



## Race, and the race to be governor

New Pritzker-Blagojevich FBI wiretaps candidly show courting of black support

BY RICK PEARSON AND JEFF COEN  
 Chicago Tribune

On a dark, bitterly cold Sunday afternoon a week before Christmas, an under-the-weather U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush delivered a blistering, half-hour sermon in a historic Bronzeville church on why voters should support Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy.

"Stand up and vote for somebody who has change in his DNA. He can't help but be about change," Rush said as the more than 100 people gathered inside the city's oldest African-American church clapped and shouted "Amen."

"I'm telling you, if we tied him up and turned him up and turned

him upside down, turned him inside out, change is going to come out of him because he has been about change. He's born and bred in change," Rush said as Kennedy joined the Quinn Chapel AME church crowd in laughing.

The rally highlighted the significance African-Americans play in deciding a statewide Democratic primary, comprising as much as a third of the vote.

Kennedy has made courting the black vote the key to his entire campaign strategy. Billionaire businessman J.B. Pritzker is opening campaign offices on the South and West sides. Evanston state Sen. Daniel Biss is relying on supportive African-American lawmakers to get the word out. And Chicago activist Tio Hardiman is urging voters to "make



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J.B. Pritzker was recorded in 2008 advising Gov. Rod Blagojevich to appoint Jesse White to the U.S. Senate because it "covers you on the African-American thing." The full recording is at [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com).

history" by electing him Illinois' first black governor, though he has little money to get that message out.

Race and its ramifications on politics have long been a factor in city and state elections, though the voting public rarely gets to hear

Ives surprised by attack ad backlash

Rauner challenger Jeanne Ives defended the TV spot, saying the message was edgy, not an attack on people. **ChicagoLand, Page 4**

the calculations in blunt terms. That was the case nearly a decade ago, when Pritzker and then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich discussed the issue in a phone call the government secretly recorded as part of its investigation into the disgraced governor. The conversation has never before been publicly revealed.

Pritzker, who was advising Blagojevich on filling the U.S. Senate seat held by Barack Obama, the nation's first black

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## Dems' rebuttal now in Trump's hands

After panel's vote, president to decide whether to release it

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN AND DEVLIN BARRETT  
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House intelligence committee voted unanimously Monday to release a Democratic rebuttal to GOP accusations that the FBI misled a secret surveillance court — but whether the information actually becomes public will depend on President Donald Trump, who has heaped scorn on the effort.

The vote means the political rancor roiling Congress is likely

to continue, as accusations and counter-accusations fly about which party is misrepresenting or misusing sensitive intelligence surrounding the ongoing probe into whether any Trump associates coordinated with the Kremlin to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

The panel's senior Democrat, Rep. Adam Schiff of California, announced the vote results, saying GOP attacks on the Justice Department and the FBI show desperation on the part of the president's defenders.

"We think this will help inform the public of the many distortions and inaccuracies" in the GOP memo released last

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## Dow falls 1,175 points in another big skid

Analysts cite rising wages as a factor

BY THOMAS HEATH AND HEATHER LONG  
 The Washington Post

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 1,175 points Monday in an exceptionally volatile day for financial markets around the world, stirring concerns about the durability of the long-running stock gains.

In the biggest global sell-off since 2016, financial markets from Asia to Europe to the United States were rocked primarily by concerns about inflation.

The Dow was off nearly 1,600 points during afternoon trading, the largest intraday point decline in the blue-chip index's history. But the 4.6 percent loss for the day was not even close to the biggest.

The Dow, which lost 666 points Friday, ended Monday at 24,345.75. The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the benchmark most professional investors and many index funds use, skidded 113.19 points, or 4.1 percent, to 2,648.94.

The downdraft raised fresh anxieties among Americans who have seen their retirement savings and household worth march steadily higher without any of the gyrations that are part of a normal market cycle.

It also threatened to deprive President Donald Trump and the GOP of a favorite talking point at the nascent stages of the 2018

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Chicagoan Aja Evans works out in preparation for her second Olympics with the U.S. bobsled team.

## Olympian Evans won't let it slide

Chicagoan on going for the gold in bobsled: 'I refused to let anyone tell me I couldn't'

BY DAN WIEDERER  
 Chicago Tribune

Of course Sequoia Mallory remembers the call. That call. How could a mother forget? That distress in her daughter's voice. The apprehension. The plea for reassurance.

Aja Evans' early ventures into bobsledding had gone so well — until that moment in 2012 when she actually had to jump in the back of a sled, duck her head and speed down the winding, icy track at the Olympic Sports Complex in Lake Placid, N.Y.

For Evans, it felt like hopping into a trash can and rolling off the side of a cliff. The speed was breathtaking. The racket and the rumbling proved disorienting.

"It's loud. It's bumpy. You're hitting stuff," Evans says. "It's like all your senses are heightened. So you go into defense mode. But then you know you have to stay relaxed."

"It was so counterintuitive." Frightening too.

So when Evans' sled finally came to a stop, she disem-



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Evans, the brakeman for driver Jamie Greubel Poser, goes for bobsled gold two weeks from now at the Pyeongchang Games.



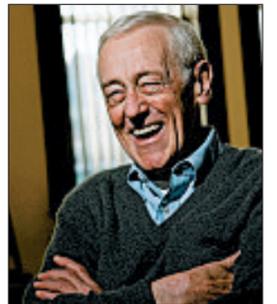
barked, found some privacy and called home.

About this bobsledding thing... "I was trying to judge the

tone of her voice before I gave any advice," Mallory recalls. "And if I can hear and feel her concerns, I can see if there's a window to change whatever's bugging her."

With all that apprehension emanating through the phone, what was a mom to do but offer some encouragement and extra push?

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John Mahoney, shown in 2008, appeared in more than 30 Steppenwolf productions.

**JOHN MAHONEY**  
 1940-2018

'Frasier' star was staple of Chicago's theater scene

BY CHRIS JONES  
 Chicago Tribune

Millions of people thought they knew the actor John Mahoney from his work in the NBC sitcom "Frasier" — for 11 hit seasons from 1993 through 2004, he played a cranky Seattle police officer who'd taken a bullet in the hip and then been forced to live with his neurotic son. But the famously private Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member was far more than the Hollywood gossip columnists ever knew.

Mahoney died Sunday at the age of 77 of complications from throat cancer.

For one thing, Mahoney was born British, despite his having no trace of a discernible accent. He was a child of Manchester, England, a wartime evacuee to Blackpool on the Lancashire coast. Born in 1940, he first came to

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- In the Life+Style Sunday section, a feature on "Things to do with kids" incorrectly listed the date for the Tilt and Tails event that is happening on Sunday, Feb. 11.
- A Jan. 30 real estate article online and in Sunday's print edition about rent control quoted a Zillow economist who cited data from a 2017 survey of about 500 Chicagoans. The month the survey conducted was wrong. It was in September. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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## Lady-friendly Doritos that don't crunch: A brief mansplaination



REX W. HUPPKE

For too long, women around the globe have struggled under the yoke of noisy, messy snack foods.

Chips crunch. Doritos crumble in-mouth with explosive volume. Cheetos leave the kind of powdery finger residue only a hardworking, indomitable man could tolerate. But at last, the gender-alert officials at PepsiCo — parent company of snack-maker Frito-Lay — have recognized the struggle and moved to make life better for women everywhere with the idea of lady-friendly chips.

These kinder, gentler Doritos will have a less-audible crunch and won't leave as much luscious and all-natural Cool Ranch powder on the dainty fingers of she-snackers.

PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi told Freakonomics Radio: "As you watch a lot of the young guys eat the chips, they love their Doritos, and they lick their fingers with great glee, and when they reach the bottom of the bag they pour the little broken pieces into their mouth, because they don't want to lose that taste of the flavor, and the broken chips in the bottom. ... Women I think would love to do the same, but they don't. They don't like to crunch too loudly in public. And they don't lick their fingers generously and they don't like to pour the little broken pieces and the flavor into their mouth."

It's a well-established rule of etiquette that a proper lady never pours the flavor into her mouth. But in the modern era, is it fair that a woman should do without delicious, flavor-dusted corn-ish chips simply because her consumption volume would shatter the feminine mystique?

Of course not.

This is a new age, and companies like Frito-Lay are embracing the feminist motto: "We're here, we're strong, and we hope nobody notices it when we're eating chips!"

As news of these new gender-appropriate chips spread Monday, some women mocked Frito-Lay on Twitter, claiming the concept is sexist and out of touch: "Has anyone at Doritos ever met a lady"; "Hey girl, you'd be a lot prettier if you smiled more and crunched less"; "1917 called and they want their Doritos back."

It's a simple misunderstanding on their part.

*Is it fair that a woman should do without delicious, flavor-dusted corn-ish chips simply because her consumption volume would shatter the feminine mystique?*

Allow me to mansplain why quieter chips for women are a sensible idea.

Going back to the earliest days of human history, men have sought food that makes a loud crunching sound when eaten. It's an innate way of letting other humans know you have found food and are thus a successful provider and a virile manly man.

Archaeologists have found evidence of cavemen freezing woolly mammoth meat before eating it so it would crunch and crack, making the people in neighboring caves envious. (They also found evidence that women would take their frozen mammoth meat to a corner of the cave and attempt to eat it quietly, presumably so nearby men

wouldn't hear them and come over to explain something obvious.)

As time went on, this dynamic continued, with men displaying their prowess by eating noisily and slurping their fingers and burping while women quietly nibbled soft foods and wished they were elsewhere.

In the early days of America, the Founding Fathers briefly considered adding a constitutional amendment that made it illegal for women to eat apples, but that was rendered unnecessary by the invention of applesauce.

Fast-forward to the present day, and we still have most men gleefully crunching Cheetos while licking their fingers with loud, slobbery tongue laps. I do my level best to amplify each meal, often consuming chicken bones or sprinkling small, crunchy pebbles in my otherwise silent soup. (Sorry, ladies, I'm taken.)

But as an ally to women, I've always felt bad that they're unable to enjoy crunchy snacks. Granted, I don't want to hear them eating those snacks — that would be awful — but I do want them to have a chance to enjoy the rich flavor profile of a Jacked 3D Bacon Cheddar Ranch Dorito.

So kudos to Frito-Lay for seeking out ways to deliver soggy chips to women who wish to be seen but not heard eating snacks that have less flavor than man-food.

And hopefully, farmers and food manufacturers will get to work making a few other items accessible to women.

I suggest the following: "Soft Peanut Brittle ... For Ladies," "Crunch-Free She-Carrots," "Cap'n-ette No-Crunch cereal" and "Pringles in a Jar of Water."

If any female readers need me to explain this issue in greater detail, just follow the enviable sound of robust chip crunching and fearless, manful finger licking. If you roll your eyes, I'll know it's a sign of great respect.

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Alshon Jeffery's acrobatic touchdown catch Sunday caught his old teammates' notice.

## Chicago athletes' thumbs in play with a host of Super Bowl tweets

Naturally, some of **Alshon Jeffery's** former Bears teammates cheered his Super Bowl TD catch, as well as his Eagles' win over the Patriots. But **Jordan Howard's** quip had to be the most biting. Let's break down his and other Chicago athletes' reactions on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Howard:** "Guess I need to make a guarantee like Alshon."

**What it all means:** Jeffery guaranteed a Super Bowl victory last year. Small problem with his prediction: He was still a Bear at the time. Howard called **John Fox/Dowell Loggains'** offense "pretty vanilla," so perhaps Howard needs to raise the stakes to ensure that his role in **Matt Nagy's** offense is a lot more aggressive.

**Prince Amukamara:** "I said no white tees sir."

**What it all means:** Amukamara and **Sam Acho** (among others) had a laugh at Philadelphia native and comedian **Kevin Hart's** expense. The box office star had a "Don't you know who I am?" moment when he tried to join Eagles players on stage and was stopped by a security officer. "You know, when alcohol's in your system you do dumb stuff," Hart said in an Instagram video. The "white tees" smirk is a reference to nightclub bouncers rejecting patrons who don't meet the dress code.

**Sam Acho:** "Let's goo!! #flyeaglesfly!!"

**What it all means:** It was one of two "Fly Eagles Fly" shoutouts by Acho, whose brother **Emmanuel** spent three seasons with the Eagles. Why else bleed green on Twitter? Well, Acho is an unrestricted free agent this offseason.

**Carlos Rodon:** "We should probably try this. @Nicky\_Delmonico"

**Akiem Hicks:** "The Giants commercial made me uncomfortable."

**What it all means:** **Eli Manning** lifts **Odell Beckham Jr.** in a "Dirty Dancing" tribute touting the NFL's touchdown celebrations, which got some mixed reactions, as illustrated here.

**Tarik Cohen:** "@ZMiller86 what's the verdict coach?"

**What it all means:** Cohen's question really was a commentary on Bears tight end **Zach Miller's** touchdown catch against the Saints being reversed by replay officials. Eagles **Corey Clement** and **Zach Ertz** sparked debate over the catch rules with each of their Super Bowl receptions, and it appeared to be a sore subject for at least one other Bear. "Looks like (Steelers tight end) **Jesse (James)** catch or 'drop' I have no clue," **Adrian Amos** said.

— Phil Thompson

## Polish name didn't work for judicial candidate, so now he's an O'Malley

In the hit AMC shows "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul," **Bob Odenkirk** plays Jimmy McGill, an Irish-American attorney who changes his name to the Jewish-sounding Saul Goodman to lend his business an air of legitimacy.

But if you're running for judge in Cook County, history shows there's no better name to have printed on the ballot than an Irish woman's.

That appears to be the rationale behind the curious name switch by the lawyer formerly known as **Phillip Spiwak**, a Schaumburg criminal defense and bankruptcy attorney who now goes by (say it with a brogue) **Shannon P. O'Malley**.

Spiwak unsuccessfully ran for judge in 2010 under his old name as a Republican candidate in Will County. He changed his name in 2012, according to the state Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

Now he's running as a Democrat under his new name for a vacancy in Cook County's 13th Judicial Subcircuit, which includes Schaumburg, Palatine, Wheeling, Hanover and Barrington.

O'Malley — whose name change was first reported by Injustice Watch — did not return calls seeking comment.

There is evidence that the luck of the Irish does indeed apply in Chicago's judicial elections. Since at least the 1980s, candidates for judge in Cook County have been taking Irish names to boost their chances at the polls; a 2011 DePaul University study found that having the only Irish woman's name in a judicial race is worth more than a party slating.

A 2007 state law attempted to bring an end to the practice of candidates changing their names to gain an electoral advantage by requiring them to disclose their previous names on the ballot.

