



## Kelly: Trump's wall promise 'uninformed'

Chief of staff tells Hispanic Caucus any deal will protect DACA immigrants

By **LISA MASCARO**  
 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — White House chief of staff John Kelly complicated immigration negotiations Wednesday ahead of a possible government shut-

down, telling lawmakers that President Donald Trump's border wall was an "uninformed" campaign promise and not likely to be funded by Mexico.

Kelly stunned Congressional Hispanic Caucus members by also suggesting

that Trump's decision to protect so-called Dreamers was a "done deal" even though they have yet to work out a compromise over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that the administration is seeking to end.

"He made it very clear we're not talking about the Trump wall of the campaign — that was campaign

rhetoric," said Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., whose questions about the wall provoked Kelly's response during the closed-door session. "There was an understanding the concrete wall does not make sense."

Kelly explained to the lawmakers that "candidates say things during the campaign that are not informed," according to Rep.

Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.

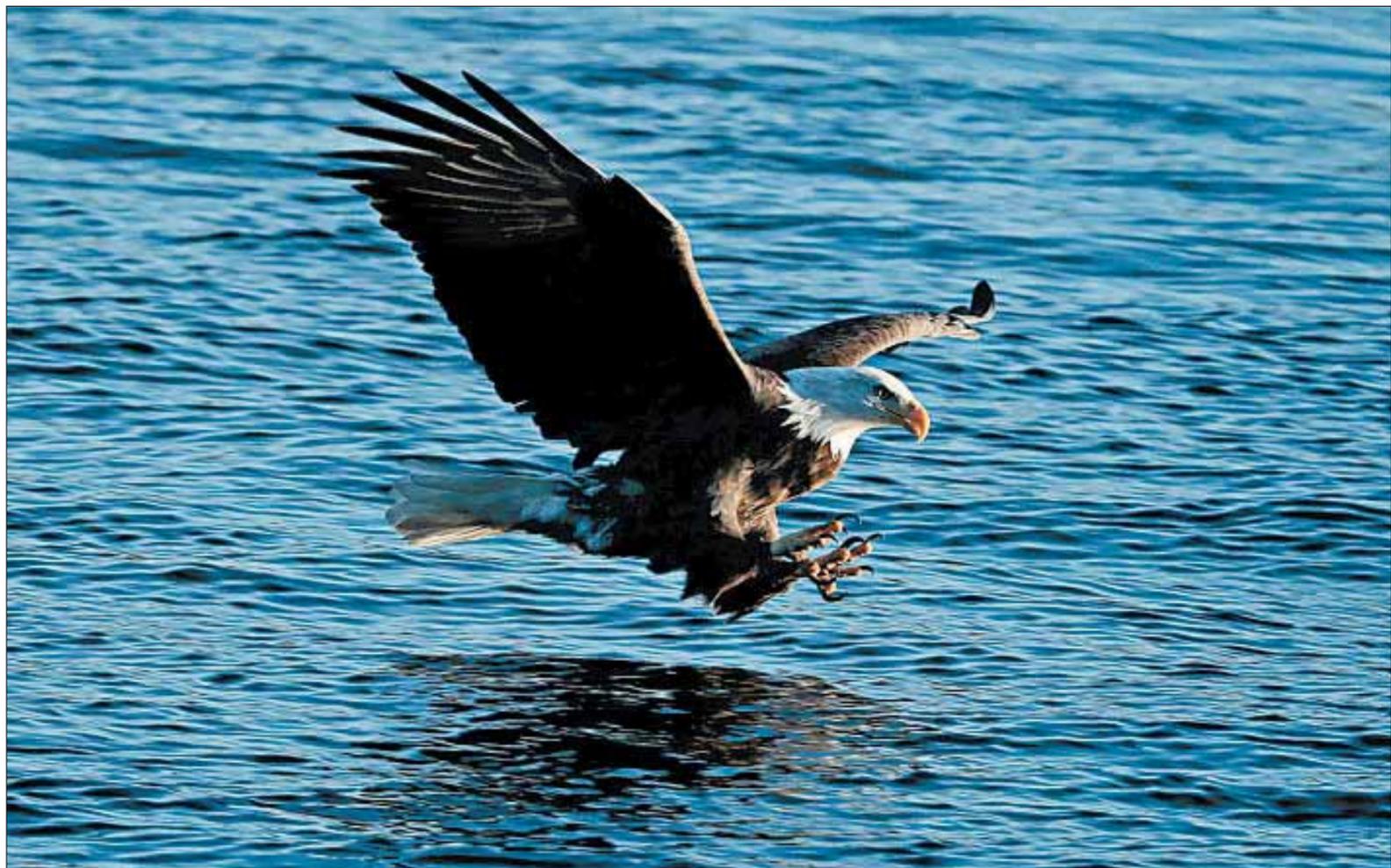
He said a wall from "sea to shining sea" is "not what we're doing," according to Gutierrez.

Kelly was on Capitol Hill for a series of meetings with lawmakers ahead of Friday's deadline to fund the government or risk a federal shutdown.

The administration is trying to broker an immigra-

tion deal as some Democrats are warning they will withhold their votes for the temporary government funding measure unless there are deportation protections for some 700,000 DACA recipients. The young immigrants, brought to the U.S. illegally as children, face deportation as

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A bald eagle fishes this month in the Mississippi River near LeClaire, Iowa. Researcher Terrence Ingram, credited with saving eagle habitat along the river, is worried about recent counts.

## LONE VOICE IN WILDERNESS

Bald eagles came back from brink, but an Illinois researcher fears birds' numbers are dropping again

By **TED GREGORY**  
 Chicago Tribune

APPLE RIVER, Ill. — In this very important month for the bald eagle, Terrence Ingram is trying to upend conventional wisdom about our majestic national symbol.

He may lack the academic

background of many ornithologists, but he has spent nearly 60 years researching and advocating for bald eagles; he is even credited with saving more than 6,000 acres of eagle habitat along the Mississippi River. In 1995, Ingram established the Eagle Nature Foundation as the successor to a similar organization he'd started nearly

three decades earlier.

His point is simple: The bald eagle population is declining.

It is an astonishing conclusion that flies in the face — so to speak — of the narrative that presents the bald eagle as a great American comeback story. And Ingram's theory is particularly noteworthy this month, when federal agencies

and about 100 volunteers affiliated with his foundation conduct separate, crucial midwinter bald eagle counts.

"I know, I'm out in left field, huh?" Ingram, 78, said recently from the headquarters of the Eagle Nature Foundation, in a creaky, nearly 150-year-old house that doubles as his insurance office in this tiny town 140 miles northwest of Chicago. "That's OK. I've known that for years."

Nearly extinct in the early 1960s from the widespread use of

the pesticide DDT, habitat destruction and illegal shooting, the bald eagle population reportedly has become so robust since the 1980s that it's starting to threaten other species, including some rare birds.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's best estimate places the bald eagle population at nearly 143,000, a significant jump from 30 years ago, when the service estimated that only 2,475 breeding pairs

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## Trump takes flak over press attacks, 'fake news' cracks

Senators condemn president's position as inspiring despots

By **NOAH BIERMAN**  
 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — On a day President Donald Trump promised to deliver "Fake News Awards," two Republican senators as well as several Democrats warned Wednesday that his unceasing attacks on a free press are undermining a fundamental tenet of democracy and emboldening despots abroad.

Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, who has emerged as one of Trump's fiercest Republican critics, delivered an impassioned speech from the Senate floor, comparing Trump's anti-media rhetoric to that of the murderous Soviet dictator Josef Stalin

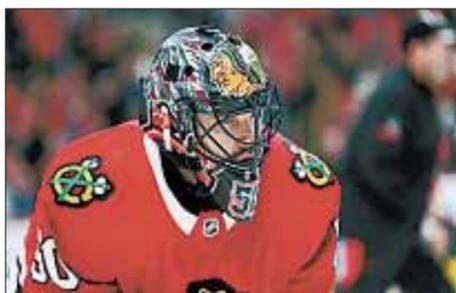
and calling on his colleagues to speak out against Trump's "shameful, repulsive statements."

Recalling Trump's first year in office, Flake said, "2017 was a year which saw the truth — objective, empirical, evidence-based truth — more battered and abused than at any time in the history of our country, at the hands of the most powerful figure in our government."

Democratic Sens. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Dick Durbin of Illinois also spoke out against Trump's rhetoric, echoing Flake's accusation that Trump is trying to upend the distinction between objective truth and lying.

The bipartisan rebukes of the president marked another seminal moment in

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## CRAWFORD'S STATUS CASTS DOUBT ON HAWKS' SEASON

Corey Crawford has been the Hawks' best player this season, and it's not even close. He won a lot of games by himself when his teammates proved inept or inert. Now, the veterans will have to step up. Right now. **Steve Rosenbloom in Chicago Sports**

## Dow Jones lands above 26,000

A rally propelled the Dow Jones industrial average to close above 26,000 points for the first time and delivered record highs for the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Nasdaq composite. **Business**

## When the audience fails the artist

Some see disappointment in a lack of perfection, expect to be handed a masterpiece and feel anything less is a problem. **Christopher Borrelli in A+E**

## No slam-dunk for Emanuel on hospital subsidy

Mayor admonishes some aldermen for abortion 'litmus test'

By **JOHN BYRNE, HAL DARDICK AND BILL RUTHART**  
 Chicago Tribune

The Chicago City Council, long known for its liberal worldview and 50-0 votes, found itself bitterly divided Wednesday when support for health care in African-American neighborhoods ran into concerns about abortion rights for women.

For more than an hour, aldermen held an unusually frank discussion about the city's racial politics and the ethics of providing public money to a private institution that opposes abortion and contraception.

With Mayor Rahm Emanuel looking on from

his perch at the front of council chambers, aldermen criticized and cajoled, trying to build support or stoke opposition among colleagues on the issue of giving Presence Health a \$5.6 million tax subsidy to help pay for its downtown corporate headquarters.

Supporters noted that Presence also has pledged to build four community care centers in neighborhoods where local health services are scarce. Opponents ripped Presence for the Catholic institution's stance on reproductive health.

Emanuel, who has been trying to rebuild his standing among black voters ahead of a 2019 re-election bid, backed the tax subsidy. Even as the meeting was underway, his aides arm-

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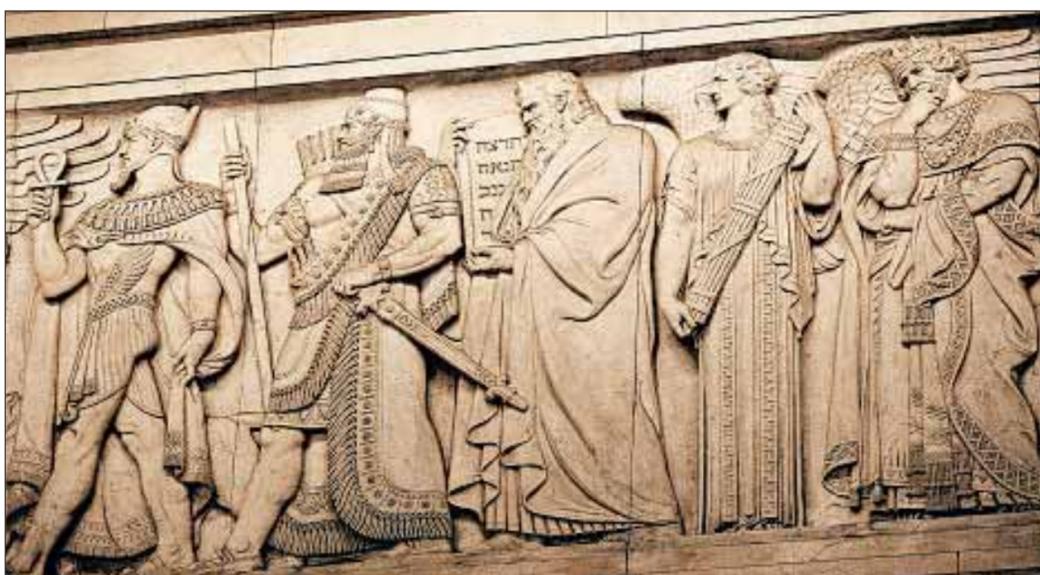
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Hammurabi, a famous legal figure, might have had a different take in the case of cat lover Stephen Nichols Cook.



## JOHN KASS

# Cats bring disaster upon those who love them

It's a good thing for all those cat-loving dog haters out there — and they appear to be legion — that Hammurabi, the wise Babylonian, is not king of the United States.

If Hammurabi were around, notorious cat lover Stephen Nichols Cook, 68, of Virginia, would be crying his eyes out, if he even had eyes. Or he'd be slurping Jell-O past his toothless gums on account of Hammurabi yanking his teeth out for his sins.

But Stephen Nichols Cook (notice how killers always have three names?) is an American cat lover who was just tried by a just American judge.

And though cat loving is not a crime per se, Cook is a dog murderer, a killer of not only one noble dog, but two.

Not just any dogs, either, but Labrador retrievers, which are gentle and kind, and good hunters bred to please their owners.

Hammurabi, as many cultured people know, was a famed lawgiver who developed the Lex Talionis, or, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" theory of jurisprudence.

Old Hammurabi would have plenty to say about Cook.

Cook was recently convicted of killing his neighbor's dogs, Maggie May and Yancey.

According to a riveting Roanoke Times story by reporter Mike Gungloff, testimony shows Cook drove off after his neighbor and jumped out of his vehicle with evil intent.

In one hand, Cook held a dead cat named Jeffrey. In the other hand, he carried a gun.

And he shot Maggie May and Yancey dead in the back of the neighbor's pickup truck.

How did all this begin?

It's the old story about cats and dogs.

"Cats are running loose, why shouldn't a dog run loose?" the dead dogs' owner Arthur Hamrick said to Judge Randal Duncan.

Cats should never be allowed outdoors to run loose to provoke dogs.

For one thing, cats kill songbirds.

For another, feral cats are often subsidized by crazy cat ladies who have been led astray. Cats are also believed by many to be the familiars of Satan.

For example, my grandmother's cats, two fat hairy black Persians named Caesar and Cleopatra, were once found in my crib when I was an infant, trying to suck the soul right out of my body.

Yes, it is known.

Yet for all this and the fact that I'm deathly allergic to cats, I'm a journalist. So I'll be impartial, just like all the other journalists who keep their personal biases out of their reporting.

Testimony suggests Cook's cats started it a few years ago by hanging out near Hamrick's hay bales, acting as if they owned the place.

Cats have a way of smirking at dogs, triggering them, if you will. And some dogs just can't find a safe space when they're driven to madness by smirking cats.

So Hamrick let his dogs loose, since he owns a farm and that's still legal. Apparently, in 2012, one of Cook's cats provoked the dogs a bit too much and a cat was mouthed just a bit.

Hamrick paid the vet bill and the cat lived. Then on Nov. 6, with the neighbor feud still burning, another unfortunate incident took place.

The cat-loving dog killer's wife, Deborah Cook — who may very well harbor some of her husband's anticat prejudices — testified she heard something in her yard.

It was a thumping sound. She looked out the window.

"It was the two dogs," Deborah Cook testified.

"One of them had Jeffrey in his mouth."

Her husband was so upset "I was afraid he was going to have a heart attack," she said.

Mr. Cook left the house, and caught up to Hamrick on the road. He jumped out with dead Jeffrey in one hand and the gun in the other.

Hamrick testified that Cook shot the dogs in the bed of the pickup.

Then Hamrick testified that he got his own pistol out from behind the

front seat, pointed it at Cook, who prudently drove away.

Two dogs dead, and for what? A cat named Jeffrey?

Ye gods! Hammurabi would have gone crazy, plucking Cook's eyes and pulling out Cook's teeth, so it's a good thing for Cook that Judge Randal Duncan was there to mete out justice.

Judge Duncan said Cook was lucky that he wasn't dead, too, since Hamrick would have been completely justified in shooting Cook, after the murderous cat lover pointed a .357 revolver at him.

"From a public safety perspective, you can't go around pointing guns at people," Duncan said. "And you can't shoot companion animals regardless of what's happened to yours."

Clearly a judge wise and true, since he didn't make the terrible error of saying "irregardless," as some lawyers are wont to do.

Duncan ruled that Cook was guilty of two misdemeanors for reckless gun waving, fined him \$2,500 for each offense, and slapped a 12-month jail sentence for each charge.

Cook is out on bond, appealing his misdemeanor convictions, but is now also facing other felony charges before a grand jury.

I'm sorry that Jeffrey the provocative cat is dead.

But Yancey and Maggie May didn't deserve what happened to them. They might be somewhat like my own pup, Zeus the Wonderdog.

OK, so dogs aren't perfect.

Some dogs break wind when you're watching TV. Others snore. Some dogs hate cats. But what can you do? They're dogs, damn it.

And cats have a way of bringing disaster down upon those who love them, like Stephen Nichols Cook.

It is known.

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# CHICAGO INC.

By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



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The iconic comedy series "Roseanne" returns to ABC on March 27 with episodes featuring the original cast, including Sara Gilbert, from left, Laurie Metcalf and Roseanne Barr.

## 'Roseanne' offers conflicting clues on where Lanford, Ill., is

When "Roseanne" returns in March after a 20-year hiatus, there are a few questions that have to be answered. Perhaps most urgently, the series will have to tackle the return of patriarch Dan Conner, who was said to have died of a heart attack during the show's initial run.

Here's another question: "Roseanne" is filmed in Los Angeles, but is set in the fictional Illinois town of Lanford. Where in Illinois is Lanford supposed to be? Some conflicting clues about the town's location are sprinkled throughout the series, which originally aired from 1988 to 1997.

Consider Season 1, Episode 20. Amid fierce winds, Dan turns on the radio for the weather report: "As of 5 p.m. Central Standard Time, a tornado watch is in effect for Fulton County." Darlene Conner bursts into the room: "Hey, that's us!" In real life, Fulton County is west of Peoria.

A representative for the ABC network, which will air the new season starting March 27, said Elgin is used as the reference for Lanford, both geographically

and demographically.

**Roseanne Barr**, a supporter of President **Donald Trump**, recently confirmed her character voted for Trump. "I've always tried to have (the show) be a true reflection of the society we live in," Barr told reporters.

That's not the case in Elgin Township, which covers portions of the city of Elgin, the village of South Elgin and unincorporated areas. Democratic nominee **Hillary Clinton**, who grew up in the Chicago area, easily defeated Trump in Elgin Township in 2016, election records show. Clinton's maternal grandfather is from Elgin, according to **Donnie Radcliffe's** book "Hillary Rodham Clinton: The Evolution of a First Lady."

The exterior of the Conner home is also not an authentic representation of Illinois. The series features shots of a house in Evansville, Ind., about 325 miles away from Elgin.

— Tracy Swartz

## Dem governor hopefuls say they all smoked pot

It's one of the few policy distinctions among the leading Democratic candidates for governor: **J.B. Pritzker** and state Sen. **Daniel Biss** want to legalize marijuana, while **Chris Kennedy** does not.

But when it comes to using the drug, they're all on the same page: They've all smoked it, a long time ago.

Given that at least one U.S. president has admitted cocaine use, never mind marijuana, the days when politicians in Democratic primaries had to make implausible denials ("I didn't inhale") about weed use are, thankfully, long behind us.

So while none of the candidates exactly rushed to boast to Chicago Inc. about their stoner days, Pritzker, Biss and Kennedy all acknowledged prior use. (Neither Gov. **Bruce Rauner** nor his Republican primary challenger, state Rep. **Jeanne Ives**, responded to questions about past marijuana use.)

Pritzker, who held a recent news conference at which he pushed his plan to set aside legal marijuana jobs for minority communities that were disproportionately affected by the "war on drugs," told Inc. that he had used marijuana "as a young person."

"I tried it in college — I don't use it today. My observation is that it's so readily

available and yet it's unregulated, untested, unsafe and so I just want to make sure, that if people are going to have it, that it is safe."

Kennedy spokeswoman **Rebecca O'Halloran Evans** and Biss spokesman **Tom Elliott** both also said that their candidates had smoked weed but "not for a long time." Biss did not like the way the drug "made him sleepy," Elliott said.

Excessive sleepiness is not a problem for Pritzker, who says that he rises at 4 a.m. and sleeps only five hours a night, and confesses that his current vice is coffee.

"I drink too much coffee and I sleep too little," he said. "I'm drinking at least three ventis, starting in the morning."

Three 20-ounce coffees from Starbucks contain 1,200 mg of caffeine — three times the FDA's recommended daily allowance, placing Pritzker firmly in the top 1 percent of coffee drinkers and putting him at increased risk of migraines, insomnia, nervousness, irritability, restlessness, frequent urination or inability to control urination, stomach upset, a fast heartbeat and muscle tremors, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Maybe try a decaf?

— Kim Janssen

## Waiting for call, ex-Bull to play Big3

Chicago fans might get a chance to see **Nate Robinson** on the court again.

The 5-foot-9 former Bulls guard has signed on with **Ice Cube's** Big3 basketball league's second season as a co-captain of Tri-State with **Jermaine O'Neal**.

Last time we checked in on KryptoNate, he was campaigning on social media to return to the Bulls as well as a few other select teams, but he made it clear that any landing spot in the NBA would do. He last played with the Pelicans in October 2015.

This summer he'll join other former NBA players with Chicago ties, including **Ron Artest**, **Corey Maggette** and



Robinson

**Kendall Gill**.

Big3's 10-week season starts June 22. No schedule has been posted, but Ice Cube told Inc. last year that he wants to return to Chicago.

Before then, Robinson will play for the the American Flag Football League, a single-elimination 7-on-7 flag tournament featuring 1,024 teams and four pro teams beginning in March.

Robinson will play on one of the pro teams, as will **Michael Vick**, **Chad "Ochocinco" Johnson** and **Michelle Roque**, whose flag football video went viral in 2014.

— Phil Thompson

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## In with the Norwegians, and out with everyone else



**REX W. HUPPKE**

It seems our current political leadership has adopted an immigration approach that aims to let in only people of a certain caliber.

On Tuesday on Fox News, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said: "What good does it do to bring in somebody who's illiterate in their own country,

has no skills and is going to struggle in our country and not be successful? That is not what a good nation should do, and we need to get away from it."

That comes on the heels of President Donald Trump dismissing immigrants from what he reportedly called "shithole" countries, like some in Africa, and recommending we get more immigrants from Norway.

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen explained that the president referenced Norway because the country's prime minister had told him "that the people of Norway work very hard" and "that they are industrious."

They are also predominantly white, unlike the populations of the "shithole" countries, but I'm sure that's just a coincidence. Besides, if you suggest that this view on immigration has a "white people = good"/"brown people = bad" vibe, you'll be told that each person in the administration is the least racist person to ever breathe air and you should be ashamed of yourself for suggesting otherwise.

So, if the entirely nonracist goal of this immigration approach is to keep out the riffraff, it stands to reason that the standard should be applied retroactively. In other words, we shouldn't just want to keep the nonindustrious immigrants from coming in, we should also want to rid ourselves of any immigrants from undesirable countries who once managed to slip in under the watch of less patriotic presidents.

I've done some research and concluded that, to start with, all Italian, Irish, German and Polish immigrants, as well as the descendants of immigrants from those "shithole" countries, must leave immediately and be replaced by industrious Norwegians.

Let's start with the Italians. In 1891, The New York Times printed an editorial about Italian immigrants that read, in part: "These sneaking and cowardly Sicilians, the descendants of bandits and assassins, who have transported to this country the lawless passions, the cut-throat practices, and the oath-bound societies of their native country, are to us a pest without mitigation. Our own rattlesnakes are as good citizens as they."

Nothing Norwegian about those folks.

Public Radio International reported this about the Italian immigrants who arrived in America between the 1880s and early 1920s: "About 80 percent of them were from the impoverished south of Italy or from Sicily. Only about 50 percent were literate."

As our present-day, nonracist attorney general told Fox News: "What good does it do to bring in somebody who's illiterate in their own country?"

The Irish have to go because Pope Alexander III, in 1172, described Ireland as a "barbarous nation" of "filthy practices."

And in 1855, this very paper wrote of Chicago's Irish immigrants: "Who does not know that the most depraved, debased, worthless and irredeemable drunkards and sots which curse the community are Irish Catholics?"

Clearly, people of Irish descent do not meet the Trump-era standards of immigration. Off they go.

The Germans are next, and here I run into a mild conflict of interest, given my German heritage.

In 1753, none other than Benjamin Franklin discussed German immigrants in a letter, writing: "Those who come hither are generally of the most ignorant Stupid Sort of their own Nation, and as Ignorance is often attended with Credulity when Knavery would mislead it, and with Suspicion when Honesty would set it right; and as few of the English understand the German Language, and so cannot address them either from the Press or Pulpit, 'tis almost impossible to remove any prejudices they once entertain. ... Not being used to Liberty, they know not how to make a modest use of it; and as Kolben says of the young Hottentots, that they are not esteemed men till they have shewn their manhood by beating their mothers, so these seem to think themselves not free, till they can feel their liberty in abusing and insulting their Teachers."

What heathens we Germans are. Clearly there is no place for us in this country. I will self-deport as soon as possible, and encourage all others like me to do the same.

Lastly, the Polish immigrants.

In his 1902 book "History of the American People," Woodrow Wilson described immigrants from Poland and other countries like Italy and Hungary as "men of the lowest class" who came "out of the ranks where there was neither skill nor energy nor any initiative of quick intelligence."

In 1923, psychologist Carl Brigham published "A Study of Human Intelligence" and concluded that Polish people were inferior to "Nordic" Americans.

Others said Polish people have "inherently unstable personalities" and "an extremely in temperment." Adios, Polish immigrants.

And, come to think of it, adios to anyone who uses the word "adios."

America is becoming, as Sessions described, "a good nation." And that means everybody has to go.

Except for the Norwegians. And, of course, the decidedly nonracist people now deciding who's fit to be an American.

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Seen from Promontory Point on Chicago's South Side lakefront, Indiana steel mills rise from the horizon.

## Surfers group sues U.S. Steel, accuses mills of polluting lake

Company says it's near settlement with U.S., Indiana on toxic chromium spills

By MICHAEL HAWTHORNE | Chicago Tribune

As a group of Lake Michigan surfers filed a lawsuit Wednesday accusing U.S. Steel of repeatedly violating the federal Clean Water Act, it appears their earlier threat of legal action is having the intended effect.

Hours after the Surfrider Foundation filed its lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Hammond, U.S. Steel announced it is close to reaching a settlement with federal and state officials regarding spills of toxic chromium from its Midwest Plant, part of a complex of steel mills that divides the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Portage.

U.S. Steel, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management declined to provide details.

The two government agencies began negotiating privately with the steelmaker after the surfing group enlisted the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago to research pollution violations

at U.S. Steel and other factories on the southwest shore of Lake Michigan.

Citing information law students gleaned from public records, the clinic filed notice in November that it planned to sue for improvements on behalf of the Chicago chapter of Surfrider, a nonprofit group that represents an active band of Great Lakes surfers. Federal law allows citizens to challenge companies on their own about water pollution violations but requires a warning 60 days before filing suit.

"When a corporation discharges massive amounts of water pollution into public areas that are popular spots for families and recreation on an ongoing basis, they need to be held accountable for it," said Mitch McNeil, chairman of Surfrider's Chicago chapter.

Beaches near the Midwest Plant offer some of the best waves on Lake Michigan, McNeil said. But many surfers opt to stay away after swimming through what he described as dark-brown

water that smells alternately like metal, sewage, petroleum or a used ashtray.

State records show the Midwest Plant has violated chromium limits in its water pollution permit at least four times since 2013. An April spill included 298 pounds of hexavalent chromium.

Operators of the water supply for the nearby town of Ogden Dunes responded by temporarily shutting off its Lake Michigan intake, Chicago conducted emergency testing of its own water supply and the National Park Service closed four beaches as a precaution.

After another spill in late October, neither the company nor Indiana regulators informed the public. A notice U.S. Steel sent to the state agency requested "confidential treatment" of the incident. The U.S. EPA learned about it from a Tribune reporter. A state inspector later determined that U.S. Steel had failed to test for hexavalent chromium in a ditch that empties into Lake Michigan, even after a worker spotted blue liquid "with visible solids" pouring from one of the plant's sewer pipes.

In December, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said

the city was planning to file its own lawsuit, citing the steel mill's close proximity to a Lake Michigan drinking water intake off 68th Street.

Cathy Stepp, the Trump administration's new regional EPA administrator, last week rejected Emanuel's request for city lawyers to be involved in the negotiations with U.S. Steel. "We believe that the compliance measures ... will go far in protecting Burns Harbor and Lake Michigan from unlawful discharges and spills," Stepp wrote in a Jan. 11 letter to Edward Siskel, the city's corporation counsel.

U.S. Steel and the Indiana agency issued similar statements Wednesday.

"We acknowledge and regret the incidents and have consistently worked to identify, report, investigate, and correct each issue," U.S. Steel said in a statement. "We are driven by our core value of environmental stewardship."

Mark Templeton, director of the U. of C. law clinic, was skeptical: "Once again, the U.S. EPA and IDEM are asking citizens to trust them about this issue. All we see is a lot of talk and no action."

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## Witness tried to run over killer

Man shot himself before being struck, Lake Forest cops say

By MATTHEW WALBERG  
Chicago Tribune

A co-worker of Navy officer Claire VanLandingham tried to run over her ex-boyfriend after he fatally shot her this month in Lake Forest, but the gunman killed himself before he was struck by the co-worker's SUV, police said Wednesday.

The new information comes in the wake of an autopsy report by the Lake County coroner's office, which determined that the gunman, Ryan Zike, 33, died of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head and suffered only minor injuries from being struck by the vehicle.

About 6:20 a.m. Jan. 3, a 37-year-old man who is in the Navy and worked with VanLandingham pulled into the parking lot of her apartment complex in the 600 block of North Western Avenue to pick her up for work, according to a news release from the Lake Forest Police Department.

The witness, who lives in Highland Park, parked in a position that had the headlights of his SUV illuminating Zike and VanLandingham as they spoke to each other outside the building, according to the release.

Zike then shot VanLandingham multiple times with



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Police investigate near the site of the Jan. 3 murder-suicide in the 600 block of North Western Avenue in Lake Forest.



Claire VanLandingham was shot multiple times by Ryan Zike before he killed himself.



a handgun, authorities said.

"The witness told investigators he felt Zike was going to turn the gun on him, and made the decision to ram the man with his vehicle to avoid being shot himself," the release stated. "After striking Zike, the witness attempted to administer first-aid on VanLandingham. He also summoned help by running to a nearby business and asking the staff and patrons to dial 911."

Lake Forest police Deputy

Chief Robert Copeland said in an interview Wednesday that the witness was just a few car lengths away and Zike bounced off the front of his vehicle.

Authorities said they were not releasing the name of the witness. Copeland said the witness "was having a hard time" with the experience.

Zike and VanLandingham had dated until they broke up last fall. The two met in Louisville, Ky., where he was a recreation supervisor for Louisville's parks and recreation department and she was a student at the University of Louisville.

VanLandingham, a lieutenant in the Navy, received her dentistry degree and took a position at Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, where she provided dental care to recruits at nearby Naval Station Great Lakes. Zike joined

her in Lake Forest, where they shared an apartment before they broke up in October and he returned to Louisville.

On Jan. 2, Zike traveled to Illinois and stayed overnight at an unknown location before confronting VanLandingham the next morning, police said in the release. He had a valid Kentucky concealed carry gun permit and was carrying a second gun and a knife in addition to the gun he used to shoot the victim, authorities said.

While VanLandingham was a dental student at the University of Louisville, she appeared in a video supporting a Take Back the Night march against domestic violence and sexual abuse.

In the video, VanLandingham spoke out against the prevalence of domestic violence, saying, "In a society so violent, have you ever been afraid to walk alone at night? We don't think you should have to."

"We seek to create healthier relationships and safe communities. To our neighbors in Louisville, we invite you to join us ... for our Take Back the Night march and rally, where we will rise up as a community and say that violence against anyone is unacceptable."

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# Archdiocese to shut 5 schools

Low enrollment cited; mergers of 5 parishes also set

Chicago Tribune

The Archdiocese of Chicago will close five Catholic schools at the end of the school year due to declining enrollment and financial constraints, officials announced Wednesday night.

St. Cyprian School in River Grove, Holy Cross School in Deerfield, Incarnation School in Palos Heights, Our Lady of the Ridge School in Chicago Ridge and St. Michael School on Chicago's Far South Side will permanently close June 30, the last day of the 2017-18 school year.

Each of the schools had fewer than 150 students enrolled. Families were informed Wednesday about the school closings.



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Despite several months of fundraising, supporters learned St. Cyprian Catholic School in River Grove will close.

"We realize these closures have a difficult impact on families and we are committed to working with them through this transition to find them the right next school for their children," Jim Rigg, archdiocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, said in a statement Wednesday.

"I commend the dedicated leaders, faculty and staff of St. Cyprian School, Holy Cross School, Incarnation School, St. Michael School and Our Lady of the Ridge School for their tireless work to foster academically rigorous and faith-filled communities. We are dedicated to working with

them to secure future employment within the Archdiocesan school system."

Officials representing the Holy Cross school and parish have been working with parents and students to encourage them to transition into St. Norbert School in Northbrook for the 2018-19 school year.

The archdiocese also announced the merger of several parishes.

The St. Cyprian Parish in River Grove will merge with the St. Celestine Parish in neighboring Elmwood Park on July 1. Both churches will remain open within the new parish.

Three parishes on Chicago's Far South Side — St. Ailbe, St. Felicitas and St. Joachim — will also unite under one pastor and staff on July 1. St. Joachim and St. Felicitas churches will close on July 1, 2019, after which the new congregation will meet at St. Ailbe Church.

# Judge allows some secrecy in Hastert case

Defendant sought order in lawsuit over hush money

By **CHRISTY GUTOWSKI**  
Chicago Tribune

A Kendall County judge agreed Wednesday to keep confidential certain documents in a lawsuit related to the hush-money deal that led to former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert's federal prison term.

The protective order means lawyers will be allowed to shield various "documents, testimony and other products of discovery" from public view. Both sides agreed to the order's terms, and Judge Robert Pilmer signed off on the seven-page document one day before a court hearing was scheduled on the matter.

Though written in vague language, the information that will be kept confidential or filed under seal within the public court file pertains mostly to medical, financial, employment or other "litigation material," the order states.

A lawyer for the man identified publicly as the federal government's Individual A sought the protective order. Such arrangements are not unusual, especially when the plaintiff is a sexual abuse victim and the discovery documents include sensitive information, his attorney Kristi Browne said.

Though Pilmer allowed Browne's client to proceed under a fictitious name to protect his identity, the judge's courtroom demeanor and earlier ruling denying Hastert's request to ban cameras in the courtroom has suggested he favors transparency

and open courtroom proceedings and filings.

Hastert, 76, of Plano, has not been deposited yet in the breach-of-contract claim. Neither he nor Individual A have appeared in court regarding the lawsuit.

Hastert was released in July from a federal prison in Minnesota after serving nearly 13 months of his 15-month sentence for violating banking regulations to cover up the sexual abuse of teenage boys when he was a wrestling coach at Yorkville High School.

In all, Hastert has been accused publicly of having inappropriate sexual contact with five boys in the 1960s and 1970s.

He has never been charged criminally with child abuse due to the long-expired statute of limitations. Hastert instead pleaded guilty in October 2015 to one count of illegally structuring \$950,000 in bank withdrawals to avoid federal reporting requirements.

He admitted in the plea deal with federal prosecutors that he was making the withdrawals to pay Individual A the agreed \$3.5 million to hide his wrongdoing. The payments stopped when the FBI began asking questions, and Individual A is seeking the remaining balance of \$1.8 million plus interest.

A second man, whose sexual abuse allegation against Hastert was not part of the federal case, also sued the disgraced politician. Pilmer dismissed the claim under an expired statute of limitations, but Browne, who represents that man as well, has asked the judge to reconsider.

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# Dozens of shelter dogs adopted

At-capacity Chicago facility considered euthanizing, but pup lovers stepped up

By **LEONOR VIVANCO-PRENGAMAN** | Chicago Tribune

Krystle Delles drove from Aurora to Chicago's animal shelter Saturday to look for her family's next dog. She found a long line of people checking out the dogs in need of homes.

After an hour, she spotted Gordo, a tan 2-year-old bully breed. "He snuck his way into my heart," said Delles, whose dog Wrigley died last month. "Seeing the smile on his face when I was scratching his back, it just tugged at my heartstrings."

Delles joined a slew of others who adopted dogs after hearing that the Chicago Animal Care and Control shelter reached capacity Jan. 11 with 300 dogs, a critical level that prompted city officials to consider euthanizing dogs for space. A total of 59 dogs were

adopted from Friday through Tuesday, and others — including the shelter's longest resident, a bully breed named Miley — were moved to no-kill rescue groups, reducing the dog population and avoiding the need to euthanize animals.

"While there is more work to be done and new dogs and cats arrive at the shelter daily, many kind, compassionate people shared information about (Chicago Animal Care and Control) animals with their communities, dropped off donations, and best of all, came to adopt a dog!" the shelter said in a statement late Monday.

Count Delles, 26, among them. She said Gordo, since renamed Blaze, crashed after arriving at his new home

and has bonded with Diesel, her 5-year-old dog, over tug of war. "He's so rambunctious but he's really a lover."

The city recently offered incentives to rescue groups and potential pet owners to further decrease the dog population at the shelter. People who adopt dogs can get a \$100 rebate upon completion of a basic dog obedience course. Rescue groups can get up to \$200 for each dog they take that has been at the shelter for at least 30 days.

To free up space at the city facility, the nonprofit Friends of Animal Care and Control last week boarded 11 dogs at the PetSmart PetsHotel in the South Loop, and rescue groups pulled additional dogs to stay in foster homes until they get adopted.

Miley, the dog that had been at the shelter for six months, was among the 11 dogs staying at the pet hotel. On Sunday, Players for

Pits, a nonprofit no-kill rescue committed to saving pit bulls and pit bull mixes, rescued her. "Miley has a heartbreaking story, but she is ... starting new with us," the rescue group posted on Facebook. "She was brought in as a stray in July and spent her summer, fall and winter in a small concrete cage."

Miley became the 13th dog Players for Pits has rescued this year.

"It didn't take us long to fall in love with this same dog that all the volunteers have been pushing so hard for," the group said in its post. "We spent a few hours with her. Despite her depressed demeanor, she was an angel."

The rescue group, which places dogs in foster homes around the western suburbs, will help Miley find her new owner.

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Terrence Ingram, leader of the Eagle Nature Foundation, is shown near Green Island, Iowa, this month. He has spent nearly 60 years researching and advocating for bald eagles.



Experts regard Ingram's work with respect but skepticism. Illinois Audubon Society Executive Director James Herkert asked, "How deep did they go in their analysis?"



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Counting birds is complicated due to factors such as climate change and abundance of prey. Bald eagles are especially challenging. They tend to spook easily and can fly 75 mph.

## Experts divided over status of bald eagle

**Bald eagle**, from Page 1

existed in the entire country.

Sightings of bald eagles and nests have occurred in unusual spots too. Last summer, an eagle crashed into a Gold Coast hotel window. In the spring of 2016, several were seen soaring and landing in a wide-open park near a landfill on Chicago's South Side.

There's also the North American Breeding Bird Survey, taken during summer, that places recent growth at more than 12 percent a year for the U.S. and a whopping 37 percent per year in Illinois. An Illinois Audubon Society count last winter found 2,002 eagles — more than double the number of the birds counted here in 2016.

So how can Ingram justify his conclusion?

He relies on 57 years of midwinter bald eagle counts his organization has conducted along and around the Mississippi River from Wisconsin to southern Illinois. Some years, his volunteer counters reach as far south as Louisiana.

Uneven as the counts are, they show a drop of nearly 400 bald eagles, or 25 percent, from 2010 until last year's survey through the region stretching from northern Wisconsin to southern Illinois. Ingram also is concerned about a drop in the counts of young eagles, known as "immatures."

### Respectful disagreement

Experts who know of Ingram's work treat it with respect but skepticism.

"I don't question Terry's numbers showing decline," said Illinois Audubon Society Executive Director James Herkert. "The question for Terry would be what effort has been made to tease out weather and effort? How deep did they go in their analysis?"

Counting birds, as one might imagine, can be extremely complicated. Duplication is a serious concern, particularly in sweeping endeavors like regional or national bald eagle counts in unpredictable winter conditions. So is the experience and commitment of the person counting the birds.

Bald eagles are especially challenging. The easily spooked birds can fly 75 mph. Experts say a 10-mile trip is relatively common, and they have been known to fly as far as 200 miles in a day.

Those factors — as well as climate change, winter weather variances from year to year, abundance of prey and the distance the birds have to fly south to find open, unfrozen water — make every organization's winter count vary wildly.

"For this reason, it is virtually impossible to tell if downward

trends in winter counts are due to declines in bald eagle population size or due to shifts in distribution in response to warmer winters," Brian Millsap, national raptor coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said in an email. Several studies show that warmer winters are prompting many raptors to shift their winter distribution, he added.

Midwinter surveys of the Eagle Nature Foundation and Illinois Audubon Society show those wide swings. In 2008, for example, the foundation's total bald eagle count was 4,052. The next year that number dropped to 2,830. The society's midwinter count reached an all-time high of 5,597 birds in 2014. Two years later, the count was 946.

"We do not believe that trends in counts of wintering bald eagles indicate overall populations are declining," Millsap said. "We do value the citizen science contribution of the midwinter survey and recognize it provides important information for management of local bald eagle wintering areas."

Ingram's main criticism is that the conventional counts go on for two weeks, which allows for widespread duplication. His organization's counts run for two hours on one day, usually around Jan. 26.

But Wade Eakle, a U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers ecologist in San Francisco, said many raptor count researchers know that a certain percentage of individual birds are counted more than once. In response, the counts include "appropriate analytical methods," such as an eagle-observed-per-hour format, to reconcile for those results.

### Do pesticides play a role?

Still, curious signs are out there: A 2015 *Journal of Raptor Research* article noted that the increase in bald eagle counts has slowed to less than 1 percent in recent years, and that the number of eagles counted in Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska and Texas are declining.

In addition, Ingram's theory for why the eagle counts are dropping is that glyphosate, the active ingredient in a widely used pesticide, is making its way through the food chain. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ecological risk assessment on the compound, released in December, "indicates that there is potential for effects on birds, mammals and terrestrial and aquatic plants."

And, although eagles are on "a great trend right now," Illinois Audubon Society's Herkert said, "The counter to that is that there

is a truckload of pesticides out there now. I do have a little bit of concern that we're not on a great environmental trajectory right now."

Herkert also said monitoring of eagles is not as vigilant as it was before the bird was taken off the endangered species list in 2007.

Added Kevin McGowan, an ornithologist at Cornell Lab of Ornithology: "Everything peaks." The population of bald eagles has to level off sometime, he said.

"Maybe your guy is the first evidence of it leveling off," McGowan said.

On a recent Friday when temperatures were below freezing and strong winds blew, Ingram was on an informal eagle census, weaving his van across the rolling landscape where Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa merge. If the eagle's population is growing while it expands its territory as ornithologists say, he asked, why are the birds not seen in places where they've been feeding for decades?

At stop after stop, Ingram said he's found much smaller numbers than he had a few years earlier.

"That's not one community," he said. "That's every single ... community we've got. I'm worried. I really am. I'm worked up about it."

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## Mother of Urlacher's son sues, alleging defamation

Tribune and reporter also named in lawsuit seeking \$125 million

BY STEVE SCHMADEKE  
Chicago Tribune

The mother of Brian Urlacher's 12-year-old son has filed a \$125 million defamation lawsuit alleging the former Bears star conspired with his attorneys and a newspaper reporter to portray her as "a bad Mother, unfit and a killer."

But Urlacher's attorney blasted the lawsuit as a recycled hash of false statements.

Tyna Karageorge, 45, formerly

Tyna Robertson, is representing herself in the lawsuit she filed Friday in Cook County Circuit Court.

She said in a phone interview that she has not had custody of her son Kennedy since shortly after the Dec. 29, 2016, death of her husband, Ryan Karageorge.

The couple were arguing at their Willow Springs home after a birthday party when her husband grabbed her purse, pulled a gun from it and shot himself in the head, Tyna Karageorge told police at the time, according to her lawsuit.

Ryan Karageorge died of a gunshot wound to the head and his death was later ruled a suicide,

a spokeswoman for the Cook County medical examiner's office said Wednesday.

Karageorge's lawsuit also names the Chicago Tribune and reporter David Haugh, saying they conspired with Urlacher to portray her as a killer.

Urlacher, who has joint custody of Kennedy with his ex, was awarded temporary custody of the child soon after his stepfather's death, the Tribune has reported. The Tribune, in a story by Haugh, reported last January that the investigation into his death remained open at the time, a detail confirmed in documents included in Karageorge's lawsuit.

In her lawsuit, Tyna Kara-

george alleges that Urlacher "plotted" with his attorneys and Haugh to convince the public that she had killed her husband in an effort to influence her child custody case. The Tribune's story ran after Urlacher won temporary custody.

"The atrocities that the Defendants (sic) have done equates to a modern day lynching and witchhunt," she wrote in her lawsuit.

"My life has been ruined by what transpired," Karageorge said Wednesday. "People perceive me as a murderer even to this date."

Urlacher said in a text message that he was unaware of the lawsuit. Donald Schiller, one of his attorneys, said the lawsuit was

"essentially a reiteration of the same false statements, twisting of facts and quotes out of context that she has claimed and filed in Court proceedings all during this case. None were found to have merit."

"The Tribune's reporting was based on court documents and defames no one," Bruce Dold, the Tribune's publisher and editor-in-chief, said in a statement. "David Haugh is an outstanding columnist who at all times has done what journalists do: report the facts on stories of interest to the public."

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Mark Owens Sr., father of Mark A. Owens, attends Wednesday's announcement of a lawsuit alleging his son was victimized by a social worker at the state-run Elgin Mental Health Center in 2012. The woman, who no longer works there, allegedly retaliated when Owens rebuffed sexual advances.

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## 2nd lawsuit alleges sexual abuses at mental facility

By **CHRISTY GUTOWSKI**  
Chicago Tribune

For the second time in recent months, a former Elgin Mental Health Center patient alleged in a federal lawsuit that he was coerced into a sexual relationship with a staff member who abused her position of authority.

Mark A. Owens said his

licensed social worker made sexual advances toward him shortly after he arrived at the state-run facility in early 2012. After Owens suggested their counseling sessions take place somewhere other than her private office, the woman retaliated by suggesting to his treatment team that he was paranoid, suffering from a major men-

tal illness and in need of stronger medication, the complaint alleges.

The 27-year-old University Park man said he reported the inappropriate conduct to his psychiatrist, but the professional failed to take action, allowing the abuse to escalate and include sexual contact on at least three occasions, according to the complaint.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court names as defendants the Illinois Department of Human Services, the social worker and six other state medical professionals who oversaw the man's care. Owens is the second former patient to accuse the woman in a public complaint of sexual misconduct.

She resigned Aug. 23, state officials confirmed. The woman, in her 50s, had a long career and a nearly \$90,000 annual salary, according to state payroll records. The social worker did not respond to requests for comment. Her professional license remains in good standing, according to state licensing officials.

In response to a question about the allegations, the Illinois State Police confirmed it is investigating an alleged incident at the Elgin facility involving a former employee, but it declined to name the person or give details about the nature of the probe.

"This is still an active and ongoing investigation," state police Master Sgt. Mike Link said in an email to the Tribune.

Authorities with the state Human Services Department declined to comment on the pending litigation.

Owens was involuntarily committed for treatment after he was found not guilty by reason of insanity in Will County for felony disarming a police officer in 2010.

He remains under treatment at Chicago Read Mental Health Center.

His father, Mark Owens Sr., joined his attorneys, Randy Kretchmar and Joe Cecala, at a news conference Wednesday in Chicago. The attorneys filed a similar federal complaint in November against the former state employee and facility, alleging a three-year sexual relationship between the woman and a 24-year-old Aurora man who is now free. The first suit is pending.

Both lawsuits seek \$10 million in damages.

"Her behavior was the equivalent of extortion," Kretchmar said. "She had an enormous amount of power over his short- and long-term future and, in this case, she used it coercively."

Kretchmar said leadership at the state facility turned a blind eye to the sexual assault and battery of a disabled adult and should be held accountable for an alleged systemic pattern of abuse that has long existed at the facility because of a lack of training, supervision and proper investigative procedures.

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## State health officials report 2nd measles case at O'Hare

BY ESE OLUMHENSE  
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced Wednesday that a second case of measles has been reported at O'Hare International Airport.

The affected individual was a passenger on a flight that arrived at the international terminal (Terminal 5) between 8:30 a.m. and noon Jan. 9, health officials said, the day before another passenger with measles landed at the same terminal.

The cases are unrelated, a health department spokeswoman said, and officials maintain that there is not an outbreak of measles at O'Hare. Both individuals had already contracted measles before arriving at the airport, according to the health department. Citing patient confidentiality, a spokeswoman declined to say where the travelers

were coming from or whether they had come from the same country.

The patient in the Jan. 9 case visited an office plaza in Skokie on Jan. 10, as well as emergency rooms at NorthShore Evanston Hospital, NorthShore Skokie Hospital and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Park Ridge at various times between Jan. 10 and Jan. 13. Officials did not say why the patient visited multiple emergency departments.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, in an emailed statement from a spokeswoman at its children's hospital, said protocols for notifying patients and caregivers of possible exposure have been initiated.

The hospital did not release further details about the patient.

In the Jan. 10 case, after arrival, the affected individual did not leave the airport and departed on a domestic

flight several hours later.

Most individuals have been vaccinated for measles as children and are not at high risk. "Very few people," about 3 percent, who receive two doses of measles vaccine will contract the virus if exposed to it, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes.

If infected, individuals could develop symptoms as late as Feb. 1.

Symptoms of measles infection include rash, high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes.

At highest risk are people who have not been vaccinated, state officials said.

There were 120 reported cases of measles nationally in 2017, CDC preliminary data show, up from 86 cases the year before. There were no reported cases of measles in the state in 2017.

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## Lab technician's work history to be allowed at murder trial

BY CLIFFORD WARD  
Chicago Tribune

A DuPage County judge ruled Tuesday that defense attorneys can probe the employment history of a crime lab technician at next week's trial of a Champaign man accused in the 1985 stabbing death of a teenage girl near Glen Ellyn.

Over the objection of DuPage prosecutors, Judge George Bakalis said he would allow attorneys for Michael R. Jones to ask the technician about a disciplinary incident that occurred years after the technician handled DNA in the case against Jones.

It was the final pretrial ruling in the case against Jones, 64, who will stand trial beginning Tuesday, charged with first-degree murder in the death of

Kristy Wesselman, 15. She was stabbed and sexually assaulted in July 1985 in a field near her Glen Ellyn-area home.

No arrest was made until 2015, when Jones, a convicted sex offender and Champaign resident, was ordered to submit his DNA to a national database after his conviction on a domestic violence charge. His DNA is alleged to match that recovered in the Wesselman investigation.

Years earlier, around 2000, a DuPage crime lab forensic scientist named Doug Saul created two DNA profiles from swabs taken in the Wesselman case. In 2013, Saul left DuPage and took a job as a DNA specialist and supervisor in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., crime lab. However, he faced a disciplinary pro-

ceeding there for alleged insubordination and record-keeping violations and was fired in 2015, according to court records.

Prosecutors in the Jones case asked the judge to bar the defense from questioning Saul about his time in North Carolina when Saul testifies.

The incident has no bearing on Saul's work in the Wesselman case, which took place almost 15 years earlier, prosecutors argued.

But Assistant Public Defender Mark Lyon said the DNA expert's work history in North Carolina should be open to questioning.

The judge agreed to allow some questions, but Bakalis said he would keep them to a minimum.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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# Aldermen: Challenge Loop's low property assessments

By BILL RUTHHART AND HAL DARDICK  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday again dodged questions about whether he's willing to challenge the assessments of downtown commercial properties that are out of whack with their market values, an imbalance that shifts more of the property tax burden onto the city's residential taxpayers.

The subject surfaced at Wednesday's City Council meeting, where Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, introduced a proposal that would require Emanuel's Law Department to challenge assessments on seven large commercial buildings in or near the Loop. The proposed order, co-signed by 21 other aldermen, targets buildings that Munoz said were sold for more than twice as much as Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios valued them.

