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Surprise pick reveals an unorthodox style

Trump wasn't happy with State finalists. Then he heard a new name.

BY MICHAEL KRANISH, ANNE GEARAN, DAN BALZ AND PHILIP RUCKER

Donald Trump sat in his office at Trump Tower on Dec. 2 facing the most important choice of his transition to the presidency, and his indecision had set off a war among his top aides.

Some favored Mitt Romney, who had trashed Trump during the campaign. Many wanted the ultimate loyalist, Rudolph W. Giuliani. Others preferred Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) or retired Gen. David Petraeus. Trump, who hated being pressured when making important decisions, insisted that he needed more time. He seemed to have misgivings about all of them.

Then, by happenstance, Trump welcomed into his office a man who has served presidents of both parties, Robert M. Gates. Trump asked his guest, a former CIA director and former defense secretary, what he thought of the four candidates. After Gates ran through his thoughts, it seemed that Trump was "looking for a way out," a person familiar with the session said.

Trump asked whether there was someone else to consider.

"I recommend Rex," Gates told

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Tillerson built a career on ties with autocrats

Dealmaker is thrust into policy divide between pragmatism, principles

BY STEVEN MUFSON

When ExxonMobil chief executive Rex Tillerson showed up in June at the annual St. Petersburg international economic forum that is dubbed Russia's Davos, he was asked about the impact international sanctions on Russia were having on his company, which had abandoned ambitious drilling plans there.

"It's a question for the government — if you find anyone from the U.S. government who's willing to answer this question," he replied to laughter from the audience of Western executives, who had been lavishing praise on their Russian hosts.

It was the first time in three years that Tillerson or most other chief executives had attended the confab, for the moment laying aside friction over Russia's abrupt annexation of Crimea and its backing of violent separatist forces in eastern Ukraine. Back in Washington, the State Department was not amused. State Department spokesman John F. Kirby commented that "most American companies understand" that taking part in the forum "sends the wrong message about the acceptability of Russia's actions."

Six months later, Tillerson's relationships with autocrats remain a source of friction after his surprise appointment by President-elect Donald Trump to be secretary of state. The ExxonMobil chief's ties to Russia have alarmed hawks in Congress, who vow to scrutinize Tillerson's good

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Perry is likely nominee for energy secretary

Former Texas governor once said he would abolish the agency

BY JULIET EILPERIN AND STEVEN MUFSON

President-elect Donald Trump is expected to nominate former Texas governor Rick Perry to head the Department of Energy, seeking to install as the agency's head a man who once vowed to abolish it and who became the butt of political jokes for famously not being able to remember the department's name.

If confirmed, Perry is likely to shift the agency's focus away from developing renewable energy and toward the expanded use of fossil fuels, whose production he championed during his 14 years as governor.

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Rick Perry promoted fossil fuel production as governor.

In his 2010 book, "Fed Up!," Perry dismissed as a "contrived phony mess" scientific findings showing that climate change is real and caused by humans.

Much of the Energy Department's $29.6 billion budget is

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In Aleppo, it's a matter of time

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TOP: A member of forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad attempts to erect the Syrian flag during a media tour in Aleppo. ABOVE: Syrians arrive in the Fardos district after fleeing violence in another part of Aleppo. Rebel forces hold only a sliver of territory in one corner of the city.

ASSAD'S FORCES POISED TO TAKE CITY

Enclaves were rebels' last major holdings

BY LIZ SLY, LOUISA LOVELUCK AND MISSY RYAN

BEIRUT — When Syrian rebels surged into Aleppo in the summer of 2012, it was the high point of their still young, still idealistic revolution against President Bashar al-Assad.

Four and a half years and hundreds of thousands of deaths later, troops loyal to his government were poised Tuesday to take the city back, heralding the end of an era for the rebellion.

With the rebels clinging to a tiny pinprick of territory in one corner of the city, it is now only a matter of time before the government reclaims full control over the country's biggest metropolis, an architectural and historical jewel that has now become a symbol of

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BY GRIFF WITTE IN LONDON

From a modest office in a small town in northeastern England, Elliott Peckett's family stocked the world with costumes.

Billowy white Marilyn Monroe dresses. Red velvet Santa caps. Rhinestone-studded Elvis jumpsuits.

They were shipped out by the millions to 42 countries across the globe, and they brought the profits of countless Halloween parties, Carnival parades and Christmas wonderlands back home to England.

But thanks to Brexit, not anymore. After 122 years, Peckett's costume company, Smiffys, is moving its headquarters to the Netherlands.

"One word sums up the issue: uncertainty," said Peckett, the company's director. "Any business needs as much certainty as it can get around the cost of goods or the markets you can trade in. But right now you don't know where you are from one day to the next."

That uncertainty has become a defining feature of the British economy since the country stunned the world with its June 23 vote to exit the European Union. And although the initial economic impact has been milder than many feared, there are signs of a gathering storm as businesses opt to shift operations overseas rather than stick it out in the U.K.

Nearly six months after the vote, the shape of Britain's post-Brexit relationship with Europe remains a mystery. Prime Minister Theresa May has declined to say exactly what she wants from the two-year negotiations she has said she'll trigger by March, a timetable that would put Britain outside the E.U. by the summer of 2019.

With divorce proceedings not even begun, businesses have been left to guess where the talks

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Trump's request for names leaves Energy Dept. employees apprehensive

Federal Insider

JOE DAVIDSON

Global warming — "it's a hoax."

Donald Trump has said that more than once.

So it's understandable that a request by the president-elect's transition team for the names of Energy Department employees and contractors who worked on the issue makes them worry that the trick could be on them.

"There is major concern amongst my members," said Jeff Eagan, president of the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) chapter at the department's headquarters in Washington. He's also a 17-year Energy employee but was speaking in his union capacity. "I have received lots of calls, emails, messages expressing shock and dismay."

The scientists and their colleagues at Energy know global warming is real. What they don't know is what Trump might do to those whose work has been in line with the science and the Obama administration, which has spoken about "the real and urgent threat of climate change."

Perhaps Trump's crew will do nothing. Trump more recently has said he has an open mind about global warming, so maybe he's discarding his flat-Earth approach to the subject. Nonetheless, the transition team's request that the department "provide a list of all Department of Energy employees or contractors who have attended" certain climate change meetings casts a shroud of apprehension over the workforce. The transition team ignored a request for comment.

Given civil service protections, it's not likely that department employees would be fired for working on climate change. There is good reason for concern, however. Trump's advisers have urged him to fire feds faster, and Energy staffers know that protections for senior executives at the Department of Veterans Affairs have been weakened. But firing isn't the only way to punish people.

"A greater concern would be that selected employees could be marginalized, i.e., ignored, by new leadership at the department solely based on unfounded conjecture that those employees cannot be trusted by the new political team," said John Palguta, a civil service expert with decades of federal government experience. "The consequences for contract employees could be greater if a future decision not to renew a contract is influenced by the same unsupported speculation."

On the question of providing names, Energy officials resolutely rejected the request, while reassuring workers.

"The Department of Energy received significant feedback from our workforce throughout the department, including the National Labs, following the release of the transition team's questions. Some of the questions asked left many in our workforce unsettled," Eben Burnham-Snyder, a department spokesman, said in an email. "Our career workforce, including our contractors and employees at our labs, comprise the backbone of DOE and the important work our department does to benefit the American people. We are going to respect the professional and scientific integrity and independence of our employees at our labs and across our department.

"We will be forthcoming with all [publicly-] available information with the transition team. We will not be providing any individual names to the transition team." The email had the last sentence in boldface for emphasis.

That's the response some members of Congress, who were outraged by Trump's request, wanted.

"I am alarmed by the questionnaire sent by the Trump transition team to the Department of Energy seeking the names of career civil servants who have worked on climate change policy," said Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (Md.), the second-ranking Democrat in the House. "This raises serious concerns as to the motivation of such a request and raises questions of possible retribution for following President Obama's policies."

"This looks like a scare tactic to intimidate federal employees who are simply doing their jobs and following the facts," added Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (Md.), the top Democrat on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. "I am sure there are a lot of career scientists and others who see this as a terrible message of fear and intimidation — 'either ignore the science or we will come after you.' "

Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump's request surprised employee leaders.

NTEU President Tony Reardon said his Energy Department members were "stunned" by the request.

American Federation of Government Employees President J. David Cox Sr., who also represents Energy workers, warned against "a return to the political witch hunts of the 1950s. President-elect Trump must instruct his transition team to cease this profoundly anti-democratic behavior immediately."

Senior Executives Association President Bill Valdez said the questionnaire only increases the nervousness and apprehension that come with any change of administrations.

"I can't recall that I've ever seen anything like this," said Valdez, who worked at Energy for 20 years. "I guess there is a first time for everything."

This needs to be the last.

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An effort to preserve climate data

Scientists fear crucial measurements could vanish under Trump

BY BRADY DENNIS

Alarmed that decades of crucial climate measurements could vanish under the Trump administration, scientists have begun to copy reams of government data onto independent servers in hopes of safeguarding it from any political interference.

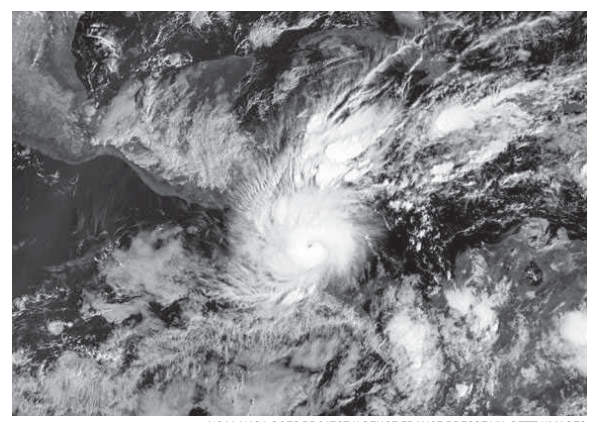
The efforts include a "guerrilla archiving" event in Toronto, where experts will copy irreplaceable public data, meetings at the University of Pennsylvania focused on how to download as much federal data as possible in the coming weeks, and a collaboration of scientists and database experts who are compiling an online site to harbor scientific information.

"Something that seemed a little paranoid to me before all of a sudden seems potentially realistic, or at least something you'd want to hedge against," said Nick Santos, an environmental researcher at the University of California at Davis, who over the weekend began copying government climate data onto a nongovernment server, where it will remain available to the public. "Doing this can only be a good thing. Hopefully they leave everything in place. But if not, we're planning for that."

President-elect Donald Trump has nominated a growing list of Cabinet members who have questioned the overwhelming scientific evidence of global warming. His transition team at the Department of Energy has asked agency officials for names of employees and contractors who have participated in international climate talks or worked on the scientific basis for Obama administration regulations of carbon emissions. One Trump adviser suggested that NASA no longer should conduct climate research.

Those moves have stoked fears in the scientific community that Trump, who has called the notion of man-made climate change "a hoax" and vowed to reverse environmental policies put in place by President Obama, could try to alter or dismantle parts of the federal government's repository of data on everything from rising sea levels to the number of wildfires in the country.

Michael Halpern, deputy director of the Center for Science and Democracy at the advocacy group Union of Concerned Scientists, argued that Trump has appointed a "band of climate conspiracy theorists" to run transition efforts at various agencies, along with nominees to lead them who share similar views.



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Scientists have been archiving climate data even though some say it is unlikely that it would disappear.

"They have been salivating at the possibility of dismantling federal climate research programs for years. It's not unreasonable to think they would want to take down the very data that they dispute," Halpern said in an email. "There is a fine line between being paranoid and being prepared, and scientists are doing their best to be prepared. . . . Scientists are right to preserve data and archive websites before those who want to dismantle federal climate change research programs storm the castle."

To be clear, neither Trump nor his transition team have said the new administration plans to manipulate or curtail publicly available data. The transition team did not respond to a request for comment. But some scientists aren't taking any chances.

"What are the most important .gov climate assets?" meteorologist Eric Holthaus tweeted Saturday evening. "Scientists: Do you have a US .gov climate database that you don't want to see disappear?"

Within hours, responses flooded in from around the country. Scientists added links to dozens of government databases to a Google spreadsheet. Investors offered to help fund efforts to copy and safeguard key climate data. Lawyers offered pro bono legal help. Database experts offered server space and help organizing mountains of data. In California, Santos began building an online repository to "make sure these data sets remain freely and broadly accessible."

Climate data from NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have been politically vulnerable. When Tom Karl, director of the National Centers for Environmental Information, and his colleagues published a study in 2015 seeking to challenge the idea that there had been a global warming "pause" during the 2000s, they relied, in significant part, on updates to NOAA's ocean temperature data set, saying the data "do not support the notion of a global warming 'hiatus.' "

In response, the U.S. House Science, Space and Technology Committee chair, Rep. Lamar S. Smith (R-Tex.), tried to subpoena the scientists and their records.

The effort launched by Holthaus is one of several underway to preserve key federal scientific data.

In Philadelphia, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and members of groups such as Open Data Philly and the software company Azavea have been meeting to figure out ways to harvest and store important data sets.

At the University of Toronto this weekend, researchers are holding a "guerrilla archiving" event to catalogue key federal environmental data ahead of Trump's inauguration. The event "is focused on preserving information and data from the Environmental Protection Agency, which has programs and data at high risk of being removed from online public access or even deleted," the organizers said. "This includes climate change, water, air, toxics programs."

The event is part of a broader effort to help San Francisco-based Internet Archive with its End of Term 2016 project, an effort by university, government and nonprofit officials to find and archive pages on federal websites. The project has existed through several presidential transitions.

At the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco, where more than 20,000 earth scientists have swarmed the city's biggest conference center this week, an air of gallows humor marked many conversations. Some said their biggest personal concern is funding for their research, much of which relies on NASA and other agencies.

"You just don't know what's coming," said Adam Campbell, who studies the Ross Ice Shelf of Antarctica.

Many arrived at the meeting with a strengthened sense of resolve. Campbell was planning to join hundreds of other people at a rally Tuesday, organized in part by ClimateTruth.org, encouraging researchers to "stand up for science." "People have felt a call to arms," Campbell said. "We need to be outspoken."

Lawyers with the Climate Science Legal Defense Fund — which provides legal assistance to researchers facing lawsuits over their work on climate change — will be holding one-on-one consultations with researchers who think they might need help from a lawyer. The organization's table in the AGU exhibition hall is piled high with booklets titled "Handling Political Harassment and Legal Intimidation: A Pocket Guide for Scientists."

"We literally thought about it the day after the election," said Lauren Kurtz, the legal defense fund's executive director. "I have gotten a lot of calls from scientists who are really concerned. . . . So it's intended in some ways to be reassuring, to say, 'There is a game plan; we're here to help you.' "

The 16-page guide contains advice for government researchers who think their work is being suppressed, as well as how scientists should react to hate mail or death threats.

Holthaus, who encouraged scientists to flag key databases, said the effort to safeguard them is mostly precautionary.

"I don't actually think that it will happen," he said of efforts to obscure or alter scientific data. "But I think it could happen. . . . All of these data sets are priceless, in the sense that if there is a gap, it greatly diminishes their usefulness."

That's the main concern for Andrew Dessler, an atmospheric scientist at Texas A&M University. He said he doubts that even the most hostile administration would try to do away with existing climate data, given the potential backlash.

"I think it's much more likely they'd try to end the collection of data, which would minimize its value. Having continuous data is crucial for understanding long-term trends," Dessler said. "Trends are what climate change is about — understanding these long-term changes. Think about how much better off the people who don't want to do anything about climate change would be if all the long-term temperature trends didn't exist."

He added, "If you can just get rid of the data, you're in a stronger position to argue we should do nothing about climate change."

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Alan Thicke, dad on 'Growing Pains,' dies

REUTERS

Canadian actor Alan Thicke, best known for his leading role in the 1980s sitcom "Growing Pains" as well as being the father of singer Robin Thicke, died on Tuesday, his spokeswoman said. He was 69.

"Alan's sudden passing has been confirmed. At present, we have no further details," Monique Moss said in a brief email.

A source close to the family told Reuters by telephone that Thicke suffered a heart attack and was transported to Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Calif., where he was pronounced dead.

Celebrity news outlet TMZ reported that Thicke had been playing hockey with his 19-year-old son when he died.

More recently, Thicke was set to appear in "Fuller House," a remake of the popular 1990s family sitcom.

"Season 2 Fuller House looking good. I even like the ones I'm not in!" Thicke said in a tweet earlier Tuesday.

POLITICS & THE NATION

Dog researchers turn to canine crowdsourcing

Scientists seek thousands of pet owners to collect data for genetics study

BY KARIN BRULLIARD

Doberman pinschers are more prone than other dog breeds to compulsive behaviors such as blanket-chewing. In 2014, researchers unveiled some clues to a cause: Obsessive-compulsive disorder is in some dogs' genes.

Such studies examining how DNA affects dogs' behavior and thinking could, in theory, shed light on why some breeds have better memories than others, what genes make Labs so good at retrieving or even what drives some dogs to bark at the UPS guy. Linking behaviors to genes is simpler in dogs than in humans; because of generations of selective breeding, dog DNA is far less variable than ours.

Even so, there are obstacles to doing this research well. Scientists need a lot of information on how dogs behave or how well they perform on intelligence tests, and they need to collect their DNA. For statistical power, they need this data for thousands of dogs. Gathering it in a laboratory would take loads of time, and sequencing DNA takes loads of money.

Now some prominent scientists are going about it from a new direction — asking ordinary dog owners for help.

Adam Boyko, a dog geneticist at Cornell University, and Brian Hare, a canine cognition researcher at Duke University, each founded a company in recent years. Boyko's, Embark, is sort of a 23andMe for dogs, offering what it says is the highest-resolution DNA test for dogs on the market. A dog owner sends in a swab of dog drool and $199 and gets a report that breaks down the pup's breed and ancestry, as well as its risk for dozens of genetic diseases.

Hare's company, Dognition, charges fees starting at $19 for cognition tests — interactive games that can involve hiding treats under cups — that dog owners perform with their pets. Owners get a report outlining how their dog rates on traits such as empathy and memory, plus a personality profile such as "Einstein" or "Socialite."

The two men recently teamed up in hopes of getting 5,000 dogs (and their owners) to sign up for both products and participate in what they are billing as "the largest canine behavioral genetics study to date." Owners will act as research assistants and research funders while helping to build a database that could yield "genetic insight into what makes dogs tick," Boyko said.

"There has never been a large-scale study combining behavioral and genetic data on thousands of dogs," Hare said.

Hare and Boyko said they plan to make their data available to other scientists with the goal of answering some canine questions. Embark, for example, looks at whether dogs' genomes have a common variant found in wolves, dogs' wild ancestors, and assigns dogs a "wolfiness score." By comparing that with date from Dognition, which probes behaviors fundamental to dog domestication, "we can get some early insights into what made a dog a dog," Boyko said.

That, in Hare's words, "is from a scientific perspective the Holy Grail."

But it could also help dog owners better understand their pets. Dogs are frequently taken to vets or surrendered for behavior issues, and knowing whether those behaviors are rooted in genetics could help owners tailor training or decide whether an animal is better suited to being a guard dog rather than a family pet, Boyko said.

Not all dog scientists are sold on the idea that this sort of canine crowdsourcing approach is useful. Some criticize Dognition's matter-of-fact labeling of a dog's traits based on cognition tests, saying the science behind what those tests reveal is hardly clear.

Clive Wynne, a psychologist who directs Arizona State University's Canine Science Collaboratory, said that charging participants could lead to skewed samples heavy on privileged dogs and that data collected by pet owners in uncontrolled living-room settings is bound to be dubious.

"If you want to do behavioral genetics, you need to be analyzing the behavior with a certain level of precision," Wynne said. "I've never heard it suggested that you could achieve that level of precision by letting everybody do tests on their own dog."

At the University of Massachusetts Medical School, another effort is using a similar citizen-science approach to dog behavioral genetics. Participants in Darwin's Dogs, as the project is known, swab their pet's mouth for DNA and answer more than 120 survey questions about their dog's behavior and personality. There is no fee — the project is funded by the university and the National Institutes of Health — but participants do not get immediate results.

That hasn't deterred dog owners, nearly 11,000 of whom have signed up, said Elinor Karlsson, a professor of bioinformatics and integrative biology who heads the project and has long worked on dog behavioral genetics. The health aspect of the project may appeal to some: Dogs and people have similar genes and diseases, so findings in canines could lead to treatments for humans.

The Darwin's Dogs data eventually will be shared broadly among researchers, said Karlsson, who called the Embark and Dognition partnership "fantastic."

"Even if behavior in dogs is way easier than behavior in humans, you're still going to need thousands and thousands and thousands of dogs to get statistical power," she said. "And the only way we're going to be able to do it is to get dog owners to help us."

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DIGEST

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A runner passes through Eagle Creek Park as snow falls Tuesday in Indianapolis. The Midwest and Northeast are expected to be slammed with frigid air this week, with the Upper Midwest waking up to subzero temperatures and brutal wind chills by Thursday morning. In the D.C. region, high temperatures Wednesday will be in the mid- to upper 40s, with lows in the 30s overnight and possibly 20 degrees by dawn.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Judge: Some evidence in Roof case must wait

A federal judge said Tuesday that he will not allow defense lawyers to present evidence about Dylann Roof's mental health to jurors weighing his guilt in the June 2015 massacre at a historic church in Charleston, S.C.

Roof's attorneys have not disputed that the avowed white supremacist shot and killed nine black parishioners during a Bible study. They asked to call witnesses to testify about his state of mind and personal characteristics.

The motion listing the witnesses was sealed. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson, who said in court that they included a police officer and someone with whom Roof had a business interaction, objected to the proposed testimony as "self-serving hearsay" and "justification."

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel ruled that such evidence must wait until the penalty phase, when prosecutors plan to seek a death sentence.

The defense is hoping jurors will spare Roof, 22, from execution. He has indicated he will represent himself during the trial's sentencing phase.

Roof is not asserting an insanity defense and was found competent to stand trial on federal charges of hate crimes resulting in death, obstruction of religion and firearms violations, Gergel noted in an order Monday.

— Reuters

NEW JERSEY

Romanian sentenced in ATM conspiracy case

A Romanian national was sentenced to nearly five years in prison Tuesday for participating in a scheme in which bank account information was stolen from thousands of customers via card-reading devices on ATMs.

A federal judge in Newark sentenced Robert Mate to 57 months in prison for his role in what the U.S. attorney's office called one of the largest such conspiracies ever uncovered. It is estimated that multiple banks were defrauded out of at least $5 million and that thousands of customers were affected.

Mate, 31, who also went by the name Marcel Varga, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud. He also will be required to pay about $7.4 million in restitution under terms of his plea agreement.

Authorities uncovered the scheme in 2013. Fifteen of 16 people charged in the conspiracy have been convicted and one remains elusive, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Mate and the others, including mastermind Marius Vintila, also of Romania, used the card-reader devices and pinhole cameras at ATMs in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Florida and other states. The information taken from customers' bank cards through the process known as "skimming" was used to produce fraudulent cards and make withdrawals from other people's accounts.

Vintila was sentenced last year to 10 years in prison. He used an alias to rent storage units where the group stored cash, the skimming devices and other materials used in the scheme. He also allegedly provided members of the group with fake passports and aliases.

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16 horses killed in fire: Sixteen horses were killed after a fire broke out in a barn north of Denver, firefighters said Tuesday. The fire was reported just after 1 a.m. Tuesday near the city of Brighton. Brighton Fire Rescue spokeswoman Natalie Ridderbos said the horses have various owners and that the barn appears to have been used as a boarding stable. Firefighters don't know what sparked the fire but do not think it was set intentionally. They say it started in an area of the barn that contains a refrigerator and a light. Another barn fire in the area killed eight horses in August. It was started by an overloaded extension cord.

Five hurt in Kansas oil-field explosion: Five people were hurt, two of them critically, in an explosion at a western Kansas oil field, authorities said Tuesday. KWCH-TV reported that the blast happened Monday morning south of Sharon Springs in Wallace County. Fire Chief Jay Sharp said crews were working when gas made its way onto the deck floor of a warming hut where heaters were running. Sharp said the explosion happened after an electrical spark occurred. Sharp said responding crews were able to extinguish the fire quickly.

British man sentenced in attempt to kill Trump: A British man diagnosed with mental illness was sentenced Tuesday to about four more months in a U.S. prison for trying to grab a police officer's gun in a plan to kill then-presidential candidate Donald Trump at a campaign rally in Las Vegas in June. Michael Steven Sandford, 20, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge James Mahan to one year and one day in prison with credit for time served and good behavior behind bars.

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Congress split on how to probe charges against Russia

Who should run inquiry on possible election help for Trump also at issue

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

Congressional leaders are vowing to vigorously probe allegations that Russia interfered in the elections to benefit President-elect Donald Trump, but they are already arguing over who should do so and how any examination should be conducted.

Senior Republicans want to channel any investigation through the House and Senate intelligence committees, over which they have greater control. But some Democrats, fearing that the results of such an investigation would never be released to the public, are pushing the formation of an independent body of outsiders modeled on the Sept. 11 commission.

Still other Republicans would like to see a bipartisan investigation in Congress — or better yet, form entirely new congressional committees and subcommittees to dig into the matter. A different group of Democrats would like to see a very unusual bicameral probe into whether Russia allegedly hacked the Democratic National Committee emails and leaked them to WikiLeaks in a concerted effort to damage Hillary Clinton.

The cacophony of competing voices on Capitol Hill could hamstring the rare, near-universal commitment to dig into allegations Russia interfered with the 2016 election. It may also allow Trump to discredit lawmakers' efforts as overly partisan — the president-elect has called charges that Russia interfered in the election to benefit his candidacy "ridiculous."

In public statements, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) have both focused on channeling any Russia investigation through their intelligence committees.

McConnell on Monday said the Senate Intelligence Committee — of which he is a symbolic member as the chamber's GOP leader — is "more than capable of conducting a complete review of the matter." Ryan agreed, saying that a special panel is unnecessary because the House Intelligence Committee is "working diligently on the cyberthreats posed by foreign governments and terrorist organizations."

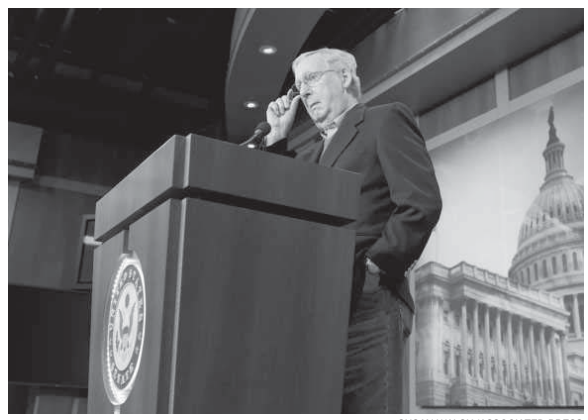
But if history is any guide, those investigations could be highly classified and damaged by partisan infighting. Their findings may be subject to presidential review and closely held by top lawmakers, the intelligence community and senior aides in the Trump White House.

"There certainly is a danger in this being swept under the rug," said Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden (D), an Intelligence Committee member. "There must be urgency and transparency in getting facts out into the open, whether they're being investigated by the intelligence committees, other standing congressional committees, a joint committee or an independent commission."

"One of the goals of this investigation should be to release as much information as possible, while protecting sources and methods," said Virginia Sen. Mark R. Warner, who will be the ranking Democrat on Intelligence starting in January.

The closest parallel may well be the "torture report," produced in 2014 by the Senate Intelligence Committee documenting CIA treatment of suspected terrorist detainees in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Despite then-chairwoman Dianne Feinstein's (D-Calif.) intense desire to see the full 7,000-page report released, all but the 528-page executive summary has remained private.

That panel devolved into near chaos when the torture report was released without the support of Republicans, including the incoming chairman of the Intelligence Committee, Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.). When he became chairman, Burr demanded the return of all copies of the report, apparently concerned that it could be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.



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President Obama this week made moves to preserve the report when he leaves office without ensuring that it immediately becomes available to the public.

Obama has also taken steps to collect information about the CIA allegations before he leaves office on Jan. 20, ordering a "full review" of the charges be delivered to him before he leaves office. Separately, a group of senior Democratic senators is pushing Obama to declassify information about Russia's alleged election-related hacking operations before Trump is inaugurated.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman on Tuesday issued a blunt denial of U.S. allegations that the Kremlin intervened to help Trump win the presidency, and expressed hope that Moscow will be able to "reset" its relationship with the new administration.

In an interview with RT television, Dmitry Peskov dismissed the findings by the CIA that the Russian government aided Trump — and other assertions that it was interfering in upcoming German elections — as "absolute nonsense."

The battle over how to investigate Russian influence is likely to bleed over into the confirmation hearings of ExxonMobil chief executive Rex Tillerson, who was nominated on Tuesday by Trump to be his secretary of state. Several Republicans in the Senate, which must vote to confirm Tillerson, expressed concern over ties Tillerson has to Putin, who decorated him with the Kremlin's Order of Friendship in 2013.

"While Rex Tillerson is a respected businessman, I have serious concerns about his nomination," Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which will hold confirmation hearings, said in a statement. "The next secretary of state must be someone who views the world with moral clarity, is free of potential conflicts of interest, has a clear sense of America's interests, and will be a forceful advocate for America's foreign policy goals to the president, within the administration, and on the world stage."

McConnell, however, backed Tillerson, saying, "I look forward to supporting" his nomination.

The House and Senate intelligence panels have already had briefings from various officials pertaining to allegations that Russia interfered in the elections. But in the House, the committee's chairman, Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), has also criticized Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr. for presenting the committee with a different take on Russia's hacking activities than the CIA assessment that the Kremlin interfered to help Trump win.

The committee "has an urgent need to accurately understand the current IC assessment of alleged Russian cyberactivities relating to the election, and any disagreements among IC components," Nunes wrote in a letter to Clapper on Monday.

In a separate statement Monday, Nunes also said that he "do[es] not see any benefit in opening further investigations."

But so far, those committees haven't made any of their current information public, and they may not do so if they broaden their reach.

To avoid such a situation, Senate Democrats — including Feinstein — have called for an independent commission of experts, appointed by congressional leaders, to investigate the allegations. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) also supports that approach, in which both sides would have subpoena power.

Such a committee would be structured like the Sept. 11 commission, with both parties' leaders appointing one to two nonlawmakers to sit on it. The president would not be allowed to appoint panel members, a courtesy often extended during the creation of other commissions, as Democrats believe Trump would have a conflict of interest because of the nature of the allegations. Democrats want a report made public 18 months after such a panel begins its work.

McConnell, Ryan and other committee leaders — including Trump's most vocal critics on the Hill — have been dodging direct questions about whether they believe the CIA's assessment that Putin, whom Trump frequently praised during the campaign, was behind the hacks the CIA thinks were intended to help Trump prevail.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain (R-Ariz.), who has said "there's very little doubt" Russia intervened in the elections and has derided Trump for casting doubt on that conclusion, suggested that in this one instance, maybe the CIA is wrong.

"The CIA has not always been exactly right, to say the least," he said.

In the wake of the CIA allegations, however, McCain and Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) joined calls from incoming Senate Democratic leader Charles E. Schumer (N.Y.) to initiate a bipartisan probe.

For McCain, the election is one part of a larger examination that must focus on national security risks posed by cyberthreats, particularly related to the military. Officials already suspect that Russia may have been behind a major email breach at the Pentagon last year.

Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), who chairs the Foreign Relations Committee, has also pledged to dig into the allegations of Russian hacking next year. And Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), who chairs subcommittees on the Judiciary and Appropriations committees, has also committed to investigating Russia's alleged intervention in the elections, as well as other nefarious activities across the globe, including in the conflicts in Syria and Ukraine.

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Trump will nominate Rick Perry to lead Energy Dept.

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devoted to maintaining the nation's stockpile of nuclear weapons and to cleaning up nuclear waste from military weapons programs. But the department also runs America's national laboratories, sets appliance standards, and hands out grants and loan guarantees for basic research on solar cells and on capturing carbon dioxide from coal combustion.

The past two energy secretaries, Steven Chu and Ernest Moniz, were physicists, and both moved the agency's laboratories and other energy programs toward finding ways to slow climate change. Roughly $10.7 billion of the department's budget funds science and technology efforts.

Perry ran for president twice, in 2012 and 2016, and it was his Energy Department gaffe that helped end his first presidential bid. In a 2011 Republican primary debate in Michigan, Perry declared that he wanted to eliminate three federal agencies. He listed the Commerce and Education departments and then froze: "The third one, I can't. Sorry. Oops."

Later during the debate, Perry recovered: "By the way, that was the Department of Energy I was reaching for a while ago."

The son of a cotton farmer and county commissioner from west Texas, Perry, 66, immersed himself in politics at a young age. He was elected to the state legislature as a Democrat in 1984 but switched to the GOP when he ran for Texas agriculture commissioner in 1990.

As governor, he tirelessly recruited out-of-state firms to Texas in an effort to grow the state's economy. In 2013, he starred in an ad that aired in California in which he declared that companies should visit his home state "and see why our low taxes, sensible regulations and fair legal system are just the thing to get your business moving. To Texas."

Perry accepted generous donations from the oil and gas industry for his political campaigns but also supported the construction of transmission lines that helped bring wind-generated electricity to market. He was also in the right place at the right time, benefiting from the surge in shale oil drilling in Texas — a result of better technology rather than a particular policy.

Salo Zelermyer, who served as senior counsel in the Energy Department's general counsel's office under President George W. Bush and is now a partner at the Bracewell law firm, said Perry has proved that it is possible to balance "appropriate environmental regulations" with domestic energy production.

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From left, retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, President-elect Donald Trump's choice for national security adviser; Michael Cohen, executive vice president of the Trump Organization; and former Texas governor Rick Perry talk in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York.

"During his time in office, Perry embodied the type of 'all of the above' approach to U.S. energy production that many have advocated on both sides of the aisle," Zelermyer said. "Rick Perry's Texas was not only a world leader in oil and gas production; it was also a global leader in wind power and renewable energy investment. This approach is a big reason Texas experienced such enormous job growth during Perry's tenure."

But environmentalists take a dim view of Perry's record.

"There is no doubt that Rick Perry is completely unfit to run an agency he sought to eliminate," League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski said in a statement. "Not only that, he is deep in the pocket of Big Polluters, who have contributed over $2.5 million to his presidential campaigns, a disturbing sign that they expected him to protect their profits in office, not do what's best for the American people."

The former governor has repeatedly questioned scientific findings that human activity is helping drive climate change. In 2011, during a presidential debate in California, he compared

"The idea that we would put Americans' economy at jeopardy based on scientific theory that's not settled yet to me is just nonsense."

Rick Perry, on climate change

we would put Americans' economy at jeopardy based on scientific theory that's not settled yet to me is just nonsense. . . . Galileo got outvoted for a spell."

Bill Richardson, who was energy secretary under President Bill Clinton, said Perry is a dealmaker, a political presence and a good manager, and therefore a "sensible choice." But he added, "My big concern is that he's too tied to the fossil fuel industry, and because of Donald Trump's positions he will try to dismantle the very valuable renewable-energy and climate change programs and policies that are a huge part of the DOE."

Tom Kiernan, the chief executive of the American Wind Energy Association, expressed confidence that Perry would continue to promote renewable energy. He noted that installed wind capacity in Texas grew from 200 megawatts in 2000 to 14,098 megawatts in 2014.

Perry "created an environment conducive to economic investment through robust infrastructure and competitive power markets that allowed new technologies to enter," Kiernan said in a statement. "The Texas model under Gov. Perry's leadership enabled the growth of low-cost wind energy that made the grid more diverse and reliable while saving consumers money."

However, during the 2015 Iowa Agriculture Summit in Des Moines, the former governor said he opposed extending the federal tax credit for wind power.

Perry sits on the board of Energy Transfer Partners, the firm that is trying to complete work on the Dakota Access Pipeline on the Great Plains. Under President Obama, the Army Corps of Engineers recently decided to withhold a key permit that the company needs to finish the oil pipeline. The project has drawn protests from activists who say that a segment of the pipeline would disturb American Indian burial grounds and pollute the drinking water of a nearby Indian reservation.

The Energy Department has not played a role in that decision-making process, however, and Trump has indicated that he will allow the project to move forward once he takes office.

The Energy Department that Perry would lead has changed substantially since its creation in 1977 under President Jimmy Carter on the heels of the oil crisis that struck after the Arab countries of OPEC imposed an embargo on the United States. In the 1970s, the agency focused on weapons maintenance and regulations. In the 1980s, nuclear weapons research took center stage. In the 1990s, arms control and anti-proliferation took priority.

The agency's much-derided loan and loan guarantee program — which stumbled with a half-billion-dollar loss linked to solar-panel-maker Solyndra — had, as of September, issued $31.98 billion in loans and loan guarantees for 30 projects. More than $1.65 billion in interest payments had been paid, while the program had run up $800 million in actual and estimated losses.

Perry would walk into an agency where many career civil servants are already on edge, after Trump's transition team gave a questionnaire to department officials asking that they identify which employees have worked on international climate negotiations or domestic initiatives to cut carbon.

Current department leaders have declined to provide any names of individual employees to transition team members.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said that the administration needed to resist "what certainly could have been an attempt to target civil servants, career federal government employees . . . who are critical to the success of the federal government's ability to make policy, and their work transcends the term of any one president. That's by design."

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Surprise pick reveals Trump's unorthodox style

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Trump, referring to Rex Tillerson, the chief executive of ExxonMobil. Gates said in an interview that he had not gone to the meeting intending to recommend Tillerson, and he did not recommend anyone else. Separately, on the previous day, former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice had proposed Tillerson to Vice President-elect Mike Pence. Rice and Gates, who run a consulting firm that counts ExxonMobil as a client, had jointly concluded that Tillerson might give Trump a fresh alternative.

Trump "seemed intrigued," Gates said. "It was not something he had considered."

The result was an unexpected decision, nominating as the country's top diplomat a multinational corporate chief executive who had been on nobody's shortlist for the job. It provided an object lesson in the decision-making process and leadership style of a president-elect who has never worked in government and is applying his unorthodox style to decisions that could shape the world.

Names were floated, aides took sides, and Trump grew increasingly disenchanted. Many Trump traits were in evidence, from the reality-show-like parade of candidates, to the dismissal of onetime allies, to the efforts by aides to influence him through tweets and television appearances.

The process reflected Trump's refusal to be rushed or pushed and showed how he was not necessarily beholden to his strongest supporters or inclined to dismiss his most strident critics, on the right terms, yet yearned for a personal connection. And he did not seem worried about the potential for a difficult confirmation, even as Republican lawmakers began to speak up, questioning Tillerson's perceived close ties to Russia.

This account is based on interviews with several participants in the deliberations and others close to the contenders, including some who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive internal conversations.

Two days after Trump met with Gates, as Sunday talk show guests speculated about Trump's choice, those closest to the decision had come up with a scorecard.

Giuliani, the former New York mayor, was in first place, Romney was just behind at "1A," and Petraeus was "in the mix." Tillerson remained a contingency, but his stock was starting to rise.

Giuliani had been one of Trump's most stalwart defenders during the campaign, and his name was pushed particularly hard by Trump allies such as former House speaker Newt Gingrich.

But Trump became increasingly concerned about the 72-year-old Giuliani's fitness for the job. Trump confided to friends that he thought that Giuliani, two decades removed from his heyday running New York, was past his prime and might not have the stamina or discipline to travel the globe and negotiate delicate matters.

"He was hearing a lot of concerns about Rudy," one Trump friend said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Giuliani and an associate did not respond to requests for comment.

Over Thanksgiving, as Trump retreated with his family to Mar-a-Lago, his Palm Beach, Fla., resort, his focus turned to an unlikely pick: Romney. The 2012 Republican presidential nominee had been one of Trump's harshest critics, calling him a "fraud" and a "phony." Trump had dismissed Romney as a "choker" who walked "like a penguin."

But one of Romney's closest friends, Stephen Pagliuca, the co-owner of the Boston Celtics and a former colleague at Bain Capital, told Romney that he should consider the job while telling his friends working for Trump that they should consider the idea, too.

The Romney courtship began with a congratulatory phone call from the former Massachusetts governor to Trump. Trump missed the call, and Pence wound up returning it. To Romney's surprise, Pence asked him to come to New York. Then Trump called and also asked Romney to meet. Romney indicated that the only position he would like to be considered for was at State, according to an associate.

Those in attendance at the first meeting, held at Trump's golf course in Bedminster, N.J., included Trump and Pence, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, political adviser Stephen K. Bannon, Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner and one of Trump's sons, Eric. Romney and the president-elect also spoke privately that day for about 20 minutes, then later on the phone several times, eventually agreeing to meet for dinner Nov. 29 in New York.

Romney's motivation, according to three people close to him, was sparked by a sense of duty. Since his unsuccessful run for the White House, Romney has devoted much of his intellectual energy to foreign policy and national security issues.

Trump liked the idea of reconciling with a former enemy. As one longtime Trump associate noted, Trump had a history in his businesses of feuding bitterly with competitors and others, only to join forces with them. Given their histories, a rapprochement between the two was not so unthinkable.

After their meal at the swanky Jean-Georges restaurant, Romney lavished praise on Trump, saying he had been "very impressed" by Trump's vow to be an inclusive president. A Trump friend said the president-elect, who did not join Romney in talking to reporters afterward, enjoyed watching his dinner partner appear to grovel for the post.

Some of those in Trump's orbit who opposed the Romney selection presented the process as a punishment of sorts. Longtime Trump associate and provocateur Roger Stone later said in an interview with Alex Jones on Jones's radio show — which has pushed a variety of conspiracy theories — that the president-elect strung Romney along to "torture him."

Trump was hearing from aides and supporters upset by the prospect of handing such a big job to Romney. Campaign manager Kellyanne Conway took to the Sunday news shows to describe a Romney pick as a betrayal of Trump's base.

Trump was seriously considering Romney. He had a request, according to a close Romney ally: an apology.

Romney, author of a book called "No Apology," refused, the ally said. He said he wanted to be "forward looking," according to the Romney associate. The associate said that Romney had hoped his complimentary comments about Trump after the dinner would suffice and that he didn't want to "re-litigate" his criticism during the campaign.

Trump spokesman Jason Miller disputed the account of the apology request, saying it was "not true in any way" and "completely false." Miller did not respond to other questions about the selection process.

Romney declined an interview request. In an emailed statement, he said: "I was indeed very critical of Mr. Trump during his campaign. But now he has been elected president and accordingly, if I could have helped shape foreign policy to protect the country I love, I would have been more than willing to do so."

A second stumbling block was that Romney and Trump differed on Russia. Romney has called Russia the top geopolitical foe of the United States, while Trump has said he wants to have close ties with Moscow. Romney knew he was at odds with Trump but had hoped to provide balance in the administration, the associate said.

"There were differences in views, and I'm confident that was a worry to both of them," said former Utah governor Mike Leavitt, who oversaw transition planning for Romney four years ago.

Romney gradually fell from his 1A position. So, too, had Giuliani fallen. On Dec. 9, five days after being categorized as Trump's top choice, Giuliani said he was taking himself out of contention. The Trump team was concerned about not only Giuliani's stamina but also his ego. One Trump associate said Giuliani had refused to consider heading the Homeland Security or Justice department. Only State would do.

"He got out too far in front of Trump," the Trump associate said. "He became the star. Trump doesn't like more than one star. . . . When you give an ultimatum that 'I will only take one position,' it doesn't work."

Appearing that day on Fox News, Giuliani tried to take down Romney with him, saying the former Massachusetts governor had "gone over the line" bashing Trump and shouldn't be considered.

Trump's list of candidates continued to narrow. Corker, the Tennessee Republican who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, met with Trump on Nov. 29, but his role appears to have been as a backup choice.

Then, in a surprising twist, Petraeus was ascendant. The retired general and former CIA director, who once was mentioned as a possible presidential candidate, had fallen after pleading guilty to mishandling classified information, which he had provided to his biographer and mistress, Paula Broadwell. Trump, who had been harshly critical of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton for her handling of classified information, did not seem to see Petraeus's action as disqualifying him for consideration. A number of Petraeus's fellow generals lauded his intelligence and loyalty. "Just met with General Petraeus — was very impressed!" Trump tweeted.

Soon, however, news accounts reported that Petraeus was still on probation. He would have to notify his probation officer of his travel plans. His home, car, cellphone and computer would be subject to search without a warrant. Trump did not explain his decision to rule out the retired general, much to the frustration of Petraeus's allies.

"Only the president-elect and transition folks can say why he fell out of the mix," former Petraeus spokesman Steve Boylan said. "I don't know if it was the news articles, or anti-Petraeus people taking a stance on it. I'm not aware of anything specific that would have said, 'No, you are no longer being considered.' "

So it was that Trump, who had devoted more time to this decision than any other, prepared to meet with Gates on Dec. 2, thinking about the possibility of expanding his search. Gates wasn't even supposed to be there. A day earlier, he met with Trump's pick for national security adviser, Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, who proposed a meeting the next day with Trump.

After Gates went through the pluses and minuses of the four candidates, and Trump asked about other possibilities, Gates made his pitch for Tillerson. It was an unexpected move. Trump didn't know the ExxonMobil CEO.

Gates initially knew Tillerson through their shared work with the Boy Scouts of America. They later had a work connection when ExxonMobil became a client of RiceHadleyGates, an international consulting firm.

As word leaked that Tillerson was the likely pick, a chorus of critics noted that he had been close to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who had worked with ExxonMobil on energy deals. The company had an interest in closer relations, given that some of its operations in Russia are on hold because of economic sanctions imposed after the country annexed Crimea and supported insurgents in eastern Ukraine. Tillerson was awarded the Kremlin's Order of Friendship in 2013. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) questioned Tillerson's relationship with Putin, saying on CNN that "I don't see how anybody could be a friend of this old-time KGB agent."

But Gates said Tillerson's experience doing business in difficult parts of the world is an asset, and not because he has any cozy relationships with despots.

"It would be a mistake to confuse a friendly relationship with friendship. Rex is a very tough-minded realist" who well understands Putin and his own position and motives, Gates said.

Gates had seen the inspirational and motivational side of Tillerson when the executive was talking to Boy Scouts and volunteers.

"If you want to understand Rex Tillerson, and it may be a corny thing to say, but you've got to understand that he's an Eagle Scout," Gates said.

Rice, who was also talking up Tillerson, had met the CEO through their mutual membership at Augusta National Golf Club, and the two had played golf together. They also had talked extensively about international politics, whether the Middle East, Russia, Indonesia or Latin America.

Trump, who has been drawn to fellow executives for Cabinet picks, liked what he heard. He invited Tillerson to Trump Tower, and the two met on Dec. 6 and again on Dec. 10, after which Trump offered the State Department job.

A potentially bruising confirmation hearing is pending, but Trump was confident his unorthodox process had worked. He seemed to relish the battle ahead.

Typically, Trump chose Twitter to announce his decision Tuesday. He had chosen, he tweeted, "one of the truly great business leaders of the world."

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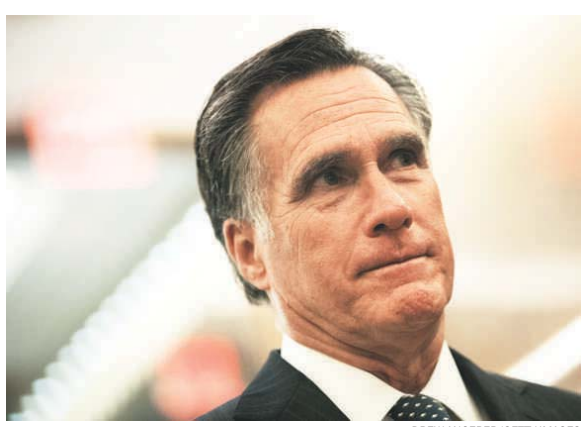
Rudolph W. Giuliani visits Trump Tower in November. Giuliani, who had been one of Donald Trump's most stalwart defenders during the campaign, was on the shortlist for secretary of state, but the president-elect had misgivings about his fitness and stamina for the job.



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Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, also considered for top diplomat, had harshly criticized Trump during the campaign.

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Retired Gen. David Petraeus was "in the mix," but his conviction for mishandling classified information might have doomed him.

Trump Hotels pulls its name from Brazilian property under investigation

BY DOM PHILLIPS

RIO DE JANEIRO — Trump Hotels said Tuesday it is removing its brand name from a luxury hotel it manages in Rio de Janeiro and will no longer be responsible for its operation. The move came after prosecutors opened a criminal investigation into investments in the property.

The decision takes effect Thursday, just days after President-elect Donald Trump tweeted that his sons would run his businesses while he was in the White House and vowed they would launch "no new deals" during his time in office. The president-elect has faced criticism that his company's overseas investments could present conflicts of interest.

The 170-room Trump Hotel Rio de Janeiro, a modern, triangular structure with the Trump name on top, is owned by a Brazilian developer whose former chief executive is Paulo Figueiredo Filho, grandson of the last president under Brazil's 1964-1985 military dictatorship. The hotel had partially opened in June, just weeks before the Summer Olympics, in the upscale Barra de Tijuca neighborhood where the Olympic Park and Athletes' Village were located.

In pulling out of the project, the Trump firm cited delays in the construction of the hotel and differences with the developers in "vision."

Brazilian federal prosecutors said in a document issued in October that they were investigating questionable investments by pension funds in the hotel, which is owned by the Brazilian company LSH Barra. It has been managed by the Trump Organization, which has no financial investment in the project.

Trump representatives have said that the criminal investigation didn't target the U.S. politician or his firm.

LSH Barra did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the Trump company's decision to remove its name from the project. Figueiredo Filho left his executive position at the development company in March, though he retains a financial stake, according to the company. The development company says the hotel is worth at least $75 million.

In his early 30s, Figueiredo Filho is an outspoken young conservative and property developer. His Facebook profile features a photograph of him with the president-elect.

Two small Brazilian public-sector pension funds invested a total of $40 million in the fund that controls LSH Barra, according to the document issued by prosecutors in October.

The prosecutors said that the "reckless" investments by the two pension funds — Serpros, for employees of a government IT agency, and Igeprev, for employees of Tocantins state in Brazil's vast interior — entailed a high risk that raised suspicion. In addition, Igeprev bought debentures in the fund that controls LSH Barra, increasing its exposure, the document said. The investigation is part of Operation Greenfield, a wider investigation into pension fund investments in Brazil.

"It is necessary to verify if the favoritism shown by the pension funds towards LSH Barra Empreendimentos Imobiliários SA and The Trump Organization was due to illicit payments and bribes," Anselmo Lopes, a prosecutor, wrote in the document.

LSH Barra has denied any wrongdoing.

Last year a Brazilian court froze $36 million of assets belonging to former Igeprev executives and companies that had managed and administered some of its funds. In September, Brazil's government pensions watchdog suspended the management of Serpros.

The Trump hotel was supposed to be fully operational in time for the Summer Olympics. But even today, only 60 percent of the rooms at the beachside hotel are ready. The rest, along with a convention center, are due to be completed next year, the company has said.

Christine Lin, a spokeswoman for Trump Hotels, said in an emailed statement that the company sought to provide guests "with unparalleled service and world-class experiences. Unfortunately, the developers of the Rio de Janeiro hotel are significantly behind on the completion of the property, and their vision for the hotel no longer aligns with the Trump brand. As a result, we have made the decision to remove our brand name from the project."

Trump Hotels will also no longer manage the project, Lin said. She did not respond to questions about the Brazilian investigation and said the decision takes effect on Thursday.

When media reports about the investigation first surfaced in November, the Trump Organization sought to distance itself from the hotel's owners and the pension funds.

"We have no relationship or involvement with these pension funds," Alan Garten, executive vice president and general counsel at the Trump Organization told the Reuters news agency. "We have an arm's length agreement with the developer where we were hired to provide a service."

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Tillerson's selection highlights a policy divide between pragmatism, principle

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working relationship with President Vladimir Putin and the latter's longtime confidant Igor Sechin, the chairman of the Russian petroleum giant Rosneft.

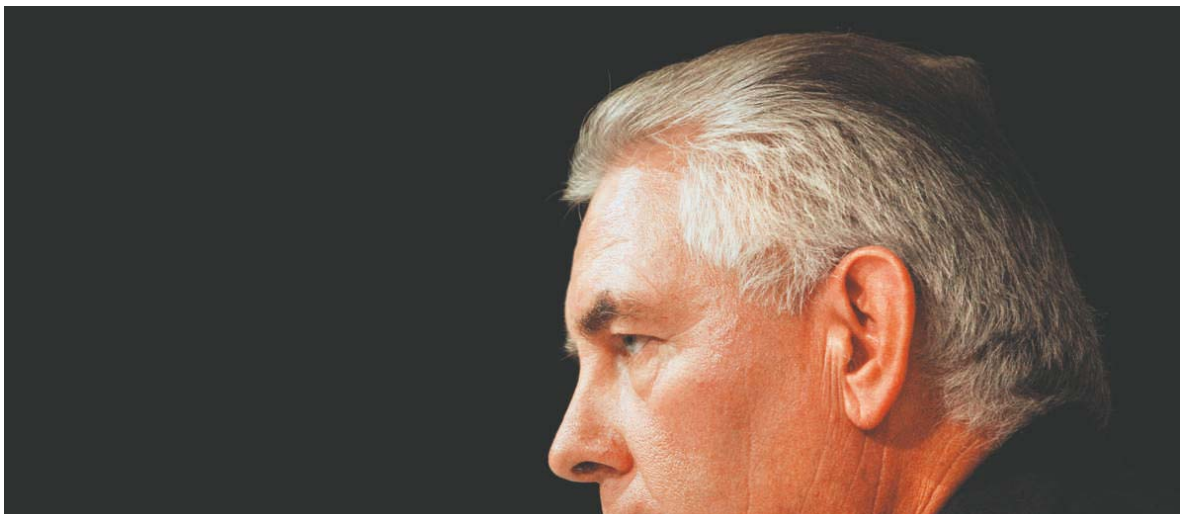
With his nomination, the 64-year-old Tillerson has been thrust into the long-standing U.S. foreign policy divide separating those who value pragmatism and dealmaking from those who attach greater importance to principles, human rights and democracy. This is a divide that cuts across both parties.

Should he be confirmed, Tillerson will no longer answer to the more than 93,000 shareholders of ExxonMobil but primarily to a single shareholder named Trump. And he will draw on views refined in industry, not diplomacy.

To fans of Tillerson, his relationship with Putin is a sign of his pragmatism, seeking advantage for his company with a blunt, straightforward style that has won respect abroad. Speaking to students from the Texas Tech business school last year, Tillerson said the reason "why I've been able to gain Vladimir Putin's trust" is "because throughout my career I've wanted people to view me as an honest person."

To his critics, however, Tillerson and ExxonMobil come across as arrogant and indifferent to Russia's record in Ukraine or Putin's harsh suppression of domestic opposition. The oil giant's vast enterprise spanning six continents and more than 50 nations has embraced a varied cast of national leaders, including the Saudi oil ministers, Equatorial Guinea's corrupt Teodoro Obiang Nguema, the autocratic government of Kazakhstan and the emir of Qatar.

These contrary views are in some ways connected. Edward S. Verona, who worked for ExxonMobil for two years and spent several more working in Moscow, said one reason Tillerson was respected in Moscow was because of the way the company dealt with Venezuela's then-president, the voluble Hugo Chávez. In 2007, Chávez had wanted to rewrite contract terms for companies operating in the country's vast, oil-rich Orinoco belt. Exxon said no, abandoning 2 percent of its worldwide reserves and winning arbitration court orders to freeze Venezuelan assets.



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Under chief executive Rex Tillerson, seen here in 2009, ExxonMobil's enterprise has spanned six continents and more than 50 nations.

In the same way, Exxon exited Nigeria's Niger Delta after insurgents disputed operations there.

"You have to be willing to say, 'No, we aren't going to do it that way, we are going to do it this way; if we can't do it this way, we won't be here,' " Tillerson said about the company's strategy of keeping its Nigerian exploration to offshore areas, where it was safer.

"Rex Tillerson gained the respect of Russians, particularly Sechin and Putin, because he was prepared to stand up and push back when he felt his company was being treated unfairly," said Verona, now a senior adviser to McLarty Associates.

The fight coincided with efforts by Russia's Gazprom, a state-owned company, to horn its way into a Sakhalin Island project off eastern Russia that Tillerson had helped negotiate years earlier. ExxonMobil was able to navigate the dispute with help from Putin and Sechin. The project, built in extremely harsh conditions, remains one of the company's most lucrative, Tillerson has said.

Some of Exxon's perceived arrogance is rooted in the company's history as the largest of the corporations split off from the Standard Oil Trust, the enterprise built by John D. Rockefeller.

Lifelong Scout

Tillerson was born in Wichita Falls, Tex., the son of a Boy Scout administrator. He still lists the rank of Eagle Scout on his résumé and has remained active in the organization. In 2012, he was instrumental in pushing the Boy Scouts board to admit openly gay youths.

His experience as a Scout fit well into the company, which insisted on rules that were more detailed than most other oil companies.

In 1997, Exxon sent Tillerson, then a promising executive who had been in Yemen, to Moscow to "pick up the relationship and repair it," Tillerson later recalled. His predecessor had been kicked out of the country. Tillerson met six different prime ministers over the course of 14 months.

The last of those was Putin.

Nearly 15 years later in Sochi, Putin provided the blessing for what could become Exxon's largest Russian deal, a joint exploration agreement with Rosneft covering almost 190 million acres, almost halfway across the Arctic shoreline and covering nine time zones.

Speaking later at Texas Tech, Tillerson cited the Boy Scout motto and urged students to have honor and integrity. "Those words mean a lot to me," Tillerson said. "And I can tell you they mean a lot in any culture." He added that "integrity is recognized by every government, every leader. It's the most valuable asset you have, your personal integrity."

But while Tillerson preaches the value of honesty and integrity, ExxonMobil has not shied away from doing what is good for its bottom line, which has made environmental groups and others suspicious of its aims.

While Tillerson has acknowledged human involvement in the warming of the globe and backed a carbon tax to deal with it, the oil giant has continued to fund groups such as the American Legislative Exchange Council, whose leading members have cast doubt on climate change or its urgency. The relationship contrasted with that of Shell, which also acknowledges climate change but dropped its membership in ALEC last year, citing differences over the issue.

The company is also in the midst of a bitter fight with the attorneys general of New York and Massachusetts and with more than a dozen nongovernmental organizations that are looking at whether the oil giant failed to disclose what it knew 40 years ago about the damage fossil fuels were doing to the Earth's climate. The attorneys general issued broad subpoenas for internal Exxon documents, and the NGOs have encouraged them to consider bringing a fraud case similar to the one that extracted billions of dollars from tobacco companies years ago.

ExxonMobil has fought back, going to a Texas federal court near its headquarters and winning the judge's highly unusual backing for discovery on the attorneys general, including with regard to internal emails, to determine whether they were acting "in good faith."

The company also is scrutinizing individuals and organizations. The day after the presidential election, for example, the company hand-delivered a subpoena to Carroll Muffett, the head of the Center for International Environmental Law, a nonprofit organization focused on environmental and human rights issues.

"The subpoena is in fact a fishing expedition that goes far beyond any issue arguably before the Texas court," Muffett said in an email. "It is clear that Exxon is trying to leverage this case, outrageous as it is, to intimidate and silence its critics."

Engineering quotient

Another important piece of Tillerson's background is his engineering background. ExxonMobil has been widely seen as a place with a higher "EQ," for engineering quotient, than IQ, or intelligence quotient.

Even the EQ has failed from time to time. The Exxon Valdez oil-tanker accident spilled crude off the pristine coast of Alaska in 1989, and more recently company pipelines leaked in Montana's Yellowstone River and in Mayflower, Ark. The company has taken tough legal strategies in those instances, too, and it litigated the Valdez spill for 20 years.

Still, Tillerson draws on that engineering construct and has applied it to the problem of climate change. "It's an engineering problem, and it has engineering solutions," he said at an event sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations in 2012.

As he looked back on his career during the Texas Tech event, Tillerson said that he views the company's oil and gas operation on Sakhalin Island — an area beset by poverty, seismic instability, long icebound winters and 100-foot waves in the summer — as one of his crowning achievements.

It might look easy compared to being secretary of state.

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Ohio's governor vetoes 'heartbeat bill' abortion ban

But he signs measure prohibiting procedure later in pregnancy

BY SANDHYA SOMASHEKHAR

Ohio Gov. John Kasich on Tuesday vetoed a controversial bill that would have banned abortions as early as six weeks into pregnancy but signed a measure prohibiting the procedure at 20 weeks.

The bill Kasich (R) rejected would have barred a woman from obtaining an abortion if a fetal heartbeat could be detected. The legislature passed the measure last week even though it conflicts with Supreme Court decisions upholding the right to abortion at least until the point at which the fetus is viable. The bill he signed, banning the procedure at 20 weeks, may run afoul of these rulings because viability is generally interpreted to be about 24 weeks.

In a statement, Kasich said he vetoed what has been called the "heartbeat bill" because it was "clearly contrary" to Supreme Court rulings. The state would have been forced to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars trying unsuccessfully to defend the law and would have provoked lawsuits that would end up rolling back other restrictions enacted by the state, he said.

In a separate statement, he said he agreed with major antiabortion groups that have preferred to challenge precedent with the 20-week ban, which he said "is the best, most legally sound and sustainable approach to protecting the sanctity of human life."

Abortion rights groups condemned Kasich's support for the 20-week ban, which has no exception for rape or incest. The measure has an exception for the life of the mother that rights groups said was too narrow.

"He thinks that by vetoing one abortion ban Ohioans will not notice that he has signed another," Kellie Copeland, NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio's executive director, said in a statement. "Kasich's actions today will fall hardest on low-income women, women of color, and young women. History will not judge Gov. Kasich's disregard for women's health kindly."

Ohio becomes the 16th state to ban abortion at about 20 weeks, based on the contention that fetuses may be able to feel pain at that stage. Most experts believe that point comes later in fetal development.

While abortion rights advocates on Tuesday focused on the bill Kasich signed, the more restrictive measure drew greater attention over the past week because it would have banned the procedure before many women realize they are pregnant. Two other states, Arkansas and North Dakota, recently passed abortion bans at a very early point in pregnancy but the measures were blocked by the courts.

Several other states considered such bills but stopped short after some antiabortion groups worried that the measures would provoke a legal backlash that further cements abortion rights.

Still, Ohio lawmakers — emboldened by the election of Donald Trump — approved the bill as a new offensive to curb abortion rights. Trump has pledged to appoint justices who oppose *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationally.

The fetal heartbeat bill may yet be enacted if the legislature overrides Kasich's veto. In Ohio, that requires a three-fifths majority in each chamber.

Also on Tuesday, the Oklahoma Supreme Court threw out a law that required doctors who perform abortions at clinics to have admitting privileges at hospitals nearby. The court ruled that the law violates both the U.S. and Oklahoma constitutions.

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A Swift Energy worker pauses before lifting a pipe at a hydraulic fracturing site in Tilden, Tex. The process, which uses water to extract oil or gas, has the potential to contaminate drinking water, a new report from the Environmental Protection Agency states.

EPA report: Fracking can harm drinking water

Process to recover oil or gas can taint resources, but study notes data gaps

BY CHELSEA HARVEY

A new report from the Environmental Protection Agency suggests that hydraulic fracturing has the potential to affect drinking-water resources in the United States. The report represents a shift from the agency's previous conclusions, published in a 2015 draft, that suggested low impacts.

The final document, released Tuesday, relies on a review of more than 1,200 previously cited scientific sources, as well as new research conducted for the report and an independent peer review by the EPA's science advisory board. Fracking, it concludes, has a range of possible consequences, from temporary changes in water quality to the complete contamination of drinking water wells.

Drinking water can be affected at any stage of the fracking process, the report notes, from acquiring the water that will be used to injecting it into production wells and then disposing of the wastewater. Impacts are generally seen at sites close to production wells.

"The value of high-quality science has never been more important in helping to guide decisions around our nation's fragile water resources," Thomas Burke, EPA's science adviser and deputy assistant administrator of the Office of Research and Development, said in a statement. "EPA's assessment provides the scientific foundation for local decision-makers, industry and communities that are looking to protect public health and drinking water resources and make more informed decisions about hydraulic fracturing activities."

In 2015, the draft report found that fracking had caused isolated instances in which drinking water was affected but had not caused "widespread, systemic impacts" on drinking water. At the time, Burke added that "the number of documented impacts to drinking water resources is relatively low when compared to the number of fractured wells."

The draft was met with criticism from environmental groups. And earlier this year, the EPA's science advisory panel issued a critique challenging the report's conclusions.

The final report includes a slightly stronger set of conclusions but no direct policy recommendations. It says fracking activities "can impact drinking water resources under some circumstances" and notes that certain activities or conditions may make such impact more severe. These include withdrawing water for fracking when water resources are already limited; injecting fluids directly into groundwater resources or injecting them into wells that allow them to leak into the groundwater; failing to adequately treat wastewater before disposing of it; and dumping wastewater into unlined pits, where it can leak out.

However, the report also notes that "significant data gaps and uncertainties in the available data prevented us from calculating or estimating the national frequency of impacts on drinking water resources from activities in the hydraulic fracturing water cycle." These uncertainties, it adds, prevented the report from including "a full characterization of the severity of impacts."

In other words, the latest document still can't make a detailed assessment of how often any given activity harms water quality or how serious the effects are on a broad scale.

The report quickly met with criticism from the oil and gas industry.

"It is beyond absurd for the administration to reverse course on its way out the door," said Erik Milito, director of upstream and industry operations for the American Petroleum Institute, in a statement. "The agency has walked away from nearly a thousand sources of information from published papers, technical reports and peer-reviewed scientific reports demonstrating that industry practices, industry trends and regulatory programs protect water resources at every step of the hydraulic fracturing process."

Milito added that the API "look[s] forward to working with the new administration in order to instill fact-based science back into the public policy process."

While it's unclear for now how the new report might influence future public policy, President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to scale back regulations that would hinder the expansion of oil and natural gas development. His nominee to head the EPA, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, has fought against increased regulations on the oil and gas industry, notably joining a group of other state attorneys general suing the agency over its proposal to curtail methane emissions from the oil and gas sector.

But the new report drew praise from environmental groups that have long argued that fracking poses a threat to the nation's drinking water.

"The EPA has confirmed what we've known all along: Fracking can and does contaminate drinking water," Wenonah Hauter, executive director of Food & Water Watch, said in a statement. "We are pleased that the agency has acted on the recommendations of its Science Advisory Board and chosen be frank about the inherent harms and hazards of fracking."

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Trump picks Ryan Zinke, Montana's congressman, for interior secretary

BY JULIET EILPERIN

President-elect Donald Trump has tapped Rep. Ryan Zinke, a Republican who has held Montana's at-large congressional seat for one term, to serve as secretary of the Interior Department, according to an individual with first-hand knowledge of the decision.

Zinke, who studied geology as an undergraduate at the University of Oregon and served as a Navy SEAL from 1986 to 2008 before entering politics, campaigned for his House seat on a platform of achieving North American energy independence. He sits on the House Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee.

Zinke

A lifelong hunter and fisherman, the 55-year-old Zinke has defended public access to federal lands even though he frequently votes against environmentalists on such issues as coal extraction and oil and gas drilling. This summer, he quit his post as a member of the GOP platform-writing committee after the group included language that would have transferred federal land ownership to the states.

"What I saw was a platform that was more divisive than uniting," Zinke said at the time. "At this point, I think it's better to show leadership."

Trump also opposes such land transfers, but the provision made it into the platform.

Zinke recently criticized an Interior Department rule aimed at curbing inadvertent releases of methane from oil and gas operations on federal land as "duplicative and unnecessary."

"Clean air and clean water are absolute top priorities when we talk about responsible energy development, however the final rule issued by the Obama administration does nothing to further protect our resources," he said in a statement. "This rule is a stark reminder that we need to invest in infrastructure projects like the Keystone pipeline, so we don't need to flare excess gas."

During his time in Congress, Zinke has established a 3 percent voting score with the League of Conservation Voters. But he has broken ranks with the panel's Republican majority on occasion, as when he opposed a measure by Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) that would have allowed each state to buy up to 2 million acres of U.S. Forest Service land to boost timber production. He also has pushed for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a high priority for outdoors groups.

Land Tawney, president and chief executive of the Montana-based Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, described Zinke as "a straight shooter" who has established credibility with outdoors enthusiasts in the state. During a recent meeting with him at a distillery in Whitefish, the congressman's home town, Zinke walked into the place in flip-flops.

"You wouldn't know he's a congressman," Tawney said. "He really prides himself on being a Theodore Roosevelt Republican, and he lives that a little bit more than other people."

Outdoors activities such as mountain biking and skiing are a major economic driver in Whitefish — and in Montana overall, where 200,000 residents have big-game hunting licenses and 300,000 have fishing licenses. Zinke, who has been endorsed by the Outdoor Industry Association, has embraced that sector of the state's economy.

President Whit Fosburgh, president of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a hunters and anglers group that has worked with Zinke, said in an interview that his group would be "very supportive of Ryan Zinke" as a Cabinet nominee.

"He's shown courage and commitment to public lands and conservation and [is] someone we think would be an excellent secretary of Interior," Fosburgh said.

Still, many environmental groups are unlikely to embrace Zinke, who opposes safeguards that the Obama administration has provided for temporary wetlands and intermittent streams, as well as its temporary moratorium on coal leasing on federal land. Although he supported subsidizing renewable energy programs and climate change legislation before he was elected to the House, during a 2014 debate he said of climate change, "It's not a hoax, but it's not proven science either."

"Zinke embodies the worst kind of magical thinking in Congress: that government welfare handouts can save dying coal companies and crumbling oil and gas giants," Diana Best, a Greenpeace climate campaign specialist, said Tuesday. "The fact is, coal demand is shrinking globally, and people across America want a Department of the Interior that will protect our precious public lands in perpetuity."

Some Democrats are likely to oppose Zinke's nomination, but the pick does provide the party with one bit of good news: It removes a possible challenger to Sen. Jon Tester, the Montana Democrat who could face a tough reelection bid in 2018.

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) was a leading contender for the Interior post in recent days, but Zinke hit it off with Trump's oldest son, Donald Jr., an avid hunter, and met with the president-elect on Monday in New York.

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Labor Secretary Perez will challenge Rep. Ellison in race to be DNC chair

BY DAVID WEIGEL

Labor Secretary Thomas Perez will launch a campaign for Democratic National Committee chairman this week, becoming the first serious challenger to Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) for a lead role in rebuilding a shellshocked party.

According to two people familiar with Perez's thinking, he will announce his candidacy Thursday, a day after a planned rally for Ellison with the American Federation of Teachers and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.).

The announcement would come after weeks of quiet pressure on Perez to give Democrats another alternative to the Minneapolis congressman.

A spokesman for Ellison said there would be no comment until Perez's bid is official, but the two other candidates for the job welcomed him to the race.

"Tom's a good friend, a great Democrat, and I welcome him to the race," said Jaime Harrison, the chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party. "I'm a firm believer that iron sharpens iron."

"I spoke with Secretary Perez today [and] welcomed him to the discussion about the future of the Democratic Party," said Ray Buckley, chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. "I am confident by the time the DNC meets in 10 weeks, the party will have had ample opportunity to hear our plans and participate in an open and vibrant process."

Each candidate comes from the progressive wing of the party; there is no discussion, as there was after the party's 1988 or 2004 defeats, of tacking right.

Ellison, the first Muslim elected to Congress, was the first candidate in the DNC race, with backing from Sanders and incoming Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.).

"When the DNC opened up, [Sanders] called me and said we need to make the DNC not a fundraising and political organization but a true organizing tool," Schumer told The Washington Post this month. "I said, 'You're exactly right.' And he says, 'The guy to do it is Keith Ellison.' "

Since then, Ellison has fended off fresh stories about his support for the Nation of Islam when he was younger and his criticism of Israel's treatment of Palestinian citizens. The stories were not surprising, echoing the attacks that have come Ellison's way whenever his profile has risen.

Ellison has apologized for some of his old remarks, writing in a Post op-ed this month that he rejected "all forms of racism and anti-Semitism" but "should have listened more and talked less." In interviews Wednesday, neither Ellison's rivals nor the state party chairs who will vote on the next chairman criticized his old remarks.

Perez's decision is seen as an effort by the exiting Obama-era leadership to keep control of the party in trusted hands.

"A Perez candidacy will undoubtedly create another Clinton-versus-Sanders debate and divide the party," said Jane Fleming Kleeb, a climate change activist and Ellison backer who chairs the Nebraska Democrats. "Tom Perez is another suit, and we don't need another suit running the party. We need someone from middle America who knows how to organize and respects the grass roots."

Perez, who has not commented on the DNC run, has less of an electoral record to present. The Detroit-born Ellison served two terms in Minnesota's legislature and five terms in Congress, and he cites that as proof he can turn out the electorate that will bring Democrats back across the country. Perez never won an office higher than county council in Maryland. In the summer, Progressive Change Campaign Committee founder Adam Green said that Perez would be a fine choice for vice president; today, he argued that Ellison clearly outclassed the labor secretary when it came to leading the DNC.

"Hopefully [Perez] will be attorney general someday," Green said in a statement. "His mind is needed on important policy issues, and he could be a leader right now helping Silicon Valley companies figure out a gig economy that works for workers. He has a different set of superpowers than those needed to be the DNC Chair."

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Vocal critic of Putin launches quixotic campaign for presidency of Russia

BY ANDREW ROTH

MOSCOW — Even in an era of political upsets, this one's a long shot.

Alexei Navalny, the opposition politician who helped lead street protests against Russian President Vladimir Putin here in 2011, announced Tuesday that he would run for president of Russia in 2018, sending a rare jolt of electricity through Russia's subdued opposition.

"I will take part in elections for the presidency of Russia," the vocal critic of Putin declared in a video released on the Internet. "Genuine elections are not just the victory of one person. They're a clash of ideas, competition between programs."

Navalny's candidacy, the first declared by any politician, marks the beginning a long election cycle that seems headed for one inevitable conclusion: a victor anointed by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

There's a good chance that will be Putin himself.

But the Russian leader, who turned 64 in October, has not said whether he will stand for reelection. He has served as president of Russia for three terms since 2000, a perpetual administration broken only by a stint as prime minister. He has no heir apparent.

Much has changed since Navalny, an anti-corruption activist who used his status as an investor in state companies to expose corruption, emerged as a leader of Russia's "White Ribbon" protests in 2011.

The demonstrations, mainly in Moscow, united left- and right-wing political activists with middle-class and liberal intelligentsia in a rare outburst of anger at Putin's return that year to the presidency.

Since then, Russia has annexed Crimea, to the delight of Putin's base; coordination between opposition groups has collapsed; and demonstrators have been targeted in criminal cases, with some receiving years of hard time in Russian prisons. Boris Nemtsov, a former deputy prime minister and one of Putin's most vocal critics, was gunned down in sight of the Kremlin in 2015.

Navalny's brother Oleg was sentenced to 3½ years in jail on embezzlement charges in 2014. Alexei also was charged in several prosecutions that he called politically motivated and received a suspended sentence for embezzlement in 2013.

Convicted criminals cannot run for president in Russia. But the conviction was overturned this year after criticism by the European Court on Human Rights. Navalny is facing a retrial; a guilty verdict would end his candidacy.

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In Pakistan, fear and hope about Trump

Though his statements have some worried, others see 'silver lining' in having a brash dealmaker take on intractable issues

BY PAMELA CONSTABLE

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN — First there was a moment of panic, when Pakistanis struggled to absorb the news last month that Donald Trump, who had threatened to bar foreign Muslims from the United States and suggested it was time to "get tough" with Pakistan for sheltering terrorists, was the U.S. president-elect.

Then came a moment of glory, when Trump showered compliments on Pakistan in a phone call with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif two weeks ago, using words like "fantastic" and "terrific," and hinting casually that he would be willing to help Muslim-majority Pakistan solve its historic differences with India, a much larger Hindu-led rival next door.

Now both the shock and euphoria have worn off, leaving Pakistanis scrambling to prepare for an unpredictable new phase in their country's wary but enduring partnership with Washington, which has included Cold War and anti-terrorism military alliances as well as sharp differences over Pakistan's nuclear testing and harboring of Islamist insurgents.

Last week, the Pakistani government sent a special emissary, Tariq Fatemi, to Washington, where he hinted broadly that Sharif might like to attend Trump's inauguration and said he believed the incoming administration would provide Pakistan with "a fresh opportunity to burnish its credentials" with the United States.

Pakistanis do have reason to believe that Trump's long-distance offer to mediate with India was more than a throwaway line. Vice President-elect Mike Pence repeated that offer in a clear, deliberate statement several days ago, saying the administration planned to be "fully engaged in both nations" and was prepared to play a "pivotal role" in resolving the key dispute over Kashmir.

And, after the initial worry here that Trump's limited knowledge of foreign affairs and anti-Muslim suspicions might work against the nation's interests, some Pakistani experts are now positing that there might be a "silver lining" in having a brash dealmaker in the White House, unburdened by historical caveats and eager to make his mark.

India has adamantly resisted past U.S. offers to mediate over Kashmir, the border region claimed by both countries that has recently been roiled by violent protests and terrorism attacks. In October, a high-profile effort by Sharif at the United Nations to draw attention to abuses by Indian troops there was undercut by a gruesome attack that killed 17 Indian soldiers, and which India immediately blamed on Pakistan.

"The key issue for the U.S. is that escalation could spark a conflict between two nuclear powers," said Awais Leghari, who is chairman of the foreign affairs committee in Pakistan's Parliament. "We cannot resolve these issues without superpower help, and it needs someone who is out of the box, someone radical enough to put an international hand into a sincere effort.

"But this is more than a simple phone call," he added. "It needs a lot of hard work."

Other Pakistani voices, however, caution that Trump is far more likely to lean toward India, a country where he has made serious investments — including Trump Towers in two cities — and whose leaders have made a concerted effort to woo America in the past few years.

"For all Trump's praise, Washington's tilt to India is real," said Huma Yusuf, a columnist for Pakistan's Dawn newspaper. "We should be less caught up with his gushing words."

The larger issue bedeviling Pakistan's relationship with the United States — its ambivalent role in insurgent-plagued Afghanistan — has a more direct effect on American interests and lives, with about 10,000 U.S. troops still on the ground. Pakistani officials, stressing their long cooperation with U.S. drone strikes and other anti-terrorism measures along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, said they hope the Trump administration will be more appreciative of their peacemaking efforts and internal insurgent threats.

But experts here said this will be a far more difficult case for Pakistan to make. This week, Pakistani newspapers gave prominent coverage to statements by senior U.S. officials, including Gen. John W. Nicholson, the top commander in Afghanistan, that the Haqqani network, long based in Pakistan, is the single-most serious threat to Afghanistan's security. "They do enjoy sanctuary inside Pakistan," Nicholson said. The White House spokesman voiced a similar concern.

Senior Pakistani officials said they take the long view of their country's relationship with the United States, which has been dominated by military and intelligence ties. They stressed the close bilateral collaboration during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the 1980s and in the war on terror after the 9/11 attacks, and expressed confidence that this closeness will survive, no matter who is in the White House.

"Our relationship with the United States is almost as old as Pakistan itself. There have been ups and downs, but overall we have remained very close," Sartaz Aziz, the government's senior foreign policy official, said in an interview Thursday. "Through both Republican and Democratic administrations, there has been a broad continuity in policy, and we fully expect our relations will continue on an uphill trajectory."

Officials here said they also want to reassure the incoming administration that their relations with other countries are not a "zero-sum game" and are independent of their policies toward the United States. They insisted that their deepening economic trade and plans for a major transportation corridor to China do not represent a "pivot" away from their longtime economic and military links with Washington.

Aziz also insisted that Pakistan, like the United States, wants to see Afghanistan become peaceful and stable. He said that Pakistan has been "frustrated" that its efforts to arrange peace talks with the Taliban have failed, and that rising attacks in Afghanistan have been partly the result of Pakistan's military raids to drive the insurgents out of the tribal border areas. "To blame everything on Pakistani sanctuaries is simplistic," he said.

So far, Trump has hewed more closely to the Obama administration's thinking on Afghanistan, although he has suggested at different times that he might withdraw U.S. forces or keep them there. But when it comes to the broader issue of Islamist terrorism, Trump has been consistently strong in his views that it must be stopped — and he has shown no qualms about playing hardball with Pakistan on the subject.

Just six months ago, in a comment that infuriated Pakistanis, Trump told Fox News that he might force Pakistan to release a local doctor, Shakeel Afridi, who was sent to prison after being accused of spying for the United States by running a fake vaccination campaign in the area where Osama bin Laden was killed in 2011 by U.S. Special Operations forces. The doctor is widely viewed here as a traitor.

Trump, then in the early stages of his presidential campaign, boasted bluntly that he could get Afridi freed "in two minutes" because Pakistan receives so much American aid. The United States, he declared, "can't help Pakistan as long as it punishes people who help the war on terror."

Pakistan's interior minister, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, reacted with great umbrage, saying the statement "serves to show not only his insensitivity, but also his ignorance about Pakistan."

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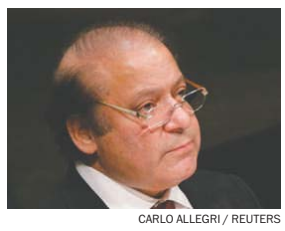

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Pakistan's daily papers, top, carried news of Donald Trump's election victory on their front pages. As a candidate, Trump had talked about getting tough with Pakistan, but in a recent call with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, above left, he complimented the country and hinted he might help solve its differences with India.

DIGEST

ITALY

2 convicted in sinking that killed 700 migrants

A judge in Sicily on Tuesday convicted a ship captain and a crew mate in the April 2015 sinking off Libya that killed 700 people in the Mediterranean's worst-known migrant disaster.

The Tunisian captain, Mohammad Ali Malek, was sentenced to 18 years in prison and fined 9 million euros (about $9.5 million). He was convicted of multiple manslaughter counts. His Syrian crew mate, Mahmud Bikhit, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined 9 million euros for facilitating illegal immigration.

Malek was accused of inadvertently ramming the overloaded fishing boat into a cargo ship that had come to its rescue on April 18, 2015. The boat flipped after passengers rushed to one side, trying to get off. Only 28 survived.

The Italian navy brought the wreck to the surface this year and recovered about 700 bodies.

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IRAN

U.S. sanctions measure spurs retaliatory moves

Iran's president on Tuesday ordered officials to draw up plans to build nuclear-powered ships and to show how the United States violated last year's nuclear deal, a response to a vote by the U.S. Congress to extend some sanctions on the country.

The moves by President Hassan Rouhani were widely seen as posturing that would not affect the nuclear deal that Iran reached with six major world powers.

The Iran Sanctions Act awaits President Obama's signature to become law.

In a letter, Rouhani gave Ali Akbar Salehi of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization three months to come up with a plan for nuclear-powered ships and produce fuel for them. A separate letter ordered Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif to "follow up on the U.S. violations" of the nuclear deal.