But it only applies to candidates who have changed their names within three years of the election and therefore does not apply to O'Malley.

Alas, for O'Malley, the seat is routinely won by Republicans. In a down-ballot race in which voters typically vote strictly on party lines, his name change in unlikely to be enough. 'Tis a shame!

— Kim Janssen

## Kylie Jenner shows off Chicago — her niece — in birth announcement

**Chicago West** made her small-screen debut Sunday in a video announcing the birth of **Kylie Jenner's** daughter.

"I love Chicago," Jenner says as she meets niece Chicago, who was born Jan. 15 to **Kim Kardashian** and **Kanye West**. Baby Chi was swaddled in a blanket during her 35 seconds of screen time.

Jenner gave fans a peek at her pregnancy journey in the 11-minute video she posted to YouTube on Sunday. She and her boyfriend, rapper **Travis Scott**, have not revealed the name of their baby, who was born Thursday.

While there were rumors Jenner and Kardashian both wanted to name their newborns "Love," it's a safe bet they



Jenner

didn't fight over the name "Chicago," the city where Kanye West was raised.

Jenner, 20, hasn't been to Chicago in months. She made an appearance at the Sugar Factory in Rosemont in 2015 and at the PacSun store at Woodfield Mall in 2014. Scott, 25, has a more complicated relationship with the city. He was sentenced to

one year of court supervision after he encouraged Lollapalooza attendees to jump the barricades into the security pit as he performed in 2015. He visited Joy District in River North in December to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Nike Air Force 1 sneaker.

— Tracy Swartz

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**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

Everyone seems to be blaming Dodge for desecrating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy in order to sell Ram trucks during the Super Bowl. But the automobile company didn't do it alone.

The slain civil rights leader's sons had a hand in it too.

So when we're tossing out criticism for folks trying to make a buck off King's memory, we can't stop with the company responsible for the ad, which is actually Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, owner of the brands Dodge and Ram. Still we've got to look at King's kids and wonder, "What were they thinking?"

The timing of the commercial could not have been worse.

With racial tensions higher than most Americans have seen in their lifetime, the last thing we needed was a commercial implying that King would have been telling people that in order to be great, they should go out and buy a truck that can cost more than \$30,000.

Not only did Ram disgrace King's name by running the commercial, King's children disrespected their father's memory by allowing it to happen.

As caretakers of their father's estate, Dexter King and Martin Luther King III had to clear the way for the executor to give Ram the go-ahead to use excerpts from their father's little known sermon, "The Drum Major Instinct." And they likely were paid a hefty sum for it.

Shortly after the ad ran Sunday night, Bernice King, who has been at odds with her brothers for years over profiting from their father's legacy, made it clear that neither she nor the King Center had anything to do with the ad.

The King Center tweeted this: "Neither @TheKingCenter nor @BerniceKing is the entity that approves the use of #MLK's words or imagery for use in merchandise, entertainment (movies, music, artwork, etc) or advertisement, including tonight's @Dodge#SuperBowl commercial."

As CEO of the King Center, Bernice King cannot afford to alienate donors whose private gifts keep the nonprofit center funded by her mother, Coretta Scott King, going.

Based on the backlash on social media, lots of people are livid that Ram used King's voice in a speech about greatness as if he were talking about a Ram truck.

In the voice-over, King is heard saying, "If you want to be important — wonderful. If you want to be recognized — wonderful. If you want to be great — wonderful."

The 60-second commercial shows a Ram trekking through the mud and ends with the quote "Built to Serve" on the screen.

Clearly, anyone involved with allowing this ad to make its way before one of television's biggest audiences must have been brain-dead. Or plain money-hungry.

It isn't hard to figure out why Ram might have thought this was a good idea. The ad begins by stating that it is the 50th anniversary of the sermon King delivered at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Feb. 4, 1968, two months before he was assassinated.

In some warped way, the executives might have thought they could get away with hawking their top-selling truck under the guise of paying tribute to King. But regardless of how many poignant moments they threw in — from a soldier returning home from duty to rescue workers saving a dog — they couldn't hide the fact that this was really about Ram trying to sell trucks.

In fact, in the sermon used by the commercial, King spoke about people driving around Cadillacs and Chryslers they can't afford as a way to stroke their egos.

It is possible that the folks at Ram weren't as tone-deaf as they appear. Maybe they knew what they were doing and decided it was worth the risk. Only the Americans who buy the company's trucks will determine whether the risk pays off.

But the King children, that's another matter.

For years, the three surviving siblings have been engaged in a public battle over how their father's legacy should be handled. They have guarded his intellectual properties like pit bulls, making sure that no one ripped them off without paying a steep price. In 2006 alone, King's heirs picked up \$32 million by selling a trove of documents.

The siblings have been criticized a lot for that, most recently when they refused to donate King's Bible and his Nobel Peace Prize to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture because they couldn't work out a price.

Some have argued that the children have a right to profit off their father's legacy. The Rev. King died a pauper, without a will. He had nothing of financial value to leave his young children other than the rights to his speeches, his medals and his writings.

But with those holdings come a requirement to use them responsibly. It is hard to imagine that a man who gave away much of the money he made because he believed in standing with the poor would have wanted his name associated with an expensive truck.

King often talked about the insignificance of material things.

Had the King sons failed to protect their father's properties, King's most notable speeches would, no doubt, have been used for any commercial venture to exploit for money.

The family now shamelessly gets a cut for joining in that exploitation.



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State Rep. Jeanne Ives fields questions following an appearance at a City Club of Chicago luncheon Monday.

## Ives surprised by ad 'hysteria'

Rauner challenger says her campaign focus is issues, not attacking people

**BY KIM GEIGER**  
Chicago Tribune

Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives defended a controversial TV ad she's airing in her primary campaign against Gov. Bruce Rauner, saying Monday that its message was "edgy" but that she was "a little bit surprised at some of the hysteria."

The ad is a parody of a spot by Rauner that features Midwest governors thanking Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan for driving jobs to neighboring states. It features an actor portraying a transgender woman thanking the governor for signing a law expanding trans rights, a woman wearing a pink protest hat thanking the governor for making Illinois families "pay for my abortions" and a hoodie-wearing man with his face covered by a bandana thanking Rauner for making Illinois a "sanctuary state for illegal immigrant criminals."

Speaking at the City Club of Chicago on Monday, Ives said the ad is "generating the expected hysteria from the expected quarters."

"The commercial does not attack people, it tackles issues, I truly believe illustrating the constituencies Rauner has chosen to serve, to the exclusion of others," said Ives, who is a three-term lawmaker from Wheaton.

The City Club is a stop along the way for many candidates for major office in Illinois, its luncheon format offering politicians the chance to introduce themselves and field questions from an engaged audience. Rauner campaign spokesman Will Allison said the ad "has no place in



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Some people were offended by an Ives campaign ad that aired last week.

Illinois" and "shows how un-electable" Ives is.

On Monday, she offered a forum for City Club members and reporters to question Ives about the TV commercial that debuted late Friday. It was deemed offensive by groups that advocate for the LGBTQ community, immigrants and abortion rights. It was the abortion issue featured in the ad that helped spark Ives' primary challenge to Rauner.

Asked during a question-and-answer session after her speech about people who criticized the commercial, Ives said she considered the ad to be "edgy" and noted that her positions on the issues discussed in the ad have been well-advertised in her campaign literature and stump speeches.

"I want to know why people are so offended by it. What's offensive about the ad?" Ives said. "The ad is a policy ad. That's what it is. It's an accurate depiction of the policies Rauner put in place."

Ives continued: "That's exactly — the fat cat Exelon guy, that's exactly who he bailed out. Hello. The teacher from Chicago Public Schools, that's whose pension you just bailed out. The transgender man, that's exactly what typically a transgender man looks like."

At that point, an audience member shouted out, "no, it's not," to which Ives replied, "with all due respect, look, I've had him show up at my door."

Later, Ives told reporters she encountered a transgender lawyer when she was in a court battle involving a death threat she'd received in connection with her position on same-sex marriage legislation that passed the General Assembly in 2013. The lawyer was representing the person who had allegedly made the death threat and showed up at her door, Ives said.

Attendance at the City Club event was more sparse than many political events hosted by the group. Ives delivered a speech that included her biographical background, policy positions and critique of Rauner. Ives also offered an endorsement of President Donald Trump.

"I am very appreciative to what he's been doing with the military and restoring confidence in the commander in chief and the generals that he's put on the battlefield and pushing back ISIS," Ives said. "I have full confidence in him and I look at the policies beyond the person and that's what I've done down in Springfield as well."

Asked if her campaign was in communication with Trump for support, Ives replied, "Not that I know of."

The question-and-answer session was wide-ranging, with one audience member noting that Rauner's wife is a professed Democrat, and asking Ives where her husband's political loyalties lie.

"I don't know if there's a party called full-blooded redneck," Ives quipped of her outdoorsman husband.

Over the weekend, Ives reported raking in \$2 million from Lake Forest businessman Richard Uihlein, who had already given \$500,000 to her campaign. The contribution is dated before the purchase of airtime for an autobiographical ad that aired during the Super Bowl half-time break. Uihlein's dona-

tions could make it easier for Ives to get her message out in the final weeks of the primary campaign, and media coverage of her controversial ad gets her name in the news too.

Uihlein, a major conservative donor, most recently helped to bankroll a failed effort to elect Roy Moore to the U.S. Senate in Alabama and previously had been one of Rauner's biggest donors.

Also over the weekend, Ives was called out by a reporter on Twitter for having retweeted a message of support by a person describing themselves as a neo-Nazi. The person had earlier posted messages that were sympathetic to Nazis, including an image of two women holding swastika signs with a caption that read, "Almost everything you think you know about Germany and WW2 came from Hollywood and the Jewish media."

Ives' campaign quickly moved to renounce the person, posting a tweet that said, "We had a staffer re-tweet this message without realizing who this individual was. It has been removed. We repudiate him. Disavow any endorsement and are returning any contribution."

The tweet issue came after several days of controversy surrounding Ives' campaign.

On Thursday, Ives pulled a conservative internet commentator from her lineup at a McHenry County fundraiser after it was revealed that he had said he believes African-Americans are intellectually inferior to whites. On Friday, Ives' campaign launched the ad she defended Monday. Over the weekend, state Republican Party Chairman Tim Schneider called for her "pull down the ad and immediately apologize to the Illinoisians who were negatively portrayed in a cowardly attempt to stoke political division."

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## Teen runner with disability loses appeal

Evanston senior sued IHSA, but legal battle may continue

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Evanston Township High School senior Aaron Holzmüller's long quest to establish a place for para-ambulatory athletes at the state track meet suffered another setback last week when a federal appeals court ruled against him.

Holzmüller, 17, has cerebral palsy, a condition that affects his balance, coordination and muscular control. Though he is one of the country's top young Paralympic runners, he can't match the speed of able-bodied athletes who are fast enough to qualify for the Illinois High School Association championships.

He asked the IHSA to create a category that would allow para-ambulatory runners — athletes who have disabilities but do not use wheelchairs — to qualify for

the state meet, an accommodation the organization has made for wheelchair track athletes and swimmers with disabilities.

While other states have created qualifying standards for those athletes, the IHSA has declined, saying it could lead to unlimited requests for new competitive categories.

Holzmüller and his family sued but lost the first round last year in U.S. District Court. A judge said Holzmüller failed to prove he would have qualified for the meet if not for his disability.

The Holzmüllers appealed, but in a ruling released Friday, two of the three judges on a panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals echoed the earlier decision.

"Simply put, the qualifying times ensure that the State championship meet is reserved for the best and fastest runners in Illinois," they wrote. "The odds are overwhelming that runners like (Holzmüller) would not meet the qualifying times even if they were not disabled."

Moreover, they wrote, forc-

ing the IHSA to establish a new competitive category would be an unreasonable accommodation that would fundamentally alter the elite nature of the state meet.

But the dissenter on the three-judge panel, Ilana Rovner, took issue with her colleagues' reasoning, saying the same rationale could be used to deny girls a place at the state meet because they're slower than boys.

"If such a female athlete filed a lawsuit seeking to have a separate category for female runners with different qualifying times, she would not have been asking to be guaranteed a spot in the state finals, but rather she would be asking to have the same opportunity to participate as her male peers," she wrote.

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said in a statement that while the organization is committed to inclusion, new competitive categories should be requested by schools, not mandated by courts.

"This ruling does not summarily prevent the IHSA from

considering adding any future participation opportunities, instead, it simply emphasizes that we have successful procedures and protocols in place for our member schools to enact change as they see fit," he said.

Holzmüller and his family said they are open to pursuing another appeal. Their pro bono attorney, Louis Fogel of Jenner and Block, hasn't decided on that yet, but said the force of Rovner's dissent gave him hope that Holzmüller might yet prevail.

"I think it's not a question of whether this accommodation will ever apply in Illinois; it's a question of when," he said.

A further appeal, if one happens, might be resolved too late to benefit Holzmüller, since the state meet is set for late May. But he said he would be happy to keep fighting regardless.

"I want the opportunity to compete," Holzmüller said. "I want someone else to have that opportunity, even if I'm not the one."

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# Bids aim to court black vote

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president, pitched the idea of picking Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, in part because it “covers you on the African-American thing.”

In the 2018 governor's contest, the major Democratic hopefuls are white, and each has picked an African-American running mate. The campaigns also are mapping out themes largely focused on issues plaguing minority communities, such as vows to improve educational and economic opportunities and stem gun violence and crime.

The importance of the black vote can't be understated. In the March 2016 presidential primary, exit polls conducted for TV and cable news networks found African-Americans made up 28 percent of the Democratic vote in Illinois. It was that group's overwhelming 70 percent support for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that made the difference in her narrow 2-percentage-point statewide win over Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

This time around, the governor's contest has its own set of circumstances involving the core Democratic constituency. Voter turnout generally falls off in nonpresidential years — though the party has been riled up by Republican President Donald Trump — and questions remain about whether significant enthusiasm exists for black voters to go to the polls. It falls to the candidates to provide that motivation.

## Blagojevich recordings

Pritzker's strategy for gaining the support for African-American voters is similar to his overall strategy — coalesce establishment party leaders behind his well-funded candidacy. He has the backing of two-thirds of black aldermen in Chicago and nearly half of African-American state lawmakers.

Pritzker also has the support of Illinois' top statewide black official, five-term Secretary of State White, who appeared in an early TV ad offering a testimonial.

