



## FBI, Trump clash over GOP memo

Agency has 'grave concerns' with Nunes document president says he will release

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WASHINGTON — In an extraordinary public break with the White House, the FBI warned Wednesday that it has "grave concerns" about a disputed Republican memo on secret surveillance during the 2016 campaign that President Donald Trump has promised to release and that Democrats say is filled with distortions.

The FBI said it only had a

"limited opportunity" to review the classified four-page memo prepared by aides to Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., a close Trump ally who chairs the House intelligence committee.

"As expressed during our initial review, we have grave concerns about material omissions of fact that fundamentally impact the memo's accuracy," the nation's premier law enforcement agency said in a statement.

The public pushback escalates a bitter conflict between the White House and senior officials

at the Justice Department, who approved the FBI statement, as well as senior figures in the intelligence community, who have previously warned that release of the classified GOP memo could endanger national security.

The FBI warning, which Nunes dismissed as "spurious objections," raises the stakes in the growing Republican effort to discredit the criminal investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller into whether Trump or his aides collaborated with Russian meddling in the election or obstructed justice.

In the latest twist in the saga

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House intelligence committee Chairman Devin Nunes refused to allow FBI officials to voice concerns over the GOP memo to panel members.



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Gov. Bruce Rauner greets legislators after giving his State of the State address at the state Capitol on Wednesday.

## Sidestepping woes, Rauner says the best is yet to come

In State of State speech, governor takes credit for accomplishments in 1st term, but opponents say he's rewriting history

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 Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Coming off a year of bruising political defeats, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner delivered a State of the State speech Wednesday with an election-year message that economic progress is within reach with a little cooperation at the Capitol.

If only for a half-hour, Rauner set aside his harsh attacks of just two days earlier, when he'd called the speaker of the House "corrupt" and warned Illinois was "on the verge of becoming Detroit, hollowed out by corrupt politicians, massive job loss, massive tax hikes."

In its place, the governor rattled off a list of what the state can brag about — a host of U.S. presidents, 36 Fortune 500 com-

panies and even Twinkies all hail from here. Rauner pointed to Chicago's bid to land Amazon's second headquarters, saying that effort, like fixing the state's financial woes, "is not a prize one wins alone."

"It takes a collaborative effort, a forget-about-the-politics-and-roll-up-our-sleeves kind of approach," Rauner said. "It requires a laserlike focus on economic development and job creation and a bipartisan dedication to restore public trust."

But the Democrats and the Republican who are trying to head off four more years of Rauner weren't buying what they

said was an attempt by the governor to rewrite the devastating stalemate of his first three years in office.

"The people of Illinois are way smarter than that. No one is falling for that," said Sen. Daniel Biss, an Evanston Democrat running for governor.

Democratic governor hopeful Chris Kennedy called the speech "incredibly empty," saying the governor's praise of the state for its Twinkies history showed a lack of achievements of his own.

Added Republican Rep. Jeanne Ives, who's challenging

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## Officers may be charged by feds

Sources: Gang squad members accused of robbing drug dealers

BY JASON MEISNER, JEREMY GORNER AND DAVID HEINZMANN  
 Chicago Tribune

Several members of a Chicago police gang team have been stripped of their police powers amid a federal criminal probe into allegations they ripped off drug dealers, law enforcement sources told the Chicago Tribune.

The nearly yearlong investigation by the FBI and Chicago police Internal Affairs Division focused on a sergeant and several officers on the department's Area Central gang team that operates in much of the South Side and part of the West Side, sources said.

The sergeant and at least three officers were stripped of their police powers, sources said. Authorities conducted searches of at least two of the officers' homes Tuesday, but no arrests have been made. Criminal charges are expected to be filed, though, according to sources.

Video shot before dawn Tuesday by a neighbor of one of the officers showed agents arriving on their block in Chicago's Pilsen community in an armored vehicle and shining spotlights on the officer's single-family brick home. One agent could be seen popping out of a hatch on the roof of the vehicle while others in helmets and fatigues milled in the doorway of the home.

"They were going around and knocking on everyone's doors, telling people not to go outside," another neighbor who wished to remain anonymous told the Tribune.

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## Assessment fairness study drags out

Findings unlikely before early voting begins as Berrios seeks re-election

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An independent study to gauge the fairness and accuracy of residential property tax assessments in Cook County was scheduled to be completed in mid-December, records show, but now its first findings may not be delivered until the end of February — days after early voting commences in an election that could be affected by the results.

The study was ordered nearly seven months ago by Cook County



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The issue of unfair property tax assessments hangs over both county Assessor Joseph Berrios and County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

Board President Toni Preckwinkle after the Chicago Tribune published the first three parts of "The Tax Divide," an investigation

that found high error rates in residential property valuations produced under Assessor Joseph Berrios. The assessments also

burdened poorer homeowners with unfairly high tax bills while giving wealthier taxpayers a break.

Planning documents from August show that the independent study is based on the same kind of statistical analysis carried out by the Tribune with the goal of determining whether assessments under Berrios have met standards used in municipalities around the world.

Several of the country's leading experts in assessments said that kind of study should take no longer than one or two months. Yet the results are now not expected to come out until a few weeks before the March 20 primary. Early voting starts Feb. 21 in

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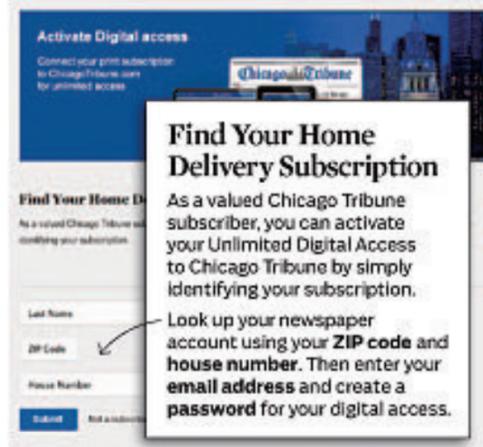
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Paul Vallas, shown in 2017, says he wants to run for mayor if he determines he has the "financial means."



## JOHN KASS

# All but 'all-in,' Vallas asks: Do you trust Emanuel?

Paul Vallas took a few swings at Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday — questioning whether Chicago can trust Rahm for another four years with fiscal trouble ahead.

"There are serious issues and a question: Do you trust the current mayor to steer the city in the right direction?" Vallas asked.

Vallas, the former city of Chicago budget director and Chicago Public Schools chief, has built a national reputation as a crisis manager. And he's running for mayor of a city in crisis now, although he hasn't formally announced.

Before taking his swipes at Emanuel, Vallas had lunch. But he wasn't sitting at a counter in some diner.

He was at a City Club of Chicago luncheon, sitting at the head table, waiting to hear a panel discussion on Chicago's fiscal time bombs that will begin hitting city taxpayers almost immediately after the 2019 mayoral election.

"Everybody political knows that he's here. Rahm probably got a text the second Vallas walked in the door," said a fellow who knows how Chicago works. "It seems low-key, just a lunch. But it's not just a lunch, is it?"

Seated with Vallas were consummate Chicago political insiders Jay Doherty, president of the City Club, and Tom Donovan, a successful businessman who was once the young chief of staff to the real Mayor Daley, Richard J. There is little about political Chicago that they don't know.

Also at the table were two prominent Chicago newspaper executives, R. Bruce Dold, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, and Edwin Eisendrath, CEO of the Sun Times, as well as other leaders.

It wasn't an endorsement session. It was just lunch. But then it was more than that too.

Vallas was paying homage to form, part of the subtle choreography that takes place when a serious challenger takes up a fight against the mayor.

Ald. Joe Moore, 50th, an Emanuel supporter, scanned the room with

great interest.

"Given that this is the City Club, and opinion leaders are all over the room, and they read the newspapers, what's happening is obvious: Vallas is being seen," Moore said.

"It's no accident," he said. "It looks like he wants to run. Can he get Rahm into a runoff? That's what campaigns are about."

After the panel discussion, and the depressing conclusion that Chicago is in deep, deep, fiscal yogurt, with more than \$1 billion in new public pension payments due for the city government and the city schools in 2020, the lunch was over.

The tables emptied and reporters gathered around Vallas in a corner and whipped out their recorders.

Is he going to run? Yes.

But first, Vallas has to raise some political cash. Still, he said he would not be intimidated by Emanuel's ability to amass great treasure and use both it and his media contacts to beat opponents into the ground.

"Number 1, I want to run," Vallas said. "No. 2, I intend on running if I have the (financial) means. People keep saying it costs money, and how are you going to run up against a large war chest? But I think I'll get my message across."

His decision to formally announce will be guided by fundraising.

"It'll be whether or not I can secure enough resources to get my message out. Do I have a number in my head? Absolutely. But I can't tell you."

If it was no coincidence that Vallas showed up at the City Club. It is also no coincidence that officials at Chicago State University — where Vallas had been chief administrator — have been critical of him in news reports.

Some news accounts characterize Vallas as being embarrassed over his dismissal. Vallas said he wasn't dismissed, but that he gave notice before the news began circulating about a mayoral challenge.

"Dismissed?" Vallas said. "You don't dismiss someone who has already resigned."

You can see Emanuel's hand all over the negative news. The mayor and his people are quite adept at that sort of thing, and he hardly ever leaves fingerprints on news stories he plants.

In this, he's a puppet master. He's being challenged, and he'll push back hard. So I don't blame the mayor.

In Chicago politics there are only two rules: There are no coincidences and only suckers beef.

Vallas said he will target a series of issues, from what he considers the lack of proper financial planning out of City Hall, to public safety, economic development in the neighborhoods and strengthening Chicago Public Schools.

"I have nothing to lose by talking about the issues with great specificity, and when I decide to run I will be specific. I've always done that," he said.

He believes Chicago is at a crossroads, and City Hall needs a legitimate challenge.

"We need to have serious challengers in this election," Vallas said.

"They're trying to force out anybody of substance, because this is what the system does: One year we had a mayor who ran against someone whose occupation was a part-time clown. And I'm not criticizing that person for running."

"But the bottom line is, this is what they do. They try to drive out real serious, reform-minded competitors from the race, and it's almost as if this is a political script we've seen time and time again."

Anyone with a memory in Chicago has seen it. Anyone who pays taxes in Chicago understands it.

And whether it happens again, or whether Vallas sticks and pushes Emanuel into a runoff, is what this is all about.

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Sen. Ira Silverstein says he got a series of "sexually charged" letters seeking a meeting.

## Was Silverstein target of long-running sexist trick?

By now we all know about state Sen. **Ira Silverstein's** rocky political road — that he engaged in "unbecoming" conduct, according to an official report, and the fallout has left him battling to survive a challenge to his ballot petitions.

Silverstein, whose district includes parts of Chicago's North Side and north suburbs, was cleared last week by Special Legislative Inspector General **Julie Porter** of the more serious allegation of sexual harassment leveled against him by victim's rights advocate **Denise Rotheimer**. But buried in Porter's report on the allegations is an intriguing anecdote that Springfield veterans say illuminates the sexist and homophobic frat-house culture that has long existed in the Capitol.

According to the report, Silverstein told Rotheimer that he had received a series of "sexually charged" letters from another woman, encouraging him to meet with her on the President's Gallery, overlooking the Senate floor. Silverstein said that, on the advice of a legislative aide who described it as "likely a trap," he did not accept the invitation, and that it was indeed later revealed to have been a practical joke. He told the inspector general that later that day,

a "Senate colleague teased Silverstein for not showing up at the President's Gallery, saying, 'What are you, gay?'"

Rotheimer gave a slightly different version of the anecdote, portraying Silverstein as "curious" and eager to take up the invite. But Silverstein, who did not return calls seeking comment, has historical precedent for his claim to Porter that the incident was "an example of the games people play in Springfield."

And according to Springfield lore, the hazing of male freshmen has often included versions of the prank Silverstein said he was targeted with. In one version, tricked legislators were encouraged to go up to the gallery for a romantic rendezvous, then had their bill called, so that everyone below could look up and laugh at them.

Another involved a phony female admirer — typically recruited from the Senate secretarial pool — demurely waving her handkerchief at and making eye contact with an unwitting senator from the gallery. The pranksters would only reveal that the woman had been a plant hours later while out to dinner with the senator.

— Kim Janssen

## 13-year-old with some clout nabs interview with Sheila Kennedy

City Club of Chicago President **Jay Doherty's** 13-year-old son, **Jay Jr.**, has more in common with his dad than his name, it seems.

The eighth-grader is the first person to score a campaign interview with **Sheila Kennedy**, the spouse of Democratic gubernatorial contender **Chris Kennedy**.

While the younger Doherty kept his questions on the very friendly side of friendly ("Chris has a reputation as being hardworking, he rolls his sleeves up, he gets the job done, there's no job that's too big or too small — what are your thoughts on that?"), he exhibits preternatural poise for his age in a video that is, after all, intended as a campaign commercial.

Sheila Kennedy mostly kept her comments during the interview positive, describing her husband of 30 years as "a great husband and a great father," but also got in a sly dig at **J.B. Pritzker** by describing Kennedy as "the only candi-

date who is not beholden to anyone," a clear reference to her husband's allegation that Pritzker owes a political debt to House Speaker **Michael Madigan**.

Wearing his striped school tie from Sacred Heart School in the Edgewater community, along with a sharp blazer, Jay Jr. also previously interviewed **Ted Kennedy Jr.** for the Kennedy campaign.

His proud dad told Chicago Inc. that Jay Jr. — the oldest of four siblings — is interested in a TV career. When his school schedule allows, he also enjoys attending City Club events; he heard President **Donald Trump** speak at the club in 2015, his father said.

Jay Sr. has a long association with the Kennedys, having worked on **Sargent Shriver's** 1976 presidential campaign and represented various Kennedy interests in Chicago over the decades.

— Kim Janssen

## Injury video too gruesome for Zach Miller

It has been three months since Zach Miller suffered a knee injury so gruesome he needed emergency surgery to save his leg, and the Bears tight end said he still can't bring himself to watch video of the play.

"I've seen still shots of it, pictures of it, on accident," Miller, a Wahoo, Neb., native, told Omaha radio host Scott Voorhees on 1110 KFAB on Tuesday. "Maybe a week ago was the first time I was able to look at the picture and not turn away. I don't know if I'll watch the video, if I ever will."

During a road game against the Saints on Oct. 29, Miller severely dislocated his left knee and tore the popliteal artery that supplies blood to the lower leg when he planted in the Superdome turf and twisted his leg while attempting a catch in the end zone. Since that first emergency surgery to save his leg, he has had eight other surgeries, including an operation in early January to repair his posterior cruciate and lateral collateral ligaments.

"That was my ninth and final one, I

hope," said Miller, who's waiting on his knee to heal enough to start rehabilitation, though he didn't give a timeline.

Miller told Voorhees he's "out of the woods" as far as the risk to his leg is concerned, but added that he still has mental hurdles to cross. "Physically I've been through a number of surgeries or whatever it may be — I can recover from that. But the mental aspect is something you've got to learn how to work it, how to block out some stuff and really just stay positive, which I've done a pretty good job doing," he said.

He's still miffed, though, about having what was called a touchdown catch on the field overturned by replay officials. "As I was going off (the field), I heard that they overturned it, which was terrible. I caught that ball."

Miller said he still hopes to play football again — his knee is "stable" — but if he can't, "then that's just the way it goes and we got to move on and do something else."

— Phil Thompson



Miller

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## Blind eyes don't see the true Trump



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President Donald Trump gave a speech Tuesday night.

He read effectively from a teleprompter, exaggerated his accomplishments and lied outright — as presidents often do during State of the

Union addresses — and managed to not spout any profanities.

For that, he will likely be praised by some as competently presidential, and he certainly pleased the blind eyes in Congress who stood and applauded him at every turn.

But it's the blind eyes, in there and out in living rooms across America, we need to worry about. Because the Donald Trump who spoke Tuesday night in more measured tones that we're used to is the same Donald Trump who spent the past year denigrating the office of the presidency with hateful tweets, divisive rhetoric and flat-out embarrassing behavior.

He's the same president with historically low poll numbers, disliked by about two-thirds of Americans. He's the same president who, according to Gallup, dropped the world's approval of American leadership to 30 percent, down from 48 percent in President Barack Obama's last year in office.

Trump is still the man who openly bragged about grabbing women by their genitals. He's still the man who called African countries "shitholes" and expressed a preference for immigrants from predominantly white nations like Norway.

He's still a well-documented sexist and a con man of the highest order.

He's still making money off taxpayers by spending weekend after weekend at his own properties and lining his pockets with money from foreign diplomats who stay at his Washington, D.C., hotel.

He still hasn't released his tax returns, or apologized — ever — for any of the multitude of offensive things he has tweeted or the almost incalculable number of lies he has uttered.

But the blind eyes don't care about any of those things. They see only tax cuts. They see only a Supreme Court justice who aligns with their views. They say, "Hey, isn't your 401(k) doing well?" as if gutting the norms of democracy is worth it for the thrill of personal gain. As if the half of Americans who don't have 401(k) accounts aren't worth consideration.

So they stand up and cheer, and pretend the president they're siding with isn't a man who puts himself above all else. They pretend he seeks unity, even as he devotes part of his big speech to equating immigrants with violent gang members.

They pretend this president isn't immersed in a growing scandal involving Russia's interference with the 2016 election. They don't find it odd that the word "Russia" appeared only once in the State of the Union address, even though the Trump-appointed head of the CIA, Mike Pompeo, told the BBC on Monday that he "has every expectation" that Russia will target the U.S. midterm elections this year.

The blind eyes who stood and cheered acted as if the man behind the podium isn't the same man who on Monday failed to enact sanctions against Russia that were mandated by Congress last year in an almost unanimous vote meant to punish the country for meddling in our election.

But he is the same man. He's the same man who has repeatedly spoken out against decent Americans — from football players to members of his own party — while never saying a bad word about Russian President Vladimir Putin.

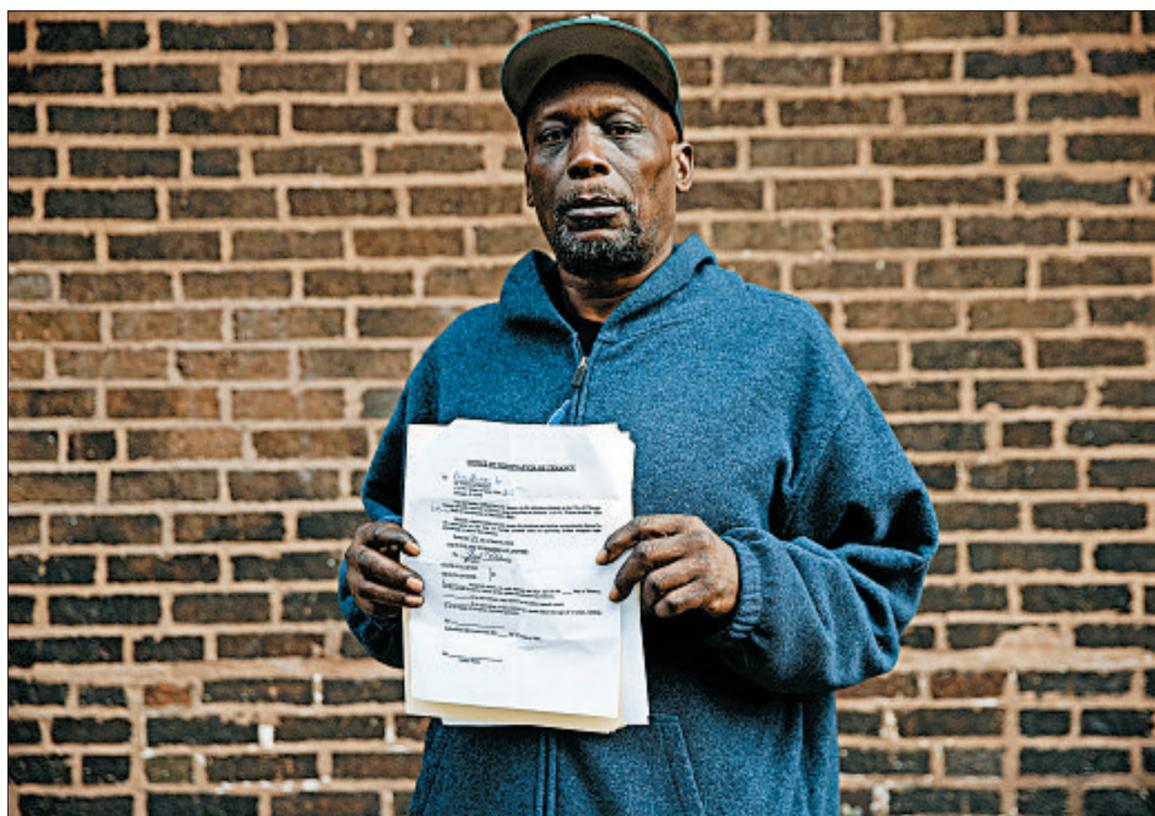
Trump is the same man who routinely smears the Justice Department and the FBI in a transparent attempt to derail special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election tampering. He's the same man who is reportedly in favor of releasing a Republican memo relating to that investigation that both the Justice Department and the head of the FBI say could jeopardize classified information.

He's the same man who acts as if fealty to the president is the only acceptable option for a public servant, the same man whose mouth says "Make America Great Again" but whose actions show he knows nothing of what makes this country great in the first place and, worse yet, doesn't care.

The president we all saw speak of unity Tuesday night is the same president who approved a recent political advertisement tied to immigration reform that again painted immigrants as murderers and said: "Now Democrats who stand in our way will be complicit in every murder committed by illegal immigrants."

But the blind eyes cheered him. They cheered him all the same, happy to be getting what they want, and more than willing to turn a blind eye to the damage in his wake.

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Eric Holmes, a resident of the Wilson Men's Hotel in Uptown, holds the termination of tenancy notice he received.

## City intervenes after residents at Uptown SRO told to vacate

Building's owner violating ordinance meant to prevent homelessness, officials say

By ELVIA MALAGON  
Chicago Tribune

The city is threatening to sue the owner of a longtime single-room occupancy men's hotel on Chicago's North Side after residents this week were handed eviction notices.

Some 100 residents of the Wilson Men's Hotel — on Wilson Avenue near Broadway — got a knock on the door and were handed notices by management instructing them that they had until March 31 to pack up their belongings and move out.

But without a detailed moving plan, the evictions violate the city's SRO ordinance, according to a letter from Planning and Development Commissioner David Reifman to owner City Pads. The ordinance, passed in 2014, mandates a transition plan for residents who are asked to move out when an SRO is shuttered. In this case, developer City Pads purchased the SRO last summer and was planning to empty out the building this year for a gut rehab of the property.

But the city alleges in a strongly worded letter obtained by the Tribune that the building's owner violated the ordinance by not turning over a list of long-term residents, not conducting a lottery to see which eligible residents could return to live in the allotted affordable units once the building's overhaul is complete and not

firming up whether soon-to-be-displaced residents will be given money for a new place, Reifman's letter states.

"As you may know, a core intention of the SRO Preservation Ordinance is to prevent existing low income tenants from becoming homeless," the city's letter, dated Tuesday, stated. "Your disregard for the requirements set forth in the SRO Preservation Ordinance, combined with your recent distribution of Notices, undermines the spirit of the ordinance and puts these vulnerable tenants at risk for homelessness."

In a statement released Wednesday afternoon, City Pads said it was moving forward "in full accordance with the SRO ordinance." While it did not back down from the 60-day eviction deadline, it did state that current tenants would have first dibs on a unit once the building is remodeled.

"We are working diligently with each resident to minimize any issues associated with the necessary, scheduled, relocation," City Pads said in the statement. "Residents are given more than 60 days to work with City Pads LLC transition team to find new housing. The Termination of Tenancy notices that were issued are one step in the process."

City Pads purchased the 246-unit building in July and plans to turn it into 80 to 90 larger apartments. About 20 to 30 percent of the renovated units — 16 to 27 — will be considered affordable housing and could be available to current tenants, according to City Pads. Monthly rent is expected to range from \$800 to \$1,300. In November,

City Pads told the Tribune the building would close in late spring or early summer, with construction expected to start in the fall.

"The City is considering legal action" to block the evictions, if necessary, Peter Strazzabosco, deputy commissioner for the city's Planning and Development Department, said in an email.

And if City Pads doesn't comply with the ordinance, the city will not approve zoning for its renovations, Strazzabosco said.

The remaining tenants have formed an association with the help of ONE Northside, a community organization, and created an online petition in support of the men.

Eric Holmes, a tenant and organizer, said he thinks the notices were sent to scare off an estimated 100 men who remain at the SRO.

"We are trying to get information," Holmes said. "We don't want anybody to get caught in the cold."

The Wilson Men's Hotel opened in the 1920s as a form of inexpensive housing and was known as a "cage hotel" because of its wire ceilings that allowed air to circulate through windowless rooms.

Buildings like the Wilson Men's Hotel have been declining in the city. In 2008, the city had 113 licensed SROs in the city compared with 66 as of last month, according to city data.

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## Vallas attacks mayor on finances

Mulling mayoral run, ex-CPS chief says Emanuel was slow to tackle city's money woes

By HAL DARDICK  
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Sounding more and more like a candidate for mayor, former Chicago Public Schools chief Paul Vallas started criticizing Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday, saying the mayor was too slow to address the city's financial woes.

And Vallas suggested that an Emanuel ally played a role in Vallas' abrupt dismissal this week from a high-paid administrator job at Chicago State University.

Vallas offered his critique at a City Club of Chicago lunch forum on taxes that focused heavily on city and CPS pension woes. It was his latest step as he floats trial balloons while mulling a 2019 mayoral campaign against Emanuel, who will be seeking a third term.

Vallas, who lost bids for statewide office in 2002 and 2014, said Emanuel should have acted quickly after first being elected in 2011 to address the shortfalls in four city worker pension systems, as well as the precarious financial condition of CPS.

"The bottom line here is they punted for four years, and after the election, suddenly the sword of Damocles comes crashing down," Vallas said, referring to more than \$1 billion in tax increases enacted after Emanuel's 2015 re-election to start paying down city and CPS pension debts.

"The question that one has to ask oneself is, 'Do you trust the current mayor to steer the city in the right direction?' That's the question."

During his first term, Emanuel did try to address the pension shortfall by pushing a bill through the General Assembly that

was designed to lower the city's pension costs. But the Illinois Supreme Court struck down that law in early 2016, leaving Emanuel to find other ways to close the city pension funding gap that he inherited.

So Emanuel turned to property tax increases, a new water and sewer tax, and higher emergency-service fees on telephones. Once those are fully in place, those taxes will pour more than \$1 billion a year into city and CPS pension funds — and that's still not enough to ensure their solvency over the long haul.

Emanuel campaign spokesman Pete Giangreco tried to turn the tables on Vallas, noting that he was Mayor Richard M. Daley's budget director in the early 1990s and later Daley's appointed public schools CEO.

"For seven years, Mayor Emanuel and the taxpayers of Chicago have been trying to dig out of the massive pension hole Paul Vallas dug, when as city budget director and head of Chicago Public Schools he was the architect of the pension disaster, skipping pension payment after pension payment," Giangreco said in a statement. "For him to now criticize is sort of like an arsonist chiding the fire chief for not putting out the flames he set fast enough."

When Vallas was Chicago's budget director, the city's four worker pension funds were in much better shape. And the teachers fund was sound when he became CPS CEO in 1995, although Daley had engineered a new state law that allowed him to divert money away from pension contributions to the school operations.

The teachers pension fund was still sound when Vallas left CPS five years later, but it later declined.

Vallas said Wednesday that Chicago's political powers-that-be work to "drive out real, serious, reform-minded competitors" to the mayor. Vallas was asked if that

played any role in Chicago State's board dismissing him this week, with a university official accusing Vallas of using the post to further his mayoral ambitions.

Vallas referred to a letter sent to the university president by state Rep. Marcus Evans Jr., without naming the lawmaker.

"It is a little coincidental that one of the state reps who got \$46,000 in campaign contributions from Emanuel the year before last should just suddenly wake up one morning and decide that Chicago State University is a major issue and then send a letter to the president concerned about me running for office while I'm at Chicago State, after I had already decided to resign" to possibly run for office, Vallas said. "And then to simultaneously, basically, send it to the media. You can draw your own conclusions."

Evans, whose campaign fund did receive more than \$46,000 from Emanuel's political fund in 2015, had questioned whether Vallas "merely wants a springboard from which to pursue his political ambitions."

On Wednesday, Evans said he was acting on behalf of his constituents who attend Chicago State and that Emanuel had not discussed the issue with him. And Giangreco noted it was a university board controlled by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner that hired Vallas.

"Bruce Rauner appointed Paul Vallas to a \$200,000 job that never existed before, and one that Vallas lasted in for less than a year," he said. "If that's not a Republican make-work job, I don't know what is."

Vallas, meanwhile, said he wants to run for mayor but has yet to make the final decision.

"I want to run," he said. "I just have to make sure I have the means to do it."

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# Democrats invest in Roskam race

Casten, Mazeski lead challengers in campaign funding

BY KATHERINE SKIBA  
Chicago Tribune

Two candidates trying to oust Republican U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam, of Wheaton, were emerging Wednesday as leaders in the chase for campaign cash in the crowded Democratic primary field.

Though some candidates had yet to file their federal campaign finance reports in the hours before a midnight deadline, Kelly Mazeski, of Barrington Hills, had more than \$513,000 in her treasury as the year opened, and Sean Casten, of Downers Grove, had about \$409,000. Neither Mazeski nor Casten has held elective office. She sits on the Barrington Hills Plan Commission. He is a scientist and clean-energy entrepreneur.

Both are digging deep into their own pockets to finance their primary bids to challenge Roskam, a six-term lawmaker who maintained a commanding cash advantage over the Democrats with more than \$1.6 million in his war chest as the year opened.

Mazeski has lent her campaign \$295,000 and Casten has lent his effort \$430,000, reports show. Including their own money, she led him in total campaign receipts so far, reporting about \$688,000 to his \$617,000. Casten started airing a TV ad after Tuesday's State of the Union address.

They are among seven Democrats who will compete in a March 20 primary

in what will be one of the most closely watched congressional races in the Chicago area. Roskam has no primary opponent, so he can keep a closer rein on spending in coming weeks as he girds for the general election in November. He raised more than \$577,000 in the last three months of 2017, bringing his total receipts to \$2.5 million during the election cycle.

A former district director for Democratic U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, Democrat Carole Cheney, of Naperville, began the year with more than \$124,000 after raising nearly \$83,000 in the last three months of 2017 and more than \$208,000 overall.

Becky Anderson Wilkins, co-owner of a chain of bookstores and a Naperville City Council member, started 2018 with more than \$97,000. She brought in about \$125,000 during the last three months of last year and since entering the race, nearly \$229,000, including loans she made to her campaign for \$36,500.

Ryan Huffman, of Palatine, gave preliminary campaign-finance figures to the Tribune, showing he had about \$1,800 in the bank after raising about \$5,200 during his entire campaign. He works as a data analyst.

Two other Democrats had yet to file Federal Election Commission reports by Wednesday evening or share their numbers, Amanda Howland, of Lake Zurich, who lost the 2016 race to Roskam, and Jennifer Zordani, of Clarendon Hills.

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PRAIRIE RIVERS NETWORK

Advocacy groups say waste oozing into a fork of the Vermilion River is from coal ash that's being stored nearby.

## Waste puts river downstate in peril

Group plans to sue coal plant owner over storage of ash

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE  
Chicago Tribune

Seven years after Dynegy Inc. scrapped one of the last coal plants in downstate Illinois, environmental groups are accusing the company of failing to prevent toxic waste stored nearby from seeping into the state's only National Scenic River.

Citing problems documented in the Houston-based company's own internal reports, the nonprofit Prairie Rivers Network announced Wednesday that it plans to file suit, accusing Dynegy of repeatedly violating the federal Clean Water Act. The group said it decided to challenge the company on its own because federal and state regulators have failed to address well-known hazards at the shuttered plant near Oakwood.

Pictures taken by the group show orange- and purple-hued muck leaching from the banks of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River as it meanders past the former Vermilion Power Station, a coal-fired facility built in the mid-1950s by Illinois Power and later bought by Dynegy.

"These illegal discharges could not be more obvious," said Jenny Cassel, an attorney for Earthjustice, a nonprofit environmental law organization representing the Prairie Rivers Network.

Before Dynegy closed the plant in 2011, the two companies deposited more than 3.3 million cubic yards of coal ash into pits next to the

river — enough to fill the Empire State Building nearly 2½ times. Testing by Dynegy and the Prairie Rivers Network shows the waste oozing into the water contains dangerous levels of heavy metals found in coal ash, including arsenic, chromium, iron and lead.

"This toxic waste needs to be cleaned up," said Andrew Rehn, water resources engineer for the network, based in Champaign. "We want to make sure that Dynegy can't just walk away from its responsibility. We all have a right to a clean Vermilion River."

What's left of the plant rises above the river about a mile downstream from a launch that draws thousands of watersport enthusiasts every year. It also is along a 17-mile stretch of the river protected under the federal National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Dozens of endangered and threatened species live in the river and surrounding woods.

In 2012, Dynegy was cited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for water pollution violations at the site. The case is still open.

"We remain focused on working with state and federal regulatory agencies to provide long-term protection of the storage areas at Vermilion, the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River and groundwater resources," the firm said in a statement.

The environmental groups plan to sue Dynegy under a provision of the Clean Water Act that allows citizens to challenge companies about water pollution violations but requires a 60-day notice.

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Kim Foxx said she left State's Attorney Anita Alvarez's office after complaining about a high-ranking male official.

## Women in Illinois politics tell #MeToo stories in new book

Foxx among those who have endured sexual harassment

BY KIM JANSSEN AND ANGIE LEVENTIS  
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Chicago Tribune

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx says in a new book that she was sexually harassed while working as a prosecutor and accuses her predecessor, Anita Alvarez, of failing to change a culture that allowed the behavior to flourish.

Foxx makes the claim in "No, My Place," a collection of stories about women in Illinois politics battling sexism, harassment or misconduct on the job.

Alvarez said Wednesday she was previously unaware of Foxx's claims but "took any such claims very seriously."

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan recounted how she had faced "unwelcome comments, advances, touching and stalking" in her career.

Another woman in Illinois politics, now a state representative, recalled a lobbyist at a fundraiser commenting about her chest, then shouting the remarks to men at the other end of a table at a bar in the 1990s.

The book was written and self-published by former Daily Herald journalist Kerry Lester as a response to the #MeToo movement.

"In the more than two dozen interviews I conducted for this book, not a single woman who experienced harassment felt that there were appropriate mechanisms in place to report and address a problem," Lester said in the book. "Often, she just put up with it, hoping with time the dynamics would change."

In the book, Foxx said she experienced harassment throughout her life and that she ran for office to "dismantle the culture I had seen chew up and spit out women for 12 years."

Foxx said she quit as a supervisor under Alvarez in 2013 after complaining about the behavior of a high-ranking official in the office who "was known for everything from looking up women's skirts to saying he wanted his own pretty, female intern, to asking a young woman about" performing oral sex.

"I lobbied to get this guy fired," she told Lester. "Problem was, he was very good friends with the state's attorney."

Foxx told the Tribune that the account she gave in the book, which identified Alvarez by title but not by name, is correct. Foxx added that she complained about the man's behavior to Alvarez's executive staff, including her chief of staff and first assistant. She told the Tribune she does not know if they passed on her complaints to Alvarez.

"I never had a direct conversation with her," she

said. When the man retired, Alvarez spoke glowingly about him, Foxx said.

"It's a fruitless effort when the boss knows the predator and says, 'He's a good dude.' That was it for me, and even though he was retiring, I knew I couldn't work for her, or work there, any longer."

Foxx declined in an interview with the Tribune to name the men the book describes as having exhibited the inappropriate behavior.

Through a spokesperson, Alvarez said she was not aware of Foxx's claims while in office.

"I am truly taken aback to hear these allegations because I had no knowledge of any such claim by Ms. Foxx and I am unaware of her filing any complaint with the State's Attorney's Office seeking an investigation into this matter," Alvarez said in a prepared statement.

"When I served as State's Attorney, I took any such claims very seriously and dealt with them appropriately," she added.

Foxx left the office to work for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in 2013, and returned after she beat Alvarez in the 2016 election. Foxx told Lester that earlier in her career, while working for a previous state's attorney, a supervisor thrust his hips at her in a crowded elevator and told her, "You like that Italian beef, don't you?"

Foxx said she has hired an ethics officer, revised her office's sexual harassment policy and hired more women to top administrative spots.

Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia recalled in the book her first legislative session as a communications staffer years ago, when "an older female colleague pulled me aside and said, 'Do not go out to bars after session. Do not go out with the senators. Go straight home. You do not want to be labeled a slut.'"

Valencia said she followed the advice, "But I also kept my head down, and didn't speak up about all the slut-shaming that went on down there. I regret that when I think about it now."

Lester, who recently married Michael Kasper, former aide to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, said many women she approached were keen to share their stories, but others told her "it's just too risky for me right now."

A spokesperson for Lisa Madigan confirmed that the account in the book about her experience was accurate but declined further comment.

"I believe a cultural change will come from the awareness that all women, even successful women that have gotten in a position of power, endure this," Madigan said in the book.

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## City, Woods firm present updated plans for South Side golf course

Park District estimates \$60M cost, seeks public input on PGA Tour-worthy venue

BY LOLLY BOWEAN  
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Park District presented an updated vision for merging the Jackson Park and South Shore golf courses at an open house Wednesday night, saying the latest design was modified based on community concerns.

While the new design would add more pedestrian trails, modify the configurations between holes and relocate the public pavilion clubhouse, it also would still require closing a major street to vehicle traffic and cutting into a lakefront nature sanctuary as well as other elements that have concerned residents.

For more than a year, there has been a push to transform the two golf courses into a PGA Tour-worthy course. Constructing the new course would cost about \$30 million and it would take another \$30 million to make infrastructure improvements, said Michael Kelly, Park District general superintendent and CEO. At the public hearing, officials said much of the money would come from private donations, but a firm spending plan was not presented.

"Jackson Park is one of the oldest golf courses. ... We're proud of that, but it's outdated," said Kelly, who

was joined at the open house by officials from TGR Design, Tiger Woods' firm. He said the new plan would modernize the golf courses and make them more challenging to play.

Under the new plan, the first hole has been relocated and the course is reconfigured so golfers can opt to play nine or 18 holes.

Still, the proposed changes to the golf courses have become controversial, in part, because they would require closing parts of Marquette Drive and would eliminate parts of a nature and butterfly sanctuary. Instead of a street, a pedestrian path would be inserted. The new plan also adds a body of water to help with drainage in places along the course.

The design would require building three underpasses to give golfers access to the course, and much of that work would likely have to be funded with tax dollars. Kelly said in order to make the improvements, trees would have to be removed, but he said trees and landscaping would be added after course construction.

Some residents who live nearby have also expressed concern that renovating the golf course will require higher green fees, placing it out of reach for lower-income residents. Others

have said that interest in golf has waned in recent years and so public investment in such a project will be a waste.

In the original proposal, developers presented a tiered pay plan to address concerns about residents' access. And the designers have said they would fund programs to groom young golfers from the surrounding community.

Kelly said he is committed to keeping golf free for kids under 17, and it would cost Chicago residents less than \$50 to play.

Beau Welling, who is helping design the course for TGR, said the reason Tiger Woods wants to complete the project is because he sees it as an opportunity to improve a course that serves the public, not just elite athletes. "I've never seen him so excited about a project," Welling said at a news conference before the public meeting. "Tiger Woods is really about meaningful projects that have impact," he said later. "It's really about the community. Tiger Woods grew up on golf courses ... this is a very special thing (for him)."

Although officials have said the new course would be tournament-worthy, they have not booked any tournaments to play there.

Wednesday's meeting was part of the Park District's efforts to get public input on how to update historic Jackson Park and

the South Shore Cultural Center. The Park District's South Lakefront Framework Plan focuses on the entire stretch of land. There have been 10 formal meetings.

The golf course project is separate from the development of the Barack Obama Presidential Center. But the two projects have often been lumped together because they are close and could benefit each other. It was the former president who first encouraged Woods to pursue the golf project.

Last year, Kelly said, he wanted the golf course renovations completed by 2020, just ahead of the Obama center's opening in 2021. But on Wednesday, he said he didn't have a firm finish date in mind or a timeline for starting construction. "I need the community's support," he said.

Last year, when the Park District held its Framework plan meeting, Kelly said discussing the golf course was put on hold because of public outcry.

But he wanted to start 2018 with a series of public meetings so residents could learn more about the proposed project, voice concerns and suggest modifications.

"The community said, 'You might want to slow down a bit.' And now we've got a better plan for it," Kelly said.

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# 'Serial stowaway' grows agitated at court hearing

Judge orders testing to determine whether woman is fit to stand trial

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago-area woman who has earned national notoriety as a stowaway for sneaking onto jets without a ticket grew agitated Wednesday in court following her arrest for the second time in two weeks.

The outburst by Marilyn Hartman, 66, came moments after a judge granted Cook County prosecutors' request to evaluate her sanity and mental fitness to stand trial on felony theft charges.

"No! I don't!" Hartman protested loudly, shaking her head, when her lawyer said Hartman had a family in answer to a question from Judge Adam Bourgeois Jr.

When Bourgeois then asked if Hartman was under the care of a medical professional, her attorney, Parle Roe-Taylor, began to say no, but Hartman, dressed in a jail uniform with an oversized jacket, again interrupted, crying out, "Yes!"

Hartman is being held without bail after she was



Hartman

arrested at O'Hare International Airport early Sunday after authorities spotted her in Terminal 3, just two days after a judge repeatedly ordered her to stay away from the airport. She was charged with misdemeanor criminal trespassing and violating her

bail bond. Earlier this month, Hartman got past British Airways ticket agents and a Customs and Border Protection officer, boarded a jet without a ticket and flew to London's Heathrow Airport in an empty seat.

Hartman's court appearance Wednesday marked her fourth in just two

weeks. After court, Roe-Taylor vowed to seek an alternative to Cook County Jail for Hartman. She also told reporters that Hartman indeed has family members who did not attend court Wednesday.

"I do not believe she belongs in the criminal justice system, but here we are," Roe-Taylor said. "What I know is that the traditional way we've handled this case hasn't been

the most successful, so perhaps we need to look at it differently."

Hartman is scheduled to appear in court in mid-February.

The two recent arrests mark Hartman's first in Chicago since 2016, but she has a long history of trying to sneak onto airplanes.

Hartman was given probation when she originally was sentenced after pleading guilty to a February 2016 trespassing charge, but she

was sentenced to 364 days in jail a few weeks later, according to court records.

At the time, Hartman had been living at a mental health facility on the Near North Side before violating the terms of her probation by leaving the facility and going to O'Hare.

Hartman has been detained several times across the country for trying to bypass airport security.

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## Metra fare hikes to begin Thursday

BY WILLIAM LEE  
Chicago Tribune

Metra riders will have to dig a little deeper for one-way tickets and monthly and weekend passes starting Thursday, when a systemwide rate hike approved in November takes effect.

The cost of adult and reduced-fare one-way tickets will rise by 25 cents in all zones, and monthly fares – the most popular ticket type among Metra riders – will increase between \$9 and \$12.50, depending on the length of the trip. Ten-ride tickets will increase between \$4.25 and \$7.75, again, based on trip distance.

Someone who rides the train from Bensenville to downtown, for example, will see the price of a monthly pass go from \$171 to \$181.25 – a 6 percent hike. Reduced fares for seniors and people with disabilities also will increase. The hikes mark the fourth consecutive year that the commuter rail service has raised fares. The price of \$8 weekend passes will increase to \$10.

The fare hikes precede service cuts set to kick in Monday. Metra is cutting five of the 691 trains it runs on weekdays, including three Rock Island weekday evening and late-night trains that run southwest to Joliet. The agency also will combine four semi-express North Central rush-hour trains running between downtown and far northwest suburban Antioch into two local trains.

Metra officials said the service cuts and fare hikes will help close a \$45 million budget gap that they blame on decreased state funding, higher costs and lower expected sales tax revenues. The cuts were the first time that the agency has had to reduce service to close a deficit.

On the SouthWest line, which goes through the southwest suburbs, two midday trains will no longer serve Laraway Road and Manhattan stations. On the Milwaukee District North line, which runs to Fox Lake, two Saturday round trips and one Sunday round trip will be eliminated.

Prior to his retirement late last year, then-Metra CEO Don Orseno warned that the further rate hikes and service cuts were possible if state lawmakers did not restore some state funding by the middle of the year.

The 2018 operating budget is \$797.2 million, while the capital budget is \$196.8 million. Other savings will come from a hiring freeze and other efficiencies, officials said.

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# Rauner rewriting history, opponents say

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Rauner in the March 20 primary election: “I don’t think anything will be different this time around because many members still don’t trust him, and don’t have a lot of respect for him.”

Despite Rauner’s bipartisan tone, even before the speech was over, it was clear few in the room — including the governor himself — had forgotten about the politics or were prepared to set aside the battles.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle erupted in cheers and jeers when Rauner announced during the speech that he’d offer a balanced budget in February. The reference to a budget was a reminder of the yearslong impasse that was broken only after more than a dozen rank-and-file Republican lawmakers parted ways with their governor last summer and joined Democrats in overriding his veto of a tax hike to pay for state spending.

Democrats initially laughed at Rauner, before giving him a sarcastic standing ovation, to which Rauner quipped: “And I hope this year you guys will pass it instead of ignoring it.” Rauner is scheduled to deliver his spending proposal Feb. 14.

Senate President John Cullerton said afterward that Democrats found the idea that the governor would offer a balanced budget this year laughable, but Republicans warned that the governor should be taken seriously.

“This is an election year, and I don’t think anybody wants to be on the ballot of Election Day without Illinois’ legislature having passed a balanced budget,” Senate Republican leader Sen. Bill Brady of Bloomington told public television show “Illinois Lawmakers.”

To counter the narrative that he hasn’t gotten much done, Rauner spent a healthy portion of his speech listing what he views as his accomplishments. Chief among them were an education funding overhaul and school funding increases. Rauner lashed out against the school funding bill for much of last summer, dismissing it as a bailout for Chicago Public Schools. He vetoed one ver-



Gov. Bruce Rauner gives his State of the State address alongside a sign-language interpreter Wednesday in Springfield.

sion of the proposal before signing off on an updated version that gave even more money to CPS than the original version did.

Rauner’s support for the bill came after he won the inclusion of a tax credit program that will help provide scholarships to private schools for low-income students. But he threw another wrench into the process last month when he vetoed legislation his Illinois State Board of Education said was needed to put the funding formula in place. Lawmakers voted to override that veto just minutes before Rauner took the podium on Wednesday.

J.B. Pritzker, another Democrat running for governor and the candidate whom Rauner regards as his most likely competition in the fall, questioned Rauner taking credit for the education bill. “This is a governor who time and time again fails, and yet he lies and wants to take credit for other people’s work.”

Other accomplishments were smaller in nature: clearing the backlog of clemency requests, allow-

ing prison inmates to get professional licenses while incarcerated, starting a task force to combat the state’s opioid crisis, negotiating union contracts with some state worker unions. A new contract with the biggest union, however, remains in legal limbo.

Rauner also addressed controversies brewing in his campaign, defending his administration’s handling of an outbreak of *Legionella* bacteria at a Downstate veterans home that has killed 13. Rauner gave a shoutout to residents of the home sitting in the gallery, whom he met while spending a week at the facility.

The governor’s heaping of praise on the state was aimed, at least in part, at critics who say he’s been too publicly hard on Illinois and has jeopardized the state’s bid for Amazon’s second headquarters. Where the governor typically talks up the state’s political dysfunction and “corruption,” his tone Wednesday was more optimistic as he tried to square his record over the past three years with where Illinois stands today.

“The state of our state today is one of readiness: readiness born of unprecedented frustration with our political culture, along with the firm belief that we have tremendous, but as-yet unrealized, economic potential,” Rauner said.

But even as Rauner spoke, word spread that Lottery Control Board Chairman Jonathan “Blair” Garber resigned after calling Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin’s hometown of East St. Louis the “shithole of the universe” in a Twitter message to bluegrass and county musician Charlie Daniels a couple of weeks ago.

The message, which drew condemnation and calls for Garber’s firing from Democrats and Republicans, appears to have been aimed at Durbin for his discussion of a highly publicized closed-door meeting where President Donald Trump allegedly referred to nations in Africa as “shithole countries.”

Garber, a Rauner appointee, resigned in an email to the governor’s office in which he apologized

“for any consternation caused by my poor choice of words.”

Rauner also waded into the debate surrounding the #MeToo movement, criticizing lawmakers for their response after allegations of rampant sexual harassment at the Capitol surfaced last fall. He said that while legislators passed measures to require sexual harassment awareness training, “many believe that transparency and accountability were sacrificed for optics and speed.”

The governor said he would sign an executive order “to strengthen the policies that ensure all government employees under my office’s jurisdiction have reliable and responsive outlets for reporting acts of sexual misconduct.” His comments came as many lawmakers in the ornate House chamber were dressed in black as a statement of solidarity against sexism and harassment.

In addition, the governor hit many of his previous and current campaign themes, calling for term limits on elected officials, property

tax relief and new rules preventing members of the General Assembly from acting as lawyers in property tax appeals cases.

The governor’s focus on property taxes is aimed at Democratic Speaker Michael Madigan, who is a partner in a law firm that focuses on real estate tax appeals, which Rauner contends is a conflict of interest.

