultimate supporter of his children's interests, especially as the inspiration to his sons band, The Billy's Boys. He enjoyed fishing most on his family farm. Visitation was held on Wed., Jan 2, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 7:30 p.m. at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL. Committal Services were privately held at Skyline Memorial Park in Monee. Arrangements entrusted to Heartland Memorial Center. To sign guestbook visit heartlandmemorial.com or call 708-444-2266.

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Finger, Richard M.

Richard M. Finger, age 84, beloved husband of Lois J. (nee Weissenhofer); loving father of Timothy (Susan) Finger, Wendy (the late Peter) Miller and Thomas (Jayne) Finger; cherished grandfather of Richard, Lindsey and Michael Finger, Luke, Mallory and Will Miller and Emily Finger; dear brother of the late Robert Finger and Rosemary (the late Elmer) Longfellow; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Rich was the founder of the Southpoint Insurance Agency, longtime member of Midlothian Country Club, graduate of Lindblom High School and Northwestern University, founding Director of the Alsip Sertoma and the Sertoma Career Center. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Thursday 9:15 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Alexander Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200

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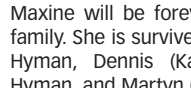
Hoehne, Robert

Robert Hoehne, 90 of Minocqua, WI and former orthodontist for 30 years in Morton Grove, IL died December 19, 2018 Survived by wife Faye, and 4 children and six grandchildren, 2 great grandsons, nieces and nephews. Memorial service for Robert will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to Wounded Warriors or St. Jude Hospital for children. Online condolences at www.nimsgernfuneral.com NIMSGERN FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES IS SERVING THE FAMILY.

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Hyman, Maxine Esther

Maxine Esther (Rosenthal) Hyman wove herself a storied life. She was born July 10, 1929 in Chicago and passed away January 2nd, 2019 in Northwest Indiana at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irving Hyman, parents Ignatz "Louis" Rosenthal and Fannie (Lefkowitz) Rosenthal, and her sister Belle (Rosenthal) Goldfarb.



Maxine will be forever cherished by a tightly-knit family. She is survived by four sons: Richard (Cathy) Hyman, Dennis (Kandi) Hyman, Steven (Marij) Hyman, and Martyn (Kim) Hyman; and seven grandchildren: Jon (Tiffany) Hyman, Cari (Roger) Clousing, Kassy (Scott) Golden, Diandra (John) Asbaty, Lauren (Mark) Tetrick, Ian (Jan) Hyman, and David (Ally) Hyman. She leaves behind 15 great-grandchildren: Joshua, Jacob, Jessica, Hanna, Kaitlyn, Blaize, Khyler, Madden, Jersey, Henry, William, Fiona, Hailey, Kelsey, and Marshall; and countless other extended family members and friends. Maxine grew up in Chicago, and graduated from South Shore High School. She was a resident of Dolton, IL and resided for the past 28 years in Valparaiso, IN. She was a business owner of Hyman's Auto Supply & Company. Maxine was an active textile artist: completing a myriad of beautiful knitting and needlepoint projects over the course of her lifetime. She also loved reading, traveling, enjoying her koi pond and visiting with family. Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana (www.federationonline.org). Service and interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Jeziorski, Frances L.

Frances L. Jeziorski (nee Halper) age 90. Beloved wife of the late Harry. Devoted mother of Joan (Steve) Kryl. Loving Nana of Kelsey and Kimberly. Dear sister of Donald Halper and many loving deceased siblings. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Many years of service with Henry Holt Publishing-Chicago. Frances was a graduate of Lindblom H.S. Visitation Sunday 3-9 PM at the **Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home**, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Monday 10:30 AM service at the funeral home. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Memorial & Tributes Program Dept 77-3968 Chicago, IL 60678-3968. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palos-gaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410

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Knight, Andrea

Andrea S. Knight, 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on December 29, 2018. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut on November 4, 1927, to John W. and Dorothy (nee Bill) Saladine. Andrea was an active advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. Andrea is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Robert P. Knight; loving mother to Susan (Lawrence) Jones and Margaret (Brad Kulkin); loving grandmother to Nicholas and Matthew Jones and Abigail Kulkin. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert P. Knight, Jr. in 1984.

Memorial services are currently pending and will be held Winnetka Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be expressed to ARC of Illinois or the Winnetka Congregational Church in loving memory of Andrea Knight. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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Lamberty Sr., Raymond A.

