



Democrats look to link Russia with Ukraine

White House won't take part in next impeachment round; says proceedings 'baseless'

By LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats are bringing the impeachment focus back to Russia as they draft formal charges against President Donald Trump.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi is connecting the dots — “all roads lead to Putin,” she says — and making the argument that Trump's pressure campaign on Ukraine was not an isolated incident but part of a troubling

bond with the Russian president reaching back to special counsel Robert Mueller's findings on the 2016 election.

“This has been going on for 2½ years,” Pelosi said. “This isn't about Ukraine. It's about Russia. Who benefited by our withholding of that military assistance? Russia.”

The framing is taking on greater urgency and importance, both as a practical matter and a political one, as Democrats move into writing the articles of impeachment.

It's an attempt to explain why Americans should care that Trump pushed Ukraine to investigate rival Joe Biden while withholding \$400 million in military aid that Congress had approved for the struggling Eastern European ally fighting a border war with Russia.

“Sometimes people say, ‘Well I don't know about Ukraine. I don't know that much about Ukraine,’” Pelosi said Thursday in announcing the decision to draft formal charges. “Well, our adversary in this is Russia. All roads lead to Putin. Understand that.”

At the same time, tracing the arc of Trump's behavior from the 2016 campaign to the present stitches it all together. And that helps the speaker balance her left-flank liberals, who want more charges brought against Trump, including from Mueller's report, and centrist Democrats who prefer to keep the argument more narrowly focused on Ukraine.

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Democrats argue that President Donald Trump abused his office when he asked Ukraine President Zelenskyy for a “favor.”



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CHRISTMAS SHIP ARRIVES IN WINDY CITY

The Coast Guard cutter Mackinaw arrives at Navy Pier with a delivery of Christmas trees for Chicago residents on Friday. This is a reenactment of the original Chicago Christmas Ship visit and continues a tradition that began more than a century ago when brothers August and Herman Schuenemann sold and gave away Christmas trees from the Chicago waterfront.

Officer accused of removing SIM card

Eddie Johnson's alleged drinking partner may have tampered with evidence, a document shows

By JEREMY GORNER AND ANNIE SWEENEY

The woman who sources say was out drinking with then-Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson the night he was found asleep in his vehicle has been accused of tampering with evidence amid the city watchdog's investigation into the incident, the Chicago Tribune has learned.

The woman, a veteran Chicago police officer, was accused of removing a SIM card from a cellphone that had been sought as evidence by the office of city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson, according to a document obtained by the Tribune. SIM cards store data on cellphones.

The document obtained by the Tribune through an open-records request shows the officer's complaint history since she joined the department in 2006. It indicated a sergeant in the bureau where the officer is now assigned filed a complaint making the allegation against her about the cellphone data.

“The accused officer is alleged to have removed a SIM card from a cell phone that was requested as evidence by the OIG,” the document said. The document doesn't describe which investigation but lists a “date of incident” of Nov. 21. Ferguson's office has been investigating Johnson since soon after officers found him asleep in a running vehicle near his South Side home after a late weeknight out in mid-October.

The female officer was a member of Johnson's security detail at the time of the incident, sources said.

The Tribune is not naming the female

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Cyber Week shoppers sign up, impulse buy like crazy

Dark pattern ploys are to blame, but scientists and lawmakers look to fix that

By CINDY DAMPIER

Cyber Week 2019 is nearly over. Did you get a deal on everything you need? Click no if you'd rather just pay full price.

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Dark patterns are all those ploys companies use to get you to buy

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Federal investigators are looking into whether the Cubs' \$1 billion, five-year renovation of Wrigley Field meets accessibility requirements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA became law in 1990.

Feds probe \$1B Wrigley renovation for accessibility

By ROBERT CHANNICK

Federal prosecutors have launched an investigation into whether the Chicago Cubs' \$1 billion, five-year renovation of Wrigley Field meets accessibility requirements for disabled spectators.

The Cubs filed notice of the review Thursday in Chicago federal court, where the team is defending itself against a lawsuit brought by a wheelchair-bound fan who alleges that seating in the ballpark is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and is in fact worse than before the renovation.

The U.S. attorney for the Northern

District of Illinois initiated an ADA compliance review to ensure Wrigley Field is “readily accessible” to those with disabilities, the filing said.

“The Cubs are completing a five-year renovation of Wrigley Field which we believe has significantly increased the accessibility of the ballpark,” an attorney representing the Cubs said in a letter to the judge overseeing the case. The letter said compliance with the ADA “is of critical importance to the Cubs, as is ensuring the accessibility to all fans to Wrigley Field, a historic and aging

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Damage of murals in Pilsen sparks outrage

An alderman is demanding to know why colorful murals honoring Mexican culture at a Pilsen CTA station were painted over with white paint, but the transit agency Friday said it stopped the practice a year ago. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

Saudi aviation student kills 3 at Florida base

An aviation student from Saudi Arabia opened fire in a classroom at Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday morning, killing three people in an attack the Saudi government quickly condemned and that U.S. officials were investigating for possible links to terrorism. **Nation & World**, Page 7

Golden Globes to reveal nominations next week

Here are 10 things to look out for when the Hollywood Foreign Press Association announces its nominees on Monday. **A+E**, Page 11



THE BEARS BY THE DECADES

The Tribune sports department has compiled a comprehensive, decade-by-decade portrait of the Bears featuring essays, box scores, articles, photographs, a one-of-a-kind first person account by George Halas and team memorabilia from the Tribune's historical archives. Available at chicagotribune.com/bears100book.

"Life Skills: How To Do Almost Anything" How do you give a good wedding toast? How do you fix a clogged drain? How do you bowl without hurting anyone? Questions like these—some highly practical, others wildly funny—make up this engaging do-it-yourself guide. Collected from the Chicago Tribune how-to columns called "Life Skills," this book is filled with often humorous instructions on performing a variety of tasks.

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Ceres Cafe inside the Chicago Board of Trade building is where then-police Superintendent Eddie Johnson is said to have had a couple of drinks before being found asleep at the wheel of his running police vehicle at 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 17.

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officer because no disciplinary action or criminal charges have been brought against her. Neither she nor her attorney could be reached for comment Friday.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot fired the superintendent Monday, saying she had concluded after reviewing the inspector general's findings and video-recorded evidence that Johnson had lied to her and the public about his conduct that night.

Jeffrey Cramer, a former federal prosecutor in Chicago, said in a telephone interview that criminal charges could result if authorities conclude the SIM card was intentionally removed to impede the investigation.

"When SIM cards that could be relevant come up missing, it's a red flag that can be seen for miles," said Cramer, now a managing director at Berkeley Research Group, a global investigations firm.

Anthony Guglielmi, the

department's chief spokesman, said Friday that the department opened an investigation after the phone's SIM card was discovered missing.

Three days after Johnson was found asleep behind the wheel, Guglielmi said the female officer was reassigned from the superintendent's security detail to the Evidence and Recovered Property section housed at the department's Homan Square facility on the West Side. He could not elaborate on why she was transferred.

The officer went on paid medical leave from the department on Nov. 1 after falling off a chair in a Records Section office at police headquarters at 35th Street and Michigan Avenue, according to Guglielmi, citing department records. She was taken by a Chicago Fire Department ambulance to Mercy Hospital & Medical Center with injuries to her back and neck, he said. She remains on medical leave.

Guglielmi said officials are seeking to determine why she was working at police headquarters after her transfer off the security

detail and to Homan Square.

Johnson initially blamed his behavior on a change in medication but privately admitted to Lightfoot the next day that he had a couple of drinks that night.

Sources have told the Tribune that Ferguson's office obtained video footage showing the superintendent drinking for a few hours on the evening of Oct. 16 with the female officer at Ceres Cafe, a popular restaurant and bar in the Chicago Board of Trade building known for its stiff drinks. One of the sources said the two were seen kissing on restaurant video.

Later that night, officers responding to a 911 call about 12:30 a.m. Oct. 17 near Johnson's home in the Bridgeport neighborhood rapped on an SUV's window, waking Johnson, a source said. Johnson rolled the window down partway and flashed his police identification, the source said. Officers asked if he was able to drive home, the source said, and Johnson pulled away after responding yes.

In a statement issued Tuesday by his lawyer, Johnson denied he intentionally lied to the mayor or

the public but admitted that he made "a poor decision and had a lapse of judgment" on the night in question.

"That was a mistake and I know that," the statement quoted Johnson as saying. "I have no interest in fighting a battle for my reputation with those that want to question it now."

In another allegation in the officer's complaint history, she was accused in October 2017, while still assigned to the superintendent's security detail, of failing to report for one overtime shift. The anonymous complainant alleged that a lieutenant falsified a time sheet to make it appear the officer had worked that day after an "unidentified person" had called to intervene in the matter.

It was unclear if the officer had been disciplined over the allegation, but the department's Bureau of Internal Affairs closed the complaint within two months, the records show.

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Charges filed against man shot by Chicago police

BY PAIGE FRY AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

Charges have been filed against a man who was shot in the leg by Chicago police after he allegedly pulled a gun during a chase on the West Side.

Richard Willis, 25, has been charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and aggravated assault against an officer, according to Chicago police.

Officers patrolling East Garfield Park had tried to question Willis in the 3900

block of West Wilcox Street, but he ran away and allegedly pulled out a handgun about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. An officer fired at him and hit Willis in the leg. Police say a handgun was recovered at the scene.

Willis was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago, where he was stabilized. He did not appear to be in Cook County Jail as of Friday morning, according to records.

In October, he was charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon

when he accidentally shot a woman while showing his gun to co-workers at a Wendy's restaurant in Alsip, police said. "Willis was showing off a gun when it accidentally went off once and hit a lady in the leg," said Alsip police Lt. Todd Gutkowski.

The woman was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn for treatment. "He was actually remorseful," Gutkow-



Willis

ski said. Willis was released two days later, on Oct. 17, after posting \$5,000. The charge was pending when he confronted police Wednesday, authorities said.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability is investigating the incident. The officer who shot Willis will be placed on routine desk duty for 30 days during the COPA investigation.

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Pelosi and her team are trying to convey a message that impeachment is indeed about Ukraine — Trump's asking-for-a-favor phone call that sparked the probe — but also about a pattern of behavior that could stoke renewed concern about his attitude toward Russia ahead of the 2020 election.

"It shows that a leopard doesn't change his spots," said Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., a member of the Intelligence Committee, which drafted the 300-page report on the Ukraine inquiry that serves as the foundation for the impeachment proceedings.

With articles of impeachment coming in a matter of days and votes in the House expected by Christmas, Trump's team is hardening its argument that the president did nothing wrong. They say voters will stick with him at the Democrats' expense next November.

Late Friday, White House Counsel Pat Cipollone informed the Judiciary Committee that the administration would not participate in upcoming hearings, decrying the proceedings as "completely baseless."

Trump's campaign also announced new rallies taking the case directly to voters — as well as a new email fundraising pitch that

claims the Democrats have "gone absolutely insane."

"The Democrats have NO impeachment case and are demeaning our great Country at YOUR expense," Trump wrote in the email to supporters. "It's US against THEM."

Democratic lawmakers and aides are working behind closed doors over the weekend as the articles are being drafted and Judiciary Committee members are preparing for hearings and votes expected next week.

The articles are likely to encompass two major themes — abuse of office and obstruction — as the drafters strive to reach the Constitution's bar of "treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors." But they could be divided up into multiple articles.

Democrats argue that Trump abused his office when he asked Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for a "favor" during a July 25 phone call congratulating the newly elected comedian-turned-president. Trump wanted Ukraine to announce it was investigating Democrats including Biden, according to a rough transcript released under pressure by the White House.

They might also include a charge of "bribery," based on Trump's decision to withhold the military aid and stall on granting Zelenskyy a coveted White House visit the new president was

seeking as a show of support from the U.S., its most important ally.

The money was released once Congress began investigating in September. The meeting never happened.

Obstruction articles could include obstruction of Congress, as the White House ordered officials not to comply with House subpoenas for testimony or documents in the inquiry. They could also include obstruction of justice, based on Mueller's report on the original Trump-Russia investigation.

There is still robust internal debate among House Democrats over how many articles to write and how much to include — and whether there should be mention of Mueller's findings from his two-year investigation into Trump's possible role in Russia's 2016 election interference.

Many Democrats expect there will be two to four articles of impeachment against the president. Merging the Mueller findings into the overall charges by making the direct link to Ukraine might be one way to reach all sides.

Said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., a member of the Judiciary Committee, "You know we have to explore the possibility that the Ukraine episode is not some kind of aberrational outburst but rather reflective of a continuing course of misconduct."

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Presidential candidate and South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, left, chats with City Club of Chicago President Jay Doherty before he speaks at the City Club of Chicago luncheon in Chicago on Thursday.

Jay Doherty resigns as City Club president

Decision comes amid ComEd lobbying scandal

BY RAY LONG AND GREGORY PRATT

The City Club of Chicago said Friday that veteran lobbyist Jay Doherty has resigned as the organization's president, a move that comes a month after he parted ways with ComEd amid a federal investigation into the company's lobbying practices.

In his resignation letter, Doherty said he'd "come to a difficult decision" after "a great deal of personal reflection in recent weeks."

"In order for the City Club of Chicago to focus on its important civic mission without distraction, I must, at the present time, step away from my Club responsibilities," Doherty's letter stated.

A statement from City Club board Chairman Edward Mazur made no mention of the investigation, but thanked Doherty for establishing the organization "as a vital, vibrant institution in the civic life of Chicago" over the last 27 years.

Mazur told Crain's Chicago Business that he'd heard "various people were working for Commonwealth Edison, and (Doherty) seems to have been the point person" in those matters.

ComEd spokeswoman Jean Medina would not elaborate beyond the company's previous statement that it is "cooperating fully" with the federal investigation and unable to comment further.

As a lobbyist, Doherty's connections helped the City Club bring in high-profile elected officials as well as state and city department heads for breakfast and lunch speeches with question-and-answer sessions.

In mid-May, the City Club was hit with a search warrant and subpoena that requested informa-

tion about Democratic Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, sources have told the Tribune.

In addition, federal authorities requested information from the City Club about several ComEd officials, including Anne Prammaggiore, a source has said. She is a former top ComEd official who abruptly retired as CEO of Exelon Utilities, ComEd's parent company. A source has told the Tribune that she was one of the focuses of the federal investigation.

The Tribune has reported that federal authorities are zeroing in on payments made through ComEd's vast network of consultants to some individuals who seemed to have done little actual work. The payments were aimed at currying favor with certain lawmakers while circumventing lobbying disclosure rules, a source has said.

Doherty's ComEd compensation tallied slightly more than \$3.1 million from 2011 to 2018, according to federal regulatory records.

This week, the Tribune first reported that federal authorities have asked questions about Madigan and his political operation as part of an ongoing investigation, according to four people who have been interviewed.

Last month, the Tribune reported that federal authorities had recorded the calls of former ComEd lobbyist Mike McClain, a longtime close Madigan confidant.

In October, Jose Alvarez, the executive director of the Illinois Tollway, canceled a scheduled speech at the City Club. A tollway spokesman said that was done because "there are questions about the federal investigation involving the organization."

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Damage of murals depicting Mexican culture in Pilsen sparks outrage

But CTA says it hasn't painted over artwork in a year

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

An alderman is demanding to know why colorful murals honoring Mexican culture at a Pilsen CTA station were painted over with white paint, but the transit agency Friday said it stopped the practice a year ago.

Late Thursday, Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, of the 25th Ward, received messages notifying him that some of the murals at the station were painted over with white paint, said Rebecca Evans, a spokeswoman for the office. That prompted him to email the CTA and Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office seeking answers. He issued a statement calling the damage "utterly reprehensible and disrespectful" to the artists and culture in Pilsen.

"I have zero tolerance for the whitewashing of our community and I'm in touch with some of the original artists to discuss re-creating the murals on the station walls," he wrote in a statement.

But Friday afternoon, the CTA said its crews did not paint over any of the murals this week. But it's possible crews painted over areas that had previously been painted white, said Brian Steele, a spokesman for the agency. The agency did previously paint over portions of the mural because of graffiti or other damage, but it stopped that practice more than a year ago, Steele said. He said the agency was as committed as the Pilsen community is to preserving the public art.

"The artwork was intended as a temporary art installation and unfortu-



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White paint covers portions of murals in the 18th Street Pink Line CTA station on Friday. The colorful, Mexican-themed murals are credited to artist Francisco Mendoza, Gallery 37 students and the Mexican Museum of National Art. The area's alderman was recently alerted that parts of the murals have been painted over.

nately over the years, we've seen a lot of graffiti and weather-related deterioration," Steele said by phone.

The city's Department of Streets and Sanitation was not involved because the murals are on CTA property, a spokeswoman said in an email.

The backlash over the white paint comes as the CTA has been working on a project to restore some of the art. The agency was working with the National Museum of Mexican Art and an artist who worked with one of the original artists who worked on the station's murals, said Catherine Hosinski, a spokeswoman for the CTA.

Carlos Tortolero, president and founder of the National Museum of Mexican Art, said by phone Friday that staff at the museum has talked with

the CTA for years, giving the agency recommendations of artists who could restore the original murals. Many of the murals and public art at the station were done by artist Francisco Mendoza, Tortolero said. Mendoza died in 2012.

"We support restoring Francisco Mendoza's murals, but we don't support whitewashing of any murals," Tortolero said.

He wasn't sure if any of the work to restore the murals had started. Evans said Sigcho-Lopez was told the CTA would share with his office by next week a plan to begin restoration of the murals.

The murals have adorned the station since the 1990s, when artists and about 30 students, many of Mexican descent, created the art, the Tribune previously reported. The effort

was part of a program called "adopt a station."

While the art paid homage to the neighborhood's Mexican community, it also has helped curb a graffiti problem at the station, CTA President Dorval Carter told the Tribune in 2016.

"The art piece was so respected by the community that they didn't graffiti it," Carter has said. "It has withstood the test of time."

In August 2018, Streets and Sanitation workers removed a taxpayer-funded mural at the Paulina Station on the Brown Line after someone complained about it via the city's 311 service.

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Berwyn motorist allegedly struck pedestrian in Lombard, said 'he'll be OK,' then drove off

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A Berwyn man allegedly got out of his truck moments after striking a pedestrian, looked at the victim lying in the street and said "he'll be OK," before driving off, a DuPage County prosecutor said at the man's Friday bond hearing.

Luciano Pantaleon, 49, was charged this week in the death of Robert Szabo, who was struck about 12:10 a.m. on Aug. 30 as he crossed the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Addison Avenue near Lombard. Judge Jeffrey MacKay set bail at \$150,000 on the felony charge of leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

Assistant State's Attorney Kristin Sullivan told the judge that a witness to the

accident said the driver who struck Szabo briefly remained on the scene.

"The defendant got out of his truck, looked at the victim and said 'he'll be OK,' and left the scene," Sullivan told the judge.

Szabo, a 59-year-old Glen Ellyn resident, was transported to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Authorities quickly obtained video that showed the vehicle was a white Ford pickup truck, but were unable to tie it to Pantaleon until this week.

A woman who worked with Pantaleon at a nearby bar-restaurant called police to report that there had been discussion of Pantaleon's alleged involvement in the fatal accident.



Pantaleon

The woman said Pantaleon, who worked as a chef, had stopped coming to work at Ellyn's Tap around the time of the accident, Sullivan said.

Police interviewed another cook at the restaurant, who allegedly said Pantaleon admitted that he had been in an accident and had struck either an animal or a person, Sullivan said.

The prosecutor said police, in the early part of their investigation, had looked at surveillance video from Ellyn's Tap for possible links to the fatal accident because it was nearby and it would have been one of the only

businesses in the area open at the time of the accident.

But the time stamp on the restaurant video was off, which caused investigators to review the wrong video, Sullivan said.

Police went to Pantaleon's residence Wednesday and found a white Ford pickup in his driveway, Sullivan said, with what appeared to be a new front grille. However, police found damage behind the grille, she said, and a piece recovered from the accident scene fit "almost perfectly like a puzzle piece" with the damage to the truck, Sullivan said.

Pantaleon is due back in court Jan. 6 for arraignment.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

Trial date set for state Sen. Cullerton on embezzlement charges

BY JASON MEISNER

A trial date has been set for next summer for Illinois state Sen. Thomas Cullerton on federal embezzlement charges alleging he pocketed almost \$275,000 in salary and benefits from the Teamsters union despite doing little or no work.

U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman set July 21 as the date for jury selection during a brief hearing. Cullerton had been excused from attending.

The trial is expected to last about a week, Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu said in court.

Cullerton's attorney, Daniel Collins, alleged that prosecutors appear to be withholding important information about a key wit-

ness in the case that he believes he's entitled to see in order to mount a defense.

The evidence includes FBI reports, communications with prosecutors in the case and other statements the witness may have made, Collins said.

Bhachu, meanwhile, said some of the defense requests have been "rather overbroad." Prosecutors will turn over any evidence required by the rules but won't respond to a "fishing expedition," he said.

While the witness was not specifically identified, it was clear from what was said in court that the defense was referring to John Coli Sr., the former Teamsters boss whose cooperation led to the charges against Cullerton.



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Illinois Sen. Thomas Cullerton, left, leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in August after pleading not guilty.

Collins was given about two weeks to file a motion laying out the issues.

Cullerton, 49, a Democrat from Villa Park, was indicted in August on 39

counts of embezzlement and one count each of conspiracy and making false statements.

The charges came three days after Coli pleaded

guilty to extortion charges and agreed to cooperate with federal authorities.

According to the indictment, Coli conspired with Cullerton in 2013 to give the newly elected senator a do-nothing job with the Teamsters. Over the next three years, the two ignored complaints from supervisors when Cullerton failed to even show up for work, according to the charges.

In all, Cullerton was accused of fraudulently obtaining \$188,320 in salary, bonuses and cellphone and vehicle allowances from the Teamsters between 2013 and 2016, as well as \$64,068 in health and pension contributions.

Cullerton has pleaded not guilty and is free on bond while awaiting trial.

He previously served as village president of Villa Park and was first elected to the state Senate in 2012.

He's one of two state legislators currently facing federal corruption charges. State Rep. Luis Arroyo, a Chicago Democrat, was charged in October with attempting to bribe another state senator in exchange for help in Springfield with legislation beneficial to the sweepstakes gaming industry. Arroyo was a paid lobbyist for the industry.

Cullerton is a distant cousin of Senate President John Cullerton, who recently made a surprise announcement that he's retiring in January.

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Wrigley

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ballpark with a limited physical footprint.”

In the wake of the Justice Department review, the Cubs told the judge they are putting on hold plans to install additional accessible seating before opening day in March.

“Before making this substantial capital investment ... the team believes it is prudent to place the project on hold and receive any feedback from the (U.S. attorney’s office) which might impact this seating,” the team said in its letter.

Justice Department spokesman Joseph Fitzpatrick confirmed the compliance review but declined further comment. The team plans to “fully cooperate” with the review, Cubs spokesman Julian Green said in a statement.

Launched in 2014, the extensive \$1 billion renovation of 105-year-old Wrigley Field is nearly complete. The project includes a bleachers expansion, outfield video boards, an expanded grandstand concourse and other amenities.

In December 2017, Chicago attorney David A. Cerda filed a lawsuit against the team on behalf of his son, David F. Cerda, a lifelong Cubs fan who uses a wheelchair due to muscular dystrophy. The lawsuit, which is ongoing, alleges the renovated Wrigley Field doesn’t have enough accessible seats, and seats



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Handicapped-accessible seating at the back of the 200-level terrace reserved seats at Wrigley Field in May 2018.

that do accommodate disabled fans are not dispersed properly in the ballpark, in violation of ADA requirements.

“They went backwards,” the elder Cerda said Friday. “They made it worse.”

In 2010, the ADA implemented new technical standards requiring wheelchair seating locations that

are “substantially equivalent to, or better than, the choices of seating locations and viewing angles available to other spectators.”

Before the renovation, the historic Wrigley Field was exempted from certain ADA seating requirements. But the extent of the renovations, from demolition of the left and right field

bleachers to the lower box seats, requires them to be compliant with the 2010 seating standards, Cerda said.

If the Justice Department review finds the Cubs are discriminating against wheelchair patrons, they will have the option to voluntarily modify the facilities. If they don’t bring

the stadium into compliance, they may face a civil lawsuit by the government and be ordered to pay a fine.

Cerda said he has attended Cubs games with his son, now 22, since he was 3 months old. Before the renovation, his son often sat in an accessible seating section about 15 rows behind home plate.

Those seats were moved farther away from the field during the course of the renovation, Cerda said.

Other accessible seating areas previously included a section in the right field bleachers — now a restricted-admission bar — and a section under the grandstand, Cerda said.

The Cubs said in court documents that Wrigley Field will have more accessible wheelchair spaces and companion seats than before the renovations. Those include 33 right field and 21 left field bleacher seats accessible by elevator above the concourse, as well as 16 center field bleacher seats.

Cerda contends the Cubs have only 46 of the required 217 accessible seats at Wrigley Field, discounting seats with obstructed views such as the center field bleachers, which are located behind a screen that helps batters see the ball.

The Cubs were planning to add about 40 more accessible seats to the upper deck before opening day, according to sources familiar with the matter. That work is now on hold, pending the Justice Department review.

Cerda said he welcomed the government’s ADA review but said it should not allow the team to delay installing more accessible seating.

“They don’t have a right to put anything on hold,” Cerda said. “Opening day 2020, you’d better be ADA-compliant.”

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11-month-old child dies months after apparent abuse

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL

An 11-month-old boy has died more than seven months after suffering “severe brain damage” from apparent child abuse, according to Chicago police.

D’Siyah Thomas died Thursday morning at La Rabida Children’s Hospital in Chicago of complications

from “inflicted head trauma,” the Cook County medical examiner’s office said. His death was ruled a homicide.

D’Siyah had been rushed to Comer Children’s Hospital in mid-April after someone called a child abuse hotline with allegations of child abuse, said Officer Jessica Alvarez, a spokeswoman

for the Chicago police. “A witness on the scene related that the victim had sustained brain trauma prior to being transported to the hospital by CFD,” Alvarez said. “He was in critical condition.”