Rouhani "said the measures were warranted in light of the United States' foot-dragging in fulfilling its commitments under the multilateral nuclear deal . . . and the recent ratification of anti-Iran legislation in the U.S. Congress," state television reported.

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Participants gather for a Chinese state ceremony marking the anniversary of the 1937 Nanjing massacre at the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall in Nanjing. China last year made Dec. 13 a national memorial day for those who were killed by invading Japanese troops.

EUROPEAN UNION

Turkey's crackdown hurts membership talks

The European Union on Tuesday expressed deep concern about Turkey's security crackdown since a coup attempt in July but stopped short of officially freezing membership talks with the country.

At talks in Brussels, E.U. foreign and European affairs ministers decided that no new sections of Turkey's accession negotiations should be started — an attempt to balance their concerns about the crackdown against their need for Ankara to manage Europe's refugee crisis.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has ordered the detention of tens of thousands of people and forced many more from public service jobs in recent months. On Tuesday, the Interior Ministry said 568 people had been detained in the past two days over their alleged affiliation with the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.

Turkey began membership talks in October 2005, but they have moved at a snail's pace and are now virtually frozen.

Saying that "Turkey is drifting today," France's European affairs minister, Harlem Désir, declared that "there will be no new chapters opened," referring to the 35 policy areas that all candidates for membership must address.

Ankara has started negotiations in 15 of the 35 chapters. Only one chapter — science and research — has been closed.

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3 key Islamic State militants killed in Syria: U.S. airstrikes killed three key leaders of the Islamic State group in Syria, including two involved in the November 2015 attacks in Paris that killed 130 people, Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter told U.S. airmen at a base in Italy. His spokesman said the three were killed in a Dec. 4 airstrike in Raqqa, the de facto capital of the group's self-proclaimed caliphate.

Aftershocks drive Indonesians from homes: The number of people displaced by last week's earthquake in Indonesia's Aceh province has jumped to more than 85,000 as aftershocks drive people from their homes, the nation's disaster agency said. A spokesman said there have been nearly 90 aftershocks since the 6.5-magnitude quake, which killed 102 people and injured nearly 900.

— From news services

Moving embassy to Jerusalem is a 'very big priority' for Trump

Action would break long precedent on Israel and may roil the Middle East

BY CAROL MORELLO AND RUTH EGLASH

Every four years, presidential candidates routinely signal their support for moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. Then, after they're sworn into office, they balk when faced with the potential ramifications.

Comments from Donald Trump aides and the mayor of Jerusalem, though, suggest that Trump could be poised to discard yet another diplomatic axiom and relocate the embassy "fairly quickly" after he enters the White House. That move would be highly political, effectively meaning that the United States was recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, which it has refused to do for decades out of concern about provoking Palestinians who want part of the city to become their own capital.

"They are serious about this," Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat said Tuesday after returning from a trip to the United States, where he met with transition aides whom he declined to identify. "I am optimistic that this will happen sooner rather than later."

The question of Jerusalem's status is the most sensitive and complicated issue in the long-running conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. It is fraught with political, religious and nationalist implications that potentially could create an uproar throughout the Middle East and the world's 1.5 billion Muslims.

Trump will have an opportunity to decide the fate of the U.S. diplomatic mission on June 1, at the expiration of another six-month waiver President Obama signed to the Jerusalem Embassy Act passed by Congress in 1995 mandating that the embassy be moved by 1999.

Jerusalem sits in the middle of the contested land, figuratively and literally. To avoid the appearance of favorites, the United States and every other country place their embassies in and around the commercial city of Tel Aviv and drive to Jerusalem to meet government officials.

The armistice lines from before the 1967 war are considered the broad starting point, with some modifications, for any final settlement that would end up with two states, a Jewish state for Israelis beside a Palestinian state for Arabs. During the campaign, Trump repeatedly promised that if elected he would "100 percent" move the embassy.

About a week after the election, Jason Greenblatt, a real estate lawyer and Trump adviser, told Israel's Army radio that Trump was "going to do it." That confidence was reinforced Monday when Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway said moving the embassy was a "very big priority" for Trump.

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> Yousef Munayyer, executive director of the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights

But because Jerusalem's final status can be used as a bargaining chip, diplomats have advised presidents against giving it up outside the context of a peace deal.

"It's hard to argue you could harm an already-comatose peace process, but you don't want to make matters worse," said Aaron David Miller, a former State Department official who advised Republican and Democratic administrations on the Middle East. "And you do want to maintain the hope and illusion that under some circumstances, a two-state solution is possible. By forcing the issue upfront as an immediate act of the Trump administration, you're essentially burying that possibility."

The move would be unpopular among Arabs across the Middle East and make it even more difficult for Arab governments to acknowledge publicly that they have been developing under-the-table relations with Israel, said Yousef Munayyer, executive director of the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights.

"It would fan the flames of a region already on fire," he said. "I don't think anyone benefits from that very much."

Meanwhile, a large plot of land in West Jerusalem has sat barren for a quarter-century, while the United States pays $1 a year to Israel on a 99-year lease for a site where an embassy could be built some day. The plot is within the 1967 borders, and even if there were a peace deal, it would still be inside Israel.

"Rationally, there's a historic injustice that the United States does not have an embassy in West Jerusalem," said David Makovsky, an analyst with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"Palestinians would say this is a great cherry on the top *after* a deal," he added. "The problem is, nobody believes a grand deal is in the offing. So to link it to a deal is like linking to the end of the rainbow."

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Colombian court gives boost to deal with rebels

'Fast-track' plan for implementing peace accord wins approval

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A FARC member at a camp in northern Colombia. The rebel group has some 6,000 heavily armed fighters deployed across Colombia's jungles and mountains, and Tuesday's ruling clears the way for them to begin to demobilize and disarm in the coming weeks.

Colombia's peace deal with leftist rebels cleared a critical hurdle Tuesday as the country's highest court ruled in favor of the government's "fast-track" plan to quickly implement the agreement.

The 8-to-1 decision by Colombia's Constitutional Court means that President Juan Manuel Santos can seek expedited congressional approval for the laws and constitutional changes he needs for the peace accord with the rebels to take effect.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, has some 6,000 heavily armed fighters deployed across Colombia's jungles and mountains, and Tuesday's ruling clears the way for them to begin to demobilize and disarm in the coming weeks. The terms call for their 52-year war against the government, the longest-running conflict in the Americas, to end as the rebels move into camps, where the United Nations is to collect their weapons over a six-month period.

Had the judges ruled against the government's plan, the peace deal would have had to proceed through Colombia's Congress along a slower, traditional legislative path. Santos insisted that the cease-fire with the FARC was too fragile to wait that long and said the peace deal would be at risk of falling apart or getting bogged down in lengthy congressional debates.

Instead, the streamlined approach reduces the number of legislative sessions and allows for up-or-down votes on the key elements of the accord. It effectively prevents lawmakers from making changes to the deal signed by the government and the rebels Nov. 24.

The court's decision comes three days after Santos received the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end a war that has killed more than 220,000 and driven at least 7 million Colombians from their homes.

After nearly four years of talks between government negotiators and FARC commanders in Havana, the two sides announced a peace deal in September and staged an elaborate signing ceremony. But Colombian voters rejected that accord less than a week later in a special referendum, sending the belligerents back to the bargaining table.

Their 2.0 agreement won new concessions from the rebels, including financial reparations to victims of the conflict. But Santos opted to bypass voters and take the revised accord straight to Colombia's Congress, which approved it this month.

The accord's opponents, led by former president Álvaro Uribe, abstained from the congressional voting while denouncing Santos for skipping a new referendum. They allege that the revised pact is still too soft on FARC chieftains guilty of terrorism, kidnapping and murder, and they say it creates a path for convicted war criminals to leap into electoral politics.

But Tuesday's court ruling means opponents of the peace accord will have little or no chance to amend or alter its terms. The judges determined that Colombia's elected lawmakers possess the requisite "democratic legitimacy" to approve the deal without the need for a new referendum.

With elections coming in 2018, Santos feared that the accord would become a political football next year.

The first item on the legislative agenda will be the "amnesty law" that FARC leaders insist should be in place so that its fighters can move into the U.N.-run camps without risk of arrest.

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U.S. tweaks military aid to Saudi Arabia in 'corrective measure'

Intelligence-sharing curtailed in wake of civilian deaths in Yemen

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The Obama administration will curtail some intelligence-sharing with Saudi Arabia following a review of military assistance, a U.S. official said, but it will expand support in other areas despite intense criticism of Saudi strikes on civilians during the kingdom's air war in Yemen.

The carrot-and-stick approach reflects an attempt by U.S. officials, increasingly uncomfortable with support for an operation that has been widely condemned by rights groups, to distance themselves from the Yemen campaign without alienating a core Middle Eastern ally.

"This is not a punitive measure; it's a corrective measure," said a senior U.S. official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal decision-making. "We have to be careful not to cut back on things that serve our interests in the process of trying to cut back on things that don't serve our interest."

The White House launched the high-level review of U.S. assistance in October, after a Saudi airstrike that killed more than 100 people at a Yemeni funeral. The incident, one of a series of apparent Saudi attacks on civilian targets in the kingdom's war against Shiite Houthi rebels, prompted the White House to warn that U.S. aid was "not a blank check."

Now, following months of deliberation, the administration has reached a set of interim conclusions, the official said, including a decision to reduce sharing of intelligence that the United States believes could be used to conduct similar problematic strikes in the Houthi campaign.

At the same time, U.S. officials will continue or even increase other kinds of intelligence-sharing, on targets such as al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula or when the United States sees legitimate Saudi concerns about Houthi aggression. The rebels, suspected of ties to Iran, have repeatedly launched attacks across the Saudi border.

While the modest changes are an acknowledgment that U.S. attempts to urge greater Saudi restraint have failed, they mostly tweak around the margins of a military relationship that has been central to U.S. goals in the Middle East. According to the Congressional Research Service, the United States concluded $58 billion in arms deals with Saudi Arabia from fiscal 2009 to 2015.

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> A senior U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity

The administration has also decided to shelve the planned sale of $390 million worth of precision munitions-guidance systems to Saudi Arabia. Some rights groups have called for a suspension of arms sales by the United States and other countries, pointing to the repeated appearance of U.S. munitions at the sites of Saudi strikes on civilian targets.

The United States will also retool its training for the Saudi air force in an attempt to resolve "some of their structural, endemic problems with their targeting practices," the official said, and will maintain only a small presence of U.S. military personnel at a Saudi command center in Riyadh.

"Either they will take that to heart and they will listen to us more or, at a minimum, we will no longer be providing assistance to some of their practices," the official said.

A spokesman for the Saudi military was not immediately available for comment.

But the Obama administration will also expand support in other areas, as officials scramble to avoid further damage to bilateral ties already shaken by President Obama's nuclear deal with Iran. Officials declined to give details on the expanded support for the defense of the Saudi border but said it would include greater intelligence-sharing related to that threat.

With "the combination of the plus-ups and the curtailment, we hope that that will send a message that this is not an inimical, hostile gesture," the official said.

Brian Katulis, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, said the move was unlikely to impact Saudi behavior or change the course of the Yemen conflict.

"Shifts in policy like this, similar to the Obama administration's decision to hold back delivery of certain military aid to Egypt in 2013, send a muddled message and end up squandering America's potential leverage in a conversation about how we can work together to advance common interests like stability in Yemen," he said.

In an indication of the difficulty of disentangling support for operations targeting Houthis within Yemen from those defending Saudi borders, the United States will continue to use its tanker aircraft to refuel Saudi planes in midair, which has been a major component of U.S. assistance to the Yemen operation.

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Who gets a Russian Order of Friendship?

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MOSCOW — You don't have to be a close friend of President Vladimir Putin to be awarded Russia's Order of Friendship, much less the globe-trotting head of one of the world's most powerful corporations.

You can be a basketball coach who couldn't cut it in Cleveland. Or a museum director in Minnesota who's just happy to know that Putin isn't angry at him for holding on to a large collection of Russian paintings.

So although there might be plenty of valid concerns about the Russian entanglements of Rex Tillerson, the ExxonMobil chief executive who has been tapped by President-elect Donald Trump to be the next secretary of state, his 2013 Order of Friendship award, based on its own merits, isn't necessarily one of them.

Tillerson was given the award after signing deals with the state-owned Russian oil company Rosneft, whose chief, Igor Sechin, is seen as a loyal Putin lieutenant. The partnership began a drilling program in the Arctic's Kara Sea, where Exxon made a find, and had agreed to explore shale oil areas of West Siberia and the deep waters of the Black Sea. But U.S. sanctions against Russia over the annexation of Crimea kicked in and the partnership was put on hold.

ExxonMobil spent $650 million to drill an exploratory well in the Kara Sea and had gotten just a measly sample of oil, said Mikhail Krutikhin, co-owner of RusEnergy, an independent oil and gas consultancy. (The head of the Italian oil company Eni also won a 2013 Order of Friendship.)

Note to Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), who called Putin's honoring of Tillerson "unnerving": The Wichita Falls native is not even the first "Texan who conquered Russia" to earn one.

That would be the pianist Van Cliburn, to whom Putin awarded an Order of Friendship in 2004 for, among other things, his 1958 first-place showing in the International Tchaikovsky Competition. The people most unnerved by that were the organizers of the event, who never dreamed that a 23-year-old raised in Kilgore, Tex., could swoop into Moscow and walk away with the prize in an event that was supposed to showcase Soviet piano mastery. Cliburn died at 78 in 2013.

Since it was established in 1994 by Russia's president at the time, Boris Yeltsin, the order has gone out to a number of less-prominent Americans, historians and business figures, as well as one arguably unsuccessful National Basketball Association coach.

This past January, David Blatt was fired midway through his second season, even though his Cleveland Cavaliers were in first place. What wasn't good enough for Cleveland, which went on to win the NBA title, was perfectly fine for the Kremlin. Blatt was awarded an Order of Friendship in 2014 for his successes as the head coach of the Russian national team between 2006 and 2012, a run that included a gold medal in the 2007 European Championship and an Olympic bronze medal in 2012.

Not only do you not have to be a friend of Putin to get the award, but you can also be someone worried about getting on the Kremlin leader's bad side.

In 2006, Raymond E. Johnson, founder of the Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis, was awarded an Order of Friendship in recognition of 20 years of efforts to enhance cultural understanding between Russia and the United States.

Johnson and his wife, Susan, according to the museum's website, "have acquired what is believed to be the largest privately owned collection of Russian Realist paintings outside the borders of the former Soviet Union."

In a 2012 interview, Johnson recalled that his Order of Friendship brought relief that Russia didn't consider him an enemy.

"What this meant to me was that they were proud of what we were doing and not angry about our having a large part of their art history," he said.

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Fight in Aleppo nears end, but war in Syria goes on

ALEPPO FROM A1

the catastrophe of the Syrian war.

Last-minute diplomacy to rescue the tens of thousands of people trapped by the fighting or because they fear being detained by loyalist forces generated a deal brokered by Russia and Turkey on Tuesday to evacuate the last rebel-controlled enclave.

The deal would see rebel holdouts and perhaps also the civilians still living there evacuated on buses to other rebel-held areas in the north of the province of Aleppo or the nearby province of Idlib, according to Russian officials and rebel spokesmen. But exact details were unclear, and U.S. officials said they were doubtful it would be implemented fully, if at all.

"We remain skeptical," said one U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a quickly changing situation. "We've seen these kind of declarations before by the Russians and the regime, and just as many times we've seen them violated and broken."

If the evacuation does not go ahead, an even bigger nightmare could unfold, U.N. agencies and human rights groups warned. Jens Laerke, the U.N. humanitarian spokesman, called the scenario in Aleppo "a complete meltdown of humanity."

There have already been disturbing reports of abuses as Assad loyalists converged in recent days on former rebel strongholds that had been fighting against the government. The U.N. Human Rights Council said it had been given the names of 82 civilians who were killed in summary executions in two neighborhoods on Monday. According to Rupert Colville, spokesman for the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, the reports asserted that Syrian soldiers and allied Iraqi militiamen had entered homes and killed people "on the spot." Among them were 11 women and 13 children, he said.

Tens of thousands of people who fled the neighborhoods overrun in recent days have sought refuge in the tiny enclave still under opposition control, joining the residents who were already there and creating chaos in the cramped streets. People stumbled over the bodies of the dead as they fled for their lives ahead of advancing government troops, and they now fear for their lives should they be caught, said Zouhir al-Shimale, an activist who lives in one of the last rebel-held neighborhoods.

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Fighters of the Free Syrian Army fire an antiaircraft weapon Monday in the rebel-held Mashhad area in southeastern Aleppo. The rebel groups have lost most of their positions in the city.

Sources: IHS Jane's Conflict Monitor as of Dec. 13, OpenStreetMap, ESA Sentinel

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Most people now only want the chance to escape the area safely and welcomed the news of Tuesday's deal with "a kind of shock of happiness," said Shimale, who was among those who joined in the uprising against Assad's rule. But now, he said, all anyone can think about is getting out.

"It's dead. It's over, and no one cares," he said.

The rout of the rebels gives the Assad government its biggest victory yet in the five-year-old war. It won't, however, change the course of the conflict, which was all but sealed by Russia's military intervention more than a year ago. That Assad is in no danger of being toppled has been clear since Russian airstrikes began turning back rebel gains, putting beyond doubt that the opposition would ever be able to overthrow his regime in Damascus.

It also won't end the war. The rebels still control large areas of northwestern Syria, much of the countryside of southern Syria and several pockets of territory around Damascus and near Homs.

But the endgame in Aleppo does change the parameters of the conflict, leaving the rebels with no hold over any strategically significant area of the country and no real bargaining chip to try to force the government into a negotiated settlement. Coming weeks before the inauguration of a new U.S. president, Donald Trump, it leaves the Obama administration's five-year-old policy of using rebel gains to force Assad to compromise in shreds.

The bloodshed could now intensify, diplomats fear, as an emboldened government, backed by its Russian and Iranian allies, steps up its efforts to fulfill Assad's promise to reclaim all of the territory lost to the rebels.

Whether they can, at least any time soon, is a different question. It has been three years since government forces turned the tide in Aleppo and began taking back rebel areas.

And the war, which has claimed, by most estimates, at least 400,000 lives, has since become much more complicated.

The Islamic State now controls more than a third of the eastern part of the country, and has drawn the United States into Syria's war. While attention was focused on the battle for Aleppo, the militants recaptured the Syrian city of Palmyra, overrunning in just three days loyalist positions that had been depleted by diversions to the Aleppo front.

Syrian Kurds are now governing a big area in northeastern Syria that Assad has also said he wants to reclaim. Turkish troops have intervened in another area of the north of the country and control a chunk of territory alongside a force of allied rebels.

"Two things are absolutely clear here," said the U.S. official. "One, the regime doesn't have capability to end this war, even with Russia's backing, and the scorched-earth approach that they're taking is only going to attract more extremists."

Aleppo will nonetheless be remembered as a symbolic milestone, the final death of a dream of a more democratic Syria that had waned long ago. The brutality of the government crackdown and the reluctance of world powers to pressure the Assad regime into softening its tactics exposed shortcomings in the global system of laws and norms designed to ameliorate the suffering of civilians in war.

Aleppo represents "the death of respect for international law and the rules of war," according to David Miliband, who heads the International Rescue Committee, an aid agency.

U.S. Sens. John McCain and Lindsey O. Graham, who have long advocated a more assertive U.S. policy toward Syria, said Aleppo would go down in history as one of the great failures of the international community to halt human rights abuses.

"The name Aleppo will echo through history, like Srebrenica and Rwanda, as a testament to our moral failure and everlasting shame," the senators said, citing the locations of major atrocities in the Bosnian war and in Africa.

And Aleppo also became a symbol of the failures of the Syrian revolution, which began with peaceful protests against a dictatorial regime but mutated into an armed rebellion that also violated many of those international rules.

In Aleppo, rebels looted homes and factories. They squabbled, fragmented and turned on one another, even in the last days of the siege, battling one another for control over stockpiled weapons, according to rebel commanders and residents of the city. A sizable number embraced the extremist visions of Islam that so alarmed the United States and its Western allies that promises of more significant support were never fulfilled.

And now the shattered city stands as a symbol too of a wrecked and polarized country. West Aleppo, which always remained in government hands, is still largely intact, though rebel shelling killed many civilians there, too. Tens of thousands of civilians from eastern Syria have sought refuge there in recent days, streaming across the front line clutching bags and blankets.

East Aleppo, which was under rebel control, is destroyed.

Syrian state television broadcast live footage throughout the day on Tuesday showing its reporters roaming through the ruins of the newly reconquered neighborhoods, trumpeting the government's victory as they climbed over piles of rubble, peered into abandoned homes and sifted through the remains of rebel defenses. There was no other sign of life in the empty streets.

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Eli Lilly offers insulin discount after years of price hikes

Diabetes drug companies face pressure from added scrutiny of pricing tactics

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

Under pressure from politicians and patient groups, diabetes pharmaceutical giants have been taking action in recent weeks to limit the effect of rising insulin prices on patients.

On Tuesday, Eli Lilly said that, starting in January, patients who pay the full retail price for insulin will be eligible for a 40 percent discount. Earlier this month, Novo Nordisk said it would limit its price increases on insulin to a single-digit percentage each year.

The Eli Lilly discount program will help only people who have no insurance or who are in the high-deductible phase of a health plan. But the action is part of a widening public discussion among drug companies in response to scrutiny of the pharmaceutical industry's pricing practices.

Insulin prices have increased at a rate well above inflation over the past two decades. A version of insulin with a list price of $17 a vial in 1997 is priced at $138 today. A two-decade-old insulin that launched at $21 a vial now costs $255.

Some industry leaders have argued that unless pharmaceutical companies address problems of access and affordability, they might face adverse government actions. President-elect Donald Trump recently said that he plans to intervene to curb rising drug prices, although he did not provide details.

"I'm going to bring down drug prices," Trump told Time magazine in a story published last week. "I don't like what has happened with drug prices."

Eli Lilly said that it decided to offer the discount program after months of meeting with leaders in the patient community. People will be able to order the drug at a discount through a company called Blink Health, which operates a website and an app.

"We understand the burden people face when paying full price for insulin," Mike Mason, vice president of Lilly Diabetes, said in a statement.

Lilly makes several insulin products. The list price of its 20-year-old insulin Humalog has increased from $21 a vial in 1996 to $255 today. Last month, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.) requested an investigation into the lockstep price increases of competing insulins, suggesting that the companies might be coordinating on pricing.

Insulin companies have denied any collusion, and Lilly has said that despite list price increases, the rebates it grants have washed out the effect of price increases since 2009.

The companies have also taken the opportunity to highlight the convoluted system of middlemen and reimbursement systems that help determine how much a drug costs for insurers and patients, arguing that to focus on the steady list-price increases that have become standard practice is misleading.

"The health care system is incredibly complex, and we hope this program is a first step that will drive more thinking and innovative solutions for people with diabetes," Enrique Conterno, president of Lilly Diabetes, said in a news release. "A more extensive solution will require leadership and cooperation across many stakeholders, including manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, insurers and patients. We're committed to seeking additional solutions so that everyone who uses insulin has reasonable access."

Health insurers hire pharmacy benefit managers to negotiate secret rebates on their behalf. Patients typically pay a portion of the drug price through a co-pay or coinsurance. That is how most people with insurance have been obtaining their drugs.

With a shift toward high-deductible plans and a wave of criticism from politicians, drug companies have shown growing impatience with the system, as it has become clear that some patients are being directly affected by list prices.

Novo Nordisk's U.S. president, Jakob Riis, said on his company's website that the drug pricing system needs to be transformed.

"All in all, we've simply tried maintaining a profit margin that has been dropping significantly since health policy changed in the U.S.," Riis wrote. "With that, we also need to work together to improve the system and create more transparency."

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Blind man travels unaccompanied in Google driverless car

Trip is the first time a non-Google employee has ridden alone in one of the vehicles after more than 2 million miles of testing on public roads

BY ASHLEY HALSEY III AND MICHAEL LARIS

A blind man has successfully traveled around Austin — unaccompanied — in a car without a steering wheel or floor pedals, Google announced Tuesday.

After years of testing by Google engineers and employees, the company's new level of confidence in its fully autonomous technology was described as a milestone.

"We've had almost driverless technology for a decade," said Google engineer Nathaniel Fairfield. "It's the hard parts of driving that really take the time and the effort to do right."

Steve Mahan, who is legally blind, was the first non-Google employee to ride alone in the company's gumdrop-shaped autonomous car.

"It is like driving with a very good driver," Mahan said. "If you close your eyes when you're riding with somebody, you get a sense of whether this is a good driver or whether they're not. These self-driving cars drive like a very good driver."

Google says it has driven more than 2 million miles on public roads to test its vehicles.

"In early 2015, we began to see some signs that we were getting close," Fairfield said. "The cars were going for longer and longer times without the humans having to intervene."

Fairfield said the company spent six months scrutinizing the vehicle's performance before Mahan was allowed to set out alone.

"That is a whole different beast — to get that driver out of the car, to take off the training wheels," Fairfield said.

Mahan said: "I had the greatest time driving around a neighborhood in Austin, Texas. It was so much fun, being aware that the vehicle was navigating intersections and I was in good hands, perfectly safe."

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Steve Mahan, who is blind, tests a self-driving car in Austin. "These cars will change the life prospects of people such as myself," he said.

The car Mahan rode in had a backup computer and multiple systems to control it.

"If you removed the driver from the loop, you really have to have your backups," said Dmitri Dolgov, who heads technological development for Google's self-driving effort.

Mahan said: "This is a hope of independence. These cars will change the life prospects of people such as myself. I want very much to become a member of the driving public again."

Google also announced Tuesday that it is spinning off its self-driving-car project into a company called Waymo, an independent division under Google's parent company, Alphabet.

John Krafcik, chief executive of Waymo, said the Austin solo ride is an indication that "we're close to bringing this to a lot of people."

Costa Samaras, an automation expert at Carnegie Mellon University, said the move by Waymo "puts a marker down that says to Uber, Lyft and auto companies that the race to capture market share in driverless mobility has begun in earnest."

Samaras said that "without a human in the loop, there's also now a lot less room for computer error in case something goes wrong. I'm guessing Waymo has run these numbers and is betting on the computer."

Google was among the first technology companies to plunge into an area traditionally dominated by automakers in Detroit and elsewhere in the world. After initial testing by its employees, the company embraced a decision to put fully autonomous cars on the road — probably without steering wheels or floor pedals — from the outset. In that decision, Google became an outlier, as the existing industry, mindful of its need to sell cars each year, took an approach intended to introduce self-driving features incrementally.

The Google announcement came on a day when the Obama administration proposed a rule that would require all new cars to be able to communicate with other cars wirelessly, a move that advocates said could save lives but that also raises privacy and hacking concerns among opponents.

The wireless box could, for instance, tell a car to brake when another vehicle is about to run a red light. Federal officials said the required technology "will not collect, broadcast or share information linked or linkable, as a practical matter, to individuals or their vehicles."

Vehicle-to-vehicle communication is considered an essential building block toward autonomous vehicles by some — but not all — of the companies working to develop them.

"If they're connected to each other, then we likely will not need signs, markings or even traffic signals," said Jim Barbaresso, vice president for intelligent transportation systems at HNTB Infrastructure Solutions. "Cars could go through intersections without hitting each other, without the need of a traffic signal."

Fairfield said direct vehicle-to-vehicle communication is an asset but less than essential to putting autonomous cars on the road.

"There is vehicle technology where the car is telling you it's going to hit the brakes or how much it's braking," Fairfield said. "That's somewhat useful, but we can [determine] that with radars and lasers and cameras, so it's not that useful."

The Competitive Enterprise Institute, a Washington-based conservative think tank, called the administration's rulemaking bid a "midnight" move. Marc Scribner, a research fellow, said the incoming Trump administration should immediately withdraw the "dangerous" proposal.

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MERGERS

Monsanto investors approve Bayer deal

Monsanto shareholders on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved a $57 billion merger with Bayer, a deal that would combine two of the world's biggest agricultural companies.

Preliminary results showed that 99 percent of all votes cast favored the merger announced in September, Monsanto said. Shareholders will receive $128 a share in cash at the closing of the merger, which must receive regulatory approval. Monsanto expects the deal to close by the end of 2017.

"This is an important milestone as we work to combine our two complementary companies and deliver on our shared vision for the future of agriculture," Monsanto chairman and chief executive Hugh Grant said in a statement.

Bayer, the German medicine and farm-chemical maker, and Monsanto, the U.S. maker of seeds, pesticides and other agricultural products, have faced concern from government and agriculture industry leaders who worry the merger will hurt farmers by reducing competition.

National Farmers Union President Roger Johnson urged the Justice Department to "reject this and other pending and future deals that further cripple marketplace competition."

— Associated Press

FOOD INDUSTRY

ConAgra gets record fine in salmonella case

A federal judge in Georgia has approved the largest criminal fine for a food-borne illness in the United States, resolving a decade-long case against ConAgra for shipping Peter Pan peanut butter tainted with salmonella.

The settlement calls for ConAgra to pay $11.2 million, including an $8 million fine that the Justice Department said is unprecedented. It also includes $3.2 million in cash forfeitures to the U.S. government.

A ConAgra executive pleaded guilty Tuesday on behalf of the company to a misdemeanor charge of shipping adulterated food. Leo Knowles, president of ConAgra Grocery Products, entered the plea before U.S. District Court Judge W. Louis Sands.

The guilty plea settles a criminal investigation into the source of the salmonella blamed for sickening at least 625 people in 47 states.

— Associated Press

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A construction worker for the Sri Lankan Ministry of Ports and Shipping in the capital, Colombo, takes part in an attempt to construct the world's tallest artificial Christmas tree. The Guinness World Records mark, more than 180 feet, was set last year in China.

ALSO IN BUSINESS

- **Two Secret Santas** have been paying off tens of thousands of dollars of layaway accounts at department stores in Pennsylvania. A man who goes by the name "Santa B" has been clearing layaway tabs at Walmart stores in central Pennsylvania for at least three years. This year, he paid off $166,000 worth of accounts, WPVI-TV in Philadelphia reported. Another anonymous Santa paid off layaway bills at a Kmart in Ridley Township.
- **A French association** of people affected by an epilepsy drug that caused birth defects launched a class action against pharmaceutical company Sanofi on Tuesday. Marine Martin, president of the victims group, said Sanofi has four months to acknowledge its responsibility before a judge takes up the case. The company has been selling the anticonvulsant drug Depakine in France since 1967. The class action alleges that Sanofi failed to properly inform patients about the drug's potential risks to developing fetuses, Martin said.
- **Pakistan International Airlines** Chairman Muhammad Azam Saigol has resigned after one of the company's planes crashed in the country's north, killing all 47 people on board. Saigol, 65, who was appointed in June, is leaving his position at the state-owned national carrier on "personal grounds," a PIA spokesman said. Last week, a PIA ATR-42 aircraft crashed near the village of Havelian en route to Islamabad. Pakistan has called for an investigation.

— From news services

COMING TODAY

- **8:30 a.m.:** Commerce Department releases retail sales data for November.
- **8:30 a.m.:** Labor Department releases the Producer Price Index for November.
- **9:15 a.m.:** Federal Reserve releases industrial production for November.
- **10 a.m.:** Commerce Department releases business inventories for October.
- **2 p.m.:** Federal Reserve policymakers release a statement on interest rates.

Brexit forces U.K. firms to ponder: Stay put or jump ship?

BREXIT FROM **A1**

could end up. Many are planning for the worst, expecting that the country will wind up outside both the common market for commerce within the E.U. — the world's largest — and the customs union that governs trade between E.U. members and the rest of the world.

For those firms, preparations go well beyond contingency planning. They have advanced to actively scouting out new homes for work that needs to be done from within the single market.

"If you need to have an investment banking operation up and running in Europe in 2019, you need to start now," said Mark Boleat, policy chairman for the City of London, the skyscraper-strewn heart of Britain's behemoth financial industry.

So far at least, however, no mass exodus has begun. Firms may be planning a move, but they haven't gone through with it or even announced their intentions publicly. As a result, the true impact of Brexit can be hard to see in macro gauges of the country's economic health.

Before Britain voted, some economists and pro-E.U. politicians had forecast the gloomy prospect of a nearly immediate recession should the public opt for out. But the dire predictions — derisively dubbed "Project Fear" by the pro-Brexit campaign — have not come to pass.

Britain's economy continues to grow, albeit relatively slowly. Unemployment levels have remained stable. U.K. stock indexes are modestly up. Some areas of the economy have even felt a bit of a boom. U.K. tourism, for instance, has benefited markedly from a weaker pound, as have British retailers, who are shipping more goods across the English Channel to bargain-hunting European customers.

But in other respects, the warning signs about Brexit's true economic cost are starting to pile up.

The pound has stabilized in recent weeks. But it remains deeply devalued compared with where it was on the day of the Brexit vote, having plummeted in late June and then again in October. Worth $1.49 on the day of the referendum, it's down to around $1.26.

The drop is likely to spark inflation next year, economists say, as retailers hike their prices to compensate for the higher cost of imports. The impact could leave a dent in living standards as real wages fall.

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Nearly six months after the vote, the shape of Britain's post-Brexit relationship with Europe remains a mystery. Many U.K. businesses are preparing for the worst.

The government's finances, too, have begun to feel the pinch of Brexit. The ruling Conservatives have had to abandon long-held plans to eliminate the deficit and start running a surplus as it has become clear that the economy will need a public-spending-fueled kick-start to keep it from stalling out.

Britain's treasury chief, Philip Hammond, said late last month that the British economy had been "resilient" following the Brexit vote. But he also acknowledged that Brexit will leave a $150 billion hole in government coffers over the next five years as growth slows and tax revenue falls.

If anything, that may be optimistic. Howard Archer, the chief European and U.K. economist at London-based IHS Global Insight, wrote in a recent briefing that growth could be lower than expected because of the "huge uncertainty over how the U.K.'s relationship with the E.U. will develop over the next few years and what arrangements are eventually reached regarding trade, access to the single market and immigration."

Perhaps nowhere is that uncertainty felt more keenly than in London's financial district. The financial services industry accounts for about 12 percent of the British economy, and it supplies over 2 million jobs.

But London's status as Europe's preeminent financial hub could be endangered if the Brexit negotiations don't end with a deal to secure "passporting" rights — the ability for U.K. banks to operate across the E.U.

Boleat, the City of London's policy chief, said the "prevailing view" in the industry is that Britain is "unlikely to retain the current relationship with passporting."

As a result, he said, companies are taking "a hard-nosed view of what they need to do."

A report commissioned by another financial industry group, TheCityUK, recently found that some 35,000 jobs in the sector and $25 billion in annual revenue could be lost in the event of a "hard Brexit" — one that leaves few of Britain's current E.U. membership privileges intact.

The group's policy director, Gary Campkin, said rival global financial centers such as New York, Singapore and Hong Kong could be the big winners if Brexit talks turn sour.

But he said companies will be reluctant to move unless they absolutely have to, given the "stickiness" of London's selling points for financial firms, including its mix of talent, government support and livability.

"People are here for a reason," he said. "It's hugely difficult to relocate elsewhere."

In Peckett's case, however, he felt he had no choice.

His family-owned costume company, which has been based in the English town of Gainsborough, does 40 percent of its business in the E.U., working on thin margins. The precipitous fall in the pound, the lack of clarity around future tariffs and the uncertainty over what will happen to his E.U. workers in Britain forced him to reluctantly shift the company's headquarters to the continent.

Government leaders from May on down say they will "make a success of Brexit." But Peckett doesn't buy it — and can't wait around to find out.

"I can't see any circumstance in which we're going to get a good deal," he said, noting the E.U.'s incentive to deter future defections by driving a hard bargain with Britain. "The U.K. is going to come out of this very badly. The impact hasn't even started yet."

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THE MARKETS

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Daily Stock Market Performance

Index	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
Dow Jones Industrial Average	19,911.21	+0.6	+14.3

Nasdaq Composite Index	5463.83	+0.9	+9.1

S&P 500 Index	2271.72	+0.7	+11.1

Dow Jones 30 Industrials

Company	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg	Company	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
3M Co	178.83	−0.5	18.7	J&J	115.89	0.5	12.8
AmExp	73.84	0.4	6.2	JPMorg Ch	84.76	0.0	28.4
Apple Inc	115.19	1.7	9.4	McDonald's	122.68	0.8	3.8
Boeing	156.66	−0.3	8.3	Merck	61.79	0.1	17.0
Caterpillar	96.02	1.0	41.3	Microsoft	62.98	1.3	13.5
Chevron Corp	117.42	0.2	30.5	Nike	52.30	1.5	−16.3
Cisco Systems	30.59	1.4	12.6	P&G Co	85.18	0.1	7.3
Coca-Cola	41.76	−0.3	−2.8	Pfizer Inc	32.83	1.3	1.7
DuPont	74.75	−0.5	12.2	Travelers	121.43	0.4	7.6
Exxon Mobil	92.58	1.8	18.8	United Tech	110.31	−0.1	14.8
GE	31.74	−0.4	1.9	UnitedHealth	160.54	0.7	36.5
GoldmnSchs	238.55	0.6	32.4	Verizon	52.36	1.2	13.3
Home Depot	136.54	1.5	3.2	Visa Inc	79.20	0.9	2.1
IBM	168.29	1.7	22.3	Wal-Mart	71.80	0.2	17.1
Intel Corp	36.80	2.3	6.8	Walt Disney	103.85	−0.2	−1.2

Other Measures

Index	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
DJ Total Stock Market Index	23,614.17	0.6	11.9
Russell 2000	1373.53	0.0	20.9
Post-Bloomberg DC Area Index	452.10	0.2	22.8
CBOE Volatility (VIX)	12.72	0.6	−30.1

S&P 500 Industry Group Snapshot

Industry Group	Daily % Chg
Computers & Peripherals	1.56
Power Prodct & Enrgy Trdr	1.51
Semiconductors & Semi Eqp	1.42
Internet & Catalog Retail	1.38
Oil, Gas, Consumable Fuel	1.35
Chemicals	−0.34
Electrical Equipment	−0.69
Diversified Consumer Svcs	−0.81
Construction & Engineerng	−1.20
Health Care Technology	−1.39

International Stock Markets

	Close	Daily % Chg
Americas		
Brazil (Bovespa)	59,280.57	0.2
Canada (S&P/TSX Comp.)	15,385.27	0.6
Mexico (Bolsa)	46,870.24	−0.1
Europe		
Eurozone (DJ Stoxx 600)	357.50	1.1
France (CAC 40)	4803.87	0.9
Germany (DAX)	11,284.65	0.8
U.K. (FTSE 100)	6968.57	1.1
Asia Pacific		
Australia (ASX 200)	5545.05	−0.3
China (CSI 300)	3405.04	−0.1
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	22,446.70	0.1
Japan (Nikkei)	19,250.52	0.5

Cross Currency Rates

	US $	EU €	Japan ¥	Britain £	Brazil R$	Canada $	Mexico $
US $ per		1.0622	0.0086	1.2660	0.2997	0.7617	0.0493
EU € per	0.9415		0.0082	1.1918	0.2823	0.7172	0.0464
Japan ¥ per	115.1400	122.3100		145.7730	34.5334	87.6880	5.6794
Britain £ per	0.7899	0.8390	0.0069		0.2367	0.6017	0.0390
Brazil R$ per	3.3344	3.5403	0.0289	4.2224		2.5411	0.1645
Canada $ per	1.3131	1.3948	0.0114	1.6624	0.3935		0.0647
Mexico $ per	20.2737	21.5354	0.1760	25.6667	6.0810	15.4393	

Interest Rates

Consumer Rates	
Money market funds	0.26
6-Month CDs	0.34
1-Year CDs	0.58
5-Year CDs	1.22
New car loan	2.84
Home-equity loan	5.09

3.50% Bank Prime
4.05% 30-Year fixed mortgage
0.50% Federal Funds
3.19% 15-Year fixed mortgage
0.96% LIBOR 3-Month
2.96% 1-Year ARM

Commodities

Futures	Close	Daily % Chg		Close	Daily % Chg
Copper	$2.5985	−0.8	Orange Juice	$2.0220	−1.1
Corn	$3.6100	+0.1	Silver	$16.98	−1.2
Crude Oil	$52.98	+0.3	Soybeans	$10.2800	−0.3
Gold	$1,159.00	−0.6	Sugar	$0.1860	−3.4
Natural Gas	$3.47	−0.9	Wheat	$4.1750	+0.1

Value of $1000 invested for the past: ● day ○ month

Exchange-Traded (Ticker)	Daily % Chg
Coffee (COFF.L)	1.4
Copper (COPA.L)	−1.4
Corn (CORN.L)	1.8
Cotton (COTN.L)	1.3
Crude Oil (CRUD.L)	−0.6
Gasoline (UGAS.L)	−0.2
Gold (BULL.L)	−0.1
Natural Gas (NGAS.L)	−0.3
Silver (SLVR.L)	−1.1

Gainers and Losers from the S&P 1500 Index

Gainers	Close	Daily % Chg	Losers	Close	Daily % Chg
Terex Corp	$33.05	9.3	Northern Oil & Gas	$2.90	−14.7
VeriFone Systems	$17.85	8.6	Celadon	$8.40	−8.2
Healthways Inc	$23.40	6.4	Patterson-UTI Enrgy	$26.70	−6.9
First NBC Bank	$9.60	6.1	Orion Marine Group	$9.65	−6.9
Tidewater Inc	$4.14	5.6	AMERISAFE Inc	$62.40	−5.7
Veeco Instruments	$29.15	5.2	Iconix Brand Group	$9.18	−5.6
Harmonic Inc	$5.20	5.1	HFF Inc	$30.48	−5.4
Noble Energy Inc	$41.64	4.5	SurModics Inc	$24.05	−5.3
WPX Energy Inc	$15.17	4.3	Stewart Information	$42.06	−5.2
Seagate Technology	$40.84	4.3	Chart Industries	$38.14	−5.0
Tetra Technologies	$4.92	4.2	Genesee & WY	$75.39	−4.9
JetBlue Airways	$22.53	4.2	World Wrestling	$18.98	−4.8
Cal-ME Foods	$42.25	4.2	Red Robin Gourmet	$51.35	−4.6
Select Comfort Corp	$23.31	4.1	Allscripts Hlth Sol	$10.50	−4.5
CommSales & Leasing	$26.12	4.0	Alexion Pharma	$110.01	−4.4
RestorationHardware	$31.61	3.9	Korn/Ferry Intl	$29.81	−4.2
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Treasury Performance Over Past Three Months

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2-year note Yield: 1.16

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6-month bill Yield: 0.65

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Boeing to shift defense division headquarters to D.C. area

14,000 workers to stay in St. Louis, but leaders of unit moving in January

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

When Donald Trump occupies the White House in January, he will be a lot closer to the senior leaders at Boeing running the Air Force One program he has threatened to cancel. The company announced Tuesday that about a dozen of its senior defense leaders are moving from St. Louis to Boeing's Washington-area headquarters.

The company has been discussing moving its defense unit to the Washington area for months, and it is not related to Trump's recent vow, officials said. Rather it is "all driven by being closer to the customer," Boeing spokesman Todd Blecher said.

Earlier this year, Boeing appointed Leanne Caret to take over its Defense, Space and Security unit, a $30 billion business with 50,000 employees across the globe. Caret "puts a premium on personal engagement with senior leaders of the Pentagon, NASA and the Hill," Blecher said. "And so this has been under consideration for some number of months."

Many of the nation's largest defense contractors — including the likes of Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics — are already in the Washington area. Northrop Grumman was one of the most recent to join, moving to Falls Church, Va., from Los Angeles in 2011. Federal contractor SAIC relocated its headquarters in San Diego to McLean, Va., two years earlier.

In all, about a dozen Boeing senior executives will make the move from St. Louis to Washington in January, and eventually about 50 staff members would join them. The company's Washington operations center has its headquarters in a new, gleaming building in Crystal City, near the Pentagon.

The company's corporate headquarters is in Chicago, but it has run its defense business out of St. Louis, where it builds the F/A-18 Super Hornet, ever since it merged with McDonnell Douglas in 1997.

About 14,000 employees will remain in the St. Louis area, Blecher said. Employees in St. Louis were told of the decision at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time Tuesday. Since the senior leadership is moving, the company considers the headquarters of the unit to be moving as well.

The decision comes at a critical time for Boeing, which is involved in many high-profile defense and space programs. In addition to building Air Force One, it also makes the new fueling tanker, and it is competing to build a new jet for the Air Force's fighter jet training program.

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Boeing's Washington operations center has its headquarters in a new, gleaming building in Crystal City, near the Pentagon.

The company is developing a spacecraft that would restore NASA's ability to fly astronauts to the International Space Station. It's also one of the prime contractors on a giant new rocket, known as the Space Launch System.

Boeing found itself in Trump's crosshairs last week after he tweeted that the costs of the Air Force One program "are out of control, more than $4 billion. Cancel order!" Later he told reporters that he thought the cost was "ridiculous. I think Boeing is doing a little bit of a number. We want Boeing to make a lot of money, but not that much money."

Boeing chief executive Dennis Muilenburg called Trump and vowed to work with him to keep the costs down. The company also has pledged $1 million to help pay for Trump's inauguration. It made the same pledge for President Obama.

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Joy, surprise and generosity are wrapped in the cultural myths of Santa

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THE COLOR OF MONEY

In my house, there is still a Santa.

My children know. They are 16, 18 and 21, and they've known since they were in grade school that Santa is a fantasy and that their presents arrive not on a sleigh but in the trunk of our car.

But because I believe in the spirit of Santa, they still indulge me when I ask them what Kriss Kringle should bring them for Christmas. There is some eye-rolling. Still, they play along.

I was thinking of my refusal to let go of the legend while reading two news stories this week.

The first involved a Texas pastor who angered parents by yelling at kids in line to meet Santa that the man they were about to see was not real. The pastor posted his tirade on Facebook.

"Kids, I want to tell you today that there is no such thing as Santa Claus," he says. "Santa Claus does not exist. The Christmas season is about Jesus. . . . And that's the truth about Christmas. The man you are going to see today is just a man in a suit. . . . And, parents, y'all need to stop lying to your children. . . . There are no flying reindeer. There is no workshop at the North Pole."

One irate parent confronts the pastor and says, "It's not your decision for me to tell my kids what's the truth and what's not."

The truth is that the Santa Claus myth can be traced to some reality. Historians say the basis for Santa Claus is Saint Nicholas, who reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor back in the 4th century in what is now Turkey.

Despite the pastor's claim that he was just telling it like it is in the name of Jesus, he wasn't acting Christ-like. I don't believe — based on my study of Jesus — that Christ would have approved of his method of getting out his message. You don't yell at children or their parents.

Now compare that scene with a story of a terminally ill 5-year-old and a Tennessee man who plays Santa.

As Knoxville News Sentinel columnist Sam Venable wrote, a nurse reached out to Eric Schmitt-Matzen, a mechanical engineer who plays a very convincing Kriss Kringle. The nurse had a patient who was dying, and he wanted to see Santa.

After being handed a present for the little boy, Schmitt-Matzen says he walked into the boy's room. And here's the rest of what happened, as he recounted to Venable:

"When I walked in, he was laying there, so weak it looked like he was ready to fall asleep. I sat down on his bed and asked, 'Say, what's this I hear about you're gonna miss Christmas? There's no way you can miss Christmas! Why, you're my Number One elf!'

"He looked up and said, 'I am?'

"I said, 'Sure!'

"I gave him the present. He was so weak he could barely open the wrapping paper. When he saw what was inside, he flashed a big smile and laid his head back down.

" 'They say I'm gonna die,' he told me. 'How can I tell when I get to where I'm going?'

"I said, 'Can you do me a big favor?'

"He said, 'Sure!'

" 'When you get there, you tell 'em you're Santa's Number One elf, and I know they'll let you in.'

"He said, 'They will?'

"I said, 'Sure!'

"He kinda sat up and gave me a big hug and asked one more question: 'Santa, can you help me?'

"I wrapped my arms around him. Before I could say anything, he died right there."

I'm cheap, but I never wanted to cheat my children out of believing in Santa's magic. No one has the right to tell your children there isn't a Santa.

After you read that, how can you tell me there's no Santa Claus?

I'm always encouraging parents not to spend more than they can afford on holiday gifts. But I hope they don't take that advice to mean that they should lose the fun and fantasy around getting ready for Santa's arrival. My kids so loved to create their wish lists. They always made cookies to set out. They used to stay awake in hopes of getting a glimpse of the man in the red suit.

I'm cheap, but I never wanted to cheat my children out of believing in Santa's magic.

No one has a right to tell your children there isn't a Santa. If you don't believe, that's fine. But I believe that the true story of Santa, whether based on Saint Nicholas or the accumulation of various cultural myths, is about the very real spirit of what he represents — love, joy, surprise and generosity.

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5 quick ways new HHS chief could upend health policy

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Rep. Tom Price (R-Ga.), the health and human services nominee, opposes the Affordable Care Act and Planned Parenthood funding.

Prospective health and human services secretary Tom Price, now chairman of the House Budget Committee, brings a distinctive to-do list to the agency. And, if confirmed by the Senate, he will have tremendous independent power to get things done.

While he will report to the president, heads of major agencies such as HHS can interpret laws in different ways than their predecessors and rewrite regulations and guidance.

"Virtually everything people do every day is impacted by the way the Department of Health and Human Services is run," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. With a budget of more than $1 trillion, HHS is responsible for food and drug safety, biomedical research, disease prevention and oversight of everything from medical laboratories to nursing homes.

Here are five actions that advocates on both sides say the potential HHS secretary — an orthopedic surgeon who opposes the Affordable Care Act and Planned Parenthood funding, among other things — might take that would disrupt current health policies:

• Birth-control coverage: Under the ACA, most insurance plans must provide women with any form of contraception approved by the Food and Drug Administration at no additional cost. This has been particularly controversial among religious employers who object to artificial contraception, resulting in two Supreme Court rulings, one about private firms' rights to make religious objections and one about nonprofit religious hospitals and schools.

As secretary, Price could expand the "accommodation" that already exempts some houses of worship from the requirement to any employer with a religious objection. Or, because the specific inclusion of birth control came via a regulation rather than the law itself, he could simply eliminate no-co-pay coverage from the benefits that insurance plans must offer. (This assumes continuing existence of the health law, at least for the short term.)

• Medicare payment changes: The ACA created the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to explore new ways to pay doctors and hospitals that would reduce costs while maintaining quality, and the HHS secretary has the authority to require doctors and hospitals to participate in those experimental models. But some have proved unpopular with physician and hospital groups, including "bundled" payments for packages of care rather than individually billed services.

Price would probably act to scale back, delay or cancel that project because he "has been a critic in the past," said Dan Mendelson, chief executive of the consulting firm Avalere Health.

• Planned Parenthood funding: Republicans have been agitating to separate the organization from its federal funding for decades. Congress would have to change Medicaid law to permanently defund the women's health group, which also performs abortions (with nonfederal funds) at many of its sites. But an HHS secretary has many tools at his disposal to make life miserable for the group.

For example, during the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations, rules were in place to ban staff in federally funded family-planning clinics from counseling or referring women with unintended pregnancies for abortion. The subsequent Clinton administration repealed the rules, but they could make a comeback under the new secretary's leadership.

• Tobacco regulation: After years of discord, Congress finally agreed in 2009 to give the Food and Drug Administration limited authority to regulate tobacco products. "The core authority is statutory," Myers said, which means Congress would have to act to eliminate many of its changes. But he said a secretary who opposes the law — and Price voted against it at the time — could weaken enforcement or rewrite and water down some rules, including recent ones affecting cigars and e-cigarettes.

• Conscience protections: At the very end of the George W. Bush administration, HHS issued rules intended to clarify that healthcare professionals did not have to participate in performing abortions, sterilizations or other procedures that violated a "religious belief or moral conviction."

But foes of the rules complained they were so vague and sweeping that they could apply not just to opponents of abortion but also to professionals who didn't want to provide birth control to unmarried women or HIV treatment to homosexuals.

The Obama administration revised the rules dramatically, much to the continuing consternation of conservatives. They are among the few health-related items that are included on President-elect Donald Trump's website, which says, "The Administration will act to protect individual conscience in health care." Many expect the rules to be reinstituted in their original form.

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Water dispute freezes weather bill

Southern states' feud apparently leads to stalemate over legislation

BY ANGELA FRITZ

Late last week, a bipartisan weather bill years in the making quietly died on the floor of the House.

Supporters say the legislation was necessary to maintain U.S. excellence in research and the National Weather Service's ability to issue lifesaving warnings. It also would have built bridges between federal agencies and private companies.

The Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2015 — which had support from Democrats, Republicans and the weather enterprise community — passed the Senate by unanimous consent Dec. 2 but was left withering on the vine in the House, apparently because of a decades-old water dispute in the South.

The bill would have been the first major piece of weather legislation passed since the early 1990s. It would have prioritized accurate forecasts and warnings, as well as collaboration with the private sector through competitive grants. It aimed to improve tornado warnings, including the ability to warn of a twister more than an hour in advance. It would have continued the Hurricane Forecast Improvement Program, which saw its funding slashed in 2015, much to the disappointment of the weather community and Sens. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Bill Nelson (D-Fla.).

In what would have been a victory for commercial weather companies, the bill would have allowed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to purchase high-quality data from the private sector, including businesses that are launching their own satellites.

The Senate Commerce Committee put a strong emphasis on seasonal forecasting — not only improving long-range predictions of temperature and precipitation but also determining how those factors will influence the severity of drought, wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes and other disasters.

None of that was a problem for the House. The issue came in an amendment, added by Nelson in May 2015, that would have authorized funding for a National Water Center and a study on the South's water resources.

To understand why this was enough to topple a 96-page weather bill, you have to go back to 1990, when Georgia, Alabama and Florida filed lawsuits in a dispute over shared water resources.

The Chattahoochee and surrounding rivers are the major sources of water for the three states, providing drinking water for Atlanta and sustaining Florida's Apalachicola Bay oyster industry, among other things. And there simply isn't enough water to go around.

Despite the decades-long feud, there had been no sign of strife over Nelson's water study amendment until it reached the House floor Thursday, when the delegation from Georgia objected.

The House majority removed the offending language and tried to pass the bill by unanimous consent, but the Senate minority indicated that it would object if the bill was returned without Nelson's amendment.

The House Science Committee's subcommittee on the environment tried to negotiate a compromise between the Georgia and Florida delegations, to no avail, said Taylor Jordan, a committee aide.

"The roadblock is very much the study, but there wasn't enough time to come to a conclusion," Jordan said.

Nelson's "language was always posed to us as, 'This is already what NOAA is doing,' " Jordan told The Washington Post, "and that's a bad-faith effort in our opinion."

"It's disingenuous to say this was bad faith," said Bryan Gulley, a spokesman for Nelson, who pointed out that the language was approved by the two Georgia senators. It "was there since the beginning. This was not some sneak attack in the dark of night."

Nelson included the language because the National Water Center is already a part of NOAA, Gulley told The Post. The amendment would have reauthorized the center and required it to conduct a water resources study.

The 114th Congress essentially ended Friday afternoon when lawmakers left town. The bill could be passed in a pro-forma session, but "it isn't a likely option," Jordan said.

"It would be a disappointment if Georgia Republicans are successful in taking down the weather bill at the last second," Nelson said. "A carefully balanced version that was negotiated with the House Science Committee and unanimously approved by the Senate sits in the House awaiting action. All the House has to do now is take it up in the pro-forma session and pass it."

If the bill is not passed pro-forma, Friday will reset the clock, and what it will look like in the 115th Congress remains to be seen.

The House Science Committee expects that the bill's path would be more straightforward, given the months of negotiations that both parties have already put in, Jordan said. But it could be burdened again by a similar amendment.

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Bipartisan cheer for medical-cure bill

Obama honors Biden as he blesses law that aims to accelerate new drugs

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Paying tribute to both bipartisanship and his vice president — who was galvanized by his own son's death to change the way the nation combats cancer — President Obama signed legislation Tuesday that aims to increase funding for medical research, speed the development and approval of experimental treatments, and overhaul federal policy on mental-health care.

"We are bringing to reality the possibility of new breakthroughs to some of the greatest healthcare challenges of our time," Obama said. "It is wonderful to see how well Democrats and Republicans in the closing days of this Congress came together around a common cause. And I think it indicates the power of this issue and how deeply it touches every family across America."

With wide bipartisan support, the 21st Century Cures Act has been held up as an example of what Congress can accomplish when lawmakers work together. A previous version of the bill stalled in the Senate for more than a year. But cheered by the drug and medical device industry, patient advocates, and universities, a new version made a swift passage through the lame-duck session.

The measure's critics — mainly consumer watchdog groups and health-policy experts — have argued that the popular funding provisions mask a worrisome loosening of regulations at the Food and Drug Administration that could put patients at risk.

The package contains several provisions that the White House has championed, including $1 billion for opioid abuse prevention and $4.8 billion for biomedical research funding, including Obama's Precision Medicine initiative and the BRAIN initiative. About $1.8 billion is dedicated to cancer research, a part of the bill that was renamed the "Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot" in honor of the vice president's son, who died of a brain tumor last year. The bill also aims to strengthen mental-health services and access.

While the setting for the ceremony, the White House's South Court Auditorium, was relatively sterile, the personal testimony of both Vice President Biden and former West Virginia state senator David Grubb gave it a more personal, emotional feel.

Grubb's daughter, Jessica, became addicted to heroin after she was sexually assaulted during her first year at college; in October 2015, her father told the president during a town hall that she was sober and enrolled in a Michigan rehab program. But after undergoing surgery for a running injury in March, Jessica Grubb was released from the hospital with 50 pills of the painkiller OxyContin, even though her medical record identified her as a recovering heroin addict.

"That night, Jessie died," said Grubb, who was visibly emotional at times during his remarks. "The loss of a child, no matter what the cause, changes a parent forever, and it has changed us."

Grubb had appealed to Obama at that gathering to make more treatment centers available for people addicted to opioids, and he said Tuesday that he took comfort in the legislation's additional funding for such facilities.

Biden began his remarks by noting that he and his wife, Jill, had experienced the same sort of tragedy as the Grubbs, saying, "It's a lousy club, but I'm proud of you."

The bill shows that politicians "can still come together to do big, consequential things for the American people," said Biden, who received a standing ovation led by Obama. "It's going to help millions of people, millions of people."

To accelerate the development of new cures, the legislation contains controversial elements. The drug industry has argued that regulatory bottlenecks slow the development of medicines, and the final measure pushes for the use of new kinds of "real world evidence" to support some drug approvals, allows antibiotics makers to test their drugs in limited populations of patients, and creates an expedited pathway for approving regenerative medicine.

The FDA would receive $500 million to help it carry out its expanded responsibilities and accelerate reviews of therapies and medical devices.

Yet studies suggest that the United States is among the countries that grant the speediest approvals for new drugs. Critics argue that those changes might not result in more effective drugs — and could harm patients.

"All these pathways or provisions of the bill are intended to expedite approval of these products — and, if implemented the wrong way, can lead to substantial negative consequences for patients taking these products, when they are not proven to work and are potentially unsafe because they've been pushed through the regulatory process," said Aaron Kesselheim, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Tuesday's event was probably Obama's last public signing ceremony, and the fact that these traditional, symbolic observances have become so rare in Washington underscores the chasm that widened between the executive and legislative branches during the president's second term. In a sign of how deeply invested lawmakers from both parties were in the bill's passage, they crowded around him as he signed the measure with 12 pens.

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One last deal

Three steps Mr. Trump should take to reduce his conflicts of interest.

PRESIDENT-ELECT Donald Trump had promised to meet with the news media this week to explain how he would separate his business's interests from the public's. That promise is no longer operative. Instead, for the time being, the public — and electors set to gather next week to ratify his victory — will have to settle for a few tweets.

"Even though I am not mandated by law to do so, I will be leaving my busineses [sic] before January 20th so that I can focus full time on the Presidency. Two of my children, Don and Eric, plus executives, will manage them. No new deals will be done during my term(s) in office," Mr. Trump wrote Monday night. He said he would hold his much-anticipated news conference — which would be his first since July — sometime "in the near future."

The outline of a conflict-of-interest policy he sketched on Twitter would not satisfy many ethics watchdogs. But, if filled in and adhered to, it would provide at least the beginning of some insulation between the White House and the president's bottom line. If, as he has repeatedly said, he cares about this presidency more than he does about making a buck, he will follow up with these three steps.

First, Mr. Trump must finally release full information about his holdings in all their corporate complexity. Are there Russian investors? What are his connections in Turkey? Domestic holdings, too, could raise big questions where they are subject to federal regulations. If he cannot be open with the public on his ethical exposure, there will be no way for Americans to trust — or verify — that he is acting in their interests rather than his own.

Second, Mr. Trump must establish procedures to render him blind to the operation of his company. The executives he taps to run his firm should have no contact with him — or anyone in his family. Mr. Trump should reconsider giving responsibility to his adult children and appoint an independent caretaker.

Third, "caretaker" should in fact be the job description — to keep the business running, not to grow it. Mr. Trump appeared to have this in mind when he suggested that, even if his children would still be involved, they would not be striking deals. Once again, transparency will be crucial: Without more information on Mr. Trump's business holdings now, it would be hard for Americans to judge whether his executives leveraged his position to expand his company after he entered the White House.

Of course, the ideal way to avoid any potential for corruption or appearance of corruption would be for Mr. Trump to sell his holdings and establish a blind trust. But that would not be easily accomplished, as he has said. "When you sell real estate, that's not like going out and selling a stock," he said in an interview with Chris Wallace on Sunday. "That takes a long time." Indeed, the process of selling off real estate assets could in itself create conflicts of interest. In other words, even divestment would be inadequate without the three safeguards suggested above. If Mr. Trump wants something other than wave after wave of conflict-of-interest questions to define his presidency, he must build a high wall between his presidency and his former life.

China's next crackdown

Mr. Xi aims for thought control at colleges and universities.

CHINA'S PRESIDENT Xi Jinping carries a big stick. He has demanded that China's leading news media serve the ruling Communist Party with absolute loyalty and "have the party as their family name." He has launched a merciless attack on lawyers who represented dissidents or victims of human rights abuse; tried to smother freedom of expression on social media; and placed onerous restrictions on foreign nongovernmental organizations attempting to operate in China. Now the campaign for control has put higher education in its sights.

China has long controlled curriculum and speech at universities, having strong memories of the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy student protests of 1989. But colleges and universities have also been something of a gray area where Western influences are evident. The party has been making renewed efforts in the past few years to impose tighter control. In 2014, Mr. Xi demanded that universities "shoulder the burden of learning and researching the dissemination of Marxism," and in 2015, universities were ordered to expand classes on Marxism and socialism. China's education minister vowed to ban textbooks that carried "Western values."

Mr. Xi told a two-day meeting of party and university officials last week in Beijing that the party's Marxist ideology must guide all of higher education. He exhorted the officials to "build colleges into strongholds that adhere to Party leadership." Mr. Xi's personal intervention appears to signal a determined crackdown that could reverberate for years, as has been the case in the drive against lawyers and the media.

According to a report in the South China Morning Post, party chiefs at the meeting were eager to comply. One promised that instructors' political views "would be made central to their performance evaluations" and that party committees on campus would routinely report on the political thoughts of young lecturers. Another party official from the South China Normal University in Guangdong province said it built a database to track the political opinions of more than 2 million students. "A professor with the Beijing Institute of Technology said that it planned to introduce electronic games to make political education more appealing," the article reported.

What's wrong with this picture? Mr. Xi is demanding loyalty to an ideology that has been abandoned for some time by most Chinese, who thrive in a system of vigorous if imperfect capitalism. No amount of indoctrination is going to change that. The big bookstores in China are crowded with readers seeking the latest translations of books about entrepreneurship, but the volumes on Marx sit moldering. Moreover, university campuses where students and scholars are free to inquire and innovate without fear are more likely to contribute to a strong and healthy society than a return to the rigidity of the past would. It is telling that Mr. Xi and other Chinese leaders have sent their children off to the best U.S. universities, to be schooled in an environment of freedom. At the same time, a number of Western schools have established campuses in China; they must resist any demands for blind loyalty and ideological orthodoxy.

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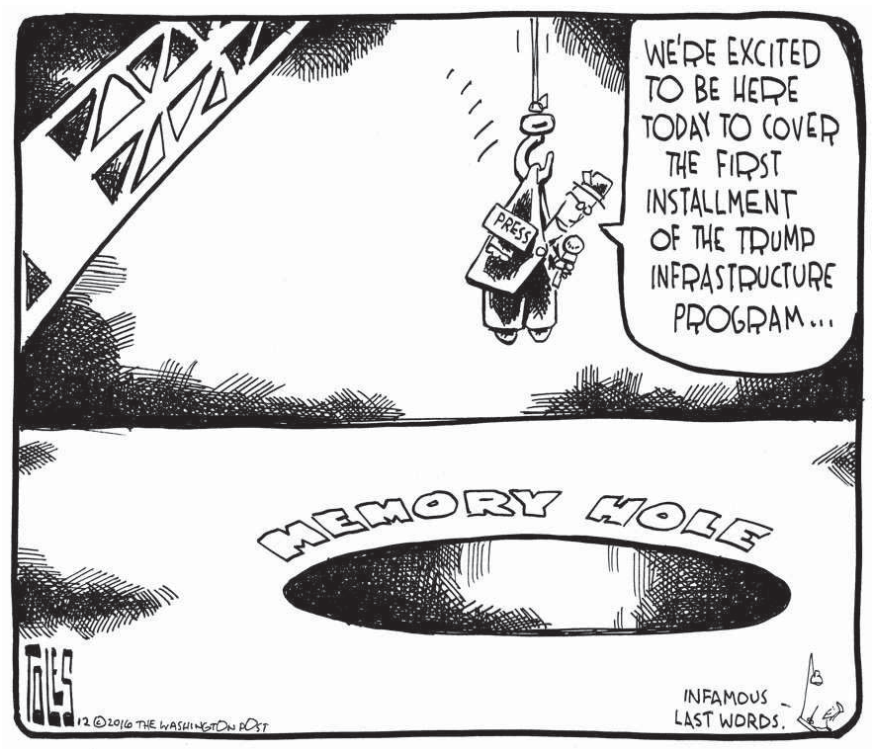

Ms. Lynch, leading by example

The Trump team should heed the attorney general's message on hate crimes.

ON MONDAY, U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch visited a mosque in Northern Virginia, and on Tuesday she held a roundtable with LGBT youths at a New York high school. It is not happenstance that she is using her last month in office to reach out to groups that are among the most vulnerable to hate crimes. Hopefully her message will be embraced and extended by the incoming administration of President-elect Donald Trump.

Ms. Lynch's visit to the All Dulles Area Muslim Society was her first to a mosque while in office and came amid what she previously characterized as an "alarming" rise in anti-Muslim crime. A report by the FBI last month showed reported hate crimes against Muslims increased by nearly 67 percent in 2015 compared with the previous year, making for the highest number since the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Since the election of Mr. Trump, civil rights groups and others have catalogued hundreds of incidents around the country that targeted Muslims, immigrants, blacks, Jews, women and LGBT people.

A report from the Southern Poverty Law Center documented 867 reports of harassment and intimidation in the 10 days following the Nov. 8 election. Hate crimes and incidents of racial and ethnic harassment, the report noted, have always been with us, but the targets of the post-election incidents reported they were experiencing something new, with many of the harassers invoking the name of Mr. Trump, whose campaign included thinly veiled appeals to white nationalists. Mr. Trump's perfunctory denunciation of the attacks thus far stands in disappointing contrast to Ms. Lynch's outreach or, for that matter, to then-President George W. Bush's visit to a mosque in the emotional aftermath of 9/11.

What Ms. Lynch and Mr. Bush realize is that the damage of a hate crime extends beyond the individual being targeted to an entire group of people who fear becoming the next victim. "When one of us is threatened, we all have to speak out," Ms. Lynch told the interfaith gathering of Christians and Muslims in Loudoun County on Monday. Just as important is the enforcement of federal hate-crime laws, and here again there is cause for concern with the incoming administration. Mr. Trump's choice to replace Ms. Lynch as attorney general, Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), vigorously opposed expansion of federal hate-crime protections in 2009; if confirmed, he will have great sway in deciding the direction of the Justice Department. It is important that Senate confirmation hearings press Mr. Sessions on where ensuring just and fair treatment for all Americans ranks in his priorities.

TAKING EXCEPTION

Redouble efforts to make federal agencies more efficient

Robert J. Samuelson's Dec 12 op-ed, "Just cutting waste at the Pentagon won't cut it," made a good point but came to the wrong conclusion. It is true that taking a meat-cleaver approach to eliminating "fraud, waste and abuse" is an easy political bromide that feigns true action and invariably causes real harm to the agencies to which it is applied.

This is not about military vs. domestic spending, but rather about bringing efficiency and effectiveness to the government. Statistically, using normal distribution assumptions, most organizations operate at a 68 percent level of productivity, known as one sigma. Getting that level of productivity to three sigma, a plateau of 99.7 percent efficiency and effectiveness, is realistically possible but by no means a small matter.

As Mr. Samuelson rightly pointed out, "waste" often reflects complexity. More often than not, however, complexity is a function of trying to apply old ways of doing things to new, emerging problems. There are always issues when efficiencies applied to one part of an enterprise may not have the intended effect on its overall productivity, something engineers refer to as "suboptimization."

Most citizens are unaware that virtually all federal agencies have been involved in concerted efforts to improve their efficiency and effectiveness. That effort needs to be redoubled so that we can start talking about approaches that are aimed at win-win solutions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Appointees aren't the problem

The Dec. 10 editorial "News or propaganda?" minced few words in condemning congressional action to abolish the Broadcasting Board of Governors and replace it with an advisory board and a presidentially appointed chief executive. The main argument was that the elimination of the BBG removes the editorial firewall protecting the broadcasters' journalists from political interference.

During the heyday of U.S. international broadcasting, Voice of America operated with great success under the direction of presidential appointees within the framework of the old U.S. Information Agency, also run by a presidential appointee. The journalistic independence of VOA was reinforced in 1976 with the signing into law of the VOA Charter, which required, among other things, that the VOA broadcasts be "accurate, objective, and comprehensive." Presidentially appointed VOA directors took this mandate seriously and more than once stood up to political pressure to maintain the integrity of the journalism.

Similarly, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty operated independently under an advisory board, the Board for International Broadcasting, which maintained editorial independence.

Both models have worked effectively, unlike the current structure under the BBG. While it would have been better for Congress to have taken a more thoughtful approach to the future structure, including holding hearings to include discussion of a new statement of mission, it is not certain that the legislation creates insurmountable problems of implementation if the new chief executive carries out both the letter and the spirit of existing law.

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Time to investigate Mr. Trump

Regarding the Dec. 9 front-page article "Senators prepare probe of Russia":

On the campaign trail, Donald Trump openly applauded Russia and encouraged it to hack Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's 30,000 "missing" emails from her days as secretary of state. This was encouraging lawlessness and, as it involved a foreign nation's subversion of the United States, it was treasonous.

The Senate and presidential probes of Russian hacking should investigate "high crimes and misdemeanors" by our president-elect, as well.

James A. Shaw, *Cabin John*

The meaning of the Peace Cross

The Dec. 11 editorial "Let the Peace Cross stand" opined in favor of retaining a cross on public land and visible to thousands of passing vehicles for the sake of history. Hey, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and atheists did not matter in 1925, when the cross was erected to honor World War I's fallen soldiers. Who could possibly be harmed by viewing a cross? Perhaps today's religious minorities.

Marvin Friedlander, *Fairfax*

I agree with the conclusion of the editorial. The Peace Cross was meant specifically to honor the 49 soldiers from Prince George's County who died in World War I. While many American Jews and other non-Christians died in service during World War I, perhaps none of those were from Prince George's County. Is not this cross akin to the individual crosses, Stars of David and other religious symbols that mark tombstones in America's national cemeteries?

Barry Mendelsohn, *Ashburn*

Mr. McGahn is not guilty as charged

Federal Election Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub's attack on former FEC commissioner Donald F. McGahn was misleading ["A disquieting pick for White House counsel," op-ed, Dec. 11]. Ms. Weintraub claimed Mr. McGahn said, "I'm not enforcing the law as Congress passed it. I plead guilty as charged." However, the article containing that quote noted, "McGahn's admission of 'guilt,' however, came with a catch: He argued that it wasn't his job to enforce this law as Congress passed it. Instead, he said, the commission's job was to enforce the law as it's been upheld by the judicial branch of government."

Mr. McGahn made an important and correct point: The Supreme Court has ruled that many campaign finance laws are unconstitutional. If Mr. McGahn had said he would "ignore decisions of the Supreme Court," he would face just and vociferous criticism. Mr. McGahn was one of the most principled people to serve on the FEC. Indisputably, he was influential and consequential. Ms. Weintraub complained that the FEC is dysfunctional. Yet Mr. McGahn left the FEC three years ago, while she has served 14 years and is the longest-serving current commissioner. Fair-minded readers will draw their own conclusions.

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The science isn't settled

The Dec. 10 editorial "Science 101 at the EPA," casting doubt on the confirmation of Scott Pruitt to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, took a position frighteningly reminiscent of the ecclesiastical courts that operated during the Inquisition.

After deriding Mr. Pruitt's skeptical view of climate-change orthodoxy, The Post proffered a new confirmation standard for nominees at EPA and, presumably, other federal agencies and departments — i.e., agreement with "the scientific consensus" on a given topic, in this case climate change. This standard is, of course, no standard at all, but rather base climate politics disguised as settled science.

One can only wonder what aspect of this issue Mr. Pruitt must agree with to be acceptable to The Post's editorial board. What if Mr. Pruitt were to point out that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2013 revised its range of uncertainty regarding future warming toward less warming? Or what if he dared to note that the algorithms used to support virtually every climate model used throughout the world are regularly revised to reflect new data?

The Post has stepped into deep water about Mr. Pruitt's confirmation.

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Vanquishing the red-tape monster

BY PHILIP K. HOWARD

On Fox News on Sunday, President-elect Donald Trump lamented that those seeking government permits sometimes "are waiting in line for 15 years," sometimes only to get rejected in the end, and vowed to speed up the process. To succeed, he'll need a new approach to governing. Every president since Jimmy Carter has vowed to cut unnecessary regulations, but the red-tape machine has defied all attempts at control.

Trump's idea is to institute a "one-in, two-out" rule — that for every new regulation, two must be removed. Britain instituted a similar protocol in 2010 to cull unnecessary regulation and recently expanded it to "one in, three out." This is part of a broader British effort to control regulatory creep, and it has achieved modest success. Imposing similar discipline on new U.S. regulations is long overdue. For the past 50 years, Washington's approach has been like the Roach Motel — regulations check in, but they never check out. But incremental reform is not enough.

Red-tape reformers have failed because they assume the problem is a matter of degree — that there are just too many rules. Liberals stride into the red-tape jungle with pruning shears, and find themselves entangled in the internal logic of the rules. Conservatives get cheers for demanding deregulation, but when push comes to shove, voters don't want to drink polluted water, eat spoiled food or entrust loved ones to the unsupervised care of strangers in day-care centers and nursing homes. That's why the regulatory state grew, not shrank, in the 20 years of Reagan and two Bush presidencies.

What reformers have missed is that regulatory failure is not merely a matter of too much regulation but is caused by a flawed philosophy on how to regulate. Both sides assume that human responsibility should be replaced by what is called "clear law." By striving to prescribe every possible good choice, and proscribe every possible evil, U.S. regulation became an obsessive exercise in micromanagement. That's why rulebooks are often 1,000 pages, while the Constitution is 15. The evil to be exorcised by all these legal dictates is human authority. Only by lashing each other tightly with detailed law can liberal and conservative politicians be sure that the other side won't do something bad.

But ordinary citizens in our free society are also lashed to these mindless dictates — complying with rules that often make no difference, filling out forms no one reads and stymied by bureaucrats whose response to every idiocy is always "The rule made me do it." In the name of better freedom, detailed regulations have made everyone powerless.

The solution — the only solution — is to retool regulation to focus on results, not inputs. Find any good school, any good agency, and you will find people who take responsibility for getting the job done. Experts at the Federal Aviation Administration certify planes as "airworthy" based on their expert judgment, not compliance with detailed specs on, say, how many rivets per square foot. Teachers at good schools typically say that the principal encourages them to do what they think is best and not worry about complying with many forms and metrics.

The activating mechanism for every public choice must be human responsibility. What's good is what works. Yes, it's a good idea to review environmental impacts, but it's idiotic to spend a decade creating 5,000-page tomes that double the cost of projects and cause environmental harm by prolonging polluting bottlenecks.

The opportunity here is to move from paralysis to practicality. Focusing on results, with clear lines of authority and accountability, is a win-win strategy: Regulation is more effective, and less costly, when regulators and citizens are not preoccupied with compliance. Australia replaced dense nursing home regulation with 31 general principles — for example, to provide "a home-like setting." Within a short period, nursing homes across Australia markedly improved because, studies showed, the caregivers felt free to focus on what residents needed instead of trudging through the day with their noses in a rulebook.

Regulation by results would radically simplify law — in some areas, more like "one-in, 20-out." Hundreds of federal safety specifications for factory equipment could be encompassed within one general principle: "Tools and equipment shall be reasonably suited for the use intended, in accordance with industry standards." Is there room for disagreement? Yes, but only at the margins. Instead of wasting regulatory resources on foot faults that don't matter, the safety agency could redeploy its resources to finding workplaces that are actually unsafe. Specificity would still be needed for, say, pollution discharge limits, but the litmus test should be whatever achieves the desired results.

Rebuilding the federal behemoth is an ambitious goal, fraught with perceived peril as well as opportunity. But do we have a choice? No one serious defends the inefficiencies in the current system. Americans are tired of being pushed around by headless bureaucracy. Half-measures by the past six presidents have all failed.

The upside here is transformational. Virtually every federal program is broken, with the only open question how much. Should Dodd-Frank compliance costs drive small banks into the arms of larger banks? Should safety laws prohibit children from normal play activities? All these stupidities can be cured, but only if people with responsibility are given the freedom to use common sense. Giving permits for infrastructure in two years, not 10, would add 1.5 million jobs and create a greener footprint.

The downside is low. Rigid bureaucracy prevents officials and citizens alike from adapting to rapid changes in global forces. Regulation by results doesn't guarantee success, but it gives us the freedom to try.

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Trump's dangerous spy game

Intelligence officers like to distinguish between knowable secrets that spies can steal and fuzzier mysteries that have to be assessed without final, definitive proof. The intent of Russia's covert meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election is probably somewhere between the two.

But after conversations with a half-dozen knowledgeable sources, here are two simple judgments: Russia's secret hacking against Democratic Party officials threatened the integrity of the U.S. political system. And President-elect Donald Trump shouldn't have criticized the CIA after its analysts told Congress about the Kremlin's efforts. Trump, unbelievably, seemed to be taking a potential adversary's side against his own nation's intelligence professionals.

The Russian hacking scandal went into overdrive last weekend after CIA analysts warned Congress on Thursday that the goal of Russian hackers hadn't simply been to destabilize our political system, as previously thought, but to boost Trump and undermine his opponent, Hillary Clinton. That stronger judgment, first reported by The Post, is said to have been based on an evolving analysis, rather than a "smoking gun."

President Obama had been notified earlier, in his daily intelligence brief and other documents, of this tougher evaluation. Early last week, he ordered Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr., a 50-year veteran of the spy business, to conduct an assessment of the evidence that could be completed by Jan. 20 and presented to Trump as a set of "lessons learned" about foreign political meddling, including China's cyberattacks in the 2008 election as well as Russia's actions.

The evidence that led CIA analysts to conclude that Moscow's aim in 2016 was to help Trump — rather than simply spread confusion — was based on a variety of sources. One indication was that the Russians didn't disseminate information from their snooping into Republican files, as they had with the product of hacking against Democrats; the Russians also didn't disseminate material after Trump's victory. The CIA had other, more sensitive evidence that officials won't discuss.

An administration official wouldn't comment on whether Obama had shared with Trump the intelligence assessment and plan for wider review. But it's unlikely such an important decision wouldn't have been conveyed to his transition team, which makes Trump's Twitter blasts at the CIA last weekend all the more puzzling and disturbing.

Obama's somewhat cautious response to Russia's covert intervention angers some Democrats. Rep. Adam B. Schiff (Calif.), the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said in an interview Tuesday that he had been urging the White House since August to identify Russian hackers, talk with allies about imposing sanctions and take clandestine steps to deter Russia from further meddling.

"Had the administration begun months ago, we would now be much further along," Schiff said. "Failure to push back against Russia was seen by them as an open door. . . . There need to be costs or they will do it again."

Schiff said he had no doubt the Russians wanted to hurt Clinton and help Trump. In Russia's eyes, he said, Clinton had sought to undermine President Vladimir Putin after the 2011 parliamentary elections and to foment "color revolutions" in areas of Russian influence. Trump, by contrast, had lauded Putin, suggested lifting sanctions and belittled NATO.

Schiff said Obama had initially resisted calls to "name and shame" Russia for its hacking because the president feared it would "sow doubt about the elections" and "play into Russia's hands by acknowledging what they were doing." Obama eventually agreed to an Oct. 7 public statement that "Russia's senior-most officials" had authorized actions "intended to interfere with the U.S. election process."

According to Schiff, the administration didn't take further public steps after Oct. 7 because Obama feared it could "risk escalation, including dumping of forged documents," in ways that would have further destabilized the election.

There's no question the White House worried, right up to Election Day, that Russian hackers might ignite what was already a toxic, combustible political environment. Trump's bogus claims that the election was rigged and that he might not accept the outcome added to Obama's concerns.

Obama has five weeks left to shape the transition and deter Russian actions. The administration doesn't rule out the possibility of taking covert action in retaliation, which officials privately said hadn't been done before the election. The rubric now is simply that the administration will respond at a time and place of its choosing.

Perhaps the trickiest task will fall to Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.), Trump's nominee to head the CIA. He must reassure a battered agency workforce that the next administration values its own intelligence officers and is vigilant against machinations by foreign spies.

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Post-truth, it's all-fake

After post-truth comes all-fake.

The election of Donald Trump has seen the flowering of the post-truth landscape. Emotion outranks fact; believing makes it so. We are all Tinker Bell now. Clap if you believe in voter fraud. Clap if you doubt a human role in climate change.

So when the president-elect claims, with no basis in reality, that he would have won the popular vote "if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally," the customary burden of proof is flipped: Where, his minions ask, with no hint of embarrassment, is the evidence that the assertion is untrue?

"I don't know that that is a false statement, George, and neither do you," Vice President-elect Mike Pence told George Stephanopoulos on ABC's "This Week." Incoming White House chief of staff Reince Priebus took a similar true-until-proven-otherwise stance toward Trump's outlandish assertion: "I don't know if that's not true."

In this post-truth universe, institutions — news media, the intelligence community — are drained of all credibility. Thus Trump, speaking to Fox News's Chris Wallace on Sunday, summarily rejected not only the CIA's conclusion that Russia intervened in the election on Trump's behalf, but even the less controversial assessment that Russia was behind the hacking.