Beloved wife of the late Raymond A. Lamberty Sr. Loving mother of late Linda Lamberty, Ellen Lamberty (Gary Carlson), late Theresa (John) Koppers, Donna (Wayne) Balthuis, Raymond Jr. (Kim) Lamberty, late David (Terri) Lamberty, Janet Foreman (Bernard Randolph) and Judith Rice. Proud grandmother of Tina, Rose Marie, Wayne Jr., Andrew, Matthew, Nicholas Ann Marie, Raymond III, Tanya, late Eric, Cody, Daniel, Angela, late Sarah, Kelly, Jamie, John, Randall, Ryan, Teri. Great grandmother of 26 and great great grandmother of Charlotte. Funeral Monday January 7, 2019, 9:30 AM at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL to St. George Church, Mass 10:00 AM. Interment in Good Shepherd Cemetery. Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019, 2:00-8:00 PM. For information on services, 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Leviton, Lara

Lara M. Leviton age 49. Beloved wife of Kenneth Flaxman. Loving mother of Steven and Benjamin. Treasured daughter of Lucy and Alexander. Adored sister of Denise (Mebea Akililu) and Karen (Todd) Matros. Dear daughter in law of Barbara and Harry. Fond sister in law of Sue. Devoted aunt of Caleb and Helen Akililu, Noah and Emma Matros, and Rachel Kennedy. Lara was the Vice President, Legal, R&D, Alliance Management & Transactions, at AbbVie Inc. Service Sunday, 1PM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congregation B'JBE, www.bjbe.org, or Colorectal Cancer Alliance, www.ccalliance.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Magrini, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Ryan Magrini, a long time Oak Brook resident, passed away peacefully at her home on January 2, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Leo Magrini. Beloved mother of the late Leo R. Magrini, Ellen Magrini and Maria (Jeffrey) Mohl. Adored grandmother of Leo, Charlie, Kevin, Melissa, Emmett and Thomas. Dear sister of James (Donna) Ryan and loving aunt of many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents James J. Ryan and Irene Nolan Ryan. She graduated from Marywood High School in Evanston and then continued her education at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She became an Occupational Therapist at The Alexander Graham Bell School, teaching the blind. She was born November 26, 1932. Mary Ellen spent her summers in Long Beach, Indiana which she referred to as her "Little Piece of Heaven." This is where she met the love of her life and married in 1959. Mary Ellen lived a very active and busy life, skiing, golfing, tennis, bridge, mahjong and was very involved in many clubs and organizations with an abundance of friends. She was known for her bright smile infectious laughter, adventurous spirit and for the joy she brought to all those she interacted with. Though she is gone, her legacy will live on in the many lives she has touched. A visitation will be held Monday, January 7th from 5:00pm-8:30pm at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook, IL 60527. Family and friends will meet Tuesday, January 8th, for a 10:00 am funeral mass at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 4th and Clay Streets, Hinsdale. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660. www.misericordia.com. For more information 630-325-2300, www.adolfservices.com, or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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McGeary, Patrick J.

McGeary, Patrick, J. 81 years, December 31, 2018, in Venice, FL. Beloved husband of Marion McGeary (nee Adams); loving father to Mary Lou (the late Marvin) Lindmark, Theresa (David) Hill, and Jennifer; cherished grandfather of Patrick, Jack, Harry and Aidan. Dear brother of Mary, Anna and Margaret and fond uncle of many. Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Mass, February 2, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago. Private interment and burial at later date at Venice Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.


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Stamas, Lillian K.

 Lillian K. Stamas, 90, nee Kokos; Beloved wife of the late Dr. Louis G.; Devoted mother of Conte and Alexis (Dr. William) Skoubis; Cherished daughter of the late Tom and Alexandra Kokos; Loving grandmother of Jimmy, Cassandra (Nick) Tagliere, and Sophia; Beloved sister of Ann (the late Vincent Palermo), Angelo Kokos and the late Mary and Harry Andritsis; the late Terry Kokos, the late Sam G. (Nancy) Kokos; Dearest sister-in-law of Frances (the late Raymond Sr.) Riha, Peter G. (the late Patricia), the late Helen and Michael Mitchell, the late Mary and James Maras, the late George and Bessie, the late Rose and Frank Eichele, the late John and Edna, the late Bessie G., the late Tom and Christine, the late Catherine and George Alexander and the late Ester and Tom Lycos; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Lillian was the Past President of Plato School and Assumption Church of Chicago Philoptochos. Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Conboy's Westchester Funeral Home 10501 W. Cermak Rd. Westchester, IL. Relatives and friends will meet Monday Morning at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago, IL 60644 for 11:00 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers donations in her memory to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church appreciated. Info: 1-708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Tapia, Israel 'Izzy'

 Izzy passed away on 12/16/2018. He was a talented and multilingual makeup artist who attended IMSA and Amherst College.