Madigan fired back in a statement after the speech. “As he has done throughout his administration, Gov. Rauner chooses to blame others for the challenges facing our state on his watch instead of being the leader he was elected to be.”

Kennedy, a Democratic governor candidate, also has been campaigning on changes to the property tax system on the campaign trail, and called Rauner a “plagiarist,” saying he “stole a bunch of ideas from me.”

Rauner did not address the unpleasant side effects of the yearslong budget impasse that left the state awash in billions of dollars in debt, resulted in major cuts for social service providers and forced layoffs at universities, but he did paint himself as a “careful steward” of taxpayer dollars. He said he vetoed unbalanced budgets that would push the state further into debt and tried to stop “tax increases that Illinoisans couldn’t afford.”

Critics argued Rauner’s actions only served to prolong the impasse, during which time the administration spent at least \$2 billion the state didn’t have.

Democratic Comptroller Susana Mendoza said Rauner’s good steward claim “would only make sense if it was Opposite Day.”

Meanwhile, Rauner hinted at his future budget plans, including rolling back at least some of the income tax hike lawmakers put in place over his objections, along with curbing spending — a difficult ask in a year when legislators are hoping for stability when it comes to budget-making.

“It is time we do what the people of Illinois want,” Rauner said. “Halt the advance of taxes. Stop spending money we don’t have.”

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# Property assessment fairness study drags out

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downtown Chicago and four suburban locations, and in most suburbs on March 5.

“The more time you have to do a study, the more (issues) you can look at and the more careful you can be,” said Richard Almy, a former executive director of the International Association of Assessing Officers. “But the analysis can be done in a couple of months if you have all the data.”

A fourth “Tax Divide” story, which documented problems with assessments of commercial and industrial property, was published by ProPublica Illinois and the Tribune in December, adding to intense scrutiny of Berrios as he fights for re-election in a contested primary. His opponents — asset manager Fritz Kaegi and property tax consultant Andrea Raila — each have cited the reporting on the campaign trail and pledged to fix the problems it identified.

County Commissioner Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, who backs Kaegi, said “the voters deserve some answers” about the fairness of the assessment system. He backed the idea of doing the study but said he now believes “that was probably all a delay tactic.”

“Some of us have a lot of doubt about whether this was a real, credible undertaking or not — a prove us wrong,” Garcia added.

Preckwinkle’s spokesman, Frank Shuftan, said Monday that the study is on schedule.

“This is a big project that takes time, given the size and number of residential properties in Cook County,” Shuftan said. “The first phase was information-

gathering, which was completed by mid-December. The analysis of the data is nearing completion and the consultant’s measurement of the office’s performance, based on the analysis, will be announced prior to the end of February.”

But in August, at a planning meeting for the study, the independent group overseeing the effort handed out a document that laid out a different schedule. The document, provided to a reporter by Cook County Clerk David Orr, shows that “specific improvement areas” were to be identified before Thanksgiving and work on solutions was to be completed by mid-December.

The pro bono study is being led by the Civic Consulting Alliance, or CCA, a nonprofit consulting firm that has provided technical assistance for several Chicago mayors, as well as for Preckwinkle. The group operates under the umbrella of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, a nonprofit good-government group consisting of chief executives from the region’s largest employers.

Preckwinkle and Berrios have been mum on what is being learned through the study process, with Preckwinkle saying she’s not at liberty to talk about it. “All I can tell you is that there’s a confidentiality agreement between the assessor and CCA about the work,” Preckwinkle said in a recent interview.

Orr, who also is supporting Kaegi, called on the CCA to release the study’s results immediately.

“The CCA is a credible organization, but they are unfortunately gaining the reputation of helping with

what has become a big stall until after the March 20th primary election,” Orr said.

A spokeswoman for the CCA and the Civic Committee declined to comment, referring questions about the study to the assessor’s office.

Berrios spokesman Tom Shaer said “the assessor’s office plays no role in the timing or schedule of CCA’s work” and that anyone speculating on how long the study would take doesn’t understand the scope of the undertaking.

“Mid-December may have been part of CCA’s initial thoughts before it began the extensive information-gathering and other work required,” Shaer said.

The issue of unfair property tax assessments is hanging over the re-election campaigns of both Preckwinkle and Berrios, who are friends and allies. Berrios is chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, Preckwinkle is vice chairman, and they filed their re-election paperwork together as part of an endorsed slate of candidates.

The relationship between the two has caused critics of the assessor’s office to question whether the study is aimed at providing political cover for Berrios. Preckwinkle announced the study at a County Board hearing in July where commissioners questioned Berrios over “The Tax Divide” — a move that took some of the heat off of her ally.

At a meeting of the Tribune Editorial Board last week, Preckwinkle declined to criticize Berrios’ performance. “I’ve worked closely with Joe Berrios in areas where I think he’s done good work,” she said.

Berrios has steadfastly

contended that his office produces fair and accurate assessments. The assessor disputed findings from the investigation, saying the analyses were not conducted by assessment professionals. The Tribune and ProPublica Illinois vetted their methods with top experts in the field.

Preckwinkle has said the aim of the CCA study is not to protect Berrios but to conduct a thorough review of the entire property tax system.

The CCA study will look only at residential assessments, however, leaving unexamined the fairness and accuracy of commercial and industrial assessments, which make up roughly a third of the county’s property tax base.

Numerous independent studies, including by the University of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Revenue, already have found assessments to be deeply flawed.

“We don’t need another study to tell us the system stinks,” said University of Chicago public policy professor Christopher Berry, who studied the system while developing a new residential valuation model for the county that was never implemented. “If Toni Preckwinkle doesn’t believe the studies already done by the University of Chicago, the Illinois Department of Revenue and the Tribune, then she is simply choosing not to see the truth right in front of her face. She is siding with Joe Berrios over the truth, and over her constituents.”

Berry, along with a Tribune reporter, also led a graduate-level class at U. of C.’s Harris School of Public Policy that examined the

county’s residential appeal system. The study, which was featured in “The Tax Divide,” found the process made assessments more unfair. The assessor’s office dismissed the findings of that study as well as Berry’s criticisms.

The planning documents from August show the CCA study is using performance measures set by the International Association of Assessing Officers, which involve comparing the assessor’s estimated market values to actual sales data. Two of the most important statistics are the coefficient of dispersion, essentially a rate of error, and the price-related differential, a measure of fairness.

The Tribune’s analysis found that the office violated industry standards for both measures for years, sometimes by a large margin. Highly inaccurate assessments wound up handing unsanctioned property tax breaks to well-off homeowners while punishing those who have the least, particularly people living in minority communities.

Peter Davis, an assessing expert who specializes in sales ratio studies, said that once the data is in hand, a ratio study should take no more than a month.

In mid-January, a County Board committee scheduled a hearing to get an update on the progress of the study. Berrios, however, cited a show up; his office did not prior engagement. No new meeting has been set.

That prompted concerns that the study wouldn’t be made public before voters go to the polls for the primary.

“I think Mr. Berrios and Madam President Preckwinkle are going to do

everything they can to keep him from appearing before the board between now and March 20 to talk about the study,” said Commissioner Richard Boykin, an Oak Park Democrat who represents large swaths of Chicago’s West Side and suburban Maywood, two areas where many low-income African-American homeowners live.

“We already know what the results are,” he added. “We already know that there’s a problem and quite frankly, we already know that there needs to be a solution articulated for the voters before March 20.”

With pressure mounting, Preckwinkle spokesman Shuftan crafted a response on letterhead from Berrios’ office last week stating that some of the results were expected by the end of February. What specifically will be released is unclear, however.

Amid calls to release the study, some observers who have studied the system are convinced the exercise is unnecessary.

“What could the study possibly show that would make any difference?” said Berry, the U. of C. professor. “If it says the system is broken, then it’s just confirming what we already knew and we’re right back where we were in July. If it says the system is working, then it will contradict every expert who has come before, and everyone will know that the new study is bogus.”

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# Sergeant, officers stripped of police powers

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The sergeant is a former member of a joint FBI task force, sources said. The investigation began after an informant went to federal authorities to complain that he had been robbed by the team.

As part of the probe, agents set up a sting to catch members of the team on undercover video, a source said.

Reached by telephone Wednesday, an attorney for the officers, James Thompson, declined to comment on the investigation.

News of the probe comes as the Police Department struggles to recover from the shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald and a long list of other scandals over the years — including several involving officers accused of stealing narcotics and cash from drug dealers.

A police spokesman issued a written statement Wednesday saying “integrity and accountability are paramount” to the department.

“To that end, we cannot comment on any investigation — internal or otherwise — until or unless criminal charges are filed,” the statement read.

The Tribune has learned the identities of the sergeant and at least one of the officers but is not naming them because they have not been charged.

Police Department records show the 45-year-old sergeant has

been with the department since 1996 and served as a patrol officer before joining the gang enforcement team. His wife is a Chicago police detective, records show.

At least 23 complaints have been filed against the sergeant in his 21 years on the force, including several for alleged illegal arrests, civil rights violations and improper use of a weapon, complaint data compiled by the Tribune shows. In 1998, while assigned to the Ogden District on the West Side, he was reprimanded for a complaint stemming from a “preventable traffic accident,” according to records. None of the other complaints resulted in any discipline, the records show.

The sergeant has also been named in at least four federal lawsuits since 2001, including a pending case stemming from a fatal police shooting in the Grand Crossing neighborhood in 2014 in which a fellow officer killed an apparently suicidal man who allegedly attacked them with a knife, court records show.

In 2016, the city agreed to pay \$40,000 to settle another lawsuit alleging the sergeant and several other officers broke down the door of a woman’s North Lawndale home with their guns drawn. After acknowledging they had no warrant, the officers raided an apartment next door and found drugs and thousands of dollars in cash, according to the suit.

The suit alleged the sergeant gave the woman \$1,000 in cash

he’d taken from the search as reimbursement for “her troubles” and then left.

The ongoing federal probe marked the latest black eye for the Police Department. The 2015 release of video of Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting the black teen 16 times led to a probe by the U.S. Department of Justice that found officers routinely violated the civil rights of residents, particularly in minority neighborhoods on the

**Authorities conducted searches of at least two of the officers’ homes Tuesday, but no arrests have been made. Criminal charges are expected to be filed, though.**

South and West sides stricken by poverty and crime.

The Justice Department’s scathing report on the Police Department mentioned that the city’s first serious efforts at reform came in the wake of the Summerdale scandal in 1960 when eight officers from the now-defunct North Side district were accused of operating a large-scale burglary ring.

In the 1990s, a federal probe led to the conviction of the so-called Austin Seven, officers involved in a series of robberies of drug dealers. The ringleader, Officer Edward “Pacman” Jackson Jr., was sentenced in 2001 to 115 years in prison.

Federal authorities also charged corrupt Chicago cop Joseph Miedzianowski, whose shocking double life as a drug dealer led to the breakup of the department’s vaunted gang crimes unit. Miedzianowski was sentenced to life in prison without parole in 2003 for his racketeering conviction.

More recently, scandal engulfed the Special Operations Section after disturbing allegations surfaced that the elite team of officers routinely robbed suspected drug dealers as well as law-abiding citizens during illegal stops and searches.

The blowback was severe — numerous officers were criminally charged, stripped of their police powers and placed on desk duty or suspended without pay. In addition, the SOS unit was disbanded, and the scandal helped force the resignation of then-Superintendent Philip Cline.

Meanwhile, the city is still dealing with the fallout over a nearly decadelong run of corruption by former Sgt. Ronald Watts and his team of tactical officers, who were accused of forcing residents and drug dealers alike to pay a “protection” tax and pinning

bogus cases on those who refused to do so.

Despite mounting allegations, Watts continued to operate for years despite a lengthy police Internal Affairs Division probe as well as investigations by the state’s attorney’s office and the FBI, according to court records.

When Watts was finally caught in 2012, it was on relatively minor federal charges, and he was given a break at sentencing by a federal judge who talked tough but in the end handed him only 22 months in prison.

In November, in what is believed to be Cook County’s first mass exoneration, 15 men with drug cases tied to Watts had their convictions thrown out. Reviews of potentially hundreds of other Watts-related cases are underway.

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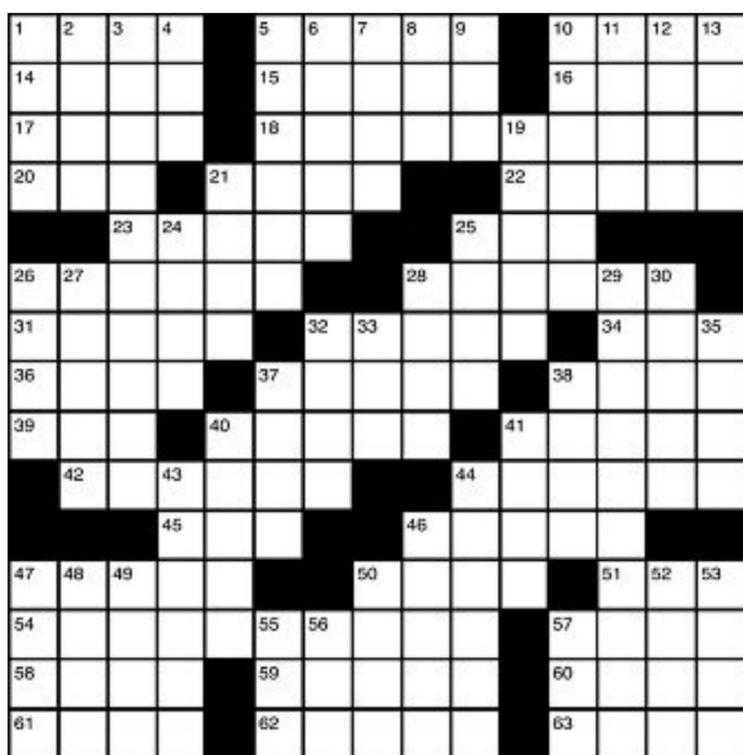
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## Crossword



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### ACROSS

- Keyboard error
- Pod that tastes like chocolate
- Pillow covering
- British noble
- Without companions
- Enormous
- Clumsy person
- Dodgers' home
- “For \_\_\_ a jolly good fellow...”
- Board game
- Peruses
- King’s decree
- Is able to
- Actor Al \_\_\_
- Coarse-toothed cutting tool
- Make laugh
- Mailman’s beat
- Jerry Brown’s title: abbr.
- \_\_\_ helmet; hard lightweight hat
- Cheese variety
- Villain
- In the past
- Forms; shapes
- Songbirds
- Traumatic experience
- Abhor
- Building wing

### DOWN

- Shower alternatives
- Atlantic Coast state
- Plants
- Moral transgression
- In an honest way
- Forest destroyer
- \_\_\_ as a button
- Heavenly guardian
- Cowboy’s shoe
- Celebrity
- Joke with
- Hotels
- Part of MIT
- Ivy League school
- District attorney
- Over-the-hill
- Tricolored cat
- In the air
- Kennedy matriarch
- “Cat \_\_\_ Hot Tin Roof”
- Actor Stiller
- Martin and Charlie
- Luau dance
- Grew gray
- Clutter
- Small fruit

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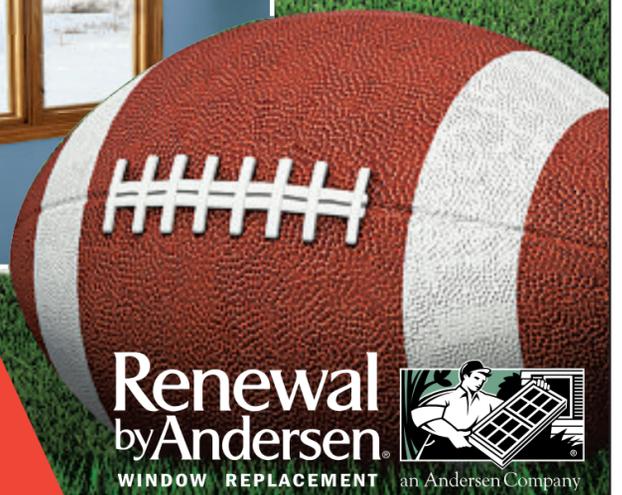


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- Piece of china
- Metropolis
- June honoree
- Mexican friend
- Massage behavior
- Toils
- Item on a bread tray
- Ancient
- Chest covering
- Scuttle chucks
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### GOP lawmakers' train strikes trash truck

Driver killed, 2 others in vehicle seriously injured

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CROZET, Va. — A train carrying dozens of Republican members of Congress to a strategy retreat in the countryside slammed into a garbage truck in rural Virginia on Wednesday, killing the driver and sending several lawmaker-doctors rushing to help the injured.

At least two other people in the truck were reported seriously hurt.

No serious injuries were reported aboard the chartered Amtrak train, which set out from the capital with lawmakers, family members and staff for the luxury Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

The collision happened around 11:20 a.m. in Crozet, about 125 miles southwest of Washington, tearing the truck in two, crumpling the nose of the locomotive and scattering trash alongside the tracks.

Rep. Robert Pittenger of North Carolina said he was standing at the train's refreshment stand, waiting to be served a soft drink, when he felt "an enormous slam. It was a huge jolt. We all hung on to whatever we had."

He said he looked out the window and saw a big pile of garbage, and it appeared the train had pushed the truck for a few hundred yards.

Authorities gave no details on the cause of the wreck, which took place at a crossing protected by gates, flashing lights, bells and warning signs. The National



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Emergency personnel work at the scene of a collision between a train carrying GOP lawmakers and a garbage truck Wednesday in Crozet, Va.

Transportation Safety Board sent a team to investigate.

Benny Layne, on whose property the truck landed, said the crossing arms had been known to malfunction often, sometimes not working when a train was approaching, sometimes coming down for no reason. Sometimes, he said, they stayed down for hours.

"A guy was up here just yesterday or the day before taking a look at them," he said.

Carrie Brown, human resources manager at Buckingham Branch Railroad, which leases the stretch of

track and is responsible for maintenance, said she was unaware of any problems at the crossing.

Florida Rep. Neal Dunn, a former Army surgeon, said he and other lawmakers who are doctors joined other passengers who are nurses or paramedics and jumped out with the basic medical gear they had. They broke into three teams to help the injured people in the truck, he said.

"The first gentleman was somebody who had really, really, really devastating injuries. We did try to resuscitate, but ultimately you had to realize it wasn't possible,"

Dunn said. He said another man in the truck was critically injured and a third was seriously hurt.

Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana and his wife, both doctors, were among those who came to the rescue. He said he helped a man from the truck who was badly injured.

"My role was quite simple: I picked up his feet so the blood in his feet would go to his heart and his brain," Cassidy said.

Officials gave varying figures on the number hurt. But Amtrak said two crew members and three passengers were taken to a

hospital with minor injuries.

Minnesota Rep. Jason Lewis' staff tweeted that the first-term congressman was among those taken to the hospital, where he was treated for a concussion and later released.

Others aboard the train reported bumps, bruises and sore joints.

House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin was on the train and was unhurt, aides said.

The policy retreat, an annual event, was scheduled to last three days and feature speeches from President Donald Trump and

Vice President Mike Pence. By early afternoon, lawmakers boarded buses to resume their trip. Trump plans to address the lawmakers Thursday.

Rep. James Comer of Kentucky said about 100 GOP lawmakers were on the train when the crash made him jump out of his seat.

"I looked out the side of the window and then I could see a truck, just in pieces out the side of the window," Comer said. He said Capitol police officers quickly jumped off the train but came back and asked for any doctors to help.

### Trump heightens hurdles for deal on immigration

Democrats saw divisiveness, not unity, in address

BY BRIAN BENNETT  
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WASHINGTON — The chances of a bipartisan immigration deal benefiting so-called Dreamers looked more remote the day after President Donald Trump made his pitch in his State of the Union speech, as Democrats saw not an overture but an escalation of divisive rhetoric.

Before a joint session of Congress and national television audience, Trump presented his offer as a compromise. It would pair a 12-year path to citizenship for 1.8 million immigrants brought to the country illegally as children with billions of dollars for "a great wall on the southern border," other border security measures and far-reaching limits on legal immigration.

Trump's proposals to go beyond illegal immigration and sharply cut the number of legal entries form the biggest barrier to a deal. Democrats and outside experts say his plan could cut legal immigration by 40 percent or more over the next couple of decades,

mostly by reducing the ability of citizens and legal permanent residents to sponsor their parents, siblings and adult children. That's too steep a price to pay to provide legal status to people that Trump has said he wants to help, to treat "with heart," Democrats say.

Senators have a week to draft a bill on immigration, if they follow through on an earlier agreement made to provide funding for the government after the weekend shutdown in mid-January.

At that time, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell promised Democrats and a few Republicans that he would allow debate on an immigration bill immediately after the Senate votes next to fund the government; spending authority expires again Feb. 8.

Two bipartisan groups of lawmakers have been meeting this week, but prospects for a breakthrough look dim, especially after Trump's speech.

Trump spent significant time during his 80-minute address on the dangers of immigration. He linked gang violence to legal and illegal immigration, and he introduced among his invited guests the four parents of two teens killed by

the Salvadoran gang MS-13 in 2016 on Long Island.

Many Democrats bristled at Trump's words and his use of the young girls' tragic deaths to push for restrictions on legal immigration.

"The president presents himself as generous toward Dreamers, but he's holding them hostage to the most extreme anti-immigrant agenda in generations," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Wednesday.

In his speech, the president said he had presented a "fair compromise — one where nobody gets everything they want, but where our country gets the critical reforms it needs."

He listed his demands for security measures. Those include restricting one longtime visa program and ending another. He would limit family unification visas to citizen-sponsors' spouses and minor children, reducing the number of legal immigrants admitted each year by hundreds of thousands. Trump also would end a so-called diversity visa lottery, which allows about 50,000 people annually to resettle in the U.S., largely from Eastern Europe and Africa.

In years past, similar changes to immigration law



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President Donald Trump, seen arriving Tuesday for his State of the Union address, highlighted in his speech what he sees as the dangers of both illegal and legal immigration.

were considered by Democrats but only if they were combined with a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million people in the country illegally.

Conservative Republicans have been unwilling to accept such a broad "amnesty," as they call it, even in exchange for sweeping immigration restrictions. But some have indicated a willingness to support Trump's proposal benefiting the young immigrants as long as his proposed limits are part of the deal.

"In the last 50 years, this is the best chance we've had to fix our archaic immigra-

tion," Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., said Wednesday on Fox Business News.

Perdue said "we want to" give "a certainty" to the young immigrants. "But the only reason that makes sense is if you close the door to this happening again," he added, by limiting future illegal immigration with the restrictions Trump has proposed.

Trump spent more time on immigration than any other topic in his address and mostly highlighted what he sees as the dangers of both illegal and legal immigration.

While Trump sought to

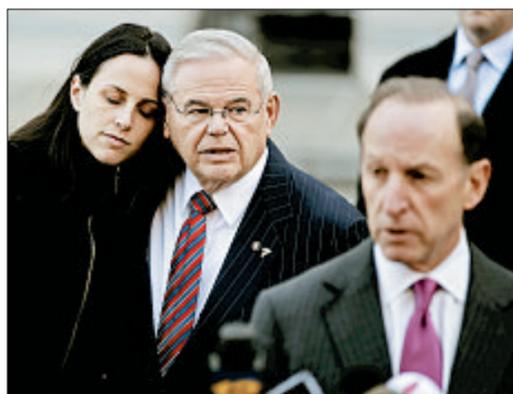
sound conciliatory, he also had some divisive language.

"My duty, and the sacred duty of every elected official in this chamber, is to defend Americans — to protect their safety, their families, their communities, and their right to the American Dream," Trump said. "Because Americans are dreamers too."

That line was met by silence among Democrats, some of whom had invited Dreamers as their guests.

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Sen. Bob Menendez, center, stands with his daughter, Alicia, as his lawyer Abbe Lowell, right, talks to reporters.

### Justice Dept. won't retry N.J. Sen. Menendez

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NEWARK, N.J. — The Justice Department has dropped all charges against New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, in a decision that casts new doubt on the ability of government prosecutors to win bribery cases.

The department made the announcement in a filing Wednesday, a week after U.S. District Judge William Walls threw out seven of the 18 charges against the New

Jersey Democrat. The dismissed charges related to Menendez's acceptance of campaign contributions from his friend, Salomon Melgen, a Florida eye doctor.

The loss of the high-profile case is another blow to the department's public integrity section and reflects the effect of a 2016 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, which narrowed the definition of corrupt acts by public officials.

A lawyer for Menendez said the senator was "pleased and grateful" about the decision. "Despite the five years of this ordeal, Sen. Menendez never wavered in his innocence and his commitment to the people of New Jersey," said a statement by attorney Abbe Lowell.

Menendez was accused of accepting trips, hotel stays and campaign money from Melgen and using the power of his office to help Melgen with visas for his girlfriends and in a billing

dispute with the Department of Health and Human Services.

After an 11-week trial in Newark last year, a jury failed to reach a verdict on any of the counts against either man. Afterward, jurors said they had voted overwhelmingly for acquittal.

Prosecutors had said they would retry Menendez and Melgen, but the judge's ruling changed that calculation.

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# Twilight of the Holocaust survivors

Impending loss of memories, moral guide worries some

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PARIS — Before long, they will all be gone. Survivors, perpetrators and bystanders alike, the generation that experienced one of the greatest horrors in modern history is dying out.

For decades, the Holocaust — the extermination of 6 million Jews and millions of others during World II — has been Europe's point of reference. It is the justification for an "ever closer" European Union and the go-to argument for maintaining the political status quo, no matter how deficient. "Never again," the saying goes, would the continent descend into state-sanctioned racism and systematic murder.

Even if that credo has failed to prevent other genocides, what happens when there is no one left in Europe who really remembers the Holocaust? In the twilight of their lives, some survivors are increasingly anxious about the world they will leave behind, even with memorials and museums around the globe commemorating the slaughter. Far-right movements, many say, are no longer merely relics, and anti-Semitism has returned with a vigor few anticipated, especially in Europe.

"I'm extremely worried," said Marceline Loridan-Ivens, an 89-year-old filmmaker, writer and Holocaust survivor who has become something of a public conscience in France, where her memoirs are instant bestsellers. The latest installment, "Love After," published in January, recounts her experience in and after the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, where she was deported in 1944.

"All I can say is that everything I can write, everything I can unveil — it's my task to do it," she said.



Marceline Loridan-Ivens, 89, like many Holocaust survivors, is anxious about the restive world she and others will leave.

At the same time, she said, she is under no delusions about the power of public testimony to fend off another catastrophe, especially in a country where, in the last presidential election, 34 percent of voters ultimately backed a party founded by a convicted Holocaust denier and where incidents of anti-Semitic violence are common.

A kosher supermarket was firebombed in Paris recently. Last year, an Orthodox Jewish woman was killed in her bed by a neighbor who then hurled her body from the third-floor balcony of her Paris apartment. Prosecutors have demanded the killing be recognized as an anti-Semitic act.

"Nothing protects us," Loridan-Ivens said.

Sociologists and historians agree, noting that the testimonials of living Holocaust survivors could not keep genocide from recurring in Europe, in the form of the ethnic cleansings that

accompanied the Bosnian War in the early 1990s, much less anywhere else.

Still, the passing of so many survivors — and perpetrators — represents a major shift in Europe's public consciousness, said Michel Wieviorka, a French sociologist who has written about racism and anti-Semitism. Wieviorka's grandfather, the Polish-born writer Wolf Wieviorka, died at Auschwitz.

"A page is turning," he said. "The disappearance of those who lived in Auschwitz is not to say that the work of memory won't continue — it will continue, just in different forms. Memory, which fluctuates and sometimes changes, will soon become history. At the same time, we lose something powerful — the force of persuasion in contemporary debates."

Holocaust survivors, drawing on their experiences, have often been able to intervene in other political and social debates,

sometimes succeeding in shifting public opinion.

In Britain, Alf Dubs, a peer and veteran of the Kindertransport, persuaded the government to welcome more unaccompanied child refugees, as he once was. And in France, the Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld, whose father also died at Auschwitz, torpedoed a controversial plan to republish the anti-Semitic pamphlets of the writer Louis-Ferdinand Celine.

"I don't know what will happen to Western Europe," said Klarsfeld, 82, in a telephone interview, echoing Loridan-Ivens's unease. "Faced with a migrant crisis, the extreme right is on the rise everywhere. And of course, if Europe falls to the extreme right, the situation of the Jews will become unbearable."

"But today," he added, "we have the unfortunate blend of an inherently anti-Semitic far-right, a radical Islamism hostile to Jews and an extreme left that

attacks Israel and Jews who support Israel."

Aside from politics, museum professionals and educators worry that something else is at risk when survivors die: nuance.

"People often reduce the Holocaust to a morality tale, where the evildoers are only evil, and the victims are somehow only martyrs pure of soul," said Edna Friedberg, a historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. "Survivors have the credibility to look at some of the uncomfortable crevices in stories and not to make everything so simple."

Explicating those uncomfortable crevices is part of the purpose of "L'Amour apres," Loridan-Ivens said. She does not conceive of her latest book as a "Holocaust memoir" in the traditional sense but rather as the story of a body — a Jewish body but also, profoundly, a female body — surviving catastrophe and learning to love.

She was just 15 when she arrived in Auschwitz — on the same convoy as the famed French jurist and feminist Simone Weil, who became a lifelong friend. She had never seen her own mother naked, much less a naked male or female stranger, she said.

Soon, she said, her own body began to mature, in the surreal nightmare of a Nazi concentration camp, which took its toll. "My female body was drawn at the same time as it was condemned," she writes in the book. "What to do with it once I had survived?"

Zoe Waxman, a historian at Oxford University, said that a "long reluctance" has prevented scholars from viewing life in concentration camps as an experience of sexual violence.

"Shaving heads, women being forced to undress, lewd remarks — that was certainly a form of sexual assault, and was experienced as such," she said.

Breaking this silence, Loridan-Ivens said, is her principal project. In that, she contributes to a venerable body of writing in French by female survivors. The first of these works was probably Olga Lengyel's "Souvenirs de l'au-dela," which appeared as early as 1946, but better known is Charlotte Delbo's "Auschwitz et apres," written in 1946 but first published in 1965.

But Loridan-Ivens said she hopes to draw particular attention to the aspect of assault: "I hope to formalize what was never said, and what nobody ever talks about today — which I find entirely unacceptable, as someone who participated throughout the 20th century in many women's fights, especially for abortion."

On a broader level, the passing of so many survivors could also affect Jewish identity in Europe, Wieviorka said. "I think the specific theme of the Shoah will occupy a less central place in Jewish life," he said.



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Palestinians run from tear gas Wednesday during clashes with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank. The clashes came after the funeral of a boy reportedly killed by Israeli forces.

## Netanyahu: In any peace deal, Israel to keep security control

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday said Israel will retain security control over the Palestinians as part of any future peace deal, deepening Palestinian fears that Israel and the Trump administration are colluding on a proposal that will fall far short of their dreams of independence.

Netanyahu's statement exposed a deepening rift that has emerged between the U.S. and Israel on one hand, and the Palestinians and the Europeans on the other, ahead of an expected peace push by the Trump administration. Those disagreements could complicate things for the U.S. team.

Since taking office, President Donald Trump has distanced himself somewhat from the two-state solution — the outcome favored by the international community, including Trump's predecessors, for the past two decades.

Instead, he has said he would support Palestinian independence only if Israel

agrees. The European Union, meanwhile, along with the rest of the international community, remains committed to the two-state solution.

These differences were evident at a meeting Wednesday between Netanyahu and the German foreign minister, Sigmar Gabriel.

In an awkward exchange, Gabriel said his country is "very much in favor" of the two-state solution.

"I was very thankful to hear that of course also the government of Israel wants to have two states, but (with secure) borders," he said.

Netanyahu broke in with a clarification.

He said Israel's "first condition" would be to control security west of the Jordan River, an area that includes all of the West Bank, the heartland of the Palestinians' hoped-for state.

"Whether or not it is defined as a state when we have the military control is another matter," he said. "I'd rather not discuss labels, but substance."

That suggests Israel

would prefer something most observers would more likely define as autonomy than independence — an arrangement that would have few if any equivalents in the world.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, said the Palestinians would not accept the presence of "one Israeli soldier" on sovereign Palestinian lands.

"Either there will be full Palestinian sovereignty or there will be no security, no peace and no stability," he said.

Advocates of the two-state solution, including Israel's opposition parties, have long argued that the establishment of a Palestinian state is essential for Israel's own survival.

Palestinian officials now claim that Trump's team is working with Israel on a plan that would give them a mini-state in roughly half of the West Bank, with Israel retaining overall security control, as well as control over Jerusalem and its holy sites. Final borders and the fate of Israel's dozens of settlements would be decided later.

# FBI, Trump openly clash over GOP memo

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over the memo, California Rep. Adam Schiff charged Wednesday night that Nunes “secretly altered” the memo before he sent it to the White House for review. Schiff is the ranking Democrat on the committee that Nunes chairs.

In a letter to Nunes, Schiff wrote that committee Democrats had discovered changes that were made after the panel voted along party lines Monday to release it. The vote sent the memo to the White House, giving Trump five days to decide whether to object to its release.

“The White House has therefore been reviewing a document since Monday night that the committee never approved for public release,” Schiff said in the letter.

He did not say precisely what had changed in the memo, or why it was significant. A spokesman for Nunes did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Schiff called for Nunes to withdraw the memo and for the committee to hold a new vote next Monday.

As for the FBI’s public challenge to the White House, historians struggled Wednesday to find a precedent for it.

“It’s like a neon billboard blinking, ‘Danger, don’t you



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FBI Director Christopher Wray was allowed to read the memo Sunday, but he was not given a chance to suggest changes. President Donald Trump appointed Wray last May.

dare do this,” said Douglas Brinkley, a Rice University professor who studies the presidency. “This is a sign of war.”

The FBI decided to go public after FBI Director Christopher Wray and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is supervising Mueller’s probe, failed to convince the White House or House Republi-

cans that the GOP memo is misleading and its underlying classified material should remain secret.

Wray was allowed Sunday to read the classified memo in a protected room at the House, but he was not given an opportunity to suggest changes, according to two officials familiar with the process. He asked to make his case in a private

briefing with House committee members, but that offer was declined.

The FBI statement was not issued in Wray’s name, but from the bureau itself, an effort to defend an institution that Trump and his allies have said is part of a “deep-state” conspiracy of national security officials to take down the president.

The latest clash is likely

to erode Trump’s relationship with Wray. Trump appointed Wray as FBI director after he fired James Comey last May for what the president later said was “this Russia thing.” Comey’s dismissal sparked a national uproar and led to Mueller’s appointment as special counsel.

Despite Wray’s concerns about the memo, the GOP-led House committee voted on a party line Monday to release it. The committee voted against simultaneously releasing a written rebuttal from Democrats, who claim the GOP memo deliberately misstates facts for partisan purposes.

The decision then moved to the White House and Trump told a lawmaker after his State of the Union address Tuesday night that he was “100 percent” planning to release the memo. On Wednesday morning, John Kelly, the White House chief of staff, said on Fox News Radio that the memo “will be released here pretty quick, I think, and the whole world can see it.”

The Republican memo reportedly claims that the Justice Department misinformed the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to obtain a secret warrant to conduct surveillance on Carter Page, an adviser in Trump’s campaign who had business ties to Russia, and

that it shows the FBI has an anti-Trump bias.

Democrats and law enforcement officials say the four-page GOP memo “cherry-picks” information from a much longer application to the FISA court. Those documents typically run 50 to 60 pages.

Nunes said Wednesday that he wasn’t surprised that the FBI wants to keep the memo secret.

“Having stonewalled Congress’ demands for information for nearly a year, it’s no surprise to see the FBI and (Justice Department) issue spurious objections to allowing the American people to see information related to surveillance abuses at these agencies,” he said in a statement.

Nunes served on Trump’s transition team, and rallied to his defense when Trump falsely claimed last year that President Barack Obama had his “wires tapped.” Nunes has argued that the FBI has treated Trump unfairly.

During a closed-door hearing before the committee voted to release it Monday, Nunes appeared to rule out letting Wray or other FBI officials meet with its members to express the bureau’s concerns.

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## CDC chief quits over tobacco stocks, other trading conflicts

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WASHINGTON — The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention resigned Wednesday following reports that she traded in tobacco stocks despite being the nation’s top public health official and heading an agency that has led U.S. anti-smoking initiatives for decades.

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, whom President Trump tapped in the summer to head the CDC, purchased shares in Japan Tobacco International as well as stocks in a number of health care companies after taking office, according to a report this week by Politico. The stock trading echoes the behavior of Trump’s first Health and Human Services secretary, Tom Price, who was forced to resign last year amid questions about his frequent use of charter aircraft at taxpayer expense.

While a congressman, Price also traded extensively in health care companies even as he pushed legislation and took other actions that affected many of those same companies. It is not clear whether Fitzgerald, a former OB-GYN doctor and Georgia health commissioner, took any official actions that may have affected the value of her stocks.

But she had recused herself from various duties as CDC director, citing potential conflicts.

A spokesman for the Health and Human Services Department said Wednesday that Fitzgerald offered her resignation after raising the recusal issues with the incoming HHS secretary, Alex Azar.

“Dr. Fitzgerald owns certain complex financial interests that have imposed a broad recusal limiting her ability to complete all of her duties as the CDC director,” said Matt Lloyd in a state-



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CDC director Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald resigned her position on Wednesday because of conflicts of interest.

ment. “Due to the nature of these financial interests, Dr. Fitzgerald could not divest from them in a definitive time period.”

Among the companies whose stock Fitzgerald purchased last year after taking office were pharmaceutical giants Merck & Co. and Bayer, and health insurer Humana, according to financial disclosures first reported by Politico.

The stock in Japan Tobacco, a multinational that sells Winston and Camel cigarettes around the world, was valued at between \$1,001 and \$15,000. Fitzgerald, though praised by some in public health after she was appointed, has maintained a relatively low profile as CDC director, particularly compared to many of her predecessors.

Dr. Tom Frieden, for example, head of the CDC under President Barack Obama, already was a leading champion for cutting tobacco use and tackling obesity, both of which he had done as commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Fitzgerald, in contrast, canceled her first scheduled appearance before Congress last fall to discuss the opioid epidemic, citing potential conflicts of interest because she continued to hold investments in

companies involved in the public health crisis.

Those conflicts began to attract criticism last year, and the revelations about Fitzgerald’s trading in tobacco companies drew condemnation from consumer advocates, public health experts and others.

“There is an untenable conflict between seeking to personally profit from tobacco use and being a credible voice on tobacco and other public health issues,” said Vince Willmore, a spokesman for Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. “The nation’s top public health official simply shouldn’t be investing in products that are the number one cause of preventable death.”

Fitzgerald’s resignation also fueled new criticism about lax ethics in the Trump administration.

“It is unacceptable that the person responsible for leading our nation’s public health efforts has, for months, been unable to fully engage in the critical work she was appointed to do,” said Washington Sen. Patty Murray, the senior Democrat on the Senate health committee. “Dr. Fitzgerald’s tenure was unfortunately the latest example of the Trump administration’s dysfunction and lax ethical standards.”

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## Tillerson set for trip to step up U.S. relations in Latin America

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Rex Tillerson leaves Thursday on his first multi-nation trip to Latin America, a weeklong effort to ease tensions and improve relations across a continent that views the Trump administration with increasing suspicion and doubt.

As he marks his first year in office, Tillerson has defied foreign policy veterans who predicted he would be gone by now, a victim of his attempts to trim the budget and staff at the State Department, and of repeated differences with the White House over problems around the globe.

With his trip to Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Colombia and Jamaica, Tillerson will try to convince nervous allies that U.S. foreign policy is deeper and more nuanced than the sometimes hostile rhetoric from the White House. It was widely noted in the region, for example, that when President Donald Trump reportedly complained in vulgar terms to several members of Congress about certain countries sending immigrants to the U.S., he included El Salvador, thus putting Latin America in the mix.

Similarly, several Latin American governments have expressed concern over Trump’s push to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, which has helped raise living standards in Mexico. Senior Mexican officials have hinted they would withdraw support on other issues, such as fighting drug trafficking and slowing the flow of Central American immigrants to the United States, if NAFTA is scuttled.

“There are so many ways that Latin American agendas and (Trump’s) agenda are out of step with one another,” said Cynthia Arn-



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Rex Tillerson will try to convince allies that U.S. foreign policy is more nuanced than White House rhetoric.

son, director of the Latin American program at the non-partisan Wilson Center think tank in Washington.

What has kept the U.S.-Mexico relation from imploding has been a string of lower-profile meetings that Tillerson has held with his Mexican counterpart, Luis Videgaray, and Mexico’s equivalent of the homeland security chief, Miguel Angel Osorio Chong.

The State Department is promoting Tillerson’s trip as a chance to improve economic and diplomatic ties to a fast-growing region that has seen a consolidation of democratic reforms and the emergence of business-friendly governments eager to work with Washington.

New polling shows the popularity of the U.S. government, and Trump especially, has plummeted. A recent survey of Trump’s first year in office by the Latinobarometro opinion researching firm, based in Chile, showed his approval rating in Latin America is similar to President George W. Bush’s at the height of the Iraq War.

Not surprisingly, the most precipitous fall occurred in Mexico, which has received the brunt of Trump’s wrath. A new Pew Research Center poll shows favorable opinion of the United States has

dropped to about 30 percent. Partly as a result, a leftist populist with strong anti-American views stands a good chance of winning Mexico’s presidential election in July.

According to Latinobarometro, U.S. leaders are losing in popularity to senior officials from China and Europe. China has increased investment in Latin America, stepping into what it sees as a vacuum left by the United States.

Still, the U.S. still clearly has friends — or carries a big stick — in the region. When the United Nations General Assembly voted 128-9 in December to condemn Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as capital of Israel, parts of Latin America stood on the sidelines.

Honduras and Guatemala, which receive large amounts of U.S. aid, backed Washington in the vote. Mexico, Colombia and Argentina abstained.

Tillerson is likely to receive a warm welcome in Argentina, where he will visit Buenos Aires and the mountain resort of Bariloche. President Mauricio Macri had business dealings with Trump dating to the 1980s, and was one of the first foreign leaders to congratulate Trump after the 2016 election.

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Rep. Trey Gowdy, chairman of the House oversight panel, says he plans a return to the justice system.

## GOP congressman who led Benghazi probe to exit House

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Trey Gowdy, a powerful GOP watchdog who built his name leading the investigation into the 2012 attacks against Americans in Benghazi, Libya, has become the latest prominent Republican to head for the exits rather than run for another term.

The former South Carolina prosecutor who is chairman of the House Oversight and Government

Reform Committee said in a statement Wednesday that he planned to return to the justice system, though he did not elaborate.

The committee’s lengthy investigation into the attacks that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans focused heavily on Hillary Clinton’s role as secretary of state, though an 800-page report produced no smoking gun pointing to wrongdoing by her.

The investigation also revealed that Clinton used a private email server for gov-

ernment work, prompting an FBI investigation that proved to be an albatross in the Democrat’s 2016 presidential campaign.

Today, Gowdy is involved in one of the House’s Russia investigations and the leader of a renewed review of the FBI and Clinton’s emails.

Gowdy, 53, was elected in the 2010 tea party wave that returned control of the House to Republicans. He is the ninth House committee head to step down, although several departing col-

leagues faced the prospect of term limits in their post or difficult re-election prospects.

Gowdy did not have such obstacles, which made his decision all the more surprising.

“Whatever skills I may have are better utilized in a courtroom than in Congress, and I enjoy our justice system more than our political system,” Gowdy said.

South Carolina’s top federal prosecutor slot is technically open.

It’s now occupied by a

career prosecutor serving as acting U.S. attorney for more than a year.

A bigger prize would be a seat on the federal bench. Gowdy’s announcement comes on the day when Judge Dennis W. Shedd assumed senior status on 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, according to Shedd’s biography on the court’s website. Shedd is from South Carolina, and his decision allows the president to appoint a new full-time judge to fill the spot.



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The ladies in waiting of the court of the Krewe of Little Rascals walk for the crowd during their Mardi Gras Ball.

## Away from Bourbon St., kids' Mardi Gras

Parades, a formal ball provide Carnival fun for children, families in New Orleans

BY STACEY PLAISANCE  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A red wagon decorated as a shrimp boat with nets extending out from either side carried a waving 2-year-old dressed as a shellfish being pulled by his parents who wore white rubber shrimping boots.

The family was among more than 100 revelers marching through the streets of New Orleans on Jan. 20 in the Krewe of Confetti Kids parade — one of the many kid-centered events held during the Carnival season leading up to Fat Tuesday on Feb. 13. Other children dressed as princesses, mermaids and firefighters while a brass band serenaded the crowd.

"I love Mardi Gras," said 7-year-old Virginia Strong, who wore a 1950's style polka dot dress with a string of pearl beads around her neck. "It's fun to dress up and have fun

with your friends."

The weeks-long celebration leading up to Fat Tuesday is often perceived as an adults-only holiday with drunken roguishness and women flashing their breasts for beads.

And to be fair, that's certainly a factor in the French Quarter's famed Bourbon Street festivities. But elsewhere, children and families are as much a part of the revelry as anyone — many say they're the heart and soul of the holiday. Children can be seen lining the parade routes, families spend weeks making costumes together and there's even kid-centered parades.

"This is the best quality family time we get all year, because we spend more weekends together costuming and going to parades together, and it's just wonderful," said Ariana Maria Ybarra, a married mother with two young girls.

Ybarra said her family

has been spending recent weeks preparing for Chewbacchus, the Star Wars-themed walking parade in the city's Marigny neighborhood slated for Feb. 3. "We're going as a family of Martians."

The largest of the kid parades is Little Rascals, which has floats, marching bands, dancing groups, Mardi Gras Indians in full feathered headdresses, Cajun Indians on horseback and kids tossing cups, beads, toys, pralines, moon pies and other snacks.

"There's something for everyone, and the great thing about it is that the kids are just kids," said Maureen Spittler, who co-founded the parade in 1983 with her husband, Jack.

Launched 35 years ago with about 50 kids and three floats, the parade now has nearly 20 floats and nearly 300 kids. There's even a Little Rascals ball — the only formal ball children are allowed to attend. The more than 200 kids riding in Sunday's parade danced the night away Thursday at a glitzy ball held in their honor.

On Sunday, even a drizzly rain didn't stop thousands of people from lining the parade route in Metairie to see the Little Rascals parade.

"This parade is great because it's all kids," said Angie Eymard, who arrived at the route hours ahead of the parade with cousins and friends donning Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold. "It's all kids throwing stuff, and it's nice to see their smiling faces. And I don't have to worry about people getting too rowdy. It's very family-oriented."

Families and kids are a fixture at all the parades rolling along the oak tree-lined St. Charles Ave. Families camp out early, often setting up specially-designed ladders with a seat on top for kids. The seat gives kids a special vantage point to catch beads or other items given out by people on the floats. The ladders are usually artfully painted and equipped with wheels on them to make it easier for the families to roll home at the end of the day. On the weekends, fam-

ilies usually spend the day camped out on the parade route, often with a picnic, watching parade after parade go by.

The New Orleans suburb of Metairie hosts an annual "Family Gras" celebration with live music. This year's celebration is Friday and Saturday.

Parades like Little Rascals are one-day events, but preparations happen year-round. "It is hard, hectic work all year long, and then you see those smiles, and you see how beautifully they do with their costumes, and it's all worth it," she said.

Joshua Maurice, the Spittlers' 18-year-old great-grandson, has — like his mother before him — ridden in every Little Rascals parade since birth.

He said he takes pride in helping to carry on his family's legacy of community and Carnival fun.

"I play with all the little kids, make them feel like they're a part of something," he said. "So that it's easier for the families to roll home at the end of the day. On the weekends, fam-

## Trump D.C. hotel profits from spotlight

Supportive groups have paid hot spot tens of thousands

BY MICHELLE YE HEEL  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A pro-Trump super political action committee spent tens of thousands of dollars on events at Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C., and for consulting work by a handful of former campaign aides to President Donald Trump, according to a new federal filing.

The super PAC, America First Action, raised roughly \$4 million and spent about half of it during the second half of 2017, according to the group's latest Federal Election Commission report.

An affiliated advocacy group, America First Policies, raised \$26 million and spent about \$14 million — leaving the two groups about \$14 million in cash on hand, officials said.

Together, the groups pulled in \$30 million in their first year, surpassing the \$26.3 million raised in its first year by Organizing for Action, a nonprofit group that backed then-President Barack Obama.

Trump's luxury hotel in downtown Washington has become a hub for political activity and celebrations for the president's allies. The Washington Post reported recently that America First Action held three events at the Trump International Hotel at the end of

2017.

The group spent \$30,000 on facility rental and catering for events it hosted at the hotel in 2017, the report shows. Group officials spent nearly \$900 on meetings at the Benjamin Bar and Lounge and BLT Prime steakhouse, both located inside the hotel.

"The fact is the Trump International Hotel in D.C. is a hot venue," Brian Walsh, president of America First Action, told The Post, adding that his group paid the president's company fair market value for its events.

The facility rental and catering prices that the group reported paying are similar to the amounts paid by other political groups for events at the Trump hotel, located on Pennsylvania Avenue just blocks from the White House.

Key Trump loyalists earned tens of thousands of dollars through their firms for providing communications and fundraising consulting and other services to America First Action last year, the group reported.

The organization paid \$55,000 to former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski's consulting business, \$40,000 to former campaign spokeswoman Katrina Pierson's firm, \$31,719 to former Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke's firm, and \$137,257 to former campaign digital media director Brad Parscale's business.