"Personally, it could be Russia. I don't really think it is," Trump told Wallace. "But who knows? I don't know either. They don't know, and I don't know." Yes, intelligence can be wrong, a point the Trump transition team seized on Friday in a written response to The Post's report: "These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction."

But appropriate skepticism about intelligence is one thing — summary, self-interested dismissal without engaging in this inquiry is quite another. This behavior was shocking enough coming from a major-party nominee.

From a president-elect, it is appallingly irresponsible. No president-elect would want to hear the assessment that a foreign power intervened to boost his campaign. A responsible president-elect would want to hear the evidence and consider his options. How much easier, in the post-truth universe, to believe it all away, to blame it on "some guy in his home in New Jersey."

With facts passe, the next, inexorable move is to reduce all news to the same level of distrust and disbelief. If nothing is true, then everything can be false. So "Pizzagate," the dangerously false accusation of a child sex ring run by Hillary Clinton operatives, occupies the same diminished rung as a news report that fails to toe the official line.

Trump is not responsible for the explosion of fake news, but he and his advisers seem delighted to exploit it. "Reports by @CNN that I will be working on The Apprentice during my Presidency, even part time, are ridiculous & untrue — FAKE NEWS!" Trump tweeted Saturday morning.

Similarly, transition spokesman Sean Spicer, disputing a New York Times report that Russia hacked the Republican National Committee's computer system, tweeted that the story was "Exhibit #1 in the fake news." And Trump adviser Newt Gingrich made the connection even more explicit: "The idea of the New York Times being worried about fake news is really weird," he told a chuckling Sean Hannity on Fox News last week. "The New York Times is fake news."

Journalism is an inherently imperfect profession. We write the first rough draft of history — as best we can, subject to correction and revision. But there is a difference between inevitably flawed and intentionally false. To deliberately blur this distinction is to seek to undermine the central role of media in a free society.

This is where Trump has gone beyond the norm and beyond the pale. All politicians chafe at their coverage. In 1992, George H.W. Bush's campaign passed out bumper stickers proclaiming, "Annoy the media, re-elect Bush." But the tone of Trump's unrelenting assault on the "dishonest media" and his zeal in inciting the mob against them — "these people are the lowest form of life" — are more menacing than what any president since Richard M. Nixon has done.

Thomas Jefferson famously wrote that he would prefer to have newspapers without a government than a government without newspapers. The Trump team would clearly make a different choice, at least when it comes to his government.

If that is not within his reach, Trump is going for second best: a society in which all truth is malleable and all news suspect. Whose voice, whose vision, whose authority will then be trusted? Trump doesn't say, but it is not hard to guess.

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An indictment of 'real' news

BY BARTON SWAIM

The arrest in Washington of the "Pizzagate" shooter — the North Carolina man who stormed the Comet Ping Pong restaurant in the District in hopes of exposing a child-abuse cabal that fortunately didn't exist — has put "fake news" near the top of things to panic about in the strange new age of Donald Trump. "Fake news" is the name many journalists now use for fabricated Internet-based news stories, many of them generated from sites in Eastern Europe and Russia, and the pizzeria scare has encouraged many of them to conclude that Web-based rumor-peddling is a threat to the republic.

First (the thinking seems to be) this new and creative form of disinformation gave us Trump: All those Facebook stories about Hillary Clinton having Parkinson's disease and Barack Obama's closet Islamism poisoned enough minds to turn a presidential election. Now, as if that weren't bad enough, it's sending armed lunatics into kid-friendly pizzerias. Worries about lies in our political life aren't baseless, to be sure. The Internet teems with these idiotic inventions, especially during election years — boxes of fraudulent Clinton votes found in an Ohio warehouse! White House tells Pearl Harbor vets to "get over it"! — and they introduce mental havoc into the lives of well-meaning people.

Fake news is real, yes, but the anxiety it has occasioned in the news media often seems motivated by something other than mere concern for the truth. By agonizing over "fake" news, journalists often appear to blame nameless others for the failings of the widely distrusted news industry. It's not our fault, some in the media seem to be saying, it's the fault of some teenage hoaxers in Romania. That modifier "fake," to put the point slightly differently, suggests that non-"fake" news must be conversely genuine, truthful, factual.

But of course it isn't. All of us, whatever our political attitude, have read what we regard as essentially false or inaccurate or wrongheaded stories in mainstream news sources. Does that make the reporters of these stories perpetrators of fake news? Surely not, as they were trying, however imperfectly, to report the truth. That's not much comfort to the people and institutions these false or inaccurate stories damaged, however, and indeed they are entitled to regard this new term "fake news" with a degree of derision.

Let's get at the problem by asking this question: Which is more dangerous — the entirely fabricated story your ornery uncle links to on Facebook, or the story we read in a respectable news source containing an important and substantially false claim? The fabricated story that exercises your uncle is dangerous in its way, but it's unlikely to sway anyone's opinion about the subject. The only people inclined to believe the hoax headline "FBI Agent Suspected in Hillary Email Leaks Found Dead in Apparent Murder-Suicide" are those who already loathe Clinton. The story may intensify hatred, but it doesn't alter opinion or allegiance.

The false or inaccurate story published in a mainstream venue, by contrast, does the opposite. Maybe the story consists of mostly true statements, but it's built on an egregiously false premise. Or maybe it includes a key line that infers far more than the facts allow. Or it presents a tendentious interpretation of the facts. Take this sentence, published last week in the New York Times about House Republicans breaking with Trump over the latter's trade policies: "He [Trump] repeatedly insisted that trade deals had displaced American workers and harmed the economy, upending two centuries of American economic policies that held trade up as a good thing, a position that Republicans have pushed in recent decades." The latter half of the sentence (a) implies that Trump opposes not just disadvantageous trade deals but trade itself; and (b) suggests that American policy has unswervingly favored free trade for 200 years. Both are false, but the uncareful reader may easily imbibe one or both without realizing it, so subtle is the misinformation and so authoritative the source.

I don't know the reporter's views, but the article's tone leads me to suspect that a dislike of Trump gave her license to interpret his pronouncements in the worst possible light, even at the cost of sense and factual truth. And that — the ever-present danger of allowing our likes and dislikes to dictate our interpretations of facts — may be what mainstream journalists preoccupied with "fake news" haven't yet appreciated. The facile and stark distinction between real and fake, fact and invention, truth and lie suggests a failure on the part of mainstream American journalists to grasp the importance of interpretation. There is no such thing as an uninterpreted fact, and journalists are just as much interpreters as reporters of facts. Indeed I suspect one of the chief reasons so many Americans prefer harrowing Internet rumors to mainstream news is that they've grown impatient with journalists' pretense that their assertions involve only truth, only facts unmediated by opinion or partiality. These Americans may have their gullible moments, but they know better than that.

The rise of fake news, if it's anything, is an indictment of America's newsrooms. Yet somehow I doubt the newsrooms will interpret it that way.

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JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON

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DETAILS EMERGE IN 'PIZZAGATE' CASE

Suspect prepared for 'violent confrontation'

BY PETER HERMANN, SPENCER S. HSU AND KEITH L. ALEXANDER

The man accused of commandeering a D.C. pizza restaurant with an assault-style rifle anticipated that his efforts could end in violence as he investigated false rumors of a child sex ring, according to court documents made public Tuesday.

New details, including allegations that Edgar Maddison Welch tried to recruit two co-conspirators, add a chilling twist to the case. Friends and family members had earlier said they thought the 28-year-old North Carolina man was on a mission to save children, not to hurt anybody.

Prosecutors wrote in a criminal complaint that "it appears Welch had been contemplating a violent confrontation at the restaurant." They outlined various text messages he sent in the days before the Dec. 4 incident at Comet Ping Pong.

"Raiding a pedo ring, possible [sic] sacrificing the lives of a few for the lives of many," Welch texted a friend two days before he drove to Washington in a Toyota Prius, according to federal prosecutors. The text continued: "Standing up against a corrupt system that kidnaps, tortures and rapes babies and children in our own backyard."

Police said Welch was consumed with the viral fake news story, known as "Pizzagate," that falsely linked Hillary Clinton to a child sex-trafficking ring. The conspiracy theory said

WELCH CONTINUED ON B2

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Edgar Maddison Welch, 28, of Salisbury, N.C., surrenders to police after allegedly firing an assault-style rifle in a D.C. restaurant.

Pr. George's liquor chief quits after DUI arrest

Exiting board chair was leaving new casino when traffic incident occurred

BY LYNH BUI AND ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ

The chairman of the Prince George's County liquor board who was arrested on drunken driving and other charges after leaving the MGM National Harbor casino on opening night has stepped down from his position.

The resignation of Charles W. Caldwell III from the board came on the same day authorities released a police report indicating that he tried to leverage his position on the commission to get out of his arrest, asking officers while he was detained on Thursday, "Is there any way we can make this go away?"

Caldwell, who has publicly denied that he was impaired, was charged with DUI, reckless driving and related traffic offenses after police said he was involved in a collision with two other vehicles outside the newly opened casino last week.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R), who appointed Caldwell to chair the Prince George's Board of License Commissioners last year, asked Caldwell to step down from the post.

"Under these circumstances, the governor does not have the authority to remove Mr. Caldwell from the board," Shareese DeLeaver-Churchill, a spokeswoman for Hogan, said in a statement Tuesday evening. "However, the governor is very concerned and disappointed in this situation and has asked Mr. Caldwell to step down from his role as chairman, which he has agreed to do."

The current vice chair of the board, which oversees more than 600 stores, restaurants and other entities that sell liquor in the county, will lead the board until a new chair is selected.

After the announcement of his resignation, Caldwell directed questions to his attorney, William C. Brennan, who said it was his policy not to comment on pending cases.

CALDWELL CONTINUED ON B8

Event aims to fund liberal causes

Md. senator organizing 'UnNaugural' hopes for healing, inspiration

BY JOSH HICKS

A progressive state senator from Maryland is organizing a concert on Inauguration Day to raise money for liberal causes she thinks will be threatened under the administration of President-elect Donald Trump.

The UnNaugural Concert will take place the night of Jan. 20 at Montgomery College's 500-seat Cultural Arts Center in Rockville, while thousands of Trump supporters and Republican faithful from across the country are celebrating downtown at inaugural balls.

Ticket prices range from $25 for students to $250 for VIP seating, with general admission running $100. Proceeds will go to five national advocacy groups that promote abortion rights, civil liberties, environmental protection, gay rights and gun control.

Performers include five largely regional acts known for activist music: the Grammy Award-winning a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock, Emma's Revolution, Brother Sun, Josh White Jr.

CONCERT CONTINUED ON B8

Just a little horsin' around

MICHAEL S. WILLIAMSON/THE WASHINGTON POST

A couple of equine co-workers engage in some friendly give-and-take at the U.S. Park Police corral at Fort Hunt Park near Mount Vernon, in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. The public park is administered by the National Park Service as part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and was originally part of Washington's estate.

5 decades later, he meets his rescuer

Man pulled from wreck reunited with officer who braved flames

BY TOM JACKMAN

It was sometime after 1 a.m., and rookie police officer Glenn Poe had drawn the midnight shift, cruising up Pickett Road in Fairfax City, Va., in the dark. Then a car roared past him, careening all over the road, in the opposite direction. Poe wheeled his patrol car around and took off in pursuit. But before he could catch up, he watched in horror as the car clipped one oncoming vehicle, then swerved completely into the other lane and smashed head-on into a much smaller car.

Gary Eckstein was driving the smaller car. It was February 1969, and he was 19 years old, a newly minted sailor in the U.S. Navy, home for the weekend and heading for a Fairfax City pizza joint in his dress blues. The last thing he remembers about that day is getting off the bus from Norfolk, where he was stationed on the USS Neosho. He awoke from a coma after three days, and spent the next nine months in Bethesda Naval Hospital with a broken arm, numerous head and internal injuries and a broken jaw, wired shut. He was told he'd been hurled from the tiny Morris Minor car he was driving by the force of the head-on collision.

Eckstein eventually recovered, got married and had children, moved away from Virginia and then back. And he always wondered about the accident, its lasting effects, and the officer

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FAMILY PHOTO

Above, Gary Eckstein's Morris Minor after the head-on crash in Fairfax City in February 1969. The small sedan flipped onto its top and burst into flames. Then-officer Glenn Poe pulled the 19-year-old man out.

Black women's life spans hold firm, a near-miracle

Courtland Milloy

The results are in, the conclusion inescapable: Black women are exceptional, phenomenal even.

The latest evidence is perhaps the most compelling: While life expectancy for the country declined last year, the black woman held her own.

Ironic, isn't it?

White men and women, Hispanic men and women, and black men all took a hit, according a report last week by the Centers for Disease Control. The nation's overall life expectancy declined for the first time since 1993.

Among the leading causes of death was a spike in heart disease related primarily to obesity and a sharp rise in drug overdoses and suicide associated with depression and hopelessness.

With black women being disproportionately overweight, overworked, overlooked and underpaid, you'd think they would be on the verge of extinction.

How the black woman managed to escape such a widespread decline in life expectancy borders on the miraculous. Not only did they hold on to an average life span of 78 years, other recent studies show that black women are also the most optimistic.

"What we are seeing is that the message about the importance of health is getting through to black women," said Linda Goler Blount, president and chief executive of Black Women's Health Imperative, a national health advocacy nonprofit based in the District. "The data show that the majority of us know that we need to improve and are working on it. We also understand the importance of having a positive attitude. When black women are asked to define what good health means, we say things such as 'being calm' or 'being at peace.' We don't use diseases to define it. We don't let a condition like obesity define who we are, even though we work on getting into shape."

A recent report by the Black Woman's Health Imperative shows that black women tend to be less sedentary than other groups.

"Whether it's because of a lack of transportation or a determined effort to get exercise, black women tend to walk a lot," Blount said. "We are on the move

MILLOY CONTINUED ON B8

Possibility of violence mentioned in text linked to pizzeria incident

WELCH FROM B1

the ring operated in the basement of Comet, where Clinton's presidential campaign chairman, John Podesta, occasionally dined.

In the end, Welch did not shoot anyone and surrendered after he found no evidence of hidden rooms or sex trafficking, police said. The documents state that adults and children were in the restaurant that Sunday afternoon and fled when the gunman walked inside with a .38-caliber Colt revolver and a Colt AR-15 rifle — loaded with 23 bullets — strapped across his chest.

Welch fired his assault-style weapon two or three times in the restaurant, police said. They said he also pointed the rifle in the direction of an employee who had emerged from the back with pizza dough after everyone else had fled.

The information detailing Welch's apparent planning is contained in court documents filed Tuesday as Welch's criminal case was moved from D.C. Superior Court to U.S. District Court, in the federal system.

At a brief federal court hearing Tuesday afternoon, Welch appeared in an orange jail jumpsuit with a trimmed goatee beard and close-cropped blond hair, apparently cut since his arrest. He said little other than to request a federal public defender, explaining that he had no job and less than $100.

U.S. Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey set a hearing for Friday to decide whether Welch should remain in jail, at which time he could enter a plea.

In an interview Monday, Welch's parents, Harry Welch Jr. and Terri Welch, said they did not know of their son's interest in the fake news story or his apparent plan to investigate it. "We were stunned," Terri Welch said. She apologized "for any heartaches he has caused."

Prosecutors lost a bid to have Welch's criminal complaint sealed for a brief time. They had argued that making it public could give people Welch texted an opportunity to destroy electronic evidence, dodge investigators or conspire to develop a consistent story.

Welch is charged with carrying a firearm across state lines with intent to commit a crime, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Police said he also carried a folding knife and had a loaded shotgun in the Prius. His cellphone was found in the vehicle.

The criminal complaint says Welch had grown increasingly angry about reports he read online about the supposed sex ring. On Dec. 1, the complaint says, Welch texted his girlfriend and said that he was researching "Pizzagate" and that what he read made him "sick." He also looked up Comet Ping Pong on the Internet.

That night, the complaint says, Welch texted another friend about his plans. That friend asked Welch whether they were going to "save the Indians from the pipeline," a reference to protests in North Dakota by the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation over plans to build an oil pipeline near their land.

Welch responded that he had something "way more important" with "much higher stakes" planned, and mentioned "Pizzagate." The friend responded, "Sounds like we r freeing some oppressed pizza from the hands of an evil pizza joint." Later, authorities wrote, that friend texted Welch, "I'm in."

The next day, Dec. 2, prosecutors said, Welch asked whether his friend knew anyone from the Army who could help. The friend responded "that it depended on the cause," the court document says.

According to the complaint, Welch texted back and said he was "defending the next generation of kids, our kids, from ever having to experience this kind of evil themselves. . . . The world is too afraid to act and I'm too stubborn not to."

Authorities said Welch left his home town of Salisbury, N.C., the morning of Dec. 4. It's unclear why he didn't connect with his other friends; one texted him to meet, the complaint says, but Welch responded that he was already on his way.

At some point, he recorded a video that was found on his phone. The complaint says Welch looks into the camera and tells relatives that he loves them, that he hoped he had "showed it," and "that he hoped that he would be able to tell them again. And if not, don't ever forget it."

About 3 p.m., authorities said, Welch parked near Comet, on Connecticut Avenue in upper Northwest, and walked in with the assault-style rifle and went to the back. The complaint says he did not interfere with customers and employees as they ran out.

While inside, and as the police massed outside, Welch searched for hidden rooms or tunnels, the complaint says. Encountering a locked door, he tried to open it with a butter knife, and then tried to shoot off the lock with his assault rifle. That didn't work, and prosecutors said he climbed on top of furniture to look over a partition. The room was empty.

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Man pulled from fiery wreck decades ago can now fill in the gaps

POE FROM B1

who happened to be there. "I was brought up to say thank you," Eckstein, now 67, said. "And how cool would that be if I could find him?"

All he knew was "Officer Poe." But when Eckstein called Fairfax City police, a civilian employee named Gail Hicks helped connect him with Poe, now 78 and living in southwest Virginia. When Poe traveled to Northern Virginia for Thanksgiving, the two had an emotional reunion, and Eckstein learned much more about the pivotal event in his life than he ever knew.

First, Poe told him, Eckstein was not ejected from his car. His small British sedan flipped onto its top and burst into flames. Poe darted out of his car and ran to the Minor, but the door was jammed. "Some way, I got it opened," Poe said.

Then he looked inside and saw the unconscious Eckstein. "His face was on fire," Poe said. "His hair was on fire. I remember taking my hand and rubbing his face. I got burned on my hand a little. And I know I pulled him out because I was afraid the car was about to explode."

Things suddenly fell into place for Eckstein. He has extensive numb patches on his scalp and side of his face but never knew exactly why. And he recalled that the first time he saw his face in the mirror at Bethesda Naval Hospital, one side was covered with a bright orange solution, although he didn't end up with burn marks.

Eckstein realized that he hadn't been ejected from his car, that Poe hadn't just happened on the scene and called for an ambulance. Poe had saved his 19-year-old life.

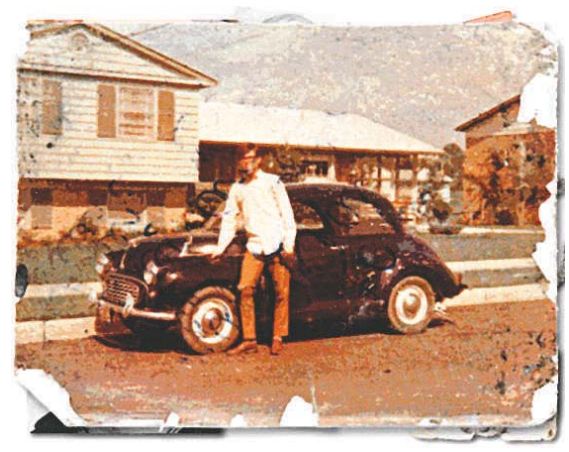
"I didn't know what to say," Eckstein said, recalling the moment Poe told him the story. "I had to explain how happy and thrilled I was. I told him, 'Here's my wife and kids. You made all this happen.' "

Poe was humble in the classically understated police style. "I was just doing my job when the guy hit him," Poe said the other day. "He's a nice man," he said of Eckstein. "Very pleasant wife. It's nice to see somebody that you've done something good for."

But his daughter Natalie, who hosted the reunion at her home in Chantilly, Va., said her father "was really touched by his [Eckstein's] gratitude." She added that her father "was surprised that he [Eckstein] survived the accident; apparently his injuries were severe."

Poe's memories of the crash are remarkably vivid nearly 48 years later. But most police officers never actually witness a crash; they just deal with the aftermath. Here, Poe had a clear view of a terrifically violent impact, then dashed into the middle of it.

Natalie Poe noted that "being a police officer was the core of who my father was as I was growing up. It was a job he took pride in. . . . Through his career, he made lifelong friends in the community. And still to this day, he runs into people whose paths he had crossed."



FAMILY PHOTOS

BY SETHE ECKSTEIN

Clockwise from top left: The remains of the car Gary Eckstein was driving in 1969; Eckstein with his Morris Minor in the 1960s; Eckstein and ex-officer Glenn Poe, Eckstein's rescuer, who met for the first time over Thanksgiving, when Eckstein learned how Poe saved him.

Gary Eckstein's "face was on fire. I remember taking my hand and rubbing his face. I got burned on my hand a little. And I know I pulled him out because I was afraid the car was about to explode. . . . It's nice to see somebody that you've done something good for."

Glenn Poe

Eckstein enjoyed a career as a graphic artist, recently retired and settled in Fairfax City. He grew up in Annandale, Va., graduated from W.T. Woodson High School in 1968 and entered the Navy that fall, figuring it was the safest option if he was going to be sent to Vietnam. On Feb. 14, 1969, he took a bus home from Norfolk for a weekend leave.

Poe grew up in Abingdon, Va., worked for an electrical contractor in Northern Virginia after high school, was drafted and served in the Army, returned to Northern Virginia, worked for several more years and eventually signed up to be a cop in 1968.

And so both men found themselves driving north on then-two-lane Pickett Road in the early morning of Feb. 15, 1969. Poe said he saw a southbound car "driving erratically all over the road. I made a U-turn and was in pursuit."

Poe said the car was a four-door 1964 Plymouth sedan. It was driven by 24-year-old Lexie R. Mullins, court records show. "I was trying to catch up to him," Poe recalled. "He was driving at a high rate of speed. He hit one car, then he hit the little Morris Minor head on. It went up in the air, and it was upside down when he came down. It was burning."

Poe radioed for backup, although he's pretty sure there was only one other officer on duty in the small town, and for an ambulance. Then he raced to the Minor and pulled Eckstein out.

Poe said that he arrested Mullins and charged him with drunken driving, but he did not recall the outcome. Fairfax general district court records from the 1960s no longer exist, nor do Fairfax City's police reports. In 1970, Eckstein's parents sued Mullins on behalf of their son in Fairfax circuit court, court records show. Eckstein received a settlement check for $20,000 in 1971, and the case was dismissed. Mullins could not be located for comment.

Several weeks after the accident, Eckstein's mother sent a letter to the Fairfax City police chief, recommending Officer Poe for "a promotion or a citation or whatever can be done for a person so deserving," June Eckstein wrote.

But there never was a commendation or award. "Back then, those were hard to come by," Poe said. He saw June Eckstein's letter for the first time Friday when he met with Fairfax City police officials. They provided him with a sheaf of complimentary letters, nearly 90 pages in all, written by people he'd come in contact with over his 20 years on the force.

"It was the most amazing thing," Eckstein said of his Thanksgiving Day reunion. "He still had all these pretty vivid memories of what happened there. It was just so amazing that I could finally talk to him. I had to do this. I had to talk to the guy. If he hadn't been there as fast as he was, I would've been a goner."

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MARYLAND

5,000-seat arena eyed for Silver Spring

BY KATHERINE SHAVER

Montgomery County wants to build a 5,000-seat sports and entertainment arena in downtown Silver Spring that would be the largest of its kind in the Maryland suburb.

The facility would be built either atop, or in place of, two county parking garages that straddle Bonifant Street east of the Silver Spring Metro station. The garages, which together have 1,772 spaces, are a prime parking spot for Red Line riders and people who work in downtown Silver Spring, a major job center.

The arena must be designed to serve as "the home of one or more minor league sports teams, with a semi-professional hockey organization as the preferred anchor tenant," the request says. It also must be able to host high school, amateur and college sporting events, serve as a live entertainment venue, and provide space for exhibits and conventions.

Tina Benjamin, manager of special projects for County Executive Isiah Leggett (D), said the facility would complement the Strathmore arts center and the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, both which are in North Bethesda. She said it's also needed to accommodate large public events, such as high school graduations, many of which are held at the 3,700-seat DAR Constitution Hall in downtown Washington.

"It would fill in what we see as a gap," Benjamin said.

She said it also would draw customers to stores and restaurants in downtown Silver Spring, an area that has seen a commercial and residential resurgence since 2000.

If the winning proposal calls for tearing down the garages, the new building or buildings would have to include underground parking. The number of replacement spaces that would be required would depend on the type and amount of development, officials said. The county asked for proposals to include space for retail and housing.

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Tina Benjamin, manager of special projects for Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett

Al Roshdieh, the county's transportation director, said both garages are only half-full during peak times, and many people coming to the arena probably would use Metro or the planned light-rail Purple Line, which would have a stop at the Silver Spring Transit Center.

Many arena events would be held in the evenings or on weekends, when parking is usually plentiful, he said.

Even if a developer tears down one or both garages or closes them during construction, downtown Silver Spring has "plenty of parking available," Roshdieh said.

"People should not be worried about parking," he said. "It would still be sufficient."

Sports and entertainment experts have told county officials that Silver Spring is ripe for a semipro hockey team, Benjamin said.

"They say there's no hockey team between Washington and Hershey [in Pennsylvania], so this would be the perfect market," she said.

Benjamin said the county had considered a similar facility in 2007 but didn't find a viable site. She said the Bonifant garages weren't considered then.

Proposals are due April 10.

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A different perspective of our home base.
A Beautiful Planet 3D is now playing at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. How many feet wide is the Smithsonian's Airbus IMAX® Theater?
(Hint: See SI.edu/IMAX for the answer.)

TREASURE HUNT 2
Extended: Signature's *Silver Belles*
The season's new show is comedic, swell!
A couple of vixens tap their inner talent
To host their late friend's holiday pageant.
Catch *Silver Belles*, a hilarious world premiere musical for the holiday season, through December 31 at Signature Theatre. Who plays the part of Oralene?
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LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Guilty plea in BB gun incident at Capitol

A Tennessee man pleaded guilty Tuesday in connection with a U.S. Capitol Visitor Center shooting incident that led to brief lockdowns at the White House and across the Capitol complex on March 28, authorities said.

Larry Russell Dawson, 67, of Antioch, Tenn., admitted pulling out a spring-loaded BB gun that resembled a semiautomatic handgun, pointing it at officers and ignoring commands to drop it, prosecutors said. A U.S. Capitol Police officer shot Dawson in the chest and thigh.

Dawson faces sentencing Feb. 24 in federal court on one count of assaulting, resisting or impeding officers while using a deadly or dangerous weapon.

— Spencer S. Hsu

MARYLAND

Kitten is found with cord around neck

A cat was found with an electrical cord tied around its neck in the basement of a Greenbelt apartment building, city police said.

On Friday, Greenbelt Animal Control responded to a call in the 6100 block of Springhill Lane, police said. Although the electrical cord found tied around the kitten was plugged in, police said, the animal did not appear to be injured.

— Justin Wm. Moyer

Hogan appoints two to state Senate seats

Gov. Larry Hogan (R) has appointed Del. William C. Smith Jr. (D-Montgomery) and Del. Barbara A. Robinson (D-Baltimore) to state Senate seats to replace U.S. Rep.-elect Jamie B. Raskin (D) and new Baltimore Mayor Catherine E. Pugh (D), who resigned from the legislature after their elections.

Smith, a lawyer who has served in the House of Delegates since January 2015, will represent District 20 in Montgomery County and be the first African American to represent the county in the Senate. Robinson, a House member since 2007, will represent Baltimore's District 40.

— Ovetta Wiggins

Campus officer slays gunman in Baltimore

A man firing into a car at a Baltimore intersection was shot and killed Tuesday night by a Coppin State University police officer, a Baltimore police spokesman said.

T.J. Smith, the city police spokesman, said the Coppin officer was in an unmarked car when he saw the man jump out of a vehicle and begin shooting.

— Victoria St. Martin

VIRGINIA

Fairfax chief's SUV hit by vehicle, police say

Fairfax County Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. was injured Monday after his unmarked SUV was rear-ended by an alleged drunk driver, police spokeswoman Julie Parker said.

The chief was stopped at a traffic light when struck. Police said Tuesday that Christie A. Edgar, 40, of Centreville, was charged with DWI.

— Dana Hedgpeth and Martin Weil

FedEx's package handlers are giving Rudolph a run for his money

John Kelly's Washington

JOHN KELLY/THE WASHINGTON POST

John Lockhart and Karen Coleman put packages on a conveyor belt at the FedEx facility on Telegraph Road in Alexandria.

To stand and watch the conveyor belts in FedEx's sorting facility in Alexandria, Va., is to realize how hopelessly coddled our nation's packages have become.

"This side up!" "Top load only!" "No knife!" "Open immediately! Perishable!" "Fragile!"

Ha! When I was a boy, kids got lawn darts and bags of coal for Christmas. Do you think those were fragile?

Then there was the package I watched go by — several, actually — wrapped in tape proclaiming "Climate-conscious shipping." Um, you do know that these packages are not being delivered by condor and mule train, right?

They're being delivered by the 100 FedEx vans that are parked in two rows, their open backsides facing two long conveyor belts, each one a Santa's sled awaiting today's shipment of toys.

I spent a morning there last week, and I know what a lot of you are getting for Christmas: 24-inch Dell monitors. I lost count of them.

They get an early start at the FedEx station on Telegraph Road. Everyone's in place — package handlers, drivers, vans — by 6:30 a.m. A little before 7, a door at the back of the building rolls up and a containerized trailer vehicle backs in. The CTV — a tractor-trailer to you and me — is the first of four that arrive here every day but Sunday. It disgorges big, metal boxes that fit inside the trailer like a set of fitted luggage. These had just arrived from Dulles International Airport, where they sat in the bellies of FedEx planes flown in from Indianapolis, Newark and Memphis.

The sort is starting.

Overseeing everything is **Tony Perritano**, the senior manager at the facility and a 26-year FedEx employee. Tony won't tell me how many packages come in — company secret — but I estimate it at "a lot."

Handlers unload the containers, tossing their contents on the conveyors. This is a core sample of American commerce and consumption. I see a 35-pound plastic tub of vanilla buttercream headed to a Dunkin' Donuts somewhere in Arlington. I see a box labeled "Oncology supply." I see a half-dozen boxes labeled Oxytocin, the chemical that can induce labor.

Let's hope those three deliveries don't get mixed up.

Because it's the holiday season, there's a holiday aspect to much of the stuff. There are artificial trees in boxes, already wired with lights. There are Harry & David gift boxes. There are big-screen TVs, Samsung Soundbars, packages from Orvis and Eddie Bauer. And so, so many boxes bearing Amazon's enigmatic grin.

It used to be, Tony says, that L.L. Bean shipped so many wreaths that the sorting station smelled like a pine forest every December. Not so much anymore, he says. But around Mother's Day, thanks to all those mail-order bouquets, "we open the containers, and it smells like flowers."

The handlers divide the packages into two streams: those that will go on the conveyor belt to trucks bound for Alexandria and those that will go on the conveyor belt to trucks headed to Arlington. (In case you want to wow your friends with arcane delivery knowledge, the former are designated NDV, the latter ZFO.)

The conveyor belts move at a comfortable walking pace. Tony declines my request to speed them up, a la Lucy and Ethel in the chocolate factory. A sign exhorts workers to scan at the preferred rate of 38 packages per minute. They do that by pointing a pistol-like contraption at each package. It scans the bar code, determines where the package is going, then spits out a yellow sticker imprinted with the three-digit route-number code.

Handlers slap a sticker on each box, and drivers down the line pick the boxes out and put them in the appropriate vans. On a typical day, it will take under two hours to sort everything and send the vans into the maw of Washington traffic and weather.

Tony says that when it comes to Christmas shopping, he is a procrastinator and buys most of his gifts online. But I think he does that just so he can use FedEx. He enjoys tracking his packages through the system.

A brightly-colored box comes trundling down the conveyor belt, its busy packaging designed to induce covetousness in children. It contains a Nerf Mega Mastodon motorized Nerf gun, with 24-dart revolving drum capable of firing soft projectiles 100 feet.

"There you go," Tony says with a smile.

We're both thinking the same thing: Man, that looks like fun.

Helping Hand

This holiday season, I've been sharing stories of three charities: **Community of Hope**, **Homestretch** and **Sasha Bruce Youthwork**. Each works with homeless families and youths in our area, putting them on the path to self-sufficiency. Your tax-deductible gift through The Washington Post Helping Hand will allow these nonprofit groups to assist more clients.

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VIRGINIA

Appeals court confirms photo ID voting provision

Unlike overturned N.C. law, rule does not create an 'undue burden'

BY ANN E. MARIMOW AND RACHEL WEINER

A federal appeals court Tuesday upheld Virginia's voting rules requiring residents to present photo identification to cast ballots.

The 3-to-0 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit comes only months after a different panel of judges in the Richmond-based court threw out North Carolina's far-reaching election restrictions, finding its state legislators had intentionally made it harder for minorities to vote.

In the Virginia case, the appeals court sided with attorneys for Virginia election officials who said the state's requirement for in-person voting is far more flexible than election measures in other states and was not designed to discriminate.

"Not only does the substance of SB 1256 not impose an undue burden on minority voting, there was no evidence to suggest racially discriminatory intent in the law's enactment," the panel ruled.

Attorneys for the state Democratic Party who challenged Virginia's law argued the photo-ID requirement was "just as bad" as North Carolina's rules because of the disparate impact on minority voters who are less likely than white voters to have the required identification.

But the three-judge panel in the Virginia case determined that the facts of the case before them "are in no way" akin to the situation in North Carolina that their 4th Circuit colleagues ruled on.

Unlike in North Carolina, the judges said Tuesday, Virginia's law was passed through the standard legislative process after debate, and there is no evidence it targeted African American voters.

"Today's ruling is a victory for a common-sense law that protects the integrity of Virginia's elections," Virginia House Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) said in a statement. He called the lawsuit "politically motivated and unnecessary."

Attorney General Mark R. Herring (D) appointed an independent counsel, Mark F. "Thor" Hearne II, to defend the law.

The Virginia challenge was one of a set of similar voting cases throughout the country. Judges repeatedly sided with opponents of new requirements in recent months, overturning or weakening restrictive voting laws.

Virginia is "a very helpful decision," said Michael A. Carvin, an attorney who wrote an amicus brief in support of the law. "There is obviously a concerted effort by Democrats . . . to attack photo identification laws throughout the country. I think it will have an influence on other states regarding this issue."

Spokesman Brian Coy said Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) continues to believe the law "is an unnecessary restriction on voting rights that disproportionately impacts minorities and elderly Virginians."

McAuliffe "will continue to work to expand access to the ballot box for qualified voters and resist political efforts to erect new barriers to our democracy," Coy said.

Herring declined to comment on the decision.

In 2012, Virginia lawmakers passed election rules that required voters to present identification — with or without a photo. The state mailed voter-registration cards, which could be used to cast ballots, to all registered voters.

Ten months later, the Republican-controlled legislature approved a more restrictive measure requiring photo identification for in-person voting. Voters could obtain free photo IDs from the Board of Elections and use a photo ID that had expired within the past year. A person without the required identification can cast a provisional ballot and later present a photo ID.

Both bills were signed into law by McAuliffe's Republican predecessor, Gov. Robert F. McDonnell.

"If Virginia had required voters to present identifications without accommodating citizens who lacked them, the rule might arguably deprive some voters of an equal opportunity to vote," the judges found. "But . . . Virginia allows everyone to vote and provides free photo IDs to persons without them."

The three appeals judges who unanimously upheld Virginia's law Tuesday — Dennis W. Shedd, Paul V. Niemeyer and G. Steven Agee — were nominated by Republican presidents.

Claire Gastañaga, executive director of the Virginia American Civil Liberties Union, said in a statement that the decision "discounts the reality of the hardships that voters with disabilities encounter, and ignores that many other vulnerable groups of people lack ID or the means to obtain one."

Bruce Spiva of the law firm Perkins Coie suggested the plaintiffs could appeal again.

"We're disappointed in the court's decision and are reviewing to determine our next steps in this litigation," he said. "We remain fully committed to fighting unnecessary burdens on the right to vote in the commonwealth."

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Results from Dec. 13

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Mid-Day Lucky Numbers:	0-7-1
Mid-Day DC-4:	2-3-1-5
Mid-Day DC-5:	6-4-5-8-8
Lucky Numbers (Mon.):	2-7-9
Lucky Numbers (Tue.):	0-2-4
DC-4 (Mon.):	1-4-7-1
DC-4 (Tue.):	1-1-8-8
DC-5 (Mon.):	9-3-0-6-9
DC-5 (Tue.):	3-2-8-9-5

MARYLAND

Day/Pick 3:	4-6-4
Pick 4:	0-4-0-9
Night/Pick 3 (Mon.):	7-7-8
Pick 3 (Tue.):	3-0-4
Pick 4 (Mon.):	1-0-6-3
Pick 4 (Tue.):	0-8-9-4
Multi-Match (Mon.):	13-14-23-31-36-37
Match 5 (Mon.):	4-18-24-31-39 *12
Match 5 (Tue.):	14-19-21-23-28 *10
5 Card Cash:	10S-5H-10C-6D-JS

VIRGINIA

Day/Pick-3:	2-3-9
Pick-4:	3-0-5-3
Cash-5 (Tue.):	2-4-8-22-23
Night/Pick-3 (Mon.):	6-3-8
Pick-3 (Tue.):	0-7-3
Pick-4 (Mon.):	5-5-3-2
Pick-4 (Tue.):	8-3-5-4
Cash-5 (Mon.):	9-16-21-25-26
Cash-5 (Tue.):	4-6-22-29-33

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Cash 4 Life:	14-19-48-53-54 ¶4
Mega Millions:	2-15-26-34-41 **14
Megaplier:	5x
Lucky for Life:	6-18-25-44-48 ‡15

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MARYLAND

Man who killed couple, went on cruise gets life in prison

BY DAN MORSE

A 32-year-old Rockville man was sentenced to life in prison with no parole on Tuesday for breaking into a next-door couple's home, stabbing them to death with a machete and fleeing on an Alaskan cruise.

"I don't know what dark part of your soul caused you to do this. I'm not sure that anyone does," Montgomery County Circuit Judge John W. Debelius told the attacker, Scott Tomaszewski.

He told Tomaszewski that he couldn't think of any treatment or rehabilitation regimen in prison that would make him safe upon release. "I don't think there is one," Debelius said. "I come up empty."

In the dark, early morning of May 10, 2015 — Mother's Day — Tomaszewski cut open a screen at the home of his longtime neighbors. He first attacked Dick Vilardo, 65, as he slept, according to prosecutors. Dick's wife, Jody, 67, fled toward the kitchen. Tomaszewski attacked her there. At some point, Dick Vilardo stumbled down the hallway to try to save his wife, according to prosecutors, and was attacked again.

Dick Vilardo suffered 42 cutting and stabbing injuries. Jody, his wife of nearly 40 years, suffered massive injuries to her neck.

Hours later, the Vilardos' adult children — Andy and Katy, who had planned to meet them for a Mother's Day gathering — went to check on them and discovered their bodies.

Detectives tracked down Tomaszewski on an Alaskan cruise with his family. They arrested him as he came off the ship for a day of whale watching.

Police did not determine a motive. He had burglarized a nearby house earlier, and while inside the Vilardo home he also took items.

But Tomaszewski was masked when he came to the Vilardo house and was armed with what prosecutors described as an 18-inch curved machete, similar in style to a Nepalese kukri knife. The attack on Dick Vilardo in his bed, rather than a spot that would indicate he had confronted a burglar, suggested to authorities that Tomaszewski intended to commit murder.

"This would be a textbook case of deliberate, premeditated murder," said Debelius, the judge.

Tomaszewski pleaded guilty in September to the killings.

An Eagle Scout at 13, he was raised in Montgomery County by two longtime cancer researchers at the National Institutes of Health. He graduated from high school but had trouble holding a steady job. He was living with his parents on the night that he slipped out for the attack.

His parents didn't know what had happened, even as they left for the airport to fly to their cruise, officials said.

Tomaszewski had suffered from seizures. One of them led to a car wreck, which led to a brain injury. Another caused him to fall into a hot tub, nearly drown, and go into a medically induced coma for five days.

Tomaszewski's attorney, John Kudel, had his client evaluated by doctors to try to determine whether there was a connection between the old injuries and deep mental illness but, after their findings, chose not to pursue a defense that Tomaszewski was legally insane at the time of the killings.

"There's no medical explanation from these doctors who have looked at him and seen him," Montgomery State's Attorney John McCarthy said in court, "other than we may be looking at evil."

In court Tuesday, Tomaszewski spoke for 10 minutes.

"I'm an introvert. I like to keep to myself for the most part," he said, saying that being around too many people fills him with anxiety. "I can't stand attention or confrontations, which makes the actions that put me here today so abhorrent to my natural self."

He also said: "I can't do anything to bring Dick and Jody back to life. And despite how ashamed and disgusted I am with myself, no amount of words or apologies will help console their family."

Tomaszewski said he was seeking psychological help and had been about to admit himself into a treatment program. "I didn't realize how imperative my needing immediate help was," he said.

When the judge spoke, he cited Tomaszewski's phrasing that the couple had lost their lives, arguing that such language showed Tomaszewski had not accepted that he had killed the Vilardos.

"You know what, whether now or whether at some point in your life, you need to own this thing," the judge said. "These people weren't lost. These people were murdered, and they were murdered brutally and viciously."

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MARYLAND

Snow days might pinch spring break

Montgomery's 2017-2018 schedule has makeup days during vacation

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE

If snow days pile up next school year, Montgomery County students could lose some of their spring break in 2018 under a new academic calendar that puts snow makeup days during the annual vacation period.

On Tuesday, the county school board unanimously approved a final academic calendar that sets the opening of school for Sept. 5, 2017, and the last day on June 14, 2018, complying with a mandate from Gov. Larry Hogan (R) to extend the summer break through Labor Day and end the year by June 15.

Montgomery school officials said that compressing the school year required trade-offs elsewhere in the calendar. They cut Montgomery's typical 184-day school year to 182 days, with just two built-in makeup days for bad weather.

District officials say a third makeup day could fall on June 15, 2018, if needed. But if the winter is severe, spring break would be at risk. Additional makeup days were designated as March 26 and 27, the beginning of 2018's spring vacation.

"We're going to have to keep our fingers crossed," said Patricia O'Neill, a school board member who joked that parents should ask their children to do a "no-snow" dance to ward off snowfall.

Montgomery's school system has closed for inclement weather an average of about five times each year during the past decade, with a high of 10 closures during the 2013-2014 school year.

The school board also marked potential makeup days from June 18 to 21, but having classes on those days would require a state waiver from the governor's order.

Maryland law requires a 180-day school year, and many districts have struggled to find a way to build in enough instructional days, plan for the possibility of harsh weather and still comply with Hogan's Labor Day order.

Montgomery's decision comes as at least three other Maryland school districts — in Anne Arundel, Carroll and Baltimore counties — have scrapped parts of their typical spring vacations.

Under state law, Good Friday and Easter Monday — which fall on March 30 and April 2 in 2018 — must be public school holidays.

Some districts, including Montgomery, have given students four additional days off to create a spring break that spans six school days. For 2018, Montgomery's spring break is scheduled for March 26 through April 2.

Hogan issued his executive order Aug. 31, saying a longer summer break would benefit families and the economy. He said districts could seek waivers from the order based on "compelling justification." In late September, the Maryland State Board of Education took steps to open up the waiver process, and Montgomery's school board voted to seek one, hoping to start next school year on Aug. 28, the week before the Labor Day holiday, as it does now.

The day after Montgomery's vote, Hogan revised his executive order to make it nearly impossible for most school districts to qualify for waivers.

The Montgomery school board voted last month to align its calendar with the Hogan order but also allowed extra time for the district to work through details about snow days, professional days, spring break and other issues. Tuesday's vote finalized the 2017-2018 calendar.

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THE DISTRICT

Woman carjacked in Chevy Chase

BY PETER HERMANN

D.C. police said they were searching for a blue Hyundai Santa Fe SUV after a woman was carjacked by five masked male assailants Sunday evening as she was unloading groceries from her vehicle in the city's Chevy Chase neighborhood.

The robbery, in which one of the men or teenagers had a gun, has unnerved residents in the upscale community in Northwest Washington, where violent crime is rare.

The carjacking occurred about three hours before a 21-year-old man was found fatally shot in his Jaguar about two miles away in the neighboring Hawthorne community. Police say they have no reason to think the two attacks are related. Both occurred along the Western Avenue corridor that runs along the D.C. border with Montgomery County in Maryland.

The carjacking occurred about 6:20 p.m. on Western Avenue, near Connecticut Avenue and the Chevy Chase traffic circle. A police report says the assailants pointed a small gun at the victim and demanded her car keys. The group then took the vehicle and drove east on Northampton Street.

Police described the Hyundai as blue, with the District license plate number EN1190.

The victim, who did not want her name published because her attackers are not under arrest, said she noticed the group lurking in an alley as she parked behind her house. She said they were wearing dark clothes and hooded sweatshirts. She initially thought they might be friends of a nearby resident.

The woman said she put her groceries on the ground and was closing a fidgety gate when, "suddenly, I heard footsteps on the gravel." She said one of the young men, his face now concealed by a mask or black stocking, approached her and said, "Give me your car keys."

"He got really up close to my face," she added. "I said, 'What's happening? Is this a joke?' That's when he brought out the gun and pointed it at my midsection. I thought, 'Oh my God, you don't need to do this.' " The woman said she thought the assailant was throwing his life away.

She said another man approached her and demanded her wallet and money. She handed over her car keys but showed them she didn't have a wallet. The woman said the assailants left in her SUV but had not demanded her phone; she dialed 911 as her car pulled out of the alley.

The woman said two violent crimes in the same day are unusual in her neighborhood. "I think it's a bizarre coincidence," she said of the shooting. "I think mine was a crime of opportunity. I think they were novices. It's so sad, that's how they're starting out their lives."

The fatal shooting occurred about 9:15 p.m. in the 6900 block of 32nd Street NW, in Hawthorne. The victim, Grant Copeland Dosunmu, lived with his parents two blocks away.

Police have not made any arrests or discussed a possible motive in the case.

The fatal shooting was the first of the year for Hawthorne, and for the police-patrol area that includes much of Chevy Chase and Barnaby Woods. The area had no homicides in 2015, with six unarmed and four armed robberies.

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THE REGION

Chase after stolen police car ends in crash

BY MARTIN WEIL

A handcuffed suspect stole a police car in the District on Tuesday and struck several other vehicles during a chase through evening rush-hour traffic that finally ended with a crash in Northern Virginia, authorities said.

The pursuit came to a close at 5:35 p.m. on a ramp between King Street and Interstate 395, near the boundary between Arlington and Alexandria, where the stolen D.C. Housing Authority police car struck a D.C. police car, Virginia State Police said.

The D.C. police car had been part of the chase. (Housing Authority police and D.C. police are separate agencies.)

State police said a 26-year-old Stafford, Va., woman was taken into custody and was being treated at a hospital for injuries not considered life-threatening. Her name was not immediately available.

The incident began about 5:30 p.m. with an arrest by a Housing Authority police officer in the 2300 block of 11th Street NW, the authority said. The suspect was described by the authority only as female. The charge was not known.

The suspect was handcuffed and placed in the back of a Housing Authority police cruiser, a spokesman for the agency said.

But while the officer was outside the car, the suspect got into the front seat and drove off, authority spokesman Richard A. Smith said. He said that as he understood it, she took the wheel while still in handcuffs.

D.C. police chased the vehicle into Northern Virginia, where the car turned from southbound I-395 onto King Street and then tried to enter the northbound lanes of the interstate, according to state police.

At the connecting ramp, it struck the D.C. police car, said Corinne Geller, a state police spokeswoman. She said the police car then pinned the Housing Authority vehicle against a barrier.

The D.C. officer was unhurt, Geller said.

She said she knew of no other vehicles struck in Virginia during the pursuit. D.C. police said "multiple vehicles" were hit in the city. The exact number could not be learned, and it was not known whether injuries resulted.

Speeds in the chase were not known. But it appeared likely that thousands of motorists witnessed at least part of it.

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THE REGION

Six at area universities win Marshall Scholarships

BY NICK ANDERSON

The British government announced Monday that 40 top U.S. students have been awarded prestigious Marshall Scholarships, a 25 percent increase this year for a program that supports graduate studies in the United Kingdom.

Three scholars in the 2017 class are from the University of Virginia, two are from Georgetown University in Washington and one is from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Four are from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the largest delegation of Marshall Scholars named this year from a single school.

The program typically funds one or two years of study at a variety of British colleges and universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and the London School of Economics. Established in 1953, it was named for U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, architect of the namesake plan that helped rebuild Europe after World War II.

"Marshall Scholars have traditionally represented some of the finest and brightest young minds from across the United States, and the 2017 class is shaping up to be among our most impressive yet," Kim Darroch, the British ambassador to the United States, said in a statement.

In the previous class, there were 32 Marshall Scholars.

Here are this year's scholars from Washington-area colleges:

- University of Virginia: Abraham Axler, William Henagan, Sarah Koch.
- Georgetown: Seamus Caragher, Devika Ranjan.
- University of Maryland: Aaron Solomon.

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

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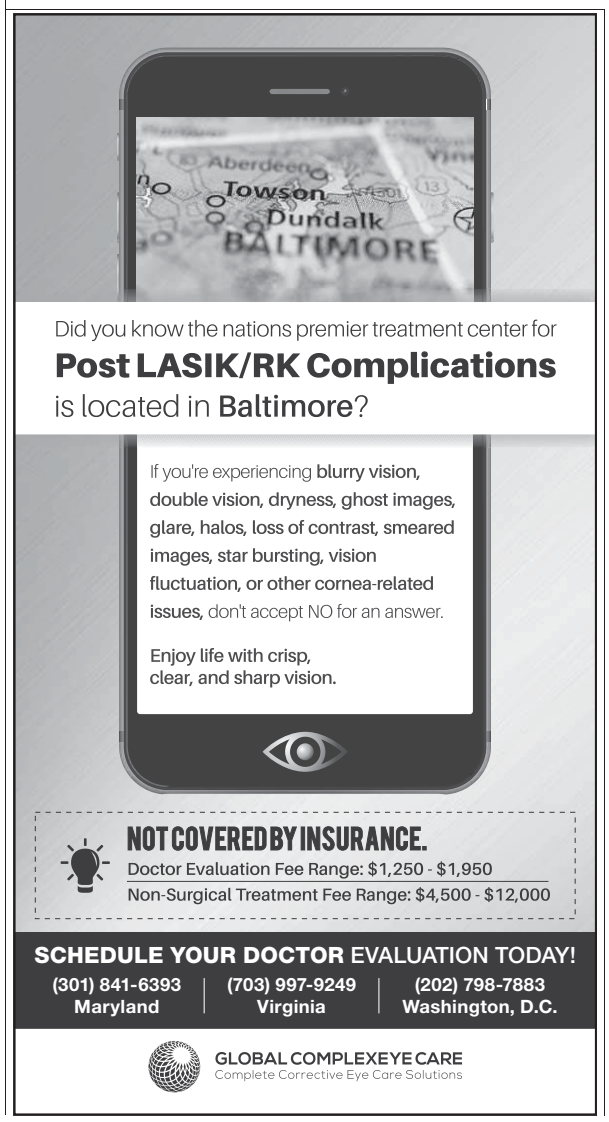

VIRGINIA

Bonus sought for employees

BY LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — Gov. Terry McAuliffe on Tuesday proposed a one-time 1.5 percent bonus for teachers and state employees who lost out on the chance for raises when state tax receipts came up short.

State workers had been promised raises in the current budget, but they were contingent on higher tax revenue. Those were scrapped in the summer, when sagging receipts created a $1.5 billion hole in the state's two-year budget.

The state's financial picture has improved a bit since then. McAuliffe announced last week that revenue collections were higher than expected — although not high enough to justify raises, he said.

"I'd love to do a permanent pay raise," McAuliffe (D) said at a news conference on Capitol Square. But he said the one-time boost was "the cautious approach," given financial uncertainty.

McAuliffe's proposal, which goes before the General Assembly next month, would cost $130.6 million. Some of the money would come from a proposed state tax-amnesty program, which for a limited time would allow individuals and businesses to pay back taxes without paying any fines. They would have to pay only half of the interest due.

The administration said the program, which would operate during the 2018 fiscal year, would generate $59.4 million. The state has offered similar amnesty programs three times since 1990, most recently in 2009, McAuliffe's office said.

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MARYLAND

Panel backs Northrop grant after some grumbles

BY JOSH HICKS

A Maryland legislative panel voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a $20 million grant for defense giant Northrop Grumman, but not before top lawmakers scolded Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and his administration for not collaborating more with the General Assembly on the deal.

"We had to do what we had to do because it was the right thing to do, but it wasn't handled the right way by the executive or your office," Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. (D-Calvert) told state Commerce Secretary R. Michael Gill.

The grant, approved by the legislature this year, was designed to ensure that Northrop would maintain a strong presence in Maryland. The company must repay some or all of the money if it fails to keep at least 10,000 jobs in Maryland for the next 10 years and invest $100 million in capital projects in the state.

The deal nearly fell apart after Hogan refused to release $25 million that Democrats set aside for teacher pensions and school construction as part of an $80 million all-or-nothing spending package that included items the governor opposed.

The General Assembly's Legislative Policy Committee, which had final say over whether the grant would move forward, postponed a meeting this summer to review and potentially vote on the agreement.

Miller and House Speaker Michael E. Busch (D-Anne Arundel), who jointly head the panel, suggested at the time that they didn't have enough votes to greenlight the deal in light of Hogan's decision on the all-or-nothing spending package.

The standoff ended last month, with the committee agreeing to approve the grant in exchange for Hogan supporting legislation next year that would provide equivalent funding to help local school districts pay for teacher pensions. Busch and Miller also agreed to round up legislative support for a deal the governor made with Marriott International to give the hotel company about $20 million in state funding to keep its headquarters in Maryland.

Busch asked Gill what he would do differently with future deals requiring legislative approval, but the secretary said he "wouldn't change anything," insisting that he stayed engaged with lawmakers throughout the process to communicate the administration's goals.

Miller interjected, saying that "government is a team effort." He added that Hogan "should have called a meeting with you, the speaker and myself and the chairmen of the various committees involved in the House and Senate and said, 'What can we all agree upon?' "

Hogan spokesman Doug Mayer said the governor had "many conversations" with Miller while negotiating the Northrop deal.

"We're not going to let his dour tone dampen what is clearly a great bipartisan achievement to continue a very prosperous partnership with this important Maryland employer," he said. "We couldn't be more thankful to both presiding officers for their help in this collaborative effort."

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OBITUARIES

E.R. BRAITHWAITE, 104

Author's 'To Sir, With Love' became bestseller and inspired 1967 movie

`BY MATT SCHUDEL

E.R. Braithwaite, a Guyanese author whose book about his experiences as a black man teaching in a largely white school in London, "To Sir, With Love," became a bestseller and inspired a popular 1967 film starring Sidney Poitier, died Dec. 12 at a hospital in Rockville, Md. He was 104.

He lived in Washington and died of a "cardiac-related event," said his companion, Genevieve "Ginette" Ast.

Mr. Braithwaite was a World War II veteran and trained as a physicist at the University of Cambridge. But, as a black man from what was then the colony of British Guiana, he had difficulty finding work in his field in the early 1950s.

"I was too black to be a scientist," he once said, "and too educated to be a lot of other things."

He wrote in his 1972 book "Reluctant Neighbors" that his hopes dwindled, "bit by bit, day by day, into weeks and months, until the only place on the whole arid horizon was a mangy schoolhouse beside a bomb-racked, rotting graveyard, and a smelly classroom with forty-six foul-mouthed youngsters."

His students at St. George's in the East — changed to Greenslade Secondary School in "To Sir, With Love" — were a tough lot who had grown up in poverty during and after World War II. Most of them were white. He was the only black teacher on the faculty.

The school was a laboratory of progressive educational ideas, with corporal punishment strictly prohibited — even though the students were unruly, noisy and coarse.

In Mr. Braithwaite's somewhat fictionalized account, which was published in Britain in 1959 and in the United States a year later, the students ignore him in the classroom, curse and slam their desktops as he speaks. Couples neck openly in the halls.

Raising his voice, Mr. Braithwaite tells the students he expects them to act like "ladies and gentlemen." He imposes a sense of discipline and decorum on his class by insisting that girls be addressed as "Miss" and the boys by their last names.

He becomes known simply as "Sir."

When one boy says he knows the girls too well to be so formal, Mr. Braithwaite responds, "Is there any young lady present whom you consider unworthy of your courtesies?"

> *"Those kids in the East End made a great impression on me."*
>
> E.R. Braithwaite on teaching at St. George's in the East, in an interview with the Glasgow Herald in 2013

A turning point comes during a gym class, when the boys pair off to practice boxing. The one boy without a partner is the ringleader of the ruffians. Mr. Braithwaite reluctantly puts on boxing gloves and, after being stuck in the face, knocks the wind out of the student. He then helps the boy to his feet, and they form a grudging respect.

He deviates from the standard curriculum to discuss serious issues with the students: poverty, sex, love and death. After some prodding, the entire class attends the funeral of the mother of a black student. The book also describes Mr. Braithwaite's growing romantic attachment to a white teacher.

At the end of the year, the students give Mr. Braithwaite a parting gift of 100 monogrammed cigarettes — even though he didn't smoke — with a note: "To Sir, with love."

During his seven years of teaching, Mr. Braithwaite kept meticulous daily notes, recording which tactics seemed most beneficial in the classroom. After he resigned to work for London's welfare agency, he was about to throw out the notes when a fellow teacher suggested that he write a book, based on his experiences.

"It is a book that one devours quickly," novelist John Wain wrote in a review for the New York Times, "but ponders slowly, and forgets — if I may risk the prediction — not at all."

Some of Mr. Braithwaite's former students and fellow teachers questioned the accuracy of his account. Nevertheless, "To Sir, With Love" was translated into more than 25 languages and made his reputation as an author.

Writer and director James Clavell adapted it for film, with Academy Award-winner Poitier in the lead role, renamed Mark Thackeray in the screen version. The movie's theme song, sung by Lulu, who also had a role as one of the students, became a No. 1 hit in the United States.

Mr. Braithwaite said he believed the movie adaptation took too many liberties with his book.

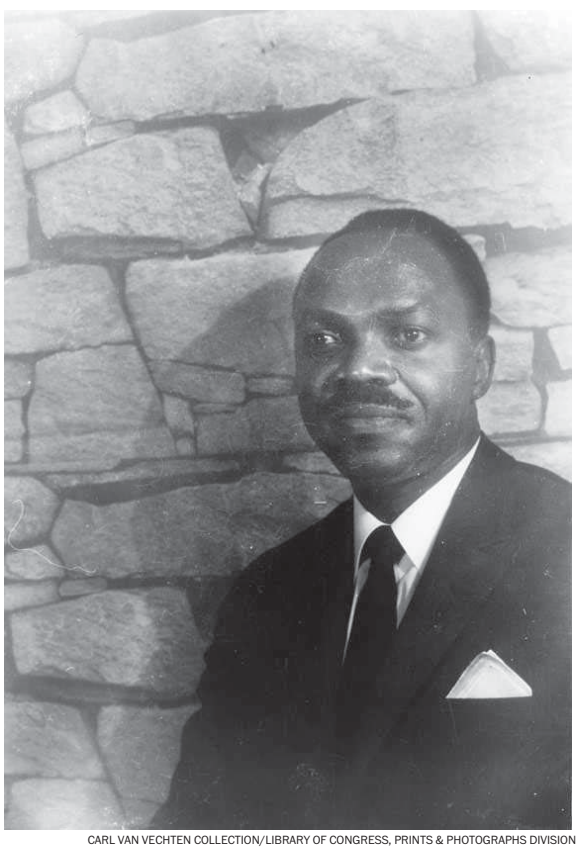
"I detest the movie from the bottom of my heart," he said in 2007. "I don't like it because the movie is about the classroom, while my book is about my life."

Eustace Edward Ricardo Braithwaite was born June 27, 1912, in Georgetown, British Guiana (now the country of Guyana). His parents were Oxford-educated intellectuals, and his father dealt in gems and precious metals.

He studied in New York City during the 1930s and served in Britain's Royal Air Force during World War II. He received a master's degree in physics from Cambridge in 1949.

In 1960, he moved to Paris, where he worked as a human rights official for a veterans organization and later as a consultant to the United Nations' educational and cultural division, UNESCO.

He had brief stints as Guyana's representative to the United Nations and as his country's ambassador to Venezuela. He lived in New York before settling in Washington in 1996. He taught at a number of colleges, including Howard University.



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E.R. Braithwaite based his book "To Sir, With Love" on his experiences as a black teacher in a largely white school in London. The work was translated into more than 25 languages and made his reputation as an author. Mr. Braithwaite, however, disliked the 1967 movie version, saying it took too many liberties with his book.

Besides "To Sir, With Love," Mr. Braithwaite published several other novels and volumes of memoirs. His books were banned for many years in South Africa. When he traveled throughout the country, he was granted the official status of "Honorary White," which became the title of a 1975 account his visit.

One subject he did not write about was his mixed-race marriage, unusual in Britain in the 1940s, to Sibyl Allen. They had five children before they were divorced.

In addition to Ast, his companion of Washington, survivors include two sons from his marriage, Ronald Braithwaite of Harrowgate, England, and Francis Braithwaite of London; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Three of his children predeceased him.

At 101, Mr. Braithwaite returned to Britain to attend new theatrical productions of "To Sir, With Love."

"Those kids in the East End made a great impression on me," he told the Glasgow Herald in 2013. "It struck me one day that the children didn't have any respect for themselves, and this was why they had no respect for other people and I seized upon that idea. I challenged them to respect themselves."

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ESMA REDZEPOVA, 73

Singer was the 'Queen of Gypsy Music'

BY IVANA SEKULARAC

Esma Redzepova, the "Queen of Gypsy Music" who made Roma culture popular with a world audience, singing for Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Libyan ruler Moammar Gaddafi and representing Macedonia in the Eurovision Song Contest, died Dec. 11 in Skopje, Macedonia. She was 73.

In 2010, NPR put Ms. Redzepova on its list of the world's 50 greatest voices, alongside Ella Fitzgerald, Plácido Domingo, Janis Joplin and Freddie Mercury.

"Redzepova has a voice that sounds like a beat-up Mustang barreling along a street full of potholes: it's gamy and battered and tough and it's been places," Washington Post classical music critic Anne Midgette wrote after hearing Ms. Redzepova for the first time on NPR.

Ms. Redzepova was born in Skopje — then part of the Bulgarian kingdom — on Aug. 8, 1943. She started to sing at 10, and her professional career began at a time when Roma women seldom sang in public.

Later in life, she became an advocate for Roma women's rights and fostered 47 children with her husband and manager, Stevo Teodosievski, winning many prizes for her humanitarian work.

Ms. Redzepova was one of the first singers to perform in the Romani language on radio and television. At a music festival in India in 1976, Ms. Redzepova and Teodosievski, a bandleader, were proclaimed the queen and king of Romani music. Teodosievski died in 1997.

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DEATH NOTICE

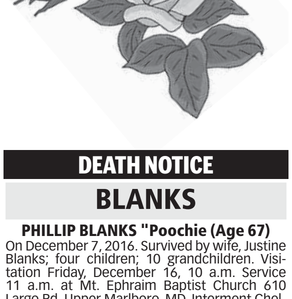
BALFOUR

LUCILE D. BALFOUR (BERG)
On Saturday, December 10, 2016, Lucile D. Balfour of Rockville, MD, and formerly of Boynton Beach, FL, died peacefully at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. A native of Washington, DC, she was predeceased by her beloved husband, Joseph M. Berg, and beloved second husband, Don Balfour. Devoted mother of Tom, Loretta, Joan and David. She is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She will be laid to rest at Star of David Memorial Gardens in North Lauderdale, FL. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name may be made to Food and Friends, Washington, DC (www.foodandfriends.org).

BASILIO

CRISANTO R. BASILIO
Formerly of Oxon Hill, MD, passed away on December 11, 2016, at 90 years of age in Crestview, FL. He joins his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Lydia, who predeceased him. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Lynn (Steve) Denny, Anita (Bart) Jones, and Cris (Mary Ann) Basilio; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He retired from the US Navy after 22 years and served in World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam. He later worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and retired after 17 years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fleet Reserve Association and the American Legion. Burial will be at Arlington Cemetery at a later date.

Expressions of love and sympathy may be placed and viewed online at
www.emeraldcoastfuneralhome.com



DEATH NOTICE

BLANKS

PHILLIP BLANKS "Poochie (Age 67)
On December 7, 2016. Survived by wife, Justine Blanks; four children; 10 grandchildren. Visitation Friday, December 16, 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. at Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church 610 Largo Rd. Upper Marlboro, MD. Interment Cheltenham at a later date. Services by J. T. Rhines.

BOWER

BEATRICE VIRGINIA BOWER
On Thursday, December 8, 2016, Beatrice Virginia Bower (nee Comer). Beloved wife of the late Harry Whitney Bower; devoted mother of Paula Conti (Leonard); and dear grandmother of Bianca Conti. She is survived by her sister, Vivian and preceded in death by four siblings; Helen, Margaret, Lillian and Lester.
A Memorial Service will be held at the family owned Ruck Towson Funeral Home, Inc. 1050 York Rd. Towson, Maryland (Baltimore beltway exit 26) on Friday December 16, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Gilchrist Hospice, 11311 McCormick Rd., Suite 350, Hunt Valley, MD 21031
www.ruckfuneralhomes.com

BOYD

BESSIE L. BOYD (Coble)
Formerly of Pleasant Garden, NC and Washington, DC transitioned peacefully on Wednesday, November 23, 2016. She was formerly married to the late Oscar J. Boyd. Bessie leaves to cherish her memories her beloved sister, Mildred Faye; sister-in-law, Ernestine; her two children, Charles A. of Washington, DC and Sharon Boyd Chatman (William, III) of Bowie, MD; three grandsons, Charles West, William Chatman, IV and Pierce Chatman; one great-granddaughter, nephew, Samuel Evans (Peggy); two nieces, Natalie Evans and Vicky Brown (Bobby) and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved brother, James L. Coble; sister, Eva Nae Coble; niece, Josephine (Toni) Coble; nephew, Alan Evans and grandson, Cammeron J. Boyd.
A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Zion Baptist Church, 4850 Blagden Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20011. Visitation 10:30 a.m. service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider the following Zion Baptist Senior Center or Reid Temple Senior Center. Arrangements by J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home, Hyattsville MD. Online condolences can be made to the family at:
www.jbjfh.com

BRADY

KATHLEEN S. BRADY
Kathleen S. Brady, longtime resident of Potomac, MD, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the age of 78. Tink was born in Brooklyn, NY and graduated from The College of New Rochelle in 1960. She received her Master's Degree from Georgetown University in 1963. She worked as an analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1963 to 1965. Tink was an avid reader of history and spy novels. Tink was a devoted gardener and spent much of her time tending her gardens at her houses in Potomac, MD and Bethany Beach, DE. She was a member of the Potomac Village Garden Club.

Tink was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 48 years, Richard A. Brady. She is survived by four children, Cecilia Brady of New York, NY, Kathleen Brady of Fairfax, VA, Andrew Brady and Joshua Brady, both of Chevy Chase, MD; and five grandchildren, Gavin, Colin, Amelia, Ava, and Grayson.

Friends and relatives are invited to call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, LLC, 5130 Wisconsin Ave., NW (corner of Harrison Street), Washington, DC (Valet Parking) on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be held at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada Street, NW, Washington, DC on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11 a.m.

To leave an online condolence or for additional information, please visit
www.josephgawlers.com

DEATH NOTICE

BRUCE

JEANETTA D. BRUCE (Age 66)
Departed on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington DC, after a short battle with cancer. The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 15 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 215 Rhode Island Ave at 10 a.m., until time of service at 11 a.m. Internment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD.

CALLAHAN

MARY DAHLSTEDT CALLAHAN (Age 83)
Peacefully on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Survived by husband, Norman and four children. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Christ the Redeemer Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Hwy, Sterling, VA, on Monday, December 19 at 11 a.m.

CHANDLER

EVELYN LUCILLE CHANDLER
Entered into eternal rest on Thursday, December 8, 2016. She is survived by her son, Allen Chandler; three daughters, Patricia McMillan, Sandra Womack and Sheila Burr ; three sister, Mary Bowman, Laura Moten and Bernice Scrivers; a host of other relatives and friends. Mrs. Chandler will lie in state at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church, 1301 North Carolina Ave. NE. from 10 a.m. until services 11 a.m. Interment at Harmony Memorial Park
www.stewartfuneralhome.com

COHEN

RICHARD A. COHEN
On Monday, December 12, 2016 Richard A. Cohen of Washington, DC. Beloved husband of Kathy Krieger; loving father of Steven and Sara Cohen; beloved brother of Margie Guerin; cherished nephew of Myron and Karol Gordon, and mourned by his nieces, nephew, cousins and friends. Graveside services wil be held today, December 14 at 11 a.m., at Judean Memorial Gardens, 16225 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney, MD. Family will be observing Shiva at the residence today and Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m., each day. Contributions may be made to Southern Poverty Law Center, Jews United for Justice or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Inc., under Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington Contract.

CROWLEY

PAUL THOMAS CROWLEY (Age 79)
Of Woodbridge VA, Passed away on December 11, 2016.
Paul is predeceased by his wife Chie "Candy"; his brother Stephen Crowley and his parents Leonard and Rose Crowley.
Paul leaves behind his sister and her husband Patricia A. Crowley Sloan and Herschel M. Sloan (Cape Coral, FL); his nieces Pamela Snyder (Mifflinburg, PA) and Jennifer Crowley (Lewisburg, PA), his nephews; Stephen Crowley (Sunberry, PA) and Joseph and James Crowley (Lewisburg, PA)
Paul was retired from the US Army after 20 years and retired from the USPS.
A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Cunningham Mountcastle Funeral Home, 13318 Occoquan Rd., Woodbridge VA 22191. A funeral service will also be held at Cunningham Mountcastle on Friday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m., followed by burial at Quantico National Cemetery.

DeBRUIN

LEILA FRANKEL DeBRUIN
Of Germantown, Maryland died early Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at Casey House Montgomery Hospice. Leila is survived by her son Aaron DeBruin of Gaithersburg, MD; her brother-in-law Paul Billingslea; and her father Hal Frankel. She was predeceased by her sister Cece Billingslea in May, 2010 and her mother Beverly Frankel in September, 2011.

Leila was born on January 28, 1956 to Beverly and Hal Frankel of Norwalk, CT. She graduated from Brien McMahon High School, Norwalk, CT in 1974. She received her BS in Computer Applications and Information Systems from the University of Bridgeport Business School in 1987. In 1982-3, Leila took a 27,000 mile trip with a close friend across the US and Canada. Leila also had a long and successful career as a Systems Analyst, from which she retired in 2013.

In 1986, Leila married Jeffrey DeBruin in Buffalo, NY and continued to live in Connecticut until 1996 when Jeff's job moved them to Maryland, later divorcing Jeff. Although Leila had many varied interests, raising her son, Aaron, was her greatest joy in life. She was an avid reader, walker and loved nature. Leila was a fierce supporter for Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Research and Advocacy. Leila made many friends wherever she went and connections were very important to her. She has touched many hearts along her journey as they have touched hers. She left a lasting impact, was always caring and supportive of her friends and family, and will never be forgotten.

We would like to thank Casey House Montgomery Hospice, her medical team, and her many support groups for helping Leila on this difficult and inspiring journey.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made in her memory to the Montgomery Hospice For Casey House, 6001 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20855 (Casey House) or Hope Connections, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 (Hope Connections for Cancer Support | Bethesda, MD).

A Celebration of Life for Leila will be announced at a future date.

DIXON

THANA MARIE DIXON (Age 68)
A lifelong resident of Alexandria, VA, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2016. She retired as the Director of Medical Records after serving at several area health care facilities but her true passion was as a volunteer, devoting countless hours at St. Rita Catholic Church and School of which she was a devoted parishioner. She was the daughter of Flore "Steve" Colantuoni who survives her and the late Mildred Lee Colantuoni. Thana is survived by her loving husband, Deacon Stephen J. Dixon; twin daughters, Donna Gerade (Mark), Debbie Beck (Jeffrey); grandsons, Justin, Brandon and Stephen; sister, Judy Witherspoon; brothers, Stephen Colantuoni, James Colantuoni and John Colantuoni. The family will receive guests from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, December 16, 2016 at St. Rita Catholic Church, 3815 Russell Rd., Alexandria, VA 22305. Interment will follow at Mount Comfort Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, 16330 Grotto Rd., Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or to St. Rita Catholic Church. A guest register may be found at:
www.everlywheatley.com

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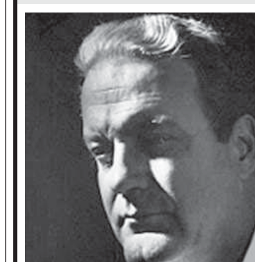
FAHEY



JAMES DANIEL FAHEY
April 9, 1927 - December 10, 2016
James Fahey passed away peacefully on Saturday evening, December 10, 2016. Born in Washington, DC to Joseph and Gertrude Fahey, he was a resident of Rockville, MD since 1955. Jim or "Jimmy" will be remembered for his big personality, his excellent cooking skills, the enjoyment of sharing his meals with others and a wonderful singing voice. While he lived with modest means, he was always willing to share whatever he had with anyone needing help. He also had a strong devotion to his Irish heritage.

Jim is survived by his kind and devoted wife of 66 years, Agnes Zenia Fahey (Gallegos), six children Daniel (Maria), Patrick, Donna, Timothy (Naveen), Joseph (Holly) and Kevin (Gwen) and 10 grandchildren Stephanie, Michael Brandon, Christina, Andrew, Jonathan, Alex, Allison, Kristin, Hayley and Shawn. Jim is also survived by his three siblings Patricia, Ellen and Michael.

Jimmy served military duty with the Coast Guard at the end of WWII and used the GI Bill to earn an AA degree in electronics. He spent most of his career with the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC as an electronics consultant.

Visitation services will be held Thursday evening, December 15 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rockville, MD from 6 TO 8 p.m., with a Mass the following morning, Friday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. His ashes will be interred at Arlington Cemetery in 2017.

In lieu of flowers, please donate a meal to a family in need or contribute to your local food bank.

As dad would say, "May you land in heaven one-half hour before the devil knows you're dead".

FLYTHE

ANNE H. FLYTHE
Anne Velie Heard Flythe, 91, of Spotsylvania, Virginia, formerly of Washington, DC, died peacefully in the company of her family, on Friday, December 9, 2016 at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia.
Born April 10, 1925 in Greenwich, Connecticut. She was preceded in death by her parents, Capt. William Augustine Heard, USN of Sabinal, Texas and Marjorie Velie of Moline, Ill; husband, William Perry Flythe, Jr. of Augusta, Georgia, and brother, William Augustine Heard Jr. of Washington, DC. Anne and William "Bill" were married in 1958 and lived in Washington, DC for many years, before retiring fulltime to their tree farm in Post Oak, Virginia in 1982. She was extremely proud of her work aboard the charter schooner 'The Blue Goose', her volunteer work for the animal rescue league, and her painting and writing. She was a published poet, and an active member of the Riverside Writers Club in Fredericksburg. She won numerous awards for her poetry, including the prestigious Golden Nib award. She is survived by her two sons, James Izaak Walton Flythe and Anthony Velie Heard Flythe; stepson, William P. Flythe, III; daughter-in-law, Abigail Kent Flythe, and granddaughter, Anne Day Flythe. The family will be receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., on Friday, December 16 at Covenant Funeral Service, 4801 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Fredericksburg, Virginia. A private burial will be held at a later date.

GARCIA

KATHERINE LORETTA GARCIA (Age 89)
Of Vienna, VA passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2016. Beloved wife of Dr. Albert J. Garcia; devoted mother of Mary Ann Garcia, Patricia Crowell, Teresa Crowell, Dr. Albert G. Garcia and Dr. Michael J. Garcia. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Katherine was a devout member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church for over 50 years. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolf Trap Rd., Vienna, VA on Friday, December 16 at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Fairfax Memorial Park. Online condolences and fond memories of Katherine may be offered to the family at
www.moneyandking.com

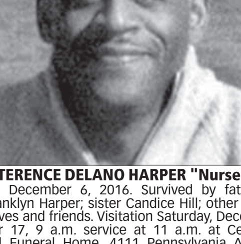
GARRAND

LAWRENCE FRANCIS GARRAND, II (Age 40)
Of Gaithersburg, MD, passed away, December 9, 2016 at his home. A veteran of United States Army, serving from 1995-2005, he received a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal among several others. He was born in Plattsburg, NY, July 23, 1976. He is survived by his wife Chasity Garrand; his four daughters Ariel, Jasmine, Autumn, and Bella; his mother Kelley Garrand; his brother Scott Garrand of Massachusetts; and is also survived by several family members in upstate New York. There will be a memorial service for family and friends at a later date. Inquires may be directed to the MacNABB FUNERAL HOME, P.A. of Catonsville.

GOTTLIEB

ROBERT JOHN GOTTLIEB (Age 97)
On Sunday, December 11, 2016. Husband of the late Elizabeth N McCullough and the late Mildred R. Blaufox; father of Barbara Zirkin (Barry) and Jim Gottlieb (Roberta); step-father of Robert McCullough (Gleda) and Liz Haber; grandfather of Zoe Maddox (Gregory), Zachary Gottlieb (Coral), William Zirkin (Anat) and Robert Zirkin (Tina); step-grandfather of Jason (Anna), Ryan, Matthew and Christopher McCullough; great-grandfather of Eloise, Oscar and Mavis Maddox; Talia, Jonah, Sophia and Emma Zirkin; and Dena, Hayle and Jack McCullough. Internment Private. Memorial Contributions to the Alzheimer's Association.

HARPER



TERENCE DELANO HARPER "Nurse"
On December 6, 2016. Survived by father, Franklyn Harper; sister Candice Hill; other relatives and friends. Visitation Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m. service at 11 a.m. at Cedar Hill Funeral Home, 4111 Pennsylvania Ave., Suitland MD. Interment Lincoln Cemetery.
www.cedarhillfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

HAYES

CLAIRE SEAMANS HAYES
On, Saturday, December 10, 2016, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of the late Warren Harry Hayes, M.D.; mother of Michael (Maria) Hayes, Susan (Charles) Crawford, Daniel Hayes, Teresa (William) Babetski, and Karen (Christopher) Fogleman. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends may call at Resurrection at Riderwood Chapel, 3140 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD, on Friday, 16 December, 2016 at 10 a.m. for Visitation and 11 a.m. when a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders, 333 7th Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001; Montgomery Hospice Society, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850 or Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, MD, 20866.
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HEERMANS

MURIEL HEERMANS
Passed away on Friday, December 9, 2016. She was born October 2, 1933 to William and Juanita Voigts in Phoenix, AZ. She is preceded in death by her husband Col. William H. Heermans III; her parents and brother, John. Muriel is survived by her children, William IV, Kevin (Lisa) Heermans, Patricia (Paul) Bromm, and Jeff Heermans; grandchildren: Paige (Alex) Vandersluijs, Aaron Heermans, John (Niki) Stapleton, Elizabeth (Anthony) Gehin, Allison (Aaron) Sprowl; three great grandchildren; many relatives and friends. Memorial Services will be held Friday, December 16, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., Vienna, VA 22180. Rev. Valerie Hayes, Celebrant. There will be a reception in the Church's McGill Hall following the memorial service. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Full obituary can be viewed at http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Muriel-Heermans&lc=1144&pid=183049107&mid=7201593

HIGGS

DANIEL HIGGS "Dank"
On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, beloved husband of Gladys Higgs; devoted father of seven daughters and two sons. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, two brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends. Mr. Higgs may be viewed at STEWART FUNERAL HOME, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Friday,December 16 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Online condolences may be made at:
www.stewartfuneralhome.com

HIGHTOWER

JASON KOFI SIMMS HIGHTOWER
On December 7, 2016. He was called to the next phase of his existence where he will continue to be a compelling presence in the house of the Lord. He is survived by his mother and step father, Kathleen Simms Mosley and Albert Mosley; father, Eddie James Hightower; three brothers, Baba-Tunji Davies, Kayode Mosley and Charles Mosley; three sisters, Joella Mosley, Ameila Mosley and Caresse Hightower; a host of relatives and friends. Mr. Hightower will lie in state at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th Street SW on Saturday, December 17, from 12 p.m. until services 1 p.m. Interment Washington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in Jasons name can be made to the American Cancer Society (www.donate.cancer.org).
www.stewartfunerslhome.com

JENKINS

MARY EMMA JENKINS (Age 91)
Of Port Charlotte, FL formerly of Suitland, MD on December 9, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Ralph G. Jenkins Sr.; and loving mother of Sandra Field (Harold) and Ralph G. Jenkins Jr.(Sharon); grandmother of four; great grandmother of 11; and a sister to Bessie. She retired from the 1st Virginia Bank where she was an administrator. She enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, and crocheting. Friends may call on Thursday December 15, 2016 at Lee Funeral Home-Calvert, 8200 Jennifer Lane, Owings, MD from 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday December 16, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Jesus The Divine Word Catholic Church, 885 Cox Rd., Huntingtown, MD with burial to follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, MD

DEATH NOTICE

JONES

LOTTIE MAE JONES (Age 91)
Of Chevy Chase, MD on December 11, 2016. Born in Cuero, Texas on May 23, 1925, preceded in death by her husband Maxon L Jones. Devoted mother of Charlotte (Tom), Carolyn (John) and Katherine; joyful grandmother of Rose, Karolina, Joanna, Elizabeth, David, James and Ilona, and great-grandmother of 10. She was a long-time resident of Miami Springs, Florida before moving to Maryland in 2007. Services private.

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KASS

ROBERT S. KASS "Bob"
On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Robert "Bob" Stephen Kass of Potomac, Maryland. Beloved husband of Eleanor Kass; devoted father to Howard, Julie, Stuart; and stepfather to Tom, Ridgley, and John Benjamin; cherished grandfather of Adam, Samara, and Marleigh Kass and Charlie, Emily and Abby Benjamin. The funeral will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2016. The Family will be observing Shiva at Howard and Julie Kass' residence in Potomac through Friday afternoon. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. Contributions in honor of Bob can be made to the Friends Nursing Home, Sandy Spring, Maryland or Montgomery Hospice.