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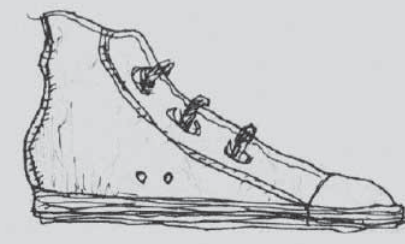
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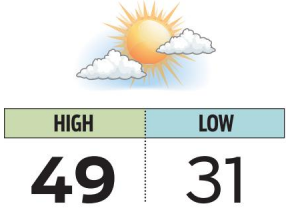
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SATURDAY, JAN. 5 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 56° (1890) RECORD LOW: -18° (1884)

One more sunny day before the clouds arrive

LOCAL FORECAST



■ The southern edge of colder high pressure centered far to our north will ease south into northeastern Illinois and northwest Indiana by early Sunday.
 ■ Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 50s – temperatures normally experienced in mid-November.
 ■ Clear skies overnight as winds gradually shift from west-northwest to north and then northeast – temperatures dropping into the lower 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST

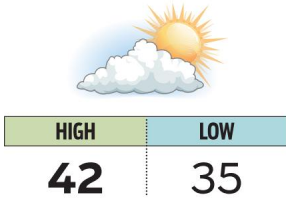


High pressure will be centered north of the U.S.-Canadian border, with the southern edge of the cooler air slowly sinking south into northern Illinois Saturday night.

The abundant sunshine and Pacific-origin air mass will boost temperatures to mid-November levels by Saturday afternoon, with highs across our area solidly in the lower 50s. However, winds will shift east Saturday night enhancing the cooler air that will settle over the area Sunday.

Deepening low pressure will move east out of the Central Plains Sunday, the associated vanguard high and mid-level clouds spreading over our area adding to features that will restrict warming during the day. Easterly winds off of Lake Michigan will keep lakefront temperatures in the mid- to upper 30s, impacting the Bears-Eagles game at Soldier Field.

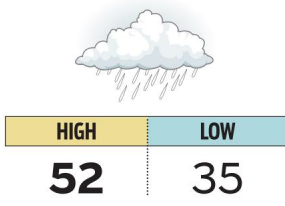
SUNDAY, JAN. 6



Some sun at start. Increasing cloudiness during day. High temps 40-45 inland with readings in upper 30s along lakefront/Soldiers Field. Clouds thicken overnight. Rain likely toward morning. E-SE winds.



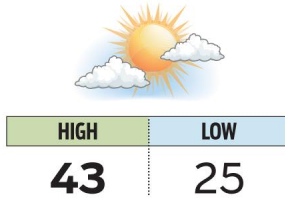
MONDAY, JAN. 7



Cloudy and mild with rain. High temperatures in the lower 50s. Rain ending by evening becoming partly cloudy. Southwest winds shift northwest by evening.



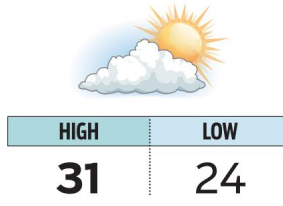
TUESDAY, JAN. 8



Considerable sunshine despite scattered clouds, gusty northwest winds and cooler with highs 40 to 45. Partly cloudy overnight.



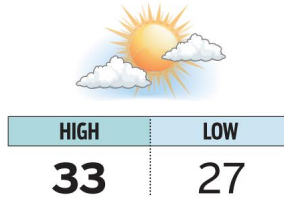
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9



Partly sunny and colder with highs in the lower 30s. Clear skies overnight. Northwest winds become light and variable at night.



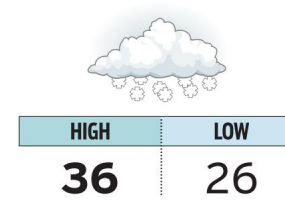
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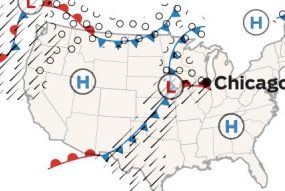
Mostly sunny with little temperature change highs low to mid 30s. Increasing high clouds overnight. Southerly winds.



FRIDAY, JAN. 11



Cloudy with a chance of occasional light snow – highs in the middle 30s. Chance of snow overnight. Southerly winds shift northeast late.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 I was driving near Champaign in early December in dense fog with a temperature of 7 degrees (on my car thermometer). How can there be fog with it being so cold?
 — Maggie Robinson, Zion

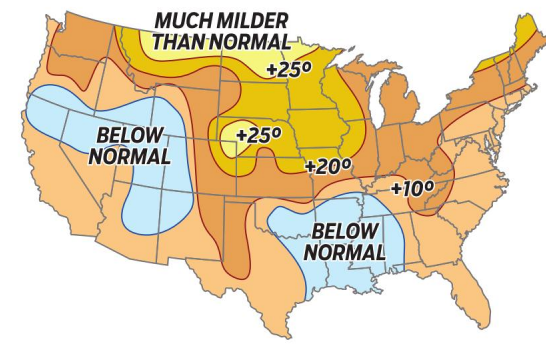
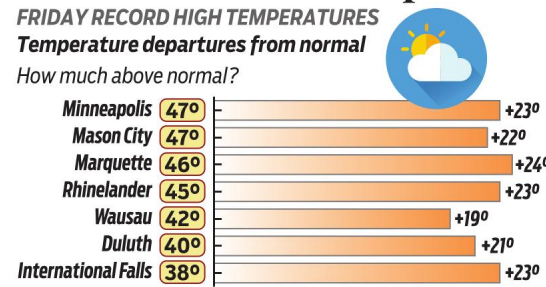
Dear Maggie,
 Fog consists of tiny droplets of water in the air at or near the Earth's surface. Fog droplets persist in liquid form at air temperatures well below freezing because, generally, the liquid droplets need a surface to freeze on. Liquid fog can occur even at temperatures well below zero – but below minus 40 degrees the fog particles do indeed freeze. (This is called ice fog.)
 Fog at a temperature of 7 degrees is not unusual. As air is cooled, it can contain progressively less water vapor and its relative humidity increases until, when its humidity reaches 100 percent, the water vapor begins to condense into fog.