Lewandowski, Parscale and Clarke handle communications and strategizing



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President Donald Trump's hotel in Washington has become a hub for political activity and celebrations for his allies.

for America First Action. The super PAC also paid \$60,000 for fundraising consulting services from a firm founded by Marty Obst, an adviser to Vice President Mike Pence and former Pence campaign manager.

As a super PAC, America First Action is required to disclose its donors, but its affiliated nonprofit does not, and is only required to report political expenditures to the FEC.

Erin Montgomery, a spokeswoman for both groups, said that the majority of the roughly \$14 million that the nonprofit spent in 2017 went toward advertisements supporting Trump's agenda.

The nonprofit ran issue advocacy ads supporting the tax overhaul in Congress and repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as television and online ads in support of Trump, Mont-

gomery said.

The nonprofit's spending and fundraising totals for its first year were first reported by Axios.

The super PAC raised almost all of its \$4 million in contributions during the second half of 2017.

Montgomery said the group's fundraising pace picked up as it gained more name recognition, attributing the group's success to Trump's presidency. More than 5,000 donors contributed to the super PAC in 2017, and most of them were small-dollar donors, Montgomery said.

Murray Energy, an Ohio-based coal company that contributed \$1 million to the super PAC, is a major opponent of Obama's climate change policies and has pressed the Trump administration to repeal Obama's regulations on the coal industry, the New York Times reported.

The biggest individual donor to the super PAC was Geoffrey Palmer, a Los Angeles-based developer who gave \$2 million to the group in November 2017.

Palmer is a major Trump donor who consistently contributed to Trump and other Republican campaigns during the 2016 cycle, including \$3 million to a pro-Trump group Rebuilding America Now, FEC filings show.

Together, the America First groups aim to raise \$100 million for 2018, Montgomery said.

"Our supporters believe in our mission, and we're just getting started," Montgomery said. "We will be working hard in 2018 to ensure that those candidates who embrace President Trump's agenda have the outside support they need as we work to grow our majorities in the House and Senate."

## Animals burned in wildfires go holistic

Injured lion, bears get pain relief from alternative therapy

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Veterinarians successfully used alternative medical treatments such as acupuncture on three wild animals burned in the Southern California wildfires, although one patient — a 5-month-old mountain lion — did keep eating his fish-skin and corn-husk bandages, vets at the University of California, Davis said last week.

Rescuers brought two adult bears, one of them pregnant, and the young mountain lion to veterinarians with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife and the university after the animals were hurt in the largest wildfire in state history.

They were found in the Los Padres National Forest, whose mountains stretch through badly burned areas of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

The bears had suffered third-degree burns on all their paws, said Jamie Peyton, chief of the Integrative Medicine Service at the university's vet school. The cub also burned all four paws.

Standard pain treatment is a problem for both the animals and their caregivers when it comes to wildlife with sharp teeth and claws, Peyton said.

For safety, vets have to heavily sedate the animals every time they change their bandages or otherwise care for them.

"You can only anesthetize them so many times," Peyton said. "It's hard on them. We can't do that to them every day."

Peyton and her colleagues instead used alternative methods she already employs with other animals, such as acupuncture, chiropractic treatment and cold-laser therapy.

Vets carried out the alternative treatments only on days when the bears and mountain lion were already anesthetized for bandage changes or other standard care. "I adore them, but they're wild," Peyton said.

Another form of treatment seemed most helpful of all for the bears, vets said.

The California vets stitched the fish skins to the animals' burned paws, then wrapped the treated feet with bandages of rice paper and corn husks, after reading about trials on human burn victims in Brazil.

Doctors routinely graft skin from humans and pigs to burns, but fish skins have the advantage of being more readily available.

One of the bears initially laid down continuously to spare her burned paws, not wanting to stand or walk at all, Peyton said.

"After the first time we put the bandages on, she woke up, she stood up," and showed interest in her surroundings, she said. Both bears were soon walking.

After weeks of treatment, wildlife officials two weeks ago released the bears back into the burned Los Padres National Forest.

State wildlife officials think the mountain lion was too young when injured to survive in the wild, and planned to turn him over this week to a Northern California care facility for lifelong confinement, said Kirsten Macintyre, spokeswoman for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



KARIN HIGGINS/UC DAVIS

An injured 5-month-old mountain lion cub undergoes treatment recently at a California facility.

# Exit no escape for Nigeria sex slaves

Thousands sent home from Libya, with fewer options

BY MOLLY O'TOOLE  
The Washington Post

BENIN CITY, Nigeria — It was April when Loveth ran away from her crowded home in southwestern Nigeria to escape her father's incestuous advances.

She said she paid a smuggler \$24,000 to take her first to Libya and then across the Mediterranean to Europe, where the 20-year-old planned to work as a prostitute to support her 2-year-old son.

When she reached Libya, she was kidnapped, raped and sold to another trafficker, she said.

The trafficker told her it would take five years of sex work to earn her freedom.

She escaped and months later made it onto a United Nations-chartered flight back to Nigeria.

Loveth recounted her story outside a crumbling motel here that temporarily houses recent returnees. She is one of thousands of Nigerians sent home from Libya in 2017 as part of an intensified international effort to rescue stranded migrants from a thriving slave trade.

Yet it is a harsh homecoming.

Survivors and experts say the rush to return Nigerians is doing little to break the cycle of sex slavery and may be perpetuating it: Returnees are dropped back into the epicenter of Nigeria's sex-trafficking industry, often deeper in debt and with fewer options than before they left.

Loveth and other victims of trafficking in this story spoke on the condition that only their first names were used to protect their safety in Nigeria.

"As images of modern-day slavery in Libya are impugning the conscience of our political leaders, it must be recognized as part of a bigger, systemic problem," said Leonard Doyle,



Posters warn of dangers of trafficking and migrating from Nigeria at Idia Renaissance, a nonprofit in Benin City, Nigeria.

spokesman for the International Organization for Migration, a U.N. agency.

West Africa's "turbocharged" sex-trafficking industry "tends to get pushed aside," he said.

In December alone, the IOM returned more than 2,000 Nigerian men and women from Libya, more than double the number in all of 2016.

In 2017, the IOM returned more than 6,700 Nigerians from Libya, with another 300 so far this year.

Traffickers send far more women from Nigeria to Libya than the number returned.

From 2014 to 2016, the number of women trafficked for sex to Libya and across the Mediterranean increased by more than 600 percent, according to the IOM.

More than 80 percent of returnees are from Edo

state and processed at the rundown motel in Benin City, the state capital.

Like much of Nigeria, Edo is beset by corruption, poverty, joblessness and a lack of education and development. Nigeria has grown rapidly to become one of Africa's largest economies, but inequality also has increased.

Generations of Edo women have worked as prostitutes, voluntarily or involuntarily, in Europe, sending home remittances from sex work that pad the local economy.

Sex work is so ingrained that officials have witnessed families trafficking their daughters, with the expectation they will benefit from the girls' earnings.

"When you want to arrest the traffickers because the daughter is suffering abroad in Libya, are you going to jail the mother?"

asked Mercy, a police officer who spoke on the condition of partial anonymity to protect herself from professional retaliation.

Many of the biggest prostitution bosses are Nigerian "madams" who were trafficked themselves. Women make up more than 40 percent of convicted traffickers, according to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, or NAPTIP, Nigeria's primary anti-trafficking authority.

Tessa, 32, twice tried traveling to Europe but stopped short, first after she found out she would be forced into prostitution and again after her guide stranded her just before crossing the desert to Libya. Jobless again in Benin City, she applied for a "travel-agent" listing. She took girls to northern Nigeria, where she handed them off to

another smuggler.

She quit more than a year ago, but said of the girls, "They want this."

Fewer women and girls are making it to Europe, where earlier migrants from Edo and across Nigeria found work.

Instead, they are becoming trapped in Libya, where armed groups kidnap and enslave migrants, holding them for ransom and selling them for labor. Women like Loveth are often forced into sex work to repay near-impossible "debts" to traffickers.

The IOM estimates there are upward of 700,000 to 1 million migrants in Libya, many of whom are likely captive.

The recent furor over the slave trade in Libya kicked off a new round of fingerprinting late last year. Europe has responded to the crisis by paying African

countries like Libya to keep the migrants at bay. The U.N.-backed government in Tripoli still does not control much of the country.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has criticized Libya for its part in the crisis, but his country is grappling with its own trafficking epidemic. Since its 2003 founding, NAPTIP has rescued nearly 12,000 reported victims.

It has also arrested 4,224 people for human trafficking, but only 334 have been successfully prosecuted. In June, the State Department downgraded Nigeria in its annual trafficking report.

In 2015, the Nigerian government passed a series of reforms to strengthen anti-trafficking efforts, including requiring judges to give convicted traffickers jail time instead of fines. The reforms have allowed the agency "not only to bark but to bite," said Joseph Famakin, NAPTIP's Lagos zonal commander.

Nigeria cannot do it alone, he said.

Even for local traffickers, "guiding" women and girls north is good business. An older Benin City man named Sonny described how for almost a decade, he had smuggled Nigerian girls into sex slavery in Libya. He insisted he stopped some 15 years ago, leaving the lucrative trade to younger men.

"In Nigeria, the girl is free, but there is no food," he said, grinning.

"In Libya, she eats chicken every blessed day." Asked how long it would take girls to pay off their debt, he responded: "They don't."

In early December, Loveth sat crying in a plastic chair outside the motel with her small round belly bulging from her thin frame, a pregnancy resulting from the rape in Libya.

Later, doctors told her it was too late for an abortion, and she decided to put the baby up for adoption.

She said she was happy to have left Libya but not to be back in Nigeria "because I have no place to go."

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Trump infrastructure plan seeks to shift burden to states

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — When President Donald Trump called for a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure investment in his State of the Union address, he didn't pledge that the federal government actually would provide that much money for roads, bridges, rail and waterways.

To the contrary, Trump's plan counts on state and local governments working with private investors to come up with much of the cash.

The federal government typically provides 50 to 80 percent of the funding for capital expenditures on highways and transit projects, with state and local governments paying the rest.

A summary of Trump's plan, which was unofficially distributed, indicates that federal grants would cover no more than 20 percent of project costs while requiring applicants to commit to "new, non-federal revenue."

### U.S. plans to renew provisional residency for 6,000 from Syria

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said Wednesday that it will renew a form of provisional residency known as Temporary Protected Status for nearly 6,000 Syrians who have been exempted from deportation since 2012 because of their nation's civil war.

But the Department of Homeland Security said it will not accept new applicants for the program, leaving any Syrian who

reached the United States after Aug. 1, 2016, vulnerable to deportation.

Congress created TPS in 1990 as a humanitarian program to shield foreigners from deportation if their countries have been destabilized by conflict, natural disasters or other calamities.

The administration moved in the past few months to end TPS for nearly 50,000 Haitians and 200,000 Salvadorans.

### U.K. lawmakers agree to leave Parliament for years of repairs

LONDON — This is not a metaphor: Britain's Parliament is a mess.

The 19th-century building is crumbling, leaky, infested with vermin and riddled with asbestos.

After years of dithering, lawmakers voted Wednesday to move out of the building to allow several years of major repairs.

Legislators voted to back a call for lawmakers and staff to leave the

building by the mid-2020s. It's estimated the repairs will take six years and cost about \$5 billion.

Experts have issued increasingly urgent warnings about the state of the neo-Gothic Parliament building's leaky roofs, temperamental steam heating, antiquated plumbing, crumbling stonework and ventilation shafts clogged with old pipes, wires and asbestos.



Lunar trifecta: A so-called super blue blood moon appears Wednesday over Athens, Greece. It was the first such combination since 1982 and won't happen again until 2037.

## Korea expert Cha no longer considered for envoy to Seoul

WASHINGTON — The U.S. ambassadorship to South Korea will stay open a while longer after the Trump administration dropped from consideration a prominent academic who had been tapped for the job. The high-profile position has remained vacant for the past year as tensions with North Korea have soared.

U.S. officials confirmed the withdrawal of Victor Cha, but did not spell out the reasons or who might take his place.

The Washington Post reported Tuesday that Cha had privately expressed disagreement in late December with the Trump

administration's policy on North Korea and on a U.S.-South Korea trade pact that President Donald Trump has threatened to scrap. The report also cited anonymous sources as saying there had been a problem with Cha's security clearance.

Hours later, Cha wrote in a commentary in The Post that he had voiced opposition to those within the administration who he said were suggesting military action against North Korea. Some have referred to it as a "bloody nose" strike that is intended to demonstrate U.S. resolve without provoking a wider war.

Such an attack, wrote

Cha, who served as director for Asian affairs on the National Security Council during the George W. Bush administration, could put thousands of Americans at risk in South Korea and start a nuclear war.

The withdrawal of Cha's selection is unusual as Washington had informed its close ally in Seoul of its intent to nominate him as ambassador.

Congressional Democrats criticized the move. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois said: "We have reached a point where opposing war as the first resort seems to be a disqualifier from serving as ambassador."

## Clinton regrets not firing adviser for harassment

NEW YORK — Hillary Clinton says she should not have let a campaign adviser keep his job after a female staffer accused him of sexual harassment in 2007.

"The most important work of my life has been to support and empower women," Clinton wrote Tuesday night on Face-

book. "So I very much understand the question ... why I let an employee on my 2008 campaign keep his job despite his inappropriate workplace behavior. The short answer is this: If I had it to do again, I wouldn't."

Clinton said senior staff and legal counsel con-

firmed that the behavior by faith-based adviser Burns Strider had occurred. Her campaign manager recommended that Strider be fired, but Clinton said she demoted him, required counseling, separated him from the victim, and warned him that he'd be fired if he did it again.

## Pharmacist in meningitis outbreak gets 8-year term

BOSTON — A Massachusetts pharmacist convicted for his role in the deadly 2012 meningitis outbreak fought through sobs as he apologized to victims and their families Wednesday before he was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Nearly 80 people died and almost 800 were sickened in what's considered the worst public health crisis in recent U.S. history. The fungal meningitis outbreak was caused by mold-tainted steroid injections produced by the New England Compounding Center.

Glen Chinn, who ran the so-called clean rooms where the drugs were made, sobbed as he struggled through his statement at Boston's federal courthouse and said he knows some victims will never forgive him, but will continue to pray that they will find some sort of peace.

**San Francisco will toss** out nearly 3,000 misdemeanor cases for marijuana dating back decades, a move allowed under Proposition 64, which legalized the recreational use of marijuana in California. District Attorney George Gascon said Wednesday that his office will also review nearly 5,000 felony cases for possible action.

**Eleven people died** in a fire that engulfed a home for elderly welfare recipients late Wednesday in northern Japan, according to media reports. The fire broke out in Sapporo, the main city on the island of Hokkaido. Five residents were rescued from the three-story building. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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## EDITORIALS

# The 2018 imperative: How to save Illinois

When we write about the Amazon competition, which we've done a lot, we aren't just analyzing Chicago's bid to lure the tech giant's second headquarters. We're looking at how Illinois overall stacks up, and falls short, as a job creator. Amazon is a proxy and CEO Jeff Bezos is a stand-in for every employer deciding where to invest and grow — and where to avoid. So how does Illinois compare to other Midwest states? This state's reputation lags because it's mired in fiscal crisis and political dysfunction. Residents are leaving. Employers such as Foxconn and Toyota are investing elsewhere.

*What must Illinois leaders do to repair the damage and generate more good-paying jobs?* That's the most important question of the 2018 statewide election cycle. It's the issue that should consume the waking thoughts of every candidate for statewide or legislative offices. It should be the obsession of House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton.

**Yet the leaders of Illinois aren't doing enough** and the people of Illinois aren't hearing enough.

On Jan. 19, six Democratic candidates for governor met with the Tribune Editorial Board seeking our endorsement in the March 20 primary. Days later, we met with the two Republican candidates, Gov. Bruce Rauner and state Rep. Jeanne Ives. The Democrats responded to our questions by acknowledging the perilous fiscal condition of state government and Illinois' weak jobs economy. They were not in denial. Good. But neither did they animate us with their strategies to confront the state pension crisis, and Illinois' onerous tax and regulatory burdens.

Those are the realities that give Illinois its reputation for being unfriendly to employers. From what we heard, the Democrats mostly see more tax revenue, in the form of progressive income tax rates, as the solution for the fiscal problem. They don't have a compelling plan for job

growth. Not good, and not good.

**Rauner and Ives appeared more** eager to reform state finances and lure employers. They understand that Illinois needs more taxpayers. That said, their ability to strategize is hamstrung by the fact that Democrats have an iron grip on the legislature. Ives said she believes she'd be able to cut deals on spending issues. She also believes she could win support to shift new government employees to a 401(k)-style retirement plan, which would provide some relief to the pension crisis. Rauner is gambling on two federal court cases that would loosen the power of unions and make Illinois more friendly and flexible to business.

On Wednesday, Rauner gave the State of the State address to the General Assembly and went hard at lawmakers on the idea that responsible budgeting and pension reform are critical to creating jobs and stopping the rising outflow of residents to

other states. Citing Amazon as both a target and a symbol, Rauner said, "We must rally around the cause of job growth for all Illinoisans. The simple truth of our shared experience is that we cannot tax and borrow our way into prosperity."

We'd like to think the General Assembly was listening. But then we're reminded that the House and Senate could have gaveled themselves into session weeks ago to debate issues such as workers' compensation reform — an issue on which legislators of both parties have come close to agreement. Instead, they moseyed into Springfield at the very end of the month.

Illinois is in trouble, yet there is no sense of urgency from many of its leaders and many of its candidates for office. There is plenty of campaigning, but not nearly enough focus on Amazon and the Amazons to come. That's a big problem for the future of this state. And every politician — especially those running for governor — should be talking about it nonstop.

## Russian Olympic redemption, Step 1: Admit abuses.

At an indoor track meet in Siberia in January, 36 Russian athletes suddenly withdrew, many of them claiming to be sick. Certainly a strange coincidence, but not so strange when you consider who showed up at the meet: a team of anti-doping testers on a surprise visit.

The episode, which Russian sports officials say they are investigating, suggests that a culture of cheating persists in Russian sport. This occurred even after the bombshell revelations in 2016 about a state-orchestrated Russian doping program that juiced Russian performances at Winter Games in Sochi in 2014 and other previous Olympiads.

**Another perplexing data point:** the International Olympic Committee's decision last week to allow 169 athletes from Russia to compete in the upcoming Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The Russian team is almost as large as Russia's 177-athlete contingent at the Vancouver Winter Games in 2010, and only a couple of busloads shy of the 232 athletes who competed in Sochi.

Though Russian athletes will compete in South Korea, they will not be allowed to appear in their national uniforms, or march in the opening ceremonies under the Russian flag, the IOC decided. On their uniforms will appear the acronym, "OAR," Olympic Athlete from Russia." At medal ceremonies for Russians, the Olympic anthem will be played, rather than Russia's.

When announcing its decision, the IOC assured the world that the Russian athletes cleared to compete would indeed be



Russian President Vladimir Putin, center, meets with athletes and team members who will be representing Russia at the Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

clean. The IOC says the athletes have undergone rigorous anti-doping testing.

But anti-doping officials from 20 countries have concerns about the vetting of Russian athletes, a process they say has been opaque. The IOC hasn't said who conducted the testing. Were they tested inside Russia? If yes, by whom? According to The New York Times, the anti-doping

officials say that, given the breadth of Russia's state-engineered cheating, Russian athletes seeking entrance to Pyeongchang Games should have a minimum of a year of rigorous drug testing *outside* of Russia.

A brief reminder of the Kremlin's Olympic deceit: At the Sochi Games, steroids mixed into either Chivas or vermouth, and given to Russian athletes; tainted urine

samples swapped out for clean specimens obtained from the athletes months earlier; dead-of-night urine sample exchanges at the Olympic testing laboratory, using a small cut-out in the wall.

**Russia has consistently denied** any involvement in a state-engineered doping effort. But the IOC has concluded otherwise; it imposed a lifetime ban from the Olympics for Vitaly Mutko. He was the man behind the scheme, Russia's sports minister at the time, and a leading member of Russian President Vladimir Putin's circle. After the Sochi revelations, Putin made Mutko deputy prime minister.

The IOC's battered reputation is on the line, with the decision to allow such a large contingent of Russian athletes to compete in South Korea. If they win medals and are later exposed as cheaters, Pyeongchang will join Sochi in the dustbin of tainted Olympics.

Even if Russians in South Korea turn out to be clean, the IOC still has to decide how to deal with Russia after the Pyeongchang torch gets extinguished. The IOC has been talking about welcoming the Russian Olympic Committee, currently suspended, back into the Olympic community, possibly as soon as the closing ceremonies.

Doing so would be a body blow to the Olympics' credibility. Russia's return to the Olympic community should be conditioned on the Kremlin's outright admission that its government cheated in sport, and did so for years.

In substance abuse recovery programs, acknowledgment is the first step. Russia's rehabilitation can't start without it.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Leaders of the Democratic Party, and especially the 2020 presidential hopefuls, now seem to regard almost any form of enforcement against people illegally present inside the U.S. as a racist denial of human rights. The only change party leaders will contemplate is for higher total numbers and lower legal standards. Two weeks ago, The New York Times published an op-ed denouncing the deportation of a man who had lost his green card after being convicted and serving prison time for eight counts of wire fraud. Under U.S. law, his crime should have cost him his residency rights. Twelve years later, he's still here — and the possibility that the law might yet go into effect is presented as an outrage in the country's most important newspaper.

Yet Trump cannot make a political resource of his opponents' rising radicalism and intransigence. His trademark truculent imperiousness inevitably casts him as the unreasonable extremist. He cannot forgo falsifying his case even when he is right.

**David Frum, The Atlantic**

Remember America's crumbling infrastructure that supposedly needs trillions of dollars for maintenance and rehabilitation? President Trump doesn't. ... Trump said nothing about fixing existing infrastructure. Instead, he wants to "build gleaming new roads, bridges, highways, railways, and waterways." Why? We have plenty of railways. Though the railroads have trimmed U.S. rail mileage by 45 percent since 1916, they move more freight than ever and seem to be quite capable of adding capacity where they need it without government help. High-speed trains, meanwhile, are pointless when we have planes that can go twice as fast and don't require hundreds of billions of dollars of supporting infrastructure. Nor do we need more interior waterways. The ones we have are government subsidized and paralleled by railroads that could replace them if subsidies ended tomorrow (as they should).

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### SCOTT STANTIS



THE LUDICROUS STATE OF THE UNION...

# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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If nothing else, President Donald Trump showed Tuesday during his State of the Union address that he is able to temporarily restrain his worst impulses.

## Why Trump should do the State of the Union every week



STEVE CHAPMAN

This year's State of the Union address was in line with past ones: a tedious and bloated exercise in Washington pageantry that ate up a lot of cable news time despite its almost complete irrelevance to how Americans will actually be governed. But those are not the real problems. The real problem is that it happens only once a year.

Donald Trump gave a bravura performance. By that, I mean he used the occasion to prove that he can show up and read carefully vetted lines off a teleprompter without hurling juvenile insults at his critics, pledging allegiance to Vladimir Putin or sexually assaulting any women. If you squinted your eyes just a bit, he looked like a reasonable approximation of a higher primate.

That was enough to satisfy many in the audience. Marc Thiessen, a former speechwriter for George W. Bush, exulted, "His speech was moving. It was reasonable. It was bipartisan. And it worked." Never mind that anyone

who wrote speeches for George W. Bush is used to setting the bar low. The editorial page of *The Wall Street Journal* praised it as "a disciplined performance." Ted Cruz looked as though he was going to dance a jig.

This address was larded with even more self-congratulation than the usual from the Fifth Avenue Fabulist. He regards himself as a miracle worker for managing not to derail an economic recovery that began nearly nine years ago. He took credit for things that happened before he was elected. He acted as though African-Americans owe him a debt of gratitude.

But in this grand setting, Trump was able to restrain his worst impulses. He didn't accuse honest journalists of putting out "fake news." He didn't offer kind words for neo-Nazis. Any day he doesn't use the term "son of a bitch" for a protesting NFL player is a good day.

Yes, the address was an empty distraction that won't get legislation through Congress or overcome partisan divisions. But in the era of Trump, empty distractions are something to be embraced, not avoided.

Under his predecessor, I argued that the entire ritual of presidents personally appearing before a joint session of Congress to report on the national condition should be retired. If

Trump has accomplished nothing else, he has changed my mind. Waiting 12 months between these spectacles is too much.

In fact, waiting one month is too much. My proposal is that Congress issue an invitation to the president to appear on Capitol Hill every week to update the lawmakers and the public on how tremendous everything is under his brilliant leadership. I for one cannot get enough of Trump doing his best to look solemn and statesmanlike before a national audience.

There is no obvious reason he couldn't make this a weekly gig. The Constitution obligates the president to "from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

"From time to time" could be once every century or three times a day. I say let's compromise at 52 times per year.

What would this achieve? Several things. The first is it would satisfy the real impulses that motivated Trump to seek the presidency: commanding attention, soaking up camera time and feeling like the most important person in the solar system.

Judged by how he handles the other duties of the office, this is in his wheelhouse. He can't stand to read memos,

lacks patience for briefings and can't be bothered to bone up on issues enough to negotiate with foreign leaders or members of Congress.

What he likes is occupying a conspicuous place of importance and basking in applause. That's what the State of the Union address provides. A raucous rally in Huntsville, Ala., does the same, but in a State of the Union address, the gravity of the setting is enough to deter Trump from letting his more primitive desires take over.

After each performance, he could go back to the White House, take congratulatory phone calls and watch the adoring coverage on Fox News. By the time he's done all that and played a few rounds of golf, it would be time for him to start getting ready for the next appearance. He might even forget to tweet.

The State of the Union is a huge waste of time. And wasting time is the best thing Trump can do.

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"THE AUDACITY OF SOME PEOPLE!"



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## QUOTABLES

“Why wait? If you are going to go this far and get rid of it, why not do it now? All they are doing is testing it out, because the name has to go too. The nickname absolutely has to go. It’s not just the logo.”

— Phillip Yenyo, executive director of the American Indian Movement of Ohio, on the Cleveland Indians’ announcement that, starting in 2019, they will cease to use the Chief Wahoo logo on their uniforms

“The weird part of this is, while the relationship is bad between Moscow and Washington, it’s worse between the White House and Congress.”

— Former Treasury Department adviser Adam Smith, on the Trump administration’s resistance to implement new Russia sanctions mandated last year by Congress

“He cheats like hell.”

— LPGA legend Suzann Pettersen, on President Donald Trump’s behavior on the golf course. The 15-time LPGA Tour winner said Trump frequently overstates his putter skills

“Two hundred billion dollars for a trillion-dollar goal is fairy dust; it isn’t real.”

— Mayor Rahm Emanuel, on President Donald Trump’s infrastructure pledge

“Loyalty. Try it, Chicago.”

— Former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, on a \$5,600 campaign contribution he received from Rudolph Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City. McCarthy, who once worked for Giuliani, has taken steps toward challenging Mayor Rahm Emanuel in Chicago’s mayoral race next year.

# OMG, have you heard the news? It will change everything!



JONAH GOLDBERG

Washington is awash in so much muchness these days it’s hard to follow the story. And that may be the point.

Every new development or revelation is a “blockbuster” and smoking-gun proof that “this is bigger than Watergate.” Every new dot is connected seamlessly and instantaneously to fit a mosaic of outrage.

For those out to get the president at all costs, the scandal is a moving target — allegations of Russian collusion, obstruction of justice, President Donald Trump’s mental competency, etc. For those out to protect the president at all costs, the scandal is more stable — a conspiracy to destroy the president orchestrated by the Deep State, abetted by the media and Democratic lawmakers.

The only way to sustain the hysteria is to denounce the un-hysterical as complicit bystanders to the alleged scandal. Lack of outrage is itself an outrage. It’s a Beltway version of the old Marxist crime of lacking revolutionary zeal.

The report last week that the president reportedly wanted to fire special counsel Robert Mueller last June (something we already knew) was greeted by many “resistance” types as indistinguishable from actually firing him. Never mind that — as a matter of law and logic — being talked out of obstructing justice isn’t the same thing as obstructing justice.

But the resistance types aren’t wrong that there is a shameless and demagogic campaign to derail and discredit Mueller as well as the agency he once directed, the FBI.

There are four distinct storylines here. The FBI’s investigation into Hillary Clinton’s handling of classified material; the use or abuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court



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in investigating some members of the Trump campaign; the recovered text messages between two FBI agents having an affair; and, finally, the Mueller probe into allegations of Russian collusion and the claim that President Trump obstructed justice when he fired FBI Director James Comey.

One of these things is not like the others.

Now, I actually believe that Clinton’s handling of classified material was outrageous. I am largely persuaded by the case laid out by my National Review colleague Andrew McCarthy, a former prosecutor, that the fix was in at the Justice Department to protect her from a criminal investigation because any such investigation would also implicate President Barack

Obama.

I think the texts between FBI agents Peter Strzok and Lisa Page are somewhat damning — of Strzok and Page. They clearly didn’t like Donald Trump and were clearly too interested in the political ramifications of their work (hardly unheard of at the FBI). But so far, the claim that these private texts between lovers prove profound FBI corruption and a vast conspiracy to destroy Trump strikes me as close to paranoid delusion. (Sometimes people say silly things to par-amours.) Several GOP lawmakers instantly transformed a joke about a “secret society” into proof of a fifth column in our government — an embarrassing, gravity-defying leap to conclusions.

As for the surveillance

court, I have no idea what the full story is. Some allege that the Obama administration used the so-called Steele dossier to get a warrant to monitor the machinations of Carter Page, an unpaid foreign policy adviser to the Trump campaign. If the Steele dossier was indeed the only evidence used to authorize a warrant, I think that’s a problem. If it were merely part of the application, I fail to see the Watergate-level scandal.

But here’s the thing: So far none of this has anything to do with whether Mueller can do his job properly. For all the phonus-bolonus about Strzok’s Deep State skulduggery, you’d think Strzok was secretly running the Mueller investigation. He was there

for a little more than a month last summer. And Mueller dumped him once he heard about the texts and the affair.

Mueller, a man appointed to the FBI by a Republican, has a sterling reputation — even according to the president’s praetorian guard, before partisanship forced them to change their story. And he was in private practice during all of these other events.

But such facts don’t matter when fog and outrage are your most reliable weapons.

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# The cycle of life: Getting stoned again for health reasons

By AMY KOSS

Long ago, I was one of the privileged, unsupervised, suburban teenagers who had infinite access to marijuana and unlimited opportunities to smoke it. Someone, somewhere, grew it, harvested it and shipped it our way, and closer to home, someone sold it and someone bought it, but all I knew was that it was everywhere: at school, at parties, at the bus stop.

If an adult asked, we lied about smoking, of course, but we weren’t asked often. It was probably inconceivable to our parents that nice kids like us would do anything that wacky. Outside of the occasional art or philosophy teacher, we didn’t expect adults to understand, and we viewed their naivete with condescension. We were sure our thoughts, our very existence, were deeper and more profound than their pointless lives of chores and obligations.

Some of us continued smoking weed into adulthood, but most of us left it behind, along with our tie-dye and free time. We had more interesting things to think about, it made us feel worse



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rather than better and it was illegal.

Several decades passed, and along came news of marijuana as a panacea for pain relief, insomnia, anxiety, ailments that were irrelevant to us when we were kids. Friends got medical marijuana cards and touted its post-chemo, anti-nausea benefits, its appetite-stimulating powers for those on AIDS drugs, its ability to salve the pain of persistent bursitis or sciatica.

I began to wonder. The arthritis in my fingers makes it hard to sit at the keyboard as long as I’d like. Heck, sitting itself is an issue. We used to tell our bodies what to do; now our bodies tell us. My concentration has gone entirely to hell. Would weed help?

I no longer have kids to pick up at school or drive to baseball practice. I don’t go into an office that requires me to maintain productivity, concentration or demeanor. I have come out the

other side of my own chore-filled era of obligation, and once again, I have a lot of unsupervised time. No one is watching, judging.

But I’d heard marijuana was way stronger than it used to be — nothing like the giggly, navel-gazing weed of my youth — and that one hit would knock my socks off.

The first time I smoked again, I coughed so hard I vomited spectacularly into the garden. I tried a marijuana cookie next and became so nearly paralyzed that I had to remind myself to breathe. But the weed wasn’t the only thing that had changed. As a teenager, I would have been terrified if my autonomic nervous system had stopped functioning. Now, paralysis — and mortality — are more melancholy than scary. I know I’ll have to step out of this life eventually, and I am mostly sorry to have to leave so soon.

I persisted. With a smaller dose, the simple things in life came into new focus. As a stoned teen, I’d been blown away by the engineering of my hands; now I look at the same hands with fondness and gratitude, touched by all they have done for me. My fingers

will never again be strong or straight, but even with swollen knuckles, they are marvels.

Tending the garden, buzzed, takes on a new poignancy; I am sometimes brought nearly to tears by the cycle of life. The sun feels wonderful on my stiff shoulders. Now I overinclude the pets in my conversation, until they make it clear they’d prefer to stick to our long-established relationship boundaries. My oatmeal is unusually delicious, and I crack myself up.

I don’t answer the phone when I’m high. I don’t drive, and I’m not dismayed by any of the rules that seek to curtail my ability to indulge. Legal or not, I’m still a little embarrassed by my new pot hobby. I don’t consider that my existence is deeper or more profound than anyone else’s these days.

But this will stay the same: If anyone — the kids? — should stop by and ask why I’m acting oddly, I’ll lie.

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## PERSPECTIVE

## The reason my check is in the mail

By DAVID ULIN

I spent the final afternoon of 2017 as I do the closing moments of most months: sitting at my dining room table, paying bills by check. AT&T, the gas company, Department of Water and Power, all inscribed in block caps in my checkbook, envelopes stamped and return-addressed.

It's not that I'm a Luddite, at least not exactly, although I don't particularly trust technology. I do pay some bills (credit cards, school and housing fees for my children) by phone or internet, and I often receive payment via direct deposit, which is one of the great cultural innovations of our time.

The act of writing checks, however — it is if not exactly soothing then grounding in a very active sense. Partly, this has to do with the familiarity of the gesture; I have been paying bills in just this fashion for nearly 40 years now, since the first time I ever lived on my own.

Back then, I was paying \$83.33 a month for my share of a walk-up on Haight Street in San Francisco, working part-time to make my small ends meet. Now, as the father of two college-age children, my expenses are different, which may be one reason I like to deal with them in a way that feels comfortable to me.

To sit at the table with a checkbook and a pile of bills is reassuring, as old habits often are. For 20 minutes, half an hour, I work through the stack, creating order out of chaos, balancing what I have and what I owe.

For someone who spends, as I do, most of the working day trying out (and often disregarding) sentences, there is something powerful about measuring my progress through a task. When it is completed, I can see it, in the form of a neat pile of outgoing mail, which I then walk two blocks to the nearest postal box.

I know, I know: The argument against

this is that it is a waste of time. Why write out checks and seal them into envelopes, why take the time to go to a mailbox, when I could click an icon on a screen and pay out instantly?

But here's the thing — I don't want to pay out instantly. I am fine with making my creditors wait. In some sense, that's contrarianism, pure and simple; I resent how much it costs to maintain basic services and feel no obligation to make collection easier than it needs to be.

Even more, I don't see the point of all that speed, that need for instant results. I don't see what's so bad about taking my time, especially now that everyone wants everything sooner, faster, better — at the expense of everything else.

Why do I need to be efficient, as long as I pay my bills on time? Why should I give corporations and utilities, which are not my friends and do not have my best interests at heart, access to my funds?

Once, a decade or so ago, a certain American telephone and telegraph company made a series of unauthorized withdrawals from my checking account. Each time this happened, I would complain and the money would be reinstated, but eventually I had to move to a different bank.

This doesn't happen when I situate myself at the dining table — on a Sunday afternoon, say, with a cup of coffee and my checkbook and a pen. For however long it takes, I know where I am and what it is I'm doing, at a pace that, even after all these years, continues to make sense to me.

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Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett, from left, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon are seeking to shake up the health insurance market.

## This Amazon-and-friends plan could disrupt health care system

By J.B. SILVERS

Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JP-Morgan Chase's announcement Tuesday that they will create an independent company to offer health care to their employees "free from profit-making incentives and constraints" sent a shock through the health care industry, with share prices of some incumbents tumbling.

Of course, this is not a surprise since anything Amazon, for one, takes on shakes the incumbents. But this one might be different. Based on the three instigators' history and financial power, this new company could be a disruptive force in the industry.

While most people experience insurance and doctors as the face of the health care sector, the moving parts of health care are much more complex. Only recently have doctors and insurers even been able to talk the same language — through a massive federally financed move toward electronic medical records. And even then, insurers talk in terms of billing codes, while doctors deal with diagnoses and outcomes.

The marriage of the two through new organizational forms such as Accountable Care Organizations and payment units like

bundled payments — for something like a hip or knee replacement, for example — show promise that the elements can collaborate but only in defined areas. Mainly these approaches are designed to bring the most excessive doctors and hospitals back toward the average in terms of cost. But even average health care costs are too high, and the outcomes are too poor to satisfy most Americans.

Into this maelstrom comes the party with the most to gain and the best leverage to change the system — and I mean employers, not the government.

You may not know that most employer-based "insurance" isn't insurance at all. It's just a way for a contracted entity that looks like an insurer to act as a purchasing agent and paymaster for the real deep pockets: the self-insured employer.

Any employer with at least 100 or 200 employees can do much better just writing the check for what is spent on health care rather than paying an insurance company to bear the risk. They only have to have "reinsurance" to cover the costs above the level that they can finance themselves.

It is interesting to note that one of the largest U.S. reinsurance companies, Gen Re, is at the core of Berkshire Hathaway's empire.

Clearly, there's a potentially powerful force for change in the self-insured employers who, in aggregate, cover over 100 million people and are exempted from much state regulation by federal law.

Besides being large employers themselves: Warren Buffett knows insurance through his Gen Re reinsurance company. Amazon has taught everyone how to shop far better online than in stores. And JP-Morgan has had extensive experience with health savings accounts, which are tax-sheltered savings accounts paired with high-deductible insurance policies that eligible people can use to pay for health care costs.

But their announcement signals that the goal is something much more: an integrated technology-driven approach to all facets of health care beyond earlier individual initiatives.

While they did not mention the changes that must happen in the delivery sector, implied is the assumption that doctors and hospitals will adapt to this new world, holding down their costs, making prices more transparent and innovating in their physical and electronic delivery of care.

While these issues are all important, this partnership does not address other problems of the broken U.S. health care system

and its ever-expanding costs. Also of concern are the role of skyrocketing drug prices protected by patents and direct-to-consumer advertising; expensive end-of-life decisions; explosive potential use of genetic information; and prevention and management of chronic conditions derived from personal choices.

And the most critical factor in the success of their plan is the fact that the doctor knows the medical facts better than the patient or purchaser. We want a medical expert to tell us what must be done in any situation. But when the incentives for the physician agent are not aligned with broader objectives, their decisions may be less than optimal, and this is often the case.

You have to applaud the initiative if you are outside the health care sector and fear it if you are inside. When these three threaten to disrupt an industry, those in it had better listen carefully and adapt as quickly as they can.

The Conversation

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## Step aside

This administration in Washington has taken the country on a year-long roller coaster ride of rhetorical loops, plunges in confidence, and high-speed emotional curves. I would like to think the State of the Union message indicates a calmer, more balanced White House; however, I believe that the president will return to his typical antics within days of his speech.

The Democratic message that followed Trump's speech was a well-crafted plea for American unity and strength in diversity, but where can our country go from here? It is our obvious log-roller that concerns me. Liberals have been, basically, debating the legitimacy of the 2016 election for over a year, while conservatives have dismissed the presidents' old-fashioned and stubbornly hostile words as misunderstood political banter. Protests.

Excuses. Sharp words from everyone.

We have a dangerous mindset in the United States — a belief that the belligerent nation-state cannot form in America. It might appear that this bubble is bursting with every day that passes in Washington. Simply put, our over-the-retirement age leader should step aside in the best interest of Democrats, Republicans and the American people. His resignation would begin the process of restoring American credibility on the world stage. Could he step down? Or would Trump hold on to power until his cold, lifeless fingers are pried from the reins? Americans have begun to wonder about the nature of this particular American president and the origins of his worldview, public statements and inflated ego.

— Willis Lambertson, Barrington

## Disrespectful

Why did members of the Democratic Party even attend the State of the Union? I haven't seen such a display of immaturity, petty behavior since I was in high school. Not only did they refuse to acknowledge any achievement of the president by applause, but they also all had scowls on their faces like a bunch of disgusted teenagers.

These are members of our Congress. They were elected to serve the people — yet they will never work with the president. They made that abundantly clear last night.

I expect to hear next that they will hold their breath until they get what they want. Grow up, Dems.

— Sue Atkinson, Palos Park

## Con man

In the picture on the front of Wednesday's paper, President Donald Trump has the look of a man who has just pulled off a major con. I think he has. If he hasn't created major divisions in America, then his bigotry, rac-

ism, misogyny and contempt for democratic institutions have certainly made them worse. And now he wants to talk about how we are "one people and one American family"? I don't believe him. We're being played for fools.

— Carl B. Deitrick, Elgin

## Building trust

Claims in your Jan. 29 editorial "In Syria, a NATO nation changes teams" such as "Turkey sees the Syrian Kurds as terrorists" and "Ankara's hated enemy, the Kurds" were utterly inappropriate and baseless.

Turkey is a country where millions of people of Kurdish origin live, work and join decision-making. Similarly, Turkey has never had any hostility toward Syrian Kurds who are part of the Syrian people like Arabs, Turkmens, Muslims, non-Muslims and many others. It was Turkey in the past that urged the Syrian government to take steps in order to legalize many undocumented Syrian Kurds and to provide them with better living conditions.

Turkey's position is clear and remains unchanged. The Syrian Kurdish political group PYD and its armed wing, YPG, are, in fact, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), and they do not represent the Syrian Kurds. We know it, and the U.S. knows it. PKK is an outlawed terrorist organization in the eyes of Turkey, the U.S. and the EU. It is so heartbreaking and disappointing to see Turkey's NATO ally rebrand these terrorist groups so that it could provide them weapons.

Turkey fights the Islamic State as part of the international coalition. It expects its allies to treat the PKK and its offshoots, the PYD and YPG, in the same way. It is only then that the current tensions between NATO allies, Turkey and the U.S. will be overcome.

There have always been countries, groups, organizations that have worked hard to weaken NATO. NATO is prepared to cope with that. What would really weaken NATO, though, is eroded trust among its members.

— Umüt Acar, consul general, Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey, Chicago

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## Trump's war on regulation could prove to be costly

Rules purge thrills business, but we all may pay the price



**ROBERT REED**

President Donald Trump loathes business regulations. Maybe more than some CEOs do.

In Tuesday's State of the Union address, the country's chief executive took credit for terminating what he believes are too many burdensome rules on business while signaling that many proposed regulations are never going to see the light of day.

This is music to the ears of giant industries, among them energy, automotive, construction, medicine, media and finance. It also sounds pretty good to small-business owners, who are very optimistic that the government's "regulatory assault" on them is over, according to a recent National Federation of Independent Business survey.

Unbridled euphoria aside, we really don't — and maybe won't for years — know the long-term impact of Trump's urge to purge rules and regulations. That shouldn't stop us from asking some tough questions: Will these cuts result in dirtier water and air? Foster the haphazard building of roads, bridges and other infrastructure? Pave the way to another debilitating banking and financial crisis, as in 2008?

For the moment, the president prefers to take a bow. "We have eliminated more regulations in our first year than any administration in the history of the country," he said Tuesday.

There are fact checkers who argue with the White House claim of killing or tabling at least 820 pending regulations. A recent Bloomberg Businessweek magazine story chided Trump for taking more credit than deserved, saying hundreds of them were shelved before he took office or were already inactive.

I doubt the overall number is very important to business leaders.

What's grabbing their attention is Trump's flagrant message that corporate leaders can plan ahead — building facilities, expanding operations and entering new markets — and not worry about his federal government cooking up ways to stop them.

During the address, Trump boasted the Food and Drug Administration fast-tracked an unprecedented number of "breakthrough cures" and "medical devices."

Trump added his proposed \$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan, which would

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In his State of the Union address Tuesday, President Donald Trump took a bow for eliminating regulations.



Pringles' Super Bowl spot features actors Bill Hader, left, and Sky Elobar. **PRINGLES**



Lexus is using a tie-in with "Black Panther" to show off the LS 500. **LEXUS**



M&M's features actor Danny DeVito, who gets dunked in chocolate. **M&M'S**

## Highs, lows of Super Bowl ads

While some take run at the heart, others aim lower

By **MAE ANDERSON**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After a year of political and cultural upheaval, Super Bowl advertisers appear to be pulling back from themes of unity in favor of in-game stunts and ads that aim for the heart — and in some cases even lower.

The stakes are high because a 30-second spot costs more than \$5 million for airtime alone. The goal is to capture the attention of the more than 110 million viewers expected to tune in to the big game Sunday — ideally by striking an emotional chord with the game audience that will rub off on brands.

Next best: Simply drawing attention,

even if an ad offends some people. Worst of all? Being forgotten immediately.

"More people will see me in this than they have in the last three movies I've made," actor and comedian Bill Hader ("Trainwreck") muses in a teaser for Pringles' first Super Bowl spot.

Each year, Super Bowl ads offer a snapshot of the national psyche. Last year, just after President Donald Trump took office, ads offered themes of inclusion. Airbnb showed faces of different ethnicities with the copy "We all belong," and Coke reran an ad featuring "America the Beautiful" sung in different languages.

This year, following a year of heated

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## 220 more workers laid off by Sears

Job cuts mainly at retailer's Hoffman Estates head office

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**  
Chicago Tribune

Sears Holdings Corp. has laid off about 220 corporate employees, effective immediately.

Most of those employees worked at the company's Hoffman Estates headquarters, and the cuts affected various business units and roles across the organization, Sears spokesman Howard Riefs said Wednesday in an email.

The layoffs are part of an ongoing restructuring effort at Sears, and they follow rounds of cuts in March and June, both mostly in Hoffman Estates, totaling more than 500 jobs. The company said it will provide severance and transition assistance to eligible employees.

Sears declined to say how many people remain at its headquarters. The company told the Tribune following the June layoffs that it had fallen below a minimum of 4,250 employees in Hoffman Estates and its Loop satellite office needed to secure state tax breaks. The state agreed to the tax incentives in 2011 after Sears threatened to leave Illinois.

The retailer told the state in January 2015 that it had 5,444 employees in Hoffman Estates and the Loop.

"The company will continue to take decisive actions to restructure our operations, targeting at least \$200 million in cost savings on an annualized basis in 2018 unrelated to store closures," Riefs said.

The struggling department store chain said it made "significant progress" in its restructuring last year, hitting its target of \$1.25 billion in cost savings.

But after another holiday season of steep sales declines, Sears said this month it was taking steps to strengthen its financial position, including making more cost cuts and closing 103 stores by April, in addition to 63 it had previously said would close after the holidays.

At the close of trading Wednesday, Sears' shares were down 28.2 percent since the start of the year.

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## Strong sales let Boeing investors enjoy stock rally

737 demand, tax cuts lead to share buyback, dividend hike

By **JULIE JOHNSON**  
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Boeing Co. jumped the most in six months after the planemaker said record aircraft deliveries this year would bolster cash and reverse a two-year sales decline.

Jetliner shipments will rise to as many as 815 this year, up almost 7 percent from 2017, the manufacturer said Wednesday as it reported earnings. Operating cash flow, a focus for investors, will increase to about \$15 billion.

The world's largest aerospace company is extending a remarkable stock rally as it benefits from strong demand and plans to ramp up output of the 737, its largest source of profit. Boeing is also getting a boost from U.S. corporate tax cuts, which are taking effect just as the 787 Dreamliner starts to generate hefty cash gains after a decade of losses.

"It's a very visible, must-own stock right now," said Carter Copeland, an analyst at Melius Research.

The shares advanced nearly 5 percent to close at \$354.37 Wednesday.

The stock has more than doubled since the start of 2017 as Boeing surpassed General Electric Co. to become the largest U.S. industrial company by market value.

Boeing's steady performance and willingness to hand shareholders buckets of cash attracted investors, said Ken Herbert, an analyst at Canaccord Genuity. The Chicago-based manufacturer has pledged to return the equivalent of its free cash flow to investors through an \$18 billion share buyback program and 20 percent dividend increase approved by directors in December.

Boeing is forecasting its first sales growth in three years as it lifts 737 output by 11 percent and pockets additional tax savings. Revenue has declined since 2015 as Boeing slowed deliveries of its highly profitable 777 jetliners amid waning sales and a shift to a new model.

## 50-story projects worry West Town residents

Neighborhood groups fear towers would strain busy area

By **ALLY MAROTTI**  
Chicago Tribune

In an area rich with meatpacking history that unfolded in squat brick buildings, Fulton Market district residents have apprehensions about two proposed residential towers that each could rise more than 50 stories.

It's not the height that concerns neighborhood groups the most. It's the new people the projects would bring to an area already crowded with employees at companies like Google, co-working space WeWork and investment fund and incubator Sandbox Industries.

But all those people working and dining in the neighborhood is just what's attracting apartment and condominium developers.

"We think it's a very attractive place to live and we wanted to design the nicest buildings both for sale and for rent," said Curt Bailey, president of Related Midwest, the company behind both buildings.