KELLEY

EDWARD WATSON KELLEY, JR.
"Mike"
On December 4, 2016, Edward Watson ("Mike") Kelley Jr. of Washington, DC, age 84. Beloved husband of Janet Haase Kelley; devoted father of Kinsloe Kelley Colwell (Garrick), James M. Kelley (Kathleen Moynan), and Michael M. Kelley (Shanti); and grandfather to four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ellen Elizardi Kelley, by his sister, Allie Autry Kelley Dittmar, and his parents, Allie May Autry Kelley and Edward Watson Kelley. A service will be held at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016 on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow. An additional memorial service and interment in Houston, TX will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC (www.wesleyseminary.edu) or Friends of Fondren Library at Rice University, Houston, TX (library.rice.edu/friends).

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LILLIS

CATHERINE MARGARET LILLIS
On Saturday, December 10, 2016 of Falls Church, VA. Born in MA to the late Joseph and Helen Clinton. Wife of the late Commander James F. Lillis and mother of the late Christopher Lillis. Mother of Patrick, James, Jr., Catherine M., Gerard, John, William, Robert and Michael Lillis. Also survived by 18 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 16, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Murphy Funeral Home, 1102 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at St. James Catholic Church. Catherine will be laid to rest with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to St. James Catholic Church Building Fund, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046.
www.murphyfuneralhomes.com

SCHICK

LAURA BLANCHE PULLMAN SCHICK
Beloved wife of Wade Schick, and daughter of the late William and Constance (née Clendenny) Pullman, was born in Manassas, Virginia on March 18, 1959. After a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer, she passed away on December 12, 2016 at her home in Culpeper, Virginia.

Laura received her education at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, Virginia, graduating in 1977. She began a career in the automotive industry, working at Al's Motors in Arlington, Virginia, in 1977. Al's Motors is also where she met the love of her life, Wade Schick. Wade and Laura later relocated to Culpeper, Virginia in 1996 opening Chrysler of Culpeper.

Wade and Laura Schick were married on July 22, 1979 in Alexandria, Virginia; and on August 13, 1983 they celebrated the birth of their son, Joseph Benjamin Schick. Laura was very dedicated to her Jewish education and completed her adult Bat Mitzvah in 2009.

Laura was a woman of great presence and spirit. She found joy in entertaining family and friends, hosting crab feasts, and a yearly Daytona 500 party. Many looked forward to Laura's Hanukkah celebration at the end of each year, for which she was most famous for her latkes. They were never to be missed.

She loved animals, especially her dogs and goats, and would frequent local 4-H events in Culpeper seeking out new furry friends to welcome to her home. Laura was also a passionate fan of the Washington Redskins and the Washington Capitals. In addition to being a sports fan, Laura took great pleasure over the years in coaching and mentoring children as a youth soccer coach.

Laura is survived by her husband Wade, son Joseph (Sarah); brothers Richard (Becky), Marty (Lori) and Bill; and sister Donna (Geoff), and a host of family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father William, mother Constance, and brother Steve.

Funeral services will be performed at Temple B'nai Shalom in Fairfax Station on Wednesday, December 14 at 1 p.m. with interment to follow at King David Memorial Gardens in Falls Church, VA. A memorial service will be held at Clore-English Funeral Home in Culpeper, VA on Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m. with family visitation to follow. The family will be sitting shiva (mourning at home) and receiving visitors during the day Thursday and Friday until 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org[pancan.org]) or Hospice of the Piedmont (hopva.org[hopva.org]).

VALDES

JOHN H. VALDES "Jack"
John H. "Jack" Valdes, a long-time resident of the Washington area, passed peacefully on January 25, 2016 in Pinehurst, NC. Jack was born on November 13, 1948 in Decatur, Alabama to Donald and Johnnie Marie Valdes. His father's career at Denison University brought the family to Granville, Ohio, where he enjoyed a happy childhood. He went east for college and graduated from Brown University and Western New England Law School. After graduating from law school, his job as assistant Legal Counsel to the propane industry led him to Washington, D.C., where he lived for 35 years. He was an avid sailor and athlete and enjoyed many years sailing on the Chesapeake Bay in his beloved sailboat, playing tennis and golf, and traveling around the world. His love of life was surpassed only by his uncommonly decent and gentle nature and desire to help others.

He entered the commercial real estate industry in the early 1980s where he worked for Barnes, Morris, Pardoe, and Foster and The Penrose Group and was known for his intelligent and steady commitment to the business and his integrity with clients. He mentored many new brokers whom he took under his wing. Jack's primary focus was representing clients in land sales in the Dulles corridor which in the '80's consisted primarily of farms and cedar fields. Among his many career achievements was his instrumental role in development of the Loudoun County Parkway extension to Route 7 and in 2003, bringing Wegman's first grocery store to the Washington market in Sterling, VA.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joanne; his mother Johnnie Marie of Granville, Ohio; three siblings, Thomas (Felicia) of Athens, GA; Andrea (John) Hall of Nashville, TN; and Salena (Kevin) Barrett of Grasonville, MD; and sisters-in-law, Nancy Mirr (Dennis) of Herndon, VA and Barbara Wolff of Yorktown Heights, NY.

Jack was diagnosed with salivary gland cancer in 2010 and was in a patient study that used targeted therapy to treat the disease pioneered at MD Anderson in Houston, TX, where he traveled throughout the course of his disease. His treatment provided a bank of knowledge that helped many other patients in the ensuing years. Jack was committed to bringing research and treatment to patients in the Washington, DC area and connected with the Inova Dwight and Martha Schar Cancer Institute in Falls Church, VA, which is providing cutting edge research and support to cancer patients. Jack's cancer story was featured in a WUSA9 TV special.

Services private.

Donations may be made in his name to Inova Schar Cancer Institute, 8110 Gatehouse Road Suite 200 East, Falls Church VA 22042 or online https://foundation.inova.org/donate-now.

Online condolences may be left at
www.bolesfuneralhome.com

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.in Pinehurst will be assisting the family.

DEATH NOTICE

LYONS

LEONARD JON LYONS "Jay"
On Friday, December 9, 2016, son of James and Mary B. Lyons of Laytonsville MD; husband of Ann Marth Lyons; father of Brye, Brityne, Byron, Justin, and Christian Marcotte; brother of James "Jimmy" Lyons (deceased), Stephanie Mills (William), Joyce Tregaskis (William), Linda Cooper (John), and Dori Lyons; grandson of the late Kermit and Virginia Hawkins and Mrs. Lucy Brown; nephew of Ruby M. Howard, James and Margaret Simons, Kermit R. Hawkins, Jr., Virgie H. Gittens, and Katherine Moore (Brooklyn, NY); uncle of Kristin Reed, James Horan, Zachary and Alexis Cooper, Blake and Elliott Joppy, along with a host of other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends at Goshen United Methodist Church, 19615 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 15, 2016 at from 9 a.m. until funeral service at 11 a.m.
Arrangements entrusted to SNOWDEN FUNERAL HOME.
www.snowdencares.com

MADDOX

MABEL L. MADDOX (Age 87)
Peacefully passed away on December 6, 2016. Mother of Earl Minor. Family will welcome friends Thursday, December 15, at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1500 9th St. NW. Visitation 10 a.m. service 11 a.m.

McGOLRICK

CLAIRE MARY McGOLRICK (Age 89)
Of Lothian, MD on December 12, 2016. She is survived by children, Suzanne M. Tallant (Sam Nichols), Jeannine Wayson (John Jessup), Eugene J. McGolrick, Jr. (Robin), Kathleen W. McGolrick (Julius Campbell), John S. McGolrick and Gary R. Clark (Ruth); 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and niece Marsha Thome. Friends may call on Thursday, December 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, Owings, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Clinton, MD at 11 a.m., interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. Contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
www.RauschFuneralHomes.com

PAULINO

LEONARD A. PAULINO (Age 91)
Of Lansdowne, VA passed away on December 6, 2016. He is survived by his sister, Leticia Santos, his wife, Emma, and their four daughters: Cristina (Randy) Binzer, Jeanette (Charlie) Puritano, Aileen (Tim) Canan, and Melissa (Tom) Goldman and their families. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Ashburn, VA, followed by the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Inova Neuroscience Institute (http://foundation.inova.org/memorial-and-honor-gifts).
www.adamsgreen.com

PEOPLE

LUTHER PEOPLE, JR.
Peacefully on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Visitation will be held on Thursdya, December 15 from 9 a.m., until hour of funeral service at 10 a.m., at Liberty Baptist Church, 527 Kentucky Avenue, SE. Interment Heritage Cemetery. Services by Terry A. Austin.

QUICK

SUDIE G. QUICK
On Friday, December 9, 2016. Beloved wife of Roosevelt Quick; loving mother of Tina G. Broadway (Michael) and Iris Tyler (Jerry). Also survived by five grandchildren, Brandon (Patricia), Chanet, Chad, Anthony and Andrea; siblings, Dave, Luvette, Michael, Joe, Robert, Dorothy, Cassandra, Ellen and Peggy; other relatives and friends. On Thursday, December 15, 2016, friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m., until time of funeral service at 11 a.m., at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2409 Ainger Pl. SE. Interment Washington National Cemetery.

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SACKETT

EUGENIA MARIE SACKETT
Suddenly passed away on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Inova Fairfax Hospital. More affectionately known as Mia, she was born to Beatrice and James Sackett in London, England. She is survived by her son, Peter; oldest brother and sister-in-law, James and Paula Sackett of Wellington, FL; brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Paula Sackett of Waldorf, MD; sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Robert Hannigan, Sr. of Harrisburg, PA; youngest brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Kelly Sackett of Fairfax, VA; nieces, nephews and dear friends. Her brother, Michael Sackett predeceased her. She was a dedicated civilian employee of the Department of the Army at the Pentagon for 41 years. Everyone knows that she was fun to be around and wasn't afraid of speaking her mind. Remember my Mom, Mia, in your hearts, souls, lives and actions. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten. A memorial gathering will be held at Lee Funeral Home, Inc. of Clinton, MD on December 17, 2016 from 4 to 6 p.m. Online condolences at:
www.leefuneralhomes.com

SPIEGEL

SAMUEL SPIEGEL
The brothers and sisters of SMART Local 100 are hereby notified of the death of Brother Samuel Spiegel who passed away on December 12, 2016. Funeral Services will be held at Temple Isaiah, 12200 Scaggsville Rd., Fulton, MD 20759 at 1 p.m. on December 15, 2016.

Fraternally,
Richard D. LaBille, III
Business Mgr/President

STOVER

SHERRILL HARDY STOVER (Age 100)
On Sunday, December 11, 2016, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of the late Jack Thomas Stover; father of James (Maritza) Stover, Willie Stover, Carolyn Lindon, Sherrill (Paul) North and the late John (Alicia) Stover. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and other loving family and friends. Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD, (Valet Parking), Sunday, December 18, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Catherine Laboure Church, Veirs Mill & Claridge Roads, Wheaton, MD, on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 10 a.m. Interment Parklawn Memorial Park.
www.COLLINSFUNERALHOME.com

TATE

ROSITA MARIA TATE
On Thursday, December 8, 2016. She is survived by her six children, Catherine (Robert) Young, Deborah (Paul) Abell, Robert, Jr. (Christina) Tate, Jennifer (James, Sr.) McKenney, Shawn and Cathleen; one stepdaughter, Edith; 13 grandchildren, four great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Tate, Sr. and two daughters, Mary Denlinger and Victoria Tate. Services and interment private.

TAYLOR

MARJORIE BOWEN TAYLOR
A longtime resident of the Mechanicsville, MD area, passed away at John Hopkins Hospital on Monday, November 21, 2016.
Born in 1942 to Charles and Eleanor Bowen. Marge graduated from High Point High School and grew up in Greenbelt, Md. She worked at W.L. Gary Company for 26 years and then retired. During that time she meet her sweetheart Bryan Smith and they dated for 25 years. Marge loved gardening, cooking, crocheting, eating crabs, bingo, ceramics, and jitter bug/hand dancing, spending time with family and socializing with her friends. She loved people and made them feel like family from the first time they met. She had a huge heart and put everyone's needs before hers. She was a very special lady and touched everyone that was in her life in a positive way.
She is survived by her three daughters, Debbie Dicken, Darlene Stone and Kim Clawson. Along with eight grandchildren, Mitchell Dicken, Katelyn Cox, Jacklyn Wolfe, Kelly Dicken, Lauren Clawson, Ashley Clawson, Robbie Stone and Christyn Stone and two great-grandchildren, Baylee Hill and Lucas Dicken who brought great joy to her life.
We are having a Celebration of Life gathering in January in Margie's honor. Donations can be made to your local Hospice.

DEATH NOTICE

TRICE

ANDREW W. TRICE

Of Arlington, VA passed away in his sleep on December 12, 2016 at age 53. Andy was born in Salisbury, MD, son of the late Joan and Theodore Trice, and grew up in Federalsburg, MD. He obtained a BS in Computer Science summa cum laude in 1985 from the University of Maryland, and a Ph.D. in Information Technologies in 1990 from the MIT Sloan School of Management in Boston. After several years as Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Commerce in Vancouver, he and his wife Sharon returned to Washington, where Andy held a variety of challenging IT consulting and analyst positions at the Institute for Defense Analyses, the Office of Director of National Intelligence and the National Counterterrorism Center. Upon his retirement in 2016, the ODNI renamed an award for analytical excellence in his honor. At age 49, Andy was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and lived joyfully with this disease for 3-1/2 years. This was the most challenging, yet rewarding, period of his life, and inspired him to write Cancer Chameleon, a book to assist cancer patients maintain resilience and take control of their cancer "trek." Music was a lifelong passion. Andy performed semi-professionally as a jazz pianist with area ensembles, and accompanied many services at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA, as well as composing new melodies for prayers. He will be remembered as a hard-working man of warmth and intelligence who did his best to enrich the lives of those around him as a husband, father, co-worker, musician, and author. Andy is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sharon Soffer; beloved daughters Julia and Laura; brothers Jeff (Carol) and Mark (Maggie); brother-in-law Bob (Allison) Soffer; mother-in-law Elaine Soffer, and numerous nieces and nephews. Burial will be private. Shiva will be held at the family home on Wednesday, December 14 from 2 to 5 p.m., Shiva service at 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. with shiva service at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Johns Hopkins Pancreatic Cancer Research Center (http://pathology.jhu.edu/pancreas/support.php), or Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA.

TURNER

JANET CAMMILA TURNER (Age 74)

Passed away on Friday, December 2, 2016. On December 16, Family will receive friends at Guildfield Baptist Church, 1023 Otis St., NE. Visitation, 10 a.m.; Service, 11 a.m. Pastor Elijah Sutton. Interment Harmony Memorial Park. Services by Freeman.

WINDSOR

DAVID WINDSOR

Of Woodbridge, VA passed on Saturday, December 10, 2016. Loving son of the late Annamay and Walter Windsor. Beloved husband of Kimberly Warring Windsor; dear father of Michael Windsor, Sean Windsor and Megan Windsor; loving brother of Robert Windsor (Patti), Marie Woodburn (David), Wesley Windsor and the late Douglas Windsor; and dear grandfather of Landon. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at the Lee Funeral Home, Inc., 6633 Old Alexandria Ferry Rd, Clinton, MD on Sunday, December 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home chapel on Monday, December 19, at 11:30 a.m. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery. Online condolences may be directed to: **www.leefuneralhomes.com**

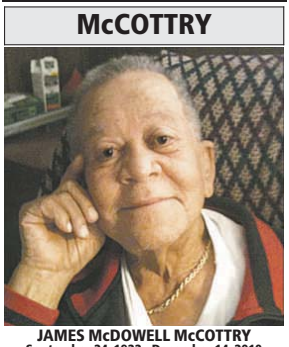
WINELAND

FRED LEROY WINELAND (Age 90)

On Sunday, December 11, 2016 at his home in Fort Washington of natural causes. Born in Washington DC on August 16, 1926, he was the child of the late Lloyd J. Wineland and Elsie Pezold Wineland. Beloved husband of the late Mary Katherine Flack Wineland. He is survived by his children David Wineland, Gail Wineland Martin, William Wineland, and Kirk Wineland, as well as by his eight grandchildren.
Viewing at Kalas Funeral Home, 6160 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD on Friday, December 16, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.
Funeral on Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m., at Providence - Fort Washington United Methodist Church, 10610 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington MD.
Private interment at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery MD.

IN MEMORIAM

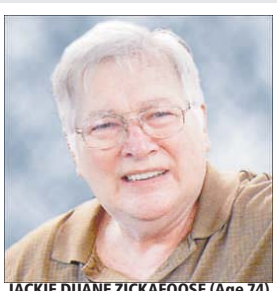
McCOTTRY



JAMES McDOWELL McCOTTRY
September 24, 1922 - December 14, 2010
Your legacy as a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather will live on forever.
We love and miss you so much.
You will always be only a heartbeat away.
Lorraine, Melvern, Benny, Gerrie, Ceska, Todd, Airis, Anthony, Noah, Isabell, Chloe

DEATH NOTICE

ZICKAFOOSE

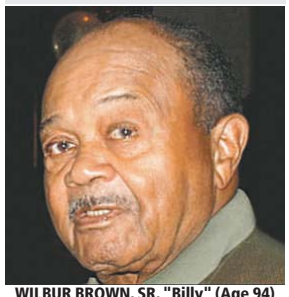


JACKIE DUANE ZICKAFOOSE (Age 74)

Of Hedgesville, passed peacefully at his home on December 6, 2016, surrounded by his family.
He was born on September 19, 1942 in Longacre, WV, a coal-mining town. He was the son of Basil Clyde Zickafoose and Patsy Ruth (Skaggs) Zickafoose.
He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Donna Kaye Zickafoose.
He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Alice Mae (Johnson) Zickafoose; son, James Zickafoose and his wife, Linda, of Allentown, PA; son, Brian Zickafoose and his wife, Lisa, of Powhatan, VA; son, Bruce Zickafoose and his wife, Deb, of Powhatan, VA; daughter, Angela (Zickafoose) Silvers and her husband, Rick of Hagerstown, MD; 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brother, Basil Lee Zickafoose and his wife, Irene, of Lantana, FL; sister, Ilona Morris, of Hugheston, WV; sister, Brenda Light and her husband, David, of Oak Hill, WV; sister, Marsha Auxier and her husband, Jim, of Oak Hill, WV; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.
He retired from The Smithsonian Institution in March 1999, after 34 years of service. His career began in Grants and Contracts, traveling to many satellite stations. He was in Accounting Operations and for a brief period, Payroll. He played an essential part in the installation and set-up of the accounting system computers. He concluded his career at The Smithsonian Institution as a Senior Budget Analyst.
After retirement, he was involved in many community organizations, and advocated for environmental issues in Berkeley County, WV.
A loving and giving husband, father, and grandfather, his family was always his priority. In addition, he was a father-figure to countless other children throughout the years.
He loved traveling with his beloved wife, visiting friends, family, and historical sites throughout the US and abroad. He had a passion for woodworking, spending hours in his workshop constructing many heirlooms for family and friends. He was also a devoted Redskins and Orioles fan, a passion which he shared with his sons.
Family will receive friends from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Rosedale Funeral Home, 917 Cemetery Road, Martinsburg, WV.
Funeral services will immediately follow at 1pm with Pastor Bill Barnett and Pastor Todd Morris officiating.
Interment will be in Tomahawk Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 103 Presbyterian Church Road, Hedgesville, WV.
There will be a gathering of family and friends following the services at Hedgesville Church, 6867 Hedgesville Road, Hedgesville, WV.
Condolences may be sent to
www.rosedalefuneral.com

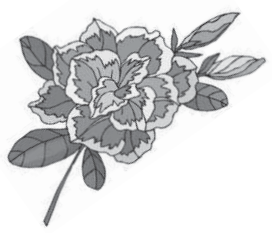
DEATH NOTICE

BROWN



WILBUR BROWN, SR. "Billy" (Age 94)

On Sunday, December 11, 2016 of Washington, D.C. Wilbur "Billy" Brown passed away peacefully at Hospice of the Chesapeake. He is survived by Corine H. Brown, devoted wife of 67 years and was father to Karolynn Moore (Gary), Loretta Brown, Wilbur Brown Jr. (Andrea Williams), and Merle Ford (Lawrence). In addition, he was blessed to have five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Born in Charleston, SC, Billy was youngest brother to eight siblings – five preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his three sisters, Julie Mattingly, Viola "Dolly" Martin, and Gloria Mouzon and host of other relatives and friends. Billy attended Oakwood College and Howard University. He served in the Navy and retired in 1979 from the US Postal Service after working more than 30 years in the federal government. Mr. Brown will lie in state at Dupont Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3985 Massachusetts Avenue, SE, Washington, DC on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, from 10 a.m. until funeral services at 11 a.m., Dr. Marcus E. Harris, officiating. Interment will be held at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in Wilbur's name may be made to Dupont Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Services entrusted to Pope Funeral Home.



DEATH NOTICE

BRYLA

DOLORES A. BRYLA

On December 12, 2016, Dolores A. Bryla succumbed to Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Stanley Bryla; brothers John Shupenka and Richard Shupenka; son, James Bryla; grandchildren, Benjamin, Duncan, Sophia, and Elliot. Dolores earned a Masters Degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan. During her 42 years of distinguished service at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, Division of Epidemiology, Statistics and Prevention Research she earned many awards including Secretary's Award for Distinguished Services as part of the Typhoid Vaccine Team, NIH Merit Award for her contributions in developing preventions strategies for infant and childhood diseases, Special Recognition Award for her contributions to the Nepal Typhoid Project, and the President's Volunteer Service Award. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 10 a.m. at The Riderwood Chapel, 3110 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. A reception will follow at Maryland Hall at Riderwood. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Riderwood Benevolent Care Fund, 3110 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20904.

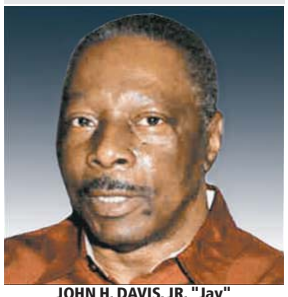
CONWAY

MARGUERITE CONWAY
December 3, 1931 ~ December 9, 2016

Passed quietly the morning of December 9, 2016, in the comfort of her home. Beloved wife of 66 years of Robert W. Conway and cherished mother to Suzanne, Deborah, Nancy and Joan (Todd) Lake; adored grandmother to Katerina Conway and Ethan Lake. We will miss her kind spirit, loving heart, and quiet resilience. And her cooking.
Services will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 15 at St. Louis Catholic Church, 2907 Popkins Lane, Alexandria VA, followed by a small reception. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association (heart.org) or to Mary Knoll Fathers and Brothers (maryknollsociety.org).

DEATH NOTICE

DAVIS



JOHN H. DAVIS, JR. "Jay"

On Friday, December 2, 2016, resident of Frederick, MD. Survived by loving wife Dora A. Davis; children, Shegiea, Takia, Jason and Travis; four grandchildren; three sisters; three brothers; and a host of other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends on Friday, December 16 at First Baptist Church of Glenarden, 3600 Brightseat Rd., Glenarden, MD, Visitation 10 a.m., Service 11 a.m. Interment Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD. Arrangements by J.B. JENKINS.

EGAN

DOROTHY EGAN "Dottie" (nee Stohlman)

Longtime resident of Chevy Chase, Maryland and Sherwood Forest, Maryland, died peacefully in her home on December 9, 2016 after a short battle with cancer. She was 83.
Dottie was born on April 23, 1933 to Frederick and Dorothy Cahill Stohlman. She was the youngest of three children, including siblings Frederick Stohlman Jr. and Mary Victory Stohlman. She attended The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament School and Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington, D.C. and then St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She married Thomas J. Egan on February 11, 1956. The large, loving family created by this union joined them in celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this year.
Dottie began her career as a research assistant at NIH, but left to dedicate her life to raising and supporting her family, her true vocation. She was also a passionate member of numerous Washington area charities and organizations. A lifelong parishioner at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, she was in charge of creating arrangements for the parish's sanctuary flowers for decades as a further expression of her faith.
A loving wife, mother and grandmother, and matriarch in every sense of the word, Dottie is survived by her devoted husband of 60 years, Tom, and her adoring family; including her six children, Tom (Suzie), Mike (Jeanne), Bill (Liz), Jim (Tita), Kate (Jim, predeceased) and Sharon; nieces and nephews Bernadette, Fred, Jeannine, John and their families; and her fifteen grandchildren who called her Grammy; Shannon, Kaely, Brendan, Luke, Bridget, Claire, Patrick, Molly, Lauren, Matt, Amy, Sean, Katie, Brian and Tommy. She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings.
Friends and relatives are invited to call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, LLC, 5130 Wisconsin Ave., NW (corner of Harrison street), Washington, D.C. (Valet Parking) on Friday December 16, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada St. NW, Washington, DC with a visitation at 10 a.m. and a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Georgetown Visitation.

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HODGE

SYLVIA H. HODGE

Entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the age of 93. She was known by many to be a compassionate and kind person. She leaves to cherish her memory two sons, Eugene Hodge (Rose) of Hyattsville, MD and Michael Hawkins (Eairla) of Temple Hills, MD and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 16 at HENRY S. WASHINGTON & SONS FUNERAL HOME, 4925 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sylvia name to your favorite charity.

KRONHEIM

ROBERTA KRONHEIM (Age 69)

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Beloved daughter of the late Tillie and Milton Kronheim and sister of Nancy Kronheim and the late Richard Kronheim. She earned a BA from Catholic University, an MSW from Boston University, and a JD from Potomac Law School.
There will be a private graveside funeral and a Memorial Service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Roberta's honor to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

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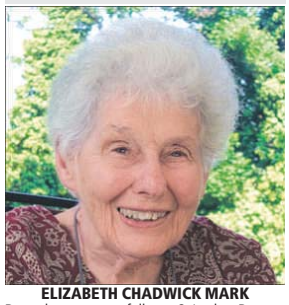
DEATH NOTICE

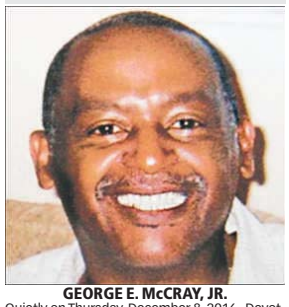
MARK



ELIZABETH CHADWICK MARK

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Bayview Retirement Community in Seattle, WA, surrounded by her family. Her love and kindness touched all who knew her, and her commitment to knowledge, justice, tolerance, and peace was unfaltering. Elizabeth was born in Springfield, MA on September 8, 1927. She spent much of her childhood in Hawaii where her father was stationed several times. She met and married Albert Mark, her lifetime love and companion, in Japan during the occupation. They lived most of their lives in the Washington, DC area where Elizabeth obtained a Bachelor degree from George Washington University and a Master degree in history from the University of Maryland while raising four children. She taught high school history and government and worked as a children's librarian in Fairfax County, VA and a docent of East Asian Art at the Sackler Gallery in Washington, DC. In addition to being a lifetime learner, Elizabeth was passionate about social justice, marching for civil rights, gay rights and for an end to war in Vietnam. Elizabeth is survived by her four children, Charles Mark-Walker, Katharine Lee, Rebecca Mark and Andrew Mark; five grandchildren, Alice Lee, Madeline Lee, Alex Mark, Samuel Mark and Benjamin Mark; sister, Katherine Edlin and brother, Henry Chadwick. Elizabeth will be cremated in Seattle and then buried with her husband in Arlington Cemetery in the spring, where the family will hold a memorial service. Donations can be made in her name to the American Civil Liberties Union.

McCRAY



GEORGE E. McCRAY, JR.

Quietly on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Devoted wife, Patricia McCray, surviving relatives and friends will receive visitations on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 3 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Marshall Heights. Internment on Friday, December 16, 2016, 10 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery.

MULRENIN

ELLYN DEIRDRE MULRENIN

A longtime resident of northern Virginia, died suddenly on December 12, 2016, at her home in Falls Church, VA. She was 67 years of age.

Ellyn was born on July 3, 1949, in Cornwall, NY, to the late Edward F. and Lillian C. Mulrenin. She is survived by her loving siblings, Maureen Pallazza, Kathleen Downs, Edward Mulrenin, and Paul Mulrenin; in-laws and nephews and grandnieces. She grew up in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, graduated from Mt. Saint Mary's College in Newburgh, NY, and retired from the U.S. Government in 2014 after a long career, first with the Internal Revenue Service, and then as an auditor for the Department of Navy in Washington, DC.

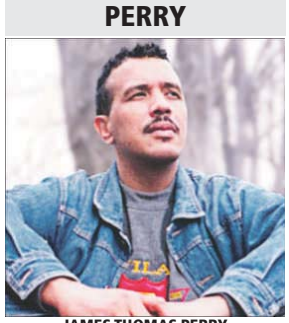
Ellyn lived a full life and had many interests and passions, including traveling, tutoring children, chess, and genealogy, and she was an avid reader. She also derived much joy over the years from her family's companion dogs. She had a special talent in meeting complete strangers and becoming fast friends with them. Most of all, Ellyn's uniqueness was her ready sense of humor and her unbounded generosity.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Murphy Funeral Home in Falls Church, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Ellyn at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 3305 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA, on Friday, December 16, 2016, at 10 a.m. Interment will be at a date to be determined in St. Thomas Cemetery, Cornwall, NY.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, friends contribute in Ellyn's memory to St. Anthony Church "to help the poor" or to a charity of their choice.

DEATH NOTICE

PERRY



JAMES THOMAS PERRY

Entered into eternal rest on December 1, 2016 after a long illness is Brooklyn, NY. He is survived by his mother, Delores Jackson; wife, Vickie Archer; daughter, Jasmine Perry; son, Jermaine Perry; brother, Rick Jackson; aunt, Cathy Pitts; siblings, other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends on Thursday, December 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Friday, December 16 at 10 a.m. at POPE FUNERAL HOMES FORESTVILLE CHAPEL, 5538 Marlboro Pike for funeral services. Interment Washington National Cemetery, Suitland, MD.

DEATH NOTICE

SARTER

CELIA JACKSON SARTER

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, beloved wife of Rick Sarter; loving mother of Jackson, Eva Simone, and Addison Sarter; daughter of Alexine Clement Jackson and the late Dr Aaron G. Jackson. Also survived by other relatives and friends. The Links, Inc. will hold a ceremony at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, December 17 at Landon School's Mondzac Performing Arts Center, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, MD, followed by the Memorial service at 11 a.m.

SCHLOSSMAN

CAROLYN SCHLOSSMAN (Age 99)

Died on December 10, 2016 in Falls Church Virginia; daughter of Claire and Gustav Sondheimer; sister of Walter; and mother of Nina Schlossman. She lived most of her life in New York City, NY, were she met her beloved husband of 53 years, Dr. Abraham Schlossman, a prominent New York ophthalmologist, whose career she supported in every way. She loved urban life, the arts, travel, and being with her family. She was an elegant, cultured lady, whose smile touched everyone she met.

Carolyn was born in New Jersey and spent her childhood in Germany, France and Belgium before she moved to New York City. She is survived by her loving daughter, Nina Schlossman and John Keeling (life partner), and Robert Keeling (son). Surviving family members include: cousins, Miriam Gerber and Lore Gilbert; niece and Ellen Sondheimer Semel; their five children and four grandchildren. She will be remembered fondly as sweet, thoughtful, and gracious; she will be deeply missed by her daughter and all those who knew her. Gravesite service: Sunday, December 18 at 11:30 a.m., Beth David Cemetery, 300 Elmont Road, Elmont, NY 11003.

SEVACHKO

ALICE SEVACHKO "Amazing Alice"

Mommy, grandma, auntie Alice, Born Alice Lee, 78, resided in Holiday, FL, passed away on December 7, 2016. Beloved wife of Gregory. Survived by children, Clif (Kristi), Doug (Hanne), Michael, Laurie (Mike Cobb); grandchildren, Sean, Brittany, Troy, Jimmy, Jack, Brenda, Michael; many nieces and nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Murphy Funeral Home, 1102 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Murphy Funeral Home Chapel with interment services to follow at National Memorial Park.
www.murphyfuneralhomes.com

SMITH

BERTA MILLS SMITH

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Berta Mills Smith of Washington, D.C. entered into eternal rest. She is survived by her son, Oswald G. Smith, Jr. (Deborah); daughter, Alicia S. Bigelow (Alvin); two nieces, Arnicia Downing and Charlene Kennedy; godchild, Betty James; and a host of other relatives and friends. Her homecoming will be held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 3500 South 19th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22204. The viewing will be held at 10 a.m. followed by the funeral services at 11 a.m. Entombment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Maryland at 2:30 p.m.

WILSON

RUTH J. WILSON (Age 89)

Of Washington, DC died on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Ruth was a distinguished educator and reading specialist in the DC Pulic Schools, a social activist and she founded the DC Reading Council. Ruth is survived by two sons, Frank H. Wilson, Jr. and Charles E. Wilson; two sisters, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 16, 11 a.m. at the New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church of Capitol Heights, 7501 Walker Mill Dr., Capitol Heights, MD. Arrangements by McGUIRE.
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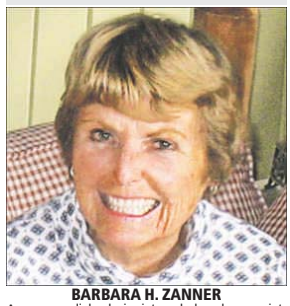
DEATH NOTICE

ZANNER



BARBARA H. ZANNER

An accomplished pianist and church organist, lover of four legged as well as two legged creatures, and an inspiration to all in patiently enduring ever increasing health issues over many years, died on Monday, December 12, 2016, at home in Gaithersburg, MD. Barbara was born on May 1, 1931, in Elizabeth, NJ to Bernard C. and Katherine R. Harter, and she was raised in Washington, DC. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1949, and from Duke University with cum laude honors in 1953. Until she was married in 1955 she worked at the National Security Agency, and while there she was crowned 'Miss NSA'. In addition to church work she taught piano to many students over the years.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Dr. Albert Zanner, of Gaithersburg, daughters Nancy Correll and Susan Zanner, of Gaithersburg, son-in-law Cory Correll, of Germantown, granddaughter Andrea Correll, of Bethesda, and adored dog, Soren.

There will be a visitation at DeVol Funeral Home, 10 East Deer Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD on Friday, December 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 18 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 16420 S. Westland Drive and Route 355. Burial will take place on Monday, December 19, with information to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or to one's favorite charity.

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11 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.

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Prelude to the polar plunge

Look for partly cloudy skies, a breeze from the north and high temperatures ranging from the mid-to-upper 40s. Look for temperatures in the 30s for most of the overnight hours before dropping through the 20s by dawn as the region is invaded by an arctic air mass. Winds from the west and northwest should increase to 10-20 mph by early morning, with some stronger gusts.

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny, cold	Ice, rain	Rain	Ice, rain
46° 27°	**31°** 19°	**31°** 28°	**49°** 46°	**58°** 27°	**36°** 26°
FEELS*: **43°**	FEELS: **15°**	FEELS: **35°**	FEELS: **37°**	FEELS: **51°**	FEELS: **29°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **5%**	P: **0%**	P: **0%**	P: **60%**	P: **70%**	P: **55%**
WIND: **NW 6–12 mph**	W: **NW 12–25 mph**	W: **W 6–12 mph**	W: **SSW 8–16 mph**	W: **W 12–25 mph**	W: **N 6–12 mph**

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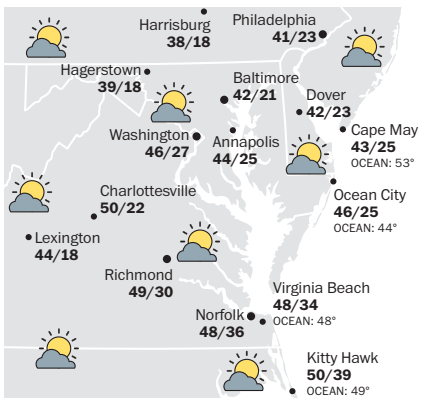


Pollen: Low

Grass	Low
Trees	Low
Weeds	Low
Mold	Low

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Particulates

UV: Low
2 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny. High 31–45. Wind west-northwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, colder. Low 7–11. Wind west 10–20 mph. Thursday, partly sunny, windy, colder. High 14–18. Wind west-northwest 25–35 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny. High 43–48. Wind northwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, flurries late. Low 24–36. Wind west 6–12 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, windy, colder. High 29–39. Wind west-northwest 12–25 mph. Friday, mostly sunny, very cold. High 29–33.

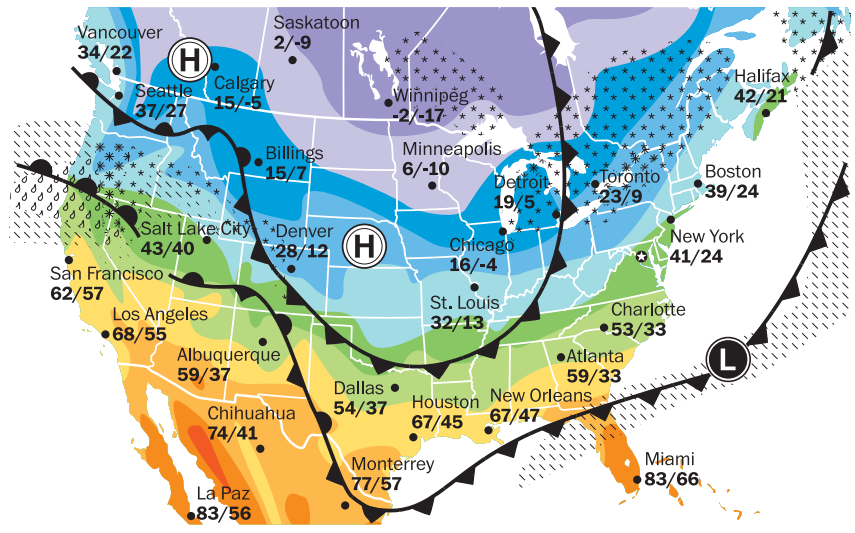
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind northwest 10–20 knots. Waves 1 foot. Visibility unrestricted. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind northwest 10–20 knots. Waves 3 feet on the Potomac and on the bay. Visibility unrestricted.• *River Stages*: Today, the Potomac River stage at Little Falls will be at 3.2 feet, holding steady Thursday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	2:42 a.m.	**7:46 a.m.**	2:43 p.m.	**8:03 p.m.**
Annapolis	**4:29 a.m.**	10:48 a.m.	**5:41 p.m.**	none
Ocean City	12:52 a.m.	**7:16 a.m.**	1:44 p.m.	**7:35 p.m.**
Norfolk	2:52 a.m.	**9:21 a.m.**	3:44 p.m.	**9:45 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**12:35 a.m.**	6:36 a.m.	**1:28 p.m.**	8:30 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Opa Locka, FL **86°**
Low: Cut Bank, MT **–18°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Rabbit Flat, Australia **110°**
Low: D'elind'e, Russia **–58°**

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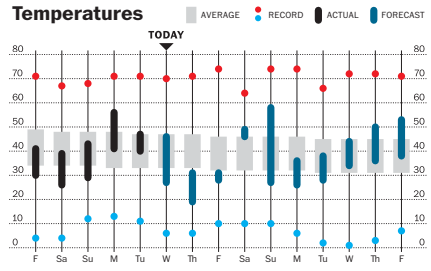
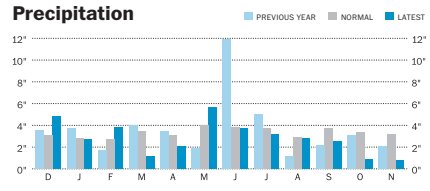
Temperatures



	Reagan	Dulles	BWI (through 5 p.m. yesterday)
High	**47°** 2:17 p.m.	**46°** 2:00 p.m.	**44°** 1:28 p.m.
Low	**40°** 3:00 a.m.	**32°** 6:15 a.m.	**33°** 6:00 a.m.
Normal	47°/33°	46°/28°	46°/29°
Record high	71° 2015	73° 2015	72° 2015
Record low	11° 1960	7° 1988	7° 1962

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (Reagan): this month: **+1.7°** yr. to date: **+2.2°**

Precipitation



	Reagan	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	1.56"	1.48"	1.40"
Normal	1.39"	1.39"	1.52"
Total this year	30.65"	34.45"	39.15"
Normal	38.17"	40.06"	40.13"
Snow, past 24 hours	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"

Moon Phases

Dec 20	Dec 29	Jan 5	Jan 12
Last Quarter	New	First Quarter	Full

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	7:19 a.m.	4:47 p.m.
Moon	5:56 p.m.	7:37 a.m.
Venus	10:24 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Mars	11:12 a.m.	9:47 p.m.
Jupiter	2:03 a.m.	1:28 p.m.
Saturn	6:59 a.m.	4:36 p.m.

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	29/16/pc	20/5/sf
Albuquerque	59/37/pc	63/40/pc
Anchorage	14/10/c	23/20/pc
Atlanta	59/33/pc	45/28/pc
Austin	65/43/pc	59/47/c
Baltimore	42/21/pc	27/13/s
Billings, MT	15/7/pc	16/3/sn
Birmingham	58/29/pc	43/26/pc
Bismarck, ND	5/–15/s	7/–3/pc
Boise	35/33/sn	39/28/r
Boston	39/24/pc	26/8/pc
Buffalo	27/10/sn	18/8/c
Burlington, VT	29/16/sf	17/3/sf
Charleston, SC	60/41/c	58/29/pc
Charleston, WV	37/13/pc	19/9/pc
Charlotte	53/33/pc	44/22/pc
Cheyenne, WY	23/12/sf	50/30/c
Chicago	16/–4/pc	7/1/s
Cincinnati	31/8/pc	18/10/s
Cleveland	25/11/c	15/7/sf
Dallas	54/37/c	51/44/c
Denver	28/12/pc	57/32/pc
Des Moines	20/3/s	17/13/pc
Detroit	19/5/sf	15/–1/sf
El Paso	71/43/pc	73/45/pc
Fairbanks, AK	–7/–15/s	5/1/sn
Fargo, ND	3/–15/s	4/–2/pc
Hartford, CT	39/17/pc	25/6/pc
Honolulu	78/61/pc	78/64/r
Houston	67/45/pc	60/48/pc
Indianapolis	27/5/pc	15/10/s
Jackson, MS	57/34/pc	48/30/pc
Jacksonville, FL	76/53/sh	67/44/pc
Kansas City, MO	30/13/s	27/22/c
Las Vegas	66/52/pc	69/57/c
Little Rock	47/27/pc	38/25/pc
Los Angeles	68/55/pc	65/56/r
Louisville	37/15/s	25/15/pc
Memphis	47/25/pc	37/26/pc
Miami	83/66/pc	80/67/pc
Milwaukee	17/–2/pc	10/2/s
Minneapolis	6/–10/s	4/1/pc
Nashville	44/19/pc	31/21/pc
New Orleans	67/47/pc	56/45/pc
New York City	41/24/pc	27/18/pc
Norfolk	48/36/pc	39/20/pc
Oklahoma City	40/21/pc	37/34/c
Omaha	22/8/s	21/17/sn
Orlando	82/61/pc	76/55/pc
Philadelphia	41/23/pc	28/19/pc
Phoenix	77/52/pc	77/56/c
Pittsburgh	28/10/pc	15/5/sf
Portland, ME	37/18/c	24/4/pc
Portland, OR	35/28/sn	36/25/c
Providence, RI	42/25/pc	27/10/pc
Raleigh, NC	55/34/pc	42/17/pc
Reno, NV	59/44/r	57/38/sh
Richmond	49/30/pc	35/14/s
Sacramento	61/53/c	58/42/r
St. Louis	32/13/pc	24/19/pc
St. Thomas, VI	86/75/pc	85/77/pc
Salt Lake City	43/40/sn	51/42/c
San Diego	66/54/pc	67/58/c
San Francisco	62/57/c	61/47/r
San Juan, PR	86/75/s	86/75/s
Seattle	37/27/pc	35/25/pc
Spokane, WA	19/14/c	21/6/sf
Syracuse	26/11/pc	19/5/sn
Tampa	77/65/pc	77/57/pc
Wichita	36/16/pc	35/27/c

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	76/47/s	75/47/s
Amsterdam	51/37/pc	46/35/pc
Athens	48/39/s	56/45/s
Auckland	68/60/c	72/59/c
Baghdad	68/42/s	54/33/s
Bangkok	86/73/t	82/71/t
Beijing	37/18/s	42/16/s
Berlin	42/28/pc	37/27/pc
Bogota	68/45/pc	68/46/r
Brussels	52/40/pc	49/38/pc
Buenos Aires	76/58/s	85/62/s
Cairo	63/48/s	64/52/s
Caracas	76/67/pc	76/66/pc
Copenhagen	41/31/pc	40/34/pc
Dakar	82/71/pc	83/70/pc
Dublin	54/35/r	48/42/r
Edinburgh	54/36/r	49/38/pc
Frankfurt	44/37/pc	45/34/pc
Geneva	43/30/s	43/32/s
Ham., Bermuda	73/68/sh	72/60/sh
Helsinki	28/22/c	30/24/sf
Ho Chi Minh City	84/75/c	84/74/t
Hong Kong	73/59/pc	68/56/c
Islamabad	72/42/s	73/42/s
Istanbul	42/37/s	44/36/sh
Jerusalem	49/40/t	50/43/pc
Johannesburg	75/57/t	76/58/c
Kabul	56/28/pc	59/27/s
Kingston, Jam.	87/77/pc	87/77/pc
Kolkata	77/54/pc	80/57/pc
Lagos	90/78/pc	90/78/sh
Lima	76/64/pc	76/64/pc
Lisbon	58/48/r	58/48/pc
London	54/44/pc	53/43/pc
Madrid	48/39/s	51/41/pc
Manila	86/76/t	86/75/c
Mexico City	75/49/pc	71/50/pc
Montreal	23/9/pc	10/–4/pc
Moscow	20/8/sn	13/0/c
Mumbai	94/78/pc	93/77/s
Nairobi	77/55/pc	80/56/pc
New Delhi	75/50/c	73/48/c
Oslo	31/19/pc	28/27/sf
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Prague	42/28/pc	34/24/pc
Rio de Janeiro	84/73/t	78/72/t
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Santiago	95/61/s	89/60/s
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Seoul	36/17/pc	31/14/s
Shanghai	47/31/c	46/34/pc
Singapore	90/78/c	88/77/pc
Stockholm	34/21/pc	32/29/pc
Sydney	98/65/pc	70/67/sh
Taipei	65/56/r	60/55/r
Tehran	55/41/s	49/28/sh
Tokyo	52/37/r	48/38/pc
Toronto	23/9/sf	19/2/sf
Vienna	39/25/pc	37/24/s
Warsaw	37/32/c	34/24/pc

Key: **s**sunny, **pc**partly cloudy, **c**cloudy, **r**rain, **t**thunderstorms, **sf**snow flurries, **sn**snow, **i**ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); aimow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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Pr. George's liquor board official was asked to resign by Maryland's governor

CALDWELL FROM **B1**

Caldwell has said that he took a breath test at the collision scene, that the results were inconclusive and that his age made him unsteady on his feet during the incident. The police report indicates that he refused to keep his head still during the breath test, preventing officers from completing the procedure to obtain a reading of his blood alcohol concentration.

Caldwell was among the VIPs visiting the grand opening of the casino and entertainment venue located at National Harbor.

While leaving the casino, Caldwell's car was involved in the collision at Monument and MGM National avenues about 11:40 p.m. Thursday, police said.

During a field sobriety test and his interactions with officers, Caldwell fell at least three times, said he had no memory of the crash, had to lean against an officer's cruiser to maintain balance and was prevented from falling by officers, the police report said.

The report also states that Caldwell, who had an "overpowering smell" of alcohol on his breath, was cocky, uncooperative and sarcastic during his dealings with police and told them he had issues with his balance.

After officers took him to a police station, he was "very uncooperative and at [times] refused to [follow] officers commands such as not sitting on the bench in the breath testing room," the report stated.

Caldwell's speech, police said in the report, was so slurred and mumbled that he was difficult to understand and he would also "ask the same question over and over then argue with officers."

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Charles W. Caldwell III was arrested last week on a drunken driving charge after leaving the new casino at National Harbor.

In an interview last week, Caldwell said that he was not impaired and that the incident was more of a "scrape" than a crash.

In an interview last week, Caldwell said that he was not impaired and that the incident was more of a "scrape" than a crash. He said he'd had "a cocktail or two over four hours" at the VIP party. The police report indicates Caldwell told officers he had one drink.

"Yes — unfortunately I'm 72 turning 73 next week, and I'm a little unsteady on my feet," Caldwell said in his public comment Friday about failing the field sobriety test.

Caldwell, who is expected to receive a court summons, does not yet have a court date, according to online records.

Caldwell is the second Prince George's public official to be charged with drunken driving in recent weeks. Prince George's County Council member Mel Franklin (D-Upper Marlboro) was charged in late November after rear-ending a stopped vehicle and injuring two people inside. Franklin has declined to comment.

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Protest concert to aid liberal causes

CONCERT FROM **B1**

and Tret Fure.

"I wanted an opportunity for like-minded people to get together for healing and inspiration on a day when the new administration is going to be talking about its agenda," said Sen. Cheryl Kagan (D-Montgomery County).

Rea Carey, executive director of the National LGBTQ Task Force, one of the groups benefiting from the concert, described the event as a "creative and values-based response to what for many is an election that is threatening to bring a lot of changes to the progress that has been made by organizations across the country."

Other groups benefiting from the UnNaugural Concert include the American Civil Liberties Union, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the League of Conservation Voters and Planned Parenthood.

Organizers hope to attract locals and visitors traveling to the area for the Jan. 21 Women's March on Washington, the highest-profile anti-Trump protest planned, which organizers say could draw hundreds of thousands of attendees.

Joe Cluster, executive director of the Maryland Republican Party, compared the protest efforts to the actions of conservatives after Barack Obama won the presidency in 2008.

"I have no problem with it," he said. "They should be fighting back. That's what we did. We worked to beat Democrats all over the country, and now we have 33 Republican governors, the majority in the Senate and House, and the presidency."

Similar efforts have sprung up throughout the nation since the Nov. 8 election, including a "revival meeting" featuring Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Rep.-elect Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) that drew more than 800 people to a civic center in Silver Spring, Md., last month.

Raskin, who served in the Maryland Senate in Annapolis with Kagan before being elected to Congress, is scheduled to speak at the UnNaugural Concert as well.

"My basic message to people is that we're not a marginal minority — we're the majority in exile," he said, referring to Hillary Clinton's popular-vote victory. "We're clearly going to be the opposition party in Congress, but I believe we're speaking for most Americans on Day One."

Although Trump's positions on key policy issues have been hard to pin down, he has said that climate change is a hoax, that he would defund Planned Parenthood, that he opposes gun-free zones, that states should be able to decide whether same-sex marriage is legal and that Muslim immigrants should go through ideological screening as part of an "extreme vetting" process.

Each concert attendee will receive a token to place in one of five containers representing the groups that benefit from the show, allowing guests to choose which organizations they support. Concertgoers can also place their tokens in a sixth container, which will allow them to divide the proceeds evenly among the groups.

Raskin explained the purpose of the concert by offering a twist on first lady Michelle Obama's "When they go low, we go high" catchphrase.

"When they go into office, we go out and organize," he said. "It's important for our people to feel strong and to stand strong."

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Black women are living longer, but still face a raft of serious health issues

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more than most."

The report, which is based on 20 years of research by Boston University, also found that more black women are talking with their daughters, nieces and granddaughters about the risks of unprotected sex. That and other programs focusing on teenage girls have resulted in a dramatic drop in teen pregnancy and infant mortality.

In the Washington area, black women have started dozens if not scores of neighborhood-based fitness groups and organizations that advocate health. Churches, beauty shops and sororities are on the forefront of these efforts.

"There has also been the 'Michelle Obama Effect,' " Blount said. "Her emphasis on healthy eating and exercise during the past eight years has really paid off. Black women are so inspired by her — her relationships with her husband, children and mother. Black women are really trying to emulate her."

This is not to say that black women don't have serious health issues.

Breast cancer still claims far more black lives than white ones. There are gross disparities in medical treatment for black women and white women. Blacks are more likely to live in areas without quality grocery stores that offer a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

"You can come to Prince George's County, one of the wealthiest black counties in the country, and there are only two upscale, high-end supermarkets," says economist Rhonda Sharpe. "Why wouldn't a store of that caliber put down roots in a wealthy black community? Some folks will call it systemic racism: Black money isn't green enough."

The struggle for black women's health continues. Black women are more likely to become victims of violence than any other group of women. The perpetrators are usually black men. Still, black women have been the driving force behind the Black Lives Matter movement, whose primary purpose is to stop police from killing innocent black men.

Moreover, watching cellphone videos of black men being shot by police has caused many black women to experience symptoms akin to post-traumatic stress disorder. With the election of Donald Trump, whose campaign was tainted with racism and misogyny, black women have reported heightened levels of fear and anger.

"The good news is that black women are coming together to help each other," Blount said. "We are learning the importance of self-care. We have to take care of ourselves first if we expect to help others."

And the outlook is good: Although white women still live on average three years longer than black women, the gap is rapidly narrowing. Black women are living longer and longer.

You can speculate on the reasons, but the results are nothing short of astounding.

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Kanye West's meeting with Trump a long time coming

The reality-TV fixtures with few filters discussed 'multicultural issues'

BY ELAHE IZADI

Perhaps you weren't expecting this. That the spectacle of the Trump transition — potential Cabinet picks parading before television cameras in Trump Tower, itself once the set of a reality-TV show — would lead to the future commander in chief shaking hands with and hugging Kanye West.

This is the rapper whose 2005 declaration that "George Bush doesn't care about black people" was, for Bush, "an all-time low" and the worst moment of his presidency. The one whom President Obama called a "jackass." Now, the embattled musician and fashion designer has reemerged in the public eye to stand next to President-elect Donald Trump, who described the pair as "good friends."

"We've been friends for a long time," Trump told reporters Tuesday. "We discussed life."

It's an apt image for this moment, as celebrity has fully melded with our politics in the most bizarre of ways.

Hours later, West tweeted that he "wanted to meet with Trump today to discuss multicultural issues."

West has chosen to place himself in the spotlight after weeks of keeping an extremely low profile following onstage rants, a tour cancellation and hospitalization. During one rant, recorded by audience members, West declared before a booing crowd that he would have voted for Trump — had he voted at all.

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks told reporters that West

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The president-elect made time for Kanye West on Tuesday.

It's an odd position for Joe Scarborough: The president-elect not only watches him — he calls him later

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For Joe, Trump tunes in

BY BEN TERRIS
IN NEW YORK

Joe Scarborough knew he had Donald Trump's ear. And so, in the fall of 2015, not long after the businessman launched a long-shot presidential campaign, the MSNBC host sat him down for a lecture.

Things were about to "get real," Scarborough says he told the newbie politician. It didn't matter that they had golfed together or laughed together during Trump's many jolly, blustering cameos on Scarborough's freewheeling talk shows. Now he was a candidate, and "Morning Joe" would have to hit him with tough questions, and scrutiny of a kind he never faced as a branding mogul and reality-TV star.

"I said, 'Donald, here's the deal,'" Scarborough recalled last week. "'We were friends before the campaign, and when the parade stops and everybody turns on you like they do in politics, we'll be your friends after the campaign.'"

Friends.

It's an acknowledgment of a coziness that drove Scarborough's critics nuts throughout the 2016 campaign. Every news organization lavished attention on the unpredictable dark horse, of course, but to many, it seemed it was the special attention from "Morning Joe" — a relaxed if self-important clubhouse for the media-political elite — that lent legitimacy to the Trump phenomenon.

But now, his pipeline to The Donald poses an opportunity — or, perhaps, a kind of responsibility.

The president-elect may profess to be too busy for classified briefings, but if the real-time media criti-

SCARBOROUGH CONTINUED ON C9

Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski on the set in New York of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," long an obsession of Donald Trump, who has said that he collects his policy wisdom from "the shows."

MOVIE REVIEW

'Rogue One': A Death Star is born

BY ANN HORNADAY

A movie has been made for "Star Wars" fans that finally answers many of the questions they've long been asking, having to do with the tensile strength of a franchise that has experienced its share of strain over 40 years, and the ability of artists with new, perhaps iconoclastic visions to bring a faraway galaxy from long ago into a bold new future.

That movie is "Star Wars: Episode VIII" and will be in theaters roughly a year from now.

In the meantime, we have "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," Gareth Edwards's perfectly serviceable, if undistinguished, placeholder. This is a movie that, technically, doesn't need to exist, apart from abject fan service, the minting of some easy money and mindshare maintenance at a time when attention spans ping from one sci-fi spectacle to the next with brazen promiscuity. So many images in "Rogue One" conjure recent films — from "Mad

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In the role of a rakish rebel, Diego Luna struggles with a charisma deficit in "Rogue One," but the movie is still a nice snack to tide us over until the next "Star Wars" feast in a year or so.

MUSIC REVIEW

Cara steals the show with a voice as big as the sea

BY CHRIS RICHARDS

The excitement of a crowd is an easy thing to feel and an impossible thing to measure — but if you're seeking a steady, three-hour bliss-buzz, Hot 99.5's Jingle Ball is about as reliable as it gets. When the local radio station hosted its annual pop revue inside Verizon Center on Monday night — featuring Alessia Cara, the Chainsmokers, DNCE, Niall Horan of One Direction and others — the vibe was electric and the format felt as perfect as ever.

In a way, the Jingle Ball is one of those rare holiday gifts whose container might be more significant than what's inside. It's essentially a series of 15-minute micro-sets presented in seamless, steamrolling succession — and it follows the same pleasure principles as listening to the radio. If you don't love what you're hearing, wait a few minutes. This is a brilliant way to stage a pop show, and it shouldn't just happen in December. Who can we petition about that? Santa? God? Vladimir Putin?

For the second consecutive year, Alessia Cara stole the show by dressing casually and singing seriously. Clad in a baggy sweatshirt and a beanie, the 20-year-old addressed the girls in the audience specifically: "We're told how to look, how to dress, how to act, and I think that's so messed up." And when she sang, "You're beautiful just the way you are," her music matched her message. Couching her phrasing deep in the rhythm, Cara seemed as comfortable in her own songs as she does in her own skin.

The night's other standout sets came from kindred spirit-lifters. Ellie Goulding's "Anything Could Happen" was brimming with the kind of open-road optimism that young people need to hear from people a little further down the road. Daya's "Sit Still, Look Pretty" was a poised refusal to do either. And Fifth Harmony's "Boss" felt fitting for an egalitari-

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Helena Andrews-Dyer and Emily Heil

Trump to be deposed in José Andrés case before inauguration

Weeks before he takes the oath of office, President-elect **Donald Trump** is scheduled for another kind of oath: He's set to face lawyers' questions during a deposition in the $10 million breach-of-contract lawsuit he filed against Washington-based celebrity chef **José Andrés**.

In filings last week, attorneys for Trump and Andrés's company argued over the details of the session slated to take place the first week of January. Trump wanted the deposition to take place in New York, where he lives and where his presidential transition is based, not in Washington, for security reasons. Andrés's lawyers agreed.

But Trump's team has other objections: The real estate executive wants to limit questioning to two hours and prohibit questions covered in a previous deposition in a similar case.

"It seems dubious that the President-elect cannot be

José Andrés and Donald Trump

afforded adequate security in the capital of the United States, but defendants are willing to accommodate that demand," Andrés's attorneys said in a filing. "Defendants cannot, however, accept Trump LLC's attempt to hamstring defendant's questioning of the man who directed the bringing of this lawsuit."

The Trump-Andrés legal battle began when the chef backed out of a deal to open a restaurant in Trump's luxury hotel complex located in the Old Post Office Pavilion on Pennsylvania Avenue. Andrés cited Trump's derogatory comments on the campaign trail about illegal immigrants, saying they made it impossible for him to run a successful eatery. Trump promptly sued.

Trump was deposed in June in a similar lawsuit against restaurateur **Geoffrey Zakarian**, who was also slated to run a restaurant in Trump's Washington hotel and — like Andrés — scrapped the plan after Trump's incendiary rhetoric created controversy. Zakarian's case continues apace, too: His attorneys on Monday set a hearing date of Jan. 3 in D.C. Superior Court.

On Tuesday, Andrés proposed a novel (and improbable) idea for ending Trump's lawsuit and his own countersuit, suggesting on Twitter that the two drop the cases and celebrate by donating to a veterans group. "Why keep litigating?" he asked. "Let's both of us win."

Michelle Pfeiffer joins Washington-based enviro group's board

Board meetings for the Environmental Working Group just got a little more glam: Actress **Michelle Pfeiffer** has joined the group's board of directors. The onetime Catwoman will help steer the Washington-based greenie group, which focuses on harmful ingredients in consumer products. In a statement, Pfeiffer said she has come to rely on

Pfeiffer

EWG's research "to help my family avoid toxic chemicals.

"Now more than ever, we need EWG to lead the fight for a clean environment in Washington," she said.

Also joining the board is **Meg Hirshberg**, wife of **Gary Hirshberg**, the co-founder of organic yogurtmaker Stonyfield Farm.

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This Woodland Drive home was recently purchased by Trump's commerce secretary pick.

To Billionaires' Row he goes

They call it Billionaires' Row: the leafy stretch of multimillion-dollar residences on Woodland Drive in the District that the uber-rich looking for urban privacy call home. Now the tony Massachusetts Heights neighborhood can add another famous feather to its top hat.

Wilbur Ross, President-elect **Donald Trump's** pick for commerce secretary, and his wife, **Hilary**, have recently purchased a home on Woodland Drive, the Reliable Source has learned from a person familiar with the sale. The 10,000-square-foot house, which has seven bedrooms, a 12-seat movie theater and staff quarters, was formerly owned by philanthropist **Adrienne Arsht** and listed for $12 million.

William Moody of Washington Fine Properties was rumored to be Ross's agent. When contacted about the deal, which was finalized last week, Moody declined to comment. Arsht's longtime real estate agent, **Chuck Holzwarth**, also of Washington Fine Properties, declined to comment as well.

Perhaps the most interesting factoid about the incoming commerce secretary's new 1927 Beaux-Arts estate is that it is directly across the street from the home of current Commerce Secretary **Penny Pritzker**.

The area is a hot spot for Washington's mega-rich because most of the gated homes sit back from the street, providing extra privacy and security in a locale close to the power center of downtown. "It's the only downtown neighborhood that has a suburban feel," said one source with knowledge of the neighborhood.

HEY, ISN'T THAT . . . ?

Omarosa Manigault attending T-Mobile's holiday party in Washington on Monday night.

The former "Apprentice" star and director of African American outreach for President-elect **Donald Trump's** campaign was spotted at 701 Restaurant, about two blocks from the Trump International Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue. Manigault is apparently buds with **Marie Sylla-Dixon**, the telecom company's vice president of federal government and external affairs, dating to their beauty-pageant days.

No word on whether

Omarosa Manigault

Manigault's presence at the party with a purpose (there was also a fundraising drive for Toys for Tots) signals a reversal of her boss's thoughts about T-Mobile. Last year, Trump and the wireless company's chief executive, **John Legere**, got into a Twitter fight. After Legere called the then-Republican presidential candidate out for his criticism of UFC fighter **Ronda Rousey**, Trump declared T-Mobile's service "terrible."

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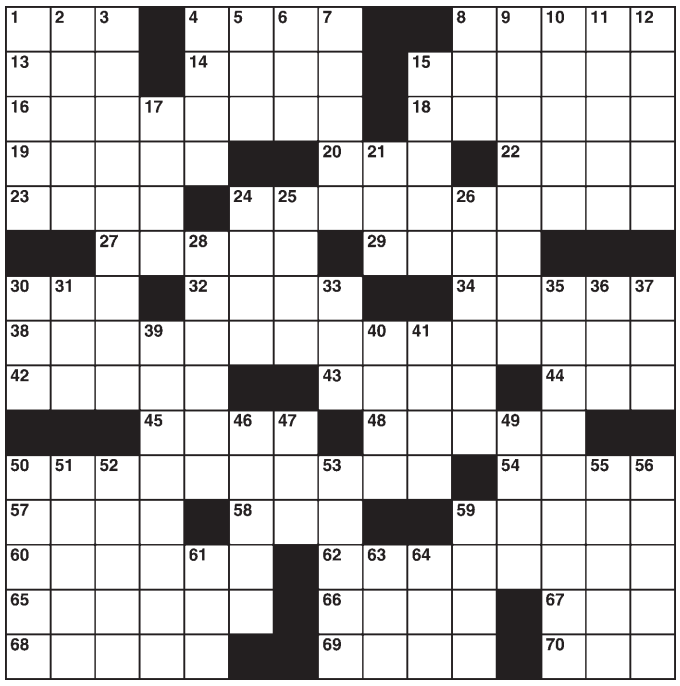

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1. Martini option
4. It's not an option
8. "Look, Mom — No cavities!" toothpaste
13. Maritime CIA counterpart
14. Like a stained shirt pocket, maybe
15. Like most dessert wines
16. *Marx Brothers film set in Freedonia
18. President between John and Richard
19. "Wonderfilled" cookies
20. Byrne's "Strange Overtones" collaborator
22. Actress Ward
23. Dollywood's st.
24. *"Beyond the Sea" role for Kevin Spacey
27. Stand in the boardroom
29. "Chuck" actor Baldwin
30. Every bit
32. Little chirp
34. Language from which "geyser" derives
38. *Power-saving strategy during heat waves, e.g.
42. Ceremonial ribbon cutter, often
43. Drink brand with a two-lizard logo
44. Wedding page word
45. Creepy thing
48. Big name in brewing
50. *Garment that's usually high-visibility yellow
54. Quarterback Tony
57. Enjoy a dip
58. Fugitive's flight
59. Ninja Turtle's home
60. Presented as a donation
62. Ninnies, and what the first words of the answers to the starred clues literally are
65. Attached with ribbon, say
66. Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
67. 2016 Olympics city
68. Brownstone hangout
69. It's a lock
70. Castellaneta of "The Simpsons"

DOWN

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3. Goody-goody
4. Word on a pageant sash
5. Game with "Wild Draw Four" cards
6. Inventory tracking ID
7. Unflappable sort
8. Break down
9. Goes berserk
10. It might get one down
11. Vodka with strasberi and peachik flavors
12. Irish tenor Ronan ___
15. North Pole aviator Bennett
17. Hawaiian coffee-growing district
21. Org. with Jazz and Magic
24. "How've you ___?"
25. Cassini of fashion
26. Twist and reel
28. Letter's opposite, law-wise
30. Half of a very high price?
31. Mauna ___
33. "Call the Midwife" airer
35. "Arrested Development" narrator
36. Mystery novelist Grafton
37. Bastille Day season
39. Beatles song that promises, "I'll always be true"
40. Tosses gently
41. Go up against
46. Synthetic fabric
47. Longoria of "Telenovela"
49. Native Canadian
50. NCOs two levels above cpl.
51. Look forward to
52. Danno's outfit, familiarly
53. Like some threats
55. ___ circus
56. Welles of "The War of the Worlds"
59. Footwear
61. Go one better
63. Asset for the future, briefly
64. Frequent soccer score

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CHRIS BANKS

Tom Story is a hot spot's harried reservation-taker (and 39 other characters) in "Fully Committed."

THEATER REVIEW

Tom Story, party of one in 'Committed'

BY NELSON PRESSLEY

"Fully Committed" is the comedy about the guy taking reservations at the restaurant you are *dying* to try but can't get into. It's a lousy job: Sam (the guy) juggles phone lines and suffers abuse from his snooty maître d', his superstar pit bull chef, and a parade of self-absorbed customers insisting they have a claim on Table 31 at 7:30 *tonight*.

Becky Mode's 1999 comedy is also the show that piles a plate high for one actor taking on all 40 roles. At MetroStage this is the busy Tom Story, straight from his central role in the Round House-Olney Theatre Center "Angels in America" and now giving his quick-change muscles a heavy workout.

Ring! Story is Gwyneth Paltrow's nasally, synthetic assistant, detailing the actress's exotic dietary demands for her party — oh, and can we put a lower wattage bulb in that wall sconce?

Ring! He's the chef on the red phone, sounding like a thuggish surfer dude as he narcissistically flexes his biceps.

Ring! He's Sam's fellow actor "friend," cruelly humble-bragging about how well his audition went at Lincoln Center, where they're both up for a part.

No costume changes here: Story has to pull all this off in sad sack Sam's jeans, sneakers and cardigan. Director Alan Paul moves the action to and fro by scooting Sam in one direction for cellphone calls with his sweet-sounding father and the other way to grab the red phone (the chef's hotline) by Sam's supervisor's empty desk. The weaselly supervisor, naturally, has left Sam holding the bag while he sneaks off for a job interview with Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Sam's desk is a catastrophe of Post-it notes, with an awkwardly placed intercom connecting him to the dining room and kitchen. Oh, and he wears a headset to handle the cascade of incoming reservation requests, most of which are doomed because the hot restaurant — featuring such rarefied items as codfish foam and edible dirt — is, as the title promises, fully committed (booked) for months.

What comes through loud and clear is the mean pileup of entitlement: Though Story's polite, persevering Sam tries to remain chipper, you can feel him sinking as he keeps getting run over. There's a Christmas theme at work in Mode's play, lightly revised for its revival earlier this year on Broadway; Sam's mother died recently and he'd like to be with his dad for the holiday. Story treads softly here, which actually helps the anxiety and pathos ring true.

The farcical froth is still being whipped to its airiest irresistibility, and on opening weekend the harried giddiness of all those character transitions didn't hit its best gliding rhythm until its second half. But a dish as complex as this one — which includes such varied ingredients as a Mafia don sounding like Dracula and a staff baffled by such VIP names as Diane Sawyer and Alan Greenspan — should gel and tighten night by night.

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Fully Committed by Becky Mode. Directed by Alan Paul. Set, Carl Gudenius; lights, Alexander Keen; sound design, Gordon Nimmo-Smith. About 90 minutes. Through Jan. 8 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Tickets $55-$60. Call 703-548-9044 or visit metrostage.org.

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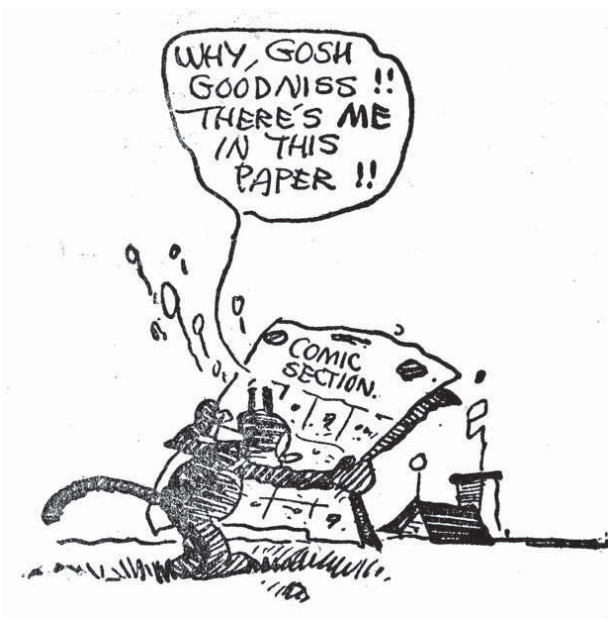

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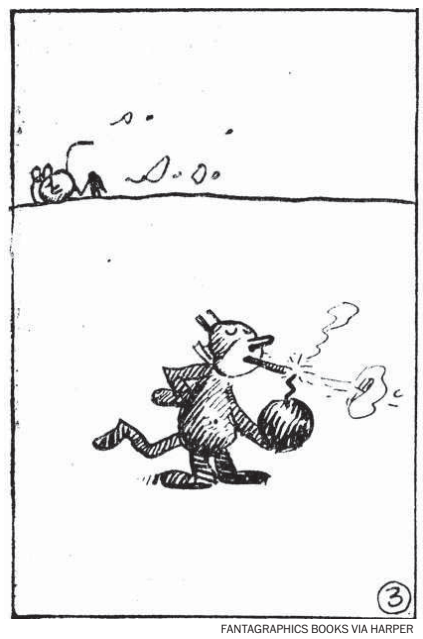

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HERITAGE AUCTIONS

"Krazy Kat" brought an openly gay, sadomasochistic love triangle among a dog, a cat and a mouse — which also touched subtly on race and racism — to 1930s newspapers' comics pages, attracting fans such as T.S. Eliot and Umberto Eco.

Behind the scenes of the funny papers' menagerie à trois

BY GLEN DAVID GOLD

Genius is simplicity. A dog, who is a policeman, loves a cat who loves a mouse. The mouse throws bricks at the cat, and the policeman jails him. Some aspect of this, more or less every day, for more or less 30 years, was the comic strip "Krazy Kat." In isolation it seems as though it dropped out of the sky, and when its creator died in 1944, to the sky it returned. It has since been recognized as one of the greatest American comic strips, a mix of surrealism, Socratic dialogue, low-rent vaudeville, jazz improvisation, Native American motifs and, as it turns out, a subtle — so subtle no one seems to have noticed at the time — commentary on the peculiar notion of race.

"Krazy: George Herriman, a Life in Black and White," by Michael Tisserand, skillfully returns context to "Krazy Kat," revealing that it could have come from no other time or place than during the accelerated rise of the American media empire. To his peers, Herriman claimed to be French or Greek, among other things, to explain away his kinky hair and dark skin. But his New Orleans birth certificate called him "colored," and Tisserand is especially good at parsing the politics of passé blanc, or "passively passing for white" in Creole culture.

Herriman had a longer apprenticeship than most, working on dozens of strips that never caught fire during the spectacular publication battles between Hearst and Pulitzer that led to the birth of full-color comics such as "The Yellow Kid" and "Little Nemo. " He was learning his form at the same time that jazz, animation and slapstick comedy were likewise getting their cultural feet under them. Also boxing. Boxing had obeyed "the color line" until 1910, when, in defiance of racist attitudes, the country demanded that black Jack Johnson and white Jim Jeffries finally take the ring. (It's of course ironic that overcoming racism involved allowing people of different races to beat each other up, but such is our way.)

Called upon to draw sports cartoons to promote that particular battle of the century, Herriman added a black cat and a white mouse, specifically the white Ignatz Mouse antagonizing the black Krazy Kat. But nothing really distinguished the strip until another remarkable and far more highbrow event: the Armory Show of 1913, at which Duchamp showed his mind-boggling method to capture a figure in motion, "Nude Descending a Staircase, No. 2." Among other things, it changed comics forever. The second Krazy Kat daily strip shows, over eight panels, Krazy Kat descending a staircase. Poetry in motion.

By the time the first Sunday strip appeared in 1916, Herriman had all his tools in place: a menagerie of animals in a mythic, every-changing Southwest desert landscape. The characters spoke in multilanguage puns that might in one panel draw on classical allusions and in the next contemporary popular music, in service of a strange unrequited love story. (No wonder T.S. Eliot and Umberto Eco were fans.) And yet the language, like Damon Runyon's (also a fan), transcended its influences to become its own peculiar, subtext-heavy beast. It's amazing how much went below the radar. The title character's gender is fluid — sometimes a girl, sometimes a boy — which means that at least part time an openly gay, sadomasochistic love triangle was front and center in the funny papers.

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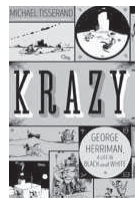
Funny you should ask: Cartoonist George Herriman wearing a giant sombrero.



KRAZY
George Herriman, a Life in Black and White
By Michael Tisserand
Harper. 560 pp.
$35

Herriman's early cartoons draw on the stereotypes of the time; he was even in a minstrel show himself once. Krazy allowed him some allegory: Ignatz forcibly irons out Krazy's tail in the manner of Madam C.J. Walker's hair-straightening method for black women. Ignatz accidentally gets a tan, and Krazy bricks him, crying, "Dagnabya!!! Dunt think I'm no 'Desdeamonia' you Otello." Krazy gets bleached, and suddenly Ignatz loves him. Krazy has an angry, banjo-playing "Unkil Tomket." Krazy refers to himself as having an "inferiority complexion." Etc.

But what does this add up to? Herriman apparently answered, once, "The whole 'life' complex seems so absurd I simply draw what I see. To *me* it's just as sensible as the way it *is*." Tisserand says that's as much of an explanation as he gave. Herriman comes off as a mild-mannered man in perpetual ill health whose personal life faded after a series of tragedies. Beyond social niceties and a bit of scatology, however, his letters (transcribed here, perhaps more for scholars than the general reader) leave little evidence behind of whatever deeper matters drove him.

This volume prints many individual panels of prime Kat behavior, but readers yearning to see full strips would do well to find the recently released Library of American Comics Essentials collection of 1934 "Krazy Kat" daily strips, as it shows a kind of quotidian context that the biography omits.

Still, Tisserand's work is impressive. His seating of Herriman's achievements among other battling art forms of the time is essential for understanding comics history. Weirdly, Herriman never did draw humans with the same magic as animals. Was this an identity problem? The few times people appear next to his fully mature Coconino County characters, they look as off-putting as those early times when Charles Schulz allowed adults into "Peanuts."

I'm lucky to have a hand-colored Herriman original, a "specialty" piece he drew to honor a neighbor whose dog scared a burglar away. There are jokes in Latin and Yiddish, and visual puns involving the local Spanish architecture. But the most remarkable aspect is the watercolor he applied, a bravura display of orange and blue and green that makes the piece look like a dreamworld. Even if the man himself was a mystery, comics fans have known for a century that Herriman was a master of color.

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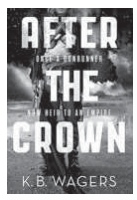
SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

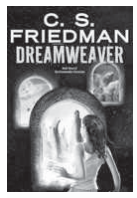
Shedding light on the season's No. 1 underdog

BY EVERDEEN MASON

Bingeing on a book series is the perfect activity for December — it makes for a great escape from the crush of social obligations, and when the weather turns cold, it is an ideal indoor diversion. Here are three suggestions for series that you can step into this month — or any.

K.B. Wagers's **After the Crown** (Orbit), the second novel in her Indranan War series, continues the story of Hail Bristol, galactic gunrunner-turned-empress, as she wards off dastardly plots to take her throne. (One can't help but wonder why so many people want the throne.) Hail had no choice but to take the throne after the deaths of her sisters, and in this novel, she works to prevent war by entering peace talks with her planetary allies. These negotiations turn violent, and Hail finds a traitor in her midst. With her loyal Bodyguards at her side and the help of some old criminal friends, Hail fights to protect her empire and her throne. Like its predecessor "Behind the Throne," "Crown" is fast paced, and its focus on a female action heroine defined by her decisions rather than romance is refreshing and fun.





The Dreamweaver series is something of a departure for C.S. Friedman, best known for "This Alien Shore" and "The Madness Season." The books follow Jessica Drake as she travels into a parallel world called Terra Prime, where society is centered on classes of people with special gifts and access to other worlds. Jessica has spent the past two novels coming to terms with her status as a Dreamwalker, a person who can manipulate and travel through dreams (an ability long thought gone after a genocidal campaign by a class of necromancers). In **Dreamweaver** (DAW), Jessica finds herself and her family haunted by Reapers, wraithlike creatures tasked with killing Dreamwalkers. She must cross into Terra Prime one more time to seek a landmark that holds the key to what happened to the Dreamwalkers and how to save herself and her family. The book may be a young adult title, but its premise has broad appeal: What would happen if you could steal the gifts and resources of other worlds? This is an America where African slavery never happened because Americans imported subhumans from other universes. That world has endless possibilities that tickle at the brain long after the book is put away.

The Fate of the Tearling (Harper) concludes Erika Johansen's genre-bending series. In this book, Queen Kelsea Glynn is in the hands of the enemy that was haunting her for the past several novels. But now Kelsea realizes that there is a much greater evil at play — one that she herself released. Kelsea continues to use her powers to spy on the past, learning how humanity left the Earth as we know it for a new world and how William Tear's utopia rotted from within. In this book, Kelsea is much more self-assured, the growing pains of being a teenager behind her. Kelsea flourishes alongside the other female characters at the center of the novel: These are powerful, determined women who work hard to accomplish their goals even as their mistakes haunt them. Johansen doesn't punish them for these mistakes; she allows them to grow, leading to a well-earned ending.

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"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" has always struck me as faintly sinister: a parable about conformity with a strangely cynical moral. Ronald D. Lankford Jr. doesn't go quite that far in his engaging and informative book "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," but he brings a gently anthropological tone to the story of this now-inescapable bit of holiday iconography.

Rudolph was the creation of Robert L. May, who dreamed him up while working as an advertising copywriter for the great Chicago-based retail chain Montgomery Ward. After attending Dartmouth College — thus sharing an alma mater with other famous creators of fanciful tales for credulous youngsters, including Theodor Geisel and Fred Rogers — May returned to the Midwest, where he invented the story of the lonely Laplander in 1939.

May originally claimed that Rudolph was intended to cheer up his daughter in the face of her mother's affliction with cancer, a poignant origin story whose "basic premise," Lankford said, "seems to be untrue." Whatever the details, Montgomery Ward was quick to see the marketing potential of May's fable, printing more than 2 million copies in the form of promotional giveaways, a staggering level of outreach in a nation of 131 million.

Rudolph was subsequently vaulted into ubiquity by Gene Autry's hit recording of 1949. Less famous spinoffs included a comic-book sequel in which Rudolph's fame affects his ego, "producing a subpar effort in the toy workshop" until his hubris is punished and he returns to his role as a cheerful cog in the consumerist juggernaut.

Like all such artifacts, Rudolph reflects the psychology of the society that produced him. May's original conception, a heart-rending depiction of a tearful reindeer in delicate Edwardian washes, has a soulful Depression-era plangency, while the jaunty Rudolph of the 1950s, sketched in bold primary colors, reflects a cheerful can-do America entering a "forward-looking era" that "favored exuberant songs and stories along with an emphasis on youth."

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The first cartoon version of the tale of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was shown in 1948, nine years after an adman wrote the fable for his employer, Montgomery Ward, who used it for promotional material.

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
An American Hero
By Ronald D. Lankford Jr.
ForeEdge. 224 pp.
Paperback, $22.95

If Lankford's book has a weakness, it's that it doesn't quite know whether it wants to be a full-fledged piece of sociology or a gently amusing nostalgia ride. What is undeniable is that Lankford's book, and its lush illustrations, provides a peerless look at a bygone time.

To read Ward's in-house memo reminding his clerks that "service, the right attitude, and a desire to do his best, brought Rudolph the envy of all" is to glimpse a time when culture, commerce and national identity were intertwined in all kinds of strange ways. If Rudolph is not exactly "an American hero," as Lankford's subtitle claims, he may instead be something more complex — and interesting.

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The Totally Hip Video Book Review As 2016 draws to a close, Ron Charles races against the clock to find the top 10 totally hippest novels of the year. To watch, go to wapo.st/hippest2016.

Establishment embraces young rebels as National Film Registry adds 25 titles

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS

Whether she likes it or not, director Penelope Spheeris may be forever associated with "Wayne's World," her 1992 feature comedy based on a series of "Saturday Night Live" sketches about two high-school metalheads (Mike Myers and Dana Carvey). "I've always said, when I'm dead and gone, if there's anything I could be remembered for, I would want it to be my 'Decline' films," she says, referring to her series of three documentaries on youth subcultures. "That would be the greatest honor."