Write to: ASK TOM
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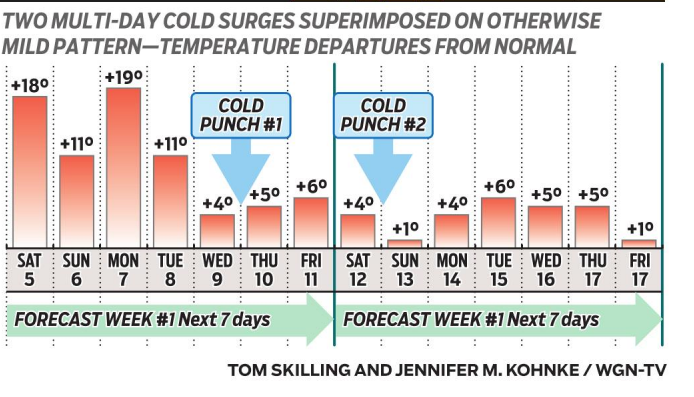
Above-normal temperatures continue almost nationwide



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

THE COMING 5 DAYS

The overhaul pattern in coming week
 Forecast temperature departures cover the period from Saturday, January 5 through Thursday, January 10



TOM SKILLING AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

MIDWEST CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	56	35	cl	58	49
Carbondale	su	50	29	sh	46	41
Champaign	su	51	30	sh	47	43
Decatur	su	51	30	sh	47	43
Moline	pc	49	30	sh	42	40
Peoria	su	50	30	sh	46	42
Quincy	pc	55	33	sh	49	46
Rockford	pc	47	28	sh	38	35
Springfield	pc	52	30	sh	49	45
Sterling	pc	46	28	sh	40	37
Indiana	su	51	32	cl	49	42
Bloomington	su	53	33	cl	56	47
Evansville	su	46	30	cl	39	33
Fort Wayne	su	50	31	cl	46	40
Indianapolis	su	48	29	cl	44	40
Lafayette	su	46	28	cl	38	33
South Bend	su	46	28	cl	38	33
Wisconsin	pc	40	24	sh	31	30
Green Bay	pc	47	29	sh	37	36
Kenosha	su	43	24	sh	36	33
La Crosse	su	45	28	sh	37	35
Madison	su	43	24	sh	36	33
Milwaukee	su	45	28	sh	37	35
Wausau	pc	38	23	sh	29	28
Michigan	pc	45	31	pc	35	27
Detroit	pc	41	29	pc	34	31
Grand Rapids	pc	37	23	sh	26	22
Marquette	su	50	31	pc	21	14
St. Ste. Marie	su	39	28	cl	31	24
Traverse City	pc	39	28	cl	31	24
Iowa	pc	53	27	sh	41	36
Ames	pc	50	28	sh	40	36
Cedar Rapids	pc	54	30	sh	43	37
Des Moines	pc	48	28	sh	39	35
Dubuque	pc	53	31	sh	41	36

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	68	48	pc	71	52
Albany	su	39	34	cl	39	16
Albuquerque	cl	40	31	sh	42	23
Amarillo	su	68	43	pc	68	35
Anchorage	pc	7	-1	pc	4	-1
Asheville	pc	51	36	pc	64	40
Aspen	cl	45	27	sn	33	18
Atlanta	pc	58	40	pc	66	42
Atlantic City	su	51	39	pc	49	27
Austin	su	71	44	cl	69	60
Baltimore	su	49	41	su	51	31
Billings	pc	40	31	pc	44	28
Birmingham	su	59	37	pc	64	43
Bismarck	pc	34	23	rs	33	27
Boise	sh	42	35	sh	44	33
Boston	su	43	36	pc	44	20
Brownsville	su	77	57	pc	78	67
Buffalo	pc	39	33	sh	36	20
Burlington	sh	37	30	ss	34	6
Charlotte	su	62	49	pc	67	42
Charlottesville	su	61	46	su	67	49
Charlottesville	su	51	37	cl	50	36
Chattanooga	su	58	36	pc	63	42
Cheyenne	pc	55	34	pc	48	28
Cincinnati	su	51	31	cl	47	39
Cleveland	pc	41	35	pc	37	30
Colo. Spgs	pc	57	33	pc	55	27
Columbia MO	su	58	35	sh	56	51
Columbia SC	su	64	41	su	70	42
Columbus	su	49	32	pc	43	34
Concord	su	77	29	pc	38	9
Corps Christi	su	72	54	pc	73	63
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Ferrari F1 driver Michael Schumacher of Germany is cheered by his pit crew as he heads for the finish line to win the 2000 Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne, Australia.