The boy was later transferred to La Rabida, where he was pronounced dead at 9:53 a.m. Thursday, the med-

ical examiner’s office said. The boy lived in the 9600 block of South Calumet Avenue in the Rosemoor neighborhood.

No details were available on how the boy was injured, and Alvarez said no one has been charged. “Detectives are still investigating it,” she said.

The Illinois Department

of Children and Family Services had found evidence of child abuse and finished its investigation in July, according to agency spokesman Jassen Strokosch. “We’ve already completed the investigation,” Strokosch said. “We indicated for abuse, which is our version of guilty.”

Strokosch said the person suspected of injuring the boy

was a male relative. D’Siyah never made it home from the hospital, and two of his siblings were removed from his home back in April. They live with a relative.

Before April, there were no other allegations of neglect or abuse in the household, Strokosch said.

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'She stabbed me with a knife, and I stabbed her back'

Suburban eye doctor who made 911 call is now charged in his girlfriend's death

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Anthony Prate stood outside his girlfriend's home in the middle of the night and called for an ambulance.

"My girlfriend and I had a fight," he explained to the 911 dispatcher in a calm voice. "She stabbed me with a knife, and I stabbed her back, and I think she's gravely wounded. And I'm wounded too."

When authorities arrived at the Schaumburg address, 48-year-old Malgorzata "Margaret" Daniel was dead, stabbed up to 30

times in the chest and back, according to authorities.

Prate, a 55-year-old eye doctor from Algonquin, was treated for cuts and then charged with first-degree murder in Daniel's death. He is being held in Cook County Jail without bond.

A copy of the 911 call obtained by the Tribune in a public records request captures Prate's account of the events that led to his arrest on Nov. 23. In the five-minute call, Prate repeatedly asks the dispatcher if he should try to resuscitate Daniel at the

bloody scene. "She doesn't look good. I don't know what I should do for her," Prate tells the dispatcher. He continues: "I've got injuries to my hands and my arms but I could do CPR. Should I ...?"

During Prate's first court appearance in the case, prosecutors referenced the 911 call, saying he spoke to the dispatcher in a "flat" voice.

But it wasn't the first call he made, Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Gates said at the hearing.

Prior to contacting police, Prate allegedly telephoned three family members and referenced having stabbed Daniel, Gates told

the judge. Prate made the 911 call about 1:30 a.m. from the 300 block of Arbor Glen Boulevard, where Daniel, a nurse anesthetist and mother of two adult daughters, lived in a town home.

Prate told the dispatcher the two struggled over the knife. Daniel wasn't breathing while Prate was on the line and there was "a lot of blood," Prate said. Prosecutors allege the couple got into a fight after hosting two of



Daniel



Prate

Daniel's neighbors for a dinner party. During the event, Prate became upset when the subject of death arose and he left the room for a noticeable period of time, Gates said.

Prior to Daniel's death, Prate, a licensed optometrist, had been listed as vice president on the website of the Eye Works, which has offices in Barrington and Lake Zurich. His photo and title were taken down after the stabbing.

The Cook County medical examiner's office ruled Daniel's death a homicide from sharp force injuries. Her colleagues created a fundraising page that had collected more than \$45,000 as of Friday to help her daughters with funeral costs.

Prate's recent arrest also spurred authorities to revisit the 2011 death of his wife, Bridget Prate. She was found dead in a vehicle that crashed while Anthony Prate was driving in Lake in the Hills.

No criminal charges were filed in connection with the crash.

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something or give up some of your personal data. The term refers to user experience designs that deliberately (diabolically?) push users to make choices they may not really want to make.

They rush you into purchases, outsmart you into giving your email address when you'd really rather not, play on your fear of missing out and make canceling or opting out difficult.

They may seem like nothing more than an annoyance, the cost of doing business online. But computer scientists who study web design are voicing concerns about the prevalence and impact of dark patterns. And following increased scrutiny of user privacy on sites like Facebook, lawmakers and the Federal Trade Commission are looking into them too.

"These patterns are called dark because they're manipulative," says University of Chicago computer science professor Marshini Chetty. "What makes them concerning is that they can happen at such huge scale, across thousands of web-

sites." And the impact of those dark patterns are being felt by millions.

Earlier this year, Chetty and several co-authors at Princeton University released a study that looked at 11,000 websites, and found dark patterns on 11% of all the pages they examined. In at least 183 sites, they found outright deception.

Deceptive practices can include timers that appear to be counting down until discounts end but actually just reset themselves when time is up; limited inventory numbers, which are in fact simply random number generators and "other buyers" who turn out to be nonexistent.

Not all dark patterns are openly dishonest. But Harry Brignull, the British user experience design expert who coined the term dark patterns in 2010, describes them all as unscrupulous. In a blog post, he describes a "kind of bad design pattern, one that's been crafted with great attention to detail, and a solid understanding of human psychology, to trick users into doing things they wouldn't otherwise have done. This is the dark side of design."

Brignull has identified 12 types of dark patterns, in-

cluding trick questions, misdirection and price comparison prevention.

A "roach motel" is a pattern in which users agree to something, then find it's nearly impossible to cancel. "Privacy zuckering" involves tricking users into sharing more information than they wanted to — Brignull pointedly named it after Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Confirmshaming is an attempt to shame users into opting in, a la the "No, I would rather pay full price" button.

"Dark patterns obscure, subvert or impair consumer decision-making," says Chetty. "They basically play on human cognitive biases and on our emotions in a way that helps make the manipulation more effective." And, while you might think that you know how to spot these tactics and sidestep them, "aggressive dark patterns are actually quite effective at shaping human decisions," says Chetty.

Like when you're finally ready to ring up the brand new boots you found on a Cyber Week sale, only to discover that the checkout process is going to require 27 more steps unless you sign up for an account. You're worn down. You sign

up. Dark patterns win again.

But do dark patterns need to be regulated? After all, stores have been using clever, psychologically based marketing tactics for years. Anyone recall why tiny toys and candy bars are placed at exactly the height of a 5-year-old who might be waiting next to you in the checkout line at Target? "Stores use some patterns which might be called dark," says Chetty, "like if you think of the rebate and how most people are less likely to send it in and get the lower price. But this is not something that can happen at that scale or level of sophistication in real life, so that makes online dark patterns something that regulators are becoming concerned about."

Think the kid in the checkout line has impulse control issues when he sees those candy bars? Imagine what it's like for him online, a world that plays to our need for instant gratification on every front, and in which even adults often have trouble exercising self control.

"For some users who are more savvy, it might be easier to navigate websites with dark patterns," says Chetty, "but there are certain populations that are

definitely more vulnerable to them, such as children and maybe elderly people."

Remember Facebook's in-app purchasing scandal, in which kids were pushed to make in-app purchases while playing games online, resulting in big credit card charges for parents? Concerns over that case and others in which users have been manipulated have prompted lawmakers to get involved. Sens. Mark Warner and Deb Fischer co-sponsored a bill earlier this year that looks to stop "large online platforms" from using dark patterns to trick consumers into giving up personal data. Warner, a former tech executive, has been calling on the FTC to investigate the use of dark patterns at Facebook since 2014.

Brignull and other user experience designers have been speaking out against the practice of using dark patterns as well. Brignull's website devoted to the subject of dark patterns works to shame companies that use them and educate the public; and a Purdue University project is collecting real-world examples of the patterns in use on websites, and publishing them online. Scientific work such as

Chetty's seeks to increase awareness as it defines and measures the impact and scope of dark patterns. Though she says that it's tricky to define the exact harm to consumers and what should be regulated, she hopes that any eventual regulations will "provide some guidelines to where you're crossing the line. That's something we don't have yet and that's why it's important we continue the discussion."

Meanwhile, she's helping to educate the public. "I think one thing that we think is helpful right now is awareness. A lot of people might not be aware that dark patterns are being used to manipulate their behavior, what patterns being used, and what kinds of tactics might merit a bit more scrutiny."

If you know better, you can probably do better when it comes to resisting dark patterns. Unless "they're telling you there's one ticket left to Florida," says Chetty, speaking like a true Chicagoan, "and you've got to get out before winter hits really hard. You can't take that chance."

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Saudi aviation student kills 3 at Fla. base

Officials investigate shooting for any links to terrorism

By **BILL KACZOR AND BRENDAN FARRINGTON**
Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — An aviation student from Saudi Arabia opened fire in a classroom at the Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday morning, killing three people in an attack the Saudi government quickly condemned and that U.S. officials were investigating for possible links to terrorism.

The assault, which ended when a sheriff's deputy killed the attacker, was the second fatal shooting at a U.S. Navy base this week and prompted a massive law enforcement response and base lockdown.

Twelve people were hurt in the attack, including the two sheriff's deputies who were the first to respond, Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan said. One of the deputies was shot in the arm and the other in the knee, and both were expected to recover, he said.

The shooter was a member of the Saudi military who was in aviation training at the base, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said at a news conference. DeSantis spokesman Helen Ferre later said that DeSantis learned about the shooter's identity from briefings with FBI and military officials.

A U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity identified the shooter as Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly.



TONY GIBERSON/AP

Police vehicles block the entrance to the Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday after an aviation student from Saudi Arabia opened fire in a classroom and killed three people.

Earlier Friday, two U.S. officials identified the student as a second lieutenant in the Saudi Air Force, and said authorities were investigating whether the attack was terrorism-related. They spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose information that had not yet been made public.

President Donald Trump declined to say whether the shooting was terrorism-related. Trump tweeted his condolences to the families of the victims and noted that he had received a phone call from Saudi King Salman.

He said the king told him that "the Saudi people are greatly angered by the barbaric actions of the shooter, and that this person in no way shape or form represents the feelings of the Saudi people who love the American people."

The Saudi government offered condolences to the victims and their families and said it would provide "full support" to U.S. authorities investigating the shooting.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms that the perpetrator of this horrific attack does not represent the

Saudi people whatsoever," the government said in a statement. "The American people are held in the highest regard by the Saudi people."

Vice Minister of Defense Khalid bin Salman noted on Twitter that he and many Saudi military personnel have trained on U.S. military bases and gone on to fight "against terrorism and other threats" alongside American forces.

"Today's tragic event is strongly condemned by everyone in Saudi Arabia," he said.

DeSantis, the Florida

governor, said Saudi Arabia needed to be held to account for the attack.

"Obviously, the government needs to make things better for these victims," he said. "I think they're going to owe a debt here, given that this was one of their individuals."

A national security expert from the Heritage Foundation warned against making an immediate link to terrorism.

"If there is some connection to terrorism, well, then that's that," said Charles "Cully" Stimson of the Heritage Foundation. "But let's

not assume that because he was a Saudi national in their air force and he murdered our people, that he is a terrorist."

Stimson said it was also possible that the shooter was "a disgruntled evil individual who was mad because he wasn't going to get his pilot wings, or he wasn't getting the qualification ratings that he wanted, or he had a beef with somebody, or there was a girlfriend involved who slighted him."

Florida U.S. Sen. Rick Scott issued a scathing statement calling the shooting an act of terrorism "whether this individual was motivated by radical Islam or was simply mentally unstable."

Scott added that it was "clear that we need to take steps to ensure that any and all foreign nationals are scrutinized and vetted extensively before being embedded with our American men and women in uniform."

One of the Navy's most historic and storied bases, Naval Air Station Pensacola sprawls along the waterfront southwest of the city's downtown and dominates the economy of the surrounding area.

Part of the base resembles a college campus, with buildings where 60,000 members of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard train each year in multiple fields of aviation. A couple hundred students from countries outside the U.S. are also enrolled in training, said Base commander Capt. Tim Kinsella.

The base is also home to the Blue Angels flight demonstration team.



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In 2016, Lauren Bruner holds a 1940 photo of himself at his home in La Mirada, Calif. Divers will place his ashes in the wreckage of his ship this weekend in Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor vet's interment to be last on sunken Arizona

By **AUDREY MCAVOY**
Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — On Dec. 7, 1941, then-21-year-old Lauren Bruner was the second-to-last man to escape the burning wreckage of the USS Arizona after a Japanese plane dropped a bomb that ignited an enormous explosion in the battleship's ammunition storage compartment.

He lived to be 98 years old, marrying twice and outliving both wives. He worked for a refrigeration company for nearly four decades.

On Saturday, divers will place Bruner's ashes inside the battleship's wreckage, which sits in Pearl Harbor where it sank during the attack 78 years ago that thrust the United States into World War II. The Southern California man will be the 44th and last crew member to be interred in accordance with this rare Navy ritual. The last three living Arizona survivors plan to be laid to rest with their families.

The somber ceremony and other events marking the anniversary of the attack come on the heels of a deadly shooting at the Pearl

Harbor Naval Shipyard on Wednesday, when a sailor opened fire on three civilian Department of Defense employees.

Two were killed and the third hospitalized in the shooting that ended with the sailor also taking his own life.

Bruner said he wanted to return to his ship because few people go to cemeteries, while more than 1 million people visit the Arizona each year. He also saw it as a way to join old friends who never made it off the warship.

"I thought, well, all my buddies are right here. And there are a lot of people who come to see the ship," Bruner said in 2016, three years before he died in his sleep in September. Bruner traveled from his La Mirada, California, home to attend Pearl Harbor anniversary events many times.

The Navy began interring survivors on their old ships in 1982. The wrecks of only two vessels remain in the harbor — the Arizona and USS Utah — so survivors of those ships are the only ones who have the option to be laid to rest this way. Most of the ships hit that day were repaired and put back into service or

scrapped.

Neither underwater archaeologists at the Navy History and Heritage Command nor those who handle burials for the Navy Personnel Command were aware of any interments conducted on sunken Navy vessels elsewhere.

Of the 1,177 USS Arizona sailors and Marines killed at Pearl Harbor, more than 900 could not be recovered and remain entombed on the ship, which sank in nine minutes. A memorial built in 1962 sits above the wreckage.

Sixty died on the Utah, and three have been interred there. At least one of the three living Utah survivors wants his ashes placed on his old ship.

Bruner's ashes will be placed aboard the Arizona following a sunset ceremony Saturday, the anniversary of the Japanese attack.

Loved ones will stand on the USS Arizona Memorial's dock and hand an urn to scuba divers in the water. The divers will guide the container to the barnacled wreckage and carefully place it inside.

Servicemen will then perform a gun salute and present an American flag to next of kin.

Pearl Harbor fatal shootings lasted 23 seconds, base says

By **AUDREY MCAVOY, JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER AND LOLITA C. BALDOR**
Associated Press

HONOLULU — The U.S. Navy sailor who fatally shot two people at Pearl Harbor before killing himself was unhappy with his commanders and had been undergoing counseling, a military official said Friday.

Gabriel Romero, 22, also faced nonjudicial punishment, which is a lower-level administrative process for minor misconduct, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters not made public. He used his two service weapons in the attack, the official said.

Romero also wounded a 36-year-old man in the attack Wednesday at the naval shipyard within the storied military base before turning the gun on himself, authorities said. That victim is in stable condition at a hospital.

The Pearl Harbor shooting came days before a ceremony to remember those who perished in the Japanese bombing 78 years ago that propelled the U.S. into World War II.

Security will be beefed up as usual for the annual event that is expected to draw survivors, veterans, dignitaries and others Saturday to honor the more than 2,300 Americans killed on Dec. 7, 1941.

Military officials said Friday at a news conference that no motive had been identified yet for the shooting but that there's no evidence of domestic terrorism. They said the isolated attack, witnessed by shipyard employees in an area with thousands of workers, unfolded in about 23 seconds.

Romero, who was from Texas, was dead when authorities arrived, and he was armed for his job standing watch and providing security for the fast attack submarine USS Co-



CALEB JONES/AP

Security will be beefed up as usual Saturday for the Pearl Harbor ceremony, days after a triple shooting at the base.

lumbia, which is at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for maintenance, officials said.

It was not known if Romero knew his victims, Roldan Agustin, 49, and Vincent Kapoi Jr., 30.

Agustin was born in Laoag City, Philippines, and moved to Hawaii when he was 2, according to his mother, Ida Agustin.

"He's a good man," she told The Associated Press through tears.

"I'm so sorry, *anak ko*, I'm still shaking," she added Friday, using the phrase "my child" in Ilocano, a Filipino language.

Family members said Roldan Agustin served in the Navy and retired from the Army National Guard, then became a metals inspector at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

In a statement, his brother said Agustin enjoyed working on cars with his friends and spending time with family.

Tara Kapoi said her husband, Vincent, grew up in Waianae, a town on the west side of Oahu.

"We don't know what happened," she said Thursday, asking for privacy.

A family statement described him as an "easygoing, fun-loving, let's do this' man" they would never forget.

William and Sista Kahiamoe have lived next door to the Kapoi family for about 21 years and said Vincent Kapoi followed his father into civilian work at the shipyard.

"He was a good boy, I know that. Took care of his mom when she was sick," Sista Kahiamoe said.

College roommate Daniel Vu described Kapoi as a soft-spoken and hard-working "family guy" who woke up at 3 a.m. to work at the fishing docks to pay for tuition. Kapoi graduated from the University of San Francisco in 2011 and was proud of his Native Hawaiian and Filipino heritage, Vu told news website Honolulu Civil Beat.

Jamie Hiranaka, president of the union representing the three workers, said they were all inspectors who checked welding and other work. The union said it's trying to help employees get through the shooting.

"Some were witnesses, others heard the gunshots, others locked down into the closest building they could find, but most were locked in their offices not knowing (what) was happening," a union statement said. "Many emotions were felt yesterday but most were of fear, terror, sadness and grief."

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Alleged ringleader pleads guilty over 2017 GoFundMe scheme

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. — A New Jersey man pleaded guilty Friday to a state charge stemming from a scheme that raked in more than \$400,000 in online donations with a phony story about a homeless man helping a stranded woman. Mark D'Amico pleaded guilty in state Superior Court in Burlington County to misapplication of entrusted property stemming from the 2017 scheme.

D'Amico, his ex-girl-

friend, Katelyn McClure, and homeless veteran Johnny Bobbitt faced state and federal charges. They made up a story about Bobbitt giving \$20 to help McClure when her car ran out of gas in Philadelphia, prosecutors said.

Authorities have alleged D'Amico was the ringleader. The federal criminal complaint released last month alleged all of the money raised in the GoFundMe campaign was spent by March 2018.

NC Rep. Holding decides not to seek reelection, plans to retire

WASHINGTON — Republican Rep. George Holding, whose reelection prospects were dim after a court-mandated redistricting in North Carolina made his district more favorable to Democrats, announced his retirement Friday.

Holding is the third lawmaker this week, and the 22nd Republican this cycle, to choose not to run again for their House seat in 2020 at a time when the

legislative branch's work has been mostly stalled by a fiercely partisan environment.

The growing exodus, particularly among GOP House members, continues a trend that began after President Donald Trump's inauguration. Of the 241 House Republicans who were in office in January 2017, about 40% lost their reelection, retired or have announced they're leaving.

Police in India fatally shoot 4 suspects in gang-rape case

SHADNAGAR, India — Police on Friday fatally shot four men being held on suspicion of raping and killing a woman in southern India after investigators took them to the crime scene, drawing both praise and condemnation in a case that has sparked protests across the country.

The police brought the suspects to help them locate evidence, including the victim's phone, local

police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said at a news conference.

"The suspects seized some weapons from policemen who had taken them there and started firing," Sajjanar said.

The woman's death is the latest such case to rile India and comes despite efforts to strengthen the penalties for such crimes. Some advocates say those efforts have failed to deter predators.



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivers a speech Friday during her visit at the former German Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland.

In 1st Auschwitz visit, Merkel voices Germany's 'deep shame'

OSWIECIM, Poland — German Chancellor Angela Merkel voiced a feeling of "deep shame" during her first-ever visit on Friday to the hallowed grounds of the former Nazi German death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where Adolf Hitler's regime murdered more than a million people.

Merkel noted that her visit comes amid rising anti-Semitism and historical revisionism and vowed that Germany would not tolerate anti-Semitism. She said Germany remains committed to remembering the crimes that it committed against Jews, Poles, Roma and Sinti, homosexuals and others.

Speaking to a gathering

that included former Auschwitz inmates, she said she felt "deep shame in the face of the barbaric crimes committed by Germans here."

"Nothing can bring back the people who were murdered here. Nothing can reverse the unprecedented crimes committed here. These crimes are and will remain part of German history and this history must be told over and over again," she said.

Merkel also brought a donation of \$66.6 million. The money will go to a fund to conserve the remnants of the site — the barracks, watchtowers and personal items like shoes and suitcases of those killed.

Merkel, accompanied by Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, began by walking under the gate with the notorious German words "Arbeit Macht Frei" or "work sets you free." They then went to the site of executions, where they bowed their heads before two wreaths bearing their nations' colors. The stay also included a visit to the conservation laboratory, where old leather shoes were laid out on a table, and a laying of candles at Birkenau.

Most of the victims at Auschwitz were Jews transported from across Europe.

The Soviet army liberated the camp in 1945.

Poland wishes to preserve death camp in Austria

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's prime minister said Friday his government wants to buy from Austria the site of the former Nazi German death camp Mauthausen-Gusen where tens of thousands of Poles were killed during World War II.

Premier Mateusz Morawiecki said the inten-

tion is to preserve the memory of some 120,000 of the camp's victims, who included many Polish intellectuals.

Set up in 1938 in Austria, Mauthausen-Gusen was the first death camp that Nazi Germany operated in an occupied country.

Morawiecki spoke at an-

other former Nazi German death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, during the first ever visit there of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Nazi Germany built Auschwitz-Birkenau in occupied Poland in 1940 and until 1945 killed some 1.1 million people there, mostly Europe's Jews.

High court keeps federal executions from starting

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday blocked the Trump administration from restarting federal executions next week after a 16-year break.

The justices denied the administration's plea to undo a lower court ruling in favor of inmates who have been given execution dates. The first of those had been scheduled for Monday, with a second set for Friday.

Attorney General William Barr announced during the summer that federal executions would resume using a single drug, pentobarbital, to put inmates to death.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan in Washington temporarily halted the executions after some inmates challenged the procedures in court. Chutkan ruled that the procedure likely violates the Federal Death Penalty Act.

In Los Angeles: Elon Musk did not defame a British cave explorer when he called him "pedo guy" in an angry tweet, a Los Angeles jury found Friday.

Vernon Unsworth, who participated in the rescue of 12 boys and their soccer coach trapped for weeks in a Thailand cave last year, had angered the Tesla CEO by belittling his effort to help with the rescue as a "PR stunt."

Musk said Unsworth's comments in an interview with CNN were an unprovoked attack on his sincere and voluntary efforts to help in the rescue by putting a team of engineers on the job around the clock to design the mini-pod. He lashed out with a phrase that he insisted only meant "creepy old man."

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Senators to Medicare: Allow seniors a drug plan do-over

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Leading senators are urging Medicare to allow seniors concerned about their drug plan pick for next year to switch if they received inaccurate information due to changes the agency made this sign-up season.

The request from 14 Democrats and one Independent comes as open enrollment for prescription drug coverage ends at midnight Saturday.

Medicare hinted Friday that it will provide such second chances. But the agency said it will post details when sign-up season is over, because a policy announcement now might create confusion.

Medicare revamped its online plan finder this year, and the senators said they've gotten numerous complaints from people in their states about inaccurate information on drug pricing and coverage. The Associated Press recently reported on a change to the website that can steer unwitting seniors to coverage that costs much more than they need to pay.

In their letter, senators said Medicare should grant people who have concerns a do-over. Technically, it's known as a "special enrollment period."

"We urge (Medicare) to

make it clear to every beneficiary that they qualify for a special enrollment period if they find they were misled," wrote Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., and his colleagues. "Older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers must be made aware that there is reprieve from errors caused by the faulty tool."

They asked Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to widely publicize the special enrollment period, make it available throughout next year, and place no paperwork hurdles in front of beneficiaries who want to switch to a plan that better suits them.

In its statement Friday, Medicare said it wants to ensure that seniors "are confident in their decisions and happy in the coverage they choose."

Medicare said it's always had the ability to grant do-overs, "but this year we're doubling down on ensuring that choosing their Medicare coverage is a simple and painless experience for beneficiaries."

Medicare officials told AP that if seniors had problems with the plan finder and were unhappy with the outcome, they could call 1-800-MEDICARE and request to make a switch.

Agency officials said beneficiaries don't need to use any technical language,

only explain what their issue is to the call center representative. No documentation or screen shots will be required.

Serving 60 million Medicare recipients, the plan finder is the most commonly used tool on Medicare.gov and just got its first major update in a decade.

The issue AP reported on stems from a significant change to the plan finder for 2020.

The plan with the lowest premium now gets placed on top, with the monthly premium displayed in large font. Medicare's previous plan finder automatically sorted plans by total cost, not just premiums. That's important because premiums are only one piece of information.

When out-of-pocket expenses such as copays are factored in, the plan with the lowest total annual cost is often not the first one shown by the plan finder.

Also Friday, a bipartisan bill to curb prescription drug costs for Medicare recipients got a makeover to lower copays and make it easier for seniors to budget for their expenses.

The updated legislation unveiled by Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., would lower the standard copay to 20% from the current 25% for seniors enrolled in Medicare's Part D prescription drug benefit.

Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

US adds 266K jobs, unemployment dips

Wages rose 3.1% in Nov. compared with a year earlier

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
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WASHINGTON — Hiring in the United States jumped last month to its highest level since January as U.S. employers shrugged off trade conflicts and a global slowdown and added 266,000 jobs.

The unemployment rate dipped to 3.5% from 3.6% in October, matching a half-century low, the Labor Department reported Friday. And wages rose a solid 3.1% in November compared with a year earlier.

Investors cheered the report. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 337.27 points, or 1.2%, to close at 28,015.06.

November's healthy job gain runs against a widespread view that many employers are either delaying



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

November's healthy job gain runs against a widespread view that many employers are delaying hiring workers.

hiring until a breakthrough in the U.S.-China trade war is reached or are struggling to find workers with unemployment so low.

The pace of hiring points to the resilience of the job market and economy more than a decade into the U.S. economic expansion — the longest on record.

Steady job growth has

helped reassure consumers that the economy is expanding and that their jobs and incomes remain secure. Consumer spending has become an even more important driver of growth as the Trump administration's trade conflicts have reduced exports and led many businesses to cut spending.