Spheeris is now one step closer to that dream.

On Wednesday, the Library of Congress announced that the first film in Spheeris's "The Decline of Western Civilization" trilogy — a controversial look at the burgeoning Los Angeles punk rock scene — was one of the 25 films selected for inclusion in the 2016 National Film Registry. Reached by phone, Spheeris described herself as "astonished" at the inclusion of her 1981 low-budget film, which she calls "one of the most written-about films of that year," despite the fact that "no one saw it."

Including performances by such bands as X, Black Flag, the Circle Jerks and Fear — and featuring slam-dancing mosh pits so rambunctious that Spheeris's cameraman, Steve Conant, jokingly requested a "shark cage" for his own protection — the film shocked the bourgeoisie, and delighted the counterculture, upon its release. The title of the film, she explains, was meant ironically. By the time "Decline 3" came out, with its sobering look at homeless teenagers known as "gutter punks," Spheeris says the series had "grown into its name."

Now numbering 700 films, the registry each year selects titles for their "cultural, historic or aesthetic importance," typically preserving a copy of each film for posterity at the library's Packard Campus in Culpeper, Va. Other films honored this year include Rob Reiner's "The Princess Bride" (1987); Ridley Scott's "Thelma & Louise" (1991); Disney's "The Lion King" (1994); a 17-minute gangster film by D.W. Griffith called "The Musketeers of Pig Alley" (1912); and an archive of footage documenting African American life in the 1920s by minister, businessman and amateur filmmaker Solomon Sir Jones. This year's films, which must be at least 10 years old, were selected by the Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, with input from members of the National Film Preservation Board and other Library of Congress film experts. Members of the public are encouraged to nominate their own favorite films.

"Decline" is one of a handful of movies on this year's registry that touch on the themes of teen angst and/or disaffected youth. That's a coincidence that is completely unintentional, according to the 64-year-old Hayden, whose cinematic taste from her teen years hews closer to the 1965 musical "The Sound of Music." Other titles

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ABOVE: Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall and Judd Nelson in John Hughes's 1985 film "The Breakfast Club."

LEFT: Cal (James Dean) confronts his father (Raymond Massey) in Elia Kazan's 1955 film "East of Eden."

from this year's list that share that spirit of hormonal rebellion include the James Dean vehicle "East of Eden" and the juvenile-delinquency drama "Blackboard Jungle," both from 1955; John Hughes's high school detention-set "The Breakfast Club" (1985); and "Rushmore," a 1998 comedy by Wes Anderson about an adolescent misfit who is in love with his teacher.

Spheeris doesn't find it odd that thematically related films appear on the list. The youth-in-revolt genre, she says, has an enduring appeal, since adolescence and early adulthood are when we are forming our identities. "You become angry," she says. "You want to change the world."

The genre is, however, one that she feels is in dire need of preservation.

"The children of today have access to so much information, via the Web and social media, that it's confusing," says the 71-year-old filmmaker, who is at work on her fourth installment in the "Decline" series, about which she won't reveal any details. "What this access has done is totally eradicate what I've always called the 'underground': the hippies, the punks, etc. Today, there are no unique and different films coming out of the underground." In fact, she says, "the underground is aboveground."

All the more reason, Spheeris says, for the registry. "It's become a vital reference library for upcoming generations of young people. Today's kids don't know who they are."

Films selected for the 2016 National Film Registry

- Atomic Cafe (1982)
- Ball of Fire (1941)
- The Beau Brummels (1928)
- The Birds (1963)
- Blackboard Jungle (1955)
- The Breakfast Club (1985)
- The Decline of Western Civilization (1981)
- East of Eden (1955)
- Funny Girl (1968)
- Life of an American Fireman (1903)
- The Lion King (1994)
- Lost Horizon (1937)
- The Musketeers of Pig Alley (1912)
- Paris Is Burning (1990)
- Point Blank (1967)
- The Princess Bride (1987)
- Putney Swope (1969)
- Rushmore (1998)
- Solomon Sir Jones films (1924-28)
- Steamboat Bill, Jr. (1928)
- Suzanne, Suzanne (1982)
- Thelma & Louise (1991)
- 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1916)
- A Walk in the Sun (1945)
- Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988)

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From left to right (and best to worst): Alessia Cara, Ellie Goulding and Alex Pall and Andrew Taggart of the Chainsmokers perform at Hot 99.5's Jingle Ball 2016 at Verizon Center.

Again at the Jingle Ball, the belles will be singing the glad, glad news

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an girl-group in which everyone is the boss.

Amid the uplift, Tove Lo committed the Ball's most egregious acts of innocence-theft. Wearing (and at times, not wearing) a pleather-y one-piece that looked like something from OshKosh B'Gosh's BDSM line, the Swedish singer decided against self-censoring the lyrics to her radioactively sexy hit, "Talking Body." Parents had to decide whether to cover their kids' eyes or ears.

As for the boys on the bill, there was a maturing heartthrob (Horan), two profoundly forgettable rappers (G-Eazy and Machine Gun Kelly), one semi-behind-the-scenes producer-DJ (Diplo), and two overexposed producer-DJs (Alex Pall and Andrew Taggart of the Chainsmokers) — the last of whom delivered a headlining DJ set completely devoid of momentum, charm and coherence. The duo has scored two of the biggest radio hits of 2016 — "Closer" and "Don't Let Me Down" — but onstage, they proved to be studio rats who have no idea how to present their music in three-dimensional space. When these dudes suddenly launched into a singalong of Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Under the Bridge," the ineptitude felt surreal.

For '90s nostalgia, the Chainsmokers were bested by DNCE, who did an almost-funky cover of the Spice Girls' "Wannabe." And for simple danceability, they were bested by Diplo, whose DJ set zigzagged between Rae Sremmurd's "Black Beatles," Kanye West's "Power," and various belches of electronic bass. More than a decade ago, this guy made his name in more stylish circles as a champion of a the mash-up phenomenon. Considering that today's kids were raised in a totally mashed-up world, his approach seemed to make perfect sense to them.

However, the rap tunes that Diplo spun — plus all of the prerecorded guest vocals during Fifth Harmony's set — highlighted something irksome. White rappers booked for this gig? Two. Black rappers? Zero. Black rappers whose voices were piped in over the speakers throughout the course of the evening? At least nine. This is something Jingle Ball organizers need to improve on immediately. May all of their Christmases be not-so-white.

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the GUIDE to the Lively Arts

SHOW NAME		DATES & TIMES	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	PRICE	ADDITIONAL
THEATRE						
THE KENNEDY CENTER	"Into the Woods"	Now Thru January 8 Tue. - Fri. at 8 Sat. & Sun. at 2 & 8 Added Matinees Dec. 21, 22, 29 & Jan. 4	Venture *Into The Woods* with the acclaimed Fiasco Theater production that became New York's surprise hit of this season. Unanimously acclaimed , the Tony Award®–winning musical classic by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine has been mounted with boundless imagination. This witty and wildly theatrical re-invention is *Into The Woods* as you've never seen it before!	**Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theater** kennedy-center.org or call (202) 467-4600	Tickets available at the Box Office	"Truly enchanting! These are the woods that you want to get lost in"—NY Times
THE KENNEDY CENTER	The Second City's "Twist Your Dickens"	Now Thru December 31 Tue. - Fri. at 8 Sat. at 7 Sun. at 3 & 7 complete schedule available online at *kennedy-center.org*	Experience Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* like never before—with this D.C. premiere from The Second City! The legendary comedy troupe brings its infamous improvisational skills and sketch comedy mastery to the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. Journey through this wicked parody of "the night before Christmas" with Tiny Tim, three ridiculous ghosts, and a brilliant cast of The Second City's funniest comedians.	**Kennedy Center Theater Lab** kennedy-center.org or call (202) 467-4600	Tickets available at the Box Office	Recommended for ages 16 and up

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Critiquing strangers' parenting skills

Miss Manners
JUDITH MARTIN, NICHOLAS MARTIN AND JACOBINA MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: I was eating a meal in a local mom-and-pop restaurant when I noticed a man feeding a baby from a bottle. Also at the table were three older boys and a woman, whom I took to be the man's older sons and wife.

It was obvious to me, as a nurse and a mother, that the man did not know how to properly burp the baby. None of the other people at the table said anything to him about this. I wanted to go up to the table and explain how you properly burp a baby but I did not, for fear of rejection.

Should I have done so? Can you please tell me what kinds of words I should have used to politely approach this issue to ensure the man's and family's cooperation?

Since the answer to your first question is "no," Miss Manners will excuse herself from finding a polite approach for committing a rude act.

When someone is in genuine danger, a stranger can — indeed, should — intervene. But this liberty does not extend to correcting routine parental ineptitude. The man's three older sons provide direct evidence that his burping technique, even if flawed, is not fatal.

Dear Miss Manners: I had the privilege of having one of my creative works (over which I labored for nearly a year) performed by a local theater troupe. Many of my friends attended, and most of them readily offered their compliments and congratulations after the performance.

My best friend, however, who was in attendance, has yet to offer any compliments whatsoever, despite the fact that we have seen each other a number of times since the performance.

Though she is neither a theater critic nor a potential producer, she is certainly entitled to her own private opinion. However, I was under the impression that friends are supposed to be congratulatory regarding such occasions regardless of the perceived quality of the performance, and I am quite hurt by her lack of response.

Is there indeed a rule of etiquette that covers such situations, and am I right to be aggrieved?

Your friend should certainly have said something, even if, as you suspect, she did not enjoy the work and is therefore flummoxed about how to avoid hurting your feelings.

The solution, as Miss Manners has said on many occasions, was not to blurt out the truth. She does not understand people who think that saying, "Thank you so much for inviting me. I enjoyed the evening immensely," will forever damage their sterling reputations — while maintaining that hurting the feelings of a beloved friend is perfectly acceptable.

What can you do now? She is your best friend. If you are interested in genuine criticism, you could say so and, if your guess about what has happened so far is correct, you could trust that the criticism will be well intended and delivered so as not to hurt your feelings. If you are instead looking for compliments, however insincere, Miss Manners warns you that you will only encounter embarrassment or worse.

New Miss Manners columns are posted Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on washingtonpost.com/advice. You can send questions to Miss Manners at her website, missmanners.com.

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3111 K Street N.W.
The Right Stuff (NR) 2:00-7:00
Moana (PG) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:00
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:50
The Edge of Seventeen (R) CC: 3:45-6:30-9:00
Manchester by the Sea (R) 12:50-4:00-7:00-10:00
Miss Sloane (R) 12:45-3:15-6:15-9:15
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:45-7:30-10:15
Allied (R) CC: 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 1:45-4:25-7:25-10:15
Moonlight (R) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:30-10:15
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:45-3:45-7:00-10:00
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30

AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW
Moana (PG) CC: 1:40-4:20-7:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 1:30-7:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: (!) 1:50-4:40-7:20
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Allied (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:10
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 12:00-2:30-5:10-7:40
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 2:10-5:00-7:50
Arrival (PG-13) CC: (!) 2:20-5:15-8:00

Albert Einstein Planetarium - National Air & Space Museum
6th Street and Independence Ave SW
To Space and Back 11:00AM
Dark Universe Space Show (NR) 11:30-12:30-1:30-2:30-3:30-4:30
Journey to the Stars (NR) 12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Trolls (PG) 11:00-1:00-3:00
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 12:00-4:15-7:00
Camera Store (NR) 5:00
Queen of Katwe (PG) 7:20
Allied (R) 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:10

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Family Film (Rodinny Film) (NR) 8:00
Miss Sloane (R) 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00
Moonlight (R) 11:15-1:45-4:45

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street, NW
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Allied (R) CC: (!) 1:55-4:30-7:05-9:50
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Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW
Loving (PG-13) CC: (!) 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:40
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Jackie (R) CC: (!) 12:40-2:00-3:00-4:30-5:20-7:00-7:40-9:20-9:50

Landmark West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW
The Eagle Huntress (G) CC: (!) 1:30-4:30-7:30
Harry Benson: Shoot First (!) 1:15-4:15-7:15
Elle (R) (!) 1:00-4:00-7:00

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Moana (PG) 1:25-5:25-7:00-10:25
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Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 1:30-7:40
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 12:00-3:05-6:15-9:25
The Edge of Seventeen (R) CC: 12:05-2:50-8:05-10:35
Allied (R) 12:35-3:35-5:15-10:30
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:35-12:20-2:10-2:55-4:50-5:35-7:30-8:05-10:05-10:35
Incarnate (PG-13) 12:40-3:00-8:10-10:35
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 11:35-2:15-4:55-8:05-10:25
From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00

Smithsonian - Lockheed Martin IMAX Theater
601 Independence Avenue SW
D-Day: Normandy 1944 3D (NR) 12:40
Journey to Space 3D (NR) 11:50-2:25
A Beautiful Planet 3D (G) 10:55-1:30
Arrival (PG-13) 3:15
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:20AM

Smithsonian - Samuel C. Johnson IMAX Theater
10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW
Dinosaurs Alive! 3D (NR) 11:20-2:05-3:55
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D (NR) 1:10
National Parks Adventure 3D (America Wild 3D) (NR) 10:25-12:15-3:00-4:50

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
I, Daniel Blake (R) (!) 7:00
A Man Called Ove (En Man Som Heter Ove) (PG-13) 4:30
I, Olga Hepnarova (Já, Olga Hepnarová) (NR) (!) 9:25
Dawn (Ausma) (NR) (!) 5:15
United States of Love (Zjednoczone stany milosci)(!) 9:05
Elle (R) 2:00
Stefan Zweig: Farewell to Europe (Vor der Morgenrote) (NR) (!) 7:15
Nocturnal Animals (R) 2:10-4:40-9:10
Best Worst Thing That Ever Could Have Happened... (!) 3:00-7:05

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Moana (PG) CC: 3:30-9:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 12:30-6:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 12:45-6:45
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:20-6:15
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:30-9:30
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:00
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Loving (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:50
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:00-9:40

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Trolls (PG) CC: 11:10AM
Moana (PG) CC: 12:50-3:30-9:50
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 1:20-7:05
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 11:40-6:10
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) CC: 10:25-4:10-10:05
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 11:00-4:30-10:05
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 10:50-1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: 10:10
Why Him? (R) 7:00
The Bounce Back (PG-13) CC: 10:40-1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55
From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) 2:00-7:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:00-9:20
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 10:25-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Loving (PG-13) CC: 10:40-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Allied (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30; 10:25AM
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: 10:30-1:10-4:00-7:00-9:45
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 11:45-3:00-6:40-9:50
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 10:35-1:25-4:20-7:20-10:20
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:30-3:50-7:00-10:10
Moana (PG) 1:45-7:20

AMC Loews Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Ctr.
Trolls (PG) CC: 11:15-2:05
Moana (PG) CC: 11:15-12:45-3:30-4:30-6:20-9:10
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 11:00-2:05
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 1:55-4:40-7:30-10:20
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 1:45-7:20-10:05
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: 4:25-9:45
The Bounce Back (PG-13) (!) 1:25-4:20-7:15-9:55
Befikre (NR) (!) 11:30-2:50-6:10-9:30
Manchester by the Sea (R) CC: (!) 11:00-12:30-3:40-6:50-9:55
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 5:05-8:10
Miss Sloane (R) CC: (!) 12:20-3:35-6:45-9:45
Allied (R) CC: 1:10-4:10-7:05-10:00
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 11:20-12:00-1:20-2:40-4:00-5:20-6:40-7:55-9:20-10:30
Kahaani 2 (NR) 1:35-4:40-7:30-10:20
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: (!) 2:00-4:45-7:35-10:30
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:30-4:15-7:00-9:40
Dear Zindagi (NR) 11:20-3:00-6:30-9:50
The Super Parental Guardians (NR) (!) 11:05-1:55-4:35-7:25-10:15
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 4:05-7:10-10:10
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) 11:05-1:35

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Trolls (PG) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:00
Moana (PG) CC: 11:15-2:00-5:00
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 10:00-1:00-3:45-7:15-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:45
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 6:30-9:15
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:15-4:00-7:45-10:20
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: 10:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 6:45-9:45
Allied (R) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:45-9:45
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: (!) 10:00-12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-6:30-9:15

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Trolls (PG) CC: 11:10-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:05
Moana (PG) CC: 11:15-4:45-10:10
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 11:00-4:30-9:50
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 11:45-2:45-6:00-9:15
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:45-7:10
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 2:05-7:30
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 11:15-2:15-5:00-7:40-10:20
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:30-9:50
The Bounce Back (PG-13) CC: (!) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Bad Santa 2 (R) CC: 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:15-9:50
Allied (R) CC: 11:55-3:00-6:05-9:05
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 11:00-11:50-1:30-2:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 3:55-6:50-9:45
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) 11:00-1:25

ArcLight Bethesda
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Manchester by the Sea (R) 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:00
Trolls (PG) 11:35-1:20-3:40-6:55-10:10
Moana (PG) 11:05-1:40-4:10-5:00-6:40-9:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 11:20-2:00-4:55-8:00-9:10
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 11:45-2:15-4:40-8:35-10:30
Manchester by the Sea (R) 11:40-2:25-5:15-8:10
Miss Sloane (R) 11:15-2:10-3:05-5:05-7:25-10:25
Loving (PG-13) 11:10-1:45-2:40-4:25-5:20-7:30-9:25
The Edge of Seventeen (R) 12:20-2:45-5:30-7:50-10:35
Allied (R) 12:05-2:20-5:55-8:05-10:10
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:55-1:25-3:15-5:10-7:45-10:45
Nocturnal Animals (R) 10:55-1:35-4:15-5:45-8:20-9:55
Arrival (PG-13) 11:30-12:30-2:05-4:45-7:55-10:15
Moonlight (R) 11:00-12:45-3:10-5:40-7:00-9:30
The Polar Express (G) 7:00

Bow Tie Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Westfield Annapolis Mall
Trolls (PG) 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:00
Moana (PG) 10:50-12:20-1:40-3:20-4:20-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:10
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 11:00-1:00-2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50
Almost Christmas (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40
Incarnate (PG-13) 11:30-8:10
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 11:40-2:40-5:20-7:50-10:20
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) 10:00
The Edge of Seventeen (R) 2:10-5:10-10:30
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:20-1:20-2:20-4:40-5:40-7:40-8:40-10:20

Bow Tie Harbour 9
2474 Solomons Island Road
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:50
Manchester by the Sea (R) 11:40-2:50-6:00-7:10-9:20
Bad Santa 2 (R) 12:00-2:30-5:10-8:10-10:30
Miss Sloane (R) 12:50-3:50-7:00-10:00
Loving (PG-13) 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30
Allied (R) 1:00-3:40-6:40-9:40
Nocturnal Animals (R) 11:00-1:50-4:30-7:20-10:00
Rules Don't Apply (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-10:10
Arrival (PG-13) 11:20-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Trolls (PG) 11:10-1:45-4:30-7:05-9:40
Moana (PG) XD: 11:00-2:00-4:55
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 10:55-12:10-1:55-4:50-7:40-10:40
Almost Christmas (PG-13) 11:05-1:50-3:10-4:45-7:50-10:35
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 11:25-2:50-6:40-10:00
Incarnate (PG-13) 11:55-2:35-10:40
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Bad Santa 2 (R) 11:35-2:20-10:30
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From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) 2:00-7:00
Miss Sloane (R) 12:40-4:00-7:20-10:35
Allied (R) 1:10-4:20-7:25-10:25
Office Christmas Party (R) XD: 7:55-10:40
Arrival (PG-13) 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:45
Dhruva (NR) 10:55-2:40-6:25-10:10
Moana (PG) 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:55
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:40-12:50-2:25-3:45-5:20-6:35-9:25
Loving (PG-13) 12:35-3:40-7:10-10:15
Kahaani 2 (NR) 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35
Moonlight (R) 11:10AM
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:05-3:25-6:45-8:25-10:05
Nocturnal Animals (R) 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:20
The Super Parental Guardians (NR) 12:55-4:05-6:55-9:50
Moana (PG) 12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-9:55

Hoyt's West Nursery Cinema 14
1591 West Nursery Road
Trolls (PG) CC: 12:10-3:00-6:05
Moana (PG) CC: 12:00-1:25-2:25-3:50-4:50-6:20-7:20-8:45-9:45
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:20-7:00-9:40
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 12:40-4:10-6:45-9:35
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 6:55-9:55
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: 2:45-5:00-7:35-10:05
Bad Santa 2 (R) CC: 12:10-2:25-4:40-8:10-10:10
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 12:15-3:40-6:50-9:45
Loving (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:20-6:35-9:20
Allied (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 1:20-4:30-7:10-9:50
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:00-6:40-9:20
Believe (PG) CC: 12:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Elle (R) (!) 1:05-3:50
The Eagle Huntress (G) CC: (!) 1:20-3:30-5:25-7:30-9:40
Loving (PG-13) CC: (!) 1:10-4:00-7:10-9:50
Arrival (PG-13) CC: (!) 1:30-4:10-6:50-10:00
Branagh Theatre Live: The Entertainer (NR) 7:00
Manchester by the Sea (R) CC: (!) 1:15-2:00-4:15-5:00-7:15-8:00-9:30
Jackie (R) CC: (!) 1:00-2:10-3:15-4:30-5:30-6:40-7:40-9:00-9:55

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Loving (PG-13) 3:00-8:00

Paragon Kentlands Stadium 10
629 Center Point Way
Trolls (PG) 5:00
The Accountant (R) 7:05
Miss Sloane (R) (!) 4:25-7:10
Moana (PG) 4:20-5:10-7:00-7:50
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 4:10-5:30-7:00-8:25
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 5:00-7:30
Allied (R) 5:10-7:45
Arrival (PG-13) 5:15-7:45
Office Christmas Party (R) (!) 5:25-7:45

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Trolls (PG) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:20
Moana (PG) 12:05-1:40-2:45-4:20-5:25-7:00-9:40
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15
Almost Christmas (PG-13) 1:00-3:40-6:30-8:00-9:25
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue
Trolls (PG) 1:05-4:30-8:00
Moana (PG) 1:50-4:40-7:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:40-3:30-4:10-6:45-7:20
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 2:00-5:00-7:45
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 1:00-3:50-6:40
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 12:40-3:40-7:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 1:10
Miss Sloane (R) 12:50-4:00-7:10
Allied (R) 1:20-4:20-6:50
Incarnate (PG-13) 2:10-4:50-7:40

Regal Bowie Stadium 14
15200 Major Lansdale Boulevard
Trolls (PG) 1:50-4:50-7:25-9:45
Moana (PG) 1:45-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:15-9:15-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:10-4:20-7:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:40-4:45-7:35-10:25
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:50-7:00-9:55
Bad Santa 2 (R) 10:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 10:30
Allied (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Office Christmas Party (R) 2:00-5:15-7:50-10:30
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 1:05-3:55-7:20-10:05
Moonlight (R) CC: 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
Incarnate (PG-13) 1:05-3:25-5:40-8:00-10:20
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:50
From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) (!) 12:50
Trolls (PG) 12:20-2:50-5:25-7:55
Moana (PG) 12:30-1:35-3:25-4:45-6:25-7:30-9:30-10:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:05-7:05
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:15-7:15-10:15
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) (!) 4:15
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) (!) 4:15-11:05
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 12:10-2:55-5:40-8:25-11:10
Bad Santa 2 (R) 10:35
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 12:05-3:15-6:30-9:45
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 3:20-10:10
Loving (PG-13) 12:45-3:55-6:55-9:50
Manchester by the Sea (R) 12:25-3:35-6:50-10:05
Allied (R) 1:20-4:25-7:45-10:50
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:55
Miss Sloane (R) 12:35-4:05-7:20-10:20
Moonlight (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15-11:00
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:55-1:45-3:40-4:35-6:40-7:50-9:40-10:25
Incarnate (PG-13) 12:15-2:35-10:25
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:40
Befikre (NR) 1:10-4:40-8:00-11:05

Regal Germantown Stadium 14
20000 Century Boulevard
Trolls (PG) 9:45
Moana (PG) 12:50-3:40-4:40-6:30-7:30-9:20
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-3:50-6:20-7:10-9:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:40-4:50-7:40-10:25
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 1:50-10:20
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:05-6:50-9:40
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:20-10:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 12:40-10:30
Miss Sloane (R) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Allied (R) 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:05-10:45
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10
Incarnate (PG-13) 12:30-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.
Trolls (PG) 12:35-3:10
Moana (PG) 12:35-3:35-4:00-6:30-7:00-9:40
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:35-7:15-10:20
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 12:30-3:45-7:20-10:05
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 1:05-10:15
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 12:55-4:10-7:20-10:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 3:55
Miss Sloane (R) 12:55-4:05-7:10-10:10
Loving (PG-13) 12:30-3:50-7:00-9:55
Allied (R) 12:30-3:25-6:55-9:50
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:35
Moonlight (R) CC: 12:50-4:15-7:00-10:25
Office Christmas Party (R) 1:00-4:05-7:05-10:00
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 1:10-4:40-7:50-10:35
Incarnate (PG-13) 5:55-8:15-10:35
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 1:05-3:55-7:25-10:25

Regal Laurel Towne Centre 12
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Trolls (PG) 11:45AM
Moana (PG) 12:45-3:45-7:00-9:45
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 12:20-6:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:30-7:10-10:15
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) (!) 3:30-9:10
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:35
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:20-10:30
Bad Santa 2 (R) 11:00-1:35-4:10-6:50-9:25
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 3:50
Allied (R) 12:50-4:00-7:05-10:00
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:00-6:40-9:30
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 12:00-3:10-6:45-9:55
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:00-1:50-4:45-7:35-10:30
Incarnate (PG-13) 2:10-4:30-7:15-9:40
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 11:20-2:00-4:45-7:35-10:10

Regal Rockville Center Stadium 13
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Trolls (PG) 12:40-3:40
Moana (PG) 12:00-1:10-4:10-5:20-6:50-9:30-10:40
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:05-4:50-7:50-10:35
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:10-3:10-4:00-6:10-9:20-10:00
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 2:40-8:00
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 1:20-7:10
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 6:45-10:05
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 1:00-7:00
Allied (R) 12:30-4:30-7:20-10:10
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:40-7:30-10:15
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 12:20-3:50-6:55-9:55
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:05-2:45-5:15-7:55-10:30
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 12:45-4:15-7:40-10:25
Incarnate (PG-13) 4:20-9:50
Sword Master (San shao ye de jian)1:15-4:45-7:45-10:20

Regal Waugh Chapel Stadium 12 & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Trolls (PG) 1:05-3:30-6:40
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) (!) 1:00
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:40-4:50-7:45-10:25
Moana (PG) 1:20-4:10-4:40-6:50-7:40-9:45
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:30-7:30-9:30
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 12:50-10:20
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) (!) 4:00-10:00
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 12:55-3:35-6:20-9:10
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 4:30
Allied (R) 12:30-3:25-6:55-9:50
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:35-3:20-7:15-10:05
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) (!) 7:00
Miss Sloane (R) 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:10
Office Christmas Party (R) 1:10-4:20-7:50-10:35
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:15
Incarnate (PG-13) 10:30

Regal Westview Stadium 16 & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Trolls (PG) 11:10-1:40-4:15-6:45-9:10
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) (!) 12:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 11:00-1:50-4:50-7:50-10:55
Moana (PG) 11:30-12:00-12:40-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:00-7:30-9:50-10:25
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 1:10-3:55
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:00-4:10-7:40-10:50
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) (!) 3:40-10:20
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 11:50-3:20-6:50-10:10
Bad Santa 2 (R) 2:50-8:10
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 6:40-9:40
Manchester by the Sea (R) 12:10-3:30-7:15-10:30
Allied (R) 12:20-3:45-7:05-10:05
Miss Sloane (R) 12:50-4:20-7:45-10:45
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 11:40-3:10-6:30-9:20
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) (!) 7:10
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:20-1:20-2:00-4:00-4:40-7:20-8:00-10:00-10:40
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:30-8:15-11:00
Incarnate (PG-13) 5:20-10:35

UA Snowden Square Stadium 14
9161 Commerce Center Drive
Trolls (PG) 1:15-3:45
Moana (PG) 12:40-1:20-3:40-6:30-7:00-9:20
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 12:20-3:30-6:15-9:10
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:00-1:00-3:10-4:20-6:40-7:25-10:00
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 4:10-9:50
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 1:30-7:40
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 4:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:15
Miss Sloane (R) 12:50-4:15-7:15-10:20
The Edge of Seventeen (R) CC: 10:30
Allied (R) 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:40
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:00-6:00-9:00
Office Christmas Party (R) 1:50-4:50-7:30-10:10
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:25
Incarnate (PG-13) 10:30
Befikre (NR) 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:25
Dear Zindagi (NR) (!) 6:10-9:30

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
Trolls (PG) CC: 10:20-1:10-3:45-6:10-8:35
Moana (PG) CC: 11:40-2:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:15-10:10
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 11:20-2:10-5:00-7:50-10:45
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:50
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 11:00-2:40-6:00-9:10
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: (!) 11:10-2:20-5:10-8:15-10:55
Bad Santa 2 (R) CC: 4:40-10:20
Miss Sloane (R) CC: (!) 10:10-1:00-4:10-7:30-10:30
Allied (R) CC: 11:50-3:00-6:20-10:00
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 5:20-8:00-10:40
Moonlight (R) CC: (!) 10:45-2:00-7:40
Moana (PG) CC: (!) 10:00-10:50-12:50-1:40-3:40-4:30-6:30-7:20-9:20
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:20-4:00-6:40-9:30
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-9:50

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Moana (PG) 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:15
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 11:30-3:15-6:45-10:30
Almost Christmas (PG-13) 11:15-2:45-6:15-9:30
Miss Sloane (R) 12:00-3:30-7:15-10:45
Allied (R) 12:15-4:00-7:30-11:00
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:30-1:15-3:45-4:30-7:00-7:45-10:15-11:00
Arrival (PG-13) 11:45-3:00-6:30-10:00

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Moana (PG) CC: 4:20-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 1:05-4:00-6:55-9:55
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 1:45-7:15
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:00
Manchester by the Sea (R) CC: (!) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:10-10:00
Allied (R) CC: 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:40
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 2:15-4:45-7:00-9:30
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: (!) 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:50

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Moana (PG) CC: (!) 11:45-1:15-4:00-5:15-6:45-9:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:15
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 11:30-5:00-10:30
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:15-7:45
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 2:30-8:00
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 10:00
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 11:05-1:30-4:30-7:20-10:05
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: (!) 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10
Man Down (R) 12:40-3:05-5:25-7:45-10:05
The Bounce Back (PG-13) CC: (!) 2:00-4:35-7:10-9:40
From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00
Miss Sloane (R) CC: (!) 11:05-12:30-3:50-7:05-10:00
Loving (PG-13) CC: 12:05-3:00-6:00-9:05
Allied (R) CC: 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:35-10:25
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-8:15-10:30
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: (!) 11:15-2:15-4:50-7:45-10:30
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:55-4:40-7:30-10:15
Moonlight (R) CC: 12:45-3:25-6:15-9:00
The Unmarried Wife (NR) 12:50-3:45-6:40-9:25
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 4:00-7:00-10:00
The Super Parental Guardians (NR) (!) 1:40-4:35-7:15-9:55
The Right Stuff (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) (!) 1:30

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Trolls (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Moana (PG) CC: 11:40-1:15-4:00-5:00-6:45-9:30-10:35
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 2:20-7:50
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 12:30-6:30
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:15-4:50-10:25
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 2:10-7:45
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Bad Santa 2 (R) CC: 11:40-9:45
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 11:00AM
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:35
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:30-9:30
Man Down (R) 2:00-4:15
The Bounce Back (PG-13) CC: 11:00-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Moonlight (R) CC: 10:45
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 12:50-4:00-7:00-10:00
Allied (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:50-9:40
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: 11:00-12:30-1:30-3:00-4:00-5:30-6:30-8:00-8:55-10:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 4:15-7:30-10:35
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 11:10-2:00-4:50-7:40-10:25
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 11:20-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00
The Right Stuff (NR) 2:00-7:00
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) 11:15-1:45

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Moana (PG) CC: 12:00-4:00-6:35-9:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 1:01-9:30
Manchester by the Sea (R) CC: 12:30-3:30-7:00-10:05
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:00
Miss Sloane (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Loving (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15
Allied (R) CC: 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
The Right Stuff (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00
Trolls (PG) CC: 11:35AM
Moana (PG) CC: 11:30-1:15-2:25-5:10-8:05-9:40-10:50
Doctor Strange (PG-13) CC: 10:35-4:45-10:55
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 11:15-12:20-2:15-5:25-6:20-8:35
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:45-7:50
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC: 10:20-4:00
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 10:45
Incarnate (PG-13) CC: (!) 4:35
From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00
Manchester by the Sea (R) CC: 9:50-1:00-4:10-7:20-10:40
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:20-9:35
Miss Sloane (R) CC: (!) 10:25-1:35-4:40-7:40-10:45
Loving (PG-13) CC: 10:00-12:55-4:05-7:05-10:05
The Edge of Seventeen (R) CC: 11:20-9:50
Allied (R) CC: 10:15-1:10-4:20-7:25-10:20
Office Christmas Party (R) CC: (!) 11:00-1:40-4:15-7:00-9:45
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 10:55-1:55-4:50-7:35-10:25
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: (!) 10:30-1:30-4:25-7:15-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 10:05-1:25-4:30-7:30-10:35
Office Christmas Party (R) 9:50-12:25-3:00-5:45-8:20-11:00

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Trolls (PG) 2:15-4:30
Moana (PG) 1:15-7:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:30-7:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:15-6:45
Doctor Strange in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 4:00-9:30
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 4:15-9:45
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 6:45-9:50
Incarnate (PG-13) (!) 1:10-3:30-5:45-8:00-10:15
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) 4:30-10:30
Miss Sloane (R) (!) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Allied (R) 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15
Office Christmas Party (R) (!) 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Arrival (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Moana (PG) 11:35-12:05-3:15-5:50-9:10
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:40-2:30-3:30-4:15-6:30-9:50
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 11:55-3:00-6:10-10:10
Die Hard (R) 7:30
Allied (R) 1:30-4:50-8:50-10:50
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:20-1:10-2:10-5:00-7:50-10:40
Arrival (PG-13) 12:25-4:00-7:10-10:45
Moonlight (R) 6:50-9:45
Zardoz (NR) 8:00

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:45-7:15-10:00
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 11:45-2:45-5:30-8:15-10:45
Manchester by the Sea (R) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) 10:30-4:30
Allied (R) 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:45-10:30
Nocturnal Animals (R) 11:15-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Arrival (PG-13) 11:45-2:45-5:30-8:00-10:30
Jackie (R) 10:00-11:30-12:30-2:00-3:00-4:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:30-10:30

Bow Tie Reston Town Center 11 & BTX
11940 Market Street
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Moana (PG) 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 12:30-3:20-6:10-8:50
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 3:40-9:40
Miss Sloane (R) 1:00-4:10-7:10-10:20
Loving (PG-13) 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:30
Allied (R) 12:00-2:50-6:20-9:20
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:50-2:40-5:20-7:00-8:00-10:30
Nocturnal Animals (R) 2:10-5:00-7:40-10:30
Arrival (PG-13) 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:50

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Main St
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-9:35
Manchester by the Sea (R) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:10-9:55
Loving (PG-13) CC: 9:40-12:00-2:30-7:30-9:55
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 9:40-12:05-5:05-7:40-10:05
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 9:45-12:10-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:10
Moonlight (R) CC: 12:15-4:50-9:15
Harry & Snowman (NR) 9:55-2:25-7:20
A Man Called Ove (En Man Som Heter Ove) (PG-13) 2:35-5:00

Cobb Village 12 Leesburg
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Trolls (PG) 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:10
Moana (PG) 11:20-1:50-4:20-7:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:00-3:30-7:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 11:25-2:05-4:45-7:25
Moana (PG) 11:20-1:50-4:20-7:00
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 11:35-2:40-6:50
Incarnate (PG-13) 5:20
Miss Sloane (R) 12:20-3:20-7:20
The Edge of Seventeen (R) 12:15-2:50-7:45
Allied (R) 12:10-3:10-7:05
Office Christmas Party (R) 11:30-12:30-2:00-3:00-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:00
Nocturnal Animals (R) 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:40
Arrival (PG-13) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50

Manassas 4 Cinemas
8890 Mathis Ave.
Moana (PG) 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30-8:50
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15
Loving (PG-13) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30

Rave Cinemas Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Trolls (PG) 10:05-1:20-4:00-6:40
Kahaani 2 (NR) 11:10-2:10-5:00-7:50-10:45
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 12:00-2:35-8:10
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 9:00
Befikre (NR) 10:00-12:50-4:30-7:20-10:20
Allied (R) 10:30-1:30-4:50-7:40-10:50
Dhruva (NR) 11:20-2:45-6:30-10:00
Dear Zindagi (NR) 11:50-3:10-6:20-9:30
Office Christmas Party (R) 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Arrival (PG-13) 10:40-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:40
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 10:15-1:00-3:50-6:50-9:50
Moana (PG) 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:40
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 10:10-1:10-4:10-5:10-7:10-10:10-11:00

Rave Cinemas Fairfax Corner 14 + Xtreme
11900 Palace Way
Trolls (PG) 11:20-2:00-4:30
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) XD: 11:45-6:45
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 11:25-3:00-7:05-10:30
The Accountant (R) 10:25-1:30-4:50-8:05-11:05
Incarnate (PG-13) 7:25-10:15
Befikre (NR) 10:40-1:45-4:50-7:55-11:00
Manchester by the Sea (R) 10:20-1:30-4:40-7:45-11:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) XD: 3:15-10:05
Loving (PG-13) 10:25-1:25-4:35-7:35-10:35
Allied (R) 10:30-1:35-4:45-7:40-10:55
Office Christmas Party (R) XD: 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-10:00
Dhruva (NR) 10:55-2:55-6:40-10:25
Arrival (PG-13) 11:35-2:25-5:25-8:15-11:15
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-11:05
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:00-4:15-7:30-10:50
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) 10:45-1:55-5:05-8:10

Regal Ballston Common Stadium 12
671 N. Glebe Road
Trolls (PG) 11:00-2:10-3:40-6:00-8:30
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 10:55-1:00-4:30-7:10-10:00
The Accountant (R) 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:25
Loving (PG-13) 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:30
The Edge of Seventeen (R) CC: 10:40-1:10-3:45-6:10-8:40-11:05
Miss Sloane (R) 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40
Allied (R) 11:20-1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:10-2:50-5:40-8:20-11:05
Office Christmas Party (R) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-11:00
Moonlight (R) CC: 10:45-1:20-4:00-7:00-9:40
Incarnate (PG-13) 10:45
Befikre (NR) 10:50-1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50
Dear Zindagi (NR) (!) 11:40-3:00-6:20-9:50

Regal Countryside Stadium 20
45980 Regal Plaza
Trolls (PG) 2:10-4:30
Moana (PG) 1:20-3:20-4:15-6:35-7:20-9:30-10:10
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 12:55-3:50-7:05-10:10
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 12:50-3:50-7:00-9:45
Almost Christmas (PG-13) CC: 1:05-3:55-7:05-9:40
Hacksaw Ridge (R) CC: 3:30-6:45-10:05
The Accountant (R) 3:45-9:50
Manchester by the Sea (R) 3:10-6:25-9:35
Loving (PG-13) 12:40-3:30-6:35-9:30
Allied (R) 12:45-3:35-6:55-9:45
Office Christmas Party (R) 1:15-4:20-7:00-9:55
Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 12:35-3:40-6:50-9:45
Moonlight (R) CC: 1:10-7:10
Ae Dil Hai Mushkil (NR) 6:45-10:05
The Bounce Back (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Ekkadiki Pothavu Chinnavaada (NR) (!) 3:15-6:30-9:35
Kahaani 2 (NR) 3:25-6:20-9:10
Dear Zindagi (NR) (!) 3:25-6:40-9:55
Befikre (NR) 2:50-6:15-9:20
Dobara Phir Se (!) 3:00-6:10-9:15
Dhruva (NR) (!) 12:30-4:10-8:00

Regal Dulles Town Center 10
21100 Dulles Town Circle
Trolls (PG) 12:10-3:15-6:15-10:15
Moana (PG) 1:15-4:15-5:15-7:00-8:00-9:45
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:00-3:45-6:45-10:00
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 12:45-4:00-7:15
Moana in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 2:30-10:45
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them in 3D (PG-13) (!) 10:15
Allied (R) 12:30-2:45-5:45-8:45
Arrival (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:30-6:30-9:30
Miss Sloane (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:00
Office Christmas Party (R) 2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Incarnate (PG-13) 12:20-3:00-6:00-8:30-11:00

Regal Fairfax Towne Center 10
4110 West Ox Road
Trolls (PG) 11:15AM
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:25-10:15
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Nocturnal Animals (R) CC: 11:10-2:00-4:50-7:40-10:35
From Here to Eternity (1953) presented by TCM (NR) (!) 2:00-7:00

Regal Fox Stadium 16 & IMAX
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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) 6:50
D-Day: Normandy 1944 3D (NR) 3:30
Journey to Space 3D (NR) 11:05-12:55-2:40
A Beautiful Planet 3D (G) 10:10-12:00-1:45
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 4:20-8:55

University Mall Theatre
10659 Braddock Road
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00
Kubo and the Two Strings (PG) CC: 12:10-2:20-4:30
Storks (PG) CC: 12:15-2:00-3:45-5:30
Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13) CC: 7:15-9:45
The Girl on the Train (R) CC: 7:40-10:00
Sully (PG-13) CC: 7:30-9:35

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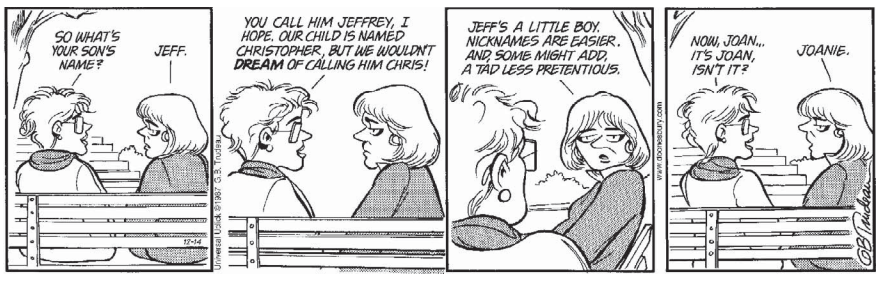

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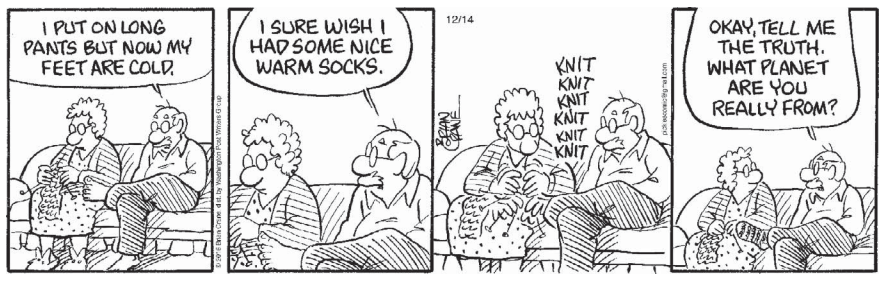

BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

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

WEST	EAST
♠ Q 10 7 5 3	♠ J 9 6
♥ K J 8 7	♥ 6 5 4
♦ Q	♦ K 9 8 7 4
♣ 10 8 7	♣ 9 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K
♥ A Q 9
♦ A 10 5 2
♣ K J 6 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 5

"I think you're around Cy too much," I told Unlucky Louie. "You're starting to sound like him."

"Just because I said it's that wonderful time of the year," Louie replied, "when I learn what I'm getting my wife for Christmas?"

Cy the Cynic is his usual cynical self about the holidays; he must be the Grinch's first cousin. Louie just worries about paying for gifts for his big family. As declarer at today's 3NT in a penny game, Louie took the king of spades, led a club to dummy and returned a heart to his nine.

West took the jack and led another spade, and Louie won, went to dummy and tried a heart to his queen. West produced the king and cashed three spades. Down one.

"I'm going to have to take out a loan," Louie sighed.

Louie erred. He gets an extra chance by cashing the ace of diamonds at Trick Two. If nothing good happened, Louie would double-finesse in hearts. But when West's singleton queen falls, Louie can set up a second diamond trick for nine in all.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:

♠ A K ♥ A Q 9
♦ A 10 5 2 ♣ K J 6 5

Neither side vulnerable. The dealer, at your right, opens three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your opponent's preempt forces you to guess; it has cut away all your room for investigation. To bid with any accuracy and avoid being stolen from, you must assume your partner has a few points. Bid 3NT. An option would be to double for takeout, but then you might land at a poor contract of four hearts.

— Frank Stewart

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RED AND ROVER

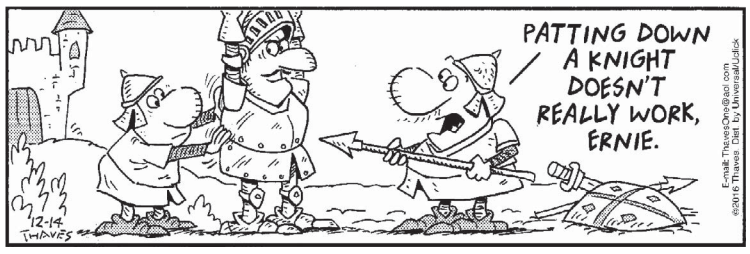
BRIAN BASSET

AGNES

TONY COCHRAN

FRANK AND ERNEST

TOM THAVES



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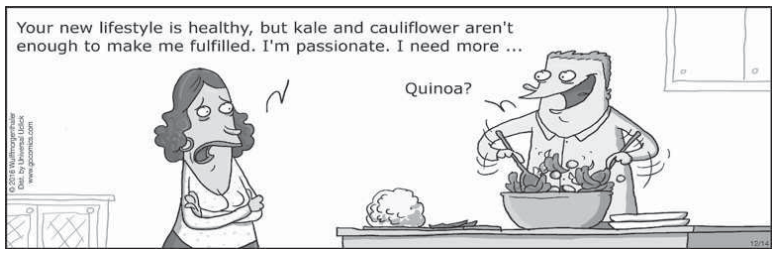
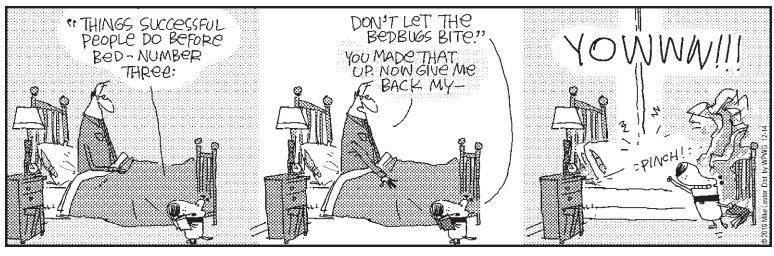


CLASSIC PEANUTS

CHARLES SCHULZ

MIKE DU JOUR

MIKE LESTER



RHYMES WITH ORANGE

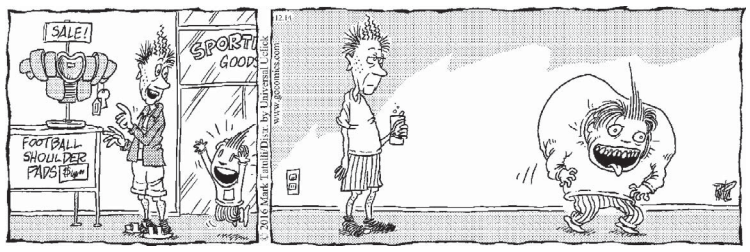
HILARY PRICE

MARK TRAIL

JAMES ALLEN

LIO

MARK TATULLI



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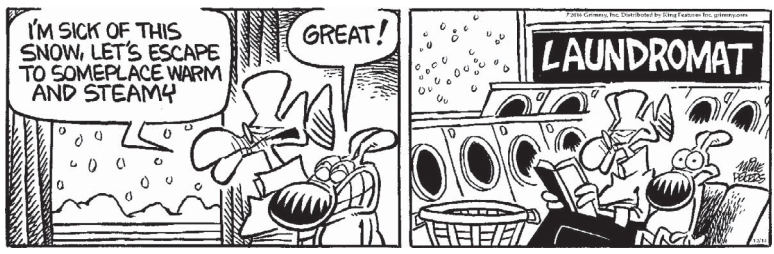
MIKE PETERS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

CHRIS BROWNE

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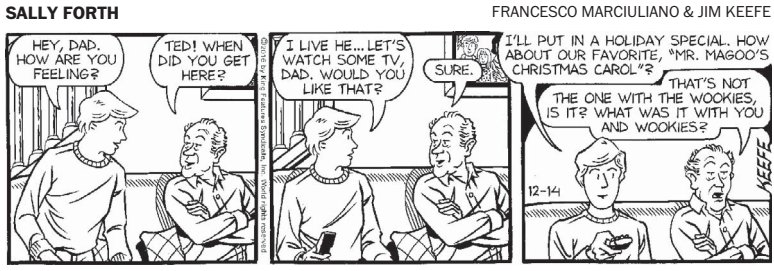

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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	6	9		5	3			
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A1 E1 O1 V4 L1 N1 L1	3rd Letter Double	RACK 1
A1 U1 T1 T1 R1 S1 S1		RACK 2
A1 I1 U1 S1 B3 R1 H4		RACK 3
A1 A1 I1 L1 M3 C3 C3	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 221

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON

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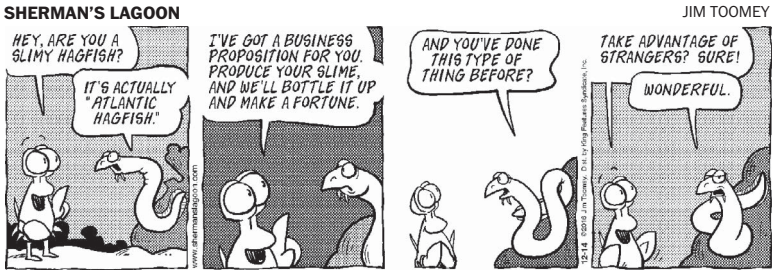

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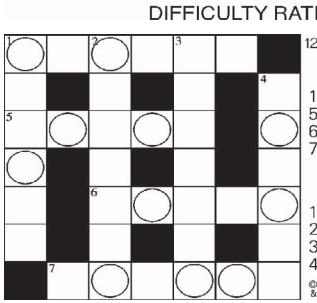
RAY BILLINGSLEY

BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

TIM RICKARD



12-14-16

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Realm	AIMOND
5. Pierce	ANELC
6. Haul up	IOHTS
7. Customer	NIETCL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Water down	EIDLTU
2. Mild anesthetic	HMOLNTE
3. Enumerate	ZIEEIMX
4. Type of group	XTTSEE

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

How to play

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

BONUS

CLUE: This artist was 86 when he died in 1926.

ANSWERS: 1A-Domain 5D-Lance 6A-Hoist 7A-Client 1D-Weak 2D-Clinical 3D-Itemize 4D-Sisters 5-Claude Monet

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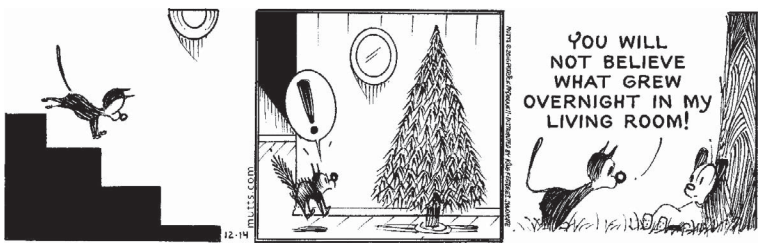

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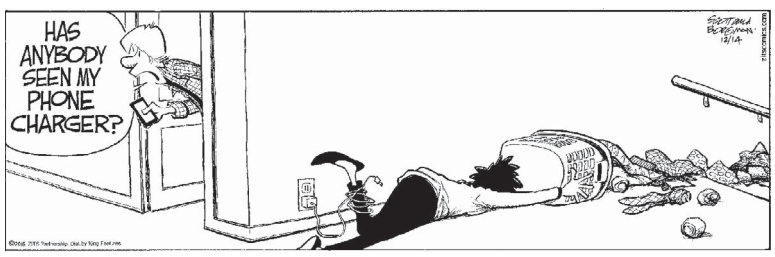
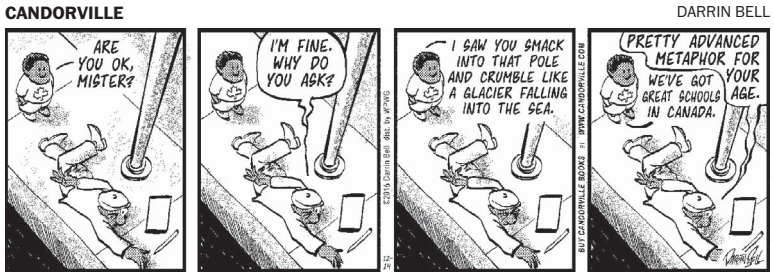


DILBERT
SCOTT ADAMS

JUDGE PARKER
WOODY WILSON & MIKE MANLEY

FRAZZ
JEF MALLETT

CANDORVILLE
DARRIN BELL



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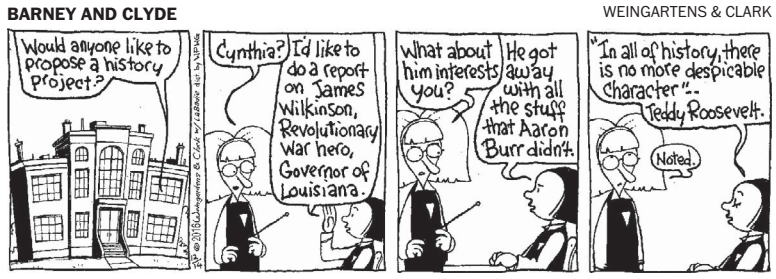
BARNEY AND CLYDE
WEINGARTENS & CLARK



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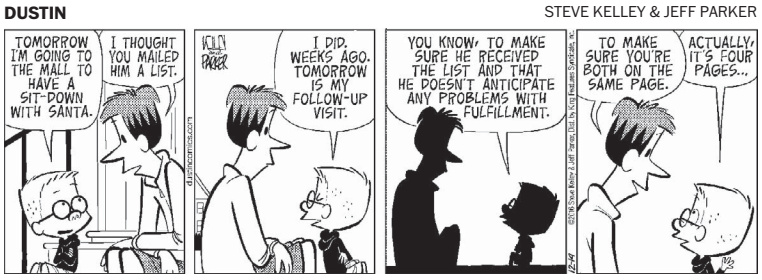


THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE & LARRY LIEBER

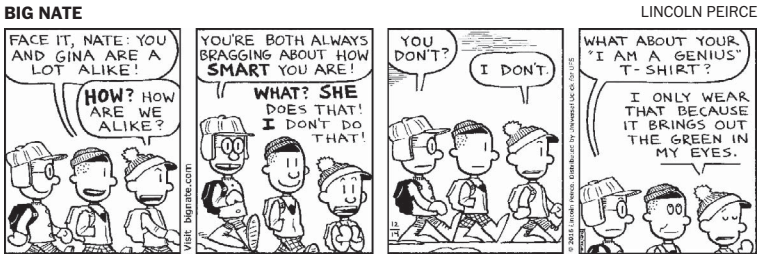
PRICKLY CITY
SCOTT STANTIS

LOOSE PARTS
DAVE BLAZEK

NON SEQUITUR
WILEY

BABY BLUES
RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

BIG NATE
LINCOLN PEIRCE



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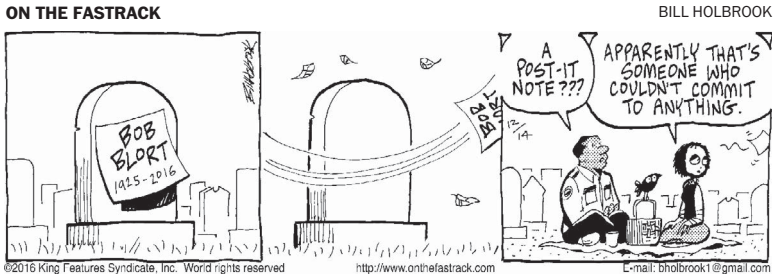

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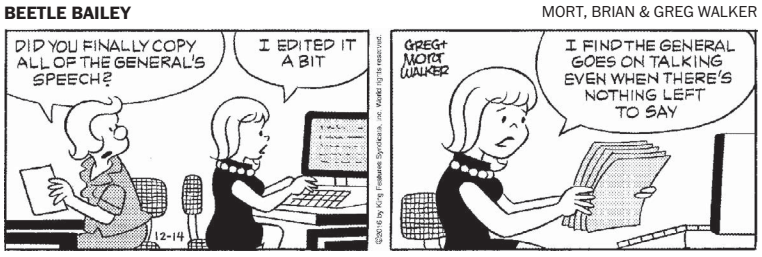

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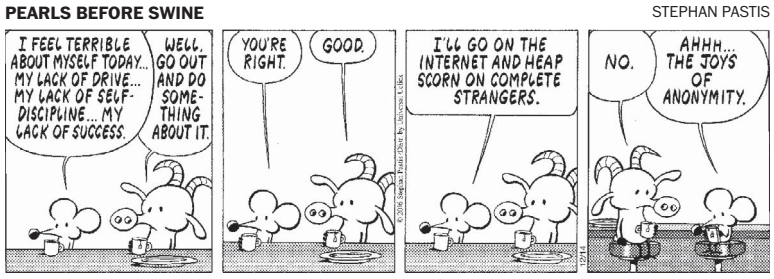

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

S1	O1	M3	E1	H4	O1	W4	RACK 1 = 71
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PAR SCORE 155-165 TOTAL 221

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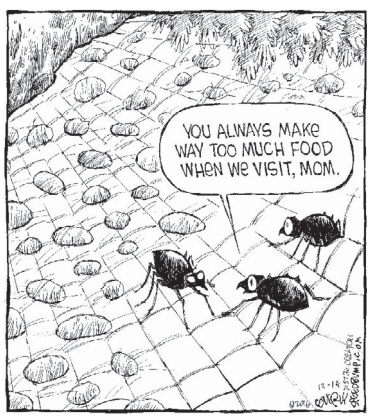

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BIRTHDAY | DECEMBER 14

This year you open up to many new ideas, partially because of an important relationship. You understand the importance of listening to others' ideas and life stories. If you are single, the person you attract now will be a lot different by the end of this birthday year. With that knowledge, avoid any long-term commitments until next year. If you are attached, the two of you have an intensity that comes out in conversation. Cancer knows how to get you to feel deeply.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
Express your preference as far as where you would like to be. Your energy soars and could cause an unforeseen problem. Use your instincts when dealing with a domestic matter. Think before you leap into action; you will be a lot happier if you do.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Speak your mind, though you could get some flak from a partner, friend or loved one. Touch base with several friends at a distance. A meeting will be important; do not allow confusion to keep you from attending.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Resist going on a spending spree. You know how it goes: "One for this person, one for me, one for that person, another one for me." You could hit a problem before you know it. Ask yourself why you need all these "things."

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Your energy might be focused on someone else right now. In the near future, you'll want to shift your focus to your own needs and to what must be done. Get as many of your gifts in the mail as you possibly can.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
You will be on top of your game for the next few days. Right now, you need as much rest as possible. Greet some quiet moments as great times to write out cards or do whatever knocks your socks off. Remain more sensitive to alternatives than you have been.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
You'll want to be more involved in a group project. You seem to have been holding in your anger for a while. As a result, you easily could be triggered. At a certain point, you can't exercise away hostility or dismiss hurt feelings.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Be willing to take a stand, but make it OK for someone else to take center stage. You have a lot on your plate, especially with a situation that surrounds a child. Stay centered on your long-term goals, even if you don't feel as if they are possible right now.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Keep reaching out for more of what you want. Detach from immediate problems and see if you can handle them with a different approach. Try to imagine what it would be like to be the other parties in the situation; you will be more accepting as a result.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
You'll want to relate to others on a one-on-one level more often. Choose your words with care, as people could find you to be a bit sarcastic. You are coming from a place of security.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Defer to others for now. You can be fiery and possessive at times. Right now, you need to stay centered, no matter what goes on. Your sixth sense could be working overtime.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Stay centered on your daily life. You might hear from several friends who care a lot about you. Be careful with your funds, as money could slip right through your hands.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Your creativity is likely to come up with many wild scenarios. Ask yourself whether the wilder ones are workable. Flights of fancy are common for you; try some of them out more often. Listen to what others are saying.

— Jacqueline Bigar

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TV HIGHLIGHTS

ANNETTE BROWN/FOX

Star (Fox at 9) Set your expectations low for this new Lee Daniels drama about three singers (from left: Jude Demorest, Ryan Destiny and Brittany O'Grady) trying to escape their pasts and break into the music scene. The series, which also stars Queen Latifah, Benjamin Bratt and Lenny Kravitz, continues on Jan. 4.

The Goldbergs (ABC at 8) Erica and Barry work on a Hanukkah song for the holiday pageant.

Empire (Fox at 8) In the midseason finale, the FBI freezes all of Empire's assets. Again.

Speechless (ABC at 8:30) Julianne Hough ("Dancing With the Stars") guest stars as a teacher who inspires Ray and JJ to join their school's choir.

Blackish (ABC at 9:30) With Zoey headed to college, Dre tries to make the family's Christmas an epic one. Tyra Banks and Daveed Diggs, of "Hamilton," guest star.

Designated Survivor (ABC at 10) President Kirkman asks Emily to discreetly investigate a potential betrayal within the White House.

SPECIALS

A Pentatonix Christmas Special (NBC at 8) The ubiquitous a cappella group performs holiday classics in this special featuring special guests Reba McEntire and Kelly Clarkson.

Saturday Night Live (NBC at 9) This two-hour special offers some of SNL's best holiday-themed skits over the years.

AWARDS SHOW

BBC Music Awards (BBC America at 10) The third annual broadcast celebrates the best of popular music, with performances by Emeli Sandé, Coldplay, John Legend and Robbie Williams.

FINALE

Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (CBS at 8) The winner of Season 33 is chosen in the two-hour finale.

Younger (TV Land at 10) The one-hour season finale finds Liza confronting difficult truths as she draws closer to Charles.

LATE NIGHT

Conan (TBS at 11) Keegan-Michael Key and the cast of the TBS comedy "People of Earth."

Daily Show (Comedy Central at 11) Michael K. Williams.

Fallon (NBC at 11:34) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Elle Fanning, Childish Gambino.

Colbert (CBS at 11:35) Neil Patrick Harris, Megan Mullally.

Kimmel (ABC at 11:35) David Spade, Metallica.

Corden (CBS at 12:37) Natalie Portman, Annette Bening, Neil Diamond.

Meyers (NBC at 12:37) Mindy Kaling, Eric McCormack, Joe Pera, Dave Lombardo.

— Bethonie Butler

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BROADCAST CHANNELS

12/14/16	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	• **News**	• **Hollywood**	• **Pentatonix Special**		• **Saturday Night Live**				**News**	• **J. Fallon**
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	• **TMZ**	Mod Fam	• **Empire**		• **Star**		**Fox 5 News at Ten**		**News**	• TMZ
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	• **Wheel**	• **J'pardy!**	• **Goldbergs**	• **Speechless**	• **Mod Fam**	• **blackish**	• **Designated Survivor**		**News**	• **Kimmel**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	Off Script	• **ET**	• **Survivor**				• **Survivor**		**News**	• **Colbert**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	(6:30) **Fútbol Mexicano Primera División** (Live)				• **La Banda**				• **Jefe**	• **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	• Family Feud	• Family Feud	• Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.		• Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.		Big Bang	Big Bang	Simpsons	• Anger
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	• **Business**	• MotorWeek	• Nature		• NOVA		• **Secrets of the Dead**		Desperate Hours	
26.4 WETA (PBS)	**PBS NewsHour**		Nature		NOVA		**Secrets of the Dead**		**Charlie Rose**	
30.1 WNVC (MHz)	**France 24 Programming**		**France 24 Programming**		Don Matteo		Don Matteo		Crime Stories	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	The Rock Newman Show		Geerges	A World Without Cancer: The Real Promise			Qi Gong for Anxiety		Democracy Now!	
50.1 WDCW (CW)	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	• **Christmas Movies**		• Victoria's Secret Fashion		**News**	• Seinfeld	Two Men	Two Men
66.1 WPXW (ION)	• Law & Order		• Law & Order		• Law & Order		• Law & Order		• Law & Order	

CABLE CHANNELS

A&E	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	**Duck D.**	**Si-ral**	**Wahlburgr**	Leah Remini: Scientology		Duck Dynasty
AMC	(5:30) Movie: The Goonies		Movie: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ★★ (1992)					Movie: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York		
Animal Planet	Too Cute!		Too Cute!	Too Cute!	(9:02) Too Cute!		(10:02) Too Cute!		Too Cute!	Too Cute!
BET	Movie: Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain (2011)		(8:25) Movie: Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain ★★ (2013)						Rock the Troops	
Bravo	Don't–Tardy	Don't–Tardy	Don't–Tardy	Housewives/Atl.		**Atlanta**	**Tardy**	Don't–Tardy	**Happens**	Housewives
Cartoon Network	We Bare	We Bare	King of Hill	King of Hill	Cleveland	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy
CNN	**Erin Burnett OutFront**		**Anderson Cooper 360**		**Anderson Cooper 360**		**CNN Tonight**		**CNN Tonight**	
Comcast SportsNet	**NBA Basketball**: Charlotte Hornets at Washington Wizards (Live)					**Extra**	**SportsTalk**	**SportsNet**	Redskins	Ravens Wir.
Comedy Central	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	**Daily**	**At Mid.**
Discovery	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		**Alaskan Bush People**		**Legend of Croc Gold**		(11:02) Alaskan Bush People	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Movie: Happy Feet ★★★ (2006)				Mickey	Girl Meets	(10:55) Jessie	Bunk'd
E!	**E! News**		**Total Divas**		Total Divas		Mariah's World		**E! News**	
ESPN	**NBA Basketball**: Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat (Live)					**NBA Basketball**: Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs (Live)				
ESPN2	**SportCtr**	30 for 30				**SportsCenter** (Live)			**SportsCenter** (Live)	
ESQTV	MacGyver		Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks
Food Network	Holiday Baking		**Kids Sweets Showdown**		**Cooks vs. Cons**		Cooks vs. Cons		Cookie Challenge	
Fox News	**Tucker Carlson Tonight**		**The O'Reilly Factor**		**The Kelly File**		**Hannity**		The O'Reilly Factor	
Freeform	Movie: Arthur Christmas ★★★ (2011)				Movie: The Santa Clause ★★★ (1994)				The 700 Club	
FX	Christmas With the Kranks		Movie: The Santa Clause 2 ★★ (2002)				Movie: The Santa Clause 2 ★★ (2002)			
Hallmark	Christmas Incorporated		Movie: Looks Like Christmas (2016)				Movie: A Dream of Christmas (2016)			
HBO	Cast Away	**VICE**	**State-Play**	Divorce	(9:05) Movie: Eddie the Eagle ★★★ (2016)				**Fight**	M. Castro
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		**Brothers Take**		**Hunters**	**Hunt Intl**	Property Brothers	
History	American Pickers		Vikings		**Vikings**		(10:02) **Real Vikings**		(11:04) Vikings	
Lifetime	Little Women: Dallas		Little Women: Dallas		**Little Women: Dallas**		**Little Women: Dallas**		(11:02) Little Women: Dallas	
MASN	MASN College Classics				East Carolina	**ESPNWS**	**ESPNWS**	Pro Ftbl Plus	In Basketball	MASports
MSNBC	**Hardball Matthews**		**All In With Chris Hayes**		**Rachel Maddow Show**		**The Last Word**		**11th Hour**	Hardball
MTV	(6:35) Movie: Crazy, Stupid, Love. ★★★ (2011)						**Real World: Blood**		**Real**	Top Model
Nat'l Geographic	Drugs, Inc.		Drugs, Inc.		Explorer		**Years of Living**		**Border Wars**	
Nickelodeon	Henry Danger	Thundermans	Thundermans	Game	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
Spike	**Lip Sync Battle**		Lip Sync Battle Shorties		Lip Sync Battle		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Movie: Star Trek ★★★	
Syfy	Volcano ★★	Movie: G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra ★ (2009)					**Incorporated**		Movie: Skyfall ★★★ (2012)	
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**Conan**	
TCM	(6:30) King of the Zombies		Movie: Sudden Fear ★★★ (1952)				(10:15) Movie: Dial M for Murder ★★★ (1954)			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		**My 600-Lb. Life: Transformed**			**Sister**	My 600-Lb. Life: Trans.	
TNT	(5:45) The Wizard of Oz		The Grinch	The Grinch	Movie: Fred Claus ★★ (2007)					Fred Claus
Travel	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		**Expedition Unknown**		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown	
TruTV	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	**Love Gear**	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
TV Land	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	**Younger**		King	King
TV One	Unsung Hollywood		Unsung Hollywood		Unsung Hollywood		Movie: Takers ★★ (2010)			
USA Network	NCIS		**WWE Tribute to the Troops**				Movie: A Madea Christmas ★ (2013)			
VH1	Hip Hop	Movie: Freedom Writers ★★★ (2007)					America's Next Top Model		Love & Hip Hop	
WNC8	Town Hall - Sanctuary Cities		Govt. Matters	NewsTalk	SportsTalk	**ABC News**	**News at 10pm**		Govt. Matters	NewsTalk
WGN	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	**Salem**		(10:04) Salem		(11:07) Cops	(11:33) Cops

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Donald Trump and Kanye West in Trump Tower. West tweeted of the meeting (his request): "I feel it is important to have a direct line of communication with our future President if we truly want change."

What — you didn't see this coming?

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came to Trump Tower to "meet with the president-elect."

TMZ said that West requested the meeting and that there was no talk of his involvement in the new administration.

West tweeted that they spoke about "bullying, supporting teachers, modernizing curriculums, and violence in Chicago."

"I feel it is important to have a direct line of communication with our future President if we truly want change," he added. Then West, who has repeatedly said he was considering a 2020 presidential run, tweeted "#2024."

The mix of celebrity and the presidency isn't totally new. President Ronald Reagan was formerly an actor who entertained all manner of famous people at the White House. President Obama has wielded his pop-culture currency for political gain unlike any previous president, in part thanks to social-media platforms that allow the White House to circumvent traditional media.

But if Obama's a celebrity president, it's more in the mold of a Beyoncé: an extremely high-profile figure whose every move is scrutinized, one whose words are carefully crafted for public consumption. He plays along with gags, but on his own terms. He is "no-drama Obama" — just as Beyoncé does not seek buzz through personal problems getting into the limelight.

Trump's different. He's more a Kanye West kind of celebrity. They have both redeemed their public images through reality TV. Trump, like West, isn't precise with his words. Both speak off the cuff and sometimes make controversial remarks. For West, that's resulted in blowback and years spent as a pariah. For Trump, it meant bucking every political convention of what presidential candidates can say and get away with.

West referred to this dynamic last month onstage in San Jose, when he said that during the election, "it was proven that it didn't matter what nobody had just said. It doesn't matter," and that he "loved" Trump's approach in the debates.

West — whose wife, Kim Kardashian, publicly backed Hillary Clinton — understood that vocal support for Trump would bring the kind of backlash seen shortly after on social media. He had been cautioned by those close to him to keep pro-Trump comments to himself, West said.

"That don't mean that I don't think that black lives matter. That don't mean I don't believe in women's rights. That don't mean I don't believe in gay marriage," West said of his feelings about Trump. "That don't mean I don't believe in these things because that was the guy I would have voted for."

Trump and West's meeting makes sense if you consider the premium the president-elect places on loyalty. At a 2015 rally, Trump explained his feelings toward West, who had recently said he may consider running for president one day.

"I'll never say bad about him," Trump said during the rally. "You want to know why? Because he loves Trump. He goes around saying 'Trump is my all-time hero.' He says it to everybody."

"So to Kanye West, I love him. Now maybe in a few years I might have to run against him, I don't know, so I'll take that back," Trump added. "But you know what, he's been so nice to me. You people have sort of seen, I've been a counter-puncher. I only hit people when they hit me. Only. Kanye West has been so great. I would never say bad about him because he says such nice things about me."

A year later, West's rambling onstage remarks — which covered subjects from Beyoncé to Mark Zuckerberg — fueled speculation about his mental state. He ended his Saint Pablo tour early and was hospitalized in Los Angeles, reportedly for stress and exhaustion.

TMZ said West came to New York this week to interview East Coast psychiatrists to add to his West Coast medical team.

His meeting with Trump drew criticism. The president-elect hasn't held a news conference since July and reportedly receives intelligence briefings weekly, rather than daily. "I get it when I need it," Trump said Sunday.

"Donald Trump believes it is more important to meet with Kanye West, than receive security briefings," VoteVets, a veterans organization that describes itself as progressive and has been critical of Trump, said in a statement. "Our troops deserve better than that from a Commander in Chief. This is not funny, it is not OK."

After their talk Tuesday, Trump bid goodbye to West and told him to "take care of yourself."

He added: "I'll see you soon, all right?"

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Post-affair couple must accept change

Carolyn Hax

Hi, Carolyn: I recently caught my husband, 66, in an emotional and sexting affair with another woman, 53. We have been married 25 years, and there has never been the slightest hint of infidelity in our marriage before.

I knew pretty quickly that something was going on: He took his cell everywhere, never leaving it unattended for a second, he took walks to the store at night, he rushed me off to bed claiming that he had work to do and needed quiet. Most upsetting was the love he expressed to this figment of his imagination. How can I compete with someone that is always loving, pleasant, hot for sex and never has any chores?

I am wondering whether this is a fluke born of the ruts of a long-term marriage with its predictable ups and downs, or a clear message that the marriage is over. We have reconnected emotionally and intimately and are rebuilding our marriage; it seems hopeful. But I can't dismiss this nagging feeling that I am lying to myself, and our love will never be the same.

Doubtful

Doubtful: Well, your marriage isn't over, so any message to that effect is far from clear. This may seem like a "duh," but simple places to start can be useful when things get confusing.

Another simple truth to embrace is that your love will, in fact, never be the same. You can't get new information — on who your husband is, on what is possible — and not change how you feel. That just doesn't make sense.

But it also makes no sense to take the emotional affair as the last new information you're willing to receive on your husband and marriage. You just learned he's capable of sneaking around and betraying you, yes, and falling in imagined love. You also learned, though, that he's not a smooth operator in the slightest and telegraphs his misbehavior to anyone paying attention; that's useful, to know how the alarm system sounds.

Also among your new information is that his response to being caught was to make an effort to fix the marriage.

These all matter, they all tell part of the story of where you are now, and they all change the love between you in their own way, as they should. The way you're responding to this crisis is also informing and changing his love for you.

And while it's a singularly lousy way to shove a marriage out of its rut, you are in fact out of it now, putting thought into the way you live your lives together.

You don't have to be lying to yourself to see the promise in all of these developments, even as you live with the understandable pain. You don't have to be delusional to place your hope in someone whose frailties you've just seen up close.

You just need to be honest with yourself, with him and about what a "happily ever after" looks like now: lumpy and fragile and not always in your control. But, then, I could argue that's always been true, you're just aware of it now. Give yourself time to get used to this different perspective. And trust yourself, too. You've managed ups and downs and ruts and this, and you'll manage whatever comes next.

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The TV pundit with a direct channel to the president

SCARBOROUGH FROM C1

cism issuing forth from @realDonaldTrump is any indication, he has an unending hunger for cable-news punditry. "Who do you talk to for military advice?" NBC's Chuck Todd asked him last year. "Well," Trump said, "I watch the shows."

One in particular seems a clear favorite. Scarborough insists this is nothing new for him, that the nation's "influencers" have always watched his show. It's a studied bit of nonchalance from a host who has never been known for his humility. But for once, it suddenly seems possible that Scarborough's levels of ego and clout may be in alignment.

"Trump has been watching Joe for 15 years," Willie Geist, one of Scarborough's co-hosts, said in a phone interview. "He got his sense of politics and the world from 'Morning Joe.' "

Scarborough insists that if you want to know what he tells Trump in private, listen to what he says in public when Trump's not there.

On "Morning Joe," the former GOP congressman is apt to offer guidance on Cabinet appointments: "Pick Rudy Giuliani as your secretary of state," he intoned to the camera a week after the election, "and watch everything melt down internationally."

He dishes about his chats with the president-elect, explaining on Nov. 28 why Trump might bury the hatchet with Mitt Romney. "When the name first came up, I said, 'You comfortable with the guy? He was tough on you.' Donald Trump said, 'Hey, I beat him up for five years. . . I like the fact that the guy pushes back.' "

He'll offer insights into the thinking inside Trump Tower — he revealed on Dec. 1, for example, that Exxon CEO Rex Tillerson was a front-runner to lead the State Department before the name was widely floated. When Trump settled on Tillerson on Tuesday, Scarborough declared the pick "checks off the boxes that Ike [Eisenhower] was always looking for in his Cabinet."

It's an odd position, advising and reporting on a president, sometimes on the very same topic. It's engendered some bad feelings within NBC News, and it put targets on the backs of Scarborough and his longtime co-host Mika Brzezinski. Trump has referred to the duo as "supporters" and thanked them for helping make him "almost as a legendary figure." CNN rival Chris Cuomo called them "boosters"; liberal MSNBC alumnus Keith Olbermann compared the host to Franz von Papen, the German chancellor who eased Hitler's rise to power.

Scarborough views the criticism as "hypocritical," he said. "Andrea Mitchell is friends with everyone in D.C. Chris Matthews is friends with people who have run for president of the United States." No one seemed to mind, he said, that he had off-the-record conversations with President Obama or considers Obama's campaign strategist David Axelrod a friend.

So "why in the world," he complained during an interview at their 30 Rockefeller Center studio, "would this suddenly concern people?"

"It's because they are unfair and mean and jealous," Brzezinski said as she slid into a seat next to him.

She maintains that just because they build sources and conduct interviews with newsmakers doesn't mean they should be held to the rigid standards of journalism. "If you're going to call us journalists," said Brzezinski, who came up through the ranks as a CBS reporter before joining the pundit class, "you can take every tenet of journalism and show that we're breaking it."

Brzezinski has taken to compiling a catalogue of all the occasions they have been tough on Trump. There was the time Scarborough hung up on Trump after he refused to answer questions on-air about his proposed ban on Muslims entering the United States; the time he proclaimed that Trump's idea to deport millions of illegal immigrants was "never going to happen"; the time he called on Trump to drop his "birther" conspiracies and admit that Obama was born in the United States; the time he declared that Trump's supposed ignorance of former KKK leader David Duke's support was "disqualifying"; not to mention the "dump Trump" column he wrote in August for The Washington Post editorial page, where he is an occasional contributor.

"Go ahead and try to find another host who has been as hard on Trump," Brzezinski said.

Of course, it depends which morning you tune in — the blessing and the curse of a three-hour, five-day-a-week show. Scarborough may have said Trump's rhetoric was starting to sound like "Nazi Germany" in one interview. But when a recent guest expressed his family's fear of a President Trump, Scarborough accused him of overreacting: "Hitler is not coming back." Yes, Scarborough can point to moments during the campaign where he seemed to predict a Trump victory, but he also tweeted days before the election that he saw no path for it to happen.

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Mika Brzezinski and Joe Scarborough in the studio of their weekday talk show, "Morning Joe," in New York on Dec. 12. Scarborough has kept a chummy relationship for years with the president-elect, who not only tunes in, but seems influenced by it. "Trump has been watching Joe for 15 years," said co-host Willie Geist. "He got his sense of politics and the world from 'Morning Joe.' "

Their early relationship was so much simpler. "Rosie is nothing but a bully and a slob," Trump said during a typical call into "Scarborough Country," the host's first MSNBC gig, back in 2007. The topic was his operatic feud with fellow TV personality Rosie O'Donnell.

After Scarborough was promoted to his morning slot in 2007, Trump followed, as both a guest and fan. "It's a vibrant and entertaining show," he wrote in his book "Time to Get Tough: Making America #1." "They have a great future in television or anything they want to do."

His only complaint? Scarborough and Brzezinski would occasionally dial up Trump on speakerphone during their own speaking engagements to rile up the crowd, but were never "forthcoming" about their relationship with him: "They should be more open about how I help them."

Around that time, Brzezinski said, Trump "started inviting us to things." In 2010 they guested on "The Apprentice." He came to their book parties and donated to their fundraisers.

"Sometimes when I'm in his office he'll be like, 'Here have this, have that,' " she said. "He just loves to give." It's an odd assertion from a media professional, after widely reported disclosures that Trump has made relatively few documented charitable contributions and given none of his own money to his charitable foundation since 2008.

But this wasn't "about buying access," she said. It didn't matter, the hosts said, if they were friends with a newsmaker or whether he watched the show. It wouldn't keep them from honest reporting.

Olbermann, long a vocal critic of Scarborough, doesn't buy this argument. "Like everything else in life," he said, "there's already been a 'Monty Python' episode that predicted this."

He's referring to a 1970 episode of the surrealist British comedy. At the beginning of the show, the actors are told that the queen may be watching. Then, midway through a sketch, a voice-over announces that Her Majesty has, indeed, tuned in. The cast and the audience immediately stand to attention, and the performance shifts to a stiff, formal tone befitting the tastes of a monarch.

For his first several months as a candidate, Trump would come on the show and yuk it up, Scarborough might call him a "masterful" politician, and everyone seemed happy. "He's a great guy, and he has a great show," Trump told Boston radio talk show host Howie Carr in January.

But things soured in May, when Scarborough said he believed Trump's candidacy opened the door for a third-party candidate. Trump turned to Twitter in a rage: "Joe Scarborough initially endorsed Jeb Bush and Jeb crashed, then John Kasich and that didn't work. Not much power or insight!" he typed. Later, after Brzezinski admonished House Speaker Paul Ryan for supporting Trump, the irascible candidate told the world he had stopped watching.

"I hear Mika has gone wild with hate," he tweeted. "Joe is Joe. They lost their way!"

Trump even threatened to "tell the real story" about the much-discussed relationship between Scarborough and Brzezinski, both recently divorced and frequently seen together off-set. (On that matter, Scarborough will only say, "We are an on-air TV couple, that's as far as we want to go on that.")

But that was many tweets ago. Trump and Scarborough are talking again. And the host is putting his advice out there.

How does Trump take it? "A lot of times the response is a poke that's suggesting I'm wrong, or prodding me to explain why," Scarborough said. But the president-elect keeps calling. If Trump didn't care about his opinion at all, Scarborough suggested, then "Rudy Giuliani would already be nominated for secretary of state."

Some days Trump watches "Morning Joe," and some days it's clear from Twitter he's watching something else. Other times he claims he no longer watches it while tweeting very specific observations that make it clear he hadn't missed a minute. But last week, his vice president-elect, Mike Pence, was on, and everyone knew Trump would tune in.