Schumacher's 50th birthday observed publicly, privately

BY JEROME PUGMIRE
Associated Press

Against the backdrop of celebrations marking Michael Schumacher's 50th birthday on Thursday, the medical condition of Formula One's most successful driver remains just as fiercely guarded by his close family.

More than five years after a near-fatal brain injury in a skiing accident, the seven-time F1 champion continues to be cared for in total secrecy at home in the quiet Swiss town of Gland on the shores of Lake Geneva. He has been there since being transferred from a hospital in September 2014.

"You can be sure that he is in the very best of hands and that we are doing everything humanly possible to help him," Schumacher's family said in a rare statement Wednesday. "Please understand if we are following Michael's wishes and keeping such a sensitive subject as health, as it has always been, in privacy."

It was while skiing with his teenage son Mick in the French Alps at Meribel that Schumacher fell on Dec. 29, 2013. He hit the right side of his head on a rock, splitting open his helmet. Doctors at Grenoble hospital removed blood clots, but others were left untouched because they were too deeply embedded in his brain.

With unsourced stories abounding, updates on his condition went from scarce to non-existent as his family closed ranks around him. But the family understands the level of devotion toward Schumacher from his legions of fans.

Coinciding with his birthday, the family is releasing the Official Michael Schumacher App offering a virtual museum tour of his greatest achievements.

"The app is another milestone in our effort to do justice to him and you, his fans, by celebrating his accomplishments," the statement said.

Many of those accomplishments were with Ferrari, where the German driving ace won five titles. The Italian manufacturer is honoring his 50th with a special museum exhibition of his achievements at its Maranello headquarters in northern Italy.

His stature in Ferrari folklore is immense, while his impact on F1 is unparalleled with perhaps the exception of the late Brazilian great Ayrton Senna.

Schumacher's winner's aura was perhaps unfairly viewed from the outside as cold and distant, when in essence he was incredibly appreciative of those he worked closely with. In 2000, he delivered Ferrari from years of frustration with a first world title since Jody Scheckter in 1979.

At the time, Schumacher spoke about the emotions he felt as the team celebrated wildly around him.

"Those faces. Bright eyes everywhere and everyone cheering," Schumacher said in recognition. "I would have loved to hug and kiss each and every one of them."

Schumacher won the next four F1 titles — even securing the 2002 title an astonishing six races before the end — on his way to a record 91 GP wins. His speed, consistency



REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher raises the trophy after winning the French Formula One Grand Prix at the Magny-Cours circuit in central France in 2006.

and work ethic were all unmatched.

"He was winning races sometimes he shouldn't have won," said F1's managing director Ross Brawn, who worked with Schumacher on all seven F1 titles. "He just had a majesty about him in that period."

During Schumacher's glory years, F1 even rivaled soccer as the No. 1 sport in Italy — quite an achievement. Memorabilia from those halcyon days, including cars and race-worn helmets, has been on display in the German city of Cologne at The Michael Schumacher Private Collection since June of last year.

"Michael can be proud of what he has achieved, and so are we," his family's statement said. "We want to remember and celebrate his victories, his records and his

jubilant."

Schumacher has not been seen in public since his accident.

Brawn and Jean Todt — the head of motorsport's governing body FIA — are very close friends and have visited him at his Swiss home. Brawn reiterated the need for Schumacher to be shielded from the media spotlight.

"I am constantly in touch with (Schumacher's wife) Corinna and I totally agree with their decision," Brawn said. "Michael has always been a very private person."

The exhibitions in Cologne and Maranello are initiatives of the Keep Fighting Foundation, launched by Schumacher's family and of which Brawn and Todt are trustees.

Rising star

It was then-Ferrari general manager Todt who persuaded Schumacher to join him there after world titles with Benetton in 1994 and 1995, where he had developed a dazzlingly successful rapport with Brawn.

Todt rarely speaks publicly about Schumacher, out of respect, but revealed he watched the Brazilian GP with Schumacher at his Switzerland home in November.

Brawn spotted the young Schumacher's brazen talent during the World Sportscar Championship.

"He was doing lap times on less fuel than the others, and beating them by a mile," Brawn said, underlining how even then Schumacher was "clearly incredibly quick."

They started working together at Benetton in 1991. A year later, Schumacher won his first F1 race at the Belgian GP and his astonishing career took off.