White also was a subject of conversation on a Nov. 14, 2008, call between Blagojevich and Pritzker in which the two discussed possible Obama successors in the Senate and the political optics of appointing an African-American to the vacancy.

Federal law enforcement officials captured the candid talks on secret wiretaps as they investigated Blagojevich and his administration for public corruption. During recent debates, Pritzker has noted that he's “not been accused of any wrongdoing.”

On the call, Pritzker brings up a new name as a potential Senate pick.

“I'm sure you thought of this one, but Jesse White,” Pritzker tells Blagojevich. “Even though I know you guys aren't like, you know, bosom buddies or anything, it covers you on the African-American thing.”

“Correct,” Blagojevich replies.

“(White's) totally, he's totally, you know, uh, he's Senate material in a way that Emil Jones isn't, if I may say,” Pritzker says, referring to former Illinois Senate President Emil Jones Jr., a Blagojevich ally who is now serving as a Kennedy surrogate in the 2018 governor's contest.

“OK,” Blagojevich says.

“I mean, you know. He's just, I don't know how to say it exactly, but Emil's a little more crass,” Pritzker continues.

Pritzker notes that elevating White to the Senate would open up another appointment for secretary of state, an office coveted for its patronage jobs. “It'd be a lot less pressure on you. You don't have to put an African-American in that spot,” Pritzker says.

Shortly afterward, Pritzker offers the name of one candidate he doesn't want to see get the Senate job: then-U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., who was angling for the appointment and later pleaded guilty to federal charges of illegally siphoning campaign funds for personal use.

“Oh God, please,” Pritzker says of Jackson Jr. “I mean, what a, I mean it would be a nightmare. I hope you don't do that.”

“Man,” Blagojevich replies.

Pritzker briefly mentions another Senate possibility, Valerie Jarrett, who went on to be a senior adviser in the Obama White House, before moving on.

“But if you're forced to put an African-American in the spot, which my guess is, you're not forced to do anything, but my guess is a lot of pressure to do it, of all the African-Americans I can think that are sort of like qualified and vetted and people will say, ‘Oh, that's, you know, that's that's a pretty good pick,’ the one that's least offensive and maybe gets you the most because it gets you that secretary of state appointment is Jesse White,” Pritzker tells Blagojevich.

Blagojevich responds, “You can argue he's, you know, he's got a lot in common with Obama — he's black and white. Ha.” Pritzker offers a mild “heh, heh,” as Blagojevich adds, “How stupid is that?”

“That's good,” Pritzker says. “That's good.”

“No, (White's) a good. He'd be a legitimate pick,” says Blagojevich, before noting that White had said publicly that he didn't want the Senate seat.

The Tribune asked Pritzker to explain the conversation and its tone following a campaign event in Aurora on Monday.

“All I would say is I think that there need to be more, you know, people of color that serve in public office,” Pritzker said. “I mean, I think that's something, I've supported a lot of candidates over the years who are people of color and Jesse White's, I think, a beloved person in the state of Illinois, so I can only imagine that's what I had in mind.”

White endorsed Pritzker for governor in August and has appeared in a campaign ad for him.

Later in the recording, Blagojevich jokingly suggests appointing the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama's controversial pastor whose inflammatory remarks led the then-



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

J.B. Pritzker, Democratic candidate for governor, steps off his tour bus while making a campaign stop in St. Charles on Monday.



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J.B. Pritzker, center, and fellow Democratic governor candidates Chris Kennedy, right, and Daniel Biss each has picked an African-American as his running mate in the 2018 election.

**“Even though I know you guys aren't like, you know, bosom buddies or anything, it covers you on the African-American thing.”**

—J.B. Pritzker to Gov. Rod Blagojevich about Secretary of State Jesse White

presidential candidate to disassociate from him.

“I bet ya he'd take it,” Blagojevich says.

“Hilarious,” Pritzker replies.

“Huh? Would that be f---ing funny?”

Blagojevich says.

“Hilarious,” Pritzker says again. “Oh my God.”

A laughing Blagojevich then makes a reference to one of Wright's more controversial statements.

“Right there on the Senate floor. ‘It's not God Bless America. It's God Damn America.’”

“God Damn America,” Pritzker replies as Blagojevich goes on to mock Wright and mimic his voice: “Well now, when Barack was at Sunday school I used to tell him...”

Blagojevich was no fan of Obama, who had eclipsed him as a national political star. Pritzker had backed Clinton over Obama for president.

The Tribune asked Pritzker on Monday about Blagojevich's mimicking of Wright and his repeating it.

“I mean, I don't recall the conversation,” said Pritzker, who added that he “was never a fan of what Jeremiah Wright said.”

“All I can say is, I mean, I'm somebody who has always stood up for civil rights and somebody who believes strongly that good people should serve in public office,” Pritzker said.

## Pritzker's ad spending

Democratic rivals have not underestimated the potential resonance of the Kennedy name, particularly in the African-American community. Kennedy's father, the late U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and uncle, the late President John F. Kennedy, were leaders during the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

“The Kennedy name is almost universally known among Democrats, and Pritzker is not,” Pritzker said in an interview last month, adding that Kennedy benefits from “a 60-year history of positive name recognition among Democrats.”

It also was the reason that Pritzker, who is funding his own campaign, decided to begin TV ads last May.

One political strategist familiar with campaign TV advertising, who was not authorized to speak publicly, said the early ads were a smart move by the Pritzker camp in reaching out to African-American voters. The strategist noted that industry surveys show older, black viewers tend to watch more TV than other racial and ethnic demographic groups.

Along with TV spots, Pritzker also opened campaign offices centered where African-American votes live, including in

the Austin and Chatham neighborhoods in Chicago, Maywood, South Holland, East St. Louis, Rockford and Peoria.

But Pritzker acknowledged his efforts to connect to the African-American community require an educational component, one that's assisted by his financial wherewithal to deliver his message on TV.

“I have a history of being engaged with issues that are important to the African-American community,” said Pritzker, who noted his work to assist in early childhood education among “at-risk” children.

He also points to his \$100 million endowment of Northwestern's Pritzker School of Law, which includes such social justice centers as the Center on Wrongful Convictions and the Children and Family Justice Center. “Both of which have been fighting the injustice in the system, much of which is directed on being race-based,” Pritzker said.

“I think the differentiator in our campaign is that I have real experience affecting in a positive way people's lives across the state and I can point to them and demonstrate them and they're real people,” he said.

“People seem to know who I am and what I've stood for. People know that I've had actual real accomplishments that have affected people in the African-American community in a positive way. I think that is a bigger selling point than having a name,” he said.

Pritzker has his share of African-American officials backing him, beginning in April with one of his first endorsements — a onetime potential rival for the nomination, city Treasurer Kurt Summers.

Pritzker now has the support of a dozen of the city's 18 black aldermen, including 6th Ward Ald. Roderick Sawyer, the head of the Chicago City Council's Black Caucus. Pritzker also is backed by Aldermen Walter Burnett, 27th; Carrie Austin, 34th; and Michelle Harris, 8th, who each have potential political ground operations. In addition, at least 15 African-American state lawmakers have endorsed him.

## The Kennedy brand

Kennedy, who has lagged in campaign fundraising and stumbled at times, is counting on his historic family name. How he fares is a test of whether power remains in the Kennedy brand.

The family's role in the civil rights struggle provides the Kennedy name with a special status among older African-Americans who, like the public at large, tend to cast ballots at a greater rate than younger voters.

Along with support from Congressman Rush — a Rush brother and son have been paid Kennedy campaign workers — the backing of veteran U.S. Rep. Danny Davis helps the campaign portray Kennedy as a family legacy candidate to black voters.

“One of the best things that we could do was support for governor in the Democratic primary a man whose values have been shaped by being a part of family,” Davis said. “A family whose name will always go down in history in this country as being a part of the progressive movement that has brought America out of the past to where we are today.”

Kennedy has driven hard to make the

case that the struggle for civil rights continues. He's gone as far as accusing Mayor Rahm Emanuel of leading a “strategic gentrification plan” to rid Chicago of blacks to make the city whiter and wealthier — something the mayor sharply criticized and denied, and opinion writers derided.

Kennedy's also criticized the Democratic establishment by contending homes in poorer neighborhoods are over-assessed while wealthy commercial properties get property tax breaks, spurred by “The Tax Divide” series by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

“This resegregation, it's not accidental. It's not accidental,” Kennedy said at the Bronzeville church event in December. “It's occurring because of governmental decisions. We're resegregating our schools. We're resegregating our communities, not just on race but economically as well.”

Kennedy said Chicago “was the coolest city in America” under Harold Washington, the city's first black mayor. Now, Kennedy said, “the city isn't the pride of America. Nobody looks up to it. It scares people.”

His outreach in the African-American community is in many ways political old school, working through black clergy. Kennedy is backed by activist Rev. Paul Jakes, pastor of the New Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church in East Garfield Park; the Rev. Walter Harris, who chairs a group of Methodist ministers and is pastor of Carey Tercentenary AME Church in North Lawndale; Rev. Andre Johnson, pastor at Grace & Mercy Church of God in Christ in South Holland; and Rev. James Moody, the senior pastor at Quinn Chapel in Bronzeville.

Beyond that, Kennedy has the backing of prominent black leaders including John Rogers, CEO of Ariel Investments; Lori Lightfoot, who serves as head of the citizen Chicago Police Board; Robert Starks, who helped run Washington's mayoral campaign; state Rep. Mary Flowers of Chicago; and 9th Ward Ald. Anthony Beale.

## Biss surrogates

For Biss, the outreach to the African-American community is much like his campaign as a whole: seeking support largely from younger voters among the roughly 30 percent of African-Americans who backed Sanders for president in 2016.

Biss touts “progressive reforms that put economic and racial justice first” and says the state has conditioned African-Americans to accept “high unemployment, underfunded schools and inadequate access to health care and affordable housing as an inevitable status quo rather than a product of institutional racism.”

“We've spoken out against school closings in African-American communities, fought for policies to expand access and opportunity — such as tuition-free college, universal health care and affordable housing — and released the most comprehensive criminal justice reform platform of any campaign,” he said in an interview last month. “And these aren't just policies I've picked up on the campaign trail. These are deeply held values and goals I've worked toward as a community organizer and a progressive state senator.”

Biss said one of his earliest campaign stops was traveling door to door in the Englewood neighborhood to discuss community issues. He has a South Side field office and said he plans to open another in the south suburbs. The candidate's endorsements among African-American leaders include U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly of Matteson and state Reps. Will Davis of Homewood and Carol Ammons of Urbana.

Back in the pre-Christmas Kennedy rally at the Quinn Chapel, Johnson, the south suburban pastor, delivers the sales pitch for his candidate around the two-hour mark.

“Every time I've seen Chris Kennedy, he has talked about how he's going to help the black family,” Johnson said. “Now, it's not that I don't want to help everybody, 'cause we are better together, but while I'm stuck in this circle of being black, I need to make the best that I can. And if he can help my black family, he can help your white family.”

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# Bobsledder Evans pushing envelope

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Aja, baby, you need to go back up that hill and give it another try.

"She called it a hill," Evans says with a laugh. "I'll never forget that."

Mallory shrugs. In her mind, it was little more than the toboggan chutes she'd taken her children to at the Dan Ryan Woods when they were little. Besides, as driven as Aja was, as competitive as she has always been, how was she going to let one jarring ride scare her off from her pursuit of excellence?

Mallory knew she had to be inspirational with her rallying cry. In the back of her mind, she laughed.

She wasn't the one who was going to have to come hurtling down that slick ice.

"So I could just give my best speech, my best pep talk of all time," she said.

Off she went, first comforting Aja, then motivating her.

"With all my kids," Mallory says, "I never wanted to show fear or project fear. I'm not going to be the one to say, 'Mmmpph. I don't know about this.' They're not going to hear that from me. Because if you do that, that might be the one little thing that changes their whole perspective."

"I just let her know, 'You go back up there and slide back down until you feel comfortable.'"

And now look at Evans, who went back to the top of that "hill," conquered her fears and kept pushing. The 29-year-old Chicago native, a graduate of Morgan Park High School and the University of Illinois, is now preparing to compete in the Olympics for the second time, the brakeman in the Team USA bobsled driven by Jamie Greubel Poser.

The two won the bronze medal four years ago at the Sochi Games and are now in South Korea with bigger dreams. The women's bobsled competition begins Feb. 20 in Pyeongchang. And these days Evans has nothing but eagerness and adrenaline for what's ahead.

## Rise and shine

Evans is a go-getter, full of pep and ambition and a need to squeeze the most out of each day. She writes down her goals often, and among the maxims she adheres to is this one she posted to Twitter last month: *Every morning you*



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Bobsled driver Jamie Greubel Poser on Aja Evans, above: "I love the fierceness Aja always brings. She has a presence."

**"It was a powerful realization to understand I was standing for so much more."**

— Olympic bobsledder and Chicago native Aja Evans

have two choices: Continue to sleep with your dreams ... or wake up and chase them.

No wonder she has such verve as she strides into the Under Armour Performance Center at 5:54 a.m. on a January Tuesday. The sun has yet to rise, and there's nothing but darkness and fog hanging over the Baltimore Harbor outside. Yet Evans attacks her predawn workout with purpose, her head bobbing to the beats coming through her headphones.

"Legendary" by Welshly Arms. "Push It" by O.T. Genasis.

Somewhat, her energy only seems to increase with each exercise. Dead lifts. Medicine ball lunges. Then, yes, that is a stack of mats, 46 inches high, that Evans launches herself onto from



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After winning bronze in Sochi, Evans throws out the first pitch for the White Sox on opening day in 2014.

a sitting position, ducking at the end so as not to scrape her head on the ceiling. And, no, that's not a personal best.

This workout is not just a box for Evans to check. It's another morning to attack, to do everything she can to maximize her training for Pyeongchang.

Who knew this pursuit would become what it has become? Evans, a college track and field star, started dabbling in bobsled at the suggestion of Mike Erb, her track coach at Illinois. Her rare combination of speed and power had been seen in Champaign where she not

only was an All-American in the shot put but also provided speed as part of the Illini's 400-meter relay team. Those skills translate perfectly into the brakeman's role in bobsledding, where in essence Evans' responsibility is to be a rocket launcher, exploding off the start and spending five seconds giving the sled the greatest possible acceleration to start the race.

Then she gracefully hops in, flattens her back, puts her head between her knees and lets Greubel Poser take over.

The duo's natural chemistry was seen in Sochi and continues to grow. Both are inherently driven, overflowing with self-confidence and extremely competitive.