"Today's jobs report,

more than any other report in recent months, squashed any lingering concerns about an imminent recession in the U.S. economy," said Gad Levanon, an economist at the Conference Board, a business research group. "Consumers are entering the holiday season with both the ability and the willingness to spend."

The healthy data suggested that the Federal Reserve, which meets next week, is unlikely to cut its benchmark short-term interest rate anytime soon. The Fed has cut rates three times this year to help nurture the economy.

At the same time, Chairman Jerome Powell has said the Fed is not inclined to raise rates in response to ultra-low unemployment until inflation has risen consistently, which has yet to happen. The perception that any rate hikes are a long way off has helped underpin the stock market's gains.

Monthly job growth has picked up since summer: It

has averaged 205,000 over the past three months, up from just 135,000 in July.

Fears that the U.S. economy might slip into recession peaked during the fall as the U.S.-China trade war intensified and financial market trends pointed to a downturn in the coming year or two.

That raised the possibility that President Donald Trump would have to face a Democratic opponent next year against the backdrop of a struggling economy.

But Friday's figures paint a somewhat rosier picture of the economy. And some risks to global growth, such as a disorderly Brexit for the U.K., have faded in the past month. Most economists are predicting modest growth for next year.

Renewed concerns that trade will continue to hamper the U.S. economy drove stock prices lower earlier this week, after Trump had said he was willing to wait until after the 2020 elections to strike a preliminary

trade agreement with China. With the two sides still haggling, the administration is set to impose 15% tariffs on an additional \$160 billion of Chinese imports beginning Dec. 15.

Both sides have since suggested that the negotiations are making progress, but there is still no sign of a resolution.

The return of striking General Motors autoworkers added 40,000 jobs in November, a one-time bounce-back that followed a similar decline in October, when the GM strikers weren't counted as employed.

Friday's data included other positive news: The government revised up its estimate of job growth for September and October by a combined 41,000.

Outsize hiring for the holiday shopping season did not appear to be a major driver of last month's job growth. Retailers added just 2,000 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis.

CTA wary after China 'L' car maker named in child labor report

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

The CTA is asking a Chinese manufacturer for more details about its supply chain after a news report that children are being used to mine materials in Africa that might be used in "L" car production.

The report said that children as young as 4 from poor families in Madagascar are mining for mica, which is a type of mineral used in cosmetics, electronics and other products. The NBC report said that the

materials end up in goods sold by companies such as Panasonic and CRRC, a Chinese government-owned car rail company whose U.S. subsidiary, CRRC Sifang America, has a \$1.3 billion contract to produce "L" cars for the CTA.

"Due to our concerns about some recent media reports, CTA has requested that CRRC provide more detailed information about its supply chain for the new 7000-series rail cars, specifically about materials providers and their sources,"

CTA spokesman Brian Steele said in a statement on Friday.

Steele said once the CTA is able to review more information, "we'll be in a position to determine what actions, if any, we can take."

In an emailed statement, Dave Smolensky, a spokesman in Chicago for CRRC Sifang, said the company "expressly prohibits" the use of child labor in the making of any of the components used in the assembly of its rail cars.

"The majority of compo-

nents used in the production of our railcars are sourced from U.S. suppliers," Smolensky said. "We expect all our suppliers to treat their workers with dignity, respect and responsible employment practices."

The Nov. 18 NBC story said pieces of mica mined by "an underground army" of children in the African island nation "make their way through an opaque supply chain from Africa to Asia before landing in millions of products — elec-

tronics, appliances, even trains — that wind up in America."

CRRC Sifang employs dozens of people at a Hegewisch facility. The 10-year contract with the CTA calls for building up to 846 new "L" cars. Smolensky said the CTA will start testing car prototypes on "L" tracks early next year, though they won't be used for paying customers until later in 2020.

CRRC Sifang had planned to grow its business by taking orders from other

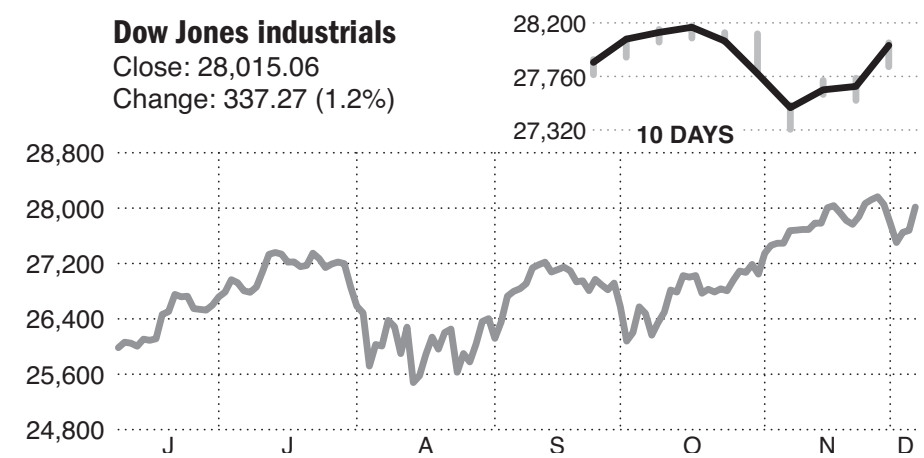
transit systems across the country.

But a proposal being considered in Congress would bar transit agencies from using federal money to buy Chinese buses and rail cars. While the proposal would not affect the CTA's current contract, it would prevent the Hegewisch factory from taking on other work, and creating more Chicago jobs. CRRC is fighting the proposed legislation.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 28,035.85 Low: 27,839.68 Previous: 27,677.79



Nasdaq
+85.83 (+1.00%)

S&P 500
+28.48 (+.91%)

Russell 2000
+19.01 (+1.18%)

Close: 8,656.53
High: 8,665.44
Low: 8,630.58
Previous: 8,570.70

Close: 3,145.91
High: 3,150.60
Low: 3,134.62
Previous: 3,117.43

Close: 1,633.84
High: 1,637.90
Low: 1,620.92
Previous: 1,614.83

10-yr T-note
+.05 to 1.84%

Gold futures
-17.80 to \$1,459.10

Yen
-.19 to 108.55/\$1

Euro
+.0035 to .9045/\$1

Crude Oil
+.77 to \$59.20

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-13	-10	+16	+1.21	+2.14	+1.71	+14.87	+24.21	+19.48

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Dec 19	532.75	532.75	529	532.50	+50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Dec 19	364.75	368.75	364.75	366.50	+1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Jan 20	884.75	894	884.50	889.50	+5.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs-	Dec 19	30.70	31.01	30.61	31.01	+72
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons-	Dec 19	301.30	301.30	296.80	297.40	-2.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl-	Jan 20	58.32	59.85	57.70	59.20	+77
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's,	Jan 20	2.417	2.437	2.328	2.334	-.093
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons-	Jan 20	1.6213	1.6683	1.6089	1.6474	+0.0263

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	85.48	+24	Envestnet Inc	N	71.73	+1.26	McDonalds Corp	N	195.35	+1.14
AbbVie Inc	N	86.98	+26	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.80	+0.07	Middleby Corp	O	112.90	+1.25
Allstate Corp	N	111.10	+1.56	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	72.08	-1.12	Mondelez Intl	O	53.84	+0.03
Aptargroup Inc	N	112.08	+1.13	Equity Residential	N	84.44	-1.10	Morningstar Inc	O	154.47	+0.49
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.91	+7.6	Exelon Corp	O	44.86	...	Motorola Solutions	N	160.71	+2.27
Baxter Intl	N	83.17	+6.9	First Indl RT	N	42.31	-0.07	NiSource Inc	N	26.80	+1.15
Boeing Co	N	354.09	+8.41	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	64.60	+0.70	Nthn Trust Cp	O	108.94	+1.11
Brunswick Corp	N	59.78	+8.4	Gallagher AJ	N	93.75	+8.5	Old Republic	N	22.50	+4.4
CBOE Global Markets	N	120.59	+7.2	Grainger WW	N	321.49	+3.20	Packaging Corp Am	N	113.29	+9.3
CDK Global Inc	O	53.57	+2.3	GrubHub Inc	N	41.01	+8.6	Paylocity Hldg	O	120.52	+8.2
CDW Corp	O	136.66	+2.24	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	107.89	+1.31	RLI Corp	N	91.67	+3.4
CF Industries	N	45.34	+8.9	IAA Inc	N	46.49	+4.2	Stericycle Inc	O	65.71	+7.8
CME Group	O	205.96	-1.47	IDEX Corp	N	163.23	+2.96	TransUnion	N	85.80	+0.9
CNA Financial	N	43.81	+3.8	ITW	N	174.19	+1.44	US Foods Holding	N	40.50	+2.7
Cabot Microelect	O	128.54	+1.06	Ingredion Inc	N	86.06	+1.30	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	262.20	+26.18
Caterpillar Inc	N	142.72	+1.67	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	169.65	+1.15	United Airlines Hldg	O	88.58	+7.2
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.90	+1.2	Kemper Corp	N	74.44	+8.0	Ventas Inc	N	57.47	-.27
Deere Co	N	165.21	+6.3	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.09	-1.16	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	58.63	-.47
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.31	+1.18	LKQ Corporation	O	35.75	+2.1	Wintrust Financial	O	68.13	+6.2
Dover Corp	N	112.59	+1.26	Litellfuse Inc	O	184.55	+1.04	Zebra Tech	O	256.92	+5.30

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.76	+0.4
Bank of America	33.67	+5.8
Gen Electric	11.10	+3.1
Uber Technologies	27.86	-.79
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.63	-.05
Ford Motor	9.02	+0.9
Sprint Corp	5.53	+1.2
EnCana Corp	4.05	+1.2
Sthwstn Energy	2.05	+0.9
BB&T Corp	54.24	+7.5
Transocean Ltd	5.63	+3.1
Vale SA	12.39	+2.7
AT&T Inc	38.20	+0.1
Yamana Gold Inc	3.56	-.21
Big Lots	25.21	+6.05
Danaher Corp	148.22	+1.03
Cloudera Inc	10.88	+8.7
Suntrust Bks	70.13	+8.7
Energy Transfer LP	11.50	-1.0
Freepport McMoRan	11.64	+3.1
Slack Technologies	22.50	-.28
Wells Fargo & Co	54.37	+1.14
Brist Myr Spb	59.95	+4.7
Macy's Inc	15.15	-.04

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.20	+0.1
Alibaba Group Hldg	201.89	+1.89
Alphabet Inc C	1340.62	+12.49
Alphabet Inc A	1339.39	+12.43
Amazon.com Inc	1751.60	+11.12
Apple Inc	270.71	+5.13
Bank of America	33.67	+5.8
Berkshire Hath B	222.61	+3.01
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.51	+1.69
Facebook Inc	201.05	+1.10
HSBC Holdings prA	26.04	+0.3
JPMorgan Chase	135.04	+1.98
Johnson & Johnson	140.38	+8.2
MasterCard Inc	290.40	+5.5
Microsoft Corp	151.75	+1.82
Procter & Gamble	124.19	-.43
Taiwan Semicon	54.94	+5.4
Visa Inc	182.17	+2.8
WalMart Strs	119.78	+1.12

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.97	+3.2	+15.4	
American Funds AMBNA m	28.69	+1.5	+13.0	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	63.05	+3.9	+16.9	
American Funds FdmlInvSA m	63.48	+6.0	+17.1	
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	53.14	+4.8	+17.0	
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.51	+1.3	+13.0	
American Funds InvPrsctvA m	47.34	+3.7	+20.4	
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	48.68	+4.2	+16.0	
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.16	-0.1	+0.2	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.45	+3.3	+13.2	
Dodge & Cox Stk	199.16	+2.42	+11.5	
DoubleLine THRetBd	10.68	-0.1	+7.0	
Fidelity 500IdxPrm	109.71	+1.00	+19.1	
Fidelity Contrafund	13.75	+1.1	+18.4	
Fidelity InvMGrdeBd	11.58	-0.1	+0.7	
Fidelity THMidIdxPrm	89.57	+8.1	+18.4	
Fidelity USDBIdxPrm	11.94	-0.1	+10.0	
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.30	+0.1	+9.2	
Metropolitan West TlRetBd	11.03	-0.2	+10.2	
PIMCO IncI2	11.98	...	+7.5	
PIMCO IncInstl	11.98	...	+7.6	
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.42	-0.2	+9.1	
Schwab SP500Idx	48.98	+4.4	+9.1	
T. Rowe Price BCGR	121.29	+9.9	+17.8	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	72.57	+6.0	+18.3	
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	291.41	+2.65	+19.0	
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	38.89	+1.9	+15.3	
Vanguard DivGrnv	31.06	+2.3	+20.2	
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	79.49	+6.5	+14.5	
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	91.15	+8.5	+23.7	
Vanguard HCAmrl	92.71	+6.6	+12.3	
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	14.46	...	+2.5	
Vanguard InslIdxIns	285.76	+2.60	+19.1	
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	285.78	+2.60	+19.1	
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	67.79	+6.1	+18.4	
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.66	+1.02	+19.5	
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	216.71	+1.59	+17.9	
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	149.68	+1.37	+14.5	
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.72	-0.1	+6.2	
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	78.25	+7.4	+14.0	

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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Illinois wait list for developmentally disabled care is inexcusable

I am writing in regard to your recent coverage about the terrible state of disability care for adults in Illinois. My family is directly impacted by this situation.

My brother is 55, with autism and developmental delay. For the past 30 years, he has lived in a group home in the central California town where we grew up and where our parents still lived. Family is very important to him.

In 2015, he was devastated by the deaths of our mother and stepfather. He asked me if he could move to Chicago to be near me. My husband and I were more than willing, but every person I spoke with in disability care here told me emphatically not to bring him to Illinois unless it was absolutely necessary. I was told the waiting list to even qualify for services is "a parking lot" and that it could be years to qualify, and then years more to actually receive services.

Telling my brother "no" was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. He still lives in central California, in the same town where our father struggles with Parkinson's. For the time being, my sister and I travel to be with them as often as we can. In other words, we are luckier than most. The situation is onerous and expensive but manageable for the moment. But it's not sustainable. And the implication is that if a loved one with disabilities is growing up in Illinois, the best thing a family can do is make plans to move to a state with better infrastructure before that individual reaches adulthood. This is shameful and inexcusable.

— Rachel Combs, Chicago

Shed more light on disabled

Thanks to the Tribune for highlighting the plight of the disabled. The topic deserves more press. Occasional articles do not do justice to the subject. The Tribune keeps us up to date on gun violence. Lives destroyed by bullets. What about the lives destroyed by neglect and corruption?

Thugs rain terror with bullets. Politicians rain terror with pencils. Gun violence is jarring. Neglect is quiet. Does a story have to be jarring to the front page, or is simple human tragedy enough to get headlines?

There are holes in our social safety nets. Every day people fall through those holes and get hurt. The disabled need their story told; they need the power of the press to raise awareness and bring about change. They need a drumbeat. Tribune, do your job.

— Austin Walsh, Schaumburg

Firing of Johnson was the right call

The Chicago Police Department must be held to a higher standard if ever its leaders expect to regain the respect your city has every right to demand. Former Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson also must be held to the very highest standards. That just goes with the job, no lapses, no fibs, and certainly not a repetitive lie. Mayor Lori Lightfoot is expected to be the primary guardian of that criterion. Again, from her also, no lapse, no fib, no excuses. Mayor Lightfoot campaigned with high promise, and won an impressive victory. With due respect to Mr. Johnson for his past work with the Chicago Police Department, I do believe that Lightfoot was spot-on with this call. Keep it up! Out here in the suburbs too, we're watching.

— Robert Rue, Bolingbrook

Keep the Great Lakes healthy

When Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker declared Nov. 18 as "Piping Plover Day," there was much to celebrate. This summer, a pair of piping plovers successfully nested in Chicago for the first time in 64 years and reared two chicks at Montrose Beach.

Montrose Beach has been protected in part thanks to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Since 2010, the initiative has provided more than \$2.5 billion to protect the Great Lakes and has addressed its greatest threats by improving water quality, protecting native wildlife, controlling invasive species, and cleaning up pollution while creating jobs and supporting our way of life.

The growing number of nesting piping plovers around the Great Lakes is not only a sign of hope for the bird's recovery, but also a sign of hope for recovery of the Great Lakes ecosystem as a whole. The initiative has played a significant role in this success.

I urge Illinois members of Congress to support the GLRI Act of 2019 (S. 2295 & H.R. 4031), which would increase funding for this vital program from \$300 to \$475 million over five years. Increased funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative means that vital efforts to protect our water can continue and we can celebrate Piping Plover Day for years to come.

— Carl Giometti, President, Chicago Ornithological Society

Thumbs-up to tightening work rules for food benefits

Less than 8% of the Illinoisans receiving free food benefits are possibly going to be forced to work or receive job training for about 20 hours a week in order to maintain their tax provided benefits. Sounds reasonable to me. If young healthy individuals need assistance the taxpayers should provide it. This includes work and job training, as well as education in order to provide that person with a future. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and other taxpayer funded assistance programs were never intended to be a lifelong handout. Give a man a fish or teach a man to fish ...

— Larry Casey, Chicago

Able-bodied should work for aid

What's wrong with changing the requirements for getting food stamps? What else are able-bodied adults going to do all day if they don't want to work and refuse to attend trade school, and won't even volunteer their time? Sit at home watching TV while eating snacks paid for by those who pay taxes? You would think sheer boredom would get them off the couch.

— Wayne Meyer, Chicago



American naval ships burn during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941.

78 years later, why Pearl Harbor still matters

Saturday marks the 78th anniversary of Japan's surprise attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor, which plunged the United States into the biggest war in its history. This is one of those historical events that no longer gets much attention except on the big anniversaries — such as the 75th, in 2016. That anniversary preceded a visit by President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who together paid solemn tribute to the Americans who died on Dec. 7, 1941.

This year, however, a far smaller episode of bloodshed drew attention to the site of the pending commemoration. On Wednesday, a sailor at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard shot three civilians, two of them fatally, before killing himself.

The Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor was, for many years, the most deadly attack on U.S. soil in our history, killing 2,403 Americans and wounding 1,143 (a death toll later surpassed only by the 9/11 hijackings). President Franklin D. Roosevelt, thundering that the date "will live in infamy," immediately got a

declaration of war from Congress. Adolf Hitler, allied with Japan, responded by declaring war on the U.S.

Both of these enemies sealed their fates by choosing to fight the United States, which historically had sought to avoid conflicts among Asian or European nations. Spurred into an urgent military and industrial mobilization, Americans proved equal to the challenge and implacably resolved to accept the heartbreaking sacrifices that victory would demand.

More than 400,000 U.S. service members died in the ensuing hostilities. Not until Sept. 2, 1945, after President Harry Truman had atomic bombs dropped on two Japanese cities, would the Second World War finally conclude with Japan's surrender.

The consequences didn't end there, though. The allied occupations of Japan and Germany transformed each into a peaceable, democratic nation and a close American friend. These monumental achievements could hardly have been imagined that horrific day in 1941.

In the U.S., determination to avert future wars led to this country

playing a leading role in establishing the United Nations and joining alliances designed to ensure that peace would endure. Instead of retreating into the isolation of the prewar years, America chose greater engagement with the rest of the world — diplomatically, militarily and economically. The attack instilled in Americans a lasting determination to maintain the military strength to deter and defeat any enemy.

The allied stand against Soviet expansion kept Western Europe independent and in time helped to bring about the collapse of Moscow's communist empire. The ghastly toll of the bombs that fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki sobered leaders into finding ways to prevent nuclear weapons from ever being used again.

Seventy-eight years later, the time is drawing near when none of those who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor will be around to share their recollections. The obligation will fall on the rest of us to carry on the tasks that history gave this country: to promote peace and freedom throughout the world.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

From Havana to Tehran (and Caracas to Pyongyang), tyrannies have been able to survive decades of isolation and self-inflicted catastrophe with an adroit mix of ideology, corruption, an exit option for the discontented, and ferocious repression of those demanding change.

It also helps that both regimes have prominent apologists abroad — the people who think Cuba's health care makes up for 60 years of tyranny, or that Iran's sham elections are an adequate substitute for genuine democracy — along with the much greater number of people who are simply indifferent to what they do.

But tyrannies also have a fatal vulnerability in the face of moral conscience. It's what gives dissidents their

unique, if fragile, power ...

The plight of a dissident in a Cuban dungeon matters not only to Cubans. The fight for women's rights in Iran matters to anyone who cares for human rights.

As for the U.S., championing dissidents once played a unifying role in a bipartisan foreign policy. President Trump's reluctant but correct decision to sign a bill to support Hong Kong's protesters suggests the tradition isn't dead. Dissidents deserve that support not just because of who they are, or what they have suffered, or the cause they embody. It's also because they are, potentially, our most potent weapon in undermining our enemies.

Bret Stephens, The New York Times



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Guest conductor John Storgårds, right, and violinist Ray Chen, who made his CSO subscription debut Thursday in Orchestra Hall.

IN PERFORMANCE

Violinist Chen makes dynamic debut

BY HOWARD REICH

It was an evening of firsts. For on Thursday in Orchestra Hall, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performed two major works it never had played before and featured a soloist making his subscription concert debut. The audience seemed to collectively hold its breath as Ray Chen played Henryk Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No. 1 in F-sharp Minor, a virtuoso piece Chen addressed with vigor. Though the piece has its flaws, Chen's performance did not. After a long orchestral exposition, in which Chen occasionally played along, he made a compelling case for the concerto and for himself with a bravura opening statement. Long lyric lines, crisp rhythmic articulation, gorgeous tone and an apparently inexhaustible ability to finesse technical challenges suggested there would be thrilling listening ahead. There was. In Wieniawski's dramatic first

movement cadenza, Chen combined vivid rhetoric with impeccable technique, exactly what such solo vehicles were designed to convey. In a way, Chen also conjured the archetypal 19th-century virtuoso, tossing off fleet passages and gnarly figurations as if they were mere amusements for him. Though Chen brought palpable ardor to the larghetto middle movement, and though Wieniawski lavished it with arching melodic strands, its brevity renders it little more than a short pause amid the pyrotechnics. One yearns to hear its themes more fully developed, but by the time they're fully stated, the soloist is off and running again in the finale. Chen dispatched that last movement, with its beguiling main theme, elegantly, lingering just a bit at key moments to underscore its gypsy flavor. There were more technical feats ahead, but Chen's animated spirit and pervasive lyricism prevented this

from being merely a showpiece. He found substance where other violinists offer only flash. The robust ovations that followed prompted Chen to play his arrangement of "Waltzing Matilda" as an encore. This was a gentle tip of the hat to Australia, where the Taiwan-born violinist grew up. The concert, conducted by John Storgårds, opened with the first CSO performance of Jennifer Higdon's "Blue Cathedral," a tone poem defined by glistening colors and sustained lyricism. Anyone who attributes this work's popularity around the world simply to its accessibility misses the point. For Higdon creates an air of profound spirituality via the work's textural transparency, slow-but-inexorable forward motion and mystical array of glittering percussive effects. Storgårds and the CSO captured most of this, even if some passages were a bit too forthright and ruddy for the work's ethereal gestures.

The conductor's passionate temperament served the music still better in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, which closed the program. Not surprisingly, the CSO brass section excelled in the declamatory opening, a foreshadowing of brilliant brass passages yet to come. These radiant tones set the stage for a striking contrast: clarinetist John Bruce Yeh's darkly veiled timbre, the very essence of plaintive Tchaikovsky phrasing. To his credit, Storgårds in this movement and elsewhere chose not to wallow in lumbering tempos and general nostalgia, the usual clichés of Tchaikovsky performance. Instead, this was a brisk and full-bodied performance, the conductor often summoning something close to the CSO's total sonic power and getting it. To hear this orchestra thunder in such full-throated writing was to perceive how this music was intended to sound: deep and resonant, not shrill and

bombastic. Principal oboe William Welter brought surpassing tenderness to the opening phrases of the second movement. Conductor Storgårds deserves credit for bringing forth the textural lucidity of what followed, ensuring that the winds, for instance, were unmistakably distinct from the rest of the orchestral sonority. There was much to savor in the musicality Storgårds and the orchestra showed in the perpetual motion pizzicato playing of the third movement. And who could deny the urgency and whirring virtuosity they produced in the finale? It deserved the clamorous audience response it received. *The program will be repeated on select dates through Tuesday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.* Howard Reich is a Tribune critic. hreich@chicagotribune.com

10 things to watch for as 77th Golden Globes reveal the nominations

BY MARC MALKIN
Variety

The Golden Globe nominations are just around the corner. Names we'll likely hear when the nominees are revealed include Renée Zellweger ("Judy"), Leonardo DiCaprio ("Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"), Charlize Theron ("Bombshell"), Jennifer Lopez ("Hustlers") and Eddie Murphy ("Dolemite Is My Name"). Films on track for multiple noms include "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" and "The Irishman."

But there's a lot more to the Globes nominations than the obvious shoo-ins. The 85 or so members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association have an affinity for mixing things up and spreading the love across as many studios as possible.

Here are 10 things to look out for when the HFPA announces its nominees Monday.

1 Netflix has three films — "The Irishman," "Marriage Story" and "The Two Popes" — vying for a nod in the best motion picture/drama category. The streamer could dominate the ballot, but the HFPA will likely consider a wider swath of studios. With Sony's "Once Upon a Time" a probable lock, might the studio also score with "Little Women"? How about Lionsgate's "Bombshell" and Warner Bros.' two offerings, "Joker" and "Just Mercy"?

2 I'm told "Little Women" is a hit with the HFPA. It's possible Greta Gerwig will nab a directing nom, which

would be refreshing, considering the front-runners are primarily straight white men. Lulu Wang ("The Farewell"), Lorene Scafaria ("Hustlers") and Marielle Heller ("A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood") are three other women directors who aren't completely out of the conversation. Whether or not Gerwig snags that nom, "Little Women" is a contender for multiple nods, including lead actress for Saoirse Ronan and supporting for Florence Pugh. Gerwig could also land on the screenplay ballot.

3 Bong Joon-ho could be on his way to pulling an Alfonso Cuarón. There's a lot of support among the HFPA membership for "Parasite," with some speculating that he will win director and foreign language film, as Cuarón did last year with "Roma."