"Those that are best positioned to pay their fair share of taxes aren't paying it," said Munoz, whose Southwest Side 22nd Ward includes Little Village. "So we're going after these

huge multimillion-dollar properties."

Emanuel said he would review the proposal, but when twice asked about his overall philosophy on challenging commercial assessments, he declined to say. Instead, he highlighted his efforts in Springfield to secure a bigger property tax exemption for homeowners and his use of zoning laws to require developers who build high-density projects to pay fees used to fund projects on the South and West sides.

But when it came to whether he's willing to challenge assessments from Berrios, the chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, Emanuel was mum, as he was last month when he faced similar questions.

"My view is, at the end of the day, nobody should be using an inside track to change the value and that puts burden on residents," Emanuel said, stopping short of saying whether he'd direct his Law Department to challenge assessments.

City attorneys have not challenged Berrios' assessments under Emanuel.

Former Mayor Richard M. Daley challenged a handful of assessments under Berrios' predecessor.

Berrios' assessments of commercial buildings were questioned in a recent installment in "The Tax Divide" series published by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois. The investigation concluded that because commercial and industrial properties as a group were not assessed properly, residential homeowners across the county were forced to carry an additional and unnecessary burden, paying more in property taxes than they would have otherwise.

Munoz said his ordinance was in response to that series, but he's also backing two candidates in the March primary who have made an issue of Berrios' assessment practices. One is Chris Kennedy, a Democratic candidate for governor, and the other is Fritz Kaegi, who is running against Berrios in the Democratic primary.

While Munoz was making his proposal, four Republican Cook County commissioners deferred a hearing at which they

planned to have Berrios update his progress on addressing issues outlined in the Tribune series. Commissioner Timothy Schneider, R-Bartlett, said Berrios was unable to attend.

In other council action: ■ Despite the reservations of two aldermen in an earlier test vote, the council unanimously approved 31 new five-year contracts for unions representing city trades workers, with Emanuel noting they were less generous than the previous 10-year deals approved under Daley.

Nearly half the 7,700 or so workers affected will get average annual raises of 2.1 percent over the next five years; more than half will get paid the prevailing private-industry wage in their industry. All will pay more for health care.

■ Aldermen approved a \$9.3 million settlement of a case brought by exonerated multiple-murder defendant James Kluppelberg, who spent 25 years behind bars in a case overseen in part by former police Cmdr. Jon Burge.

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# Hospital subsidy gains approval

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twisted aldermen, trying to keep down the number of "no" votes.

In the end, the mayor won, as has been the norm at City Hall in the decades since then-Mayor Richard M. Daley consolidated power on the fifth floor. But the 31-18 tally proved to be one of the closest margins Emanuel has faced during his nearly seven years as mayor, and following the roll call he took to the microphone and launched into an animated lecture.

Sweeping his arms out toward the aldermen and jabbing his finger on his desk, Emanuel admonished those who opposed the deal for applying what he termed a sudden "litmus test" on abortion.

"We never raised a question on (money for hospitals like) St. Anthony, Norwegian, Mercy, Swedish Covenant," said Emanuel, his voice rising as he listed earlier city financial help for private health care companies.

"Not a peep, not a sound about a litmus test," he added.

Still, even as he scolded aldermen who opposed him, Emanuel dedicated several minutes of his speech to bolstering his own bona fides on health care.

The mayor dipped back into his political history to mention his role as President Barack Obama's chief of staff in helping get the Affordable Care Act passed, though Emanuel had cautioned the president against pursuing what became Obamacare, warning he would lose the 2012 election if he pursued it.

Emanuel also touted his work to expand health care for children as an adviser in the Clinton White House. And he recalled his family history as the son of a pediatrician who he said "never, ever turned away anyone who couldn't pay."

In addition, the mayor pointed to his own "100 percent record" on voting on reproductive rights while he was in Congress. Emanuel said supporting Presence wasn't an "either-or" vote on abortion rights but rather a question of giving people access to health care.

Ald. Ameya Pawar, however, said Emanuel portrayed the issue as exactly that.

"What I think the mayor and his team did successfully is that they muddled the debate and made it about, 'If you're against this, then you're against health care,'" Pawar said. "And that's offensive."

The 47th Ward alderman said Emanuel's argument that council members were hypocritical on the matter was "disingenuous." The other votes the mayor cited, Pawar said, did not involve taxpayer funding for a corporate office in the Loop. The Swedish Covenant example was not relevant because that hospital does not have the same abortion policy as Presence, the alderman added.

Asked about the relatively tight vote, Emanuel replied that the measure "passed by nearly 2 to 1."

Beyond Wednesday's controversy, possible political land mines loom next year from an issue that morphed in recent days from a straightforward question of property tax allocation to a fraught debate over abortion and race.

At a post-meeting news conference, Emanuel said he thinks Presence oppo-

nents suddenly started complaining about the company's abortion policies to make political hay out of the issue in the February 2019 municipal elections, when all 50 City Council seats and the mayor's office will be on the ballot.

"All of a sudden, looming on the short horizon is an election, all of a sudden we change the rules," the mayor said.

Ald. George Cardenas voted against the money for Presence, saying the city needs to "look at the directions we go and the example we set for the new generation."

The 12th Ward alderman said the mayor's office tried to convince him "this was a health care vote, that it was about health."

"I respectfully disagree," Cardenas said.

Ald. Pat Dowell said she was called by Emanuel aides who tried to persuade her to change her position after she voted against the subsidy at the Finance Committee meeting last week. "I was not swayed by those arguments," said the 3rd Ward alderman.

Council members who backed the tax subsidy largely focused on Presence's pledge to build or redevelop four community care centers in underserved neighborhoods in exchange for the \$5.6 million in tax increment financing for its already-built headquarters at 200 S. Wacker Drive.

Ald. Michelle Harris urged colleagues not to be blinded by a fight over reproductive health.

"Women on the South and West sides are not dying from lack of access to abortions" but rather lack access to better health care, said Harris, 8th.

Ald. Anthony Beale said it aggravates him that the council starts debating moral issues when it comes to making improvements in African-American neighborhoods.

"Our people are paying taxes just like everybody else," said Beale, 9th. "Quit making issues when it comes to our community."

Ald. Brian Hopkins said backing the Presence deal doesn't mean he supports the company's practices when it comes to abortion. "I do support bringing cancer treatment to an underserved community," said Hopkins, 2nd.

Opponents said public money shouldn't go to an institution that adheres to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' directives that "elective abortions are never permitted" and "direct sterilization of either men or women, whether permanent or temporary, is not permitted in a Catholic health care institution," unless it is the only available option to a medical malady.

Ald. Deb Mell, 33rd, a lesbian, said she would possibly get discriminated against if she walked into a Presence clinic because of the Catholic Church's position on gay rights. "I'm not here saying these institutions can't exist, obviously, but I'm just saying that we shouldn't be using public funds to support them," she said.

And Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th, said it isn't right for men to brush aside women's concerns about their access to abortion and contraception. "Access to health care means all aspects, including a woman's reproductive rights and reproductive health," she said.

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# Lack of Obama center deal booed

By JOHN BYRNE  
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An attempt by some African-American Chicago aldermen to publicly praise Obama Presidential Center designers for hiring minority contractors ran into shouts of "Shame on you!" by a group that wants a community benefits agreement to protect residents living near Jackson Park.

The dueling news conferences Wednesday by the City Council Black Caucus and activists came after the Obama Foundation announced this month that a collective of five construction firms — most of them African-American-owned — had been hired to manage the construction of the center.

Black Caucus Chairman Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, said taking that step is better than Barack Obama signing an agreement to promise jobs to people who live near the presidential center site in Jackson Park.

"Some people are used to nonblacks running the show," Sawyer said. "This is the first time we have black entities running this contract, this half-a-billion-dollar-plus construction project."



Demonstrators yell as aldermen discuss plans for the Obama center Wednesday.

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But activist Jitu Brown, who joined a handful of others in shouting down the aldermen, said only a signed agreement would guarantee black residents will be able to benefit from economic development around the center.

"We cannot take the president's word on the fact that they're not going to push African-Americans out with the Obama Presidential Center," Brown said. "So we're saying that there's no history that says

their word is worth anything. What we need is an in-writing community benefits agreement that says that people who live in those communities will benefit, not benefit in a profiteering way, but jobs, investment in neighborhood elementary schools, transportation infrastructure."

Officials want to break ground on the presidential center by the end of the year. The foundation has not yet applied to the city

Planning Department for approval, and it is still engaged in a federal review process that has to be completed before construction.

Obama has said he would not sign a community benefits contract. In selecting the construction management team, the foundation said it picked firms that demonstrated they could handle the community's concerns.

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# Rhimes joins \$1M Obama group club

By KATHERINE SKIBA  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Hollywood is opening its wallet for the Obama Foundation, which Tuesday reported 31 new donors of \$1 million or more to the former president's future center in Chicago.

Donors in the million-or-more circle include a foundation tied to Shonda Rhimes, who grew up in suburban Chicago and created TV hits such as "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal." A foundation affiliated with Philip Rosenthal, creator of TV's "Everybody Loves Raymond," also has given at least \$1 million.

And the Lucas Family

Foundation, started by "Star Wars" creator George Lucas, gave an unspecified new gift, after the organization already had given the Obama Foundation at least \$1 million as of last April. Lucas' wife, Mellody Hobson, is a Chicago native and president of Ariel Investments. Ariel was founded by John Rogers Jr., who sits on the Obama Foundation board.

Other recent donors to give at least a million: Chicago-based Exelon Corp.; the Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund; the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and the Microsoft Corp. Others include the Ford Foundation; The Steans Family Foundation, which focuses on Chi-

cago's North Lawndale neighborhood; and the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation.

The latest list represents donors who made new cash contributions during the last three months of 2017 and/or written commitments last year after Obama left office, the foundation said. The money will help pay for Barack Obama's presidential center in Jackson Park, which is set to break ground this year and open in 2021.

Altogether, 56 donors whose new gifts pushed them into the range of \$10,000 were identified. The foundation reports the value of donations in a broad dollar range.

The new release brings

to 46 the number of individuals, couples or entities to kick in or pledge at least \$1 million recently or in years past.

Other donors who gave again in the last quarter of 2017 had already given gifts of at least seven figures, including the Hutchins Family Foundation; Mel Heifetz, a real estate investor and philanthropist who supports gay rights; and the Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Gift Fund. Griffin is chief executive of the Chicago-based Citadel investment firm and has contributed millions to Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

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# Divvy bike-sharing service to end in Oak Park

Village officials cite low ridership over 2 years in severing agreement

BY ANNA BYBEE-SCHIER AND STEVE SCHERING  
Pioneer Press

The stations in Oak Park filled with blue Divvy bikes will soon be a thing of the past.

The Village Board voted Tuesday against extending its agreement with Motivate International Inc., the company that operates the bike-sharing service. Divvy has been in the village less than two years. According to village documents, the current agreement expires Jan. 24.

Residents and trustees had expressed concerns about the cost and use of the service.

The village had reached an agreement with Motivate to pay \$24,068 per month for Divvy in the coming year and reduce its dock fees by 10 percent, according to Tammie Grossman, the village's development customer services director. However, Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb said the village would lose \$80,000 annually on the program, even with the discount.

"These numbers make me cringe. They're really not good in Oak Park," trustee Bob Tucker said.

Additionally, while Divvy membership is up 20 percent year-over-year, according to Motivate, individual rides are down.

"The village is screaming, 'We don't want this or need this,'" said



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Oak Park has 13 Divvy docking stations, which were installed in the village in June 2016.

trustee Deno Andrews.

Several village residents attended Tuesday's meeting to tell the board as much.

The vote was close, with trustees Andrews, Tucker, Dan Moroney and Simone Boutet voting against the extension and Abu-Taleb and trustees Andrea Button and James Taglia voting to keep the bikes in town for another year.

Resident Jim Peters urged the board to extend its agreement

three months, at which point he thought village staff should offer a more detailed business plan for Divvy's future in Oak Park.

Ron Burke, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance, came to Divvy's defense, saying Oak Park has done little to accommodate cycling, and should take action to make it easier and safer to bike in the village.

Several officials considered whether the village should have

promoted the service more.

"I believe that we have not given this program enough time and enough management skills to allow it to succeed," Abu-Taleb said.

The village has 13 docking stations, installed in June 2016 when Divvy expanded into Oak Park and Evanston.

According to Evanston City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, his staff is expected to propose a

one-year contract extension with Divvy at the City Council meeting Monday night.

"Our residents seem to really like sharing bikes," Bobkiewicz said. "Evanston just needs to make sure that we have the right bike-sharing program (or programs) in place to serve our residents' needs and preferences."

When asked what Oak Park residents with an existing Divvy membership could do, village officials did not have an immediate answer Wednesday morning. Officials also could not say when the bike stations would be removed.

"We don't have the answers to your questions at this time," Grossman said.

Though it is losing the Oak Park network, Divvy officials said the entire system remains strong, with more than 6,000 bikes and 37,000 members.

"The Divvy program continues to grow not only in Chicago, but throughout Chicagoland, with growing ridership from Chatham to Evanston every year," general manager Michael Critzon said. "While it's unfortunate that the Oak Park community will no longer participate in the Divvy program, we continue to be committed to providing the best possible system to our riders, one which is equitable, safe and fun, and we look forward to a strong peak riding season in 2018."

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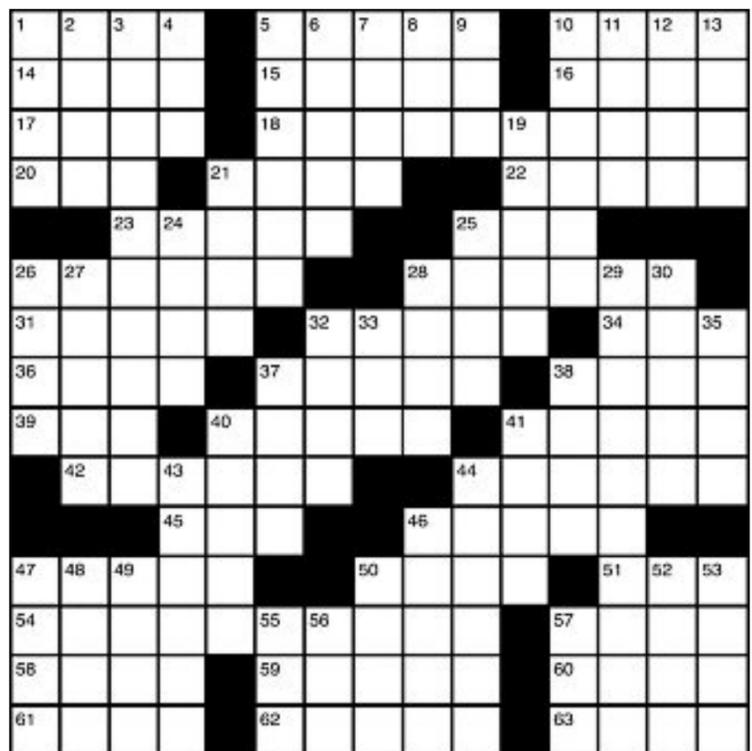
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### Crossword



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- 5 \_\_\_ crow flies; in a straight line
- 10 Bed size
- 14 Frosted
- 15 Exposed
- 16 Seldom seen
- 17 You, biblically
- 18 Steal the spotlight from
- 20 Layer of turf
- 21 Actor Annable
- 22 Kitchen appliances
- 23 Suspicious
- 25 "Grand \_\_\_ Opry"
- 26 Complied with orders
- 28 Empty inside
- 31 Cringe in fear
- 32 Nuts
- 34 Lamb's cry
- 36 \_\_\_ on; trampled
- 37 Layered rock
- 38 Paper \_\_\_; brad alternative
- 39 \_\_\_ Isaac Newton
- 40 Theater part
- 41 Unsuspecting
- 42 Ice rink figure
- 44 Scorched
- 45 Mai tai ingredient

#### DOWN

- 46 \_\_\_ Maria; 1492 ship
- 47 Charisma
- 50 Stand up
- 51 2,000 pounds
- 54 Parties after weddings
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- 60 Make beer
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- 62 \_\_\_ over; studied intently
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# White House cues Bannon

Ex-aide's lawyer consults by phone on panel questions

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WASHINGTON — Steve Bannon's attorney relayed questions, in real time, to the White House during a House intelligence committee interview of the former Trump chief strategist, people familiar with the closed-door session told The Associated Press.

As lawmakers probed Bannon's time working for President Donald Trump, Bannon's attorney Bill Burck was asking the White House counsel's office by phone during the Tuesday session whether his client could answer the questions. He was told by that office not to discuss his work on the transition or in the White House.

It's unclear who Burck was communicating with in the White House.

Tuesday's conversations were confirmed by a White House official and a second person familiar with Bannon's interview. They spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

At the White House, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders confirmed the questions were relayed over the phone and said it was a



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Ex-White House aide Steve Bannon leaves an interview by the House intelligence panel.

typical process.

"Sometimes they actually have a White House attorney present in the room," she said. "This time it was something that was relayed via phone and again was following standard procedure for an instance like this and something that will likely happen again on any other number of occasions, not just within this administration but future administrations."

On Wednesday, the AP also confirmed that Bannon will meet with Mueller's investigators for an interview instead of appearing before a grand jury. A person familiar with that issue confirmed the interview and said Bannon is expected to cooperate with Mueller. The person was not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

It's unclear when the interview might occur.

Burck didn't respond to numerous phone messages left Tuesday and Wednesday. A spokeswoman for Bannon did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Bannon refused to answer a broad array of queries from the House intelligence committee about his time working for Trump, leading the Republican committee chairman to authorize a subpoena.

Lawmakers were expecting a similar fight Wednesday with Trump's White House as another senior aide, Rick Dearborn, was to appear for a private interview with the committee.

The developments brought to the forefront questions about White House efforts to control what current and former aides tell Congress about their time in Trump's inner circle, and whether Republicans on Capitol Hill would force the issue.

Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Cornell University, said that while traditionally Congress has required a formal assertion of executive privilege in order for a witness to refuse to answer a question, more recently "we've seen people just not answer questions without asserting privilege."

"It's kind of a game of separation-of-powers chicken that's going on there," he said. "Because nobody knows the full scope of executive privilege — other than that it's not absolute from the Nixon case — no one really wants to push it."

Dorf referred to the court case surrounding the Supreme Court's rejection in 1974 of President Richard Nixon's assertion that he could use executive privilege to prevent the release of tape recordings involving him and other aides. Dorf said that though it seems unusual for a witness' law-

yer to consult in real time with the White House about which questions can be answered, it is a "bit more respectful" than a pre-emptive blanket refusal to answer questions.

The congressional subpoena for Bannon came after the former far-right media executive and recently scorned Trump adviser received a grand jury subpoena issued by Mueller. That subpoena, first reported by The New York Times, appeared to be a negotiating tactic that then prompted Bannon to agree to a sit-down with Mueller's prosecutors rather than appearing before the grand jury.

Lawmakers questioned Bannon as part of their investigation into Russian election inference and sought answers about Trump's thinking when he fired FBI Director James Comey.

But Bannon refused to answer questions about that crucial period, and as a result, the chairman, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., issued the subpoena, spokesman Jack Langer said.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the committee's top Democrat, said Bannon's refusal to answer questions from the panel "can't stand" and went far beyond other witnesses who have declined to answer specific questions. He said the committee expects to have Bannon return for more questioning.

## Koreas agree to march under 1 flag at Olympics

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SEOUL, South Korea — In a rare gesture of unity after recent threats of "fire and fury," North and South Korea agreed Wednesday to march together under a unified flag during the opening ceremony at the Winter Olympics.

The announcement also includes plans to organize a joint women's ice hockey team, which if approved would be the first combined Korean team for the Olympics — a symbolic milestone that comes only days after a false ballistic missile scare sent shockwaves across Hawaii.

But analysts said it was too soon to say whether the Olympic accord amounted to a breakthrough — or just a breather.

The latest agreements, released in a statement late Wednesday after 12 hours of talks in the Demilitarized Zone dividing the peninsula, were among several public signs that the two sides plan to project unity before and during the Games, which begin Feb. 9.

North Korea will send a 230-member "cheering squad" to the Games, who will join supporters from South Korea to cheer athletes from both countries.

The two nations also plan to hold joint training and cultural events, though decisions about which North Korean athletes will compete will be left to the International Olympic Committee, which plans to meet with both sides Saturday.

The news of a small rapprochement stood in stark contrast to recent acrimonious outbursts between Pyongyang and Washington over North Korea's rapidly progressing nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

As the North has notched unprecedented advances, President Donald Trump has derided its leader, Kim Jong Un, as "Little Rocket Man," and Kim called Trump a "dotard." Trump threatened "fire and fury like the world has never seen."

Trump, in an interview Wednesday with the Reuters news agency, said it was possible that tension with North Korea could be resolved peacefully, "but it's very possible that it can't."

The president in the past has not ruled out direct talks with North Korea's leader, but in the interview, he expressed doubts as to whether such a course would yield any success.

"I'd sit down, but I'm not sure that sitting down will



SOUTH KOREAN UNIFICATION MINISTRY

North Korean chief delegate Jon Jong Su, left, and South Korea's Chun Hae-Sung work things out Wednesday.

solve the problem," he said.

Trump also blamed Russia for helping North Korea evade U.N. sanctions, saying Moscow is mitigating the impact of China's increased efforts to restrict the flow of resources to Kim's government.

"Russia is not helping us at all with North Korea," Trump told Reuters. "What China is helping us with, Russia is denting. In other words, Russia is making up for some of what China is doing."

Even as Trump credited China for stepping up its efforts, he said Beijing could apply additional pressure on the government in Pyongyang to cease its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

The recent North-South talks, though, had a narrower focus.

Efforts by South Korea to include the North in the Games progressed rapidly after conciliatory comments made by Kim during his annual New Year's Day

speech.

Kim's words prompted the South, which sensed the chance to use the Olympics as a catalyst, to suggest talks.

The two nations have since agreed upon the North's participation in the Games, its first since 2010, and have also agreed to allow the isolated nation to bring a large musical troupe south for performances.

Lisa Collins, a Korea expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington,

called the Olympic accord a "positive first step" at a time of high tensions.

"The fact that they're talking is a good sign," she said. But she emphasized that she did not see a "significant shift in the North Korea security calculus."

Wednesday's talks focused on the Olympics. The negotiations took place at Panmunjom, a diplomatic base inside the DMZ.

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## Tillerson outlines deeper U.S. military commitment in Syria

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Wednesday that it was "crucial" for the United States to maintain an open-ended military and diplomatic presence in Syria to prevent Islamic State militants from regrouping, to thwart Iranian influence and ultimately to see the exit of President Bashar Assad.

Tillerson outlined what he described as a more

engaged Trump administration policy for the war-torn country during an address at the Hoover Institution think tank at Stanford University in California.

He described a plan of "increased diplomatic action" and a "new emphasis on a political solution" for the Syrian civil war, which has killed at least a half-million people since 2011 and sent millions more fleeing in what became the largest refugee exodus toward Europe since World

War II.

Tillerson said the administration also will maintain a small "conditions-based" military presence in Syria to track and kill the dwindling number of ISIS militants. The Pentagon said in December that it had about 2,000 U.S. military personnel in Syria.

Targeted by an American-led coalition, as well as local militias, the Islamic State has lost most of the territory it seized in Syria and Iraq in 2014, but it remains a lethal threat.

The Islamic State "presently has one foot in the grave, and by maintaining an American military presence in Syria, it will soon have two," Tillerson said.

"We cannot repeat the mistake of 2011," he said, alluding to President Barack Obama's withdrawal of most U.S. combat troops from Iraq after nine years of war. Critics say the U.S. pullout added to Iraq's instability and allowed a local al-Qaida affiliate to morph into the group also called ISIS.

Tillerson's remarks seemed to signal an indefinite U.S. engagement in Syria. "A total withdrawal of American personnel at this time would help Assad," he said.

Assad's departure "will create the conditions for a durable peace within Syria and security along the borders for Syria's neighbors," he added during a question-and-answer session.

Both the Obama and Trump administrations have backed U.N.-led talks on Syria, but they have

made little progress toward a political solution to the civil war. Assad, backed by Russia and Iran, now seems firmly in control of much of the country.

Tillerson conceded that some Americans might be disturbed at the prospects of long-term involvement in Syria. But U.S. disengagement now, he said, would give Iran a "golden opportunity" to spread its influence, and could allow ISIS to regroup.

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# After calling for FISA reforms, Dems help kill it

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WASHINGTON — After years of tangling with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., civil liberties activists seemed to have her onboard with their fight to curtail the vast warrantless surveillance program exposed by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

They were optimistic Tuesday when she headed into a major vote over whether to impose new restrictions on the government monitoring.

But after a spirited nail-biter of a floor fight, Feinstein broke with privacy advocates from the right and left to cast a crucial vote in favor of leaving the program largely unchanged for the next six years.

Feinstein's retreat to a hawkish posture on Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, gave supporters of the status quo the vote they needed to quell a growing movement in the Senate for more privacy protections. She was one of 18 Democrats and one independent who caucuses with Democrats who voted to shut down consideration of major changes to the program. Progressive activists are



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Sen. Dianne Feinstein disappointed privacy advocates with her FISA vote.

now accusing those lawmakers of betrayal. The friction among Democrats over the FISA program is sure to endure through the year as the party's factions battle over the approach they need to take to win back power. Many of the Democrats who joined Feinstein in voting against restrictions on the monitoring represent swing states, where voters are uneasy about warnings from law

enforcement that new restrictions on the program will make Americans more vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

"With their votes today, these Democrats have ceded tremendous power to the executive branch to engage in mass and warrantless surveillance — a power that history has shown time and again is ripe for abuse," read a statement from Demand Progress, a progressive advocacy

group with 2 million members, posted on Twitter. "This expanded surveillance power is particularly troubling in the hands of the Trump administration." The group posted a list of the senators' names, and highlighted in yellow those who are up for re-election this year.

The dismay of Demand Progress was shared by some senators.

"A travesty that Senate tonight by 1 vote ended de-

bate on deeply flawed #FISA Sec 702 surveillance bill," Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., posted on Twitter.

Opponents of the bill were seeking to curb "backdoor searches," through which law enforcement scrapes databases for messages of Americans who may have had incidental contact with — or merely mentioned — foreigners who are on watch lists.

The surveillance authority granted under the program, according to some legal experts, can be invoked by investigators to access and read an American's online communications, without a warrant, if they do something as benign as promote a climate change protest abroad or attend an academic conference on international affairs.

The backdoor searches can also be used to gather evidence without a warrant in pursuing criminal cases that are unrelated to terrorism.

The approach that passed the House last month and is now poised for final Senate approval this week includes a narrow new warrant requirement that applies only when records are being accessed well into a criminal investigation.

Senate Democrats were within reach of blocking the reauthorization after the many opponents of it in their caucus were joined by a handful of Republicans in the chamber in warning that the program is an example of government overreach.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said he opposes "government listening to your phone calls, reading your emails or reading your text messages without a warrant." Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, warned that the warrant requirements in the measure poised for passage "are filled with loopholes that any biased government agent can exploit."

Their arguments, though, ultimately lost out to those of the leadership on the Senate intelligence committee, which warned that strict new warrant requirements would dangerously hobble law enforcement. Those lawmakers heeded the guidance of the directors of the FBI, CIA, National Security Agency and the U.S. attorney general, who have steadfastly advised against restrictions they say would return agencies to the pre-9/11 days.

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## Kelly: Trump's wall promise 'uninformed'

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their permits to work and live here will expire when Trump ends the program.

Reaching an immigration deal by Friday remains difficult, and top congressional leaders who met separately with Kelly on Wednesday said it was unlikely. Kelly also met with conservatives from the House Freedom Caucus as well as Latino Republicans.

Lawmakers walked away from the meetings uncertain of the White House's position, according to those briefed on the sessions.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he's unwilling to hold immigration votes — including on a bipartisan Senate compromise reached last week — until he knows that Trump would sign the bill into law.

"I'm looking for something that President Trump supports and he's not yet indicated what measure he's willing to sign," McConnell told reporters.

Kelly confirmed much of the closed-door conversations in a Fox News interview later Wednesday.

"Campaign and governing are two very different things," Kelly said on Fox. He said the wall would more likely be about 700 miles of barrier, rather than 2,000 miles Trump promised, and that Mexico would not directly pay for it.

The former Homeland Security secretary told the lawmakers he had been able to educate the presi-

dent on the wall and was responsible for extending the original DACA deadline to March 5, even though the termination was announced in September.

"That was my idea," Kelly told the lawmakers, according to Gutierrez. "I demanded it. I made it happen ... And many people have thanked me for it."

Now the administration has said it will keep the program running beyond March, pending resolution of a federal court challenge.

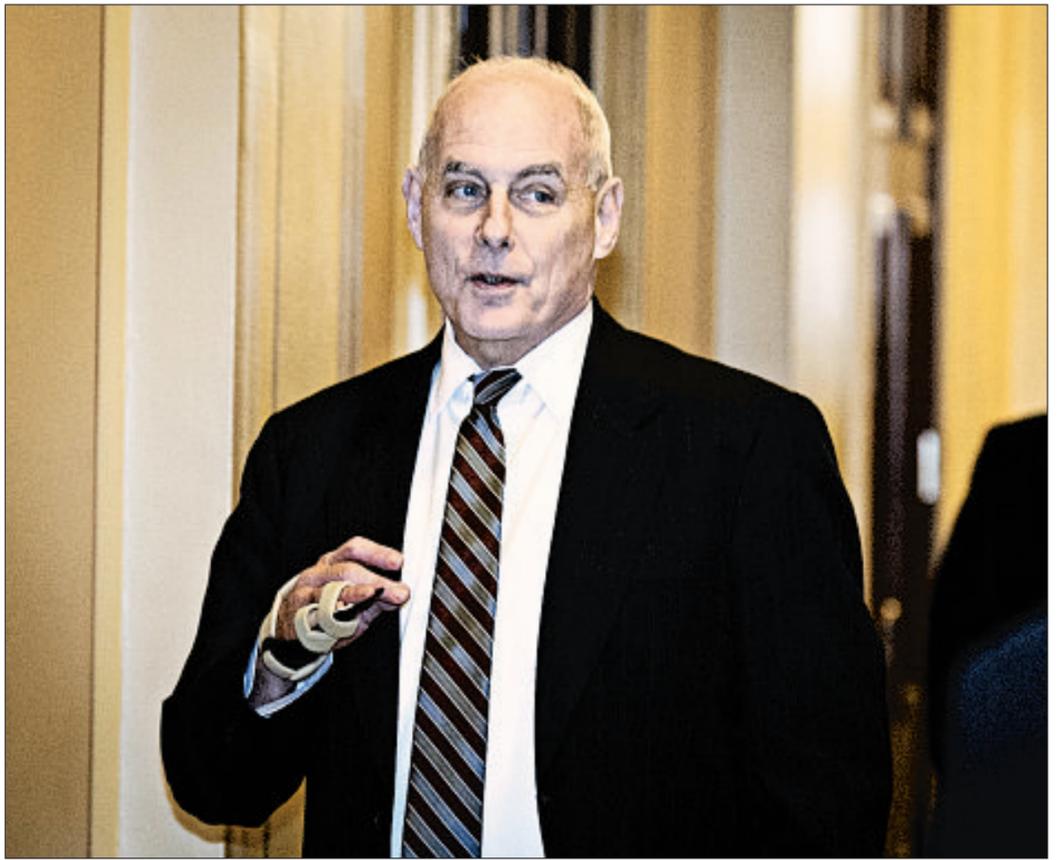
Kelly also told them that Trump has already decided that DACA recipients will be protected from deportation in any deal.

"They can stay. That's done," Kelly told them multiple times.

But lawmakers pushed back against the administration's proposals to reduce the numbers of visas for family members, warning Kelly away from using the term "chain" migration that many in the Hispanic Caucus, in particular, find offensive.

Lawmakers also complained the White House was moving the goal posts by introducing a new plan for limits on asylum seekers. Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., told Kelly that was a "non-starter."

The immigration talks come as House Republicans unveiled a stopgap measure that would keep the government running past Friday's deadline for four more weeks, through Feb. 16. Democrats say they are likely to reject the measure



CLIFF OWEN/AP

White House chief of staff John Kelly arrives on Capitol Hill to meet with Democrats and the Hispanic Caucus.

without a fix for the Dreamers.

GOP leaders will try to rely on their majority to pass the bill through the House, and put pressure on Senate Democrats not to block it.

Republicans hold only a narrow Senate majority and already several GOP senators — including Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who brokered the bipartisan immigration compromise with Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and other senators — may vote against it.

That means McConnell will need about a dozen Democrats to reach the 60-vote threshold to over-

come a filibuster for passage.

"When does the minority have leverage in the Senate? When you need 60 votes," Durbin told reporters.

Democrats in the Senate are already lining up against the stopgap funding measure because they say it tilts too heavily to GOP priorities.

It would include a mix of provisions that will likely attract some votes even as they push others away. One is a reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance program for six years, which is important to Democrats. Others include a two-year repeal of Afford-

able Care Act taxes on medical device makers, and a tax on employees' high-priced health benefits, the so-called Cadillac tax, that some Democrats also want to end. The GOP measure does not include disaster aid, which is important to members of both parties but has stalled in the Senate.

But even House approval was uncertain after a closed-door meeting earlier this week left rank-and-file lawmakers uneasy over punting the spending bill for the fourth time this fiscal year.

Some Republicans also want a DACA fix, and plan

to oppose the bill unless it has one. Conservatives meanwhile objected to running the government on autopilot, without more spending cuts.

"We know this is going to come down to just a few Republican votes," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., chairman of the conservative Freedom Caucus, after the closed-door GOP meeting. "The number of Freedom Caucus members that are undecided could make the difference whether we pass it or not."

A House vote is expected Thursday.

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## Trump misspeaks about 2 programs he wants to end

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WASHINGTON — As television cameras were allowed to roll during a lengthy immigration meeting at the White House last week, President Donald Trump groused to lawmakers about how 50,000 people each year get coveted green cards through a visa program he wants to kill.

Countries "put names in a hopper," Trump said. Then American officials "put their hand in a bowl" and draw out the "worst of the worst."

But that's not how it works. Nor is Trump accurate when it comes to the rules of a second immigration program, which he calls "chain migration" but which advocates describe as family reunification. Yet he wants both ended as a condition for backing so-

called DACA permits for hundreds of thousands of immigrants who came to the United States illegally as children.

The visa lottery has no bowl, no hopper. The State Department runs a computerized drawing from countries each year. Countries don't submit names; individuals do. To diversify the immigrant pool, foreign nationals from countries with low numbers of immigrants to the U.S. are allowed to enter the lottery of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

Entrants must have a high school education or have worked for two years in a skilled job. Their names are vetted and checked against crime and terrorism databases. Each of the 50,000 lottery winners annually is interviewed at a local U.S. consulate before being al-

lowed to enter the country.

Trump has repeatedly cited terror threats as a reason to end both the visa lottery and the so-called chain migration program, which allows citizens to sponsor close relatives to migrate to the U.S. But his administration has struggled to make a link.

"There is simply nothing about either of these two programs that presents any specific risk of terrorism," said Stephen H. Legomsky, professor emeritus of immigration law at Washington University School of Law and former chief counsel for immigration services at the Homeland Security Department.

"These immigrants are vetted for terrorist possibilities just as thoroughly as all immigrants."

Trump's focus on the visa lottery began Nov. 1,

with a tweet connecting it to the previous day's Halloween terrorist attack in New York City, where a driver plowed a rented pickup truck through a crowded bike lane, killing eight people.

Sayfullo Saipov, 29, who came to the U.S. from Uzbekistan through the diversity visa program in 2010, has been charged in the attack. But the Trump administration has not explained how immigration agents could know someone like Saipov would plot an attack years after entering the country.

Trump has also linked Saipov to the supposed dangers of allowing recent migrants to sponsor relatives. In an interview with Fox News in November, Trump claimed Saipov brought in 23 relatives. But immigration law allows green card holders to

sponsor only a spouse and minor children.

While family unification has been a feature of immigration law for years, last month Trump included "chain migration" as a security threat in his National Security Strategy.

This week, the administration stepped up its case against the two programs. On Wednesday, the White House had Ed O'Callaghan, head of the Justice Department's National Security Division, brief reporters on a new department paper that links terrorism with migration, as evidence of the need to reshape the nation's immigration system.

The report said that 75 percent of the 549 people convicted of terrorism charges since Sept. 11, 2001, were born outside the United States. Callaghan, echoing the presi-

dent, called for scrapping the policy of family preferences for visas, as well as the visa lottery program.

The report did not specify how many, if any, of those convicted since 9/11 entered the country through the lottery or family unification programs.

The visa lottery is the only way that a foreign citizen can settle in the United States without having a close American relative or a job with a U.S. company that requires special skills, or qualifying as a refugee from a humanitarian crisis. The lottery's 50,000 slots represent about 5 percent of the 1 million people given lawful permanent residence, or green cards, each year.

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# French bid to outlaw fake news makes news

Legislation ordered by Macron a test case for the free speech dilemma

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PARIS — Can a democratic country outlaw fake news?

France is about to find out, after President Emmanuel Macron ordered a law to quash false information disseminated around electoral campaigns.

Criticism is pouring in from media advocates, tech experts — and Kremlin-backed broadcaster RT. They say the law smacks of authoritarianism, would be impossible to enforce and is sure to backfire.

Macron's stance "could be just the beginning of actually censoring freedom of speech. We believe it is a very dangerous situation," Xenia Fedorova, director of RT's newly launched French-language channel, told The Associated Press.

Yet in a world where a falsehood can reach billions instantaneously and political manipulation is increasingly sophisticated, Macron argues something must be done.

A congressional report by U.S. Democrats released Jan. 11 detailed apparent Russian efforts to undermine politics in 19 European countries since 2016, using cyberattacks, disinformation, clandestine social media operations, financing of fringe political groups and, in extreme cases, assassination attempts. Macron's own campaign suffered a big hacking attack last year, though the government later said it found no proof of Russian involvement.

Propaganda and disinformation aren't new or unique to Russia. Author and technology historian Edward Tenner argues that fake news is as old as George Washington's cherry tree — an enduring but untrue legend about the first U.S. president.

While democracies usually rely on defamation and libel laws to combat false publications, Macron wants more.

In a New Year's speech to journalists, he said he's ordering a new "legal arsenal"



Reporters without Borders' Christophe Deloire said, "democracies have to be defended in front of the fake news wave."

that would oblige news sites to reveal who owns them and where their money comes from. It could cap the money allowed for content seen as aimed at swaying an election and allow emergency legal action to block websites. The French broadcast regulator's power would expand to allow it to suspend media seen as trying to destabilize a vote — notably those "controlled or influenced by foreign powers."

That probably means outlets such as RT — whose coverage was seen as favoring far-right candidate Marine Le Pen in last year's French election and which many consider a tool of the Russian government — and Sputnik, another Russian-backed outlet that drew attention for reporting a rumor during the French presidential campaign that Macron was having a gay affair.

He denied it, and beat Le Pen anyway.

RT's Fedorova says they are being unfairly targeted. Speaking from RT's gleaming French studios on the banks of the Seine River, she says she struggled to get

permits to open in France, and her journalists are routinely barred from the Elysee Palace after Macron accused RT and Sputnik last year of being "organs" of Russian influence.

RT France's coverage appears broadly similar to other French networks, with a slightly greater emphasis on street violence and migrants. The biggest difference: its extensive coverage of Syria, which stresses the views of the Russian and Syrian governments.

"RT stands for giving the floor, the platform to different opinions, and I personally believe that diversity of voices is absolutely necessary in order to have the big picture," said Fedorova, who says RT will be watching Macron's plan closely.

Media freedom watchdog Reporters Without Borders is also watching closely. It has decried fake news as undermining journalists who work hard to uncover wrongdoing and verify information, but the group is wary of Macron's order.

"We are not opposed to the principle of a law



Xenia Fedorova of RT France said of the proposal, "We believe it is a very dangerous situation."

against fake news. But the point is to be able to write a law without endangering the freedom to reveal things," the group's chief, Christophe Deloire, told the AP.

"Probably our democracies have to be defended in front of the fake news wave," he said, but not "with the ways that despotic countries use."

His group, also known by French acronym RSF, is working with partners on a potential certification system that could classify news

sources according to their verification methods, transparency about financing and other criteria — and leave it up to the public to decide what to believe.

As France's government prepares its bill, it will be learning lessons from a German law that went into effect this month cracking down on hate speech on social networks. Some fear legitimate posts by satirists or journalists are being accidentally caught up in the dragnet.

Shutting down websites

can also backfire by calling more attention to them.

"The only long-term solution for the fake news problem is a more sophisticated public," Tenner, the historian, said.

"Sophisticated manipulators of facts will always find a way around whatever regulations are in place," such as creating a front company to sponsor a website or writing "something that is misleading and inflammatory that is factually true," he said.

Daniel Castro, vice president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, outlines another problem: "People like fake news. It reinforces their beliefs."

Macron is prompting "a very valid conversation" about campaign funding and transparency. But "where it runs into trouble is when they try to define fake news," he said.

The Macron government's digital affairs chief is lucid about the challenges ahead.

"This is the beginning of the debate. We won't go too fast," Mounir Mahjoubi told the AP.

## Trump takes flak for press attacks

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the Trump era, which has come to be defined by his routine challenges to political norms. It is common for lawmakers to criticize presidents on policy, but less so for members of their own party, and yet exceedingly rare for any of them to fault a president's fealty to basic democratic values.

"When a figure in power reflexively calls any press that doesn't suit him 'fake news,' it is that person who should be the figure of suspicion, not the press," Flake added.

Flake's comments were buttressed by his fellow Arizona Republican, Sen. John McCain, who warned in an opinion piece in The Washington Post that Trump's efforts to undermine the media are "being closely watched by foreign leaders who are already using his words as cover as they silence and shutter one of the key pillars of democ-

racy."

Both men made the point that Trump has stood on its head the United States' traditional role as an example to the world of press freedom. Governments and autocrats — in Egypt, Libya, Myanmar, Singapore, Turkey and Venezuela, among others — have cited Trump's "fake news" theme in acting against press criticism in their countries.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders accused Flake, who is not running for re-election, of seeking attention. She also accused him of hypocrisy because he visited Cuba, which has jailed journalists, and served "as a mouthpiece for the oppressive Cuban government."

"Certainly, I think our position here at the White House is that we welcome access to the media every day," she said. "I'm standing right here, taking questions. The president does so regularly."



Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., leaves the Senate chamber after blasting President Donald Trump's attacks on the media Wednesday. Flake called Trump's rhetoric "shameful."

Trump tweeted Jan. 2 that he would announce "THE MOST DISHONEST & CORRUPT MEDIA AWARDS OF THE YEAR" at 5 p.m. Jan. 8. He later wrote on Twitter that the awards would "be presented to the losers on Wednesday, January 17th."

While White House press officials could provide no information throughout

the day, just after 8 p.m. Trump tweeted "And the FAKE NEWS winners are..." in the style of a Hollywood awards show, and linked to a Republican Party website.

It listed 10 instances of media errors, including one that was not a factual mistake but rather a bad prediction from a New York Times columnist. Most of the er-

rors resulted in corrections, disciplinary action for the reporters or both.

Trump has used the term "fake news" on his Twitter feed at least 167 times since being elected, according to a search in an online archive — most often to disparage reporting about him or his administration.

Fake news initially referred to hoax stories be-

lieved to be planted by Russian operatives in an attempt to influence the presidential election. Trump co-opted the term to disparage legitimate reporting.

Flake, in his speech, pointed to a report by the Committee to Protect Journalists noting that 21 of 262 journalists imprisoned in 2017 were charged with "false news."

He read accounts of Syrian President Bashar Assad dismissing an Amnesty International report of 13,000 deaths in his military prisons as "fake news" and of Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte, whose government has been implicated in thousands of extrajudicial killings, calling reporters "spies" — while Trump laughed beside him during a meeting in November.

"The phrase 'fake news' — granted legitimacy by an American president — is being used by autocrats to silence reporters, undermine political opponents, stave off media scrutiny and mislead citizens," McCain said.

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## Democrat's win in Trump territory sparks GOP 'wake-up call'

BY JAMES HOHMANN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A stunning Democratic victory Tuesday in a special election deep in the heart of Trump country suggests major momentum could be forming for the party ahead of the November elections.

President Donald Trump became the first Republican to carry Wisconsin in a presidential election since Ronald Reagan by running up his score in places like the rural 10th state Senate

district, which includes a swath of five counties between Eau Claire and Superior along the Minnesota border.

Schachtner won there by 17 points in 2016. A special election was triggered when Gov. Scott Walker tapped a popular state senator, who had held the seat since 2000, to become his agriculture secretary. Tuesday night, Democratic candidate Patty



Schachtner

Schachtner won by 11 percentage points, according to unofficial returns.

Wisconsin conservative talk radio legend Charlie Sykes, a Trump critic, called the results ominous and said his prominent friends inside the GOP are freaking out. "Hard to overstate the anxiety this will cause," Sykes said on Twitter.

Walker called the results

"a wake-up call."

The GOP nominee, Adam Jarchow, won his state Assembly seat four years ago by defeating Schachtner's son.

The special election had become a proxy war and Republicans significantly outspent the Democrats: Americans for Prosperity, backed by the billionaire industrialist Koch brothers, poured \$50,000 into the race. Two other GOP-aligned groups funded by the business community contributed another \$80,000.

The National Democratic Redistricting Committee, backed by former President Barack Obama, spent \$10,000. Tammy Baldwin, one of 10 Democratic senators up for re-election this year in a state that Trump carried, recorded a get-out-the-vote message for Schachtner.

Schachtner's campaign focused on fighting the opioid crisis, improving access to health care and bringing good-paying jobs to the region.

She's the chief medical

examiner for St. Croix County, a former EMT and a member of the school board. She is also a trustee for the local food pantry and sits on the board for a community center that helps victims of sexual and domestic violence.

The first paragraph of the biographical page on Schachtner's website notes that she is "a former member of the Wisconsin Bear Hunters' Association" and that "she and her family have enjoyed hunting in Wisconsin for generations."



ANASTASIA GRUZDEVA

It gets so cold in the Russian region of Yakutia that eyelashes often freeze.

## THINK IT'S COLD? IN THIS TOWN, -58 THE NORM IN WINTER

By **ELI ROSENBERG**  
The Washington Post

In this remote outpost in Siberia, the cold is no small affair.

Eyelashes freeze, frostbite is a constant danger and cars are usually kept running even when not being used, lest their batteries die in temperatures that average minus-58 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter, according to news reports.

This is Oymyakon, a settlement of some 500 people in Russia's Yakutia region, that has earned the reputation as the coldest permanently occupied human settlement in the world.

It is not a reputation that has been won easily.

Earlier this week, a cold snap sent temperatures plunging toward record lows.

The town's official measurement recorded the temperature at minus-74 Fahrenheit this week, though a new digital thermometer installed in town for all to see, part of the town's reputation for frigid temperatures, broke as it registered minus-80 degrees Sunday.

The village recorded an all-time low of minus-98 degrees in 2013.

Though schools in the area remain open as temperatures dip into the mi-

nus-40s, they were closed Tuesday, the Associated Press reported.

Dark 21 hours a day in the winter, the town has been an object of international curiosity as its reputation for fearsome cold and the resilient residents who withstand it year after year, has grown.

The harsh climate permeates nearly every aspect of existence for the people who live in the area.

The winter diet is mostly meat-based, sometimes eaten raw or frozen, due to the inability to grow crops in the frigid temperatures.

Some regional specialties include: stroganina, which is raw, long-sliced

frozen fish; reindeer meat; raw, frozen horse liver; and ice cubes of horse blood with macaroni, according to news reports.

The village was once a stopover in the 1920s and '30s for reindeer herders who would water their flocks at a thermal spring that didn't freeze. Bathrooms are mostly out-houses; the ground is too frozen for pipes.

According to the Weather Channel, the ground has to be warmed with a bonfire to break into, such as for digging a grave.

The town wears its reputation on its sleeve: "The pole of the cold," one sign says.

## At least 10 dead as South slammed with ice, snow

By **KATE BRUMBACK AND JAY REEVES**  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A layer of snow and ice and a record-breaking blast of cold closed runways, highways, schools and government offices across the South and sent cars sliding off roads Wednesday in a swath of the country ill-equipped to deal with wintry weather.

At least 10 people died. Among them was a baby in a car that plunged off an icy overpass into a Louisiana canal.

Iceicles hung from a statue of jazz musicians in normally balmy New Orleans, and drivers unaccustomed to ice spun their wheels across Atlanta, which was brought to a near-standstill by little more than an inch of snow. The Biloxi, Miss., coast got a light coating. And the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill canceled classes as the storm unloaded at least 4 inches by late morning and grew to 8 inches in some places.

Even the best drivers had trouble: Retired NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt Jr. tweeted that he used his winch to help pull a car out of a ditch in North Carolina, then drove off the road into a tree himself.

"NC stay off the roads today/tonight. 5 minutes after helping these folks I center punched a pine tree," he reported. A spokesman said Earnhardt was not hurt and his pickup had only minor damage.

By midday, skies were bright and sunny in many places, but roads were likely to remain icy into Thursday.

Thousands of schoolchildren and teachers got the day off. Many cities canceled meetings and court sessions, and some businesses closed. Slippery runways and the need to de-ice planes forced cancellations and delays in New Orleans; Memphis, Tenn.; and Raleigh-Durham, N.C. Electricity use surged to record highs as people struggled to keep warm.

The mercury dropped to record lows overnight in several places in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi. It was 21 degrees before dawn in New Orleans, breaking the city's record of 23 on the same

date in 1977. At least four people died in Louisiana, including a man who was knocked off an elevated portion of Interstate 10 in New Orleans when a pickup spun out of control on ice, and an 8-month-old baby who was in a car that slid into a canal in suburban New Orleans. The baby's mother was reported in critical condition.

Two others died along an icy stretch of I-75 southeast of Atlanta when a driver lost control and hit them, one of them inside a stopped car and the other standing beside it, authorities said. One person died in a weather-related traffic accident in West Virginia.

In the freezing Houston area, a homeless man was found dead behind a trash bin, apparently of exposure, while an 82-year-old woman with dementia succumbed to the cold after walking away from her home. Also, a woman was discovered dead in a snowy park near City Hall in Memphis.

Along the Gulf Coast, ice pellets covered the tops of sago palm trees, and stretches of I-10 were closed in Louisiana and across Alabama's Mobile Bay.

Downtown Atlanta was eerily quiet. Dozens of accidents were reported across the metropolitan area, one involving a salt truck. Some motorists drove through red lights rather than stop and risk sliding.

"This is kind of my scene," said Sarah Snider, a zookeeper at the Atlanta zoo who recently moved from Vermont and marveled at how little snow it took to shut down the city.

Outside Five Points Station, the center of Atlanta's commuter rail system, a man fell on the sidewalk and appeared unresponsive. An ambulance arrived quickly.

Adrian Benton, a 26-year-old native of snowy Buffalo, N.Y., tried to help.

"The up-north way of dealing with snow needs to come down here," Burton said. Atlanta needed "snow-plows, salt already going down last night so people can get around."

Snow fell in a wide band that stretched from southeastern Texas all the way to western Massachusetts.



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While the CDC says the flu season might be peaking, "there is still a whole lot more flu to go," an official said.

## CDC says widespread flu far from done

By **MICHELLE CORTEZ**  
Bloomberg News

The influenza virus that's sickened millions of Americans is already the most widespread outbreak since public health authorities began keeping track more than a dozen years ago. Now, with the threat of more strains emerging, it might get even worse.

"Flu is everywhere in the U.S. right now," said Dan Jernigan, director of the influenza division at the national Center for Immu-

nization and Respiratory Diseases. "There is widespread activity in all of the continental U.S."

The most optimistic assumption among government experts is that the season peaked a few weeks ago, marking the apex of what was already an early and severe outbreak. But such an outlook requires observers to ignore that outpatient doctor visits in the first week of 2018 have continued to climb, albeit more slowly, yielding the most flu cases ever for this

time of the year.

Even if the hopeful assessment by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention bears out, there will still be another 11 to 13 weeks of flu circulating nationwide. "In general, we see things peaking right about now, but that means there is still a whole lot more flu to go," Jernigan said. "In addition, there are other strains of influenza still to show up that could be a major cause of disease."