In separate projects, Related Midwest



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Related Midwest seeks to build a 51-story tower with 300 condos at 170 N. Peoria St.

seeks to build a 58-story apartment and hotel tower at 725 W. Randolph St., between the Kennedy Expressway and Halsted Street, and a 51-story tower with 300 condominiums at 170 N. Peoria St., by Randolph. The two towers would be the

tallest structures in the West Town neighborhood, in an area that's also sometimes called Fulton Market or the West Loop.

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# Good rules can aid consumers

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undoubtedly benefit locally based construction equipment giants like Caterpillar and John Deere, will include a streamlined “permitting and approval” process of less than two years.

Yes, the president’s war on regulation, coupled with his massive tax law lowering the corporate tax rate to 21 percent, from about 35 percent, has business titans jumping for joy and making no small plans. They tend to do that when the stock market hits record highs, earnings are increasing and there’s a kindred spirit in the Oval Office.

Many other folks, however, have a right to be apprehensive about the administration’s aggressive overturning of rules and regulations, especially those that are designed to help protect everyday people.

Look no further than the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, a controversial but effective 7-year-old financial watchdog that’s at the top of Trump’s hit list.

The big lenders hate this agency that was spawned from legislation designed to crack down on the bad banking practices that helped bring on the 2008 financial crisis. It is one of the few regulatory friends that financial service customers have in Washington. Gutting it is a mistake.

Nevertheless, Trump has installed an acting executive director whose marching orders are to dismantle the place.

Another example? Consider the Trump-backed Federal Communication Commission’s decision to overturn “net neutrality” and hand over control of the internet to an oligopoly of internet

service providers.

It fundamentally changes the democratic nature of the internet by allowing giant telecom companies to charge consumers, small companies and even major on-line powerhouses, like Amazon or Hulu, a lot of money for faster service and exposure. If they don’t pay, companies risk losing online access and may be purged from the web.

Then there’s the environment.

In his speech, Trump applauded his ending the regulatory war on “American energy” and “beautiful clean coal.”

But leading environmentalists and experts are scared of this administration. They’re frantically fighting Trump’s overturning of various environmental protections in the courts and on the streets. They’re also appalled at the administration’s blanket denial of climate change, personified by Scott Pruitt, Trump’s hand-picked leader of the Environmental Protection Agency.

One way to ease these many concerns would be for the Trump administration to realize that rules and regulations, properly managed and enforced, can help the economy by protecting taxpayers from corporate America’s excesses and unbridled expansionary aims.

I doubt that’s going to occur.

As we’ve seen in his campaign and first year in office, this is not a president who plays by the rules.

But that shouldn’t deter us from asking the hard questions.

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Related Midwest seeks to build a condo tower at 170 N. Peoria St. and an apartment/hotel tower at 725 W. Randolph St.

# Projects worry residents

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Renderings for both projects are being unveiled at community meetings this week.

The design architect for the Peoria building is New York City firm Morris Adjmi Architects, and Related Midwest is developing it with Tucker Development. The Randolph Street tower, with 370 apartments as well as restaurants and an Equinox hotel and health club, was designed by Connecticut-based Roger Ferris and Partners.

The Randolph project is more palatable to residents, said Carla Agostinelli, executive director of the West Loop Community Organization. Located east of Halsted, the site is next to the highway, and other tall buildings are near it.

The proposed condo building, two blocks away and west of Halsted, would strain the already overloaded infrastructure in the area, Agostinelli said. Some streets don’t have traffic

lights, one-way traffic will need to be reconfigured and parking must be considered, she said.

Increased development on Lake Street already has taken a toll on the area, said Matt Letourneau, president of Neighbors of the West Loop. “In the morning, you can probably walk faster in some places,” he said.

Related Midwest will likely need to make adjustments to its plans in order to address residents’ concerns, said Ald. Walter Burnett, 27th. “I think coming out of the chute we all knew that 50 stories is just too much,” he said. “Nothing over there is 50 stories.”

Related Midwest’s projects join a wave of development in the area that shows no sign of slowing down. Google moved from River North into its new Midwest headquarters in Fulton Market at the end of 2015, and tech companies and others have followed. A new nine-story headquarters for Oak Brook-based McDonald’s is set to

open in the spring on the former site of Oprah Winfrey’s Harpo Studios.

“The West Loop, as everyone says, is the hottest submarket in downtown Chicago,” said Gail Lissner, a managing director at property valuation and advisory firm Integra Realty Resources — Chicago. The area has strong employment, has chic restaurants, hotels and shops, and is close to hospitals and transportation. Apartment rents have been rising since 2010, she said, though that trend has weakened recently as more apartments are built.

Related Midwest hopes to start construction on both of its projects by mid-2019, Bailey said. Ten historic buildings surrounding the Peoria site will be preserved, he said.

Both buildings were designed to meet the West Loop design guidelines adopted by the city in September, Bailey said. As the guidelines suggest, the towers will be tall and thin, so they won’t cast a dense

shadow over the neighborhood, he said.

They’ll also fit into the architecture of the former meatpacking district. “They have an industrial look to them,” Bailey said. “Kind of a warehouse district cool, if you will.”

The Randolph tower references historical meatpacking buildings with its large, squared windows.

Area residents liked the look of the building, Letourneau said. Despite the aesthetics, buildings with such density mean increased activity.

“Fulton Market area was designed for warehouses and meatpackers and people coming in at 4 or 5 in the morning ... and clearing out,” Letourneau said. “We’re welcoming of development, it’s just that we’re concerned that all of this is coming together and the combined demand is not something that’s being accounted for.”

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## Ads aim for the heart — and sometimes lower

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debate over immigration, NFL players taking a knee during the national anthem and the #MeToo movement highlighting sexual misconduct, many Super Bowl advertisers are playing it safer by showcasing famous faces, focusing on inoffensive causes and trying to stand out with silly humor and stunts. Of course, a few are going straight for whatever will grab attention.

Most people remember the 2004 Super Bowl for the infamous “wardrobe malfunction” when Justin Timberlake ripped off part of Janet Jackson’s costume during the half-time performance.

But it also featured an unusually large number of tasteless ads, including crotch and fart jokes by Sierra Mist, Budweiser and Bud Light.

Advertisers largely dialed it back afterward, excepting a 2009 Doritos ad that included a snow-globe-in-the-crotch joke. But this year, Timberlake returns to the Super Bowl and so does sock-it-to-the-lower-body humor.

Groupon’s ad, for instance, stars Tiffany Haddish asking people to support local businesses — then cuts to a wealthy man who plots to crush small businesses, only to double over after players nail him with a kicked football.

Groupon insists the man isn’t hit in the groin, although the ad video is ambiguous. “The crotch hit is the lowest thing in the book,” Advertising Age columnist Barbara Lippert said in a phone interview. “I was hoping it was retired forever.”

The Groupon ad is also notable for its distinctly anti-1 percent tone. “We think the vast majority of consumers will appreciate the over-the-top comeuppance our ‘villain’ receives,” said Jon Wild, Groupon’s head of marketing for North America.

It wouldn’t be a Super Bowl without celebrities chugging sugary drinks and hawking junk food. Cindy Crawford will reprise an iconic 1992 Super Bowl spot for Pepsi.

In the Pringles ad, Hader has a snack on set and introduces a made-up practice dubbed “flavor stacking,” in which the actor stacks together different Pringles varieties. M&Ms has released a teaser showing Danny DeVito dressed as an M&M being dunked in chocolate.

For a non-snacking celebrity appearance, Squarespace hired a bearded Keanu Reeves and sat him by a campfire to tout its web hosting services.

Other advertisers are aiming straight for warm and fuzzy, figuring it’s best to bet on “things that are universally liked,” said Kelly O’Keefe, managing director of Virginia Commonwealth University’s Brandcenter.

NBC created five cinematic 60-second ads showcasing Olympic athletes to drum up excitement for the Winter Olympics, which start airing starting four days after the Super Bowl.

The ads showcase Americans athletes such as skier Lindsey Vonn and figure skater Nathan Chen.

An Anheuser-Busch ad shows a Budweiser brewery producing cans of water instead of beer, highlighting the brewer’s donation of drinking water to places in need. Its Stella Artois brand also teamed with Matt Damon to sell a limited edition beer glass, with proceeds also targeted at providing access to water.

Lexus is promoting its new LS 500 luxury sedan, which it is aiming at a 45- to 55-year-old demographic, with an action spot starring the Black Panther, a Marvel superhero.

## 4 Carson’s stores in area closing this spring

Chicago Tribune

Four Chicago-area Carson’s stores will close this spring as part of The Bon-Ton Stores’ turnaround plan, one that involves the shutdown of 42 stores nationally.

Milwaukee- and York, Pa.-based Bon-Ton said Wednesday it will close Carson’s at Streets of Woodfield in Schaumburg, Riverside Plaza in Chicago and clearance centers in Aurora and Morton Grove. Also closing in Illinois are Carson’s stores in Danville and DeKalb and a Bergner’s store in Peoria.

Closings also will hit stores operating under Bon-Ton’s other nameplates, which include Younkers and Elder-Beerman.

Liquidation sales are expected to begin at the stores Thursday and run for 10 to 12 weeks, and affected employees will be able to interview for jobs at other stores, the company said.

“As part of the comprehensive turnaround plan we announced in November, we are taking the next steps in our efforts to move forward with a more productive store footprint,” said Bill Tracy, president and chief executive officer for Bon-Ton, in a news release.

In a regulatory filing Monday, Bon-Ton disclosed details of its turnaround plan without revealing locations of the expected store closings. The plan described a group of 45 stores with weak financial performance or locations in “dying malls.” In that Securities and Exchange Commission filing, the company also said it was considering opening new stores in cities other retailers are leaving behind and throwing more weight behind its Carson’s chain.

The retailer has 260 stores in 24 states.

# Court ruling favors consumer agency

Judges say setup and independence are constitutional

BY **RENAE MERLE**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A U.S. appeals court on Wednesday ruled that the structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is constitutional and that its director can only be fired by the president for cause.

The split decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is a blow to the Trump administration as well as longtime Republican and financial industry critics of the agency who have argued that the CFPB's powers need to be reined in.

"We find no reason in constitutional precedent, history, or principle to invalidate the CFPB's independence," according to the 68-page majority opinion written by Judge Cornelia T.L. Pillard that was joined by



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Former CFPB Director Richard Cordray hailed the appeals court's ruling. "It's a great day for America," he said.

five other judges who concurred in the ruling.

The independent structure of the CFPB has long been at the center of a fierce partisan debate over the agency, which was created during the Obama administration in response to the global financial crisis. It is ruled by a single director rather than a multi-member commission and gets its

funding from the Federal Reserve rather than Congress. The CFPB's supporters say those measures give the agency needed independence from political and financial pressures. But Republicans complained it has made the CFPB a rogue, unaccountable force.

"There is nothing constitutionally suspect about the CFPB's leadership structure. ... And there is no reason to assume an agency headed by an individual will be less responsive to presidential supervision than one headed by a group," Pillard said.

The case revolves around a \$109 million fine the CFPB levied against PHH Mortgage in 2015 for allegedly giving kickbacks to mortgage insurers in exchange for customer referrals. The New Jersey company sued, saying the penalty showed the agency had too much unchecked authority and that it should be easier for the president to fire its director.

Last year, a federal appeals court sided with PHH and called the structure of the agency unconstitutional. But that ruling was later vacated, and now the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has sided with the agency's supporters.

"It's a great decision," Richard Cordray, the agency's former director, said

about the appeals court decision. "It rejects some extreme theories to stop independent agencies from engaging in meaningful law enforcement. It is a good day for America."

Three judges on the appeals court panel disagreed with the decision. "The CFPB's concentration of enormous power in a single unaccountable, unchecked Director poses a far greater risk of arbitrary decision making and abuse of power, and a far greater threat to individual liberty, than a multi member independent agency does," Judge Brett Kavanaugh said in a dissenting opinion.

PHH did come out on top on one issue: The appeals court found that the CFPB made errors when it penalized PHH \$109 million. That "should dramatically reduce — if not completely eliminate — the company's enforcement liability," Jaret Seiberg, an analyst with Cowen and Co.'s Washington Research Group, said in

a research note. "We expect Trump's CFPB will use this decision as a reason to reassess existing (similar) enforcement actions."

Referring to that portion of the decision, PHH said in a statement that it was "an important and gratifying outcome for PHH and the industry" and that it continues to believe it followed the law. But the mortgage company did not indicate whether it planned to appeal the larger ruling.

The Justice Department said it was disappointed by the decision. Last year, the department led by Attorney General Jeff Sessions reversed course from the Obama administration and sided with PHH, arguing that it should be easier for President Donald Trump to fire the head of the CFPB. "We are disappointed in the decision and are reviewing our options," a Justice Department official said.

A CFPB spokesman said the agency was analyzing the decision.



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Christopher Burton studies in the library at John Marshall Law School, which will begin accepting the GRE this fall.

## John Marshall Law School to start accepting GRE test

It's latest to allow alternative to LSAT as admission exam

BY **ALLY MAROTTI**  
Chicago Tribune

John Marshall Law School plans to start accepting the GRE test for admissions this fall, joining a growing number of schools deviating from taking only LSAT scores from applicants.

The movement started in 2016, when the University of Arizona College of Law announced it would accept either the GRE graduate school entry exam or the LSAT law school aptitude test from prospective students. Then last March, Harvard Law School announced plans to start accepting GRE scores for admission as part of a pilot program.

Law schools around the country, including Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law in Chicago, have followed suit. Accepting scores from the more user-friendly GRE in addition to the LSAT could mean an expanded pool of applicants and a class that's more diverse, ethnically and academically.

"We know that some

students who ultimately come here, their circumstances change," said Darby Dickerson, dean of Chicago's John Marshall Law. "Having the GRE option would give that pool of candidates different choices."

Supporters argue that the GRE, administered multiple times weekly, often via computer, is more accessible than the LSAT, administered a handful of times each year at designated testing centers.

The Law School Admission Council, which administers the LSAT, has made some changes to make the test more accessible. It announced last year that it would lift the limit on the number of times a person can take the test in a two-year period. It also increased the number of testing dates from four to six, starting this year.

John Marshall applicants can submit GRE scores instead of LSAT scores for fall 2018 admission, Dickerson said. But if they have taken both tests, the applicant will have to submit both scores.

"This isn't in any way designed to whitewash someone's credentials," Dickerson said. The decision has been in the making for months, she said.

Law schools must remain in compliance with standards from the legal education section of the American Bar Association, which contracts with the U.S. Department of Education to accredit law schools. Currently, if an accredited school wants to start using an alternative admission test, such as the GRE, it is required to demonstrate that test is as valid as the LSAT in predicting law school success.

Educational Testing Service, the Princeton, N.J.-based nonprofit that administers the GRE, conducted a national validity study last year involving more than a dozen law schools, including John Marshall. The study found that the GRE was a valid indicator of law school success, according to the company. John Marshall also conducted an internal review of the school-level results, Dickerson said.

Pritzker School of Law had planned to start accepting the GRE for fall 2019 admission, but the school announced in October that it would start a year earlier. Accepting the GRE allows the school to try to reach a group of people who otherwise wouldn't have applied, said Don Rebstock, associ-

ate dean of strategic initiatives. That includes prospective students from different academic backgrounds, particularly science, technology, engineering and math, who didn't plan to take the LSAT.

If it works well at schools that have taken the lead, Rebstock said, he expects the GRE will become very popular among law school admissions. "The world is watching," he said.

There are currently about 15 law schools around the country that let applicants submit GRE scores, but more are warming to the idea. Of the 128 law schools that responded to a survey released in September by Kaplan Test Prep, 25 percent said they plan to start accepting the GRE, up from 14 percent in 2016.

But for now, as it has been for 70 years, the LSAT remains the test of measure, said Jeff Thomas, executive director of pre-law programs at New York City-based Kaplan Test Prep. Unless students are applying only to the schools that take the GRE, they still need to take the LSAT. "This is an evolving story," he said. "(But) right now, it's still an LSAT game."

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## Apple to respond to probes into iPhone slowdowns

BY **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is cooperating with U.S. government inquiries into its secret slowdown of older iPhones, further complicating its efforts to move past an issue that irked customers whose devices bogged down.

The company acknowledged the probes late Tuesday after The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg reported the U.S. Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission were investigating how investors have been affected by Apple's handling of the situation.

A software update released in 2016 began to slow down older iPhones when their batteries weakened to prevent them from abruptly turning off. But Apple didn't fully disclose what it was doing until December.

Apple has since apologized for not being more forthcoming and is replacing batteries on older iPhones for \$29, a \$50 discount.

The Cupertino, Calif., company is also working on another software update that will give consumers the option of turning off the slowdown feature, if they are willing to risk a sudden shutdown.

That free update, due out this spring, also will include a feature measuring the battery's strength.

In its latest statement, Apple reiterated its belief that it was acting in the best interest of its customers by extending the lives of their iPhones.

Many consumers, however, remain convinced that the company torpedoed the older iPhones to prod them to upgrade to the latest — and more expensive — models released last fall.

"We have never — and would never — do anything to intentionally shorten the life of any Apple product, or degrade the user experience to drive customer upgrades," Apple said. "Our goal has always been to create products that our customers love."



RICHARD DREW/AP 2017

Many think Apple slowed older-model iPhones to boost sales of its latest, more pricey, model.

Despite its contrition, Apple is still grappling with the fallout.

Authorities in France are in the midst of investigating whether Apple violated laws protecting consumers in that country, and lawyers in the U.S. are pursuing a variety of class-action lawsuits on behalf of millions of consumers.

Meanwhile, the head of the Senate Commerce Committee had previously sent a letter to Apple demanding more information about the iPhone slowdown.

Apple was supposed to respond by Jan. 23 but was granted an extension and is now expected to answer by the end of this week, said Frederick Hill, a spokesman for Sen. John Thune, a South Dakota Republican who confronted the company.

Both the Justice Department and the SEC have declined to comment on their investigations, leaving it unclear what piqued their interest.

Apple's delayed disclosure of the iPhone slowdown doesn't appear to have done significant harm to investors so far.

Just a few weeks after Apple disclosed it had been slowing down older iPhones, the company's stock surged to an all-time high, despite consumer outrage.

The shares have retreated in the past week, but that downturn has been driven by concerns about lackluster demand for its high-priced iPhone X.



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-AFP

Fed Chair Janet Yellen is expected to resign entirely from the board as she passes the baton to Jerome Powell.

## Fed leaves rates alone as Yellen era ends

BY **HEATHER LONG**  
The Washington Post

The Federal Reserve voted unanimously Wednesday to keep its key interest rate unchanged at 1.25 to 1.5 percent.

The move was widely expected as the Fed didn't want to rile markets this week as Fed Chair Janet Yellen steps down and Jerome Powell, President Donald Trump's pick, takes over the reins of the central bank.

Powell is set to be sworn

in Monday morning.

The change in leadership at the central bank is taking place at a time of strength for the U.S. and global economies, which should help ensure a smooth transition. In a statement following its two-day policy meeting, the Fed praised the "solid" gains in hiring, household spending and business investment.

Unemployment is at a 17-year low, growth has picked up in recent months and inflation has remained low. Perhaps the only con-

cern is a stock market that keeps hitting record highs, but the Fed has said its main focus is the health of the wider economy, not daily market moves.

"I think this initial hand-off from Yellen to Powell is going to go pretty well. He'll take the baton and run smoothly with it in his first lap," said Stuart Hoffman, senior economic adviser for PNC Bank.

The Fed is hinting that it is likely to hike interest rates at its next meeting in March. The committee that

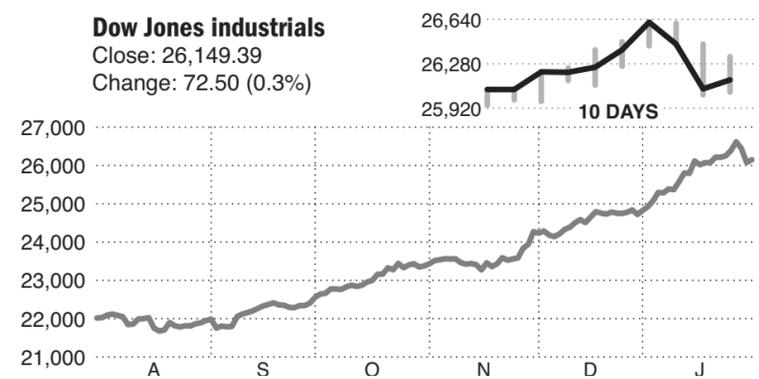
sets interest rates went out of its way to say it expects inflation to hit, or at least come close to, the Fed's 2 percent target this year.

"Inflation on a 12-month basis is expected to move up this year and to stabilize around the Committee's 2 percent objective over the medium term," the Fed wrote in its statement. There was no news conference after the policymaking meeting for the Fed to explain its thinking further.

The Fed projects three rate hikes this year.

# MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 26,338.03 Low: 26,050.98 Previous: 26,076.89



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+9.00 (+.12%)	+1.38 (+.05%)	-7.84 (-.50%)
Close: 7,411.48	Close: 2,823.81	Close: 1,574.98
High: 7,453.99	High: 2,839.26	High: 1,594.27
Low: 7,381.13	Low: 2,813.04	Low: 1,571.26
Previous: 7,402.48	Previous: 2,822.43	Previous: 1,582.82

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 2.71%	+3.60 to \$1,339.00	+3.33 to 109.11/\$1	-0.0004 to .8058/\$1	+0.23 to \$64.73

## Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-0.39	-0.05	-0.48	+4.92	+4.90	+4.08	+31.46	+31.35	+23.88

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	458.50	458.75	447.50	451.75	-5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	361.50	362	359.50	361.50	...
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1000	1002	989	995.75	-4.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	33.11	33.14	32.92	33.07	-0.1
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	340.80	342.00	335.00	337.80	-2.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 18	64.03	64.94	63.67	64.73	+2.3
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	3.165	3.183	2.950	2.995	-2.00
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 18	1.8798	1.9125	1.8697	1.9100	+0.146

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## 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	62.16	-0.28	Equity Commonwith	N	29.91	+0.16	McDonalds Corp	N	171.14	-1.34
AbbVie Inc	N	112.22	-3.66	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	86.32	+1.10	Middleby Corp	O	136.26	-0.64
Akorn Inc	O	32.22	-0.03	Equity Residential	N	61.61	+1.04	Mondelēz Intl	O	44.40	+0.06
Allstate Corp	N	98.77	+0.32	Exelon Corp	N	38.85	+0.54	Morningstar Inc	O	96.12	+0.14
Aptar Group Inc	N	87.42	-0.27	First Indl RT	N	70.93	+0.11	Motorola Solutions	N	99.46	-0.34
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.95	+0.47	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	68.32	-1.01	Navistar Intl	N	45.83	-0.07
Baxter Intl	N	72.03	+0.28	Gallagher AJ	N	269.66	-5.79	NISource Inc	N	24.68	-0.23
Boeing Co	N	354.37	+16.66	Grainger WW	N	72.25	-0.47	Nthn Trust Cp	O	105.39	-0.30
Brunswick Corp	N	62.78	-0.46	GrubHub Inc	N	85.33	-1.20	Old Republic	N	21.49	-0.50
CBOE Global Markets	O	134.39	+1.10	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	81.30	+0.30	Packaging Corp Am	N	125.63	+0.92
CDW Corp	O	74.79	-0.20	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	143.48	-0.97	Stericycle Inc	O	75.36	+2.91
CF Industries	N	42.44	+0.44	IDEX Corp	N	173.67	-1.52	TransUnion	N	59.36	+0.74
CME Group	O	153.48	+0.15	Ingredion Inc	N	143.64	+0.64	Tribune Media Co A	N	42.59	-0.56
CNA Financial	N	54.16	-0.13	John Bean Technol	N	113.75	-1.85	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	222.10	-3.95
Caterpillar Inc	N	162.78	-0.98	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	156.35	-0.27	United Contl Hldgs	N	67.82	+0.81
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	38.00	+0.14	Kraft Heinz Co	O	78.39	-0.11	Ventas Inc	N	55.97	+1.32
Deere Co	N	166.42	-2.09	LKQ Corporation	O	42.03	-0.16	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	75.24	-0.89
Discover Fin Svcs	N	79.80	+0.08	Littelfuse Inc	O	217.34	+9.68	Wintrust Financial	O	85.90	-0.16
Dover Corp	N	106.21	-0.84	MB Financial	O	42.78	-0.70	Zebra Tech	O	123.16	-0.97

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	16.17	+0.22
Bank of America	32.00	+1.12
Ford Motor	10.97	-0.43
AK Steel Hold	5.06	-0.43
Chesapeake Engy	3.50	-0.13
AT&T Inc	37.45	+0.01
Twitter Inc	25.81	+0.19
Sthwstn Energy	4.24	-0.21
Pfizer Inc	37.04	-0.76
MetLife Inc	48.07	-1.66
Alibaba Group Hldg	204.29	+4.63
Vale SA	13.09	+1.10
Nokia Corp	4.81	-0.15
AES Corp	11.56	+0.08
Rite Aid Corp	2.18	+0.10
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	6.85	-0.58
Gerda SA	4.48	-0.12
Ambev S.A.	6.87	+0.03
General Motors Co	42.41	-0.29
Old Republic	21.49	-0.50
Petrobras	13.36	+0.06
Wells Fargo & Co	65.78	+0.50
Kinder Morgan Inc	17.98	-0.25
Xerox Corp	34.13	+1.45

## NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	13.73	+0.87
Atossa Genetics	.79	+0.25
Microsoft Corp	95.01	+2.27
Micron Tech	43.72	+2.05
Intel Corp	48.14	-0.65
Cisco Syst	41.54	-0.71
Facebook Inc	186.89	-2.23
Apple Inc	167.43	+4.46
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.11	+0.16
Comcast Corp A	42.53	+1.19
Extreme Networks Inc	15.03	-0.05
Cascadian Therapeut	10.05	+4.15
Skyline Medical Inc	1.36	+0.50
Eriasson	6.44	-0.57
JD.com Inc	49.23	-0.03
Mondelēz Intl	44.40	+0.06
Electronic Arts	126.96	+8.26
Akers Biosciences	.28	+0.03
Qualcomm Inc	68.25	+1.26
Shutterstock Inc	68.06	+14.74
eBay Inc	40.58	+1.18
21st Century Fox A	36.90	-1.56
Applied Mats	53.63	+0.25
Starbucks Cp	56.81	-0.39

## FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3480.83	-7.2/-2
Stoxx600	395.46	-7.1/-2
Nikkei	23098.29	-193.7/-8
MSCI-EAFE	2155.64	-4.1/-2
Bovespa	84912.71	+430.2/+5
FTSE 100	7533.55	-54.4/-7
CAC-40	5481.93	+8.2/+2

## LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.45	+0.01
Alphabet Inc C	1169.94	+6.25
Alphabet Inc A	1182.22	+4.85
Amazon.com Inc	1451.65	+13.83
Apple Inc	167.43	+4.46
Bank of America	32.00	+1.12
Berkshire Hath A	323375	+375
Berkshire Hath B	214.38	-0.03
Chevron Corp	125.35	+1.2
Exxon Mobil Corp	87.30	+0.52
Facebook Inc	186.89	-2.23
Home Depot	200.90	-0.91
JPMorgan Chase	115.67	+0.56
Johnson & Johnson	138.19	-0.24
Microsoft Corp	95.01	+2.27
Source Cap	42.01	+0.16
Unitedhealth Group	236.78	+1.13
WalMart Strs	106.60	-1.13
Wells Fargo & Co	65.78	+0.50

## TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.43	1.41
6-month disc	1.62	1.63
2-year	2.15	2.13
10-year	2.71	2.72
30-year	2.94	2.97

## SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1339.00	\$1335.40
Silver	\$17.204	\$17.013
Platinum	\$1004.30	\$1001.80

## INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.29

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	19.6464
Australia (Dollar)	1.2426
Brazil (Real)	3.1871
Britain (Pound)	.7054
Canada (Dollar)	1.2306
China (Yuan)	6.2800
Euro	.8058
India (Rupee)	63.694
Israel (Shekel)	3.4102
Japan (Yen)	109.11
Mexico (Peso)	18.6150
Poland (Zloty)	3.35
So. Korea (Won)	1069.46
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.18
Thailand (Baht)	31.33

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.75	-0.14	+26.6
American Funds AmrcnBAlA m	28.02	+0.07	+17.1
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	154.18	+0.06	+2.2
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	64.42	...	+15.8
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	59.65	+0.19	+3.8
American Funds FdmntInvsA m	66.07	+0.24	+27.4
American Funds GfrAmrcA m	53.58	+0.08	+30.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	24.08	+0.05	+15.3
American Funds InvCmrcA m	42.72	-0.10	+23.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.22	+0.10	+32.3
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	47.99	+0.06	+24.7
DFA EMktCorEq	24.86	+0.14	+37.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.71	+0.01	+3.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	49.27	-0.23	+26.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	215.21	-1.06	+22.3
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.54	...	+2.8
Fidelity 500IdxInls	98.80	+0.05	+26.4
Fidelity 500IndexPrm	98.80	+0.05	+26.4
Fidelity Contrafund	133.83	+0.49	+38.5
Fidelity ContrafundK	133.76	+0.49	+38.6
Fidelity InvmGradeBdd	11.11	+0.01	+2.8
Fidelity LowPrStk	56.89	-0.30	+24.5
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.42	...	+9.7
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.52	...	+2.1
Oakmark IntlInv	30.52	-0.17	+33.1
PIMCO IncInslT	12.32	...	+7.4
PIMCO TtRetInls	10.15	...	+3.4
Schwab SP500Idx	43.54	+0.02	+26.4
T. Rowe Price BCGF	106.61	+0.76	+44.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.39	+0.50	+39.0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	260.94	+0.13	+26.4
Vanguard 500IdxInv	260.92	+0.13	+26.2
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.85	...	+23.6
Vanguard HCAmrl	91.08	-1.12	+22.3
Vanguard InTrmGdAdm	9.61	...	+2.6
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.95	-0.01	+3.0
Vanguard InslIdxInls	257.39	+0.13	+26.4
Vanguard InslIdxInlsPlus	257.41	+0.13	+26.4
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	62.64	...	+25.2
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	199.90	+0.07	+20.8
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	142.73	+0.20	+34.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.57	...	+1.4
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	72.80	-0.21	+17.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.17	+0.01	+15.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.06	+0.01	+17.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.82	+0.02	+19.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.52	+0.01	+21.3
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.61	+0.01	+2.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxInls	10.61	+0.01	+2.1
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl x	21.58	-0.01	+2.8
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	32.22	+0.03	+29.6
Vanguard TtInSdxInls	128.84	+0.13	+29.6
Vanguard TtInSdxInlsPlus	128.87	+0.14	+29.6
Vanguard TtInSdxInlsPlus	19.26	+0.02	+29.5
Vanguard TtISMdIdxAdmrl	70.27	...	+25.2
Vanguard TtISMdIdxInls	70.28	...	+25.2
Vanguard TtISMdIdxInv	70.24	...	+25.1
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl			

## OBITUARIES

EDDIE SHAW 1937-2018

## Saxophonist brought jazz approach to blues

By HOWARD REICH  
Chicago Tribune

When Chicago blues musician Eddie Shaw played his saxophone, the room seemed to quake.

His immense, raspy, growling sound cut through the instrumentals surrounding him. His ornate solos packed vast swaths of blues and jazz history into every roaring phrase.

Shaw parlayed those exhortations into that rarest of careers in the blues: a prominent bandleader who wasn't primarily a guitarist, harmonica player or singer (though Shaw could shout a vocal line with power and play harmonica compellingly too).

The range of Shaw's talents and the durability of his career made him legendary among blues listeners in Chicago and around the world.

Shaw died early Tuesday in Chicago at age 80 of natural causes, said his son, James Jones.

"Eddie had one of those big, fat old tenor sounds, that kind of R&B sound — lots of vibrato," said Bruce Iglauer, founder-president of the Chicago blues label Alligator Records.

"He wasn't just a blues guy," said Bob Koester, founder-owner of Chicago-based Delmark Records. "He was on the fringes of jazz. More creative. A lot of the blues tenor players just honked. It didn't always make a hell of a lot of sense."

"Eddie was like a jazz musician who was in the blues field."

Shaw's playing, in other words, was more than just sound and fury: There was a complex musical underpinning to the solos he crafted.

Like many blues masters who made their names in Chicago, Shaw began his journey in the South. He was born on a Stringtown, Miss., plantation on March 20, 1937, and grew up in Greenville, Miss., where he studied trombone and clarinet in high school before switching to saxophone. As a teenage musician, he played in bands led by Elmore James, Ike Turner and Little Milton, among others.

Blues icon Muddy Wa-



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Eddie Shaw was born in Mississippi and made his musical mark in the blues clubs of Chicago.

ters heard Shaw playing in Itta Bena, Miss., and urged him to come north to Chicago, which Shaw did in 1957.

When Shaw got to the city, he was stunned by the richness of the urban blues landscape.

"Back in the day, you could go to 10 or 15 blues clubs a night, all along Madison Street, Roosevelt Road, 43rd Street, King Drive (then South Park Way), 47th Street, 39th Street," said Shaw in a 2011 Tribune interview.

"On Roosevelt Road, you could go from door to door for blocks and blocks."

After playing for Waters, Shaw joined the band of Howlin' Wolf and also performed with Magic Sam, Freddie King, Otis Rush and others. But Wolf remained a guiding light for Shaw, who backed him until Wolf's death in 1976.

Shaw continued to perform with various incarnations of Wolf's band, the Wolf Gang, for the rest of his life.

"Every show he did, he dedicated a song to Wolf," said blues promoter Paul Benjamin. "He wore a Howlin' Wolf pin on his saxophone strap."

But Shaw also forged a musical identity and recording career of his own. He won attention with his

first single, "Blues for the West Side," in 1966. He was prominently featured on Alligator's "Living Chicago Blues 1" anthology in 1978 and followed that with several albums of his own: "Movin' and Groovin' Man" (1982), "King of the Road" (1985) and "In the Land of the Crossroads" (1992).

The titles referenced his status as a "road warrior," constantly touring the country.

Shaw made an appearance in John Sayles' 2007 film "Honeydripper" and was inducted into the Memphis, Tenn.-based Blues Hall of Fame in 2014.

Yet he grieved for the status of his beloved art form in the 21st century.

"The blues is descending rapidly — it's coming down," he said in the 2011 Tribune interview. "You haven't got too many clubs with the blues. ... You don't find many black kids interested in the blues. They want hip-hop."

"I can't blame them, because there aren't many guys around teaching them what the blues is about."

Shaw's music will provide those lessons evermore.

Funeral services are being planned.

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## Chicago Daily Tribune

## ON FEBRUARY 1 ...

In 1861 Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1960 four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they had been refused service.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief, Nguyen Ngoc Loan, executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news photograph.

In 1979 newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, whose prison sentence for bank robbery had been commuted by President Jimmy Carter, left a federal prison near San Francisco.

In 1993 Gary Bettman took office as the National Hockey League's first commissioner, succeeding the NHL's final president, Gil Stein.

In 1994 Jeff Gillooly pleaded guilty in Portland, Ore., to taking part in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

In 1996 both houses of Congress voted overwhelmingly to rewrite the 61-year-old Communications Act, freeing the television, telephone and home computer industries to jump into each other's fields.

In 2001 John Ashcroft won confirmation as attorney general on a 58-42 Senate vote, completing President George W. Bush's Cabinet over strong Democratic opposition.

In 2002 actress Winona Ryder was charged with four felony counts stemming from her shoplifting arrest at a Saks Fifth Avenue store in Beverly Hills, Calif. (Ryder was later convicted of felony grand theft and vandalism, and received 3 years' probation.)

In 2003 the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

In 2006 United Airlines left bankruptcy after a painful restructuring that lasted more than three years.

In 2008 Exxon Mobil posted what was then the largest annual profit by a U.S. company — \$40.6 billion — and the biggest quarterly profit to that time, breaking its own records.

In 2016 the World Health Organization declared that growth across the Americas of the mosquito-borne Zika virus — thought to be linked to birth defects — constituted an international public health emergency.

In 2017 violence and rioting at the University of California, Berkeley, forced the cancellation of a talk by right-wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Jan. 31 Powerball	04 07 14 46 59 / 22
Powerball jackpot: \$127M	
Lotto jackpot: \$2.75M	
Pick 3 midday	853 / 7
Pick 4 midday	5266 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday	10 17 18 31 33
Pick 3 evening	112 / 0
Pick 4 evening	7903 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening	06 09 22 34 43

Feb. 1 Mega Millions: \$104M

WISCONSIN	
Jan. 31 Megabucks	05 07 12 15 37 42
Pick 3	545
Pick 4	1830
Badger 5	04 08 17 20 31
SuperCash	03 07 10 11 25 30

INDIANA	
Jan. 31 Lotto	10 12 21 34 37 38
Daily 3 midday	311 / 9
Daily 4 midday	5074 / 9
Daily 3 evening	975 / 0
Daily 4 evening	3642 / 0
Cash 5	02 03 18 28 42

MICHIGAN	
Jan. 31 Lotto	03 11 19 22 32 46
Daily 3 midday	205
Daily 4 midday	0662
Daily 3 evening	015
Daily 4 evening	3196
Fantasy 5	06 07 28 30 36
Keno	01 02 04 08 15 18
	22 26 27 30 32 33 36 43
	44 53 54 57 70 76 77 79

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## Death Notices

## Aduana, Ophelia Abiera 'Fely'

Ophelia Aduana (nee Abiera) of Buffalo Grove passed away on January 29, 2018. Born 2/1/1931 in Pigcawayan, Philippines, she was just shy of her 87th birthday. She is warmly remembered by her children Ven (Susan), Alex (Marisol), Cheryl, and Jasmin (Angelito) Cruz; her grandchildren Sophia Christina, Venvictor, Maria Sophia, Michael,

Patricia, Lianna, Victoria, Regina, Jared, Joseph, and Noele; her great grandchild Ophelia; her many siblings and their families; and the members of the Faith Community Presbyterian Community Church.

In her passing, she is reunited with her loving husband Pedro "Pete" Aduana and two sons Pedro Jr. and Oscar. Visitation from 1-8 pm with a memorial service from 4-6 pm on 2/3/2018 at **Oehler Funeral Home** in Des Plaines. A final service and viewing will be held at 11 am on Monday, 2/5/2018 at **Oehler Funeral Home** with the interment to follow immediately after at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Faith Community Presbyterian Church Building Fund or Operation Smiles.

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## Breen, John Aloysius

John Aloysius Breen, age 75, beloved husband of Mary Helen nee McCarthy, loving father of Molly (Daniel) Barrett, Marnie (Robert) Vosper and John (Lisa) Breen, devoted grandfather of Nora and Mac Barrett, Fiona, Luke and Tait Vosper and Eloise, Buster and Theodore Breen. Dear brother of Sharon (late Louis) Belmont, William (Kathy) and Thomas (Jeanine) Breen. Visitation Friday Feb. 2 from 9:00 am until time of Mass at 11:00am at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 1962 Old Willow Rd, Northfield, interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to JourneyCare "We Honor Veterans Program", 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 appreciated. Funeral info: **John E. Maloney Funeral Home** (773)764-1617

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## Broessler, Joan

Joan Broessler, 87, a resident of Grayslake, passed away Monday, January 29, 2018 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL. She was born November 16, 1930 in Chicago, IL to Hjalmar and Ellen Blade. Joan loved traveling with her husband and was able to visit 49 states and many countries before her passing. Joan is survived by her husband of 57 years, Peter, whom she wed on July 15, 1961 and her sister-in-law Gertrude Lasner. She was preceded in death by her parents. A visitation is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 3:00pm until 7:00pm at **Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium**, 410 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. Interment will be held at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Save-A-Pet 31664 N. Fairfield Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. For information, please call 847-223-8122 or go to [www.strangfuneral.org](http://www.strangfuneral.org).

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## Brown, Dorothy Ann

Dorothy A. (Pavlik) Brown, 89, completed her life's journey on January 28, 2018 in Boulder, Colorado. Dorothy was born on April 27, 1928 in Berwyn, Illinois to the late Frank and Libbie (Pavlik) Lalish. Mrs. Brown was predeceased by her husband Laddie Brown and son-in-law John Kunz. She is survived by siblings Jean Kapsa and Frank Pavlik, children David Brown

and his wife Ramona, Sandra Kunz, and Allen Brown; grandchildren Lori Kunz, Adrienne Kunz, Jessica Menard, and Lara Demmon; great-grandchildren Calvin Learner, Dylan Learner, Charlotte Stephens, Liam Menard, Jayden Brickley, Aria Demmon, Arabella Demmon, and Adela Demmon; and several nieces and a nephew.

Dorothy was proud of her Chicago roots growing up in the neighborhood of 19th and Racine in Berwyn, Illinois. She attended the Komensky Elementary School and Lucy Flower High School, and enjoyed activities with friends at Howell House. Dorothy was a long-time cashier at Target in Boulder with many loyal customers. She loved reading, listening to music, gardening, and shouting out questions during Jeopardy! Dorothy's favorite color was yellow and loved yellow daisies.

Private family graveside services will be held in Elmhurst, Illinois on February 2, 2018. M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors of Boulder is in charge of arrangements. Please leave condolences at [www.murphyfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.murphyfuneraldirectors.com).

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## Chambers, William Robert Jr. 'Bill'

63, passed on to peace on January 30, 2018, surrounded by his adoring family. Bill was the consummate Chicagoan, born and raised. Along with his siblings, Bill grew up on the northwest side of the city where he attended St. Patrick High School. He proudly earned a degree from Loyola University, and went on to become a well-respected

executive across a broad variety of industries. Bill was determined and successful in every role he undertook, committing to make people and places better than he found them. Bill traveled the whole wide world, but his favorite days were spent at home rising with the sun; he never wanted to miss a moment. He (along with his best co-pilot and wife), spent weekends breezing through Chicago on a Silver Wing scooter. Together, they repeatedly attended Maxwell Street Market -- and every neighborhood street festival they could possibly squeeze into an afternoon. Taking fashion cues from no one, Bill could be spotted quickly in a crowd, coolly sporting a backwards hat and Birkenstocks. With socks. We are blessed to have learned so many life lessons from Bill, many of which came during the family dinners he lived for -- and lovingly mandated, even after his kids were grown. When you knew Bill, you knew him as a friend; you counted on him as a man who possessed integrity and an unfaltering moral compass. Beyond being generous, jolly, and deeply kind, he lived every day of his life epitomizing the perfect combination of a soft heart, and solid granite strength. Bill is survived by his wife and best friend Eileen (nee Martin) Chambers, to whom he was married for 22 years. He will be lovingly remembered by his brothers and sisters: Peggy, Mary (Jim), Kevin (Dominique), Robert (Jackie), and Keith (Mary Jo). He will be cherished always by his loving mother, Alice Chambers. Bill will be desperately missed by his adoring children: Ryan Chambers and wife Bridget, Cayla Weisberg and husband Brad, Kathleen Chambers and boyfriend Ronnie, and beloved step-daughter Dia Carney. Bill's life lit up with pride in September when he became Gramps to Collette "Coco" Weisberg, whom he will watch over forever. He was preceded in death by his father, William Chambers, Sr. Bill was a beloved brother-in-law, loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, and cherished cousin to many. He was exceedingly rich in friendship. He was a loyal and lifelong friend to so many people he loved so very much. Sweet Bill, we know your Irish Eyes are still smiling. You will be missed with all our hearts. Until we meet again, you'll know where to find us: sitting around a table, having exactly the kind of family dinner you'd be proud of. You are forever loved. A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 1st from 3pm - 9pm at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 3918 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60618. Family and friends are asked to meet for a funeral mass at 10 AM on Friday at Old St. Patrick's Church, located at 700 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL 60661. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Misericordia in the name of Frank Chambers, or to the South Carolina Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in the name of Tommy Clarkson. Info 773-588-5850 [www.cooney-funeralhome.com](http://www.cooney-funeralhome.com)

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## Crispino, Lena M.

Lena Crispino Nee Acierno. Dearly Beloved Wife of the Late Charles C. Loving Mother of Joseph (Kathleen) and Teri Crispino. Cherished Grandmother of Cristina (Carlo) Bertolli, Carly Crispino and Paul Vossel. Great Grandmother of Crocciffio "Cross", Caramia, Ciamarie Bertolli. Dear Sister of the late Carmella and Vito Berardi, late Tom and Joanna Acierno, late Jeanette and Joseph Foltz, late Tony (Ginger) Acierno, late Al and Kaye Acierno and the late Rose and Al Haddad. Fond Aunt and Friend of Many. Visitation Friday 3 until 9 P.M. at **CARBONARA FUNERAL HOME** 1515 No. 25th Ave. Melrose Park. Family and Friends are to meet Saturday at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, River Forest, for Mass 10 A.M. Ent. Queen of Heaven Mas. In Lieu of Flowers, Donations to the Shrine of St. Jude would be appreciated. Please visit Lena's Memorial at [carbonarafuneralhome.net](http://carbonarafuneralhome.net) or 708-343-6161

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## Crosse, Michael R.

Michael R. Crosse, age 81, of Westmont, formerly of Villa Park. Beloved husband of Rita, nee Watson; loving father of Carrie (Martin) Igoe, Sharon (Kevin) Cox, Michael (Deana); devoted grandfather of Erin, Colleen, and Danny Igoe, Jack, Maggie, Sean, and Ryan Cox, and Madeline and William Crosse; son of the late Robert and the late Rose Crosse; fond brother of Roberta (Hank) Dekker, Kevin (Mary Lou) Crosse, Dennis (Jane) Crosse, Kathy (Steve) Pechukas, and the late James; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, February 2nd, 3-9 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd) Lombard. In-State Saturday 9AM until time of mass at 10 AM at St. Alexander's Church, 300 S. Cornell Ave, Villa Park. Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Holy Family Church, 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, IL 60608, are appreciated. Funeral Info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

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## Fioretti, Alphonse

Alphonse Fioretti, age 83, previously of Mt. Prospect, IL, died on Jan. 30, 2018. Born in Chicago and raised in Montefiascone, Italy, he returned to Chicago at age 18. Active with the Chicago Northwest Multiple Listing Service from the 1960s into the 2010s, he was on the real estate ethics and education committees and was the managing broker of his own firm, Garden Real Estate, for over 40 years. He is survived by his only daughter, Norma Fioretti Todd, son-in-law Bill Todd, sister Paolina Frank, brother Paolo, and several nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Bruno, and former wife Julianna. Visitation on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 1:00 pm until the 3:00 pm prayer service at Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd. 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. Funeral information and condolences at [www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com](http://www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com); (847) 253-0168.



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## Flood, Michael L.

81, of Lindenhurst, passed away on Jan 30, 2018. Loving husband of Angeline. Father and grandfather of many. Michael was an iron worker and a longtime member of the Iron Workers Local 1. He worked for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for many years. Visitation 10-11 am Monday, Feb 5, 2018 at **Ringa Funeral Home**, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. Funeral service 11 am Monday at the funeral home. Burial at Warren Cemetery, Gurnee, IL.

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## Freed, Merrill A.

Merrill A. Freed. Beloved husband of Janet Freed nee Bezark. Loving father of Judy (David Diaz) Freed, Dan (Robin Waldstein) Freed, Sara (Joe) Shacter, and David (Evy) Freed. Cherished grandfather of Reuben, Ben, Jason, Lucas, and Evely. Dear brother of Stan, Fred, and Jim Freed. Memorial service Friday 11AM at Lakeside Congregation, 1221 Lake Cook Road, Highland Park. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Merrill's name to Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (LAF) or JourneyCare would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or [www.MitzvahFunerals.com](http://www.MitzvahFunerals.com)



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## Frostega, Elizabeth R.

Frostega, Elizabeth R. Beloved Daughter of the Late Julian & Late Agnes. Loving Sister of: Late Albert, Late Bernice (Late George) Moskal, Late Edward (Late Kay), Late Josephine, Late Valeria and Chester (Late Balbina). Aunt and Great Aunt to many Nieces and Nephews. She was a caring person and will be missed. Funeral Saturday 2/3/18 from **Szykowny Funeral Home** 4901 S Archer Ave Chicago (1 blk east of Pulaski at Szykowny Blvd.) Jonathan. F. Siedlecki Director, Chapel Service 10:45 am. Mass 11:30 at St. Bruno Church, Entombment Resurrection Garden Mausoleum., Visitation Saturday 9 am till time of Service. Info 773-735-7521

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## Gerwing, Dennis E.

Dennis E. Gerwing, age 77, of Homer Glen. Beloved husband of Barbara nee Candela. Loving father of Dennis (Jennifer), David and Darryl (Nicole). Devoted grandfather of Hannah, Javi, Savannah and Jack. Dear brother of the late William (Helene). Brother-in-law of Jean Ropp and Theresa Rafter; loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday at 8:45am from **RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Michael Church. Mass 9:30am. Entombment at Good Shepherd Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3-9pm. In lieu of flowers donations to Shriner Children's Hospital or St. Jude Children's Hospital are appreciated. 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com).

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## Grabowski, Laura F.