4 The lead actor/drama race is tight, and it just got tighter with the HFPA impressed by Paul Walter Hauser's performance in Clint Eastwood's "Richard Jewell." That same race is also super white and, sadly, likely to stay that way. The good news is, I'm told Eddie Murphy in "Dolemite Is My Name" is the favorite to take home the best actor in a musical or comedy trophy. He's a Globes alum who has been nominated five times and won once for supporting actor in a motion picture for his turn in 2006's "Dreamgirls."

5 The actress categories have a better chance for greater diversity. Jennifer Lopez



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Ana de Armas and Daniel Craig in "Knives Out," a favorite for a best picture nomination.

("Hustlers"); Awkwafina ("The Farewell") and Chinese television star Zhao Shuzhen, who plays her on-screen grandmother; Cynthia Erivo ("Harriet"); and Ana de Armas ("Knives Out") are said to be frequent mentions among the membership.

6 Speaking of "Knives Out," a sizable number of members apparently can't get enough of the whodunit comedy written and directed by Rian Johnson. In addition to De Armas, the film is a favorite for a best picture nom in the musical or comedy category. Daniel Craig could also pick up his first Globe nom for his work in the ensemble.

7 One of the most exciting aspects of the Globes is how many megastars the

HFPA will potentially pack into the Beverly Hilton's International Ballroom. And the group is keen on making sure Shia LaBeouf is in the room. If he doesn't make it into the acting category for "Honey Boy," the autobiographical indie about his troubled childhood, he might get noticed for screenplay.

8 "Black Panther" earned Marvel Studios its first Golden Globe nod last year when it was nominated for best picture/drama. This year, the studio has submitted "Avengers: Endgame" in the same race. From what I'm hearing, it doesn't sound like the Marvel Cinematic Universe title has left an impression on the HFPA, especially since the drama category is bursting at the seams.

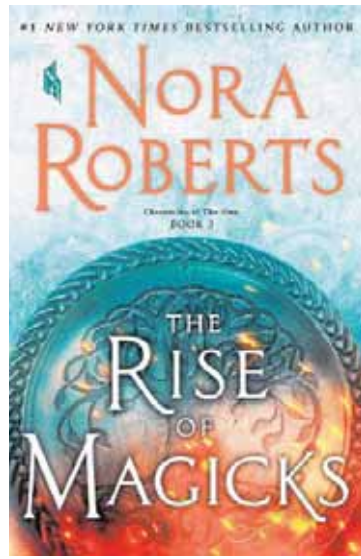
9 "Booksmart" could be a surprise disrupter. While Olivia Wilde may have a hard time being recognized for directing, co-stars Beanie Feldstein and Kaitlyn Dever might head into the night as a nominee. It certainly didn't hurt that Feldstein began campaigning earlier in the year with a performance at the HFPA's Grants Banquet.

10 "Cats." What can I say about Universal's big-screen adaptation of the iconic musical? As Variety first reported, the movie will likely screen for the HFPA in time to be eligible for the Globes. But until anyone sees it, the only thing we can bet on is Ricky Gervais taking a swipe or two at the feline film.

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"The Rise of Magicks"** by Nora Roberts (St. Martin's) *Last week: —*



2. **"Criss Cross"** by James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: —*
3. **"The Guardians"** by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 3*
4. **"A Minute to Midnight"** by David Baldacci (Grand Central) *Last week: 2*
5. **"Twisted Twenty-Six"** by Janet Evanovich (Putnam) *Last week: 4*
6. **"The Institute"** by Stephen King (Scribner) *Last week: 10*
7. **"Strange Planet"** by Nathan W. Pyle (Morrow Gift) *Last week: 1*
8. **"Blue Moon: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte) *Last week: 5*
9. **"Spy"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte) *Last week: —*
10. **"The 19th Christmas"** by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown) *Last week: 11*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **"The Pioneer Woman Cooks: The New Frontier"** by Ree Drummond (Morrow) *Last week: 4*



2. **"Guinness World Records 2020"** by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records) *Last week: 2*
3. **"Me: Elton John Official Autobiography"** by Elton John (Holt) *Last week: 6*
4. **"Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us"** by Donald Trump Jr. (Center Street) *Last week: 3*
5. **"Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice"** by Michelle Obama (Clarkson Potter) *Last week: 5*
6. **"A Warning"** by Anonymous (Twelve) *Last week: 1*
7. **"Crime in Progress: Inside the Steele Dossier and the Fusion GPS Investigation of Donald Trump"** by Glenn Simpson and Peter Fritsch (Random House) *Last week: —*
8. **"Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know"** by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown) *Last week: 10*
9. **"Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas Victory That Changed American History"** by Brian Kilmeade (Sentinel) *Last week: 8*
10. **"Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family"** by Mitch Albom (Harper) *Last week: 9*

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ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Man in love is dejected when rejected

Dear Amy: I am a 36-year-old man in love with an amazing woman. "Carly" and I have known each other since high school. We have held each other up through the roughest times — my divorce and depression, and her ill father and abusive ex-boyfriend. She's beautiful, smart and great with my kids. I could imagine her as the perfect stepmom.

A few weeks ago, I took a chance and expressed my feelings. She rejected me and then acted as if nothing had happened. She kept texting me regularly and tagging me on social media as though she expected nothing to change.

I asked her to stop contacting me, but that made her irrationally angry. She says I'm throwing away a 20-year friendship, but she is the one throwing it away. She says she "misses" her "best friend," but I have plenty of friends. What I need is a romantic partner.

I feel like she is trying to have things both ways, keeping me around as long as it suits her. I don't want to be that guy who the pretty girl strings along, great for helping her move, but too repulsive to touch.

How do I get her to get off the fence, and to either decide that she wants to be with me properly, or to let me go on my way?

— Love Me or Leave Me

Dear Love Me: "Carly" isn't on the fence. She is not in love with you. She does not want to be your romantic partner, but she does want to be your friend.

You are obviously very upset and disappointed. You have the right to sever this relationship and given

your reaction to Carly's overtures, it would be wisest for you to do that. You should delete her contact information, and mute or block her from contacting you.

She is going to have to tolerate the end of this long friendship, and you are going to have to tolerate this woman saying "no" to you. Given your personal and mental health challenges, it would be wise for you to see a therapist in order to find a way to process your hurt and anger in a way that is healthier for you.

Dear Amy: I just turned 76. I grew up poor. I studied and worked hard — and now have over \$10 million. I live simply, and none of my relatives know that I have this wealth. I have one daughter, two grandchildren, and nieces, nephews and grandnieces/nephews. They are all wonderful people.

I send cards and gifts to them for birthdays and holidays. But everything is "one-way." For my recent birthday I got a text from my daughter which said, "Happy Birthday," and nothing else from anyone. No cards or calls. The closest lives 500 miles away, so I rarely see any of them. If I call them and leave a message, they rarely respond.

I lie awake at night pondering my estate. I could leave each \$500,000, with more to my daughter and grandchildren. Or I could leave each \$100 and give the rest to charities.

How much is good for them? How much might cause them to become lazy? If I leave them anything, they won't be able to

say "Thanks" because I won't be here to hear it.

— A Rich Uncle

Dear Uncle: You should not lie awake pondering how to divide your substantial estate. Instead, you should be sitting in the office of a competent estate planner, making choices that reflect your values.

It seems your family members are already "lazy" (at least when it comes to you). It is a legitimate choice for you to honor, reward or acknowledge any family members you feel close to with more money, leaving a nominal sum (or nothing) to others.

My opinion is that you should carefully pay down your estate during your lifetime, giving to people, causes and organizations that will appreciate your largesse, while you are still here to enjoy their gratitude.

Dear Amy: I have ideas for grandparents to give gifts to kids who already have "too much."

I have 13 grandkids. We give them experiences: Visits to water parks, rafting trips, sporting events, music concerts, indoor skydiving, go-cart racing, zip-lining and more. Every one of us loves this. We call it building memories, and we have some great ones.

— Dear Oregon Granddad

Dear Granddad: This is not possible for all grandparents, but I agree that this is ideal.

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BROADWAY REVIEW

Simplistic 'Jagged Little Pill' is hard to swallow

By CHRIS JONES

NEW YORK — Almost 25 years have passed since Alanis Morissette released "Jagged Little Pill," the iconic feminist album of sardonic anger and anthemic angst that sold a stunning 33 million copies — and was cathartically performed, karaoke style, in at least that many suburban teenage bedrooms.

And if you want a quick lesson on just how much our culture has coarsened since then, you'll find one at the Broadhurst Theatre, where lean songs that bleed with poetry and irony and fear and rage have been turned into a moralistic musical so overstuffed and simplistic, so predictable in its hashtags and heroes and villains, as to rip almost all the complexity from the organic and unfiltered

human material that provided the source.

Why, you want to howl at the stage, cannot these characters just be real?

How many personal crises can one jukebox musical accommodate?

In its urgency to really expose the rot underneath the facade of a contemporary upper-middle-class Connecticut family, Diablo Cody's head-spinning book jams in opioid addiction, sexual betrayal, adolescent angst, racism, rape, pornography addiction, a sexless marriage and, in an easy-targeted nod to the news of the moment, pushy moms obsessing over their fake-perfect son's college admission to Harvard.

All this, and some 22 lyrical compositions by Morissette (much of Morissette's music was written with producer Glen Bal-

lard, and the tracks are skillfully arranged here by Tom Kitt). The score includes the entire "Jagged Little Pill" album, with a couple of new songs.

The show brings up the issues that have roiled our shared culture in the years that followed the album. And you could reasonably argue — as many will — that Cody has taken a 1990s musical blueprint, a manifesto that anticipated much that was to come, and harnessed it to a contemporary era where feminist anger means action against aggressors and elites, not reflection or self-doubt.

As directed by Diane Paulus, the show is pitched not just to those who bought the album in 1995, but to their children who've rebelled against the gender-based repression and sexual cruelty that still



MATTHEW MURPHY PHOTO

Lauren Patten, center, in "Jagged Little Pill" on Broadway.

was thriving in the 1990s, when enablers got away with the unconscionable.

But there is, at times, a strange cruelty to the show's mocking of the attempts by the pill-popping mom Mary Jane Healy (Elizabeth Stanley) to do her best for her kids, a son named Nick (Derek Klena) and an adopted African American daughter Frankie (Celia Rose Gooding), even as her porn-loving lawyer husband Steve (Sean Allan Krill) bills 60 hours a week at his law firm.

The show, which has a slick and oft-satirical de-

sign from Riccardo Hernandez, is just so unkind to its central family, dressing them up like they're pathetic J Crew wannabes in stark contrast with the diverse, way-cool ensemble performing Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui's self-actualizing choreography as the unwoke — bathed in unforgiving white light — all writhe through their problems. You'll likely be put in mind of both "American Idiot" and "Next to Normal," but neither of those shows were so determined to tell you whom to like.

By Act 2, the slogan-

eering and mockery has diminished and the characters genuinely deepen, but it's too late for you to go on any kind of rich emotional journey with them. Even with Frankie, one of the show's more sympathetic characters too passively played for the way the role is written.

By far the best performance of the night comes from Lauren Patten, playing a teenage lesbian with a crush on the bisexual Frankie, and the character who gets to sing "You Oughta Know."

Patten, whose voice perfectly matches the material, stops the show, an indicator not just of this young performer's whopping acting talent, but of a return to a truer, more primal Morissette sensibility, filling the theater with a reminder of a different era.

"Jagged Little Pill" is at the Broadhurst Theatre, 235 W. 44th St.; jaggedlittlepill.com.

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Release of 'The Banker' delayed over controversy

By ELAHE IZADI
The Washington Post

When Apple TV Plus acquired "The Banker," a film about two black businessmen circumventing racist practices during the 1950s and '60s, it seemed to throw the new streaming service into awards-show contention.

But the Dec. 6 release of the film, which is inspired by real events, has now been delayed. The Associated Press reported. It's unclear when the film, which stars Samuel L. Jackson and Anthony Mackie, will be available in theaters or on Apple's streaming service. The move came as relatives of one of the film's real-life subjects made sexual misconduct accusations against another relative involved with "The Banker."

Here is a guide to the

controversy surrounding the film:

What is the film about?

George Nolfi's "The Banker" is based on two real people. Jackson and Mackie star as Joe Morris and Bernard Garrett, two black businessmen who recruit a working class white man to serve as the face of their real estate and banking empire. Meanwhile, Garrett and Morris pose as chauffeur and janitor as the business grows.

The men eventually attracted law enforcement's attention and eventually were convicted of misusing bank funds.

What are the accusations?

Cynthia Garrett, a former VH1 and MTV interviewer and founder of Cynthia Garrett Ministries, is one of the daughters of

Bernard Garrett Sr. (played by Mackie). In a statement, she accuses her half brother, Bernard Garrett Jr., of repeatedly sexually abusing her and her sister when they were girls. She also accuses Garrett Jr. of misrepresenting their father's life story. She called the project "an exploitative orientation of our family."

Garrett Jr., who had been reportedly listed as a producer on the film, appeared onstage alongside the director during a Nov. 5 IndieWire event.

Garrett Jr. publicly denied the accusations. "These charges against me are deeply humiliating and frustrating because I can never prove how false they are," he said in a statement published by Deadline. He added that he removed his name from the movie credits and stepped away from the project "so as to not

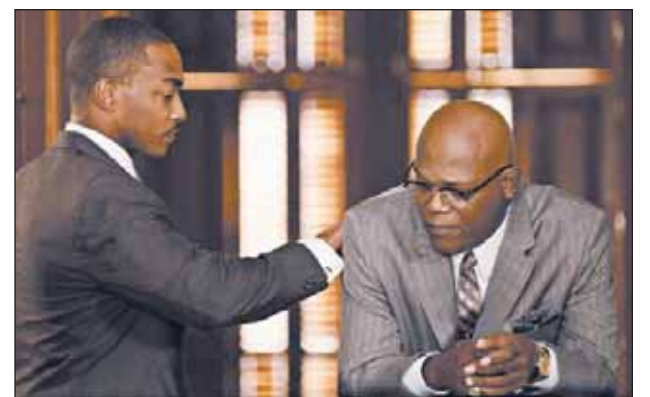
tarnish my father's legacy."

What caused "The Banker" delay?

Apple TV Plus, which launched last month, acquired "The Banker" after the movie was complete. The Hollywood Reporter, citing "sources close to 'The Banker,'" reported that Apple and the filmmakers were unaware of the accusations until recently.

Apple then abruptly canceled the premiere of "The Banker" at AFI Fest. Netflix's "Marriage Story" closed out the film festival instead. "We support Apple's decision to postpone the premiere of 'The Banker,'" a festival spokesperson said.

But neither Apple nor the production company Romulus has publicly stated that the delay is related to the accusations leveled by Cynthia Garrett. (Neither



APPLE TV PLUS

Anthony Mackie and Samuel L. Jackson in "The Banker."

company has responded to The Post's inquiries about the allegations).

Has anything like this happened before?

Off-screen controversy has previously affected an AFI Fest closing-night film: In 2017, Sony pulled "All the Money in the World" amid allegations of sexual assault against its star, Kevin Spacey. Ridley Scott eventually reshot Spacey's

scenes, replacing the actor with Christopher Plummer.

Questions about veracity have also dogged recent "based on true events" films such as "Green Book." The family of one of the subjects, Don Shirley, publicly spoke out against the on-screen portrayal, saying that the producers never reached out to them. (Shirley's brother, Maurice, called the portrayal "a symphony of lies.")

WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Kristin Chenoweth

“A Christmas Love Story” (7 p.m., Hallmark): Choir director Katherine Clark (Kristin Chenoweth) faces some last-minute challenges as she prepares her students for their Christmas Eve concert when one of her main vocalists falls ill in this 2019 yuletide drama. Fortunately, Danny (Kevin Quinn), a volunteer on Katherine’s stage crew, turns out to have a great voice himself and is happy to fill in.

“Guy’s Ranch Kitchen” (11:30 a.m., Food): In “19th-Century Holiday Feast,” a special new yuletide episode that marks a decided change of pace for host Guy Fieri, some chef friends drop by Fieri’s ranch to prepare a holiday meal inspired in large part by Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.” Marc Murphy starts things off with a pumpkin eggnog and a delicious roasted squash with sage, ricotta and pomegranate, then roasts a whole fish in a crusted salt shell.

“Mistletoe & Menorahs” (5 p.m., Lifetime): Ambitious toy company executive Christy (Kelley Jakle) has an opportunity to land a career-making new account, if she can learn basically everything there is to know about Hanukkah very quickly. Luckily, Jonathan (Jake Epstein), a friend of one of Christy’s co-workers, has all the knowledge she needs, plus he desperately needs someone who can turn his stale bachelor pad into an authentic Christmas wonderland.

“College Football” (7 p.m., FOX): Justin Fields and the top-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes (12-0) take on the No. 10 ranked Wisconsin Badgers (10-2) in the Big Ten Championship game. The game is played annually at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Buckeyes have looked flawless at times and try to keep a potential championship season on track. The Badgers would love nothing more than to spoil it. OSU trounced Wisconsin 38-7 in a late-October matchup.

“The Star” (7 p.m., 9 p.m., FXX): Timothy Reckart’s 2017 CGI-animated faith-based comedy takes the story of the Nativity as a starting point, but charts its own course with plenty of family-friendly laughs prominently featuring talking animals. Gina Rodriguez and Zachary Levi provide the voices of Mary and Joseph; the stellar voice cast also includes Steven Yeun, Keegan-Michael Key, Kelly Clarkson, Kristin Chenoweth, Patricia Heaton, Tyler Perry and Christopher Plummer.

“Christmas Unleashed” (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): When Marla’s (Vanessa Lachey), dog runs away on Christmas Eve, she doesn’t have much choice but to recruit her ex-boyfriend Max (Christopher Russell) to help her pursue the pooch in this 2019 romantic comedy. As their quarry leads them on a merry chase through their hometown, however, Marla and Max find themselves revisiting people and places that remind them of the beautiful Christmases they’ve shared in the past.

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	BBCA	† Planet Earth: Blue II	† Planet Earth: Blue II	Madagascar (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Madagascar (Season Premiere) (N) ©	(9:12) Planet Earth: South Pacific ©	(9:12) Planet Earth: South Pacific ©	(9:12) Planet Earth: South Pacific ©
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	BIGTEN	† Wm. Volleyball (N)	† Wm. Volleyball (N)	Women’s College Volleyball: Teams TBA. (N) ©	Women’s College Volleyball: Teams TBA. (N) ©	BIG Show	BIG Show	BIG Show
	BRAVO	† Twilight: Eclipse	† Twilight: Eclipse	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13,'11) † †	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13,'11) † †			
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	S.E.E. Chi	News †
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Nineties ©	The Nineties ©	The 2000s ©	The 2000s ©	Eighties †
	COM	† (5:50) Bad Santa 2 † †	† (5:50) Bad Santa 2 † †	Bad Santa 2 (R,'16) † †	Bad Santa 2 (R,'16) † †	Billy Bob Thornton. ©	Billy Bob Thornton. ©	Joe Dirt † †
	DISC	Expedition Unknown ©	Expedition Unknown ©	Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered: “Ancient Secrets of Asia.” (N) †	Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered: “Ancient Secrets of Asia.” (N) †			
	DISN	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk’d ©	Coop	Raven
	E!	† (6) Sweet Home Alabama (’02) † †	† (6) Sweet Home Alabama (’02) † †	Coyote Ugly (PG-13,'00) †	Coyote Ugly (PG-13,'00) †	Piper Perabo. © †	Piper Perabo. © †	Piper Perabo. © †
	ESPN	† Fight Night (N)	† Fight Night (N)	UFC Fight Night: Overeem vs. Rozenstruik (N) (Live) †	UFC Fight Night: Overeem vs. Rozenstruik (N) (Live) †			
	ESPN2	† College Basketball (N)	† College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Marquette at Kansas State. (N)	College Basketball: Marquette at Kansas State. (N)	SportCtr (N)	SportCtr (N)	SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Watters’ World (N) ©	Watters’ World (N) ©	Justice With Jeanine (N)	Justice With Jeanine (N)	Greg Gutfeld (N)	Watters †	Watters †
	FOOD	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Christmas Cookie (N)	Cookie †	Cookie †
	FREE	† (6:50) Home Alone (PG,'90) † † †	† (6:50) Home Alone (PG,'90) † † †	Macaulay Culkin. © (SAP)	Macaulay Culkin. © (SAP)	Home Alone 2 †	Home Alone 2 †	Home Alone 2 †
	FX	Office Christmas Party (R,'16) † †	Office Christmas Party (R,'16) † †	Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn. ©	Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn. ©	The Night Before (R) † †	The Night Before (R) † †	The Night Before (R) † †
	HALL	A Christmas Love Story (NR,'19) Kristin Chenoweth.	A Christmas Love Story (NR,'19) Kristin Chenoweth.	(8:55) Christmas in Rome (NR,'19) †	(8:55) Christmas in Rome (NR,'19) †			
	HGTV	Caribbean	Caribbean	Mexico (N)	Mexico (N)	House Hunters Reno (N)	Hawaii Life	Hawaii Life
	HIST	Ancient Aliens: Declassified: “The Cosmic Connection.” (N) © †	Ancient Aliens: Declassified: “The Cosmic Connection.” (N) © †					
	HLN	Real Life Nightmare (N)	Real Life Nightmare ©	Forensic	Forensic	Nightmare †	Nightmare †	Nightmare †
	IFC	† (6) The Hunger Games (PG-13,'12) † † †	† (6) The Hunger Games (PG-13,'12) † † †	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire †	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire †			
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OWN	† (6) One Fine Christmas	† (6) One Fine Christmas	Ready to Love	Ready to Love (N)	Ready †	Ready †	Ready †	
OXY	† Homicide	† Homicide for the Holidays	Criminal Confessions: “Chris Watts.”	Criminal Confessions: “Chris Watts.”	Killer †	Killer †	Killer †	
PARMT	† (6:05) Die Hard (R,'88) † † †	† (6:05) Die Hard (R,'88) † † †	Bruce Willis. ©	Bruce Willis. ©	Die Hard With a Vengeance (’95) † † †	Die Hard With a Vengeance (’95) † † †	Die Hard With a Vengeance (’95) † † †	
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PREMIUM	HBO	† (6:55) Long Shot (R,'19) † † †	† (6:55) Long Shot (R,'19) † † †	Seth Rogen. ©	Seth Rogen. ©	Dan Soder: Son (N)	Watchmen †	
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	MAX	The Marine (PG-13,'06) †	The Marine (PG-13,'06) †	John Cena.	John Cena.	(8:35) Blockers (R,'18) † † †	Leslie Mann. ©	
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STZNC	48 HRS. (R,'82) † † †	48 HRS. (R,'82) † † †	Nick Nolte.	Nick Nolte.	(8:39) Another 48 HRS. (R,'90) † †	Eddie Murphy.		

CELEBRITIES

Kitsch plays bad guy with nuance

BY BROOK LEFFERTS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Actor Taylor Kitsch bristles at the notion that the criminal he plays in the new police drama “21 Bridges” is a coldblooded killer.

He says he worked to find the “emotional beats” of his character, Ray, and tried to understand the reasons he might do some unsavory things.

That might be why director Brian Kirk and Chadwick Boseman, producer and star of the film, wanted Kitsch for the part.

“21 Bridges” is about a police detective (Boseman) leading a manhunt in New York City to find two suspects who planned to steal a haul of cocaine but stumble into a larger conspiracy and end up killing several cops.

The film, which also stars Stephan James and Sienna Miller, takes place over the course of one night, with plot twists, chase scenes and shoot-outs to satisfy action fans.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Kitsch, 38, talked about finding the nuances in playing complicated characters, working with Boseman and what it would take to get him to go back to his “Friday Night Lights” character, Tim Riggins.

AP: How did you approach playing Ray, who many would think is a bad guy.

Kitsch: (Director) Brian Kirk was awesome and very collaborative and freeing and kind of just gave me the responsibility, gave me the reins to just create him, and that’s what I loved about it. ... My job is to really root and try to figure out why he is the way he is.

AP: Ray and Stephan walk into a very scary situation, but Ray keeps his cool.

Kitsch: I know a lot of (Navy) SEALs. I’ve been trained by them and a lot of special ops guys, and everything about them I admire. The beauty of those guys is their heart rate doesn’t go up. It really, honestly doesn’t in those moments. ... Ray is very, very similar. ... He’s just very calm, very directed as to what he has to do and carry out.

AP: You seemed very comfortable shooting big guns. Was that because you used them while making the 2013 military action film “Lone Survivor”?

Kitsch: My dad hunted, but I never liked guns growing up. One, I think everybody should learn to at least be able to make a gun safe. “Lone Survivor” was an insane and incredible experience to be trained by the best, and now I’m really comfortable with an M4 or a Glock or any handgun. I never



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thought I’d say that, but that tool has carried me through a lot of these things, and obviously it serves for Ray.

AP: How was working with Chadwick Boseman and how involved was he in his role as producer?

Kitsch: He had a good presence on set. We were working nights and, man, I’d be sleeping if I were him because you got to get it when you can. But he would come on his off days

“There’s no way.”

— Actor Taylor Kitsch, on his willingness to participate in a “Friday Night Lights” reboot

facilitate and let you do your thing. And he’s great. You know, very gracious guy, listens really well on and off camera. He’s very humble and just a sweet guy.

AP: You seem to be intense about your work. What do you do in your free time?

Kitsch: I’m learning guitar... so I still play an hour or two a day. Hockey — very Canadian — twice or three times a week hopefully, and I live on the lake (in Austin, Texas) so I try to get on the water when the sun lets me. Pretty standard stuff. Try to decompress from jobs and build yourself back up. I’ll go on a little photography thing through Wyoming, Montana and Bamph. If I’m not acting, I have to have that

creativity somehow or I’ll go crazy.

AP: We are in an era of reboots. Any chance you’d reprise your role if there was a reboot of “Friday Night Lights”?