"In '94 when he won the first championship he was incredible," Brawn said.

Given his age and lack of experience at the time, Schumacher's breakthrough Benetton days were arguably equal to his stellar time with Ferrari.

"It's difficult to define a peak," Brawn told F1's official podcast.

Hamilton closes in

Five-time F1 champion Lewis Hamilton has Schumacher's records within his sights, and age relatively on his side.

Given that the British driver is contracted with Mercedes for at least this season and next, he has a strong chance of equaling Schumacher's seven titles and number of race wins.

The 33-year-old Hamilton has won 73 races — 18 behind but with a slightly higher win ratio than Schumacher had.

Hamilton, arguably F1's greatest ever talent in qualifying, has eclipsed Schumacher's record for pole positions: 83-68.

They are level for most podiums in a season with 17. But Schumacher leads him in terms of consecutive podium finishes overall 19-16, as well as fastest laps with a staggering 77-41.

Schumacher also holds the F1 record for most wins at a single race: eight at the French GP.

Rising son

Having raced against Schumacher in F1 and then replaced him at Mercedes, Hamilton could well end up driving against Schumacher's son.

All eyes will be on Mick Schumacher this year as he competes in F2 with the Prema Racing team.

The 19-year-old Schumacher won last year's F3 championship in style with eight wins and seven pole positions.

It was another racing title for the Schumacher family, and maybe not the last.

If Schumacher wins the F2 championship in 2019 then he, like other drivers such as Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, could well be fast-tracked into F1.

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Rams quarterback Jared Goff (16) talks with coach Sean McVay and Sean Mannion (14) during the team's game against the Lions in Detroit in December. Goff is determined to show what he learned from last season's playoff loss when the Rams (13-3) begin another postseason run after their bye week.

Goff, Rams return to playoffs with experience, determination

BY GREG BEACHAM | Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Before Jared Goff led the Los Angeles Rams into the NFL playoffs last year, his only adult experience in a postseason football game was at the 2015 Armed Forces Bowl.

Leading California past Air Force on a cold Tuesday afternoon in Fort Worth is a little bit different than taking on the defending NFC champion Atlanta Falcons in prime time in your team's first postseason game in 13 years. Most of the Rams had no NFL playoff experience, and Goff knows it showed in their 26-13 loss.

"It was a game that I would have liked to play better," said Goff, who went 24 of 45 for 259 yards and one TD against Atlanta. "We would have all liked to play better. Ended not the way we would have liked it to. Hopefully we can use some of those experiences as a positive and move forward with them. That's always big when you can get in those situations and get in those moments and feel it. Whether it ends up good or bad, just being able to experience it and feel it is important."

Goff is determined to show everything he learned from that loss when the current Rams (13-3) begin another postseason run after their bye week.

The Rams will host Chicago, Seattle or Dallas on Jan. 12, when the franchise attempts to advance to its first NFC championship game since the 2001 campaign — also the season of the Rams' last Super Bowl appearance.

Goff grew into a bona fide Pro Bowl quarterback this season, ranking fourth in the league with 4,688 yards passing and 32 TD passes. The Rams also evolved as a legitimate Super Bowl contender, proving last season's success was no fluke while also realizing they need January success to back up their growth.

That loss to the Falcons at the Coliseum has been cited all season as a valuable lesson for a group that had never been on such a stage. According to coach Sean McVay, it was also a wake-up call for a coaching staff that now realizes it must grind even harder to advance deep in the postseason.

"I think we were all disappoint-

ed with the result, with what an abrupt ending it was to such a great season last year," McVay said. "Such a fun season."

Those 2017 Rams were a pleasant shock, with the arrival of McVay and defensive coordinator Wade Phillips immediately galvanizing a long-struggling team to a seven-game improvement on 2016. The current Rams didn't sneak up on anybody, yet they still earned two more victories to post this team's best record since 2001.

And because the football world knew the Rams were good, they featured repeatedly in high-pressure matchups with national exposure. Three of the Rams' final six games alone were in prime time — and while they went 1-2 in those games, Goff believes it will all pay off when the Rams begin their toughest work next week.

"I think just understanding the opportunity is definitely part of it," the third-year quarterback said.



RICK SCUTERI/AP

The Rams added a handful of playoff-tested veterans in the offseason, including Super Bowl champion cornerback Aqib Talib.

"Just having more big-game experience, being on prime time a handful of times this year and then having that playoff game last year and having games that are extremely meaningful late in the season. I think that all carries over into the playoffs and into that mentality that you have to have throughout the week."

The Rams kept a mellow mentality while they waited for the NFC to sort out their opponent. They held two light practices, but otherwise used the bye week to heal from the accumulated wear of the regular season before watching the weekend's playoff games from their couches.

"I'd be watching it whether we

were in or not," McVay said with a grin.

A playoff bye is another new experience for many Rams, including McVay, who never had that postseason week off in eight years as an NFL assistant. McVay leaned on Phillips and his other veteran assistants to formulate a plan for their time off.