That may already be happening. The CDC is starting

to see infections caused by the H1N1 strain of the virus in states grappling with high levels of the H3N2 strain, the predominant version this season. In addition, Jernigan said, yet another type of flu, caused by the influenza B viruses, is still expected to show up later in the season.

H3N2 has compounded the damage wrought by the annual flu outbreak. It's known for both its severity and ability to evade the protection provided by vaccinations.

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## At least 33 bodies found in clandestine graves in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Search dogs led authorities to the grisly discovery of four clandestine graves containing at least 33 bodies in a sugarcane field in Mexico's Pacific coast state of Nayarit, and officials said Wednesday the killings were likely linked to the drug trade.

The graves were found in the township of Xalisco, which has long been the home base of a black-tar heroin trafficking ring that supplied the U.S. West

Coast. The discovery comes amid a dispute between drug gangs in Nayarit following the March arrest of the former state attorney general, Edgar Veytia, on U.S. charges of drug smuggling.

Current state Attorney General Petronilo Diaz said local gangs have been engaged in power struggles since Veytia's arrest.

Diaz said some of the bodies had apparently been dismembered before burial.

## Minnesota GOP leader seeks 10% cut of big donations

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The chairwoman of Minnesota's Republican Party is seeking a 10 percent commission from large donations to the party, according to a memo obtained by The Associated Press.

Campaign finance experts said they've never heard of such an arrangement. And it risks upsetting major GOP donors and activists by diverting critical resources from a party that has struggled

with debt for much of the last decade.

In the Dec. 14 memo, Jennifer Carnahan seeks party approval to take the commission on large contributions from October 2017 through at least April. The memo doesn't define "large," but an accompanying chart said it would result in an immediate payout of \$24,500 in addition to her current base salary of \$67,000 annually.

## Christie ends term unpopular, but with legs left unbroken

TRENTON, N.J. — Republican Chris Christie left the New Jersey governor's office with his popularity in tatters, but at least he didn't break a leg.

Christie is the first elected New Jersey governor in more than two decades not to suffer a broken leg while in office.

Democrat Jon Corzine broke a leg during a serious vehicle accident on the Garden State Parkway in 2007. He also suffered

broken bones in his chest and back and spent more than a week in critical condition. Democrat Jim McGreevey fractured his left femur during a walk on the beach in Cape May in 2002.

Republican Christine Todd Whitman fractured her right leg while skiing in Switzerland in 1999.

Former Obama administration Justice Department official Eric Columbus dug up the nugget.



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**Gold medalist:** Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole gets a kiss Wednesday from his wife, former Sen. Elizabeth Dole, as he receives a Congressional Gold Medal. President Donald Trump honored Dole, 94, for his WWII service and work in the House and Senate.

## Senate panel backs president's nominee for health secretary

WASHINGTON — The Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday backed President Donald Trump's pick to head the Department of Health and Human Services, clearing the way for Alex Azar to be confirmed by the full Senate.

A former drug executive, Azar is expected to succeed Tom Price, Trump's first health secretary, who was forced to resign last year amid reports that he routinely used charter jets at taxpayer expense.

Azar's confirmation was shadowed by reports he traded extensively in health care stocks while he

was a congressman.

Many Republican lawmakers have praised Azar's experience at drugmaker Eli Lilly & Co. and his work as a senior official at the health agency under President George W. Bush, when he helped implement the Medicare Part D drug program and the Medicare Advantage program.

"His record shows that he is more than capable of leading HHS," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said at Azar's confirmation hearing.

Azar has pledged to prioritize key issues, including

the opioid epidemic, the burden of health care costs and the rising price of pharmaceuticals.

"Drug prices are too high," Azar told the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions in November, pledging to look at ways to increase competition and stop drugmakers from gaming the system.

But Azar's work at Lilly, which dramatically raised prices on its insulin product while he was at the company, has made consumer advocates skeptical he will take on the powerful pharmaceutical industry.

## Dramatic burst of light draws Mich. eyes upward

With a rumble that shook the earth, a bright burst of light illuminated the sky over southeastern Michigan on Tuesday night, leaving locals wondering what in the world had happened.

"I went to turn and I noticed a ball of flame coming at an angle," Danny

McEwen Jr. told the Detroit News. He said he was driving when "it just blew up into a bunch of sparks. I didn't even know what to think."

Bystander videos captured the moment a white light appeared to explode in the heavens. The United States Geological Survey

reported the equivalent of a magnitude 2.0 earthquake.

NASA officials had a simple explanation.

Bill Cooke, lead for NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office in Alabama, told The Washington Post the fireball was caused by a small asteroid about one to two yards in diameter.

## Energy Dept. staffer seeks whistleblower protection

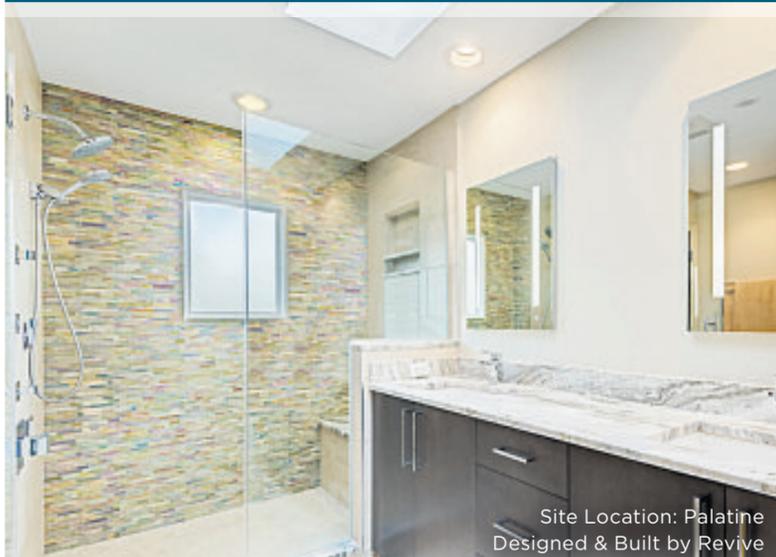
Energy Department photographer Simon Edelman is seeking whistleblower protection after the department placed him on administrative leave and seized personal belongings.

In a Jan. 4 complaint, Edelman, the department's chief creative officer, said that he had given official photos to The Washington Post and In These Times magazine of a March 29 meeting between coal mining executive Robert Murray and Energy Secretary Rick Perry. The photos show the two men hugging and discussing an "action plan" for overhauling federal energy regulations.

Edelman said in the complaint that he felt there was something improper about the similarity between Perry's proposed changes to electricity regulations in September and the plan Murray presented months earlier.

**Syria's dominant** Kurdish party Wednesday called on the U.N. Security Council to act quickly to ensure the safety of Kurdish-controlled territories in the country's north. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said he will launch a military offensive against territories controlled by a Syrian Kurdish militia.

**Three men** accused of plotting to bomb an apartment complex housing Somali refugees have no legal basis to request that prospective jurors come from rural counties, a federal judge ruled. The men are accused of targeting apartments and a mosque in rural western Kansas. They are being tried about 220 miles away in Wichita.

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## EDITORIALS

# A better bargain for Chicago taxpayers

In 2007, then-Mayor Richard M. Daley saddled Chicago taxpayers with some expensive, one-sided 10-year contracts for city workers. On Wednesday, the City Council signed off on new five-year contracts hammered out by Mayor Rahm Emanuel's negotiators with the same group of city unions.

Did City Hall drive a better bargain this time? Yes. Does that mean taxpayers can put away their wallets? No.

**Chicago aldermen didn't ask many questions** before approving the contracts 49-0. They didn't object when Emanuel used a parliamentary move to call for an up-or-down vote on the third business day after announcing that a tentative deal had been struck. They didn't wait for a thorough, independent analysis

before waving it through. Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, mounted a rhetorical protest in Tuesday's committee hearing but joined her colleagues in approving the contracts the next day. Checks and balances, anyone? That's rhetorical, too.

Yes, that City Hall PowerPoint presentation is convincing, and Emanuel's negotiators made a strong case to aldermen. In a candid 45-minute phone interview, the mayor's team deftly fielded all of our questions, too (right up until we asked how the police contracts were coming). And city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson, who set the table for this round of collective bargaining last June with a 34-page report identifying costly provisions in the old contracts, said the new ones reflect a fair give-and-take.

Give the mayor and his negotiators credit: The new contracts are shorter, with smaller raises for employees and significant health care savings for taxpayers. They chip away at some of the infuriating work rules that lock the city into wasteful spending.

But the unions still have a thumb firmly on the scale. Workers would get wage increases averaging 2.1 percent a year, less generous than the average 2.6 percent for the previous 10 years. They'd also qualify for an annual matching contribution to their retirement savings plans, maxing out at \$500 in 2022.

They would shoulder a larger share of their health care costs: The contracts call for higher premiums, and higher caps on the salaries on which those premiums are based. Workers would pay the first \$75 toward the cost

of prescription drugs. There's a binding provision that calls for \$3 million more in negotiated health care savings each year.

The work rule changes include longer "break-in" periods, during which new workers earn less while gaining experience.

That all sounds great compared with the Great Daley Give-away. How does it compare with "the real world for our taxpayers," as Smith put it Tuesday?

**City workers definitely lived in a different world** over the life of those 10-year contracts. They enjoyed raises that were more than double the increase in the cost of living. They were insulated from a crippling recession that cost many of those on the outside their jobs. In the "real world," health care costs spiked, and raises were stingy or non-

existent.

Going forward, private-sector employees still will pay a much higher share of health care costs than their public union counterparts, and their jobs and wages are far less secure.

Chicago, meanwhile, is still clawing its way out of a pension mess while struggling to balance its budget. Hence the ever-growing pile of property tax increases, service fees and nickel-and-dime taxes.

The contracts approved Wednesday could cost taxpayers a net \$162 million over five years. Agreements are still pending with police and fire unions and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Which brings us to the big question: Where's that money going to come from?

# Bulletin: Gutsy Democrats, Republicans cooperate (!) on terror bill

If these were the old days of newspapering, we'd love to shout: "Stop the Presses!" That's a phrase normally reserved for late-breaking, jaw-dropping news.

What shocking event has inspired our outburst in the digital age? Only that congressional Democrats and Republicans have worked together to advance a vital surveillance bill that helps keep America safe.

Under the program, U.S. authorities work with telecom companies to secretly gather phone and electronic communications of foreigners outside the United States. In doing so, some emails, phone calls and texts of American citizens may also be incidentally swept into the net.

That possibility upsets privacy hawks in both parties, who sought tough new limits on American surveillance. But more moderate lawmakers on both sides stiff-armed opponents because they feared, rightly, that weakening the program would hobble terror investigations.

Yes, Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate cooperated with each other to achieve an important goal. Bravo.

**Let's slow this down and savor** what is likely to be a fleeting moment of bipartisanship.

Last week the House voted 256-164 to renew this vital program with an unwieldy moniker: Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act.

House lawmakers did so even after President Donald Trump issued a series of contradictory and monumentally uninformed tweets about the program that could have jeopardized



Sens. Steve Daines, R-Mont., from left, Rand Paul, R-Ky., Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., are part of a bipartisan group seeking renewal of Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act.

passage of the bill.

In one tweet, Trump appeared to question his own administration's support for the program. He finally made himself clear: "... today's vote is about foreign surveillance of foreign bad guys on foreign land. We need it! Get smart!"

They did.

On Tuesday, the Senate overcame the threat of a filibuster, 60-38. That's 18 Democrats, 41 Republicans and 1 independent. Fittingly, a bipartisan duo — Republican Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana and Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri — provided the final votes to proceed. A final Senate vote to reauthorize Section 702 is expected soon, perhaps Thursday.

Americans seeking signs that law-

makers from both parties can cooperate to advance America's national security interests now have one strong piece of evidence. For some members of Congress, particularly Democrats buffeted by the left wing of their party, this was a gutsy vote.

**Washington isn't known for getting things done.** The atmosphere is "toxic," U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley of Chicago tells us. But Section 702 transcended political turf fights because it "is a vital tool for our intel community," says Quigley, a Democrat on the House intelligence committee. "I can list specific examples of people and threats that were thwarted by 702." One case previously highlighted: Intelligence collected under Section 702

helped prevent al-Qaida's Najibullah Zazi from launching a suicide bombing on a New York City subway.

Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia also reminded lawmakers before the Tuesday vote that U.S. intelligence has used the surveillance law to track down terrorists abroad. Case in point: the 2016 killing of Islamic State's second-ranking leader, Abdul-Rahman Mustafa al-Qaduli, also known as Haji Imam, in a U.S.-backed military raid in Syria.

Those are just the successes we've heard about. We don't know what other violent plots have been thwarted but remain secret. Six years from now, the law comes up for renewal. We wish it a stellar record of success — and continued bipartisan support.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Please let's not do this again. Liberals want badly to believe they aren't complicit in the Trump phenomenon, but what else was Trump but an expression of the same skepticism toward the actual work of politics that's currently fueling the liberal Oprah fantasy? The dream is that Oprah is such a specimen of perfect virtue that she will create consensus wherever she walks. But the reality is that she's so universally beloved right now largely because she is apolitical (notwithstanding her foray into cautious skepticism about war). Her career has been built not on organizing or governance or on taking particularly coherent positions on the events of the day, but on presenting a warm, telegenic figure whom people can build into some vague idea of a savior. It's the worst elements of the Obama phenomenon, with the best elements — the actual political talents — stripped out.

Oprah and Trump aren't so different in their relation to their fans. They both offer catharsis on the cheap, with Oprah as the liberal-values alternative — a better, more humane alternative, but the choice of a people determined to suppress the real conflicts at the heart of the country.

**Ashley Feinberg, HuffPost**

If congressional Democrats can win lifelong legal protection for the nearly 800,000 Dreamers in exchange for, say, a \$10 billion down payment on the wall, it would be a deal worth making. Sure, the \$10 billion would be wasted. But that's chump change compared to the nearly \$1 trillion in giveaways already embedded in the GOP tax bill.

Yes, Trump would chortle that he won the most glorious victory since Gen. George Patton crossed the Rhine. Trump's triumphalism would be difficult to take. Far worse, though, would be immigration roundups of the Dreamers if Trump petulantly refused to extend the executive order beyond March 5.

**Walter Shapiro, Roll Call**

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DANIEL ACKER/BLOOMBERG

A recent poll found that 63 percent of Americans oppose a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. Here, a U.S. Border Patrol agent patrols near a prototype in San Diego.

# Trump, Nielsen and the border wall fraud



STEVE CHAPMAN

In Tuesday's testimony by Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, all the attention was on whether she had heard President Donald Trump use a derogatory scatological phrase at a meeting with senators. Overlooked in the coverage of the Senate Judiciary Committee testimony was new evidence that when it comes to his favorite proposal, Trump is full of something.

In reference to a border wall, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., asked Nielsen about funding: "Have we opened an account that Mexico can put the money in to pay for it?" He persisted in asking whether Mexico would bear the cost as Trump repeatedly pledged. Nielsen had several unhelpful answers, including, "I am not aware" and "How do you mean 'pay,' sir?"

If Mexico had agreed to provide the money, evasive replies would not be needed. But the promise was a fraud, as just about everyone knows by now.

When he talks about the wall, it has never been entirely clear whether Trump is fooling voters, being fooled or both. Never has a politician promised something so emphatically that he has no chance of delivering.

The wall is a bad idea from almost any vantage point. And even if his plan weren't a bad idea, it's an unattainable one.

In pushing for it over and over, Trump invites ridicule from critics and disappointment from admirers. Shutting down the government if he doesn't get it, which is a real possibility, would be a perfect way to compound the self-inflicted damage.

His wall fixation is one reason that his stock of admirers has shrunk so much. A new Quinnipiac poll reports that 63 percent of Americans oppose erecting a wall on our southern border.

Republicans are the only group that supports it. "White voters with no college degree are divided with 47 percent supporting The Wall and 49 percent opposed," says Quinnipiac. "Every other party, gender, education, age and racial group opposes The Wall."

Why does Trump continue his Ahab-like quest in spite of the serious political drawbacks? One reason is that he promised it, and he fears that his most loyal supporters will abandon him if he reneges.

That's how he ended up, in a phone call with the president of Mexico last year, practically begging him to play along. "I have to have Mexico pay for the wall," he pleaded. "I have to. I have been talking about it for a two-year period."

What he had been talking about, of course, was that we would build a wall and — this was the cue for thunderous

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ovations — *Mexico would pay for it.* But there is no chance that Mexican leaders would ever agree.

A CBS News survey in August found that only 10 percent of Americans think Mexico would pay for the barrier — and only 21 percent of Republicans believe it. His followers know his promise isn't worth a centavo, and they don't seem to care.

Trump has already implicitly admitted defeat. The reason for the impasse over immigration policy is that he demands funding for the wall that Democrats (and some Republicans) are loath to provide. But if Mexico could be coerced into footing the bill, this appropriation would not be needed.

Trump's folly is a boon to economics professors looking for ways to illustrate basic insights. One is the law of diminishing returns. If you own no shoes, acquiring a pair would make your life much better. If you own 20 pairs of shoes, getting a 21st would not. If you have no fencing on the border, putting up 700 miles of it prevents some illegal crossing. But adding an-

other 900 wouldn't make as much of a difference, and the 1,600th mile might have zero additional effect.

As the value of each additional mile falls, the cost would rise, because the most heavily traveled and accessible sites have already been covered. Constructing a high, impenetrable barrier in more remote spots would be more expensive.

Another important economic concept is opportunity cost. If you spend \$1,000 on a cruise, you can't spend it on rent. To pay for the wall, Trump's budget proposes to take money from programs that are more useful.

Among the budget items that would get shorted are customs officers, surveillance cameras, coastal interceptor vessels and canine units. The wall wouldn't stop visitors from overstaying visas or prevent drugs from coming via cars, tractor-trailers, tunnels, drones and boats.

What Trump proposes to do is spend \$18 billion to erect a giant symbol. What he would really be doing is shoveling money down a — what's the term? — rathole.

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## GASLIGHTING DICKY

SEN. DICK "DICKY" DURBIN RECALLS MR. PRESIDENT, THE NATION IS ENTITLED TO THE TRUTH! I HEARD YOU SAY THOSE HATE-FILLED, VILE, RACIST THINGS!

AHH! BUT DICKY, THE THREE OF US REMEMBER HEARING ME NOT SAY THOSE HATE-FILLED, VILE, RACIST THINGS! THAT'S 3 TO 1! DEMOCRACY RULES! I WIN THE TRUTH!

BY JOE "SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING THEY'D REMEMBER" FOURNIER

SIR, THAT'S NOT HOW RECALL WORKS.

OR DEMOCRACY.

OR THE TRUTH.

WINNING!

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# PERSPECTIVE

## QUOTABLES

“The president, he and I talked. He would like to lose 10 to 15 pounds. We talked about diet and exercise a lot. He’s more enthusiastic about the exercise part, but we’re going to do both.”

— White House physician Navy Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson, on some details of President Donald Trump’s physical. Trump was listed at 6-foot-3 and 239 pounds

“Perhaps you have figured it out by now, but little girls don’t stay little forever. They grow into strong women that return to destroy your world.”

— Former USA gymnast Kyle Stephens, on Michigan State University doctor Larry Nassar, whom she said repeatedly sexually abused her from ages 6 to 12. Stephens was the first of nearly 100 accusers expected to speak in court during the doctor’s four-day sentencing hearing

“If you can imagine, being 17 years old and appearing to be a 10-year-old, being chained to a bed and being malnourished and injuries associated with that — I would call that torture.”

— Riverside County Sheriff’s Capt. Greg Fellows, on finding 13 siblings being held captive by their parents at a home in Perris, Calif.

## Is Aziz Ansari a perpetrator or a victim of ‘revenge porn’?



JENNIFER S. ALTMAN/FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES 2016

BY ROBIN ABCARIAN

The Aziz Ansari cultural moment was inevitable. Ansari, the immensely talented actor who just won a Golden Globe for his work on “Master of None,” has been very publicly accused of unwanted sexual aggression during a first date by an anonymous 23-year-old woman who met him at an Emmy after-party last year.

Her story, “I went on a date with Aziz Ansari. It turned into the worst night of my life,” on the website Babe, has sparked intense conversation, some of it along generational lines, about whether in this “Me Too” moment women are going overboard, mistaking seduction for harassment.

The Atlantic’s Caitlin Flanagan, 56, described the story as “revenge porn,” meant to humiliate Ansari. The Guardian’s Jessica Valenti, 39, on the other hand, said that where men might see an “everyday, reasonable sexual interaction,” women are saying “what the culture considers ‘normal’ sexual encounters are not working for us, and oftentimes harmful.”

Flanagan and Valenti are both spot on. A single complaint by a nameless accuser has tarnished the reputation of a man who should probably do a better job communicating with his sex partner. I’m frankly not sure that a public shaming is the best way to drive that lesson home. Or that this is really any of our business.

In the last three months, dozens of men — many of them household names — have been called out and punished for their horrendous sexual mistreatment of women (and some men). This reckoning was long overdue, and hard won.

Women, such as the actor Rose

McGowan, risked their livelihoods and emotional well-being to confront men like Harvey Weinstein, nearly omnipotent and willing to professionally kneecap women who dared to tell the truth about him.

The Weinstains of the world (and the Charlie Roses, Matt Lauers, Mark Halperins, and hey, I could go on forever) are easy to condemn. They allegedly used their power to sexually harass or assault women, then coerce their silence.

Women have the right to a harassment-free workplace. I have little patience for the sad men who now wonder whether it’s OK to tell a colleague she looks nice, who complain that innocent office flirtation has been ruined, or claim that no one really knows how to behave with anyone anymore. Come on now, guys. It’s not that difficult. Treat your colleagues with respect and professionalism.

When it comes to dating, the lines are much fuzzier. And the privacy issues are much more troubling. Babe editor Amanda Ross told me she had no hesitation about granting anonymity to “Grace,” because her accusations were “of a sexual nature.” “It was never a question for us,” said Ross, 24. “We know who Grace is, we vetted her story extensively. We asked her for everything. She is so wonderful and just wanted to tell her story. No problem.”

But there is a problem. No pattern of behavior was demonstrated in the Babe story. No crimes were alleged.

Ansari stands charged with making his unnamed date feel uncomfortable, and among other things, offering her white wine instead of red, which she prefers. The story, and its intimate level of detail, just doesn’t seem fair.

As a woman who became single after many years of marriage, I can tell you something I think is true for many women: When I like a man, I have a much higher tolerance for sexually aggressive behavior than when I don’t. Yet even if I like someone, I will not be rushed into doing something that makes me uncomfortable.

But I have a lot of years on Grace, who was only 22 when she went out with Ansari.

On Babe, a sassy website aimed at women 18 to 24, Grace described a date that started out with wine at Ansari’s home, a pleasant dinner at a restaurant aboard a schooner in the Hudson, then an aggressive seduction that left her feeling abused. She was uncomfortable “at how quickly things escalated.”

Grace gave Ansari what she described as “verbal and non-verbal cues to indicate how uncomfortable and distressed she was.” She couldn’t tell, though, whether Ansari was oblivious to her cues or ignoring them.

Her descriptions of their sexual interactions are graphic, and intended to mortify Ansari. Yet he didn’t force her to do anything. Sometimes she complied with his sexual requests, sometimes she resisted. What is clear, in her telling, is that she remained ambivalent during the encounter. She did not initiate any of the action, which is not unusual for a woman, even in consensual and mutually satisfying encounters.

Ansari, 34, sounds like an inflamed teenager whose intermittent attempts at sensitivity were overruled by his hormones. In a grown man, that is nothing short of creepy.

Here we have an eternal dilemma; two people together, but on two sepa-

rate emotional trajectories: Grace was delighted to be going out with a famous actor who has posed as someone sensitive and interested in women’s issues. She was disappointed and confused when he turned out to be crass and sexually aggressive. Ansari was disappointed and confused when she later told him she was upset.

“It was fun meeting you last night,” Ansari texted, according to a screen grab published by Babe.

“Last night might’ve been fun for you, but it wasn’t for me,” she replied. “You ignored clear non-verbal cues; you kept going with advances. I want to make sure you’re aware so maybe the next girl doesn’t have to cry on the ride home.”

Ansari: “I’m so sad to hear this. Clearly, I misread things in the moment and I’m truly sorry.”

I, too, am truly sorry that Grace had such an awful experience. My daughter is about her age, and if a man treated my girl that way, I would be furious and hurt on her behalf.

I would also caution her about the importance of verbally setting boundaries and how celebrities make terrible romantic prospects because they are so often warped by their fame, money and power.

I would also tell her that we need to be clear about the difference between sexual assault and horny dudes who move too fast on dates. Both may exist on a continuum of disrespect for women, but one is not the same as the other.

Mostly, though, I would tell her to get the hell out.

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## 4 reasons Norwegians won’t go near Trump’s welcome mat

BY DANA HILL

Recently, President Donald Trump allegedly voiced his desire for “more people from places like Norway” to immigrate to the U.S.

That’s just not going to happen.

Last year, I advised 24 law students studying the law and culture of Norway. During spring break, we traveled to Tromsø and Oslo, Norway, to interview lawyers, nongovernmental organizations and business people about a variety of the country’s legal issues. Based on our visit, here’s why the president is wrong-headed in thinking that hordes of Norwegians want to immigrate to America.

### 1. In Norway, it pays to parent

As we made our way through Oslo to conduct interviews, we observed a number of men with baby strollers — without women accompanying them. It was visual evidence of Norway’s generous parental leave policies. Both parents receive a two-week post-birth leave, then split either a 46-week fully paid leave or a 56-week leave paid at 80 percent

of their salary. If fathers don’t take 10 weeks off, the whole family loses those 10 weeks of leave — which explains the solo dads. Accordingly, 90 percent of Norwegian fathers take at least 12 weeks off work to spend with their newborns.

By contrast, according to the 2016 National Compensation Survey, conducted annually by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 14 percent of private-sector workers in the U.S. have some form of paid family leave — the rest must take unpaid leave to care for their newborns.

### 2. Women are better represented on Norwegian boards

Norway requires 40 percent representation for both men and women on the boards of directors of public limited liability companies. From the time Norway’s Parliament passed the law in 2003 — the idea gained traction when the conservative minister of trade complained publicly that he was tired of seeing the same men at business meetings — to 2016, the median percentage of women sitting on boards of directors rose

to 42 percent from 0 percent.

My students interviewed a “golden skirt,” who reported that Norwegian women still face challenges in rising through the corporate ranks because of a lack of institutional female leadership in Norwegian corporations. However, she noted that the increase of women on corporate boards has financial benefits. According to a 2014 gender equity study by consulting firm McKinsey & Co., boards with more gender diversity financially outperform those with fewer women by about 15 percent.

In the U.S., women held only about 20 percent of board seats at S&P 500 companies in 2015, and 20 percent of board seats at Fortune 500 companies in 2016.

### 3. Norway is less corrupt

Norway is one of the least corrupt nations in the world. In fact, the students had difficulty finding examples of any corruption — the biggest complaint among our interviewees was that there weren’t enough laws to deal with corruption in the event it exists. Global corruption watch-

dog Transparency International ranked Norway the sixth-cleanest country out of the 176 studied in 2016, with a score of 85. The U.S. was ranked 18th, with a score of 74.

Corruption costs us money, according to the Australia Institute. Its study found that each point a nation loses in the Transparency International’s Corruption Perceptions Index corresponds with a \$486 per capita fall in gross domestic product. And we may be on course for a big drop in score for 2017 — 44 percent of Americans believe corruption is pervasive in the White House (as opposed to 36 percent in 2016), and 58 percent believe corruption has risen recently (versus 34 percent who said so in 2016).

### 4. The benefits are better too

According to the World Health Organization’s “World Health Report 2000,” Norway’s overall health system performance was ranked 11th out of 191 countries. Under Norway’s universal health care system, personal medical expenses are capped at about

\$1,817, so that no person pays more than that in medical care in a given year.

Higher education is also free in Norway, as there are no tuition fees for students, even if they are not Norwegian citizens. When we visited Tromsø — home to the northernmost university on the planet — my students befriended an Italian graduate student taking advantage of Norway’s benefits.

And the Government Pension Fund of Norway, which is financed by the country’s oil profits and will provide for future generations of Norwegians, is currently worth more than \$1 trillion (about \$190,000 per Norwegian citizen).

Many of these perks of Norwegian life come with a cost: Norwegians pay more in taxes than most Americans, yet this doesn’t seem to bother them. According to the World Happiness Report 2017, Norwegians are the happiest people in the world.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Sorry, Mr. President, your black approval rating has not doubled



CLARENCE PAGE

As much as he complains about the “lying media,” President Donald Trump obviously wants to be one of us.

With his trusty Twitter account, he can bypass “the lying media,” as he likes to say, and get his own message out unfiltered.

That’s fine, Mr. President. But if you’re going to play Donnie Deadline, do what real journalists are supposed to do: Get your facts straight.

That didn’t happen with this Tuesday morning tweet:

“Unemployment for Black Americans is the lowest ever recorded. Trump approval ratings with Black Americans has doubled. Thank you, and it will get even (much) better!” @FoxNews”

Ah, if only that were true. The first part of the tweet turned out to be deceptive, and the second is flat-out wrong.

Black unemployment did fall to 6.8 percent in December, the lowest since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began tracking the data in 1972.

But the decline in black unemployment, as well as for whites and other demographic groups, began under — guess who? — President Barack Obama.

In August 2011, black unemployment began a steady decline from 16.4 percent to 7.89 percent

in January 2017. Unfortunately, black joblessness also followed its usual pattern of being twice the rate of whites with each rise or fall.

As for Trump’s approval rating among blacks? It actually went down over the past year, not up.

The New York Times traced Trump’s statement to an inaccurate observation that morning by Brian Kilmeade, a co-host of one of Trump’s favorite TV shows, “Fox & Friends.” The survey by the online polling company SurveyMonkey found Trump’s black approval rating declined from 20 percent in February, his first full month in office, to 15 percent in December — which was consistent with polling by Pew Research Center and Reuters.

Breitbart News compounded the confusion by comparing the

SurveyMonkey results for black men (23 percent) and black women (11 percent) with exit polls from the 2016 presidential election. Since the SurveyMonkey average for both sexes was twice the 8 percent of African-Americans who supported Trump in the exit polls, Breitbart headlined: “Donald Trump’s support among blacks has doubled since 2016, amid racism claims.”

The problem with that comparison is that it’s like comparing apples with rutabagas. Exit polls survey people who have just voted. The SurveyMonkey poll included nonvoters too.

But Trump apparently was too eager to be deterred by details as he delivered his new narrative of racial and economic success to the world. A more honest narrative goes like this: The economic

recovery that began under Obama has continued and accelerated under Trump.

Let’s give Trump and Obama credit for that, even though the influence of any single president over the economy is more limited than most want to admit, especially when a boom comes on his watch.

As a matter of fairness, I believe each president has a right to claim praise when the economy goes up during his presidency, since we know he surely will catch the blame when it goes back down.

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## Organic farmers want their industry regulated. What’s the holdup?

BY GEORGE SIEMON



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Cage-free chickens on an organic farm in Iowa. Organic farmers have hit a roadblock in their push for federal regulations clarifying standards for animal welfare for organic livestock.

The National Pork Producers Council griped bitterly in January 2017 about “midnight” regulations approved by then-U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. Despite the whining of the Big Ag trade group, which regularly opposes organics, Vilsack was simply enacting the long sought after organic regulation clarifying the standards for animal welfare for organic livestock. Known as the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices, these standards — 20 years in the making — would not in any way apply to the NPPC’s conventional operations.

Repeat after me: The organic movement — farmers, consumers and retailers — wanted this regulation. The NPPC, terrified by the concept of any animal welfare regulation in U.S. agriculture, interfered by complaining that the regulation could “pave the way for more regulation of all of food production, possibly placing the entire industry in a box tightly sealed by those wanting to see its obliteration.” In December, not even a year later, the NPPC and the rest of Big Ag got its Christmas wish when the Trump administration’s USDA withdrew the new rule completely. Make no mistake: This is a direct attack on American families who value organic food, and the family farmers who make a living growing it under the National Organic Program.

The USDA organic seal is a process-based seal, which means regulations govern the process by which certified organic food is grown, handled and manufactured. Consumers have come to rely on the USDA organic seal as the gold standard of labels. This seal represents not only the USDA, but the public participatory process, third-party verification, and criminal sanctions for those daring to use the seal improperly. Some reporters and self-appointed “watchdogs” have lately enjoyed showing the chinks in organic’s armor, but all those chinks do demonstrate that a strong standard means something.

With a few battle scars to show for it, organic has grown to a \$50 billion marketplace.

Consumers expect that livestock raised and labeled organic has been grown in a certain way — with no antibiotics, no hormones and eating feed that is pesticide-free and GMO-free. They also expect the livestock to have access to outdoors, including soil, grass and sunlight. In a word, they expect strong animal-welfare standards, and the new regulation clarifies and makes consistent

the requirements for animal welfare that are already in the organic system. Years of public process, including the recommendation of a citizen panel, the National Organic Standards Board, resulted in regulations that not only met the needs of consumers but also had the clear and undeniable support of organic farmers. The USDA organic seal is not stagnant. It represents continuous improvement in all aspects of farming and manufacturing. It means finding

ways to do things better, and then building the standards to include that improvement.

As a cooperative of 2,000 organic farmers — the largest organic livestock company in the United States — Organic Valley acts on behalf of its farmers and its consumers. As CEO, and an animal scientist, I have long advocated for consistent standards that require organic farms to allow animals to exhibit their natural behaviors — chickens need soil to scratch in and sunlight to bathe

in, pigs need dirt to root in. Being on pasture is good for a cow’s health — her feet, her four stomachs and her milk. This is not, as some cynics say, “poor science.” This is farming. A farmer can tell from touching a cow’s ear if it has a fever, or is uncomfortable. A consumer can tell right away if the milk or eggs are something they want to feed their children.

Big Ag groups that have lobbied against organic animal-welfare standards are afraid it is a first step toward regulation outside of organic. Apparently, they are worried about losing business if consumers really understand how their operations treat animals. It’s no wonder they are concerned; we have all watched the politics of how Big Ag avoids transparency. We watch them fight against labels such as “cage-free” and concerns about overuse of antibiotics. They implement gag rules, prohibiting revealing videos (not coincidentally often about animal welfare) from being aired. We watch them fight against GMO labeling.

Their actions suggest they would like to see American farmers and families lose the organic choice. More to the point, they would prefer to see organic family farms go out of business, and concerns about animal welfare erased from the public conversation.

We have consumer trust, and we intend to keep it. We tried to work with the USDA to implement the regulations we wanted, and now we are suing the USDA to make it happen. Regardless of what happens next, Organic Valley, in cooperation with other trusted organic brands, will continue to provide the integrity consumers are looking for. As for Big Ag producers, let them fight their fears and live with their consciences.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## A callous act

It’s heart-rending to hear the story of Jorge Garcia, the law-abiding Detroit-area husband and father who was separated from his family and deported to Mexico on Monday after living in the U.S. for nearly 30 years since arriving in our country when he was 10.

Many have commented on the callousness of this act, since there are other ways we can sanction undocumented immigrants without deporting them.

Beyond that, however, I am stunned that the federal government would demonstrate such callousness toward Mexico, a good neighbor to us. Our relations with other countries will wax and wane, grow warm and cold, but Mexico will always be our neighbor. That fact alone should motivate us to demonstrate abiding respect toward Mexico, her citi-

zens, and our own citizens of Mexican ancestry.

— Joseph S. Harrington, Morton Grove

## Reasonable and fair

Isn’t the solution to the Illinois state financial crisis pretty clear, even for politicians who do not agree on much? We have to fix the funding of union pensions.

There are two steps to getting it done. The first is figuring out what’s fair. This should be done by comparison with police officers, firefighters and teachers, etc., in similar roles in other cities and states. We should aim for something in the middle of the range for similar cities. Something fair and reasonable that doesn’t shortchange these good people and doesn’t gouge the taxpayers.

And the second step is paying for it. We just have to ante up and

pay for it. Yes, it will mean higher taxes for a while. It is a bitter pill to swallow. But we have to do what’s right by the workers and the taxpayers. The uncertainty is killing us.

— Gary Smith, Glenview

## An obvious solution

The Tribune has run numerous articles and opinion pieces lately decrying the exodus of potential taxpayers from Illinois to other states, noting the primary terminus determinants as being states with low state and local sales and property taxes and, particularly, no income tax levies.

Despite all the high dudgeon over the operation of the invisible hand (to all snowflakes, this is not a secret society), none of these articles has suggested the obvious solution: It’s high time the United States Congress acts by passing legislation requiring all states to enact state and local income, property and sales taxes equal to or at least .01 percent higher than all the states contiguous to them. This is the only fair way to avoid

the economic bloodshed of the current war between the states and, as we are all aware by now, “fairness” is the only thing that matters.

I’m somewhat surprised that none of our elected representatives have hit upon this simple solution but assume some of them will, once they come out from under their gilded desks and get their fingers out of their ears from fearing the president might say another naughty word.

— Donald Woods, Springfield

## Millennials’ chance

Last week the Tribune published two articles discussing how to lure millennials away from Chicago. Wisconsin believes it can draw us away from the city with the enticement of cheap rent and short commutes. John Kass satirically wrote a column arguing that if Wisconsin really wanted to draw millennials away from Chicago, it should simply point out the horrible position our state has put in.

It is true. At first glance there

does not seem to be much that should persuade a millennial to stay in the city. Quality of life and financial prosperity may lie just over the border, but the chance to define the future of Chicago remains for those of us who choose to stay.

Millennials are sculpting the city with every decision we make. Where we choose to live, what jobs we take, where we work, how we communicate, and whom we vote for are just a few ways millennials are shaping Chicago.

I do not think millennials living in Chicago can be drawn away from the city with the promises of a comfortable life, cheap rent and short commutes. Millennials see the challenges that face our city and our state, and we view them as our opportunity to make change.

I am sorry, Wisconsin, but your marketing campaign will fail. If millennials see and understand their influence, they will not think twice when they see your ad on the train. The chance to build a better Chicago is priceless.

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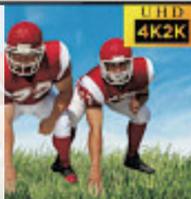
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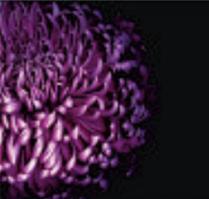
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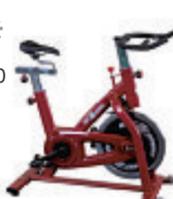


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## Bonuses? Great. But boost that 401(k) too.

Companies saving on taxes should raise retirement perk



ROBERT REED

The new federal tax law is prompting some large corporations to dole out bonuses to employees — usually \$1,000 each. But CEOs should consider awarding another perk: a

boost in workers' retirement funds.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all in favor of cash bonuses (hello, boss!) but typically they are quickly spent and soon forgotten.

However, higher company contributions to employee 401(k) retirement accounts, as a few enlightened corporations are giving, will pile up over the years. Those gains can provide employees with greater savings while helping to ease an impending U.S. retirement crisis.

Amid this tight labor market, shrewd companies should consider doing both bonuses and retirement funding — not out of the goodness of their hearts but because it's a smart way to attract and keep talent.

So far, Ohio-based Nationwide Insurance is the first major employer to take that double-barreled approach.

Meanwhile, health insurance giant Aflac, credit card behemoth Visa International and a couple of regional banks are plowing some of their tax-reduction gains into increased match programs for employees' 401(k) funds. Aflac also is giving a one-time \$500 cash contribution to workers' retirement accounts.

Increasingly, employer-supported 401(k) accounts are workers' best retirement savings option — especially since a majority of companies no longer offer pensions. This year, employees can contribute up to \$18,500 to a company's 401(k) vehicle (those 50 or older can put in up to \$24,500). The proceeds grow tax-free, and employers usually match a percentage of those savings, which is like getting free money.

Aflac is doubling its 401(k) match to 100 percent on up to 4 percent of an employee's salary. Visa's 200 percent match of an employee contribution will now be up to 5 percent of salary, compared with 3 percent previously. Nationwide Insurance is increasing its 50 percent match to cover 7 percent of employee contributions versus 6 percent.

In an email statement, Visa said it sweetened the employee match because of the "critical importance of building a nest egg for retirement."

It's critical all right, mostly because too many people are woefully unprepared for life after full-time work.

Turn to 401(k), Page 2

## H&M appoints diversity leader after 'monkey' ad

BY JAN M. OLSEN  
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Swedish fashion retailer H&M says it has appointed a diversity leader following the outcry over its ad that showed a black child dressed in a hoodie bearing the words "coolest monkey in the jungle."

H&M first announced the appointment Tuesday on its Facebook page. In an email to The Associated Press on Wednesday, the retailer said Global Manager for Employee Relations Annie Wu, a company veteran, would be the new global leader for diversity and inclusiveness.

The retailer said on Facebook that its "commitment to addressing diversity and inclusiveness is genuine, therefore we have appointed a global leader, in this area, to drive our work forward."

The image of the boy modeling the sweatshirt appeared online earlier this month and prompted accusations that H&M was racist, or at least oblivious.

The Stockholm-based company reiterated in its Facebook announcement that "the recent incident was entirely unintentional" but "demonstrates so clearly how big our responsibility is as a global brand."

NBA star LeBron James and rapper Diddy were among those who had responded with outrage to the ad. American rappers the Weeknd and G-Eazy canceled partnerships with H&M. In South Africa, there were protests at some H&M stores. The response has been more muted in Europe.



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CEO Tim Cook applauds customers in October as Apple's new store opens in Chicago. The city hopes to host Apple's new campus.

## Chicago will join chase for new Apple campus

Tech giant plans to add 20,000 jobs, establish new facility in location to be announced later this year

BY RYAN ORI, LAUREN ZUMBACH  
AND BILL RUTHHART  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago has another technology behemoth to woo: Apple.

The city, which is waiting to find out if it's a contender for Amazon's planned second headquarters, learned Wednesday that another tech company that starts with an "A" is looking for a new campus.

Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple said it

plans to create more than 20,000 jobs at a new campus and in its existing offices, as part of an announcement that the company will contribute an estimated \$350 billion to the U.S. economy over the next five years. It's not clear from Apple's news release whether the company already has a location in mind for the new facility, which it said would be announced later this year.

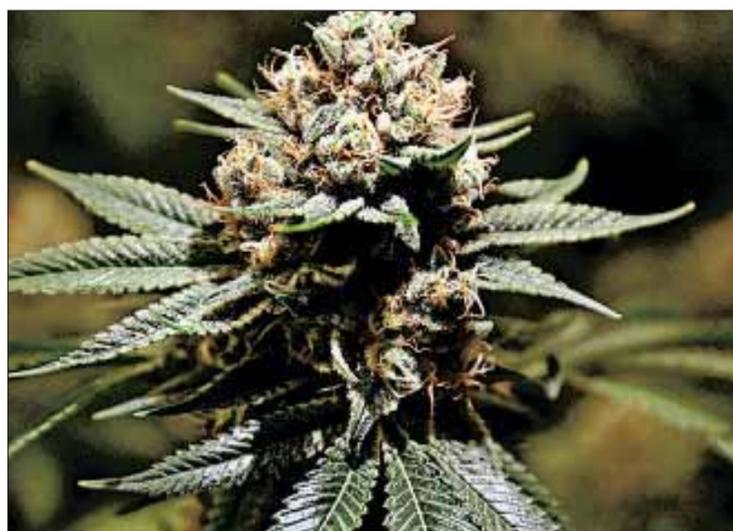
Apple's new campus "will initially house technical support for customers," according to the news release, but it was

unclear what other types of workers the new campus could eventually include, or how many of the more than 20,000 new jobs will be there. An Apple spokesman did not respond to requests for comment.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who in October interviewed Apple CEO Tim Cook for his mayoral podcast while Cook was in town to open Apple's Michigan Avenue flagship store, was surprised by the announcement but vowed that Chicago planned to make a proposal.

"I don't know what Apple is looking for, but whatever it is, we're going to go

Turn to Apple, Page 3



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In the eyes of federal law, marijuana is illegal and cash earned from it is drug money.

## U.S. law sought to allow banking for legal pot

Attorneys general from states, D.C., Guam write Congress

BY ALLY MAROTTI  
Chicago Tribune

As the legal marijuana industry navigates uncertainty on the federal level, state attorneys general are asking Congress to pass a law allowing banks to work with cannabis companies.

Along with Illinois, 28 other states, Washington, D.C., and several U.S. territories have legalized medicinal cannabis, and eight states and the District of Columbia allow recreational use. But in the eyes of federal law, weed is still illegal, and the cash earned selling it is drug money.

Illinois' highly regulated medical cannabis industry, operating under a state pilot program, has been fighting to expand. Earlier this week, a judge ordered the state to add intractable pain — pain that's resistant to treatment — to the list of 41 conditions that qualify patients to use medical marijuana.

The state Department of Public Health plans to appeal, but if the court ruling stands it could greatly expand access to the drug. Without banks,

though, operations and growth could be hindered.

The federal government has issued guidance for how banks can work with cannabis companies, but without a law, banks hesitate to enter the growing industry. Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and 18 other attorneys general — from 16 states, the District of Columbia and Guam — signed a letter this week saying they want that to change. Madigan was not available Wednesday for further comment.

Passing a law "would bring billions of dollars into the banking sector, and give law enforcement the ability to monitor these transactions," according to the letter. "Moreover, compliance with tax requirements would be simpler and easier to enforce with a better-defined tracking of funds. This would, in turn, result in higher tax revenue."

In Illinois, a handful of financial institutions provide banking services to medical marijuana growers and sellers. Operators in the state say having that

Turn to Marijuana, Page 3

## Dow closes above 26,000 for 1st time

BY ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

A broad rally on Wall Street propelled the Dow Jones industrial average to close above 26,000 points for the first time Wednesday.

The sharp gains also delivered record highs for the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Nasdaq composite, wiping out the market's modest losses from a day earlier.

Technology and health care companies accounted for much of the gains. Financials stocks also rose, even as some big banks fell after reporting hefty quarterly losses.

"As yesterday's pullback suggests, investors and traders will come back into a market in which they still see an upside," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. "But the market remains overbought, and an overbought market is susceptible to a pullback."

The Dow gained 322.79 points, or 1.3 percent, to 26,115.65.

The S&P 500 index rose 26.14 points, or 0.9 percent, to 2,802.56. The Nasdaq added 74.59 points, or 1 percent, to 7,298.28. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 13.69 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,586.66.

The Dow traded above the 26,000-point threshold Tuesday, but wound up closing lower. Its surge Wednesday was driven in part by a gain in Boeing, which posted the biggest gain in the 30-company average. Boeing rose \$18.85, or 4.7 percent, to \$351.01.

With the stock market reaching records so often, 1,000-point moves in the Dow have become commonplace. It's been eight trading days since the Dow had its first close above 25,000 on Jan. 4. That's faster than the 23 days it took the Dow to go from 24,000 to 25,000 points.

The S&P 500 index has closed lower only twice this year.

Investors have been encouraged by strong global growth, rising company earnings and the prospects for further corporate profits thanks to the tax overhaul signed into law last month.

# The GOP that rips IRS now helps it

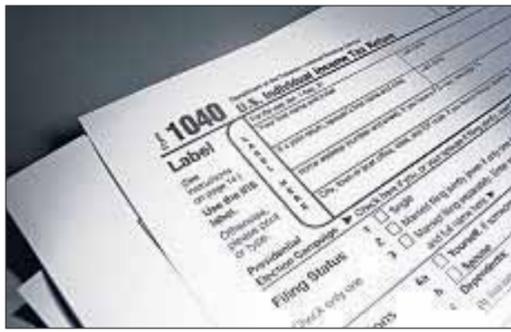
New tax law makes huge, troublesome workload in agency

BY ERICA WERNER AND JEFF STEIN  
The Washington Post

After years of assaults on the Internal Revenue Service budget and quixotic attempts by House conservatives to impeach its director, Republicans have decided the beleaguered agency needs more money.

The reason is the tremendous new workload created for the IRS by the multitribillion tax law signed by President Donald Trump.

IRS staffing levels have nose-dived since Republicans seized control of the House in 2010, but now the agency is tasked with everything from writing new withholding tables for businesses and workers to interpreting the interaction of a complex federal law with a patchwork of state and local



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taxes in all 50 states.

And add in the numerous inquiries from taxpayers that will result.

The challenges were underscored last week in a report by the national taxpayer advocate, an independent official within the IRS, that noted early estimates suggest the agency needs \$495 million in 2018 and 2019 to meet the new obligations created by the Republican tax law.

Nina Olson, the taxpayer

advocate, said in a statement as she released her report that funding cuts already “have rendered the IRS unable to provide acceptable levels of taxpayer service.”

Now the agency “will have its hands full in implementing the new law,” Olson said. “The IRS will have a lot of issues to work through, and taxpayers will have a lot of questions.”

The IRS received \$11.2 billion in funding in 2017,

but any increase this year could not be determined until Congress resolves a larger dispute about government-wide spending.

Despite the GOP’s generally anti-tax stance, and its suspicion of federal bureaucracies, Republicans have every incentive to make sure the complex tax law rolls out smoothly. And for that, they will need a functional IRS, which even several conservatives acknowledged would require a larger budget.

“We want to make sure that we get the new law implemented well, and I think they are clamoring for assistance,” said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., the No. 3 Senate Republican.

Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, which clashed with the IRS under the Obama administration, said, “I’m open to it if it’s rational and makes sense. There’s a lot of work. I want people to see the

biggest paycheck they can get.”

Funding for the IRS has fallen by about 20 percent, accounting for inflation, since 2010. The agency has lost well over 15,000 workers in that time, including some 3,000 in the taxpayer services division and 4,000 in the enforcement division.

While Republicans are now prepared to support more funding for the IRS, most were hardly offering a full-throated embrace.

“We need to reform the IRS because it’s been more of an adversary to the American taxpayer than it has been a help,” Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, R-Texas, told reporters last week. “But I am concerned that they’re not able to do their job and not (maintain) their information systems to protect personal financial data by taxpayers and the like.”

Before the tax law’s passage, the IRS expected to be able to answer only 60

percent of the routed calls from the 100 million calls it receives from taxpayers — a burden expected to increase under the new law.

Since 2014, the agency has stopped answering anything beyond “basic” questions during filing season.

Republicans have said their tax law will simplify the U.S. tax code, in part by increasing the number who claim the standard deduction on their income taxes.

But the new law already created confusion about its implementation in late December, when taxpayers in several states rushed to try to prepay their 2018 property taxes to avoid the new cap on the state and local tax deduction.

That uncertainty led the IRS to put out guidelines about who could plan on deducting their property taxes ahead of time.

The taxpayer advocate appears to expect similar challenges to emerge over the next several months.

# New retail tech watches every step

Floor sensors track where people go while shopping

BY IVAN MORENO  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The next phase in data collection is right under your feet.

Online clicks give retailers valuable insight into consumer behavior, but what can they learn from footsteps? It’s a question Milwaukee-based startup Scanalytics is helping businesses explore with floor sensors that track people’s movements.

The sensors can also be used in office buildings to reduce energy costs and in nursing homes to determine when someone falls. But retailers make up the majority of Scanalytics’ customers, highlighting one of several efforts brick-and-mortar stores are undertaking to better understand consumer habits and catch up with e-commerce giant Amazon.

Physical stores have been at a disadvantage because they “don’t have that granular level of understanding as to where users are entering, what they’re doing, what shelves are not doing well, which aisles are not being visited,” said Brian Sathianathan, co-founder of Iterate.ai, a small Denver-based company that helps businesses find and test technologies from startups worldwide.

But it’s become easier for stores to track customers in recent years. With Wi-Fi — among the earliest available options — businesses can follow people when they connect to a store’s internet. One drawback is that not everyone logs on so the sample size is smaller. Another is that it’s not possible to tell whether someone is inches or feet away from a product.

Sunglass Hut and fragrance maker Jo Malone



IVAN MORENO/AP

Scanalytics co-founder and CEO Joe Scanlin holds a smart floor sensor that his company makes to track people’s movements inside stores.

use laser and motion sensors to tell when a product is picked up but not bought, and make recommendations for similar items on an interactive display. Companies such as Toronto-based Vendlytics and San Francisco-based Prism use artificial intelligence with video cameras to analyze body motions. That can allow stores to deliver customized coupons to shoppers in real time on a digital shelf or on their cellphones, said Jon Nordmark, CEO of Iterate.ai.