Looking back at the episode now, Scarborough sees it as a great success. Before Pence arrived, he said, the panel spent the morning "excoriating" the son of retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, Trump's pick for national security adviser, who had helped spread a "fake news" story spouting invented claims that a popular D.C. pizza parlor harbored a Democratic pedophilia ring. Scarborough called it "abhorrent" that the younger Flynn was part of the transition team.

When Pence showed up for a later segment, he flatly stated that Flynn's son had no transition role. To some viewers, it looked like a bit of political prevarication. But in Scarborough's view, it was news being made. It was later in the day that the Trump team formally announced that young Flynn was out of a job — but Scarborough believes the end came on "Morning Joe."

"We crushed Flynn," Scarborough said later. "And they decided to cut him loose while watching our show. . . . They saw smoke rising over 'Morning Joe' and decided they had to do something."

For a time, all this talk about being an "unofficial adviser" led to rumors that Scarborough could be Trump's running mate. He denies this vehemently now, but at the time, Scarborough played coy. "I'll do anything," he told radio host Hugh Hewitt, to "stop us from eight more years like the past eight years we've had."

"He may discredit those rumors, but he seems pleased with them," said Michael Weisman, a former "Morning Joe" executive producer. "Like everybody who is joining Trump now, like everyone who was once against him, if asked, Joe would serve."

While much of the media has been thrown into an existential crisis by the election, Scarborough isn't much for introspection. He says he has no regrets: not about how he covered Trump, nor about not joining the campaign. After all, he may already have something more than your average veep.

"I'm good here," he said. "We have influence."

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'Rogue One' is actually a safe one, but it'll do while we wait for 'Episode VIII'

MOVIE REVIEW FROM C1

Max: Fury Road" to "Arrival" — that it's easy to forget that it was that first "Star Wars" installment, back in 1977, that started it all.

To its credit, and like last year's "The Force Awakens," "Rogue One" pays homage to the imaginative and physical world that George Lucas and his collaborators built four decades ago. Hewed from the same "used future" aesthetic that Lucas so cleverly perfected, the movie has a scruffy, tarnished patina, staging that harks back to wartime classics from the World War II and Vietnam eras, and video-game-like visual flourishes. It fits neatly with the "Star Wars" mythos, especially during its rousing third act, some clever digital legerdemain and an immensely satisfying final moment.

What "Rogue One" doesn't have is much joy, although viewers can't say they weren't warned. Edwards and Disney executives have made much of the fact that they wanted this stand-alone venture to be "dark," and is it ever: As "Star Wars" movies go, this one may have the highest body count of them all, above and beyond the Imperial stormtroopers who can be relied on to go out with a desperate Wilhelm scream at least once in a production.

That reassuring callback, as well as several others, is present and accounted for in "Rogue One," which centers on the story of Jyn (Felicity Jones), a young woman pressed into service by a militant splinter group of the Rebel Alliance to perform crucial espionage against the tyrannical Galactic Empire, which is in the process of inventing a superweapon called the Death Star.

Because this is "Star Wars," you know that Jyn's efforts ultimately will involve some kind of ragtag team of plucky misfits. In "Rogue One," that merry band consists of a rebel intelligence officer named Cassian (Diego Luna), a disaffected Empire pilot named Bodhi (Riz Ahmed) and a snippily sarcastic droid named K-2SO. Voiced by Alan Tudyk, this angular, spidery limbed creature provides precious comic relief in a film that is otherwise grim and unsmiling, as Jyn and her brothers in arms do battle with the Empire's diabolical weapons director, Orson Krennic (Ben Mendelsohn).

Sturdily executed by Edwards, whose previous credits include "Monsters" and "Godzilla," "Rogue One" is nonetheless a relatively rote affair, enlivened by some impressive visuals and Michael Giacchino's stirring musical score, but lacking the warmth and humor of the previous films. By no stretch is this a disaster on a par with Lucas's misbegotten prequel trilogy. Still, at least until its final section, "Rogue One" lacks the zip, zing and exhilarating sense of return to form that "The Force Awakens" conveyed so lightly.

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Felicity Jones as Jyn Erso, the plucky heroine of "Rogue One."

Jones presents a convincing, if monotonously self-serious, heroine in "Rogue One," and her uncanny physical resemblance to Daisy Ridley, who plays Rey in the new installments, invites intriguing speculation as to whether and how they may be related. But few of her fellow actors make as vivid an impression, and the fey, soft-spoken Luna is particularly ill-suited to play a rakish man of adventure. Chinese actor Donnie Yen, as a mystical warrior, is underused in a role that feels perfunctory and shoehorned in.

Too often, "Rogue One" seems to be checking boxes as it goes about its plotty business, which ultimately has to do with the retrieval of documents, the closing of a shield gate and locating the master switch on a communications control tower. It's simplistic stuff, and bluntly effective at ginning up the idea of action and stakes, which take on increased heft as "Rogue One" finally reaches its busy, startlingly apocalyptic conclusion. (At 2 hours 13 minutes, the film is at least 15 minutes too long). Graced with the first appearance of some of the "Star Wars" series' most iconic characters — at least in the chronological sense — "Rogue One" represents an unobjectionable exercise in franchise extension. It's fine. It'll do. For now.

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"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" (133 minutes, at area theaters starting Thursday night) is rated PG-13 for extended sequences of sci-fi action and violence.

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KIDSPOST HOLIDAY WRAPPING PAPER CONTEST

The Winner

BRADLEY IMAGES

Irene Boehm, 10, thought about some of the designs that won the wrapping paper contest in past years. Then she came up with an image of ornaments that made her the winner for 2016.

BY CHRISTINA BARRON

Sick days are no fun. But 10-year-old Irene Boehm got a delayed reward for being stuck at home earlier this month.

The fifth-grader at Churchill Road Elementary School in McLean, Virginia, got busy on her entry for the KidsPost Holiday Wrapping Paper Contest.

"I worked on it probably an entire day," Irene said.

The design, large ornaments on a yellow background, captured the attention of the contest judges, who picked Irene's wrap as this year's winner out of more than 130 entries.

KidsPost art director Alla Dreyvitser noted the "bold use of color" along with the "nice placement" of the ornaments on the vertical design.

Irene said that she had entered the contest a few times before and thought about some of the previous winning designs.

"I decided that I wanted something that really had a pattern. I just kind of decided on ornaments," Irene said.

Those ornaments will stand out on a wrapped gift or two under the tree. Clip out this page, or go to *kidspost.com* and print out the wrap.

As always, it was tough to pick a winner among the many excellent designs. We also chose three finalists in each of four age categories. Some of those entries are shown below, but all can be seen online. Each finalist will receive a KidsPost prize package. Irene will also receive a family pack of tickets to a production of "The Freshest Snow Whyte" at Imagination Stage in Bethesda.

We want to wrap up this year's contest with a thank-you to all who entered. Your creativity and enthusiasm cheer us every year. And those are gifts that last long after the holidays are over.

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Find all finalists and other favorites on *kidspost.com.*

We picked three winners in each of the following categories: 11-to-13-year-olds, 9- and 10-year-olds, 7- and 8-year-olds, and 6-year-olds and younger. See their work and several more of the judges' favorites on our website.

Deck the halls with designs from our finalists. Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la la-la.

Nandita Venkataraman, 12, of Fairfax County, Virginia, dressed up some very cute wildlife for the holidays.

Evie McDonald, 8, of Alexandria, Virginia, combined gifts and trees to produce a winner of an entry.

Walter Cunningham, 13, of Germantown, Maryland, used a bright red to create an impressive wrap.

Kathryn Portwood, 13, of Damascus, Maryland, was a cut above the rest with her detailed design.

Ray Greco, 9, of Arlington, Virginia, combined traditional holiday colors for his winning entry.

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College's rich get richer, and poor look for new coaches

Barry Svrluga

When the college football season began, Tom Herman was the coach at Houston. As it ends, he is the coach at Texas. And while that might seem like the basic food chain that has kept the incredibly flawed (read: hypocritical and amoral) ecosystem of college athletics alive for generations, there is some subtext.

In October, the University of Houston was under consideration to become a member of the Big 12. In what amounted to a bait and switch, the Big 12 remained at 10 schools. (Which, if I'm calculating correctly, is two less than 12. Whatever.)

But had the Big 12 taken Houston, might Houston have had a shot at keeping Herman?

"I think we would have, yes," Houston Athletic Director Hunter Yurachek said Tuesday.

Laugh all you want. Yurachek's line of thinking is at the core of the two-tiered world of college football. It's obvious that a school in one of the Power Five conferences has a better chance of playing for a national championship. But for Houston — and Temple, and South Florida, and all the other have-nots that aspire to another tier — not being in the club makes coaching changes inevitable. Either you're losing and trying to find a winner, or you're winning and someone is waiting to steal your coach. That makes it nearly impossible to win annually, which makes it nearly impossible to sustain fan interest, which makes it nearly impossible to keep revenue flowing in.

So for those schools, this is simply how this works: Get good and face change.

"And when you change head [coaches], everything changes," said Tilman Fertitta, a Houston booster and member of the board of regents. "The whole football

SVRLUGA CONTINUED ON D6

Chargers are preparing to bolt for L.A., NFL believes

BY MARK MASKE

As team owners prepare to meet Wednesday in the Dallas area with potential relocations by the San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders looming, there is a strong belief within the NFL that the Chargers plan to exercise their option to join the Rams in Los Angeles beginning next season, according to several people familiar with the league's inner workings. No resolution to the Chargers' situation or to the Raiders' prospective move to Las Vegas is expected Wednesday.

The Chargers and their chairman, Dean Spanos, have until Jan. 15 to exercise their Los Angeles option, which the franchise was granted by the league when owners approved the relocation of the Rams from St. Louis to the city.

"My sense is that both owners are intent on moving at this point," a high-ranking official with one NFL team said of Spanos and the Raiders' Mark Davis. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Davis has said he plans to move his franchise to Las Vegas. But the Raiders cannot formally apply for relocation until after the regular season, and the move would have to be ratified by at least 24 of the 32 NFL team owners.

The league and the owners do not necessarily face a time crunch on the Raiders' situation, given that Davis's immediate plan would be to keep the team in Oakland while a new stadium in Las Vegas would be under construction if the relocation is approved.

The Chargers' deliberations are more pressing, given the mid-January deadline. Spanos has

NFL CONTINUED ON D5

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Matt Niskanen, right, exults with John Carlson after his third-period winner, one of his two goals in Capitals' fifth straight win.

Niskanen keeps Caps rolling

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN

CAPITALS 4, ISLANDERS 2

NEW YORK — Matt Niskanen skated with the puck into the right faceoff circle, and then he roofed it past goaltender Jaroslav Halak, his jubilant expression revealing just how stunning a goal it was. Niskanen is the epitome of solid and steady on the Washington Capitals' blue line, known for his consistency more than doing anything fancy. But that shot was all flash.

"There isn't that many to pick from, so one of the better ones," Niskanen said.

The third-period game-winner lifted the Washington Capitals to a 4-2 win over the New York Islanders at Barclays Center on Tuesday night, extending the team's win streak to five games. For Niskanen, it was his first goal of the season. He didn't have to wait long for his second, as it came on a Washington power play in the last two minutes of the third period to give him just the second two-goal game of his career.

"Matt is known more for a shutdown role," Capitals Coach Barry Trotz said. "Any time you get a couple goals, I think that's a feather in his play. The guys were excited. They were trying to get him the third one."

With the Islanders and the Capitals tied at 2 through 40 minutes, Marcus Johansson won a battle along the boards, flinging the puck out to Dmitry Orlov by the blue line. Orlov passed it over to Niskanen, his new defense partner on the right side, and then Niskanen's wrister put Washington ahead just 1:34 into the third period.

Niskanen played in primarily a defensive role for Washington last season, logging heavy minutes against opponents' top lines. He wanted to maintain that this year while also contributing more offensively as he plays on the Capitals' second power-play unit.

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Capitals at Hurricanes
Friday, 7:30 p.m., CSN-Plus

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TAKE A DEEP BREATH

IT'S NOT OVER YET

Blowing up the Wizards now would only make a bigger mess. They should wait to heal and stabilize before thinking about a big trade.

Jerry Brewer

It's human, recklessly human, to crave chaos once you stop believing. When you're done with tolerance, you're done, period. You want something new, no matter the consequences. Anything seems better than repetitive hell.

You can explain so much about the vast world by understanding this concept. Or you can use it on the Washington Wizards' trivial little crisis. No matter how important, the lesson is the same: Beware of what the frustrated mind can conjure.

Like, wanting to trade John Wall prematurely.

Like, hoping to blow up the Wizards by any method necessary.

Like, desiring to tank the remainder of this season.

It's already clear the Wizards failed to execute their grand plan. They spent years shuffling the roster to be in position to have major cap space for the summer of 2016, and when the summer of 2016 arrived, they flopped. Kevin Durant didn't come home. Al Horford chose Boston over D.C. More than a quarter into a season in which the Wizards planned to be a title contender, they have a 9-14 record. And considering how disappointing the new additions have been, it feels like the Wizards didn't spend $30 million in cap space. It feels like they lost it.

After being patient through another project, after watching the Wizards stunt their own growth following playoff runs in 2014 and 2015, this new low has left a resilient fan base either apathetic or enraged. The franchise will have to make another correction in the near future, and there are many who would like to see a complete overhaul, from Ernie Grunfeld and his front office down to the roster. The problem is, that level of change won't come quickly or easily.

We'll deal with Grunfeld later this season;

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Hornets at Wizards Today, 7 p.m., CSN

MLB pursues culture change

Diversity goals are among the aims of social outreach

BY DAVE SHEININ

In a ballroom at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, on the opening morning of baseball's winter meetings, a packed room was listening to Kim Ng — as senior vice president, the highest-ranking woman and Asian American in Major League Baseball — discuss her 25 years in the game, when an older gentleman in the back row started speaking quietly to a colleague.

Suddenly, a woman in the row ahead pivoted and scolded the stranger: "Would you shut up? I can't hear Kim talk!" Suitably chastened, the man — Hall of Fame manager and MLB senior executive Joe Torre — apologized and stayed quiet during the remainder of the Pathways to Careers in Baseball panel.

As a symbol of baseball's new direction, the moment could not have been more fitting. At a time when diversity at the game's highest levels of management continues to be an embarrassing problem, Commissioner Rob Manfred and his lieutenants are attempting to push through an ambitious culture shift at every level of a sport still run largely by older white men.

Last week's winter meetings were a watershed moment for what MLB calls its "social responsibility" outreach, with the launch of several new initiatives, among them: a presentation on inclusion, delivered to all minor league farm directors; another on environmental sustainability in ballpark operations; a Supplier Diversity Summit panel, designed to recruit minority-owned businesses to partner with MLB; a "Women in Baseball" networking reception; and Ng's panel on careers in baseball, where the former assistant GM for the Yankees and Dodgers was joined onstage by Dodgers GM Farhan Zaidi, Seattle Mariners scout Amanda Hopkins and others.

"We see our social responsibility programs as a form of engagement with fans," Manfred said. "Having shared social concerns with people increases their affinity with the institution. This isn't particular to baseball — the area of corporate responsibility has received a lot of attention lately. But when you hold yourself up as the national pastime, [it] is par-

MLB CONTINUED ON D5

PRO FOOTBALL
There is a new No. 1 team in Mark Maske's weekly NFL power rankings. D4

BASEBALL
The Nationals prepare to move forward with three MLB-caliber catchers. D5

REDSKINS

NFL won't suspend Everett for Sproles hit

BY MIKE JONES AND MARK MASKE

Redskins safety Deshazor Everett will not receive a suspension from the NFL for his vicious hit on Philadelphia Eagles running back Darren Sproles, a person with knowledge of the situation said. It's expected that Everett will, however, receive a fine later this week.

Everett, a second-year pro out of Texas A&M, knocked Sproles out of the game when he leveled the 11th-year veteran as he tried to field a punt in the fourth quarter of Sunday's game.

Everett raced downfield and hit Sproles, who hadn't signaled for a fair catch. But the ball hadn't gotten to Sproles. It hit Everett in the shoulder while the safety plowed into Sproles.

Everett, who had an interception in the end zone earlier in the game, said that he didn't realize that Sproles hadn't caught the ball.

"If I could have taken that split second back, I definitely would," Everett said. "It's too late. You can't take it back. You can't rewind. It's not a video game. You make choices out there on the field, and you've just got to live with it. Unfortunately, it was a bad hit."

Sproles left the game and didn't return. He was diagnosed as having sustained a concussion.

Said Redskins Coach Jay Gruden: "He just mistimed it. He wasn't trying to injure [Sproles], and that's an unfortunate deal. He was apologetic about it. But I love his energy. He plays hard, he plays fast. Special teams, he has made his mark. He got an opportunity to play at safety and cover the tight end and made a big interception for us. Hopefully that role will continue to expand a little bit because he is fast and he can hit and he's showed that he can cover."

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QUOTABLE

"I think we'll fight our way out of it, but that's what it's going to be. It needs to be a fight."

LUKE WALTON,
Los Angeles Lakers coach, whose young team is mired in a seven-game losing streak and has a 10-17 record after starting the season 7-5
(via Post Sports)

D.C. SPORTS BOG

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Love talks basketball, and more

Ex-Obama aide breaks down president's hoops skills plus his own Monumental show

BY SCOTT ALLEN

In the debut episode of Monumental Sports Network's interview series "The Walk-and-Talk," host Reggie Love, a former personal aide to President Obama, goes inside the kitchen and wanders Blagden Alley with The Dabney chef Jeremiah Langhorne. In the second episode, which will be released in early January, Love gets to know Wizards guard Bradley Beal.

Love was mum when asked what other personalities will be featured in future episodes of the show, which is part of the recently launched network's lineup of original programming.

"Maybe we'll come over and interview your boss," he said during a telephone interview last week, to which I replied by asking whether there was any chance Love could get his former boss to agree to do an episode.

"I think there's a possibility of it," Love said of a potential walk-and-talk with Obama. "I think he's probably doing less press these days, but he's a big sports fan. He follows basketball heavily. He's a huge White Sox guy, also roots for the Cubs. We'll see what happens."

Love, who played basketball and football at Duke and won a title with the Blue Devils' basketball team in 2001, took a job as a staff assistant in Obama's Senate office in 2006. It wasn't long before he became Obama's bodyman and "chief of stuff," a role he filled through most of Obama's first term in the White House. Love wrote a memoir about the experience that came out last year, but he has other stories to tell about Obama's fandom, including his admiration for North Carolina men's basketball Coach Roy Williams.

"He loves Roy Williams," Love said.

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TOP: President Obama tried to block a shot from his aide, former Duke player Reggie Love, in 2010. ABOVE: Love and Obama joked at a 2012 U.S. Olympic exhibition game in D.C.

"It's sickening how much he loves Roy Williams. I admire Roy and I admire the Carolina program, but I still have these thorns in my sides because [Obama] never visited Duke's campus."

Love and Obama exchanged emails in April after Villanova defeated North Carolina in the NCAA championship game on a buzzer-beating three-pointer by Kris Jenkins, a former All-Met Player of the Year at Gonzaga. When Love questioned Williams's decision not to pressure the ball full court on the play that led to Jenkins's game-winner, Obama was quick to defend his guy.

"He said, 'Yeah, he didn't want to foul. I totally understand the call,' " Love said of Obama's reply. "He's not a guy who is going to tell guys how to do their jobs, but he's informed about the game. I think for him it's more about understanding what people's motives were behind their decisions as opposed to saying whether they were right or wrong."

Love, who has played more basketball with Obama than most, offered the following scouting report on the outgoing president, who modeled his game after Nate "Tiny" Archibald.

"He'll knock down open shots; he's got a good midrange ," Love said. "He's a strong right driver but likes to come back to his right shoulder to finish because he's a lefty. He's very smart. The guy knows the game very well and typically makes the right passes and makes the right rotation on defense. He's not the most explosive guy, not the fastest guy, but very crafty. I think what he lacks in physical capabilities, he makes up with his intellect."

As for his first foray into hosting a talk show, Love said he has known MSN Vice President and General Manager Zach Leonsis for years and, as someone who enjoys getting to learn about people, was intrigued by the opportunity.

"I thought the idea had a lot of merit," he said. "I think the network has a lot of merit. I think there's a lot of excess demand in the market that they have an ability to tap into."

Leonsis's hope is that original programming such as "The Walk-and-Talk," "Caps Red Line" and "Wiz Got Next," as well as subscriber-only events, will entice fans to subscribe to the digital network for $12.99 per month (or a yearly rate of $8.99 per month). Wizards forward Otto Porter Jr. will host one of MSN's first subscriber events Saturday, a "Holiday Mixology Workshop" in which fans will learn to craft a "signature branded cocktail."

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FANCY STATS

Bell, Ryan deserve NFL MVP attention

BY NEIL GREENBERG

There are just a few weeks left in the NFL's regular season, and the race for the MVP award is as entertaining as the race for the playoffs.

The most popular names on the short list for the award are led by New England quarterback Tom Brady. Despite missing the first four games of the season for his role in Deflategate, Brady has gotten his revenge on the NFL by completing 68.5 percent of his passes for 2,876 yards and 22 touchdowns with two interceptions. He leads the league in passer rating (113.6) and ESPN's Total Quarterback Rating (82.4), making Brady the best player on arguably the best team at the league's most important position.

Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott and quarterback Dak Prescott have also spent time near the top of MVP discussions, along with Oakland quarterback Derek Carr and Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford.

But there are two players who should be getting a lot more buzz based on their stellar seasons:

Le'Veon Bell, RB, Steelers

Bell excelled in Pittsburgh's victory Sunday at Buffalo, rushing for 236 yards — breaking Willie Parker's franchise record (223) for most in a game set in 2006. Bell also caught four passes for 62 yards, giving him 1,616 yards from scrimmage in 10 games this season. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, that's the second-most yards from scrimmage in a player's first 10 games of a season in NFL history.

Compare that with the more frequently mentioned Elliott. While the Cowboys running back has 1,714 yards from scrimmage (No. 2 in the league), he doesn't come close to Bell's 161.6 yards from scrimmage per game.

Matt Ryan, QB, Falcons

You're going to need to have an open mind here in order to look beyond wins and losses. At 8-5, Atlanta is tied with Tampa Bay for the lead in the NFC South and is not considered by many to be a Super Bowl contender. But Ryan is every bit as valuable as Brady, Stafford or Prescott have been.

Ryan has completed 68.3 percent of his passes for 4,050 yards and 30 touchdowns with seven interceptions. His TD rate (6.8 percent of attempts) and yards per attempt (9.2) are the best in the NFL this season. Only New Orleans's Drew Brees (321) and Brady (320) have more passing yards per game than Ryan (312) among quarterbacks throwing at least 100 passes this season.

Ryan (81.1) ranks third in QBR behind Brady and Prescott (81.2) despite having a below-average pass-blocking unit in front of him per the ratings by Pro Football Focus.

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DIGEST

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wake broadcaster fired for leaking game plans

Wake Forest fired a former assistant coach-turned-broadcaster who the school says attempted to leak football game plans to opponents for three years.

The school announced the findings of a nearly month-long internal investigation that started after documents related to the team's game plan for the Louisville game were discovered at the Cardinals' stadium.

In a statement, the school placed the entirety of the blame on **Tommy Elrod** — a former Wake Forest player and assistant under former coach **Jim Grobe**. Elrod was not retained by **Dave Clawson** when he succeeded Grobe in 2014, and he then became an analyst for the radio broadcasts of the Demon Deacons' games. . . .

Minnesota has suspended 10 players indefinitely from all team activities. The Golden Gophers will play Washington State in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27, and it would appear to be unlikely that the players would be available to play in that game. . . .

Temple hired Florida defensive coordinator **Geoff Collins**, plucking one of the Southeastern Conference's top defensive minds to become their fourth coach in the past eight seasons. Collins will replace **Matt Rhule**, who left the Philadelphia school last week for Baylor. . . .

Danny Rocco left Richmond to become head coach at the University of Delaware. Rocco spent five years at Richmond, where he went 43-22 with three Football Championship Subdivision playoff appearances.

SOCCER

Just days after he played for Toronto FC in the MLS Cup against Seattle, goalkeeper **Clint Irwin** was taken by Atlanta United FC in the MLS expansion draft.

By the afternoon he was traded back to Toronto.

Atlanta took two goalkeepers and three defenders in Tuesday's expansion draft before dealing two of the newly acquired players — including Irwin — later in the afternoon. It is not uncommon for expansion teams to select players with the intention of moving them.

It was an overall busy day in MLS. The Sounders celebrated their first MLS Cup title with a parade through downtown Seattle. The Sounders defeated Toronto, 5-4 in a penalty shootout, following a scoreless draw last Saturday in Canada.

The L.A. Galaxy introduced **Curt Onalfo** as the team's new head coach after **Bruce Arena** left to become the coach of the U.S. men's national team.

The league's free agency period also opened.

Atlanta selected defender **Donny Toia** of the Montreal Impact with the first overall pick in the five-round expansion draft. Toia was traded later in the day to Orlando City in exchange for the eighth overall pick in next year's MLS SuperDraft.

Minnesota United FC, the league's other team that will begin play next season, selected right back **Chris Duvall** of the New York Red Bulls with its first selection. Duvall, 25, had been with the Red Bulls since 2014, when he was the 22nd pick in the SuperDraft out of Wake Forest.

Within hours, Minnesota traded Duvall to the Impact for winger **Johan Venegas**. . . .

Ashley Williams headed home an 86th-minute winner to earn Everton a 2-1 victory in Liverpool and end Arsenal's 14-match unbeaten run in the Premier League. A win would have lifted Arsenal into first place. . . .

Leicester's poor away form in its stuttering Premier League title defense continued with a 1-0 loss at Bournemouth. Leicester failed to build on its 4-2 win over Manchester City on Saturday and still hasn't won in eight games on the road this season.

BASEBALL

A person with knowledge of the meeting said baseball owners have ratified the sport's new collective bargaining agreement by a 29-1 vote.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity because no announcement was made, the person says Tampa Bay Rays managing general partner **Stuart Sternberg** was the lone dissenting vote during the telephone meeting Tuesday. Sternberg declined comment in an email to the Associated Press.

Players also had been scheduled to hold a ratification vote. . . .

Colorado Rockies right-hander **Chad Bettis** hopes to be back on the mound for spring training after receiving a diagnosis of testicular cancer.

Bettis said in a statement that he underwent surgery Nov. 29 to have a testicle removed after bloodwork revealed an abnormality. Bettis added that doctors are confident the cancer was isolated and hasn't spread. . . .

The Milwaukee Brewers acquired **Jett Bandy** from the Angels, with **Martin Maldonado** headed back to Los Angeles in an exchange of defensive-minded catchers.

GOLF

Tiger Woods is returning to Riviera Country Club for the first time since 2006 to play the Genesis Open in February.

He announced that he will play in the Feb. 13-19 event that benefits his foundation. Woods returned to competitive golf earlier this month for the first time since August 2015 at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas.

Riviera, in Los Angeles, was the site of Woods's PGA Tour debut in 1992 at age 16.

— From news services

TELEVISION AND RADIO

NBA

7 p.m.	**Charlotte at Washington** » CSN, WFED (1500 AM)
7 p.m.	**Indiana at Miami** » ESPN
9:30 p.m.	**Boston at San Antonio** » ESPN

NHL

7:30 p.m.	**Boston at Pittsburgh** » NBC Sports Network
10 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Colorado** » NBC Sports Network

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m.	**Saint Joseph's at Princeton** »ESPNU
6 p.m.	**Louisiana-Lafayette at Georgia** »SEC Network
7 p.m.	**Chicago State at Northwestern** »Big Ten Network
7 p.m.	**Southern at Baylor** »ESPNU
8 p.m.	**East Tennessee State at Mississippi State** »SEC Network
8 p.m.	**Illinois-Chicago at DePaul** »Fox Sports 1
9 p.m.	**Nicholls State at Texas Tech** » MASN2
9 p.m.	**Green Bay at Wisconsin** » Big Ten Network
9 p.m.	**Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Oklahoma State** » ESPNU
11 p.m.	**Grand Canyon at Arizona** »ESPNU

SOCCER

5:30 a.m.	**FIFA World Club Cup, semifinal: Kashima at Atletico Nacional** »Fox Sports 1
3 p.m.	**English Premier League: Manchester United at Crystal Palace** » NBC Sports Network

NBA ROUNDUP

Love leads Cavs to fifth straight win

CAVALIERS 103, GRIZZLIES 86

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kevin Love scored 29 points, J.R. Smith found his aim — for one half — and LeBron James added 23 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers won their fifth straight, 103-86, on Tuesday night over the visiting Memphis Grizzlies.

Memphis rested center Marc Gasol for the first of back-to-back games against the defending NBA champions.

Smith, who has been in a season-long shooting slump, scored 17 of his 23 points in the first half as the Cavs, who gave star point guard Kyrie Irving the night off, built a 22-point lead and ended the Grizzlies' six-game winning streak.

Zach Randolph replaced Gasol in the starting lineup and scored 18 points to lead the Grizzlies. The reigning Western Conference player of the week, Gasol is expected to play Wednesday when the teams play in Memphis to complete a brutal three-game stretch for the Grizzlies.

Cavaliers Coach Tyronn Lue said after the game that James, Love and Irving will not travel for the game Wednesday.

• **WARRIORS 113, PELICANS 109**: Stephen Curry scored 30 points, Kevin Durant added 27 to go with a big block on Anthony Davis in the final minute, and Golden State held off host New Orleans.

Draymond Green recorded a triple-double with 12 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, and it was the last of his four steals — on Davis in the waning seconds — that sealed the victory.

Klay Thompson added 17 points for the Warriors, who combined for 14 three-pointers, five by Curry.

Davis finished with 28 points, five blocked shots and two steals.

• **MAGIC 131, HAWKS 120**: Serge Ibaka scored 29 points, Elfrid Payton reached career highs with 26 points and 14 assists, and Orlando snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory in Atlanta.

Orlando began the night ranked 29th in scoring but it got big production from the bench, with Payton, Jodie Meeks and Jeff Green combining for 62 points.

Dwight Howard had 20 points and 16 rebounds for the Hawks.

• **TIMBERWOLVES 99, BULLS 94**: Zach LaVine scored 24 points, Andrew Wiggins added 23 and Minnesota rallied to win in Coach Tom Thibodeau's return to Chicago.

The Timberwolves wiped out a 21-point deficit and got Thibodeau a victory in his first game in Chicago since the Bulls fired him in an acrimonious split in 2015.

• **SUNS 113, KNICKS 111 (OT)**: Eric Bledsoe scored 31 points, and former Knick Tyson Chandler added 13 points and 23 rebounds, leading host Phoenix to a win over New York.

Kristaps Porzingis led the Knicks with 34 points, and Kyle O'Quinn chipped in 22 points and 14 boards off the bench.

JERRY BREWER

Wizards (9-14) can't go into panic mode

BREWER FROM D1

owner Ted Leonsis isn't likely to make a decision until this spring anyway. But let's say this for now: At the quarter-season pole, Grunfeld should feel like he is walking a plank made of dental floss. As for the fate of a $104 million roster full of holes, well, that's far more complicated than an owner's stay-or-go decision.

In fact, it's best to hope for one of the things that rankles you most about the Wizards: a return to mediocrity.

You think the Wizards are a disaster right now? If you turned into a scorned spouse and started throwing their possessions out on the street, it would feel good at first. Ultimately, however, it would make the cleanup project even worse.

The Wizards spent three seasons creating the salary cap flexibility to do what they did last summer. The reality is that, once you complete such a plan and spend your cap space, you're left with a roster that doesn't untie simply. The Wizards now have eight contracts you can consider long term, at least in a sports sense; all of those deals have obligations lasting through the 2018-19 season (including Jason Smith's player option that year). They have three deals that go beyond that. They also have five players in the first year of fresh contracts that extend at least three years: Bradley Beal, Ian Mahinmi, Andrew Nicholson, Tomas Satoransky and Smith.

When you commit like this, you had better create a team that you really like because that's your squad for a while. And if you don't like it, it takes time to start over because you have to shed so many long contracts.

If the Wizards traded off too many pieces right now, they'd get fleeced. For even the desirable players they have, their value is too low because of the size of some of these contracts. How many useful assets would you get by trading Beal, who is 23 games into a $128 million deal? Otto Porter Jr. is an intriguing glue-type of player who is still developing, but at the end of this season, he'll be a restricted free agent who's likely to command more than $70 million.

WIZARDS' NEXT THREE

vs. Charlotte Hornets

Today 7 CSN

vs. Detroit Pistons

Friday 7 CSN

vs. Los Angeles Clippers

Sunday 3:30 CSN

Radio: WFED (1500 AM)

Want to trade for a top-20 player (DeMarcus Cousins?) to pair with Wall? Usually, teams trade all-stars for young talent and cap flexibility. The Wizards' best assets require too steep a financial commitment.

Okay, so with the hopes dim, why not trade Wall? For one, if they traded him, the Wizards would still be left with an expensive roster that was built for Wall to accentuate its positives. In addition, Wall is bolted to an old max contract. He's going to make just over $50 million the next three seasons, which is Mahinmi money now. In this NBA economy, how can you get fair value for Wall?

There are only 15 players of Wall's kind in the NBA, even fewer if you factor his age (26) and the fact he's still growing as a player. If you're blowing up the team in order to create a better tomorrow, why lose an upper-echelon talent only to start the long pursuit of another upper-echelon talent?

The Wizards are financially and logically committed to Wall and Beal for at least this season and next. Wall is eligible to be a free agent in 2019. If things aren't better by the end of next season, that's the time to talk about trading him. Right now, it's too early.

The guard duo is starting to function, at least on offense, like it's supposed to: Wall is averaging 23.9 points, 9.5 assists and 2.1 steals, and he's still not fully recovered from surgery on both knees. After a slow start, Beal is averaging 21.9 points, which would be a career high if he can maintain it. Beal has averaged 25.1 points in 12 games since returning from a hamstring injury. Both players are scoring as efficiently as they have in their careers. The concern is that their defensive regression has lingered into a second season, but perhaps that's because they've had to carry too much of the offense.

The Wizards have a playoff starting five and a lottery bench. That may not be as difficult to fix as perceived. They have almost recovered from losing eight of their first 10 games this season. Since then, they are 7-6, but like Monday night's loss to the Miami Heat, they're still turning in inexplicable performances against bad teams.

Nevertheless, there's value in waiting for this team to heal a little more, to stabilize, and for some players to raise their stock before thinking about a big trade. Then, closer to the trade deadline, when the perception of this team is different, they should make a move. And any move is likely to revolve around center Marcin Gortat, provided that Mahinmi returns from his knee issues.

When a team starts the season badly, the problems are magnified, and the prospect of enduring an entire year in agony can make you feel desperate. But now isn't the time for chaos. The Wizards can't sit idle for long, but they can't take scissors to everything they've done wrong, not with 59 games remaining, not with the playoffs still a realistic expectation.

In this case, hoping for mediocrity isn't settling. It's a chance to wait for players to restore their value and develop a better plan to mitigate this fiasco.

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Matt Niskanen, left, and his teammates exult after one of his two third-period goals vs. the Islanders.

Niskanen boosts Caps to fifth win in a row

CAPITALS FROM D1

But while Washington's blue line has been productive in creating scoring chances it has been slow to score goals, and Niskanen hadn't tallied one through 26 games this season. Tuesday night's contest was his second game back after he missed Friday night's game while being evaluated for a possible concussion.

"It's nice to see the puck go in," Niskanen said. "The first one, that's maybe the best chance I've had this year, so I'm glad that one went in at least. My goal is to just keep putting myself in that position so you're getting opportunities. As a defenseman, you're going to have a string of luck. I did tonight."

After Brock Nelson gave the Islanders a lead near the midpoint of the first period, Brett Connolly tied the game for Washington 2:09 into the second. Trotz doesn't often make lineup changes when his team is on a winning streak, but after Andre Burakovsky struggled against the Vancouver Canucks on Sunday night, Trotz made him a healthy scratch on Tuesday, inserting Connolly instead. Burakovsky, a skilled 21-year-old winger, scored two goals in the first game of the season but has been on a 26-game goal drought since. In his past seven games, he doesn't have a point.

After being scratched for four straight games, Connolly replaced Burakovsky on the third line and did his best to ensure he wouldn't be coming out again anytime soon. Jakub Vrana passed a puck up the ice, and Lars Eller beat Islanders defenseman Johnny Boychuk for the puck, flinging it toward the net as Connolly positioned himself in front of Halak. Eller's shot banked in off Connolly.

Vrana picked up his first NHL assist on Connolly's goal, and he added to that total later in the second period. On a new-look second power-play unit, Evgeny Kuznetsov drove toward the net on the zone entry and skated behind it, passing the puck into the slot once he wrapped around the back of the net.

Vrana snapped up Kuznetsov's pass, and the puck went off Justin Williams's stick to get past Halak 7:37 into the second. The Islanders scored an equalizing goal before the second intermission, setting up a tied third period, where Niskanen stole the show.

Williams had just two goals through 24 games, and he now has four in his past four games. Kuznetsov has an assist in five straight games. Washington's power play struggled to start the season, but it has now scored 12 goals in the past 13 games. After the Capitals had struggled through the start of December, it seems they've now hit their stride.

"It's a nice little week, 10 days here," Niskanen said. "At the start of this thing, we weren't too happy with how we were playing. Guys were having meetings, and coaches were [ticked] and all this, and we still have a pretty good record. It's better to fix things when you still have a good record. It's a bit easier. We're starting to come. Each game we're playing a little bit better, a little bit better, and I thought we generated a lot tonight."

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CAPITALS' NEXT THREE

at Carolina Hurricanes

Friday 7:30 CSN-Plus

vs. Montreal Canadiens

Saturday 7 CSN, NHLN

at Philadelphia Flyers

Dec. 21 8 NBCSN

Radio: WFED 1500

Capitals 4, Islanders 2

WASHINGTON	0	2	2	4
N.Y. ISLANDERS	1	1	0	2

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, N.Y. Islanders, Nelson 7 (Seidenberg, Clutterbuck), 9:32. **Penalties:** Clutterbuck, NYI, (slashing), 12:17; Backstrom, WSH, (tripping), 15:49.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 2, Washington, Connolly 3 (Vrana, Eller), 2:09. 3, Washington, Williams 6 (Kuznetsov, Vrana), 7:37 (pp). 4, N.Y. Islanders, Kulemin 3 (Cizikas, Leddy), 10:41. **Penalties:** Chimera, NYI, (high sticking), 6:08.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 5, Washington, Niskanen 1 (Orlov, Johansson), 1:34. 6, Washington, Niskanen 2 (Carlson, Kuznetsov), 18:02 (pp). **Penalties:** Hamonic, NYI, (tripping), 16:47; Wilson, WSH, (tripping), 19:10.

SHOTS ON GOAL

WASHINGTON	14	10	14	38
N.Y. ISLANDERS	12	4	12	28

Power-play opportunities: Washington 2 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 2. **Goalies:** Washington, Holtby 14-6-2 (28 shots-26 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Halak 5-8-5 (38-34). **A:** 12,730 (15,813). **T:** 2:29.

NHL ROUNDUP

Third-period barrage carries Carolina

HURRICANES 8, CANUCKS 6

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Justin Faulk scored the go-ahead goal 5:56 into the third period, and the Carolina Hurricanes rallied from three goals down to beat the Vancouver Canucks, 8-6, on Tuesday night in Raleigh, N.C.

Jeff Skinner scored two goals, with his second starting Carolina's wild comeback. The Hurricanes scored six goals in the third — including four in a 4:40 span — to erase a 5-2 deficit.

• **BLACKHAWKS 2, RANGERS 1:** Artem Anisimov scored the tiebreaking goal late in the second period to lead Chicago to victory at Madison Square Garden.

Trevor van Riemsdyk also scored as the Central Division leaders improved to 3-0-1 in their last four games.

• **SABRES 6, KINGS 3:** Jack Eichel scored two goals in a 2:08 span of the second period and assisted on another goal to lead Buffalo to victory at home.

Kyle Okposo assisted on three of the Sabres' goals, giving him 11 points in his last 10 games and a team-high 21 points this season.

• **COYOTES 4, RED WINGS 1:** Jamie McGinn scored twice as visiting Arizona handled Detroit .

Lawson Crouse and defenseman Anthony DeAngelo also scored for Arizona. Peter Holland had two assists in his Coyotes debut, and Mike Smith had 37 saves.

• **SHARKS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2 (SO):** Logan Couture scored the only goal in a shootout as San Jose rallied to win in Toronto.

San Jose trailed 2-0 before Justin Braun and Joe Pavelski scored in a quick burst in the third period.

• **WILD 5, PANTHERS 1:** Devan Dubnyk made 29 saves, and five players scored a goal each as Minnesota won its fifth straight game with a rout in St. Paul, Minn.

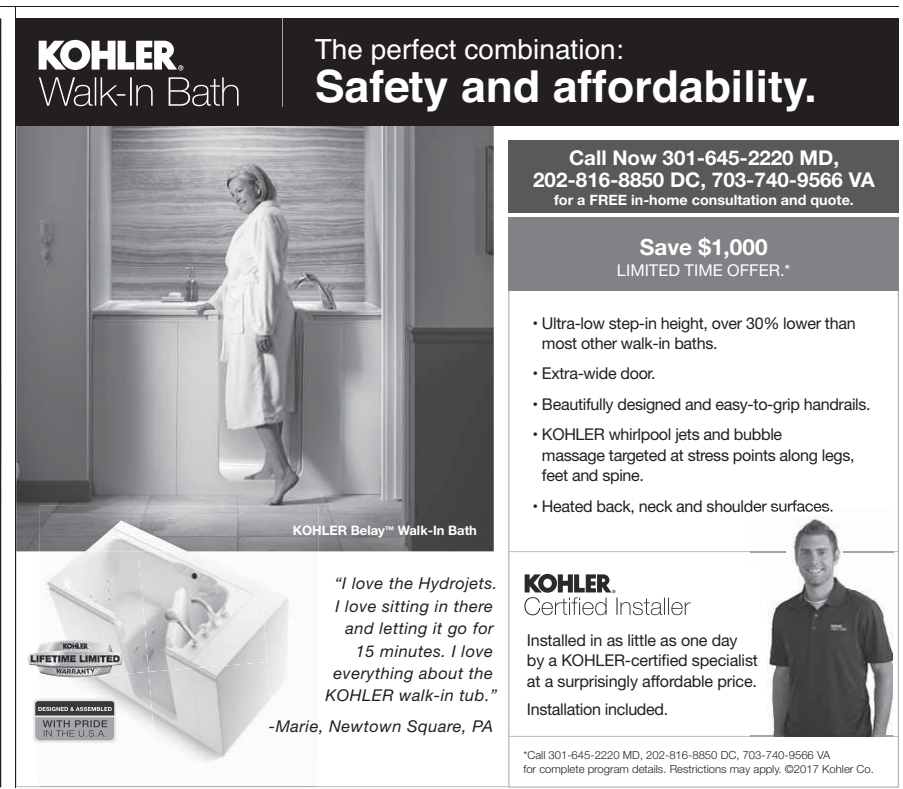
• **PREDATORS 6, BLUES 3:** Mike Fisher scored twice as host Nashville erased a three-goal deficit to beat St. Louis.

James Neal, Filip Forsberg, Ryan Johansen and Mike Ribeiro also scored for Nashville.

• **STARS 6, DUCKS 2:** Dan Hamhuis opened Dallas's five-goal third period with his first goal of the season on his 34th birthday to power the host Stars.

Dallas had lost six of eight.

• **BLUE JACKETS 3, OILERS 1:** Sam Gagner had a goal and an assist as streaking Columbus won its seventh straight game by upending host Edmonton.



NFL REWIND

NFC East

DALLAS (11-2)

September
11: N.Y. Giants, 19-20
18: at Washington, 27-23
25: Chicago, 31-17
October
2: at San Fran., 24-17
9: Cincinnati, 28-14
16: at Green Bay, 30-16
23: Bye
30: Philadelphia, 29-23
November
6: at Cleveland, 35-10
13: at Pittsburgh, 35-30
20: Baltimore, 27-17
24: Washington, 31-26
December
1: at Minnesota, 17-15
11: at N.Y. Giants, 7-10
18: Tampa Bay
26: Detroit
January
1: at Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (5-8)

September
11: Cleveland, 29-10
19: at Chicago, 29-14
25: Pittsburgh, 34-3
October
9: at Detroit, 23-24
9: Bye
16: at Washington, 20-27
23: Minnesota, 21-10
30: at Dallas, 23-29
November
6: at N.Y. Giants, 23-28
13: Atlanta, 24-15
20: at Seattle, 15-26
28: Green Bay, 13-27
December
4: at Cincinnati, 14-32
11: Washington, 22-27
18: at Baltimore
22: N.Y. Giants
January
1: Dallas

NEW YORK (9-4)

September
11: at Dallas, 20-19
18: New Orleans, 16-13
25: Washington, 27-29
October
3: at Minnesota, 10-24
9: at Green Bay, 16-23
16: Baltimore, 27-23
23: at Los Angeles, 17-10
30: Bye
November
6: Philadelphia, 28-23
14: Cincinnati, 21-20
20: Chicago, 22-16
27: at Cleveland, 27-13
December
4: at Pittsburgh, 14-24
11: Dallas, 10-7
18: Detroit
22: at Philadelphia
January
1: at Washington

WASHINGTON (7-5-1)

September
12: Pittsburgh, 16-38
18: Dallas, 23-27
25: at N.Y. Giants, 29-27
October
2: Cleveland, 31-20
9: at Baltimore, 16-10
16: Philadelphia, 27-20
23: at Detroit, 17-20
30: at Cincinnati, 27-27
November
13: Minnesota, 26-20
13: Bye
20: Green Bay, 42-24
24: at Dallas, 26-31
December
4: at Arizona, 23-31
11: at Philadelphia, 27-22
19: Carolina
24: at Chicago
January
1: N.Y. Giants

NFC North

CHICAGO (3-10)

September
11: at Houston, 14-23
19: Philadelphia, 14-29
25: at Dallas, 17-31
October
2: Detroit, 17-14
9: at Indianapolis, 23-29
16: Jacksonville, 16-17
20: at Green Bay, 10-26
31: Minnesota, 20-10
November
13: at Tampa Bay, 10-36
13: Bye
20: at N.Y. Giants, 16-22
27: Tennessee, 21-27
December
4: San Fran., 26-6
11: at Detroit, 17-20
18: Green Bay
24: Washington
January
1: at Minnesota

GREEN BAY (7-6)

September
11: at Jacksonville, 27-23
18: at Minnesota, 14-17
25: Detroit, 34-27
October
9: N.Y. Giants, 23-16
9: Bye
16: Dallas, 16-30
20: Chicago, 26-10
30: at Atlanta, 32-33
November
6: Indianapolis, 26-31
13: at Tennessee, 25-47
20: at Washington, 24-42
28: at Philadelphia, 27-13
December
4: Houston, 21-13
11: Seattle, 38-10
18: at Chicago
24: Minnesota
January
1: at Detroit

DETROIT (9-4)

September
11: at Indianapolis, 39-35
18: Tennessee, 15-16
25: at Green Bay, 27-34
October
2: at Chicago, 14-17
9: Philadelphia, 24-23
16: Los Angeles, 31-28
23: Washington, 20-17
30: at Houston, 13-20
November
6: at Minnesota, 22-16
13: Bye
20: Jacksonville, 26-19
24: Minnesota, 16-13
December
4: at New Orleans, 28-13
11: Chicago, 20-17
18: at N.Y. Giants
26: at Dallas
January
1: Green Bay

MINNESOTA (7-6)

September
11: at Tennessee, 25-16
18: Green Bay, 17-14
25: at Carolina, 22-10
October
3: N.Y. Giants, 24-10
9: Houston, 31-13
16: Bye
23: at Philadelphia, 10-21
31: at Chicago, 10-20
November
6: Detroit, 16-22
13: at Washington, 20-26
20: Arizona, 30-24
24: at Detroit, 13-16
December
1: Dallas, 15-17
11: at Jacksonville, 25-16
18: Indianapolis
24: at Green Bay
January
1: Chicago

NFC South

ATLANTA (8-5)

September
11: Tampa Bay, 24-31
18: at Oakland, 35-28
26: at New Orleans, 45-32
October
2: Carolina, 48-33
9: at Denver, 23-16
16: at Seattle, 24-26
23: San Diego, 30-33
30: Green Bay, 33-32
November
3: at Tampa Bay, 43-28
13: at Philadelphia, 15-24
20: Bye
27: Arizona, 38-19
December
4: Kansas City, 28-29
11: at Los Angeles, 42-14
18: San Fran.
24: at Carolina
January
1: New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (5-8)

September
11: Oakland, 34-35
18: at N.Y. Giants, 13-16
26: Atlanta, 32-45
October
2: at San Diego, 35-34
9: Bye
16: Carolina, 41-38
23: at Kansas City, 21-27
30: Seattle, 25-20
November
6: at San Fran., 41-23
13: Denver, 23-25
17: at Carolina, 20-23
27: Los Angeles, 49-21
December
4: Detroit, 13-28
11: at Tampa Bay, 11-16
18: at Arizona
24: Tampa Bay
January
1: at Atlanta

CAROLINA (5-8)

September
8: at Denver, 20-21
18: San Fran., 46-27
25: Minnesota, 10-22
October
2: at Atlanta, 33-48
10: Tampa Bay, 14-17
16: at New Orleans, 38-41
23: Bye
30: Arizona, 30-20
November
6: at Los Angeles, 13-10
13: Kansas City, 17-20
17: New Orleans, 23-20
27: at Oakland, 32-35
December
4: at Seattle, 7-40
11: San Diego, 28-16
19: at Washington
24: Atlanta
January
1: at Tampa Bay

TAMPA BAY (8-5)

September
11: at Atlanta, 31-24
18: at Arizona, 7-40
25: Los Angeles, 32-37
October
2: Denver, 7-27
10: at Carolina, 17-14
16: Bye
23: at San Fran., 34-17
30: Oakland, 24-30
November
3: Atlanta, 28-43
13: Chicago, 36-10
20: at Kansas City, 19-17
27: Seattle, 14-5
December
4: at San Diego, 28-21
11: New Orleans, 16-11
18: at Dallas
24: at New Orleans
January
1: Carolina

NFC West

ARIZONA (5-7-1)

September
11: New England, 21-23
18: Tampa Bay, 40-7
25: at Buffalo, 18-33
October
2: Los Angeles, 13-17
6: at San Fran., 33-21
17: N.Y. Jets, 28-3
23: Seattle, 6-6
30: at Carolina, 20-30
November
13: San Fran., 23-20
13: Bye
20: at Minnesota, 24-30
27: at Atlanta, 19-38
December
4: Washington, 31-23
11: at Miami, 23-26
18: New Orleans
24: at Seattle
January
1: at Los Angeles

SAN FRANCISCO (1-12)

September
12: Los Angeles, 28-0
18: at Carolina, 27-46
25: at Seattle, 18-37
October
2: Dallas, 17-24
6: Arizona, 21-33
16: at Buffalo, 16-45
23: Tampa Bay, 17-34
30: Bye
November
6: New Orleans, 23-41
13: at Arizona, 20-23
20: New England, 17-30
27: at Miami, 24-31
December
4: at Chicago, 6-26
11: N.Y. Jets, 17-23
18: at Atlanta
24: at Los Angeles
January
1: Seattle

LOS ANGELES (4-9)

September
12: at San Fran., 0-28
18: Seattle, 9-3
25: at Tampa Bay, 37-32
October
2: at Arizona, 17-13
9: Buffalo, 19-30
16: at Detroit, 28-31
23: N.Y. Giants, 10-17
30: Bye
November
6: Carolina, 10-13
13: at N.Y. Jets, 9-6
20: Miami, 10-14
27: at New Orleans, 21-49
December
4: at New England, 10-26
11: Atlanta, 14-42
15: at Seattle
24: San Fran.
January
1: Arizona

SEATTLE (9-3-1)

September
11: Miami, 12-10
18: at Los Angeles, 3-9
25: San Fran., 37-18
October
2: at N.Y. Jets, 27-17
9: Bye
16: Atlanta, 26-24
23: at Arizona, 6-6
30: at New Orleans, 20-25
November
7: Buffalo, 31-25
13: at New England, 31-24
20: Philadelphia, 26-15
27: at Tampa Bay, 5-14
December
4: Carolina, 40-7
11: at Green Bay, 10-38
15: Los Angeles
24: Arizona
January
1: at San Fran.

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Robert Thomas, left, and Romeo Okwara bring down the Cowboys' Dak Prescott during the Giants' 10-7 win Sunday night.

NFL power rankings

Each week, national NFL writer Mark Maske provides his ranking and commentary on all 32 teams. Dive deeper daily on washingtonpost.com/sports.

1. Patriots, 11-2 PREVIOUS: 2
Tom Brady threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns during Monday night's win over Baltimore in New England's first major test since placing TE Rob Gronkowski on injured reserve.

2. Chiefs, 10-3 PREVIOUS: 4
Rookie WR Tyreek Hill is a difference-maker, as his two TDs against Oakland, on a catch and via punt return, showed.

3. Cowboys, 11-2 PREVIOUS: 1
It's not Tony Romo time, but the offense has struggled for two games and it will be fascinating to see what Jerry Jones, Jason Garrett and Dallas do if that continues with Dak Prescott at QB.

4. Raiders, 10-3 PREVIOUS: 3
Derek Carr said the dislocated pinky on his throwing hand wasn't a problem in the loss at K.C. His passing suggested otherwise.

5. Lions, 9-4 PREVIOUS: 6
The injury to the middle finger of the throwing hand of QB Matthew Stafford, reportedly a dislocation and torn ligaments, is a big issue, even as Stafford is expected to continue playing.

6. Giants, 9-4 PREVIOUS: 10
The defense was terrific Sunday night even without injured DE Jason Pierre-Paul, and New York clearly has a formula for beating Dallas. But Eli Manning and the offense will have to be better.

7. Buccaneers, 8-5 PREVIOUS: 8
QB Jameis Winston didn't have a huge game vs. New Orleans, but it was good enough for a fifth straight win for Tampa Bay.

8. Steelers, 8-5 PREVIOUS: 9
Pittsburgh has only itself to blame if it doesn't win the division. The closing schedule: at Bengals, vs. Ravens and vs. Browns.

9. Falcons, 8-5 PREVIOUS: 12
The 42 points Atlanta scored against Los Angeles in Sunday's rout further bolsters offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan's case to land an NFL head coaching job this offseason.

10. Packers, 7-6 PREVIOUS: 13
QB Aaron Rodgers was rather immobile Sunday against Seattle as he added a calf injury to go with his hamstring issue. But Green Bay protected him well and Rodgers was effective again.

11. Seahawks, 8-4-1 PREVIOUS: 5
Injured S Earl Thomas's absence was exploited by Green Bay, and Seattle's pass rush was absent. Russell Wilson was off target. The Seahawks will reach the playoffs; will they be a factor?

12. Dolphins, 8-5 PREVIOUS: 14
The injury to Ryan Tannehill's left knee is not as serious as first feared, leaving open the possibility he will play again this season. But backup QB Matt Moore will need to contribute.

13. Titans, 7-6 PREVIOUS: 15
QB Marcus Mariota struggled in Sunday's victory over Denver, but Tennessee won, a sign of how far this team has come.

14. Broncos, 8-5 PREVIOUS: 7
QB Trevor Siemian was back, but it didn't matter as Denver managed just 10 points at Tennessee. It now seems a long shot that the defending Super Bowl champions will reach the playoffs.

15. Redskins, 7-5-1 PREVIOUS: 18
The defense made a play (finally) late in Philadelphia to seal the win. Washington is in better shape now as the schedule eases.

16. Ravens, 7-6 PREVIOUS: 11
The Ravens made it interesting during the second half Monday night in Foxborough, Mass. But that resulted more from New England's gaffes than from any inspired play by Baltimore.

17. Texans, 7-6 PREVIOUS: 22
Houston has the advantage over Tennessee in the AFC South race. The Texans already have a win this season over the Titans and host the Jaguars and Bengals before the finale at Nashville.

18. Bengals, 5-7-1 PREVIOUS: 23
Cincinnati is on its first two-game win streak of the season. Playing reeling Philadelphia and winless Cleveland didn't hurt.

19. Vikings, 7-6 PREVIOUS: 24
RB Adrian Peterson could resume practicing soon, but how much would he be able to help at this point?

20. Panthers, 5-8 PREVIOUS: 25
Carolina's reunion with Josh Norman comes Monday night at FedEx Field. Maybe retaining Norman wouldn't have kept the Panthers a Super Bowl-caliber team. But it's almost certain that they would be significantly better than they are without him.

21. Colts, 6-7 PREVIOUS: 16
Andrew Luck came up small vs. the Texans with two interceptions to go with two TD passes and a passer rating of 68.4.

22. Cardinals, 5-7-1 PREVIOUS: 17
That's two noteworthy low hits on QBs this season by DE Calais Campbell. He was fined for a hit on Cam Newton, and his low hit Sunday caused Ryan Tannehill's knee injury. However, it appeared that Campbell was shoved into Tannehill.

23. Bills, 6-7 PREVIOUS: 19
Rex Ryan remains coach and said he's sticking with Tyrod Taylor at QB. Big changes still could be coming, beginning with Ryan.

24. Chargers, 5-8 PREVIOUS: 20
The Chargers play two of their final three games at home, which could be their final games in San Diego if they are L.A.-bound.

25. Saints, 5-8 PREVIOUS: 21
Now it's the offense that isn't getting the job done. Drew Brees has six interceptions and no TD passes the past two weeks.

26. Jets, 4-9 PREVIOUS: 29
Second-year QB Bryce Petty wasn't great in his start against the 49ers, but he got better and New York managed to win in OT.

27. Eagles, 5-8 PREVIOUS: 26
Once upon a time, Philadelphia was 3-0 and rookie QB Carson Wentz had five TD passes and no interceptions. Since then, the team is 2-8 and it's eight TDs and 12 interceptions for Wentz.

28. Rams, 4-9 PREVIOUS: 27
The team finally moved on from Jeff Fisher as its coach. The Rams should be attractive to potential coaching candidates, with the lure of L.A. and the talent on the roster.

29. Bears, 3-10 PREVIOUS: 28
Matt Barkley played reasonably well Sunday against Detroit, but realistically he's probably not the answer at QB beyond this year.

30. Jaguars, 2-11 PREVIOUS: 30
Blake Bortles didn't throw an interception for a TD against the Vikings. That qualifies as progress at this point.

31. 49ers, 1-12 PREVIOUS: 31
The best thing about having the No. 2 pick in the NFL draft behind the Browns will be the near certainty that whatever Cleveland does ahead of you will turn out to be the wrong move.

32. Browns, 0-13 PREVIOUS: 32
QB Robert Griffin III was rusty after his long absence. But he looked pretty much the same in the preseason and in the season opener, so perhaps a different explanation is needed.

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NFC Statistics

OFFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	418.3	104.4	313.9
Washington	412.1	109.3	302.8
Atlanta	402.3	106.6	295.7
Dallas	385.2	152.2	233.1
Arizona	363.8	110.6	253.2
Green Bay	357.9	98.6	259.3
Seattle	357.6	104.2	253.5
Tampa Bay	355.2	104.8	250.3
Chicago	344.2	101.3	242.8
Philadelphia	341.4	108.6	232.8
Carolina	340.3	109.2	231.2
Detroit	336.2	83.7	252.5
N.Y. Giants	322.2	78.7	243.5
San Francisco	314.0	136.9	177.1
Minnesota	303.0	73.4	229.6
Los Angeles	286.2	81.1	205.1

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Arizona	298.5	96.8	201.8
Minnesota	304.3	102.1	202.2
Chicago	326.5	107.1	219.5
Seattle	330.2	98.8	231.5
Los Angeles	340.5	110.3	230.2
Philadelphia	344.5	101.4	243.2
Green Bay	347.7	96.2	251.5
N.Y. Giants	349.3	92.7	256.6
Detroit	350.2	97.7	252.5
Dallas	350.9	83.1	267.8
Tampa Bay	360.5	110.7	249.8
Carolina	362.5	90.2	272.4
New Orleans	366.7	98.4	268.3
Washington	370.6	112.8	257.8
Atlanta	376.3	101.1	275.2
San Francisco	415.3	170.8	244.5

PASSING	ATT-CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	RATE
M. Ryan, ATL	442/302	68.3	4050	30	7	113.2
Prescott, DAL	395/260	65.8	3139	20	4	102.7
A. Rodgers, GBY	502/327	65.1	3529	32	7	101.1
Brees, NOR	541/382	70.6	4170	30	14	100.7
Cousins, WAS	495/334	67.5	4045	23	9	100.3
S. Bradford, MIN	427/304	71.2	2954	14	3	98.2
Hoyer, CHI	200/134	67.0	1445	6	0	98.0
Stafford, DET	468/312	66.7	3447	22	7	97.8
Winston, TAM	462/285	61.7	3364	23	12	89.6

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J. Jones, ATL	72	1253	17.4	75	5
Beckham, NYG	79	1109	14.0	75	9
Mi. Evans, TAM	80	1100	13.8	45	10
K. Britt, LA	63	937	14.9	66	5
Jo. Nelson, GBY	75	913	12.2	58	12
Olsen, CAR	65	907	14.0	78	3
D. Adams, GBY	63	897	14.2	66	9
Fitzgerald, ARI	91	892	9.8	32	5

RUSHING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
E. Elliott, DAL	287	1392	4.8	60	12
Da. Johnson, ARI	248	1085	4.4	58	11
Howard, CHI	194	969	5.0	69	5
C. Hyde, SNF	191	879	4.6	47	6
D. Freeman, ATL	182	791	4.3	48	7
Ingram, NOR	150	772	5.1	75	3
Gurley, LA	227	740	3.3	24	5
Kelley, WAS	128	587	4.6	66	5
Stewart, CAR	162	577	3.6	47	8
Mathews, PHL	117	487	4.2	30	7
Christine Michael, SEA	117	469	4.0	41	6

AFC Statistics

OFFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	395.8	115.5	280.3
Oakland	380.3	116.2	264.2
Pittsburgh	374.0	112.8	261.2
Tennessee	372.3	144.5	227.8
Cincinnati	371.1	114.6	256.5
San Diego	360.8	98.0	262.8
Indianapolis	357.3	97.8	259.5
Baltimore	347.7	86.0	261.7
Buffalo	338.2	154.6	183.5
N.Y. Jets	333.8	111.4	222.5
Jacksonville	332.6	99.8	232.8
Kansas City	332.5	96.2	236.4
Denver	328.1	93.8	234.2
Miami	326.7	109.3	217.4
Houston	316.1	126.1	190.0
Cleveland	309.2	96.2	213.0

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Denver	310.7	127.2	183.5
Baltimore	311.5	75.5	236.0
Jacksonville	316.4	113.2	203.2
Houston	318.5	105.8	212.8
New England	338.1	90.2	247.8
Pittsburgh	342.7	90.1	252.6
San Diego	353.3	91.9	261.4
Buffalo	355.4	125.8	229.6
N.Y. Jets	355.5	102.5	253.0
Cincinnati	357.3	119.1	238.2
Tennessee	361.5	86.6	274.9
Miami	367.5	133.8	233.7
Kansas City	374.1	122.9	251.2
Indianapolis	377.8	115.4	262.4
Oakland	384.5	120.2	264.3
Cleveland	396.9	146.2	250.8

PASSING	ATT-CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	RATE
Brady, NE	340/233	68.5	2876	22	2	113.6
Mariota, TEN	398/249	62.6	3086	25	8	99.1
Carr, OAK	499/317	63.5	3492	24	5	96.0
Luck, IND	448/282	62.9	3381	25	10	95.3
Roethlisberger, PIT	440/283	64.3	3254	25	11	95.0
Dalton, CIN	467/302	64.7	3555	16	6	93.8
Tannehill, MIA	389/261	67.1	2995	19	12	93.5
Al. Smith, KC	397/267	67.3	2831	12	5	92.7
Kessler, CLE	192/126	65.6	1369	6	2	92.6

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Hilton, IND	78	1203	15.4	63	6
An. Brown, PIT	93	1130	12.2	51	11
A. Cooper, OAK	73	1010	13.8	64	4
A. Green, CIN	66	964	14.6	54	4
Sanders, DEN	75	958	12.8	64	5
Dem. Thomas, DEN	76	925	12.2	55	5
Landry, MIA	79	923	11.7	71	2
Kelce, KC	70	916	13.1	44	3
Ty. Williams, SD	55	905	16.5	51	6

RUSHING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
D. Murray, TEN	250	1135	4.5	75	9
Bell, PIT	218	1053	4.8	44	6
Blount, NE	248	1029	4.1	44	14
L. Miller, HOU	246	1010	4.1	45	4
Gordon, SD	254	997	3.9	48	10
McCoy, BUF	186	976	5.2	75	10
Ajayi, MIA	193	956	5.0	62	7
Forte, NYJ	214	792	3.7	32	7
Gore, IND	208	790	3.8	22	4
S. Ware, KC	183	790	4.3	46	3
Je. Hill, CIN	195	788	4.0	74	8
Crowell, CLE	155	718	4.6	85	5

AFC East

BUFFALO (6-7)

September
11: at Baltimore, 7-13
15: N.Y. Jets, 31-37
25: Arizona, 33-18
October
2: at New England, 16-0
9: at Los Angeles, 30-19
16: San Fran., 45-16
23: at Miami, 25-28
30: New England, 25-41
November
7: at Seattle, 25-31
13: Bye
20: at Cincinnati, 16-12
27: Jacksonville, 28-21
December
4: at Oakland, 24-38
11: Pittsburgh, 20-27
18: Cleveland
24: Miami
January
1: at N.Y. Jets

NEW ENGLAND (11-2)

September
11: at Arizona, 23-21
18: Miami, 31-24
22: Houston, 27-0
October
2: Buffalo, 0-16
9: at Cleveland, 33-13
16: Cincinnati, 35-17
23: at Pittsburgh, 27-16
30: at Buffalo, 41-25
November
13: Seattle, 24-31
13: Bye
20: at San Fran., 30-17
27: at N.Y. Jets, 22-17
December
4: Los Angeles, 26-10
12: Baltimore, 30-23
18: at Denver
24: N.Y. Jets
January
1: at Miami

MIAMI (8-5)

September
11: at Seattle, 10-12
18: at New England, 24-31
25: Cleveland, 30-24
29: at Cincinnati, 7-22
October
9: Tennessee, 17-30
16: Pittsburgh, 30-15
23: Buffalo, 28-25
30: Bye
November
6: N.Y. Jets, 27-23
13: at San Diego, 31-24
20: at Los Angeles, 14-10
27: San Fran., 31-24
December
4: at Baltimore, 6-38
11: Arizona, 26-23
17: at N.Y. Jets
24: at Buffalo
January
1: New England

NEW YORK (4-9)

September
11: Cincinnati, 22-23
15: at Buffalo, 37-31
25: at Kansas City, 3-24
October
2: Seattle, 17-27
9: at Pittsburgh, 13-31
17: at Arizona, 3-28
23: Baltimore, 24-16
30: at Cleveland, 31-28
November
6: at Miami, 23-27
13: Los Angeles, 6-9
20: Bye
27: New England, 17-22
December
5: Indianapolis, 10-41
11: at San Fran., 23-17
17: Miami
24: at New England
January
1: Buffalo

AFC North

BALTIMORE (7-6)

September
11: Buffalo, 13-7
18: at Cleveland, 25-20
25: at Jacksonville, 19-17
October
2: Oakland, 27-28
9: Washington, 10-16
16: at N.Y. Giants, 23-27
23: at N.Y. Jets, 16-24
30: Bye
November
6: Pittsburgh, 21-14
10: Cleveland, 28-7
20: at Dallas, 17-27
27: Cincinnati, 19-14
December
4: Miami, 38-6
12: at New England, 23-30
18: Philadelphia
25: at Pittsburgh
January
1: at Cincinnati

CLEVELAND (0-13)

September
11: at Philadelphia, 10-29
18: Baltimore, 20-25
25: at Miami, 24-30
October
2: at Washington, 20-31
9: New England, 13-33
16: at Tennessee, 26-28
23: at Cincinnati, 17-31
30: N.Y. Jets, 28-31
November
6: Dallas, 10-35
10: at Baltimore, 7-28
20: Pittsburgh, 9-24
27: N.Y. Giants, 13-27
December
11: Cincinnati, 10-23
11: Bye
18: at Buffalo
24: San Diego
January
1: at Pittsburgh

CINCINNATI (5-7-1)

September
11: at N.Y. Jets, 23-22
18: at Pittsburgh, 16-24
25: Denver, 17-29
29: Miami, 22-7
October
9: at Dallas, 14-28
16: at New England, 17-35
23: Cleveland, 31-17
30: Washington, 27-27
November
14: at N.Y. Giants, 20-21
13: Bye
20: Buffalo, 12-16
27: at Baltimore, 14-19
December
4: Philadelphia, 32-14
11: at Cleveland, 23-10
18: Pittsburgh
24: at Houston
January
1: Baltimore

PITTSBURGH (8-5)

September
12: at Washington, 38-16
18: Cincinnati, 24-16
25: at Philadelphia, 3-34
October
2: Kansas City, 43-14
9: N.Y. Jets, 31-13
16: at Miami, 15-30
23: New England, 16-27
30: Bye
November
6: at Baltimore, 14-21
13: Dallas, 30-35
20: at Cleveland, 24-9
24: at Indianapolis, 28-7
December
4: N.Y. Giants, 24-14
11: at Buffalo, 27-20
18: at Cincinnati
25: Baltimore
January
1: Cleveland

AFC South

HOUSTON (7-6)

September
11: Chicago, 23-14
18: Kansas City, 19-12
22: at New England, 0-27
October
2: Tennessee, 27-20
9: at Minnesota, 13-31
16: Indianapolis, 26-23
24: at Denver, 9-27
30: Detroit, 20-13
November
13: at Jacksonville, 24-21
13: Bye
21: at Oakland, 20-27
27: San Diego, 13-21
December
4: at Green Bay, 13-21
11: at Indianapolis, 22-17
18: Jacksonville
24: Cincinnati
January
1: at Tennessee

JACKSONVILLE (2-11)

September
11: Green Bay, 23-27
18: at San Diego, 14-38
25: Baltimore, 17-19
October
2: Indianapolis, 30-27
9: Bye
16: at Chicago, 17-16
23: Oakland, 16-33
27: at Tennessee, 22-36
November
6: at Kansas City, 14-19
13: Houston, 21-24
20: at Detroit, 19-26
27: at Buffalo, 21-28
December
4: Denver, 10-20
11: Minnesota, 16-25
18: at Houston
24: Tennessee
January
1: at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (6-7)

September
11: Detroit, 35-39
18: at Denver, 20-34
25: San Diego, 26-22
October
2: at Jacksonville, 27-30
9: Chicago, 29-23
16: at Houston, 23-26
23: at Tennessee, 34-26
30: Kansas City, 14-30
November
6: at Green Bay, 31-26
13: Bye
20: Tennessee, 24-17
24: Pittsburgh, 7-28
December
5: at N.Y. Jets, 41-10
11: Houston, 17-22
18: at Minnesota
24: at Oakland
January
1: Jacksonville

TENNESSEE (7-6)

September
11: Minnesota, 16-25
18: at Detroit, 16-15
25: Oakland, 10-17
October
2: at Houston, 20-27
9: at Miami, 30-17
16: Cleveland, 28-26
23: Indianapolis, 26-34
27: Jacksonville, 36-22
November
6: at San Diego, 35-43
13: Green Bay, 47-25
20: at Indianapolis, 17-24
27: at Chicago, 27-21
December
11: Denver, 13-10
11: Bye
18: at Kansas City
24: at Jacksonville
January
1: Houston

AFC West

DENVER (8-5)

September
8: Carolina, 21-20
18: Indianapolis, 34-20
25: at Cincinnati, 29-17
October
2: at Tampa Bay, 27-7
9: Atlanta, 16-23
13: at San Diego, 13-21
24: Houston, 27-9
30: San Diego, 27-19
November
6: at Oakland, 20-30
13: at New Orleans, 25-23
20: Bye
27: Kansas City, 27-30
December
4: at Jacksonville, 20-10
11: at Tennessee, 10-13
18: New England
25: at Kansas City
January
1: Oakland

OAKLAND (10-3)

September
11: at New Orleans, 35-34
18: Atlanta, 28-35
25: at Tennessee, 17-10
October
2: at Baltimore, 28-27
9: San Diego, 34-31
16: Kansas City, 10-26
23: at Jacksonville, 33-16
30: at Tampa Bay, 30-24
November
6: Denver, 30-20
13: Bye
21: Houston, 27-20
27: Carolina, 35-32
December
4: Buffalo, 38-24
8: at Kansas City, 13-21
18: at San Diego
24: Indianapolis
January
1: at Denver

KANSAS CITY (10-3)

September
11: San Diego, 33-27
18: at Houston, 12-19
25: N.Y. Jets, 24-3
October
2: at Pittsburgh, 14-43
9: Bye
16: at Oakland, 26-10
23: New Orleans, 27-21
30: at Indianapolis, 30-14
November
6: Jacksonville, 19-14
13: at Carolina, 20-17
20: Tampa Bay, 17-19
27: at Denver, 30-27
December
4: at Atlanta, 29-28
8: Oakland, 21-13
18: Tennessee
25: Denver
January
1: at San Diego

SAN DIEGO (5-8)

September
11: at Kansas City, 27-33
18: Jacksonville, 38-14
25: at Indianapolis, 22-26
October
2: New Orleans, 34-35
9: at Oakland, 31-34
13: Denver, 21-13
23: at Atlanta, 33-30
30: at Denver, 19-27
November
6: Tennessee, 43-35
13: Miami, 24-31
20: Bye
27: at Houston, 21-13
December
4: Tampa Bay, 21-28
11: at Carolina, 16-28
18: Oakland
24: at Cleveland
January
1: Kansas City

Relocation games: Chargers, Raiders pursue moves

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said a decision will come after the Chargers' season is completed.

The owners hope to emerge from Wednesday's meeting with a better grasp of both situations, even if there are no firm public proclamations.

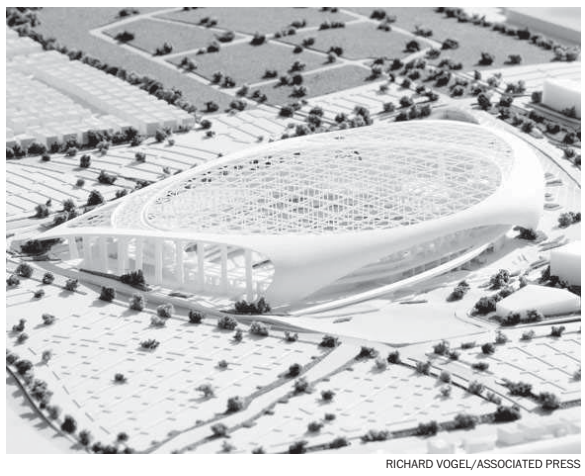
"I suppose we will find out something at this meeting," the high-ranking team official said.

The owners are expected to discuss the Raiders' stadium situation and take up a few matters related to the Chargers' prospective Los Angeles move.

"With the Raiders, there are some moving parts there," another person with knowledge of the league's inner workings said. "That will take a while to work itself out. I think there's some pretty strong sentiment that people would like to see them stay in Oakland. But we have to see if that's possible. It might not be, and then we'd have to take up the Las Vegas deal. . . . With the Chargers, that's really up to Dean. That's really his call and their call."

The owners in January ratified the Rams' move from St. Louis to Los Angeles and gave the Chargers their option to join. If that option is not exercised by the Chargers and the Jan. 15 deadline is not extended, the option to join the Rams would pass to the Raiders. The Rams are playing this season in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum while their new stadium in Inglewood, Calif., is under construction.

The owners are to consider two measures Wednesday related to a potential Chargers move. One is the Chargers' lease agreement with the Rams in Inglewood. The other is a debt waiver that would allow the Chargers to finance a portion of a Los Angeles relocation fee.



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The Chargers would eventually play in the above stadium in 2019 in Inglewood if the NFL approves an eventual move to Los Angeles.

In neither case, the person with knowledge of the situation said, would ratification by the owners necessitate a Chargers move.

But a third person familiar with the deliberations said the owners' approvals of the Chargers-Rams lease deal and the debt waiver would be important precursors to a potential Chargers' move.

"There are a couple things that have to happen first," that person said. "There are still discussions going on. This is a very difficult decision for him [Spanos]. . . . This meeting is important but it's not determinative. There have to be some i's dotted and some t's crossed. [But] I'm not sure we'll be in a much different place tomorrow than we are today."

Spanos's decision could become even more wrenching if the league intervenes by coming up with creative ways to attempt to keep the Chargers in place and retain the NFL's presence in the San Diego market. The San Diego Union-Tribune reported that NFL officials are considering possibilities that include a loan on terms favorable to the team, a league investment in a stadium project in San Diego or a pledge to hold two Super Bowls there in a short span of time.

Voters in San Diego last month rejected a measure to provide public financing for a new stadium there for the Chargers. The measure required a two-thirds approval but was supported by only about 43 percent of the voters. The defeat left Spanos and the Chargers to sort through options that include moving to Los Angeles or remaining in San Diego and making another attempt to get stadium funding approved, perhaps with a legal challenge to reduce the ratification threshold to 50 percent of the voters.

Four city council members in San Diego reportedly planned to send Spanos a letter Tuesday offering Spanos a lease for $1 per year for 99 years at the site of Qualcomm Stadium to renew negotiations on a new stadium. Copies of the letter were to be sent to the owners and to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, according to the Associated Press. There also has been speculation about the possibility of the team exploring possible stadium options in San Diego County outside the city.

Davis repeatedly has said he is committed to taking his team to Las Vegas, where funding for a new stadium for the team has been approved. But there are potential issues with ratification by the owners, given the apparent concerns by some about the size of the Las Vegas market and the involvement of casino mogul Sheldon Adelson in the deal.

Oakland is making its pitch to keep the team, crafting terms of a prospective new-stadium deal with a group of investors and developers that includes Pro Football Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott. But city leaders have not been dealing directly with Davis and the Raiders. League and team officials reportedly met Monday with representatives of the city and the development group, and the city council was to consider the stadium-proposal terms Tuesday.

It's not clear whether the stadium deliberations in Oakland will influence Davis, who has said he is focused solely on the planned move to Vegas. But those deliberations could affect sentiment among the other owners who must ratify the move. Goodell has said the league's preference is to see the Raiders remain in Oakland if possible.

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Norris is Nats' heir apparent at catcher as Ramos departs

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Wilson Ramos officially signed with the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday, a few days after agreeing to a two-year deal worth $12.5 million guaranteed plus incentives, which formally concluded Ramos's career with the Nationals. A return was never likely, even before the catcher tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee for the second time in five years in late September. The outcome was cemented when Washington acquired Derek Norris from the San Diego Padres on Dec. 2.

Norris hasn't played a major league game in a Nationals uniform, but he isn't a stranger to the franchise. He was a fourth-round draft pick in 2007 and was raised in the organization's farm system for five seasons, reaching Class AA Harrisburg in 2011 before he was traded to the Oakland Athletics as part of the four-player package for Gio Gonzalez.

Five years later, Norris is back, and he figures to supplant Jose Lobaton and Pedro Severino atop the depth chart to replace Ramos, a Silver Slugger Award-winner in 2016, after Norris's worst offensive season as a major leaguer. He finished with the lowest batting average (.186) and third-lowest on-base-plus-slugging percentage (.583) among the 268 players with at least 300 plate appearances.

"Awful" was how the 27-year-old Norris assessed his production over the weekend at the team's Winterfest event. He and the Nationals are confident it can't get any worse. A .238 batting average on balls in play, the sixth-lowest in baseball, two years removed from an all-star appearance with the Athletics provides some validation. Defensively, Norris was second among catchers in defensive runs saved and has earned praise for his game-calling.

"Last year's last year," Norris said. "That's not what I'm about. I think everybody knows that's not the kind of offensive player I am. I have to show that this year."

Lobaton, who re-signed with the Nationals the day before Norris was acquired, admitted he was initially confused when he heard about Norris's addition and wondered whether another move would follow. One hasn't, at least not yet, and all indications are that Lobaton will start the season as Norris's backup and Severino, who turns 24 in July, will be in Class AAA.

"I figured out I couldn't do anything and I just got to show up at spring training and do my best," the 32-year-old Lobaton said. "That was the big thing."

Severino is playing in the Dominican winter league under former Nationals manager Manny Acta and recently missed time with shoulder inflammation, but he said he has recovered.

"Every year I'm just working on my offense and I'm just trying to hit more than I can," Severino said. "My defense, I don't want to say it's the best, but I know it's good. So I don't want to throw it away, but I don't want to work on it more than my offense. So I just want to keep working on my offense and show everybody I can hit in the big leagues. That's all I'm doing right now."

Nationals officials have insisted Severino is a future big league catcher, but, barring an injury or a move this offseason, he'll probably have to wait another year to break spring training on an Opening Day roster. Derek Norris is Washington's catcher for now.

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Hart propels top-ranked Wildcats to rout of Owls

VILLANOVA 78, TEMPLE 57

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Josh Hart shined again as a player of the year candidate in front of a slew of NBA stars that had to know he will join them next season.

"Josh Hart everyone!" teammate Kris Jenkins yelled as the Wildcats entered the media center.

Hart raised his arms in triumph.

"The guy who made the shot right behind me," Hart said.

Jenkins's national title game-winner earned Villanova a trip to the White House. Once a player meets the president, Joel Embiid, Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan watching courtside fail to awe as much as some all-stars.

"If President Obama's here, I wouldn't mind too much," said Hart, a former Sidwell Friends standout.

Hart shook off a slow start to score 26 points and lead No. 1 Villanova to its 17th straight win, 78-57 over Temple on Tuesday night in Villanova, Pa.

Already the top team in the country, the Wildcats (11-0) again staked their claim as the best in Philadelphia.

The Wildcats romped to their 18th straight Big 5 victory, and finished 4-0 this season against the Owls, Saint Joseph's, Penn and La Salle. The Wildcats fattened their season record against Philly teams and haven't lost any game since they fell to Seton Hall in the Big East championship game.

Shizz Alston Jr. led Temple (7-4) with 12 points. The Owls had 12 turnovers on 31 possessions in the first half.

• CINCINNATI 96, TEXAS SOUTHERN 58: Freshman Jarron Cumberland scored a career-high 18 points — all in the second half — as the No. 25 Bearcats, playing at home, pulled away to their most lopsided victory of the season.

Cincinnati (8-2) was coming off a 75-65 loss at Butler on Saturday.

Demontrae Jefferson scored 13 points for Texas Southern (4-6), which is in a stretch of 16 straight road games to open the season.