Kitsch: I know they’re making a movie, but I’m not going to be in that. There’s no way. If you want to give me \$25 million I’ll do it, but that’s my price (Laughs). I pride myself on that moment. But I also want to create more new moments and keep growing, and I feel I’ve done that. It would be messing with a beautiful memory. And I’m such a different person, different actor. And I don’t even know if I could create that again, that innocence of Riggins and those moments. It was a special time, and you got to leave that.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Consider what's next. Make thoughtful plans before launching. A lucrative opportunity is worth pursuing. Your head's full of ways to make money. Choose carefully.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Check your course before advancing a personal passion. Wait for obstacles to disappear and choose directions purposefully. Use shared resources. Take charge to fulfill a dream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. You can do without frills or fancy things. Peaceful tranquility feeds your spirit. Avoid expensive, noisy situations and savor simple flavors.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Resupply locally and buy from friends. Teamwork gets outside results. Community action can benefit a wider circle. Together, you're a powerful force.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. A test or challenge leads to a higher level of professional influence. Don't advertise your plans. Pay attention and listen to determine the best timing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Plan long-range itineraries. Consider seminars, classes and conferences. Participate in a wider conversation for valuable connections. Shop carefully for best travel values. Reserve early.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Don't rush into anything, especially if it's expensive. Old assumptions could get challenged. Mistakes are possible. Review numbers and terms carefully.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Strengthen the bonds that unite. Coordinate tasks and responsibilities with your partner for greater ease. Allow time to recharge.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Watch your step, especially when the pace picks up. Profit from meticulous service. Focus for an optimal performance. Aim for excellence.

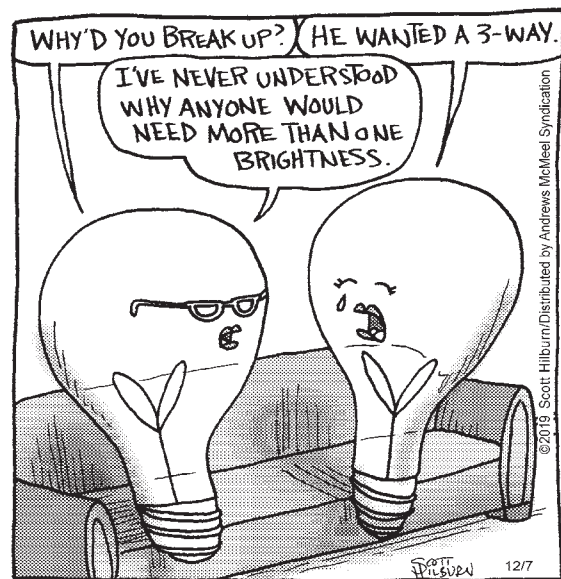
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Cultivate skills and artistry. Play your instruments and enjoy your special tools. Have fun with someone wonderful. Share special moments with people you love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Stick close to home. Take time to work out domestic priorities. Family matters have your attention. Practical solutions arise in conversation.

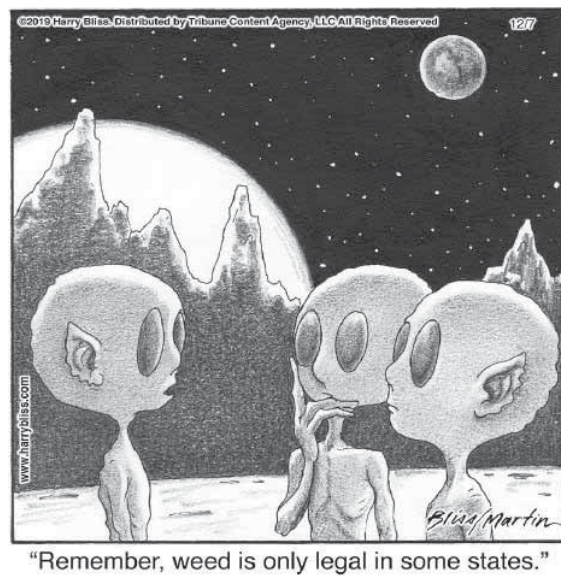
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. You're especially brilliant. Don't let it go to your head. Write down dreams, visions and ideas before they evaporate. You can learn what you need.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



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Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ 4
 ♥ K 6 4 3
 ♦ 9 6 5
 ♣ A Q J 10 9

West
 ♠ 10
 ♥ A J 8 2
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ 8 7 6 4 3 2

East
 ♠ Q 9 7 3 2
 ♥ Q 10 7 5
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ 5

South
 ♠ A K J 8 6 5
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A K 8 4 3
 ♣ K

Playing in a match-point game, South had to decide whether to bid four diamonds or four spades at his third turn. He decided to go for the higher scoring contract and bid four spades.

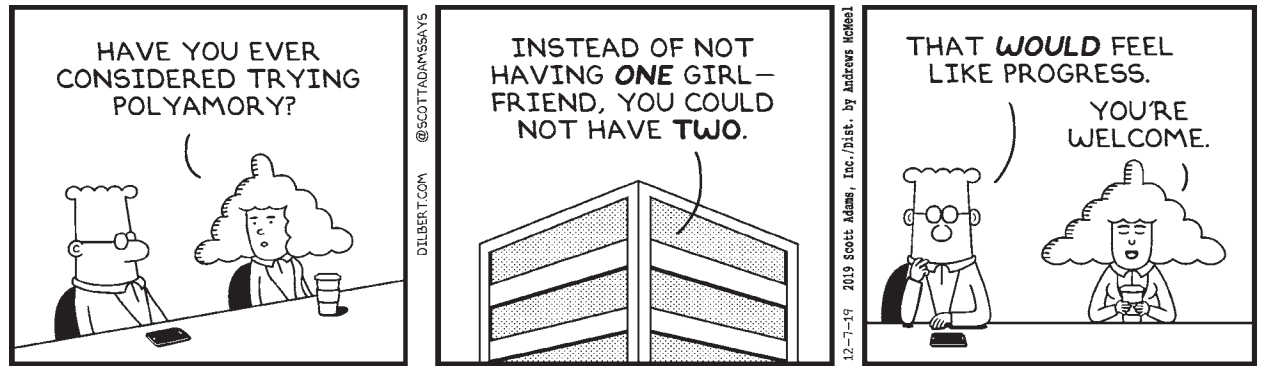
South was happy to see the opening club lead because it gave him an opportunity to discard his heart loser, or so he thought. He planned to take the spade finesse right after that. He rose with dummy's ace of clubs, gobbling up his own king, and continued with the queen of clubs to shed his heart. When East ruffed the second club, South over-ruffed and now had to play trumps from his hand. He cashed the ace and king and got more bad news. It looked like he had two trump losers to go with one heart and at least one diamond. Can you see a ray of hope?

It was a long shot, but it was his only shot. South cashed the ace and king of diamonds, relieved that the suit split 3-2, and led his heart. He was in luck when West produced the ace. Having only hearts and clubs remaining, West had to put dummy on lead. South could run dummy's clubs and over-ruff East should East ruff in at some point, thereby holding his trump losers to one. Should East never ruff, South would be able to discard all three of his remaining diamonds. The defenders were helpless. Well done!

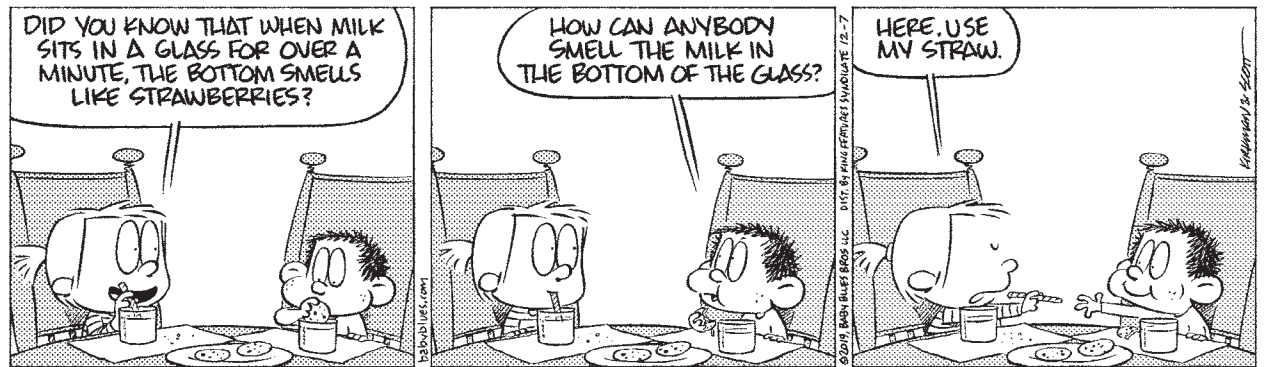
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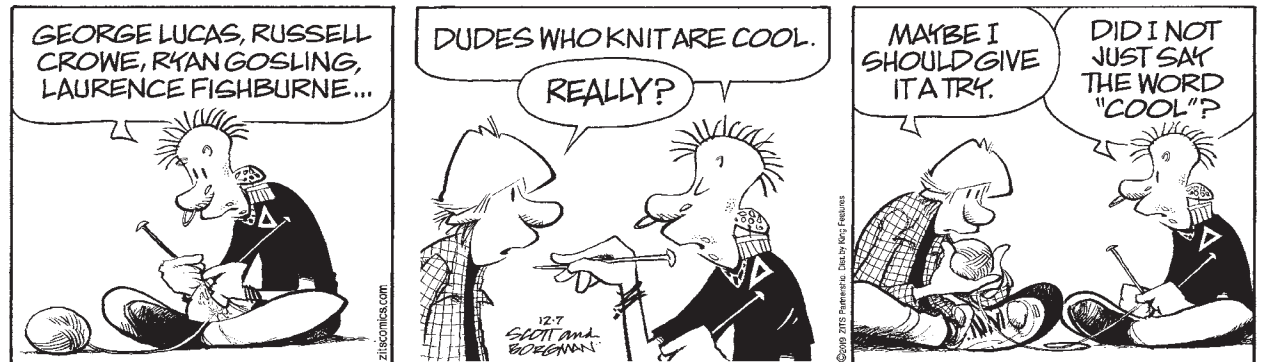
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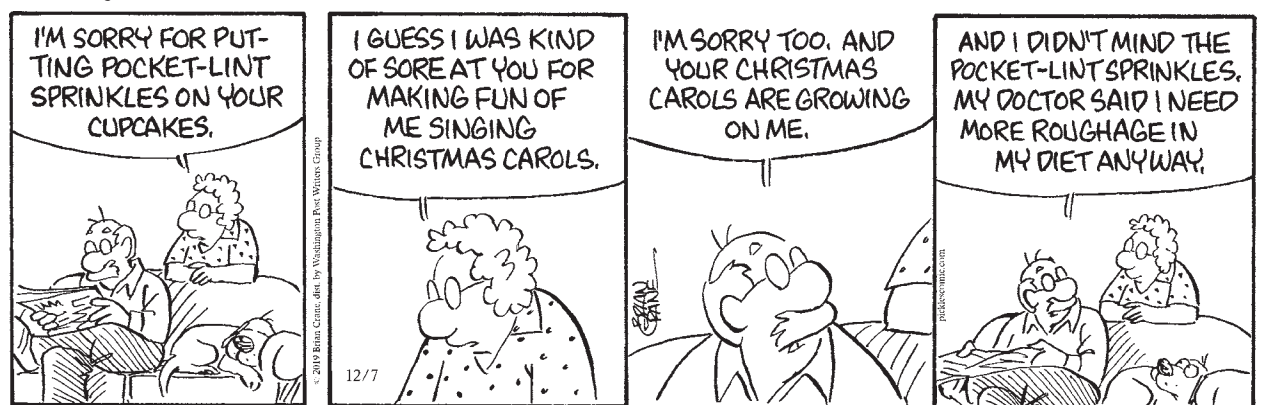
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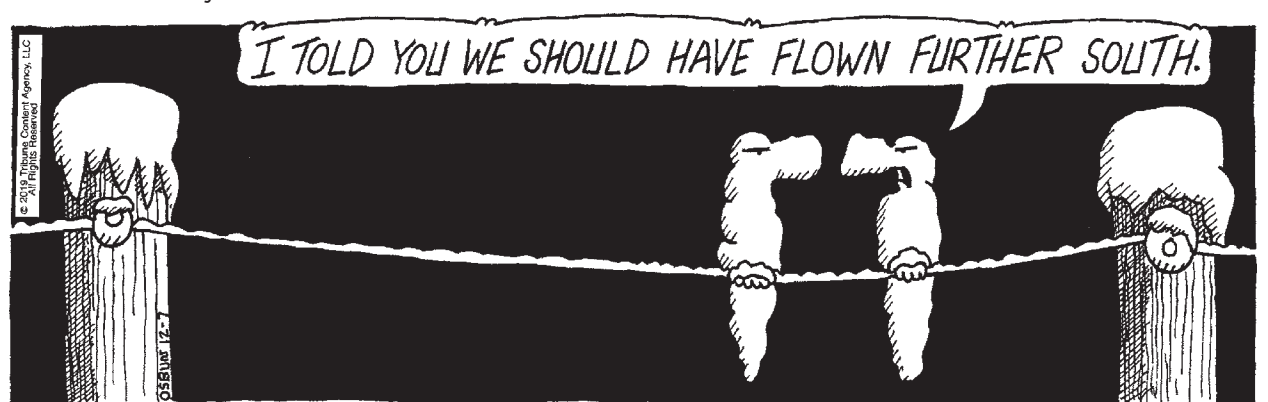
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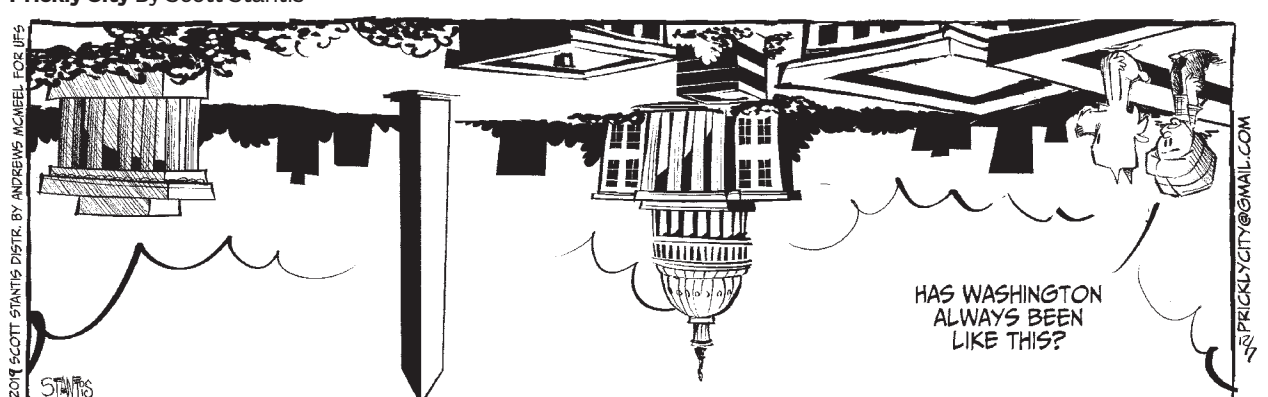
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'Tru' finally showing off his value

Bears kept faith in QB and he delivered vs. Cowboys



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

Eddie Jackson was one of the first teammates to congratulate Mitch Trubisky after the quarterback weaved through the heart of the Cowboys defense to score a 23-yard touchdown

in the fourth quarter Thursday night, all but sealing the Bears' 31-24 victory.

First, Trubisky celebrated with some offensive players who were on the field for the score. He wanted to get with left tackle Charles Leno, who made a nice block to clear a huge lane on the left side with a handful of Cowboys. After the offensive players took turns exchanging congratulations, Jackson arrived and bear-hugged the quarterback, briefly lifting him into the air.

"Celebrate with your teammate, man," Jackson said about the moment after the score that put the Bears ahead 31-14 with 13 minutes, 23 seconds left.

It was one of many highlight plays in an all-around effort from Trubisky. He completed 23 of 31 passes for 244 yards and three touchdowns against what was mostly zone coverage. And he made up for nearly an entire season of hardly running the ball in one night, gaining 63 yards on 10 carries, the second-biggest game on the ground of his career.

Consider that entering the game, Trubisky had 80 rushing yards all season. All of a sudden, he looks like a multidimensional threat for an offense that was sharp.

"Tru is being Tru," Jackson said. "I've been saying it all year, Tru being Tru. They thought I was wrong when I said we were gonna ride with Tru till the wheels fall off. Everybody is starting to see now. ... Once the offense gets going, it's hard to stop. Now everybody is seeing, they're rolling right now. Give credit where credit is due.

"You see all of the stuff they were saying about him and just to see (it all), he blocked it out. He didn't pay no attention to it. He just continued to work on his craft and continue to get better and just lead this team. It's starting to show. It's starting to pay off. Those guys are rolling."

The Bears were mindful of the pass-rushing prowess of the Cowboys. They knew the Cowboys could penetrate from time to time, and one of the ways to combat that is to turn where the defender came from into a running lane.

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3 DOWN, 3 (AND SOME HELP) TO GO
Bears' likeliest path to the playoffs

- Win their final three games (@Packers, Chiefs, @Vikings).
- Vikings lose one their next three (Lions, @Chargers, Packers).
- Rams lose two of final four (Seahawks, @Cowboys, @49ers, Cardinals).

WARRIORS 100, BULLS 98

White already showing some versatility

BY LAMOND POPE

The Warriors are hobbled, missing superstars Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson because of injuries. Known for prolific shooting, the team has tumbled to the worst record in the NBA without the tandem.

Still, Bulls rookie guard Coby White took a lot away last week from his first time facing the team that won three of the last five NBA championships.

"You can never take any team in this league lightly," White said Friday morning. "They have some really good players and they are an historic organization, so they are going to come and fight and play, no matter who's on the court.

"We didn't take them lightly. That night, they just played better than us."

The Warriors stifled White on Nov. 27 in San Francisco, limiting him to two points on 0-for-7 shooting from the field in 26 minutes off the bench. It was a bad night all around for the Bulls, who lost 104-90.

He got another look at the Warriors on Friday night at the United Center.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

That's one

With No. 1 **Ohio State** set to play for the Big Ten championship — and then, presumably, in the College Football Playoff — **Chase Young** picks up the first piece of hardware for the Buckeyes

Sack-producing end easily bags enough votes to become OSU's 1st defensive winner of award

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Ohio State coaches prioritized Chase Young while building their 2017 recruiting class. Of course they did.

It didn't take Inspector Clouseau to notice the five-star defensive end shedding blocks and leaping for interceptions on film.

Urban Meyer met Young when he was a high school sophomore. Buckeyes defensive line coach Larry Johnson was a constant presence at DeMatha Catholic in Maryland.

"We are knee deep in that school, and Larry Johnson knows those people so well," Meyer said by telephone. "Every chance I had, every opening, I would go see him."

Did Meyer expect Young to be this good?

"It's hard to forecast *this*," he replied, "because he is the best player in college football."

If not the best in college football, absolutely the best in the Big Ten.

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP
 No. 1 **Ohio State** vs. No. 8 **Wisconsin**
 7 p.m. Saturday, FOX-32

PAC-12: No. 5 **Utah** vs. No. 13 **Oregon**
 Result at chicagotribune.com/sports

BIG 12: No. 6 **Oklahoma** vs. No. 7 **Baylor**
 11 a.m. Saturday, ABC-7

SEC: No. 2 **LSU** vs. No. 4 **Georgia**
 3 p.m. Saturday, CBS-2

ACC: No. 3 **Clemson** vs. No. 23 **Virginia**
 6:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan rebounds from loss

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Franz Wagner led a balanced scoring effort for No. 4 Michigan with 18 points, and the Wolverines opened Big Ten play with a 103-91 victory over Iowa on Friday night, overcoming 44 points by Luka Garza.

The Wolverines (8-1, 1-0) rebounded from their 58-43 loss to top-ranked Louisville on Tuesday night. In fact, Michigan exceeded its point total from Tuesday before halftime against Iowa. Garza scored 27 points in the first half, including 15 of Iowa's first 17, but it was the defensive end that prevented the Hawkeyes (6-3, 0-1) from winning.

Jon Teske and Zavier Simpson added 16 points each for Michigan, which had six players with at least 12.

Garza set a record for the most points by an opposing player at Michigan's Crisler Center, breaking the mark of 39 by Ohio State's Dennis Hopson in 1987.

Michigan led 50-38 at halftime. Teske picked up his fourth foul with 11:17 remaining and Michigan up 74-61. Iowa cut the lead to seven, but Austin Davis, a backup big man for the Wolverines, contributed a layup and two dunks in a span of about a minute.

Jones helps Duke rally: Tre Jones scored 15 points and No. 10 Duke rallied after a slow start to beat Virginia Tech 77-63.

Vernon Carey Jr. and Wendell Moore Jr. added 12 points each for the Blue Devils (9-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who used runs of 12-2 just after halftime and 12-3 a short time later to take command after trailing for almost the entire first half.

P.J. Horne scored 15 points to lead the Hokies (6-3, 1-1), who lost their third in a row and ended their three-game home winning streak against the Blue Devils. Wabisa Bede and Tyrece Radford added 12 points each.

The Hokies made 10 of their first 14 shots and led by 12 early, but Duke slowly climbed back. The early 12-2 run in the second half gave them their first lead, 50-47, since the opening minute. After Virginia Tech pulled even at 52 on Horne's 3-pointer with 11:10 remaining, the Blue Devils scored 12 of the next 15 points.

Florida to honor Donovan: Florida will name its basketball court after former coach Billy Donovan, who led the program to two national championships and four Final Four appearances during his 19 seasons in Gainesville, ESPN.com reported.

The court will officially be renamed on Feb. 15 with Donovan in attendance during NBA All-Star break, the school announced. Donovan left Florida in 2015 to become head coach of the NBA's Thunder. Donovan, 54, went 467-185 with the Gators.

UNC's Bacot out: North Carolina coach Roy Williams said freshman Armando Bacot is likely out with an ankle injury when the seventh-ranked Tar Heels meet No. 5 Virginia on Sunday.

Bacot sprained his left ankle early in a lopsided home loss to No. 6 Ohio State on Wednesday night. Williams said that the 6-foot-10 Bacot is walking without crutches, but has swelling.

Details of alleged incident emerge: Two Washington, D.C., Metro police department incident reports corresponding with a restraining order filed against one of the three Georgetown men's basketball players accused of burglary, harassment and assault revealed details about the alleged crimes.

According to one report obtained by USA TODAY Sports, which coincides with the police report numbers on Josh LeBlanc's restraining order request, a victim reported that three males burglarized their residence.

Among the items allegedly taken included a Playstation 4 and a Nikon camera with an estimated forfeiture value of \$1,625.

The report also states a victim contacted one of the suspects on FaceTime, when the suspect allegedly told her "If you tell anyone we'll send people after you."



GERALD HERBERT/AP

LSU quarterback Joe Burrow eclipsed 4,000 passing yards this season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Georgia's task: Slow down LSU

By C.J. DOON

The Baltimore Sun

It's finally here. Championship weekend is upon us, which means we only have one more month to savor this college football season.

Let's dive in to the most intriguing questions for Week 15.

Georgia's defense is great. But can it slow down this historic LSU attack?

Through 12 games, the Bulldogs have allowed just 14 touchdowns and nine field goals for an average of 10.4 points per game, second only to Clemson nationally. They held Notre Dame, Florida and Auburn to 17 points or fewer, and are one of just two teams this season to not allow more than 20 points in a game (Clemson is the other). They've surrendered just 4.12 yards per play, fourth best in the country. They rank second in defensive SP+, a tempo- and opponent-adjusted measure of efficiency.

Simply put, along with Ohio State and Clemson, Georgia has one of the best defenses in the country. But Georgia has yet to face an offense like LSU's.

In a breakthrough year under new passing game coordinator Joe Brady, quarterback Joe Burrow became the first player in SEC history to throw for more than 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns in the same season. Outside of Alabama's star trio, LSU might have the best receiving corps in the country, led by Ja'Marr Chase and Justin Jefferson. Running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire has been as steady as they come, averaging 6.8 yards per carry and 7.9 yards per catch.

In a recent video breakdown, ESPN analyst and former Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy pointed out how well Georgia has played in man-coverage, which will make life difficult for LSU's receivers. Burrow has picked apart every defense he's faced so far this season, but he hasn't faced a secondary as deep or as talented as the Bulldogs. If Georgia can take away some of Burrow's easy throws, it has a chance to slow down an offense scoring 48.7 points per game.

What does Wisconsin need to do to upset Ohio State?

This Wisconsin team is much improved from the one that was dominated, 38-7, by Ohio State earlier in the season. The scary thing is, the Buckeyes might be better, too.

Penn State was able to hang around with Ohio State by containing J.K. Dobbins, who ran for 157 yards but needed 36 carries to do it. The Buckeyes averaged just 3.8 yards per carry in that 28-17 win, but they got big plays when they needed them, with quarterback Justin Fields scrambling for first downs and Chris Olave sealing the victory with a spectacular catch over a defender in the end zone.

The Badgers have the tools on offense and defense to at least give Ohio State some trouble. They pressure the quarterback extremely well, especially with their linebackers, racking up 44 sacks in 12 games, the fifth most in the country.

On offense, they lean on star running back Jonathan Taylor, averaging 188 rushing yards in his past four games. Meanwhile, quarterback Jack Coan has steadily improved this season and is coming off his best game in a Wisconsin uniform, completing 68.2% of his passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns against Minnesota.

If Wisconsin can slow down Dobbins, force Fields into some bad decisions and run the ball effectively, it can win.

Which half was closer to reality in the first Baylor-Oklahoma matchup?

Just a few weeks ago, Baylor had a 31-10 halftime lead over Oklahoma and looked like it was heading toward an improbable undefeated season. Then the Sooners shut out the Bears 24-0 in the second half to claim a stunning victory, keeping their own playoff hopes alive.

The teams meet again Saturday for the Big 12 title, and the winner will be in the discussion for the fourth and final playoff spot come Selection Sunday. So which team shows up in Arlington: first-half Baylor or second-half Oklahoma?

It's unlikely we see a similar game of runs, with Baylor storming to a 28-3 lead and Oklahoma countering with a 31-3 streak.