Laura F. Grabowski, nee Maselbas; Loving wife of the late Thaddeus "Ted"; Dear mother of Steven Grabowski and Susan Vertrees; Beloved grandmother of Amy (William), Rebekah, Jason (Stephanie), Carrie (Bob), and Steven; Great-grandmother of Seven; Dear sister of the late Regina (late Frank) Faticanti; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 8:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn; Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery; in lieu of flowers, donations in Laura's name to charity of your choice would be appreciated; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)



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## Horner, Joan Francis

Joan Francis Horner, 86, of Medinah, IL passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Born on August 13, 1931 in Chicago, IL to Roy and Genevieve (Schachtschober) Hill. She graduated Immaculata High School, she then went on to modeling school and Wright Junior College. She retired from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

of Greater Chicago where she was secretary to the plant manager for close to 20 years. Joan was a member of St. Pius V Shrine, Lake Zurich, IL. Joan was a talented seamstress, sewing clothing for her children and grandchildren, including her daughter's wedding gown. She enjoyed traveling to Florida where she loved spending time by the water and at her favorite island, Sanibel. Joan loved to figure skate, ballroom dance, and bake. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her large and loving family. Survivors include children, Christianne (Thomas) Murrens, Julianne (Patrick) Keeley, Gregory (Denise) Horner, Dianne (Douglas) Willard, Timothy (JoAnn) Horner, Adrienne (Rod) Zimmerman, Daniel (Katherine) Horner; grandchildren, Luke, Sarah, Cecilia Murrens, Andrew (Jenny) Keeley, Colleen (Andrew) Lundgren, Christopher Horner, Alyssa (Chuck) Ventura, Stephanie, Hunter, Trent, Chase Willard, Angela, Gina, Michael Horner, Austin, Bridget, Drake, Paige Zimmerman, Nicholas, Vanessa, Joseph, James, Jennifer Horner; great grandchildren, Kaidence, Sterling, Ayden, Amara, Sophia, Henry, Finley, Brock, Ella; and brothers, Leon (Audrey) Hill, Robert (Lois) Hill. Preceded in death by, infant sister Dianne; and grandchildren, Brian and Andrea. Requiem Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at St. Pius V Shrine, 31 Miller Rd., Lake Zurich, IL. Burial will be at Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville, IL. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday, February 2, 2018 at Davenport Funeral Home, 941 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL. To share a memory or condolence please visit [www.honquestfh.com](http://www.honquestfh.com)

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## Hughes, Edith J. "Edie"

Edith J. "Edie" Hughes, 83, of Geneva, formerly of Oswego and St. Charles. Beloved wife of 51 years of the late Thomas; loving mother of Michael (Margaret), Jeanne Morrell, Anthony (Juanita), John (Renata), and Julie Hughes; devoted grandmother of 15 and great grandmother of 1; dear sister of Dorothy Ceisel and the late Fritz Wesseler; fond mother-in-law of Mitch Morrell. Funeral Mass Saturday 9:15 am St. Peter Catholic Church, 1891 Kaneville Rd, Geneva, Father Jonathan Bakkelund celebrant. Private burial at Risen Lord Cemetery, Oswego. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society, 143 1st St, Batavia, IL 60510. Arrangements handled by **Malone Funeral Home**, Geneva. Information 630-232-8233 or [www.malonefh.com](http://www.malonefh.com).

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## Jaffee, Richard M. "Dick"

Richard M. Jaffee, age 82, beloved husband of late Shirley Handmaker Jaffee to whom he was married for 60 years. He was the loving father of Susan (David), Karen (Thomas), Nancy (William), and Daniel (Heidi); also remembered in the hearts of his 14 grandchildren, Jennifer, Michael, Kevin (Rebecca), Jimmy, Coley, Becca, Camille, Jeffrey, Taylor, Elise, Claire, Joey, Jacqueline, and Nathaniel; loving brother to Robert (Phyllis); and missed by many many more.

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Dick graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Business in 1957 and received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2001 and from Rush University in 2013. He earned his CPA certificate from the State of Illinois in 1957 and briefly worked in public accounting for the firm of Deloitte & Touche. In 1958, after serving as an officer in the United States Army, Dick joined Oil-Dri Corporation of America. He assumed the role of President, from his father and company founder, Nick Jaffee, in 1960, and became Chief Executive Officer in 1962. Under his stewardship, until his retirement in 2001, Dick grew the company into a worldwide leader in the manufacturing of clay products, employing 800 people. He continued to serve as Chairman of the Board until his passing.

In addition to his business achievements, Dick helped others through his considerable civic and philanthropic work. From 2008 to 2013, he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Rush University Medical Center and Chairman of its Executive Committee. Dick chaired Rush's largest-ever capital campaign, ultimately raising over \$389 million. Dick's legacy remains forever memorialized by the new Rush University Center hospital dedicated in 2012. He was a life trustee of the Illinois Institute of Technology, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Chicago History Museum. Dick served on an SEC advisory committee on smaller public companies and on an advisory committee to the Chicago Federal Reserve. He also served as a director of Harris Bank until 2006. He was inducted into the Chicago Business Hall of Fame and received the Making History Award which recognizes extraordinary contributions to Chicago.

Dick's unique ability and captivating desire to help those he encountered in daily life will be notably missed. He was known to invest in the personal stories of everyone around him, from cab drivers to the valets at Rush, and loved to help people, usually by connecting them to someone who could be of further assistance. Dick Jaffee was a true humanitarian.

Private burial services have been held while a celebration of Dick's life will take place some time in the Spring or early Summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Rush University Medical Center at (312) 942-1514 or <https://www.rush.edu/giving-rush>.

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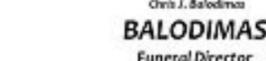
## Kina, Louis P.

LOUIS P. KINA, WWII Veteran. Loving Husband of the late Jeanette L. nee Belica. Loving Father of Ronald (Emma Marie), Richard (Helen) and the late David. Dear Grandfather of Elizabeth, Sandra, David, Robert and many Great-Grandchildren. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30am at the **WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME** 5700 S. Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4-9pm. For Info: (773) 767-4500 or [www.wolniakfuneralhome.com](http://www.wolniakfuneralhome.com)

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## Knapcik, Joseph W.

Joseph W. Knapcik. Beloved husband of the late Dolores, nee Bovio; loving father of Noreen Thermos, Kenneth Knapcik and the late Nancy Placek; proud grandfather of Jason (Lori) Thermos, Brittany and Brett Placek and Ashley (Grant) Markgraf, Anthony (Megan) and Elizabeth Knapcik; great-grandfather of Maya, Dominic, Delaney, Marlowe, Arden and Anthony. Resting at **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday at 9:45 a.m. to Mater Christi Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Funeral Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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## Kuna, John F.

John F. Kuna age 77 of Niles, IL. Beloved husband of Jean nee Scimo for 54 years; loving father of Joel (Colleen) Kuna and Jeanne Kuna-Cline; cherished grandfather of Jamie, Larissa and Erin Kuna, Jack, Aidan and Riely Cline; dear brother of Richard (Peppy) Kuna; fond uncle of nieces and nephews. Funeral Services Friday February 2, 2018 friends and family are asked to gather at St. John Brebeuf Church 8304 N. Harlem Ave. Niles, IL. for Lying in State 9:00 AM until time of Mass 10:00 AM. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum. In lieu of flower donations to the Diabetes Research Foundation or the American Heart Association appreciated. Arrangements by **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**. For more info 847-966-7302 or [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com)



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## Mangiardi, Egidio Bruno

Egidio Bruno Mangiardi. Age 96 of Park Ridge. WWII Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Maria E., nee Pisani. Loving father of Bruno (Kathleen), Lucia (Wesley) Palmer and Marco (Ellen). Devoted grandfather of Matteo, Juliana, Nicholas, Isabella, Emilia and Michela. Dear brother of Maria Ierylli. Preceded in death by 9 siblings. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, Feb. 3, 3-9 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home, to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Leukemia Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital are appreciated. Info., [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).



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## McGorey, Thomas W.

Thomas W. McGorey, 87, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2018, with loving family by his side. Beloved and devoted husband of the late Mary Kay (nee Hogan) for 63 years. Tom left us to join Mary Kay in time for their 64th anniversary on January 30. Tom and Mary Kay grew up on the same block on Chicago's West Side, raised their family in Bellwood and retired to Burr Ridge. Cherished father of Katie (Tom) Watson, Margie (Chuck) DiGangi, Pattie (John) Bomher and Dr. Thom (Janice) McGorey. Proud and adoring "Pa" to grandchildren Jeannette (Josh), Brian (Heather), Kim (Joey), Dan (Cecily), Jon (Brooke), Amy; Rob (Erin), Erin, Christine (Matt); Sean (fiancée Pooja), Kevin, Patrick; Kelly (Mike), Meghan and John and to great-grandchildren Keenan, Avelyn, Madilyn, Moriah, Isaac, Gianna, Joey, Michela, Adriana and Charlotte. Preceded in death by his loving parents, John Joseph and Margaret McGorey, and his sisters Lillian, Geraldine and Patricia. Loving brother of Margaret McGorey and brother-in-law of Sandra (the late Bob) Hogan and Jack Dolan. Loved by many nieces and nephews, dear friends and countless others whose lives he touched. Tom worked 29 years for Illinois Bell and enjoyed gathering with fellow phone company retirees at the Over-the-Hill luncheons. His Catholic faith was a cornerstone of Tom's life. He and Mary Kay were actively involved in their parishes - St. Mel, St. John Chrysostom and St. John of the Cross. Tom was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 1979 and ministered for the past 30 years at St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs. Tom also served for 13 years as Associate Director of the Office of the Diaconate. Tom will be remembered as a quiet, gentle man who lived a life of service to others and cherished time spent with family. Tom's family is grateful for the loving and compassionate care provided to him by the staff at Belmont Village (Carol Stream) and Dr. Paul Chiang/Northwestern Medicine (NM) HomeCare Physicians in his final months and NM Hospice in his final days. Visitation will be held at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th Street, Countryside on Sunday, Feb 4 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Monday, Feb 5, friends and family will gather at the funeral home at 8:30 a.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John of the Cross, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs at 9:45 a.m. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers or gifts, family requests that you make a donation to your favorite charity in Tom's memory. Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or please visit [www.hjfunerals.com](http://www.hjfunerals.com)

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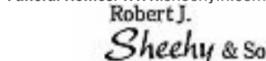
## Meger, Maxine M.

Maxine M Meger age 84, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 29, 2018 in Chicago IL. Loving Mother of Barbara (Steve) Van Auken, Larry (Amy) Meger and James Meger. Proud Grandmother of Anderson Meger; Dear Sister of John Montgomery, Margaret Pappanduros and the late Max Montgomery. Fond Aunt to many nieces, nephews and their families. Memorial arrangements pending. Info 773-685-4400 or [tohfuneralhome.com](http://tohfuneralhome.com)

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## Millette, Margaret

(nee Konen). Age 96, passed away on January 28, 2018. A homemaker, married 50 years to the late Donald A. Millette a former 35 year teacher at Proviso East High School. After her husband's retirement, they moved to Las Vegas, NV in 1978 where their only child Donald R. Millette had obtained a math teaching position. They resided there for 25 years, returning to IL in 2003 after her husband's death in 2001 and son's retirement from teaching in 2003. She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Freida Konen and sister Eileen Konen. She is survived by her son Donald R. Millette of Tinley Park, sister Eileen Pascarella of Ashton, nieces Sue Pascarella of Ashton, Normandie Reill, Dottie Moore, and Lori Rzepa, all of California. Visitation Friday 9:00 a.m. until Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. at St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Arrangements handled by **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878



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## Morrison, Mildred A.

Mildred A. Morrison, age 93, of Oak Park; beloved daughter of the late Paul and Mary Morrison; dear sister of Nancy (the late Melvin) Walker, Philip (Cathy) Ferguson, Harry (Dede) Roberts and the late Patricia Shaw, Thomas Morrison, Paul Morrison, Donald Morrison and David Lamb; loving aunt of many nieces and nephews; dearest friend of Elizabeth Bellerive and Sr. Sarah Barrett. Visitation Saturday February 3, 10 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. at St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Private Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora. In lieu of flowers, donations to: Servite Fathers ([www.servite.org](http://www.servite.org)) are appreciated. Funeral info: [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com) or 708-383-3191.

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## Mullin, Francis P 'Frank'

84, formerly of Skokie, then 14 year resident at St. Benedict Nursing Center, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018. Loving son of the late Joseph and Bridget (nee McGuiney) Mullin. Devoted brother of Elizabeth (the late John) Mahal, John (the late Joanne), Mary Jo (the late Thomas) Dockery, the late Reverend Edward J. Mullin C.M., and the late Joseph. Fond uncle of John, Sean, Kathleen (Jim), Michael (Sherry), John (Stef), Nicole, Brittany, and Easton. Graduated from DePaul Academy and DePaul University. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the staff and volunteers at St. Ben's for their wonderful care and kindness they provided Frank during his stay there. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Frank's name to Presence Saint Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 6930 W. Touhy, Niles, IL 60714 or Avenues to Independence, 515 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Visitation Friday from 3-9 pm at **Cooney Funeral Home** in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday at 12 noon for mass at 12:30 pm at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery. He had a great passion for his profession as an accountant. Also, he was an avid Cubs fan and loved crossword puzzles. Info 847-685-1002 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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## Probe, James M.

Born James M. Porebski in Chicago, Illinois. Jim died on January 6th at the age of 68. He lived in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The son of Matthew and Cecilia (Riley) Porebski, Jim grew up in Brookfield, Illinois and attended Lyons Township High School. He studied political science at the University of Illinois, and studied theology in graduate school. Jim attended Kent Law School and went on to practice law. He is survived by his brother Tom (Darlette) Porebski, nieces Shelly Porebski and Mindi Porebski, and many cousins. Jim was an avid reader and loved to debate political issues. A private memorial will be held.

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## Rapp, Evelyn K.

Evelyn Rapp, nee Karson, 101, Beloved wife of the late Morton Rapp; Dedicated mother of Dr. Michael (Andrea) Rapp, Rosalyn (Neal) Levine, and Joel Rapp; Proud grandmother of Lisa (John) O'Toole, Scott (June) Phillips, Daniel Rapp, Dr. Jonathan (Laura) Rapp, and the late Benjamin Rapp; Cherished great-grandmother of Austin O'Toole, Ashley O'Toole, AJ O'Toole, Vivian Rapp, Julia Rapp, and Nathan Rapp; Dear sister of the late Violet (Adolph) Brown, and Sydelle Gorsky (the late Norman Gorsky). Funeral services will be held at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL on Thursday, Feb. 1st at 12:00 pm. Interment will continue at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Restless Leg Syndrome Foundation, [www.rls.org](http://www.rls.org). For info: call 847-256-5700.



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## Schnierow, Frank 'Skip'

Frank "Skip" Schnierow, 87. Beloved husband of Marge B. Schnierow nee Burnstein. Loving father of Beryl (Sander) Greenberg, Dan (Mei-yin Ng) Nation, Craig (Peggy Rose) Schnierow and Gary (Wendy) Schnierow. Cherished grandfather of Jake, Max, Jordan, Michael, Sadie, Seth, Ben and Caine. Dear brother of Maxine (Robert) Karesh and the late Gerson (the late Muriel) Schnierow. Service Friday, 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials to your charity of choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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## Sheppard, Roslyn C.

Roslyn C. Sheppard, nee Constantine, caring daughter of the late Mark and Lillian Constantine; beloved wife of the late Neil Sheppard; dedicated mother of Brett Sheppard (Valerie Sera) and Stacey Bridell; proud grandmother of Scott Sheppard, Paige Sheppard, Brett (Bob and Cindy) Petrussek, and Sarit Bridell; cherished great-grandmother of August and Ruby Petrussek. Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 2nd, 2018 at 10:30 am at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd. Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago IL. Donations in Roslyn's honor may be made to The PAWS Rescuing Animals Foundation, [www.pawschicago.org](http://www.pawschicago.org). For info: call 847-256-5700.



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## Sienko, Richard J.

Loving Son of Josephine (nee-Filar) and the (Late Joseph) Dearest Brother of Janice (Joseph) Cernik Dear Uncle of: Caitlin, Kyle, Evan, Jackie, Lauren and Kate. Fond nephew of Sophia (Late John) Dawiec. Dearest Cousin of Joan (Zane) Smith, Karen (Bob) Sheldon, Proud Godfather to Caitlin. Survived and loved by many family and friends. Lifelong member of many Polka bands. Funeral Friday February 2, 2018 from **Szykowny Funeral Home** 4901 S. Archer Ave. Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial Friday February 2, 2018 12:00 PM St. Bruno Church. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Visitation Friday February 2, 2018 9:00 AM until time of service 11:30 AM Funeral Info 773-735-7521



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**Sonen, David**  
Beloved soulmate of Lorna (Shapiro) Sonen for 65 1/2 years, sweethearts for 72 years. Father of Teri Panico, children Jaime, Carly (late) & Alexis (Andy) Kraus. Shelly (Jack) Schrauth, children Katie (Adam) Bohlen, Laura & Jennifer Schrauth. Steve Sonen, (companion Julie Fox), Chase (Amanda) Sonen, & Dylan Sonen, Bruce (Heidi) Sonen, Keaton & Piper Sonen. Also 4 great grandsons. Brother in law Glenn Felner (late Ayleene) loving (companion Bonnie Davis), Marcia Keith, sister.

David loved fishing, handball, softball and was an outstanding athlete. He was a kind & compassionate man loved by all. He served in the military and graduated from U of I. Co owner of Lucky Games, Inc until his illness. Burial private, shiva Thursday Feb.1, 2018. Call 312-415-4071 for directions and time. Please send donations to Glenn Felner Paws Deerfield, IL.

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**Thornley, Michael G.**  
Michael G. Thornley, 45, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL on December 12, 1972. Michael served his country in the United States Army. He is survived by his wife, Carrie (nee Scianna); his children, Leann and Anthony Thornley; parents, Gregory and Linda (nee Zawisza) Thornley; and brothers, David (Maria) and Brian (Tracy) Thornley. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a service at 7 p.m., at **Beideman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Interment private at Naperville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be to the family for an Education Fund being established for Mike's children. Info: 630-355-0264 or [www.beidemankunschfh.com](http://www.beidemankunschfh.com)



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**Tremback, Thomas F., M.D.**  
Funeral services for Thomas F. Tremback, M.D., 59, a resident of Chicago for 59 years and a retired Anesthesiologist at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, will be held Saturday, February 3 beginning with prayers at 10:15am at **Michaels Funeral Home & Cremation Care**, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg proceeding to 11:00am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Schaumburg. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. Visitation will be held Friday, February 2 from 4:00-9:00pm at the funeral home. Born January 15, 1959 in Chicago to the late Joseph and Stelle (nee Radzik), he passed away peacefully January 26, 2018 in Chicago. Thomas was the loving brother of Christine (Jeffery) Pando, Joseph S. (Gloria), Thea (Edward) Oprzedek and John; fond uncle of Jenny, Angela, Beth, Brendan, Diana, Jeffrey, Alison, Joseph, Peter, Gabrielle, Stacy, Rebecca, Matthew, Andrew, Clarisa, Zachary and Tadziu; beloved great uncle of 17; dear nephew, cousin and friend to many. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. In lieu of flowers, prayers and masses appreciated. For information, please call 847-891-2900 or visit [www.michaelsfh.com](http://www.michaelsfh.com)

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**Valente, Antonio**  
Antonio Valente, age 95, beloved husband for 66 years of Raffaella (nee Vari); loving father of Cathy (Timothy) Holt and Joe (Peggy) Valente; cherished Papu of Nicole and Eric Holt and Jena Murray; great grandfather of Timothy Holt. Visitation Saturday 8:30 A.M. until time of prayers at 10:45 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Julie Billiard Church Mass 11:15 A.M. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601, would be appreciated. Funeral info 708-429-3200.



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**Valentine, Charlene Rose 'Cookie'**  
Charlene "Cookie" Rose Valentine (nee Koenig), 78, at peace Jan. 25, 2018, with her daughter, Kathryn Tutkus, and adored pet shih tzu, Bella Valentine, at her side. Charlene was the beloved wife to the late Joseph, loving mother to the late Tony Tutkus, dearest daughter of the late Charles and Marie Koenig, super sister to late brother Bruce, and a friend to many. Memorial service Feb. 1, 2018, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Sheridan Room at Brookdale Lake View Senior Community, 3121 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL.  
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**Weibel, Evelyn Black 'Evie'**  
Evelyn Black Weibel, age 93, passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2018. Evelyn is survived by her three sons and their families; Charles A. Weibel and wife Laurel Van Leer, children Chad and Aubrey; W. Graham Weibel and daughters Eva and Marguerite; William L. Weibel and wife Joyce Miller Weibel and their sons David and Matthew and wife Kristen and their son, her great-grandson Hagen. Memorial service will be on Saturday, February 3 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church of the North Shore, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette.  
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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Dereon Williams Brisasia Williams MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Destiny Kinney (Mother) AKA Destiny Kinny

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00264 16 JA00265

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Derrick Williams (Father), Unknown (Father) and Destiny Kinney (Mother) AKA Destiny Kinny, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 22, 2017, 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 02/14/2018, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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 February 1, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Erik Watson AKA Isiah Watson AKA Erik Isiah Watson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Latissa Watson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 14JA01401

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Romel Timms (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 2, 2017, 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 02/14/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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 February 1, 2018

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS COMBINED NOTICE

February 1, 2018 Cook County Department of Planning and Development 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900 Chicago, IL, 60602 312-603-1000

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 16th, 2018 the Cook County Department of Planning and Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Housing Authority of Cook County for the clearance of project based vouchers under 24 CFR 983.58 for the following project: Heart's Place

The Housing Authority of Cook County has awarded project based vouchers to Heart's Place for a property located at 120 Boerger Drive, Arlington Heights. The project will consist of the demolition of an existing one-story masonry structure and subsequent development of a housing facility for persons with physical, medical and mental disabilities. The development will consist of ten one-bedroom and eight two-bedroom apartment units of various sizes, offices, community space and associated parking areas.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL, 60602.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by February 16th, 2018 will be considered by the Cook County Department of Planning and Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Cook County is certifying to HUD that Cook County and Michael Jasso in his capacity as Bureau Chief consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Cook County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Cook County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the applicant has omitted a step in order to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2401, Chicago, IL, 60604. Attn: Doug Gordon, Acting Public Hearing Director. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Jasso, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. At said meeting, the following item will be considered:

• Consent Calendar

Very truly yours, DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Nicholas Dever, Jr AKA Nicholas Dever Olivia Dever

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Anna Donegan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01269 17JA01270

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 5, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Diana Rosario in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/15/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM G, 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 February 1, 2018

REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DELIVERY OF WIDE AREA NETWORK SERVICES THAT INCLUDES LEASED DARK FIBER OR LEASED LIT FIBER OPTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEDERAL E-RATE PROGRAM FOR FUNDING YEAR 2018-2019

Cicero School District 99 is requesting sealed proposals for leased dark or leased lit fiber options for the delivery of a Wide Area Network serving all district schools in conjunction with the Federal E-rate program for funding year 2018-2019. RFP specifications will be available on the District's website beginning Wednesday, January 31, 2018 until RFP opening day, Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals must be received at the Business Office at 5110 W. 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois, 60804, on or before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Proposals must be clearly marked on the face of a sealed envelope: USE OF DARK OR LEASED LIT FIBER OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY OF WIDE AREA NETWORK SERVICES THAT INCLUDES LEASED DARK FIBER OR LEASED LIT FIBER OPTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEDERAL E-RATE PROGRAM FOR FUNDING YEAR 2018-2019. Unsigned or late bids will not be considered.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Treveyn Nelson

A MINOR NO. 2017JD02233

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Carlos Tullson (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on December 24, 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 Lana Charisse Johnson in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/15/2018 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 68 COURTROOM 6,

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

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LEGAL NOTICES

FLAGG CREEK WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

INVITATION TO BID For Contract No. 2017-03

Phosphorus Removal and Excess Flow Improvements

Notice is hereby given that the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (District) will receive sealed bids at the District Main Office, 7001 Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527, until 11:00 a.m., Central Time, March 23, 2018, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed work is officially known as the Phosphorus Bypass and Excess Flow Improvements. The work for which bids are to be received generally and briefly consists of chemical injection equipment for the removal of phosphorus, conversion of dual use clarifiers to tertiary clarifiers, a new pump at the intermediate lift station, a new drain pipe for backwash and lagoon flows, grit separator facilities and other minor improvements. The term of this Contract is 365 days for substantial completion. The total estimated cost of this Contract is \$5,000,000.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). Neither the State of Illinois nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. The procurement will be subject to regulations contained in the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program (35 IAC Part 662), the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570), and the "Use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises." The recipient's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least sixteen (16) days prior to bid opening. The policy is contained in the specifications. Bidders are also required to comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Specifications in the EPA Provisions Section of the Contract Documents. Failure to submit these materials will cause the bid to be rejected.

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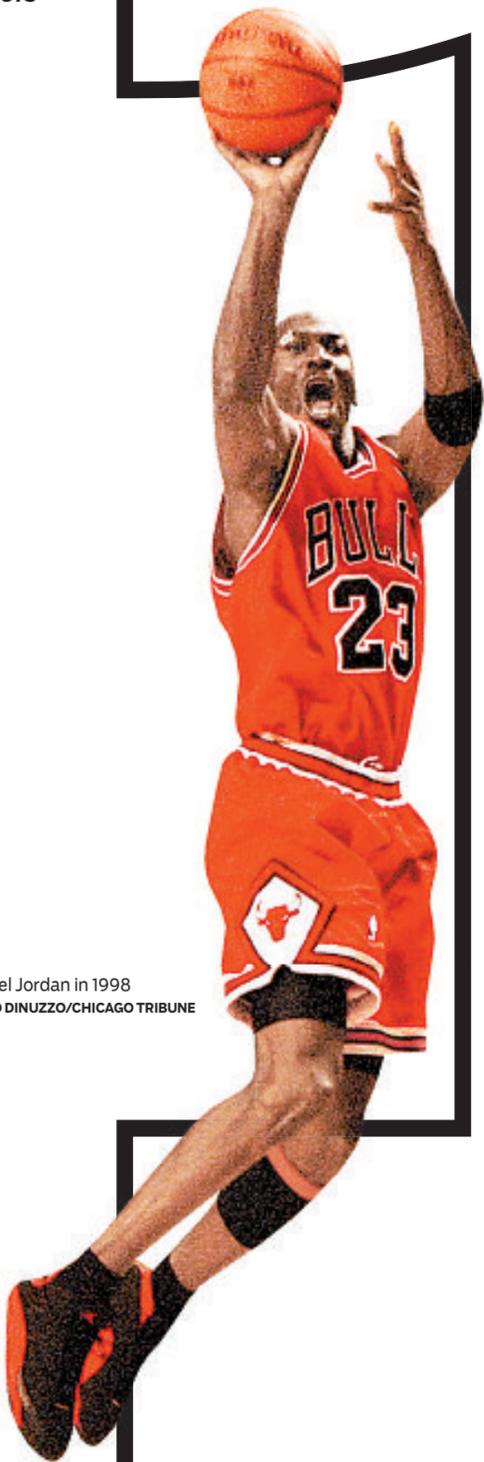
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PATRIOTS



Michael Jordan in 1998  
NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## ONE THING TO CONSIDER, SPORTS FANS ...

Bag the hatred and jealousy:  
Appreciate Brady's Patriots  
like you did Jordan's Bulls



DAVID HAUGH  
In the Wake of the News

About 20 years ago, with a sixth championship and dynasty talk seemingly imminent, some people grew sick of Michael Jordan and the Bulls too.

Beyond the Bulls front office, that is.

A Rick Reilly column in Sports Illustrated best conveyed an underlying contempt for the Bulls' success outside Chicago that Tom Brady and the Patriots can relate to this week before Super Bowl LII, the franchise's eighth Super Bowl appearance in Brady's 17 seasons.

"I crave a new champion. I don't much care if it's the Utah Jazz or Bakersfield Transmission College, I'm begging the Bulls to lose," Reilly wrote in the June 15, 1998, edition of SI. "It's like we're all throwing this big goodbye party, it's 2 a.m., and the guest of honor won't leave. So go already, Bulls."

They stayed for one last hurrah, beating the Jazz in the NBA Finals, but the joy of six hardly satisfied everybody. Dysfunction drove coach Phil Jackson away. Jordan retired. Everything immediately changed. And anyone like Reilly suffering from Bulls or Jordan fatigue felt revived by seeing the end of a dominant era.

A similar dynamic surrounds the Patriots as they prepare to face the underdog Eagles, or "Dynasty vs. Destiny," as one promo billed the matchup. Anybody but New England, some cynics say. Other haters ask: Are Brady and coach Bill Belichick back at the Super Bowl again? So go already, Patriots.

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**SUPER BOWL LII | Patriots vs. Eagles**  
5:30 p.m. Sunday in Minneapolis, NBC-5

■ After missing on Pats CB Gilmore last year, Bears may target teammate Butler. Brad Biggs, **Back Page**



Tom Brady in 2018  
JIM ROGASH/GETTY

### TRAIL BLAZERS 124, BULLS 108

## Mirotic likely to sit until trade deadline

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

PORTLAND, Ore. — Changing time zones didn't make Nikola Mirotic's Wednesday any less odd than his Tuesday.

One day after rejecting a proposed trade to the Pelicans and flying here from Chicago, Mirotic participated in the morning shootaround and coach Fred Hoiberg said he would come off the bench Wednesday night against the Trail Blazers, which ended in a 124-108 loss.

By Wednesday afternoon, the Bulls said Mirotic will sit most likely until the Feb. 8 trade deadline as they continue trying to accommodate Mirotic's desire to be dealt. They are seeking a first-round pick in return.

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### TALKING SMACK | Steve Rosenbloom

To which team will Nikola Mirotic almost be traded today? More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## 'I try not to think about it because I don't want to be disappointed'

Bears great Brian Urlacher is two days away from finding out if he's a first-ballot Hall of Famer. **Page 5**

Plus: What the Redskins' trade for QB Alex Smith means for the Bears — and the rest of the NFL. **Page 5**

### BLACKHAWKS

## Saad slump symbolic of Hawks' season

By PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Brandon Saad has been here and done that, having helped the Blackhawks win two Stanley Cups.

But the forward's second spin with the Hawks after two seasons with the Blue Jackets has been, in a word, different. "In the past we'd always win our division, championships," Saad said. "It was tough to complain about things."

"Now it's a different look. We're in a different spot. A little adversity is good to get that competitiveness, be fighting toward the end. It gets the blood flowing."

Saad's return to the Hawks was triumphant. He posted a hat trick on opening night. He had a goal and an assist in the next game. He was playing on the top line with Jonathan Toews. The season had all the promise of yesteryear.

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UP NEXT | Hawks at Canucks | 9 p.m. Thursday, WGN-9

## TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

## For 1 night, Hawks look legit

If I could load some walk-up music for this blog today, I would be blasting The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again."

That's what I would be doing if I was smart, but I'm not. I'm a sucker for good hockey. Just the slightest bit of good hockey, and I'm in love again despite knowing what the lads sporting the sweaters of the local hockey organ-I-zation have done with my heart before.

No matter. I fell again Tuesday night. It's official: I'm willing to get my heart broken by this Blackhawks team. Stamp "Dope" on my forehead if you want. I get it. That seems the likely result. But the Hawks were selling hope in Nashville, and Stevie Sunshine is buying.

They looked like a playoff team in a 2-1 victory over a legit Predators playoff team. The Hawks were fast and quick — immediately. It was the kind of fast and quick start one would expect from a team at home, but here were the Hawks doing it on the road, fast and quick like I hadn't seen for a while, and it wasn't just me.

"I don't think that we were necessarily slow," Predators coach Peter Laviolette said. "I thought they were really quick. That's the quickest I've seen them."

The Hawks' stunning speed and quickness was complemented by goals from young players, by key plays from depth players, by Patrick Kane taking a crushing hit along the boards to set up a goal and by goalie Anton Forsberg channeling his inner Corey Crawford.

The Hawks dominated early, entering the zone with control of the puck much of the time and forechecking fiercely when they didn't have it. One such forecheck produced an early goal from David Kampf, a 23-year-old center playing in just his 15th NHL game. Bang, the Hawks took the lead thanks to their fourth line.

After the Predators tied it, Kane absorbed a hammer of a blow in the Hawks zone but still found Nick Schmaltz breaking out, and soon the 21-year-old Schmaltz found the 23-year-old Vinnie Hinostroza for a one-timer that stood up as the winner because Forsberg made 22 saves in the third period and 42 in all.

Both Hawks goals came during five-on-five play. The Hawks have scored six such goals in their last two games. Dominate that way and you always have a chance.

Yeah, the power play could use urgency, accuracy and aggressiveness, and yeah, the Hawks forgot about puck possession in the third period as if NHL bylaws dictate it, and yeah, they were still four points and four teams out of a playoff spot entering Wednesday. But for one night they looked legit. They looked as if they wouldn't get GM Stan Bowman or coach Joel Quenneville fired by missing the playoffs.

For one night — that's the operative



JOHN RUSSELL/NHLI VIA GETTY

Nick Schmaltz's play was among the Hawks' highlights in their victory over the Predators.

phrase. I've been suckered like this before. The Hawks pulled this one-night-only act against the division-leading Jets seven games ago, and the next game, against the bad Red Wings on home ice, the Hawks threw up all over themselves, showing mental and emotional holes through which one could have driven a Zamboni.

Now they face the Canucks, the second-worst team in the West even after whipping the previously scorching Avalanche on Tuesday night. The Canucks play host to the Hawks on Thursday with a goal differential of minus-31, fourth-worst in the NHL as of Wednesday.

This is a bad team, which means this is a good chance for the Hawks to show they can get up for and put down the kind of

bad team they must beat instead of just the good teams that are easy to get up for, the way opponents do against a Hawks team that has been more reputation than results.

In Nashville, the Hawks produced a result they needed. Now they must back it up. They played with urgency for one night. They need more urgency for the next 32 games. It's a shame it often feels like a pipe dream to expect that kind of urgency two games in a row, but that's the deal, and there's no other answer for these guys right now. They sold some hope Tuesday night. Stevie Sunshine bought it.

But this time I'm saving the receipt.

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## THE LINEUP

## This one was for Mom



Northwestern's sixth Breaststroke 4 Breast Cancer event was especially meaningful for Wildcats basketball player Charlie Hall.

His mother is Julia Louis-Dreyfus, the

11-time Emmy Award winner and "Veep" star who in September revealed her diagnosis of breast cancer.

The fundraising event was featured in the latest episode of "The Foundation," the NU-produced documentary-style show that airs at NUSports.com and on NBC Sports Chicago.

Louis-Dreyfus tweeted Wednesday: "I was and am so completely touched by this. Love these boys! #GoCats!!"

Many of Hall's teammates watched or participated, including Dererk Pardon, Barret Benson and Gavin Skelly, which Hall called "moving and comforting." *Teddy Greenstein*

## THE QUOTE

**"Shocked is a good way to put it. I didn't know anything."**

— Blake Griffin on his trade from the Clippers to the Pistons

## Good news, bad news ...



Chris Long made what he described as a "really dumb bet" with Eagles assistant coach Ken Flajole that he may have to pay off soon.

If the Eagles win the Super Bowl, Long will

have to get a tattoo of Flajole somewhere on his body.

Flajole said when Long first came to the Eagles, they talked about the Super Bowl and Long said, "Hey, if we go to the Super Bowl and win, I'll put a tattoo of your face on my body," Flajole said, per ESPN. "I'm going to hold him to it."

The big question is where Long would put the tattoo.

"Man, I'm just going to hide his ugly mug," said Long, who already has plenty of ink. "I don't know where it's going to be. But we've got to worry about winning the game first."

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

## Canadians eye skating superiority

Deep roster makes them serious threat in any discipline

BY DAVE SKRETTA | Associated Press

The figure skating contingent from Canada, at 17 strong the largest of any nation, intends to lead its country into the Winter Olympics next week in ways both literal and figurative.

The literal: Two-time ice dance medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, one of the teams favored to win gold, will carry the maple leaf flag into Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium for the opening ceremony.

The figurative: With three ice dance couples, three pairs, three women and two men, the Canadians are podium threats in all four disciplines, not to mention heavy favorites in the team event.

"I'm so impressed by the depth of this team," said Isabelle Charest, the Canadian chef de mission and a three-time Olympic medalist in speedskating. "There are so many strong contenders and we have tremendous hope for them heading into the Games."

The hope is grounded in some accomplished resumes. Virtue and Moir, the reigning world champions, are a good place to start. The eight-time national champions were unbeaten all last season and have put up huge marks with their Rolling Stones-inspired short program and their equally mesmerizing free dance set to music from "Moulin Rouge!"

They'll be joined in the ice dance competition by the teams of Piper Gilles/Paul Poirier and Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje. The latter are two-time world championship medalists.

"We've grown up together," Moir said, "and it's going to be a special moment to take the ice with them and go for gold."

Two-time world champions Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, who took silver at last year's Four Continents on the same



ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOLAT/AFP/GETTY

Reigning ice dance world champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are part of Canada's deep Olympic figure skating contingent.

## ON THE CLOCK

8 Days until the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Olympic ice, give the Canadians a medal contender in the pairs event. The teams of Julianne Sequin/Charlie Bilodeau and Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marinaro also will compete.

While all eyes in the women's event will be on Russian stars Evgenia Medvedeva and Alina Zagitova, Canadians Kaetlyn Osmond and Gabrielle Daleman are nearly as formidable. They finished second and third behind Medvedeva at last year's worlds in Finland. And rising star Larkyn Austman will have her first Olympic experience.

"In 2014, Canada didn't have any medal contenders at the Olympics," Osmond said.

Olympic silver medalist Patrick Chan, a three-time world champion and two-time Grand Prix final champ, will be joined by Keegan Messing in a wide-open men's event.

"I feel really good about my confidence for the whole team," Chan said. "We have really great team energy."

Because of Canada's sizable stable, deep experience and the fact that it has contenders in every event, "O Canada" could be the soundtrack of the Olympics.

## LARRY NASSAR FALLOUT

## 'The most vile, disgusting creature I have ever met'

Nassar confronted in court by latest wave of victims

BY DAVID EGGERT | Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — Another wave of victims confronted Larry Nassar on Wednesday, this time about sexual abuse at an elite Michigan gymnastics club where young athletes felt they had to use the disgraced doctor's services and could not question the adults who ran the facility.

The judge presiding over the case said the number of people who allege they were abused by Nassar has topped 265. That total includes 150-plus victims who offered statements at a different hearing last week, as well as scores of new ones expected to speak over the next few days.

Nassar faces another long prison sentence on top of the two he has already received. He was sentenced to 60 years on federal child-pornography charges and another 40 to 175 years on state charges that he abused women and girls while working for Michigan State University. Either one of those sentences effectively means life in prison for the 54-year-old.

"You are the most vile, disgusting creature I have ever met," said Katherine Ebert, who was a gymnast from 5 to 18 and started seeing Nassar at 15. "There are black holes in my memory that come back as nightmares or flashbacks, not wanting to believe they're true."

Nassar, once the doctor for the national gymnastics team, sat at a table with his lawyers as nearly 30 accusers rebuked him. They discussed the psychological scars from his abuse — depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, trouble being around male teachers and other men and fractured relationships with family.

"You took advantage of my innocence and trust," 17-year-old Jessica Thomashow said. "You were my doctor. Why? I ask myself that question all the time."

"What you did to me was twisted. You manipulated me and my entire family."

Judge Janice Cunningham has set aside several days for more than 60 victims who want to confront Nassar or have their statement read in the courtroom in

Charlotte, a city outside Lansing.

The case on Cunningham's docket in Eaton County centers on Nassar's assaults at Twistars, a Lansing-area gymnastics club that was run by 2012 Olympic coach John Geddert. Nassar admits penetrating three girls with his hands when he was supposed to be treating them for injuries.

Victims said they were instructed to see Nassar instead of their family doctors. Many of them concluded that it was mandatory.

Geddert, who was suspended last week by USA Gymnastics, the sport's national governing body, and suddenly announced his retirement, insisted he had "zero knowledge" of Nassar's crimes. In response to lawsuits, his lawyer filed court papers saying Geddert was "just one person in an extremely long line of people who were fooled by Nassar."

The hearing was scheduled to resume Friday.

A nearby police department admitted that it missed an opportunity to pursue charges against Nassar in 2004.

After a 17-year-old girl complained that Nassar removed her underwear and touched her genitals and breast, Meridian Township police began investigating. But officers dropped the case after Nassar explained that he was performing a legitimate technique known as a "ligament release." Nassar even provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Township Manager Frank Walsh said Nassar deceived police.

"We missed it," Walsh said. "We're not going to hide it."

Also Wednesday, former Michigan Gov. John Engler was formally named interim president at Michigan State, following Lou Anna Simon's resignation last week. Engler will head the school as it deals with lawsuits filed by more than 100 abuse victims and investigations by the state attorney general, NCAA and Congress.

Elsewhere, USA Gymnastics announced that every member of its board of directors has resigned. The resignations come less than a week after the U.S. Olympic Committee urged the board to step down over the widening Nassar allegations. The organization plans to appoint an interim board in February.

## BULLS AND BLACKHAWKS

## Bulls' radio move done deal

1st game on The Score will be against Clippers on Saturday afternoon

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL  
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls are moving the radio broadcasts of their games to WSCR-AM 670, beginning with Saturday's matinee against the Clippers in Los Angeles, the station announced Wednesday morning.

"The Bulls are coming to The Score!" Mike Mulligan, co-host of "The Mully & Hanley Show," told listeners. "This is so exciting. They're coming on Saturday!"

WSCR will be their radio home "for several years after that," Ram

Padmanabhan, the Bulls vice president for finance and general counsel, added. "We are absolutely thrilled to be associated with The Score and really look forward to the partnership."

The announcement came 13 hours before the Bulls and Trail Blazers tipped off in Portland for the team's last game with WLS-AM 890 as its flagship station and one day before a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge is expected to tear up the team's contract with the station.

Cumulus Media, WLS' parent company, earlier this month filed a request with the New York court asking it to nullify what Cumulus has called "a handful of extremely unprofitable contracts, including those with the Chicago White Sox

and the Chicago Bulls."

While Jerry Reinsdorf's White Sox have yet to announce a new radio home — speculation has centered on Tribune Media's WGN-AM 720 and ESPN's WMVP-AM 1000 — his Bulls and WSCR fast-tracked negotiations.

"Usually deals like this get made over six months (or) a year, so we rolled up our sleeves, worked the last two weeks and got it done," Mitch Rosen, The Score's operations director, told listeners. "It's a true partnership. We're just excited."

When Bulls fans find the broadcasts at the new AM frequency, they won't notice much difference. Chuck Swirsky still will handle play-by-play with Bill Wennington as analyst and Steve

Kashul on the pregame and postgame shows.

When there is a conflict with WSCR's Cubs broadcast commitments, Bulls games will shift to WIND-AM 560.

"We're very excited about where the Bulls are going and how they're planning to get better," said Jimmy De Castro, who oversees WSCR and other local former CBS Radio stations as senior vice president and Chicago market manager for Entercom Communications.

Merlin, whose chief executive is Randy Michaels, a former CEO of one-time Chicago Tribune parent Tribune Co., might wind up operating the stations itself or selling them.

The Sox began their six-year

deal with Cumulus in April 2016. The Bulls' five-year agreement began in November 2016.

WSCR becomes the 10th station to serve as the Bulls' radio flagship since the team came into the NBA in 1966. It is not the first time the team has called AM 670 its home.

WMAQ-AM, which broadcast at that frequency until it ceased operations in 2000, was the Bulls' radio station from 1985 to '88 and from 1991 to '96.

The radio executive who lured them away 22 years ago, bringing them to WMVP-AM, which was not yet aligned with ESPN? Jimmy De Castro.

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## BULLS NOTES

## Zipser gets start in defeat

BY K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

PORTLAND, Ore. — When **Lauri Markkanen** missed three games with a back problem in December, **Nikola Mirotic** started, averaged 25 points and 8.7 rebounds and the Bulls went 3-0.

Nevertheless, in a surprise move, coach **Fred Hoiberg** started **Paul Zipser** on Wednesday night against the Trail Blazers for Markkanen, who is in Chicago for a personal matter. Hoiberg said this even before the team decided to sit Mirotic, who is seeking a trade.

"We wanted to give Paul an opportunity to get back in the lineup because of the way he has practiced," Hoiberg said. "... Niko has been out the last couple of days and Paul has been excellent."

En route to a career-high 50 points, **CJ McCollum** set a Trail Blazers franchise record and Bulls opponent franchise mark with a 28-point first quarter, outscoring the Bulls by nine by himself in the opening period.

The Bulls' 24-point deficit after one quarter tied another franchise low point, and they ultimately lost their fifth straight, falling 124-108 at Moda Center. **Zach LaVine** scored a season-high 23 points. Zipser wound up with nine points.

Mirotic had a minor left leg strain that kept him out of practice the last two days. Zipser started seven games earlier this season but fell out of the rotation LaVine returned Jan. 13.

Given what happened Oct. 17, when **Bobby Portis** punched Mirotic in the face, it's crazy to think their bench chemistry was a factor in a rotational decision



CRAIG MITCHELDDYER/AP

Blazers guard CJ McCollum shoots over Bobby Portis in the second half of the Bulls' loss Wednesday. McCollum lit up the Bulls for 50 points.

before the decision to sit Mirotic.

**Travel plans:** Hoiberg said Markkanen could rejoin the Bulls on the trip. The Bulls play the new-look Clippers on Saturday and the Kings on Monday.

"We'll talk, collaborate and see what the best day is," Hoiberg said.

As for **Kris Dunn**, he did not travel because he became ill. Dunn missed his sixth straight game after his Jan. 17 concussion. Hoiberg said Dunn is "going back to having the headaches," but the team later clarified the headaches are related to Dunn's illness.

**Layups:** **Rasual Butler**, who played six games late in the Bulls' 2010-11 season, died with his wife in a single-car accident Wednesday outside Los Angeles. The outpouring of tributes on social media from the NBA world spoke volumes. Dunn and LaVine both played with Butler on the Timberwolves and posted tributes. ... The Bulls recalled **Antonio Blakeney** from Windy City of the G League.

THE BOX SCORE									
BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS		
Holiday	30:17	3-12	1-1	0-2	2	2	9		
Zipser	20:00	3-5	0-0	1-2	1	1	9		
Lopez	28:26	3-9	0-0	1-2	1	2	6		
Grant	23:42	4-8	2-2	1-3	3	1	11		
LaVine	22:27	8-13	4-7	0-0	2	2	23		
Portis	28:00	4-15	0-0	4-10	2	1	8		
Valentine	23:43	6-15	0-0	1-6	2	1	15		
Felicio	19:34	5-9	2-4	2-5	3	2	12		
Arcidiacono	16:53	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	2		
Nwaba	14:06	2-7	2-6	2-4	0	2	6		
Blakeney	6:26	2-5	2-2	0-0	0	0	7		
Pondexter	6:26	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41:09</b>	<b>13-22</b>	<b>12-36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>88</b>		

PORTLAND										
MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS				
Aminu	21:24	3-6	0-0	0-6	1	0	8			
Turner	22:38	3-4	2-2	0-2	3	1	8			
Nurkic	21:24	5-9	2-3	2-9	1	2	12			
Lillard	29:47	5-9	2-2	1-4	7	2	13			
McCollum	29:16	18-25	8-8	1-5	2	1	50			
Collins	26:36	1-8	0-0	0-6	1	5	3			
Napier	22:39	3-6	1-3	0-1	1	2	8			
Connaughton	21:57	3-7	2-2	0-3	1	2	10			
Davis	19:15	2-2	0-0	1-7	2	4	4			
Harkless	12:00	1-1	0-0	0-3	2	2	2			
Vonleh	7:21	2-5	0-0	0-2	0	0	6			
Layman	5:43	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>46:82</b>	<b>17-20</b>	<b>5-48</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>124</b>				

Pts: FG 56.1, FT 59.1, 3-pointers: 13-34, 38.2 (LaVine 3-4, Zipser 3-4, Valentine 3-7, Holiday 2-8, Blakeney 1-2, Grant 1-3, Portis 0-5). Team rebs: 12. Team turnovers: 6 (8 PTS). Blocks: 4 (Felicio, LaVine, Lopez, Portis). Turnovers: 6 (Grant, Holiday, LaVine, Portis, Valentine, Zipser). Steals: 10 (Arcidiacono 2, Grant 2, LaVine 2, Nwaba, Pondexter, Portis, Valentine). Technical fouls: None.

PORTLAND				
BULLS	19	25	31	33 - 108
Portland	43	24	35	22 - 124

Officials: Ron Garretson, Gary Zielinski, Aaron Smith. T: 1:59.

## Mirotic likely to sit out until deadline

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That, along with Omer Asik and salary-cap filler they would have waived, is what the Bulls thought they had coming after they agreed to terms with the Pelicans on Tuesday. But multiple sources said Mirotic, whom the Bulls pulled off the Advocate Center practice floor before Tuesday's practice began, used his ability to veto the trade based on the collective bargaining agreement and structure of his contract.

"I said to myself: 'It's happening. It's happening. It could happen.' That's the only thing that popped into my head," Mirotic said Wednesday. "I said: 'OK, be calm. Wait. Do what they told you to do. Step off the (practice) court.' I was doing some calls to my agent and my family."

"The thing I want is the best for me and my future in the NBA. And I'm sure the Bulls are doing what's the best for them too."

The teams negotiated trade terms without Mirotic's \$12.5 million team option being picked up for next season. If the option is picked up, Mirotic loses his ability to veto a trade. But the Pelicans, who want to re-sign DeMarcus Cousins this summer, have luxury tax concerns and are hesitant to take on the \$12.5 million for 2018-19.