With Scanalytics, Nordmark said, “to have (the sensors) be super useful for

someone like a retailer, they may need to power other types of things,” like sending coupons to customers.

Scanalytics co-founder and CEO Joe Scanlin said that’s what his floor sensors are designed to do. For instance, the sensors read a customer’s unique foot compressions to track that person’s path to a digital display and how long the person stands in front of it before walking away, he said.

Based on data collected over time, the floor sensors can tell a retailer the best time to offer a coupon or change the display before

the customer loses interest.

“Something that in the moment will increase their propensity to purchase a product,” said Scanlin, 29, who started developing the paper-thin sensors that are 2 square feet as a student at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2012.

He employs about 20 people.

Wisconsin-based bicycle retailer Wheel and Sprocket uses Scanalytics’ sensors — which can be tucked under utility mats — to count the number of customers entering each of its eight stores to help schedule staff.

“That’s our biggest vari-

able expense,” said co-owner Noel Kegel. “That sort of makes or breaks our profitability.”

Kegel wants to eventually have sensors in more areas throughout his stores to measure where customers spend most of their time and what products are popular, but he said it’s too expensive right now.

The cost of having the sensors ranges from \$20 to \$1,000 per month, depending on square footage and add-on applications to analyze data or interact with digital signs, Scanlin said.

He said he’s working with 150 customers in the

U.S. and other countries and estimates that about 60 percent are retailers.

The emergence of tracking technologies is bound to raise concerns about privacy and surveillance. But Scanlin noted his sensors don’t collect personally identifying information.

Jeffrey Lenon, 47, who was recently shopping at the Shops of Grand Avenue mall in Milwaukee, said he wasn’t bothered by the idea of stores tracking foot traffic and buying habits.

“If that’s helping the retailer as far as tracking what sells and what not, I think it’s a good idea,” Lenon said.

## Pizza Hut: Driverless vans won’t shrink human pie

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE  
The Washington Post

Pizza Hut last week unveiled plans to launch a fleet of driverless delivery vans — a sign that automation has reached the world of greasy comfort food.

Then the chain did something pizza-makers rarely do: It offered an economic theory on Twitter.

After a user pointed out that driverless cars could destroy the need for drivers, Pizza Hut said the technology might just boost demand for human workers.

“It actually could create more jobs by opening the pool of ‘drivers’ to those who do not own vehicles,” Pizza Hut tweeted Tuesday. “They might act more as



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servers, focusing on hospitality.”

This statement from a brand account touches on a topic economists have been debating since robots started changing the way we work: Will machines steal our jobs, or will they unleash other employment options?

“It’s hard to forecast exactly what is going to happen,” said David Beede, an economist at the Department of Commerce. “Workers in occupations that deliver goods and services, like pizza delivery people —

those types of work activities are most at risk of displacement by self-driving vehicles.”

It’s too early to know what such displacement could look like, he said.

Delivery drivers could face mass layoffs, or some could transition into roles that the Pizza Hut brand account hinted at on Twitter.

“Instead of driving, they could do more customer service work,” he said, such as monitoring the vehicles, making sure they’re running correctly and answer-

Pizza Hut is partners with Toyota on developing a driverless vehicle.

ing customer questions on the status of their pizza delivery.

Pizza Hut did not respond to a request for comment. The fast food giant has publicly announced a partnership with Toyota, which is now developing the “e-Palette,” a driverless vehicle that looks like a cross between a bullet train and a van.

## Looking beyond bonuses

401(k), from Page 1

A disturbing statistic: Nearly two-thirds of U.S. workers don’t contribute to employer-sponsored retirement accounts, according to a 2017 analysis by the U.S. Census Bureau. That’s despite the fact that 4 out of 5 workers are employed by major companies that offer retirement plans.

The new tax law does nothing to directly address this impending financial calamity. Nor does it compel companies to reinvest in their workers or communities. As a result, it’s fair to wonder if the reconstituted tax law — which slices the corporate rate to 21 percent from about 35 percent — will benefit many average Americans.

To blunt such criticism, a number of large companies are giving those one-time bonuses: Boeing, Comcast, American Airlines, AT&T, Bank of America, Fiat Chrysler, Wells Fargo, Fifth

Third Bank, Southwest Airlines and Walmart, among others.

As I said, take the money and run. But raising a 401(k) match would arguably encourage more workers to enroll, or increase their savings, in the company-supplied retirement plan.

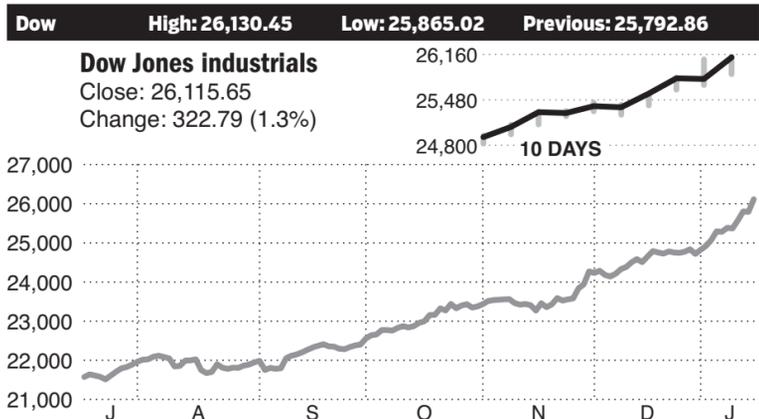
That helps employees and serves a greater public good by chipping away at a looming retirement disaster. It’s difficult for many workers to save for retirement, especially when wages have been flat for years and too many families are financially struggling.

Flush with money from the new tax law, large corporations are in a unique position to grow their businesses while making their employees’ lives better before and after they retire.

That’s an investment worth making.

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COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	416.75	422.75	415.50	421.50	+5
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	348.50	353.25	348.25	353	+4.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	966.25	969.25	961.25	968.75	+75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.77	32.83	32.42	32.51	-.28
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	321.50	324.40	320.30	324.30	+1.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl	Mar 18	63.89	64.17	63.31	63.97	+24
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	3.125	3.286	3.098	3.232	+1.03
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.8566	1.8793	1.8418	1.8691	+0.0162

City's HQ2 work may be used for Apple too

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compete and we're going to put our best foot forward," Emanuel said at a news conference after Wednesday's City Council meeting. The mayor pointed to obstacles fast-growing companies such as Apple and Amazon have faced as they've outgrown their corporate homes, including sky-high housing costs, and touted Chicago's strengths. "Nobody wants a second headquarters," Emanuel said. "It has its own challenges, but companies in those coastal areas and their employees cannot afford to work or live where they operate." If Apple accepts proposals, Chicago has several ambitious development plans at the ready. City and local leaders late last year compiled in-depth information on 10 potential sites for Amazon's planned second headquarters, known as HQ2, where the Seattle-based firm said it would add up to 50,000 high-paying new jobs. That thick book could also be used to court other big tenants such as Apple. Of course, there are 237 other North American cities and regions that also submitted HQ2 proposals, so they'd have materials ready as well. Chicago-area sites proposed for HQ2 include developer Sterling Bay's more than 70-acre Lincoln Yards development along Lincoln Park and Bucktown; Related Midwest's 62-acre site along the Chicago River in the South Loop; the vacant old main post office; 37 acres of riverfront land owned by Tribune Media, north of downtown; and a planned redevelopment of the former Michael Reese Hospital site and adjacent land by a group including Farpoint Development and Draper and Kramer.

Assuming Apple hasn't chosen a location, it would likely benefit from following close on the heels of Amazon's hunt, said site selection expert Steve Weitzner, principal at Cleveland-based Silverlode Consulting. "They're going to get to leverage all that information that was compiled by places that put together proposals," he said. "All the information is there, beautifully presented." Apple appears to be following Amazon in using a high-profile, public search to win incentives and boost its brand, particularly by tying the campus announcement to broader plans for U.S. investment and jobs, said John H. Boyd, principal of The Boyd Co., a Princeton, N.J.-based corporate site selection consultancy. "There's a branding component to all of this, associating the brand with the popular America-first sentiment," Boyd said. "Americans want to buy goods and services provided by American companies." "Apple can be the poster child for this idea of linking tax reform to new jobs and new corporate investment in the states," he said. "Other companies have announced bonuses, but no company has done anything on this scale." Amazon said it would pick a location in 2018, but it has offered few hints about what comes next in its public search. The company is expected to reveal a list of contenders, or possibly multiple rounds paring down finalists. Google also has long been rumored to be considering creating a new campus in Chicago. During his podcast discussion with Emanuel, Cook praised the requirement that by 2019 all Chicago Public Schools graduates take a coding class. The Apple leader also said Ap-



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Apple opened a new headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., late last year. The company has 84,000 U.S. workers.

ple's new Chicago flagship store would try to partner with the city's 1871 tech incubator, calling it "the mother of all incubators." In December, the tech giant announced it would team up with the city to get its coding curriculum into more CPS classrooms and the City Colleges of Chicago. Late last year, Apple opened a new Northern California headquarters, a circular layout that resembles a giant spaceship. Apple, which said it has 84,000 employees in all 50 states, also has corporate offices in other cities including Austin, Texas. The Real Deal, a real estate industry magazine and website, on Tuesday reported Apple has agreed to lease an entire 128,000-square-foot building in Culver City, Calif., near Los Angeles. Apple also has data centers in several states. It broke ground on a new one in Reno, Nev., on Wednesday. Apple, like Amazon, will be looking for office sites with plenty of highly skilled workers, Boyd said. The company will likely consider "usual suspects" like Atlanta, Boston and Chicago. But easy access to air travel could give Dallas and Houston a boost, and Newark, N.J., has been willing to aggressively compete on incentives, he said. Reno could also emerge as a strong contender, Boyd said, pointing to its proximity to Silicon Valley's

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	58.99	+55	Equity Commonwh	N	29.96	+18	McDonalds Corp	N	174.98	+1.30
AbbVie Inc	N	104.36	+1.87	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	85.19	+9.6	Middleby Corp	O	133.77	-.91
Akorn Inc	O	33.15	-.27	Equity Residential	N	60.85	+1.8	Moldingstar Int'l	O	43.86	+8.75
Allstate Corp	N	103.94	+1.81	Exelon Corp	N	39.07	+6.2	Morningstar Inc	O	98.34	+1.75
Aptargroup Inc	N	86.84	+6.0	First Indl RT	N	71.81	+1.41	Motorola Solutions	N	97.28	+1.43
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.91	+1.3	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	64.05	+6.3	Navistar Intl	N	43.79	-.32
Baxter Intl	N	68.20	+5.3	Gallagher AJ	N	225.23	-6.58	Nisource Inc	N	24.15	-.12
Boeing Co	N	351.01	+15.85	Grainger WW	N	70.80	+9.6	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.89	+2.8
Brunswick Corp	N	58.17	+1.17	GrubHub Inc	N	88.11	+1.92	Old Republic	N	20.28	+0.6
CBIO Global Markets	O	131.52	+7.3	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	77.71	+6.8	Packaging Corp Am	N	126.76	+8.8
CDK Global Inc	O	73.82	-.75	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	136.52	-.31	Stericycle Inc	O	72.20	+0.4
CDW Corp	O	73.48	+1.33	IDEX Corp	N	171.02	+1.80	TransUnion	N	57.15	+6.6
CF Industries	N	39.56	-1.15	ITW	N	137.06	+6.3	Tribune Media Co A	N	43.40	-.07
CME Group	O	151.45	-.75	Ingredion Inc	N	153.77	+2.01	USG Corp	N	39.30	+6.7
CNA Financial	N	53.49	+6.2	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	70.95	+1.70	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	238.69	+1.57
Caterpillar Inc	N	168.50	-.81	Kemper Corp	O	80.07	+1.43	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	76.58	-.90
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.26	+4.9	Kraft Heinz Co	O	210.77	+5.22	Ventas Inc	N	54.98	+4.7
Deere Co	N	167.43	-.11	LKQ Corporation	O	43.19	...	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	75.78	-.25
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.93	-.01	Litellfuse Inc	O	47.04	+3.8	Wintrust Financial	O	87.71	+4.4
Dover Corp	N	104.34	+9.8	MB Financial	O	47.04	+3.8	Zebra Tech	O	123.78	+4.0

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	17.35	-.86
Bank of America	31.18	-.06
Ford Motor	12.18	-.92
Chesapeake Energy	4.09	-.05
Stghwnt Energy	5.41	+1.16
Vale SA	13.35	+1.18
AK Steel Hold	6.65	+2.9
Kinross Gold	4.37	-.09
Petrobras	12.12	+4.2
Pfizer Inc	37.18	+5.8
Wells Fargo & Co	63.88	+1.38
Oracle Corp	50.27	+6.8
Rite Aid Corp	2.30	+0.7
Alibaba Group Hldg	183.83	+1.55
Merck & Co	62.03	-.04
AT&T Inc	36.85	+1.4
New Residential Inv	17.19	-.44
Citigroup	77.47	+3.6
Marathon Oil	18.84	+6.0
Kinder Morgan Inc	19.57	+1.8
Barrick Gold	14.62	-.58
Sprint Corp	5.49	-.11
Weatherford Intl Ltd	4.07	-1.3
Twitter Inc	24.56	-1.0

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Zynga Inc	3.80	...
Akers Biosciences	.30	+0.9
Adv Micro Dev	12.18	+2.7
Inpixon Corp	.40	+0.7
Micron Tech	44.26	+1.34
Apple Inc	179.10	+2.91
Intel Corp	44.39	+1.25
Facebook Inc	177.60	-.79
Microsoft Corp	90.14	+1.79
Cisco Syst	41.20	+6.66
NeuroMetrix Inc	2.07	+3.5
Juno Therapeutics	69.25	+23.65
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.44	+0.06
Applied Matls	57.34	+2.84
Aeterna Zentaris	2.41	+3.4
Ericsson	7.34	+4.0
Symantec Corp	27.52	-.35
Comcast Corp A	41.68	-.14
Exact Sciences Corp	47.68	-5.27
Caesars Entertain	13.40	+4.0
Momo Inc	27.95	+2.82
Nvidia Corporation	224.72	+4.61
Qualcomm Inc	68.02	-.23
Celgene Inc	102.02	-2.80

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3444.67	+8.1/+2
Stoxx600	397.97	-.4/-1
Nikkei	23868.34	-83.5/-4
MSCI-EAFE	2141.38	-1.8/-1
Bovespa	81189.16	+1357.4/+1.7
FTSE 100	7725.43	-30.5/-4
CAC-40	5493.99	-19.8/-4

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	183.83	+1.55
Alphabet Inc C	1131.98	+10.22
Alphabet Inc A	1139.10	+8.40
Amazon.com Inc	1295.00	-9.86
Apple Inc	179.10	+2.91
Bank of America	31.18	-.06
Berkshire Hath A	321469	+6208
Berkshire Hath B	214.16	+3.87
Chevron Corp	132.36	+3.5
Exxon Mobil Corp	88.00	+1.03
Facebook Inc	177.60	-.79
Home Depot	199.82	+3.51
JPMorgan Chase	112.99	+7.2
Johnson & Johnson	146.98	+1.2
Microsoft Corp	90.14	+1.79
Royal Dutch Shell B	72.34	+3.5
Royal Dutch Shell A	70.20	+2.2
WalMart Strs	102.70	+2.01
Wells Fargo & Co	63.88	+1.38

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.41	1.39
6-month disc	1.59	1.57
2-year	2.05	2.02
10-year	2.59	2.54
30-year	2.85	2.83

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1338.00	\$1335.40
Silver	\$17.105	\$17.122
Platinum	\$1006.20	\$1000.20

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.34

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	18.8545
Australia (Dollar)	1.2488
Brazil (Real)	3.2225
Britain (Pound)	.7205
Canada (Dollar)	1.2412
China (Yuan)	6.4370
Euro	.8174
India (Rupee)	63.850
Israel (Shekel)	3.4342
Japan (Yen)	111.13
Mexico (Peso)	18.6289
Poland (Zloty)	3.41
S. Korea (Won)	1066.10
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.56
Thailand (Baht)	31.96

State attorneys general ask for law

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stability has helped the industry grow. "Banking here has been smooth for the most part, but it's very tenuous," said Ross Morreale, co-founder of Ataraxia, which owns a cultivation facility in southern Illinois and co-owns three dispensaries. "If something were to happen to (the few banks that work with us), it would be a bad situation." Marijuana companies in some states have learned to operate without banks, paying bills with duffel bags full of cash and finding other workarounds. But all-cash businesses can become targets for criminals. Losing banks also would take away one factor that legitimizes the industry, said Mark de Souza, CEO of Revolution Enterprises, which owns cultivation facilities in downstate Delavan and Barry. Even with banking relationships that allow Illinois cannabis businesses to deposit and distribute funds, there are still limitations, said Charles Bachtell, CEO and co-founder of Cresco Labs, which operates three cultivation facilities in Illinois. "We still don't have access to lines of credit or any of those other financial mechanisms that traditional industries have access to," he said. Banks that have ventured into the cannabis industry took guidance from an Obama-era policy that discouraged prosecution of those operating under state marijuana laws. But U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded that policy earlier this month. Now it's even more urgent to get the cash the industry generates into traditional banks, according to the letter from the state attorneys general. Illinois medical marijuana businesses maintain that existing laws will protect

them, but Sessions' recent announcement led one of the main financial institutions that works with the industry to re-evaluate its position. Bank of Springfield recently told some of its cannabis clients that it is reviewing the recent Justice Department decision, sources said. The bank also is waiting to see whether Congress takes action to preserve a federal law that prohibits the department from using federal funds to prevent states from implementing medical marijuana programs, the sources said. That law is set to expire Friday. The bank declined to comment. Banks that work with the cannabis industry can take further guidance from the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. But, again, that's just guidance. "That's not enough for the national and international banks," said Cresco's Bachtell, who has a background in mortgage banking. "They're not comfortable with guidance; they want real regulation." The letter from the state attorneys general asks Congress for legislation to provide a "safe harbor" for financial institutions that work with cannabis companies in states where the drug is legal in some capacity. It points to a bill introduced in the Senate in May that would do just that. More banks would likely expand operations into the marijuana industry if such a law were instituted, though it might take time for financial institutions to become comfortable with it, said John Hudak, a senior fellow at the Washington, D.C.-based Brookings Institution. "It would absolutely, without a doubt, be a game-changer," he said.

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# OBITUARIES

MARY MIX McDONALD 1925-2017

## Cook County Board's 'classiest' commissioner

BY GRAYDON MEGAN  
Chicago Tribune

Mary Mix McDonald was a commissioner on the Cook County Board and on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County from 1974 to 1994 and wrote legislation that was used as a model across the nation.

"She was without question the classiest person who ever sat on the Cook County Board," said Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, who was a new member of the County Board when she met McDonald. "She left a lasting legacy because her pet projects were everything involving the county — health, the (Chicago Botanic) Garden, the zoo, the jails."

McDonald also was on the Regional Transportation Authority board from 1995 to 2007.

"Mary was truly my mentor at the RTA," said Paula Thibeault, a former executive director of the agency. "She mentored many people because she gave good advice, she was practical, she was down to earth."

"But she was also a very positive person. She did believe you really could accomplish anything you set out to do if you really wanted to."

McDonald, 92, died Dec. 12 in a health care facility in New Berlin, N.Y., of complications of a stroke, according to her daughter, Elizabeth McDonald Wakeman. She moved to the New York facility recently after a fall in the Lincolnwood home where she lived for more than 60 years.

She was born Mary Mix in Chicago, where her father was a physician. After high school at what her daughter said was then St. Mary's High School of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., she went on to Northwestern University, where her daughter said she earned undergraduate degrees in both music and economics.

She married soon after finishing college. From the time she was a teenager, she was active in Republican Party causes and contests, both in Illinois and nationally, including working for Barry Goldwater in his presidential run in 1964. Wakeman said her mother later became a more liberal Republican, reflecting her concern for social issues facing ordinary people.



MICHAEL BUDRYS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1978

Mary Mix McDonald was a Cook County commissioner from 1974 to 1994 and served on the RTA board.

She became the first Republican woman to be elected to the Cook County Board in 1974.

"She always said she was a problem-solver," Wakeman said. "People would call her and she would get it done."

In addition to her legislative initiatives there, she called for changes to County Board voting rules for commissioners, a move she said would give suburban commissioners more influence over county spending.

She also called for management changes at Cook County Hospital, while acknowledging the possible need for a new hospital. However much it was needed in the late 1970s, it wasn't until late 2002 that the new Stroger Hospital was completed.

When she left the board, a Cook County Board resolution cited some of her contributions, noting in part her authorship of ordinances "that were used as models throughout the United States." Those ordinances included ones raising the drinking age from 18 to 21, making parents responsible for teen vandalism and making parents responsible for drinking in the home.

"There were no party lines (for her)," Pappas said. "She saw me coming in and she reached across the aisle. I would say she assisted in the 'taming' of Maria Pappas."

In 1995, McDonald brought her practical problem-solving skills to the RTA board. She had a unique ability to connect with people at many levels, Thibeault said, recalling a trip the two took to New York to talk with representatives of bond rating agencies as the RTA prepared to sell some bonds.

"Mary knew how to deal with the individuals ... and she had the capacity to understand where they were coming from," Thibeault said. "We came back with a AA bond rating."

As part of her County Board work, McDonald chaired the board's Chicago Botanic Garden committee and joined the garden's board in 1994. On the garden's board, she worked to get County Board support and helped raise money to annex a 100-acre oak woodland. In 1996, the woodland was named the Mary Mix McDonald Woods.

"That was her legacy," Wakeman said.

Pappas said McDonald's no-nonsense approach to county issues is missed. "If we had Mary McDonald on the County Board today, it would be running a lot differently. She would just whip everybody into shape."

In addition to her political and civic work, McDonald was an accomplished harpist and a knowledgeable and well-traveled collector of art, particularly from India, Japan and China.

She is also survived by another daughter, Sandra McDonald Jones; a son, Gerald Owen McDonald Jr.; brothers B. John Mix Jr. and Joseph Mix; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was divorced from the late Dr. Gerald Owen McDonald.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday in Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Mary of the Woods, 7033 N. Moselle Ave., Chicago.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 18 ...

In 1778, English navigator Capt. James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862 the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va.; he was 71.

In 1949 Charles Ponzi, engineer of one of the most spectacular mass swindles in history, died destitute in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; he was 66.

In 1975 the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS.

In 1991 financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down

after 62 years in business.

In 1993 the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 1996 Lisa Marie Presley filed for divorce from Michael Jackson.

In 1998 Pope John Paul II appointed 22 new Roman Catholic cardinals, including Chicago Archbishop Francis George.

In 2001 civil rights leader Jesse Jackson revealed an extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a daughter.

In 2004 a suicide truck bombing outside the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition

in Baghdad killed at least 31 people.

In 2005 the world's largest commercial jet, an Airbus A380 that can carry 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

In 2006 the Supreme Court gave New Hampshire a chance to salvage its restrictions on abortion, reaffirming that states can require parental involvement in abortion decisions but also ordering a lower court to fix problems with New Hampshire's 2003 notification law.

In 2017 the Hotel Rigopiano, a four-star hotel at the foot of the Gran Sasso mountain about 85 miles northeast of Rome, was buried in snow after a series of earthquakes; almost a week later 11 survivors had been rescued. (29 people were killed.)

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Jan. 17	
Powerball	03 33 37 51 57 / 21
Powerball jackpot: \$62M	
Lotto jackpot: \$3.75M	
Pick 3 midday	800 / 7
Pick 4 midday	5356 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday	03 08 14 20 37
Pick 3 evening	328 / 0
Pick 4 evening	4120 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto evening	21 25 40 41 45
Jan. 19 Mega Millions: \$55M	
WISCONSIN	
Jan. 17	
Megabucks	15 17 23 33 36 39
Pick 3	610
Pick 4	3499
Badger 5	12 13 14 30 31
SuperCash	18 22 23 27 28 30

INDIANA	
Jan. 17	
Lotto	09 15 16 21 28 29
Daily 3 midday	767 / 4
Daily 4 midday	0705 / 4
Daily 3 evening	958 / 8
Daily 4 evening	3538 / 8
Cash 5	01 13 36 39 40
MICHIGAN	
Jan. 17	
Lotto	01 17 32 33 44 46
Daily 3 midday	589
Daily 4 midday	0987
Daily 3 evening	034
Daily 4 evening	1395
Fantasy 5	04 06 10 28 34
Keno	05 09 12 14 15 18
	20 25 27 33 39 40 43 45
	50 52 54 60 61 69 71 72

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### In Memoriam

**Bruno Belmonte, Sr**  
01/18/1998-01/18/2018



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**ROBERT LEE TADMAN**  
In Memoriam

To the memory of our darling son and brother, Bobby, spending his 87th birthday in Heaven. Heartbroken. Mommy, Daddy, and Glor  
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### Death Notices

**Beck, Paula Hickey**

Paula Hickey Beck, age 46 of Buckeye, AZ died December 19, 2017 in Buckeye, AZ. She was born May 15, 1971 in Oak Lawn, IL to Arthur and Sharon Block. A graduate of St. Xavier University in Chicago, IL she was determined to make her mark in the world. She is survived by her husband, Chris Beck; parents, Arthur and Sharon Block; and sister, Stacy Heidt. A visitation will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL. A mass will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at St. Linus Catholic Church, 10300 Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn IL. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to St. Joseph Foundation, 350 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013, (602) 406-2041. Condolences for the family may be left at [www.thompsonfuneralchapel.com](http://www.thompsonfuneralchapel.com).  
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**Bilbo, Barbara A.**  
Barbara A. Bilbo nee Krys, age 78. Beloved wife of the late Jerry "Skip" Bilbo. Loving mother of Corey (Sue) Bilbo, Janene (Fiancé Brian McLoughlin) Coconate, Steven (Sharon) Bilbo, and the late Jeffrey Bilbo. Beloved daughter of the late Stanley and Florence (nee Bryski) Krys. Dear sister of Stanley (Ann Marie) and Wayne (Uva) Krys. Fond cousin of Theresa Lind. Visitation Saturday January 20, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. (funeral service at 3:00 p.m.) at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave Norridge. Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).

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**Blossfield, Barbara Kearns**

Barbara Kearns Blossfield, age 82 of Oak Park, precious mother of Katherine (Michael); abiding wife of Charles; grandmother of Matthew and Michael; devoted daughter of the late William and Julia; beloved sister of the late Mary Geraldine, William and Catherine; dear sister-in-law of Carol and Paul; proud aunt of 16; cherished colleague of many from the FBI and Rosary College; beholden admirer of Bethesda Home; steadfast friend to many. Visitation Saturday, 9 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 1:00 p.m. at St. Edmund's Catholic Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191.  
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**Broeker, Joanna Ruth**

Joanna Ruth Broeker, 91, died peacefully in Woodmark Retirement home in Sun City, Arizona, on December 22, 2017. A long-time resident of Arlington Heights, she had moved to Arizona 25 years ago. Joanna was born on April 4, 1926 to Alton and Ruth (Warner) Herring in Mechanicsville, Iowa. Her family later moved to Newton, where she finished her high school education. After attending the University of Iowa for two years, she moved to Chicago, Illinois to attend the Chicago Conservatory of Music. While working as a soloist in a local church, she met her future husband, James. They were married for 37 years until his death in 1989. They had five children who survive, including Deborah, Charles (Terry), Timothy, Scott (Diane), and Todd (Maureen). She is also survived by ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, in addition to a nephew, Edward, and a niece, Denise. Joanna was pre-deceased in death by her sister, Patricia and a brother, Devere.

A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, January 20 at 2:00 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran church located at 200 S. Wille in Mt. Prospect. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to local hospice organizations.  
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**Bzdusek, John S.**

John S. Bzdusek; beloved son of the late John and the late Suzanne; loving brother of Suzanne N. (late David) Sieger; devoted uncle of Suzanne C. (Joe) Kaplan, and Kathryn A. (Jeff) Gardner; cherished great uncle of Jonathan, Alyson, and Katie; also loving cousin and friend of many.  
Lying-in-State Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5106 N. La Crosse Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Interment will follow at Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to Trinity Lutheran Church appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME. Info 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)

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**Callahan Jr., Thomas Vincent**

Thomas Vincent Callahan Jr., 68, of Lake Zurich, formerly of Louisville, KY, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Jan. 13, 2018. He was born on Nov. 23, 1949 in Louisville, KY to the late Thomas V. & Anne (nee Holland) Callahan. Tom will be deeply missed by his loving & devoted wife of 44 years, Rita (nee Huber); children, Thomas Vincent

Callahan III (Stephanie), Matthew Russell Callahan (Asal); granddaughter, Lyla Annabelle Callahan; sisters, Mary Newton Graas (David), Anne Callahan French (Lawrence), mother-in-law, Mary Louise Huber. Many loving nieces, nephews, extended family & lifetime friends also survive. Visitation Sun., Jan. 21, 2018 from 3PM - 8PM at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 941 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich, IL. Funeral mass will be Mon., Jan. 22, at 11AM at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 33 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich, where family will receive friends from 10AM until time of mass. Services will also be held on Wed., Jan. 24, from 10AM - 1PM at Ratterman's Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY. Interment to follow at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Louisville, KY. Charitable donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). For information, please contact **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 847-550-4221. For full obituary & online condolences please visit, [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com).

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**Cipkin, Howard**

Howard Cipkin, age 90, Holocaust Survivor, beloved husband of the late Barbara "Bella" Cipkin, nee Iosim; loving father of Fred (Patricia), Ava (Michael) Feder and Michelle (Ross) Waxman; adored grandpa of Lauren, Kira, Jennifer (Jasiel), Rebecca (Nathan), Mallory and Jacob; cherished great grandpa of Skyler, Julian, Maddie Belle, Jackson and Mason; dear brother of the late Haiki Chestahawski. Chapel service 9 AM Friday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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**Clemons, Mike R.**

Mike R. Clemons, age 61, of Wonder Lake. Cherished husband of Katie nee Graver, daughter of Richard Graver. Dear step-father of Neil and Trevor Steffens. Fond brother of Steve Clemons. Friends and neighbors can gather for Mike's Celebration of Life at 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. with reflections at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 19, 2018, at **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, 3700 W. Charles J. Miller Road, McHenry, IL 60050. INFO: 815-385-2400 or [www.justenfh.com](http://www.justenfh.com).  
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**Curran, David M.**

David M. Curran, 66, longtime resident of Gurnee, IL formerly of Glenview, IL. Born on August 7, 1951 in Chicago, IL to William W. and Jean (nee Solari) Curran, Dave lost his battle with cancer on January 14, 2018. Dave is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Janet (nee Zemenick); twin sons, Brian D. Curran and Kevin M. (Kendra) Curran; sister, Mary (John) Machnik; brother-in-law, Michael Zemenick; sister-in-law, Kristine Curran; one niece and many nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William A. and Timothy J. Curran. He graduated from Niles North High School in 1970 and received an Associate Degree from Oakton Community College. Dave worked as an Area Field Manager for U-Haul and in retail management for Zayre, Dollar General and Family Dollar stores. He loved gardening, camping, motorcycling and his faithful dog, Duncan. Memorial Service 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, 2018 at **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rte. 176 one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Visitation will be Noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Interment will follow at Ascension Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer society, For Info: (847) 362-3009 or please sign the guestbook at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).  
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**Dolan, Helen**

(nee Kolegas ) age 83. Beloved wife of the late James R. Dolan Sr. (Ret CPD & Veteran U.S.M.C.) for 58 years. Loving mother of Jeanne (Mark Grohoveva) Ret (CPD), James (Anne) , Janet (Dolly), Martin, Mary (Dave) Howicz and Christine Atkins. Cherished Grandmother of James III (Lauren), Emily (Brian) Whalen, Andrew, Nicholas, Sean Dolan, Garret and Elena Howicz, John Robert Atkins and great grandmother of 6. Dear sister of the late Virginia Kelly. Dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 5-8 pm. Funeral Saturday 10:00am from the **Maher Funeral Home Tinley Park** 7051 W. 171st St. to St. Christina Church (3300 W. 111th St. Chgo) for Mass at 11:00am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimers Assoc. ([www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org)) (225 N. Michigan Chgo 60601). To sign guestbook visit [maherfuneralservices.com](http://maherfuneralservices.com). (708) 781-9212.

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## Eisenberg, Hilda

Hilda Eisenberg, nee Kirsch, 95, beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Sarah Eisenberg, Lainey Schneider, Faye (Kurt Lorenz) Eisenberg and Barbara Eisenberg; cherished Bubbie of Kyle Joseph Lorenz; dear sister of the late Harry Kirsch, Florence Weiss and Shirley Mitnick; treasured aunt of Jack, Ricki, Ronna, Jerry and Ernie. Chapel service 2:30 PM Friday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Highland Park Senior Center, 54 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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## Fox, Jeffrey Patrick

A man for whom loving was easy, Jeffrey Patrick Fox was taken from us too soon on January 16, 2018—his sixty-first birthday—in his home in Chicago. For his family and friends, the world is already dimmer without his bright spirit and we cannot express the depths to which he was loved or the void his absence has left in our hearts.

Jeff was the son of Dolores Jean Mayo Fox, brother of Tim and Sheri Fox, father of Siobhan Fox, adoring grandfather of Ella Fox Mioni, beloved life partner of Lisa Notter, and loving presence in the lives of Hayley and Kenneth Notter. Jeff was also a cherished friend and coworker to many. Jeff battled pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer gallantly since July 2017, but retained his booming laugh, quick wit, and a sharp sense of humor. He found solace in music, reading, and fishing on the Rock River. Jeff's love for his daughter Vonnie, was immense, and he often said that the greatest honor and pride of his life was being her father. Jeff and Carol Baker-Fox, were devoted and active parents in Midlothian, Ill., and Jeff was an enthusiastic sports dad to Vonnie. He loved watching the "golden hour" before sunset and appreciated good beer and frozen pizza, pipes, and witty writing. He knew more about proper shoe care and audio quality than just about anyone. He was a proud White Sox fan, just like his own father, Richard Fox, who preceded Jeff to heaven in 2012.

Loved ones are asked to share remembrances of Jeff at a memorial service Saturday, January 20, 2018 at **Chicago Theological Seminary, Skyline Chapel** at 1407 E. 60th Street, Chicago, IL, 60637. Reception and gathering will begin at 1p.m. with the service following at 2 p.m. This jeans-optional celebration of Jeff's life will reflect his casual, carefree spirit. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Jeff to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

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## Fraczek, Edward Anthony

Edward A. Fraczek, 94, of Chicago, IL, WW II Veteran - US Navy. Preceded in death by his loving wife Jean (nee Was) loving father of John (Tina) Fraczek and Joan (Vito) Marchese; loving grandfather of Joseph and James; fond step-grandfather of Alexis and Abby, dear brother of Anna (the late William) Jastrzebski, Rita (the late Eugene) Stachniak, Virginia (Ralph) Delby and the late Genevieve Jesionowski, and the late Irene Wier, fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral mass will take place Friday, January 19, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 7211 W. Talcott (at Harlem Ave.) at 10:00 a.m. in lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660 appreciated. Entombment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

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## Freveletti, Judith Ann

Judith Ann Freveletti nee Burke, beloved wife of Anthony Joseph. Dedicated mother of Christine (Gary) LaPaille, Nancy (Scott) Coburn, Linda (Rick) Colbert, Joseph (Laura) Freveletti, Anthony (Courtney) Freveletti and Daniel (Andrea) Freveletti. Devoted grandmother of Amy Raddatz, Jacob Christensen, Christopher (Melissa) Raddatz, Jordan Christensen, Michael (Kaitlin) Freveletti, Joseph LaPaille, Samuel LaPaille, Megan Freveletti, Grace LaPaille, John Freveletti, Sydney Freveletti, Anna Freveletti, Delaney Freveletti and Anthony S. Freveletti and the late Anthony P. Freveletti. Proud great-grandmother of Syster Marie Raddatz. Loving sister of Mary (late Eugene) Kennedy and aunt of James (Elaine) Kennedy and Susie (Brian) Shields. Visitation Monday 8:30 AM until time of prayers at 10:15 AM at **Modell Funeral Home** 7710 S. Cass Ave. Darien, to Divine Savior Church Mass 11:00 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Judith Freveletti's name to Benet Academy, Father Ronald R. Rigovsky, O.S.B. Memorial Scholarship Fund at [www.benet.org](http://www.benet.org) or sent to the school at 2200 Maple Ave. Lisle, 60532. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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## Gardiner, Thomas 'Tommy'

56, suddenly; beloved husband of 25 years to Kathleen, nee Lally (Tourmakeady, Ireland); loving, adored father and best friend to Ann Marie, Mary Catherine, Tommy, and Michael; dearly loved and devoted son of Mary and the late Thomas Gardiner; much beloved son-in-law of Tommie and Ann Lally (Tourmakeady, Ireland);

cherished older brother of Mary (Steve) Tardella, Jimmy (Angela), Peggy (Marty) Heneghan, Noreen (Fernando) Rodriguez, Patricia (Pat) Lavelle, John (Lora), Brendan (Amy), Erin (Ben) Bruno, Eileen Kane, Michael (Annie), Colleen (Patrick) Walsh, and Kathleen (Tony) Gillespie; brother-in-law of Mary Pat (Pat) Lambe, and John Lally. Cousin, uncle, and friend to many. Veteran of the U.S. Navy and a 30-year member of Iron Workers Local #1. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Buss Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday at 9:30 AM to St. Paul of the Cross Church for mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Gardiner Family Memorial Fund at Signature Bank 7292 W Devon Ave Chicago, IL 60631, attention Ella Riordan. [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com) (847) 685-1002

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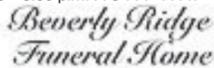
## Giambri, Rose Ann

Rose Ann Giambri nee Caccamo of Glendale Heights, beloved wife of the late Dominick Giambri; loving daughter of the late Sam and Josephine Caccamo; fond daughter-in-law to the late Sam and Virginia Giambri; loving sister to Jeanette (the late Tom) Marino and the late Marie Rabe; Best "Auntie Ro" to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 4:00 - 8:00p.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Rd.) Roselle. Funeral Friday 9:15a.m. to St. Matthew Church Glendale Heights. Mass 10:00a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven.(630) 529-5751 or [www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com](http://www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com)

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## Guthrie, Roger J.

Roger J. Guthrie, Veteran US Army, WWII and Korean War. Beloved husband of Adele, nee Nowacki. Dear father of Paul and Kathleen Guthrie and Jackie (Keith) Sorensen. Loving grandfather of Brendon, Jake, Hailee, Dylan, Nora and Ian. Dear brother of the late Dan, Veronica, Rita and Colette. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Retired Operating Engineer, City of Chicago Local 399 with over 30 years of service. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411.



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## Halligan, C. S. J., Sister Margaret

Sister Margaret Halligan (Sr. John Patrick), C. S. J., age 90. Beloved member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, celebrating 70 years of Religious Life. Beloved daughter of the late John and Mary. Loving sister of Irene Spahn, Jane Motycka, Catherine Stotts and the late John Halligan. Dear aunt and great-aunt of many. Visitation 6 to 8pm Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 and 9am until Funeral Liturgy at 10:30am Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at The Congregation of St. Joseph Chapel, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph (address above) appreciated. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Sr. Margaret taught at St. John Fisher, Chicago; Divine Infant, Westchester; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Melrose Park; St. Joseph Academy & St. Francis Xavier, LaGrange; and St. Barbara, Brookfield where she was also Religious Ed. Coordinator, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Associate. Sr. Margaret was especially known for coordinating the Pantry. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708/352-6500 or [www.hjfunerals.com](http://www.hjfunerals.com)

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## Huening, Joan Alice

Joan Alice Huening beloved wife of the late William J. Loving mother of Jeanne (Willie Hayward) Huening, William M. Huening, Laurie (John) Gashkoff & the late Linda Suhr. Dear grandmother of Terry (Dawn) Kremin, Leslie Kremin, Rachael (Greg) Udouj, Margaret Gashkoff, Lexi Gashkoff, Emma Huening & Olivia Huening. Great grandmother of Mya Kremin & Sophia Udouj. Visitation Friday, January 19th, from 5 to 9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 10:00 am at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 W. Talcott Rd. Park Ridge, IL to St. Eugene Church for Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 a.m. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, IL 847.823.5122



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## Juknaitis, Henry

Henry Juknaitis, age 79. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (nee McMillan). Loving brother of Irene Lewis. Dear uncle of Audrey and Diane. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Many years of service with Clearing Bank-Chicago. Visitation Friday 9-11 AM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Friday, 11 AM from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church for 11:30 AM Mass. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at [www.palosgaidasfh.com](http://www.palosgaidasfh.com) (708) 974 4410



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## Kalweit, Elli G.

Elli G. Kalweit, nee Niklas, age 92, of Calumet City, IL, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Heinz Kalweit. Loving mother of Peter (Suzanne) Kalweit, the late Herbert (Christina) Kalweit, Helmut (Carolyn) Kalweit and Susan Laurich. Proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Visitation, Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home**, 649 E. 162nd St. (Rt.6/159th St.) South Holland, IL 60473. Funeral service, Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM. at New Apostolic Church, 1350 Pulaski Rd., Calumet City, IL. For further info, please contact 708-333-7000 or visit our online obituary and guest book at [www.SMITSFH.com](http://www.SMITSFH.com).

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## Kampwirth, Edwin John

Edwin John Kampwirth, age 83, of Willowbrook, IL, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday morning, January 16th. Beloved husband of the late Rosemarie Kampwirth, fond brother of the late Mary Jane O'Connor (Ray) and Ronald Kampwirth (Lorraine). Survived by brothers Tom Kampwirth (Frieda) and Richard Kampwirth (Fran). Fond uncle of 12 nieces and nephews and 23 great nieces and nephews. Ed was known for his quick wit, friendliness, and generosity. Private memorial service.

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## Kaplan, Alan

Alan David Kaplan, 72. Beloved husband of Eileen (nee Groffman); devoted father of Jason Kaplan, Mike Kaplan, and Mark Kaplan; cherished grandfather of Michah, Elianna, Jaela, and Emma Kaplan; loving son of the late Nathan and Bess Kaplan; dear brother of the late Harriet Schimmel. Funeral service Fri, Jan. 19, 1:30 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom. For info: 847-256-5700.



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## Kuk, Edward Frank

Edward Frank Kuk, Korean War Veteran. Edward was the beloved husband of Joann; loving father of Carol, Patricia (Jerry) O'Keefe; dearest son of the late Mary Czernik and Walter Kuk. Dear brother of Joseph (Vivan); cherished grandfather of Dillon, Brandon, and Kendra. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral mass will be Saturday Jan. 20, 2018, at 10AM, at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, 1530 Jackson, River Forest, where family will receive friends at 9AM until time of mass. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601. [www.pietrykaft.com](http://www.pietrykaft.com), 773-889-0115.

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## Kuziel, Robert

Robert F. Kuziel, age 83, died peacefully while in hospice care at Resurrection Hospital on January on January 9, 2018. He was the son of the late John and Mary Kuziel. He was the devoted husband of the late Stella F. (nee Lyzyk) and stepfather to Paul, Michael and Gary Lyczyk. He is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. A funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Saint Symphorosa Catholic Church, 6145 S. Austin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. All funeral services were entrusted to **Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium**, Grayslake, IL 60030. For more information on services, call (847) 223-8122 or log onto [www.strangfuneral.org](http://www.strangfuneral.org).



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## Latka, Frank J.

Frank J. Latka, Age 91, US Army Veteran, passed away on January 16, 2018. Beloved son of the late Mary (nee Grabowski) and the late John Latka. Loving brother of the late Rose (the late Jim) Buergermeier, the late Joseph (the late Sophie) Latka, the late Ted (Stephanie) Latka, the late Wanda (the late Joseph) Silka, the late Mitchell (Lorraine) Latka and the late Virginia Latka. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation, Friday, January 19, 2018, 9:00AM to 11:00AM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois with a Funeral Service and Time of Remembrance to be held at 11:00AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Illinois. For more information, 708-496-0200 or [www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com)

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## Laughlin, John Francis

John Francis Laughlin passed away Thursday January 4, 2018 at Bickford Cottage assisted living community in Portage, Michigan. John was born to Edward and Margaret (Gorman) Laughlin in Gary, Indiana on August 25, 1928. John received a BA from DePaul University where he studied English and a Law Degree from Notre Dame. He was a Corporate Attorney for Wausau Insurance for over 40 years. John is survived by his children; Karen (Morris) Applebey, Kathleen Laughlin, John (Lulu) Laughlin, grandchildren; Alexander and Aaron Applebey, Madeline and Mackenzie Ringer, step-children; Eric (Sarah) Applebey, Morgan (Jason) Falck, Jodie (Joey) Lakatos. He is preceded in death by wife Ella Amelia (Mattaliano) Laughlin. A funeral mass will be held January 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Deerfield, IL. Memorial contributions may be made to Bickford Cottage Assisted Living Community 4707 W. Milham. Portage MI 49024.

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## Leftakes, Doris

Doris Leftakes, age 89, of Chicago passed away January 14, 2018. Loving wife of the late Steve; dear mother of Sandra Leftakes, Debra (Jeffrey) Scrimgeour, Susan Leftakes, and Denise (Michael) Beadle; proud grandmother of Serena (Paul), Adam, Crystal (Mark), Stacy, William, Hope, Steven, Melanie, and Casey; great-grandmother of Elisabeth, Jonathon, Ava, Tressa, Madelyn, and Jake. Memorial visitation Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 11 am until time of memorial service 1 pm at **Matz Funeral Home**, 3440 N. Central Avenue, Chicago. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the American Cancer Society appreciated. For info: (773) 545-5420 or [www.matzfuneralhome.com](http://www.matzfuneralhome.com)

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## Linden, Eileen T.

Eileen T. Linden nee Quirke passed away peacefully January 14, 2018. Beloved Wife of the late John W. Linden for 66 years and raised thirteen children in the Garfield Ridge Community, Chicago, IL. Loving Mother of Terry Hodges, Cate, Mike (Maureen), Mary Ellen (Frank) Roccasalva, John (Vicki), Jim (late Connie), Patty (Dennis) Lewis, Jean, Tom, Peggy, Dorothy, Dennis (Cori) and Marie Linden. Proud Grandmother of twenty-seven and Great Grandmother of seven. Cherished Sister of Sister Kieran Quirke and the late Sister Mary Cecile, John and Loretta Cafarelli. Dear Sister-in-Law of Delores (late Bill) Carroll. Funeral Saturday 9:30 AM from **FORAN FUNERAL HOME** 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just West of Harlem) to St. Daniel the Prophet Church for a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 3 PM to 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations to Blue Cap, 1962 Broadway, Blue Island, IL 60406 or [www.blue-cap.org](http://www.blue-cap.org) would be appreciated. Condolences may be sent to Eileen's family on her personal tribute website at [www.foranfuneralhome.com](http://www.foranfuneralhome.com). For information 708-458-0208.

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## Linnan, Rev. John E. 'Jack'

Rev. John (Jack) E. Linnan, CSV, was born April 3, 1934 in Springfield, IL, the son of John and Mary Ellen (Radigan) Linnan and died January 15, 2018 at the Viatiorian Province Center in Arlington Heights. He was 83. His parents preceded him in death, along with his sister, JoAnn Shea. He is survived by two nieces, Janet Best and Kathy Sennewald.

Fr. Linnan graduated in 1951 from Cathedral Boys High School, Springfield, IL. He pronounced his first vows as a Viatiorian on Sept. 8, 1952 and final vows on Sept. 8, 1955. He was ordained a priest on April 3, 1961 in Louvain, Belgium. Fr. Linnan received a B.A. in Education from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and a Master of Arts degree in religious education from Louvain as his Licentiate in Sacred Theology. He also received a Doctorate in Sacred Theology, cum laude, from Louvain in 1965.

Fr. Linnan taught for one year (1956-57) at Spalding Institute in Peoria, before leaving for Belgium to complete his advanced degrees. When he returned in 1965, he taught at the Viatiorian Seminary in Washington, D.C. until 1972. He also taught at the Washington Theological Consortium and served as dean, associate director and treasurer. From 1972 to 1974, he served as director of the Center for Religion and Life in Reno, Nevada, while serving as pastor at Our Lady of Wisdom Parish, also in Reno. From 1974-79, Fr. Linnan lived in Arlington Heights while serving as assistant provincial. In 1979, he became an associate professor of theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and in 1981 was appointed as the third president of CTU. He held that position until 1987. After a sabbatical year, he returned to CTU and continued to be a member of the faculty until 2001. He then served as pastor of Maternity BVM Parish in Bourbonnais, from 2001 until 2004. After retirement, he resided in Bourbonnais, before moving in 2011 to the retirement residence at the Viatiorian Province Center in Arlington Heights.

Visitation will take place from 9-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. Both will take place at the Viatiorian Province Center, 1212 E. Euclid Ave. in Arlington Heights. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Clerics of St. Viator, 1212 E. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 or Catholic Theological Union, 5401 S. Cornell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615. Funeral information 847-253-5423 or visit [lauterburgoehler.com](http://lauterburgoehler.com)

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## Maloney, Sharon

Sharon Maloney, 74, of Palatine, IL. Loving sister of Thomas Maloney, Patrick (Irene) Maloney, Daniel (Judy) Maloney and Nancy Kelly. Cherished aunt of Edward Maloney, Erin (Jack) O'Grady, Tricia (James) Darschewski, Meghan (Michah) Inlow, Dan (Katie) Kelly, Jim (Kathryn) Kelly, Ryan Maloney, Brannen Maloney, Molly (Javier) Duran, Shannon (Vito)



Giovingo and Kelly Maloney. Cherished great aunt to 12. Preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Edward J. and Mary M. Maloney. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 80 W. Northwest Hwy., Palatine, IL 60067. Visitation Thursday, January 18th from 4-8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Funeral Friday, 9:30 AM from the funeral home to St. Theresa Church for Mass at 10 AM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, 847-359-8020 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)



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## Mierzwa, Jean

Jean Mierzwa (nee Swandrak) age 90, born January 1, 1928 entered into eternal life on January 12, 2018. Loving mother of Eileen Mierzwa, Linda Marnell and Rosanne (David) Ryan; cherished grandmother of Linda and Dominick Marnell, Zachary and Bradley Ryan; devoted daughter of the late Ignatius and Caroline Swandrak; dearest sister of the late Joseph Swandrak, Matt Swandrak, Eleanor Krentkowski and Mary Bosi; dear aunt and friend to many. Jean was born in Chicago and resided in Chicago and Orland Park. Jean worked for Crown Cork and Seal where she retired after many years of service as a press operator. Jean was a longtime parishioner of St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Orland Hills. She enjoyed sharing the joy of life with everyone she encountered including the neighborhood dogs. God and Family were the most important aspect of Jean's life. Jean will be deeply missed but, loved always and forever. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery. Jean's family wants to thank all their family and friends for all the support and prayers. Funeral info: 708 429-3200



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## Morris, William R. 'Bill'

William "Bill" R. Morris, 76, of Rockford, passed away on Monday, January 15, 2018 in his home. Born on August 23, 1941, in Chicago, the son of Edward and Helen (Bernhardt) Morris. He graduated from St. Rita High School in Chicago. Bill then attended Walton School of Commerce, Chicago, IL before receiving his bachelor's degree at DePaul University.



He then later received his CPA degree from Wilson Junior College. Bill married Susan "Sue" Schmidt on June 27, 1970 in Arlington Heights (47 years). Before his marriage to Sue, Bill was formerly active in the Roman Catholic Church. He then became an active member at St. Anskar Episcopal Church in Rockford and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ft. Atkinson, WI. After school Bill served 2 years in Peace Corps in Liberia, Africa. Bill was active for 13 years as a Cub Scout Leader with Pack 5, Winnebago, IL. Receiving the Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit; was active in the Religious Retreats and was a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow, Wulapeji Lodge #140; and supported day camps through the years. Bill enjoyed spending time with his family; taking annual vacations to Northern Wisconsin, fishing, playing his French horn and always enjoyed a good game of golf. He was also active in the Masons and Loves Park Kiwanis. He had a deep compassion for animals. He supported numerous charities but the closest to his heart is Valley of the Kings Sanctuary & Retreat in Sharon, WI.