Says Greubel Poser: "I love the fierceness Aja always brings. She has a presence. When she walks into a room or onto the track, everyone is always looking because she has set such a standard for strength and speed."

"I love Jamie," Evans adds. "She can just look me in the eyes, and I know she means business. I call it the 'death stare.' Because it's right in your pupils. And

you can feel the intensity, the fierceness, the drive."

"In this sport, I can only control so much. So I want to be with someone who has the same values and beliefs and wants it just as bad as I do."

## 'Symbol of power'

Evans' return to the Olympic Games has come a tad more slowly than she wanted. After her success in Sochi, she set her sights on attempting to qualify for the heptathlon at the Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. But in the summer of 2014 she tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee while training and faced fears that her days as a world-class athlete were permanently over.

"I went from training at an elite level to all of a sudden struggling to do a single-leg squat," she says. "That was a big mental hurdle to jump."

As frustrated as Evans was with the timeline of her recovery and rehab, deep down she knew she'd become an Olympian again. She pushed herself accordingly. Now that goal has been met, and Evans is chasing gold in South Korea.

She takes great pride in representing her country. But it goes deeper than that. Evans is even more energized to represent her city, Chicago.

She knows now what she can signify, that this continued pursuit of excellence is not only about her.

"I saw that I could be a symbol of power and resilience and strength for others," Evans says, "and I wanted to own that. ... It was a powerful realization to understand I was standing for so much more. I was representing where I'm from. I was representing African-American women all across the world."

Mallory has seen her daughter speak at schools around the city and listened to her address children at events sponsored by the Chicago Park District. She sees how magnetic Aja always is goofing around and taking selfies. Plus her sermons come straight from the heart.

Evans wants kids to think big, to understand their horizons stretch far beyond their neighborhoods. In areas of limited opportunity and high crime, Evans wants to illuminate hope.

"In this city and the areas I grew up in, so many kids are closed-minded and they don't think there's any more to life outside of where they are," she says. "But I'm living proof that there is. When I talk to kids, I want them to see my (Olympic) medal and to understand I accomplished these things because I refused to let anyone tell me I couldn't."

What started as an anxious endeavor into an unfamiliar sport has taken Evans places she never imagined. She deeply appreciates her personal growth over the last six years.

"I've become a better teammate," she says. "I'm more determined. I understand better how to fight through adversity."

Her hope is to pay that forward in as many ways as she can.

Now she'll head to the top of the "hill" at the Alpensia Sliding Centre in Pyeongchang and go for gold.

"She's come a long way," her mom says. "I'm happy for her beyond belief. This is like a twice-in-a-lifetime experience."

Mallory pauses. "And we might be able to get her to do one more."

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# Mahoney got late acting start

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Illinois when he was 11 years old to visit his sister Vera, a war bride. That visit made such an impression on him that Mahoney found his way back to Chicago eight years later, under his sister's sponsorship. And he never went back to Britain to live, becoming a U.S. citizen in 1959.

For another, Mahoney hated Los Angeles and greatly preferred Oak Park, where he lived quietly for years. Once "Frasier" was over, Mahoney refused to participate in the usual nostalgic reunions. He didn't show up in 2001 when no less than Oprah Winfrey invited the entire cast of the sitcom onto her vaunted talk show. Kelsey Grammer was there. So was David Hyde Pierce. Not Mahoney.

"I just couldn't be bothered," Mahoney told the Tribune in 2004. "That kind of thing bores me. I have better things to do with my life. I'm 63, I've made a ton of money and I don't have to worry about my next job. ... It's over. It's done. Let it go. I don't want to talk about it for the rest of my life."

Mahoney was always grateful for what "Frasier" had done for him and took care to say so on numerous occasions. His success on that show meant that he could focus on Chicago theater, his great love, and on the Steppenwolf Theatre in particular. By not having to worry about money, he was able to work on what he wanted — like acting for scale in "Long Day's Journey Into Night" at Chicago's tiny Irish Repertory Theatre. But over the years, he

**"I can't tell you why my heart is so full of Chicago, but it's where I want to be. When I'm not here, I'm not as happy."**

— John Mahoney

lavished most of his time and attention on his beloved Steppenwolf, appearing in more than 30 productions in total at the theater, including Conor McPherson's "The Seafarer" in 2008, perhaps Mahoney's most devastating performance, if only for the way it emphasized his inherent frailty.

There was something else unusual about Mahoney — he came to the profession that would make him famous uncommonly late. Only in his 40s did Mahoney become a professional actor.

"By the time I started my career, most people had given up and started selling insurance," Mahoney once said. "I didn't have so much competition."

Mahoney's late bloom happened during the Chicago theater renaissance in the late 1970s. In 1979, his friends John Malkovich and Gary Sinise invited him to join their still-nascent Steppenwolf, after they'd seen him taking acting classes at the St. Nicholas Theatre Company. At the time, the early ensemble members

were allowed to sponsor the entrance of others.

There was good reason for that. In 1979, Steppenwolf still was populated by people, all friends, who were 15 or 20 years younger than Mahoney. Plays being plays, Steppenwolf badly needed someone who could take on older male roles.

Slight, ruddy-faced and unfailingly good-natured, Mahoney was hired as Steppenwolf's designated adult, and he relished the role until his final appearance — this past fall in Jessica Dickey's play "The Rembrandt," an examination of art and mortality.

Mahoney played a dying poet. His emotional performance was deeply moving, and it was tempting to assume it had something to do with his health, but Mahoney was a formidable actor and this was not the first time he had summoned up tears. Mahoney had been like that from the start, albeit in his quiet way, eschewing all histrionics.

"We were a bunch of kids," distraught Steppenwolf co-founder Terry Kinney said Monday night, recalling his early years with Mahoney. "John was a little bit older, so that meant he could credibly play 40 years old, and he was such a character actor, so Malkovich brought him over."

"John was our first grown-up," said Steppenwolf artistic director Anna D. Shapiro. "He brought gravitas and a whole different way to move though the world. I have loved him since I was a girl. It is very hard for me to believe I will not hear from him again."



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

John Mahoney starred with Moira Harris in Steppenwolf's "The Birthday Party" in 2013.

Shapiro's sentiment was shared by a huge swath of Chicago audiences. Especially in the years following "Frasier," he was willing to perform on Chicago stages large and small, from the Irish Rep to the Northlight Theatre in Skokie, where he often collaborated with director BJ Jones. Among many other shows in what became a second home, Mahoney appeared in "The Price" by Arthur Miller, "The Outgoing Tide" by Bruce Graham and in an aptly titled Hugh Leonard drama, "A Life."

"John was beloved by our audience," Jones said Monday. "The Chicago theater has lost a leading light who embodied the true spirit of ensemble and who served as a role model for us all."

Mahoney's body of work is formidable. Aside from

"Frasier" and his stage work in Chicago, he appeared in the 1987 Barry Levinson film "Tin Men," and such movies as "Eight Men Out," "The Hudsucker Proxy" and, most memorably for many, "Moonstruck" and "Barton Fink." On Broadway, Mahoney appeared in the resonant 2007 revival of "Prelude to a Kiss." Back in 1986, he received a Tony Award for his work in Jerry Zaks' production of John Guare's "The House of Blue Leaves." But he always wanted to come home to Chicago, whose mayor, Rahm Emanuel, said in a statement Monday that Mahoney's contribution to the city would "endure for generations to come."

"The city is almost like a person to me," Mahoney said in 2004. "I can't tell you why my heart is so full of

Chicago, but it's where I want to be. When I'm not here, I'm not as happy."

On Monday night, Steppenwolf, which has been suffering through the deaths of several ensemble members in recent months, canceled its planned opening-night performance of the play "You Got Older." Artists and supporters were instead expected to gather in the theater's bar and raise a glass to Mahoney, who, some weeks ago, had reminded Shapiro that he did not wish there to be any kind of formal memorial.

"He was the most optimistic curmudgeon I knew," Kinney said. "And we all loved him for that."

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## NATION & WORLD

### Trump touts GOP unity, but tensions remain

Deadlines loom for shutdown, solution for DACA recipients

By LISA MASCARO  
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WASHINGTON — When President Donald Trump addressed congressional Republicans at their recent retreat, he marveled at how unified the party appeared, “a great coming together.”

But the president’s rosy outlook belied simmering tensions as the GOP majority charges into a daunting midterm election season with no clear strategy on Trump’s priorities, such as infrastructure and immigration, and struggling over basic tasks, including preventing another shutdown when government funding expires Thursday.

A controversial GOP memo alleging FBI surveillance abuses has unified and galvanized some Republicans, particularly in the House. But GOP senators are far less supportive of the memo, which the Justice Department has called inaccurate. And even House Republicans are uncomfortable with Trump’s attempt to use the memo as evidence to shut down the probe into his campaign’s possible collusion with Russia.

“We were able to accomplish a lot last year when we functioned and worked as a team,” said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D. “If we want to get results this year, it’s going to require again for people to come together.

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President Donald Trump speaks about the new tax law Monday in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Sometimes that’s hard.”

Polling shows improvements in voter attitudes toward Republicans, particularly after the passage of the tax overhaul, narrowing what had been a widening gap in party preference before the fall elections. Democrats now have a negligible two-point edge over the GOP as the favored party, according to a Monmouth University poll.

Scores of Republican retirements, particularly

among seasoned lawmakers and committee chairmen, and Trump’s disapproval ratings have put the party’s control of the House at risk. At the same time, a handful of Senate Democrats running for re-election no longer seem as endangered in conservative states that Trump won.

While some voters are beginning to see benefits of the tax cuts, such as bonuses or extra money in paychecks, the law still has

not given Republicans the boost they anticipated, especially in the suburban districts where campaign officials acknowledge Democrats can make gains.

Rep. Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, is counting on turning those numbers around. The committee is pillorying a quip by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., that the tax benefits amounted

to “crumbs” — she was comparing ordinary Americans’ benefits to the billions companies will reap — to help win back independent voters.

During a trip to Blue Ash, Ohio, on Monday to promote tax cuts, Trump accused congressional Democrats of being “un-American” and perhaps even treasonous for refusing to cheer positive news during his State of the Union address. Democrats have their

own party divisions, fueled by a liberal wing that pushed Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. into last month’s three-day shutdown. More moderate lawmakers have no interest in repeating a shutdown Thursday, when a stopgap spending bill expires.

Democrats had been using the funding measure as leverage to force an immigration debate, as Congress wrestles over protections for young immigrants who arrived illegally in the United States as children and are now facing deportation. Trump will end the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program next month, though a court order is keeping it in place temporarily.

A bipartisan immigration proposal surfaced Monday in the Senate, only to be quickly knocked down by Trump via Twitter.

Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said their legislation would provide a pathway to legal status — potentially including citizenship — for immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally as children. It would also require the government to strengthen border security by 2020 but stops short of specifically providing the \$25 billion Trump wants for a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

“Any deal on DACA that does not include STRONG border security and the desperately needed WALL is a total waste of time,” Trump tweeted.

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A Syrian mourns his destroyed home in rebel-held Arbin, on the outskirts of Damascus.

### Syria, Russia stage attacks on last rebel-held strongholds

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BEIRUT — Syrian opposition rescue teams pulled babies from incubators in a hospital under attack, rushing them to safety in a pickup truck. Elderly patients lay motionless on the ground and rescue workers searched for survivors in the rubble of a destroyed apartment building as stepped up airstrikes by Syrian government forces and their Russian allies on the country’s last remaining rebel strongholds killed at least 28 civilians Monday.

“It is like the end of days,” said Raed Saleh, the head of the first-responders known as White Helmets, describing the last 24 hours of attacks on the opposition-held eastern Damascus suburb of Ghouta and northwestern Idlib province.

The escalating offensive, which included a suspected chlorine attack a day earlier, reached a new ferocity after insurgents downed a Russian Su-25 over the weekend, the first time they scored such a major hit against the gov-

ernment’s main ally, Moscow.

Russia has waged a punishing aerial campaign against Syria’s armed opposition since intervening in the civil war on the side of its ally, President Bashar Assad, in 2015. Cease-fire deals have failed to quell the violence or restore humanitarian aid to besieged Ghouta, where 400,000 residents are holed up amid warnings of a looming humanitarian disaster.

“If a Russian plane was downed, revenge should not be on civilians and children,” Saleh said. “Now more than any other day, we need the international community to restore the humanity it has lost in Syria.”

The al-Qaida-linked Levant Liberation Committee, which is the dominant militant group in Idlib, said its fighters shot down the Russian jet near the town of Saraqeb in Idlib province and killed its pilot after he ejected from the plane. Rebels previously claimed to have downed Syrian government planes or drones, but it was the first time they hit a Russian aircraft.

Russia’s military bases in

western Syria were also hit last month in a series of drone attacks, challenging Moscow’s gains in the country still torn by conflict.

Since then, activists say Russian and Syrian government forces have stepped up their attacks.

Activists and rescue workers reported at least 28 civilians, including six children, were killed Monday in Ghouta, where nearly 40 airstrikes hit the suburb that is the last opposition stronghold in Damascus.

In Idlib, two hospitals have been hit with airstrikes since Sunday and at least 14 people killed. Rescue workers continued Monday to sift through the wreckage of a six-story building flattened a day earlier, pulling out three bodies after daylight.

At least eight residents remained missing when the search was suspended at nightfall, one rescuer said.

In Idlib, a hospital in the town of Kafranbel was bombed early Monday, according to the activist-run Edlib Media Center and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

### Victims vow to fight on after Mich. doctor’s final sentencing

By DAVID EGGERT  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — The worst sex-abuse case in sports history ended Monday with a third long prison sentence for Larry Nassar, and his victims vowed to keep fighting for accountability in the scandal that upended the gymnastics world and raised alarms about the sport’s ask-no-questions culture.

Long after the disgraced doctor is locked up in a federal prison, investigations into his misconduct will go on, perhaps for years.

“We have taken care of one perpetrator. We have not taken care of the systems that allowed him to flourish,” said Rachael Denhollander, who filed a police report in 2016 about how Nassar had molested her 16 years earlier, when she was 15, with her mother in the room.

The latest sentence of 40 to 125 years was for molesting young athletes at Twistars, an elite Michigan gymnastics club. The sentence is largely symbolic because Nassar, 54, who pleaded guilty, is already assured of spending the rest of his life behind bars. Before serving his two state terms, he must first serve 60 years in federal prison for child pornography.

An astonishing 250-plus women and girls gave statements in two Michigan courtrooms over 10 days of proceedings. The focus will soon shift to lawsuits and multiple probes of Nassar’s past employers Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics.