However, sources said the teams still are talking. One possibility is for the Pelicans to ask the Bulls also to take on Alexis Ajinca's deal and then pick up Mirotic's option.

Mirotic and his representatives have been consistent about wanting Mirotic to play elsewhere

since Bobby Portis broke two of his facial bones and concussed him with a punch Oct. 17 in practice. But Mirotic understandably wants not only his \$12.5 million team option guaranteed for next season but also to keep his Bird rights — which allow a team to exceed the salary cap to re-sign its own free agents — at a time cap space is shrinking around the league.

"I'm not going to talk about the trade. You have to talk with my agents," Mirotic said. "We're discussing. We're thinking. I'm sure they are going to make the best decision for me. I'm just doing my job, which is playing good. My representatives, they're doing their job."

Mirotic remained at the team hotel at management's behest. Hoiberg said it's undetermined whether he will be sent back to Chicago.

"He was good (about it)," Hoiberg said. "He understood."

Hoiberg said a team that navigated the Portis-Mirotic situation and a 3-20 start won't be distracted by this situation.

"All year, through all the ups and downs, (our players) have been coming in with a business-like approach, and they have been a joy to deal with," Hoiberg said. "I don't anticipate anything different."

While it has been reported previously that Mirotic is intrigued with playing for the Jazz, sources said there's only one unknown team that Mirotic made clear he didn't want to go to. The Pelicans weren't that team, which is why Mirotic was asked if it's his or his representatives' decision to

agree to the trade.

"It's both of us. We're the team," Mirotic said. "The good thing, I have the option but I'm making it together with my team. They have been fighting for me all this year. We're going to do what's best for (them), for me. We're not sure yet what we're going to do. Until then, let's play basketball."

Basically, both the Bulls and Mirotic want the same result but also on their terms. That's why it will be intriguing to monitor the fallout if the Bulls fail to move Mirotic by the deadline. Sitting him until then shows both parties remain motivated to find a deal.

"It was an option with New Orleans. That's all I heard," Mirotic said. "I said, 'OK, you guys can think and see what's the best for me.' We're going to make a decision, but we don't have to rush to make a decision. This happened (Tuesday). It's not even 24 hours. It's nothing to do that fast."

"Obviously without Cousins, it's not a good situation for them. I don't need to think about New Orleans now. Until the last day or minute I'm wearing the Bulls jersey, I'm thinking about the Bulls."

Asked where he wants to be, Mirotic smiled.

"I just want to enjoy playing basketball," he said. "That's all I want, all I need. So far I've been enjoying playing basketball. It has been really fun for me, the best basketball in my NBA career so far, and that's my only goal. Feb. 8 is still far. I cannot think about it. Let's focus day by day."

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Forsberg finding his groove in goal

BY PAUL SKRBINA  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The yelling was loud, but it wasn't clear to **Anton Forsberg**.

The Blackhawks backup goalie couldn't recall which of his teammates was trying to give him guidance when he wandered behind the net to retrieve a shot from center ice during the second period Tuesday.

But a mishap during Forsberg's clearing attempt resulted in a gift goal for the Predators' **Kyle Turris**, the only one Forsberg allowed while making a career-high 42 saves in his team's 2-1 victory.

Forsberg made 22 of those stops during the third period of a game the Hawks felt they had to win to stay relevant in the postseason picture.

"I misunderstood what he said there," Forsberg said of the Predators goal. "I don't know who was screaming out there. It was stupid (on my part)."

One thing is clear: "I always want to play, simple as that," Forsberg said. "(Jeff Glass) has been playing well, and I have play well to get the net. It's a competition, and that's good."

With **Corey Crawford** out with an upper-body injury until who knows when, Forsberg and Glass have been sharing net

duties. Forsberg has stopped 65 of the last 67 shots he has seen since a Jan. 20 stinker against the Islanders, who scored on five of their 25 shots.

**Missing Marian:** **Marian Hossa** is gone from the Hawks, on long-term injured reserve because of a skin condition. But he hardly has been forgotten.

Defenseman **Duncan Keith** said the impact of Hossa's absence has been "huge," though he added he wasn't using it as an excuse for the team's struggles.

"I don't think he ever really got the credit," Keith said of the 39-year-old Hossa. "He was the best defensive player in the league, by far."

"We don't have him now. He wasn't a big talker, but his presence and the way he competed and played ... all-world player."

Hossa helped the Hawks to three Stanley Cups and has 525 goals and 609 assists in his 19-year career.

**One-timers:** The Hawks finished January 4-0 on the road and outscored opponents 20-6 in the process. ... **Patrick Kane's** assist Tuesday gave him 50 points for the season, a number he has reached in each of his 11 seasons. ... **Tomas Jurco's** assist was his first point of the season.

## Saad slump symbolic of Hawks' streaky season

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Until it didn't.

Those four goals in the first two games represent 30.8 percent of Saad's output in that department. He has scored only nine in 48 games since. The Hawks are in last place in the Central Division. They were four points and four teams out of the second Western Conference wild-card spot after their win Tuesday against the Predators.

"Kind of coasted our way (to the playoffs in the past)," Saad said. "I've seen the good side. ... With the Hawks, the way they run things, every time our back is against the wall, we seem to come up with something special. We're kind of in that situation."

Saad's also in a situation. Three times he has had stretches of at least six games without a point, including his current nine-game streak.

He has been moved from the top line to the second line with **Patrick Kane** and **Nick Schmaltz**, and he's on pace to score fewer than 40 points. His career low is 27, which came in 46 games during his rookie season.

It's not like he hasn't had opportunities. He has taken 148 shots, 27th in the league through Tuesday. His Corsi-for percentage in five-on-five situations was 58.67, third in the league.

And it's not like his line has been giving up a lot of goals, evident by him being among the leaders in goal differential.

"For the most part it's gone all right," Saad said when asked to assess his season.

So what's wrong? Why isn't he making more of the scoring opportunities?

"I don't really know," he said. "There's always room for improvement, right? I've had some ups and downs, just like we've had as a team. You always want to be better. I want to produce more. We want to win more hockey games."

**BLACKHAWKS AT CANUCKS TV/radio:** 9 p.m. Thursday; WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

**Storylines:** The Hawks have won four in a row on the road but are trying to make up ground in that playoff race. The third game of a four-stop road swing is another chance to compile points as they go for their third straight victory overall.

**Trending:** Nick Schmaltz had six goals and six in 12 games in January and is second on the team with 36 points. ... The Canucks are 4-5-1 in their last 10.

If the Hawks do, Saad's role in that figures to be prominent. That's partly why they traded **Artemi Panarin** to get him back.

In some ways Saad's play has been, in coach **Joel Quenneville's** estimation, a reflection of the Hawks' streaky season.

"Saader's kind of like our team," Quenneville said. "If we get to the net, around the net, and get some greasier goals, they can help your team game."

"If you're not scoring, find a way to get there and get some ugly goals. He has some speed and skill. But you want to have those second and third opportunities. ... You've got to be willing to get there."

Quenneville recently shifted Saad to play alongside Kane and Schmaltz with the hope he would be rejuvenated on the offensive end.

So far, the goals haven't been there.

"We went through a stretch ... where we weren't winning or productive," Quenneville said. "That's something we tried to ignite. In a short amount of time, they've had some decent looks. Haven't had the production there, but the balance in our lineup was better in our last few games."

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## CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
			@LAC 2-30 NBCSCH AM-670		@SAC 9 WGN-9 AM-670		
	@VAN 9 WGN-9 AM-720		@CAL 9 NBCSCH AM-720			V-CAL 7-30 NBCSCH AM-720	

### THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	7 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	5 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	GOLF	2 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	NHL	7:30 p.m.	9 p.m.														
Rockets at Spurs	TNT	Thunder at Nuggets	TNT	Fairleigh Dickinson at St. Francis (Pa.)	CBSSN	Creighton at Villanova	FS1	Wichita State at Temple	ESPN2	Gardner-Webb at Radford	ESPNU	SMU at Tulsa	CBSSN	Northwestern at Wisconsin	FS1, WMVP-AM 1000	UMKC at Grand Canyon	NBCSCH+	Long Island at Sacred Heart	ESPNU	Western Kentucky at UTEP	CBSSN	Oregon State at Stanford	FS1	San Francisco at St. Mary's	ESPNU	Iowa at Michigan State	BTN	Connecticut at South Carolina	ESPN	Purdue at Michigan	BTN	PGA Phoenix Open	Golf Channel	European PGA Maybank Championship	Golf Ch.	Kings at Predators	NBCSN	Blackhawks at Canucks	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720

### NFL

Team	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Over 5.5	-115	Under 5.5	-115						
Patriots total touchdowns	Over 2.5	-180	Under 2.5	+140					
Eagles total touchdowns	Over 2.5	-115	Under 2.5	-115					

Matchup	ATT	ATG	YDS	YPC	YPG	TD	LG	1ST	20+	40+	FM
3 Philadelphia	473	29.6	2,115	4.5	132.2	9	71	108	19	3	11
10 New England	448	28.0	1,889	4.2	118.1	16	44	107	10	1	4

Player	ATT	ATG	YDS	YPC	YPG	TD	LG	1ST	20+	40+	FM
LeGarrette Blount	173	766	4.4	68	7	2	47.9	1-1	0	0	48

Player	ATT	ATG	YDS	YPC	YPG	TD	LG	1ST	20+	40+	FM
Dion Lewis	180	896	5.0	44	7	6	56.0	0-0	0	0	48

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Cleveland	30	20	.600	-	4-6	W-1	19-6	11-14	23-11
Indiana	29	23	.558	2	7-3	W-3	18-10	11-13	19-13

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Los Angeles	27	22	.552	2½	6-4	W-4	17-9	10-13	14-16
Memphis	18	33	.353	12½	4-6	L-5	11-14	7-16	14-18

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Minnesota	32	22	.593	-	4-6	L-2	20-6	12-16	24-9
Oklahoma City	30	21	.588	½	8-2	L-1	19-7	11-14	15-13

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Utah	22	28	.440	8	6-4	W-3	15-9	7-19	12-14
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## BASEBALL

OSCAR GAMBLE  
1949-2018Outfielder  
known  
for power,  
his hairLong MLB career  
included start with  
Cubs, 2 Sox stintsBy CHRIS KUC  
AND PAUL SULLIVAN  
Chicago Tribune

Oscar Gamble, who spent the most productive of his 17 major-league seasons as a member of the White Sox's 1977 "South Side Hitmen," died Wednesday at 68, the team confirmed.

Gamble's wife told the Associated Press he died of a rare tumor in his jaw.

Born in Ramer, Ala., in 1949, Gamble played for seven teams

during a career that spanned from 1969 to 1985, including single-season stints with the Sox in 1977 and '85. Later known for his oversized Afro hairstyle, Gamble began his career with the Cubs and also played for the Phillies, Indians, Yankees (twice), Padres and Rangers.

"He was a guy (who) truly loved life," said Sox broadcaster Steve Stone, a teammate of Gamble's on the '77 squad. "He got the most out of his career that he could possibly get."

While a member of the South Side Hitmen, so nicknamed for their ability to hit the long ball, the left-handed-hitting Gamble batted .297 with 31 home runs and 83 RBIs as a designated hitter/outfielder to help keep the Sox in the pennant race throughout much of the season.

"For a relatively small guy, Oscar could hit the ball as far as anybody," Stone said. "I saw him hit one out of the old Met Stadium in Minneapolis that might still be going. He coiled up in this little crouch and just exploded at the ball, and he could hit it a long, long way."

Gamble often did so with his helmet perched atop his trademark Afro.

"He was one of the real characters of the game," Stone said. "Obviously, everybody wants to talk about his hair because it was pretty unusual. We all had a whole lot of hair; Oscar just had a whole lot more of it than most of us."

Dan Epstein's book on the 1976 season, "Stars and Strikes," describes Gamble's love for his giant Afro. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner instituted new rules in '76 banning "beards, beads, mutton chops and long hair," forcing Gamble to go to a barber before he took the field in spring training. Epstein wrote that the funky 'fro measured 10 inches high at its apex.

"You know, I had an offer from Afro Sheen to do some commercials this summer," Gamble said in the book. "But now I don't have no hair."

"I'm losing a lot of money, but if I hadn't cut it, I might not have been on the team. And then I would've lost everything."

The next year, Gamble and Richie Zisk joined the Sox on owner Bill Veeck's "rent-a-player" plan, which had him acquiring players he knew would leave for more money on the free-agent market the next season. The '77 Sox remain one of the most beloved teams in franchise history.

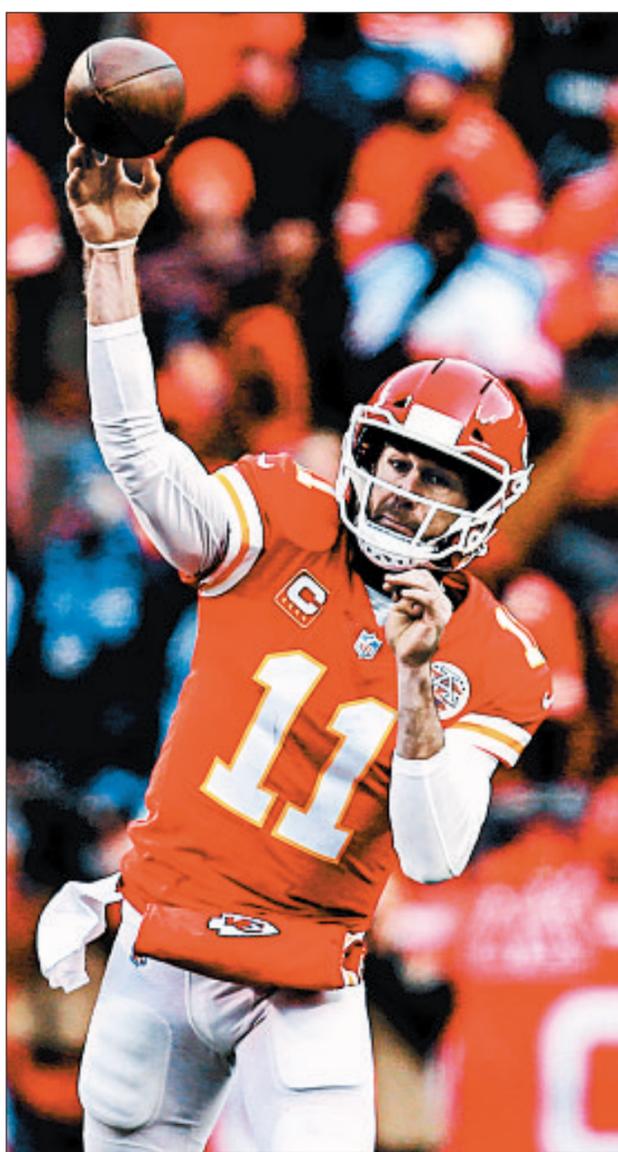
"For 4½ months it was a very entertaining race," Stone said. "Oscar was a huge part of it. The South Side Hitmen will live as long as the White Sox."

In 1,584 career games, Gamble batted .265 with 200 homers and 666 RBIs. He appeared in 18 postseason games with the Yankees and batted .286 with two homers and seven RBIs.

After the Cubs drafted him in the 16th round in 1968, Gamble made his big-league debut at 19 and finished the '69 season with a .225 average, one homer and five RBIs in 24 games. He ended his career with the Sox after signing as a free agent before the '85 season. He was released in August.

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## NFL



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The Chiefs' decision to send Alex Smith to the Redskins could have a ripple effect on teams looking to add a quarterback this offseason.

## ALEX SMITH TRADE

Bears will feel  
some effects

QB carousel impacts teams across the board

By BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — The Chiefs and Redskins managed to divert attention from Super Bowl LII with the news the Chiefs are shipping quarterback Alex Smith to Washington on March 14, when the 2018 league year kicks off.

Surely the league wants all eyes on the Eagles and Patriots as they prepare for Sunday's season finale at U.S. Bank Stadium, but the NFL is one giant reality show, and new plot lines are introduced at the most unexpected times.

The major trade — the Chiefs reportedly will receive a 2018 third-round draft pick and third-year cornerback Kendall Fuller, the younger brother of Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller — doesn't directly affect the Bears, but the quarterback market is always worth monitoring and there is a trickle-down effect that certainly involves those at Halas Hall. Here are five factors to keep in mind:

**1. Obviously, the Bears want as many quarterbacks as possible to come off the draft board** in April before they pick at No. 8. The Browns — who hired former Chiefs general manager John Dorsey — reportedly were in the mix to deal for Smith. Had they acquired the veteran quarterback, it would have likely taken them out of play for a quarterback with their two first-round picks: Nos. 1 and 4. Now, Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins could land in Cleveland as a free agent, and that's why the situation needs to be followed closely.

Here are the seven picks ahead of the Bears:

- 1. Browns: Absolutely need a quarterback.
- 2. Giants: Absolutely need a quarterback.
- 3. Colts.
- 4. Browns: See No. 1.
- 5. Broncos: Absolutely need a quarterback.
- 6. Jets: Absolutely need a quarterback.
- 7. Buccaneers.

Cousins is no doubt in play for the Browns, Broncos and Jets. There's a better chance the Giants draft a quarterback with Eli Manning still on board than pony up to sign Cousins. The musical chairs for Cousins begins March 14, when free agency opens and the Smith trade can officially be consummated.

**2. Don't forget the Vikings.** Case Keenum, Teddy Bridgewater and Sam Bradford are all coming out of contract. The reigning NFC North champions have a playoff-ready defense and plenty of pieces on offense. They seem likely to pursue a quarterback — perhaps one of their own — but would it have stunned anyone if general manager Rick Spielman had pulled the trigger on Smith? How primed the Vikings are to defend their division title next season will be determined in a big way by what they do at quarterback. Could Spielman make a play for Cousins?



NICK WASS/AP

Soon-to-be-former Redskins QB Kirk Cousins could wind up with the Vikings or Browns.

**3. Mitch Trubisky enters Year 2 of his rookie contract**, and the Bears control him at an effective rate through 2021. Teams with a young quarterback performing at an elite level have an edge because they don't have to devote a lot of salary-cap room to the position. The price for experienced quarterbacks is only climbing, and if you need a reminder, Mike Glennon received \$18.5 million guaranteed from the Bears.

Smith's contract extension in Washington, which can't be signed until March 14, is reportedly for four years and \$94 million with \$71 million guaranteed. We'll have to see how guaranteed it is when the details are out. Cousins, represented by Chicago-based agent Mike McCartney, could be in line for a payday that averages \$25 million per season or more. Acquiring quarterbacks is only getting more expensive, and that's why it's paramount to hit on one in the draft.

**4. So who could wind up winning the Cousins sweepstakes?** Start the list, in no particular order, with the Browns, Jets, Broncos, Bills, Cardinals and Vikings.

**5. The Smith trade makes Patrick Mahomes the starter in Kansas City.** That means the top three quarterbacks from last year's draft — Trubisky, Mahomes and the Texans' Deshaun Watson — will be in starting roles. Who will emerge as the top passer?

## PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Anticipation is hard  
part for UrlacherBy PHIL ROSENTHAL  
Chicago Tribune

"I'd love to get in; I think it'd be amazing."

— Brian Urlacher

On the precipice of possible election Saturday to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, former Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher is not taking anything for granted.

"I try not to think about it because I don't want to be disappointed," Urlacher said in an interview last weekend at his Phoenix-area home with long-time teammate-turned-analyst Lance Briggs.

The interview is part of an NBC Sports Chicago special, "The Case for Canton," set for 10:30 p.m. Thursday on the cable channel and available to subscribers through the channel's website and the NBC Sports app.

"People are like, 'It's going to be great,' and then I've heard guys say, 'I was ready, and I didn't get in,'" Urlacher said. "I'd love to get in; I think it'd be amazing. It's a big accomplishment. But it doesn't change what I did on the football field. I know that whatever happens between now and the voting, my stats aren't going to get any better."

A Pro Bowl selection in eight of his 12 seasons, a four-time first-team All-Pro pick and the 2005 NFL Defensive Player of the Year, Urlacher has been cast as a likely Hall of Famer.

Starting 180 of the 182 games he played for the Bears, he had a 1,354 total tackles according to pro-football-reference.com, 41½ sacks, 22 interceptions, 15 fumble recoveries and 11 forced fumbles.

Urlacher's biggest obstacle to first-year election is that fellow middle linebacker Ray Lewis is also in his first year of eligibility. In 17 seasons with the Ravens, Lewis was a 13-time Pro Bowl choice, seven-time first-team All-Pro selection and two-time Super Bowl champion.

So the question is whether the Hall's 48 selectors will add two first-time candidates from the

same position in the same year. Many, however, have spoken on Urlacher's behalf, including Packers quarterback (and almost certain future Hall of Famer) Aaron Rodgers.

"To me, it shouldn't be a difficult decision for those voters to put him in the first opportunity they can," Rodgers said after Urlacher was announced as one of 15 modern-era finalists, noting Urlacher "revolutionized the game" with his speed, size and ability to cover the field.

Urlacher told Briggs the Hall of Fame means something to him because "these are the greatest of all time at the position they played."

As for who best represents that ideal, Urlacher said, "You can ask me any question about the Bears or football and I'll say Walter Payton."

Payton is the Bears' all-time starts leader with 184, and Urlacher is third after Olin Kreutz, who had 183.

Briggs, who was Urlacher's Bears teammate for 10 seasons, said he was a bit in awe of Urlacher when he first joined the team and decided to keep his mouth shut until he had earned everyone's respect.

"You were just a quiet rookie, kind of moody, standoffish," Urlacher said, recalling his first impression. "I was like, 'Why did we draft this guy?'"

A seven-time Pro Bowl pick himself and now a fixture on NBC Sports Chicago's "Bears Postgame Live," Briggs said he is often asked whether he and Urlacher competed for tackles.

"I always say, 'Nah,' but do you think we ever competed for tackles in a season?" Briggs said.

"Yes," Urlacher said. "And you're lying if you say no."

Fox deal rebuts NFL  
naysayers — like FoxPHIL ROSENTHAL  
On media

So much for the reckoning the pundits predicted. Remember? It seemed inevitable the NFL and its players were going to pay for player protests during the national anthem.

"The NFL is going to see an erosion, a further erosion in their ratings and their revenue," said Sean Hannity, for one, calling into Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends" last fall. "Players are going to see their contract numbers begin to go down."

Guess who saved the NFL and friends, ensuring all that the knee-taking — not to mention the other issues fans complain about — didn't kick the league and its players in the bottom line?

The Fox network. With its five-year deal reportedly costing at least \$550 million annually for "Thursday Night Football" telecasts it will simulcast with NFL Network, Fox effectively has made certain there remains a deep pool of cash so contract numbers don't begin to go down.

Not until the league's TV deals are all up for renewal again in 2022.

CBS and NBC, who have split the Thursday night over-the-air packages the last two seasons, paid a combined \$450 million for last year's games. They reportedly offered less to renew it, while ESPN and Turner decided not to enter the fray.

If the NFL was going to take a financial hit, it seemed the much-derided Thursday schedule was most vulnerable.

Fans thought the matchups were lousy.

Players complained the games offered too little recovery time and contributed to injuries.

The networks worried that the Thursday prime-time games contributed to over-saturation that was a factor in declining pro football ratings overall.

Plus the Thursday night ratings were sinking. According to the Sports Business Daily,

CBS' were down 4 percent from 2016 and 20 percent from 2015 while NBC's were off 21 percent year-to-year.

Overall, NFL ratings last season were down 9.7 percent compared to 2016 and the 2016 numbers were down about 8 percent from 2015.

But the thing is — and this is what often gets lost when talking about NFL ratings going down — pro football's popularity has a very long way to fall before it hits bottom. The most-watched programs list is dominated by NFL games each year.

Between the 14.1 million CBS averaged for its Thursday games and 13.5 million NBC averaged, "Thursday Night Football" is among television's most-watched shows, a list led by NBC's "Sunday Night Football."

Both CBS and NBC are said to have lost money on the Thursday games. But it's probably more valuable to Fox than CBS or NBC because, assuming its sale of assets (including its movie and TV studio) to Disney goes through, it's expected the network will be looking to rely less on scripted dramas and comedies and more on sports and news to fill prime time.

The deal calls for Fox to produce 18 Thursday games, even the seven that run only on NFL Network, and it is not required to use its No. 1 broadcast team. A Spanish-language version will run on Fox Deportes.

One outspoken critic of "Thursday Night Football" has been none other than James Murdoch, CEO of Fox parent 21st Century Fox, who said in October that "the proliferation of football generally does mean that you're asking a lot from customers to watch Thursday" and "preserving the scarcity value of those events and that audience is something that is worth thinking about."

The NFL suggested Murdoch's real complaint was he didn't have a piece of the Thursday pie for himself.

It's still a fair question of whether it will find a way to make money on the Thursday games.

All that's certain is Fox and its checkbook have seen to it that the comeuppance so many expected to hit the NFL and its players remains a few years off. Maybe longer.

## SUPER BOWL



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The Bears came close but were unable to sign cornerback Stephon Gilmore. He instead chose the Patriots. "I'm happy to be a Patriot," he said.

# Finding a new target

Year after missing on Gilmore, Bears may fix on Butler



BRAD BIGGS  
On the Bears

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Just as the Bears made a run at Janoris Jenkins in free agency two years ago, they pushed hard to sign Stephon Gilmore a year ago.

They thought they had their man, a veteran with size and experience to anchor a secondary that was revolving more than it was evolving in general manager Ryan Pace's first two seasons.

Then, Gilmore dashed their plans when he accepted an offer from the Patriots for \$65 million over five seasons with an \$18 million signing bonus and \$31 million total guaranteed. How close did he get to choosing the Bears?

"Not close enough, I guess," Gilmore said. "I'm happy to be a Patriot. I'm enjoying this moment. I'm happy to be here."

Gilmore figures to cover his longtime friend Alshon Jeffery in Super Bowl LII on Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium. They have been tight since they were in high school in South Carolina and were roommates and teammates for the South Carolina Gamecocks in college. He's coming off his biggest game of the season, during which Gilmore deflected a fourth-and-15 pass from Blake Bortles to Dede Westbrook with 1 minute, 47 seconds remaining in the AFC championship game and the Patriots clinging to a 24-20 lead over the Jaguars. It was a tough play, but Gilmore kept stride and used his length to make it, atoning perhaps for some early-season struggles.

A Boston Globe headline from



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After failing to get a cornerback the last two offseasons, the Bears could pursue Malcolm Butler this year.

Oct. 1 read "No end to Stephon Gilmore's struggles with Patriots." That was after losses to the Chiefs and Panthers had dropped them to 2-2. The big free-agent splash looked most unPatriot-like. He surrendered two catches for 71 yards and a touchdown against the Panthers in Week 4 before being benched. After his replacement was injured, he re-entered and was called for illegal hands to the face, wiping out a sack and extending what turned out to be Carolina's game-winning drive. That came after a third-down penalty on a touchdown drive in the third quarter.

Sometimes you're the hero and sometimes you're the goat, but reality is it took Gilmore some time to adjust after coming over from the Bills. If he makes another play or two in critical moments Sunday, his big contract will be money well spent.

Gilmore has the size at 6-foot-1, 190 pounds to handle Jeffery. His fellow Patriots cornerback Malcolm Butler, the hero of Super Bowl XLIX for stepping in front of a Russell Wilson pass at the goal line for an interception, is undersized, probably a shade below his listed size of 5-11, 190. Butler figures to tangle with Nelson Agholor, Torrey Smith and the Eagles' other options.

While Gilmore is out of the

picture, Butler could appeal to the Bears in free agency this year. The Patriots are unlikely to sink big money into two cornerbacks, meaning he's a good bet to reach the open market a year after he nearly was traded away.

"Whatever happens after this happens," Butler said. "Just focused on Super Bowl LII."

Butler, Trumaine Johnson and Kyle Fuller could be considered the top three cornerbacks heading into unrestricted free agency. The Rams have used the franchise tag on Johnson twice and will not go down that path a third time. Fuller, the Bears' first-round pick in 2014, will make it to the market unless the team uses the franchise tag or transition tag.

I asked two personnel men how they stack up. The first said:

■ 1. Johnson. "He's not speedy, but he has length that more than makes a difference for the speed and allows him to make plays."

■ 2. Fuller. "He's young and can play press man and off man, but he's better at press because he can lose his balance sometimes when he plays off. You're concerned about the 2016 season when he didn't play."

■ 3. Butler. "He plays bigger than his size and really relies on his confidence. He's a better matchup against twitchier receivers

because he doesn't have great length. But that's what a lot of teams are going to."

The second said "they're all pretty much in the same realm, so it depends on what flavor you want."

■ 1. Johnson. "He has the best size of the group."

■ 2. Fuller. "Questionable durability."

■ 3. Butler. "Good coverage skill, but he's small."

Maybe Butler, undrafted out of West Alabama, will be a star again on the sport's grandest stage. It will be his third Super Bowl in four seasons and we know that Super Bowl heroes can get rich in March. Someone will pay him, and the Bears figure to be in the mix for a cornerback, possibly with their own guy Fuller, when free agency opens. The third time ought to be the charm for Pace when it comes to signing a high-dollar coverage man.

Gilmore really didn't want to entertain any topics on the past, whether from earlier this season or what happened in the offseason.

"This is one of the reasons I came here," he said. "To have the opportunity to play in this game. I'm living in the moment and enjoying myself."

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## NOTES

## League to examine catch rule

Goodell considering ways to address issue

Tribune news services

MINNEAPOLIS — Roger Goodell wants to see the mystery of the NFL's catch rule solved, and he has ensured that the process has begun.

The commissioner said at his annual Super Bowl news conference Wednesday that he sees that rule as the most obvious to address.

Asked about the scrutiny that NFL officiating came under this season, Goodell said "on the catch/no catch rule, we need to find a rule we think will address that. We certainly need to get this rule right so everyone can appreciate."

Goodell recently spent three hours with former players, including Pro Football Hall of Famers, going over 150 plays. He said there were many good ideas offered, but as for the specifics of what should be a catch, there was little consensus.

"There were a lot of people with different perspectives and lot of disagreement in the room," he said.

Goodell also revealed that the league has hired an independent investigator to look into claims of sexual and racial misconduct in the workplace against Panthers owner Jerry Richardson. Former U.S. attorney Mary Jo White will lead the investigation. White has led similar investigations in other fields.

He also reiterated his stance that it's not the NFL's place to get involved in whether Colin Kaepernick gets a chance with another team. "Clubs have to make their own decisions as far as who's on their roster," he said.

**Brady's call:** Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is 40 years old. How much longer can he play before he hangs up his cleats?

"I think Tom Brady's earned the right to have that be a decision he makes when wants to make it," team President Jonathan Kraft, son of owner Robert Kraft, told NFL Network.

"Why does everyone want me to retire so bad?" Brady said chuckling when asked about Kraft's comments. "I don't get it. ... I've always wanted to play to my mid-40s, so we'll see."

**Gronk update:** As expected, Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski remained in the concussion protocol Wednesday for the team's first Super Bowl practice in Minnesota. According to a pool report of the workout, Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Gronkowski took part in non-contact drills and is "working his way back."

**Bring on Brett:** Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre will speak to the Eagles at their team meeting Saturday, coach Doug Pederson confirmed Wednesday. Pederson was Favre's backup in Green Bay for eight seasons and invited him to speak to the team when he found out that he'd be in town for another engagement.

## Bag the hate: Appreciate Brady's Patriots like you did MJ's Bulls

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To the people who get tired of watching something they may never see again, why? Fine art becomes no less exquisite the longer one stares. A classic song never gets old playing in your head. You don't have to be a fan of the Patriots to appreciate their excellence to these many years. You don't have to eat kale or wear Uggs to admire the unparalleled consistency of the 40-year-old Brady, who's nine months older than former Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, a finalist for Saturday's Pro Football Hall of Fame election. You don't always know what you've got until it's gone.

America has an opportunity Sunday to witness living legends enhancing their legacies. Why would anybody but Eagles fans root against that? Can it be that difficult to muster grudging respect for the Patriots? Is jealousy, as Patriots owner Robert Kraft

said, really an incurable disease?

Granted, Spygate made the Patriots hard to like. Deflategate made it even harder. But consider this is a team four quarters — and probably another Brady comeback — from winning a Super Bowl that would make the Patriots quarterback the only NFL player with six rings and widen the gap between Belichick and his all-time peers. Nobody cheats their way into such rarefied air.

A sixth Super Bowl would remove any remaining doubt about Belichick being the best NFL coach ever. Packers legend Vince Lombardi celebrated five NFL championships, including two Super Bowls. Steelers coach Chuck Noll never got one for the buck but settled for four Super Bowl rings, while 49ers coach Bill Walsh won three titles.

Historically, comparisons of the Patriots dynasty become tricky because of the way free agency changed professional sports. The Patriots have a long way to go

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before matching the Yankees' 27 World Series titles or the Canadiens' 24 Stanley Cups. They aren't even close to achieving the most decorated run in Boston, not with the Celtics' 17 NBA championships, including 11 from 1957 to '69. But the arrival of NFL free agency and the salary cap in 1993 complicated every team's ability to keep core players together, making the Patriots' semi-regular Super Bowl visits the last 17 years all the more impressive — especially with the same quarterback.

At some point, even Muhammad

Ali's critics had to marvel at his mastery in the boxing ring. Like Brady is to NFL quarterbacks and Jordan was to NBA players, Ali was The Greatest.

Sure, a sound football argument can be made for the Eagles winning. They possess dangerous weapons on offense, a hot quarterback in backup Nick Foles and a fast, fierce defense largely overlooked that thrives on its relative anonymity. They boast a complete enough roster that they likely would be favored if quarterback Carson Wentz were healthy. They play with purpose and passion, representing Philadelphia in a gritty way that makes its people proud.

But no matter how many reasons smart analysts can find to favor the Eagles, everything always comes back to the two things impossible to counter in a game of this magnitude: Brady and Belichick. Super Bowls include longer breaks that give coaches as brilliant as Belichick

more time to adjust and exploit his advantage. And in the clutch, everything Brady touches turns to gold, even with gloves. A 27-9 playoff record, including 5-2 in Super Bowls, proves it.

Funny thing is, as Brady smiles through his role as the villain, his story resembles fictional favorite son Rocky Balboa's more than the Eagles' does, even though nobody from Philly dares to admit it. The Eagles might arrive with the T-shirts and masks that underscore they are underdogs, but they face better odds of beating the Patriots than a sixth-round draft pick did of becoming the greatest quarterback in NFL history. Yet the 199th selection of the 2000 draft has lasted long enough to retire with that distinction — whenever Brady wants.

Take your time, Tom. Greatness should be appreciated, not rushed out the door.

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# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## RIGHTING HISTORY

Soccer fans helped revive the legacy of a Holocaust survivor who built, then saved, their beloved club

By KEVIN BAXTER  
Los Angeles Times

MUNICH, Germany — At 95, Uri Siegel's eyesight is fading, but his memory is still sharp. So while he struggles to see what's right in front of him, he has a keen focus on the past.

And that serves him well when discussing German soccer power Bayern Munich.

It was Siegel's uncle, a Holocaust survivor named Kurt Landauer, who laid the foundation that has supported Bayern's rise from the ashes of postwar Germany. Siegel remembers going to games with his uncle and climbing eight rows up the concrete grandstands to their seats in the team's old, unadorned stadium.

Without Landauer, the once-provincial team would not have won 27 national titles or eight European crowns. Without him, the Bundesliga would not be the best-attended professional sports league in the world after the NFL. Without him, there might not even be a Bundesliga.

"He was a pioneer," Siegel says. "There were certain things he introduced to the organization. Like internationalism, which is now, of course, the thing."

"And there was some honesty to him that is a little bit hard to find."

Yet for decades after his death any mention of Landauer, a newspaper advertising executive who served four terms as club president before and after World War II, was also hard to find.

Because for all his success in modernizing Bayern Munich — and by extension, all of German soccer — acknowledging the contributions of Landauer, a Jew, stirred difficult memories of the darkest period in the country's history.

That changed with the publication of a newspaper story on Siegel, who recounted his uncle's past. One of the club's fan groups quickly seized on the story, producing T-shirts with Landauer's likeness, unfurling banners in his honor during games and organizing soccer tournaments in his name.

More than 50 years after his death, Landauer's story of resilience, redemption and forgiveness was inspiring a new generation while forcing the club to take a deeper look into its past.

Soon Bayern Munich was recognizing Landauer in its museum at Allianz Arena. And on what would have been their former president's 125th birthday, club officials laid a red-and-white wreath at the base of block eight, room four of the Dachau concentration camp.

Landauer's room. "That was the first time that the club dealt so directly with the topic or staked out an official position. Landauer's birthday was a turning point," says Simon Mueller, a member of the Ultra supporters group that resurrected Landauer's memory.

"It's important that he was Jewish. And it's important that he not be forgotten."

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Dachau, built on the grounds of an abandoned munitions factory about 10 miles north of Munich, was the original Nazi concentration camp.

By the end of the war, the Germans and their allies had established more than 40,000 other camps and incarceration sites where 11 million people, more than half of them Jewish, perished. Most of those camps were modeled after Dachau.

On a recent December morning Dachau is silent and haunting. A gentle snowfall paints the parade grounds and the 32 austere wooden barracks a bright



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

Bayern's Thomas Mueller celebrates with fans after a 2015 Champions League quarterfinal second-leg match between Bayern Munich and FC Porto.



FC BAYERN MUNICH

Former Bayern Munich president Kurt Landauer is getting the respect he deserves, long after his death in 1961.

white.

Of the estimated 200,000 prisoners interned in the five-acre camp, more than 32,000 were known to have died here, their bodies burned in a red-brick crematorium, buried in mass graves or stacked like cords of wood outside the barbed-wire fences.

This is where Landauer was brought in November of 1938, when he was arrested and charged with only one crime: being a Jew.

Landauer wasn't a particularly religious person, preferring women, beer, roast pork and soccer — not necessarily in that order — over temple service.

Had he been Catholic, he would have been a model citizen. But in Munich, birthplace of the Nazi Party, Bayern was known as a Jewish club. (Benno Elkan, who signed the club's founding charter, fled the Nazis for London where he became an artist, eventually designing the four-ton menorah that stands outside Israel's Knesset.)

And under Landauer, who, Siegel says, paid little mind to religion or ethnicity, the Jewish influence grew, peaking in 1932 when Richard Kohn, an Austrian Jew, coached Bayern to its first German championship. When Landauer and Kohn returned home

from Nuremberg after the game, tens of thousands of people welcomed them.

Less than a year later, after Nazi leader Adolf Hitler had been appointed chancellor, Kohn fled to Switzerland while Landauer and Otto Beer, head of the club's youth program, resigned their posts.

Beer and his family perished in the Holocaust as did all but one of Landauer's siblings. Landauer spent 33 hellacious days in Block 8, Room 4 at Dachau before being released when it was discovered he had been a decorated soldier on the front lines in France during World War I. He spent the rest of the Nazi Reich in Switzerland.

Bayern wouldn't win another German title until 1969.

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Siegel lives alone on a quaint Munich street lined by yellow and red brick buildings and split down the middle by trolley tracks. Bookshelves and paintings line the walls of the large corner apartment where he has spent the last 50 years; a plaque near the door reads "Uri Siegel, lawyer."

His failing eyes are sensitive to light, he says, so he spends much of his time in the twilight, drawing heavy storm shutters to block out the gray morning light. As

Kurt Landauer's last living relative, it has fallen to Siegel to tell his uncle's story — even if it's a story that, for decades, interested no one.

Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the team's star striker in the 1970s and '80s, said he never heard Landauer's name during his playing days. "He wasn't ignored," Rummenigge said. "He simply disappeared from the club's history."

That changed in 2003, when a curious writer knocked on Siegel's door. That original story, in the German newspaper Die Zeit, was followed by a feature film, two documentaries and a book, among other projects. Landauer's story, which had never been hidden, was suddenly out in the open.

But it really began to spread after the Schickeria — a rabid Bayern Munich fan group whose name is meant as an ironic nod to a term once used to describe Munich's fashionable elites — adopted Landauer.

"The fact that the fans take him as an idol, that makes me very proud," Siegel says.

The Schickeria, an independent organization not affiliated with the club, was rewarded for that when the German soccer federation presented the group with the Julius Hirsch Prize — named after the first Jewish player to represent the German national team who was murdered during the Holocaust — in recognition of its "outstanding example of integration and tolerance."

Mueller, a 35-year-old consultant for a small business and a Schickeria member, said the original aim when the group embraced Landauer was much more humble: to make the stadium safe for families and their children.

"When I came to the stadiums in the '90s, you had a lot of right-wing people. In Munich, the culture was open to right-wing things," Mueller says.

"The idea of Kurt Landauer, what he stands for now, is very important. But for me it's important what he means for the people in the stands. It's important for us not to go back to right-wing ideas."

Mueller's group never banned anyone, nor asked any fan to leave. But they

wore Landauer T-shirts and waved huge banners with his face on them.

"When the fans in the stands do something and the TV cameras show it, the whole country takes notice," he says. "The fans are saying, 'This man is important.'"

Soon the homophobic and racist remarks ceased. And though the Simon Wiesenthal Center says anti-Semitism remains a plague in global soccer, in the largest stadium in the city that gave rise to the Nazis, it is no longer a problem.

The Schickeria's homage to Landauer involved more than just T-shirts and banners.

The group carried his story throughout Europe, playing in soccer tournaments that matched supporters' groups from teams all over the continent.

"All these tournaments, you have political messages and lectures about some political topics," Mueller says. "We wanted to have something like that in Munich too. We decided to name our tournament the Kurt Landauer Tournament."

The event, which included somber visits to Dachau, grew so quickly it overwhelmed organizers and had to be suspended last year. "The thing about Landauer is, you have this message. You also have the passion for the club," Mueller says.

"It's that not easy to talk against (him) because he's that important for the club."

For Mueller, it's less Landauer's religion and more his devotion to Bayern Munich — especially after the war, when he came back to a country and a club that was in shambles and helped both rise again — that cemented his place among the Bayern faithful.

"When Landauer returned to Munich, he had a ticket to the U.S. in his pocket," he says. "But he decided to stay, helping to build a new stadium for Bayern and getting league licenses for all of Munich's clubs."

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Landauer wouldn't recognize modern German soccer, with its massive and palatial stadiums, global TV deals and multimillion-dollar players. Yet you can draw a straight line from many of his innovations to

the way clubs operate today.

The team's highly successful youth program was a Landauer innovation, as were the team's policies of fiscal responsibility, corporate sponsorship and an international roster. To Rummenigge, he was German soccer's first professional president.

Prophets, however, often find the people hardest to convince are those closest to them, so four years after returning to Munich to begin his fourth term as club president, Landauer was voted out of office.

Without his leadership, Bayern quickly ran up massive debts and was relegated to German soccer's second tier.

In 1961 Landauer died and, a short time later, so did memories of him, with most people finding it easier to ignore the Holocaust rather than exalting it survivors, no matter how deserving.

More than five decades later that legacy has been exhumed, dusted off and given a place of honor by the club which, spurred in part by its fans, named the courtyard in front of its stadium Kurt Landauer Platz.

"It's a memorial as well as a statement," said Rummenigge, who called Landauer "an example of integration, tolerance and reconciliation."

Mueller, the Schickeria member, says it's those final three traits that make Landauer's example one worth emulating at a time when segregation, intolerance and dissension are once again on the march, in Germany and elsewhere.

Dirk Kamper, author of the 2014 book "Landauer: The Man Who Made FC Bayern," agrees, saying Landauer likely saved more than a soccer team.

"Starting the process of returning to a civilized society would never have been possible without people like Landauer," he said. "These people, although they had been beaten and tortured, returned to Germany and started up again. There were only a few. And Landauer was not one of the most famous."

"But with his work he was one of the most important persons to turn this country on a right way. Not because he talked about it. Simply because he did it."

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Marlins pro scouting assistant Alexandria Rigoli, left, and Gulf Coast League Marlins athletic trainer Melissa Hampton, huddle last month at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Fla.

## Breaking down barriers

### Marlins hire women for baseball operations, field staff positions for first time in franchise history

BY TIM HEALEY | Sun Sentinel

JUPITER, Fla. — Alexandria Rigoli and Melissa Hampton, co-workers and roommates, never intended to become a part of Marlins history. They were just kids who loved baseball, who wanted to work in baseball, who have tailored much of their young adulthood to pursuing the dream of ending up in baseball.

But here they are, living close enough to the Marlins' Roger Dean Stadium facility so that they could walk to work, gainfully employed with entry-level, full-time gigs in their ideal field and a footnote in their new employer's history.

Rigoli, 22, a pro scouting assistant, is the first woman to work in baseball operations for the Marlins (aside from multiple executive assistants). Hampton, 26, the athletic trainer for the club's Gulf Coast League team, is the first woman to work on a field staff for the Marlins.

And their paths are a testament to a baseball truth: There is no formula on how to break in.

Hampton grew up in a tiny town near Oklahoma City, where people have full conversations during elevator rides. Rigoli, who bristled at the notion, is from North Jersey, less than an hour from New York City.

Rigoli played Division III softball in college. Hampton dropped softball after one lame practice when she was 6.

Hampton and her family had to drive six hours round trip to go to the nearest big league ballpark. Rigoli, the daughter of a scout, was indoctrinated into the game by default and stuck with it of her own volition.

Now they are two among a growing — but still small — number of women in baseball, and the first hired by the Marlins on the baseball side of the organization.

"I'm all for (hiring) whoever is going to do the best job," said Brian Bobier, the Marlins' athletic training coordinator and Hampton's boss. "You're seeing this change in thinking and culture, which is fantastic. You look at today's society and how things are moving, I think it's a great thing."

In Rigoli and Hampton, the Marlins believe they have two people who are going to do the best job. Here is how they got them.

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Rigoli gets it all the time: What does she think of "Trouble with the Curve," the 2012 movie in

which Clint Eastwood plays an old-fashioned baseball scout whose adult daughter (Amy Adams) accompanies him on a work trip?

Yes, Rigoli said with a laugh, it's a natural comparison, but no, her life isn't quite like that. Rigoli and her father, longtime Cardinals scout Joe Rigoli, get along just fine, unlike the dad-daughter pair in the movie.

But Rigoli did grow up tagging along and sitting in the scouts' section.

For years, Joe Rigoli as an amateur scout covered the northeast, including the famed Cape Cod Baseball League featuring many of the country's top collegiate prospects, and his family usually would make a vacation out of it each summer. An elementary school-aged Alexandria took to mirroring her father.

"I always had the second stopwatch," the younger Rigoli said. "He had a stopwatch too. I'd say, 'Did you get the same time as I did?!' A lot of that. Here's my pad and paper. Let me take my notes like he takes his notes. What did you write about his swing? I liked the way he runs or does this."

"That trying to copycat what he was doing and getting used to that idea — that's where I fell in love with it."

It wasn't a phase.

"That actually continued as she became more and more interested," Joe Rigoli said. "She asked questions when she would go to games with me. You could tell each year, she was learning. She wasn't asking the same questions. She was getting better and better."

When it came time for that heavy, existential question asked of teenagers considering the real world — What are you passionate about? — Rigoli had only one genuine answer: baseball. And so, while double majoring in math and accounting and playing softball at Ramapo College of New Jersey, she started to make serious, career-minded moves in that direction.

Rigoli experienced the unglamorous minor league world, interning with the Hudson Valley Renegades a few summers ago. She enjoyed chatting with scouts as they picked up their tickets and she worked the will-call window.

She saw the league side as a finance intern with the Office of the Commissioner, the amateur side while assisting the East Coast Area Code Team of top-notch high school prospects, and the

major league side as a baseball ops intern for the Mets last year.

Throughout, Rigoli did the shoe-leather job-searching familiar to many young professionals: industry conventions (for baseball, the winter meetings), informational interviews, applying to jobs and internships, being turned down by jobs and internships.

Rigoli started with the Marlins in November. She is in charge of tracking the 40-man rosters for baseball's other 29 teams — 1,160 players at a time, plus regular changes — so the Marlins are prepared when other clubs have roster-management issues and a player who the team might be interested in becomes available.

The skill set and knowledge base is there, said Jim Cuthbert, the Marlins' director of pro scouting and Rigoli's boss. And then there are the intangibles that come with growing up in a baseball household, like knowing the scouting language and relating to scouts who are away from their families for significant stretches.

Cuthbert was aware the Marlins had never had a woman in baseball ops before, but that was hardly a factor in this decision.

"The main focus was simply on she's so qualified, she's so prepared and she's so right for the gig," Cuthbert said. "Things that I see her talking to scouts and interacting with scouts about, that is tough to teach and tough to learn."

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The baseball world is a small one, but the greater Oklahoma City athletic trainers world is apparently even smaller.

Hampton, the Marlins' new GCL athletic trainer, grew up in Piedmont, Okla. Bobier, her boss, is from nearby Midwest City. Bobier's father, Richard Bobier, spent time as the Piedmont High athletic trainer while Hampton was a student there. Greg Harrel, the Marlins' new Triple-A athletic trainer, did the same between pro baseball jobs.

And Hampton didn't realize any of that until about a year ago, when she applied to be — and was hired as — the Marlins' athletic training intern.

"I swear I'm just trying to get the best people for the job," Brian Bobier said, laughing. "It's kind of crazy how it worked out."