"It certainly is something that you appreciate," McVay said. "It's a good balance of letting the players get away, and the coaches as well, but you're also staying sharp, not getting too far removed from it where you let the rust set in."

The Rams gathered no rust in December because they couldn't let up down the stretch. The Bears pushed them for the No. 2 seed in the NFC until the final game of the regular season, forcing every starter except injured Todd Gurley and safety Lamarcus Joyner to play in the finale even though the Rams wrapped up their division four weeks earlier.

The past month was encouraging for the defense, which had struggled to match the offense's performance earlier in the season. Los Angeles held three of its final five opponents — including Chicago, a potential playoff foe — to fewer than 17 points, showing tenacity and adaptability even in its opponents' higher-scoring performances.

The Rams added a handful of playoff-tested veterans in the offseason, including Super Bowl champion Aqib Talib. If anybody didn't get it last season, the veteran cornerback can tell his teammates all about the importance of meeting the playoff challenge.

"Football cranks up," Talib said. "Gets a little bit faster. You've got to make less mistakes. It's the playoffs, man, so it doesn't matter if it's your first time, second time. It doesn't really matter. Everything is going to go a little faster and your margin of error has got to be that much better."

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EXPERT VIEW: 2019 BMW i8



Kids swarm the BMW i8 during a presentation about the sports car's plug-in hybrid powertrain.

Kids love the BMW i8

By Christian Wardlaw, New York Daily News

Kids love cars with gullwing doors. Exclaimed one tousle-haired student arriving on the campus basketball court for recess and finding a 2019 BMW i8 parked on the pavement, doors wide open: "Oh man, that's a BMW? I thought it was a Lambo!"

By way of explanation, my daughter is in fifth grade. Her teacher asked parents if they would be willing to visit the classroom to talk about their jobs, and my wife suggested that I volunteer. Hesitant, thinking nobody would know what the heck an automotive journalist is, I put my name down along with my profession. Her teacher called not long after, eager to have me visit to talk all things cars, and I agreed.

I needed something exciting to inspire the students. Something with gullwing doors.

The updated 2019 BMW i8 sports car would be perfect, I thought, a plug-in hybrid that looked like an exotic.

BMW was eager to participate. Oleg Satanovsky, product communications coordinator for BMW, has kids of his own, and once packed 21 students from his child's school into a Rolls-Royce Phantom. He understands how such experiences can have a lasting impact on the next generation of designers, engineers, marketers, sales people, service technicians...and luxury car buyers.

And so it was that I found myself behind the wheel of the updated 2019 BMW i8, 24 hours before a major storm dumped several inches of rain on Southern California.

A talk without the chalk

The BMW i8 Coupe has 2+2 seating, and there's enough room in back for younger children to come along for the ride.

Due to the approaching storm, we moved the auto industry presentation up by 24 hours. I arrived at the school, and after administrators unlocked the 8-foot-high chain-link fencing that surrounds all schools in this 'modern' age, I drove the i8 onto the basketball court.

Shortly thereafter, both fifth grade classrooms streamed out for my presentation. I expected some jaded indifference to the BMW, thinking the kids would be more excited about a Ferrari, Lamborghini, or McLaren, but this wasn't the case. No doubt, it helped that both of the i8's doors were wide open.

Over the course of 45 minutes, I covered the following topics:

My career trajectory to date, from editor of Edmunds.com to editor of the New York Daily News Autos section.

An overview of the BMW i8, a plug-in hybrid sports car offering about 20 miles of electric driving range, acceleration to 60 mph in 4.2 seconds, and combined-driving fuel economy of around 30 mpg.

Emphasis on successful women in the automotive realm, from NASCAR racer Danica Patrick to Nadya Arnaout, who designed the interior of the BMW Z4. Can't let boys tell girls that they can't play with cars, now can we?

Career opportunities in the automotive industry, from sales and service to design and engineering.

Throughout, the students asked questions. Some were basic, such as whether or not the "i" in "i8" was capitalized or not. Others were more complex, related to how the BMW i8's plug-in hybrid drivetrain worked.

One child, whose father is the general manager of a local dealership, actually enquired about a "frunk" (a front trunk, which the i8 does not have). Another child, a Tesla fanatic and clearly a big fan of massaging front seats, wanted to know all of the vehicles I've driven that had them. Not gonna lie: that was odd.

Afterwards, I heard from the teachers and parents that my presentation resonated with several students who couldn't stop talking about how they might want to work in the auto industry when they grow up. Mission accomplished.

20 miles of electric range, 0 to 60 in 4.2 seconds, all-wheel drive

Marrying a carbon fiber reinforced body to an aluminum frame, and featuring an electric engine driving the front wheels with a turbocharged 1.5-liter 3-cylinder engine powering the rear wheels, the BMW i8 is a plug-in hybrid sports car that makes a combined 369 horsepower.