Survived by his wife, Susan; children, Michael W. Morris of Lithonia, GA, Andrew (DeAnna) Morris of St. Louis, MO, Robert D. Morris of Rockford, Katherine S. (Patrick) O'Keefe of Canton, MI, and Victoria A. (Nicholas) Sughroue of Conroe, TX; grandchildren, Rylee, Makayla, Noah, Caitlyn and Niles; and brother, Richard (Kumyong) Morris. Predeceased by his parents; and brother Edward (Irma) Morris. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at St. Anskar Episcopal Church, 4801 Spring Creek Rd. Rockford, with Father Andrew Hanyzewski officiating. Visitation will be held at 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 19, 2018 at the church and also from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the Mass. Burial at Willowood Burial Park. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to St. Anskar Episcopal Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Valley of the Kings Sanctuary and Retreat, or Boy Scouts of America, Wanchanagj District. Arrangements by Olson Funeral & Cremation Services, Ltd. To share a memory or send an online condolence, visit [olsonfh.com](http://olsonfh.com).

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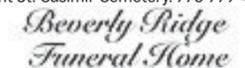
## Mortensen, David 'Jon'

David "Jon" Mortensen, 58, of Chicago, formerly of Rockton, passed away January 15, 2018. Beloved husband of Robert Ames Perlin; loving father of Tristan (Veronica), Ned and Emma (Adam); dear friend and former husband of Nan Waterstreet; fond brother of Gary (Susan), Jeff, Jay (Stan) and Robin; cherished uncle and cousin of many. Jon taught at Kenyon Woods Middle School and was the Principal Timpanist with Rockford Symphony Orchestra. A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1:00pm until time of memorial service 2:00pm at First Congregational Church, 1125 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rockford Symphony Orchestra, 711 N Main St, Rockford, IL 61103 or to Animal Care League, 1013 Garfield St. Oak Park, IL 60304.

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## Nedzvekas, Florence

Florence Nedzvekas, nee Pegura, age 95. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Terri and the late Michael. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3 - 8 p.m. **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie. Friends and family will gather Saturday 9 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary; 6820 S. Washtenaw. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery, 773-779-4411



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## Nero, Catherine Rita

Catherine Rita Nero, 95, of Aurora, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL. She was born October 12, 1922 in Chicago, IL.

She is survived by 2 daughters Patricia (Edward) Heffernan of North Bend, WA and Rosanne (Peter) Michuda of Aurora, IL; 4 sons Lawrence (Madonna) Nero of Bensonville, IL, Martin (Cecilia) Nero of Naperville, IL, Michael (Barbara) Nero of Elk Grove Village, IL and Kenneth (Christine) Nero of Carol Stream, IL; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral from **THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY** will be Monday, January 22, 2018 at 9:30am to Annunciation Church at 10:00am. Fr. Patrick Gillmeyer, OSB will officiate with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL following the Mass. Visitation will be Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm with the Rosary to be recited at 4:00pm at **THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY**, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Catherine's family.  
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## O'Connor, Charles H. 'Charlie'

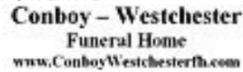
Charles H. "Charlie" O'Connor Jr. 85, Jan. 13, 2018. Loving husband of Rita (nee McGee). Dear brother of Nancy (the late Daniel) Walton, the late Judith (the late Richard) Hansen and the late Jack O'Connor. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of the Western Railroad Assn. and M.O.L. (Men of Leisure). Visitation Friday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Cajetan Church 2445 West 112th. Street Chicago. Int. Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Emilie Fund c/o Smith Village 2320 West 113th. Pl. Chicago, IL. 60643. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com)



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## O'Connor, Sr., James Joseph

James Joseph O'Connor, Sr. formerly of Oak Park and River Forest, age 88. Army Veteran - Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of Rosaire, nee Gennuso; loving father of James (Margaret), Michael (Mary Beth), Mary (Mike) Cook, Daniel (Marianne), David and the late Catherine O'Connor; proud grandfather of Beth (Matt), James III (Latessa), Caitlin, Michael (Kristin), Daniel (Jacquelyn), Brian (Ashley), Mark, Mary, Megan, Danny, Matthew, Patrick, Kevin, Gavin, Lauren, Jack, Alex, Regan, Mackenzie and Maggie; great-grandfather of Joseph, Bennett, James IV and Ryan; cherished son of the late Maurice and Nellie O'Connor; dear brother of Bob and the late Jack, Tom, Joan and Maurice. Lying-in-State Friday, January 19, 2018 at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle Ave., Westchester from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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## Palmer, Dorinne A.

Dorinne A. Palmer, nee Gombert, age 57, of Buffalo Grove; respected social worker with Jewish Child and Family Services and in private practice with Debbie Gross & Associates; beloved wife and soulmate for 33 years of Alan; loving mother of Marissa (Rich) Kates and Brandon; adored Grammi of Sienna and Clara; devoted daughter of Trudy and the late Wally Arbetter and Dr. Raymond and Dr. Linda Gombert; cherished sister of Robyn (Adam) Berman, Sherman (Glenda) Gombert, Romy Gombert and Craig (Carolyn) Gombert; fond daughter-in-law of the late Pearl; dear sister-in-law of Mark (Juli); treasured aunt and friend to many. Dori epitomized grace, style and beauty. She embodied compassion and selflessness, and bestowed her unconditional love and care to her family, friends and clients. Service Friday, 10:00 a.m. at Congregation Beth Judea, Route 83 and Hill Top Rd., Long Grove. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Jewish Child and Family Services, 135 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, [www.jcfs.org](http://www.jcfs.org) or Cycle for Survival, <http://mskcc.convio.net/goto/Palmer>. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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## Pantazelos, Bessie J.M.

Bessie J.M. Pantazelos, age 96, beloved wife of the late Thomas G. Pantazelos; devoted mother of Faye T. Pantazelos, Janice T. (Dionysios Tavlos) Pantazelos and the late George T. Pantazelos; fond aunt of Cynthia Purdis, Joanne (Robert) Mucci and Ted (Jean) Barlas. Bessie was a wonderful cousin and Motherly friend to many. She was an active and loyal 80 year member of the Daughters of Penelope having served in various officer positions including President of two chapters, and District Governor of Districts 8 (New England) and 13 (Midwest). Family and Friends will meet on Friday at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago for visitation from 11:00 am until the time of Funeral Service at 11:30 am. Interment in Rosehill Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Donations in her memory may be made to Greek American Rehab, 220 1st St. Wheeling, IL 60090 or to Opera West!, 111 Ricardo Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87501. Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.**

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## Peischl, Sylvia J.

age 77, suddenly. Loving daughter the late Frank A. and Catherine nee Forst. Beloved sister of Lois M., Gregory F. and the late Michael A.. Cousin of many. Former parishioner St. Basil Church. Funeral Prayer Service Friday, January 19, 10:15 a.m. at **Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services**, 5948 Archer Ave (2 Blks West of Central Ave at Major), Chicago, to St. Rene Goupil Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Visitation Friday 8:30 a.m. until time of funeral prayer service. Interment St. Mary Cemetery (Private). Info. 773-767-9788. Arrangements by Kowske-Wolowicz Funeral Directors, Inc. Online tributes [www.parksidechapels.com](http://www.parksidechapels.com)



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## Piper, Barbara L.

Barbara L. Piper Age 93, passed away peacefully in her home, with her loving family at her side on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. Barbara was born on June 26, 1924 and was a resident of the Forest Glen Community for 75 years. She was the beloved daughter of the late Anthony and Rosalia Piper. A Loving sister of the late Denis (Josephine) Piper. Dear "Aunt Bo" of Michael (Rebecca), Mark (Madonna), Denise, Peter (Sheila) and the late Susan Piper. She was a great aunt, great-great aunt and a dear friend to many. Aunt Bo will be dearly missed by all who knew her. A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at St. Cornelius Church, 5205 N Lieb Ave., Chicago. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.**, Marion O'Connor Friel - Funeral Director. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Court, Mt Prospect, IL, 60056. Info: 847-721-0322.



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## Popek, Frances Marie

Frances Marie (nee: Worch) Popek was born on March 19, 1924 in Pennsylvania and died on January 10, 2018 in Houston, Texas at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Anthony Peter Popek, of Niles, IL., parents, Petas and Anna Worch, of Masontown, PA., brothers, Michael, John, Samuel and Louis Worch, sister Mary Worch Pokladowski, brother-in-law Stanley J. Pokladowski, of Sun City West, AZ, nephew Marcel Worch of Kaneohe, HI and niece Mary Elizabeth Worch of Carmichaels, PA. Frances is survived by her children, John Peter Popek, son Anthony James (Molly) Popek, M.D., of Houston, Texas and daughter, Maryann Frances Popek Kerr of Cypress, TX and grandchildren, Mary Hannah Popek, Rebecka Beata Popek both of Houston, TX and Anthony Robert Kerr, of Cypress, Texas. She is also survived by her nephew, Gregory (Noreen) Pokladowski, of California, great niece, Allison Pokladowski (Robert) Graziano, of California, nieces Michele (Russell) Clark, and Celeste (Richard) Kalist, of Carmichaels, PA. Surviving her also are sister-in-law, Cecylia Popek (Joseph) Tatkowski, of Niles, IL, great nieces: Marge Tatkowski Melfi and husband Jack, of Niles, Jeannette Tatkowski Hammond and her daughter Caitlyn Ashley Hammond, of Hanover Park, IL, Amy Tatkowski Noto and husband Thomas and their children, Samantha and Justin Noto of Mount Prospect, IL as well as numerous other dearly loved cousins, great nieces and nephews throughout the United States and Poland. Frances was a cherished and beloved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend to many, who delighted in her contagious laughter, her hilarious expressions (among favorites: "He's what Paddy shot at ... and missed!" "She's the answer to "What's the use?") her wonderful stories of life in rural Pennsylvania, Niles and Chicago Illinois, Sun City West, Arizona, Houston, Texas, and her many travels with her family. She loved her family and they loved and treasured her and shall miss her smiling eyes and tender heart. The family is grateful beyond expression to Dr. Laurel Tucker Wright, Sue Potter McLeod and the entire staff of Com-For-Care for their many years of devotion and constant loving care for Frances. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles on Saturday from 9:00 am until time of service 11:15 am to St. John Brebeuf Church for 12:00 Noon Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The Autism Society of America (ASA) 4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350 Bethesda, MD 20814, (800) 328-8476 Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com)



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## Rose, Edward L.

Edward L. Rose, age 88; beloved husband and best friend for 43 wonderful years to Paula Rose nee Kanthal; devoted father of Robert (Stacy) Rose, and the late Dana Litsinger, and step-father to Ted Katz and the late Jody Ann Yasseen; devoted grandfather to Elise, Brandon, Kayla, Rachel, Ivy, Erinn (David), Lisa and Jamie (Chas), and great-grandfather to Maya. Chapel service Friday, January 19 at 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment to follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri State International, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. For information and condolences: (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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## Rubenstein, Thelma

Thelma Rubenstein, nee Sol, 93, beloved wife of the late Dr. Irwin; devoted daughter of the late Morris and Bertha, nee Weiss; dear sister of the late Esther (the late Herbert) Ravin; fond aunt of Allan and the late Phyllis Ravin. Thelma was a life-long and devoted Cubs fan. Graveside service Friday 10:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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## Ruddy, Peter A.

Peter A. Ruddy, 22, of Arlington Hts. died suddenly, of heart disease, on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in Arlington Hts.; loving son to Susan McNally and Peter P. Ruddy; loved brother of John and Clare; cherished grandson of Nancy McNally and the late Joseph McNally and the late Peter and Winifred "Una" Ruddy; dear nephew to Martin (Maribeth) McNally, John (Sharon) McNally, Tim (Colleen) McNally, Daniel (Paulette) McNally, and the late Ann McNally, Mary (Terry) Unwin, Bernadette (Anthony) Sullivan, Michael (Nicky) Flynn, and Anne Ruddy; dear cousin to many. Peter was a college student at Illinois State University in Normal, a 2016 graduate of Harper College in Palatine and 2014 Graduate of Hersey High School in Arlington Hts. Visitation Sunday from 2 pm until 8 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Prayers 9:15 am Monday at the funeral home proceeding to St. James Catholic Church, 831 North Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004 for a 10 am Funeral Mass. Interment will be at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. James Parish, 820 N. Arlington. Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Funeral information and condolences can be given at [www.Glueckertfh.com](http://www.Glueckertfh.com) or (847) 253-0168.



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## Ryan, Michael Patrick

Michael Patrick Ryan, age 58, Beloved husband of Peggy (nee Walsh); Devoted father of Megan and Katie; Loving son of the late William and Patricia Ryan; Dear brother of Bill, the late Susan Walker, Kathy (Harry McDowell) Croft and the late Patti (Kevin) Gillen; Dear son in law of Margaret and the late Charles Walsh; Brother in law of Tina (Patrick) Connor; Dear uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews, cousin and friend to many. Funeral Saturday 8:30 a.m., family and friends are asked to gather at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/ Roselle Rd.) to St. Isidore Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or [www.saleronfuneralhomes.com](http://www.saleronfuneralhomes.com). Donations to the American Cancer Society or the Anthony Rizzo Foundation are appreciated.



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## Sawchyn, Robert

Robert John Sawchyn, M.D., U.S. Navy Veteran, age 73, of Chicago, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2018. Beloved husband of Laura Barnett for 20 years; Loving step-father of Danielle (Anne Bezancon) Barnett; Dear son of the late John and the late Ann Sawchyn; Fond nephew of the late John and the late Olga Pashko. Orthopedic surgeon, retired from staff at Holy Cross and Mercy Hospital in Chicago. Devoted member of the Sons of Bacchus. Family and friends to meet 11:15 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church, 5000 N. Cumberland, Ave., Chicago for Memorial Mass. Inurnment St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University of Chicago and the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Arrangements entrusted to **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**. For more info, please call (773) 545-3800.



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## Schultz, Elaine G.

Elaine G. Schultz nee Gorvitz, 91, beloved wife of the late Seymour; loving mother of Ellen (Donald) Kuhns and Barry (Nancy) Schultz; devoted grandmother of Shawn (Jessica), Derek (Jessica), Kyle and Ryan (Jennifer) Kuhns; great-grandmother of Blake, Keaton, Tristan and Ashton; dear sister of the late Irene Gorvitz; fond aunt of Steve and Richard; also survived by her loving extended family. Visitation Thursday, January 18, 4-8 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Graveside service Friday, January 19, 1:30 PM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. Contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, [www.mskcc.org](http://www.mskcc.org) or Jewish United Fund, [www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org). Info: 847-256-5700.



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## Sexton, Robert

Robert Sexton funeral service Friday 9:30 a.m., January 19th, at All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum 700 N. River Rd. Des Plaines. Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321



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## Shevin, Cary J.

Cary J. Shevin, 81. Beloved husband of Harriette nee Ellman. Loving father of Bonni (Jeff) Sandy and the late Phillip Shevin. Proud grandfather of Evan, Brandon and Zachary. Dear brother of Neal Shevin and Pam Levy. Cherished uncle and friend of many. Cary was the Chairman of the Board of DARD Products Inc. and he was an icon for the promotional product industry. Service Friday 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Shalom. Memorials to ORT America, Phillip Shevin Memorial Fund, 3701 Commercial Drive, Suite 13, Northbrook, IL 60062, [www.ortchicago.org](http://www.ortchicago.org), Multiple Sclerosis Society, 525 West Monroe, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60661, [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) and Any No Kill Animal Shelter would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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## Spindler, Dr. Wolfgang Kajetan

91, passed away January 14, 2018, at home surrounded by family. Dr. Wolfgang was born June 19, 1926, in Graz, Austria to Dr. Cajetan and Maria (Keil) Spindler. He was a devoted husband to Dorothy (Giambelluca), loving father to Maria (Douglas) Dobben, and grandfather to Michael and Andrea. Beloved brother of Inge (Hanas) Priebsch, cherished uncle to Hans Herwig (Brigitte) Priebsch and Thomas (Margit) Priebsch, and loving cousin to many. He practiced general surgery for 30 years in the Chicago area. Visitation Friday from 3:00-9:00pm at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday at 10am at Mary Seat of Wisdom in Park Ridge. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. 847-685-1002 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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## Swearingen, Charmaine

Charmaine Swearingen, 64, was called to heaven on January 10 after a brave fight with a severe infection. Surviving are her husband, Phillip Swearingen, and daughters, Corinne and Caitlyn Swearingen. Also survived by her sister, Deborah Sullivan. Visitation on Friday January 19 from 3-8pm at **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home** 18230 Dixie Highway in Homewood. Mass Saturday at 10am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment private. A memorial fund will be made in her honor. For additional information, contact [www.tews-ryanfh.com](http://www.tews-ryanfh.com) or call (708) 798-5300.



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## Widule, William W.

William W. Widule 89, Vet. Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of the late Joanne M. Widule (nee Fergus). Loving father of Susan Widule and Elizabeth (Daniel) Hills. Fond grandfather of Antonio, Guillermo and Joanna Ruiz, Amanda and Samantha Hills. Lifelong resident of Beverly. Bill was an avid bicyclist, rock climber, and tennis player, a connoisseur of theoretical physics and mathematical oddments, and all-around eccentric. He will be much missed. Visitation Friday, January 19, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. until time of Service 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Int. Private. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com)



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## Wykret, Sophie M 'Zosia'

Born in Brzeszcze, Poland on 3/24/1933. Daughter of Walenty & Albina Tomaszczyk, wife of Stanley Wykret, son John B. Wykret who is fiancé of Katarzyna Skrzypasek, grandchildren Kristen & John S. Wykret & Tracey Uvodich who is wife of Scott Uvodich, Great-Granddaughter Violet W. Uvodich. Funeral Mass on 1/27/2018 @ 11 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Chapel, Port Richey, FL. Meadowlawn Funeral Home, New Port Richey, FL.  
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## Zurawski, George A.

George A. Zurawski, 75, of Roscoe formerly of Schiller Park passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Retired Schiller Park Police Sergeant. A veteran of the US Army. Survivors include wife of 51 years, Mary Ann; daughters, Wendy (Raffi) Shahrikian, Roxanne (Paul) Klingemeyer; his pride and joy grandsons, Jordan Shahrikian, and Ryder Klingemeyer. Predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Sophie. Funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2018 in Honquest Family Funeral Home with Crematory - Roscoe Chapel, 11342 Main Street, Roscoe. Burial in Roscoe Township Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, January 19, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and again from 11:00 a.m. until service time in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to your favorite charity in George's name. To share a memory or condolence please visit [www.honquestfh.com](http://www.honquestfh.com)

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Baby Girl Mauk-O'Connor**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Annette Mauk-O'Connor**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01047**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Annette Mauk-O'Connor (Mother) Any And All Unknown Mothers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 24, 2014**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/31/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**December 18, 2017**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Beauty Smith Asar Smith Shakti Smith Imani Mitchell Jihad Mitchell Sadiqua Smith**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Savanah Mitchell (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01294 17JA01290 17JA01292 17JA01295 17JA01293 17JA01291**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Savanah Mitchell (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 8, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/01/2018**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**January 18, 2018**

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Darion D Porter**

A MINOR **NO. 2017JD01012**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is given you, **Everett Davis (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 28, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/31/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **64 COURTROOM 1**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT**  
**December 15, 2017**

**ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: M. Griffin, J. Murphy ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 SOUTH HAMILTON CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182**

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS**

**MEETING OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' AND OFFICERS' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY**  
2017 Board Meeting Schedule

RESOLVED, The Retirement Board of the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County and the Forest Preserve District Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County does hereby direct that the Retirement Board shall meet at 9:30 a.m. on Suite 1000, 33 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the following dates:

January 4, 2018	Thursday
March 8, 2018	Thursday
April 5, 2018	Thursday
May 3, 2018	Thursday
June 7, 2018	Thursday
July 12, 2018	Thursday
August 2, 2018	Thursday
September 4, 2018	Thursday
October 18, 2018	Thursday
November 1, 2018	Thursday
December 6, 2018	Thursday

Note: Above meeting dates are proposed and subject to change.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Jasmine Davies AKA Jasmine Davis**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Precious Verner (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00690**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Precious Verner (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 14, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/18/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **17 COURTROOM K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**January 18, 2018**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Jennifer Bustos AKA Jennifer Yaridza Bustos Jimenez**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Magali Jimenez (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00776**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Galindo Villada (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/01/2018**, at **1:00 PM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**IN THE INTEREST OF Maylyssa Whitehead**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lezli Orozco (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **15JA00742**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Justin Whitten (Father), AKA Justin Unknown, AKA Whitten, AKA Justin White, Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 11, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/25/2018**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR **1 COURTROOM A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**January 18, 2018**

**CITY OF EVANSTON NOTICE TO PROPOSER**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Office in Room 4200, Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, until 2:00 P.M. local time on February 27, 2018. Proposals shall cover the following:

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The above item shall conform to the RFP on file in the Purchasing Office. The document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available in the Purchasing Office on January 18, 2018. Parties interested in submitting a bid should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the bid or see the City's website at: www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or Demandstar at: www.demandstar.com.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Kizzie Edwards (Mother)**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Kizzie Edwards (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00925**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **James Thompson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 11, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/01/2018**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**January**



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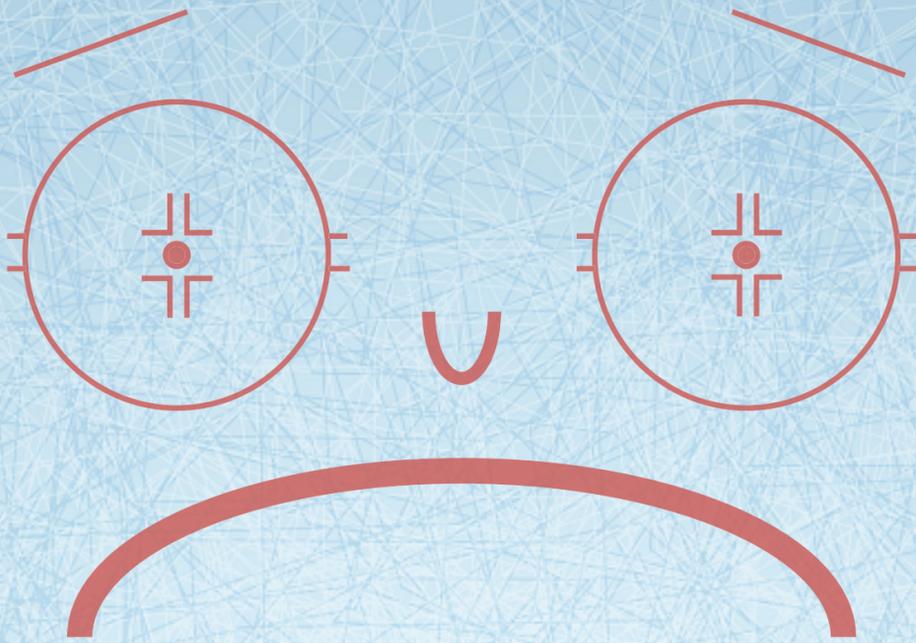
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# Face facts: Hawks a mess

With bad news in goal, underperforming veterans have to step up right now



STEVE ROSENBLUM

If Corey Crawford's "upper-body" injury keeps him out the rest of the season, which was a possibility indicated by Sportsnet's Elliotte Friedman, then the Hawks will have a "lower-standings" issue.

No, wait. They already do. They're already three points out of the playoffs, and while they continue their five-day break that ends this weekend they will continue to lose ground.

Just guessing that "One Goal" was not

#### MORE BLACKHAWKS

A look at three goaltenders the Hawks might pursue in a trade. **Back Page**

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about finishing last in the division and missing the playoffs, but hey, that's one way to avoid the Predators sweeping you, eh?

When Crawford was placed on the injured list Dec. 27, the Hawks were two points behind the Wild for the second wild-card spot but held two games in hand.

Without Crawford, the Hawks have gone 5-4-1 and Wednesday morning found themselves three points behind the eighth-seeded Kings, who also had a game in hand.

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## Future Sox stars already having blast

Power potential of Jimenez, Robert elicits lots of smiles



DAVID HAUGH  
*In the Wake of the News*

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Chicago's next baseball superstar thought it was funny the other day when he passed White Sox manager Rick Renteria in the hallway at Camelback Ranch.

"He saw me with my face down and said, 'What happened to you today, why aren't you

smiling,'" Eloy Jimenez said after the second day of Sox hitters camp. "It was nothing. I usually will have a smile. I'm a happy guy, what can I say? I try to be happy all the time because good things happen when you're happy."

Baseball bliss looms as early as 2019 for the Sox thanks, in large part, to dangerous young hitters gathered here such as Luis Robert, Jake Burger, Zack Collins and Jimenez, the 6-foot-4-inch Dominican with a personality as lively as his bat. Jimenez derives much of his confidence from daily conversations with this father, Luis, a former professional basketball player in the Dominican Republic who urged his son to focus on baseball at age 9. Good decision, Dad.

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### BEARS

## 'O' stands for overhaul

Before offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich is introduced Thursday, Dan Wiederer details the challenge facing him. **Page 2**

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### WARRIORS 119, BULLS 112

## Warriors' run leads to nasty fall for Bulls

Dunn's tumble symbolizes struggle against champions

By **K.C. JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

From the opening possession Wednesday night, when Robin Lopez dunked on Jordan Bell, the Bulls looked as if they meant business at the United Center.

Lauri Markkanen blocked Steph Curry's jumper. Nikola Mirotic contested Kevin Durant in transition to force a miss and then buried a 3-pointer at the other end.

The "appropriate fear game" term Warriors coach Steve Kerr raised at shootaround and first heard from his coach in San Antonio, Gregg Popovich, seemed to be playing out to form.

After all, the Warriors were without Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala, lost Bell to a sprained left ankle as he descended from trying to block that Lopez dunk and had won three straight emotional games against the Bucks, Raptors and Cavaliers on this five-game trip.

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DAN WIEDERER

## Starting points for Helfrich

Mark Helfrich is expected to meet with reporters Thursday at Halas Hall for the first time since becoming the Bears' new offensive coordinator.

Hired last week, Helfrich is the most notable addition to new coach Matt Nagy's staff and will help oversee an offense that finished 30th in the league in total yards (2874 per game) in 2017 while averaging 4.9 yards per play (23rd overall). Helfrich has a lot of catching up to do as he assimilates into his new job. Here are a handful of things he should know.

**Coordinator revolving door:** Since the turn of the century, the Bears have had nine offensive coordinators over 18 seasons, a revolving door that helps illuminate the problems of a sputtering offense. Dowell Loggains handled the play calling the last two seasons. But consistency was never a hallmark of the Bears offense. Loggains oversaw five starting quarterbacks — Jay Cutler, Brian Hoyer, Matt Barkley, Mike Glennon and Mitch Trubisky. But as a team, the Bears topped 21 points in regulation just five times in 32 games. Two of those came with Barkley as the quarterback. (It should be noted that the list doesn't include overtime victories this season against the Steelers and Ravens.)

In the last 20 years, the Bears have finished in the bottom 10 in total yards 13 times and in the top 10 just twice. Yikes.

In the post-Ditka era, the only offensive coordinator to have four seasons in that role was Ron Turner, who had two lengthy stints in that job — 1993-96 under Dave Wannstedt and 2005-09 under Lovie Smith.

**Trubisky is the future:** It will be interesting to hear Helfrich's early impressions of Trubisky, whose development is the hub of the Bears' rebuilding efforts. Trubisky made a dozen starts as a rookie and showed marked progress from Week 5 through Week 17.

Here's a statistical look at Trubisky's climb:

■ **First four starts:** 475 completion percentage, 512 yards, two touchdowns, one interception, 11 sacks, 71.5 rating

■ **Middle four starts:** 602 completion percentage, 725 yards, three touchdowns, two interceptions, 10 sacks, 80.4 rating

■ **Last four starts:** 657 completion percentage, 956 yards, two touchdowns, three interceptions, 10 sacks, 81.6 rating

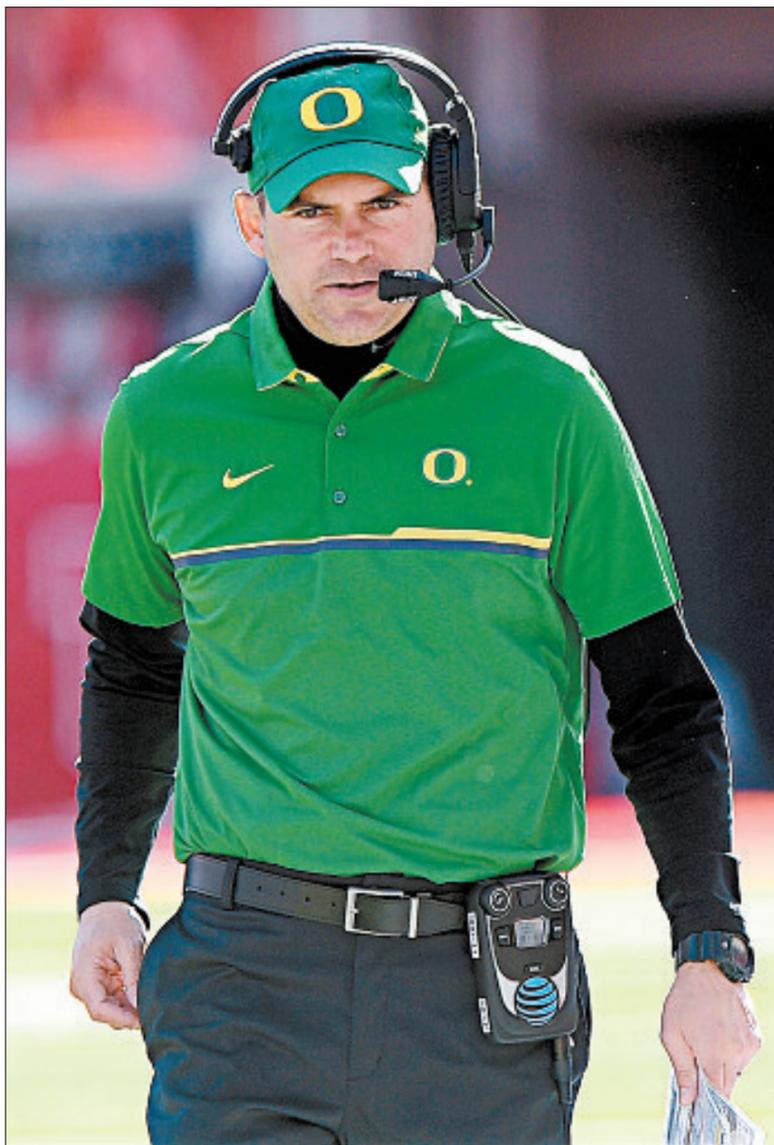
More than the numbers, however, Trubisky showed greater command as the season moved along. He owned his leadership role.

As much as his natural ability, Trubisky's eagerness to learn and drive to improve are among his greatest strengths. Finding a connection with Helfrich and Nagy will be key. The coaches must show their belief in the young quarterback and lock into a rhythm with teaching and communication methods that benefit them all.

**Receivers needed — big time:** Of the eight Bears receivers who played in a game this season, Kendall Wright was the leader in catches (59) and yards (614). Among NFL receivers, Wright ranked 30th and 48th in those categories, respectively.

The Bears already are planning an overhaul at the position. But Helfrich also will want to make a realistic judgment of how he and Nagy potentially can use Kevin White and Cameron Meredith.

Since joining the Bears as the No. 7 pick in 2015, White has been in the hospital more than he has been in the end zone. White has yet to score a touchdown and has far more missed games (43) than career receptions (21), a staggering discrepancy.



GENE SWEENEY JR./GETTY

New Bears coordinator Mark Helfrich will be taking over a mixed-bag offense.

He missed his rookie season after needing surgery to repair a stress fracture in his left shin. White missed the final 12 games of 2016 after suffering a spiral fracture in his left fibia in Week 4. And last season, he suffered a season-ending fracture in his shoulder blade in the season opener.

Anything the Bears get from White in the final year of his rookie contract will be a bonus. But given the Bears' dearth of talent and depth at receiver, taking one last shot at rejuvenating White's career is a must.

As for Meredith, he vowed this month to be ready for training camp this summer, a realistic timetable after he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in August. Meredith emerged as a reliable threat in 2016 with a team-best 66 catches for 888 yards and four touchdowns. The Bears were expecting an even bigger breakout in 2017 before the knee injury. Now, Nagy and Helfrich must gauge what they can squeeze out of Meredith.

**Maximize Howard and Jordan:** Howard has amassed 528 carries and 2,435 rushing yards in two seasons. No Bears running back ever has been more productive through his first two seasons. Not Gale Sayers. Not Walter Payton. Not Neal Anderson or Matt Forte. It's imperative that the Bears maximize Howard's potential. It's also a must that they find

better ways to utilize Cohen, who was among the most pleasant surprises in 2017.

Of the 23 plays the Bears had of 25 yards or longer, Cohen was a part of five of them. That included the team's longest pass play of the season, a 70-yard Trubisky-to-Cohen connection in Week 7 against the Panthers. It also included Cohen's longest run, his electrifying 46-yard first-impression burst in the season opener against the Falcons.

It's also worth noting that Cohen's near-touchdown highlight reel will keep the running back motivated over the offseason. In overtime in Week 3, his apparent game-ending 73-yard touchdown run was shortened to a 36-yard gain after officials ruled he stepped out at the 37-yard line. What looked like a 35-yard touchdown run against the Bengals in December also was brought back, this time to the 21, after Cohen's left foot touched the sideline.

Cohen also had several other big plays — a 67-yard punt return against the 49ers; a 90-yard kickoff return against the Lions; and a 15-yard touchdown catch against the Bengals — negated by penalties.

Staying creative with Cohen should enliven the offense in 2018 and beyond. Helfrich and Nagy will have to continue making it a priority to get the 5-foot-6, 181-pound running back his touches.

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## THE LINEUP

## Seeking help for his aid



Colin Kaepernick hasn't appeared in an NFL game in more than a year, but his name, image and message remain prominent.

In a video posted Wednesday on Twitter, the former 49ers quarterback said he would donate \$10,000 per day for the next 10 days and was looking to "some of my friends" for suggestions. The first \$10,000, he said, would go to a group of Warriors star Kevin Durant's choosing called Silicon Valley De-Bug, which advocates criminal justice reform and police accountability.

Kaepernick said Durant would add another \$10,000 to the cause, while Warriors teammate Stephen Curry will pick his own group.

"It's a small gesture we all can do," Curry told the Bay Area News Group.

Kaepernick's next donations will be the final installments of the \$1 million pledge he made Sept. 1, 2016, a week after his national-anthem protest of racial inequality, especially involving police and minority communities, came to light.

He said at the time the donations, which have been mostly in \$25,000 installments, would go toward empowering disadvantaged groups.

Sacramento Bee

## THE QUOTE

**"We appreciated the turnovers you gave us over our season so in return we wanted you to get a TASTE of 7 turnovers."**

— Cinotti's Bakery in Jacksonville, in a social-media post announcing it sent Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger seven apple, blueberry and cherry turnovers. In two meetings with the Jaguars this season, Roethlisberger threw six interceptions and lost a fumble.

## Weis an early-rising son



Florida Atlantic's new offensive coordinator has a familiar name.

The Owls are expected to hire Charlie Weis Jr., son of the former Notre Dame coach, to replace

Kendal Briles, who took the same post at Houston.

Reached by phone Wednesday, Weis said: "I'm still in the process of getting all moved down. I'm excited."

At 24, Weis becomes the youngest offensive coordinator in college football. FAU coach Lane Kiffin initially hired him as tight ends coach shortly after taking the job in December 2016, but Weis left two months later to be an offensive assistant with the Falcons.

Weis previously worked with Kiffin for two seasons at Alabama as an analyst and worked under his father at Kansas, Florida and with the Patriots.

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## Sox's future seems as bright as Jimenez's smile

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"He just tells me every day to do what you do always and be who you are as a person," said Jimenez, 21.

Jimenez the person offers a firm handshake and makes eye contact, little signs that leave a big impression and suggest he understands leadership involves more than just hitting home runs. Luis and Adelaida Jimenez, a bioanalyst, clearly raised Eloy, an outfielder, and younger brother Cesar, a 17-year-old shortstop, to believe in themselves. For example, Jimenez felt comfortable enough to conduct our interview in English without the aid of an interpreter, which could help him connect quicker once the Sox promote him.

That could come as early as the middle of the 2018 season if Jimenez, who's likely to start at Double A, punishes pitchers like he did after the Cubs traded him last July for pitcher Jose Quintana. The domination continued in the Dominican Winter League where Jimenez posted a .368/.443/.676 slash line in 19 games.

"When God says I'm ready to go to the big leagues, I'll be ready," Jimenez said.

Whenever that happens, Jimenez's role seems obvious. In the Sox rebuilding project, he is a foreman.

"Sometimes I feel bad because there will be guys on any team who don't like you but I try to stay in my spot and think I can be a leader here one day," Jimenez said.

That natural inclination already led Jimenez to reach out to Robert, whom he

## Duensing returns to Cubs on 2-year, \$7M deal

The Cubs and free-agent reliever Brian Duensing agreed on Wednesday to a two-year deal, sources said.

Duensing, a veteran left-hander who was one of the more consistent pieces of the Cubs bullpen in 2017, will receive \$7 million through 2019. He went 1-1 with a 2.74 earned-run average in 68 appearances last season and has a career 4.01 ERA.

Duensing, 34, and Mike Montgomery give the Cubs two strong late-inning left-handed options. Justin Wilson could

be a third if he rebounds from his poor second half after being acquired from the Tigers at the trade deadline.

The Cubs have beefed up their bullpen this offseason, signing Brandon Morrow, Steve Cishek and Duensing to go along with Wilson, Montgomery, Pedro Strop, Carl Edwards Jr. and Justin Grimm. Closer Wade Davis signed with the Rockies, and Hector Rondon went to the Astros.

— Paul Sullivan

met three weeks ago. The two hit it off and hit on different fields Wednesday, each demonstrating what has the Sox so stoked. Minutes after Jimenez drilled a line-drive home run that didn't rise more than 20 feet in the air, Robert ripped a laser over the center-field fence. In a winter when baseball's hot stove has gone on the fritz, Jimenez and Robert showing flashes of the future should warm a Sox fan's heart. It was reminiscent of being in Mesa, Ariz., several years ago and watching Cubs sluggers Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo take batting practice on the back fields.

One day, as Jimenez assured Robert, they could draw similar attention for hitting home runs off live pitching in full stadiums.

"I just told him, 'Hey, you know when you do get up, do what you know how to do

and don't be scared and just play center field like you do,'" Jimenez said. "It's exciting."

For his part, Robert keeps his excitement more to himself but faces more of an adjustment than your average prospect. A Cuban defector in 2016, Robert fled to Dominican Republic before signing with the White Sox last May for a \$26 million bonus. His parents and two sisters just joined Robert in the Dominican, which felt better to the 20-year-old than ending a prolonged slump.

"Seven months without them for the first time was a challenge," Robert said through Sox interpreter Billy Russo.

More challenges will complicate Robert's assimilation to baseball in America, which figures to start at Class A Kannapolis. How Robert handles himself on the field is the least of the Sox's concerns.

"It's important for him to come here and get a sense of comfort," Renteria said. "He's outside his element."

Robert believes his biggest problems so far have been minor; feeling too chilly during Arizona mornings and finding too many vegetables on his plate.

"I don't like anything green," Robert said.

He does enjoy posting on Instagram, which he couldn't do in Cuba, and experiencing financial independence — but says he only splurged for a Chevy Tahoe.

Sox second baseman Yoan Moncada, Robert's teammate on Cuba's U-18 team in 2013, has helped ease his transition in Arizona by driving Robert to the Sox complex and accompanying his countryman to dinner at a nearby Cuban restaurant. Robert referenced that connection to Moncada — and the Sox's tradition with Cuban players — as the biggest reason he chose the Sox.

"It's important for me just having him here," Robert said of Moncada. "But I'm so glad he tells me what I have to do."

What the Sox have to do is wait until Robert and Jimenez develop into the players so many expect them to be. And, then, look out.

"We have that dream of playing together," Robert said. "We have talked about that and how much we can accomplish for the White Sox. We believe in our future."

No wonder Jimenez can't stop smiling.

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## NFL PLAYOFFS

## Emerging Diggs is on right route

Vikings WR overcame slow start to his NFL career to become force

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The path for Stefon Diggs to last-play touchdown fame and sudden Minnesota savior didn't start with such brilliance.

Diggs has arrived at this stage of his life and career, a Vikings standout on the verge of a Super Bowl, only with an unrelenting diligence and a dose of humility.

For all the natural talent of a consensus five-star recruit coming out of high school, he sure has had to work hard to get here.

"He's my guy," fellow wide receiver Adam Thielen said. "He's pushed me harder than anybody has pushed me in my life."

Remember those first three regular-season games in the NFL? Not really. Diggs was a healthy scratch on the sideline.

That's a long way from the 61-yard catch-turn-run sequence Diggs produced as time expired Sunday that sent the Vikings to the NFC championship game with a 29-24 victory over the Saints.

"He continually has gotten better over the past three years," tight end Kyle Rudolph said. "It's awesome to see guys like that who work so hard have an opportunity in such a big moment and for them to make the most of it."

Treating each practice as if it's a game is a common response from teammates asked about Diggs and his work ethic. Thielen and Diggs are widely considered to be two of the sharpest and savviest route runners in the league.

"He wants to win. Whether he's getting the ball or not, blocking or not, whatever he's doing, he wants to win," cornerback Mackensie Alexander said. "The thing I love about Diggs is he doesn't let the game be bigger than him. He just kind of goes in the game, and it's just another game. That allows you to play well."

Setbacks became a recurring theme for Diggs, who chose to stay in his home state and play for Maryland so his family could watch him more often despite offers from powerhouse programs such as Auburn, Florida and USC.

With the Terrapins, though, he caught passes from four quarterbacks over three seasons, with more than one starter used each year.

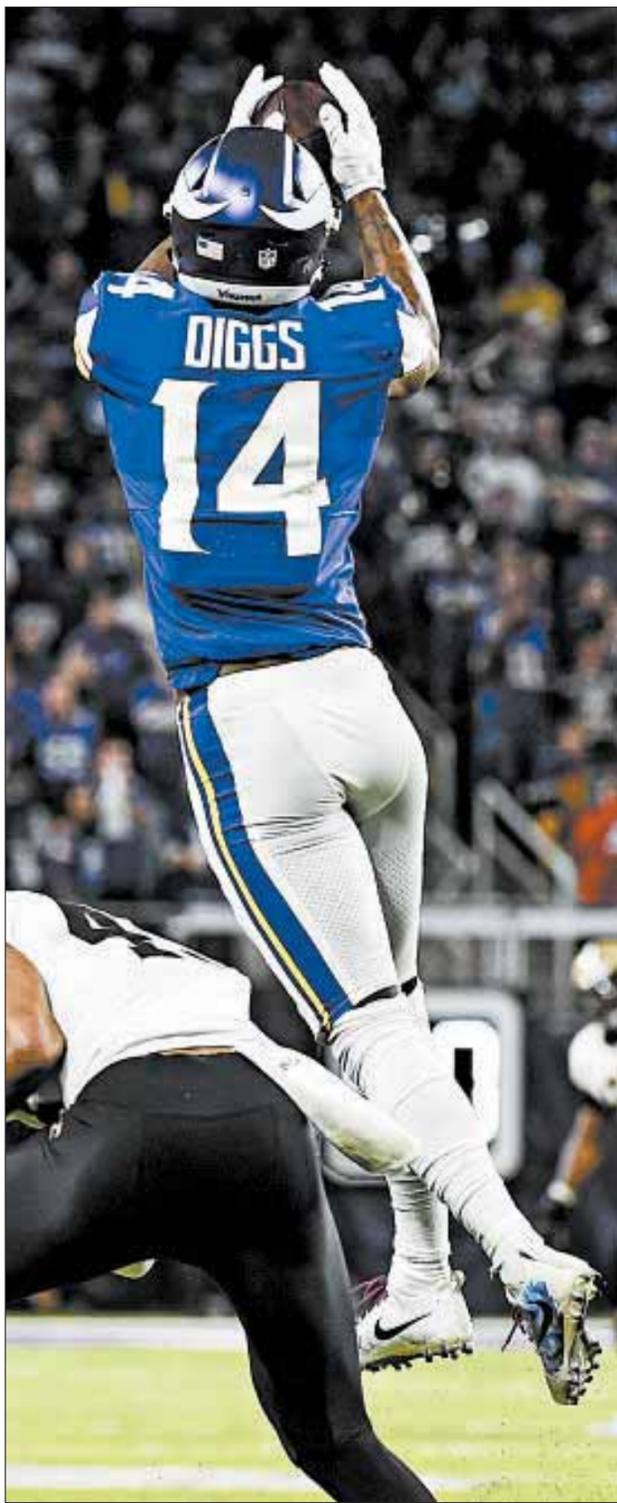
Injuries each season kept him from playing a full schedule, including a broken leg as a sophomore and a lacerated kidney as a junior.

When he declared for the draft a year early, NFL teams had questions about his attitude and compliance.

After Diggs high-stepped and somersaulted into the end zone in one game in 2013, coach Randy Edsall pulled him aside for a mild admonishment to remind him about the importance of reputation.

With substandard 6-foot height also a factor, Diggs fell to the fifth round for the Vikings to find one of the steals of the 2015 draft. After sitting those first three games, he made an immediate impact in his debut in Denver with six receptions for 87 yards. Four games into his career, he had 419 yards and two touchdowns.

"When I was going into the combine and stuff like that, I had 100 percent confidence in myself,"



CRAIG LASSIG/SHUTTERSTOCK

"Whether he's getting the ball or not ... whatever he's doing, he wants to win," Mackensie Alexander said of Vikings teammate Stefon Diggs.

Diggs said Wednesday as the Vikings reconvened for practice in preparation for Sunday's game in Philadelphia.

"I had a lot of support along the way. I had some great coaches and teammates that pushed me in the right direction. I'll never take all the credit."

His production waned down the stretch of his rookie season, with quarterback Teddy Bridgewater still developing on the job.

In Sam Bradford's first game for the Vikings in 2016 against the rival Packers, Diggs hauled in 13 catches for 182 yards and a score in front of a prime-time Sunday night audience.

But a groin injury cost him one game and some momentum. Then he hurt his knee and missed another game.

His first two home games in 2017 were showstoppers, with two touchdowns apiece, but that groin injury popped up again in Chicago and kept him out the next two weeks. Thielen, meanwhile,

surpassed him as Case Keenum's favorite target.

There was Diggs in the huddle Sunday, though, with 10 seconds left, listening to Keenum tell the receivers he was going to give somebody a shot.

"It meant so much to me to see my quarterback believe in me the last play of the game," said Diggs, who began crying hard enough to cut short and turn from one of his on-field TV interviews after the winning touchdown.

His younger brother, Trevon Diggs, happened to be in the stadium that evening for his first live NFL game. He's a cornerback and punt returner for Alabama, which just won the national championship. Their father, Aron Diggs, died 10 years ago of heart failure.

"He started me in football," Diggs said. "He played a huge part in what's going on now. That's the biggest thing. Try to thank him prior to the game, him and God, and try and keep that thing going."

## BEARS



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"We have to make sure as a staff ... that we just really keep it simple," Bears coach Matt Nagy said of creating a new offensive system.

## Nagy starting off with baby steps

Bears coach focuses on simplicity while developing offense

By RICH CAMPBELL  
Chicago Tribune

New Bears coach Matt Nagy has just started assembling pieces of the Bears' offensive puzzle. With coordinator Mark Helfrich and most of the offensive position coaches in place, the long process of developing and detailing the scheme has advanced to roster evaluations and brainstorming.

Nagy indicated as much Wednesday in an interview on Bears All-Access on WSCR-AM (670), his first public comments since his introduction Jan. 9.

"We brought a lot of good guys in here who are going to have a lot of good ideas," Nagy said. "We just need to hone it all together and just get grinding."

Nagy characterized a scheme rooted in the West Coast offense, but he also will tap into Helfrich's expertise from the college level.

Asked what about Helfrich appealed to him, Nagy made reference to how Helfrich, the former Oregon head coach, has spent 21 years coaching in college before this jump to the NFL.

"It's a little bit different than in this league," Nagy said. "But I was really intrigued by the stuff (at Oregon). I was intrigued talking to Mark, just some of our philosophies and him, obviously, knowing what we do offensively and being able to kind of get to a point where we can mesh some things together and see how it works."

That's a multi-step process. Nagy highlighted a current challenge: Teaching the new coaching staff the scheme so they can, in turn, teach it to players when the team reconvenes in April.

Nagy came from a Chiefs offense that coaches ran there

for the last five seasons with veteran quarterback Alex Smith.

"We said that was 505; we're going to be back to 101," Nagy said. "And that's OK. The beauty of that is you're able to really hone in. Even as a coach, sometimes you forget the little intricacies of the offense, the details of the routes, the timing of the footwork and the timing of the offensive tackles with the different sets that they have. It's an exciting part for us."

Among the steps Nagy and his new staff must cover: How to call personnel groupings, and how different coverages affect a route on a single play.

"We have to make sure as a staff, and I have to make sure as the staff learns, that we just really keep it simple," he said. "We get good at the fundamentals. And then as we perfect that part of the game, now we can add on."

Nagy indicated he understands the magnitude of the challenge. He mentioned more than once that it will take time for quarterback Mitch Trubisky and the Bears to progress to where they hope to be.

For now, simplicity is the rule. "These guys, they don't know how to run '22 Z In' — a staple play in the West Coast offense," Nagy said. "We're going to detail and detail and detail how to run that play versus every coverage — versus press, versus free access; the timing, the steps, the three-hitch throw, anticipatory throw to the back of the helmet. And that's just one play."

"So this is going to take time. We have to understand that and be patient as a staff. But as long as we do that and we have a method to the madness of teaching it — but yet still being able to keep some creativity and what I like to call 'fun plays' in there — we'll be OK."

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## Bevell could be target for QB coach position

By BRAD BIGGS  
Chicago Tribune

Former Seahawks offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell could wind up in the mix as the Bears quarterback coach, sources say.

Bevell has not worked with new coach Matt Nagy previously, but Nagy had a close relationship with Brad Childress with the Chiefs and Bevell served as Childress' offensive coordinator on the Vikings from 2006-2010.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll has shaken up his staff, replacing offensive and defensive coordinators after Seattle slipped to 9-7 this season and missed the playoffs. In a seven-year run as the Seahawks coordinator, Bevell oversaw the development of quarterback Russell Wilson into an elite performer. Bevell was a finalist for the Bears' head coaching job that went to Marc Trestman in 2013.

Bevell could be in play for a coordinator role or quarterbacks coach job elsewhere with a handful of spots still open around the league. The Cardinals, Colts, Giants, Lions and Titans have yet to hire head coaches.



TED S. WARREN/AP

Darrell Bevell tutored Russell Wilson during his tenure as Seahawks offensive coordinator.

**Shane Toub coming aboard:** Sources tell the Tribune that Shane Toub, the son of Chiefs special teams coordinator Dave Toub, will join the team as an offensive quality control coach.

Shane Toub worked as a graduate assistant for Lovie Smith at Illinois in 2017 after finishing playing center at Dayton, where he was a starter on the 2016 team that finished 9-2.

Shane Toub was an all-conference selection at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein while his father was the Bears special teams coordinator.

## NFL NOTES

## Hand injury limits Brady in practice

Tribune news services

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady did not attend a scheduled AFC championship news conference Wednesday because he was meeting with the team's medical staff for a right hand injury.

According to the Patriots' first injury report of the week, Brady was a limited participant in the practice held earlier in the day. The 40-year-old has never missed a playoff start during his 18-year career.

Brady appeared on the Patriots' weekly injury report several times during the latter half of the regular season with Achilles tendon and left shoulder injuries.

It was the Patriots' first practice in preparation for Sunday's conference title game against the Jaguars. Defensive lineman Alan Branch and running backs Mike Gillislee and Rex Burkhead also

were limited by knee injuries.

**Steelers let Haley go:** The Steelers chose not to renew offensive coordinator Todd Haley's contract after the AFC North champions were ushered out of the playoffs in a 45-42 divisional-round loss to the Jaguars.

Haley spent six seasons in Pittsburgh, helping turn the Steelers offense into one of the most dangerous in the NFL.