Larissa Boyce and another teen gymnast in 1997 reported Nassar to Michigan State’s then-gymnastics coach, but he was not investigated until 2004, when another teen filed a complaint. Even then, that report did not result in criminal charges.

“I felt like a weight lifted



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Victims Rachael Denhollander, right, and Larissa Boyce hug after Larry Nassar is sentenced in Charlotte, Mich.

off of me,” Boyce said of Nassar’s latest sentence. “Finally, I don’t have to face him in court anymore.”

Boyce said she hopes the university and USA Gymnastics will “show the world how Nassar’s actions were missed, the mistakes that were made so that other people can take a look and make changes where they need to make changes so this never happens again.”

Katie Black, a Michigan State student who said she was sexually assaulted by Nassar when she was younger, returned for the sentencing after speaking in court Friday, when she blamed the school’s inaction for causing such widespread pain.

“I feel almost a sense of closure and that this is all over and things are going to be taken care of,” Black said.

Nassar listened to 48 victims for two days last week and was almost attacked by a man whose three daughters said they were abused.

His abuse “robbed these girls and women of one of the most truly important human qualities — trust,” Eaton County Judge Janice Cunningham said.

In a brief statement before he was sentenced, Nassar attempted to apologize.

“It’s impossible to convey the breadth and depth of how sorry I am to each

and every one,” he said.

In all, some 265 women and girls have reported being molested by Nassar. Some of the cases date back to the 1990s. The judge said the abuse “spans the country and the world,” noting that she heard from participants not only in gymnastics but also soccer, figure skating, rowing, softball, cheerleading, wrestling, diving, dance, and track and field. Other victims were non-athletes treated for back, leg and other injuries, she said.

Many of the accusers described an ultra-competitive gymnastics culture in which authority figures could not be questioned and Nassar was free to abuse young patients year after year. They said they had little choice to see doctors other than Nassar, who was renowned throughout the sport.

Assistant Attorney General Angela Povilaitis said people must stop blaming the victims and their parents, who have been criticized online, on the radio and elsewhere.

She said people are taught to trust doctors above all, especially those who appear to be world-class.

“It could have happened to any parent,” she said, noting that Nassar tricked parents who were police officers, doctors and engineers.

# Dow plunges 1,175 points in another skid

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midterm campaign.

Market observers have been anticipating a correction after a year of big gains in the Dow, the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index and the tech-heavy Nasdaq.

"This was crowd psychology at its best," said Daniel Wiener, chief executive of Adviser Investments. "Investors had the weekend to worry about what happened Friday, and they sold on Monday. This is normal, every day stock market volatility. And it's healthy."

Many analysts pointed to a seemingly unusual cause for the turbulence: rising wages. The Labor Department reported Friday that wages had gone up by 2.9 percent in January, compared with a year earlier. That was the fastest growth in almost a decade, evidence that the extraordinarily low unemployment rate was forcing employers to pay higher wages.

"The employment report on Friday showed wages are growing at the fastest rate since the recession," said Torsten Slok, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank. "Investors are waking up to the fact that we won't have low interest rates forever."

On a basic level, investors worry that higher pay means lower profits for shareholders, but there's an even deeper concern.

The heart of the stock market sell-off is about inflation. More specifically, it's a fear that wages and prices are going to rise faster than expected, and that the Federal Reserve is going to fumble its attempts to keep inflation in check.

Moderate inflation is a healthy component of an economy. But markets may fear inflation could quickly grow overheated. Should that happen or even appear to be a real risk, the Federal Reserve would probably raise interest rates, a move

that could dramatically slow the economy or even cause a recession.

"There is not a high chance of a recession," Slok said. "There is a high chance of the economy overheating. The market is reacting to good news, not bad news."

There was also focus on the 10-year Treasury bond, a closely watched harbinger of investor sentiment. The yield's rise toward 3 percent is widely believed to be a marker for investors to eschew equities for the stability of bonds.

Bond yields are rising as the Federal Reserve trims its U.S. bond holdings. The U.S. Treasury is also having to borrow more money, partly because of the tax cuts, and issuing more debt tends to raise yields.

The S&P 500 in January saw its 10th consecutive monthly gain, the longest streak in 59 years. The stock market has lost \$1 trillion in value in the first five days of February.

Another factor that might have investors finally pricing in more risk is the rising federal deficit.

On Wednesday, The Treasury released data showing that the government is on track to borrow nearly \$1 trillion this year, an 84 percent increase from last year.

That kind of spike in borrowing helped push government bond yields to levels last seen four years ago. Those headlines started to cause angst among investors who had largely ignored any bad news about the debt.

The change of leadership at the Fed brings another sort of uncertainty. While new Fed Chair Jerome Powell is widely expected to follow Janet Yellen's lead and move interest rates up slowly, he's still a relatively unknown quantity for the markets.

Associated Press contributed.



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Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., seen Monday, said he thinks the rebuttal will help point out "distortions" in the GOP memo.

## House panel votes to release Dems' rebuttal

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week, Schiff told reporters after Monday's vote, adding that he was concerned the Trump administration could still try to stymie the Democrats' response.

"We want to make sure that the White House does not redact our memo for political purposes," Schiff said. "There is a rising sense of panic clearly within the White House and as well on the Hill."

Schiff said that he gave copies of the memo to the FBI and Justice Department days ago, and it would go to the White House on Monday night for review.

Even with the committee voting to make the Democrats' memo public, Trump could still decide to keep it secret. Under congressional rules, the president has five days to consider whether to block the memo's release. If he blocks it, the intelligence committee's chairman, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., could ask the full House to override the president's decision.

Before the vote, Trump charged in a tweet that Schiff "leaves closed committee hearings to illegally leak confidential information" and "must be stopped" — suggesting the president may decide not to allow the Democrats' assertions to be made public.

The committee's Republican members, including Nunes, had previously signaled they would support eventually making the memo public.

House Speaker Paul



Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., could ask the House to override the president's decision on the Democrats' rebuttal.

Ryan, R-Wis., said last week that he supports the rebuttal's public release once it goes through the same process the Republican memo was put through. The GOP memo was available to House members to read in a secure facility for 11 days before the panel voted to make it public; last Monday, the intelligence committee voted to make the Democrats' memo available to all members to peruse in a secure facility as well.

The four-page GOP document released Friday accuses the FBI and the Justice Department of misusing information from a British ex-spy during the 2016 election to help justify their warrant application to surveil a former Trump campaign adviser,

Carter Page.

The Democrats' 10-page rebuttal, written by Schiff and staffers, suggests that the Republicans' memo is misleading and relies on cherry-picked information intended to discredit the ongoing probe into possible links between Russian agents and the Trump campaign.

In his Monday tweet, the president accused "Little Adam Schiff" of being "one of the biggest liars and leakers in Washington," along with former FBI Director James Comey; Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., vice chairman of the Senate intelligence committee; former CIA Director John Brennan; and former director of national intelligence James Clapper. All had spoken out against releasing the GOP

memo. Schiff responded, also via Twitter, saying: "Mr. President, I see you've had a busy morning of 'Executive Time.' Instead of tweeting false smears, the American people would appreciate it if you turned off the TV and helped solve the funding crisis, protected Dreamers ... or really anything else."

Also Monday, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., released a heavily redacted version of their memo urging the Justice Department to investigate whether the British ex-spy, Christopher Steele, lied to the FBI. Steele authored a now-famous dossier of allegations alleging ties between Trump associates and the Kremlin, a document at the center of Republicans' complaints about the bureau.

The two senators also made clear that they are probing whether officials at the State Department may have helped Steele. Nunes has indicated that he is investigating this as well.

The document made public by Grassley on Monday indicates that the Senate Judiciary Committee launched its inquiry in response to reports published by The Washington Post about Steele and the firm that hired him, Fusion GPS. It accuses Steele of misleading the FBI about his contact with reporters during the campaign.

Steele declined to comment. A lawyer for Fusion GPS did not immediately comment on the document.



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Traders work the New York Stock Exchange floor Monday when the Dow plunged nearly 1,600 points at one point.

## Supreme Court allows Pa. to redraw GOP-favored district map

BY MARK SCOLFORO AND MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday let a court-ordered redrawing of congressional districts in Pennsylvania proceed, raising Democratic hopes that a revamped map might yield them more seats this fall.

Justice Samuel Alito, who handles emergency appeals from Pennsylvania, rejected the request from GOP legislative leaders and

voters to put on hold an order from the state Supreme Court intended to produce new congressional districts in the coming two weeks.

The Pennsylvania high court ruled last month that the current map of 18 districts violates the state constitution because it unfairly benefits Republicans.

Monday's decision came days before the Republican-controlled Legislature's deadline for submitting a replacement map for Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf

to consider. So far, there has been a notable lack of bipartisan movement on getting such a deal.

Pennsylvania's congressional delegation has been 13-5 in favor of Republicans during the three election cycles since the GOP-drawn 2011 map took effect, and experts have said those 13 seats are several more than would have been produced by a nonpartisan map.

Democrats have about 800,000 more registered voters than Republicans and hold all three elected

statewide row offices, but Republicans enjoy solid majorities in both chambers of the Legislature.

Under the process laid out two weeks ago by four of the seven Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices, all Democrats, the Legislature has until Friday to approve a map, after which Wolf will have until Feb. 15 to decide whether to endorse it and submit it to the justices.

The state Supreme Court said it expects new districts to be in place by Feb. 19, and the new map is expected to

be in play for the May 15 congressional primaries.

Wolf's statement after the decision called gerrymandering wrong and said a replacement map should correct errors of the past.

"My team is ready, willing and able to work with the General Assembly to ensure a new map is fair and within the clear orders given by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court," Wolf said.

A redrawn Pennsylvania congressional district map could affect control of the U.S. House, and at last

count, more than 60 people in the state have said they plan to run for Congress.

Democrats need at least two dozen pick-ups nationally in November's election to retake control of the U.S. House, and a Pennsylvania map that is less favorable to Republicans could provide some of those.

There are six congressional seats in Pennsylvania where incumbents are not running again, the most in four decades. Five of them have been held most recently by Republicans.

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**Rare day in Moscow:** A man digs out his car Monday after a weekend storm in Moscow dumped up to 22 inches of snow in parts of the city. The storm even prompted authorities to call a snow day — an unusual occurrence in the frost-resistant Russian capital.

## U.S. begins reducing troops in Iraq after victory over ISIS

**AL-ASAD AIRBASE, Iraq** — The U.S. has started to reduce the number of its troops in Iraq following Baghdad's declaration of victory over the Islamic State group last year, an Iraqi government spokesman and Western contractors said Monday.

The move marks a shift in priorities for the U.S. after the collapse of the extremists' so-called caliphate late last year. It also comes about three months ahead of Iraqi national elections in which paramilitary groups with close ties to Iran are set to play a decisive role.

Dozens of U.S. soldiers have been transported from Iraq to Afghanistan in the past week, along with weapons and equipment, the contractors said.

"The battle against Daesh has ended, and so the level of the American presence will be reduced," said government spokesman Saad al-Hadithi, who used the Arabic language acronym for the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS.

Al-Hadithi stressed that the drawdown — the first since the war against the Islamic State group began more than three years ago

— was still in its early stages and doesn't mark the beginning of a complete pull-out of U.S. forces.

One senior Iraqi official close to Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said 60 percent of all U.S. troops still in Iraq will be withdrawn, according to the initial agreement reached with Washington.

The plan would leave about 4,000 U.S. troops to continue training the Iraqi military.

As of late September, there were 8,892 U.S. troops in Iraq, according to a Pentagon report released in November.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### NTSB: Signaling system down for maintenance before crash

**CAYCE, S.C.** — Federal authorities said Monday that a railway signaling system was down for maintenance when an Amtrak train crashed into a CSX freight locomotive on Sunday, causing the deaths of an Amtrak engineer and conductor.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Robert Sumwalt said the system was down so crews could install a "positive train control" system, which uses sensors and

GPS to prevent trains from colliding or derailed.

Sumwalt had said that if the system were up and running, it likely would have prevented the Amtrak train from hitting the freight train. More than 100 people on the Amtrak train were injured and taken to hospitals, mostly with minor injuries.

Sumwalt said data from the Amtrak train shows the engineer hit the emergency brakes three seconds before the crash.

### Democrats lash out at consumer watchdog

**WASHINGTON** — Democratic lawmakers lashed out at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Monday amid a report that the agency was backing off an investigation into a massive data breach at Equifax last year that exposed sensitive data about millions of people.

Reuters reported that the CFPB has not taken routine steps to advance an investigation, including ordering subpoenas or seeking sworn testimony from Equifax executives.

Democratic lawmakers have feared that President Donald Trump's pick to temporarily lead the agency, Mick Mulvaney, was weakening the consumer watchdog.

Failing to investigate a data breach that put "145 million Americans at risk is malpractice," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, ranking member of the Banking Committee.

**Two priests** were shot dead and four people were wounded when their vehicle was attacked Monday in Mexico's southern state of Guerrero, authorities reported. Officials said the victims' truck was traveling from the town of Julianita when it was blocked by another vehicle and unknown attackers opened fire.

**Lululemon Athletica Inc.** announced Monday that Laurent Potdevin has resigned as CEO, saying he fell short of standards of conduct. The Vancouver-based maker of yoga pants and other clothing didn't offer specifics but said it expects all employees to "exemplify the highest level of integrity and respect for one another."

### U.K. officials condemn Trump for health care remarks

**LONDON** — British officials reacted angrily Monday to President Donald Trump's stark criticism of the U.K. health care system, which he said was breaking down.

The "(National Health Service) may have challenges but I'm proud to be from the country that invented universal coverage — where all get care no matter the size of their bank balance," Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said.

"The Democrats are pushing for Universal HealthCare while thousands of people are marching in the UK because their U system is going broke and not working," Trump had tweeted Monday morning.

His comments came after a march in London on Saturday that drew thousands of people demanding additional government funding for Britain's National Health Service.

### Pence trip to Asia, Olympics aimed at countering N. Korea

**WASHINGTON** — Vice President Mike Pence's six-day swing through Asia, anchored by a stop at the Winter Olympics in South Korea, is to focus less on sports than the host country's neighbor.

Pence departed Monday for Alaska, Japan and South Korea, aiming to ensure North Korea doesn't "hijack" the games as it participates on a joint team with the South.

Pence said in Anchorage, Alaska, that he wasn't ruling out a meeting with North Korean officials.

He said he hadn't requested such a meeting but added, "We'll see what happens."