After Hampton's successful year as a temporary employee, and with the GCL spot open, the Marlins brought her on full time. Although her title suggests she works strictly with the rookie-league minor league affiliate, Hampton is in effect a year-round, Jupiter-based utility athletic trainer, also assisting rehabbing players, pre-spring training workouts and so on.

Hampton considers herself lucky in that she learned what she

wanted to do when she was 12. Around then she started keeping stats for the school baseball team, her first real exposure to the game aside from attending pro games. Oklahoma City's Triple-A team (at various points a Rangers, Astros and Dodgers affiliate) and the Texas Rangers (three hours away by car) were the top options.

Tracking statistics turned into assisting with the athletic training, which turned into attending summer athletic training camps, where interested students were taught the basics — how to tape an ankle and such.

"Everyone goes to sports camps," Hampton said. "But in high school, if you wanted to be more than just a water girl or a manager, you (went to athletic training camp)."

Hampton's athletic-training ambition took her to Southern Nazarene University, where she majored in it, and Dallas Baptist University, where she got her master's degree. She worked with ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando and two Division I baseball programs before coming to South Florida.

Bobier echoed Cuthbert in saying that he was plenty comfortable hiring a woman for the role. But Hampton did have to deal with one unusual logistical matter: The Marlins' facility doesn't have a women's locker room.

There had never been a need for one. Instead, Hampton used the media-relations staff's spring training office.

"My little sign read, 'Melissa Hampton, rehab athletic training seasonal assistant,'" she said. "That was my locker room."

That was the only adjustment for her, Hampton said.

"For me, it's not weird being in the clubhouse or being in the dugout, because that's all I've known," Hampton said. "The (players last season) even said, for a couple of days it was weird a girl was here. But then last October, rehab is going on one day, and I'm stretching some people inside, a female walked in looking at our offices to redo them. And they're like, 'That's so weird, seeing a girl in here.' Then they say to me, 'You don't count. It's different. You belong here.'"

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Major League Baseball, historically and currently dominated by men, has made an effort to stimulate the hiring of qualified women and minorities with its Front Office & Field Staff Diversity Pipeline Program. That includes a new Diversity Fellowship Program, which is placing 23 fellows with teams and in the league office this year.

There are 90 women working in baseball ops departments across the game, according to statistics provided by the league,

and at least one with 29 of 30 major league teams — a list the Marlins joined this offseason.

There are 17 women working in on-field roles. Hampton is one of fewer than 10 female minor league athletic trainers out of 232 teams.

"It's certainly a positive to see the (Marlins) heading in that direction," Cuthbert said. "Right now every organization is looking for every advantage — the best talent, the best people, the best competitive advantages."

The Marlins aren't the only ones to hire women for baseball roles recently. This winter, the A's hired a female scouting coordinator and the Cardinals hired a female baseball operations analyst.

The Yankees, Orioles, Rays and Red Sox each have a woman in their upper tier of baseball executives, and Kim Ng works for MLB as senior vice president of baseball operations. The Blue Jays have a female head athletic trainer.

No major league team has ever had a woman as GM.

The Marlins have several high-ranking women on the business side, including chief of staff Caroline O'Connor and senior vice president of finance Susan Jaison.

Hampton and Rigoli, for their part, don't make being a part of this minority a significant part of their identity. They both have unisex nicknames — Mel and Alex — but don't use them to cloak their genders during professional communications.

"I don't think I would have ever thought about (being the first Marlins woman in her role) until they said, 'This is where your locker room is,'" Hampton said.

Said Rigoli: "I didn't realize it was weird for me to be there until somebody else thinks it's weird for me to be there. But otherwise, I'm like, no, this is where you belong. There is where you feel comfortable. This is where you want to be."

Rigoli said she has encountered skepticism in the industry, but not because she's a woman.

"I think it comes from me being new," Rigoli said. "Whether you're new to an organization, new to a meeting or room, somebody is going to be skeptical. What does this new person know? That's true for any new person."

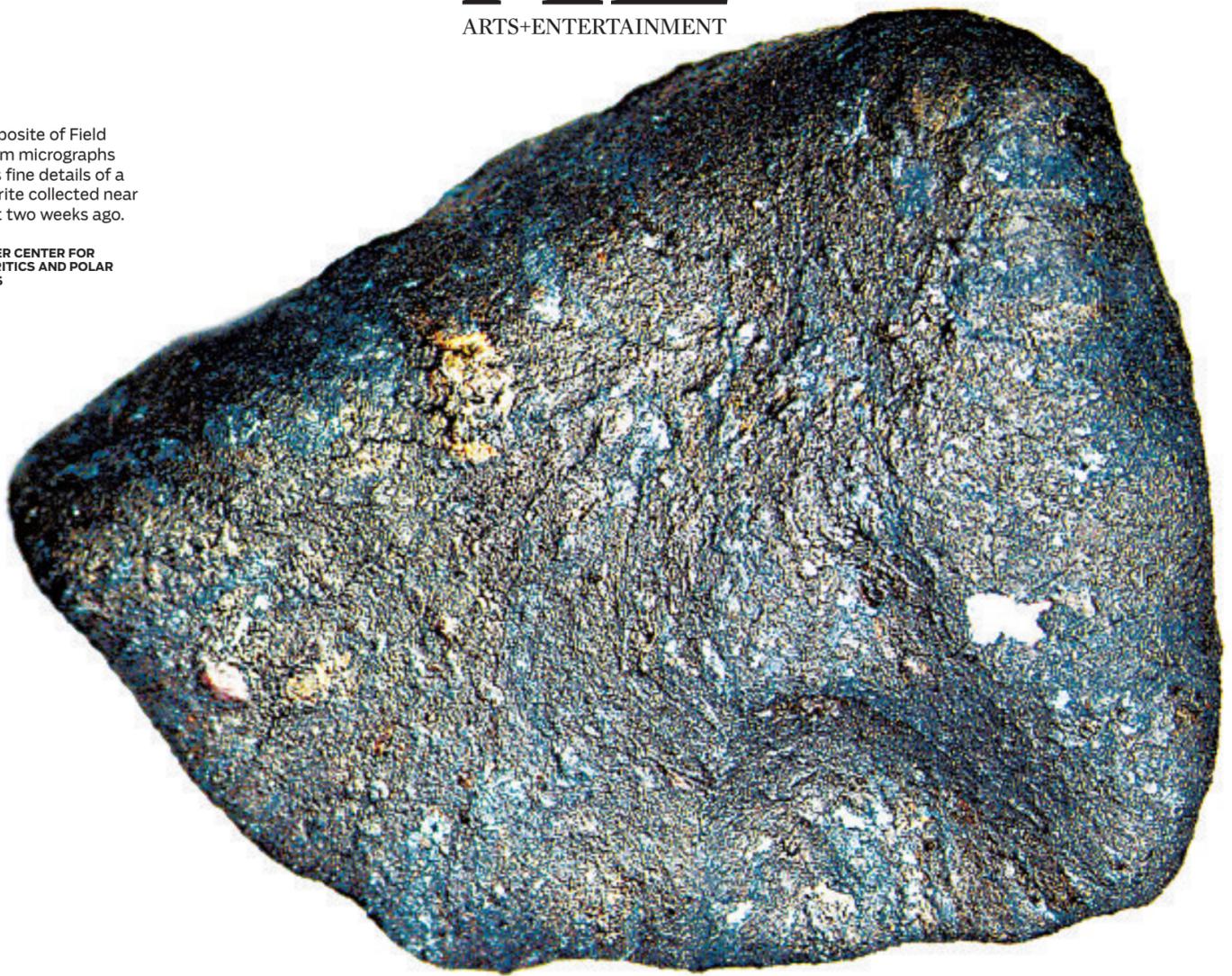
"To some people, I'm 22 and in baseball. What do I know? OK, so that's true regardless of who I talk to, what I look like, who I am, what my name is. Twenty-two in this game, the assumption is I know nothing. Which is fine. I'm still learning — every day. It's a learning process."

"But it's, 'Hey, I have some experiences that I think will help me. I have some experiences that will apply to what we're doing. I'll learn along the way and help build what you're trying to build.'"

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A composite of Field Museum micrographs reveals fine details of a meteorite collected near Detroit two weeks ago.

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# A GLIMPSE BACK IN TIME

Field Museum scientists analyze fresh Michigan meteorite, a piece of a 4.6 billion-year-old puzzle

By **STEVE JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

The streak of light flashed downward through the night sky, visible across the Midwest and in Canada. Cameras captured the space oddity, and their owners posted the results to YouTube.

Weather and other scientists used radar to track the FO, only temporarily U, concluding that it was a meteor and that fragments of the space rock, which hit Earth's atmosphere Jan. 16 at about the size of a minivan, likely landed in the Detroit area.

In the Southwest, the antennae of a professional meteorite hunter went up. "When something new falls — no matter where — I'm on the next plane out of Arizona!" says the webpage of Robert Ward.

Joining other hunters in the vicinity of Hamburg Township, north of Ann Arbor and west of Detroit, Ward was one of the first to find some rocks. Chicago's Field Museum has a picture of him in a parka, on a frozen lake, pointing at the squash-ball-size chunk of black that might as well be outlined in neon against the snow. This was two days after the mother rock broke apart upon entering Earth's atmosphere.

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Field scientist Philipp Heck displays the meteorite being analyzed at the museum.



MICHAEL COURIER PHOTO

Aja Wiltshire, from left, Jim DeSelm, Matt Crowle and Neela Barron star in the Stephen Sondheim-George Furth musical.

**IN PERFORMANCE** 'Merrily We Roll Along' ★★★

## Sondheim's wisdom propels us forward

By **CHRIS JONES**  
 Chicago Tribune

I met an out-of-town friend for a drink after the Porchlight Music Theatre production of "Merrily We Roll Along" on Tuesday night. "Where would you like to go?" he asked, meeting me in the lobby.

I thought for a second. "If I am being totally honest," I said, "to another production of 'Merrily We Roll Along.'" He laughed, sensing I was still in the show.

That impulse did not flow from having watched a poor production of the 1981 Stephen Sondheim musical, a show that

follows show-business lives, professional and personal, through the device of traveling backward in time. Director Michael Weber's Porchlight production is actually quite good; it sits very smugly within the Ruth Page Center for the Arts. With its shallow auditorium and large proscenium stage, this a far better set of digs for this small professional company than the black boxes of old.

Weber's interpretation can be visually fussy and doesn't ever range stark and dark enough for me, but let's stipulate that the trajectory into the abyss

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### MY WORST MOMENT

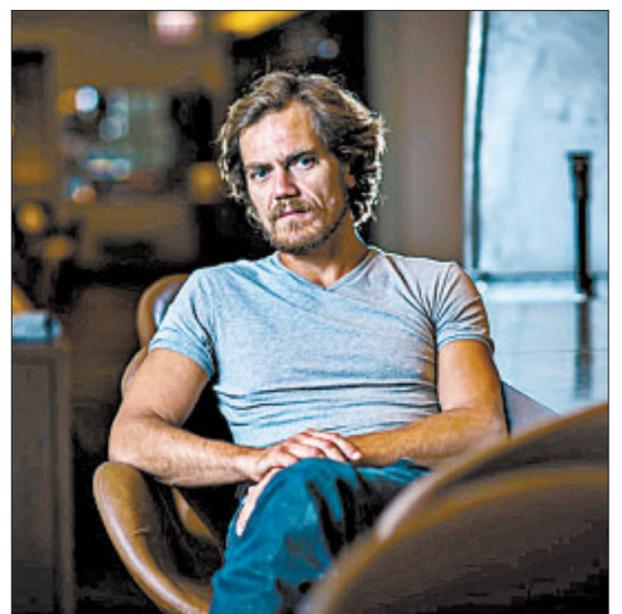
## As Shannon debuted Broadway, pandemonium in the audience

By **NINA METZ**  
 Chicago Tribune

In the new Brett Neveu play "Traitor," a small-town Illinois teacher discovers soil near the school is contaminated with lead and it's affecting the kids. Someone is profiting off this unwelcome reality, and it becomes a debate between the town's financial interests and the health of the community itself. Problem is, the whistleblower may not be quite the hero he seems at first glance.

The production at A Red Orchid Theatre is directed by Michael Shannon, who returns to Chicago every couple of years or so to work on a play between TV and film projects. Right now he can be seen in the Oscar-nominated film "The Shape of Water" and the TV series "Waco."

Shannon is a longtime member of A Red Orchid, along with Neveu and Guy Van Swearingen (who stars in "Traitor"), and he says the idea for the play came to fruition at an ensemble meeting: "Guy really wanted to do (Henrik) Ibsen's 'An Enemy of the People,' and I thought it would be cool to do a modern version of it, that maybe it'd be a little more accessible. And I thought Brett would do a hell of a job writing it. So I said, 'If you write it, I'll direct it.' And that's what happened." The production contin-



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Michael Shannon is directing the play "Traitor" at the Red Orchid.

ues through March 4. A Red Orchid is known for its tiny theater space — creating an intimacy between actors and audience that means no one is ever fully invisible, even in the dark. And yet: "People still fall asleep and eat candy, all the normal things that people do," Shannon said. "It's not like because they're in a smaller space

they're more polite." But noisy wrappers and the occasional snore are nothing, he said, compared with what happened during a production in New York that was his Broadway debut. Turns out, it was a worst moment for a few unlucky souls in the audience, as well.

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Robin Wright will star in Season 6 of "House of Cards."

## 'House of Cards' resumes production

Production has resumed on the sixth and final season of "House of Cards," Netflix announced Wednesday. Production on the series had been shut down in October after allegations of sexual assault and harassment were made against series star Kevin Spacey. Shortly after production was suspended, Netflix and producer Media Rights Capital announced they were severing ties with Spacey, with Netflix also canceling a planned Gore Vidal biopic in which Spacey was to star.

Season 6 of the political thriller will consist of eight episodes, with Robin Wright starring. Michael Kelly, Jayne Atkinson, Patricia Clarkson, Constance Zimmer, Derek Cecil, Campbell Scott and Boris McGiver will also star. The show is one of Netflix's original breakout hits, having been nominated for 53 Emmys throughout its run.

In addition, Diane Lane and Greg Kinnear have joined the final season. The details of their roles are being kept under wraps, but it is known the two will play siblings.

Lane was nominated for an Academy Award in 2003 for her leading role in the film "Unfaithful." She has also been nominated for two Emmys and three Golden Globes. She is known for roles in films like "Under the Tuscan Sun," "Chaplin" and the recent DC Universe films as Martha Kent. She will also appear in the upcoming Amazon series "The Romanoffs."

Kinnear is known for roles in films such as "As Good As It Gets," for which he was nominated for an Academy Award, "Little Miss Sunshine" and the mini-series "The Kennedys."

— Variety



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**Baio denial:** Scott Baio, above, denies a claim that he sexually abused an underage "Charles in Charge" co-star and says she seduced him when she was 14 and legally an adult. On Tuesday, Nicole Eggert, speaking on "Megyn Kelly Today," said Baio first molested her when she was 14 and they had sexual intercourse when she was 17. The age of consent in California is 18. Baio said Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that "false allegations" against him have "got to stop" for the sake of his wife and daughter.

**DJ in Swift case hired:** Disc jockey David Mueller, who was fired from his job at a Denver radio station in 2013 after Taylor Swift said he slipped his hand underneath her dress while they posed for a photograph and who later lost lawsuits in the matter, has been hired as a DJ on country music station KIX in Greenwood, Miss. "He's either the world's best liar, or he's telling the truth. I tend to believe his version of the story," said Larry Fuss, chief executive of Delta Radio, who hired Mueller.

**'Suits' renewed, without Markle:** "Suits" will suit up for another season, but without two of its top stars. USA Network has renewed the legal drama for an eighth season as the series prepares to say goodbye to Patrick J. Adams and Meghan Markle. Both actors will depart the series at the end of its seventh season.

**Feb. 1 birthdays:** Singer Don Everly is 81. Actor and comedian Garrett Morris is 81. Singer Harry Styles is 24.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Unhappy wife feeling like 'old maid'

**Dear Amy:** I am a healthy and vibrant 40-year-old woman in a same-sex marriage. After only six months of marriage, I feel like an old maid.

My wife and I have suffered a lot of turmoil in a short time, with a death in the family, job loss, illness, financial problems and exes trying to come between us.

I understand that these things could cause a rift. However, the rift comes in the form of my wife constantly arguing with me, putting me down, yelling at me and having a terrible attitude toward me. I've talked to my wife about this, and she doesn't see it.

She makes fun of me when I say she has an "attitude in her voice," telling me that I'm taking things the wrong way.

She was on the phone with her sister the other night and I started crying uncontrollably because of the way she spoke to her sister. She was loving and affectionate, encouraging and full of love. Amy, she hasn't spoken to me like that in months! I feel like as soon as I said, "I do," all of her promises went out the window. I'm working twice as hard, she doesn't help with any chores and I feel like her servant. When I bring this up, she accuses me of being mentally ill.

She says I need to be medicated and we need counseling. I agree with the counseling, but I do not have any of the mental illnesses she accuses me of having. How can I make her change something she refuses to see?

— Married Old Maid

**Dear Married:** You cannot force someone toward

change if they refuse to recognize the need for change. However, one great thing about competent couples counseling is that a skilled counselor can coax a person toward recognizing the need for change, and can then coach a couple on ways to make these necessary changes.

Definitely try counseling. You need an outlet for expressing your feelings, and your wife needs a neutral party to reflect back to her how her words and behavior dent and damage the relationship — and hurt you.

The behavior you report (put-downs, verbal attacks) is abusive and needs to stop. If she continues in this vein, you should consider leaving the marriage.

**Dear Amy:** I'm a woman in my late 20s. I've only recently realized that I'm an introverted person.

This is what it feels like to be me: We all have a certain amount of battery in reserve for our social interactions and my battery happens to drain faster than other people's. Long chats or outings with friends leave me feeling exhausted.

I've discussed this with close friends and loved ones, but I haven't figured out how to make this clear to acquaintances.

For example, my office mate is a person who can speak for very long periods of time, often with no natural gaps where I can jump in and comfortably excuse myself. Do you have any tips for politely exiting a conversation when you've run out of the energy to participate?

— Burgeoning Introvert

**Dear Introvert:** You seem to feel that being trapped with your motormouth office mate wouldn't bother and deplete you so much if only you weren't an introvert.

I think it's possible that it's not just you. The behavior might bother anyone.

If you are trapped with someone who doesn't leave natural conversational gaps, you'll have to say, "I'm sorry to interrupt, but I've got to get back to this task. Maybe we can catch up after work today."

I hope your office mate adjusts.

Earbuds (if they are permissible) might help you to block out some distractions, as well as giving your office mate a visual cue that you are not currently available.

Also read the groundbreaking book, "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking," by Susan Cain (2013, Broadway Books). The insight and recognition will help you to further understand and assert your own needs.

**Dear Amy:** "The Old Guy" was a musician nursing a long-ago rejection. I am shocked by your advice that he should start a "geezer band."

The word "geezer" is offensive, and you shouldn't use it!

— Offended Reader

**Dear Offended:** Well, my age puts me in geezer territory, and I happen to play music with other geezers, and so I feel comfortable using this term.

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## Life keeps rolling

Merrily, from Page 1

is impossibly wide and deep with this particular musical, a meditation on bitterness and division with an emphasis on the inevitability thereof.

If you wanted to sum up the ironically titled show, being as few of us roll along with constant merriment, you could do worse than use a snippet of dialogue between two of the central characters. Franklin (here, Jim DeSelm) is a gifted composer who likes money and to whom compromise and accommodation to rich patrons and the demands of the marketplace starts to come easily. Charley (Matt Crowle) is a gifted lyricist who believes in art and to whom com-

promise and accommodation to rich patrons and the demands of the marketplace never comes easily.

"Charley," asks Franklin at one point, "why can't it be like it was?"

"You and me," says Charley (and Crowle, whose body appears coiled up in lifelong frustration, is a perfect Charley), "we were nicer then."

The show's point is that life beats the nice out of you, especially a life in an overcrowded profession where your opportunity is someone else's loss. This long has been a show loved by creative types for just that reason. I once watched Sondheim at an event attended by pushy, well-to-do folks who wanted to talk to him and in whom he had absolutely no interest. All of his decades of upset and frustration at that perennial requirement of the artist's life under capitalism was emptied directly into this music and these lyrics. This is a takedown of back-

ers, producers, board members, sycophantic socialites, hangers-on, hangers-off, and, yes, he reserves a special place in his hell for critics.

But Sondheim and book-writer George Furth extend that theme into relationships and marriages. In one of the most devastating moments in all of Sondheim, Franklin's estranged wife, Beth, sings "Not a Day Goes By" in the anteroom of a court, a kid screaming to see his father as he is pulled away by his mother. And Aja Wiltshire pulls off a chill. Mostly.

Since the show goes backward, Sondheim and Furth also can show us how truisms and charming mannerisms we enjoy in youth go sour as we age and grow bitter. In marriages, they can perpetuate intergenerational dysfunction. Yet even with these not-so-good things, "Merrily" still rolls along, life offering no other choice.

The last time I saw this show in a small Chicago-

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area theater, no less than Jessie Mueller was playing Mary, the third wheel to these two self-obsessed guys. Here, Neala Barron, always an actress willing to play the long game, offers a very competitive interpretation. At times — many times — the show not only sounds great, but it really goes where it needs to go. Keely Vasquez, who plays the thanklessly detestable Gussie Carnegie, delivers far more than this object of Sondheim hatred usually delivers. In the lead, DeSelm has a charming voice and a Dorian Gray quality that carries him along, partway down the path. But he has yet to really stare down his demons, as this piece demands.

"Merrily" contains many great songs: "Good Thing Going," "Our Time," "Old Friends" and so on. The satirical elements, the aforementioned clagues, are harder to stage. In this show, some of them work well — there is a lot of talent in the ensemble — but a few feel overplayed. They need truly rigorous attention to truth in a theater this small.

So. Recommended, Sondheim devotees. Much to enjoy, a few things to kvetch about. But here's why I was ready to start over. We are in a moment of acute awareness of how everything really can just come crashing down, with past selfishness and sinning destroying professional accomplishment, fame, fortune, artistry. This show asks you whether anybody then will be rolling along at your side.

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## IN PERFORMANCE

# John Mulaney a comic mix of dark, light

Chicago roots consistently shine through in his alternating youthful idealism, bleak irritation

BY ZACH FREEMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Watching John Mulaney do stand-up is like watching a pitch meeting for a multicamera, multi-character sketch show, where an overworked but energetic and eager young writer is running through all of the bits on his own in an earnest attempt to prove to his boss that, golly gee, I know this could work if we just gave it a try.

Or maybe it's like watching a crisp, one-man show about that concept.

Either way, the 35-year-old Chicago native — in town for seven sold-out shows over five nights at the Chicago Theatre for his current national "Kid Gorgeous" tour — knows how to breathe dramatically vivid life into every word of this 75-minute set.

Mulaney, whose resume includes a short-lived sitcom, three stand-up specials (one of which was filmed at the Chicago Theatre), a stint writing for "Saturday Night Live," a four-month Broadway run with the off-kilter hit "Oh, Hello!" (which also toured) and the owning of a French bulldog named Petunia, is a remarkably adept storyteller with an endearingly smarmy voice who manages both endless optimism and hopeless pessimism in the same breath.

"A packed house and two empty seats right in the front row," he pointed out as he jogged onto the stage Tuesday night. "Just to keep me humble."

In a blue suit with black shoes and a tie, Mulaney made full use of the expansive stage, toting, whipping and dragging the long microphone cord behind him, around him and in front of him as he glided smoothly through a set that

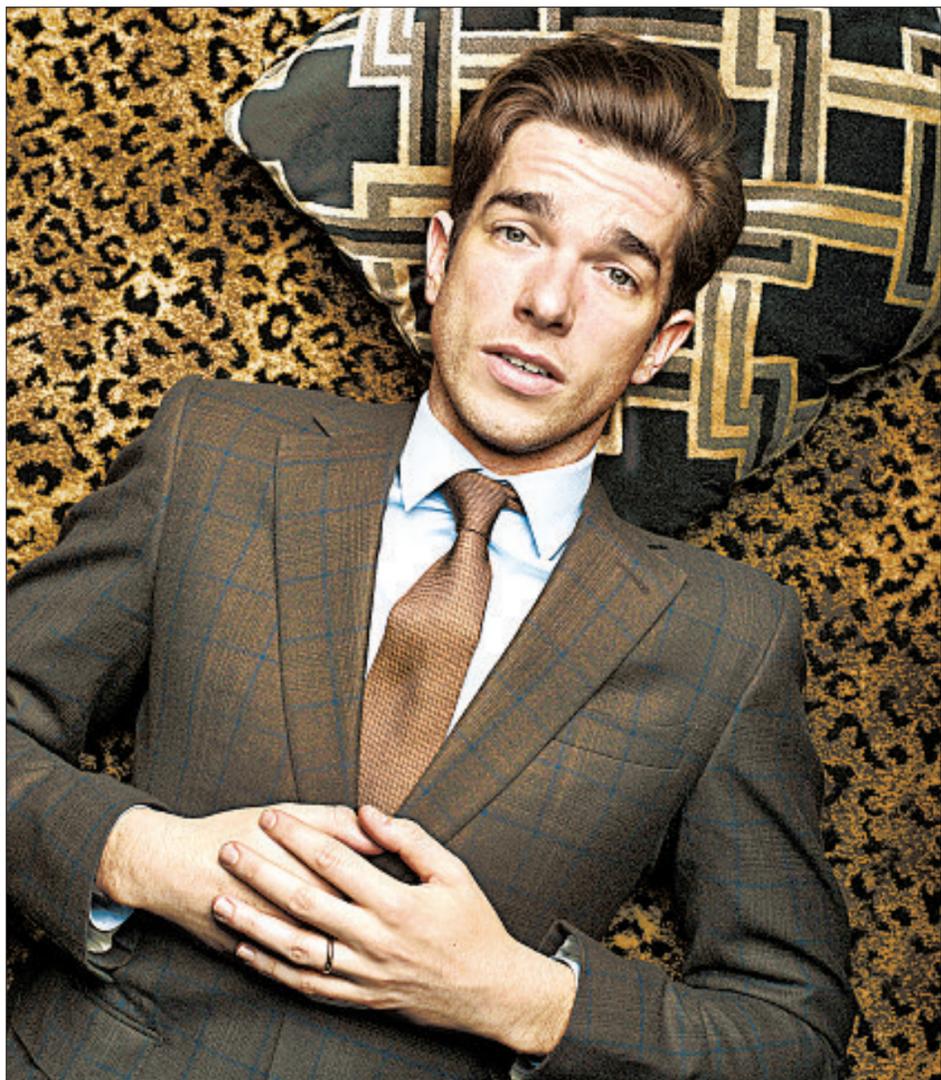
spanned his childhood in Chicago, a discourse on what college is (hint: "the worst use of \$120,000 I can think of"), the insanity of famous people and his admiration for his wife's approach to the world.

Mulaney is a comedian who manages to seamlessly merge the precision of an observational joke writer (e.g., Jerry Seinfeld, Demetri Martin) with the free-wheeling vibe of a storyteller (e.g., Dave Chappelle, Kathy Griffin). His musings can range from pithy one-liners ("My dad is so weird. I'd love to meet him someday."); "You spend most of your day telling a robot you're not a robot.") to lengthy and surreal exchanges (at one point he describes the current presidency as a horse loose in a hospital, stretching the analogy as far and in as many different directions as he can take it for as long as he can while maintaining the core of the original joke).

Often in the midst of these especially deep corners he explores, a nearly poetic sentence will drop in: "He made his living in death," he said of retired Chicago detective J.J. Bittenbinder, a man who came to Mulaney's elementary school to teach children how to prepare for the dangerous outside world in the early '90s, and one Mulaney ecstatically describes and then embodies, thick Chicago accent and all.

On the flip side, he knows when words fail. "I was sitting up in bed a few weeks ago like, 'AGHHHHH,'" he said, transitioning from placid calm to screaming and back again. "You know, life."

He's also adept at oblique self-deprecation, mocking himself — his physicality, his personality,



LUKE FONTANA PHOTO

Comedian John Mulaney is back in his hometown performing seven sold-out shows at the Chicago Theatre.

his career — confidently and self-assuredly, so the audience knows that he's not wallowing, he's just pointing out what he sees as fact and moving on. In one bit he discovers that a gazebo he's in was built during the Civil War. His response is a self-aware transition to a new topic: "Building a gazebo during the Civil War would be like doing stand-up comedy now."

It's here again that he ties together his unique blend of wide-eyed, youthful idealism and bleak irritation. "I try to stay positive," he says, "even though I will admit things are getting pretty sticky." Mulaney is a cheerful realist with a foot in the grave

and his head in the clouds.

"I don't mean to sound jaded," he says early on.

"I don't mean to sound grumpy," he says later.

"I don't mean to complain about technology," he says later still.

He doesn't mean to, but he's oh, so good at it. And he instinctively knows that too much negativity — no matter how well-crafted it might be — starts to chafe eventually. Mix in an uplifting thought or a silly gesture at the right moment, and you've wiped the slate clean, giving us another glimmer of hope before cold reality sets in.

In this way, Mulaney's Chicago roots consistently shine through.

Notably, his blending of the dark and the light in this set is perfectly encapsulated in his succinct, simultaneously flattering and insulting description of his hometown: "Chicago to me is like a drunk guy who's blacked out and weaving, but he can memorize a poem."

Chicago's the only place John Mulaney could be from.

Through Saturday at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; sold out, 800-745-3000 and [www.thechicagotheatre.com](http://www.thechicagotheatre.com).

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## State of union? Comedy weighs in

Live skepticism, and Stormy Daniels too

BY STEVE JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

The state of the union is skeptical. That, at least, was the take-away Tuesday from late-night TV, which reacted to President Donald Trump's first State of the Union address with rare live shows and a special guest appearance by none other than Stormy Daniels.

Ms. Daniels, you probably recall, is the woman who reportedly received \$130,000 in hush money from Trump just before the 2016 election to keep her from talking about the affair she allegedly had with him, a liaison that she had already talked about years earlier in an interview with In Touch that was not quashed.

Trevor Noah brought up Daniels in a monologue joke. Noting the sour looks during Trump's speech worn by first lady Melania Trump and Democratic congressional leaders Charles Schumer and Nancy Pelosi, Noah said, "Chuck and Nancy's faces, did you see that? They look like Trump also cheated on them with Stormy Daniels."

But Jimmy Kimmel actually had Daniels on his show and tried all kinds of ways to get her to talk about *l'affaire* Trump. He used dolls and said, "Show me on the puppet what he did to you." He brought out carrots of three different sizes. She mostly played coy.

"Do you have a nondisclosure agreement?" Kimmel asked. "Do I?" asked Daniels, an adult performer whose legal name is Stephanie Clifford.

Daniels did, however, seem to agree with Kimmel that a newly issued denial of an affair with Trump, reportedly from her publicist, appeared to bear a signature that did not look like hers.

Kimmel defended the decision to feature Daniels by reminding viewers that in October 2016



RANDY HOLMES/ABC

Porn star Stormy Daniels appears on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on ABC after the State of the Union address.

Trump invited three women who had accused President Bill Clinton of sexual misconduct and seated them in a prominent place at Trump's debate with presidential opponent Hillary Clinton, Bill's wife.

"I know a lot about dirty," Daniels said, "and even I wouldn't do that."

So that's the salacious portion of the evening's events: carrots, clauses and puppets in tight-whities. In the substantive one, Kimmel on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," Stephen Colbert on CBS' "The Late Show" and Trevor Noah and Jordan Klepper on Comedy Central all went live after Trump's address to Congress.

Noah's "Daily Show" labeled its coverage, "State of the Union 2018: The President Goes an Hour without Watching TV."

"The State of the Union is a big event," said Klepper, whose mock-right wing show is called "The Opposition." "It's like the Grammys, but less political."

"His approval rating is below 40 percent," noted Kimmel of the president. "And that was before his speech pre-empted a new episode of 'This Is Us.'"

Colbert pointed out the epic, near-record length of Trump's talk: "We are right now — and barely conscious following a 90-minute speech."

And in more scene-setting, Noah pointed out that some Democratic members of Congress were boycotting the address.

"There were so many black women missing that Boko Haram tried to take credit for it," said Noah, a native South African and possibly the only host who could get away with an African terrorism joke.

All the comics took on Trump's decision to focus on immigration, where he offered what he labeled a compromise that would let the so-called Dreamers stay in America even as he inaccurately painted illegal immigration as a prominent source of violence.

"The president brought an immigrant as his guest too," said Kimmel, showing an image of first lady Melania Trump.

In reaction to Trump's statement that "Americans are dreamers too," Noah was shocked: "Damn, did this guy just 'All lives matter' the Dreamers?"

Indeed, the speech leaned far enough to the right that Noah said, "I wouldn't be surprised if the teleprompter was just tuned to 'Fox and Friends' the whole time."

But Klepper noted that Trump delivered such sentiments in more moderate language than is typical. He had show correspondent Tim Baltz come out and translate SOTU Trump into "rally Trump."

"Burn your passports because America's first and traveling is for traitors," went one of the translations.

Trump taking credit for a low black unemployment rate was another comic flashpoint.

"There was one time when African-American unemployment was at zero," Colbert said. "But only half of Trump's base wants to go back there."

Said Kimmel, "Donald Trump taking credit for low unemployment among black people is like Ryan Seacrest taking credit for the new year: 'Look, the ball went up. I did it again.'"

And when Trump talked about Americans pulling together for each other during natural disasters, Colbert said, "This is going to be a comforting message to the people of Puerto Rico, once they have electricity to turn on their TVs."

While Trump did not talk about Russia or collusion, it wasn't far from the hosts' minds. A couple of them imagined Russian leader Vladimir Putin among the audience members.

And Klepper, in mock dudgeon, picked up on Trump's speech theme of a New American Moment and said, "Democrats like registered Republican Bob Mueller keep living in the past, investigating old dusty evidence about who influenced what election. Not Trump; he never mentions the 2016 election."

Seth Meyers was more succinct. His "Late Night" wasn't live Tuesday, but he was willing to open with a prediction: "President Trump this evening delivered his final State of the Union address."

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## A+E NOTES

### Luke Bryan to play Wrigley on Sept. 1

Incoming "American Idol" judge Luke Bryan is set to play Wrigley Field on Sept. 1, he announced Tuesday.

Ticket information has not yet been announced for the Wrigley show, which is part of a stadium leg of Bryan's "What Makes You Country" tour. Sam Hunt and Jon Pardi are set to join Bryan as special guests.

Bryan, Katy Perry and Lionel Richie are judges on the reboot of "American Idol," which is scheduled to premiere March 11 on ABC.

Bryan last played Wrigley Field in 2016.

— Tracy Swartz



MARVEL STUDIOS/DISNEY

Chadwick Boseman stars in "Black Panther."

### 'Black Panther' pre-sales soaring

"Black Panther" is outpacing all superhero movies in advance ticket sales for Fandango's online tickets service, eclipsing "Batman v Superman." Fandango reported Wednesday that "Black Panther" had topped daily ticket sales in the wake of its world premiere Monday — even though it doesn't open in theaters until Feb. 16.

According to a Fandango survey of more than 1,000 "Black Panther" moviegoers: 97 percent are looking forward to a different kind of superhero movie; 93 percent said they couldn't wait to see Chadwick Boseman in his own "Black Panther" movie after seeing him in "Captain America: Civil War"; 86 percent are excited to see the film's all-female guards/warriors, the Dora Milaje; and 85 percent are intrigued by the setting in the mythical African kingdom of Wakanda.

— Variety

# A powerful, uneven look at history

'Traversing the Past' showcases work of photographers in world's trouble spots



LORI WAXMAN

The personal is the political, goes the familiar feminist slogan of the 1970s, but the Museum of Contemporary Photography's current exhibition suggests a twist that might go something like this: The political is personal.

"Traversing the Past" is a powerful though uneven show featuring the work of three geopolitically diverse photographers: Adam Golfer, Diana Matar and Hrvoje Slovinc. Anyone who follows the news will know the basic details of their stories, which touch on some of the more traumatic moments of recent history — the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the murder of dissidents under the reign of Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, the dissolution of Yugoslavia into Croatia and other independent states — but rarely does the news allow for such immersive, unresolved and idiosyncratic telling. Nothing here is black and white, except some of the pictures.

Matar provides the weighty, elegant anchor of the show. Her images of eerily lit foliage in Rome, barred doorways in Cairo, crumbling barracks in Tripoli, and the vast Mediterranean reveal places haunted by absence. What's not there are the people: men kidnapped, locked up, tortured, and murdered by Gadhafi's regime. One of those men was the father-in-law Matar never met, Libyan opposition leader Jaballa Matar, who was abducted in 1990 from his family's home and has not been seen since.

Missing bodies can't be photographed, so Matar, who was born in California in 1962 and lives in London, finds organic and architectural witnesses to their disappearance. Old trees mark the locations in Rome where Gadhafi's agents assassinated exiled dissidents; shot at odd angles and low speeds, the trees look tortured and strange. The sea, its black-and-white waves cropped tight and troubled, records the final resting site of 1,270 prisoners the regime notoriously killed, buried, dug up, pulverized, and dumped into the water. A ruined futuristic structure, raked with the harsh electric light of the urban night, marks the building where revolutionary committees held so-called corruption trials, interrogating and imprisoning thousands of Libyans without legal counsel or appeal. The more personal absence of Jaballa materializes in uncanny ways: his son's footprint, a bowl of cracked eggs on a Persian carpet, a battered chair without a seat.

Many of Matar's studies risk being mistaken as innocuous, if moody, but that is part of their question. Do places, objects and flora retain traces of what happens around them? They must, but the photographer committed to a particular story, or set of stories, and to their terrible verity, also often provides words. Matar does, hanging brief diary entries and descriptions in the same dark wood frames as her pictures. In these, she muses on the traces Jallal has left in his family's home and DNA; marvels at the eventual fall of Gadhafi; and gives the sorts of unbearable details the viewer needs to know, and to measure against what is—and what can't be — seen in photographs.



JONATHAN CASTILLO PHOTO

Photographers Adam Golfer, Diana Matar and Hrvoje Slovinc are featured in the "Traversing the Past" exhibits.

Slovinc's "Croatian Rhapsody: Borderlands" feels more experimental than revelatory in relation to the turbulent homeland of the artist, who was born in the former Yugoslavia in 1976, and his subsequent life as a young, queer immigrant in New York. A veritable survey of the strategies available to contemporary photographers fills the gallery with handmade maps, knowingly kitschy landscapes, off-kilter portraits and outre still-lives, alternately mounted on paper, metal, wood or fabric, hung or inset deep into the wall, knotted into a tapestry, or printed as a riveting short story on a stack of take-away fold-out posters. The sum total of it all is undeniably hip and atmospheric, but it mostly left me unmoved and slightly baffled.

Golfer's "A House Without a Roof," meanwhile, offers this to see: a derelict cemetery, a massive olive tree, an out-of-date bath-

room, a checkpoint on an empty street where Israeli soldiers detain teenage boys, many grainy black-and-white people, a marked doorway on a European street, golden foliage abutting a car window, adults in bike gear digging in a field while a handful of young boys in kippahs look on, tiny praying figurines, a tangle of microphones, a Muslim family crossing a dusty road, a lush hilly park and more. Some photos are large, some small; some are hung high, some low, others are propped on shelves or on the floor; unframed snapshots are tacked to the wall or half-hidden behind leaning frames.

Excepting a lone video that misses the mark entirely, the effect is perfectly calibrated to pull the viewer here and there with curiosity: What are these places? Who are these people? What do they have to do with one another? When did this take place? What, if anything, is even

happening?

Golfer, who was born in 1985 and grew up in Maryland, the grandson of a Lithuanian Holocaust survivor, offers factual answers to some of these questions. Most are indispensable, like the fact that the cemetery is a seventh century Muslim burial site currently being dug up for an Israeli Museum of Tolerance, or that the bathroom once belonged to David Ben-Gurion, the country's first prime minister, or that the park was the site of the 1972 Munich Massacre, when Palestinian guerrillas killed 11 Israeli athletes. Others are personal: the Lithuanian birthplace of Golfer's grandmother, Golfer's father around the time he graduated high school in America and moved to a kibbutz in Haifa.

That these and other crucial details appear only on stapled gallery printouts feels too much like an afterthought, especially for an

installation that manages to seamlessly incorporate other texts: fictional stories and dialogues, projected one slide at a time. Written by Golfer, they read like absurd conversations that might have happened in the adjacent photos, crystallizing many of the most provocative ideas about history that run throughout the entirety of "Traversing the Past":

History is messy and personal, more full of footnotes than grand narratives. Sometimes illusion and confusion are closest to the truth.

"Traversing the Past: Adam Golfer, Diana Matar, Hrvoje Slovinc," through April 1 at the Museum of Contemporary Photography, 600 S. Michigan Ave., 312-663-5554, [www.mocp.org](http://www.mocp.org).

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## New rock a piece of cosmic puzzle

Meteorite, from Page 1

Ward, whom Field meteorologists describe as a "friend," put it in a FedEx envelope and shipped it to the museum, which keeps almost a quarter of the meteorites known on Earth and the equipment to study them.

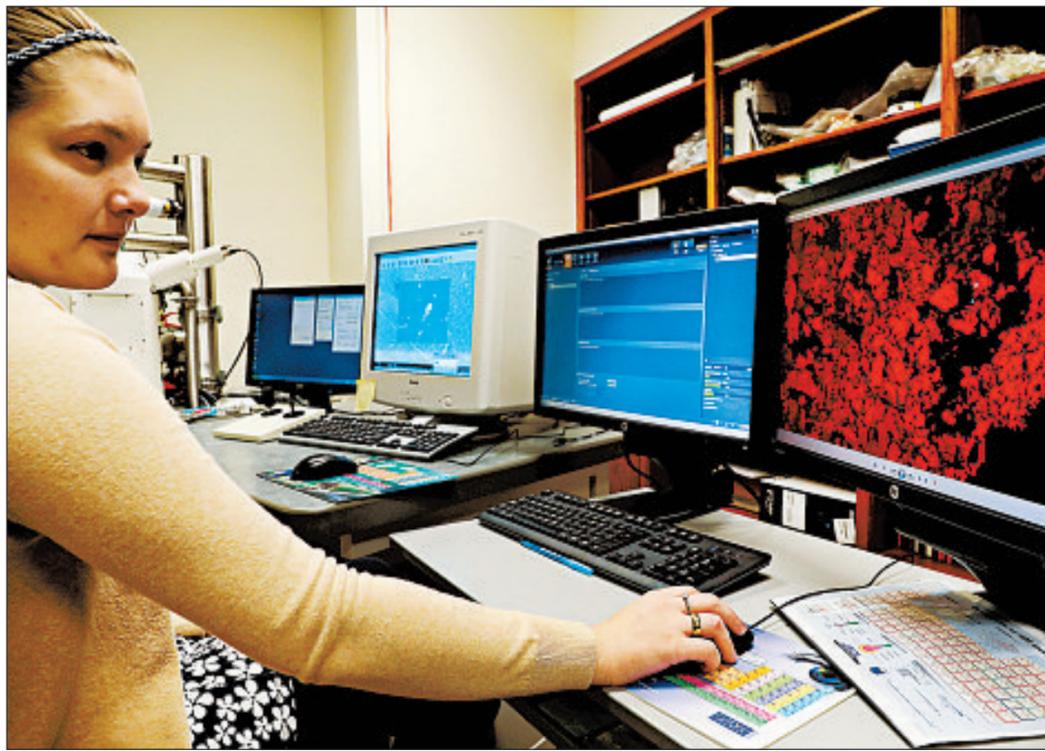
The museum immediately began analyzing the rock and then, on Wednesday, invited the news media in for a glimpse into meteorite science, which is primarily the study of failed little planets, asteroids that opt out of the orbital rat race.

University of Chicago graduate student Jennika Greer sat at the scanning electron microscope, where a polished slice of the Hamburg meteorite, cut without water by a diamond wafering saw, was under examination. Images on the screens in front of her looked like a lunar landscape and maybe a mold culture (they weren't).

Meteorite curator Philipp Heck stood with the lion's share of the rock in a baggie, and he patiently explained to each new camera crew what it is and why it is important — and why, no, he couldn't take it out of the baggie. He wore a purple glove — the science kind, not the Prince kind.

"It's rare that something like this happens so close to Chicago," said Heck, whose full title is Robert A. Pritzker associate curator of meteoritics and polar studies. "Our main interest is studying the rocks to learn about our origins. They are essentially a frozen piece of the earliest days of our solar system, 4.6 billion years ago."

Even in a place that sees so many meteorites, the arrival of a new one sparks



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University of Chicago graduate student Jennika Greer looks over a close-up of the newly obtained Michigan meteorite.



Field Museum curator Philipp Heck handles the star of Wednesday's news conference.

excitement. "It's like getting a new piece of the big puzzle," said Heck. "A few weeks ago this was still in space, and we have it right now here in our lab."

Indeed, meteorites offer a glimpse into space, he said: "In some ways it's the poor man's space sample return. We get a sample of a minor planet without actually paying" for the trip to space.

Most meteorites, too, offer a look at what Earth was like in its immaturity, before it bulked up. A meteorite like this new one is not dissimilar from our planet in its formative years, Heck explained.

But the really special thing about this one is how quickly it was collected, within two days of falling, which means it had little time to be tainted by local

materials.

"This is really important for us because it's a fresh fall," Heck said. "It might contain stuff that is not preserved in other meteorites."

So it has spent its early days at the Field being analyzed on the electron scanning microscope, which can examine the surface down to the level of a single micron. More than

its powers of magnification, the microscope is able to spot and label which elements are present in its subject.

It contains a lot of olivine, the most common mineral on Earth, plus feldspar, chromites and more, the scientists said. It is, so far, like 85 percent of known meteorites, Heck said.

From there, the probing will become more refined, spending time, for instance, in a mass spectrometer, Heck said.

"That's the most common type of meteorite, but I think the most exciting type of meteorite because it's so pristine," he said.

This is a busy time for the Field's meteorite lab. Later this year, when the weather warms, it will be part of a multi-institution team planning to drag the bottom of Lake Michigan to search for chunks of the meteor that was spotted over Chicago last February.

The Field, Adler Planetarium and Shedd Aquarium all have their teen

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science programs involved in the search, from tracking data to determine the best place to look (off of Sheboygan, Wis., it turns out) to devising a small vehicle that can troll the lake bed and scoop up what it finds.

The value there, Heck said, might be less in the rocks found, which have spent a year in water, than in the development of the means to scoop asteroid fragments from underwater.

"It's a great opportunity to work out the technique," he said. "There will be future fireballs in the lakes and oceans."

But more immediately, there's the Hamburg meteorite, the arrival of which was an all-hands-on-deck sort of moment. "Everyone kind of drops whatever project they're working on," said Greer.

For her, though, its arrival was a nice twofor. Toward her degree, she's taking one class this term. "It's a meteorite classification class with Philipp," she said. "So this is basically homework."

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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Glenn Howerton

**"A.P. Bio"** (8:31 p.m., NBC): Seth Meyers is one of the creators and executive producers of this new sitcom, which gets a sneak preview tonight before beginning its regular weekly run next month. Glenn Howerton stars as disgraced Harvard philosopher Jack Griffin, who misses out on a dream job and is forced to return to his hometown to work at his old high school as a teacher of Advanced Placement Biology (hence the series title).

**"The Big Bang Theory"** (7 p.m., CBS): Ask for honest feedback, and you just might get it — which gives Leonard mixed emotions in the new episode "The Novelization Correlation." He wants reactions to his novel, and Penny's (Kaley Cuoco) is especially brutal since she thinks the central character is a thinly disguised version of her. Sheldon (Jim Parsons) wants Wil Wheaton (guest-starring as himself again) to bring him on the new "Professor Proton" show.

**"Supernatural"** (7 p.m., CW): Dean (Jensen Ackles) falls victim to a pair of sister witches, Jamie and Jennie Plum (guest stars Jordan Clair Robbins, Elise Gaiten), who manage to steal a book of formidable spells from the Winchesters in the new episode "Various & Sundry Villains." When the brothers go after the women, Dean and Sam (Jared Padalecki) get help from a totally unexpected source: Rowena (guest star Ruth Connell), who has returned from the dead.

**"Band Aid"** (7:25 p.m., Showtime): Zoe Lister-Jones ("Life in Pieces") wrote and makes her directorial debut with this 2017 dramedy that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. Lister-Jones and Adam Pally ("Happy Endings") star as a married couple who try to curtail their penchant for fighting non-stop by turning their arguments into songs.

**"Scandal"** (8 p.m., ABC): Series star Kerry Washington makes her television directing debut with the new episode "The People v. Olivia Pope," and she doesn't make it easy for herself in the acting department. As the subtitle suggests, her character Olivia is front-and-center in the story, as a supposed getaway to Vermont with Fitz (Tony Goldwyn) actually turns out to be an intervention staged for her.

**"Puppy Bowl: Training Camp Confidential"** (9:02 p.m., ANIM): Part of the lead-up to Animal Planet's wildly successful annual Super Bowl Sunday counter-programming stunt, this new special takes a "behind the scenes" look at the puppy players on Team Ruff and Team Fluff as they go through their "grueling" weeks of preparation for their big date with doggie destiny in the Puppy Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 4.