**Jets in need of OC again:** The Jets fired offensive coordinator John Morton after just one season, meaning the team will be looking for its sixth offensive coordinator in eight years.

Morton replaced the retired Chan Gailey last year after two seasons as the Saints receivers coach. Quarterbacks coach Jeremy Bates, the Seahawks offensive coordinator in 2010, is a candidate

to be promoted by Jets coach Todd Bowles.

**Career forum for women:** The NFL will host a forum on women's careers in football next week in Orlando, Fla., before the Pro Bowl.

The forum will feature panel discussions and networking sessions aimed at educating and preparing women for careers in football operations, including coaching, officiating, scouting and front-office positions.

**Super crew:** Referee Gene Steratore will lead the seven-person officiating crew working the Super Bowl. The crew, which has 127 years of NFL experience, also includes Roy Ellison (umpire), Jerry Bergman (down judge), Byron Boston (line judge), Tom Hill (field judge), Scott Edwards (side judge) and Perry Paganelli (back judge).

## WARRIORS 119, BULLS 112

## Hoiberg has fan in Kerr

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Steve Kerr knows the drill. If he had accepted Phil Jackson's offer to coach the Knicks in 2014, the Warriors might have hired Fred Hoiberg, then one of the hottest coaching candidates.

"It's funny because we're all judged based on wins and losses," Kerr said. "Is Fred that much better of a coach now than he was a year ago? No, he has different personnel. I know this is going come as a surprise, but if I didn't have (Kevin) Durant, (Stephen) Curry and (Klay) Thompson, people wouldn't say, 'Man, you run a great offense.' They would say, 'Why can't you coach?' We're all beholden to our talent.

"I think in Fred's case, he had a team last year that was really difficult to create offense for because there was no spacing and very few shooters. I thought he did an amazing job getting them into position to even win a first-round playoff series. They had some talent, but it didn't feel like the puzzle fit together to me. This year, the puzzle fits beautifully. They're starting to build a roster that fits Fred's offense and his vision. You can see it's starting to click."

**"You can see it's starting to click."**

— Warriors coach Steve Kerr on the Bulls

This isn't to say Kerr isn't a great coach. He's the fastest to 200 victories. And he's trying to lead the Warriors to their fourth straight trip to the NBA Finals.

What it says is Kerr recognizes Hoiberg's talent. He wouldn't be borrowing some of Hoiberg's offensive sets if he didn't.

"Fred was coaching in college (at Iowa State) before this," Kerr said. "He knew what he was doing. He had to adapt. But he played in the league for a long time. My feeling is Fred's adaptation to the NBA didn't take long. But the time for the talent to be there and to fit what he was trying to do has taken a couple years. This is why it's important for an organization to remain stable and not jump to conclusions and fire people left and right."

Shortly after taking the Bulls' job, Hoiberg had lunch with Kerr, who was coming off the Warriors' first title.

"I feel fortunate to be able to

talk to him about different situations," Hoiberg said. "And I've done that through good times and bad."

Kerr called the Bulls a "completely different team" from the one the Warriors drubbed by 49 points in November. Indeed, the emergence of Lauri Markkanen, the return of Nikola Mirotic and the ascension of Kris Dunn have allowed Hoiberg to play more his style than his days of coaching Jimmy Butler and Dwyane Wade.

"I don't even recognize them," Kerr said. "The offense is unbelievably spaced. There's flow. There's an understanding of roles. They've really developed and blossomed and they're really hard to guard. It's really fun for me to see because I really like John Paxson and Gar (Forman). And I have strong feelings for the Bulls organization for obvious reasons.

"Fred is a guy I've admired for years. I've stolen plenty of stuff offensively from him. He's a great coach. Until you get players in this league, nobody is going to laud you for your coaching efforts. I'm just glad to see that the puzzle is starting to fit as far as Fred's vision and what the Bulls' vision is."

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## BULLS NOTES

## Kerr likes Bulls big man a lot

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

As a fellow Arizona product, Steve Kerr watched Lauri Markkanen "all the time" last year in Markkanen's lone season with the Wildcats.

The Warriors coach appreciates the talent, not just the school pride.

"We think he's going to be an All-Star," Kerr said.

Already the fastest rookie in NBA history to sink 100 3-pointers, Markkanen tied Mike Miller's rookie mark by sinking at least two 3-pointers in his 12th straight game.

"The one thing you knew was, at very minimum, he was going to be a great 3-point-shooting big man, which is important to have in the league these days," Kerr said. "The question was whether he could hold his own defensively and do more than just shoot. I think he has proved all of that.

"He has been good defensively, and he's not a one-trick pony on offense. He's not just standing around shooting; he can put it on the floor (and) post up. And he's so young that all of that stuff only will get better."

**Ring a Bell:** With Draymond Green out, rookie Jordan Bell started his 12th game and his second against the Bulls. However, he sprained his left ankle on the first possession Wednesday night and did not return.

In June, the Bulls sold the draft rights the Warriors used to acquire Bell for \$3.5 million. Bell had fun with the story in November, rubbing his fingers together in the universal sign of money during lineup introductions and saying he "was looking for cash considerations" on the Bulls bench.

Bell, who was egged on that night by Green, called Wednesday's matchup "just another game." And while selling a pick at the onset of a rebuild isn't the best optics, the Bulls had no designs to draft Bell, who would have been behind Markkanen, Nikola Mirotic and Bobby Portis on the depth chart.

"Jordan Bell is a heck of a player," said coach Fred Hoiberg, who added Bell "kicked our ass" in November. "He plays a very valuable role on his team and fits very well with his ability to roll to the basket and put pressure on the rim."

**Layups:** Kerr, tongue planted firmly in cheek, on the mythical matchup between the dynasty-era Bulls teams he played on and the Warriors he coaches: "I think I would probably shut down (Steph) Curry pretty well. With my speed and lightning quickness, I could stay in front of anybody." ... In a scheduling oddity, the Warriors are in Chicago for four nights, an eternity in the NBA. "It's one of my favorite places to be," Kerr said.



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Bulls forward Nikola Mirotic is unable to stop Warriors guard Stephen Curry from getting off a pass during Wednesday night's game.

## Warriors' run just a bit too much

Bulls, from Page 1

Then the Warriors happened. And quicker than a Curry wrist flick, the Bulls were buried under an avalanche of 3-pointers.

The Warriors tied the franchise record set in their 73-9 season two years ago with their 14th straight road victory, snapping the Bulls' three-game winning streak with a 119-112 clinic.

"As much as we're trying to build that rep as a fast-paced team, they're the best at it," Bulls guard Zach LaVine said. "You can't play that game with them."

The Bulls lost Kris Dunn with 2 minutes, 52 seconds left after he landed on his face while descending from a dunk.

His mouth visibly full of blood, Dunn stayed on the floor receiving medical attention for several minutes before walking off under his own power.

The Bulls said Dunn "chipped and dislocated" two front teeth — coach Fred Hoiberg said the guard took a chunk out of the floor upon landing — and is clear of concussion symptoms but will be re-evaluated Thursday.

"I came to the back with him and he's all good, coherent," LaVine said. "He's a really tough kid. Whenever he does something, I think he does it to the extreme. He did the (dislocated) finger, now the face.

"He left a little dent, which is crazy. He has some strong teeth. (He) must be drinking milk."

Surging rebuilding Bulls or not, there are still miles to go between these franchises.

"It's not exactly like we're winning because of some style or format," Kerr said. "We're winning because we have some of the best players in the world. ... The Bulls are on the right track."

They just got derailed.

LaVine, in what is expected to be his last game with a 20-minute

THE BOX SCORE									
WARRIORS	MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS		
Bell	0:24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Durant	35:17	6-15	7-7	0-8	7	1	19		
Pachulia	17:34	3-3	0-0	0-11	5	1	6		
Curry	34:55	10-18	4-4	0-9	4	2	30		
Thompson	37:10	12-22	7-9	0-4	2	0	38		
Looney	29:58	1-2	0-0	0-4	1	1	2		
Young	18:40	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	1	2		
Casspi	17:40	1-3	2-2	2-4	0	3	4		
McCaw	15:10	3-6	0-0	1-3	1	2	6		
Livingston	15:06	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	3	4		
West	14:38	2-5	2-3	1-1	3	1	6		
McGee	3:25	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	2		
TOTALS	42:84	22:25	5-49	24	16	119			

Pts: FG 500, FT 880. 3-pointers: 13-33, 394 (Thompson 7-13, Curry 6-11, McCaw 0-1, Young 0-3, Durant 0-5). Team rebs: 4. Team turnovers: 15 (27 PTS). Blocks: 3 (Thompson, West, Young). Turnovers: 15 (Curry 6, Livingston 3, Thompson 3, Looney, McCaw, West). Steals: 5 (Young 2, Casspi 1, Curry, Durant). Technical fouls: coach Warriors (Defensive three second), 606 first.

BULLS	MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS		
Holiday	32:52	2-12	2-2	2-6	0	1	8		
Markkanen	4:12	1-1	1-8	2	3	11			
Lopez	22:05	8-11	0-0	2-4	0	0	16		
Dunn	29:57	7-17	1-1	0-5	4	3	16		
LaVine	19:59	2-12	1-1	1-3	2	1	5		
Mirotic	27:26	9-13	2-2	1-6	3	24			
Nwaba	26:44	3-5	2-2	3-6	1	8			
Valentine	25:46	3-10	3-4	2-7	7	2	10		
Portis	17:26	6-10	0-0	2-4	4	3	12		
Grant	8:51	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	2		
TOTALS	45:16	12-13	14-49	24	19	112			

Pts: FG 425, FT 923. 3-pointers: 10-39, 256 (Mirotic 4-7, Markkanen 2-7, Holiday 2-8, Dunn 1-4, Valentine 1-4, Grant 0-1, Portis 0-3, LaVine 0-5). Team rebs: 5. Team turnovers: 11 (18 PTS). Blocks: 2 (Markkanen, Mirotic). Turnovers: 11 (Mirotic 3, Lopez 2, Dunn, Holiday, LaVine, Nwaba, Portis, Valentine). Steals: 10 (Dunn 3, Mirotic 3, Nwaba 2, LaVine, Portis). Technical fouls: None.

Golden State 38 25 32 24-119  
BULLS 40 26 12 34-112  
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limit, missed 10 of 12 shots and scored five points. Two came on his first dunk as a Bull, a break-away of the standard variety.

For the second time this season, Curry overwhelmed Dunn, this time to the tune of 30 points while Dunn battled early foul trouble and finished with 16. His personal-best streak of seven games with eight or more assists ended.

Klay Thompson scored a season-high 38 points and kick-started the carnage with three 3-pointers in the first 2:01 of the second half as the Warriors turned a three-point halftime deficit into a double-digit lead.

"This is the game where it's human nature to let your guard down," Kerr said at the morning shootaround.

It didn't happen. That's the sign of a true champion.

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## COLLEGES



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Ohio State's Kaleb Wesson beats Northwestern's Gavin Skelly and Dererk Pardon and comes down with the rebound Wednesday night.

OHIO STATE 71, NORTHWESTERN 65

## Buckeyes take Cats to school

NU players flunk on-court chemistry, fall to 2-5 in Big Ten

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

This matchup was a testament to the folly of preseason rankings and the fickle nature of team chemistry.

Northwestern opened the season with a familiar lineup and high hopes; Ohio State entered with a new coach and low expectations. The Wildcats opened at No. 18 in the KenPom.com rankings; the Buckeyes, 78th. Two months later, those rankings are basically flipped.

NU's 71-65 loss to Ohio State reflected a Wildcats team that is, literally and figuratively, miles from where it was last year. Even during "home" games.

Last year Dererk Pardon beat the buzzer after Nate Taphorn's full-court heave against Michigan, setting off a frenzy at Welsh-Ryan Arena. On Wednesday at Allstate Arena, Bryant McIntosh fed Pardon for a layup, but the first-half horn sounded as Pardon released the shot.

No good. Kind of like this team, which fell to 11-9 and 2-5 in the Big Ten.

Northwestern did stage an impressive comeback, cutting Ohio State's 15-point lead to 68-65 on a Scottie Lindsey 3-pointer. But Lindsey needlessly fouled C.J. Jackson, and the point guard hit both free throws. Vic Law came up short on a 3 with 14 seconds to play.

"I loved our fight," NU coach Chris Collins said. "I thought our effort was great."

Said Gavin Skelly: "I thought

we took a step in the right direction — without a doubt we played hard. But we need to be smarter down the stretch."

Law led Northwestern with 14 points; Pardon grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

On the other end was Chris Holtmann, who left Butler to take the Ohio State job and became the Big Ten's first rookie coach to start 6-0 in conference play since Iowa's Tom Davis in 1987. Now Holtmann's crew is 7-0, 16-4 overall and ranked 22nd in the AP poll.

A week ago in this same charmless arena, Northwestern played well enough against Minnesota to give some measure of hope. And then the Wildcats went to Indiana and shot like the baskets were 12 feet high.

The chemistry seems to be missing. And, at times, the same with Lindsey's jump shot. His frigid results against Oklahoma (1-for-12), Penn State (3-for-17) and Indiana (1-for-15) hampered NU, though he fared better against Ohio State, hitting 6 of 13.

But to point to one player would not be right; this fall from grace has been a collective effort.

So many moments made you shake your head Wednesday: Law not having enough spring to complete a twisting layup. A Gavin Skelly missed jumper that got wedged between the rim and backboard. McIntosh playing a scoreless first half.

Two months ago the Wildcats were embarking on the highest expectations in program history.

Now they're the 2006 White Sox, likely to miss the postseason after seeing the promised land.

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## ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

## Pair of QB departures leaves Illini short-armed

By SHANNON RYAN  
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George

Illinois is down to one scholarship quarterback after Jeff George Jr. on Wednesday announced his plans to transfer and Chayne Crouch said he has decided to end his career.

Cam Thomas, who played in four games with two starts as a freshman this fall, is the only quarterback enrolled on scholarship. The roster also lists walk-ons Cam Miller, Charlie Reinkemeyer and Connor Kelly.

Three-star recruit MJ Rivers of Frisco, Texas, signed his letter of intent last month to play at Illinois and is scheduled to enroll this summer. Peoria quarterback Coran Taylor committed to Illinois but did not sign during the early signing period.

Coach Lovie Smith also is seeking a new offensive coordinator after firing Garrick McGee last month.

Illinois had one of the least productive offenses in the country in 2017, ranking 126th of 129 teams in scoring and total offense, 120th in completion percentage and 106th in passing offense.

George, the son of former Illini great and NFL quarterback Jeff George, played in 11 games

over the last two seasons with nine starts. He completed only 48 percent of his passes for 1,743 yards with 11 touchdowns and 15 interceptions.

He will be eligible to play next fall as a graduate transfer after earning his degree. George enrolled at Illinois in January 2015 and redshirted that season.

"It would be in my best interest to pursue my athletic career with (two) years of eligibility left at a school that will best utilize the abilities I have to offer," George said in a social media post.

Crouch, a fourth-year junior this fall, played in 18 games over three seasons with five starts. He completed 49.7 percent of his passes for 852 yards with four touchdowns and six interceptions and rushed for 360 yards and four touchdowns.

He began the 2017 season as the starter but was dropped to third string behind George and Thomas after four games.

"I don't think there is anything left to give," Crouch said on social media. "I have decided to hang up the cleats and end my career as a Fighting Illini."

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# SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
			@ATL 4 WGN-9 AM-890		@NO NBCSCH AM-890		@PHI 6 WGN-9 AM-890
			NYI 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		TB 7:30 WGN-9 AM-720		TOR 7 NBCSN AM-720

### THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	6 p.m.	7ers at Celtics	TNT
8:30 p.m.	Timberwolves at Rockets	TNT	
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>			
6 p.m.	Murray State at Belmont	ESPNU	
6 p.m.	Jacksonville State at Morehead State	CBSSN	
7 p.m.	Cal State Bakersfield at UMKC	NBCSCH	
7:30 p.m.	Minnesota at Maryland	FS1	
8 p.m.	Michigan at Nebraska	BTN	
8 p.m.	St. Mary's at Gonzaga	ESPN	
8 p.m.	USC at Oregon	ESPN2	
8 p.m.	N.C.-Asheville at Winthrop	ESPNU	
8 p.m.	UAB at Western Kentucky	CBSSN	
10 p.m.	Loyola Marymount at BYU	ESPNU	
10 p.m.	UCLA at Oregon State	FS1	
<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>			
6 p.m.	Tennessee at Notre Dame	ESPN	
<b>FIGURE SKATING</b>			
11 a.m.	European Championships, pairs free	NBCSN	
<b>GOLF</b>			
2 p.m.	PGA CareerBuilder Challenge	Golf Channel	
6 p.m.	Champions Mitsubishi Championship	Golf Channel	
9 p.m.	Singapore Open	Golf Channel	
2 a.m.	Abu Dhabi Championship	Golf Channel	
<b>NHL</b>			
6:30 p.m.	Sabres at Rangers	NBCSN	
9 p.m.	Penguins at Kings	NBCSN	
<b>COLLEGE HOCKEY</b>			
5:30 p.m.	Minnesota at Michigan State	BTN	
<b>TENNIS</b>			
6 p.m.	Australian Open	Tennis (more, 10 p.m., ESPN2)	

## LATEST LINE

NBA	THURSDAY
at Cleveland	11 Orlando
at Boston	off Philadelphia
at Houston	off Minnesota
at Portland	3% Indiana

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at Wm & Mary	2% Northeastern
at Cleveland St	PK IUPUI
Ill. Chicago	2% at Youngstown St
at Towson	2% at Georgia Tech
at Hofstra	8% Delaware
at Coll. of Char.	13 UNC-Wilmington
Old Dominion	8% at FIU
at FAU	6% Charlotte
Elon	3 at James Madison
at Louisiana Tech	7% North Texas
at Southern Miss	7% Rice
N. Kentucky	4 at Milwaukee
at Colorado	2% Wash. St.
Mid. Tenn.	4 at Marshall
Wright St	6% at Green Bay
Virginia	11 at Wake Forest
at NC State	4% Wake Forest
at S. Alabama	2% Coast. Carol.
at Texas-Arl.	2% La-Laf.
at Troy	6% Appalash.
at Texas St	7% Louisiana-Mon.
at Maryland	7% Minnesota
Michigan	4% at Nebraska
at W Kentucky	5% USC
at Oregon	2% USC
at Gonzaga	8% Saint Mary's Ca
at San Diego	14 Portland
at Pacific	10 Pepperdine
at Utah	4 Washington
at UC Irvine	7 Cal Poly
UCLA	2% at Oregon St
at San Fran.	11 Santa Clara
at BYU	15 Loyola Mar.

## NHL

at NY Islanders	off Boston	off Philadelphia
at Philadelphia	-111 Toronto	+101 Washington
at New Jersey	off Washington	off Philadelphia
at Columbus	-105 Dallas	-105 St. Louis
St. Louis	-116 at Ottawa	+106 at NY Rangers
-190 Buffalo	+175 at Tampa Bay	-115 Las Vegas
+150 at Nashville	-207 Arizona	+101 San Jose
-101 at Los Angeles	-126 Pittsburgh	+116

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

at New England	8% Jacksonville
Minnesota	3 at Philadelphia

## AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE	THURSDAY
at Columbus	105 Dallas
St. Louis	-116 at Ottawa
+106 at NY Rangers	-190 Buffalo
+175 at Tampa Bay	-115 Las Vegas
+150 at Nashville	-207 Arizona
+101 San Jose	-101 at Los Angeles
-126 Pittsburgh	+116

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

at New England	8% Jacksonville
Minnesota	3 at Philadelphia

## POSTSEASON GLANCE

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Sunday's schedule
AFC: Jacksonville (12-6) at New England (14-3), 2:05 (CBS-2)	NFC: Minnesota (14-3) at Philadelphia (14-3), 5:40 (FOX-32)

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUP-RECEIVING

TEAM	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	YAC	YPG	LG	TD	20+	40+	10+	1ST	FM
Minnesota	527	357	3,929	11.0	1,948	245.6	65t	25	43	9	196	4	4
Philadelphia	562	341	3,967	11.6	1,503	247.9	72t	38	43	3	193	2	2
Jacksonville	527	316	3,716	11.8	1,934	232.2	75t	21	52	7	193	4	0
New England	587	389	4,619	11.9	1,897	288.7	64t	32	63	10	232	2	2

## TEAM'S TOP RECEIVERS

TM	RECEIVER	REC	YDS	AVG	YPG	LG	TD	20+	40+	1ST	FM
Jax	Keelan Cole	42	748	17.8	46.8	75T	3	11	4	32	2
Jax	Marqise Lee	56	702	12.5	50.1	45	3	6	1	40	1
NE	Rob Gronkowski	69	1,084	15.7	67.4	53T	8	18	2	57	1
NE	Brandin Cooks	65	1,082	16.6	77.6	64T	7	18	7	42	0
Min	Adam Thielen	91	1,276	14.0	79.8	65T	4	20	5	59	3
Min	Stefon Diggs	64	849	13.3	60.6	59T	8	14	3	42	0
Phi	Zach Ertz	74	824	11.1	58.9	53	8	7	2	46	1
Phi	Alshon Jeffery	57	789	13.8	49.3	53T	9	8	1	44	0

## NFL INJURY REPORT

MINNESOTA AT PHILADELPHIA	VIKINGS: Doubtful:	DT Shamarr Stephen (knee/ankle), WR Adam Thielen (back).
<b>QUESTIONABLE:</b> QB Mackensie Alexander (rib), S Andrew Senejo (concussion).	<b>PROBABLE:</b> C Pat Elflein (shoulder), S Anthony Harris (knee).	
<b>COACHES: Doubtful:</b> QB Darnell Elmer (hamstring). <b>PROBABLE:</b> CB Sidney Jones (hamstring).		

## 106TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

**Melbourne Park, outdoors-hard**  
**THURSDAY'S EARLY RESULTS**  
**MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES**  
 #5 Dominic Thiem d. Denis Kudla, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3  
 Marton Fucsovics d. #13 Sam Querrey, 6-7, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3  
 Albert Ramos Vinolas d. Tim Smyczek, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (2)  
 Nic Kicker d. L. Jacko, 6-2, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5  
**WOMEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES**  
 Su-wei Hsieh d. #3 Garbine Muguruza, 7-6 (1), 6-4  
 #6 Karolina Pliskova d. Beatriz Haddad Maia, 6-1, 6-1  
 Maria Sharapova, d. #14 Anastasia Sevastova, 6-1, 7-6 (4)  
 Caroline Garcia d. Marketa Vondrousova, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 8-6  
 Bernarda Pera d. #9 J. Konta, 6-4, 7-5  
 Barbara Strycova d. Lara Arruabarrena, 6-3, 6-4  
 #15 Agnieszka Radwanska d. Lesia Tsurenko, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3  
 Aliaksandra Sasnovich d. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, 6-3, 6-2  
 Lauren Davis d. Andrea Petkovic, 4-6, 6-0, 6-0

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

**MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES**  
 #1 Rafael Nadal d. Leonardo Mayer, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4)  
 #7 Grigor Dimitrov d. Mackenzie McDonald, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 0-6, 8-6  
 #6 Marin Cilic d. Joao Sousa, 6-1, 7-5, 6-2  
**NEW YORK (Q):** Re-signed CC Sabathia, lhp, to \$10 million, 1 year.  
**OAKLAND (Q):** Yusmeiro Petit, rhp, to \$10 million, 2 years.  
**SEATTLE (Q):** Re-signed Hisashi Iwakuma, rhp, to minor league deal (\$2.5 million); signed Juan Nicasio, rhp, to \$1 million, 2 years.  
**TEXAS (Q):** Doug Fister, rhp, Boston, to \$4 million, 1 year; re-signed Tony Barnett, rhp, to \$1.5 million, 1 year; Mike Minor, lhp, Kansas City, to \$28 million, 3 years.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

**CUBS (3):** Tyler Chatwood, rhp, Colorado, to \$38 million, 3 years; Brandon Morrow, rhp, Dodgers, to \$21 million, 2 years; Steve Cishel, rhp, Tampa Bay, to \$13 million, 2 years.  
**COLORADO (4):** Chris Iannetta, c, Arizona, to an \$8.5 million, 2 years; re-signed Jake McEwen, lhp, to \$2 million, 3 years; Bryan Shaw, rhp, Cleveland, to \$2.7 million, 3 years; Wade Davis, rhp, Cubs, to \$52 million, 3 years.  
**MILWAUKEE (3):** Yovani Gallardo, rhp, Seattle, to \$2 million, 1 year; Jhoulys Chacin, rhp, San Diego, to \$15.5 million, 2 years; Boone Logan, lhp, Cleveland, to \$2.5 million, 1 year.  
**NEW YORK (3):** Lobaton, c, Washington, to minor league deal (\$1.25 million); Anthony Swarzak, rhp, Milwaukee, to \$14 million, 2 years; Jay Bruce, of, Cleveland, to \$39 million, 3 years.  
**PHILADELPHIA (3):** Tommy Hunter, rhp, Tampa Bay, to \$18 million, 2 years; Pat Nesheh, rhp, Colorado, to \$16.25 million, 2 years; signed Carlos Santana, lb, Cleveland, to \$60 million, 3 years.  
**ST. LOUIS (Q):** Luke Gregerson, rhp, Houston, to \$11 million, 2 years.  
**SAN DIEGO (2):** Re-signed Jordan Lyles, of, to \$1 million, 1 year; re-signed Grant Stammen, rhp, to \$4.5 million, 2 years.  
**SAN FRANCISCO (1):** Re-signed Nick Hundley, c, to \$2.5 million, 1 year.  
**WASHINGTON (Q):** Re-signed Brandon Kintzler, rhp, to \$10 million, 2 years.

## BASEBALL

**FREE AGENT SIGNINGS**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**WHITE SOX (2):** Wellington Castillo, c, Baltimore, to \$2 million, 2 years; Miguel Gonzalez, rhp, Texas, to \$4.75 million, 1 year.  
**BOSTON (Q):** Re-signed Mitch Moreland, 1b, to \$13 million, 2 years.  
**CLEVELAND (1):** Yonder Alonso, lb, Seattle, to \$16 million, 2 years.  
**HOUSTON (1):** Joe Smith, rhp, Cleveland, to \$15 million, 2 years.  
**LOS ANGELES (Q):** Zack Cozart, inf, Cincinnati, to \$38 million, 3 years.  
**MINNESOTA (4):** Michael Pineda, rhp, Yankees, to \$10 million, 2 years; Fernando Rodney, rhp, Arizona, to \$4.5 million, 1 year; Zach Duke, lhp, St. Louis, to \$2.15 million, 1 year; Addison Reed, rhp, Boston, to \$16.75 million, 3 years.  
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## PGA CAREERBUILDER CHALLENGE

**Site:** La Quinta, Calif.  
**Courses:** Stadium Course at PGA West (Yardage: 7,113, Par: 72), Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA West (Yardage: 7,159, Par: 72), La Quinta CC (Yardage: 7,060, Par: 72).  
**Purse:** \$5.9 million. **Winner:** \$1,062,000.  
**7-6 (3), 6-3**  
**Defending champion:** Hudson Swafford.  
**Last week:** Patton Kizzire won the Sony Open.  
**FedEx Cup leader:** Patton Kizzire.  
**Notes:** Phil Mickelson makes his 2018 debut. He has not won since the 2013 British Open.... Jon Rahm and Brian Harman are the only players from the top 20.  
**Next week:** Farmers Insurance Open.  
**Online:** www.pgatour.com

## EUROPEAN TOUR

**ABU DHABI HSBG CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Site:** Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.  
**Course:** Abu Dhabi GC. Yardage: 7,583, Par: 72.  
**Purse:** \$3 million.  
**TV:** Thursday-Friday, 1-7 a.m. (Golf Channel), Saturday-Sunday, 2:30-7 a.m. (Golf Channel).  
**Defending champion:** Tommy Fleetwood.  
**Last tournament:** Chris Paisley won the BMW South African Open.  
**Notes:** Rory McIlroy makes his season debut after coping with a rib injury most of last year.  
**Next week:** Omega Dubai Desert Classic.  
**Online:** www.europutour.com

## PGA TOUR THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC

**Site:** Great Abaco, Bahamas.  
**Course:** The Abaco Club at Windward Bay. Yardage: 7,111, Par: 72.  
**Purse:** \$1.8 million. **Winner:** \$300,000.  
**TV:** Fri.-Sun., 6-9 p.m. (Golf Channel).  
**Defending champion:** Bernhard Langer.  
**Last tournament:** Kevin Sutherland won the Schwab Cup Championships.  
**Next tournament:** Boca Raton Championship on Feb. 9-11.  
**Online:** www.pgatour.com/champions

## WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

TEAM	W-L	WEDNESDAY/NEXT GAME	*-A.M.
1. (1) Connecticut	16-0	Thu vs. Tulsa, 6	
2. (2) Louisville	19-0	Thu at Pittsburgh, 6	
3. (3) Mississippi St	19-0	Sun at #6 Tennessee, 2	
4. (4) Baylor	16-1	W 79-50 at Iowa State	
5. (5) Notre Dame	16-2	Thu vs. #6 Tennessee, 6	
6. (7) Tennessee	16-1	Thu at #5 Notre Dame, 6	
7. (6) Oregon	17-2	Fri at #18 Oregon State, 10	
8. (8) Ohio State	16-3	Mon at #14 Maryland, 6	
9. (9) Texas	14-3	Sat at Texas Tech, 3	
10. (10) S. Carolina	14-3	Thu at Vanderbilt, 7	
11. (11) Mississippi, 6	14-3	Thu vs. #6 Tennessee, 6	
12. (11) Florida State	16-2	Thu at Wake Forest, 6	
13. (13) UCLA	13-4	Thu vs. #21 California, 8	
14. (14) Maryland	16-3	Mon vs. #10 Ohio State, 6	
15. (15) Duke	14-4	Thu at Virginia Tech, 6	
16. (17) Texas A&M	14-5	Thu at Alabama, 7	
17. (16) West Virginia	15-4	W 79-73 at #24 Oklahoma State	
18. (18) Oregon State	13-4	Fri vs. #7 Oregon, 10	
19. (19) Michigan	16-4	Sat vs. Illinois, 5	
20. (20) Iowa	15-4	Sun at Minnesota, 3	
21. (-) California	13-4	Fri at #13 UCLA, 8	
22. (23) Arizona State	13-5	Fri vs. Utah, noon	
23. (22) Green Bay	15-2	Thu at Detroit, 6	
24. (-) Oklahoma St	13-4	W 79-73 vs. #17 West Virginia	
25. (21) Rutgers	17-3	Thu at Penn State, 6	

## BIG TEN MEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	ALL	WEDNESDAY/NEXT GAME	*-A.M.
Purdue	7-0	18-2	Sat at Iowa, 11*	
Ohio State	7-0	16-4	W 71-65 at Northwestern	
Michigan State	4-2	16-4	Thu at Nebraska, 8	
Indiana	5-2	16-3	Fri at #9 Michigan State, 6	
Nebraska	4-3	13-7	Thu vs. #23 Michigan, 8	
Maryland	3-4	14-6	Thu vs. Minnesota, 7:30	
Minnesota	3-4	14-7	Thu at Maryland, 7:30	
Penn State	3-4	13-7	Sat at Northwestern, 1	
Wisconsin	2-4	9-10	Fri vs. Illinois	
Rutgers	2-5	12-8	W 80-64 vs. Iowa	
Northwestern	2-5	11-9	L 71-65 vs. #22 Ohio State	
Iowa	1-6	10-10	L 80-64 at Rutgers	
Illinois	0-6	10-9	Fri at Wisconsin, 8	

## AREA MEN'S TEAMS

TEAM	W-L	WEDNESDAY/NEXT GAME	*-A.M.
Bradley	13-7	L 70-57 at Grand Canyon	
Chicago State	2-18	Thu vs. Illinois State, 7:05	
DePaul	8-10	Sat vs. Butler, 1	
Eastern Ill.	6-11	Thu vs. Tenn.-Martin, 7:30	
Ill. Chicago	9-11	Thu at Youngstown State, 6	
Illinois State	10-9	W 70-57 vs. S. Illinois	
Loyola	15-4	W 79-65 vs. S. Illinois	
Marquette	13-6	J24 at #11 Xavier, 5:30	
Northern Ill.	9-9	Sat at Akron, 1	
Notre Dame	13-6	Sat at #20 Clemson, 3	
Southern Ill.	11-3	L 79-65 at Loyola	
SIU-Edwardsville	7-10	Thu vs. SE Missouri State, 7	
Valparaiso	11-9	L 64-57 at Missouri State	
Western Ill.	10-7	W 75-74 (OT) vs. Fort Wayne	

## WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

TEAM	W-L	WEDNESDAY/NEXT GAME	*-A.M.
1. (1) Connecticut	16-0	Thu vs. Tulsa, 6	
2. (2) Louisville	19-0	Thu at Pittsburgh, 6	
3. (3) Mississippi St	19-0	Sun at #6 Tennessee, 2	
4. (4) Baylor	16		

## BLACKHAWKS

## SEARCHING FOR COREY CRAWFORD'S REPLACEMENT

## Goaltender hat trick

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

Corey Crawford has missed 10 straight games since he was put on injured reserve Dec. 27 with what the Blackhawks called an upper-body injury.

Though coach Joel Quenneville said he believes Crawford will return this season, he and other team officials have been vague about when that could be.

According to Sportsnet's Elliotte Friedman, there was concern last week that Crawford could miss the rest of the season. Hawks senior adviser Scotty Bowman told a Canadian radio station Wednesday Crawford is working through post-concussion syndrome.

A Hawks official told the Tribune on Tuesday night that the team was aware of the reports but declined to comment further, citing the

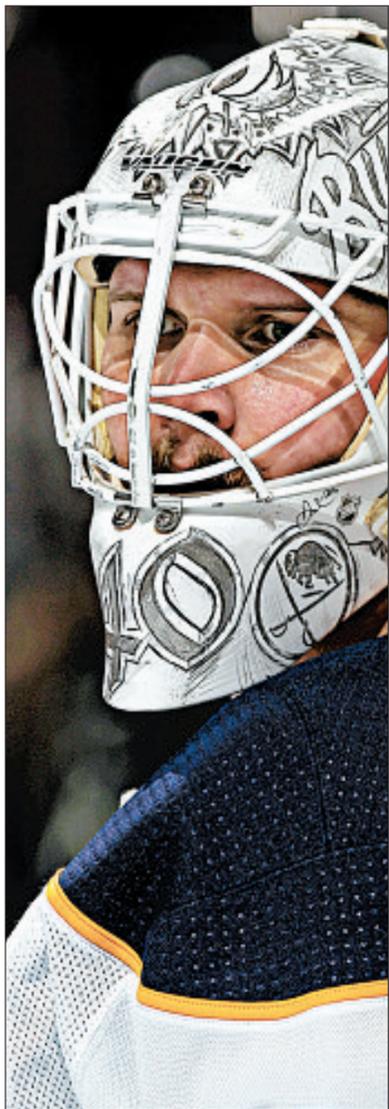
team's policy on injuries.

If Crawford is in danger of missing the rest of the season, the Hawks might be on the lookout for an experienced goalie to try to keep them in the hunt.

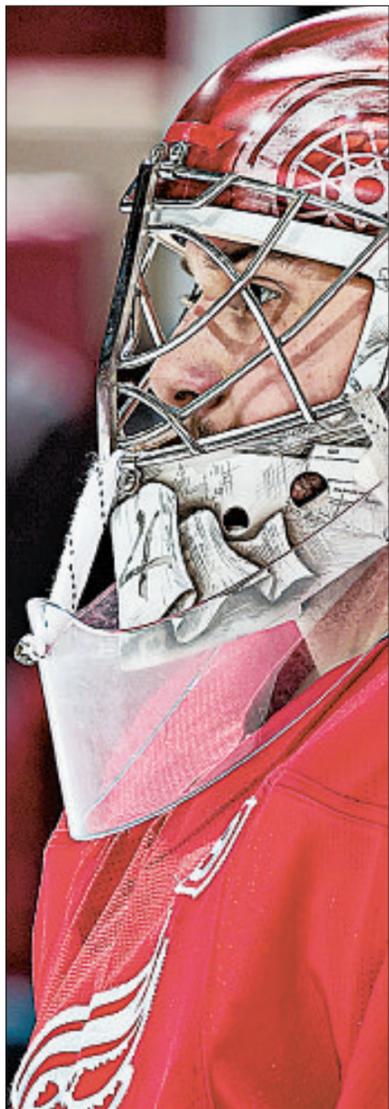
Backups Anton Forsberg and Jeff Glass have done fine — 5-4-1 in the 10 games Crawford has missed — but their inexperience might prompt the team to search for more help.

But with the trade deadline looming Feb. 26 and the playoff race thick, finding a trading partner could be dicey for the Hawks.

With that in mind, here are a few goalies who will be free agents after this season, should the Hawks find a willing trade partner, most likely a team that isn't in playoff contention.

Robin Lehner  
Sabres

**Contract status:** Restricted free agent after this season.  
**Cap hit this year:** \$4 million.  
**Experience:** 26-year-old is in his eighth season, third with the Sabres. Has played in 199 games.  
**Best season:** 2016-17: 23-26-8, .920 save percentage, 2.68 goals-against average.  
**This season:** 9-16-6 in 33 games (10 starts), .910 save percentage, 2.94 GAA.  
**Postseason:** 0-1 with a .920 save percentage, 2.45 GAA in two appearances.

Petr Mrazek  
Red Wings

**Contract status:** Restricted free agent after this season.  
**Cap hit this year:** \$4 million.  
**Experience:** 25-year-old has spent parts of six seasons with the Red Wings.  
**Best season:** 2015-16: 27-16-6, .921 save percentage, 2.33 goals-against average.  
**This season:** 4-5-1 in 13 games (10 starts), .894 save percentage, 3.43 GAA.  
**Postseason:** 4-6 with a .931 save percentage and 1.88 GAA in 10 starts.

Antti Raanta  
Coyotes

**Contract status:** Unrestricted free agent after this season.  
**Cap hit this year:** \$1 million.  
**Experience:** 28-year-old former Hawk is in his fifth year.  
**Best season:** 2016-17: 16-8-2 with a .922 save percentage and 2.26 goals-against average with the Rangers.  
**This season:** 6-12-4 in 24 games (all starts), .915 save percentage, 2.68 GAA.  
**Postseason:** 0-1 with a .895 save percentage, 2.55 GAA in three games.

## Face facts: Blackhawks are going nowhere fast

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To recap, their lot without Crawford has become worse, and it could get a lot worse if he continues to suffer from vertigo again as the Sun-Times has reported.

Crawford has been the Hawks' best player this season, and it's not even close. He won a lot of games by himself when his teammates proved inept or inert. His play had been Vezina Trophy-worthy, and even as of Wednesday morning his .929 save percentage ranked third in the league while his 2.27 goals-against average stood fifth overall.

It seems hard to imagine the Hawks trading for another Crawford and they don't have an extra one handy. Jeff Glass has a better backstory than a future as a playoff goalie. Anton Forsberg seems earnest and talented, but his goals-against average is more than a half-goal worse than Crawford's, which is a bad thing for a once-dominant team that sadly sometimes can't score even a half-goal a game. See Sunday's shutout loss tank job against the dreaded Red Wings at home.

The long-range view goes only to Feb. 26. That's the trade deadline. The Hawks will play 18 games before then and have a little more than five weeks to get some good news on Crawford.

But if the news remains bad, then what?

If you're thinking of tanking, many of the players you might spitball in trade scenarios — all your Stanley Cup heroes — have no movement clauses. Even Artem Anisimov has a partial no-movement clause. They could

## Scotty Bowman disputes vertigo reports on Crawford

BY PAUL SKRBINA  
Chicago Tribune

A new wrinkle was added Wednesday night to the mysterious Corey Crawford injury saga.

Scotty Bowman, a senior adviser for the Blackhawks, said during a radio interview with CJCL-AM 590 out of Toronto that Crawford most likely has post-concussion syndrome rather than vertigo-like symptoms, as the Sun-Times reported Tuesday.

"It's not what they're reporting," Bowman told the radio station. "Apparently what he really has is post-concussion syndrome."

Bowman told the Tribune via phone after the radio interview that he had no confirmation about the specifics of Crawford's injury and was speculating it was concussion-related based on his past experiences in hockey.

"I'm anxious to find out," said Bowman, a Hall of Fame coach and the father of Hawks general manager Stan Bowman. "I would be surprised if vertigo could keep you out for the season. I know people who

have had it, and it doesn't last very long. I'm just assuming; I'm not a doctor."

Vertigo is a symptom of post-concussion syndrome, but Bowman said he has no confirmation Crawford is suffering from the effects of a concussion either.

Multiple messages left for Crawford's agent this week were not returned.

Crawford, 33, has not played since Dec. 23. He was placed on injured reserve Dec. 27 with what the team called "an upper-body injury." Sportsnet's Elliotte Friedman reported Tuesday that as late as last week the team feared Crawford could miss the rest of the season.

Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said he "didn't want to get into the details of all that" when Crawford was placed on IR in late December and added Crawford would be out "indefinitely." Quenneville said recently he expected Crawford to return this season.

Crawford is 16-9-2 with a .929 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average.

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waive that negotiated right, but it makes general manager Stan Bowman's job even trickier and perhaps more onerous.

Failing that, then what? Give or take a Lance Bouma, Tommy Wingels or Patrick Sharp, the Hawks are left with young players

they drafted and developed and imagined would extend the championship window that is slamming down like a guillotine, so now who are you trading to change your fortunes?

I still expect Bowman to trade for some players, and I expect Joel Quenneville eventually to bench them. No matter. The demands and expectations come back to the players who are covered in glory and money, the players who have three Stanley Cup rings and take up the biggest chunk of the salary cap in a hard salary-cap league.

That starts with Jonathan Toews, the captain and No. 1 center. Shouldn't a No. 1 center do better than tie for 80th in the league in scoring the way he was Wednesday morning?

That burden then tracks to Patrick Kane, who has been the most productive forward, racking up 45 points to tie for 17th in the NHL as of Wednesday morning. Kane has shown he can play with anybody, except on the power play, where nobody can play and which has been charged with numerous crimes against hockey.

Duncan Keith, hello. Any time you want to score a goal, fine by us. We're coming up on the one-year anniversary of his last one.

Brent Seabrook, you get a lot of money and will continue to get a lot of money, so how about changing a game? For the better, I mean. Take advantage of those sheltered minutes.

Crawford spent most of the season bailing out the franchise. The guys who are getting franchise-player money absolutely have to do it now.

## FIRE



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

All-Star midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger had three goals and six assists in his first season with the Fire.

## German star back on 1-year contract

Schweinsteiger wants to help Fire continue their upward trend

BY TIM BANNON  
Chicago Tribune

Bastian Schweinsteiger is back.

The Fire on Wednesday re-signed the German midfielder to a one-year deal with no option. The amount of the contract was not disclosed.

He is expected in Chicago on Monday for team physicals.

"I am very happy to re-sign with the Chicago Fire and to continue what we started in 2017," Schweinsteiger said in a statement. "Last year was a special moment for my career, but it felt incomplete without a trophy.

"I love this city, this sport, and winning, so I look forward to another season with the Fire as we progress to hopefully another level of success."

The Fire acquired Schweinsteiger from Manchester United in March of 2017, and he signed a one-year, \$4.5 million contract. He played in 24 regular-season games (three goals and six assists) helping the Fire — who had finished in last place in MLS the two previous seasons — end a four-year playoff drought, though they lost to the New York Red Bulls in the knockout round.

"You need to give the team a little bit of time," Schweinsteiger said after that game. "I think it was a great success, achievement and what we did this season. I think we need to add maybe a few other pieces."

Schweinsteiger was named to his first MLS All-Star Game and captained the team against Real Madrid at Soldier Field on Aug. 2.

"It was a priority to re-sign Bastian and we're pleased that he will remain with the club," Fire general manager Nelson Rodriguez said. "He's a proven winner who was an integral part of our success in 2017. Bastian's talent combined with his character and qualities off the field are vital to our squad as we continue to build a championship program."

Schweinsteiger, 33, played in Germany for 18 years, highlighted by eight Bundesliga titles (the top German league) and a World Cup victory in 2014.

The Fire will open the 2018 season on March 10 as they host Sporting Kansas City at Toyota Park.

Last week, the Fire re-signed All-Star midfielder Dax McCarty to a two-year contract extension.

"After taking time to reflect on the 2017 season, I've come away with a very clear picture of what the future looks like for the Chicago Fire," McCarty said in a statement.

"Although the year did not end how any of us would have liked, I believe we're on course to becoming a perennial contender for trophies like Fire teams of old."

The team also has re-signed assistant coaches Mark Mitrovic and Eric Gehrig, along with goalkeeper coach Aleksandar Saric for the 2018 season.

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Gus Kenworthy competes in the Dew Tour freestyle ski slopestyle final in December in Breckenridge, Colo. He's aiming to medal in his second Olympics next month in South Korea.

## Skier comes out of closet, lands atop the podium

BY RICK MAESE  
Washington Post

The night before he told the world he was gay, Gus Kenworthy couldn't sleep. He kept imagining everything that he'd spent years building was about to come crashing down. He worried he'd lose friends, fans, sponsors and opportunities.

The next morning the news spread quickly across the internet that an Olympic medalist was coming out of the closet, and Kenworthy braced himself.

"I remember like my fingers trembling when I went to post what I had written and post the link to the article and post the photo saying 'I was gay,'" he recalled. "And I was so scared. And it was like instant relief. All this weight off my shoulders."

He was in tears as his phone started lighting up with texts, calls and social media notifications. He couldn't even read the messages because they were coming in too fast. But they were all supportive.

"I'm just like a wreck, crying because I felt so much love," he said. "I'd built myself up for the worst-case scenario."

Two years have passed, and Kenworthy is preparing for his second Olympics. The freestyle skier is still the only action-sports star to come out and will be one of only a few openly gay athletes on the U.S. Olympic team next month. Not only does Kenworthy have zero regrets, but his career, his platform and his brand have taken off.

He entered the Sochi Games as a relative unknown. Even afterward, he was recognized more for adopting stray dogs in Russia than for his silver medal in the slopestyle event. He still has to qualify, but he'll probably enter the Pyeongchang Olympics next month as a star — not just a podium regular but a champion of the LGBT community who's featured in shampoo commercials, who's outspoken on political issues and whose profile

suddenly transcends that of his sport.

"I'm definitely like 'the gay skier' now," he said, "and that's fine. I knew I was stepping into that role when I did it. I, in some ways, don't care that that's the label that sticks because I am the gay skier, and I know that I took the step to come out publicly and decided to wear that badge proudly."

More than anyone, Kenworthy is surprised at how this has all played out, how coming out of the closet actually improved his performances in both the halfpipe and slopestyle events, how friends buoyed him and his fan base grew, and how sponsors lined up to sign him.

He had a handful of small deals in Sochi, but he'll head to Pyeongchang with corporate backing like few others with several big-name companies onboard, including Visa, Toyota, United, Procter & Gamble, Ralph Lauren, Chobani, Samsung and Deloitte. Being gay didn't scare them away; it only seemed to make Kenworthy a more attractive spokesman.

"I think all these brands want to tell my story, and my story isn't just the story of an athlete," he explained. "It's not just the story of competing and doing well. It's battling in the closet and other things that I had to deal with as a kid."

"I don't think that should be the sole focus, and I don't think that skiing should be the only focus. I think that all those things are things that made me who I am."

It wasn't long ago that the corporate world might have shied away from a gay man. Athletes have historically been used in the advertising world to project masculinity, strength and success. Kenworthy represents those things and so much more.

"We're in a new time in terms of sponsorships," said Tim Calkins, a professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management who specializes in branding and marketing.



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Skier Gus Kenworthy: "I'm definitely like 'the gay skier' now, and that's fine. I knew I was stepping into that role."

"You go back, and maybe some athletes said they lost sponsorships because they came out. The thing that's important right now is companies are really embracing this."

"Partly, he is a great athlete. But now he's also unique and differentiated. I think sponsors have said diversity is important, and here we have an athlete who brings together three things: athletic achievement, an endearing personality and the ability to make a statement about diversity."

Michael Spencer, Kenworthy's agent, said all of Kenworthy's existing sponsors immediately expressed support, and he started lining up meetings with other companies that wanted to partner with his 26-year-old client. They didn't all sign deals right away, many waiting until the Olympics were closer.

"Everything kind of lined up," Spencer said. "He won an Olympic medal, he saved the dogs, he comes out and then he ends up winning everything that year. People were really genuinely excited to be a part of it, like, 'There's something here and we can tell a story with that's different, that hasn't been told' — particularly in the ski world. It's not like skiing and snowboarding — you can go way back, you're

not going to find much diversity."

While these partnerships certainly make Kenworthy's Olympic pursuit more lucrative, he's hoping the visibility helps others. He thinks about how his life would be different if he'd been a young skier and saw an openly gay competitor winning on the sport's biggest stage.

"That would have given me so much hope," he says. "I think it would have saved me so much heartache."

Instead, he grew up in the sport and believed he had to keep his sexuality a secret. Close friends and Olympic teammates had no idea, and Kenworthy said he had to hide an important part of his identity from the media, from the tightly knit freestyle world and even from those closest to him.

"I think we all knew Gus was maybe holding something back," said freestyle skier Joss Christensen, "not really sure what."

It was a burden Kenworthy carried into competition, something he thought was impacting his results. Kenworthy would perform better in early qualification rounds than he did in the finals, where the lights were brighter and more eyes were focused on him. Back then, sharing his secret with the world felt impossible.

"I just didn't picture another life for myself," he says. "I thought that's kind of how it had to be, and after skiing was done, I'd be able to have a boyfriend, have a husband, be out, be proud — but it was going to be after everything else. I was just, like, give my career a few more years, and I can go be me."

"It just got to a point where the pain of lying and holding on to it and always feeling like I was avoiding answers and not really ever being myself was just so painful. And even though I was terrified of coming out and what it could mean and how it could be bad, I thought it was more difficult staying in the closet at that point."

The weight instantly lifted, he said, and Kenworthy began skiing better. He shared his news in an ESPN The Magazine story in October 2015, and that season turned out to be his best. He won the slopestyle event at the Dew Tour and then halfpipe at the Grand Prix in Mammoth Lakes, Calif. He reached the podium in both events at the X Games in Aspen, Colo., and left no doubt that'd he'd be a double medal threat in Pyeongchang.

"His confidence is through the roof, and you can tell in his skiing," said Christensen, who won gold in slopestyle at the Sochi games. "He's had really amazing results. But for us, I think nothing has changed. ... Nobody really sees him in a different light now. I think we just have a lot more respect and he's just a bigger and better athlete."

Kenworthy said he's clearly not the same skier or person as the 22-year-old who took silver in Sochi. That younger, closeted version of himself was proud of what he accomplished but also scared of the attention it brought.

"I look at photos of the Sochi Olympics — even though it sometimes seems like it was just yesterday — that photo doesn't even look like me," he said. "It looks like a child. I don't even

recognize myself."

Without the fear of his sexuality being discovered, Kenworthy said, he's more present when he's competing and more emboldened when he's not. In interviews and on social media, he doesn't feel the need to hide any longer or filter his views. He openly discusses gun control, politics and issues important to the LGBT community.

While many Olympic hopefuls shy away from controversy, Kenworthy has been adamant that he'd never visit the White House with President Donald Trump in office. While corporate America and Kenworthy's corner of the sports world have proved to be accepting of a high-profile gay athlete, he thinks parts of the country haven't shown the same tolerance, and Kenworthy said he feels "quite victimized under the current administration."

"I don't think I'm competing for the administration," he said. "I think I'm competing for our country. I love our country. I love that our country is one where you have the freedom to protest and to stand up for what you believe in and speak on it."

"I think, maybe more so than ever, I want to do well for our country — to be an out, gay person who does well for the U.S., despite everything that's happening in our country."

Though competing while in the closet wasn't easy, a new pressure accompanies him to Pyeongchang, as Kenworthy is still getting accustomed to the spotlight, to the legions of gay and lesbian fans who are suddenly following his journey and to the added scrutiny all of this brings.

Still, he said he's not fearful that his sexuality might overshadow his athletic pursuits. The visibility is important, and he's just happy that this time around he can share his full story with the world.

"Even if you're 'the gay guy' — if you're winning events, you're still winning events," he said.