LET'S PLAY 2

	Dec. 15 @Packers Noon FOX-32	Dec. 22 Chiefs 7:20 p.m. NBC-5
	Sunday Coyotes 6 p.m. NBCSCH	Tuesday @G. Knights 9 p.m. NBCSCH
	Sunday @Heat 5 p.m. NBCSCH+	Monday Raptors 7 p.m. NBCSCH

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
11 a.m.	Penn State at Ohio State	BTN
11 a.m.	Florida at Butler	FOX-32
11 a.m.	West Virginia at St. John's	FS1
11 a.m.	Arizona at Baylor	ESPNU
1 p.m.	BC at Notre Dame	ESPNU
1:30 p.m.	Nebraska at Creighton	FS1
2 p.m.	Villanova at Saint Joseph's	ESPN2
3:30 p.m.	Indiana at Wisconsin	BTN
4 p.m.	Illinois at Maryland	ESPN2
		WLS-AM 890
4 p.m.	Cincinnati at Xavier	FS1
4:30 p.m.	Memphis at UAB	CBSN
6 p.m.	Morehead St. at Illinois St.	NBCSCH
6 p.m.	Colorado at Kansas	ESPN2
6:30 p.m.	Missouri at Temple	ESPNU
6:30 p.m.	Arkansas at W. Kentucky	CBSN
8 p.m.	Marquette at Kansas St.	ESPN2
8:30 p.m.	Georgetown at SMU	ESPNU

BOXING	
8 p.m.	Charlo vs. Hogan

COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
11 a.m.	Baylor vs. Oklahoma	ABC-7
11 a.m.	La.-Lafayette at App. State	ESPN
11 a.m.	C. Michigan vs. Miami (Ohio)	ESPN2
12:30 p.m.	UAB at Florida Atl.	CBSN
2:30 p.m.	Cincinnati at Memphis	ABC-7
3 p.m.	Georgia vs. LSU	CBS-2
3 p.m.	Hawaii at Boise State	ESPN
3 p.m.	Southern at Alcorn State	ESPNU
6:30 p.m.	Virginia vs. Clemson	ABC-7
7 p.m.	Ohio State vs. Wisconsin	FOX-32

GOLF		
9 a.m.	Hero World Challenge	Golf
11 a.m.	Hero World Challenge	NBC-5
2 p.m.	Father/Son Challenge	NBC-5
7 p.m.	Australian Open	Golf
1:30 a.m. (Sun.)	Mauritius Open	Golf

NHL		
6 p.m.	Maple Leafs at Blues	NHL

MARTIAL ARTS		
6 p.m.	UFC Fight Night	ESPN

SOCCER		
6:30 a.m.	Everton vs. Chelsea	NBCSN
8:30 a.m.	Moenchengladbach vs. Bayern	FS1
9 a.m.	Bournemouth vs. Liverpool	NBCSN
11:30 a.m.	Man. City vs. Man. U.	NBCSN

SWIMMING		
6 p.m.	U.S. Open	NBCSN

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
6 p.m.	NCAA Tournament: Round 2	BTN
8 p.m.	NCAA Tournament: Round 2	BTN

BEARS ON TV AMERICA SAYS 'YES'

The Bears' most impressive prime-time performance of the season was their lowest-rated locally. But nationally it was a hit. Between Fox-32 and NFL Network, the 31-24 victory over the visiting Cowboys averaged a 26.5 household rating in the Chicago television market, per Nielsen estimates. That represents 26.5% of area TV homes, or roughly 863,000 households, but does not include those who may have watched the game via streaming. A little more than 91% of those homes got the simulcast from FOX-32 rather than NFL Network. Nationally, across all platforms, the NFL said Friday the Bears-Cowboys game was this season's most-watched edition of "Thursday Night Football" and the second-most-watched since Fox took over the "TNF" franchise in 2018. Total viewers — counting Fox, NFL Network, Fox Deportes, NFL digital, Fox Sports digital, Amazon Prime, Twitch and Yahoo Sports — was 18.8 million viewers, according to the league, which said the average digital audience, including Amazon, was 1.1 million.

— Phil Rosenthal

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Silver

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Young is the 2019 winner of the Chicago Tribune Silver Football, awarded annually to the Big Ten's best player. Each of the 14 Big Ten head coaches gets a first- and second-place vote and cannot select his own players.

Young won easily, getting nine first-place votes and one second for 19 points. Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor finished second (12 points, three first-place votes), followed by two of Young's Buckeyes teammates, quarterback Justin Fields (five points, two firsts) and running back J.K. Dobbins (four points).

Penn State receiver/returner KJ Hamler

and Michigan quarterback Shea Patterson each received one second-place vote.

After watching his team obliterate Michigan last Saturday, Buckeyes coach Ryan Day pushed Young, Fields and Dobbins for the Heisman Trophy, saying all three "deserve to be in New York" as finalists.

But only Young won the Silver Football, becoming Ohio State's 19th recipient — and its first on defense.

The last defender to win was Michigan end Brandon Graham, who shared the award with Penn State quarterback Daryll Clark in 2009.

The Silver Football predates the Heisman by 11 years. Illinois' Red Grange was the first winner in 1924.

Fields has passed for 37 touchdowns and run for 10 more entering Saturday night's Big Ten championship game against Wis-

consin. Dobbins produced monster rushing performances against Wisconsin, Penn State and Michigan, totaling 163, 157 and 211 yards with a combined eight touchdowns.

The fact Young garnered even more respect from Big Ten coaches speaks to their conundrum when game-planning against him.

"Pray," is how Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald put it.

Dobbins said of Young, a 6-foot-5, 265-pound junior who's projected as a top-two pick in the NFL draft: "He is a specimen. It looks like he was made in a lab. He is huge. He can move so good. A freak of nature. He's the total package."

Young sacked Wisconsin's Jack Coan four times when the teams met in October in Columbus, Ohio. Young will get a chance to add to his FBS-best sack total of 16 1/2 on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Michigan largely kept him off the stat sheet last week: no sacks, two quarterback hurries. That pressure contributed to Patterson's miserable second half, a 4-for-24 performance with a half-dozen dropped passes.

The Wolverines double-teamed Young on some plays, chipping in with a running back. On others they devised a "slide-side" blocking scheme that Meyer said he will demonstrate during Saturday's Fox Sports pregame show from 6-7 p.m. CST.

"It was very effective," Meyer said. "Wisconsin tried it before, but they were in (Ohio) Stadium. It was loud, so the tackles were a little late off the ball a couple of times."

The Michigan game marked Young's first this season without a sack.

Don't count on a repeat Saturday at Lucas Oil Stadium.

BEARS



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears defensive back Kevin Toliver helps break up a pass intended for Cowboys wide receiver Tavon Austin on Thursday night.

Fill-ins fit in nicely

Pierre-Louis, Toliver help Bears ease loss of 2 more regulars on defensive side

BY COLLEEN KANE

When Bears inside linebacker Roquan Smith headed to the locker room in the first quarter of Thursday night's game against the Cowboys, it was another gut punch to a defense that has absorbed so many of them this season.

Smith suffered a pectoral injury at some point during the Cowboys' first drive and didn't return to the game. Coach Matt Nagy provided about as bleak a prognosis as he's given after the Bears' 31-24 victory.

"It doesn't look real good for him," Nagy said.

Smith is just the latest crucial player on the Bears defense to go down with an injury. He joins defensive lineman Akiem Hicks, inside linebacker Danny Trevathan and cornerback Prince Amukamara, who all were sidelined Thursday.

And yet the Bears defense carried on in the prime-time meeting at Soldier Field to slow down one of the NFL's top offenses, holding the Cowboys scoreless after the game's first drive until the fourth quarter.

Inside linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis was the newest example of a Bears player who stepped in.

The 28-year-old veteran has started one game in his six NFL seasons, in 2015 with the Seahawks, yet he said he didn't feel any hesitation when Smith went out. Pierre-Louis had five tackles — one for a loss — a quarterback hit and two passes defended.

"In those moments, there's no time to think like that," Pierre-Louis said. "You've just got to be there for your brother and then just go with what you've been practicing each week. ... You would never wish upon an opportunity like this, the way it happened. But you have to keep pushing forward."

The Bears very well could need him to continue to push forward.

Nagy said Smith "could be a big loss." The 2018 first-round pick has 101 tackles this season, including a career-high 16 and two sacks against the Lions on Thanksgiving.

"The way that Roquan has been playing in the last couple weeks, flying around, making plays, you just love that confidence that he's bringing to the defense," Nagy said. "The depth that (general manager Ryan Pace) and his guys have created on



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis wraps up the Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott on Thursday.

this roster allows someone like KPL, Kevin Pierre-Louis, to step up and make plays. You feel bad for Roquan, but we know that we have guys that can fill in.

"We had a lot of different guys that stepped up for guys that were injured tonight. That's a good thing to have that depth."

It's not a shot at the backups to acknowledge there would have been questions in the preseason about the capability of the Bears defense with players such as defensive lineman Nick Williams, inside linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski, cornerback Kevin Toliver and Pierre-Louis filling in for Hicks, Trevathan, Amukamara and Smith. The reserves had 16 starts among them entering this season, and 14 belonged to Kwiatkoski.

Toliver, undrafted out of LSU in 2018, made his first start of the season and the second of his career in place of Amukamara. He found out Sunday he would start and was asked to help slow the dangerous duo of Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott and wide receiver Amari Cooper.

"Everybody has to prepare like they're a starter, so when you go in the game it's just second nature," Toliver said. "That's what

it was today."

The Cowboys made it look easy on their methodical first drive behind 33 rushing yards from Ezekiel Elliott. They converted four third downs along the way before Elliott scored a 2-yard touchdown.

Elliott rushed for only 48 yards after that, and the Cowboys converted only two more third downs. Prescott achieved most of his 334 passing yards while padding the Cowboys' stats in the fourth quarter as they tried to make a comeback from 17 points down.

It doesn't get any easier for the Bears defense in the final three games, with the Packers, Chiefs and Vikings on the docket.

Hicks could be eligible to return from injured reserve next week, but his status and the others' is still up in the air. It appears the Bears could need their depth pieces to continue to perform.

"I credit the work ethic," said Kwiatkoski, who had 10 tackles. "We all come in like we're going to play no matter what. We work together when it comes to breaking down film, practicing. We're always communicating as a whole group. ... When someone's name is called upon, you go in, and there's no drop-off."

WHAT WE LEARNED

Nagy's pride in team's resolve grows

BY COLLEEN KANE AND DAN WIEDERER

Bears coach Matt Nagy spoke with the media Friday after he reviewed his team's 31-24 victory over the Cowboys. The win Thursday night was the Bears' fourth in the last five games and keeps their playoff hopes alive for at least one more week.

After what was arguably the team's most complete performance all season, here are three things we learned at Halas Hall.

1. Matt Nagy expressed pride in his team overcoming its midseason slump to win 4 of its last 5 games.

The football vibe in Chicago was a lot more hostile on Nov. 4, after the Bears' losing streak hit four games following an ugly loss to the Eagles. The criticism of Nagy and quarterback Mitch Trubisky was swelling to its peak as the 3-5 Bears looked more and more likely to peter out of playoff contention.

But Nagy tried to convince his players to tune out the noise and focus on winning each week.

"These guys have proven to me, and our staff, what they're all about," Nagy said Friday. "Never once did they ever start pointing fingers. They never flinched. We've become closer through all of it, and regardless of what happens the rest of this year, I know this: I've learned a lot about who we are and the character (of this group), and I love that about them."

With victories over the Lions twice, the Giants and Cowboys since then, the Bears have climbed to 7-6 and kept a glimmer of hope alive for a playoff berth as they ready to face the Packers on Dec. 15.

Nagy spoke less Friday about personal satisfaction in keeping his team on track and more about how his players responded to the adversity.

"I'm just happy for the players, that they've gotten themselves to this point," he said. "Someday I'll look back on this season and I'll always come back to how we handled where we're at right now. And I know we still have games left. But this is their moment to be able to (say), 'Hey, just keep doing what we're doing. Don't make it too big. Don't make it too little. Let's just stay the course.'"

"But the players have worked hard to get to this point. The coaches have helped out. And now we've made it a meaningful game. So we'll see."

2. Matt Nagy emphasized again that 'it does not look good' for linebacker Roquan Smith.

The second-year linebacker suffered a serious pectoral injury on the first drive Thursday night. And the working assumption based on the initial word from the team is that Smith's 2019 season is finished with a challenging rehabilitation process likely ahead.

Nagy said Friday that the team is still working through an evaluation of Smith's injury. But the Bears will prepare to go forward without both of their Week 1 starting inside linebackers. Danny Trevathan has been out since mid-November with a dislocated left elbow, and the Bears have been vague about whether he will have a chance to practice and play again before season's end.

Trevathan's return, Nagy stressed, has nothing to do with Smith's absence.

"All those guys are on their own individual plans," Nagy said. "It's unfortunate with some of the injuries that we've had this year. But it's a part of the game."

Veteran Kevin Pierre-Louis filled in for Smith on Thursday night and played well.

Nagy also said he was still awaiting word on injuries suffered by receiver Javon Wims (knee) and defensive lineman Roy Robertson-Harris. Wims suffered his injury at the end of the first half and was down in the end zone for an extended period of time before walking off under his own power. Initially, according to league sources, both injuries are thought to be minor.

3. When it all clicks, it all clicks. The Bears offense was rolling Thursday.

If you're looking for an offensive play that best symbolizes the Bears victory, perhaps it's best to put Anthony Miller's 13-yard touchdown catch from Mitch Trubisky in the center of the conversation. That play was a dagger of sorts, the exclamation point on an 11-play, 84-yard drive to start the second half, and it gave the Bears a commanding 24-7 lead.

But it was the execution of the entire sequence that deserves special mention. Start first with the read, a Trubisky decision on a run-pass option play to fire outside to Miller based on the pre-snap alignment of Cowboys linebacker Jaylon Smith. With Smith lined up across from Miller in the slot but shading to the inside, the Bears had a leverage advantage outside. "We knew the read the whole week," Miller said.

The Bears just needed Trubisky to make an easy horizontal toss, and Miller needed strong blocking from receivers Cordarrelle Patterson and Ridley to clear a path.

Check, check and check.

Said Trubisky: "That's just getting the ball in the playmaker's hands and letting him do his thing." At that point, Miller's athleticism and passion took over with the second-year receiver knifing between the blocks from Patterson and Ridley, spinning out of a tackle attempt by cornerback Chidobe Awuzie and avoiding a hit from safety Xavier Woods near the goal line.

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Jones' radio show filled with curses

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Jerry Jones tried ripping the coaching staff of the Cowboys after the first loss in the current three-game skid, then took the gentle approach following the second.

The team's owner and general manager looked mad at the world on an embarrassing night in Chicago and didn't seem to care the Cowboys were still in first place in the NFC East after a 31-24 loss to the Bears that wasn't nearly that close.

"Until we can win a football game, I don't care what kind of contention we're in," Jones said Thursday. "We've got to start playing and winning a football game so that we can play better than we played tonight."

The anger was still evident a day later when Jones didn't like the way his radio show started Friday and cursed several times. He appeared to hang up after one of the expletives, but it was explained that the system cut off the call because of the language. Jones was reconnected, and the mood wasn't much lighter for the rest of the show.

"Now, go on with your question, but I'm going to give you the answer I'm going to give you this morning," Jones said early in the call.

"I don't like your attitude. I've been traveling all night and I don't have the patience to jack with you today."

The Cowboys (6-7) have never made the playoffs in a season with two losing streaks of at least three games. The first skid came after a 3-0 start. Despite seven losses in 10 games, the Cowboys will be no worse than tied with the Eagles for the NFC East lead with three games left.

Just as he did after a Thanksgiving loss to the Bills, Jones said he wasn't going to fire coach Jason Garrett before the end of the season.

LBs out for Saints: The Saints have ruled out starting linebackers A.J. Klein (knee) and Kiko Alonso (thigh) for Sunday's matchup vs. the 49ers. Both were injured in a win over the Falcons on Thanksgiving night.

The 49ers' rushing offense is ranked No. 2 in the NFL, averaging 148 yards a game on the ground. With both teams sitting

at 10-2, Sunday's game could decide the top seed of the NFC and home-field advantage.

Jones misses another practice: Giants QB Daniel Jones missed his third straight practice because of a sprained right ankle, making it likely Eli Manning will return as the starter on Monday night against the Eagles.

Jones was hurt Sunday in a loss to the Packers. The sixth overall pick in last spring's draft finished the game but his injury prevented him from working out this week.

Manning, 38, has taken the majority of snaps in practice with Alex Tanney getting the leftovers. Jones has worn a boot on his ankle most of the week.

Manning started the opening two games of the regular season — losses to Cowboys and Bills.

Coach Pat Shurmur replaced the two-time Super Bowl MVP with Jones, who then led the Giants to two straight wins. The Giants have lost eight in a row.

Chief concern: The running game for the Chiefs is in a bit of trouble heading into Sunday's game against the Patriots, as they will be without two of their top three running backs.

The Chiefs ruled Damien Williams out because of a rib injury after placing Darrel Williams on injured reserve because of a hamstring injury earlier this week.

The injuries leave LeSean McCoy, rookie Darwin Thompson and Spencer Ware available. McCoy, 31, is the leading rusher for the Chiefs, while Thompson, 23, got his first dose of extended playing time last week and Ware, 28, signed this week.

Extra points: The Colts will be without K. Adam Vinatieri and Pro Bowl WR T.Y. Hilton on Sunday against the Buccaneers. Vinatieri, 46, and the NFL's career scoring leader didn't work out Thursday or Friday because of a left knee injury. Hilton, 30, will miss his fifth game in six weeks with a calf injury. ... The Jets are expected to be without Jamal Adams (ankle) and Brian Poole (concussion) in their secondary Sunday against the Dolphins. Adams, 24, and Poole, 27 were injured in last Sunday's loss to the Bengals.

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It won't present itself against every opponent — but it did Thursday. Trubisky proved he has no hesitancy to pull the ball down and take off, a reassuring sign for someone who wondered if a left shoulder injury had pinned him to the pocket.

"I don't know all the exact numbers on the course of the year from this year to last year," coach Matt Nagy said. "You felt it more (Thursday). There will be some games where that's not going to happen, they're going to take that away. We got to be able to take advantage in other areas. Today was a day that we saw some things and we were able to try to use him as much as we could."

Said wide receiver Anthony Miller: "He's just using his God-given ability. He's one of the best running quarterbacks in the league, in my opinion. He's a slippery guy. When he sees the opportunity to run, he takes full advantage of it. It keeps the defense on their toes. They know that they have to watch Mitch at all times. Don't let the past stats fool you. ... He's a real ballplayer, and going forward, we look to do something great."

Trubisky was excellent through the air too, overcoming a Jourdan Lewis interception at the Cowboys 1-yard line that sabotaged an otherwise snappy first possession. It was an ominous start because the Cowboys opened the game with a 17-play, 75-yard drive, taking 8:57 off the clock en route to a 7-0 lead. A red-zone interception, one right in front of the end zone on a ball that should have been thrown away, was the last thing the Bears needed.

But the defense forced the Cowboys to go three-and-out on their next two possessions, and Trubisky directed two scoring drives, one ending on a 5-yard touchdown pass to Allen Robinson and the other on a 36-yard Eddy Pineiro field goal. The only thing that had stopped the Bears to that point was the Bears. The team has praised

Trubisky for being able to compartmentalize errors and not let them affect the next series, and he did just that Thursday.

"It ain't the best performance I have seen by my man (No.) 10," Leno said. "I still have Tampa Bay (six-touchdown game last season) up there. That was very special. He did a great job out there commanding the offense, doing his thing with the tempo that we were using, getting everybody lined up. He was doing his job. I told him before the game, 'Just be the best you that you can possibly be.'"

The timing in the screen game was on point, and the 30-yard gain to tight end J.P. Holtz was a thing of beauty. Trubisky made some big-time throws downfield too, including a 21-yard shot to Miller through a tiny window between linebacker Jaylon Smith and Lewis that helped set up a touchdown just before halftime. This was everything the Bears had been seeking all season from the quarterback.

"I would continually go back to it's not just one person, it's everybody," Nagy said. "When you have the entire phase of the offense, everybody working together in unison, whether it's the line blocking, pass protecting, run blocking, wide receivers getting open, running the right routes, it makes your job as a quarterback a lot easier."

"But the quarterback, Mitch, knows that throughout the season he could have played better too. I've talked about trying to find that identity. We're searching for it. ... The last several weeks we feel good about where we're at. Are we perfect? No. But we feel good about it."

They felt damn good about it Thursday, which is why in the moment Jackson was on the field to put the squeeze on the quarterback.

"We thought he was going to slide, and you see him break down," Jackson said. "That's the Tru I am used to. Just had to celebrate."

This column was excerpted from Brad Biggs' "10 thoughts." Read the entire column at chicagotribune.com/bears

BLACKHAWKS



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BLACKHAWKS 2, DEVILS 1 (SO)

Hawks go 2-for-trip

Jonathan Toews, above, Patrick Kane and Kirby Dach converted in the shootout to give the Blackhawks a 2-1 victory against the Devils on Friday night at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J. Corey Crawford stopped Jack Hughes, the No. 1 pick in the June draft, on the Devils' final shootout attempt to secure the victory, the Hawks' second in as many nights on their brief two-game trip. Crawford made 29 saves. The Hawks again played without Duncan Keith and Andrew Shaw, who were placed on injured reserve earlier in the day, and Olli Maatta, who missed his second straight game with an illness. The Hawks gave up a first-period power-play goal to Taylor Hall, who fired a wrist shot past Crawford from just beyond the right faceoff circle. Alex DeBrincat tied it in the second, backhanding in a rebound that slipped under Blackwood's leg for his second goal in as many games. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Smith thinks fighting has place

Forward wants to protect teammates, not injure his opponent

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

NEWARK, N.J. — Moments after Blackhawks forward Zack Smith and Bruins defenseman John Moore dropped their gloves during the third period Thursday night in Boston, the fight was over.

The first punch Smith threw leveled Moore, who crumbled to the ice and then abruptly skated off for medical attention.

Thankfully, it looked worse than it was. Moore, who grew up in Winnetka, returned to the game. Smith was relieved but not surprised Moore was uninjured.

"I threw the punch so I knew it wasn't that hard," Smith said.

Still, the quickness with which the fight ended and the immediacy with which Moore left the ice made it a frightening moment for those watching. Moore was playing in his first game since undergoing left shoulder surgery.

But what about the guy throwing the punch? How does it feel to hit a player and watch him skate away with a possible serious injury?

"It's not a good feeling," Smith

said. "Especially (since) that was his first game in seven months or whatever. That sucked, but it's part of the game."

As much as fighting has scaled back in recent years, there doesn't seem to be much appetite for it to be banned. Hawks defenseman Dennis Gilbert and the Devils' Wayne Simmonds got into a long and spirited fight early in the first period of Friday night's game.

Smith has been in more than 40 fights in his 12-season NHL career and is willing to drop the gloves in the right situations. After delivering a strong hit to Bruins star David Pastrnak along the boards Thursday, Smith understood why Moore confronted him.

"I'm fine with somebody challenges me after a hit like that on Pastrnak," Smith said. "Protect your skaters. I thought that was a clean hit but I don't mind guys stepping up like that. You never want to see anybody get hurt. The vast majority of the guys would say that. Anyone who has ever hurt someone feels like (expletive)."

"I mean, there are exceptions to that rule as you can tell by the way some guys play. But you never want to see that happen. I was glad when I saw him come back."

Smith is glad the days of "planned" fights are nearly ex-

tinct. But he believes there's a place for fighting in hockey and always should be.

"If it's a hit from behind or a dirty hit, then all the incentive for the other guy is a penalty or maybe it gets reviewed and he gets a fine or suspension," Smith said. "It's important that guys think about that stuff in the back of their head when they're out there. (Having to fight) is another consequence too."

"I've been in a lot of fights over my career, and fear is always involved in it. At the end of the fight, it's never that bad. But you can't get over the next time. So I think people always think of that. Next time we go against Boston, I know that if I bump Pastrnak then probably (6-foot-9 Zdeno) Chara is going to be the guy skating over to me."

And what did Smith's mom, who was at the game for the biennial mom's trip, think about seeing her son fight?

"I was fine, so she's OK with it," Smith said. "If I was missing some teeth or something she might be a little upset. She paid for braces for me as a kid. It was kind of funny, the first one of the year and it's on the mom's trip."

"But she's fine with it. She's been watching me do it since junior hockey."

Smith hopes Crawford sticks around

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

NEWARK, N.J. — Nobody on the Blackhawks has spent more time around embattled assistant coach Marc Crawford than Zack Smith.

The two spent three seasons together with the Senators before joining the Hawks last summer. Crawford — who is on leave while the Hawks investigate allegations he physically and verbally abused former players with other teams — was an assistant coach and interim head coach in Ottawa, and Smith was a player.

While Smith said Crawford could be "intense" and sometimes yelled, he said he didn't experience anything during their time together that resembled the allegations made by former NHL players Sean Avery, Brent Sopel and Patrick O'Sullivan.

"I've really enjoyed playing for



SEAN KILPATRICK/AP

Embattled Marc Crawford has Zack Smith firmly in his corner.

Marc over my career," Smith said. "I haven't seen issues and I haven't had issues with him. He's been a great coach. He's an intense guy and he wants to get the most out of guys."

"Sometimes he yells, but that's part of it. I might be a little old school in that thinking, but I don't think there's anything wrong with a coach that yells."

The allegations against Crawford aren't just that he yelled. In a

recent interview with the New York Post, Avery said Crawford kicked him so hard it left a mark when they were with the Kings. Sopel alleged during a podcast last year that Crawford "kicked me, he choked me" while both were with the Canucks.

O'Sullivan wrote in a 2016 autobiography that Crawford was verbally and physically abusive toward him and others — allegedly using homophobic slurs — while they were with the Kings.

Smith was unequivocal that he wants Crawford to return to the Hawks and indicated the rest of the team feels the same way.

"I think everyone's on the same page with that," Smith said. "I don't want to speak for everyone, but for myself, hopefully this gets resolved."

"Hopefully it's not just making an example out of someone. That would be very unfortunate."