No. 5 Miss. St. women roll

Victoria Vivians scored 17 points as No. 5 Mississippi State pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 58-44 victory over host Arkansas-Little Rock. The Bulldogs moved to 10-0; the Trojans are 5-5.

With new goals for diversity, MLB is striving to change its image

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ticularly important."

Those new initiatives come on the heels of baseball's new labor agreement, which, for the first time, included a defined anti-hazing policy, pushed by the owners' negotiators, outlawing clubhouse rituals (including rookie hazing) that may be viewed as insensitive to individuals based on their "race, color, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation [or] gender identity."

"On big things like diversity and social responsibility, you have to keep beating people over the head at meetings," said Dan Halem, MLB's chief legal officer and one of the authors of the anti-hazing policy. "Baseball people are so busy, and they're so focused on other stuff, you have to keep reinforcing it in whatever you do. That's why the winter meetings are a good place for it."

For longtime industry insiders, a simple walk around Gaylord National during the winter meetings was enough evidence that a shift is happening. At the industry's largest annual gathering of team executives, agents, minor league personnel, medical and training staff, league employees and media — plus a horde of job-seekers — there appeared to be more minorities and women on site than ever before.

"I can feel a transformation as an industry," said Tyrone Brooks, a University of Maryland alum with 20 years of front-office experience with three clubs who became senior director of MLB's Diversity Pipeline Program. "Visually, just seeing all the minority and female candidates running around the hotel, asking questions — there is a pool of candidates coming through the system, and the clubs are open to how they can help those individuals get in the door."

But it takes a relative newcomer to the sport to understand the opposite view: how far there is still to go. This was the first winter meetings for Renee Tirado, hired in January as MLB's senior director of recruitment following three years at AIG and three before that at the U.S. Tennis Association — and her first assessment of baseball's diversity, based on what she saw at the winter meetings, was less enthusiastic.

"I can see where the work needs to be done," she said. "Baseball, I can say wholeheartedly, is a great group of people — really dedicated, a lot of passion — but there's a lack of diversity there. . . . It's encouraging, because I can see exactly where my markers need to be. There is an 'old boy network,' but I don't think it's a resistance to diversity or gender. I just think it's a matter of changing their perspective of what a talented person looks like."

That lack of diversity, of course, is most glaring at times such as the annual managers' lunch reception, when the assembled American League and National League managers gather for group photos, or when a parade of general managers comes through the media room for news conferences announcing trades or free agent signings. At those times, it is clear baseball's power structure remains overwhelmingly white and male.

This offseason, of three managerial openings in the majors, one went to a minority: Rick Renteria with the Chicago White Sox. But in a sport in which nearly 30 percent of the players are Latino, Renteria will begin 2017 as the only Latin American manager. Two other managers, from a total pool of 30, are African American: Washington's Dusty Baker and the Dodgers' Dave Roberts (who is of mixed African American and Asian descent), both hired before the 2016 season.

In front offices, the numbers are no better. Only three teams' baseball operations are headed by a minority: Miami (Mike Hill), the White Sox (Kenny Williams) and Detroit (Al Avila). Another African American head of baseball ops, Arizona GM Dave Stewart, was fired in October and replaced by a white male, Mike Hazen.

"We've got to have more candidates than Kenny Williams and Dave Stewart in the front office," Baker said earlier this year. "We've got to have more managers than me and Dave Roberts. There are candidates out there [who] are not even getting a sniff. . . . I've got my thoughts, but you've got to ask those — not me — who are doing the hiring."

Manfred has argued that the makeup of the managerial and GM positions is of a "cyclical nature" and said baseball is trying to tackle the problem by not only focusing on the top jobs — as it has for years, with rules requiring teams to interview minority candidates for those top positions — but also on increasing the pool of minority candidates at lower levels.

"It's impossible to give people a complete view of the diversity in the off-field component of the game," he said. "We're going to continue to make efforts to promote diversity in all our positions, but especially our most visible ones, and look really hard at longer-term programs to make sure we have as robust a qualified pool of candidates as we can possibly develop."

Added Halem: "Look, we need more diversity at every level, and the only way to get more diversity at the senior level is to have more diversity below, and at the entry level, and by focusing on developing people. . . . That's why we keep trying to reinforce and re-instill the message that you should be thinking about diversity in every hiring decision. We're going to keep doing it until we see results."

Tirado, as a relative newcomer to the sport, understands the cynical perception that baseball's enhanced diversity initiatives are merely designed to deflect attention from the lack of diversity at the managerial and senior executive level. But it is a viewpoint she rejects.

"This is not lip service. This is part of our core values," she said. "The commitment is there from leadership. This is a top-down approach. This is not our little group saying, 'This is something we have to do.' We have the commissioner's blessing to go for it, make something happen, stir some things up — and do it in a way that's going to be completely supported by him and our leadership.

"From my experience, having worked in diversity at other organizations, that's a turning point for us."

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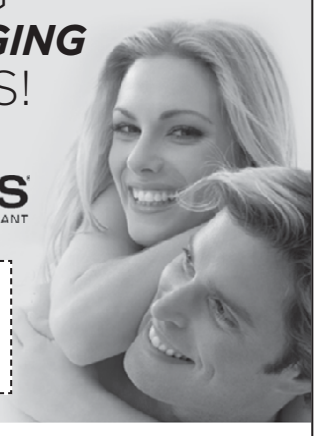

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In college football, the rich get richer, while the poor must look for new coaches

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operation changes."

This isn't necessarily a new divide, but for all the Boise States and Central Floridas in the past, it remains stark. There is, of course, the matter of salary; Herman made $1.35 million at Houston and will make $5 million at Texas. But the divide is greater than that.

"For coaches at this level, I don't think it's always the salary piece," Yurachek said. "They want to compete for championships — not just conference championships, but potentially national championships. I think that's why coaches leave."

This season, just three Football Bowl Subdivision coaches decided willfully to leave for another job: Herman, Temple's Matt Rhule and South Florida's Willie Taggart. All three went to schools in the Power Five — the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pacific-12 or Southeastern Conference. Go back to last season: Six FBS coaches who posted winning records departed for better positions. Four went to Power Five programs. The exceptions: a departure for an NFL offensive coordinator job and a move from Georgia Southern to Tulane. Yes, P.J. Fleck remained at Western Michigan, but if he is on the sideline in Kalamazoo for the Broncos' opener in 2020, I'll buy season tickets.

So Herman to Texas? Fine. A no-brainer. However short your list — three? five? certainly 10 — Texas is among the top jobs in the country. (We'll avoid, for now, a personal favorite parlor game: Rank the top 25 college football (or basketball) jobs in the country. Hours of fun!)

But Matt Rhule went 10-3 at Temple and promptly departed for . . . Baylor. *Baylor?* Baylor. Now, Temple is no Penn State, for sure, but Baylor is no Texas, either. But like Houston, Temple is in the American Athletic Conference. The best season in the American Athletic Conference provides no path to the College Football Playoff now, nor did it provide a path to the Bowl Championship Series in the past.

Houston, in fact, had the most realistic possible route this year: a veteran team with a dynamic young coach, a schedule that featured enough nonconference heavyweights (Oklahoma and Louisville) that going 13-0 might have gotten the Cougars into the playoff, and a ranking that reached as high as No. 5. How many planets have to align for such a ride? Consider that college football schedules are assembled five years in advance. Whether you end up with Louisville in a year when it has the Heisman Trophy winner or Louisville when it goes 7-6 is essentially throwing your potential playoff fate to a random generator.

So the cycle plays out. Look again at Temple. Al Golden went 10-26 over his first three seasons, followed by going 9-4 and 8-4 — and skipped town for Miami. Steve Addazio replaced him, went 9-4 with Golden's players, slipped to 4-7 a year later — and still got the job at Boston College. Rhule's first two seasons were 8-16 combined, but a 20-7 mark over the next two years made him a commodity, and he moved to Baylor, which is rebuilding from a sexual assault scandal that brought down the football coach, athletic director and school president. But from a potential coach's perspective? It's got a spot in the Big 12.

Cincinnati produced, in succession, Mark Dantonio for Michigan State, Brian Kelly for Notre Dame and Butch Jones for Tennessee. Boise State produced, in succession, Dirk Koetter for Arizona State, Dan Hawkins for Colorado and Chris Petersen for Washington — where he not only won the Pac-12 championship this year but where he will coach in the playoff, something that would be nearly impossible to do at Boise.

Even coaching contracts, for years, have been structured in a way that hurt the schools outside the Power Five. If a coach had a four-year, $8 million deal and the school decided to fire him after one year, it was still on the hook for the remaining $6 million. But those same deals had buyouts at, say, $1 million — so if the coach decided to leave, he or his new school could make it happen.

"All the schools and athletic directors just laid down and let it happen," Fertitta said.

With all that in mind, Herman's contract contained a provision that *if* the Big 12 accepted Houston *and* Herman remained for two years, he'd receive a $5 million bonus.

So the Big 12 offered a tantalizing possibility not just for Houston, but for South Florida and Memphis and the other schools that were to be considered. (Wait, what do those schools have in common? Why, Taggart just left South Florida for Oregon. Last year, Memphis's coach, Justin Fuente, bolted for Virginia Tech.)

"We're fighting and scratching and clawing every day for what we need for our programs," Yurachek said.

Monday, Yurachek helped introduce former offensive coordinator Major Applewhite as Herman's replacement. Tuesday, he and the Cougars boarded flights to Las Vegas, where they'll face San Diego State in the Las Vegas Bowl. If that sounds a long way from the College Football Playoff, it's because it is. But it's even further away from being in position to retain a hot young coach and sustain excellence.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	17	7	.708	—
New York	14	11	.560	3½
Boston	13	11	.542	4
Brooklyn	6	17	.261	10½
Philadelphia	6	18	.250	11

SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	11	.560	—
Atlanta	12	13	.480	2
Orlando	11	15	.423	3½
Washington	9	14	.391	4
Miami	8	17	.320	6

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	5	.783	—
Chicago	13	11	.542	5½
Indiana	13	12	.520	6
Detroit	13	13	.500	6½
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	5	.792	—
Houston	18	7	.720	1½
Memphis	17	9	.654	3
New Orleans	8	18	.308	12
Dallas	6	18	.250	13

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	15	9	.625	—
Utah	15	10	.600	½
x-Portland	12	14	.462	4
Denver	9	16	.360	6½
Minnesota	7	18	.280	8½

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	22	4	.846	—
L.A. Clippers	18	7	.720	3½
Sacramento	9	15	.375	12
L.A. Lakers	10	17	.370	12½
Phoenix	8	17	.320	13½

x-late game

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Miami 112, Washington 101
Indiana 110, Charlotte 94
Toronto 122, Milwaukee 100
Houston 122, Brooklyn 118
Dallas 112, Denver 92
L.A. Clippers 121, Portland 120
Sacramento 116, L.A. Lakers 92

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland 103, Memphis 86
Orlando 131, Atlanta 120
Golden State 113, New Orleans 109
Minnesota 99, Chicago 94
Phoenix 113, New York 111, OT
Oklahoma City at Portland, Late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Charlotte at Washington, 7
Indiana at Miami, 7
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7:30
Cleveland at Memphis, 8
Sacramento at Houston, 8
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9
Boston at San Antonio, 9:30

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Milwaukee, 8
Indiana at New Orleans, 8
Portland at Denver, 9
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9
New York at Golden State, 10:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Washington, 7
Brooklyn at Orlando, 7
Atlanta at Toronto, 7:30
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 8
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 8
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8
New Orleans at Houston, 8
Sacramento at Memphis, 8
Dallas at Utah, 10:30

Suns 113, Knicks 111 (OT)

NEW YORK	25	21	27	28	10	—111
PHOENIX	31	23	31	16	12	—113

NEW YORK: Anthony 3-15 7-8 13, Porzingis 12-23 6-7 34, Noah 3-5 2-7 8, Rose 0-6 2-2 2, Lee 6-8 0-0 14, Kuzminskas 0-3 1-2 1, Thomas 1-4 3-3 6, O'Quinn 9-16 4-6 22, Jennings 1-6 1-1 3, Baker 0-3 0-0 0, Holiday 3-8 2-2 8. **Totals** 38-97 28-38 111.

PHOENIX: Tucker 6-13 0-2 13, Chriss 5-12 3-3 14, Chandler 5-8 3-3 13, Bledsoe 9-21 12-12 31, Booker 3-16 5-5 12, Dudley 2-4 0-0 6, Williams 0-0 1-2 1, Bender 1-3 0-0 3, Knight 4-11 4-6 14, Barbosa 3-5 0-0 6. **Totals** 38-93 28-33 113.

Three-point Goals: New York 7-20 (Porzingis 4-4, Lee 2-3, Thomas 1-2, Baker 0-1, Rose 0-1, O'Quinn 0-1, Kuzminskas 0-2, Holiday 0-2, Jennings 0-2, Anthony 0-2), Phoenix 9-30 (Dudley 2-3, Knight 2-5, Chriss 1-3, Bender 1-3, Bledsoe 1-4, Tucker 1-5, Booker 1-5, Barbosa 0-2). **Fouled Out:** Porzingis. **Rebounds:** New York 43 (O'Quinn 14), Phoenix 61 (Chandler 23). **Assists:** New York 23 (Jennings, Anthony 5), Phoenix 13 (Bledsoe 8). **Total Fouls:** New York 27, Phoenix 28. **Technicals:** Porzingis 2, Tucker, Chriss, Bledsoe, Chandler. **A:** 16,429 (18,422).

Warriors 113, Pelicans 109

GOLDEN STATE	29	29	37	18	— 113
NEW ORLEANS	35	30	29	15	— 109

GOLDEN STATE: Durant 10-19 6-7 27, Green 4-12 2-2 12, McGee 4-5 1-2 9, Curry 11-23 3-4 30, Thompson 6-16 3-4 17, West 1-4 0-0 2, Looney 0-0 0-0 0, Livingston 2-5 0-0 4, Clark 2-6 0-0 6, McCaw 0-0 0-0 0, Iguodala 2-5 0-0 6. **Totals** 42-95 15-19 113.

NEW ORLEANS: Hill 5-10 0-0 12, Davis 10-14 7-8 28, Ajinca 0-1 0-0 0, Holiday 3-12 3-6 10, Hield 3-7 0-0 7, Williams 1-3 2-2 5, T.Jones 4-6 0-0 8, Frazier 5-9 0-0 13, Galloway 6-14 3-3 20, Moore 2-6 2-2 6. **Totals** 39-82 17-21 109.

Three-point Goals: Golden State 14-34 (Curry 5-9, Clark 2-4, Green 2-5, Iguodala 2-5, Thompson 2-8, Durant 1-3), New Orleans 14-35 (Galloway 5-12, Frazier 3-4, Hill 2-4, Davis 1-1, Williams 1-2, Hield 1-3, Holiday 1-5, T.Jones 0-1, Moore 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Golden State 45 (Green 12), New Orleans 45 (T.Jones 10). **Assists:** Golden State 30 (Green 9), New Orleans 26 (Frazier 8). **Total Fouls:** Golden State 12, New Orleans 18. **Technicals:** Davis.

Magic 131, Hawks 120

ORLANDO	35	37	27	32	— 131
ATLANTA	34	28	34	24	— 120

ORLANDO: Fournier 11-15 0-1 23, Gordon 3-6 0-0 7, Ibaka 11-18 3-3 29, Biyombo 3-4 1-2 7, Augustin 1-4 0-0 3, Rudez 0-3 0-0 0, Green 6-14 3-3 16, Onuaku 0-0 0-0 0, Zimmerman 0-1 0-0 0, Payton 9-12 5-7 26, Meeks 7-10 2-4 20, Hezonja 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 51-87 14-20 131.

ATLANTA: Sefolosha 6-11 4-4 17, Millsap 6-12 3-3 17, Howard 9-10 2-3 20, Schroder 7-16 2-2 19, Hardaway Jr. 4-12 3-3 12, Bembry 0-0 0-0 0, Bazemore 2-9 1-2 5, Prince 2-2 0-0 4, Muscala 3-8 0-0 6, Delaney 2-4 4-4 8, Korver 4-6 0-0 12. **Totals** 45-90 19-21 120.

Three-point Goals: Orlando 15-34 (Meeks 4-6, Ibaka 4-8, Payton 3-3, Gordon 1-3, Augustin 1-3, Fournier 1-4, Green 1-4, Rudez 0-3), Atlanta 11-29 (Korver 4-5, Schroder 3-5, Millsap 2-5, Sefolosha 1-3, Hardaway Jr. 1-6, Delaney 0-1, Muscala 0-1, Bazemore 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Orlando 28 (Biyombo 9), Atlanta 45 (Howard 16). **Assists:** Orlando 36 (Payton 14), Atlanta 29 (Schroder 13). **Total Fouls:** Orlando 17, Atlanta 16. **Technicals:** Atlanta defensive three second, Atlanta team, Howard.

Cavaliers 103, Grizzlies 86

MEMPHIS	20	23	15	28	— 86
CLEVELAND	32	26	15	30	— 103

MEMPHIS: T.Williams 6-16 0-0 13, Randolph 9-15 0-0 18, Green 1-10 0-0 2, Harrison 4-11 4-5 13, Allen 4-9 0-1 8, Martin 3-4 2-2 8, Davis 3-3 0-1 6, Douglas 2-7 0-0 4, Carter 1-4 0-0 3, Daniels 1-6 2-2 5, Baldwin 1-1 4-4 6. **Totals** 35-86 12-15 86.

CLEVELAND: James 9-17 5-8 23, Love 9-17 8-8 29, Thompson 3-6 0-0 6, Liggins 1-7 0-2 3, Smith 8-17 1-2 23, Jefferson 1-3 0-0 2, Frye 2-6 3-3 8, Andersen 0-0 0-0 0, Felder 1-2 0-0 2, McRae 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Shumpert 2-5 0-0 5. **Totals** 37-81 17-23 103.

Three-point Goals: Memphis 4-22 (Carter 1-4, T.Williams 1-4, Harrison 1-5, Daniels 1-5, Randolph 0-1, Green 0-1, Douglas 0-2), Cleveland 12-31 (Smith 6-10, Love 3-6, Liggins 1-3, Shumpert 1-3, Frye 1-4, Jefferson 0-1, James 0-4). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Memphis 43 (Martin 10), Cleveland 46 (Love 13). **Assists:** Memphis 19 (Harrison, Carter 4), Cleveland 21 (James 8). **Total Fouls:** Memphis 23, Cleveland 16. **Technicals:** Memphis coach David Fizdale. **A:** 20,562 (20,562).

T'Wolves 99, Bulls 94

MINNESOTA	22	30	26	21	— 99
CHICAGO	38	18	19	19	— 94

MINNESOTA: Wiggins 8-17 5-6 23, Towns 6-21 3-4 16, Dieng 7-12 1-2 16, Rubio 3-6 4-4 11, LaVine 10-18 3-4 24, Muhammad 2-5 1-2 5, Bjelica 0-2 0-0 0, Aldrich 1-2 0-0 2, Dunn 1-3 0-0 2. **Totals** 38-86 17-22 99.

CHICAGO: Gibson 5-11 0-0 10, Lopez 7-9 0-0 14, Grant 3-6 0-0 8, Wade 4-13 3-6 12, Butler 9-22 8-9 27, McDermott 4-8 0-0 8, Mirotic 1-5 3-4 5, Felicio 2-4 0-0 4, Canaan 3-9 0-0 6. **Totals** 38-87 14-19 94.

Three-point Goals: Minnesota 6-21 (Wiggins 2-4, Rubio 1-1, Dieng 1-2, LaVine 1-4, Towns 1-8, Bjelica 0-1, Dunn 0-1), Chicago 4-15 (Grant 2-2, Butler 1-2, Wade 1-3, McDermott 0-1, Canaan 0-3, Mirotic 0-4). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Minnesota 49 (Towns 12), Chicago 42 (Butler 9). **Assists:** Minnesota 24 (Rubio 10), Chicago 20 (Wade 8). **Total Fouls:** Minnesota 14, Chicago 16. **Technicals:** Wade 2. **Ejected:** Wade. **A:** 21,146 (20,917).

NCAA Men

EAST
Hartford 70, Dartmouth 66
Hofstra 96, Stony Brook 58
U-Mass. 65, N.C. A&T 59
Villanova 78, Temple 57
Yale 90, CCSU 59

SOUTH
Chowan 62, Fayetteville St. 49
Clemson 93, S.C.State 65
Denver 64, South Alabama 51
Georgia Southern 72, Florida Gulf Coast 59
Indiana-Southeast 68, Alice Lloyd 61
LSU 70, N.C. Central 66
Louisiana Tech 65, Prairie View 52
Monmouth (N.J.) 82, Memphis 79
S.C.-Upstate 76, Presbyterian 48
St. Augustine's 64, Virginia St. 58
St. Leo 75, Clayton St. 62
Tennessee 74, Tennessee Tech 68
VMI 88, Charleston Southern 83

MIDWEST
Cincinnati 96, Texas Southern 58
Indiana-East 92, Rio Grande 62
Michigan 97, Cent. Arkansas 53
North Central (Ill.) 68, Albion 57
North Central (Minn.) 76, Gustavus 67
Sioux Falls 84, Mount Marty 50
St. Xavier 106, East-West 79
Wis.-La Crosse 74, Augustana (Ill.) 63
Wright St. 85, Urbana 34

SOUTHWEST
New Mexico St. 79, UTEP 68
Sam Houston St. 78, Sul Ross St. 57

FAR WEST
E. Washington 88, Morehead St. 86 (OT)
Portland St. 110, New Hope Christian 79

No. 1 Villanova 78, Temple 57

Temple (7-4)
Enechionyia 3-9 0-0 8, Aflakpui 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 3-8 0-0 6, Alston 4-11 0-0 12, Dingle 4-10 2-2 11, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, D.Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Robbins 1-1 0-2 3, A.Moore 3-4 0-0 8, Nunez de Carvalho 0-2 0-0 0, Rose 3-9 1-2 7, Lewis 0-1 0-0 0, Leonard 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 22-60 3-6 57.**
Villanova (11-0)
Jenkins 4-10 0-0 12, Reynolds 2-2 3-3 7, Hart 10-19 3-3 26, Brunson 3-6 4-4 13, Bridges 2-3 1-1 5, Delaney 0-0 0-0 0, Painter 0-0 0-0 0, Paschall 4-11 4-5 12, DiVincenzo 0-3 3-4 3. **Totals 25-54 18-20 78.**

Halftime: Villanova 29-16. **Three-point goals:** Temple 10-28 (Alston 4-6, A.Moore 2-3, Enechionyia 2-7, Robbins 1-1, Dingle 1-4, Williams 0-1, Rose 0-1, Leonard 0-1, Brown 0-2, Nunez de Carvalho 0-2), Villanova 10-25 (Jenkins 4-6, Brunson 3-5, Hart 3-8, Bridges 0-1, DiVincenzo 0-2, Paschall 0-3). **Fouled out:** None. **Rebounds:** Temple 29 (Aflakpui 6), Villanova 30 (Jenkins, Reynolds, Paschall 6). **Assists:** Temple 10 (Dingle 3), Villanova 19 (Brunson 6). **Total fouls:** Temple 22, Villanova 10. **A:** 6,500 (6,500).

No. 25 Cincinnati 96, Texas Southern 58

Texas Southern (4-6)
Griffin 4-5 0-0 8, Jones 2-4 0-0 4, Jefferson 4-20 4-6 13, Robinson 1-4 0-0 3, K.Scott 0-3 0-0 0, Bennett 3-6 0-0 6, Rutherford 0-1 1-2 1, Bynum 3-6 1-1 10, McCloud 2-9 5-5 9, Lofton 2-11 0-0 4. **Totals 21-69 11-14 58.**
Cincinnati (8-2)
Moore 2-5 0-0 4, Clark 4-8 5-7 13, Caupain 4-6 0-0 8, Johnson 5-9 0-0 10, Evans 4-7 1-2 10, Bart 0-0 0-0 0, T.Scott 5-10 1-2 11, Tobler 0-0 0-0 0, K.Washington 4-8 0-2 8, Brooks 2-3 2-2 6, Koz 0-1 0-0 0, Jenifer 3-5 1-2 8, Cumberland 7-9 0-0 18. **Totals 40-71 10-17 96.**
Halftime: Cincinnati 37-23. **Three-point goals:** Texas Southern 5-23 (Bynum 3-5, Robinson 1-3, Jefferson 1-7, Jones 0-1, Rutherford 0-1, K.Scott 0-1, McCloud 0-2, Lofton 0-3), Cincinnati 6-17 (Cumberland 4-4, Jenifer 1-3, Evans 1-4, T.Scott 0-1, Koz 0-1, Johnson 0-4). **Fouled out:** Griffin. **Rebounds:** Texas Southern 29 (Griffin 8), Cincinnati 41 (K.Washington 9). **Assists:** Texas Southern 13 (Jefferson 5), Cincinnati 26 (Jenifer 9). **Total fouls:** Texas Southern 12, Cincinnati 12. **A:** 6,612 (13,176).

HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

METROPOLITAN	W	L	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	19	7	3	41	104	84
N.Y. Rangers	20	10	1	41	106	72
Columbus	18	5	4	40	90	57
Washington	18	7	3	39	76	61
Philadelphia	18	10	3	39	101	94
New Jersey	12	10	6	30	69	82
Carolina	12	11	6	30	77	82
N.Y. Islanders	11	12	5	27	73	85

ATLANTIC	W	L	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Montreal	19	6	4	42	92	64
Ottawa	16	11	2	34	70	78
Boston	16	12	2	34	71	71
Tampa Bay	14	13	2	30	81	81
Florida	13	13	4	30	71	82
Detroit	13	13	4	30	71	81
Toronto	11	11	6	28	81	87
Buffalo	11	11	6	28	62	75

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Chicago	19	8	4	42	83	71
Minnesota	16	8	4	36	80	57
St. Louis	16	10	4	36	82	85
Nashville	13	11	4	30	84	81
Dallas	12	13	6	30	81	98
Winnipeg	13	16	3	29	82	96
Colorado	11	15	1	23	60	86

PACIFIC	W	L	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	17	11	1	35	71	63
Anaheim	15	10	5	35	83	81
Edmonton	15	12	5	35	94	88
Calgary	16	13	2	34	81	86
Los Angeles	14	12	2	30	74	76
Vancouver	12	16	2	26	73	94
Arizona	10	14	5	25	66	91

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Pittsburgh 7, Arizona 0
Boston 2, Montreal 1 (OT)

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Buffalo 6, Los Angeles 3
Carolina 8, Vancouver 6
Chicago 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Arizona 4, Detroit 1
San Jose 3, Toronto 2 (SO)
Nashville 6, St. Louis 3
Minnesota 5, Florida 1
Dallas 6, Anaheim 2
Columbus 3, Edmonton 1

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

San Jose at Ottawa, 7
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7:30
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 9:30
Philadelphia at Colorado, 10

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at N.Y. Islanders, 7
Anaheim at Boston, 7
Arizona at Toronto, 7:30
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30
New Jersey at St. Louis, 8
Florida at Winnipeg, 8
Minnesota at Nashville, 8
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Carolina, 7:30
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 7
San Jose at Montreal, 7:30
Columbus at Calgary, 9
Florida at Colorado, 9
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 10

Blackhawks 2, Rangers 1

CHICAGO	0	2	0	— 2
N.Y. RANGERS	0	1	0	— 1

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Chicago, Van riemsdyk 1 (Panarin, Anisimov), 5:18. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Fast 3 (Lindberg), 8:15. 3, Chicago, Anisimov 13 (Panarin, Campbell), 18:51.

SHOTS ON GOAL

CHICAGO	11	7	8	— 26
N.Y. RANGERS	7	16	11	— 34

Power-play opportunities: Chicago 0 of 1; . **Goalies:** Chicago, Darling 7-2-2 (34 shots-33 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Raanta 8-2-0 (26-24). **A:** 18,006 (18,200). **T:** 2:19.

Hurricanes 8, Canucks 6

VANCOUVER	1	4	1	— 6
CAROLINA	2	0	6	— 8

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Carolina, Aho 5 (Pesce, Stempniak), 5:27. 2, Vancouver, Baertschi 5 (Burrows, Horvat), 7:35. 3, Carolina, Skinner 10 (Hanifin, Ryan), 9:25 (pp).

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 4, Vancouver, Burrows 5 (Baertschi, Tryamkin), 4:11. 5, Vancouver, Granlund 6 (Eriksson), 5:24. 6, Vancouver, Hutton 4 (Sutter), 8:47. 7, Vancouver, Baertschi 6 (Sedin, Sedin), 14:19.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 8, Carolina, Skinner 11 (Rask, Ryan), 1:16 (pp). 9, Carolina, Hainsey 2 (Rask, Faulk), 4:14. 10, Carolina, Rask 10 (Ryan, Skinner), 4:38. 11, Carolina, Faulk 4 (Staal, Lindholm), 5:56. 12, Carolina, Staal 6 (Lindholm, Nordstrom), 12:38. 13, Vancouver, Sutter 7 (Gudbranson), 14:10. 14, Carolina, Stempniak 6 (Faulk), 19:02.

SHOTS ON GOAL

VANCOUVER	7	17	10	— 34
CAROLINA	11	10	15	— 36

Power-play opportunities: Vancouver 0 of 2; Carolina 2 of 3. **Goalies:** Vancouver, Markstrom 6-7-2 (5 shots-4 saves), Miller 6-9-0 (30-24). Carolina, Leighton 2-1-0 (16-13), Ward 9-8-5 (18-15). **A:** 11,721 (18,680). **T:** 2:47.

Coyotes 4, Red Wings 1

ARIZONA	2	1	1	— 4
DETROIT	1	0	0	— 1

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Arizona, Deangelo 3 (Ekman-larsson, Rieder), 2:01 (pp). 2, Detroit, Athanasiou 5 (Vanek, Nyquist), 16:12. 3, Arizona, Crouse 2 (Vrbata), 19:44.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 4, Arizona, Mcginn 5 (Chychrun, Holland), 2:39.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 5, Arizona, Mcginn 6 (Holland, Duclair), 11:27.

SHOTS ON GOAL

ARIZONA	6	9	4	— 19
DETROIT	7	13	18	— 38

Power-play opportunities: Arizona 1 of 2; Detroit 0 of 4. **Goalies:** Arizona, Smith 6-4-4 (38 shots-37 saves). Detroit, Howard 5-6-1 (19-15). **A:** 20,027 (20,066). **T:** 2:32.

Wild 5, Panthers 1

FLORIDA	0	0	1	— 1
MINNESOTA	1	2	2	— 5

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Minnesota, Parise 5 (Brodin, Pominville), 11:19.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 2, Minnesota, Haula 5 (Coyle, Niederreiter), 4:11. 3, Minnesota, Staal 7 (Pominville, Spurgeon), 9:46.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 4, Minnesota, Koivu 7 (Granlund, Zucker), 6:04. 5, Minnesota, Zucker 6 (Dumba, Brodin), 8:26. 6, Florida, Mcilrath 1 (Marchessault, Smith), 15:36.

SHOTS ON GOAL

FLORIDA	13	10	7	— 30
MINNESOTA	5	8	9	— 22

Power-play opportunities: Florida 0 of 5; Minnesota 0 of 1. **Goalies:** Florida, Reimer 3-4-2 (5 shots-5 saves), Luongo 10-9-2 (17-12). Minnesota, Dubnyk 14-6-3 (30-29). **A:** 18,754 (18,064). **T:** 2:45.

Sharks 3, Maple Leafs 2 (OT)

SAN JOSE	0	0	2	0	— 3
TORONTO	1	1	0	0	— 2

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Toronto, Hyman 5 (Nylander, Matthews), 6:58.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 2, Toronto, Matthews 13 (Nylander, Gardiner), 7:46 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 3, San Jose, Braun 1 (Karlsson, Tierney), 12:43. 4, San Jose, Pavelski 9 (Burns, Marleau), 14:50 (pp).

SHOOTOUT

San Jose 1 (Couture G), Toronto 0 (Marner NG, Matthews NG, Soshnikov NG).

SHOTS ON GOAL

SAN JOSE	14	12	13	3	— 42
TORONTO	13	7	9	2	— 31

Power-play opportunities: San Jose 1 of 6; Toronto 1 of 3. **Goalies:** San Jose, Jones 14-10-1 (31 shots-29 saves). Toronto, Andersen 11-7-5 (42-40). **A:** 19,380 (18,819). **T:** 2:48.

Sabres 6, Kings 3

LOS ANGELES	1	1	1	— 3
BUFFALO	0	4	2	— 6

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Los Angeles, Kopitar 3 (Muzzin, Lewis), 3:00.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 2, Los Angeles, Carter 13 (Toffoli, Forbort), 7:34. 3, Buffalo, O'reilly 7 (Ristolainen), 9:31. 4, Buffalo, Eichel 4 (Okposo, Moulson), 13:36. 5, Buffalo, Gionta 7 (Falk, Larsson), 13:48. 6, Buffalo, Eichel 5 (Okposo, Moulson), 15:44.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 7, Los Angeles, Carter 14, 4:03. 8, Buffalo, Kane 4 (Okposo, Eichel), 15:42. 9, Buffalo, Reinhart 6 (Ristolainen), 19:34.

SHOTS ON GOAL

LOS ANGELES	13	6	14	— 33
BUFFALO	10	9	7	— 26

Power-play opportunities: ; Buffalo 0 of 1. **Goalies:** Los Angeles, Zatkoff 1-5-0 (3 shots-2 saves), Budaj 13-7-2 (22-18). Buffalo, Lehner 6-9-4 (33-30). **A:** 18,375 (18,690). **T:** 2:27.

Predators 6, Blues 3

ST. LOUIS	2	1	0	— 3
NASHVILLE	0	2	4	— 6

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, St. Louis, Shattenkirk 7 (Tarasenko), 10:12. 2, St. Louis, Reaves 2 (Brodziak, Edmundson), 16:41.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 3, St. Louis, Hunt 1 (Tarasenko, Shattenkirk), 1:49 (pp). 4, Nashville, Neal 12 (Johansen), 4:07. 5, Nashville, Forsberg 3 (Arvidsson, Ekholm), 6:22.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 6, Nashville, Johansen 6 (Wilson), 3:04. 7, Nashville, Fisher 6 (Arvidsson, Wilson), 9:02. 8, Nashville, Ribeiro 4 (Fiala, Smith), 10:31. 9, Nashville, Fisher 7 (Watson), 18:38.

SHOTS ON GOAL

ST. LOUIS	10	8	8	— 26
NASHVILLE	9	15	12	— 36

Power-play opportunities: St. Louis 1 of 1; Nashville 0 of 2. **Goalies:** St. Louis, Allen 14-6-3 (33 shots-28 saves), Hutton 2-4-1 (2-2). Nashville, Rinne 12-7-4 (26-23). **A:** 17,113 (17,113). **T:** 2:29.

Blue Jackets 3, Oilers 1

COLUMBUS	0	1	2	— 3
EDMONTON	1	0	0	— 1

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Edmonton, Pitlick 7 (Letestu, Kassian), 10:06.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 2, Columbus, Gagner 12 (Wennberg, Werenski), 7:59 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 3, Columbus, Atkinson 11 (Wennberg, Gagner), 7:10 (pp). 4, Columbus, Calvert 3 (Anderson), 8:46.

SHOTS ON GOAL

COLUMBUS	5	12	14	— 31
EDMONTON	11	15	8	— 34

Power-play opportunities: Columbus 2 of 5; Edmonton 0 of 4. **Goalies:** Columbus, Bobrovsky 17-5-2 (34 shots-33 saves). Edmonton, Talbot 14-10-4 (31-28). **A:** 18,347 (18,641). **T:** 2:26.

Stars 6, Ducks 2

ANAHEIM	0	1	1	— 2
DALLAS	0	1	5	— 6

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Dallas, Johns 3 (Benn, Seguin), 13:22. 2, Anaheim, Getzlaf 3 (Rakell), 15:36.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 3, Anaheim, Perry 7 (Getzlaf), 1:08 (pp). 4, Dallas, Hamhuis 1 (Spezza, Benn), 5:41 (pp). 5, Dallas, Cracknell 3 (Oduya), 6:33. 6, Dallas, Eaves 11 (Hudler), 10:51. 7, Dallas, Benn 9 (Benn, Seguin), 12:24. 8, Dallas, Faksa 3 (Benn), 13:57.

SHOTS ON GOAL

ANAHEIM	11	14	11	— 36
DALLAS	6	10	11	— 27

Power-play opportunities: Anaheim 1 of 5; Dallas 1 of 4. **Goalies:** Anaheim, Bernier 5-2-1 (2 shots-2 saves), Gibson 10-8-4 (24-19). Dallas, Niemi 6-3-3 (36-34). **A:** 17,543 (18,532). **T:** 2:41.

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS' BASKETBALL
DISTRICT
Friendship Tech 76, Thurgood Marshall 73
SEED 74, Richard Wright 28
MARYLAND
Bowie 70, Suitland 49
High Point 47, Laurel 44
Parkdale 56, C.H. Flowers 46
South River 57, Chesapeake 49
Wise 57, DuVal 39
VIRGINIA
Briar Woods 57, Westfield 44
Centreville 65, Broad Run 60
Edison 104, Falls Church 86
Forest Park 44, Osbourn Park 42
Freedom-Woodbridge 63, Colgan 49
George Mason 57, John Paul the Great 54
Madison 48, Hayfield 47
Manassas Park 66, Brentsville 53
Marshall 45, Jefferson 32
Potomac (Va.) 78, Patriot 46
South County 76, Annandale 56
South Lakes 68, Langley 57
Stone Bridge 66, Chantilly 59
W.T. Woodson 66, Mount Vernon 48
West Potomac 66, West Springfield 57
Yorktown 43, Fairfax 28
PRIVATE
Bullis 70, Avalon 63
Jewish Day 65, Grace Brethren 59
Maret 69, St. Andrew's 58
Paul VI Catholic 62, O'Connell 58
Potomac School 57, Landon 55
Sidwell Friends 52, Georgetown Day 17
St. John's 57, Bishop Ireton 53
St. Mary's Ryken 70, McNamara 58
Trinity Christian 55, Randolph-Macon 46
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
DISTRICT
Bell 65, Washington Latin 30
MARYLAND
Central 69, Chesapeake Math and IT 41
Crossland 89, Surrattsville 28
Douglass 63, Potomac (Md.) 26
Eleanor Roosevelt 67, Northwestern 15
Gwynn Park 55, Largo 53
Oxon Hill 73, Friendly 29
Suitland 65, Bowie 25
VIRGINIA
Centreville 63, Broad Run 30
Chantilly 55, Stone Bridge 40
Fairfax 49, Yorktown 36
Hayfield 58, Madison 42
Herndon 67, Potomac Falls 23
Langley 38, South Lakes 29
Marshall 56, Jefferson 49
McLean 42, Washington-Lee 37
Oakton 58, Tuscarora 31
South County 53, Annandale 51
T.C. Williams 49, Lake Braddock 30
W.T. Woodson 51, Mount Vernon 50
Wakefield 64, Stuart 32
West Potomac 53, West Springfield 51
Westfield 54, Briar Woods 45
Woodbridge 48, Battlefield 41
PRIVATE
Bullis 65, Spalding 49
Elizabeth Seton 80, Carroll 20
Georgetown Visitation 63, National Cathedral 26
Glenelg Country 48, St. Timothy's 39
Holy Child 54, Holy Cross 42
Jewish Day 46, Grace Brethren 42
Maryland School for the Deaf 66, Mount Airy Christian Academy 25
McNamara 85, St. Mary's Ryken 37
Paul VI Catholic 76, O'Connell 21
Potomac School 51, Holton-Arms 39
Riverdale Baptist 45, Three Point Line Christian Academy (Va.) 41
Sidwell Friends 50, Georgetown Day 16
St. John's 71, Bishop Ireton 43
St. Mary's-Annapolis 47, Notre Dame Prep 33
Hebrew Academy 36, Model 31
WRESTLING
MARYLAND
Annapolis 45, Meade 27
Northwest 43, Paint Branch 22
Severna Park 54, Meade 27

BOYS' BASKETBALL

TOP 20

NO. 2 PAUL VI CATHOLIC 62, NO. 6 O'CONNELL 58

PVI (5-0) Slater 16, Thompson 14, Roach 13, Latimer 11, Harris 6, Robinson 2 **Totals 18 11-19 62**.
O (4-2) Johnson 15, Watson 14, Lewis 11, Baucum 7, Heath Jr. 4, Millora-Brown 4, Becht 3 **Totals 20 6-9 58**.
Halftime: Paul VI Catholic, (29-18).
Three-point goals: PVI 5 (Slater 4, Latimer); O 4 (Lewis, Baucum, Johnson, Becht).

NO. 4 POTOMAC (VA.) 78, PATRIOT 46

P (3-4) Delaney 12, Delaney 12, Onwuka 7, Onwuka 7, Cook 5, Watts 5, Marshall 5, Parrish 5, Watts 5, Parrish 5, Cook 5, Marshall 5, Middleton 2, Villani 2, Villani 2, Middleton 2, Singh, Singh **Totals 24 20-26 46**.
P (5-0) Totals 0 0-0 78.
Halftime: Potomac (Va.), (42-26).
Three-point goals: P 8 (Watts, Watts, Singh, Singh, Delaney 2, Delaney 2); P 0 ().

NO. 9 MARET 69, ST. ANDREW'S 58

M (5-0) Davis 17, Garza 16, Bowens 16, Downing 14, Jarvis 6 **Totals 18 12-19 69**.
SA (4-3) Bligen 19, Duruji 17, Nwosu 8, Bascon 5, Smalls 4, Doyle 3, Wood 2 **Totals 15 19-25 58**.
Halftime: Maret, (28-20).
Three-point goals: M 7 (Davis 2, Bowens 3, Downing 2); SA 3 (Bascon, Smalls, Doyle).

NO. 10 WISE 57, DUVAL 39

D (2-1) Hobbs 12, Williams 9, Stone 6, Moore 4, Canaday 4, Rivers 2, Woodson 2 **Totals 14 8-12 39**.
W (2-0) Speight 14, Pegram 14, Barnes 13, Howell 11, Gibbons 5 **Totals 16 13-21 57**.
Halftime: Wise, (35-15).
Three-point goals: D 1 (Stone); W 4 (Pegram 2, Howell 2).

NO. 13 BOWIE 70, SUITLAND 49

B (5-0) Drayton 10, Akingbade 9, Idowu 8, Burke 7, Freeman-Davis 7, Hicks 6, Robinson 6, Harris 6, Gbugu 5, Taylor 4, Garrett Jr. 2 **Totals 26 6-10 70**.
S (2-2) Holloway 12, McCoy 12, Humphries 10, Roberts 8, Hodge 3, Coleman 2, Scott 2 **Totals 15 16-23 49**.
Halftime: Bowie, (40-29).
Three-point goals: B 4 (Burke, Harris 2, Freeman-Davis); S 1 (Holloway).

NO. 15 ST. MARY'S RYKEN 70, MCNAMARA 58

BM (0-5) McGriff 16, Mitchell 15, Kirkland 9, Joyner 8, Mitchell 8, Forbes 2 **Totals 20 3-17 58**.
SMR (4-1) Tabbs 19, Long 17, Greene 12, Young 8, Tull 6, De Pree 4, Eackles 4 **Totals 19 20-24 70**.
Halftime: St. Mary's Ryken, (40-25).
Three-point goals: BM 5 (McGriff 4, Kirkland); SMR 4 (Tabbs, Greene 3).

NO. 16 SIDWELL FRIENDS 52, GEORGETOWN DAY 17

SF (6-2) Williams 19, Young 10, Sallah 4, Bey 4, Rouse 4, Jones 3, Mazlish 2, Chichester 2, Hefter 2, Bobb 2 **Totals 21 4-8 52**.
GD (1-4) Totals 0 0-0 17.
Halftime: Sidwell Friends, (29-7).
Three-point goals: SF 2 (Jones, Williams); GD 0 ().

STONE BRIDGE 66, NO. 18 CHANTILLY 59

SB (3-3) Kling 26, DiLuigi 14, Buckley 12, Warden 3, Ware 3, O'Day, Williams, Foster **Totals 13 16-18 66**.
C (5-1) Ford, Caslavka 11, Carmichael, McHugh 20, Parana 3, Nas 2, Chudasama **Totals 17 16-22 59**.
Halftime: Stone Bridge, (35-32).
Three-point goals: SB 8 (DiLuigi, Buckley, Warden, Kling 5); C 3 (Caslavka, Parana, McHugh).

PVAC

JEWISH DAY 65, GRACE BRETHREN 59

JD (4-2) Knapp 36, Abramowitz 12, Zweben 4, Vardon 3, Stravitz 3, Gershengorn 3, Robinson 2, Stravitz 2 **Totals 21 11-23 65**.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TOP 20

NO. 1 PAUL VI CATHOLIC 76, O'CONNELL 21

O (3-3) Perpignan, Mills 3, Leverone, Hovis, James, Knauf, Millora-Brown 2, Woods 1 **Totals 3 12-20 21**.
PVI (7-0) Barbour 2, Vaughn, Ebo, Diaz 3, Henderson, Klimkiewicz 14, Collins, Garrett, James 3, Scott-Grayson 8, Owusu **Totals 26 9-15 76**.
Halftime: Paul VI Catholic, (50-6).
Three-point goals: O 1 (Leverone); PVI 5 (Klimkiewicz 3, Diaz, Owusu).

NO. 2 ST. JOHN'S 71, BISHOP IRETON 43

SJ (6-0) Beverley, McCray, Sheppard, Carodine 9, Wood 7, Rivera, Scott, Cowan, Tshitenge-Mutumbo 21 **Totals 22 12-22 71**.
BI (4-2) Fairfax, Phillips, Konkwo 16, Shacklford 7, Peters 6, Lohrer, Kennard **Totals 7 14-23 43**.
Halftime: St. John's, (29-17).
Three-point goals: SJ 5 (Beverley 2, Wood, Rivera, Cowan); BI 5 (Fairfax 2, Shacklford, Peters 2).

NO. 4 RIVERDALE BAPTIST 45, THREE POINT LINE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (VA.) 41

RB (8-1) Ezeh 12, Konek 8, Norris 8, Holmes 7, Scott 4, Ivey 3, Belton 3 **Totals 11 14-20 45**.
TPL (0-1) Totals 0 0-0 41.
Halftime: Three Point Line Christian Academy (Va.), (23-22).
Three-point goals: RB 3 (Holmes, Konek 2); TPL 0 ().

NO. 7 OAKTON 58, TUSCARORA 31

O (6-0) Connolly 24, Royle 14, Fee 11, Richardson 4, Plater 3, Mori 2 **Totals 14 6-7 58**.
T (5-2) Middleton 9, Leonard 8, Austin 6, Middleton 4, Cochran 2, Ghiringhelli 2 **Totals 9 4-5 31**.
Halftime: Tuscarora, (25-18).
Three-point goals: O 8 (Royle, Connolly 3, Plater, Fee 3); T 3 (Leonard 2, Middleton).

NO. 8 ELIZABETH SETON 80, CARROLL 20

ES (8-0) Hagood 22, Clayborne 14, Hines 12, Bevans 6, Gray 5, Brown 4, Baldwin 4, White 4, Robinson 3, Ming 2, Johnson 2, Hayes 2 **Totals 28 12-27 80**.
AC (1-3) Johnson, James 10, Green 8, Harris, Bah **Totals 8 4-14 20**.
Halftime: Elizabeth Seton, (57-6).
Three-point goals: ES 4 (Hagood 2, Gray, Robinson); AC 0 ().

NO. 9 GEORGETOWN VISITATION 63, NATIONAL CATHEDRAL 26

NCS (2-4) Davy 6, douki 5, giambi 5, perlmutter 4, Everett 2, Roth 2, Conaghan 2 **Totals 7 9-14 26**.
GV (6-1) Carroll 9, Love-Baker 9, Burke 8, McAvoy 8, Mitchell 8, Sheehy 6, Greenville 4, Castiello 4, Railey 3, Adedze 2, George 2 **Totals 19 4-7 63**.
Halftime: Georgetown Visitation, (37-10).
Three-point goals: NCS 1 (giambi); GV 7 (Love-Baker 3, Railey, McAvoy 2, Burke).

GWYNN PARK 55, NO. 13 LARGO 53

L (2-2) Guihon 23, Reid 22, Hardy-Leach 5, Schwarzmann 3 **Totals 14 16-34 53**.
GP (3-1) Bowman 15, Davis 12, Harkley 12, Jackson-McKennelly 7, Lewis 2, Watkins, Dale 2 **Totals 13 14-35 55**.
Halftime: Largo, (30-22).
Three-point goals: L 3 (Guihon, Hardy-Leach, Schwarzmann); GP 5 (Jackson-McKennelly, Davis 3, Harkley).

NO. 14 LANGLEY 38, SOUTH LAKES 29

SL (3-3) Newman-Farr 9, Hollland 6, Damper 6, Barr 4, Benvenuti 3, Cotton 1 **Totals 10 3-5 29**.
L (5-0) Callaghan 13, Buckley 11, Azad 6, Dunie 4, Shively 4 **Totals 12 8-15 38**.
Halftime: Langley, (23-12).
Three-point goals: SL 2 (Benvenuti, Newman-Farr); L 2 (Buckley, Callaghan).

NO. 16 FAIRFAX 49, YORKTOWN 36

F (4-1) George 12, Murphree 10, Webster 7, Porter 7, McNaughton 6, Heslep 5, Shand 2 **Totals 16 14-19 49**.
Y (4-2) Davis 12, Shean 11, Shipley 7, Winer 4, Gibbs 2 **Totals 10 10-19 36**.
Halftime: Fairfax, (31-12).
Three-point goals: F 1 (Murphree); Y 2 (Shipley 2).

NO. 17 MCNAMARA 85, ST. MARY'S RYKEN 37

SMR (0-0) Totals 0 0-0 37.
BM (3-1) Evans 16, King 15, Matharu 14, Apesemaka-Vital 12, Eubanks 7, Greer 5, Frames 4, Brown-Turner 4, Bell 4, Scott 4 **Totals 32 12-17 85**.
Halftime: McNamara, (47-18).
Three-point goals: SMR 0 (); BM 3 (Eubanks, Greer, Evans).

NO. 19 WOODBRIDGE 48, BATTLEFIELD 41

B (5-2) Harrington 15, McLaughlin 6, Harrington 5, Chipps 1 **Totals 9 9-14 41**.
W (6-0) McBride 19, Platt-Morris 10, Oliver 7, Forte 6, Laumbach 6 **Totals 16 7-12 48**.
Halftime: Woodbridge, (21-19).
Three-point goals: B 0 (); W 3 (McBride 2, Oliver).

CONFERENCE 13

WAKEFIELD 64, STUART 32

W (5-1) Hatcher 18, Finley 18, Matlack 10, Tham 7, Jackson 5, Foley 4, Lopez 2 **Totals 22 5-9 64**.
S (1-4) O'Cadiz 16, Hudson 7, Solis 5, Sponaugle 2, Lambo 2 **Totals 9 5-7 32**.
Halftime: Wakefield, (48-14).
Three-point goals: W 5 (Matlack 2, Finley 3); S 3 (Hudson, O'Cadiz 2).

EDISON 69, FALLS CHURCH 38

E (0-5) Totals 0 0-0 69.
FC (2-2) Shaw 15, Kennard 8, Faust 8, Benhamida 2, Pendleton 2, Thompson 2, Roxborough 1 **Totals 10 3-6 38**.
Halftime: Edison, (35-23).
Three-point goals: E 0 (); FC 5 (Kennard 2, Shaw 3).

CONFERENCE 6

MCLEAN 42, WASHINGTON-LEE 37

WL (3-3) Singh 10, Doolittle 8, Nigatu 7, Mosley 5, Robinson 5, Williams 2 **Totals 10 5-7 37**.
M (2-3) Smith 11, Dufrane 10, Murphy 8, Barlow 3, Barlow 2, Auza 2, Moskowitz 2, DeAnda 2, Pilewski 2 **Totals 13 10-12 42**.
Halftime: McLean, (22-14).
Three-point goals: WL 4 (Mosley, Singh 2, Robinson); M 2 (Barlow, Dufrane).

HAYFIELD 58, MADISON 42

H (6-0) Asefa 17, Rheams 15, King 13, Simmons 11, Kirby 2 **Totals 18 10-12 58**.
M (2-3) Sullender 22, Sharon 7, Trotter 5, Brusch 3, Miskell 2, Milton 2, Makrigiorgos 1 **Totals 15 3-6 42**.
Halftime: Hayfield, (28-20).
Three-point goals: H 4 (Simmons 2, King 2); M 3 (Brusch, Trotter, Sharon).

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Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at http://www.justice.gov/atr and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Interested persons may address comments to Kathleen S. O'Neill, Chief, Transportation, Energy, and Agriculture Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 8000, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: 202-307-2931) within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto, will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the Federal Register.

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Unit B of the Fairfax Village VIII Condominium Association designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2008 in Square 5671.

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Unit 201 of the Fairfax Village VIII Condominium Association designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2041 in Square 5671.

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Unit 101 of the Fairfax Village VIII Condominium Association designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2009 in Square 5671.

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Unit 201 of the Fairfax Village VI Condominium Association, Inc. designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2106 in Square 5673.

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Unit 301 of the Fairfax Village VI Condominium Association, Inc. designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2061 in Square 5673.

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 59305.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Wildo Javier Salazar and Edith Mustafa dated March 22, 2007 and recorded in Liber 34045, folio 100 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JANUARY 3, 2017 AT 10:01 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #04-00212834.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $52,000 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER**. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 62758.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke
Renee Dyson
Brian Thomas
Erin M. August
Hugh J. Green
Patrick M. A. Decker
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.
Higinio J. Martin
Defendant(s)

Civil No. 420755V

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, this **5th day of December, 2016**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **101 East Franklin Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Renee Dyson, Brian Thomas, Erin M. August, Hugh J. Green and Patrick M. A. Decker, Substitute Trustees, Be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **4th day of January, 2017**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **4th day of January, 2017**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$331,200.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Barbara H. Meiklejohn
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Md.

ALG558186
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Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12069837

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke
Renee Dyson
Brian Thomas
Hugh J. Green
Patrick M. A. Decker
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.
Wilfredo Mejia and
Berta Elizabeth Coreas Mejia
Defendant(s)

Civil No. 424629V

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, this **5th day of December, 2016**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **11118 Black Forest Way, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Renee Dyson, Brian Thomas, Erin M. August, Hugh J. Green and Patrick M. A. Decker, Substitute Trustees, Be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **4th day of January, 2017**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **4th day of January, 2017**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$210,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Robert E. Frazier, et al.
Substitute Trustees,
Plaintiffs,

V.
Ancel Sitton-Hall, et al.
Defendant(s)

CASE NO. 411358V

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **28th day of NOVEMBER, 2016**, that the sale of the property in this case, **12204 Emerald Way, Germantown, Maryland 20876,** reported by Robert E. Frazier, Gene Jung, Laura D. Harris, Thomas W. Hodge, Thomas J. Gartner, Robert M. Oliveri and Keith M. Yacko, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **28th day of DECEMBER 2016**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **28th day of DECEMBER, 2016.**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$288,000.00.**

Barbara H. Meiklejohn
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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

AYOMIDE GBOLADE OTUKOYA
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAE13-15939

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **30th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **1503 POTOMAC HEIGHTS DR, Fort Washington, MD 20744,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **30th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$90,500.00.**

BY THE COURT:
Sydney J. Harrison (536)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

JOHN E. DRISCOLL, III, et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.
CHINASA NWAULU
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. CAEF16-10456

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **30th day of November 2016**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **11110 Cranford Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772** will be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30th day of December 2016**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **30th day of December, 2016.**

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$223,600.00.**

Sydney J. Harrison #544
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
Prince George's County, Maryland
Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070743

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ERIN M. SHAFFER
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiffs,

V.
KIMBERLY STALLING
11416 HAWK RIDGE COURT
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705
Defendant(s)

CASE NO. CAEF1625171

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of Prince George's County this **29th day of November, 2016**, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Erin Shaffer, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **29th day of December, 2016** provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **29th day of December, 2016.**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$204,000.00**

Sydney J. Harrison(#619)
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for Prince Georges County, MD
Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070768

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

OLUBUKOLA OLUREMI OSINUSI
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF-16-10904

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **18th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **15612 Everglade Lane #202, Bowie, MD 20716,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$92,000.00.**

BY THE COURT:
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Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 2016 12067231

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA JOHNS
C/O RIKKI S DRYKERMAN
(SUCCESSOR) PER REP
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF-16-25392

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **30th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **3818 Allison Street, Brentwood, MD 20722,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **30th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$175,000.00.**

BY THE COURT:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

TONYA VERA THOMAS
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF15-04042

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **17th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **2403 BAIKAL LOOP, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$479,102.15.**

BY THE COURT:
Sydney J. Harrison (619)
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Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 2016 12067226

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

OSCAR E. MARTINEZ

DINORA M. FLORES
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF15-04110

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **30th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **5127 Lackawanna St, College Park, MD 20740,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **30th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$211,000.00.**

BY THE COURT:
Sydney J. Harrison (536)
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Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070749

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

GERRI ELAINE WILMER
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF16-25300

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **18th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **5904 Center Dr, Temple Hills, MD 20748,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$501,466.75.**

BY THE COURT:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

MARY M MERTZENICH
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF16-25298

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **30th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **6408 Solar Avenue, Bowie, MD 20720,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **30th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$176,000.00.**

BY THE COURT:
Sydney J. Harrison (544)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

JOHN E. DRISCOLL, III, et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

SEAN L. GROSS
SHEILA GROSS DUKES
TAMARA D. DUKES
Defendant(s)

Civil No. CAE13-18403

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **1st day of December 2016,** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **700 Painter Court, Capitol Heights, MD 20743** will be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **3rd day of January 2017,** provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **3rd day of January, 2017.**

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$156,000.00.**

Sydney J. Harrison #619
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
Prince George's County, Maryland

Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070773

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

SONIA OSINLOYE
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF15-25055

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **17th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **9054 Hardesty Dr, Clinton, MD 20735,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$245,977.12.**

BY THE COURT:
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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 2016 12067228

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

HOLLY HILL CONDOMINIUM
Plaintiff,

v.

LISA A. AND DARREN V. BROWN
Defendants.

Case No. CAEF15-09012

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given this **29th day of November 2016,** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, that the sale of the property **7258 Donnell Place, Unit D2, Distyrd Heights, Maryland 20747,** made and reported by Craig B. Zaller, Scott J. Silverman, Greg T. Fox, and Laura T. Curry, Trustees, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **29th day of December 2016,** next; provided however, that a copy of this NOTICE OF SALE be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **29th day of December, 2016.**

The report states the amount of sale to be $15,000.00 as of October 27, 2016.

Sydney J. Harrison #619
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
Prince George's County, Maryland

Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070741

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851 **Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

EVA L PINKNEY A/K/A EVA L LEE
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF16-24805

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **18th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **9000 Granada Court, Fort Washington, MD 20744,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$200,063.23.**

BY THE COURT:
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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 2016 12067240

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

ASIA M STODDARD
JOSEPH A STODDARD
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF16-25299

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **18th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **2025 Saint Bernadine Way, Capitol Heights, MD 20743,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$171,900.00.**

BY THE COURT:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

DANIEL E AGUILAR
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF15-16572

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **17th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **1001 Chillum Rd, UNIT 403, Hyattsville, MD 20782,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$47,000.00.**

BY THE COURT:
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Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 2016 12067229

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al.
Trustee (s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

PATRICIA HEMPHILL
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

Civil No. CAEF16-25416

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **18th day of November, 2016** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, R. Kip Stone, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **6003 Seat Pleasant Dr, Capitol Heights, MD 20743,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December, 2016** next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report states the amount of the sale to be **$134,000.00.**

BY THE COURT:
Sydney J. Harrison (619)
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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851 **Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

JOHN E. DRISCOLL, III, et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

DAVID E. DIXON
LINDA DIXON
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. CAEF16-10776

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **2nd day of December 2016,** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **6101 Brandyhall Court, Fort Washington, MD 20744** will be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **3rd day of January 2017,** provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **3rd day of January, 2017.**

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$99,149.02.**

Sydney J. Harrison #619
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
Prince George's County, Maryland

Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070772

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

JOHN E. DRISCOLL, III, et al
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

JOSEPH W. STEELE
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. CAEF16-01263

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **17th day of November 2016,** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **5432 Odell Road, Bladensburg, MD 20705** will be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19th day of December 2016,** provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **19th day of December, 2016.**

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$146,000.00.**

Sydney J. Harrison #619
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
Prince George's County, Maryland

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2016 12067224

852 **Anne Arundel County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

JEFFREY NADEL, et. al.
Substitute Trustees
vs.
Jacob Michael Muha
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-16-002305

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **Tuesday, December 6, 2016** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Scott Nadel, Substitute Trustee** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5th day of January 2017,** next provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5th day of January 2017** next.

The Report states that the amount of the sale of the property at **101 THREE COIN WAY #301, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060** to be **$135,000.00.**

Robert P. Duckworth
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070781

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS NO. 764 OLD RIVERSIDE ROAD BROOKLYN, MD 21225
CASE NUMBER C-02-CV-15-004084

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from Thomas W. Hill, recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Liber 17510, folio 221, and Declaration of Substitution of Trustees recorded among the aforementioned Land Records substituting Mark S. Devan, Thomas P. Dore, Christine Drexel, Brian McNair, and Angela Nasuta as Substituted Trustees, the Substituted Trustees will offer for sale at public auction, at the Courthouse Door, Courtyard, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 on **Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 09:15 AM:**

All that lot of ground and the improvements thereon situate in Anne Arundel County, State of Maryland, as described in the Deed of Trust recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, in Liber 17510, folio 221, also being further described in a Deed recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Liber 17510, folio 213. The improvements thereon consist of a dwelling.

The property is subject to an annual ground rent.

The property will be sold in 'AS IS" condition, subject to any existing building violations, restrictions and agreements of record. The purchaser assumes all risks of loss for the property as of the date of sale. Neither the Substituted Trustees nor their respective agents, successors or assigns make any representations or warranties, either expressed or implied with respect to the property. The Substituted Trustees shall convey insurable title.

TERMS OF THE SALE: A deposit in a form acceptable to the Substituted Trustee in the amount of $11,000.00 will be required of the purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, at the time and place of sale. Any amount tendered at sale in excess of the required deposit will be refunded and not applied to the purchase price. Unless the purchaser is the Holder of the Note or its assigns, the balance of the purchase price shall be paid immediately with available funds within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Time is of the essence. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, shall pay interest at the rate of 6.7500% per annum on the unpaid portion of the purchase price from the date of sale to date of settlement. Real property taxes and assessments shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Ground rent, water and/or sewer charges public or private, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes shall be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser shall have the responsibility of obtaining possession of the property.

In the event settlement is delayed for any reason , there shall be no abatement of interest. If the purchaser defaults, the entire deposit is forfeited. The Substituted Trustees shall resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, attorney fees, all other charges due, and incidental and consequential damages. Defaulting purchaser also agrees to pay the Substituted Trustees' attorney a fee of $250.00 in connection with the filing of a motion to resell.

In the event the Substituted Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of the deposit. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The Substituted Trustees shall have the right to terminate this contract in the event the Holder or its Servicer has entered into any agreement with, or accepted funds from, the mortgagor. Upon termination of the contract, Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of the deposit.

Mark S. Devan, Thomas P. Dore, Christine Drexel, Brian McNair, and Angela Nasuta
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November 30, December 7, 14, 2016 12067306

852 **Anne Arundel County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

JEFFREY NADEL, et. al.
Substitute Trustees
vs.
Alicia A. Maddy
William A. Salesky
Defendants

NO. C-02-CV-15-003507

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **Tuesday, December 6, 2016** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Scott Nadel, Substitute Trustee** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5th day of January 2017,** next provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5th day of January 2017** next.

The Report states that the amount of the sale of the property at **8402 LYNN CIRCLE, PASADENA, MD 21122** to be **$197,100.00.**

Robert P. Duckworth
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070779

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852 **Anne Arundel County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Edward S. Cohn, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Ellen Field
Personal Representative for the Estate of Wade S. Sharp
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-16-001887

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, November 29, 2016** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Richard J. Rogers, Substitute Trustee.**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **29th day of December 2016** next; Provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **29th day of December 2016** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **6 FAIRHOPE COURT, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403** to be **$204,000.00.**

Robert P. Duckworth
Circuit Court for
Anne Arundel County, MD

Dec 7, 14, 21, 2016 12069942

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS NO. 2251 SEPTEMBER DRIVE GAMBRILLS, MD 21054
CASE NUMBER C-02-CV-16-002952

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from Lysa Wilburn, recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Liber 21380, folio 409, and Declaration of Substitution of Trustees recorded among the aforementioned Land Records substituting Mark S. Devan, Thomas P. Dore, Brian McNair, and Angela Nasuta as Substituted Trustees, the Substituted Trustees will offer for sale at public auction, at the Courthouse Door, Courtyard, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 on **Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 09:15 AM:**

All that lot of ground and the improvements thereon situate in Anne Arundel County, State of Maryland, as described in the Deed of Trust recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, in Liber 21380, folio 409, also being further described in a Deed recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Liber 21380, folio 402. The improvements thereon consist of a dwelling.

The property will be sold in 'AS IS" condition, subject to any existing building violations, restrictions and agreements of record. The purchaser assumes all risks of loss for the property as of the date of sale. Neither the Substituted Trustees nor their respective agents, successors or assigns make any representations or warranties, either expressed or implied with respect to the property. The Substituted Trustees shall convey insurable title.

TERMS OF THE SALE: A deposit in a form acceptable to the Substituted Trustee in the amount of $24,000.00 will be required of the purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, at the time and place of sale. Any amount tendered at sale in excess of the required deposit will be refunded and not applied to the purchase price. Unless the purchaser is the Holder of the Note or its assigns, the balance of the purchase price shall be paid immediately with available funds within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Time is of the essence. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, shall pay interest at the rate of 4.87500% per annum on the unpaid portion of the purchase price from the date of sale to date of settlement. Real property taxes and assessments shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Ground rent, water and/or sewer charges public or private, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes shall be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser shall have the responsibility of obtaining possession of the property.

In the event settlement is delayed for any reason , there shall be no abatement of interest. If the purchaser defaults, the entire deposit is forfeited. The Substituted Trustees shall resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, attorney fees, all other charges due, and incidental and consequential damages. Defaulting purchaser also agrees to pay the Substituted Trustees' attorney a fee of $250.00 in connection with the filing of a motion to resell.

In the event the Substituted Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of the deposit. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The Substituted Trustees shall have the right to terminate this contract in the event the Holder or its Servicer has entered into any agreement with, or accepted funds from, the mortgagor. Upon termination of the contract, Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of the deposit.

Mark S. Devan, Thomas P. Dore, Brian McNair, and Angela Nasuta
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December 7, 14, 21, 2016 12069940

852 **Anne Arundel County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

John E. Driscoll, III, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Timothy P. McBride AKA Timothy McBride
Sharon Lynn McBride
Defendants

No. C-02-CV-16-001224

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, December 6, 2016** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **E. Edward Farnsworth, Jr., Substitute Trustee** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5th day of January 2017,** next; provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5th day of January 2017,** next. The report states that the amount of the sale of the property at **8128 EDGEWATER ROAD, ORCHARD BEACH, MD 21226** to be **$130,500.00.**

Robert P. Duckworth
Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070777

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852 **Anne Arundel County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

John E. Driscoll, III, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Rodolfo T. Tan
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-16-002308

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, December 6, 2016** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **E. Edward Farnsworth, Jr., Substitute Trustee** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5th day of January 2017,** next; provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5th day of January 2017,** next. The report states that the amount of the sale of the property at **6701 WHITE WATER COURT, UNIT 301, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060** to be **$120,930.00.**

Robert P. Duckworth
Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070776

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE DWELLING
23 Saint Ives Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Refinance Deed of Trust from Edward E. O'Neill and Erin E. O'Neill, dated February 22, 2010, and recorded in Liber 22096, folio 322, among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD on

Thursday, December 15, 2016
AT
9:17 AM

All that lot of ground and the improvements thereon SITUATED IN Anne Arundel County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Refinance Deed of Trust.

The property is believed to be improved by a Colonial style dwelling believed to contain four bedrooms, two full baths and one half bath, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, an unfinished full basement, a concrete front porch, a concrete patio, a screened porch, and a two-car garage. The property address is 23 Saint Ives Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146.

Said property is in fee simple and is sold in an "as is condition" and subject to all covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way as may affect same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $50,000.00 will be required of the purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, at the time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check, or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees, in their sole discretion. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. If payment of the balance does not take place within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit may be forfeited and property may be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Interest to be paid on unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the deed of trust note from date of sale to date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees in the event the property is purchased by someone rather than the note holder.

In the event settlement is delayed for any reason , including, but not limited to, exceptions to the sale, bankruptcy filings by interested parties, or court administration of the foreclosure, there shall be no assessment of interest. Taxes, ground rent, water, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges, assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claims against the Substitute Trustees.

NOTE: The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. Neither the auctioneer, the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustee nor his agents or attorneys make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of information.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE URGED TO PERFORM THEIR OWN DUE DILIGENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE FORECLOSURE AUCTION. For additional information, please contact the Substitute Trustees.

C. Larry Hofmeister, Jr., Craig B. Leavers, Stephanie H. Hurley, Kaitlin R. Zarro and Scott M. Breza, Substitute Trustees

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November 30, December 7, 14, 2016 12064447

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE DWELLING

8418 Rugby Road, Pasadena, MD 21122

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Matthew Wenzel a/k/a Mathew Wenzel, dated July 27, 2009, and recorded in Liber 21518, folio 275, among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD on

Thursday, December 15, 2016 AT 9:19 AM

All that lot of ground and the improvements thereon SITUATED IN Anne Arundel County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property is believed to be improved by a one-story single family home style dwelling believed to contain one full bathroom. The property address is 8418 Rugby Road, Pasadena, MD 21122.

Said property is in fee simple and is sold in an "as is condition" and subject to all covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way as may affect same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000.00 will be required of the purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, at the time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check, or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees, in their sole discretion. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. If payment of the balance does not take place within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit may be forfeited and property may be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Interest to be paid on unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the deed of trust note from date of sale to date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees in the event the property is purchased by someone rather than the note holder.

In the event settlement is delayed for any reason , including, but not limited to, exceptions to the sale, bankruptcy filings by interested parties, or court administration of the foreclosure, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, ground rent, water, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges, assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claims against the Substitute Trustees.

NOTE: The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. Neither the auctioneer, the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustee nor his agents or attorneys make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of information.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE URGED TO PERFORM THEIR OWN DUE DILIGENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE FORECLOSURE AUCTION. For additional information, please contact the Substitute Trustees.

Stephanie H. Hurley and Kaitlin R. Zarro, Substitute Trustees

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November 30, December 7, 14, 2016 12065886

Law Offices of Jeffrey Nadel
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1302 Avalon Boulevard
Shady Side, MD 20764

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Billie A. Stahl and Kevin L. Stahl, dated July 7, 2005, and recorded in Liber 16568, Folio 0001 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD on

December 15, 2016 at 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND KNOWN AS Lots 5 and 10, block 29, Avalon Shores, situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, carrying Tax ID No. 07-001-90072326.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, easements, covenants and rights of way of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,500.00 will be required at the time of sale in the form of cash, certified check, or other form as the Substitute Trustees determine acceptable. No deposit shall be required of the noteholder where the noteholder bids in the property at auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, time being of the essence for purchaser. In the event that settlement does not occur within the said ten days, the purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default the Trustees may file a Motion and Order to Resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and purchaser(s) hereby consent to entry of such resale order without further notice, in which case the deposit shall be forfeited and all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then readvertise and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser; or, without reselling the property, the Trustees may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser. Interest to be paid on the purchase money less the stated deposit called for herein, at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee. There shall be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason, including but not limited to exceptions to sale, bankruptcy filings by interested parties, Court administration of the foreclosure or unknown title defects. All taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, are to be adjusted to the date of auction and thereafter are to be assumed by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, agricultural transfer tax, if any and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of damage to the property from the date of auction forward. If the Substitute Trustee does not convey title for any reason, including but not limited to the Secured Party executing a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allowing the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, or if the sale is not ratified for any reason including errors made by the Substitute Trustees, the foreclosure sale shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Further terms and particulars may be announced at time of sale, and purchaser may be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale at the time of auction. (Matter #20792)

Jeffrey Nadel, Scott Nadel and Daniel Menchel
Substitute Trustees

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11/30, 12/7, 12/14/2016 12067304

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

John E. Driscoll, III, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Wilton Jack Wright
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-16-001240

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, December 6, 2016** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **E. Edward Farnsworth, Jr., Substitute Trustee** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5th day of January 2017,** next; provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5th day of January 2017,** next. The report states that the amount of the sale of the property at **962 OLD ANNAPOLIS NECK ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403** to be **$205,000.00.**

Robert P. Duckworth

Dec 14, 21, 28, 2016 12070778

871 City of Alexandria

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 216 GRETNA GREEN CT, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $286,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.879000% from DAVID IVEY-SOTO dated June 28, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **CITY OF ALEXANDRIA** as Deed Instrument Number 050022866, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Alexandria located at 520 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on **January 11, 2017 at 11:30 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

BRIGADOON CONDOMINIUM UNIT 9, in building Cluster 2, Phase L as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1021 at page 835, among the Land Records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 16-258584.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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876 Loudoun County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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Pursuant to Virginia Code § 55-516, and by virtue of a Deed of Appointment of Trustee dated October 24, 2016 and recorded on October 31, 2016 in the land records of Loudoun County Circuit Court as Instrument No. 20161031-0073765, South Village Homeowners Association ("Association"), by its appointed Trustee, Mazin I. Elias will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on: **January 11, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.**, at the main entrance to the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, Virginia, 18 E. Market St., Leesburg, Virginia 20176, the real property improvements, along with any limited common elements appurtenant thereto, located at the street address of **43010 Matties Terrace, South Riding, Virginia 20152, legally described as: Lot 127, SOUTH VILLAGE, Section 2, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded as Instrument #200311240154898 and as shown on Plat recorded as Instrument #200311240154899, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia ("Property").**

The sale of the Property is being conducted in order to satisfy the liens securing unpaid assessments totaling $2,802.00 as perfected by the Association's filing memoranda of liens in the land records of Loudoun County Circuit Court (i) recorded on April 11, 2014 as Instrument Number 20140411-0018158; and (ii) recorded on March 14, 2016 as Instrument Number 20160314-0014120 ("Lien(s)").

TERMS OF SALE:

The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and without any warranty either expressed or implied, as to any aspect or condition of the property, including, but not limited to the conditions, restrictions, rights of ways, easements, reservations, community association instruments, any other instruments and/or amendments thereto and subject to all liens, existing housing and zoning code violations, filed or unfiled mechanic's and/or materialmen's liens, if any, and all matters of record taking priority over the Association's Lien(s), including, but not limited to, a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $108,050.00 dated December 8, 2005 and recorded on December 9, 2005 in the land records of Loudoun County Circuit Court as Instrument Number 20051209-0138637. The sale is further subject to all provisions, restrictions, easements, covenants, and conditions as contained in the aforementioned Association's original, if applicable, amended, instruments, Declaration, and Bylaws and or any other governing instrument.

The successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall assume all risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage to the Property immediately upon the conclusion of bidding on the date of sale. A nonrefundable deposit in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the sale price to be paid by certified or cashier's check will be required of the successful bidder at the time and place of the sale. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association reserves the right to waive the requirements of the deposit. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the conclusion of the bidding incorporating all terms of sale. Settlement in full must be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale, time being of the essence. In the event the purchaser fails to settle in full as required and within the required time period, the aforementioned deposit shall be forfeited by purchaser and will be retained by Trustee, the purchaser's contract rights shall also be forfeited, and the Property may be resold at the risk, cost and expense of the purchaser with the deposit applied to the costs and expenses of sale, including trustees' fees. At settlement the deposit retained by Trustee, without interest, shall be applied to the purchase price and the balance shall be paid in cash or its equivalent. All costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty deed, examination of title, state and local recordation taxes, grantor taxes, recording and clerk's fees, notary fees, settlement fees, including preparation of deed, etc., to be at the cost of the purchaser. Taxes, water, rent and all other municipal charges and assessments payable and including, but not limited to, sanitary and/or city charges, if any, shall be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed therein by the purchaser. Trustee shall not have a duty to deliver possession of the Property to the successful bidder. Interest to be paid by the purchaser at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of the sale to the date of the settlement. The Association, if a bidder, shall not be required to post the deposit or pay interest.

If Trustee is unable for any reason, in his sole discretion, to convey title to the Property, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of its deposit, without interest, and upon the return of the deposit the sale shall be void and of no effect. To the extent permitted by the applicable law, Trustee reserve the right, in his sole discretion, to (1) announce additional terms at the time of sale, (2) waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit, (3) accept or reject any or all bids, (4) extend the time to receive bids, (5) withdraw the Property from the sale at any time, and (6) postpone settlement following sale for a reasonable period of time. The information contained herein was obtained by sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for information purposes only. The Association cannot make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Inquiries regarding the sale may be directed to the Trustee, Mazin I. Elias, Esq., **Offit Kurman, PC**, 4800 Montgomery Lane, 9th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814, (240) 507-1708 or the Association, through its representative and counsel Rory Nugent, Esq., **Rees Broome, PC**, 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700, Vienna, Virginia 22182, (703) 790-1911.

December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016 12069918

871 City of Alexandria

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 26 FORT WILLIAMS PKWY, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $417,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 5.500000% from Michael J. Anderson dated March 14, 2008, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **City of Alexandria** as Deed Instrument Number 080004712, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the City of Alexandria, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Alexandria located at 520 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on **January 4, 2017 at 11:30 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

Lot Five (5), Section One (1), FORT WILLIAMS PARK, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 428, at Page 410, of the City of Alexandria, Virginia Land Records.

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 15-254922.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Dec 7, 14, 2016 12068914

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1710 ABERCROMBY COURT, APT K, RESTON, VA 20190

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $368,030.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% from EUGENE A. MOORE, III dated January 24, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **COUNTY OF FAIRFAX** as Deed Book 18159, Page 799, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **January 4, 2017 at 2:30 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

Condominium Unit No. 1710-K, Phase 12, Building 16C, ParcReston Condominium, in accordance with the Declaration of Condominium and Exhibits attached thereto, recorded in Deed Book 17289 at page 1129, and Amendment to Condominium Instruments To ParcReston Condominium recorded in Deed Book 18017 at page 791, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia;

TOGETHER WITH the "Common Element Interest" of said Unit as more particularly set forth in the aforesaid Declaration

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 017240120015)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 16-256985.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 9624 CINNAMON CREEK DR, VIENNA, VA 22182

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $544,185.00, with an annual interest rate of 0.000000% from JEANNINE L. NIELSEN AND GRANT BARRY NIELSEN dated August 24, 2007, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **COUNTY OF FAIRFAX** as Deed Book 19601, Page 1107, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **January 11, 2017 at 2:30 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

LOT FORTY-NINE (49): CINNAMON CREEK, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 3703, AT PAGE 436, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Being the same property as conveyed to Barry Nielson and Jeannine L. Nielson by Deed recorded 04/25/1979 in Book 5160, Page 345

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 028-1-08-0049)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: FHA. Reference Number 16-261897.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Dec. 14, 21, 2016 12071335

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 6716 AMLONG AVE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22306

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $378,750.00, with an annual interest rate of 2.000000% from MIGUEL A. ORELLANA dated August 9, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **COUNTY OF FAIRFAX** as Deed Book 18686, Page 0976, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **January 4, 2017 at 2:30 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX STATE OF VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

Lot 10 of the Subdivision of KINGS COLONY, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 995 at Page 417, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Tax Map ID: 0922-12-0010

Property Address: 6716 Amlong Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22306

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 0922-12-0010)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 16-261241.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Dec 7, 14, 2016 12067664

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873 Prince William County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

3325 Esquarre Court,
Woodbridge, VA 22193

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated September 25, 2009, and recorded at Instrument Number 200910080097955 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Prince William County, VA, securing a loan which was originally $251,631.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 on:

January 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of Being known and designated as Lot One Hundred Twenty Eight (128), Section One (1), Beau Ridge Estates, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1560, at Page 818, and in Deed Book 1561, at Page 513, and re-recorded in Deed Book 1566 at Page 555, and in Deed Book 1619, at Page 909, among the Land Records of the County of Prince William, Virginia., and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier's check payable to the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $445.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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November 1, December 7, 14, 2016 12061243

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 8315 COTTAGE ST, VIENNA, VA 22180

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $531,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 10.500000% from APOLONIA G. FUENTES AKA APOLONIA GLORIA FUENTES-PASTOR dated June 15, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **COUNTY OF FAIRFAX** as Deed Book 17418, Page 740, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **January 4, 2017 at 2:30 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

Lot 6, Block "E", Section 6, DUNN LORING WOODS, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2150 at page 604 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 0491 09E 0006)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 15-253585.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Dec 7, 14, 2016 12066124

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 15534 BARRINGTON PLACE, DUMFRIES, VA 22025

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $181,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 6.140000% from Francis X. Sterling and Kimberly S. Sterling dated June 23, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Prince William** as Deed Instrument Number 200507210122062, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **January 3, 2017 at 4:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DUMFRIES IN THE COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM AND STATE OF VIRGINIA AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 12/0112000 AND RECORDED 12105/2000 ON INSTRUMENT 200012050005357 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 1613, SECTION 4A, SUBDIVISION MONTCLAIR, PLAT BOOK 1190, PLAT PAGE 630. PARCEL ID NUMBER: 8190-49-8405

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 8190498405)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 15-255140.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4724 SOUTH PARK COURT, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $273,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.625000% from SAJJAD AHMED CHOWDHURY AND DALIA CHOWDHURY dated June 27, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM** as Deed Instrument Number 200607070101731, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **January 3, 2017 at 4:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

Lot 71, Section 2, Georgetown Park, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 879 at the page 460, and per re-subdivision in Deed Book 1320 at page 1145 among the Land Records of Prince William County, Virginia.

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 8191-27-5137)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 15-253852.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Dec 7, 14, 2016 12066126

876 Loudoun County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 21801 LADYSLIPPER SQ, ASHBURN, VA 20147

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $329,600.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.125000% from ANAND ERRAM AND SHRUTHI REDDY dated February 27, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Loudon** as Deed Instrument Number 20060228-0018358, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the County of Loudon, on the courthouse steps in front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Loudoun located at 18 East Market Street, Leesburg Virginia on **January 11, 2017 at 9:30 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

Lot 26, POTTER PROPERTY, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded as Instrument No. 200501270010038 and Plat recorded as Instrument No. 200501270010039 among the Land Records of Loudoun County, Virginia.