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## Growing up a coach's son sets Packers GM on track

BY GENARO C. ARMAS  
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The son of a college football coach, Brian Gutekunst has an idea of the kind of scrutiny he'll receive as the new general manager of the Packers.

Gutekunst watched his father, John Gutekunst, take heat during six-plus seasons coaching the Minnesota Golden Gophers that ended in 1991. The new GM has heard the criticism predecessor Ted Thompson took from some fans for a conservative approach to free agency.

The football lifer is ready for the pressure that comes with the job.

"My mom was reading in the paper some nice comments about me. I go, 'Yeah, wait till we lose,'" the 44-year-old Gutekunst joked.

His task is to build a roster that restores the Packers' status as a Super Bowl contender after their first losing season since 2008.

Promoted from player personnel director, Gutekunst had a hand in helping Thompson shape the rosters for an organization whose streak of eight straight postseason appearances was snapped. The Packers won the Super Bowl in the 2010 season under Thompson.

Thompson moved to a senior adviser role in the front office two days after the season ended with a 35-11 loss to the Lions.

"I've grown up in football all my life, and my dad went through some times at the University of Minnesota where it wasn't very good and they weren't saying very good things," Gutekunst said. "The one thing I learned about that, usually (for) the guy in the chair it's not as hard to take. You worry about your family."

"To me, for the guys who work here, you just expect it. You have to keep moving forward."

It is what Gutekunst has done in the game since playing college football for two seasons at Wisconsin-



MIKE ROEMER/AP

Having grown up as the son of a college football coach, Brian Gutekunst feels prepared to take over as GM of the Packers.

La Crosse. He was an assistant coach for his final two seasons after a shoulder injury ended his playing career. Gutekunst coached

the linebackers when La Crosse capped an undefeated season with the Division III title in 1995.

That year Gutekunst got

his first taste of the pros after assisting with the Saints training camp in 1995. He was a summer scouting intern for the Pack-

ers in 1997 and a scouting assistant for the Chiefs the next year before returning to the Packers full time as a scout late in 1998.

Gutekunst didn't follow his father's advice to stay out of football entirely.

"I think looking back at it right now, the coaching business is so volatile, and moving your family every two to three years is a tough deal," he said.

"We've had a lot of stability here, and I feel very thankful for that, for me and my family."

The Packers plan to stick with a "draft-and-develop" philosophy as the roster-building foundation, though Gutekunst has also indicated he might be more open to making additions through trades and free agency as well.

He is already starting to differentiate himself in another noticeable way.

The first transaction under the new regime was the signing of a relatively unknown running back, first-year player Joel Bouagnon out of Northern Illinois. The accompanying post on Twitter included a picture of a smiling Gutekunst next to Bouagnon.

Thompson was notoriously reluctant to deal with the media. Coach Mike McCarthy was often left with the task of answering questions about high-profile topics that might be more appropriate for a GM, such as when outspoken tight end Martellus Bennett was waived at midseason.

"I don't think the new GM could do less than Ted did," team President Mark Murphy joked. "There (are) some positives that come from it, but obviously there's some downsides. Ted saw some of the downside and decided not to be overly involved."

Gutekunst said one of the first pieces of advice Thompson offered after he got the job was to smile more at his first news conference.

John Gutekunst told his son to be humble and to make sure he takes care of his staff.

"Now, you know, on Mondays after watching our game," the younger Gutekunst said, "he'll tell me some other things."

### COMMENTARY

## Unrealistic pressure will mount on Mahomes

BY SAM MELLINGER  
Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The act of burning a jersey is silly, usually petty, and almost always a cry for attention.

After an (other) excruciating playoff loss, at least one Chiefs fan did that with an Alex Smith jersey, and because this is the 21st century, he shared the video on social media. The message is unclear.

Maybe he is blaming the quarterback with the league's highest passer rating and most success on downfield passes this season for the disappointment. Maybe he's blaming the quarterback who threw two touchdowns and no interceptions for a loss in which the play calling, receivers, tackling, scheme, health, kicker and, yes, officials all weren't good enough.

Maybe this is an intended metaphor about a new beginning, with a new quarterback.

Whatever. Doesn't matter, other than serving as an anecdotal example to open a column making a point I've been thinking about for months:

Bless his heart, Patrick Mahomes should know what's coming.

Smith just played the season of his professional

life, one that Mahomes is unlikely to match next year, and has thrown nine touchdowns and two interceptions in five playoff games with the Chiefs. And a lot of fans can't wait to get rid of him. At least one of us burned his jersey. This is so weird.

Look, the Chiefs will likely trade Smith. That's the smart move, anyway, because Mahomes is freakishly talented, showed well in his spot start in Denver, and the team around him could be improved with the \$17 million in cap space and draft capital gained in trading Smith.

Assuming that happens, Mahomes will be the Chiefs' starting quarterback in 2018 and begin his career with more pressure and higher expectations than any athlete in the history of Kansas City sports, with the possible exception of Alex Gordon.

Chiefs fans have been waiting decades for Mahomes. That is not hyperbole. The year he was born the Chiefs won the AFC West with a former 49ers backup and lost their first playoff game, at home, atrociously.

Even back then, many fans were tired of someone else's backup proving just good enough to lose in the playoffs. Even back then, many fans thought the

Chiefs had gone too long without drafting and developing their own quarterback. Even back then, fans wanted something fresh.

That was 22 years ago. The Chiefs just won the AFC West with a former 49ers backup and lost their first playoff game, at home, atrociously. The story hasn't changed so much as it's gone from molehill to mountain, snowball to boulder.

Dreams of someone exactly like Mahomes are older than Mahomes. Babies have been raised by parents complaining about the Chiefs not drafting their own quarterback. Some of those babies have now graduated college, bought homes, become doctors.

All of those hopes and complaints will now land on Mahomes, who spent much of last year's training camp learning how to take a snap from under center.

Assuming Smith is traded, and assuming coach Andy Reid and general manager Brett Veach use the flexibility to improve the roster, Mahomes will be surrounded by the most complete team the Chiefs are capable of employing.

We can talk as much as we want about "growing pains" and "learning curves," but the downsides always sound better in

theory than they feel in practice.

In 2012, many Chiefs fans told themselves they just wanted their team to not stink. Five years after that, many of us don't care about that. It's about the playoffs now.

For decades, Royals fans told themselves they just wanted their team to be competitive. Two years after a parade, many are already lamenting a rebuild. Mike Sweeney was once the most popular athlete in town, other than Tony Gonzalez. The contract extension he signed to say in Kansas City was still fresh when he started hearing boos at home games.

None of this makes Kansas City fans mean, unfair, unique, or even rare. Just makes us fans.

When I first started thinking about all of this, I had in my head that Kansas City is particularly tough on quarterbacks. But with more consideration, I don't think that's true. Lots of places are tough on quarterbacks — Cleveland and Washington and Chicago and Philadelphia and New York and even New England, where just two years ago some wanted Tom Brady out.

"It's just part of being in one of those 32 jobs," said Trent Green, who spent six years with the Chiefs and a

total of five more in Washington, St. Louis and Miami. "The team means so much to the city here. That was something as a player that I consciously thought about. You can affect the mood of the city by the way you play and perform. If the Chiefs have a bad day, you can tell, just going around town. They're going to act differently."

Kansas City has a different view on quarterbacks, because the Chiefs went so long without drafting one. Not just that, but Chiefs fans watched one rival win Super Bowls with a home-grown Hall of Famer quarterback who then became GM and convinced another Hall of Fame quarterback to win a Super Bowl there. The Chiefs' other rival once went to the Super Bowl with the quarterback the Chiefs dumped for Elvis Grbac.

That can't help but harden you as a fan, in some ways.

This is a lot to take on. Mahomes is 22. This could've been his senior year at Texas Tech. Anyone in his recruiting class who redshirted will play college football next season, too.

He's inexperienced, even when compared to other quarterbacks his age. He was a baseball player growing up, so his summers were about repeating the

mechanics on his fastball, not doing the camps and watching the film and competing in 7-on-7 tournaments like most who eventually make the NFL. He didn't play football full-time until his sophomore year at Tech.

Look, if we're taking roll on who's been caught up in and contributed to Mahomes hype, I stand before you today first in line with my hand pointed to the sky.

His talent and potential are so much of why sports have had my heart all my life. He did nothing to temper my excitement in that win at Denver. He had the bad interception, and was bothered more by blitzes than I thought watching live, but made at least six completions that simply cannot be taught and haven't been made by a Chiefs quarterback since ever.

This is why I believe this is important, at least relative to the silliness of sports. It's not just the jersey burners.

Mahomes really might be a star. But it is nearly impossible for him to statistically match the season Smith just had, and the same way the Chiefs' lack of playoff success these last five years are about more than Smith, fixing what's missing is about much more than Mahomes.



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Are films like "Lady Bird," "The Post" and "Get Out" unworthy of our time, serious discussion or Oscar consideration because they're not the best pictures ever made? To many, yes.

# NITPICKERS AND NAYSAYERS

When anything short of perfection disappoints, the audience is failing the artists



CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

About midway through Paul Thomas Anderson's "Phantom Thread," every member of the audience who ever failed a work of art — in other words, all of us — should sit up straight and take notice: An English fashion designer played by Daniel Day-Lewis has made an opulent emerald dress for a rich patron who, despite the fastidi-

ousness of the designer and hours of craftsmanship involved, tugs at the billowy collar. Then she passes out drunk, still wearing the dress. The designer watches warily, but his muse (played by Vicky Krieps) seethes, urging him to reclaim his toil and sweat. Which is what they do: They strip the gown off the snoring patron and leave her with a loud promise — never again will they perform for such a lousy audience.

I tell you this because lately I'm down on audiences, and though I want you to see the "Phantom Thread," there is a chance you'll hate it. Or love it. Who knows? It's elegant, Old-Holly-

wood sumptuous, funny, far from predictable — but also, according to the couple seated beside me the other night, "not the greatest."

I have a habit of watching audiences watching stuff, and this couple sat though the film with attentive expressions and smiling eyes, only to consider the ending an overreach. Their internal Rotten Tomatoes scores plunged instantly from 90 percent to 50 percent.

Anything short of greatness? Meh. This may not be the sexiest thing to say in the latest Age of Populism, but let's say it: Audiences do fail art. Not all the time — and not nearly as often as art fails audiences.

But audiences flop too.

Last month, after leaving an early screening of "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," I was so surprised and elated, I wanted to tell passers-by, certain they would love the film as I did. Indeed, its CinemaScore — gleaned from exit polls of audiences, as CinemaScore has done for decades — is an A; at the moment, "Last Jedi" is the sixth-highest-grossing film ever. Yet after a loud online trolling full of endless, myopic nitpicking from "Star Wars" fans who hated the film, "Last Jedi" has appeared to be something of a letdown.

Subverting expectations? Meh.

A couple of weeks ago, Justin Tim-

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MAISONET PHOTOGRAPHY

Kai Ealy, from left, Nik Kmieciak and Tom Hickey star in "Franklinland" written by Lloyd Suh and directed by Chika Ike.

**IN PERFORMANCE** 'Franklinland' ★★★

## Confounding questions about fathers and sons

By Chris Jones  
Chicago Tribune

Of all the Founding Fathers of these United States, Benjamin Franklin probably did more than any other to articulate the enlightened idea of America, to explicitly link his yoked but emerging nation to all the great international waves of freedom. Even more than Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant who got the job done, but on whom Franklin had a half-century head start.

What more explicitly American figure ever has existed than the polymath Mr. F? My late father-in-law was a collector of Franklin buttons and badges and souvenirs. On Tuesday, they were all out on our kitchen table. I had literally been staring at piles of Franklin's ample bust, some from the Franklin Mint,

**When:** Through Feb. 24

**Where:** Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway

**Running time:** 70 minutes

**Tickets:** \$30 at [www.jackalopetheatre.org](http://www.jackalopetheatre.org)

others rendered in honorably metallic service of some small business or other, before I left to go to the Broadway Armory Park. For a world premiere of something at the trusty Jackalope Theatre, something quirky but worthwhile. A play by a writer named Lloyd Suh called "Franklinland."

If you know your history, you'll be aware that "Franklinland" might reference the 20,000 acres of land that Frank-

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## Russia's tumult is told day at a time

'Revolution' a show of promise, truth and propaganda



LORI WAXMAN

What is it about the Russian Revolution that keeps pulling us back to October 1917? Not one but two major Chicago museums marked the centenary of the world's most idealistic — and devastating — upheaval this past year. The Art Institute's architectural presentation of Soviet art and design closed earlier this week, but "Revolution Every Day" at the Smart Museum remains open through the end of the month. Perhaps the only other major cultural-political turn that captivates American viewers more is the homegrown one of the 1960s, connecting the struggle for civil rights to the Summer of Love. On that, the Block Museum hosts "William Blake and the Age of Aquarius" through March.

The pull of revolutionary thinking is hard to resist, even now. It's designed that way, from the bold slogans to the utopian programs. Every cook must learn to govern the state, as Vladimir Lenin put it in an iconic poster of 1925, and who but the most conservative bourgeois or inbred



SMART MUSEUM OF ART/UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

This Russian Revolution poster by Ilya Pavlovich Makarychev is known as "Every Cook Must Learn to Govern the State. — Lenin, 1925."

aristocrat wouldn't want that? Yet "Revolution Every Day," though it includes dozens of examples of rousing Soviet graphic art from 1917-41, plus clips from Dziga Vertov's film of the era, is no straightforward exhibition of historical propaganda. For one, it isn't entirely historical; a handful of works on video made since the demise of the USSR in 1991 reflect on the afterlives of revolution. For

another, copious wall texts, derived from contemporaneous diaries, memos and mass publications, seem to contradict their graphic subjects at every opportunity. Even the catalog, arranged as a daily tear-off calendar, challenges how we think scholarly material ought to be presented and received. The overall effect is surprisingly

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## CELEBRITIES

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RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Actor Timothee Chalamet said he will donate his pay from an upcoming Woody Allen film to charity.

## More spurning Allen over Farrow claim

A growing number of actors are distancing themselves from Woody Allen and his next film, heightening questions about the future of the prolific 82-year-old filmmaker in a Hollywood newly sensitive to allegations of sexual misconduct.

Timothee Chalamet on Tuesday said he will donate his salary for an upcoming Woody Allen film to three charities fighting sexual harassment and abuse: Time's Up, the LGBT Center in New York and RAINN. The star of "Call Me by Your Name" announced on Instagram that he didn't want to profit from his work on Allen's "A Rainy Day in New York."

"I want to be worthy of standing shoulder to shoulder with the brave artists who are fighting for all people to be treated with the respect and dignity they deserve," Chalamet said.

Chalamet is just the latest cast member of an Allen production to express regret or guilt about being professionally associated with the director. In recent weeks, Rebecca Hall, Mira Sorvino, Ellen Page, David Krumholtz and Griffith Newman have all, in some way, distanced themselves from Allen or vowed that they wouldn't work with him again.

Dylan Farrow, Allen's adopted daughter, in 2014 renewed the claim that Allen molested her when she was 7. Allen, who has long denied the allegations, was investigated for the 1992 incident but not charged.

— Associated Press



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

**Woman of the Year:** Mila Kunis was named Woman of the Year by Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals. Tuesday's announcement said Kunis is being honored by the nation's oldest collegiate theatrical organization because she is one of Hollywood's "most sought-after, vivacious and engaging actresses." She just wrapped production on "The Spy Who Dumped Me," scheduled for release in August.

**"Man of the Woods":** If photos from Justin Timberlake's new album campaign don't relay the message that he's into nature and the woods, a listening party for the project drove the point home. Tuesday's event in New York to debut "Man of the Woods" was decorated with bushes and trees, and ants coated in black garlic and rose oil, as well as grasshoppers were served. Timberlake called the project a "personal album" and said it is a tribute to his 2-year-old son, Silas, a name that means "living in the woods."

**Carter writing book:** Former President Jimmy Carter is working on a book about his religious faith. Simon & Schuster said Wednesday that Carter's "Faith: A Journey for All" will explain how religion has sustained him and what role it plays in society. Carter, 93, said in a statement that he wanted to explore faith's "far-reaching effect." "Faith" is scheduled to come out in March.

**Jan. 18 birthdays:** Actor Kevin Costner is 63. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 49. Singer and actress Samantha Mumba is 35.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Spouse shoulders the money worries

**Dear Amy:** My wife and I are in our mid-60s, married for 14 years. We have two teenage children, and I have three adult children by previous partners. Our marriage is totally committed, wonderful and fun.

I worry about money all the time. We both have secure jobs that pay well; we're comfortably middle class in a university town. We face car payments, a mortgage, repairs to an older house, upcoming college expenses and elderly parental support.

My wife has cosmetic procedures done, frequent massages and alternative therapies, and is liberal with donations to good causes. I hold in my anxiety over the expenditures.

I went through a bankruptcy before we were married. My wife grew up in a family that was often stressed about money, and she now doesn't want to live that way. I would describe her as a "free spender." We pay off credit cards, and things look good for retirement. I do my best to track expenses from piles of receipts. I need suggestions for how to be at peace with our cash flow and fend off marital conflict.

— *Why Should I Worry?*

**Dear Worry:** You should worry because it is every responsible, sentient parent's job to worry. You've been to the edge of solvency, and you don't want to go back. This is both logical and mature.

The path to not worrying quite so much is paved with realistic information, communication, proactive behavior and transparency between partners.

The way you describe your situation, your wife

does the spending, and you total up the receipts and shoulder the worry. This is not balanced or responsible, and she is neglecting her responsibility to be a full partner to you.

You are on the cusp of retirement and college expenses; both are game-changers. You should create a realistic budget that includes charitable giving, vacations and some other "free-spending" experiences. I suggest that as you are totaling the receipts this year, you start by inviting her into the process and ask for her help in mapping a sound financial future.

A certified financial planner can give you a realistic view of what your financial future holds. Planners who specialize in working with couples can also help to navigate some of the personal and relational issues related to spending and saving.

**Dear Amy:** Our daughter and son-in-law have asked that we limit gift-giving at Christmas to \$100 per person. My husband and I have complied.

Our son-in-law's parents do not comply. This year the in-law family decided to take a trip together (in lieu of gifts). However, on Christmas Day, our son-in-law's mother showed up with more gifts than we had for the kids, including a grill for her son.

It is so wrong (in my opinion) that we follow the \$100 limit, and the MIL does not. It's not the money, because both sides can afford to spend more. I know we can't control her, but who can make her stop? It upsets us.

— *Upset Mother*

**Dear Mother:** Boundary-crossers often use gift-giving as a way to leap over fences, control people and sow some passive-aggressive disrespect along the way.

I assume that this embarrasses your daughter and her husband; we know that it embarrasses you.

The people who might be able to make her stop are her son and your daughter. You can control your own rage-response by reminding yourself that you are respecting the stated wishes of the couple. This is a good thing.

Picture the mountain of material possessions this couple will receive over the years — which they do not seem to want — and congratulate yourself for keeping the holiday modest and appropriate.

**Dear Amy:** The letter from "Animal Loving Aunt" was so crazy. I couldn't believe you sided with this person, who obviously values her cats over human beings. What were you thinking?

— *Disappointed*

**Dear Disappointed:** I didn't side with this aunt. I thought that describing her as a "bananas cat lady" in my response would have covered that.

This particular letter has received an extremely heavy volume of responses. All seem to agree that it is the height of disrespect to disregard the needs of people in favor of these cats, who are easily transportable and very forgiving.

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## Intriguing look at family dynamics

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lin was granted in Nova Scotia, a place he hoped to dedicate to scientific research, nation-building being only part of the formidable Franklin portfolio. But there was another, more troublesome Franklinland — an illegitimate son, William Franklin.

The younger Franklin did well. He became the governor of New Jersey, from 1763 to 1766. Which means, of course, that William Franklin was the last colonial governor of that scenic state. Under the British crown.

And you thought that your kids did not listen to



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Tom Hickey, left, plays Ben Franklin and Kai Ealy is son William in "Franklinland."

you.

That relationship — suffused with paradox and worthy, I think, of being the next Lin-Manuel Miranda musical — is the core

of Suh's very cool little play, which is all over and done in 70 minutes. Penned in a breezy, anarchic style (a la "Hamilton," really), it zeroes in on the difficulty

of having an overachieving dad, especially one who proves persistently difficult to please. (Miranda would understand.) And at the same time, it looks at how we often come to regret our efforts to force our children down any path we took ourselves. Especially as played in director Chika Ike's production by Tom Hickey and Kai Ealy, it's a sympathetic piece toward both men, suggesting they love each other even as they end up on different sides.

And — one last "Hamilton" comparison — "Franklinland" is another reminder that you can't ever extract family stuff from matters of state. Political people still trying to please — or confound — their parents get up to all kinds of stuff. Still. Even in the White House.

Short and taut as this piece may be, Suh has time to introduce a third character, William Temple Franklin (Nik Kmiecik), the illegitimate child of William Franklin, the apple rarely falling far from tree. Grandkids often being easier to deal with the kids, the eldest of the three Franklins did all he could for the youngest, who was not born with the same chip on his shoulder and thus landed on the right side of history. He did OK too.

All of this is explored in a little room in the back of a Park District facility on a simple raised platform, designed by Milo Bu. "You could do what I couldn't do," the annoyed Benjamin says to son William at one point, just another dad convinced his son has more privilege than him.

Wrong. And Ben Franklin had made it so. Be warned, America.

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## A+E NOTES

### French architect couple capture Driehaus Prize

Two French architects are the winners of the 2018 Richard H. Driehaus Prize for traditional architecture, the University of Notre Dame, which administers the prize, announced Wednesday.

Marc Breitman and Nada Breitman-Jakov, whose designs range from homes to neighborhoods, will receive the \$200,000 award in a March 24 ceremony in Chicago.

In its citation, the jury praised the two for "breathing new life into beloved and time-tested architectural and urban patterns." The husband-and-wife team works out of Paris as Breitman & Breitman architects.

Sponsored by Chicago investor Richard H. Driehaus and awarded annually to a living architect, the Driehaus Prize was established in 2003 to honor traditional and classical architecture. Previous recipients include the American architects Robert A.M. Stern and Michael Graves.

— Blair Kamin

### Decemberists to play Chicago Theatre in April

The Decemberists will be coming to Chicago on April 10 at the Chicago Theatre, on the heels of a new album.

The "Your Girl/Your Ghost" tour echoes the title of the album "I'll Be Your Girl," expected in March.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday (\$39.50-\$49.50) via Ticketmaster, via phone at 800-745-3000 or in person at the Chicago Theatre box office. There is a four-ticket limit.

— Kevin Williams

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## IN PERFORMANCE

## Killers bring glam, slam to Chicago

Charismatic singer imbues show with keen authenticity

BY ALTHEA LEGASPI  
Chicago Tribune

The Killers may have headlined a few Lollapaloozas, but their show at United Center on Tuesday marked new territory. Charismatic singer Brandon Flowers told the packed house that dreams come true, even though genetics prevented his supposed childhood hopes of how he imagined he'd perform at the venue one day: playing for the Chicago Bulls. "If this is the alternative," he said. "I'll take it."

Having composed stadium-sized, shout-along anthems that include several hits since the band released its 2004 "Hot Fuss" debut album, the Killers' UC appearance seemed more a foregone conclusion than Flowers let on. Coupled with their homegrown, Las Vegas-styled showmanship, they delivered an arena-worthy performance with sparkly, neon-lit, confetti-punctuated production to match.

Touring behind its fifth album and first in five



JENNIFER S. ALTMAN/LOS ANGELES TIMES 2017

Killers' singer Brandon Flowers, seen last year, said in Chicago he always wanted to play the United Center — for the Bulls.

years, "Wonderful Wonderful," the Killers have continued to hone their amalgam of dance and rock flavorings. And while their commitment to being non-committal genre-wise hasn't always jelled on

record, Flowers and company's penchant for rhythm-driven song structures and dramatic word-play felt tailor-made for a live setting.

That's also a testament to Flowers, who is one of the

most compelling contemporary frontmen around. Every song was sung with bravado. He could turn a nonsensical line into an epic mantra (the buoyant, fan-chanted "I got soul, but I'm not a soldier" from "All

These Things That I've Done"), the cryptic came off earnest and sincere ("Are we human or are we dancer?" he asked on the grooving "Human") and the youthful boasts in the tongue-in-cheek, disco-

tipped "The Man" were just plain fun. His swaggering onstage presence enhanced his allure.

As guitarist Dave Keuning and bassist Mark Stoermer are sitting out this tour, powerhouse drummer Ronnie Vannucci Jr. and Flowers were backed by a touring band that included guitarist Ted Sbray, bassist Jake Blanton, a keyboardist-rhythm guitarist and three backup singers. This outfit added verve to songs such as "Runaways." The collective professionalism was highlighted when Flowers stopped one of the Killers' best tunes, "Somebody Told Me," mid-song to call out and end an apparent fight between a couple of people in the audience before the group seamlessly picked up where it left off.

The early singles, including the concert closer and signature song "Mr. Brightside" and the catchy "When You Were Young" were standouts. But it was the cohesive new songs such as "The Calling," "Run for Cover" and the affirmational "Rut" that reinforced why The Killers continue to resonate with fans.

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## Russian tumult told day at a time

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offbeat and bracingly fresh.

The show is arranged in thematic clusters pertaining to different aspects of daily life, from work to leisure, child care to celebrations. Nearly all of it was directed at the women subjects of the vast Soviet Union and about half was also designed by female artists like Valentina Kulagina and Mariia Bri-Bein. Women then — as women now — bore the brunt of the quotidian, and when the Russians sought to rebuild the very structure of life, they had much to exhort of the female half of the population. One hundred years later, in the era of Trump and Putin, many of those messages remain depressingly unmet: The Soviets Defend Women's Rights! Women, Go to Civil Aviation Schools! Let's Construct Nurseries! Working Woman, Fight for a Clean Canteen and Healthy Food!

But it's the subtler content that really sticks: The women in these mass posters appear courageous and smart, deeply absorbed in their work, strong and in command. Nowhere are they objectified. Just about the only flesh on view is that of Liudmila Vtorova, a champion swimmer shown throwing a discus on a placard extolling physical culture. Meanwhile, posters featuring coquettish or tentative women received harsh reviews in internal documents of the time. Contrast this with everything we know of advertising today or, better yet, with Olga Chernysheva's cheeky "March," a 2005 video shot improvisationally on the streets of Moscow, where the artist encountered a marching band, little boys in black military uniforms, and a bevy of cheerleaders. The occasion remains vague but, regardless, the women are scantily clad.

Rare is the revolution presented without 100 percent dead seriousness. By contrast, "Revolution Every Day" provokes a wry chuckle at every turn. An excerpt from Vertov's documentary film "The Three Heroines" includes outtakes where one of its stars, the female aviator Marina Raskova, cracks up and flubs her lines. Adjacent to an advertisement touting the glories of ice skating at the Park of Culture and Recreation



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Mariia Bri-Bein's 1934 poster is known as "Woman Worker and Woman Collective Farmer."



SMART MUSEUM

A still from Olga Chernysheva's video that's in a show in Chicago.

runs a snarky article from a Moscow daily newspaper detailing the interminable hassles of actually trying to do so. Alongside a series of posters celebrating International Women's Day appears a magazine editorial detailing the lack of public child care, food service and laundries, plus helpful husbands, that would equal real emancipation.

My favorite wild card of the show is "Stalin by Picasso or Portrait of Woman with Moustache," a charmingly handmade 2008 video by Lene Berg that tells the story of a drawing that Pablo Picasso made to commemorate the Soviet leader upon his death in 1953. The portrait and its artist were subsequently condemned by the Communist Party — due to the picture having been deemed too feminine. This from the rulers of the USSR, who believed their state to be the most egalitarian in the world!

These and other dynamic ironies are the achievement of a whiz-bang curatorial team: Slavic languages scholar Robert Bird, curator-artist Zachary Cahill, Smart Museum curator Diane Miliotes, and Christina Kiaer, an art historian specializing in Russian

and Soviet art who also worked on the AIC show. Intent on immersing viewers in what they describe as "the textures and tempos of everyday life," they painted the exhibition walls mint green, pale pink, lavender and red — colors that might be characterized as the palette of institutional communist feminism.

They included, as well, evidence of the Soviet government's radical alterations of time itself. After an overdue shift from the Julian to the Gregorian system, the *nepreyryvka*, or unbroken workweek, was introduced to maximize productivity: weekends were eliminated, and each person assigned one day of rest out of every five. Later this was changed to a six-day period. To keep track, bizarre color- and shape-coded calendars were printed up, but this hardly solved the problem of labor time and social life being out of sync — as noted in the diary of a student, who complains that because of a recent change, her sisters and mother will have their day off while she is at school. Together with a friend, she decided to write a letter of protest and gather the signatures of her classmates.

Revolution every day, indeed!

"Revolution Every Day" runs through Jan. 28 at the Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave., 773-702-0200, [smartmuseum.uchicago.edu](http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu).

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EMILY SCHWARTZ PHOTO

Rob Frankel, from left, Josh Zagoren, Matthew Nerber and Sarah Gise in "For the Loyal."

IN PERFORMANCE 'For the Loyal' ★★ 1/2

## Sex abuse tale borrows from Penn State scandal

BY KERRY REID  
Chicago Tribune

Not long after Oprah Winfrey's rousing speech at the Golden Globes, a meme began circulating on social media showing her at previous Hollywood functions with Harvey Weinstein, bearing the legend "She Knew."

Questions about who knew what — and when they knew it — about Weinstein and other high-profile men accused of sexual assault have cropped up in the wake of the #MeToo movement. In some cases, such as the Winfrey accusation, it feels like a cynical attempt to silence a powerful woman for speaking out. (Sadly, given the prevalence of sexual abuse and harassment, most of us have probably unknowingly spent time in the company of someone with that unsavory history.)

But the question of what to do once we've learned something terrible about a friend or colleague — let alone a boss — remains compelling. And that question is at the heart of Lee Blessing's 2015 play, "For the Loyal," now in a local premiere with Interrobang Theatre Project under James Yost's direction.

Blessing borrows heavily from the real story of Jerry Sandusky, the former assistant football coach at Penn State convicted in 2012 on 45 counts of sexually abusing young boys. It begins with Toby (Matthew Nerber), a new assistant coach in a recently revamped college football program, telling his pregnant wife, Mia (Sarah Gise), about a disturbing incident he witnessed at the home of Carlson, another assistant coach. Toby saw a young boy sitting naked in the coach's car in the garage, and the coach himself walking out in his underwear.

When: Through Feb. 4

Where: Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Tickets: \$32 at 773-935-6875 or [www.interrobangtheatre.org](http://www.interrobangtheatre.org)

Toby's already confided in the head coach, Hale (Josh Zagoren), who has cautioned him to tell no one. But when Carlson (Rob Frankel) comes over to Toby and Mia's house to join Hale and Toby for a night on the town, Mia apparently takes matters into her own hands.

Blessing essentially lays out two possible paths of action (or inaction) for Mia and Toby given what they know (and what Zagoren's blustering Hale confirms) about Carlson's history of raping boys. It's left up to us to imagine by play's end which one might have "really" happened.

But despite these two clashing possibilities and his focus on doubt, betrayal and moral ambiguity as driving factors for the characters, Blessing doesn't offer them more than the starkest and most extreme ways of responding to what they've learned. Do nothing. Or do the most drastic thing imaginable.

That may well be the result of a system that thrives on cover-ups and lies in order to ensure victory on the field. Toby worries about the "chain of command," while Hale, who is perfectly willing to jettison Carlson without providing a public accounting for his crimes, says, "All you can do is make him somebody else's problem."

Yost's staging for Interrobang is part of the company's "Raw" series, which emphasizes stripped-down production values in favor

of the story. Even still, the transitions between scenes feel muddled and clunky. When the stakes are as high as what Blessing presents here, we don't want to be taken out of the world of the play as set pieces are turned around. Pauline Oleksy's set is most effective when it's just gray walls and benches, a sort of murky underworld where the characters — particularly Gise's anguished Mia and Frankel's self-justifying Carlson — face off in a series of sometimes-didactic encounters.

Blessing also dilutes his own story by not quite convincing us that Mia would take such an extreme step as the one we see here. On the other hand, her encounter with one of Carlson's victims (played by Richard David, who does a beautiful job embodying a series of young boys and men) brings to mind John Patrick Shanley's "Doubt," where the mother of a boy possibly molested by a priest tells a nun that it may not be as awful as she's imagining. Here, David's Boy tells Mia that Carlson's attentions weren't always unwanted in the context of a life filled with abuse.

(Like Sandusky, Carlson runs a foundation for at-risk youths that makes his predatory behavior even easier to sustain.)

"My life was like an iceberg. You could only see a little part," the boy says. Though its own ambiguities sometimes threaten to sink the story, "For the Loyal" still provides a sometimes-compelling portrait of how abusers operate in a system that would prefer to remain blind to sexual abuse.

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## BOOK REVIEW

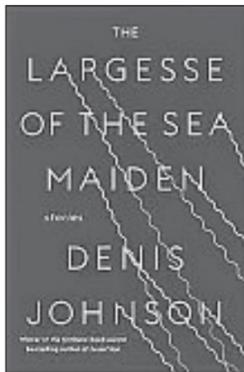
# Johnson had poet's gift for imagery

Legacy of grace evident in new, posthumous story collection

By TROY JOLLIMORE  
Chicago Tribune

Denis Johnson, who died last year, gave us a dozen works of distinctive and inimitable works of fiction. Of these, he is best known for two: "Tree of Smoke," his 2007 novel about Vietnam and the CIA, for which he won the National Book Award, and "Jesus' Son," a collection of short stories published in 1992. "Jesus' Son," which contains multiple interlocking stories of drug addicts and their associates, included the phantasmagoric "Car Crash While Hitchhiking," a classic of the American short story form. (If you have read that story, you'll remember it. If you haven't, you should.) Like much of Johnson's work, the book displayed a deep fascination with the flamboyant desperation of society's rogues, people unable or unwilling to conform to contemporary America's overly narrow and spiritually hollow vision of the good life.

Johnson's beautiful new book of stories, "The Largesse of the Sea Maiden," is in certain respects a successor to "Jesus' Son." Its characters, too, tend to be nonconformists driven to desperation, though the desperation here can be less overt and can assume various forms. At times — in "Strangler Bob" and particularly in "The Starlight on Idaho" — the desperation overwhelms the stories, choking the life somewhat out of the characters. "Strangler Bob" is a



## "The Largesse of the Sea Maiden"

By Denis Johnson, Random House, 224 pages, \$27

prison story with a colorful cast of characters; "The Starlight on Idaho" is the first-person account of a man trying to escape his addictions and rise up from his sad existence. Neither story is entirely satisfying, though they have their moments.

The other three stories, though, are remarkable. "Triumph Over the Grave" is a reflection on mortality, in which a writer reflects on the lives and, more particularly, the deaths of people he has known. Here, and also in the title story, Johnson's narration moves unpredictably (but never haphazardly) between various plotlines that are united not by conventional standards of causation and chronology but by theme and dream logic. In addition to being a fiction writ-



CINDY LEE JOHNSON

Author Denis Johnson, who died last year, often wrote about characters driven by desperation.

er, Johnson was also a poet, and he has the poet's gift for finding the perfect image to encapsulate an idea or experience, what T.S. Eliot called the objective correlative. A lengthy list of the detritus left behind by a dead friend — the "aggregations" of bric-a-brac the narrator says "it falls to me to sort through" — ends with "a snow globe, its surface so worn you can't see what it holds, but by its heft you know the water still submerses the wintry scene inside, while nobody who ever beheld it remains alive."

The title story, which offers the recollections of an aging advertising man whose attitude toward his experience consists of a mix of befuddlement and enchantment, is less death-

haunted than "Triumph Over the Grave" but displays a similar roving, associative narrative movement. It begins with a bizarre and unforgettable scene between a young woman and a veteran of the conflict in Afghanistan, a profound and uncomfortable encounter that leads to unexpected consequences. "You and I know what goes on," the narrator says to us, conspiratorially, making us wonder to what extent, really, we do. Later, he pauses to address us again: "I wonder if you're like me, if you collect and squirrel away in your soul certain odd moments when the Mystery winks at you." Both "The Largesse of the Sea Maiden" and "Triumph Over the Grave" are, in essence, collections of such

moments, gestures toward the deepest mysteries of our existence on this planet.

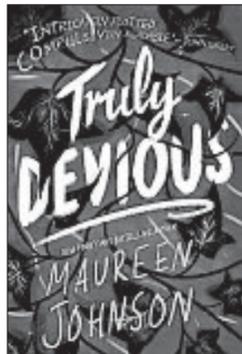
The closing story, "Doppelgänger, Poltergeist," is more unified and conventional in its structure, but is at its heart equally enigmatic. It is the story of Mark Ahearn, as related by his teacher, who narrates the story and who calls him "our country's finest poet." Ahearn's primary preoccupation, though, is not his literary career, but his obsession with Elvis Presley and his lifelong attempt to establish his bizarre theory that the real Elvis was murdered by his manager, Colonel Tom Parker, and replaced by Jesse Garon Presley — Elvis' identical twin, who, according to the official records, was stillborn.

The word *largesse* isn't much used anymore. Perhaps it refers to a kind of profound and liberal bounteousness that isn't often to be observed in American life today. But it's a perfect word to describe Johnson's fiction, which overflows with creative energy, moving from one beauty to another with a mercurial, at times almost chaotic grace. Although his characters are often diminished and winnowed by their struggles with life, the narrative voice that describes their travails gives evidence of an imagination that is nearly boundless in its generosity and abundance.

Troy Jollimore has written three collections of poetry, most recently "Syllabus of Errors."

## Y.A. book roundup

By CHRISTINE HEPPERMAN  
Chicago Tribune



**"Truly Devious" by Maureen Johnson, Katherine Tegan, 432 pages, \$17.99, ages 13 and up**

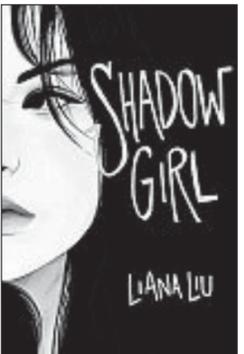
Agatha Christie meets "Riverdale" in Maureen Johnson's latest, which offers two gripping mysteries rolled into one. The first mystery is what compels aspiring detective Stephanie, aka Stevie, to enroll at Ellingham Academy, a progressive Vermont boarding school with an infamous past.

In 1936, the wife and daughter of the school's billionaire founder, Albert Ellingham, were kidnapped for a ransom paid to no avail; the wife was eventually found dead — as was an Ellingham student believed to have crossed paths with the kidnapper — and the daughter never reappeared.

Stevie, in a school-sanctioned project, plans to solve the case once and for all. But before she can really get going, a classmate dies under suspicious circumstances, causing her to refocus her efforts.

Flipping back and forth between the past and the present, "Truly Devious" adds a modern flair to that delicious classic mystery novel-reading experience in which every passage seems rife with potential suspects and clues.

The one thing you won't find in "Truly Devious" is closure — it's the first book in a series. Based on this promising beginning, it's fair to assume that the answers will be worth the wait.



**"Shadow Girl" by Liana Liu, HarperTeen, 336 pages, \$17.99, ages 13 and up**

"Are you superstitious?" Coming out of the blue during a job interview, this question confuses Mei, as it seems irrelevant to the position she's applying for.

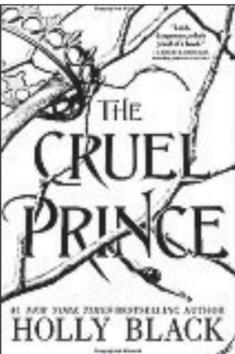
Readers of Liana Liu's engaging second novel will discern early on that "superstitious" is the last word one would use to describe such a pragmatic, clear-eyed and focused character. Whenever someone refers to Mei as her 8-year-old student Ella's baby-sitter or nanny, she corrects them: "I'm her academic tutor."

Her sensible perspective gives weight to what might otherwise have been an intriguing but forgettable story about a girl who goes to work for a wealthy family at their island summer home and gets caught up in their drama.

The layers of meaning only deepen when, while trying to convince Ella that there is no ghost haunting the house, Mei must finally admit to herself that she's not sure, about anything.

The title, "Shadow Girl," resonates strongly with the novel's themes. It describes the possible ghost, Eleanor, and Ella, who is quiet and withdrawn for reasons Mei tries hard to discover.

But perhaps it best applies to Mei, who has lived dutifully in the shadows with her mother, a Chinese immigrant, for much of her life.



**"The Cruel Prince" by Holly Black, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 384 pages, \$18.99, ages 15 and up**

This first volume of Holly Black's planned young-adult series, "The Folk of the Air," opens on a soothingly ordinary domestic scene: Three sisters lounge on the couch in front of cartoons. The two younger sisters are identical twins, and the older sister has unusual eyes and pointed ears, but there's nothing else remarkable about them.

Then, suddenly, everything was not fine.

Plunging from bland suburbia into the brutal, glittering world of the faerie folk, the narrative follows Jude, one of the twins, as she strives to make a place for herself in a society inhospitable to humans. It's unique that, unlike her half-human, half-faerie sister, Vivi, Jude wants to be there, and she seems willing to do almost anything, even kill, to prove herself worthy. Though the tumultuous political situation, which involves a large cast of faerie royalty fighting to either usurp, escape or ascend to the throne, can be confusing, Jude distinguishes herself as a morally complex, tough but vulnerable main character.

Christine Heppermann is the author of two books for young adults and co-author of the "Backyard Witch" chapter book series for younger readers.

## BOOK REVIEW

## In 'Red Clocks,' women have it even harder in the future

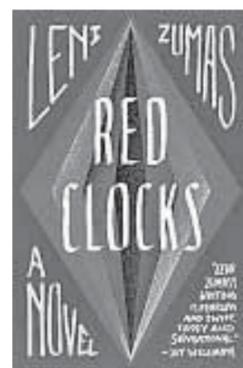
By KATHLEEN ROONEY  
Chicago Tribune

Sir Thomas More coined the term "utopia," meaning "a place of ideal perfection," in his book of the same title in 1516. More than 300 years passed before John Stuart Mill coined that term's antonym, "dystopia," meaning "a place in which everything is unpleasant or bad" in a speech before the British House of Commons in 1868.

Since that opening of the floodgates, a veritable ocean of dystopic literature has poured forth, ranging from Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" to George Orwell's "1984" to Anthony Burgess' "A Clockwork Orange." More recently, with Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games," Louise Erdrich's "Future Home of the Living God," to name just a few, the publishing industry has been awash in explicitly feminist dystopic fiction. Intricate and alarming, Leni Zumas' riveting second novel, "Red Clocks," arrives just in time to ride that wave into 2018.

Zumas sets the action in a small, coastal Oregon town in a grim near future in which the United States has passed the Personhood Amendment granting "the constitutional right to life, liberty, and property to a fertilized egg at the moment of conception." This sexist and oppressive measure reverses Roe v. Wade and renders criminal such acts as abortion, single-parent adoption and in vitro fertilization. Wry and urgent, defiant and stylish, Zumas' braided tale follows the intertwined fates of four women whose lives this law irrevocably alters.

Roberta Stephens, or Ro, a high school history



## 'Red Clocks'

By Leni Zumas, Little, Brown, 368 pages, \$26

teacher and biographer, is so desperate to become pregnant that she spends countless hours and dollars on fertility treatments, "submitting her area to all kinds of invasion without understanding a fraction of what's being done to it."

Gin Percival, a "mender" whom many locals see as a kook, lives in the woods, "alone human-wise," but with a menagerie of animals, and provides illicit gynecological services to women. In characteristically lush writing, Zumas notes that Gin "likes her ladies big-siren, mermaids of land, pressing and twisting in fleshful bodies."

Mattie Quarles, an adopted teen who is a student at the high school, becomes pregnant by her boyfriend. Her unwanted circumstance happens to be particularly unfortunate, because when the Personhood Amendment passed, her religious father declared "it was about time the country came to its senses."

Last but not least, Susan Korsmo, a depressed and bored stay-at-home mother of two, is married to one of Ro's co-workers,

Didier, the French teacher. Her mindset alternates between despair and smugness. "The wife *made persons*," Zumas writes in her perspective. "No need to otherwise justify what she is doing on the planet."

Lit up with verbal pyrotechnics and built with an admirably balanced structure, "Red Clocks" is undeniably gorgeously written. But how much feminist dystopic fiction can audiences read? If engrossing oneself in a world where "two years ago ... abortion was legal in this country, but now we have to resort to throwing ourselves down the stairs" offers engagement or even relief, then "Red Clocks" might feel energizing. If becoming absorbed in "a surveillance state" rife with "male-supremacist legislation" brings fatigue, then the reader might find it redundant to be immersed in fiction that so closely resembles nightmares that already feel too present.

A "dystopia" can also be defined as an "imaginary bad place." In many aspects, the badness of the U.S. continues to prove all too real, especially for women. Nineteen women have accused the president of sexual misconduct, the #MeToo campaign has attested to endemic workplace sexual harassment and reproductive rights exist under constant threat. Perhaps readers — including this one — who crave and can find catharsis in the experience of considering a future in which such issues are far from settled will find "Red Clocks" indispensable.

Kathleen Rooney is the author, most recently, of "The Listening Room: A Novel of Georgette and Loulou Magritte," forthcoming in April.

## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Burkely Duffield

**"Beyond"** (7 p.m., FREE): With his mission in the Realm evidently wrapped up, Holden (Burkely Duffield) tries to concentrate on his "new normal," which includes a mundane job and a promising relationship with Willa (Dilan Gwyn), but he can't shake a feeling of foreboding as this supernatural drama returns for its sophomore season in the two-hour premiere "Two Zero One." Diane (Romy Rosemont) is asked to make a major sacrifice to help the investigation into Hollow Sky, and it's something that Tom (Michael McGrady) doesn't like.

**"Arrow"** (8 p.m., CW): Though Team Arrow's membership has been depleted dramatically, Oliver (Stephen Amell) has faith that Felicity and Diggle (Emily Bett Rickards, David Ramsey) will give him sufficient backup in opposing Black Siren (Katie Cassidy) and Cayden James (guest star Michael Emerson) in the new episode "Divided."

**"Lip Sync Battle Live: A Michael Jackson Celebration"** (8 p.m., SPIKE): The channel previously known as Spike relaunches as the newly christened Paramount Network with this new live one-hour special that pays tribute to the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Participants for the event have yet to be confirmed, but LL Cool J and Chrissy Teigen will host the show from the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. The special also will feature a number from "Michael Jackson: ONE," a Cirque du Soleil production in Las Vegas.

**"Mom"** (8:01 p.m., CBS): Attendance at a wedding prompts Bonnie and Adam (Allison Janney, William Fichtner) to discuss their own upcoming nuptials — which they turn out to have very different ideas about — in the new episode "Sex Fog and a Mild-to-Moderate Panic Attack." Christy and Patrick (Anna Farris, guest star Steven Weber) run into hurdles in setting the proper mood for intimacy. Mimi Kennedy, Jaime Pressly and Beth Hall also star.

**"Chicago Fire"** (9 p.m., NBC): Dawson and Casey (Monica Raymund, Jesse Spencer) experience strain in their relationship, not helped when Dawson seeks help from Severide (Taylor Kinney), in the new episode "Foul Is Fair." Brett and Kidd (Kara Killmer, Miranda Rae Mayo) become romantic rivals. A strange, decidedly unpleasant aroma affects the entire firehouse.

**"60 Days In"** (9 p.m., AE): In the new episode "Party Favors," the undercover participants find themselves stuck in a game with high-risk stakes as they desperately try to toe the line between blowing their cover and just going "full inmate." There's also the nearly impossible challenge of staying focused on the task at hand while confronted with difficult cellmates and wild parties that break out on the sly.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Gerard Butler; actor Selma Blair; Grizzly Bear performs.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Jessica Chastain; singer Ricky Martin; Franz Ferdinand performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Sharon Stone; actor Rob Riggle; Fall Out Boy performs.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T.: "K-Town." (N) ©	News (N) *			
	<b>NBC</b>	5	Superstore (N) ©	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	Great News (N) ©	Chicago Fire: "Foul Is Fair." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) *			
	<b>ABC</b>	7	Grey's Anatomy: "Four Seasons in One Day." (N)		Scandal: "Robin." (N) ©		How to Get Away With Murder: "He's Dead." (N)	News at 10pm (N) *			
	<b>WGN</b>	9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)			
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©		
	<b>This TV</b>	9.3	Inspector Clouseau (G,'68) **	Alan Arkin. ©			The Russians Are Coming *				
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Italy's Invisible Cities: "Florence." (N) (Part 3 of 3)		Billy Connolly's Tracks Across America ©	Independent Lens (N) *			
	<b>WYCC</b>	20	Sign-off								
	<b>The U</b>	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©		
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett		
<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek *			
<b>FOX</b>	32			The Four: Battle for Stardom: "Week Three." (N) ©				Modern Family ©			
<b>Ion</b>	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Little Fish."		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood *			
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	<b>AMC</b>		Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl				(PG-13,'03) ***		300 *** *		
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<b>VH1</b>		Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13,'12) **	Tyler Perry. ©			Daddy's Little Girls ***					
<b>WE</b>		Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop		Hip Hop *			
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## Sometimes, audiences fail the artists

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berlake released the first song from a new album, and however you may feel toward it, the song was unexpected and bold, unquestionably ambitious. On iTunes, last I checked, 453 people gave it five stars, 429 gave it one. As a one-star review puzzled out: "I'm all for growth and evolution, but this is a little much."

Bring sexy back or — whatever.

Of course, it's the easiest, laziest move to blame an audience for not responding "correctly," to position your terrific taste and disagreement against the other guy's lack of appreciation and shortsightedness. But lately I wonder about audiences that see disappointment in a lack of perfection, that toss out some very good work with the bathwater, that expect to be handed a masterpiece, and anything less is a problem. Take Oscars season, that annual board meeting of Hype and Reality, when unimpressed audiences are faced with the well-meaning ambitions of movies they will never see. Fair enough: We've all been burned by bloated, self-important Academy Award contenders.

Still, is "Lady Bird" really not worth my time because you "didn't love it"?

Is "The Post" unworthy of serious discussion because "it's not Spielberg's best"?

Is "Get Out" undeserving of a best picture Oscar because "I don't know, it's not exactly the best picture ever made"? That's how I've heard friends and colleagues talk about those movies, their reactions boiled down to all-or-nothing finalities, fresh or rotten.

Society, Byron predicted, will eventually narrow into two tribes, "the Bored and Bored."

If so, maybe Elvis should shoulder some blame. The illusion of consensus found in the title of his 1959 col-



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Vicky Krieps in "Phantom Thread," which, sumptuous, funny and unpredictable though it is, audiences may opt to hate.

lection "50,000,000 Elvis Fans Can't Be Wrong" — a "customer is always right" moment for pop music — suggests a broad democratic crowd, immune to second-guessing. But not even Elvis would have believed that. Today, the title has been parodied so much — self-deprecatingly (Blues Traveler's "1,000,000 People Can't Be Wrong"), hubristically ("100,000,000 Bon Jovi Fans Can't Be Wrong") — that whatever truth it once contained is buried beneath geological layers of cynicism. By the 1980s, even a Kinks title like "Give the People What They Want" couldn't be read as anything but acerbic.

That said, outright revolts against audience taste remain a rare thing.

And it doesn't get better than this: Five years ago this month, in the last moments of the final episode of "30 Rock," Tracy Morgan turned to the camera and said: "That's our show, and not a lot of people watched, but the joke's on you — we

got paid anyway."

Never mind 50,000,000, fewer than 5 million watched that finale, a smaller number than watched that night's episode of "The Big Bang Theory" and "American Idol." In retrospect, if you consider the milestones of the current Age of Peak TV, the audience failed "30 Rock" and after seven smart seasons and mediocre ratings, the show couldn't hold its frustrated tongue any longer. The response was a funny nod to its failure, not a lashing-out. But generally? Openly suggesting an audience is wrong because it didn't like your work is a weak idea — maybe even an artist's worst instinct.

Contempt — "the ultimate sin of any performer," critic Lester Bangs once wrote — is never pretty, and rarely funny. Though perhaps we need to remind ourselves occasionally that art is a personal act, that even the most fan-centered Marvel creation is not entirely the result of demo-

cratic tinkering. Contempt often looks a lot like disappointment. I think about the time I saw Nirvana, at the Aragon Ballroom, and how Kurt Cobain, egged on by the audience to smash something onstage, picked up a small speaker only to drop it limply then sarcastically clap like a monkey at the excited crowd.