Leading the U.S. delegation to the Olympic Opening Ceremonies, Pence will bring Fred Warmbier, the father of Otto Warmbier, who died in 2017 shortly after he was released from North Korean detention.

### Russia questions U.S. compliance in nuclear deal

**MOSCOW** — Russia challenged U.S. compliance with a key nuclear arms treaty Monday and warned that the Trump administration's nuclear strategy lowers the threshold for using atomic weapons.

Moscow said it has met its own requirements under the New START

agreement that was signed in 2010 and entered into force a year later. It restricts both the U.S. and Russia to 1,550 deployed strategic nuclear warheads on a maximum of 700 deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles and strategic bombers. The deadline to verify both countries' com-

pliance was Monday.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said it now has 527 deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles and strategic bombers. It gave a tally of 1,444 strategic nuclear warheads. The U.S. reported it has been in compliance with the limits since August.

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EDITORIALS

# In the primary, don't accidentally vote for the neo-Nazi

Arthur Jones slithered out of his hole in the ground in Lyons to run for the United States Congress in a Republican primary election, and nobody stepped up to challenge him.

Jones — a Holocaust denier, anti-Semite, neo-Nazi and white supremacist — is running unopposed as a GOP candidate in a west suburban-based U.S. House race. That means any primary voter in the 3rd Congressional District who pulls a Republican ballot for the Illinois primary will see only Jones' name listed. He'll win the primary by default. The man who once dressed as a Nazi to march in Skokie will win a Republican primary.

This is not a good look for the Illinois Republican Party. It's evidently too late for party officials to do anything except ask Jones to drop out, which he's unlikely to do. "There is no room for Neo Nazis in American politics," Gov. Bruce Rauner said Monday. Except there will be room for Jones on the GOP ballot. More bad news: The deadline passed for a primary election write-in candidate to register, though there is an opportunity for someone to run as a write-in or independent for the Nov. 6 general election. As for what to do in the primary, we hope Republican voters in the 3rd district are aware that Jones is a cretin and do not support him. The closer to zero votes he gets, the better.

**How did this happen? Jones, a peren-**



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 Jones is running unopposed as a GOP candidate in the 3rd Congressional District.

**nial candidate, snookered the GOP.**

Nobody else ran as a Republican in the primary because politics is a results-oriented business and the chance of a Republican winning are slim. The boundaries were drawn by Democrats to elect a Democrat. Rep. Dan Lipinski, the incumbent, will face Marie Newman in the Democratic primary, and one of those two will win on

Nov. 6. There are other Democratic strongholds in the Chicago area featuring a lone Republican. It can be a Maytag repairman-like assignment.

Still, Jones is an odious character who should have been challenged. He was a spokesman for the neo-Nazis who tried to march in Skokie in 1978, the Tribune once reported. His website lays out his hateful ideas. The Holocaust is a lie, he says. "I don't believe in equality — period," he replied when a Tribune reporter asked whether African-Americans and Latinos should have the right to vote.

Jones is no mystery candidate. He's run for the U.S. House numerous times. He's campaigned to be a Chicago alderman, Chicago mayor and Milwaukee mayor. There's nothing to prevent a provocateur from seeking office, of course, but winning an election, even a Republican primary in a district rigged to elect a Democrat, is an honor he befools. It's a shame Illinois Republicans weren't paying closer attention.

Jones, who campaigned for the same seat in the 2016 primary, was removed from the ballot that year after the Illinois Republican Party found paperwork errors and filed a successful objection to his candidacy with the state Board of Elections. The GOP tried to do the same this election cycle, but Jones had cleaned up his paperwork. He also appears to have kept a low profile, collecting signatures to meet eligibility requirements by going door to door

and then waiting until the Dec. 4, 2017, deadline to file. If only others had noticed.

"He's not on any one of the party activists' radar," John Fogarty, the state Republican Party's general counsel, told us. "He's really not a Republican. He just sees an open spot?"

This isn't the first time an embarrassing candidate has sneaked onto a ballot. We remember the Republican loser in the Democratic-heavy 9th Congressional District who warned that frigid temperatures and tornadoes reflected God's disdain for liberal Illinois politics. We've got other such crazy stories. There also have been smart, responsible Republicans who have run in Democratic districts and got creamed. Hoo boy, we have more respect for them than ever.

**Lay part of the blame on gerrymandering,**

which creates districts that overwhelmingly favor one party. But also blame apathy. Remember Scott Lee Cohen? He somehow won the 2010 Democratic primary for lieutenant governor. Only then did voters learn he was a deadbeat dad dogged by allegations of domestic violence.

So remember, 3rd Congressional District Republicans: Please don't vote for Arthur Jones the neo-Nazi. And please consider mounting a write-in or independent candidacy for the November election. Your fellow party members, and your country, will thank you.

## Wow, did you see the market?

Whew, what to make of this rollicking market. Although we have a good idea what happens next.

No, no, not the stock market. We learned all we need to know about those gyrations a few years ago from Albert "Ab" Nicholas, founder of the Nicholas investment company in Milwaukee. Nicholas, now deceased, advised thinking long term rather than paying attention to Wall Street's conceptions. "Two-thirds of the time, stocks are going up," Nicholas said, approximately. "One-third of the time, they're going down. Don't try to guess which third is which."

No, the number that animates us today is over in the employment market: The Labor Department reports that in January, wages for private-sector workers were 2.9 percent higher than a year earlier. That's the biggest year-over-year increase since the end of the Great Recession in mid-2009.

**If this isn't a blip, it's excellent news.**

For most of the long but lazy recovery from that recession, Americans haven't seen much in the way of wage increases. It's hard to distinguish causes from effects, but: The U.S. economy was growing slowly, employers didn't have to raise wages to retain their employees, and those workers didn't have new infusions of income to drive consumer demand for the goods and services employers make or provide.

Now, though, the cycle looks more virtuous. If it keeps up, so will the faster econo-



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mic growth of the past year.

Consider these data points: The nation's unemployment rate has fallen to 4.1 percent — the lowest level since 2000 — and held steady for four months. Creation of 200,000 jobs in January — 98 percent of them in the private sector — suggests that the U.S. economy continues to expand. And in a development that deserves more attention, the Social Security Disability Insurance rolls are shrinking. During a weak job market, more people sign up for SSDI

benefits; now, though, the number of SSDI applications is falling, and the number of people leaving the program is increasing.

All of which suggests that, after a slow-mo decade, America's employment market is healthy again. So employers are boosting wages. Blip? Probably not. The Labor Department revised its December measure of wage growth upward, and its January number came in higher than expected. Oh — and the wage growth numbers don't yet include the impacts of federal income tax

cuts. Nor do they include the bonuses some large employers have announced for their workers.

Insert here your preferred political narrative. The Democratic mantra is that former President Barack Obama deserves credit for an employment market that was improving before he left office. The Republican retort is that Obama would deserve the credit if President Donald Trump were continuing Obama's policies, but the recovery didn't escalate until Trump's election presaged tax cuts and the elimination of many business regulations. Or you instead could conclude that presidents get too much blame and credit for economic trends on their watch.

**If this cycle really is virtuous,** then employers will have to keep paying higher wages to hire and keep workers. Those workers will have more money to spend. And that rising consumer demand for goods and services will force employers to, yes, compete with one another to hire and keep workers.

So you can understand why many economists expect wage growth to continue in the employment market this year.

And you can understand why those other markets — investment markets — fear that resulting inflation will undercut the value of stocks and bonds. Hence sell-offs like Monday's.

What should you do? Trust Ab Nicholas: "Don't try to guess which third is which."

**WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING**

Few prelates have ever been as blunt in criticizing the Holy See as Joseph Cardinal Zen, the retired bishop of Hong Kong. In an open letter (last) week, the cardinal put it this way: "Do I think that the Vatican is selling out the Catholic Church in China? Yes, definitely."

Cardinal Zen was speaking about the Vatican's bid to force two underground Catholic bishops faithful to the church to resign — and be replaced by government-backed bishops who were excommunicated when they were illicitly appointed. So concerned was the 86-year-old cardinal that he flew to Rome and asked for an urgent meeting with Pope Francis to persuade him of the damage he would be inflicting. The pope ignored him.

On Thursday news broke that the Vatican will accept the legitimacy of seven bishops chosen by the Chinese government.

As head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of his own state, the pope is free to chart whatever course with China he wishes. Even so, it's astounding that Rome would defer to Beijing to dictate one of the most important duties of any pope: choosing the bishops who will lead his flock. Many of the Catholic faithful, especially in China, have been dispirited by the concession. ... Human rights in China are worsening, particularly for believers. ...

Perhaps someone ought to remind the Vatican that the Lord's advice was to "render unto Caesar," not surrender to Caesar.

**The Wall Street Journal**

Stalin is making a bit of a comeback in Russia. There's a huge statue of Czar Nicholas II up in Moscow. There's an enormous statue to Peter the Great. The idea is single, strong men — that's what Vladimir Putin is trying to reinforce.

**Armando Iannucci, The Atlantic**

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## PERSPECTIVE



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Well-equipped fallout shelters like the one above in the early 1960s were common during the Cold War. Steps must be taken to make sure they're not needed again.

### Lesson from the Hawaii false alarm:

# We need to do more than 'duck and cover'

By MARK S. KIRK

Panicked Hawaiians abandoned their cars and prepared to evacuate their homes last month after a false alarm warned of a ballistic missile heading for the islands. This incident hit home for me, as I had just left Hawaii after visiting with family on Oahu over the holidays. My family in Hawaii spent 38 panicked minutes wondering what they should do in the event of a nuclear missile strike. Now, they've started preparing for the worst — just in case.

Some of us remember a time when all Americans knew exactly what to do in the event of a nuclear attack on our soil. In school, kids learned from "Bert the Turtle" to duck and cover. Families built fallout shelters in their homes and backyards and stocked them with canned goods to last for months. Nuclear preparedness may seem like an antique relic of yesteryear, but is it?

Of course, the Hawaii threat in January was a false alarm. However, growing threats to national security have put many Americans on high alert. The fear stems from an increasing threat overseas, determined to disrupt American safety: North Korea and its growing missile arsenal and nuclear weapons capabilities. The

country has conducted more than 100 missile tests since its first one in 1984, all the while working to perfect its technology. Under leader Kim Jong Un, North Korea claims it now has weapons capable of reaching the U.S. mainland. In August, domestic intelligence officials said they believed the North had successfully miniaturized nuclear warheads, widening its scope of potential targets. The threat is so severe that the Doomsday Clock is now just two minutes to midnight, the closest it has been since 1953.

But North Korea might not have had a missile program at all if not for its kindred anti-U.S. soul mate, Iran. The nations' dictators have worked together for decades to develop their missile arsenals. While officials have not confirmed whether Iran and North Korea exchange nuclear-related information, world leaders are aware of the ballistic missile cooperation between the two nations and their outright violation of U.N. sanctions. Further, Iran has fired over 20 missiles since the signing of the misguided Iran deal in 2015, which many see as a clear violation of the agreement.

Some fear this cooperation extends beyond ballistic missiles to the development of nuclear weapons by both North Korea and Iran. Official sources

**Further sharing of information for missile and nuclear weapons development between Iran and North Korea must be stopped.**

have argued that Iran and North Korea have engaged in cooperation that could stretch to nuclear weapons through the sharing of designs, materials and technologies. Even if Iran is following orders and abiding by restrictions posed by the U.N. to refrain from building any ballistic or nuclear missiles, the partnership between North Korea and Iran could allow the regime in Tehran to subsidize North Korea's nuclear ambitions either with currency or vital materials furthering production.

What is perhaps most troubling about this long-lasting partnership is their shared anti-U.S. rhetoric. Their strong opposition to America, our allies and our interests poses a severe national security threat — one that can now be likened to the threat in the

1950s during the height of the Cold War. At that time, Americans were well-prepared for a possible doomsday scenario. But as the Cold War between the U.S. and Soviet Union ended, so did the anxiety of a possible imminent strike.

Today, preparations for potential national security threats must go beyond shelters and emergency evacuation plans to greater proactive steps to fight the threat of possible destruction, starting with tightened sanctions preventing further sharing of information for ballistic missile and nuclear weapons development between Iran and North Korea. The Trump administration should advocate for legislation that disrupts the nations' missile programs. Companies should refrain from doing business with Iran to avoid indirectly supporting its missile development and that of North Korea's. And we all must remain aware of the threats — not out of fear, but as world leaders mitigating the risks by erecting barriers to both Iran and North Korea in their pursuit of nuclear capabilities. If we fail, our children may be learning how to duck and cover once again.

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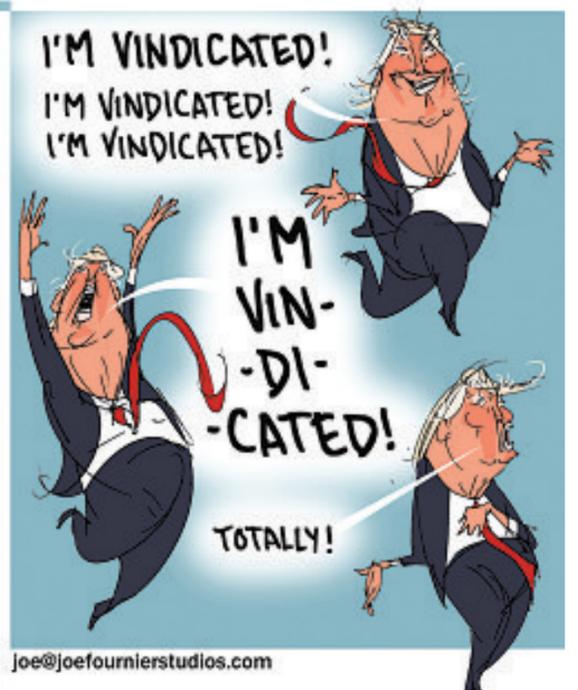
## VINDICATED?

BY JOE "VINDICATION IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER" FOURNIER

THE PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO THE NUNES MEMO



NOW, SURE, THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO THE STUDY AND UNDERSTANDING OF SUCH MATTERS AS THE NUNES MEMO, AND THEY THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE MEMO IN NO WAY VINDICATES ME AND IS NOTHING MORE THAN A DESTRUCTIVE, TRANSPARENT EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION. BUT, THERE'S SOMETHING I THINK THEY SHOULD KNOW...