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	16	5	.762	—
Toronto	15	6	.714	1
Philadelphia	15	7	.682	1½
Brooklyn	12	10	.545	4½
New York	4	18	.182	12½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	16	6	.727	—
Orlando	11	11	.500	5
Charlotte	9	15	.375	8
Washington	7	14	.333	8½
Atlanta	5	17	.227	11

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	20	3	.870	—
Indiana	14	8	.636	5½
Detroit	9	14	.391	11
Chicago	8	15	.348	12
Cleveland	5	16	.238	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	15	6	.714	—
Houston	14	7	.667	1
San Antonio	9	14	.391	7
Memphis	6	15	.286	9
New Orleans	6	16	.273	9½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	14	6	.700	—
Utah	12	10	.545	3
Minnesota	10	11	.476	4½
Oklahoma City	9	12	.429	5½
Portland	9	14	.391	6½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	20	3	.870	—
L.A. Clippers	16	7	.696	4
Phoenix	10	11	.476	9
Sacramento	8	13	.381	11
Golden State	5	19	.208	15½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Brooklyn 111, Charlotte 104
Orlando 93, Cleveland 87
Detroit 108, Indiana 101
Golden State 100, Chicago 98
Boston 108, Denver 95
Miami 112, Washington 103
Oklahoma City 139, Minnesota 127 (OT)
Milwaukee 119, L.A. Clippers 91
San Antonio 105, Sacramento 104 (OT)
L.A. Lakers 136, Portland 113

SATURDAY'S GAMES

New Orleans at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Denver at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Portland, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

WARRIORS 100, BULLS 98

GOLDEN STATE	Paschall	5-10	3-4	13
Green	2-6	5-8	9	20
Russell	2-8	1-2	7	20
Chriss	4-6	0-9	Looney	1-1
Spellman	2-3	1-6	Bowman	3-4
Poole	0-3	1-1	Burks	6-10
Totals	38-71	15-22	100	

CHICAGO	Dunn	4-11	0-9	Markkanen	8-17
Carter	2-5	0-4	Satoransky	3-7	0-6
LaVine	8-20	3-22	Gafford	3-3	0-6
Kornet	0-2	0-0	White	5-10	0-14
Harrison	1-1	2-3	Ardicicano	1-4	0-3
Valentine	4-8	0-11	Totals	39-88	3-5

Golden State	23	27	27	23	— 100
Chicago	28	23	32	15	— 98

3-Point Goals—Golden State 9-24 (Bowman 2-3, Robinson III 2-4, Russell 2-8, Chriss 1-1, Spellman 1-1), Chicago 17-41 (White 4-5, LaVine 4-10, Markkanen 4-11, Valentine 3-4, Dunn 1-4, Ardicicano 1-4). **Rebounds**—Golden State 38 (Russell, Robinson III, Cauley-Stein 7), Chicago 37 (Carter Jr. 12). **Assists**—Golden State 24 (Bowman 6), Chicago 21 (LaVine 6). **Total Fouls**—Golden State 19, Chicago 20. **Technical**—Spellman, Chicago coach Jim Boylen, Valentine 2. Ejected—Valentine. **A**—18,841 (20,917).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	20	3	6	46	104	69
Montreal	13	11	6	32	97	102
Florida	13	9	5	31	96	97
Buffalo	13	11	5	31	88	87
Toronto	13	13	4	30	95	101
Tampa Bay	13	10	3	29	95	86
Ottawa	12	16	1	25	76	91
Detroit	7	20	3	17	63	119

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	22	4	5	49	115	88
N.Y. Islanders	19	6	2	40	80	65
Philadelphia	16	8	5	37	92	82
Pittsburgh	16	9	4	36	98	78
Carolina	17	11	1	35	91	80
N.Y. Rangers	14	11	3	31	88	91
Columbus	11	13	2	25	70	87
New Jersey	9	14	5	23	70	103

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	18	6	6	42	90	78
Colorado	18	8	2	38	103	78
Winnipeg	17	10	2	36	84	80
Dallas	16	11	3	35	79	75
Minnesota	14	11	4	32	88	92
Nashville	12	10	5	29	89	88
Chicago	12	12	5	29	80	89

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	18	10	3	39	95	90
Arizona	17	10	4	38	85	72
Vegas	15	11	5	35	93	88
Vancouver	14	11	4	32	97	86
San Jose	15	13	2	32	86	99
Calgary	14	12	4	32	77	89
Anaheim	12	13	4	28	77	87
Los Angeles	11	17	2	24	74	98

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 2, New Jersey 1 (SO)
Montreal 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Pittsburgh 2, Arizona 0
Edmonton 2, Los Angeles 1
Washington 3, Anaheim 2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Ottawa at Philadelphia, noon
Buffalo at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Boston, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Carolina, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Florida, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Nashville, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Anaheim at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
MONDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 2, DEVILS 1 (SO)

Chicago	0	1	0	0	— 1
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	— 2

Blackhawks won shootout, 3-2.

FIRST PERIOD: 1, New Jersey, Hall 5 (Gusev, Vatanen), 13:31 (pp). **Penalties:** Nylander, CHI, (delay of game), 1:19; de Haan, CHI, (interference), 4:21; Gilbert, CHI, Major (fighting), 6:29; Simmonds, NJ, Major (fighting), 6:29; Smith, CHI, (elbowing), 12:30.

SECOND PERIOD: 2, Chicago, DeBrincat

(Kane, Strome), 9:35 (pp). **Penalties:** Vatanen, NJ, (hooking), 8:19.

THIRD PERIOD: None. Penalties: Palmieri

(slashing), 4:01; Smith, CHI, (high sticking), 6:16.

OVERTIME: None. Penalties: None.

SHOOTOUT: Chicago 3 (Toews G, Kane G, DeBrincat NG, Strome NG, Dach G), New Jersey 2 (Gusev G, Boqvist G, Palmieri NG, Hall NG, Hughes NG).

SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 7-15-5-2—29.

New Jersey 10-12-6-2—30.

POWER PLAYS: Chicago 1 of 2; New Jersey

1 of 4.

GOALIES: Chicago, Crawford 5-7-2 (30 shots-29 saves). New Jersey, Blackwood 8-8-3 (29-28).

A: 15,273 (16,514). **T:** 2:37. **Referees:** Francis Charron, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen:** Kory Nagy, Pierre Racicot.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Louisville (9-0) beat Pittsburgh 64-46. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Tuesday.
- Kansas (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Colorado, Saturday.
- Maryland (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
- Michigan (8-1) beat Iowa 103-91. Next: at Illinois, Wednesday.
- Virginia (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 North Carolina, Sunday.
- Ohio State (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
- North Carolina (6-2) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Virginia, Sunday.
- Kentucky (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, Saturday.
- Gonzaga (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Washington, Sunday.
- Duke (9-1) beat Virginia Tech 77-63. Next: vs. Wofford, Dec. 19.
- Michigan State (5-3) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
- Arizona (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Baylor, Saturday.
- Oregon (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Saturday.
- Auburn (8-0) did not play, OT. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday, Dec. 14.
- Memphis (7-1) did not play. Next: at UAB, Saturday.
- Seton Hall (6-2) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Sunday.
- Florida State (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
- Baylor (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Arizona, Saturday.
- Dayton (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Sunday.
- Colorado (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Kansas, Saturday.
- Tennessee (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Memphis, Saturday, Dec. 14.
- Washington (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Gonzaga, Sunday.
- Villanova (6-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Saturday.
- Butler (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
- Utah State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.

FRIDAY'S SCORES

Bryant 67, Columbia 65
Alabama 78, Stephen F. Austin 68
Cent. Michigan 84, UT Martin 75
Missouri St. 86, MVSU 62
Pepperdine 77, Idaho St. 65
Rhode Island 75, Providence 61
S. Florida 63, Dartmouth 44
Tennessee St. 80, Chicago St. 74
USC 80, TCU 78

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Florida at Butler, 11 a.m.
Penn St. at Ohio St., 11 a.m.
IUPUI at Ball St., Noon
E. Michigan at Detroit, Noon
Indiana St. at Wright St., 1 p.m.
Quincy at Loyola of Chicago, 1 p.m.
Youngstown St. at W. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Evansville, 1 p.m.
Boston College at Notre Dame, 1 p.m.
NC A&T at Bradley, 1 p.m.
Nebraska at Creighton, 1:30 p.m.
Oakland at Bowling Green, 3 p.m.
Fort Wayne at UIC, 3:12 p.m.
Green Bay at E. Illinois, 3:15 p.m.
Indiana at Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Xavier, 4 p.m.
SE Missouri at Drake, 5 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Kent St., 6 p.m.
Colorado at Kansas, 6 p.m.
Morehead St. at Illinois St., 6 p.m.
ETSU at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Marquette at Kansas St., 8 p.m.

EAST

W. Virginia at St. John's, 11 a.m.
Maine at CCSU, Noon
UMass at Harvard, Noon
Lafayette at Cornell, Noon
LIU Brooklyn at Army, Noon
La Salle at Drexel, 1p.m.
Manhattan at Fordham, 1 p.m.
Hofstra at St. Bonaventure, 1:30 p.m.
Villanova at Saint Joseph's, 2 p.m.
Davidson at Northeastern, 2 p.m.
Delaware at George Washington, 2 p.m.
Brown at Stony Brook, 5 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Towson at Vermont, 6 p.m.
Marist at Navy, 6 p.m.
Yale at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
Missouri at Temple, 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH

Syracuse at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m.
S. Illinois at S. Miss., 2 p.m.

SOUTHWEST

Georgetown at SMU, 8:30 p.m.

WEST

N. Illinois at UC Davis, 7 p.m.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Stanford (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Sunday, Dec. 15.
- Louisville (8-1) did not play. Next: at Northern Kentucky, Sunday.
- Oregon (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Sunday.
- UConn (7-0) did not play-78. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Sunday.
- Oregon State (8-0) beat Hawaii 64-32. Next: vs. Utah State, Saturday, Dec. 14.
- South Carolina (8-1) did not play. Next: at Temple, Saturday.
- Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Wednesday, Dec. 18.
- Florida State (8-0) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.
- Maryland (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola (Md.), Sunday.
- Mississippi State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Sunday.
- UCLA (7-0) did not play. Next: at Cal State Northridge, Saturday.
- Texas A&M (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- NC State (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Sunday, Dec. 15.
- Indiana (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Saturday.
- Kentucky (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Samford, Sunday.
- DePaul (6-1) did not play. Next: at Green Bay, Saturday.
- Tennessee (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Sunday.
- Gonzaga (7-1) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Sunday.
- Michigan State (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead St., Sun., Dec. 15.
- Arizona (8-0) did not play. Next: at UTEP, Saturday.
- Miami (5-3) did not play. Next: vs. Binghamton, Tuesday, Dec. 17.
- Missouri State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Sunday, Dec. 15.
- Arkansas (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
- Michigan (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Sunday.
- LSU (8-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.

GOLF

HERO WORLD CHALLENGE

3rd of 4 rds; Albany; Nassau, Bahamas; 7,309 yds; Par 72
203 (-13)

Gary Woodland	66-69-68
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204 (-12)

Henrik Stenson	69-67-68
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205 (-11)

SPORTS

CUBS

Bullpen getting boost with Winkler signing

BY MARK GONZALES

The Cubs addressed a bullpen need Friday by agreeing to a one-year split contract with free-agent reliever Dan Winkler.

Winkler, 29, has a lifetime 3.68 ERA in 117 appearances over parts of five seasons with the Braves. He struck out 69 in 60 1/3 innings covering 69 appearances in 2018.

Right-handed hitters have batted .203 against the right-handed Winkler, who has limited left-handed hitters to a .234 mark.

Winkler has struck out 115 batters in 100 1/3 career innings with a 1.18 WHIP while limiting opponents to a .299 on-base percentage.

Signing Winkler would help compensate for the losses of free-agent right-handed relievers Pedro Strop, Steve Cishek

and Brandon Kintzler.

The Braves traded Winkler to the Giants on July 31 in a three-player deal involving All-Star closer Mark Melancon. The Giants sent Winkler outright to Triple-A Sacramento, where he posted a 0.64 ERA in 12 appearances.

The Cubs drafted Winkler, a native of Effingham, Ill., in the 43rd round in 2010 out of Parkland College in Champaign, but he elected to transfer to Central Florida and re-enter the draft in 2011. He signed with the Rockies after they picked him in the 20th round.

Winkler underwent Tommy John surgery in 2014 and fractured his elbow in 2016. He has one minor-league option and will earn \$750,000 on the major-league level.

The Cubs' 40-man roster stands at 37.

WHITE SOX

Guerrero claimed from Marlins

BY LAMOND POPE

The White Sox added a hard-throwing right-hander to their roster Friday, claiming pitcher Tayron Guerrero off waivers from the Marlins.

The Marlins designated Guerrero, 28, for assignment Monday. He went 1-2 with a 6.26 ERA in 52 relief appearances in 2019, striking out 43 and walking 36 in 46 innings.

His average fastball velocity of 99.4 mph led all pitchers with a minimum of 40 innings, according to FanGraphs.

Guerrero is 2-5 with a 5.77 ERA and 111 strikeouts in 113 career relief appearances during three major-league seasons with the Padres (2016) and Marlins (2018-19). His fastball in 2018 ranked third in average velocity (98.8), topping out at 104 mph.

The Sox 40-man roster increases to 37.



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WARRIORS 100, BULLS 98

Warriors rule again

Zach LaVine missed a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left, and the Bulls lost to the Warriors 100-98 on Friday night at the United Center. LaVine tied the score by making 1 of 2 free throws with 1 minute, 18 seconds left. The Warriors scored the winning points on an alley-oop from Draymond Green to Glenn Robinson III with 1:03 to play. LaVine and the Warriors' D'Angelo Russell missed 3-pointers before LaVine's final miss. LaVine led the Bulls with 22 points, and Lauri Markkanen added 20. Robinson scored 20 for the Warriors, who have two of their five wins against the Bulls (8-15). For more coverage go to chicagotribune.com/sports

White

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The 6-foot-4 White entered with averages of 12.4 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2.1 assists in 22 games.

"The one thing Coby has done a great job of for a rookie is that he's established really positive habits," Bulls coach Jim Boylen said. "He's in early. He watches his film. He comes out early and gets his shooting up, gets his lifts in. Afterward, he gets his routine down with his shooting again and with his decision-making."

"That's really an important part for a rookie, to establish a routine and build your habits. He's done a good job with that."

And as is the case with most rookies, there have been ups and downs.

White scored a career-high 28 points Nov. 23 against the Hornets. He made 12 of 19 shots, including four 3-pointers, in the thrilling 116-115 road victory.

He totaled only 37 points in the five games that followed. During that span, he shot 26% from the field (13 of 50) and made 7 of 28 3-pointers.

White stressed the importance of staying the course.

"I have to keep doing what I've been doing," he said. "Trust the process, staying in the gym ... same preparation, same routine and everything will come together soon."

He realizes there is more than one way to contribute. Some nights it's scoring, like

the 11 points he scored in Monday's road win against the Kings. And when the shots are not falling, like Wednesday against the Grizzlies (1 of 8 for three points), he had five assists in another victory.

"I'm willing to learn from anything," White said. "There are a lot of things I can get better at: being more consistent, being more of a playmaker. Those aspects are my biggest keys I'm trying to focus on."

It's all part of making a mark coming off the bench.

"We're just trying to come in and contribute any way that we can," White said of the bench players.

"We all love playing with each other and we all have one common goal, and that's to win."

Layups: Forward Otto Porter Jr. underwent another MRI of his left foot Wednesday that revealed continued bone edema, the Bulls announced. He will continue a program of non-impact activities and targeted therapy after a brief period of immobilization. Dr. Bob Anderson, a foot and ankle specialist in Green Bay, will evaluate Porter, who will be reassessed in two weeks. Porter last played Nov. 6. "It's always concerning when you have a guy on your team hurt," Boylen said. "It's always difficult when you're short on big wings. Obviously (Porter is) frustrated. And we feel bad for him." ... Thaddeus Young missed Friday's game for personal reasons, according to Boylen. He'll meet up with the Bulls in Miami, where they play the Heat on Sunday.

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Margaret M. Burke (nee: Kennedy), formerly of Skokie, Illinois, passed away peacefully in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on November 30, 2019. Margaret was born in Dublin, Ireland to Winifred and Thomas Kennedy. She immigrated to the United States settling Chicago, Illinois in 1955 where she ultimately met and married



Robert "Bob" Burke an Irishman from Co. Offaly, Ireland, on June 11, 1960. There were married 45 years until his death in 2005. Together Margaret and Bob raised their three children Patrick, Bob, and Anita in Skokie, Illinois. Margaret was a woman of great faith and a parishioner of St Lambert Church in Skokie for over 50 years. She was a devoted mother and led life with a perfect balance of common sense and an amazing sense of humor. She loved to take vacations and traveled often back to her homeland of Ireland over the years. Margaret's greatest happiness was spending time with her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her children Patrick (Peggy), Bob (Meredith), and Anita. And her grandchildren James, Kathryn, Celia, and Michael; her siblings Patrick (Theresa), Maureen (the late Mick), Freda, Liam (Marie) and Thomas (Helen). She was preceded in death by her husband, brothers Michael (the late Rosaleen) and William and her sister Kathleen. A funeral service will be held in Dublin, Ireland and Margaret will be laid to rest at Glasnevin Cemetery. A memorial service will be held in Margaret's memory in Chicago at a later date. Memorial tributes to the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago, IL 60630 or St. Patrick Fathers, 8422 W. Windsor Ave., Chicago, IL 60656. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500. Sign guestbook and share memories at AJDesmond.com

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Erickson, John W.

John W. Erickson, of Crystal Lake, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. He was born October 13, 1927 in Chicago, the son of the late Reuben A. and Ellen (nee Walinder) Erickson. John worked in electrical manufacturing his entire life, held numerous patents, and was the founder of Boltswitch Inc. in Crystal Lake. He proudly served in the US Army during WWII and the Korean War. John was a member of many organizations including BO-ARRO Archery Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Medinah Shrine, and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. He was a member of the Crystal Lake Country Club, and was very active with Bethany Lutheran Church where he volunteered with their rebuilding committee. John is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Anita "Liz" (nee Rutz); his sons, John (Linda), Jim (Judy) and Bill (Beth) Erickson; his grandchildren, Dana (Mike) Blasko, Ryan (Joy) Erickson, Jennifer (Andrew) Teich, Kenneth Erickson, Christina (Jamie) Dube and Brian (Audrey) Hilligoss; and his great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Reuben A. Erickson Jr., sister-in-law, Evelyn Erickson; and two infant sisters. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 2-5 p.m. at Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 419 E Terra Cotta Ave (Rt. 176) Crystal Lake. The funeral service will be held the following day, Monday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at Windridge Memorial Park, Cary. For online condolences visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 815-459-3411 for information.



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Freier, Norma

Norma Freier, 89, of Barrington, IL passed away on December 3, 2019 at home surrounded by her loving family. Norma is survived by her three daughters, Diane (Horst) Massier, Cassy (John) Reinert, and Mary (Daniel) Wolf; her eight grandchildren; her 7 great-grandchildren; and sister, Mildred Teft. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willard Teft and Katherine Lee; her husband, Arthur Freier; her siblings, Maryella Lee and Willard Teft. She will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and her passion for flying with her fellow "Ninety-nines" women pilots. Visitation will be held on Monday, December 9, from 9am until the time of her service at 11am at Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 149 W. Main St. (Lake-Cook Rd.), Barrington, IL. Burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Barrington, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to JourneyCare Foundation, www.journeycare.org/donate. Arrangements entrusted to Davenport Family Funeral Home, Barrington. For information and online condolences, please call 847-381-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com.

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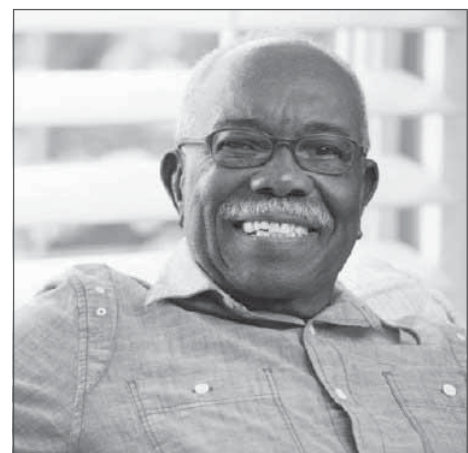
Karavas, Dimitrios 'Jim'

Dimitrios "Jim" Karavas, age 83, of Aigio, Achaia Greece, passed away on Wednesday, December 4th. Beloved husband of Penelope, nee Iatropoulos; loving father of Helen (Nick) Sklivagos, George (Jill) Karavas and Mario Karavas; proud grandfather of J.D., Dimitri, Deziree, Antonios, Penelope, Melissa, Devin and Damian. Dear brother of



Anastasios (Maria) Karavas, Kali Karavas, The late Nikolaos (Maria) Karavas and the late Sophia (the late Ioannis) Ifantis and brother-in-law of Helen (the late Kostas) Giforos, Kyriakos (Nafsika) Iatropoulos, Stella (the late Vasili) Sellis and fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Family and friends will meet Saturday morning, December 7th for Visitation at 10:00 a.m. and Funeral service at 12:00 p.m. at St. Lazarus Greek Orthodox Chapel located inside Ridgewood Memorial Park, 9900 N. Milwaukee Ave., Des Plaines. Interment to follow. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial tributes may be made in Jim's name to the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre, 220 1st Street, Wheeling, IL 60090. Arranged by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information, www.jgadinamis.com or call 847-375-0095

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Levine, Alfred Hillel 'Al'

During a Thanksgiving visit with family in Fort Collins CO, Al Levine passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren, on November 30, 2019 at the age of 89.

A Northbrook, IL resident for more than 50 years, Al was born in Chicago on July 11, 1930. He graduated from Senn High School, received an Accounting degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. After law school, Al joined Arthur Andersen & Co., specializing in tax matters. In 1959, Al joined the CPA firm founded by his father, Levine Hahn & Co., later known as Levine Hahn Kilcoyne & Smith, where he spent the rest of his vocational life. In a career spanning 60 years, Al was a trusted tax and business advisor to many clients and friends. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Samuel and Rose Levine. Al is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 62 years, Barbara (Bobbie), daughters Linda (Mark) Rodda of San Jose CA and Sharon (Derek) Storm of Chicago, and son David (Amy) Levine of Fort Collins CO. He was the cherished grandfather of 9: Matthew, Aaron ar Michael Rodda; Jeffrey, Alec and Nicholas Storm; and Daniel, Jordan and Hannah Levine. Al also leaves his dear brother Morton (Barbara) Levine of Carbondale, IL.

Al and Bobbie are long-time members of New Reform Congregation Kadima, where they received much love and support. In a life centered on his family and his work, Al will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity. The concerns of those around him became his concerns; the accomplishments and celebrations of family were his greatest joys. His kids will especially remember annual vacations on Cranberry Lake in Eagle River Wisconsin that marked the best moments of their childhood. A lifelong Cubs fan, Al spoke often about watching the North Siders lose in the 1945 World Series at Wrigley Field and was elated 71 years later to have witnessed their triumphant World Series crown. A service in memory and in celebration of Al's life will take place on Sunday, December 8th, at 11a.m. at the Patty Turner Center, 375 Elm Street, Deerfield IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the charity of your choice.

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Niznik, Isabella

Nee Pinkston; beloved wife of Ronald; loving mother of Peter (Mary), Ronald, Joy (Mark) Lyckberg and Jill (Charles) Flaherty; proud grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 7; fond sister of Henry (Patricia), the late Virginia, the late Sally (Roger) Corcoran, many nieces and nephews. The service is private.

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Palma, Rose M.

Rose Palma, 94, ascended into heaven on December 5, 2019, having enjoyed a life well-lived. She joins many of her family and friends and will now be able to continue singing for the Lord, painting her pictures, baking and reading her newspapers.

Rose was born on April 13, 1925 in Chicago to the late Vincent and Theresa Mamolella. She was married to the late Fred Palma for 53 years. She was a devoted mother and inspiration to her five children: Francine (Jim) Long, MD, Rosemarie, (Lee) Pierce, Emily Marx, Fred (Rhonda) Palma and Teresa (Michael) Kotch, eleven grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Rose graduated from Manley High School in Chicago. After moving to Glen Ellyn she opened a restaurant, The Palma House, and operated a catering business. She realized a talent for painting and became a copier of Impressionist artists, Van Gogh in particular. She was a member of three choirs at St. James the Apostle Church and a committeewoman for Milton Township for 30 years. She was an activist for social justice as well as a feminist before the movement was recognized. She loved nature, especially watching squirrels and birds as well as gardening. She planted tulips by the hundreds. She continually inspired her children and grandchildren with her passion, compassion and sense of adventure. She was the matriarch of a large extended family and will be missed terribly.

Visitation at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Sunday, December 8, 2019. Prayers 9:15 A.M., Monday, December 9, 2019 at the funeral home, going to St. James the Apostle Church, 480 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities will be appreciated. Funeral info (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Weinberg, Joan Rusnak

Joan Rusnak Weinberg, 88, longtime resident of Highland Park, Illinois. Pioneering female member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and entrepreneurial World Book Encyclopedia sales rep. Cherished daughter of the late Irwin and Marie Rusnak; beloved wife of Michael Weinberg, Jr. for 68 wonderful years; devoted sister of Richard (Eleanor) Rusnak; loving mother of Michael Alan Weinberg, Wendy Weinberg and Jill (Avrum) Miller; adored Boova / Grandmother of Bradley (Kerri) Czopek Miller, Lindsey (Scott) Williams Miller, Michael Adam (Liz Myhre) Weinberg and Joshua (Nika Arzoumanian) Weinberg; devoted aunt and friend to many. Much gratitude to her excellent caretakers, especially Rowena (Winnie) Parks. Memorial services will be on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Congregation Makom Solel Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park, Illinois. Interment private. Visitation following the service Sunday until 9:00 p.m. at the home of Jill and Avrum Miller. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joan's memory may be made to Congregation Makom Solel Lakeside, www.mymakom.org, or Ravinia Festival, www.ravinia.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Tigers executive vice president of baseball operations Al Avila speaks at a media availability during the MLB's general managers annual meetings Nov. 13 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Neither sellers nor buyers, Tigers could still make waves at Winter Meetings

By **CHRIS MCCOSKY**
The Detroit News

DETROIT — The Tigers are in an odd spot going into the Winter Meetings, which run next Monday through Thursday in San Diego.