Smashing equipment was an exhausted trope even when Nirvana was doing it, and Cobain probably figured his audience would be bored, that they would peek around the corners of their taste and wonder what's next. But that, of course, was never very likely. Audiences are not seers. Museum shops are full of postcards of beloved paintings that were once greeted with anger and confusion. Would you have been at Newport in 1965, booing Bob Dylan from the lip of the stage as he went electric? Would you have been one of those Chicagoans in 1967, decrying that big, ugly new Picasso in Daley Plaza?

You think you'd be smarter.

But even the effusive, mainstream outpouring of love that follows the death of a bold artist — a David Bowie or a Lou Reed — serves as a kind of inverted mirror, reflecting as much the admiration for the artist as the regret that the audience feels for not appreciating the artist fully when he or she was alive. Then again, as Zadie Smith writes in her new essay collection "Feel Free," philistinism is a quality "always easier to note in other people than detect in yourself." Indeed, the title "50,000,000 Elvis Fans Can't Be Wrong" itself is somewhat of a comment on a DownBeat article ("Can Fifty Million Americans Be Wrong?") that questioned Elvis' staying power. See, critics get it wrong too. Of course they do — critics are audiences.

But you might say the way audiences talk about art now leaves no room for reasonable discussion. It echoes instead the ideol-

ogies of 2018. Populism vs. elites. Americans vs. media. The "Fresh" and "Rotten" classifications on Rotten Tomatoes, through which every film is filtered, suggest there are two ways of seeing everything — you liked it, you didn't. Even that divide on "The Last Jedi" — the site's professional critics mostly loved it, its self-selecting amateur Eberts mostly did not — feels somewhat reminiscent of the distrust of expertise the Trump White House has fostered. All of which mirrors our conversations on social media, a 24-7 wellspring of homogeneous "ideas" and, standing on the opposite shore, an alternate universe, populated with "bad takes."

What's left?

A couple of groups with little to talk about, comfortable inside their own thinking and expectations of what a work of art has to do. Sound familiar? So polarized are these conversations that even a populist favorite like "Star Wars" must weigh any touch of personal filmmaking against the degree to which it risks alienating swaths of audiences.

To be generous: Your time is tight.

The world of art and entertainment — no matter the medium, theater, music, poetry, whatever — is one of excess. My mother's Netflix account is awash in excellent TV she abandoned within minutes. Should you sit through an entire movie or TV series now, the demands of the digital frontier mean there's not a lot of time for any of it to linger in your head too long. And yet, for any of it to survive, a good audience is required to step out on a limb, allow a thoughtful failure and not dismiss it out of hand. I suppose that's an obvious way to end. But then again, this probably isn't the best essay you've ever read.

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Jan. 18): Good things come through friends and social networks this year. Dedicate yourself to your teams. Shared financial limitations this winter motivate increased personal cash flow. Discover new passion and your collaboration flourishes and prospers. Connect and share what you love.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Don't take action yet. Finish preparations before launching. Your social life is a whirl this month, with Venus in Aquarius. Enjoy peaceful privacy. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Craft professional plans, and put wheels in motion later. Take charge of where you're going and strategize for success. Hold your temper. Wait for developments.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Stay flexible with travel plans. Have a backup option to relieve worry or frustration, and avoid an expensive mess. Let sleeping dogs lie. **Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Find simple ways to save money for your family. Grow your emergency fund. You can conserve resources without discomfort. Stay home instead of going out.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Navigate changes with your partner. Silly arguments spark easily. Compromise for solutions. Let the little stuff go. Treat each other and yourselves with compassion.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Passions may be in high gear; look before you leap! Avoid automatic outbursts or expensive temptations. Stay cool. Figure out a good landing spot. **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Resist the temptation to throw your money around. Tempers may be temporarily short; avoid stepping on anyone's sensitivities. Let your heart guide you.

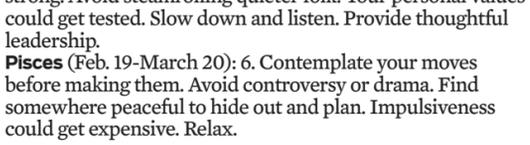
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Proceed with caution in a domestic dispute. Stay objective in a tense situation. It's OK to disagree. Withhold judgment or sharp words. **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Edit your words carefully before hitting "send." You don't have to tell everything to everyone. Consider consequences, ramifications and differing views.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. A project with lucrative potential could hit a roadblock or delay. Coordination between you and your partner works it out. Keep secrets. Wait patiently. **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. You're especially confident and strong. Avoid steamrolling quieter folk. Your personal values could get tested. Slow down and listen. Provide thoughtful leadership.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Contemplate your moves before making them. Avoid controversy or drama. Find somewhere peaceful to hide out and plan. Impulsiveness could get expensive. Relax.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn



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As Looney Tunes' popularity waned, some characters resorted to desperate measures.

Bliss By Harry Bliss



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Bridge North-South vulnerable, North deals

**North**  
 ♠ A 4  
 ♥ A 9 7  
 ♦ J 5 2  
 ♣ A Q J 8 2

**West**  
 ♠ J 10 8 3  
 ♥ J 10 6 4 3  
 ♦ A 8 3  
 ♣ 3

**East**  
 ♠ Q 9 5  
 ♥ K 5 2  
 ♦ 7 6 4  
 ♣ K 9 7 5

**South**  
 ♠ K 7 6 2  
 ♥ Q 8  
 ♦ K Q 10 9  
 ♣ 10 6 4

North-South were playing the "Precision" system. The one club opening was artificial and promised at least 16 high-card points. A one diamond response by South would have been artificial and negative and a one spade response would have shown a five-card suit. The normal contract was reached in a slightly different way.

South was Larry Cohen, of Delray Beach, Florida. Cohen has won many national championships over the last three decades with several different partners. He is currently inactive as a player, but very active in bridge. He is the guest lecturer for several cruises during the year and he is in great demand as a lecturer and teacher throughout the USA and Canada.

The opening heart lead went to East's king and the heart continuation went to Cohen's queen. Many players would start by playing on clubs, reasoning that if the clubs behaved, they would have nine tricks and they could then play on diamonds for overtricks. Cohen saw the danger in that plan. Should the club finesse lose, he would have only eight tricks. The defense would knock out the ace of hearts and Cohen would then need the ace of diamonds to be favorably located or a lucky 4-4 split in hearts.

Cohen correctly played on diamonds first. West won with his ace and knocked out the ace of hearts. Cohen could now take the club finesse in relative safety, only losing the contract when East held the king of clubs plus all of the outstanding hearts. Well done!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert By Scott Adams



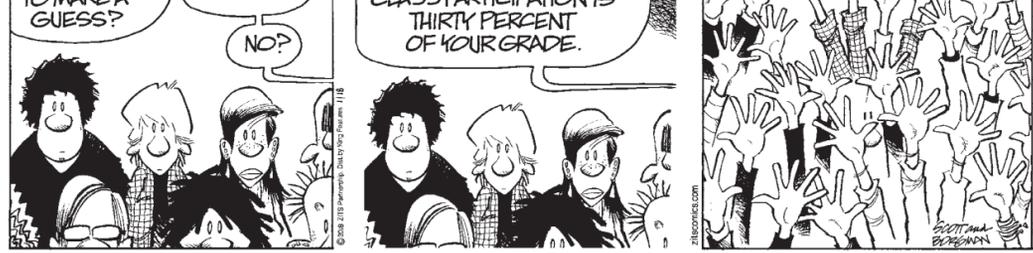
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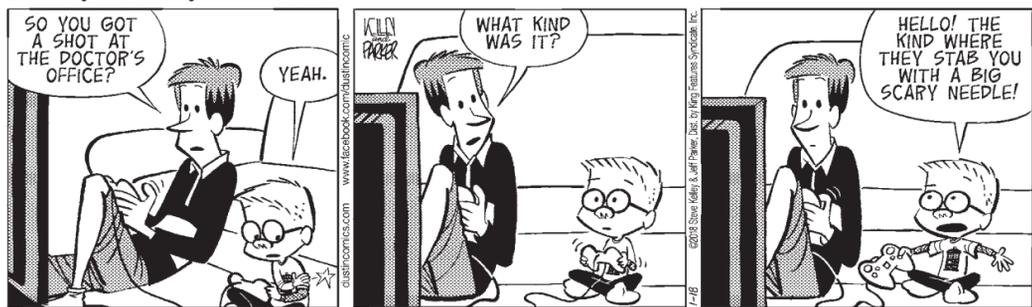
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**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



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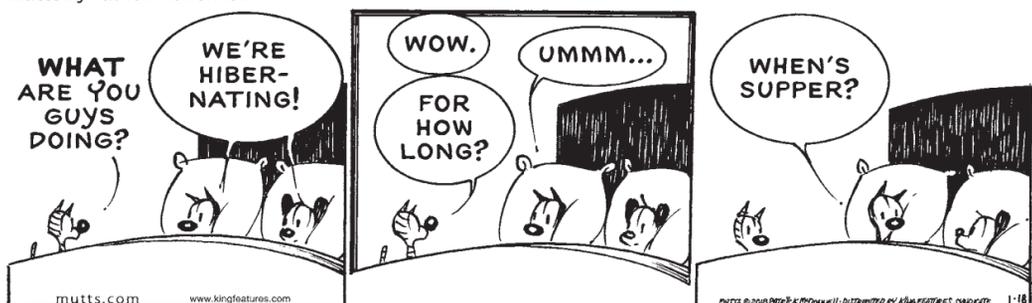
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler (WuMo is on vacation this week. Enjoy this strip from 2015.)



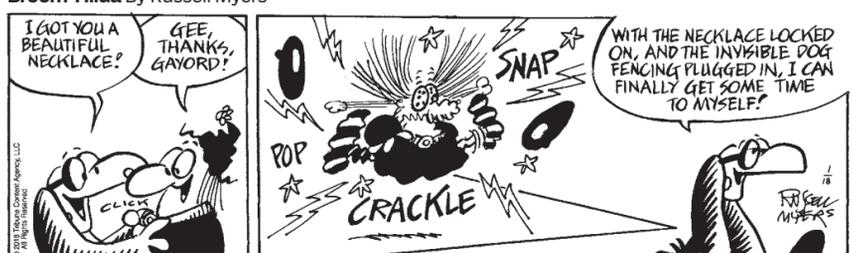
**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



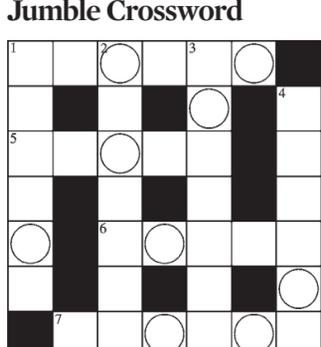
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

**Which water bird figures prominently in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?**  
 A) Albatross  
 B) Auk  
 C) Cormorant  
 D) Seagull  
**Wednesday's answer:** Whoopi Goldberg, Helen Hayes, Audrey Hepburn and Rita Moreno are EGOT — Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony — winners.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



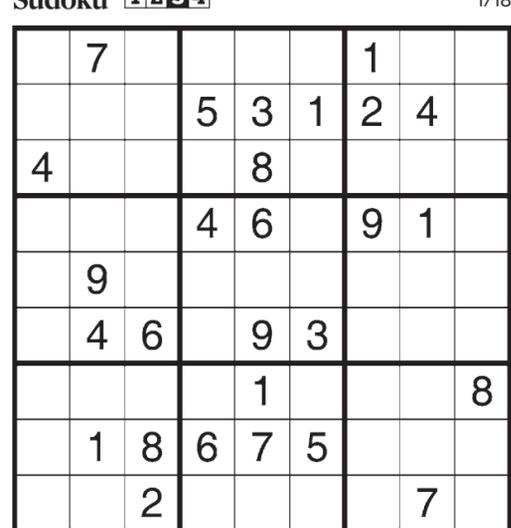
**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. \_\_\_ insurance  
 5. Anticipate  
 6. Fact  
 7. Author  
**ANSWER**  
 VLEAT  
 ATIAW  
 URHTT  
 IWERTT

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Hypnotic state  
 2. Power \_\_\_  
 3. Give authority to  
 4. Geyser  
**ANSWER**  
 NEACTR  
 DARPAET  
 USNTTER  
 UGEHRS

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.  
**CLUE:** The \_\_\_ is 363 miles long.  
**BONUS** ○○○○○ ○○○○○

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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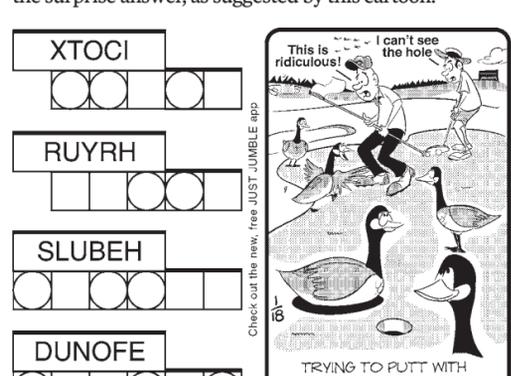


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3	1	5	2	4	9	8	6	7
6	4	9	1	8	7	2	5	3
7	6	4	3	9	2	1	8	5
8	3	1	5	6	4	7	2	9
9	5	2	7	1	8	4	3	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.  
**Wednesday's solutions**  
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**Jumble**

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

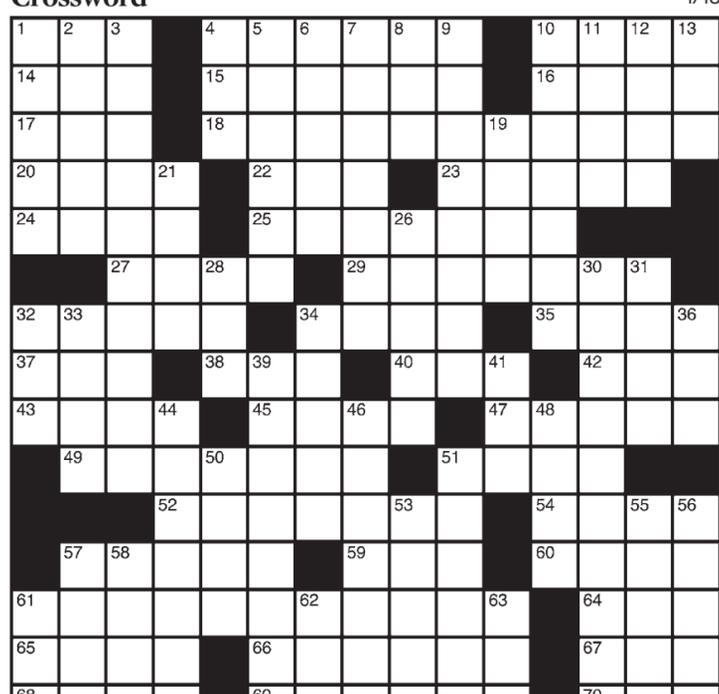


**Answer here**  
 ○○○○ ○○○○ ○○○○○○

**Wednesday's answers**  
 Jumbles: PRONG WHILE PUPPET RADISH  
 Answer: The interview with undersea-explorer Jacques Cousteau was — IN-DEPTH  
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**Crossword**

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**Across**  
 1 It doesn't go off  
 4 Dugong or manatee  
 10 Friskies sister brand  
 14 "Looke here!"  
 15 Turkey's second-largest city  
 16 Enjoyed People  
 17 Singer Fogelberg  
 18 \*Acting like the locals  
 20 Toughness  
 22 Stage great Hagen  
 23 White \_\_\_  
 24 Site of Napoleon's exile  
 25 Accessories for many lawn mowers  
 27 Engrave with acid  
 29 Dalai Lama, for one  
 32 Sport with clay pigeons  
 34 Canapé spread  
 35 Husky follower  
 37 Part of SASE: Abbr.  
 38 Wartime prez  
 40 Sci-fi aviators  
 42 Shapiro of NPR  
 43 Exertion  
 45 Suburban trees  
 47 Picker-uppers?  
 49 Hole's starting point for skilled golfers  
 51 Many a college graduate's burden  
 52 Reel  
 54 Software glitches ... and, in a broad sense, small things hidden in the answers to starred clues  
 57 Trouble greatly  
 59 LG competitor  
 60 First name at Woodstock  
 61 \*Try not to look bored  
 64 Lithium-\_\_\_ battery  
 65 Pakistani tongue  
 66 Scoresheet slashes  
 67 Find fault to a fault  
 68 Mandarin discard  
 69 Siberian expanse  
 70 Some hot rods  
**11 Hawaiian wedding rings**  
**12 Tar**  
**13 Neruda's "\_\_\_ to My Socks"**  
**19 Top-ranked**  
**21 Make full**  
**26 Credits as a source**  
**28 Commuter org. in the Loop**  
**30 "The Imitation Game" subject**  
**31 Comic-Con attendee**  
**32 Ready**  
**33 Door opener**  
**34 Pequod co-owner**  
**36 Belittle**  
**39 Trial run designed to catch 54-Across**  
**41 "\_\_\_ Walks in Beauty": Byron poem**  
**44 Satyrlike**  
**46 "You've Got Mail" co-star**  
**48 "Fernando" pop group**  
**50 Letters replacing unlisted items**  
**51 Bureau unit**  
**53 Internet greeting**  
**55 Be a bad sport**  
**56 iTunes downloads**  
**57 Raison d'\_\_\_**  
**58 West Wing staffer**  
**61 "How're things?"**  
**62 "The Simpsons" clerk**  
**63 Fort Meade org.**

**Wednesday's solution**  
 BAKED ALDA ECOLI ANITA VEAL YAWED TIMES TABLE TENNIS EMB HOT EXALT DEAD GAS REACT SQUAREROOTBEER CHIEFS XOUT GUARD CANDO DIOR GUARD USG MESS SABRES PIECHARTTOPPER DRAIN SNO ROSA PRIES ERA MHO PERFECTCUBESTEAK ONQUE AOKI KARMA DEALS STET SJOEY

**Down**  
 1 Sidestep  
 2 Penske rival  
 3 \*Google Code of Conduct motto  
 4 Succumb to gravity!  
 5 "Cut it out aloud!"  
 6 Curly-tailed dog  
 7 Rummy game played with two decks  
 8 Suffix for NPR's website  
 9 "You sure of that?"  
 10 Gallery VIPs

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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, JAN. 18

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 16°

RECORD HIGH: 61° (1996)

RECORD LOW: -21° (1994)

## Cold spell ends, as mild air arrives from Plains

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 33 **LOW** 22

■ **Multiday warmup gets underway Thursday afternoon.**

■ Cold at the start with wind chills between zero and +5 degrees thanks to gusty southwest winds.

■ Temperatures warm to the lower 30s by afternoon amid generous sunshine and strong southwest winds expected to persist. Some 30+ mph gusts are likely.

■ Mainly clear and not as cold Thursday night. Southwest winds 7-18 mph help to keep readings in the lower 20s.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Six days of chill come to an end today.

After six days of temperatures than ran far below normal, Chicago is finally beginning to experience a big warmup. It begins today and continues into early next week. The recent chill and the cold spell that gripped the city during the first seven days of January combined to make the first 17 days of this month the 25th-coldest in the 147 Januaries for which official temperature records are available (since 1871).

Afternoon temperatures climbed into the 40s and lower 50s across the central and northern Plains on Wednesday, and that mild air is heading toward Chicago. The next storm system to affect the city arrives late Saturday with rain. Rain continues intermittently through Sunday and into Monday. There is even a chance of a thunderstorm early Monday.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 19

**HIGH** 41 **LOW** 32

Mostly sunny, though a few high clouds may arrive from the west late in the day. South to southwest winds 10-20 mph help push readings into the 40s for the first time in 8 days!

### SATURDAY, JAN. 20

**HIGH** 44 **LOW** 32

More cloudiness than recent days but continued mild with highs in the low to mid 40s. Mild overnight with temperatures remaining above freezing.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 21

**HIGH** 44 **LOW** 40

A heavy overcast persists. Scattered showers possible but better organized rains arrive at night. Large area temperature spread: 30s north; low 50s far south. Milder all areas as warm front approaches.

### MONDAY, JAN. 22

**HIGH** 49 **LOW** 32

Mild and rainy, possibly a thunderstorm. Turning colder with rain changing to wet snow from west to east by evening. Highs near 50 degrees but falling to the low 30s by evening.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 23

**HIGH** 34 **LOW** 24

Mostly cloudy, blustery and colder with sporadic flurries and snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 8-18 mph.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

**HIGH** 34 **LOW** 22

Partly cloudy, seasonably cold with highs in the lower 30s. West to northwest winds 7-15 mph.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
You occasionally mention wind gusts in your weather explanations. What wind condition defines a gust?

— Bill Haglund, Crete

Dear Bill,  
A wind gust is defined as a rapid fluctuation in wind speed, usually lasting less than 20 seconds. According to weather observer Frank Wachowski, there must be a variation of at least 10 knots (12 mph) between the peaks and lulls of the wind speed. Gusts tend to be higher in unstable situations when cold air moves over warmer ground or over water.

During outbreaks of cold air, wind gusts may exceed the average wind speed by 25 or 30 mph. During thunderstorms, rain-cooled air from a cumulonimbus cloud may generate gusts of 100 mph. Chicago's highest gust is 88 mph, recorded at Midway Airport on Aug. 26, 1965, at 3:45 a.m.

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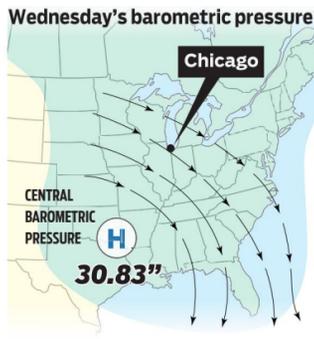
WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



## Chill breaks records in Southeast; warmup ahead here

### SPRAWLING ARCTIC HIGH SENDS RECORD CHILL TO DEEP SOUTH



Wednesday morning record lows

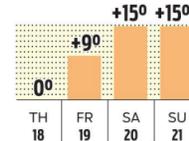
El Dorado, Ark. 3°	Monroe, La. 12°
Texarkana, Ark. 6°	Baton Rouge, La. 14°
Longview, Texas 8°	Austin, Texas 15°
Tyler, Texas 10°	Houston 19°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

### TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY SNOWFALL TOTALS

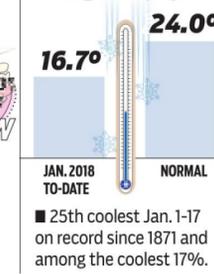


### CHICAGO TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL



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### COLD JANUARY 2018 Chicago temp update



### SUNDAY/MONDAY Potent winter storm places Chicago in its "warm sector"



### MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	35	22	pc	41	30
Carbondale	su	32	22	pc	38	27
Champaign	su	32	22	pc	38	27
Decatur	su	34	23	pc	41	28
Moline	su	35	23	pc	43	28
Peoria	su	34	23	pc	41	29
Quincy	su	38	25	pc	47	32
Rockford	pc	31	19	pc	37	25
Springfield	su	37	24	pc	44	30
Sterling	su	34	19	pc	40	25
Indiana	su	32	17	pc	39	27
Bloomington	su	33	18	pc	39	27
Evansville	su	30	21	pc	36	28
Fort Wayne	su	32	17	pc	38	27
Indianapolis	su	30	18	pc	35	26
Lafayette	su	30	18	pc	35	26
Wausau	su	28	20	su	35	27
Wisconsin	pc	31	20	pc	37	27
Green Bay	pc	32	21	pc	38	29
Kenosha	pc	32	21	pc	38	29
La Crosse	pc	36	22	pc	43	25
Madison	su	33	19	pc	39	23
Milwaukee	su	33	20	pc	38	28
Wausau	su	32	18	pc	39	22
Michigan	pc	32	23	pc	36	30
Detroit	pc	32	23	pc	36	30
Grand Rapids	pc	30	24	pc	37	31
Marquette	sh	32	22	sh	41	31
St. Ste. Marie	sh	29	21	sh	36	32
Traverse City	sh	32	26	pc	39	31
Iowa	pc	36	21	pc	46	23
Ames	pc	36	21	pc	46	23
Cedar Rapids	pc	35	25	pc	44	25
Des Moines	pc	38	25	pc	48	26
Dubuque	su	34	21	pc	41	26

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	49	30	pc	63	38
Albuquerque	su	29	19	pc	36	24
Albany	su	54	28	pc	57	34
Amarillo	su	59	28	pc	70	39
Anchorage	pc	25	15	pc	20	13
Asheville	su	40	22	su	52	24
Aspen	pc	45	23	pc	48	29
Atlanta	su	42	24	su	51	27
Atlantic City	su	37	25	su	43	30
Austin	pc	44	33	sh	52	45
Baltimore	su	31	29	su	47	32
Billings	pc	49	33	ss	55	21
Birmingham	su	43	22	su	51	31
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Omaha	pc	43	24	pc	50	25
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Portland	su	39	25	pc	38	26
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# 'Good bones'

In the late 19th century, novelist Edith Wharton wrote a celebrated guide to interior design. An interior decorator explores her teachings in a new book. **PAGE 4**

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**Design the perfect laundry room for you** **PAGE 6**



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### Consider a beverage faucet:

A beverage faucet is smaller than a kitchen sink faucet, and it's part of a system that includes an under-counter water filter. Most beverage faucets install with just a cold water line.

Recently, many homeowners with bar sinks have discovered that beverage faucets take to bar sinks like a duck to water. With its high-arched spout and the ability to supply filtered water for tasty beverages, it can be a nice choice for a bar sink.

Beverage faucets install best on one-hole bar sinks, but for two-hole bar sinks, you can add a soap dispenser to cover the second hole.

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# 5 need-to-know safety tips for space heaters

BY JURA KONCIUS

The Washington Post

Adding a portable space heater to your cold-weather arsenal could make these bitter winter days a lot more bearable. These heaters used to get a bad rap because of safety concerns, but like many home appliances, today's models are designed to be safer and sleeker than the heaters of old.

When used carefully, they allow you to provide supplemental heat in a small, targeted area as opposed to dialing up the thermostat for your entire house.

"It's something you may remember when growing up in your grandma's house, but they used to be a lot more dangerous than they currently are," says Brett Brenner, president of the Electrical Safety Foundation International. They still require mindful operation, and he says, "people do leave them on overnight when they are sleeping, and we still don't recommend it."

In the past 10 years, manufacturers have improved built-in safety features such as a tip-over shut-off switch, says Jill Notini, a vice president at the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

There are several types of units on the market, so it's important to research which is best for your needs and the size of your space. When buying a



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Be careful where you plug in a space heater. Plug it directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord or a power strip, which could overheat. And don't plug anything else into the same electrical outlet as your heater.

space heater, look for a safety certification from an organization such as Underwriters Laboratories or Intertek's ETL Mark.

Never buy a used heater, Notini says: "You don't know the history of the product or what condition it was stored in

or whether it was ever dropped."

Here are five tips, for using portable electric heaters, from the Electrical Safety Foundation International and the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. As always, with new appliances, the first thing you should do is read all the direc-

tions and warnings in your instruction booklet.

**1. Don't leave your heater on in an unattended room.** "Never keep your portable electric heater on when you are sleeping; it's not worth it," Notini says.

**2. Keep a 3-foot perimeter around the unit clear.** Never store clothing on or around the unit, or put it too near curtains or beds. Never cover the cord or put anything on top of it. Do not use it as a towel warmer or clothes rack.

**3. Be mindful of where you plug it in.** Plug space heaters directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord or a power strip, which could overheat. And don't plug anything else into the same electrical outlet as your heater.

**4. Beware of kids and pets.** Either could knock over a space heater, so be extra careful to watch toddlers or cats and dogs around your heater. Unplug it when not in use.

**5. Inspect it regularly.** Because you use space heaters for only a few months during the year, take a good look at your unit when you take it out for the season. Make sure that your cord isn't damaged and doesn't feel hot to the touch when in operation.

## FINDS

# Knock, knock, who's there?

BY GREGG ELLMAN

Tribune News Service

When your doorbell has built-in video, you don't have to ask who's calling.

With the Ring Video Doorbell Pro (\$249, ring.com), when the front door rings, an alert shows up on your smartphone, allowing you to see who is at the door and to establish a two-way audio connection with echo cancellation.

The device replaces your exist-

ing bell, and setup is relatively easy if you have an existing hard-wired doorbell in place. The wired Pro model comes with a kit that includes the doorbell, hardware, all the tools you need and even the drill bit. Four interchangeable faceplates to match your home's exterior are included, along with easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions.

First, shut off the power to the existing doorbell from your circuit breaker and download the Ring app (iOS, Android and Win-

dows 10).

Using the step-by-step guide, you'll have to install the included pro power kit on your internal doorbell, attach the wires to the Ring doorbell and then mount it in place. When hardware installation is done, start the app, and follow the instructions to connect the doorbell to your existing Wi-Fi and complete the setup.

The internal camera gives you a 160-degree field of view, and video has a 1080p HD resolution. It works day or night, in tempera-



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# Edith Wharton's lasting design legacy

Interior decorator explores author's ideas in new book

BY KATHERINE ROTH  
Associated Press

Edith Wharton, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author famous for novels set in the late 19th century, also wrote an influential book on interior design, long considered a sort of bible of American decorating.

"The Decoration of Houses," written before any of her novels, was radical when published in 1897. Co-authored with Wharton's distant cousin Ogden Codman, it advocated classical simplicity and balance in contrast to the excesses of the Gilded Age.

The book was "the level-headed, indispensable book on the subject," says interior decorator Thomas Jayne of Jayne Design Studio in New York City. He calls it "the most important decorating book ever written."

Jayne has written a new book, "Classical Principles for Modern Design: Lessons from Edith Wharton and Ogden Codman's The Decoration of Houses" (The Monacelli Press), that revisits the classic. He argues that Wharton's fundamental ideas about proportion and the planning of space still create the most harmonious and livable interiors, whether traditional or contemporary.

His book traces contemporary ideas about design and decor back to Wharton and Codman, showing where the old and new approaches coincide and diverge.

Organized as "The Decoration of Houses" was, with distinct chapters on walls,



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A New York apartment featured in Thomas Jayne's book on design lessons from Edith Wharton and Ogden Codman.

doors, windows, ceilings and floors, Jayne's book adds kitchens and the use of color — two major aspects of home design today that Wharton and Codman did not address.

Accompanying the text and selected quotes from Wharton and Codman's original are lush photos of interiors from Jayne Design Studio that demonstrate Wharton and Codman's design principles. Projects include the restoration of 18th-century

public rooms in Crichel House in Dorset, England; a Montana mountain retreat; and an array of New York apartments and country houses.

Just as Wharton's novels turned a probing and often critical eye on the excesses of upper-crust society, so her book on design was a reaction to Gilded Age and Victorian excesses in interiors, which were becom-

ing crowded and fussy, Jayne said.

"This was Wharton's first book. She had money and means, and had spent her teens and 20s looking at great rooms and homes. No one had ever written a book devoted entirely to decoration, as opposed to architectural treatises and what they then called 'domestic economy books,'" Jayne said in an interview.

"She offered an unusual combination of philosophical and practical advice. Interior decoration has to function, but she argued for a higher plane of design, with an emphasis on well-proportioned rooms — with well-placed and -sized windows, and good structural elements like moldings, cornices and well-designed ceilings — as opposed to the distractions of too much furniture or unnecessarily fussy window dressings and flooring," he said.

The book urged people to focus on well-proportioned rooms with "good bones," Jayne said. "And that's as



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Though Wharton and Codman's book did not include kitchens, Jayne argues in his book on their work that kitchens, like this one in Nantucket, Mass., should be a gathering place.

true now as it was then."

Wharton liked ceilings, he said, seeing them as neglected and perfect surfaces to influence the feel of the entire room. Jayne's book shows several highly structured and painted ceilings to illustrate Wharton's views.

Both the original book and Jayne's work point out that beautiful rooms need not be costly.

"Baseboards and crown molding are sold by the yard at stores like Home Depot and are extremely affordable," Jayne says, "and they do so much to provide structure to a room." Furnishings, too, don't need to be expensive — "they just need to be proportionate to the size and function of

each room."

If there is one main takeaway, Jayne says, it is that "tradition is not about the past or about elitism. Tradition is now. It's active and important and democratic."

His section on kitchens, which were ignored by Wharton because neither she nor many of her readers at the time prepared their own food, argues for eat-in kitchens, with a focus on kitchens as a gathering space.

And while Jayne ignores ballrooms, which were considered essential in Wharton and Codman's day, he says the dining room remains important and should be included in any home large enough for one.

"It's OK to have a room

that is only used for parties or special occasions, assuming you can afford the space," he said. "Dining rooms and ballrooms have the same kind of luxury. Wharton called these kinds of rooms 'gala rooms.'"

"Living rooms should be living rooms and gala rooms should be gala rooms, but don't make a hybrid. Each has its place," Jayne said, echoing Wharton.

Jayne is also the author of "The Finest Rooms in America: Fifty Influential Interiors from the Eighteenth Century to the Present" and "American Decoration: A Sense of Place," a monograph on the work of his studio (both published by The Monacelli Press).



Wharton

Poinsettias are native to Mexico; they are widely grown in tropical and subtropical gardens. Hybridizers have expanded the range of colors from the familiar red to white, pink, yellow and vibrant combinations



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

## Holiday poinsettias can be encouraged to bloom again

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

I have a pink poinsettia that is still looking good, and I'd like to try getting it to bloom again during the next Christmas season. Can you please share some tips on how to do this?

— Trudi Jackson, Morton Grove

Poinsettias (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) are among the most popular holiday plants. Many people mistakenly identify the plant's bracts, which are modified leaves, as its flowers. The actual flowers are the small yellow clusters found in the center of the bracts. To get the colorful bracts, the plant needs to produce flowers. Poinsettias are short-day plants, meaning their flower bud development is affected by the length of daylight.

Since your poinsettia is performing well, the growing conditions in your home are probably desirable for growing poinsettias, which will make it easier for you to bring the plant into bloom again.

After the blooming has ceased later this winter, keep the plant in bright, indirect sunlight, and water when the growing medium is dry. In late

March to early April, cut the plant back to about 8 inches to encourage new growth.

Start fertilizing monthly once new leaves and stems begin to grow. When outdoor night temperatures remain above 60 degrees in early summer, move the poinsettia outside. Find a site with bright, indirect light. This is also a good time to repot the poinsettia. You can pinch off the tips of new branches when they are about 4 inches long until the middle of August to keep the plant more compact. Stop pinching after this date.

Fertilize once every three weeks during this period of active growth with a basic all-purpose houseplant fertilizer. Move the poinsettia back inside when night temperatures start dropping below 65 degrees. Place it near a window that gets at least six hours of direct sun each day. Continue watering, and resume monthly fertilizing.

You will need to give your poinsettia about 10 weeks of short days with 13 hours of darkness per day to get it to flower and develop the colorful bracts. (There is no need to fertilize during the holiday season when the poinsettia

is flowering.)

Keep your plant in complete darkness for the 13 hours during the short-day period, as any brief exposure to light, including an incandescent lightbulb in a room, can delay blooming. Cover the plant with an opaque box or other material to block out the light.

Between periods of darkness, move the plant back near a sunny window, and continue watering and fertilizing. Continue the dark treatments until the bracts develop good color. Then move the plant to a display location for the holiday season.

Poinsettias prefer a stable temperature of 65 to 75 degrees to prolong bract display. Keep them away from cold drafts (including cold windows) and away from any heat sources. Daytime temperatures of 65 degrees work very well to extend the display of the colored bracts, though this is not practical in most households. Your poinsettia will not do well near a busy entrance where doors are constantly opening and closing.

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### HOME REMEDIES

## How do you avoid hiring the wrong contractor?

BY MEGAN LINHOFF  
Angie's List

Whether you're fixing a small plumbing leak or building a home addition, hiring the wrong contractor can come with serious consequences. Not only could you end up paying for project delays, unnecessary add-ons and shoddy work — or in the case of a no-show, no work at all — but in some cases, you could even set yourself up for more expensive repairs or put your home and family at risk. Fortunately, there are a number of things you can do to ensure you're hiring a trustworthy, qualified service professional.

**Avoid scams.** Be wary of any contractor who demands money up front, pressures you for a quick decision or goes door-to-door in your neighborhood looking for business. A reputable contractor will never ask for cash or require full payment for a job before it's started. And fly-by-night contractors are known to solicit work they never plan to deliver.

**Do your homework.** Always interview at least three contractors before making a hiring decision. Take the time to read verified online ratings and reviews about service professionals in your area. And be sure to request and check references from every prospect. For cosmetic projects, request before and after photos. And if you're hiring for a big project like landscape design or a home addition or remodel, ask to personally visit completed projects in your area.

**Check credentials.** Many states require contractors to uphold a state or local trade license to



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Taking the time to research professionals and ask important questions can help to ensure that you hire the best contractor for the job and avoid serious consequences.

perform work. Where this applies, verify the validity of every prospective hire's licensure through the appropriate regulatory agency. Also, ask every contractor to provide proof of bonding and liability and workers' compensation insurance. These are not only important indicators of quality and reliability, they're also designed to protect you should an accident occur on your property.

**Ask questions.** In addition to asking for references and proof of license and insurance, you should ask every contractor three standard questions in your initial interview. A service professional's answers to these questions will help to determine whether they're a good fit for your project:

How long have you been in this business?

What is your experience with projects like mine?

Can I get a contract and all change orders in writing?

First, a professional who's been in business for

a while will not only have more experience than someone new to the field, but they will also be more likely to have worked out the kinds of administrative kinks that cause project delays, budget overages and other issues. Second, a professional with a great deal of experience working on projects like yours may be most likely to complete the project to your satisfaction. And third, getting a formal, detailed contract — and getting all subsequent promises and agreements in writing — is one of the best ways to avoid miscommunication and ensure a successful outcome. If a contractor refuses to formalize a contract, this is a red flag. And it's a good indicator that you should hire a different service professional.

**Trust your gut.** Sometimes, even the most qualified contractor will simply rub you the wrong way. Trust your gut. Don't settle for a contractor you're not comfortable with.

# Laundry room: Go for function, not looks

Consider drainage, flooring, plumbing, size, good venting

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: One of my New Year's resolutions involves my laundry room. It's a long story, but my husband and I are building a huge room addition, and I finally get my dream laundry room. I think I know what I want, but I'd like to get your opinion. If you were designing a functional and practical laundry room, what would the size be and what would it have in it?**

**A:** I'll bet you're excited! I've built many large room additions and quite a few laundry rooms in my time. The possibilities are endless, and it's impossible in this tiny column to do a complete brain dump. Let's get started and see how far we can get.

In the first place, no one laundry room works for all. Each person has different goals. For this reason, I decided to go online and look at lots of photos of what many consider to be dream laundry rooms.

In just about all the photos I looked at, I saw what I consider to be fatal function flaws. When a designer or person feels the final look or form of the laundry room is more important than function, you end up with flaws.

Based on nearly 40 years of dealing with laundry rooms, I feel the minimum size for one of these rooms should be 9 feet wide by 11 feet long. Bigger is better. The door leading into the room should be at least 32 inches wide. Most are only 30 inches wide. I'd install a pocket door so no floor space on



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While this may look like an efficient laundry room, it's cramped and hard to work in. In general, bigger is better.

either side of the laundry room is wasted.

Laundry rooms by their nature involve water. I recently had to replace the drain pump on my own washer, and because there was no floor drain in the room, my job was made much harder.

Don't let your plumber talk you out of installing a gorgeous tile or

natural stone floor that has a waterproof membrane under the entire room. The floor drain should be in the center of the room, in open sight, and the floor should gently slope to the drain. You'll never regret having this floor if something leaks or you want to give a dog a bath in the winter.

Another key point is easy access to the mechanical aspects of the washer and dryer. Ball valves that control the hot and cold water should be visible and above and behind the washer. Yes, they make those small, in-the-wall boxes for laundry valves, but these are substandard in my opinion.

I've been a master plumber since age 29 and have come to realize the value of standard valves that are easy to turn off each time I'm finished doing laundry. Supply hoses burst, even the newer braided ones, and you should be able to turn off the water to the machine easily after each use to prevent a flood.

The dryer vent pipe should either go up through the roof or out the wall directly behind the dryer. In my last home I had the vent pipe turn up out of the dryer, go up the wall behind the dryer, and turn out to exit the wall just about 6 inches above the top of the dryer. This piping setup allowed me to disconnect the pipe in seconds. This functionality made it easy to periodically clean out the vent pipe to prevent fires.

I'd have a 7-foot-tall pantry in the laundry room and scads of base and wall cabinets. The layout should favor the way you handle dirty and clean clothes. Think long and hard about the ideal height you'd like to have your dirty clothes basket so you don't have to bend over so much. Perhaps an 18-inch rolling platform that parks under a bench in the room would be ideal for you to set your laundry basket on as you get dirty clothes out and into the washer and later stack up folded clean clothes.

Placing baskets up on 36-inch-high countertops works great if you're 7 feet tall. Putting baskets on the floor is no fun, as you bend over too much.

I'm a huge fan of the wall-hung Mustee thermoplastic laundry sinks. These are hard plastic and come close to the old concrete laundry sinks I had as a kid. You can get single or double width. Consider a high-arc faucet that has a flexible spout, as you see in commercial kitchens.

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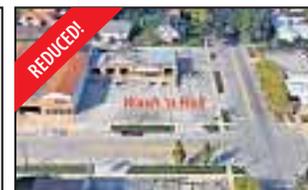
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**Elgin** \$177,500  
Brick & cedar end unit. Vaulted LR w/dual skylights, attractive FP & sliding glass dr to lg freshly stained deck. KIT w/recessed lighting, breakfast bar & all appls included. Hrdwd flrs in LR, DR, Kit & Loft. Spacious MSTRBR  
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**Geneva** \$539,900  
Gorgeous Custom Ranch. Unparalleled Janeczek ranch w/ exquisite views. Extensive trim & mouldings, brazilian cherry floors. Gourmet kitchen. Amazing finished walk out base w/ bar. 4 bed, 3 1/2 ba. Premium lot. **marthadorfler.com**  
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**Geneva** \$479,900  
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**Geneva** \$399,900  
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**Mount Prospect** \$313,000  
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**Karen Osswald** 630-262-6500



**North Aurora** \$269,900  
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**North Aurora** \$229,900  
Quiet well maintained 3 bed/2.1 bathroom home with new carpet, counters, dishwasher and updated baths. Newer windows, roof and siding. Great south facing yard with patio. Low utility costs. Lots of Storage.  
**John Gamble** 630-443-5343



**Oswego** \$236,400  
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**South Elgin** \$215,000  
Split level. New engineered wd flrs in LR & DR. Newer appls (2013) New furnace in 2015, Hot water heater 2014, Dishwasher 2016. Newer carpet in bsmt w/updated full BA in bsmt. 3 BR & BA upstairs. Fenced yard.  
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**St. Charles** \$659,000  
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**St. Charles** \$450,000  
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**St. Charles** \$425,000  
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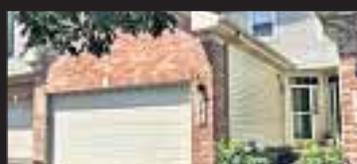
**St. Charles** \$319,900  
2200 SF w/Lots of Updates. Open Flr Plan, 9 Ft Ceilings, Vaulted Mstr Suite w/Luxury Bath, FR w/FP. Loft could be Office or Game Area, Large Eat-in Kitchen, 1st Flr Laundry. Covered Front Porch, 2-Car Garage, Great Back Yard.  
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### PRICE PULSE: JULY 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 2017

## Chicago housing prices

This snapshot of real estate sales, based on deeds transferred during this period, is compiled by Record Information Services from public records. Median price means that half the homes sold for more and half for less. Prices may reflect the types of housing sold, which vary according to locality and reporting period. Deed transfers often lag closing dates.

### Chicago

COMMUNITY AREA	July 2016 - Sept 2016		July 2017 - Sept 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Albany Park	171	\$275,000	123	\$291,000
Archer Heights	32	\$188,000	30	\$218,000
Armour Square	27	\$320,000	30	\$315,000
Ashburn	165	\$157,500	148	\$175,000
Auburn Gresham	76	\$150,000	87	\$155,000
Austin	156	\$155,000	178	\$180,000
Avalon Park	58	\$147,500	46	\$132,000
Avondale	180	\$366,000	139	\$398,000
Belmont Cragin	176	\$235,500	137	\$250,000
Beverly	82	\$279,500	75	\$287,000
Bridgeport	117	\$330,000	78	\$341,500
Brighton Park	76	\$159,500	65	\$180,000
Burnside	9	\$85,000	9	\$116,000
Calumet Heights	7	\$90,000	10	\$135,500
Chatham	59	\$155,000	75	\$162,000
Chicago Lawn	80	\$149,000	88	\$146,000
Clearing	110	\$193,750	98	\$192,500
Douglas	41	\$189,000	35	\$260,000
Dunning	160	\$246,500	167	\$262,000
E. Garfield Park	36	\$136,500	31	\$170,000
East Side	34	\$113,750	36	\$134,000
Edgewater	262	\$216,500	274	\$235,000
Edison Park	40	\$368,500	48	\$349,500
Englewood	15	\$100,000	11	\$110,000
Forest Glen	85	\$425,500	67	\$436,000
Fuller Park	3	\$115,000	1	\$95,000
Gage Park	57	\$120,000	35	\$165,000
Garfield Ridge	154	\$210,000	150	\$224,500
Grand Boulevard	97	\$175,000	90	\$226,000
Gre. Grand Xing	35	\$155,000	40	\$165,750
Hegewisch	23	\$125,000	20	\$142,500
Hermosa	30	\$225,000	32	\$252,500
Humboldt Park	115	\$190,000	91	\$225,000
Hyde Park	112	\$225,000	107	\$199,000
Irving Park	257	\$310,000	231	\$326,500
Jefferson Park	110	\$312,750	93	\$305,000
Kenwood	60	\$252,250	40	\$316,500
Lakeview	781	\$345,500	684	\$335,000
Lincoln Park	561	\$445,000	511	\$520,000

COMMUNITY AREA	July 2016 - Sept 2016		July 2017 - Sept 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Lincoln Square	187	\$385,000	165	\$340,000
Logan Square	353	\$428,000	288	\$456,500
Loop	301	\$357,000	263	\$340,000
Lower West Side	82	\$287,500	42	\$255,000
McKinley Park	49	\$220,000	40	\$228,000
Montclare	31	\$190,000	41	\$250,000
Morgan Park	63	\$170,000	61	\$175,000
Mt. Greenwood	102	\$211,000	64	\$245,000
Near North Side	891	\$392,000	848	\$367,000
Near South Side	311	\$359,000	304	\$365,250
Near West Side	423	\$340,500	377	\$345,000
New City	58	\$145,000	42	\$118,500
North Center	213	\$560,000	185	\$575,000
North Lawndale	35	\$145,000	45	\$150,000
North Park	51	\$320,000	30	\$333,500
Norwood Park	176	\$305,500	199	\$310,000
O' Hare	57	\$124,000	57	\$137,000
Oakland	9	\$250,000	9	\$460,000
Portage Park	227	\$280,000	175	\$310,000
Pullman	5	\$85,000	12	\$123,000
Riverdale	5	\$150,000	10	\$97,646
Rogers Park	193	\$180,000	175	\$180,000
Roseland	57	\$106,500	61	\$134,000
South Chicago	40	\$152,000	22	\$154,250
South Deering	13	\$116,000	26	\$104,500
South Lawndale	65	\$115,000	62	\$140,000
South Shore	73	\$175,000	62	\$195,000
Uptown	351	\$260,000	350	\$236,750
Wash. Heights	68	\$141,000	65	\$160,000
Wash. Park	12	\$141,250	18	\$256,250
West Elsdon	39	\$162,000	43	\$164,000
West Englewood	10	\$135,000	12	\$149,500
W. Garfield Park	23	\$132,000	14	\$150,000
West Lawn	88	\$165,000	74	\$177,500
West Pullman	21	\$136,000	38	\$115,500
West Ridge	202	\$231,500	195	\$190,000
West Town	633	\$454,000	560	\$466,000
Woodlawn	58	\$127,250	49	\$149,000

NEXT WEEK: DuPage and West Cook

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		% Down: 20%	7 yr fixed	2.875	0.000	\$999	20%	3.256		
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		% Down: 20%	7/1 ARM (30yr)	3.500	0.000	\$755	20%	4.082		
			30 yr jumbo	3.875	0.000	\$755	20%	3.923		
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**Homewood \$124,900**  
2br, 2ba condo in elevator bldg has in-unit washer/dryer, ingrd pool & clubhouse! MLS# 09782620  
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**Joliet \$225,000**  
Stunning 4 br, 2.5 ba Dutch Colonial masterpiece situated on one of Joliet's most historic streets. MLS# 09804813  
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2 bedroom single-family home in the Marycrest subdivision. Don't miss this opportunity! MLS# 09803583  
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**Joliet \$125,000**  
Set on 2 oversized city lots, this home needs some updating, but quality of construction is amazing! MLS# 09751863  
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Cute as a kitten starter ranch on Joliet's westside! Big kitchen, hardwood floors and a 2.5-car gar. MLS# 09720220  
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**New Lenox \$60,000**  
Well established family-owned breakfast cafe. Excellent location. Owner retiring. MLS# 09765090  
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**Oak Forest \$218,900**  
Oversized split lvl has 3br, 3ba, HW flrs, 21x21 exercise rm, 4-season rm & more. MLS# 09816990  
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**Orland Park \$669,900**  
Custom all brick 5br, 7ba 2 story has finished bsmt on acre lot with water view. MLS# 09748398  
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**Orland Park \$589,900**  
Beautiful sprawling all brick ranch w/paver brk drv, volume ceilings & full fin w/o w/2nd kit & bath. MLS# 09736870  
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**OPEN SAT/SUN 12-4**  
16331 Emerson Dr, Orland Park \$434,500  
MODELS OPEN TUES-SUN 12-4. 3br, hardwood flrs, main level laundry & master bdrm, SS appls, fireplace. MLS# 09580809  
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**Orland Park \$345,000**  
Gorgeous 4 br, 2.5 ba home w/gorgeous back yard. Newer roof & back yard fence. Fin bsmt. 2-car gar. MLS# 09773535  
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**Orland Park \$161,900**  
Immaculate 2br, 2ba condo in elevator bldg has in-unit Indry. & undgrnd prking. MLS# 09810452  
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**Palos Hills \$184,900**  
Spacious 2br, 2ba ranch condo w/sunroom overlooking lake, frpic, fin bsmt & heated 2c garage. MLS# 09679999  
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**Seneca \$85,000**  
Huge 3.67 acre wooded lot. Lot has municipal utilities run to it. All you have to do is build! MLS# 09748813  
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**Seneca \$40,000**  
Great opportunity to purchase vacant land in Mariners Village. MLS# 09652514  
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**Shorewood \$435,000**  
4 bedroom, 3.5 bath single-family home in nice River Crossing location. MLS# 09730257  
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**Tinley Park \$169,900**  
3br ranch w/full fin bsmt, frncd yrd, lrg strg shed & newer roof. Move in ready! MLS# 09757573  
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**Villa Park \$170,000**  
Welcome home! This home boasts so many things that you would want. 3 br, 2.5 ba, basement & more. MLS# 09756460  
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**Yorkville \$440,815**  
New McCue Builders construction. 3,688 square feet of living space w/9-ft basement ceilings. MLS# 09830135  
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**Yorkville \$398,000**  
Smartly designed, tastefully decorated 5 br, 4.5 ba. Open plan, formal living and dining. MLS# 09818910  
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**Yorkville \$159,000**  
Ranch-style, maintenance-free living. 3 br & 2 full ba duplex w/basement. Cul-de-sac location. MLS# 09679475  
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1 acre lots allow you to build a minimum 1,900 sq ft ranch or a minimum 2,100 sq ft 2-story. MLS# 09674823  
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Build your dream home in Yorkville's unincorporated Tanglewood Trails subdivision. MLS# 09674838  
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1-acre lots allow you to build a minimum of 1,900 sq ft ranch & minimum of 2,100 sq ft 2-story. MLS# 09674843  
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Build your dream home on the corner walk-out lot in Yorkville's unincorporated Tanglewood Trails. MLS# 09674858  
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