Among exotics, that's not a substantial number. Neither is the measured time to 60 mph, which BMW says is 4.2 seconds. What is substantial, however, is the estimated 20 miles of electric driving range combined with my as-tested fuel economy average of 30.7 mpg.

Given the recent release of the 2018 National Climate Assessment report, I'm willing to give up some outright speed in exchange for reduced consumption of fossil fuels. What about you?

Sliding into the BMW i8's 2+2 interior is not easy. You duck under the gullwing doors, poke your butt into the car, drop in, and then swing your legs over the high sill and down into the cabin. If you're wearing a skirt, especially a short one, demure entry and exit is impossible. Wear skivvies.

Once you're in, the i8 is much like other BMWs, and driving the car is easy. Best of all, if you're a parent like me, having the two rear jump seats is especially helpful because you never know when you might be called to school drop-off or pick-up duty.

A fun plug-in hybrid to run

After the presentation at the school, and with two days of predicted rain scheduled to arrive in mere hours, I took the BMW i8 for a run on our local mountain roads.

My usual testing loop, recently ravaged by a major brush fire, remained partially closed. The incoming storm added to the road closures due to legitimate concerns about rock fall and mudslides. Still, I found a section of twisty two-lane suitable for exploring the BMW i8's acceleration, braking, and handling.

Silent upon start-up and when used in eDrive mode, the i8 delivers a manufactured engine and exhaust note to the cabin when the gasoline engine is on and running.

It's not as sexy as what you might expect from a typical exotic, but it nevertheless sounds throaty and aggressive. Activate manual shifting, and it even belches and pops a bit as you upshift and downshift through the gears.

Running hard up the side of a mountain, the i8 is just as thrilling to drive as other sports cars. From the driver's seat, it feels remarkably 'normal,' in part due to excellent outward visibility and in part due to its fairly conventional interior design. It's easy to see around sweeping curves and tight corners, helping the driver to best place the car and maintain maximum velocity.

I didn't get a chance to test braking performance under extended duress, but I did spend enough time in Los Angeles traffic to find that they are a little grabby under certain situations. Dynamically, though, that's the only aspect of the car that serves as a source for complaint.

A memory-maker in multiple ways

As evening and storm clouds approached, I asked my fifth- and second-graders if they'd like to go for a ride in BMW's plug-in hybrid exotic.

The three of us headed off down a canyon and onto an undulating country road, where I opened the i8 up just enough to make this whooping and dipping stretch of blacktop feel like a roller coaster. My careful older daughter wore a furrowed brow and look of concern, as she always has in such situations. My carefree younger one just threw her arms and hands up and yelled: "Whoo-hoo!"

While the kids at school that day might enjoy indelible memories of BMW's gullwing sports car for years to come, thanks to those two jump seats in the back, this short but rousing romp with my girls will be my favorite i8 memory.

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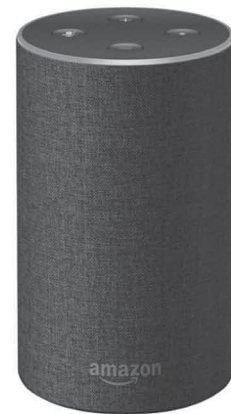
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- 4 Island greeting
- 9 "True ___"; John Wayne movie
- 13 Sheltered bay
- 14 Barry & Annable
- 15 TV's "What's My ___?"
- 16 Watched
- 17 Ignores one's budget
- 19 In one ___ and out the other
- 20 Tarkenton & Drescher
- 21 Griffith & Warhol
- 22 Whittles
- 24 Baseball score
- 25 Planned tricks
- 27 Head honchos
- 30 Rattled
- 31 Wonderland visitor
- 33 Run ___ tab; add to one's bar bill
- 35 Not as much
- 36 Squeaky floorboard's noise
- 37 Skin mark
- 38 "You ___ what you eat"
- 39 Treaties
- 40 Banquet
- 41 Valuables
- 43 Kingdoms

- 44 Faux ___; social blunder
- 45 Emotional
- 46 Sir ___ Newton
- 49 Clip wool
- 51 Fraternity letter
- 54 ___ with; write to
- 56 Betelgeuse or Polaris
- 57 Shade trees
- 58 Dishwasher cycle
- 59 Enormous
- 60 Amount to swallow
- 61 Look of contempt
- 62 Suffix for host or heir

DOWN

- 1 Spanish romantic artist
- 2 Raised highways
- 3 Senator Cruz
- 4 Venerates
- 5 Volcano outputs
- 6 Kiln
- 7 His and ___; matching items for Dad & Mom
- 8 Burro
- 9 Ford & Close
- 10 Orange peel
- 11 ___ 500; annual race
- 12 Actress Harper
- 13 Mediocre mark
- 18 DVD remote button

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- 31 Rainbows
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- 34 ___ and crafts
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- 46 Like eclairs
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