They aren't going to be sellers, as they had been the last few years when they were trying to offload expensive veteran players. And, given where they are in the rebuild and the consequential payroll restrictions, they aren't going to be major buyers, either.

Who would general manager Al Avila even be peddling next week? The only players that may possibly have a market right now are pitchers Matthew Boyd, Joe Jimenez and Buck Farmer — but in all three cases, their value is less now than it could be at the trade deadline.

He's had to essentially give away players like Ian Kinsler and Justin Upton in the past. There isn't the same urgency to move Boyd, Jimenez or Farmer, unless he got the deal he was looking for. Avila has held firm on his asking price for Boyd, which is a big-league ready player and at least one other top prospect.

Boyd projects to get as much as \$6.4 million (per MLBTradeRumors.com) in arbitration, and there has been conversation within the organization about negotiating a multi-year extension to take Boyd through 2022 and his three remaining arbitration years.

While the Tigers will be bringing a long list of needs to San Diego, their shopping will be restricted to the bargain racks. Last season they spent \$15.5 million on free agents and they aren't expected to spend much more this winter.

Thus, they will most likely be doing more shopping than buying, waiting to see what players get passed over by contending teams and how much their price tags are slashed. Last year, they jumped early and signed shortstop Jordy Mercer and starting pitchers Tyson Ross and Matt Moore.

In retrospect, in their haste, they probably overpaid for Mercer (\$5.25 million) and Ross (\$5.75 million). Better, or at least comparable, players became available for less. Expect Avila, with another flooded market — 56 non-tendered players joined an already deep crop of free agents earlier this week — to exercise more patience this winter.

That's not to say there won't be news coming out of the Tigers' camp next week. Here's some of the talking points:

1. Get a catcher

This is likely priority one. One of the things learned last September was that Jake Rogers, the club's top catching prospect, isn't ready. He needs at least another half-season at Triple-A Toledo. Presently, Grayson Greiner is the only other catcher on the 40-man roster.

If the Tigers are going to do a deal, it's likely at this position. Spending on catchers has been robust, with Yasmani Grandal (White Sox), James McCann (White Sox), Travis d'Arnaud (Braves) and Stephen Vogt



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Avila's asking price for Matthew Boyd, above, is a big-league ready player and at least one top prospect

(Diamondbacks) among those already signed.

A catcher the Tigers have been most linked to is Jason Castro (Twins). But there are many others, including Austin Romine, Kevin Plawewski, Kevan Smith and Francisco Cervelli.

2. Add a bat, or two

The Tigers were at or near the bottom in just about every offensive statistic last season and both Avila and manager Ron Gardenhire have clearly stated a desire to add at least one experienced hitter to the lineup.

The names they've been most linked to are first baseman-designated hitter types — Justin Smoak, C.J. Cron and Eric Thames. Others on the market who fit the bill include Neil Walker, Mitch Moreland and Yonder Alonso.

The Tigers, though, could go outside the box here. They are among several teams vetting Japanese slugger Yoshitomo Tsutsugo. The 28-year-old has averaged 34 home runs and 93 RBIs over the last four seasons for Yokohama.

He projects to be an average at best defender in the outfield and could end up playing first base in the Major Leagues. But his bat and his competitive make-up are intriguing.

That would be a more expensive signing, but it would also be more than just a stop-gap move.

3. Examine the glut of middle infielders

As of this moment, the Tigers' double-play duo for 2020 is shortstop Niko

Goodrum and second baseman Harold Castro. The backups are Willi Castro and Ronny Rodriguez. What if the Tigers could get an inexpensive upgrade at either or both positions?

The wave on non-tendered players last week included two every day second basemen — Cesar Hernandez, formerly of the Phillies, and Yolmer Sanchez, formerly of the White Sox. Also available, though perhaps at a steeper cost, are middle infielders Wilmer Flores and Starlin Castro.

Worth some discussion, no?

4. Never enough starting pitching

The Tigers are likely to go into spring training with a rotation that will look something like this: Boyd, Jordan Zimmermann, Spencer Turnbull, Daniel Norris and Tyler Alexander. Dario Agrazal, a right-hander claimed from the Pirates, will also be in the hunt.

Michael Fulmer should return from Tommy John surgery sometime in August and the Tigers are hoping that young arms Anthony Castro, Beau Burrows and Kyle Funkhouser can develop and be part of the organization's depth.

The big four — prospects Matt Manning, Casey Mize, Tarik Skubal and Alex Faedo — are expected to spend most of the season at Triple-A Toledo.

So, yes, Avila will likely be shopping for another veteran starting pitcher, as he has the last few years with Mike Fiers, Francisco Liriano, Ross and Moore.

The candidate list is massive. As of Thursday morning, there were 46 free-

agent starting pitchers on the market. The Tigers, no doubt, have prepared reports on dozens of them. Among them are two bounce-back candidates — 28-year-old Michael Wacha (formerly of the Cardinals) and 27-year-old Aaron Sanchez (formerly of the Astros).

Wacha, after missing a large chunk of 2018 with an oblique injury, never found his form last season. He gave up a career-high 26 home runs and had an ERA just under 5.00 and ended up losing his spot in the rotation.

But this is a former All-Star with a solid postseason resume.

Sanchez is coming off shoulder surgery and isn't expected to be ready to start the season. Which is why the Tigers might be able to get him at an affordable price.

Another pitcher the Tigers have been linked to is 32-year-old right-hander Josh Lindblom. After a nondescript five seasons in the big leagues, he went to Korea and dominated. The last two seasons, he posted a 35-7 record and a sub-3.00 ERA.

5. Rule 5 draft

For the second time in three years, the Tigers will have the first pick of the Rule 5 draft on Thursday morning. It netted them Victor Reyes in 2018.

Here are some of the higher-profile players who will be available to the Tigers.

■ **RHP Jordan Sheffield:** The Dodgers used a supplemental first-round pick in 2016 to take Sheffield out of Vanderbilt. Command issues have slowed his ascent and led to the Dodgers leaving him unprotected. But he still throws a mid-90s fastball, with an above-average curveball and is coming off his most promising season now working out of the bullpen.

■ **RHP Sterling Sharp:** He was the 13th ranked prospect in the Nationals' system last year but he lost three months to an oblique strain. He pitched well down the stretch and in the Arizona Fall League. He's an athletic pitcher, who gets a lot of ground balls and weak contact, who can start or pitch long relief.

■ **INF Leonardo Rivas:** The speedy Angels prospect is an above average defender at second base and shortstop, who added outfield to his resume last year. His offensive numbers aren't great, .252 average, .362 slugging, but he gets on base (.380).

■ **RHP Eduard Bazarido:** Venezuelan-born reliever has a velocity range on his fastball from 91-96 mph and a fast-improving curveball. He averaged nearly 10 strikeouts per nine innings for the Red Sox Double-A team last year, with a 2.78 ERA.

■ **RHP Jackson McClelland:** Power arm, upper-90s fastball with an unimpressive strikeout-walk ratio last year for the Blue Jays Triple-A team (56-32 in 57 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings). Still, he's 6-5, 220 pounds and the Tigers love power arms.

The Tigers could also lose a prospect to the Rule 5 draft, either on the big-league side or the minor-league Rule 5 draft. Pitcher Elvin Rodriguez and outfielders Jake Robson, Cam Gibson and Jose Azocar were among the prospects left unprotected.

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Good pitcher. Bad contract.



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Mets pitcher Zack Wheeler is taken out of the game against the Phillies on July 7 at Citi Field in New York. The Phillies signed Wheeler to a five-year, \$118 million deal.

Phillies' \$118M deal for Wheeler reveals deeper problems in management

By DAVID MURPHY
The Philadelphia Inquirer

There is no such thing as a good deal at the top of the free-agent market. Up here, Black Friday has a more literal connotation.

Instead of Brian Cashman jabbing Theo Epstein in the eye with the business end of an industrial mop to get to the last Furby, you get Matt Klentak dictating a press release in the same tone of voice he uses when he learns his Subaru Outback needs a thousand bucks' worth of repairs to pass inspection. The Phillies have signed free-agent pitcher Zack Wheeler to a five-year contract worth \$118 million. Now, where does Andy MacPhail keep the whiskey that comes in a plastic bottle?

There are those who will eagerly point out that the current administration is hardly a helpless victim of baseball's invisible backhand. Despite the slapstick missteps of the previous regime, which graciously bequeathed a bloated payroll and barren farm system to its successors, Klentak has had four years to build a roster that would have lessened his need to acquiesce to the demands of a soon-to-be 30-year-old starting pitcher who has never logged 200 innings in a season that the Phillies make him one of the highest-paid players at his position in recent free-agent history.

It is a fair point. Whatever your overall opinion of the capabilities of Klentak and his lieutenants, the fact of the matter is that they have failed to extract much value from one of the few areas of the labor market where there is value to be had.

When the Cubs advanced to the NLCS in Theo Epstein's fourth season as chief personnel executive, they were paying Jake Arrieta and Jason Hammel a total of \$12.63 million for 64 starts and 399 ²/₃ innings of starting pitching. Both were acquired in trades, as was 25-year-old No. 3 starter Kyle Hendricks, along with the Cubs' top three setup men in the bullpen. Closer Hector Rondon was a Rule 5 draft pick.

All these moves were accomplished by Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer in less time than the Phillies have already afforded Klentak and MacPhail, their team president. That's not to say that Epstein and Hoyer should constitute the baseline against which all personnel operations are measured. They are simply evidence of the un-outlandishness of any thought that the Phillies should be further along than they are now.

Even if they were not yet contenders — which, even with Wheeler, they most assuredly are not — it was not unreasonable to expect that Klentak and Co. would be finished with their transformation of their roster from demolition site to foundation.

The original blueprint called for the Phillies to spend two or three seasons spinning off their few remaining assets, rebuilding their base of young talent via trades and draft picks and international signings, and using their major-league roster as an audition stage, thus maximizing their chances of uncovering a legitimate player or two who would not have had the opportunity to reveal himself on a team striving for wins.

Alas, something went wrong with this construction project. Three years after it began, the concrete still had not set. The young talent that was supposed to serve as the foundation for the future failed to mature.

Maikel Franco, Cesar Hernandez, Odubel Herrera, Nick Williams, J.P. Crawford, Cornelius Randolph — not a single one of them emerged as a legitimate first-division hitter. The failure was particularly acute in the pitching ranks. Jake Thompson, Mark Appel, Zach Eflin, Nick Pivetta, Vince Velasquez — the Phillies followed the plan and gave each one every conceivable opportunity to develop. But by the start of last offseason, it was apparent to any objective observer that none would succeed.

Now, instead of bedrock, the Phillies are attempting to build a roster on paper, on the

tens of millions of dollars that had been burning a hole in John Middleton's vault as he waited impatiently to bring that trophy back. For a big-market club like the Phillies, it is not impossible for free-agent dollars to do the work of amateur scouting and minor-league development and value trading. But success in such an endeavor requires a level of decision-making that is at odds with the reality of the free-agent market.

Jake Arrieta, Pat Neshek, Tommy Hunter, David Robertson — together, they serve as a case study of the peril of such a formula. The reality of the market is that each of those players was available to the Phillies for a reason: They wanted to be paid what they were worth, and 29 other front offices concluded that they were not worth as much as the Phillies were willing to pay them.

In deciding to pay them, the Phillies reduced their margin for error when deciding whether to pay Patrick Corbin, who ultimately signed a six-year, \$140 million deal with the Nationals. Corbin proceeded to win a World Series with the Nationals.

The Phillies, on the other hand, found themselves mired in a 162-game fait accompli thanks to a rotation that was at least two competent starters shy of playoff-caliber.

The result of all of this is the contract that, on Wednesday, they agreed to give Wheeler. Like each of the preceding signings, this one can be justified with the simple rationale that he is better than what they had.

Wheeler might not be as sexy of a name as Stephen Strasburg or Madison Bumgarner, but there is plenty of reason to think that he will prove to be equal or better. Over the last two seasons, he has averaged 30 starts and 189 innings, with strikeouts, walk, and home run numbers that suggest he has pitched even better than his 3.65 ERA.

There is reason to believe that the two or three best seasons of Wheeler's career will come with him wearing a Phillies uniform.

The last three years have seen him build himself back up from a two-year absence because of Tommy John surgery. In 2019, he posted the highest average fastball velocity of his career. At nearly 97 mph, it is two ticks higher than it was before his surgery. Most significantly, his slider is back to where it was in his excellent 2014 season, a heavy, biting, off-speed pitch that does not exist elsewhere in the rotation.

Yet the price the Phillies paid does not reflect the amount of projection involved in the signing. At \$23.6 million per year, the average annual value of the deal is slightly north of what the Nationals agreed to pay Corbin. Corbin's deal included one more guaranteed year, but he was also one year younger than Wheeler is. At the moment, the Nationals are obligated to pay their guy \$116.7 million over five years, compared with the \$118 million over five that the Phillies will pay Wheeler.

Keep in mind, Corbin came to the Nationals with a pair of 200-inning seasons to his credit, including a sparkling 2018 campaign in which numbers dwarfed any that Wheeler has posted. In hindsight, Corbin's contract with his 2019 production represents a far better value than Wheeler's deal, especially when combined with the lack of production the Phillies got from the rotation spot that Corbin would have occupied last season.

The series of decisions is emblematic of the snowball that every team pushes when it attempts to use free agency to make up for its failure to grow its own talent. It is wet and heavy and filled with dirt and anti-skid. The ground upon which it travels gets steeper by the minute.

Wheeler was a necessity, given the destination the Phillies have targeted. But if he does not work out, or the Phillies do not find a way to balance their increasingly bloated payroll with a crop of young, cost-controlled talent, they will be sprinting down an alpine slope with a millstone barreling at their heels.

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BMW updates 7-Series sedan for 2020; plug-in hybrid model added

For 2020, BMW introduces the revised version of the 7 Series luxury sedan with extensive updates in design, technology and powertrain for the sixth generation.

A new six-cylinder plug-in hybrid joins turbocharged six-, eight- and 12-cylinder engines. The iDrive 7 system along with Mobileye interior camera and available Driving Assistant Pro (\$1,700) are BMW's latest technology contributions toward self-driving cars.

Driving Assistance Pro includes Extended Traffic Jam Assistance (limited access highways), Active Cruise Control with Stop and Go, Active Lane Keeping Assistant with side-collision avoidance, Steering and Traffic Jam Assistant, Automatic Lane Change, Evasion Assistant and Cross-traffic Front Alert.

Design updates touch almost every area of the body, including the front bumper, hood, headlights, front fenders, rear bumper trim and rear lights.

The 7-Series offers six models: fuel-injection models include 740i RWD, \$86,450; 740i xDrive, \$89,450; and 750i xDrive, \$102,650; performance model M 760i xDrive, \$157,700; Alpina B7 xDrive, \$142,800; and plug-in hybrid 745e xDrive, \$95,550.

Alpina is an automotive manufacturing company in Germany that works with BMW, integrating its process into BMW's production lines, developing high-performance versions of BMW cars. B7 is produced on the same assembly line as the BMW 7-Series, with the twin-turbo 4.4-liter V-8 assembled by hand at Alpina's German facility, shipped to BMW for installation and sent back to Alpina for finishing touches.

Luxury meets sustainability in the 745e xDrive, the model I drove, with a specially adapted six-cylinder engine (maximum output 280 horsepower), an integrated electric motor (113 horsepower, 195 foot-pounds of torque) and a new lithium-ion battery (stored under the floor) with the latest cell technology and increased capacity.

The 745e has all the luxury sedan's essence, combined with high efficiency and the ability to offer a virtually silent, all-electric driving experience with zero emissions and improved electric range. The hybrid system has an EPA combined electric and gasoline rating of 56 MPGe



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and a gasoline only rating of 22 mpg.

With the Driving Experience Control switch in Sport mode, the duo can reach a combined output of 389 horsepower and maximum combined torque of up to 442 foot-pounds. A hybrid-specific eight-speed Sport Steptronic transmission incorporates the electric motor and an improved clutch acts as a link to the engine.

Extensive refreshing in the front conveys a more-powerful visual presence, with expanded surfacing — two inches taller at the highest point. The dominant BMW kidney grille is now framed by a single-piece surround with 40% more surface area.

Adjustable vanes (black in the M Sport package on my 745e) between the aluminum satin grille bars open when needed for cooling.

New slender Icon Adaptive Full LED headlights contrasted with the larger grille and included distinctive blue BMW Laserlight on my 745e (\$1,000). The light sources have an unmistakable geometric design and the lenses spread in a unique X shape. The lights turn with the wheels to illuminate around corners and turns.

The redesigned hood has prominent flat-top contour lines extending from the top of the grille to the trailing edge. Lower front bumper air intakes now have large air deflectors to guide oncoming air over the brake air ducts.

Air curtain/air breathers, with dramatic L-shaped trim strips extending along the lower door edge from a large opening behind the front wheel well, minimize turbulence around wheel openings.

Recognizable hallmark BMW design

cues include precisely drawn character lines, a long wheelbase and short overhangs, a flowing roofline and the Hofmeister kink — a low forward bend at the C-pillars.

Slimmer, L-shaped 3-D LED taillights are connected by a very slim light strip (0.2 inches) across the full width of the tailgate, creating a discreet illumination when the daytime driving lights are in operation and a distinctive design at night. Tailpipe surrounds are now wider, Cerium Gray on my 745e.

Several exterior paint colors are available, including the new Bernina Gray Amber Effect metallic, Royal Burgundy Red metallic and Donington Gray metallic (my 745e) — exclusively in the M Sport package (\$3,400) along with an M Sport steering wheel, Anthrocity headliner, M illuminated door sills, M pedals and foot rest, 20-inch wheels (five split spokes, silver face, dark pockets), specific aerodynamics, Shadowline exterior trim (dark chrome) and choice of interior trim.

My 745e had Ivory White and Black Nappa leather upholstery with extended appointments, a distinctive quilt pattern and M piping. Interesting exterior color choices include Cashmere Silver metallic (silver/beige), Imperial Blue metallic (nearly black) and Aventurine Red metallic (sangria).

As the driver approaches the vehicle, a Welcome Light Carpet illuminates the ground on both sides (the light source is on the underbody of the vehicle). Inside, generous space, carefully selected materials, coordinated design details and exclusive workmanship create a luxurious ambience.

Interior trim and styling can be individualized with new exclusive fine woods with metal or high-gloss inlay. My 745e had Ash Grain Black and Red wood (\$1,080), even on the rear console and pillars beside the rear seats.

The redesigned leather steering wheel featured a chrome trim element and modified layout of the multifunction buttons. The button for the heating system is now below the air-bag housing. The updated interior included improvement of the infotainment system with iDrive 7.

Ambient LED lighting in the vicinity of the instrument panel, upper door trim, map pockets on the front seat backs and foot wells gave the cabin a posh feel. Using the iDrive 7 system, occupants could choose from six colors.

Most interestingly, an ambient lighting feature on the rear door frame at the B-pillar combined with the power rear window shades and power rear sunshade (Premium Package, \$3,000) to create an atmospheric lighting effect in the rear. When deactivated, the vertical light source blends in with a high-quality smoked-glass look. The Premium Package also included a head-up display.

An Executive Package (\$2,500) brought a panoramic sky lounge LED roof with hundreds of embedded light sources, adding to the atmospheric lighting effect. The package added front ventilated seats, contrast-stitched Nappa leather on the instrument panel and ceramic controls. Ceramic controls replace standard plastic or chrome controls with real ceramic versions with a black glazed finish for an even more luxurious look and feel.

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- 37 Sushi bar staple
- 38 Pisa's attraction
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- 40 Lincoln, to friends
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2019 XT5 FWD Premium Luxury CTV
 ULTRA-LOW MILEAGE LEASE FOR WELL-QUALIFIED LESSEES
\$299 PER MONTH
39 MONTHS \$3,999 DUE AT SIGNING AFTER ALL OFFERS
 No security deposit required. Tax, title, license extra. Mileage charge of \$.25 per mile over 10,000 miles/year.



2019 XT4 AWD Sport CTV
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2016 CTS SEDAN
 Stock #Z1579
 2.0L Turbo I4 AWD Luxury
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2016 Buick Verano Sedan w/1SD Stk #Z1587A
\$10,998



2016 Buick Verano Sedan w/1SD Stk #C90174B
\$10,998



2017 Buick Encore Preferred FWD Stk #Z1568
\$15,998



2017 Buick Enclave Convenience FWD Stk #Z1581
\$20,189



2016 Buick Enclave Premium AWD Stk #Z1606
\$26,988



2016 GMC TERRAIN SLE-1 FWD Stk #Z1568
\$14,189



2019 GMC ACADIA SLT-1 AWD Stk #Z1585
\$27,998



2019 GMC ACADIA SLT-1 AWD Stk #Z1540
\$28,999



2019 GMC ACADIA SLT-1 AWD Stk #Z1571
\$29,898



2017 GMC ACADIA DENALI AWD Stk #Z1605
\$30,489



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\$5,988



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\$8,999



2009 BMW 335i xDrive Coupe Stk #Z1535B
\$9,489



2016 Buick Verano 4Dr Sedan w/1SD Stk #Z1587A
\$10,988



2015 Jeep Patriot 4WD High Altitude Stk #Z1471A
\$11,800



2018 Nissan Sentra SV CVT Stk #M90290B
\$11,988



2015 Ford Taurus SEL FWD Stk #Z1575
\$12,489



2016 Chevy Malibu Limited w/1LT Stk #Z1555
\$12,500



2018 Chevy Malibu 1LT Stk #Z1574
\$12,700



2016 Honda Civic Sedan LX CVT Stk #Z1521
\$14,005



2016 GMC Terrain FWD SLE-1 Stk #Z1558
\$14,800



2014 BMW 328i xDrive Gran Turismo Wgn Stk #C90165A
\$14,894



2013 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT Ext Cab Stk #Z1376A
\$15,200



2018 Dodge Journey GT FWD Stk #Z1543
\$16,500



2016.5 Mazda CX-5 AWD Touring Auto Stk #Z1542A
\$16,739



2017 Buick Encore Preferred FWD Stk #Z1568
\$16,849



2018 Nissan Murano AWD SV Stk #Z1519
\$16,998



2014 Chevy Impala Sedan 2LTZ Stk #Z1553A
\$17,800

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PER MONTH¹ / DUE AT SIGNING AFTER ALL OFFERS

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AWD Sport CTV

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LEASE:

\$149

PER MO. / 24 MONTHS*



2020 BUICK ENCLAVE ESSENCE
FWD #B20038

LEASE:

\$199

PER MO. / 24 MONTHS*

*24 month/ 10K miles per year lease. \$3,999 due at signing plus tax, title, license fee and 1st months payment of \$99 (Encore); \$149 (Envision); \$199 (Enclave). Must qualify for lease loyalty. See dealer for complete details. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/pricing may change per manufacturers. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.



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\$129

PER MO./24 MONTHS*



NEW 2019 GMC
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FWD STK #M90434 LEASE:

\$149

PER MO./24 MONTHS*



NEW 2019 GMC
SIERRA 1500
STK #M90438 LEASE:

\$199

PER MO./24 MONTHS*

*24 month/ 10K miles per year lease. \$3,999 due at signing plus tax, title, license fee and 1st months payment of \$129 (Terrain); \$149 (Acadia); \$199 (Sierra). Must qualify for lease loyalty. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/pricing may change per manufacturers. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.

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CHEVROLET SILVERADO
4WD #C190806 SALE:
\$23,750 ❄️
OR LEASE PER MONTH FOR: **\$299** ❄️ for 39 mos.[^]
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\$9,281 ❄️

New 2020
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FWD LS #C200203
\$13,839 ❄️

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CHEVROLET IMPALA
#C190981 MSRP: \$28,895
\$17,950 ❄️



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FWD 1LT #C200033
\$28,279 ❄️

New 2020
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*Plus tax, title, license and doc fee. ^Lease for 39 months w/\$3,990 down, \$0 security deposit plus tax, title and doc fee with approved credit. 10K miles per year. Extra fees may apply at lease termination. Plus tax, title, license, and doc. fee. †0% for 72 months figured at \$13.89 per \$1,000 financed w/\$0 down to qualified buyers w/approved credit on select models. ~Lease loyalty available to qualified current Chevy owners on select models. MSRP may not be the price at which the vehicle is sold in the trade area. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/prices may change per manufacturer. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.


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NEW 2019 JEEP
Renegade Latitude
4x4 #192635
MSRP: \$28,855+
Save: \$8,766 Off MSRP!



NEW 2020 JEEP
Wrangler Unlimited Willys
#200397 MSRP: \$44,065+
Lease: \$229 PER MO. | 36 MOS.*



NEW 2019 DODGE
Journey SE
AWD #191949
Save: \$7,787 Off MSRP!



NEW 2020 JEEP
Compass Latitude
4x4 #200243
MSRP: \$29,990+
Lease: \$169 PER MO. | 36 MOS.*



NEW 2019 RAM
1500 Big Horn/Lone Star
Crew Cab 4x4 5'7" Box
#191782 MSRP: \$52,490+
Sale: \$329 PER MO. | 42 MOS.*



NEW 2020 JEEP
Gladiator Sport
#200018
MSRP: \$43,965+
Lease: \$259 PER MO. | 36 MOS.*



NEW 2020 JEEP
Cherokee Latitude
PLUS 4x4 #200114
MSRP: \$31,285+
Lease: \$199 PER MO. | 39 MOS.*



NEW 2020 CHRYSLER
Pacifica #200471
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NEW 2020 JEEP
Grand Cherokee Limited
4x4 #200486
MSRP: \$43,350+
Lease: \$289 PER MO. | 42 MOS.*



NEW 2019 RAM
2500 Big Horn
Crew Cab 4x4 6'4" Box
#191705
MSRP: \$66,770+
Sale: \$55,972 \$10,798 Off MSRP!



NEW 2019 RAM
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Crew Cab 4x4 6'4" Box
#190741
MSRP: \$44,830+
Sale: \$31,874 \$12,956 Off MSRP!



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