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## PERSPECTIVE

## C'mon, California: Suck it up and keep the drinking straw

BY STEPHEN L. CARTER

A bill pending in the California legislature would subject waiters to fines and imprisonment for giving diners plastic drinking straws without being asked. This legislation has no chance to pass — I think — but critics are having a lot of fun with it anyway. Held up to particular ridicule has been the claim that the U.S. consumes 500 million plastic straws a day, a figure that the news media have often cited. This data point, which would mean that Americans use something on the order of 182 billion straws a year, comes from a science project created by a 9-year-old boy in 2011. Thus the ridicule.

Fair enough. Still, we do use a lot of them. And one cannot help but wonder how the straw became so ubiquitous. As it turns out, that took a lot of marketing. No one seems to have written a social history of the drinking straw. That's too bad, because the social history turns out to be interesting.

Although archaeologists tell us that the use of straws has ancient roots, the “modern” paper drinking straw (predecessor to today's plastic straws) seems to have been first produced in 1888. The invention quickly became popular, in part through the corner store. In the early 1900s, druggists who ran soda fountains were being advised to provide straws to their customers, who might otherwise wind up with a mouthful of foam from their confections. Some pharmacists warned, however, that it was unsanitary to leave straws in a container that customers could reach. Far better to hand them out individually.

Although early on some purists considered the use of this new technology slovenly, the straw's rapid adoption was assisted by the explosive growth in the popularity of Coca-Cola following the introduction of a bottled version of the soft drink at the turn of the 20th century. In 1921, the humorist Ring Lardner suggested drinking straws as a second-anniversa-



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ry gift for married couples: “The husband will appreciate an individual drinking straw that can be carried in a case as it often happens that 2 men goes out to the ball games and orders pop, the salesman is libel (sic) to give them 2 bottles and 1 straw with the remark that this is the last straw.”

By that time, the drinking straw was a hit. According to a widely reprinted 1924 story, the U.S. produced about 4 billion straws that year — up from 165 million in 1901. They were manufactured mostly by small local businesses, but some people began to clamor that the industry was big enough to be regulated. Sure enough, during the Depression, the National Recovery Administration imposed upon the drinking straw industry a “code of fair competition.” Included were

such gems as the recommendation that the industry establish “plans to equalize production with demand.” Most of the rules were mandatory. The NRA created a mechanism for fixing prices, and set minimum wages for workers in the industry. (Compared to men who did the same work, the federal government decreed, women were to earn 87.5 cents on the dollar.)

By the 1940s, straws were so common that swigging directly from the bottle had come to be considered bad manners — at least when the swigger was female. Advice columnists urged readers to remind their daughters that Lana Turner had been discovered while sipping through a straw. One anonymous writer counseled young women that using a straw was an excellent

way to “look appealing.” Newspapers trumpeted claims that U.S. soldiers and sailors overseas considered young women who drank through straws more attractive than those who didn't. In short, the hard sell was on, and its target was women.

Then there was hygiene. Doctors, evidently prompted by the manufacturers, suggested using straws to avoid cold and flu germs. Typical was a 1945 article in California's San Bernardino Sun: “A drinking straw prevents the mouth and lips from touching the rim of the glass where most of these germs colonize.”

By the 1950s, the drinking straw was everywhere. Popular books told schoolchildren how straws could be key components in experiments like building a barometer or an electrophorus.

Periodicals for teachers carried tips on how to turn straws into Christmas decorations for their classrooms. The nation's housewives were advised to find applications around the kitchen. Petunia, a widely published cartoon character who presented home-making ideas, suggesting inserting pieces of a straw into pies before baking, to “keep the juice from oozing out.” Dear Polly, an advice columnist, recommended drinking straws to keep ketchup flowing from the bottle.

The heavy effort to associate straws with women and children would have unintended consequences. For some, straws became associated with a lack of manliness. In the 1980s, “Mortified in Minneapolis” complained to Dear Abby that her “otherwise masculine” husband sipped through a straw in public. Abby told Mortified that her husband's masculinity was not at stake, and readers wrote in to agree.

And speaking of the 1980s, we mustn't leave that decade without a mention of drinking straws and politics. In 1984, the General Cinema Corp. allowed customers who bought soft drinks at its theaters to choose between straws marked with the names of the presidential contenders. Ronald Reagan won the “straw poll” by a landslide, defeating Walter Mondale by 61.5 percent to 38.5 percent. This wasn't far off the actual election result, in which Reagan beat Mondale 58.8 to 40.6. So if we get rid of drinking straws, we'll be forced to rely on the same “expert” surveys that whiffed so badly last time around.

So, please, California, just this once — lay off.

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## Poland's laughable way to talk about its past

BY ANNE APPLEBAUM

The Streisand effect is one of the curious byproducts of the internet age. Named for singer Barbra Streisand — who tried to suppress a photograph of her Malibu mansion, only to have the picture seen far more widely as a result — it occurs when an attempt to hide, remove or censor something from public view backfires badly.

The Streisand effect is in full swing in Poland, where a simultaneously incompetent and malevolent government has passed a law — rapidly, in the middle of the night — intended among other things to criminalize the term “Polish death camps” and other expressions implying that the Polish nation was responsible for Auschwitz and other camps built by German Nazis. The national dislike of this term goes back many years and is shared widely by all political groups, for understandable reasons. Millions of Polish citizens, including many who were not Jewish, died in these camps, among them university professors and Catholic priests, both groups deliberately targeted for extinction. Unlike in France, Belgium, Italy and most other European countries, there was no fascist, pro-German or collaborationist government in Poland during the war, and no Polish SS formation. The Nazi occupiers intended to destroy Poland as a nation, to Germanize a large chunk of the country and to turn the rest of it into a German agricultural colony.

Nevertheless, there were individual Poles who did terrible things to Jews during the war and afterward, just as there were individual Poles who did heroic things. The debate about how much Poland, as a nation, bears responsibility for these individual crimes has gone on for a long time and has had depressing, as well as uplifting, aspects. At times, the conversation has been ill-tempered. But for a quarter-century, dedicated Polish historians, diplomats, politicians and curators have also tried to reconcile different memories and heal wounds;



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A new Polish law criminalizes expressions implying the nation was responsible for Auschwitz, above, and other camps built by German Nazis.

one of the results was Poland's superb museum of Jewish history, jointly built by the international Jewish community and the Polish state. Another result was the hitherto excellent Polish-Israeli relationship, which has had big cultural as well as political benefits. Every summer, for example, a Jewish festival in Warsaw (there are others in other cities, too) brings Israeli pop singers to a square near my apartment, and the concerts are always packed.

The imposition, now, of a 3-year prison penalty for anyone who participates in the conversation about the past in ways that irritate the current ruling party is simply ludicrous, even laughable. Will the long arm of the Polish state reach out to academic conferences in Tokyo or Buenos Aires if someone uses an incorrect phrase? Will people be punished for politically incorrect memoirs? In a pompous speech the Polish

prime minister gave supporting the law, an automatic translation service made it appear as if he himself said that “camps where millions of Jews were murdered were Polish.” Should he go to prison, too? Should Google Translate? The very stupidity and unenforceability of this law is what has brought on the Streisand effect: Beginning in Israel but moving quickly across all forms of social media around the world, the use of the phrase “Polish death camps” has suddenly spiked and has now been used more times than ever before.

To Poland's anti-pluralist ruling party, that doesn't matter because the real purpose of the law was never Poland's international image. In a sharp break with all previous democratic governments of the left, right and center, going back to 1989, this government does not care how isolated or ridiculous the country

becomes. On the contrary, foreign criticism offers another chance to solidify the support of “patriots” who oppose the “slander” of the country, against “traitors” who do not. One pro-government journalist gave the game away when he declared the criticism of the law in Israel was an element in an international conspiracy against the Polish government. On cue, Polish social media has been saturated with the howls of anti-Semites defending their country against this terrible attack.

I have no doubt that the Israeli government is also using this nasty little controversy for its own purposes. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has not been disturbed by the Hungarian government's long-standing and well-funded campaign — on billboards, in the noisy state and pro-government media — against billionaire George Soros, with its clear anti-Semitic overtones,

since he dislikes Soros' philanthropic support for liberal causes. His decision to make an issue of this absurd Polish law instead no doubt gives him a chance to solidify his domestic support as well. Taking a stand on the past is so much easier than dealing with the complex present.

The irony is that none of the protagonists of this story can actually remember World War II, or the terror that it brought to the Jews and to Poland. But that is part of the explanation: As genuine memories of the horror recede, cartoon versions of history, easily manipulated, have come to replace them. This illiterate “debate” is one of the more sordid results.

The Washington Post

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## PERSPECTIVE



EVAN AGOSTINI/BASE HOLOGRAM

Opera singer Maria Callas, who died in 1977, is one of several music stars on the comeback trail via hologram.

## ‘Undead’ rock stars shouldn’t play stadiums

BY LEONID BERSHIDSKY

As a middle-aged rock fan, I have a problem many of my peers would relate to: Every year, more of my favorite musicians die. If you’ve been listening to them for decades, every death is a painful blow. It took me a few days to get over the recent loss of The Fall’s Mark E. Smith; my wife was stricken when the Cranberries’ Dolores O’Riordan, who was my age, died last month.

I’m not sure, though, that I’m down with the way some innovative companies are trying to fill the void.

I understand the economics behind last year’s European tour by the hologram of onetime Black Sabbath singer Ronnie James Dio and the recently announced holographic resurrection of Roy Orbison. But I wish both tech entrepreneurs and the musicians’ estates allowed stars to rest in peace.

For my generation, the live gig industry — which remains the biggest source of revenue for musicians — is how we reconnect with our youth. So for dead rock stars’ heirs, the idea of reviving the musicians and sending them on tour holds a particular appeal. The same goes for record companies trying to boost catalog sales.

The first attempts to have dead people perform live, in the early 2010s, were more gimmicky than realistic. Now the technology — which purists wouldn’t call holography in the strict sense — is ripe for commercial exploitation. Companies such as Eyellusion, which was behind the Dio tour, or BASE Entertainment, which put on the Orbison show, create computer models of the artist from available footage and photographs. They obtain live recordings of the voice and create a strong illusion of a live performance by projecting the model onto thin film (the effect is known as “Pepper’s ghost”) while a rock band or an orchestra actually plays live. Thanks to progress

in the modeling and projection technology, it’s not easy to tell that the singer isn’t there in the flesh. So, after Dio’s well-attended tour, audiences are about to be treated not just to Orbison but also to Frank Zappa and (in a nod to the more classically inclined) Maria Callas.

Holographic tours are just one example of how tech entrepreneurs are trying to abolish death. In 2016, Evgenia Kuyda, a Russian entrepreneur in Silicon Valley, created a bot to commemorate a dead friend. She fed their numerous text messages to an artificial intelligence so the bot could talk back as the friend could have done. Kuyda envisioned a big future for commemorative bots. Last year, a

### *I can’t help that these innovations creep me out.*

South Korean firm developed an app that allowed people to talk to realistic-looking avatars of their dead relatives — and even to take selfies with them.

I have no problem with anyone making and selling anything legal that people want to buy, but I can’t help that these innovations creep me out, singly and collectively. And it will only get creepier. By combining the technology behind the gigs with that behind the commemorative apps, it’s technically feasible to “interview” Maria Callas. Or have Kurt Cobain discuss his suicide on a TV show.

One could have 50 Johnny Cashes play shows in every U.S. state, the way unscrupulous producers in the late 1980s and early 1990s would send dozens of versions of a big-name pop band to cities across the former Soviet Union, the lead singer endlessly reproduced with copious

amounts of makeup.

One could even create new songs for the hologram of Mark E. Smith by using artificial intelligence and snippets of his recorded voice — he wouldn’t play old songs when he was alive, so why would he start after his death? The Smith hologram could wander the stage, fiddling with bandmates’ amp settings, as Smith liked to do.

But I’d feel uncomfortable going along with the deception. Should one, even if the estate agrees, revive David Bowie after he said goodbye so powerfully with his final album, recorded when he knew death was coming for him? And what does one do with all the fast-living suicides and all the rock stars dead of drug overdoses? They didn’t want to live forever, likely in any form.

Also, I’m not sure there’s such a thing as an artificially re-created emotional connection. I’d rather remember real conversations with a deceased friend than try to have new ones with a bot trained on his words. And I suspect watching an undead rock hero would be less satisfying and more fundamentally troubling than seeing old footage of his or her performance.

Perhaps people living today should be asked to put a check mark on a form, next to the one for organ donations, to specify whether they’re OK with being revived as bots and holograms. I’m sure a lot of musicians would do it, and then their fans would know that their favorite performer isn’t posthumously alive against his or her will. The rest would be allowed to die with their physical bodies, bad as that ultimately might be for their catalog revenues. Without that check mark, the industry might be going somewhere I, for one, won’t follow.

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## Not even Hoover could have fixed Team Trump’s mess

BY DAN K. THOMASSON

WASHINGTON — For decades after 1924, the shadow of J. Edgar Hoover loomed almost menacingly over the federal government, from Capitol Hill to the White House. The demanding young lawyer who had been given charge of an ineffectual, lethargic Bureau of Investigation in the Justice Department was determined to build the premier law enforcement agency in the country.

To accomplish that, he changed the hiring model that had filled the nation’s police departments with ill-trained, low-paid and often corrupt officers. He recruited from the upper classes of professionals in law, accounting, the military, business and education, making as certain as possible that each new agent could meet his strict standards in every aspect — dress, deportment and morals. Still, his men were restricted from advancing his cause by demands that forced them in some places to be unarmed and accompanied by local authorities when making

Harry Truman denied Donovan its leadership.

But Hoover’s apparent obsession with the Communist threat had begun to dampen the bureau’s popularity. And it lessened with the anti-Vietnam movement and the revelation of illegitimate surveillances like “COINTEL-PRO,” which spied on violent college activists, many of whom it couldn’t seem to apprehend.

Hoover died in 1972, leaving his own top guns frantically trying to verify that their much-feared boss had actually compiled secret dossiers implicating powerful congressmen and others in questionable activity. As far as anyone knows they were never found if they existed. His death came just as the worst scandal in the nation’s governmental history burst on the scene, when burglars were caught bugging the offices of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate complex.

President Richard Nixon immediately named an acting non-bureau replacement — former submarine commander

### *The most publicized police agency in the world is facing the worst crisis in its history.*

an arrest. So he armed them with press releases, frequently structuring what he called the “Federal” Bureau of Investigation’s reputation on a foundation of shaky achievement. After a 1933 shootout in Kansas City, an outraged public forced passage of a set of anti-crime acts that gave the FBI authority to carry guns from state to state. They provided the manpower and support to bring down even the most prominent of bank robbers: John Dillinger, Ma Barker and her sons, and Charles “Pretty Boy” Floyd, among others.