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Therapist Dr. Phil, skydivers and BASE jumpers The Soul Flyers, Fred Fugen and Vince Reffet; Albert Hammond Jr. performs.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Sam Smith; actress Cecily Strong; magician Dan White.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Michael Shannon; TV host Meghan McCain.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Lupita Nyong'o; actor Billy Eichner; Ty Segall performs; Rick Springfield sits in with Cleto and the Cletones.\*

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## Shannon had to act through pandemonium in audience

Moment, from Page 1

## My worst moment ...

"I was doing a play called 'Grace' on Broadway in 2012 with Paul Rudd and Kate Arrington (Shannon's partner in real life) and Ed Asner, and we were doing this scene where we were having dinner together, me and Paul and Kate. My character is an astrophysicist and there's this part in the scene where I'm talking about space. Paul's character has asked me to describe my job at NASA and I'm talking about how I collect, study and research noise from outer space.

"I'm about to get to that part of the scene and there's this noise in the audience, this pandemonium going on out in the darkness and it's very distracting. And I don't know if somebody's drunk or they're trying to leave or what — but it keeps happening. It won't stop. And it's very frustrating.

"So I start telling my story about how there's this noise in outer space, and how it's my job to listen to it — and I start addressing my lines to the audience, to where I feel the noise is coming from to let them know that we on stage can hear what they're doing and we don't like it. It wasn't really in keeping with how the scene was supposed to go, but I kind of couldn't help myself, I was so irritated. And Paul and Kate are also struggling to keep their composure and focus.

"So we get through the scene and we go off stage and I go to the stage manager, 'What the hell is going on out there? I've never heard anything like that in my life! It's so rude!'

And the stage manager says, 'Well, somebody in the balcony vomited over the railing down onto the people sitting in the orchestra section.' And then I felt really bad! Because if that had happened to me, I



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Michael Shannon, right, plays an FBI negotiator in the TV series "Waco," about the 1993 Branch Davidian standoff.

would probably be squirming around and making noise too."

**Was he surprised the audience wasn't noisier, all things considered?**

"Yeah, I suppose in hindsight they were pretty restrained in their response. There was no hysterical shrieking. It sounded like people were, under their breath, trying to deal with the situation. I know the house management staff went out to buy people new shirts and clothing so they could replace the clothing that had been vomited on. I don't think we ever got a straight answer on whether the person was genuinely ill or drunk.

"Some days I'm more compassionate about (audience noise and futz) than others. I mean, I've been doing this for a long time, so I stopped expecting the audience to sit in rapture during my performance. It's kind of unrealistic, really. You just try to get the point where it doesn't bother you anymore. Every once in a while it does. I mean, this

was an exceptional circumstance because it just kept going. It wouldn't stop.

"This has only happened that one time for me, it's never happened before or since. I just can't imagine being on the receiving end of that."

*A story that ran in The Hollywood Reporter about the same incident noted that Paul Rudd told the crowd afterward: "As an actor, being able to move people to tears or laughter is amazing — but moving them to puking is a whole different league."*

## The takeaway ...

"Oh gee, I don't know. In hindsight, I feel bad for the people involved.

"I guess the takeaway is that you can't assume that just because there's something going on out there (in the audience) that people are jerks. It could be a real dire situation, somebody having a heart attack or something. So you have to not get too wrapped up in it, I guess."

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## THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 1

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T.: "Contamination." (N) ©	News (N) *	
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Superstore (N) ©	The Good Place (Season Finale) (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	(8:31) A.P. Bio (Series Premiere) (N)	Chicago Fire: "Law of the Jungle." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) *	
	<b>ABC</b> 7	Grey's Anatomy: "Don't Fear" the Reaper." (N) ©		Scandal: "The People v. Olivia Pope." (N) ©		How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) *	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	WGN News (N) (Live) ©		NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Vancouver Canucks. (N) (Live) ©		
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy Becker ©	Coach ©	
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	Meatballs 4 (R,'92) * Corey Feldman, Jack Nance. ©				Wagons East! (PG-13,'94) * ©		
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Rising From the Rails-Story of Pullman (N)		The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution -- Independent Lens ***		
	<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>Bounce</b> 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Are We There Yet? (PG,'05)		** Ice Cube, Nia Long.	Done Yet? *		
<b>FOX</b> 32			The Four: Battle for Stardom: "Week Five." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine	Modern Family ©		
<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood *		
<b>TeleM</b> 44	José José, el principe (N)		Sangre de mi tierra (N)		Señora Acero 4: La C (N)	Chicago (N)		
<b>CW</b> 50	Supernatural (N) ©		Arrow: "All for Nothing." (N)		Law Order: CI	Law CI *		
<b>UniMas</b> 60	La niña		La tierra prometida		Renta	Renta	Noticias Uni	
<b>WJYS</b> 62	Paid Prog.	S. Glory	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Know-Cause	Monument	
<b>Univ</b> 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Caer en tentación (N)	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	60 Days In: "Party Favors." 60 Days In ©				60 Days In (N) ©	First 48 *	
	<b>AMC</b>	Independence Day (PG-13,'96) *** Will Smith, Bill Pullman. ©					X-Men 2 *	
	<b>ANIM</b>	Cute As Fluff (N)		Puppy Bowl (N)		Puppy Bowl (N)	Fluff *	
	<b>BBCA</b>	(6) The Hunt for Red October (PG,'90) *** ©				Premier League Darts ©		
	<b>BET</b>	(6:05) Baby Boy (R,'01) *** Tyrese Gibson.				Black (N)	Mancave (N)	Rundown (N)
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	Women's College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan. (N)				Journey	The BIG	The BIG
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Top Chef ©		Top Chef (N) ©		Relative Success	Watch (N)	
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	<b>CNBC</b>	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Jay Leno's Garage (N)	Jay Leno's *	
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) *	
	<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Daily (N) *
	<b>DISC</b>	(6) Moonshiners (N) ©		Killing Fields (N) ©		Tesla's	Moonshine *	
	<b>DISN</b>	K.C. (N)	Andi Mack	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Jessie ©	K.C. Under.
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	<b>ESPN2</b>	* College Basketball (N)		Madden Club Series Championship (N)			30 for 30 © *	
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	<b>FOOD</b>	Chopped: "Tailgate Party." Chopped ©				Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	<b>FREE</b>	Beyond (N) ©		(8:01) Mr. Deeds (PG-13,'02) * Adam Sandler. ©			700 Club *	
	<b>FX</b>	World War Z (PG-13,'13) *** Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos. ©				World War Z ('13) ***		
<b>HALL</b>	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	
<b>HGTV</b>	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters	
<b>HIST</b>	Swamp People (N)		Swamp People: "Never Surrender; Cajun Cartel." (Season Premiere) (N)				Swamp *	
<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
<b>IFC</b>	(6:30) Meet the Fockers (PG-13,'04) ** ©				Portlandia	Baroness	Mr. Wood *	
<b>LIFE</b>	Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		Making a Model (N)	TBA *		
<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
<b>MTV</b>	* Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild/Out (N)	
<b>NBCSCH</b>	Alpine Skiing (Tape)		Inside Look	Pregame (N)	Alpine Skiing (Tape)		The Loop (N)	
<b>NICK</b>	Puss in Boots (PG,'11) *** Salma Hayek ©				Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends ©	
<b>OVATION</b>	(6) Backdraft (R,'91) *** Kurt Russell.				Crimson Tide (R,'95) *** ©			
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 *	
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<b>SPIKE</b>	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N)	Lip Sync (N)	(9:32) Beetlejuice ***		
<b>SYFY</b>	(5) Knowing	Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13,'11) ** Aaron Eckhart. ©					Magicians *	
<b>TBS</b>	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Conan (N) *	
<b>TCM</b>	Swing Time (NR,'36) *** Fred Astaire. ©				The Harvey Girls (NR,'46) *** *			
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Liz's Story." (N)				Family by the Ton (N)		My 600-Lb *	
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<b>TNT</b>	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Spurs (N Subject to Blackout)					Basketball (N Subject to	Watch (N) *	
<b>TOON</b>	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Mysteries at the Museum		Ameri. Mobster (N)		Mysteries-Museum (Season Finale) (N)		Mysteries *	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Nashville ©		King	
<b>USA</b>	Fifty Shades of Grey (R,'15) ** Dakota Johnson. ©					Jumping the Broom ***		
<b>VH1</b>	RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars (N) ©				America's Next Model		RuPaul's Drag Race: All *	
<b>WE</b>	Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop		Hip Hop *	
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	All Eyez on Me (R,'17) ** Demetrius Shipp Jr. ©					High Main.	Everything *
	<b>HBO2</b>	High Main.	Crashing	Snatched (R,'17) ** Amy Schumer. ©			Assassin's Creed ***	
	<b>MAX</b>	Murder at 1600 (R,'97) ** Wesley Snipes. ©				(8:50) The Ghost Writer ('10) ***		
	<b>SHO</b>	* Shameless (7:25) Band Aid (R,'17) *** ©				The Chi: "Quaking Grass." SNCTM		
	<b>STARZ</b>	(6:21) Tommy Boy **		Snake Eyes (R,'98) * Nicolas Cage. ©		(9:42) All Nighter ('17) *		
<b>STZNC</b>	(6:01) Runaway Bride **		The Birds (PG-13,'63) *** Rod Taylor. ©				First Wivs *	

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 1): Your career takes off this year. Organized, coordinated action could realize profitable dreams. The eclipse in your sign this month launches a confident, powerful phase. Summer breakthroughs in your work and fitness lead to a personal reckoning before new partnership kindles.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Don't take action yet. Finish preparations first. Guard time for your health and well-being. There's plenty of work today and tomorrow.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Relax. Take time for fun, family and romance. Don't make important decisions now; strengthen bonds with people you love. Listen, share and consider.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 5. Stick close to home over the next few days. Organize, sort and clear out clutter. Establish order somewhere chaotic. Clean up a mess.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 5. Consider the history. Silence is better than damaging outbursts. If you don't know what to say, keep your peace. Focus on practical priorities despite distractions.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. There's profit potential today and tomorrow, although obstacles could seem intimidating. Stick to your budget. Take a creative tack. Revise plans for unforeseen circumstances.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Slow down to avoid accidents or breakage. Energy surges are predictable for the next two days. Overcommitting can lead to burnout. Listen to your intuition.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 5. Settle into your warm cocoon. Silence and peaceful pursuits soothe your spirit through tomorrow. Consider the consequences before taking action. Meditate on the possibilities.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Friendship makes a difference. Offer and receive support. Lend a helping hand to one who needs it. Show up for your team or community.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Work takes priority over the next few days. Put in more time planning before initiating action. Someone important is paying attention. Take extra care.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Plan your itinerary for an upcoming trip. Today and tomorrow favor travel, studies and education. Extra effort surpasses old limits. Rules bend.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Wait to see what develops. Changes require budget revisions. Focus on strategic objectives, and avoid impulsive spending. Join forces with another to get funding.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Work out details with your partner before leaping into motion. Communication can save time, money and hassle. Listen, share and support each other.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>
♠ 8		♠ 972
♥ 852		♥ A973
♦ 6432		♦ Q95
♣ KJ743		♣ Q102
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>
♠ J10643		♠ AKQ5
♥ 4		♥ KQJ106
♦ AKJ87		♦ 10
♣ 96		♣ A85

Two-suited bids are very popular in tournament bridge. This was a Michael's Cue Bid in today's deal, but there are others. The Unusual No Trump is another popular two-suited bid and the full list would be quite long. They can be very effective when they discover a good fit but they can backfire when the bidder ends up defending the hand. They often provide a roadmap for declarer, not only about the bidder's hand, but also his partner's.

West continued with the king of diamonds at trick two, ruffed by South. Declarer cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade in dummy. A low trump from the table was ducked by East. South won with the king and continued with the queen, not surprised to see West show out. East won this with the ace and continued with a third round of diamonds.

Declarer ruffed this and cashed the jack of hearts, leaving himself with no trumps and East with one. This was no problem as long as East was out of diamonds, as advertised by West's two-suited bid. South cashed the king of spades and continued with the queen of spades. East had a choice that he didn't care for — he could ruff and lead a club away from his queen, or not ruff and watch South cash the ace and king of clubs. Rather than make a choice, East just folded his cards, claiming his trump trick, and congratulated South for his fine play.

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



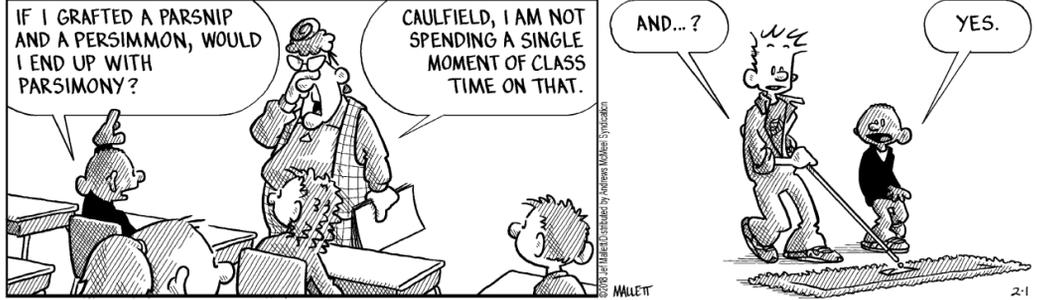
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### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



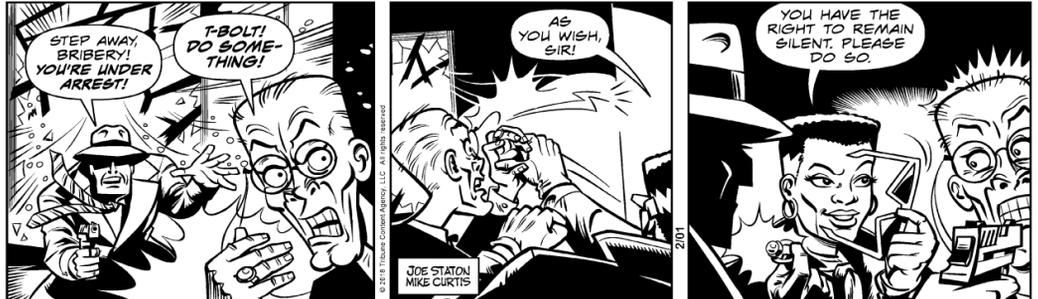
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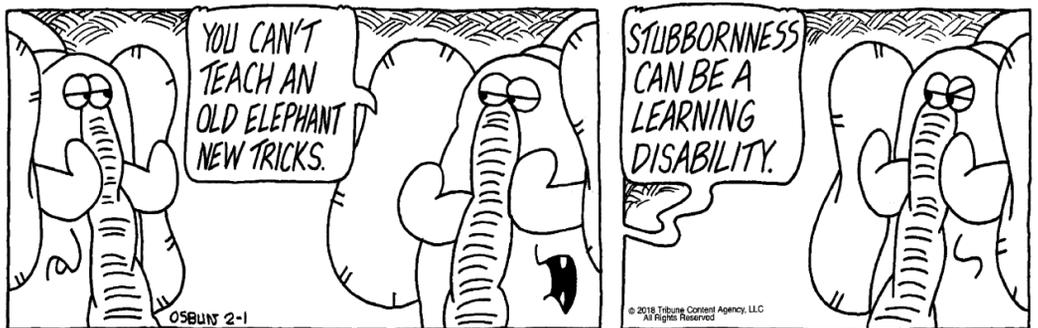
### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



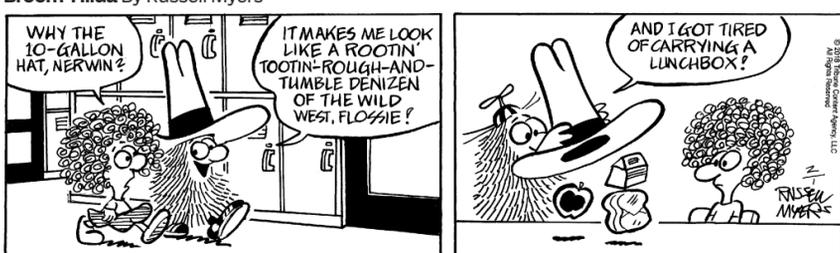
**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



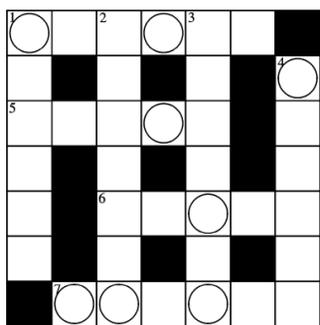
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

**Gouda and Edam cheeses originated in which country?**  
 A) Denmark  
 B) Netherlands  
 C) Norway  
 D) Switzerland  
 Wednesday's answer: A 1997 TV musical starred Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy God-mother.

**Jumble Crossword**



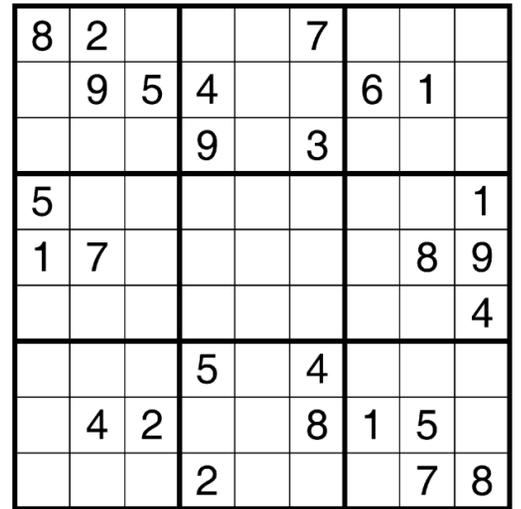
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 1. Required ENDEDE  
 2. \_\_\_ character ORCNOA  
 3. Diamond RRNGIEA  
 4. Deep-red color RATEGN

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.

2-1-18 **CLUE:** This movie grossed \$90,000 its opening weekend, the biggest opening ever at the time.  
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**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.

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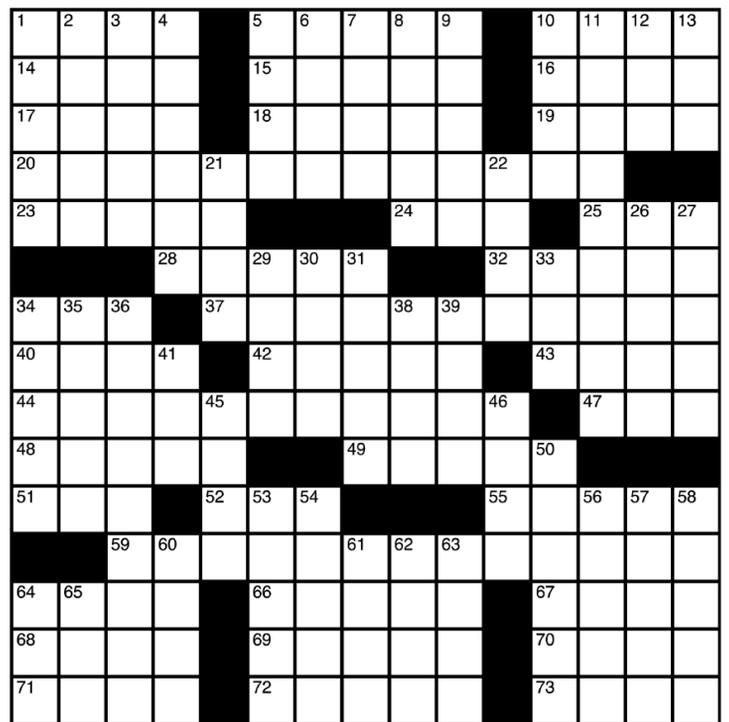
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Jumbles: KNIFE DOUBT LAGOON MISUSE  
 Answer: The skunks knew exactly when to spray, thanks to — GOOD "IN-STINKS"

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- 1 Ranks  
 5 Go higher  
 10 Burgoo or ragout  
 14 Harvest  
 15 Speeder spotter  
 16 Dance for a lei person  
 17 Cornstarch brand in a yellow-and-blue container  
 18 String in a kids' song  
 19 African antelope  
 20 Really cheap  
 23 Baltimore's \_\_\_ Harbor  
 24 Enjoy Vail  
 25 Podded plant  
 28 Fountain output  
 32 Sully  
 34 Rest area freebie  
 37 Precisely  
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 68 "Dilbert" intern  
 69 Comparatively friendly  
 70 Geek Squad client  
 71 LGBT Pride Month  
 72 2017 A.L. MVP José Altuve, for one  
 73 Zip
- Down**
- 21 Easy gait  
 22 Tubular pasta  
 26 Summer month in Uruguay  
 27 Book with 11-Down  
 29 St. Paul's feature  
 30 Minimally  
 31 Drops, as pounds  
 33 Part of ACA  
 34 Scott Joplin's "\_\_\_ Leaf Rag"  
 35 Literary middle name  
 36 Goes all out  
 38 Downright nasty  
 39 "Finding Dory" character  
 41 \_\_\_ salad  
 45 Club sport  
 46 "Around the Horn" channel  
 50 Strait of \_\_\_: Persian Gulf outlet  
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 61 Delicate handling  
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 63 Other, in España  
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A slow and steady approach to organizing will help you reach your goal

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**TIP  
of the  
DAY**

**Home odors:** When entertaining guests, there are a few things you should prioritize. According to Popsugar Living's content director, Angela Elias, the first thing visitors notice isn't visual.

"Decor isn't the first thing guests notice when they walk through your door — it's the smell," Elias writes. "Whether you're concerned about the fish you cooked the night before or your dog skipping a bath — or worse, the scents you've become nose blind to — put your mind at ease by lighting a candle or simmering a small pot of citrus peels and cinnamon sticks a half-hour before guests arrive."

— MyDomaine

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# 6 things to do at home to avoid getting the flu

**BY JURA KONCIUS**  
The Washington Post

Coughing, sneezing and misery are a part of many households these days as cold and flu season kicks into high gear. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says we are in the midst of a "very active" flu season in much of the country, and that the flu is widespread and intense.

It's no fun to live with someone who is sick. You feel sorry for them and care for them the best you can, but in no way do you want what they have. We spoke to Carolyn Forte, director of the Good Housekeeping Home Appliances, Cleaning Products, and Textiles Lab, about simple things you can do to try to prevent the spread of germs.

## Wash your hands. Often.

Forte says this is the single most important thing to do to prevent the spread of germs. Soap up between your fingers and don't forget your thumbs, she advises. Scrub for about 20 seconds. You can use any soap, but she prefers a liquid pump bottle. "You don't have that goopy bar in a soap dish. You can even touch the pump with your elbow to get the soap out." She's also a fan of touch-free automatic liquid-soap dispensers, such as Simplehuman Sensor Pump or Lysol No-Touch.

## Isolate toothbrushes.

Once a household member has a cold, it's best to separate his or



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her toothbrush from the rest of the pack to avoid germ contamination. After the person gets well, replace the toothbrush or toothbrush head with a new one.

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## Launder bedding frequently.

The best thing is to put the sick person in a separate room to sleep, preventing the spread of germs, as well as preserving your precious sleep. If you must share the same bed, wash your sheets frequently in hot water. It even

helps to wash just the pillowcases every few days, Forte says. Bath towels should be washed every day or two.

## Consider disposables.

Paper towels and paper cups can be your friends when germs are an issue. Give the sick person a roll of paper towels to use when washing hands in the bathroom, instead of using a communal towel. There is usually a lot of water-drinking and pill-taking, so instead of having to wash glasses

in hot water, switch to paper for the duration of the illness. If you are washing the sick individual's plates or flatware in your dishwasher, select a sanitizing cycle if that is an option on your model, as it bumps up the temperature of the final rinse.

## Clean your humidifier.

Humidifiers help soothe sinuses and nasal passages, especially when you have coughing and chest congestion. They're also great for your furniture and wood floors. But if you are using your humidifier daily to make your patient feel better, you should empty the tank daily and then wipe it down until it's dry. Clean it thoroughly at least weekly, following the directions provided for your particular model. "You don't want germs breeding in there and spewing out into the room," Forte says.

## Keep the remotes wiped off.

Flu sufferers are likely to spend long hours on the couch sniffing and feeling sorry for themselves, clicking through Netflix and HBO offerings. So all those remotes will be covered in germs. Keep a container of antibacterial wipes around so you can clean the remotes daily; clean light switches and doorknobs with them too. Put a small wastebasket in the TV room with a plastic liner for all the wet tissues and used wipes, and empty it once or twice a day.

## FINDS

# Warming trend

Heaters that can keep a small space — or even whole room — cozy

**BY GREGG ELLMAN**  
Tribune News Service

Sometimes you just can't get warm, but don't want to crank up the heat — or simply can't if you're in an office.

Honeywell's two-position heater (\$29.99) can, you guessed it, be used in two different posi-

tions: standing vertically or lying sideways horizontally. Either way, you'll get full functionality of all three settings: high heat (1500 watts), low heat (750 watts) or the fan with no heat.

There's a dial thermostat for temperature settings. Protections to prevent overheating include two overheat sensors and a backup cutoff fuse.

Another heating option, the Honeywell slim ceramic tower heater (\$54.99) is built just as the name describes it and can warm a

whole room.

It stands upright with a lean space-saving design and has the same heat settings as the two-position heater, along with a few additional features. You can have the fan oscillate to send the heat to a wide area, making it ideal for larger rooms.

A programmable thermostat comes in handy along with a timer you can set for one, two, four or eight hours. The heater is also equipped with safety features against overheating and 360-degree tip-over protection.

Both heaters have a cool-touch housing exterior, which means the outside will not get hot and cause burns.

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The Honeywell two-position heater (\$29.99) has fan-forced wire heating technology and can stand vertically or lie horizontally.



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# Slow order

How to ditch your to-do list, skip the stress and still get your house organized

BY CINDY DAMPIER  
Chicago Tribune

It's the Season of Feeling Bad About Yourself. I know this because stores' holiday decorations, which had been spreading cheer and parasitic glitter specks since October, have given way to different seasonally appropriate displays, like racks of athletic shoes (hey, what happened to those cozy slippers?!) and self-help books (should you ignite your life, stop denying your greatness, or jump on the Swedish death cleaning bandwagon?). As is my annual custom, I reject the self-help of others. Instead, I make a to-do list.

If you, too, follow the hallowed tradition of the New Year's to-do list, I salute you in the spirit of this season. Because, basically, there is no quicker path to the heart of despair than that little yellow Post-it full of Big Things we need to get done. Much of my list is taken up by things I have to do around the house, in an attempt to restore order or tackle lingering issues during the winter shut-in season. The list decorates my desk or kitchen counter all season long, cheerfully taunting me about all that I am not getting done as I race past on the way to do something else.

As celebratory as all this sounds, I'm willing to admit that there might be a better way. Which is why I called up Stephanie Sarkis, a psychologist and author who has written about the Zeigarnik effect. Named after a Soviet psychologist who got inspired while in a cafe (she was intrigued by her waiter's ability to remember a long list of orders), the Zeigarnik effect notes that unfinished tasks are like an itch that our brains can't scratch.

"Our brains need closure," says Sarkis. "We need to wrap things up — we crave completion." Thus, the anxiety that sets in when we realize that we still haven't crossed "Clean out the closet" off our lists.

As any self-help book worth its future spot on the Salvation Army shelves will tell you, we're simply doing it wrong. When it comes to

the to-do list, we need to learn to think small. "Big goals are stressful for the brain," says Sarkis. "It's much less stress for the brain if you give it a small task with a reward than if you give it a big task."

In other words, you can ditch those big-ticket to-do lists. Quick, before they clog up your completion-craving brain. "If you're a goal-driven person," Sarkis says, "it's kind of a paradigm shift."

Stay with us here: We're not saying you can't have goals. The trick is to break those goals down, into bite-size, specific tasks. Goals sliced as thin as a low-cal, yet surprisingly satisfying, potato chip.

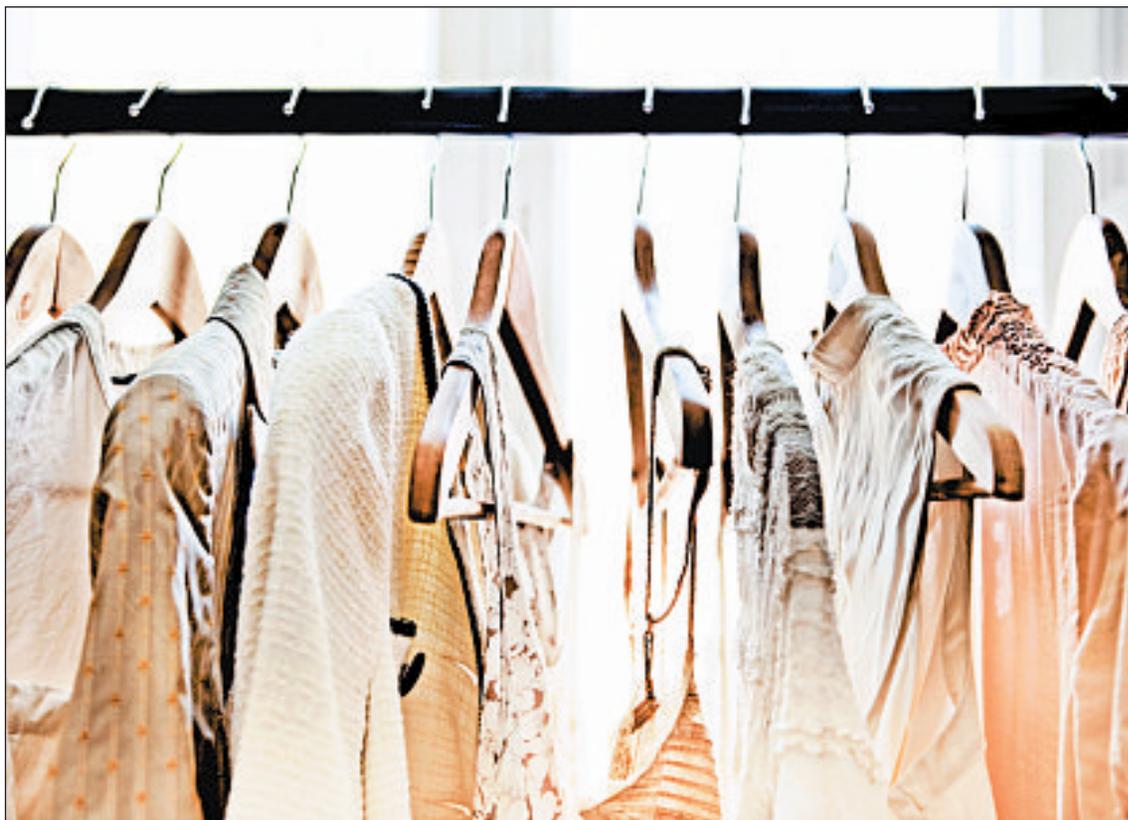
"Every time you finish a task," says Sarkis, "you get a little dose of dopamine, and then your brain is like, 'OK, great, that felt good. Let's do that again.' And you actually get a lot more stuff accomplished." Like cleaning up the closet.

Household tasks, luckily, are amazingly well-suited to this despair-beating, radically lackadaisical path to getting things done. Here's how it works on a few of those common to-do list tasks.

## Clean out the closet

**Equipment needed:** An empty bag

**How-to:** Get a paper grocery bag, and set it on the floor of your closet. While you're getting dressed, grab that blouse that makes you feel ugly or that too-small pair of pants leering at you judgmentally — grab any offending item — and drop it in the bag. Then walk away. When the bag is full, take it to your car or the garage, on its way to be donated. Stop to enjoy the micro-dose of dopamine coursing through your brain. Get another empty bag, and repeat. Do not waste brain power thinking about cleaning up your closet. Do not tell people you are cleaning out your closet. Do not write "clean closet" on a Post-it. One day soon, you will look up and discover ... your closet is cleaned out. (Insert dopamine here.)



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Instead of attempting to clean out your closet all at once — and beating yourself up if you don't succeed — take a slower, bite-size approach to closet organization. Your brain may thank you for the low-stress method.



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Streamline kitchen drawers by discarding kitchen utensils, when you come across them, that you really don't use, that are broken or that are duplicates. Taking a gradual approach to a big task can make it easier.

## De-scuff the floors

**Equipment needed:** A kit (any bag or small container) with a set of self-adhesive felt furniture pads and wood-scratch repair markers in a color to match your floor

**How-to:** Place your kit within easy reach (maybe in the hall closet). When you have a few minutes to spare (maybe while waiting for coffee to brew or while talking on the phone), stick felt on furniture feet. (Prevent new scratches before you fix old

ones.) Only spend a few minutes (use a timer if you need to head off obsessive tendencies) — even if you only do a chair or two. Bask in task completion. Repeat. Once the furniture is felted, move on to the markers, and start filling in scratches, a few at a time.

## Clean up the walls

**Equipment needed:** A kit containing a Magic Eraser and an all-in-one nail-hole patch stick with a built-in applicator (such as DAP or Elmer's).

**How-to:** Using the same approach as above, tackle those dirty smudges, marks and nail holes in the walls.

## Streamline the utensil drawer

**Equipment needed:** An empty box

**How-to:** Using the same gradual method as in the closet cleanout, discard those kitchen utensils that you really don't use, are broken or that you have duplicates of. (That set of Ginsu knives just isn't as sharp as it used to be.)



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The best way to prevent legginess — excessive, spindly growth — in your seedlings is the proper use of a grow light. Not many homes offer enough light for growing seedlings.

## How to keep seedlings compact, curb legginess

BY **TIM JOHNSON**  
Chicago Tribune

We are getting geared up for seed starting and ran across the term “growth regulator.” If we understand correctly, these are sprays that can control legginess. Can we use one at home to keep our seedlings more compact?

— *Jim Anderson, Wilmette*

Plant growth regulators are natural or synthetic organic compounds that affect plant growth. They are used by commercial growers to produce different crop responses. Plant growth regulators are also used in the landscape industry.

There is an art and science to using plant growth regulators for good results. I don't believe, however, that they are a viable option for the typical home gardener. I am not aware of them being used at the seedling stage to reduce legginess — excessive, spindly growth — which is caused by a lack of light.

The best way to reduce legginess in your seedlings is to use a grow light designed for plant growth. Not many homes have a

window setting that provides enough light for growing seedlings. Be aware, LED grow lights use much less electricity than fluorescent bulbs. A light fixture hung on a chain works best, as you can adjust the level to keep the light at the optimum 2 to 3 inches above the seedlings. Adjust the height as the seedlings grow. You may need to raise the light a bit higher than 3 inches if the seedlings at the edge of the tray are not getting enough light. It is easiest to put the lights on a timer to provide 14 to 18 hours of supplemental light per day. Providing bottom heat for the seedlings also generally improves germination results. Heat mats or cables can be purchased at your local garden center.

Sow seeds in fiber pots or trays, using a premoistened, soil-less or seed-starting mix. Sow large seeds in slightly indented rows and cover lightly with a thin layer of the mix. Finer seeds may be spread directly on top of the soil. Some types of seeds require a glass or plastic cover to provide supplemental humidity. Most seed packets have good information on germina-

tion requirements and time needed to produce a transplant. Water seeds from the bottom or use a fine mister to keep soil moist. Most seeds require a warm, bright location out of direct sun. Ventilate covered seeds daily.

When two sets of true leaves develop, transplant small seedlings to a larger fiber pot that contains a slightly coarser growing mix. Begin fertilizing with quarter-strength 10-10-10 solution. As the plant grows larger, switch to a half-strength solution every one to two weeks. Cut back on the fertilizer if growth starts to get leggy. Growing the plants more on the dry side and at a cooler temperature can also help reduce legginess.

Harden plants off approximately seven to 10 days before setting them out. Take them outside for a few hours a day and bring them back in at night. Gradually increase the time spent outside until they are ready to be planted.

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## HOME REMEDIES

# Could your indoor air quality be hazardous to your health?

BY **MEGAN LINHOFF**  
Angie's List

We all know that outdoor air pollution can be hazardous to our health, but indoor air quality presents several risks that we should keep top of mind as well. Sources such as heating systems, certain building materials and even nature itself can release harmful gases or particles into the air inside our homes, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. And inadequate ventilation can lead to increased concentrations and exposure.

Here's a look at three common indoor air pollutants and what you can do to avoid unsafe levels in your home:

### Carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas. Common sources of carbon monoxide include improperly vented gas appliances, poorly maintained boilers and furnaces, and clogged or leaking chimneys. Carbon monoxide can be fatal at high concentrations. And at lower concentrations, it may cause fatigue, nausea, headaches, impaired vision and reduced brain function, among other symptoms.

To prevent high concentrations of carbon monoxide, it's important to properly maintain all combustion equipment and ensure proper ventilation. (The EPA recommends having a trained professional inspect chimneys, water heaters, gas furnaces, and gas ranges and ovens annually.) It's also important to keep a carbon monoxide detector in good working order in your home.

### Radon

Radon is a radioactive gas that results from the



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A blocked fireplace chimney or flue can allow carbon monoxide to accumulate inside your home.

natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water. Like carbon monoxide, it is both odorless and colorless. All homes, new and old, are susceptible to radon. The gas typically enters a home by rising up through the soil and seeping into the cracks and crevices of a home's foundation, but it may also enter the home through wall cracks, construction joints and water supply sources, among other areas. The EPA estimates that 1 in 15 homes in the United States is affected by high levels of radon.

Exposure to elevated radon levels is known to cause lung cancer and serious respiratory health issues. The best way to ensure that your home is safe is to administer a radon test. You may either hire a qualified testing professional or purchase a home kit to test your home for radon. There are both short- and long-term tests available. The EPA recommends starting with a short-term test. The results of this test will indicate whether you should follow up with another short-term test or a long-term test. The higher the results, the greater the likelihood that you'll need to hire a radon mitigation specialist to address the problem.

### Volatile organic compounds

Volatile organic compounds are emitted as gases from a variety of household paints, disinfectants and solvents, as well as some building materials — including certain carpets and flooring. The health effects of VOC exposure will depend on the level of exposure and the amount of time exposed, but VOCs are known to cause eye, nose and throat irritation; headaches; nausea; damage to the liver, kidney and central nervous system; and, in some cases, even cancer.

To decrease exposure to VOCs in your home, the EPA recommends carefully following label instructions, increasing ventilation when using VOC-emitting products, and safely storing and disposing of unneeded chemicals. Many products offer low-VOC or zero-VOC options; it's best to choose these whenever possible.

To evaluate your risk for poor indoor air quality, take a survey of your home. Identify where combustion systems are located, inventory how chemicals are stored and assess whether ventilation is adequate.

# DIY plumbing presents some challenges

Learn from Mother Nature: Limit angles, slope when installing drain, vent pipes

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

I'm blessed. Not only do I get emails each day from readers like you, but I also get questions from the Ask Tim page at [www.AsktheBuilder.com](http://www.AsktheBuilder.com) website. Believe it or not, these questions are never tiring, and it's like Christmas morning when I open them. The high-resolution photos that often accompany the inquiries are like eye candy to me. My wife thinks I'm nuts!

Wayne reached out to me from Houston. He decided that he was going to do some serious DIY plumbing at his house, and as he put it, "I've racked my brain and can't come up with a code-approved way to make this happen."

It just so happens I'm a master plumber. I've been one since age 29. I did all the plumbing on most of my jobs and thoroughly enjoyed it. Designing and installing plumbing drain and vent lines is like a giant 3-D puzzle to me. As crazy as it sounds, it's fun.

I'm not going to try to transform you into a plumber with this column, but I'd like to share some pointers that might come in handy if you decide you want to do what Wayne's trying to accomplish. If you want to leave the job to a real plumber, the tips might allow you to verify he's using the best prac-

tices at your home.

Transporting wastewater from your home to a city sewer or your own septic tank is serious business. In the late 1800s, when indoor plumbing started to take hold, plumbers were as esteemed as the physicians of the time. Once it was understood that sewage was the cause of serious disease, anyone who was willing to pipe it away safely was considered to have a superpower of sorts.

The drain and vent pipes in your home mimic what Mother Nature does on a much grander scale. The problem is that most people don't stop to ponder what they see with their eyes.

Look at how creeks, streams and rivers work. Small streams eventually connect with larger rivers. When they intersect, the angle is rarely a hard 90-degree turn but more often some gentle angle close to 45, 30 or 22 degrees.

The blood vessels in your body are designed the same way. Don't ignore technology that Mother Nature has perfected when it comes to the best way for liquids to flow.

You should design your wastewater pipes in a similar manner, for the most part. It's a bad plumbing practice to have a hard 90-degree bend in a horizontal drain line that's buried in a slab or other-

wise hidden. If you have to make a 90-degree bend, use two 45-degree fittings and put a small piece of straight pipe between the fittings, if possible.

It's fine to have a larger-radius (sweep) 90-degree bend at the base of a vertical drainage stack where the wastewater starts to travel horizontally. It's also a good idea to have a sweep 90-degree fitting where a drain pipe pops out of a wall for a kitchen, vanity or laundry sink. You can use those hard 90s all day long in your vent pipes that supply your plumbing system with much-needed air.

Don't forget about pipe slope. Use gravity's magic force to get your solid and liquid waste out of your home. All drain lines should have a minimum fall of one-eighth inch per foot of horizontal run. Some codes allow a quarter-inch of fall per foot.

If you slope the pipe much more than a quarter inch per foot, you can set yourself up for future clogs, as the liquids may outrun the solids in steep-pitched pipes. The solid waste may sit in the pipe and accumulate, creating a clog. Avoid the temptation to create lots of fall in your horizontal drain piping.

If you're unclear about the magic vent lines in your home, visit [AsktheBuilder.com](http://AsktheBuilder.com) and type "how to vent plumbing video" into the search engine. This video will get you up to speed so you don't make critical venting mistakes.



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Here's one homeowner's DIY attempt at installing toilet plumbing. Avoid 90-degree pipe turns to help keep water flowing.

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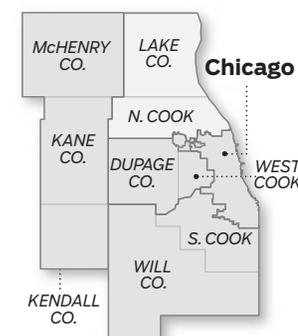
## PRICE PULSE: JULY 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 2017

### Lake and North Cook 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.

Lake		July 2016 - Sept 2016		July 2017 - Sept 2017	
COMMUNITY AREA	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN	
Antioch	122	\$202,500	137	\$210,000	
Bannockburn	4	\$707,500	2	\$711,750	
Barrington*	50	\$457,500	48	\$504,500	
Barrington Hills*	1	\$525,000	0	\$0	
Beach Park	55	\$140,000	69	\$172,000	
Buffalo Grove*	173	\$355,000	167	\$370,000	
Deer Park	13	\$420,000	23	\$550,000	
Deerfield	118	\$422,250	98	\$438,750	
Fox Lake	64	\$145,000	58	\$138,000	
Gages Lake	2	\$180,324	2	\$137,500	
Grayslake	167	\$205,000	208	\$207,000	
Green Oaks	0	\$0	1	\$525,000	
Gurnee	189	\$226,500	204	\$254,550	
Hainesville	25	\$135,100	30	\$153,750	
Hawthorn Wds	74	\$501,302	43	\$505,000	
Highland Park	134	\$507,500	140	\$480,000	
Highwood	8	\$287,780	13	\$422,500	
Indian Creek	4	\$392,500	3	\$400,000	
Ingleside	47	\$159,900	55	\$189,000	
Island Lake*	32	\$164,000	19	\$160,000	
Ivanhoe	0	\$0	0	\$0	
Kildeer	21	\$630,000	21	\$610,000	
Lake Barrington	50	\$241,500	48	\$314,000	
Lake Bluff	56	\$400,000	57	\$469,000	
Lake Forest	92	\$746,300	108	\$800,000	
Lake Villa	83	\$224,900	112	\$206,750	
Lake Zurich	124	\$311,750	101	\$318,000	
Lakemoor*	7	\$212,000	15	\$181,500	
Libertyville	157	\$417,500	151	\$455,000	
Lincolnshire	44	\$479,000	44	\$478,500	
Lindenhurst	71	\$205,000	97	\$198,500	
Long Grove	42	\$607,000	40	\$594,000	
Mettawa	2	\$592,500	0	\$0	
Mundelein	170	\$213,250	151	\$235,000	
North Barrington	20	\$422,500	17	\$560,000	
North Chicago	14	\$86,500	17	\$110,000	
Old Mill Creek	1	\$116,500	0	\$0	
Palatine*	1	\$499,000	0	\$0	
Park City	3	\$163,500	4	\$202,500	
Prairie View	4	\$445,000	5	\$425,000	
Riverwoods	23	\$603,000	15	\$655,000	
Round Lake	119	\$161,000	122	\$183,250	
Rd Lake Beach	101	\$143,000	126	\$143,500	
Rd Lake Hts.	9	\$124,000	15	\$137,000	
Rd Lake Park	14	\$128,500	13	\$115,000	
Russell	0	\$0	0	\$0	
Third Lake	7	\$259,000	5	\$265,000	
Tower Lakes	6	\$362,750	8	\$470,000	
Vernon Hills	157	\$330,000	167	\$330,000	
Volo	57	\$210,000	45	\$185,000	
Wadsworth	40	\$271,500	38	\$262,500	
Wauconda	71	\$210,000	99	\$225,000	
Waukegan	161	\$130,000	143	\$132,000	
Winthrop Harbor	33	\$153,500	35	\$165,000	
Zion	65	\$135,000	85	\$135,000	

North Cook		July 2016 - Sept 2016		July 2017 - Sept 2017	
COMMUNITY AREA	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN	
Arlington Hts.	454	\$325,000	469	\$333,000	
Barrington*	59	\$425,000	58	\$529,000	
Barrington Hills*	0	\$0	0	\$0	
Buffalo Grove*	114	\$211,750	88	\$240,500	
Des Plaines	433	\$200,000	360	\$233,000	
Elgin*	131	\$165,000	105	\$170,000	
Elk Grove Village	215	\$229,503	183	\$247,000	
Evanston	447	\$337,500	351	\$340,000	
Glencoe	67	\$895,000	47	\$834,000	
Glenview	359	\$470,000	308	\$452,750	
Golf	3	\$735,000	1	\$812,500	
Hanover Park*	73	\$197,000	75	\$183,000	
Harwood Hts.	29	\$245,000	36	\$249,000	
Hoffman Estates	263	\$250,000	237	\$265,000	
Inverness	50	\$463,500	46	\$556,500	
Kenilworth	23	\$1,245,000	19	\$1,235,000	
Lincolnwood	60	\$384,500	53	\$365,000	
Morton Grove	135	\$290,000	162	\$305,500	
Mt. Prospect	269	\$289,000	229	\$295,500	
Niles	155	\$253,000	130	\$269,750	
Norridge	75	\$260,000	73	\$310,000	
Northbrook	282	\$420,000	260	\$465,000	
Northfield	47	\$466,500	43	\$475,000	
Palatine*	485	\$265,000	423	\$265,000	
Park Ridge	242	\$392,750	188	\$423,500	
Prospect Hts.	93	\$235,000	61	\$219,000	
Rolling Meadows	141	\$201,500	117	\$222,000	
Roselle*	39	\$211,000	22	\$210,000	
Rosemont	9	\$375,000	5	\$222,000	
Schaumburg	403	\$194,000	443	\$195,000	
Schiller Park	48	\$190,000	35	\$203,500	
Skokie	321	\$285,000	250	\$281,000	
S. Barrington	29	\$713,000	27	\$785,000	
Streamwood	233	\$170,000	225	\$190,000	
Wheeling	189	\$178,000	174	\$187,000	
Wilmette	174	\$682,500	146	\$610,000	
Winnetka	113	\$1,125,000	93	\$1,089,000	



#### NEXT WEEK: South Cook and Will

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**Barrington Hills** \$750,000  
Open & inviting ranch w/4 bedrms, 4 1/2 baths. New double oven, dishwasher, granite tops. Beautiful built-ins. Great views of wooded lot. 3 car garage, fenced yard! A must see!

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Mid-Century Ranch! Gorgeous open floor plan, 3 BD, 2 1/2 bath home on half acre. Gourmet kitchen, 3 fireplaces. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard! Don't miss!

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**Batavia** \$299,900  
1st Flr Mstr Townhome. Sunny & beautiful 3 BR., 2 BA Batavia townhme. Plantation shutters, new carpet. Vaulted living room w/2 skylights & FP. 2 BR on 1st flr. BR 3 + priv BA on 2nd flr. Excellent condition. [marthadorfler.com](http://marthadorfler.com)

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**Batavia** \$284,900  
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**Elburn** \$529,900  
Golf Course! Cul-de-sac with walk-out ranch and in-ground pool at Hughes Creek Country Club. Finished basement w/rec room and office, 3-car garage.

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**Geneva** \$399,900  
EXTRA, EXTRA DEEP POUR walk-out basement in this 4 bedroom, 3 car garage, 2 story home in desirable North Mill Creek subdivision. Open floor plan.

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**Montgomery** \$175,000  
3BR/1BA ranch with full finished basement. Hardwood floors, island kitchen with all appliances, wood burning FP, 1.5 car garage with screened porch off back, nice sized yard with deck.

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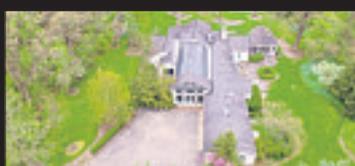
**St. Charles** \$243,000  
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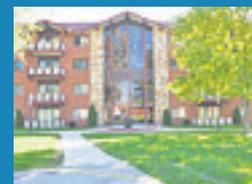
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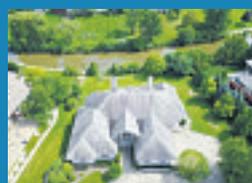
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