AND further described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 088262291000)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 16-261442.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BROWN, LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Dec. 14, 21, 2016 12071618

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873 Prince William County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

15391 Gatehouse Terrace,
Woodbridge, VA 22191

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 10, 2014, and recorded at Instrument Number 201410140074240 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Prince William County, VA, securing a loan which was originally $206,043.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 on:

January 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain parcel of land, with all improvements thereon, known as Lot 40, Phase 2, Section 2-A, Rippon Landing, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia in Deed Book 1369 at Page 695., and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier's check payable to the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $445.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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December 14, 27, 2016 12061244

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4008 MOSSY BANK LANE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated February 27, 2007, in the original principal amount of $295,200.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Spotsylvania County, Virginia as Instrument No. LR 200700006980 .The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia on **January 5, 2017 , at 4:00 PM**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN LEE HILL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND KNOWN AS LOT 10, SECTION ONE, DUNBARTON VILLAGE AT LEE'S HILL, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 1334, PAGE 47 AND PLAT FILE 5, AT PAGE 395.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 402, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. BWW# VA-310549-1

Dec. 7, 14, 2016 12069833

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 9506 WHITEHEART DRIVE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407.

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated April 30, 2008, in the original principal amount of $270,697.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Spotsylvania County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200800009100 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia on **January 5, 2017 , at 4:00 PM**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEING KNOWN AS DESIGNATED AS LOT 41 OF SECTION ONE-B, THE FALLS AT LEE'S PARKE, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO: 20040009258, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 402, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. BWW# VA-120381-1

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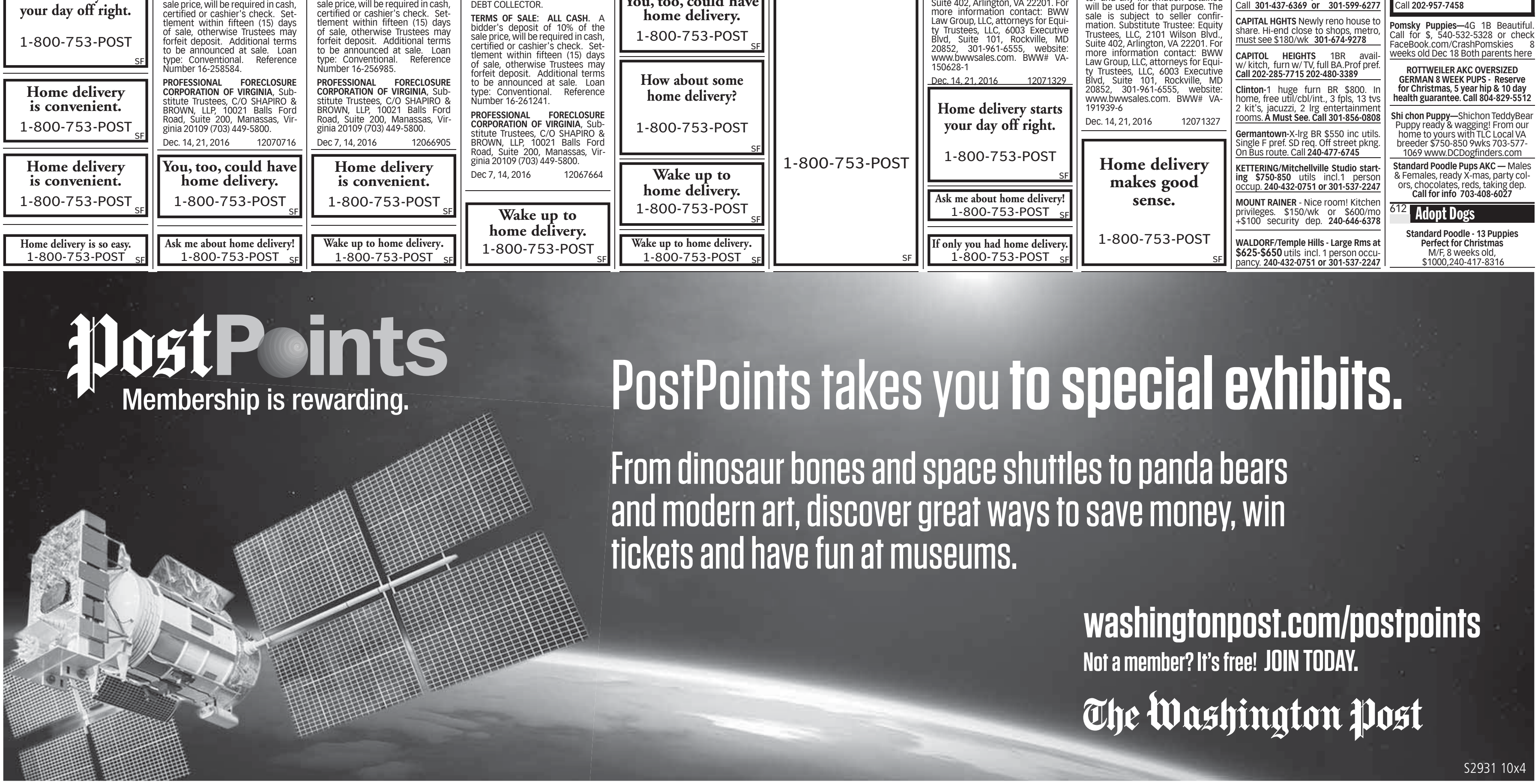

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Stone Bridge's Ben Kling (26 points) makes a rare dash to the basket on a night he buried five threes.

VIRGINIA NONLEAGUE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Kling is on target in the Bulldogs' win

BY JACOB BOGAGE

Ben Kling is the marksman in Stone Bridge's sharp-shooting offense, tasked with weaving his way through a maze of screens at a full sprint, then turning on a dime to catch and launch three-pointers. It requires speed, precision and a willingness to run.

"It's a shooter's dream," the junior guard said.

Kling's 26 points, including 15 on three-pointers, led Stone Bridge to a 66-59 win against No. 18 Chantilly on Tuesday night in Ashburn.

James DiLuigi added 14 points on 6-of-17 shooting. Sophomore point guard Evan Buckley had 12 points and five assists.

At first glance, the Bulldogs' offense appears based on nothing more than shooting three-pointers. There is a method to the madness though, that sends players driving around picks like particles in the center of an atom.

It gets open looks, Coach Corey Stitzel said. If a second defender steps up to stop Buckley, who in 28 minutes had just one turnover, someone else has to be open. And that someone else can knock down an open three.

"That's how we play," Stitzel said. "And we get good-quality shots every time down the floor."

Eventually the Chargers (5-1) stopped playing help defense, and the strategy worked for a time. Kling scored 17 in the second quarter alone, but he was scoreless in the third quarter as Chantilly came back from three points down at the half to tie the game.

Kling went off again to start the fourth, canning a three-pointer to open the quarter. Tyler Ward hit another three to give the Bulldogs (3-3) an eight-point lead, their largest of the night, with six minutes to play.

Chantilly took a 59-58 lead with just fewer than three minutes to play off a runner from Kendall McHugh, who led the Chargers with 20 points.

Daniel Carmichael added 14 more, and Elijah Ford had seven points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

But Kling — playing his first game of the season after the Bulldogs' football season ended Saturday with a loss in the Virginia 5A state final — hit a flip shot in the lane to take the lead back for Stone Bridge, then two free throws to increase the margin to three points.

"It's good to be back," he said.

Until Monday, the Stone Bridge varsity couldn't scrimmage five-on-five in practice. Stitzel only dressed nine players for games. Three more players joined the team late with Kling.

The extra manpower gave the Bulldogs a bit more spring in their step, Buckley said. When Chantilly mounted late runs, Stone Bridge had the energy to weather them and punch back. And a three-pointer is a pretty good run-stopper.

"When another team gets on a run," Buckley said, "we have to stay patient and work to get a good shot. I know everyone on the floor can knock them down."

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STONE BRIDGE 66, CHANTILLY 59

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Excerpted from allmetsports.com

Roach shows poise as Paul VI tops O'Connell

The initial signs of freshman Jeremy Roach's poise surfaced almost a year ago, long before his late-game heroics propelled No. 2 Paul VI to a 62-58 overtime win over No. 6 O'Connell on Tuesday night in Fairfax.

It was back then that Roach first showed up to work out with the Panthers as a middle schooler, got his shot blocked several times by junior Brandon Slater, and wouldn't stop attacking the rim.

"Hold up," Slater said at the time. "He's different than anybody else."

Roach offered definitive proof on a much bigger stage against a Washington Catholic Athletic Conference rival. The highly touted point guard spearheaded a 9-0 fourth-quarter run and then clinched the victory for Paul VI (5-0, 2-0 WCAC) by nailing a floater in the lane with less than 20 seconds left in overtime.

He finished with 13 points, and most of the damage was done when the Panthers held off O'Connell during a thrilling second half.

"I just try to keep the crowd out of my game," Roach said after emerging from a giant mosh pit of students on the court. "I went into halftime and said I need to focus. Just take the crowd out of it and I just kept competing."

Slater chipped in 17 points, senior Aaron Thompson added 14 and an aggressive 2-3 zone defense effectively limited O'Connell big man Nate Watson (14 points). Still, the Knights nearly pulled off a late comeback.

Trailing by 11 at halftime, O'Connell (4-2, 1-1 WCAC) stormed out of the break on a 9-2 run behind guard Xavier Johnson (15 points) to narrow its deficit to 39-36 entering the fourth quarter. But Roach answered, hitting consecutive buckets in transition before feeding teammate Myles Latimer for a three-point play.

"This kid is wired differently," Coach Glenn Farello said. "He doesn't get caught up in anything. He's a special talent."

The Knights, however, came right back with their own 11-0 surge and took a 50-49 lead with 1:10 remaining in regulation on a three-pointer from the corner by junior Matt Becht.

Thompson responded, knifing into the lane for a floater with his off hand to regain the advantage. But a free throw by Johnson with less than 27 seconds to go sent the game into overtime.

The two teams exchanged baskets to begin the extra frame until sophomore Anthony Harris gave Paul VI the lead for good on a driving layin with 2:10 to go. Roach took it from there, scoring the Panthers' final three points to seal the outcome.

— Mark Giannotto

Platt-Morris goes solo

It didn't take Woodbridge long to realize things wouldn't go according to script Tuesday night. The speakers in Battlefield's gym wouldn't play the national anthem, leading a referee to break nearly a full minute of awkward silence by suggesting the public address announcer just read the starting lineups.

That's when Woodbridge sophomore Camryn Platt-Morris trotted to the scorer's table, grabbed the mic and belted out a stirring rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"I wasn't ready for that," said Platt-Morris, who skipped her school choir's winter concert to be at the game. "But if it's needed, it's needed."

Fresh off five blowout wins to start the season, the Vikings didn't look ready for what hit them after Platt-Morris's clutch solo. The visitors nearly came unglued in a frantic fourth quarter, but the poise of Platt-Morris and point guard Paris McBride pushed them to a 48-41 victory in Haymarket.

A six-minute scoring drought for the Vikings bridging the third and fourth quarters gave Battlefield its first lead since the game's opening possession. The plucky Bobcats (5-2) clogged driving lanes, absorbed charges and forced multiple turnovers. No. 19 Woodbridge (6-0) labored to find an open look, let alone a bucket.

"It was something different we hadn't seen all season," McBride said.

Woodbridge's unraveling appeared imminent when McBride picked up her fourth foul with five minutes remaining. But instead of going to the sideline, the fiery junior seized on her attacking style and put the Vikings on her back.

"I knew that my team needed me," said McBride, who finished with 19 points. "I needed to stay in the game and stay poised."

McBride buried a three-pointer from the corner to give Woodbridge a 39-38 lead with 2:38 to play. A minute later, she snatched a steal and uncorked a one-handed bounce pass on the break, finding Platt-Morris for a layin that extended the Vikings' lead to three.

Battlefield junior Danielle Harrington responded with two free throws on the other end, but Woodbridge center Jasmine Forte converted a put-back off a missed McBride free throw with 42 seconds left. The 6-foot-2 Hylton transfer sank two free throws on the Vikings' next possession to give the visitors a five-point lead with 19.9 seconds to go.

"I think it shows that we have an internal motor that drives the entire team," said Platt-Morris, who had 10 points. "No matter how low we get or what kind of pressure we get, we can always push through."

— Nick Eilerson

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How latkes came to be Hanukkah's 'it' food

BY SUSAN BAROCAS
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I like latkes. All kinds: starchy potato, sweet potato, zucchini, cheese, apple, leek, even vegan and gluten-free ones. But for too long in this country, Hanukkah has been all about the latkes — and I'm just about over it.

Sure, there are the games of dreidel, the chocolate gelt and sugary doughnuts with the fancy Hebrew name sufganiyot. But it's almost as though guests won't even know they've arrived at a Hanukkah party — the first of the Jewish holiday's eight nights falls on Christmas Eve this year — unless they're greeted by that telltale oily fried smell. From synagogue preschool parties to an annual celebration at the White House, the potato pancake is the guest of honor.

At their best, latkes are a crunchy, savory delight, just snatched from hot oil, perfectly golden brown and ready to be topped with sour cream or applesauce or, even better, eaten straight up. But even if a distant cousin from the supermarket freezer case shows up, a bit soggy and barely warm, it doesn't seem to matter. People feel compelled to consume.

Such iconic food status is hard to dismiss — not that I want to. But latkes aren't the only oil-involved foods appropriate for the holiday. How did they take over

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: At Fish by José Andrés in MGM National Harbor, Ruben Garcia prepares a tableside serving of lobster jambalaya; a drink at Voltaggio Brothers Steak House; Dunbar chocolate cake at Marcus; bibimbap at Ginger.

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First Bite

For restaurateurs, opening a new place in a casino isn't much of a gamble.

"You have a captive audience," said José Andrés, who has several restaurants in Las Vegas. MGM National Harbor "is full of energy in the air."

It's true: Visitors could spend days in the brand-new MGM and never have to step outside. In between their dizzying spells on the sensory-overload casino floor, they can be well clothed in the casino's stores, well rested in its hotel and well fed in its numerous restaurants, which serve a wide variety of tastes, including sushi burritos, French pastries and exotic seafood. But the three flagship restaurants — Marcus Samuelsson's Marcus, the eponymous Voltaggio Brothers Steak House and Fish by José Andrés — are tipped toward the decadent. After all, a casino is not a place you come to tell yourself no.

The same goes for the restaurateurs: It's high stakes and high limits.

"I don't think the word no was said to us one time for the entire creative process," said Michael Voltaggio, Maryland's prodigal son. He returned to his home state from Los Angeles to open the restaurant with his brother, Bryan, whose restaurants include Volt in Frederick and Range in the District. "We dreamed about having a hearth just to make charcoal to feed our grill. And so that whole back wall of ovens is only there to create charcoal out of wood, to shovel into the grill, so we can cook the meat on it."

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Take comfort in a warm bowl that tastes rich, but isn't

Ellie Krieger
NOURISH

This soup is a dream come true — if, like me, you dream about things like soup. It has all the attributes that made a warm bowl of broccoli cheddar soup a comfort food classic in the first place: a rich, velvety texture; a belly-filling quality that oozes melted cheese; and a home-style, unfussy preparation with simple, everyday ingredients.

But instead of the alarming nutritional wake-up call that comes with the classic version, this recipe lets you dream on because it achieves those quintessential qualities in a healthful way.

The pivotal ingredient is a cup of cooked white beans. Neutral in flavor and color, the beans — when simmered and pureed with the broccoli and broth — give the soup a thick, creamy body. They not only eliminate the need to add the traditional white flour and cream as thickeners but also impart a wealth of nutrients including protein, fiber, essential minerals and antioxidants.

Another strategy in this recipe is in the way the cheese is used for maximum effect. First, extra-sharp cheddar provides the biggest punch of flavor, so you don't need as much for the taste to burst through. Second, sprinkling some on top before serving makes for a delightfully melty first impression. It's just the thing for these short winter days when you want to have your comfort food and eat it, too.

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GORAN KOSANOVIC FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Broccoli Cheddar Soup

4 servings (makes about 6 cups), Healthy

From nutritionist and cookbook author Ellie Krieger.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 large head broccoli, florets and tender part of stems, chopped (about 6 cups)
- 3 cups no-salt-added chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup canned, no-salt-added Great Northern or cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup low-fat (1 percent) milk
- 1 cup shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese (3 ounces)
- 1 teaspoon powdered mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt, plus more as needed

Steps

- Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Once the oil is shimmering, stir in the onion and cook for about 4 minutes, until tender but not browned.
- Add the broccoli, broth and beans; increase the heat to high and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low. Cover and cook for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Let the soup cool for 15 minutes, then puree it in a blender in three batches, until smooth. Wipe out the saucepan as needed.
- Return the blended soup to the saucepan over medium heat. Once the soup is bubbling at the edges, reduce the heat to low. Stir in the milk, ¾ cup of the cheese, the powdered mustard and ½ teaspoon of salt. Cook until just warmed through.
- Taste and add more salt as needed. Divide among individual bowls or deep mugs, and garnish with portions using the remaining ¼ cup of cheese. Serve hot.

Nutrition | Per serving (using vegetable broth and Great Northern beans): 290 calories, 14 g protein, 26 g carbohydrates, 16 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 520 mg sodium, 7 g dietary fiber, 9 g sugar

Recipe tested by Bonnie S. Benwick; email questions to food@washpost.com

JUST ASK DORIE

Yet another use for this versatile cookie dough

Columnist Dorie Greenspan answered reader questions about her column, Everyday Dorie, last week at live.washingtonpost.com. Here are edited excerpts from that chat. Unless otherwise noted, Recipes with capitalized names are found in our Recipe Finder at washingtonpost.com/recipes.

Q: I'm looking forward to trying the Dorie Greenspan's Do-Almost-Anything Vanilla Cookie Dough recipe. For a chocolate version, could I add melted chocolate or cocoa powder?
A: I have a recipe for Do-Almost-Anything Chocolate Dough in my book "Dorie's Cookies." It's almost the same as the vanilla dough: For four cups of flour, use two-thirds of a cup of cocoa powder.

Q: I tried a kouign-amann recently that I'm fairly certain was flavored with mace. It was fantastic. Can you tell me more about mace? Do you know of any recipes that use it?
A: I haven't thought about mace in so long; what a wonderful, but almost-forgotten spice. Mace is the lacy-looking "shell" that encases nutmeg. I think you can use mace in any recipe that calls for nutmeg. Like nutmeg, mace should be used sparingly: It's got a big flavor.

GORAN KOSANOVIC FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Dorie Greenspan's Do-Almost-Anything Vanilla Cookie Dough lends itself to all sorts of variations.

Q: I would like to make cranberry pumpkin bread, but the recipe I have calls for fresh cranberries, and I prefer mine cooked. Do you think I could swirl in a lightly sweetened, extra-thick cranberry sauce?
A: I think you might be okay with a thick cranberry sauce. You could also consider dried cranberries, softened in hot water or apple cider.

Q: I decided to freeze my masa flour, as it takes me almost a year to use it up, but I'm concerned about condensation getting into the flour when I take the container out. What are your thoughts?
A: I've often frozen specialty flours, but never in a container. I usually put the flour in a plastic bag and press all of the air out before sealing and wrapping the bag in plastic wrap. As long as you get the air out of the bag and wrap the bag really well, moisture shouldn't get into the flour.

Q: I was planning to bake salmon with a homemade teriyaki sauce at 375 degrees. I know to check the internal temperature, but what is the best way to tell if it's done by gauging texture and appearance? Is it better to broil it, wrapped in foil so it doesn't dry out?
A: I like to roast salmon either at a very high temperature, like 450 degrees, or at a very low one, like 200 degrees. I think the salmon with your homemade teriyaki would be great at a lower temperature. Check the technique in the Slow-Roasted Salmon With Mustard Parsley Glaze and Foolproof Salmon Baked With Olive Oil and Herbs.

As for knowing when it's done, temperature is a good indicator, but so is just looking at it: Use a paring knife to dip into the salmon and see the color. The salmon should be slightly darker just at the very center. It should also not be flabby.

TO DO

THURSDAY

FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES: Chef Johanna Hellrigl makes a traditional seafood feast. Price excludes drinks. 7 p.m. $100, not including tax and gratuity. Via Umbria, 1525 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-333-3904. *viaumbria.com/december-15-cyob-dinner-feast-of-the-seven-fishes.html*.

WINE DINNER: Five courses paired with wine from Trefethen Family Vineyards. 6:30 p.m. $89.95, not including tax and gratuity. Russia House Restaurant, 724 Pine St., Herndon. 703-787-8880. *russiahouserestaurant.com*.

WINE DINNER: Five courses paired with Mediterranean wine. 7 p.m. $95. Assaggi Osteria, 6641 Old Dominion Dr., McLean. 703-918-0080. *info@assaggiosteria.com*. *assaggiosteria.com*.

SATURDAY

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HOLIDAY MIXOLOGY CLASS: Head bartender Torrence Swain demonstrates how to make various seasonal drinks. Noon $95, not including tax and gratuity. Bourbon Steak, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. 202-944-2026. *bourbonsteakdc.com*.

KIDS COOKING CLASS: In a class designed by chefs Jake and Sara Addeo, children ages 9 to 12 make linzer cookies, cinnamon biscotti and other holiday treats. 1-3 p.m. $65. Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. 202-549-4172. *programs@hillcenterdc.org*. *hillcenterdc.org/home/programs/3027*.

SUNDAY

BOOK SIGNING: Chef Nathan Lyon signs and sells copies of his book, "Great Food Starts Fresh" (Nathan Lyon, 2012). 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free admission. Dupont Circle FreshFarm Market, 20th Street NW between Massachusetts and Connecticut avenues. *freshfarmmarkets.org*.

MONDAY

LATKE-PALOOZA: Featuring a bottomless latke and deep-fried-doughnut bar. A portion of proceeds benefits the Jewish Food Experience. 6-8 p.m. $22; $38 including two drinks. Commissary, 1443 P St. NW. 202-299-0018. *commissarydc.com/latkepalooza*.

— Kara Elder

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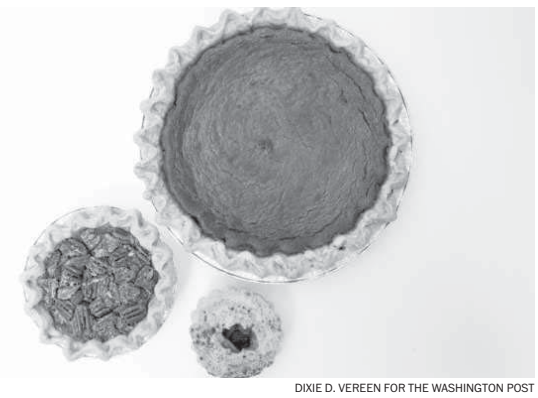

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— *Kara Elder*

Mechelle's Baking Co., Fredericksburg. 540-642-0002. *mechellesbakingcompany.com*. 9-inch pies, $30; 5½-inch pies, $9; petite pies, $3.50 (only at farmers markets); sampler of four 5½-inch pies, $32. Find them at the Marymount Farmers Market (Saturdays, May-November), Fredericksburg Farmers Market (Saturdays, year-round) and Westover Farmers Market (Sundays, year-round).

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Just for the halibut, a speedy sauce

Bonnie S. Benwick
DINNER IN 20 MINUTES

This could be the one of the better ways to cook fish — and avoid overcooking it. A creamy, tangy blanket of yogurt, mayonnaise, sour cream and fresh dill goes on after these halibut fillets spend some oven time on their own.

If you want to cook this fish (or other white-fleshed fillets of a similar size) from an almost-frozen state, allow for a longer initial time in the oven and look for that same degree of white at the center before going on to add the sauce.

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Bonnie S. Benwick tested this recipe. Questions? Email her: *food@washpost.com*. Have a quick dinner recipe that works for you? Send it along, too.

Creamy Halibut

2 servings, Healthy

This is a refreshingly simple, clean-tasting and very quick way to keep fish moist, and to minimize its aromatic effect as it cooks in your kitchen.

Serve with small boiled potatoes or sauteed haricots verts (thin French green beans).

Adapted from "Homestead Kitchen: Stories and Recipes From Our Hearth to Yours," by Eve and Eivin Kilcher (Pam Krauss Books, 2016).

Ingredients

- Two 6-to-8-ounce skinned, frozen/defrosted halibut fillets, preferably about 1 inch thick (may substitute another similarly thick, white-fleshed fish)
- Kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or more as needed
- 1 stem fresh dill
- 1 small clove garlic
- 1/4 cup plain whole-milk or low-fat yogurt
- 1/4 cup regular or low-fat mayonnaise (do not use nonfat)
- 1/4 cup regular or low-fat sour cream (do not use nonfat)

Steps

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Lightly season the fish all over with salt and then the 1/4 teaspoon of pepper. Place the fillets skinned side down in a shallow baking dish or ovenproof skillet that's just big enough to accommodate the fish and some sauce; bake for 5 to 7 minutes or just until opaque at the center.
- Meanwhile, chop the dill fronds and mince the garlic, placing them both in a medium bowl. Add the yogurt, mayonnaise and sour cream, whisking to incorporate. Taste, and season with salt and pepper as needed.
- Remove the fillets from the oven and spoon the sauce over them, making sure to coat them completely. Bake for 5 minutes more, depending on the thickness of the fish. (Cook just until it flakes.)
- Serve warm, with the sauce.

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Nutrition | Per serving (using low-fat yogurt, mayonnaise and sour cream): 310 calories, 34 g protein, 8 g carbohydrates, 15 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 110 mg cholesterol, 440 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 4 g sugar

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Elegant but oh-so-easy, for your joyeux Noël

Dorie Greenspan
EVERYDAY DORIE

By the time you read this, I'll be in Paris, where every pastry shop, grand or small, will give pride of place to its bûches de Noël, the sweet of the season.

The French await the appearance of yule log cakes with the same gleeful anticipation of kids awaiting Santa. Weeks before the confections show up in the shops, you find them previewed in glossy magazines and in every newspaper. There are traditional logs, the kind made to look like tree stumps with meringue mushrooms and chocolate leaves; logs in a pastry chef's signature flavors — Pierre Hermé always does a gorgeous rose-litchi-raspberry bûche called Ispahan; and fantastical logs created for particular shops by artists and fashion designers.

And, unlike in the States, where the yule log appears only at Christmas, the cake is served through the New Year in France, after which it is retired to make room for the galettes des rois, the king cakes that celebrate Epiphany. But that's another story.

Whether you call the cake a bûche or a yule log, at its heart it's the simple cake we know as a jellyroll: a thin sponge-cake spread with jelly or another filling and then rolled up. Mine is just that, a very simple sponge-cake covered with cookie spread (or peanut butter or Nutella) and jam (apple or pumpkin butter), rolled up, "frosted" with whipped cream and then sprinkled with colored sugar, chocolate bits, cookie crumbs or whatever crunchies you like. Sure, you can add the mushrooms and leaves, but the cake is lovely without embellishment. Easy, too. In fact, I think of this as the Easiest Bûche de Noël. Ever.

I used to be a jellyroll scaredy cat. The roll-up part spooked me. And then I met a guy who knew how to do only two things culinary: grill burgers and make bûche de Noël; he made one of the latter every year for his French wife. Watching him whip up the cake in minutes and metaphorically whistle while he rolled it gave me the courage to go home and get baking.

Turns out, it really is easy. It's also super forgiving, because any crack, break or flaw can be covered by filling or frosting. Best of all, no matter what you do, it always turns out applause-worthy and wonderfully tasty.

Takeaway tips

• Don't skip the mise-en-place; in other words, have your ingredients measured out and ready. It's good to separate the eggs into whites and yolks, and let them come to room temperature (egg whites beat to fuller volume that way), and make sure you have a clean kitchen towel and lots of confectioners' sugar at the ready for dusting.

• Start adding the sugar to the egg whites when they're opaque and just beginning to thicken. Add the sugar little by little, beating until the meringue is thick and glossy.

• Be gentle, quick and optimistic when you fold the remaining ingredients into the whites. The whites will deflate somewhat; it's all part of the plan.

• Don't leave the kitchen, because this cake bakes in less time than most cookies do.

• Pull the cake from the oven, dust the towel generously with confectioners' sugar and then turn the pan over onto the towel. You don't want to let the cake cool before you do this. Lift off the pan, carefully peel away the parchment paper (I find this part inexplicably satisfying), dust the cake with more confectioners' sugar and flip over the paper so the clean side is resting against the cake.

• Roll up the cake as tightly as you can. Rolling right away, while the cake is hot, gives it "muscle memory"; once it's cool, unrolling and rerolling it will be a snap.

• After you've filled and rerolled the cake, give it a good chill. You can even freeze it. And chill it again after you've frosted it. The make-aheadness of this cake is a big plus at holiday time. However, I think it's best if you wait to add the decoration until just before serving; colored sugar and sprinkles have an unpleasant way of semi-melting in the fridge.

And when Christmas has passed, hold on to this recipe — it makes a great birthday cake!

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Greenspan will host her Just Ask Dorie chat from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at live.washingtonpost.com.

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Dorie Greenspan's Ginger and Jam Bûche de Noël

12 to 14 servings

MAKE AHEAD: The filled, rolled, unfrosted cake needs to be refrigerated for at least 3 hours and preferably up to 1 day, or wrapped airtight and frozen for up to 2 months; defrost in the wrapping. Once covered with whipped cream, the cake should be refrigerated. It will keep for up to 12 hours.

From cookbook author Dorie Greenspan.

Ingredients

For the cake

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- Pinch allspice
- 6 large eggs
- Pinch sea salt
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

For the filling

- About 1/2 cup spice cookie spread, such as Biscoff (may use peanut butter or Nutella; see above)
- About 1 cup thick preserves, jam or fruit butter

For the frosting

- 3/4 cup cold heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- Sprinkles, colored sanding sugar, Biscoff cookie crumbs, chocolate shavings, toasted nuts or anything that strikes your fancy

Steps

- For the cake: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a 12-by-17-inch rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Have a clean kitchen towel at hand.
- Sift together the flour, cornstarch and spices in a bowl.
- Separate the eggs. Combine the whites and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a balloon-whisk attachment (or in the bowl for a handheld electric mixer), and place the yolks in a medium bowl.
- Beat the whites at medium-high speed until they are opaque and just start to thicken and hold their shape. Little by little, whip in the granulated sugar and then continue to beat for another minute or so. The meringue should be glossy and very firm.
- Whisk the yolks by hand until they are well blended. Scoop out about one-quarter of the meringue and whisk it into the yolks. The whites will deflate a little, but that's fine. Scrape the lightened yolks onto the meringue, then pour the flour mixture over the yolks.
- Use a large, flexible spatula to gently fold all the ingredients together. Work with a light hand, knowing that it's impossible not to knock some air out of the meringue, and blend the ingredients together as best as you can. It's better to have a few patches of egg white than to deflate the batter, so work quickly and carefully, and don't aim for perfection.
- Turn the batter out and smooth it evenly over the pan, making sure to fill the corners. Bake (middle rack) for 8 to 10 minutes or until the cake is uniformly puffed, feels just set and is lightly golden. Transfer to a cooling rack, but don't let it sit for longer than 5 minutes.
- Spread the towel out on the counter and dust it with confectioners' sugar; be generous. Run a table knife around the sides of the warm cake, then invert the cake onto the sugared cloth. Gently peel away the parchment paper. Dust the cake with confectioners' sugar, flip over the parchment and place the clean side against the cake. Position the cake so that you've got a long side running parallel to the counter, and roll the cake up snugly in the towel, making the roll as tight as you can. Twist the ends of the towel to secure the roll, and let the cake come to room temperature on the rack.
- For the filling: Place the cookie spread in a bowl and stir vigorously to loosen it (so it will be easier to spread). Do the same with the preserves.
- Unroll the cake and remove the parchment, keeping the cake on the kitchen towel. Spread the cookie spread evenly across the cake, leaving a margin of about an inch around the cake's perimeter. Cover the cookie spread with a layer of jam.
- Using the towel to help you, gently lift and roll the cake, starting at a long side and finishing so that the seam is on the bottom. Again, try to get a snug roll. Transfer the cake to a serving platter (or cutting board) and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours or, better yet, for up to 1 day. The log is better when the filling has had time to meld with the cake.
- For the frosting: Pour the heavy cream into the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a balloon-whisk attachment (or in a bowl with a handheld electric mixer); beat on medium speed until the cream just starts to thicken. Little by little, add the confectioners' sugar followed by the vanilla extract. You want to beat the cream until it is thick and holds its shape. Use a flexible spatula to fold the sour cream into the stiffly beaten whipped cream.
- Use a serrated knife to cut off the uneven ends of the cake. (Reserve for a baker's treat.) Use an offset spatula or a kitchen knife to generously cover the cake with the whipped cream mixture; you'll use all of it. If you're not serving the cake immediately, return it to the refrigerator. (The frosted cake can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 12 hours.)
- When you're ready to serve the cake, top it with sanding sugar, sprinkles or other decorations of your choice.

Nutrition | Per serving (based on 14): 260 calories, 4 g protein, 38 g carbohydrates, 10 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 100 mg cholesterol, 80 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 26 g sugar

Recipe tested by Nilar Andrea Chit Tun; email questions to food@washpost.com

With chickpeas around, who needs chickens?

Joe Yonan
WEEKNIGHT VEGETARIAN

Anything chicken can do, chickpeas can do better. At least I think so, but I am admittedly biased. I don't know if it's just the possibility for wordplay, but I am drawn to every recipe I have ever seen that uses the beans in place of the poultry in a classic, or at least well-known, treatment. I'm talking about kung pao chickpeas, butter chickpeas, chickpea a la king and the like.

An early favorite was chickpea salad. And why not? Garbanzo beans take well to the mashed-with-mayo technique, and if you spice up the mix with curry powder and add some sour, crunchy bits, all the better.

Jessica Prescott has an excellent version in her book "Vegan Goodness" (Hardie Grant Books, 2016). Prescott, creator of the Wholy Goodness blog, was inspired not by chicken salad but by her dad's curried egg sandwiches. And rather than mayo, she uses a ripe avocado (plus a little olive oil) as the fatty binder. Because I'm a pickle fanatic, especially when it comes to sandwiches, my favorite part is her use of baby dills as little punctuation marks.

I aimed to make four full-size sandwiches with the filling, but the best-looking rolls at the supermarket were minis, so sliders were born. In the midst of holiday-potluck season, it was a message from the universe that these were born to be party food, not just dinner.

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Curried Chickpea Salad Sandwiches

4 servings

Adapted from "Vegan Goodness," by Jessica Prescott (Hardie Grant Books, 2016).

Ingredients

- 1½ cups (one 15-ounce can) no-salt-added chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- Flesh of 1 large ripe avocado, chopped
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, or more as needed
- ¼ cup finely chopped red onion
- 4 baby dill pickles, finely chopped (½ cup)
- ¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- ½ teaspoon kosher or sea salt, or more as needed
- ½ teaspoon finely ground black pepper, or more as needed
- About ½ cup lightly packed baby spinach leaves
- 4 hamburger-bun-size rolls (or 8 mini rolls), split and toasted

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Steps

- Combine the chickpeas, avocado, oil and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Mash with a fork until well combined but still a little chunky. Stir in the red onion, pickles, parsley, curry powder, salt and pepper. Taste, and add more lemon, salt and/or pepper as needed.
- To build the sandwiches, place a few baby spinach leaves on the bottom halves of the toasted rolls and top with the chickpea salad (about ½ cup each if the rolls are hamburger-bun-size and ¼ cup if they're minis). Top with the remaining halves of the rolls.

Nutrition | Per serving (using kosher salt): 300 calories, 12 g protein, 45 g carbohydrates, 10 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 610 mg sodium, 9 g dietary fiber, 7 g sugar

Recipe tested by Joe Yonan; email questions to food@washpost.com

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Hill Staff Homebrew Competition winner Chris Anderson, right, accepts his award from American Homebrewers Association Director Gary Glass, left, and National Homebrew Competition Director John Moorhead in a ceremony on Capitol Hill.

Hill staffers find there's common ground in beer

Beer
FRITZ HAHN

The latest battle in Congress was fought between the offices of a Republican senator from Louisiana and a Democratic representative from Northern California. But it wasn't over free trade, or military budgets, or a bridge to nowhere: It was the finals of the first-ever Hill Staff Homebrew Contest, a challenge launched by the Brewers Association, a trade group for craft brewers, and the American Homebrewers Association.

As Katie Marisic, Brewers Association federal affairs manager, walked the halls of Capitol Hill, attending meetings and visiting congressional offices to discuss legislative priorities for breweries, she says staffers would regularly tell her, "Oh, I home-brew." Some even shared their creations with her. She talked with American Homebrewers Association Director Gary Glass, Marisic says, and they decided to turn that previously untapped love of political home-brew into an interoffice contest, complete with a trophy.

"As you know," Marisic adds, "Washington is a very competitive town." (Still, she also pointed out that home-brewing is, for many, a collaborative project, even with differing experience levels. "It's something they could do on teams: Get together and brew a beer.")

And it's a good time for home-brewing in Washington, with the opening of the Arlington Brew Shop in Rosslyn this year and the continued growth of the D.C. Homebrew Shop at 3 Stars Brewery in upper Northwest.

Twenty-five Hill staffers signed up for the contest, though only 14 ready-to-drink beers were delivered last week to the 3 Stars taproom, where a team of eight certified national and local beer judges waited to evaluate them. The contenders' levels of experience were all over the map, says John Moorhead, who took a break from directing the National Homebrew Competition, the largest beer competition in the world, to organize this contest. "One guy has been brewing for 20 years. Another told us this was his first competition, which is really cool to hear."

The quality of the beer also varied widely: For every delicate lavender saison, there was a wheat beer that just didn't taste right. That's not unusual at home-brew competitions, but Moorhead says he was surprised by the submissions themselves: "More Belgian-style beers than IPAs, which is not the way the National Homebrew Competition entries have been trending."

In the end, the judges narrowed the field to two beers: a malty bière de garde created by Noah Oppenheim, a Sea Grant Knauss Fellow working in the office of Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.); and a double IPA brewed by Chris Anderson, a legislative assistant for Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.), and his frequent brewing collaborator Matt Buckham, who now works for the Heritage Foundation after leaving the Hill. By a consensus vote, a trio of judges picked Tapdancing Fezziwig, the big, pleasantly bitter double IPA dry-hopped with Apollo and Columbus hops.

Anderson and Buckham picked up the award — shaped like the star of Schoolhouse Rock's "I'm Just a Bill" cartoon but labeled "Beer" instead of "Bill" — at a ceremony in the Rayburn House Office Building on Thursday night. Anderson took the statue back to Cassidy's office, where it will serve as bragging rights until the 2017 competition, which Glass hopes will be bigger. "At the reception after the announcement of winners, I interacted with a lot of home-brewers who weren't aware of the competition," Glass says. The goal is to "build that awareness among the staff, that there are other home-brewers here, and maybe begin more collaborations."

It may inspire some other staffers to take up the hobby. After all, Glass says, the contest is "a great opportunity to highlight what home-brewing is all about to some very influential people."

Anderson and Buckham, who brew in Buckham's Merrifield home, are now considering entering the National Homebrew Competition. "Your friends lie to you" about how good a home-brewed beer is, Buckham says, and Anderson adds that "We decided that, if we win, that adds legitimacy."

Meanwhile, they look forward to defending their title — and reaching across the aisle. "We brew beers to take a break from where were work," says Buckham. "Politics is divisive. Beer is not."

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Britain's bubblies just keep getting better

Wine
DAVE MCINTYRE

Last year, I reported on the arrival of bubblies from Ridgeview Wine Estate, the first English sparkling wines to reach the Washington market. Turns out, that was a trickle. This year, the English bubbly is pouring with gusto.

We can now add Gusbourne, Balfour, the Bolney and Digby Fine English to the list. Like the Ridgeviews that debuted a year ago, these new arrivals offer tremendous quality and value.

England's prime wine areas are in the south, through the counties of Sussex, Hampshire and Kent. This is the warmest part of England, though still cool for wine production. The climate helps ripen the grapes just enough while preserving the acidity so vital to sparkling wine. The region also shares a geological heritage with Champagne, in northern France, as both regions lie astride the same ancient chalk sea bed.

Although British vintners managed to add bubbles to wine as early as the 1700s, the modern era of English sparkling wine dates to the mid-1960s. Five decades of grape growing and experimentation have led to improved quality and increased quantity. Global warming hasn't hurt, either, as Richmond-based importer Bartholomew Broadbent, a British native, points out.

"Back in the 1960s, my father" — that would be noted British wine expert Michael Broadbent — "was winemaker for an English winery," Broadbent says. "I remember clearly cutting grapes with secateurs when I was 6 years old. It was a cold, muddy job, and back then the English climate was probably the main reason the wines weren't great. Today, one of the few benefits of climate change is that southern England has been blessed with an ideal climate for making top-quality sparkling wine."

What Broadbent calls an "absolute frenzy" of American interest in these wines has been fueled by television shows such as "Downton Abbey" and "The Crown," he adds. The shows "help maintain a healthy interest in the highest reaches of English society, and English sparkling wine is the pinnacle."

This fall, Broadbent Selections added sparkling wines from Gusbourne Estate winery to its portfolio. These include a riveting 2011 Blanc de Blancs (made entirely of chardonnay) and a deep, savory Brut Reserve. Gusbourne is a young winery, with vines first planted in 2004 and its first releases in 2010. So there's no track record of centuries, as there is in Champagne, but these early wines are world class.

"This is the month of giving, and, if you want to give something which nobody has tasted but represents the very finest in wine, then Gusbourne is the perfect answer," Broadbent says.

Gusbourne is not the only answer, however, and Broadbent is not the only one prone to letting his marketing enthusiasm flow as freely as wine. "We want to be an internationally loved luxury brand," says Trevor Clough, a co-founder of Digby Fine English, which owns no vineyards but follows the classic champagne negociant model, buying grapes from a variety of growers. The brand, founded in 2009, is named for Sir Kenelm Digby, who invented the modern wine bottle (strong enough to contain the pressure of sparkling wine) in the 17th century.

I met Clough in October at a reception in New York at the British consul's residence. He boasted that Digby was the most expensive English sparkling wine, an interesting marketing tack to be sure. "We blend to achieve a beautiful Digby nose, a round Digby body and an elegant, lasting finish," he enthused.

The New York event introduced the British Bottle Co., an exporter of U.K.-made beer, wine and spirits founded by Red Johnson, son of Hugh Johnson, the eminent wine writer.

England produced only 5 million bottles of wine (total, not just sparkling) last year, but that was double the production of just five years earlier, said Ross Allen, the deputy U.K. consul. "It's also gotten a lot cheaper over the past few months," he added ruefully, referring to the decline in the British pound after Britain's voters decided to leave the European Union.

Richard Balfour-Lynn has no desire to grow his Hush Heath Estate winery into a large operation. "We want to remain a boutique winery," he said as he poured me a taste of his Balfour 1503 Rosé, a lovely pink fizz that remains crisp despite an unusually high 18 grams of residual sugar. "It's the British acidity that keeps it balanced," Balfour-Lynn beamed.

Yet he was more modest than his counterparts in describing his drive to produce high-quality wine in an unknown region. "We're in a business where if you fail to sell your product, you have to drink it yourself," he said. "So it'd better be something we like."

Red Johnson was not so shy in describing his plans to sell his five brands of English fizz in markets as diverse as Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Canada and Europe in addition to the United States. "Wherever there's a sophisticated wine culture, we want to be," he told me.

And why enter a market bringing so many brands of an unknown product? "If you export one wine to a market, it's a novelty," he said. "If you export a portfolio, it becomes a category."

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RECOMMENDATIONS

★★★ Exceptional ★★☆ Excellent ★☆☆ Very Good

The English fizz invasion continues with these delicious wines, now available in the Washington area. Although these aren't exactly inexpensive, they do represent good value, equaling and arguably sometimes surpassing French champagnes in the same price range. And don't forget the novelty factor of offering your friends something they haven't tasted before.

I would have given a three-star rating to England's **Gusbourne Estate Blanc de Blancs 2011** ($76), whose red-fruit flavors are as intense as a laser beam. But Gusbourne wines are just reaching the D.C. market, and this blanc de blancs is not yet available in stores or restaurants.

— Dave McIntyre

GREAT VALUE
Digby Fine English Non Vintage Brut
★★★
England, $51
Here's a wake-up call that will inspire dreams rather than interrupt them. A blend of 40 percent pinot noir, 35 percent chardonnay and 25 percent pinot meunier, this wine follows the classic blend of many top non-vintage champagnes. It can easily rival any champagne at this price. Alcohol by volume: 12 percent.

Distributed by Metro Cellars: On the list in the District at Kinship. Available in Virginia at Arrowine and Cheese in Arlington, Rio Hill Wine & Gourmet in Charlottesville, Unwined (Alexandria, Belleview), Vienna Vintner, the Vineyard in McLean; on the list at 2941 in Falls Church, Dolce Vita in Fairfax, North Side Social in Arlington.

GREAT VALUE
Hush Heath Estate Balfour 1503 Rosé Dry
★★★
England, $40
This is a lovely strawberry- and raspberry-tinged wine that entices and refreshes despite having 18 grams of residual sugar, unusually high for a dry-tasting sparkling wine. "That's the English acidity," says Hush Heath proprietor Richard Balfour-Lynn. This wine had a brief stint on the wine list at Pineapple and Pearls this fall. ABV:11.5 percent.

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GREAT VALUE
Ridgeview Cavendish Brut 2014
★★½
England, $40
I was attracted by this wine's red-fruit flavors and floral aroma. Some wines root me where I stand; this one entices me to follow it in search of a hidden corner in the garden where the moon shines clear and dreams come true. ABV: 12 percent.

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The Bolney Estate Blanc de Blancs Brut 2010
★★½
England, $52
Soft and round, the Bolney Blanc de Blancs reminds us that we are drinking chardonnay, after all. The bubbles here are a welcome accent rather than a show-stealer. Drink this with your meal, then stare at your glass, wishing there were more. ABV: 12.5 percent.

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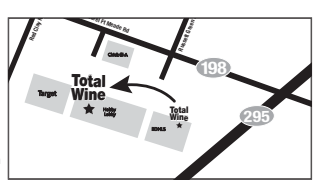

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Icing for holiday cookies

Wednesdays at noon, we field questions about all things food for one hour at live.washingtonpost.com. *Last week's special guest was food writer Kristen Hartke. Here are edited excerpts from that chat.*

Recipes whose names are capitalized can be found in our Recipe Finder at washingtonpost.com/recipes.

Q: What's the best recipe for icing holiday cookies?
A: Royal icing — made with meringue powder, dried egg white powder or pasteurized egg whites, plus confectioners' sugar and, often, flavoring — dries firm, so it's best for any decorated cookies you intend to pack and store between wax paper sheets, etc. If you are doing the outline-then-fill routine, you'd make it in two consistencies, with one being thinner so it fills the dried-outline border of your design.

Check out Nancy Baggett's 'Au Naturel' Confectioners' Sugar Icings.

— Bonnie S. Benwick

Q: What's the best substitute for butter in sugar cookies to make them non-dairy?
A: A vegan margarine, such as the one made by Earth Balance.

— Joe Yonan

Q: I have jars upon jars of jam — some from travels, some homemade from friends and some store-bought. I will definitely make the Cornmeal Thumbprints With Tomato Jam, but can you recommend other recipes that can help me get rid of a larger quantity?
A: Spreading jam between cake layers is a great way to get rid of large quantities; check out the Victoria Sandwich Cake. Or use it in a tart, such as the Jam Tart With Almonds.

— Becky Krystal

Q: Do you have a favorite recipe for Mexican wedding cookies? They seem to consist mostly of nuts (walnuts?) and confectioners' sugar. I've seen them round, like little balls, but flatter would be good, too.
A: We have several: Triple Orange Mexican Wedding Cookies; Chai-Spiced Snowdrops; Heather Chittum's Wedding Cookies; Saffron Wedding Cookies; Pecan Crescents.

My mom makes polvorones (a.k.a. Mexican wedding cookies) into slice-and-bake cookies; I'd imagine you could shape any of these doughs into a log, chill for a few hours, then cut into ¼-inch slices before baking. She also toasts the flour in the oven before baking, which gives them an extra layer of nuttiness.

— Kara Elder

Q: My son-in-law is British, and, to honor his holiday custom, I make a traditional Christmas pudding (a cake in American lingo). The problem is that at the finale of our Christmas dinner, the cake is set on fire and its flavor is ruined. It tastes awful. My son-in-law douses the cake with a good amount of 150-proof rum before lighting it. I'm wondering if the quantity or type of alcohol is the problem. Should we first warm the alcohol?
A: I come from a rawther British family and grew up on Christmas pudding. We always warm the brandy or rum first, and it really should be only a large spoonful. If you douse it in too much alcohol, it will definitely become inedible!

— Kristen Hartke

Q: I have a lovely cousin who is allergic to gluten and butter. I would like to surprise her with something nice for the holiday season. Do you have any suggestions for a moist, sweet cake or cookies?
A: A few ideas for you: Amazing Lemon Cannellini Cake; Lucia's Walnut Cake; Catalan Marzipan Cookies With Coconut; Chocolate Almond Tweed Torte.

— B.K.

Q: Do some kinds of cookies last longer than others, so that they can be kept around for several weeks without getting stale? I'm asking this for a cookie-swap party that will leave each guest with dozens of cookies, which I think means a few weeks' worth.
A: Store crispy with crispy and soft with soft, and your cookies will stay as intended, texture-wise, for much longer. I think two weeks at room temperature is pushing it for just about any homemade cookie, though. Ten days is about the max, typically.

— B.S.B.

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Martell Cordon Bleu 125.00
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Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut 49.99
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Mondavi Woodbridge *Rebate 6 Bot $18* 8.49

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Devils Backbone 8 Point IPA • Lager 32.99
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Flying Dog Raging Bitch 6pk 9.99
Founders Breakfast Stout 4pk 9.99
Founders Porter 6pk 9.99
Sam Adams Winter Variety Pack 12pk 17.99
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Thur 4-7 Founders

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FIRST BITE FROM **E1**

Like tens of thousands of other people, we visited the casino Friday, its first full day of operation. And just like a trip across the casino floor, some meals we tried at five sit-down restaurants and the National Market food hall were full of bright lights and excitement, while others were bound to end in disappointment. But if we're going to wind up $100 poorer at the end of the night, we'd rather feed ourselves than feed the slots.

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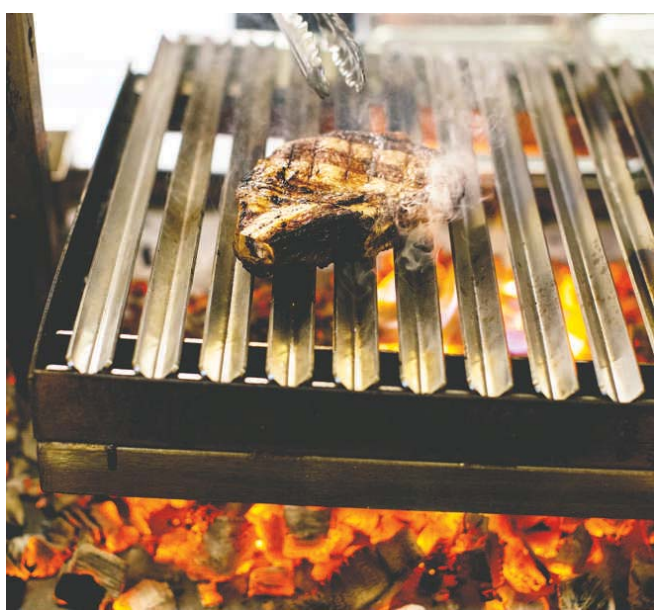
An oyster platter at Fish by José Andrés in the new MGM National Harbor. The menu features seafood dishes from across America.



Steak two ways: Above, meat cooks on the grill at Voltaggio Brothers Steak House; at right, a red cabbage "steak" with red-wine beet "jus," farro and pickled mushrooms at Marcus.

FISH BY JOSÉ ANDRÉS

When José Andrés first came to the United States, more than two decades ago, he thought American seafood was far inferior to the crabs and fish he enjoyed in Spain.

"My first impression was always that seafood was always so overcooked," he said. "And then I realized, when I began cooking it the way I like it, that the seafood was unbelievable."

Fish is the first American-style seafood-focused place from the prolific restaurateur behind Washington's Jaleo, Minibar and more. And he's wholeheartedly embracing his adopted homeland's traditions — even the ones he took a while to appreciate. Like the way we eat crabs here.

In Spain, "We didn't put any spice [on crabs], because we were trying to showcase the sweet flavor of the meat," he said. "So that, in the beginning, shocked me. Over time, I kind of am liking the Old Bay."

Start your meal with Andrés's take on an oyster shooter: Oysters from British Columbia are topped with a mound of gin-and-tonic foam. There's an extensive raw bar, stocked with seafood that lives in tanks behind the chef, including sea urchin, scallops and even geoduck, a type of enormous clam with an appearance that may make you blush. Hush puppies come with squash in the middle and an optional topping of trout roe, which turns them into tiny sweet-and-salty flavor bombs.

The menu is also a chance for Andrés to showcase the commonalities between Spanish and American seafood. The kitchen turns out a lobster jambalaya with a beautiful tableside presentation. "In Spain, we like these soupy rices," he said. It made him realize "how similar we are."

His other nods to the South include shrimp and grits with blue corn grits, giving the dish a purple hue. But the menu includes dishes from across the country, from the Memphis barbecue chicken to the New England clam chowder. Andrés pledges to source seafood from as close as possible — he has partnered with Rappahannock for some of his oysters — and to be as sustainable as he can. That's why you'll see a whole fried porgy on the menu, "probably one of the most underappreciated fish of the area," he said. For dessert, Atlantic Beach Pie is one of those dishes that actually looks like what it's named after: Yogurt-lemon cream spread thin on the plate resembles sand, and the Chantilly cream and the Ritz cracker crumble scooped on top almost look like shells.

Perhaps more than any other restaurant in the complex, this is the place that stands to make you forget you're in a casino. Naturally, it has a nautical theme, but Fish manages to make rope and netting look sophisticated. Fish sculptures hang from the ceiling, and an undulating, wave-shaped open kitchen with countertop seating lets guests watch the action. Even the servers dress the part, in adorable uniforms with a Mediterranean-meets-Nantucket vibe. (But pity the poor workers who were still breaking in their Sperry boat shoes on opening night; one server complained that the shoes hurt, and another was visibly limping.)

At the riverside entrance to the complex, the 268-seat restaurant also has some of the nicest views of the MGM fountain and the surrounding scenery. In warmer months, it will benefit from its expansive outdoor seating, where Andrés plans to serve local blue crabs once they're in season. He'll do them with Old Bay, but he'll also do them his way, simply boiled in seawater for only three or four minutes.

"I believe nothing beats a boiled crab," he said. "We'll have both, and let the best one win."

301-971-6050. Open Sundays-Thursdays, 5 to 10:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 5 to 11 p.m. Entrees, $14 to $48.

— M.J.

VOLTAGGIO BROTHERS STEAK HOUSE

Isolated in a lonelier stretch of the casino known as the District, the Voltaggio Brothers Steak House is, in a sense, perfectly situated.

The restaurant is 60 miles or so from the greater Frederick area where Bryan and Michael Voltaggio first raised hell — and first considered a career in the kitchen. The sibling celebrity chefs — Bryan on the East Coast, Michael on the West Coast, the separation mirroring their once-warring ways — have come together for their debut restaurant as collaborators. It's a steakhouse with a rich, sumptuous family setting, so at odds with what the brothers experienced as latchkey kids in rural Maryland..

You can argue about the wisdom of developing a family-themed restaurant in a casino, where nest eggs and inheritances are frittered away on a regular basis, but the Voltaggio Brothers Steak House is a gorgeous homage to the American nuclear family. The 178-seat space is carved into different home environments: a plush living room with draperies and curvy sky-blue banquettes that look like couches; a spare, artsy dining room outfitted with dish cabinets that look as if they were pulled from Andy Warhol's house; a playful family room with tufted walls (as if you could bounce off them); a dark and manly library that doubles as the bar; and a country-style kitchen with a giant, custom-made grill from the Washington-based Grillworks.

Even the menus resemble family scrapbooks, complete with black-and-white photos of the chefs as towheaded boys, pictures that were curated by their mother. The overall effect, as Bryan Voltaggio notes, encourages diners to see the old D.C. steakhouse concept through a new lens: Steakhouse = Steak / House.

The chefs, of course, have put their own modernist spins on classic steakhouse dishes. The standard wedge salad — a pyramid of iceberg lettuce with blue cheese dressing, bacon and chopped tomatoes — has been re-engineered into a horizontal presentation with ranch dressing, pickled onions, Gorgonzola "snow" and tomato jam. It looks like it was left outside during a blizzard; its visual appeal is matched by its flavors, the sweet-tart tomato jam cutting through the buttermilk richness.

The bigeye tuna is only "pretending to be Steak Tartar [sic]," the menu announces. Big, meaty pieces of sushi-grade tuna are dressed with capers, cornichons, shallots, chives and olive oil, then placed under a wavy crisp that's topped with little dollops of emulsified egg. The flavor-packed preparation threatens to overwhelm the more refined pleasures of the fish, but you'll probably need to devour the entire dish to be sure.

The Voltaggios source their beef from Pat LaFrieda, the respected New Jersey-based meat wholesaler. Steaks are available under three headings: 45-day dry-aged USDA prime, American Wagyu and plain ol' USDA Prime (!). Prices reflect the provenance of the meat (and the surroundings in which they're served).

The $56 bone-in rib-eye, cooked a beautifully bruised shade of medium-rare, lacked the extra char we requested, but it packed all the dense, mineral-forward flavors you expect from dry-aged beef. The $50 prime filet mignon was lightly seasoned, almost under-seasoned, until you began to understand the logic of chef de cuisine Cole Dickinson's approach: The cut had such delicate flavor that he didn't want to overwhelm it with salt. Both steaks were paired with a dehydrated, flash-fried piece of tendon, rich and airy, the pork rind of the beef universe.

This is a steakhouse whose pleasures are not limited to beef. The Maine lobster is no steamed specimen with drawn butter but a Thai-style crustacean topped with blue crab and paired with a tom kha emulsion, whose fragrant notes of galangal and lemon grass work splendidly with the sweet lobster. The cacio e pepe offers a comforting blanket of pecorino cheese before setting it ablaze with its many twists of freshly cracked black pepper. Even the sides venture beyond the standard fare, including the "umami cereal," a toothsome gruel of shiitake mushrooms, steel-cut oats and mushroom dashi. It's 50 shades of flavor.

Three sommeliers roamed the floor Friday night, and ours selected a bottle of pinot from Bergstrom Wines in Oregon, a spicy, black-cherry-forward juice that proved surprisingly versatile. The classics cocktail list covers a lot of ground, too, from a light and citrusy Milk Punch to a dark, brown and brooding Madison. The dessert list, designed by the Voltaggios and Dickinson, still feels like a work in progress, high on technique but low on a sweet, satisfying finish.

301-971-6060. Open Sundays-Thursdays, 5 to 10:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 5 to 11 p.m. Entrees, $28 to $120.

— T.C.

MARCUS

Need any reminder of who the big-name celebrity chef is at MGM National Harbor's only 24/7 restaurant?

Just look up at the sign out front: Marcus.

It's the Washington-area debut restaurant from the New-York-by-way-of-Sweden-by-way-of-Ethiopia chef Marcus Samuelsson, who made a name for himself as executive chef at Aquavit in Manhattan and then through his own Harlem restaurant, Red Rooster.

His signature is all over the menu, which blends favorites from his other eateries, including the fried yardbird and Helga's meatballs and pasta (the latter named for his Swedish grandmother), and new dishes that incorporate Maryland ingredients and culinary traditions.

The bottom line: "For me, comfort has to be the star," Samuelsson said.

Homey appeal prompted us to order the deviled eggs as a starter. But the trio seemed to lack the spice of its promised Hot Terp Sauce (not the only item named in an apparent bid for local cred; see: Wild Go Go wings, Uniontown soup, etc.). The chips of duck salami added a bit of smoky flavor, but mostly we tasted mustard.

Some of the best dishes tip a respectful nod to Ethiopia, where Samuelsson was born. "Maya's warm beef tartare" featured coarsely chopped meat laced with berbere, zesty yet not overpoweringly spicy. The dish will make you a believer in injera chips, served with regular crostini for scooping. Samuelsson injects his "muffin top pot pie" — no actual muffin, but rather a puff pastry crust — with a similar African accent. The stewy, fragrant filling of chicken, liver, egg, carrots and potatoes is just right for a cold winter's day.

In Sweden, Samuelsson didn't grow up with fried chicken, but you wouldn't know it judging from the trademark yardbird. The skin is textbook crisp — chicken brittle, if you will — and the meat benefits from a buttermilk brine that includes more Ethiopian spices. The accompanying mashed potatoes are ethereally fluffy and rich, a much better accessory than the sweet, congealed mace gravy that also shares the plate.

As to the a la carte sides, the collards, waffling between sweet and bitter, were gritty — more thorough rinsing, please! The Jamaican cowpeas came out underdone and chalky, though the zippy tomato sauce was on the right track.

FIRST BITE CONTINUED ON **E9**

FIRST BITE FROM E8

Vegetarians will appreciate the red cabbage "steak," a slab of charred brassica that works best when swiped through the red wine beet "jus" and combined with a mouthful of chewy farro and lightly pickled mushrooms.

The Dunbar chocolate cake (that naming again) doesn't suffer for the fact that it looks nothing like a fluffy layer cake. Instead, it's a thin, crispy plank redolent with hazelnuts and topped with boozy cherries and clouds of salted caramel mousse. Seconds, anyone?

Marcus is an attractive space that seats about 200 diners in a variety of zones, which include a patio overlooking the resort's atrium, a bar and seating near the open kitchen. The decor is just as biographical as the food, with African textiles taking up one wall above the French-brasserie-style dining room and a display of the chef's on-point wardrobe.

"It's a very personal endeavor," Samuelsson said of the project. And it shows.

301-971-6010. Open 24 hours daily. Entrees, $21 to $85.

— B.K.

JENNIFER CHASE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The open kitchen at Marcus, the only restaurant at MGM National Harbor that will be open around the clock. It's star chef Marcus Samuelsson's first venture in the Washington area.

GINGER

I had just ordered our first dish — a Sichuan dan dan noodle soup — when the waitress at Ginger stopped me. She smiled sheepishly and informed the table that she wasn't familiar with the menu yet. The rest of our order would need to involve menu pages and an index finger for pointing.

"We'll work through it together," she promised, percolating with equal amounts of enthusiasm and hope. Our interactions quickly turned into a kind of improv skit, right in the middle of this sleek, minimalist 181-seat dining room located just off the large atrium known as the Conservatory.

The waitress wasn't the only one who seemed to be learning the menu on the fly. The kitchen forgot components for two of the four dishes we ordered during a midafternoon meal at the pan-Asian restaurant developed by a team of chefs from MGM Resorts' properties in Las Vegas. Yes, the missing ingredients are probably symptomatic of opening-day jitters, but still: When you're paying $25 for Panang curry and $22 for bibimbap, you'd like to get the entire dish, right?

Our Cantonese roast duck ($28 for a half-duck) was supposed to arrive with plum sauce, cashews and Chinese pickles. What we got was an oval plate of lacquered, skin-on bird parts — and nothing else. Perhaps the kitchen was so focused on roasting the perfect duck that it lost sight of the other elements. The bird was decently rendered, leaving a semi-crispy skin clinging to the moist flesh, but it was also salty enough to incite a water-chugging contest at the table.

The dolsot bibimbap — Ginger's attempt at Korean cooking — was served in the requisite sizzling pot, designed to crisp up the rice at the bottom of the bowl. The crunchy rice was nonexistent, as were the kimchi and the gochujang, the last a fermented soybean-and-chili paste that ties the entire dish together. Without the spicy condiment, the bibimbap was little more than a random assembly of ingredients, dry and lifeless. When we were several bites in, the waitress brought us a small tray of Sriracha and chili sauce, the restaurant's substitute for gochujang.

"We're basically a Chinese restaurant," she said as explanation for the missing Korean condiment.

That may be an honest assessment of the kitchen's focus, but the menu promises a far deeper dive into Asian cookery. Thai, Vietnamese and Korean dishes are available to every poor soul who approaches Ginger's host stand, unaware that the restaurant's pan-Asian facade conceals a Chinese soul. Our chicken Panang curry seemed to confirm the idea that they don't understand Thai cuisine: Its red curry paste was sweetened with litchis, and the dish came without rice.

We were told rice would cost extra.

301-971-6030. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Entrees, $16 to $268.

— T.C.

TAP SPORTS BAR

Restaurants driven by celebrity chefs may provide buzz for the casino, but one look at the floor plan will show you where MGM expects most customers to fuel up between rounds of blackjack or video poker: The Tap Sports Bar has a capacity of 422, which is more than the number of people who can fit into Marcus Samuelsson's Marcus and the Voltaggio Brothers Steak House combined. And although Tap accepts reservations, it was the only restaurant welcoming walk-in customers on opening night.

If you've been to an upscale sports bar, you already have a pretty good idea of what to expect from Tap: 95 TVs, ranging from "large" to "wall-sized," are hung at every angle so fans don't have to miss a minute of any game, no matter where they're seated. The large central bar has a solid list of 48 predominantly craft beers on draft, with Flying Dog, DC Brau and other local brewers alongside Stone and Dogfish Head IPAs. (Most pints are $8-$9; all beers can be "upgraded" to a 20-ounce mug for an extra $3.) It's not just all for hopheads: Two taps are given over to cocktails, including a lemonade spiked with Cruzan rum. The look is vaguely industrial: warehouse-style windows, Edison bulbs, pressed-tin panels. Still, it's hard to forget you're at MGM, thanks to the large windows looking out on a rows of video slots.

Tap clearly has aspirations beyond sports bar fare: The signature "grind" burger is a mix of chuck, brisket and short rib, topped with bacon and Gorgonzola and served on a pretzel roll; the nachos, smothered in smoked cheddar, jack cheese, pico de gallo and avocado, fine on their own, can be ordered with smoked-brisket chili or garlic achiote chicken. (The menu also includes some items that are available elsewhere in the resort, including Pappas crab balls and crab cakes.) Then again, when the bartender was asked for advice navigating the appetizers, he recommended the chicken wings made with mumbo sauce, the sweet-and-sticky condiment that's a fixture at D.C. carryouts. Tangy and gently smoky, the sauce redeemed the slightly dry wings — which came out of the kitchen suspiciously fast — and was more than a match for crispy fries dusted with salty crab spice.

Whether basketball games or video poker machines, though, you can stare at screens for only so long. The rear of Tap, decorated with framed Nationals and Johns Hopkins jerseys and other sports memorabilia, holds foosball tables, a pair of shuffleboard tables and, presumably to prevent injuries, magnetic darts more suitable for a children's party.

One of Tap's most promising assets is its patio, which overlooks the Potomac Plaza fountain and has views of National Harbor and Alexandria beyond. The outdoor bar and all-weather couches and chairs look like a nice place to hang out when spring returns, though the real draw will probably be the bocce court, corn hole sets and beer pong table. By Memorial Day, getting a seat at the outdoor bar might even be harder than scoring a prime reservation at Marcus.

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— F.H.

OTHER TASTES

Bellagio Patisserie occupies prime real estate in the resort's conservatory, and you'd be well served to be drawn in by its attractive display case. The croissants — try the pain au chocolat ($4.50) — somehow manage to be flaky and not at all doughy despite their size-of-your-head proportions. Come late morning, additional pastries make their way into the shop. The raspberry Chambord cake ($6.50) is a pleasantly mouth-puckering mousse-and-sponge concoction that tastes as good as its red-glazed looks. A thin wall of chocolate around the dessert completes the perfect picture.

— B.K.

In the National Market food hall:

• **Honey's** is the only stand at the National Market food hall that's open for breakfast. If you're looking for something with a bit of protein, go for the Farmer Boy sandwich ($7), a relatively well-rounded combination of runny-yolk eggs, bacon and white American cheese on a squishy roll. A honey-mustard mayo contributes an appreciated bit of zing. You'll feel at least marginally better about eating this sandwich rather than a doughnut; a cinnamon cake round was soggy and not much to write home about.

— B.K.

• **Bento** is MGM's play for the one of the year's biggest trends: Here's where you'll find your Instagrammable sushi burritos. We opted instead for a sushi bowl with tuna, salmon and yellowtail atop a bowl of nicely-seasoned rice ($24). One word of caution to the food stall: With long waits at the counters, some vendors gave out buzzers when a person's order was up, but Bento writes a description of the diner on their ticket. I was wearing red lipstick, so my receipt said "red lips" — which didn't bother me, but come on, restaurants get in trouble for this all the time! Bento should opt for the buzzers.

— M.J.

• **District Deli**, with subway tile and chalkboard menus, is an unfussy place to get a beer and a pastrami or turkey sandwich. We particularly liked the smoked-beef sandwich ($12.50), whose fattiness is offset by a spicy giardiniera and sharp provolone on a soft sesame roll.

— M.J.

• Baltimore's **Pappas Crab Cakes** received national attention last year after Oprah Winfrey named them one of her "favorite things," which may explain why dozens of people were willing to wait almost 20 minutes just to order a sandwich or platter. But if Oprah is truly a crab cake aficionado, she'd think twice about recommending the flabby offerings at the Pappas outpost here. The sandwich ($19) arrived with a heavy smear of tartar sauce, and the jumbo lumps tasted as though they'd spent more time in a freezer than in the Chesapeake Bay.

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There's more to Hanukkah's oil-based foods than latkes

HANUKKAH FROM E1

Hanukkah, anyway?

Well, there's nothing like a story from biblical times to give us permission to eat fried food. Hanukkah commemorates the victory in 165 B.C. of the rebellious Jewish Maccabees over the Syrian Greeks. Once back in control, the victors were able to clean up and rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem. As the story goes, they needed purified, sacred olive oil to light the lamps in the Temple but found only enough for one day rather than the eight days needed to purify more oil. By a miracle, that little bit of oil lasted until more could be made. We eat foods with oil in a starring role during this Festival of Lights, as Hanukkah is also known.

There's another, lesser-known part of the Hanukkah story. Years before the Maccabean victory, a fierce woman named Judith who understood the power of food and drink saved her village by plying the invading general with salty cheese, which then made him thirsty for wine. Once he fell into a drunken sleep, Judith beheaded him with his own sword.

A good story, but how does it fit in the story of Hanukkah and latkes?

For many centuries, Hanukkah was a minor holiday, with no written history of traditional foods. Then, in the 14th century, we find writings in Italy about pancakes for the holiday made from ricotta cheese and fried in oil, an ideal dish combining the symbolic foods from the two stories associated with the holiday.

Cheese pancakes for Hanukkah remained popular in Europe for a few more centuries, with Eastern European, or Ashkenazic, Jews also serving other dairy dishes such as cheesecake, sweet noodle kugels and cheese dumplings or fritters. In the 1850s, there were massive crop failures in the heart of the Ashkenazic world: Poland, Ukraine and the Pale of Settlement, territories in czarist Russia where Jews were allowed to live. To survive, the people planted cheap, easy-to-grow potatoes. Guess what they fried up for Hanukkah at that point? Yup, and with a couple million Eastern European Jews coming to the United States beginning around the same time until the 1920s — well, you can figure out how it was the latke's big break into a new market.

Truth is, the latke is part of a wide variety of traditional potato pancakes found in nearly every European cuisine. However, it's a surprise to many that Sephardic Jewish cuisines from the Mediterranean and the Mideast also have their own versions of potato pancakes. Most of those are served year-round as well as at Hanukkah, which remains a minor holiday in many Jewish communities, away from the increased "competition" with Christmas found in the United States and Europe.

Potomac resident Ellie Dayan traces her mother's family back over 2,500 years in Persia (now Iran). Dayan was born there, coming to the States in 1996 after her son was born. For Hanukkah, she makes kookoo sib zamini, the traditional Persian version of a potato pancake. Unlike for Ashkenazic latkes, the potatoes are cooked before being grated, which makes for less time in the oil, and more eggs are used in proportion to the potato. The pancakes are served with lettuce, sliced tomatoes, pickles and often fresh baguette.

Jews from Iraq have a similar dish, explains Rabbi Haim Ovadia of Rockville's Magen David Sephardic Congregation, except the cooked potatoes are mashed with onions, which sometimes are fried first. Like the Persian version, the Iraqi patty leans toward an omelet or frittata.

Franz Afraim Katzir, founding director of SHin-DC, which stands for Sephardic Heritage in the District of Columbia, makes the Syrian version using the familiar grated raw potato and onion. Called ejjeh batata, these pancakes have the distinctly Syrian flavors of allspice and Aleppo pepper. They are eaten stuffed in a pita with raw and pickled vegetables.

If you're looking for alternatives to latkes, it's easy to find your way to some versions of syrup-soaked, deep fried dough or fritters perfect for Hanukkah. The batter can be dropped into hot oil in clumps or thinned out and squeezed into shapes, like the spirals of Iraqi zangoola or the fried squiggles of Syrian zalabieh — both thinner, crisper relatives of funnel cake. Latin America has its buñuelos, India its jalebi. For Persian Jews it's zoloobiah, while Italian Jews serve anise-flavored frittelle di Hanukkah.

Rabbi Ovadia's wife, Edna, born in Morocco, remembers sfenj served with tea with nana (mint). Not just for Hanukkah, sfenj is a favorite year-round breakfast treat.

I inherited a taste for bumuelos from my father's family. Sometimes called the Sephardic or Turkish beignet, the hot, fried bumuelos are dipped in honey-sugar syrup instead of getting a beignet's dusting of confectioners' sugar.

Expanding my horizons of Hanukkah foods even more, I realize that frying isn't required. Olive oil-poached Turkish green beans, an omelet or frittata and even a salad with olive oil dressing or a really good olive oil for dipping crusty bread could all bring welcome variety to any Hanukkah celebration. Suddenly, cheese-filled blintzes browned in some oil and butter also seem a perfect dish for this holiday.

While I am reconciled to latke love, this year I plan to invite other food friends to the party, establishing some new Hanukkah traditions with a full roster of co-stars alongside that iconic latke.

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Cheese Blintzes

5 or 6 servings
(makes 10 to 12 blintzes)

Serving blintzes for Hanukkah is not such a common thing, although many Jewish cuisines around the world do feature cheese-filled fried dough for the holiday, as oil and dairy products both play parts in the Hanukkah story.

The cheese filling here is closer to the original Eastern European blintzes, which were not as sweet as many versions today. (For a sweeter cheese filling, see the VARIATION, below.)

The vegetable blintzes resemble a softer version of a vegetable egg roll and likewise are enhanced by a dip in sweet chili sauce.

You'll need an 8-inch crepe pan or nonstick skillet.

MAKE AHEAD: The cheese and vegetable fillings can be refrigerated up to 2 days in advance. The crepe batter needs to be refrigerated for 15 to 30 minutes. Uncooked blintzes can be frozen individually on a tray, then wrapped individually and frozen for up to 3 months. The cooked blintzes can be refrigerated for up to 1 day; they can be frozen, using the method for uncooked blintzes. Defrost in the refrigerator and reheat, uncovered, in a 350-degree oven until warmed through.

From Washington writer Susan Barocas.

Ingredients

For the crepes

- 1 cup all-purpose flour or potato starch
- ½ cup cold water
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- Pinch sea salt
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting (optional)
- Sweet chili sauce, for dipping (optional)

For the cheese filling

- 2 cups farmer cheese
- 1 large egg
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- Finely grated zest from 1 small lemon (2 to 3 teaspoons)

For the vegetable filling

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter or vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 cup thinly shredded green cabbage
- ½ teaspoon sea salt, or more as needed
- ½ cup peeled or scrubbed shredded carrot
- ½ cup seeded, thinly sliced green bell pepper
- Dash ground cayenne pepper (optional)

Steps

- For the crepes: Whisk together the flour or potato starch, water and milk in a mixing bowl until smooth. Whisk in the eggs and salt to form a smooth and thin batter. (The batter can also be mixed in the blender.) Refrigerate for 15 to 30 minutes.
- Meanwhile, make the filling(s): For the cheese filling: Whisk together the farmer cheese, egg, melted butter, sugar, salt and lemon zest in a mixing bowl. Refrigerate until ready to use.
- For the vegetable filling: Heat the butter or oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Once the oil shimmers, stir in the onion and cook for about 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in the cabbage and salt; cook for about 2 minutes, then add the carrot, green bell pepper and the cayenne pepper, if using. Cook for 5 or 6 minutes, just long enough so the carrot and bell pepper are still crisp-tender. Drain off any liquid in the pan and let the vegetables cool. Taste, and add more salt, as needed.
- When you're ready to cook the crepes, heat the 8-inch crepe pan or nonstick skillet over on medium to medium-low heat. Grease with cooking oil spray or brush lightly with vegetable oil before making each crepe.
- Pour in ¼ to ⅓ cup of the batter for each crepe, working quickly to swirl and coat the bottom of the pan. Cook for 45 to 60 seconds, until the top looks dry and the bottom is golden brown. Gently lift part of an edge to loosen the crepe, then turn it out of the pan, with the browned side up. Continue making crepes (a total of 10 to 12), stacking finished ones on a plate.
- To fill, place one crepe browned side up on a clean work surface. Spoon a scant ¼ cup of filling in a line across the lower third, then fold the crepe up over the filling to cover it. Next, fold in both sides, then continue to roll to form a fairly tight blintz. Repeat to fill all the crepes.
- (At this point, the blintzes can be frozen individually on a baking sheet, then wrapped individually and frozen in a zip-top bag for up to 3 months.)
- Heat the butter and oil in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Once the butter has melted, add about half of the blintzes, seam sides down. Cook for about 10 minutes, without turning them over, until lightly browned. (If they cook before the filling is warmed through, transfer them to a lightly greased baking dish and bake in a 350-degree oven for about 10 minutes before serving.)
- Serve the cheese blintzes dusted with confectioners' sugar, if using, and the accompanying Chunky Berry Sauce. Serve the vegetable blintzes with a sweet chili sauce for dipping.
- VARIATION: For a sweeter cheese filling, double the amount of sugar and add a dash of vanilla extract.

Nutrition | Per serving (based on 6, using all-purpose flour and cheese filling): 370 calories, 20 g protein, 20 g carbohydrates, 21 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 145 mg cholesterol, 600 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 4 g sugar

Nutrition | Per serving (based on 6, using all-purpose flour, vegetable oil and vegetable filling): 220 calories, 6 g protein, 22 g carbohydrates, 12 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 70 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 4 g sugar

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Chunky Berry Sauce

Makes 2 cups

The sauce makes a nice accompaniment for blintzes; it also goes great with ice cream. Cranberries are plentiful in winter and blueberries in summer, so your blintzes never need to be without a homemade sauce to complete them.

MAKE AHEAD: The sauce can be refrigerated for up to 2 weeks.

From Washington writer Susan Barocas.

Ingredients

- About 4 cups fresh or frozen cranberries (from one 12-ounce bag) or fresh or frozen blueberries (2 pints)
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- Finely grated zest (1 tablespoon) and ⅓ cup juice from 1 orange, or more juice as needed

Steps

- Stir together the fruit, butter, sugar, cornstarch, and orange zest and juice in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Once the mixture begins to bubble at the edges, stir gently until the berries pop and release their juices.
- Remove from the heat; the sauce will thicken as it cools. If it thickens too much, stir in a little orange juice to loosen it.
- Serve warm, at room temperature or chilled.

Nutrition | Per 2-tablespoons serving: 70 calories, 0 g protein, 16 g carbohydrates, 1 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 0 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 14 g sugar

Turkish Green Beans (Fasoulia)

6 to 8 servings

This is a touchstone vegetable dish in Turkey that was incorporated into the country's Jewish cuisine generations ago. It's simple to make and consistently good, and it can be served hot, cold or at room temperature.

Although regular fresh green bean work just fine in this recipe, the more slender French beans called haricots verts are a nice touch, especially left untrimmed. Be sure to use a good-quality olive oil.

Serve with roast chicken or baked salmon, or with Persian Potato Pancakes (see related recipe).

MAKE AHEAD: If you're going to cook the beans in advance, do not add the lemon and parsley until just before serving. The cooked green beans taste even better after a day's refrigeration.

From Washington writer Susan Barocas.

Ingredients

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 2 large or 3 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped, plus their juices
- 1 teaspoon sea salt, or more as needed
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or more as needed
- 1 cup water
- 2 pounds untrimmed haricots verts (thin French green beans; may substitute regular green beans, trimmed)
- Lemon wedge, for serving
- About ½ cup fresh parsley, coarsely chopped, for serving

Steps

- Heat the oil in a heavy pot over medium heat. Once the oil shimmers, stir in the onions; cook for 15 to 20 minutes, until tender and somewhat translucent.
- Stir in the tomatoes and their juices (to taste), the teaspoon of salt and the ½ teaspoon of pepper; cook for 2 minutes, then add the water and green beans, stirring gently to incorporate. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook for 45 to 60 minutes, stirring only once or twice; the water should be absorbed and the beans should be soft. Taste and add salt and/or pepper, as needed.
- Transfer to a platter or wide, shallow serving bowl. (At this point, the beans can be refrigerated for up to a day.)
- Just before serving, squeeze the lemon wedge over the top and sprinkle with the parsley.

Nutrition | Per serving (based on 8): 170 calories, 3 g protein, 12 g carbohydrates, 14 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 280 mg sodium, 4 g dietary fiber, 6 g sugar

Persian Potato Pancakes (Kookoo Sib Zamini)

4 to 6 servings (makes about thirty 3-inch pancakes), Healthy

Those who know regular potato latkes will notice right away that these are different in texture and appearance, as they start with cooked potato, use more eggs and are a lovely golden color inside.

Instead of making individual potato pancakes, you can spoon the whole batch into a single layer in the skillet, creating one large rosti-type pancake.

Serve with dill pickles, tomato slices and lettuce, or serve with baguette slices for sandwichmaking.

MAKE AHEAD: The potatoes can be cooked, cooled, grated, covered and refrigerated a day or two in advance.

Adapted from Potomac resident Ellie Dayan.

Ingredients

- 2 pounds red potatoes
- Sea salt
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 5 large eggs, beaten
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil

Steps

- Scrub the potatoes. If they vary in size, cut the larger ones in half. Put all the potatoes in a large pot with a couple pinches of salt and cover with cool water by at least an inch. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for 30 to 40 minutes (depending on their size), until the potatoes are barely fork-tender. Drain and place in a bowl of cold water to cool completely.
- Drain the potatoes and discard the potato skins. Use the large-holed side of a box grated to grate the cooled potatoes.
- Whisk together the flour, baking powder and turmeric in a large mixing bowl. Season generously with salt and pepper. Add the grated potatoes and beaten eggs, mixing until well incorporated.
- Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Use your hands to form oval or round patties, using all the potato mixture. Once the oil shimmers, add several patties to the pan, gently flattening them with the back of a wooden spoon. Cook for about 8 minutes, turning them once, until both sides are a rich golden brown.
- Serve warm.

Nutrition | Per serving (based on 6, using 5 tablespoons of oil): 280 calories, 8 g protein, 28 g carbohydrates, 16 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 155 mg cholesterol, 240 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 0 g sugar