Suddenly, “G-Men” became superheroes. Americans waited breathlessly to see whom United Press would next label “Public Enemy No. 1.” Melvin Purvis, an aide to Hoover who had killed Floyd, began preparing future agents by the thousands in a wildly successful boys program that called them Jr. G-men. Despite warnings of too much power, Hoover was well on his way to building the formidable organization he sought.

When World War II ended, Gen. William “Wild Bill” Donovan proposed to replace his Office of Strategic Services with something called the Central Intelligence Agency to oversee all the nation’s Cold War spying activities. Hoover’s clout with Congress almost scuttled the proposal over turf.

The director ultimately demanded and received jurisdiction over all domestic counterintelligence activity, leaving the new CIA with authority over half the spy pie. President

L. Patrick Gray — to replace Hoover, and the fat was in the fire. Longtime Hoover lieutenants were infuriated, and their leaks to veteran correspondents about what they had discovered ultimately led to Nixon’s resignation. Whether Hoover could have controlled the situation is anyone’s guess, but he certainly could have curtailed the leaks.

Now after the years of immunity to any mistake or action, the most publicized police agency in the world is facing the worst crisis in its history. Whether its overwhelming influence can survive allegations of political bias is doubtful.

One director fired and another possibly facing the same fate from an angry, petulant and fearful president and his party over a congressman’s questionable memorandum may ultimately knock Humpty Dumpty off his wall into the hands of a relentlessly ideological proletariat. One could almost hope there were some secret files to be found. It was inevitable, I suppose, sticking one’s nose too far into a presidential election on either side. But even Hoover would have avoided what has brought this about.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### A party failure

Nothing demonstrates the failed leadership of the Illinois Republican Party better than that Arthur Jones, a self-avowed Holocaust denier, will likely be the Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional District seat. It is bad enough for traditional Republicans that Jones’ candidacy adds fuel to the fire that white supremacists have a home in the Republican Party. On top of that it shows that the Illinois GOP is so feeble that a mainstream Republican candidate was not to be found, albeit for a traditionally “Democratic seat,” so that the state will continue to be a one-party state with all of the failed tax and spend policies of House Speaker Michael Madigan and his minions.

— Jeff Heksh, Glenview

### Creative thinking

Your admonition to state university presidents to stop complaining and offer more effective and efficient educational approaches is clearly on point (“Illinois college presidents want more money. What do they offer in return?” Editorial, Feb. 4). However, you don’t go far enough.

Partly as a result of the long-time reluctance of our state universities to face reality and react appropriately, we are faced with an overbuilt higher education infrastructure in our state. More plainly put, we have too many state institutions of higher learning. Campuses and attendant bureaucracies and other staff that were built for far larger student populations are now serving, in addition to themselves, greatly diminished enrollments.

The only effective way to address this situation is to close several of these universities. Euthanizing increasingly vestigial institutions will cut costs. Perhaps as important, announcing that such closures are part of the state’s overall higher education plans will incentivize university presidents to engage in the type of thinking you prescribe; nothing focuses one’s attention like the prospect of losing the job of a lifetime.

— Mark M. Quinn, Naperville

### Court secrets

The current controversy over a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court warrant offers an opportunity to review the appointment process to FISA Courts.

When a president nominates a U.S. District Court judge to a seat on a federal appeals court, the nominee is subject to Senate confirmation. This recognizes that the nature and scope of an appeals court’s work is different than the nature and scope of District Courts.

By contrast, when a District

Court judge is appointed to a FISA Court, there is no confirmation process. The chief justice appoints, with no requirement for further scrutiny. Yet the nature and scope of the FISA Court, including secrecy and lack of opportunity for opposing viewpoints to be heard, are substantially different than District Court procedures. The government makes a case for a warrant, and the FISA judge, without benefit of hearing from an advocate in opposition, decides whether to grant the request.

In 2013, U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff introduced a bill to require presidential appointment and Senate confirmation of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court judges. The bill was not passed, but in light of recent events, his proposal deserves reconsideration.

— David H. Fisher, Naperville

### Conflicts of interest

The Tribune decries conflict of interest in its Feb. 2 editorial “Someone please explain ‘conflict of interest’ to Ald. Ed Burke ...” as he tries to maintain under-

assessments for properties his law firm represents, meaning higher taxes for others.

How about big political contributions? They create conflict of interest at all levels of government, influencing elected officials to favor the donors over others.

It is human nature; politicians taking big contributions feel obligated to consider the prospect of future donations. This is often why the contributions are made.

Nowhere is conflict of interest more dramatized than the parade of Republican candidates trekking to Las Vegas to audition before casino magnate Sheldon Adelson, who single-handedly can keep a candidate in the race. Compare this sycophancy to the attention ordinary people get.

If we want public officials to represent all their constituents and drastically reduce conflict of interest, then all constituents must pay for election campaigns through public funding, which has a track record of working well in cities and states where it has been tried.

— Richard Barsanti, Western Springs



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ROBERT REED

## Wells Fargo message loud, clear

There's no crying in banking. So let's not shed any tears for Wells Fargo Bank, which last week got justifiably slapped down by Janet Yellen in one of her last decisions as chair of the powerful Federal Reserve, the country's premier banking regulator.

Yellen put the country on notice that Wells Fargo, which secretly created and profited from millions of bogus consumer banking accounts, remains a rogue financial institution. The unprecedented Fed sanctions, which include capping the bank's size while forcing directors to provide better and more oversight, is pressuring Wells to accelerate efforts to clean up its act and regain the public's trust and confidence.

It doesn't stop there. The Fed is sending a powerful message to other U.S. banking giants: They must aggressively and quickly stomp out sleazy management practices or the Fed will hold their bank directors directly responsible for any missteps.

California-based Wells Fargo, which has 49 Chicago-area locations and employs about 1,800 locally, insists it's mending its ways. Financial watchdogs are skeptical of Wells Fargo's sincerity and welcome the regulator's increased vigilance.

"The Federal Reserve sanctions show the power and importance of government oversight in holding accountable companies that engage in abusive and harmful practices," Deborah Goldstein, executive vice president for the financial services watchdog Center for Responsible Lending, said in an email to me.

When it comes to abusive and harmful business practices, Wells Fargo broke the bank.

Between 2009 and 2016, thousands of employees were under corporate pressure to hit lofty sales targets. To achieve those goals and win bonuses, some employees signed up more than 3.5 million customers for checking and credit card accounts without the customers knowing about it. Last year, the bank

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## Investor: Sears 'wrecked' my results

Fairholme Capital CIO blames retailer's losses in letter to his funds' shareholders

By LAUREN ZUMBACH | Chicago Tribune

One of Sears Holdings Corp.'s largest investors said continued losses from the U.S. retailer and bankrupt Sears Canada "wrecked" his funds' performance even as the stock market reached new heights in 2017. Bruce Berkowitz, chief investment officer of Fairholme Capital Management, predicted Sears would generate billions from asset sales, but he hadn't expected the com-

pany to continue racking up losses, something that has been "hugely frustrating and fatiguing for me to watch," he wrote last week in a letter to shareholders accompanying Fairholme's annual report.

Berkowitz joined Hoffman Estates-based Sears' board in February 2016. As of May, only Sears Chairman and CEO Edward Lampert and affiliates of

his hedge fund, ESL Investments, held a larger stake in the ailing retailer, which spun off its Canadian division in 2012.

When Berkowitz stepped down from the company's board in October, he said he believed the company's assets held "enormous value" and that he could be of more value from the outside. Sears spokesman How-

ard Riefs did not respond to a request for comment on Berkowitz's letter.

Fairholme owned about 17 percent of Sears' shares as of Jan. 11, down from 24 percent as of Oct. 28, according to regulatory filings. Berkowitz personally owned about 2 percent last month.

In last week's letter, **Turn to Sears, Page 3**



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The Crawford Power Generating Station in Chicago's Little Village is seen in 2012, weeks before it closed. The site is set to be redeveloped.

## Little Village coal plant site set to become warehouses

\$100M project has no tenants yet, but owner calls spot by I-55 'pretty special'



RYAN ORI  
On Real Estate

A former coal-fired power plant in Little Village is set to be demolished and replaced with a 21st-century use: warehouses to speed orders for online customers in Chicago.

Northbrook-based Hilco Redevelopment Partners has bought the former Crawford



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Power Generating Station as part of a \$100 million-plus project to demolish the facility and replace it with up to 1 million square feet of warehouses along Interstate 55, Pulaski Road and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. No tenant has been signed.

The facility was one of the last two coal plants in operation

in Chicago until 2012, when power company Midwest Generation closed the facility and its Fisk generating station in Pilsen. The Crawford plant opened in the 1920s.

Roberto Perez, president and managing director of Hilco Redevelopment Partners, said "70 acres in a perfect rectangle is almost impossible to find in

downtown Chicago." "Our (potential tenants) want a very strong labor force, and we believe Little Village and the surrounding neighborhoods provide that," he added. "And the site's proximity to an exit ramp off I-55 and Pulaski, the second-to-last stop before (downtown) Chicago, is pretty special."

The \$100 million price tag includes the Dec. 29 acquisition of the site, demolition of the power plant and other buildings, environmental remediation and construction of one or two warehouses with as much as 1 million square feet of space, Perez said.

Hilco Redevelopment Partners, a unit of Hilco Global, bought the land from Princeton, N.J.-based NRG Energy, which acquired the two shuttered

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RAM

Fiat Chrysler's Ram trucks brand is being criticized for using a speech by Martin Luther King Jr. in a Super Bowl ad.

## Ram ad using King speech draws backlash

By MAE ANDERSON  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Ram trucks ad that used a speech by Martin Luther King Jr. is drawing a backlash.

The ad, aired during Sunday's Super Bowl, shows people doing service-oriented tasks set against audio of King's speech, which urges people to be "great" by serving the greater good. It was supposed to highlight the volunteer program Ram Nation.

But it was criticized by

viewers and ad experts alike for forging too tenuous a connection with the civil rights hero.

On Twitter, most people expressed the idea that using King's speech to "sell trucks" crossed a line between a heartfelt message and exploiting emotions just to push a vehicle.

"They pushed it over the edge," said Kelly O'Keefe, a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University's Brandcenter. "You wanted to root for it because the cause is good, but it just

didn't end up fitting the brand, so you ended up feeling a little bit manipulated."

"The use of MLK to promote Ram trucks strikes many people as crass and inappropriate," said Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at Northwestern University.

Some viewers expressed distaste for the ad as well.

"I liked being reminded of Martin Luther King's speech, (but) I'm not sure it was fitting for a truck commercial," said Kimberly

Sites, who was watching the game in Gretna, Neb. "I would have liked it better if they had said something like, 'This reminder of all that we can be, brought to you by...'"

Fiat Chrysler said in a statement that it worked closely with the King estate on the ad.

The firm managing King's intellectual property, Intellectual Properties Management, said in a statement that it approved the ad because it embodied King's philosophy.



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# Ad veteran leading new high-tech agency

City-based Merge pushes to expand beyond health care, touting digital edge

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

A new Chicago-based ad agency network is launching this week with cutting-edge digital expertise and an old-school executive at the helm.

Merge was formed by joining smaller agencies in Chicago, Atlanta and Boston with a technology and design firm that goes beyond traditional advertising into building websites, apps and other digital solutions.

Running the show is CEO Ron Bess, 71, a previously retired veteran of some of Chicago's most storied ad agencies, whose rise to prominence predates the personal computer.

It is, as Merge itself touts, an uncommon blend of strategy, creative work and technology.

"Having been in the agency networks during the digital evolution and revolution, I haven't seen any general creative ad agency that has this kind of depth of capabilities in technology," Bess said. "We're able to bridge the gap between marketing and information technology."

The agency network, originally called Myelin Health, was assembled over several years by Chicago private equity firm Baird Capital, starting with a 2012 investment in Partners & Simons, a Boston-based health care and financial services communications firm. Subsequent acquisitions included Dodge Communications in Atlanta and ad agency HY Connect in Chicago, which was added in 2015.

Merge has more than 300 employees, a client list that includes Blue Cross and Blue Shield, MB Financial Bank and Land O'Frost, and big plans under Bess.

A former All-Big Ten defensive back at the Uni-



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CEO Ron Bess, right, is joined by fellow Merge executives Chris Tussing, from left, Tom Brand, Riley Sheehan, Lauren Sheehan and Andrew Pelosi.

versity of Illinois, Bess has an advertising resume that dates back to the early '70s, including runs at Needham, Harper & Steers (now DDB), FCB and his own firm. He ostensibly retired in 2014 as North American president and Chicago CEO for Havas Worldwide.

But Bess was lured out of retirement in late 2016 to become CEO of Myelin, with the express mission to get the network "going and growing," he said.

Last year, Bess revved things up by engineering the acquisition of Merge, a Chicago technology and design firm that would bring both its expertise and name to the Myelin network.

"When I met Merge, it

was love at first sight," he said. "I was really taken by the talent and the capability and what they offered and what they provided."

Founded in 2003 by husband-and-wife entrepreneurs Riley and Lauren Sheehan, Merge flew mostly under the radar, developing websites, mobile apps and enterprise solutions for direct clients such as Harley-Davidson and under contract for ad agencies seeking outside help with their clients.

Bess is looking to the digital edge to help expand beyond the agency's health care legacy into a broader client base. Those efforts got off to a good start when the Chicago office, aided by

the Merge acquisition, bested five other ad agencies to win the Marco's Pizza account last summer.

Based in Toledo, Ohio, 40-year-old Marco's Pizza bills itself as the fastest-growing pizza chain in the U.S., with about 900 stores in 34 states, including 17 in the Chicago area. In addition to new creative work, Merge is helping Marco's with everything from its website and mobile app to selecting a unified point-of-sale system.

"There are so many reasons to select an agency, from media-buying strategy to creative, but what really set Merge apart was its prowess from the web technology side," said Steve

Seyferth, chief marketing officer of Marco's Pizza.

An ad agency veteran himself, Seyferth worked for Bess at Needham Harper and said the relationship played a role in choosing Merge. But it was the agency's technical expertise that ultimately sold Marco's management as the chain gears up for broader national expansion.

"Clients are looking for more from their agencies," said Riley Sheehan, 42, who is serving as chief technology officer at Merge. "It's expanding to deeper technology solutions."

Merge, which employs about 140 people in Chicago, is streamlining its own operations, with a planned

move in June from three floors at 142 E. Ontario St. to an expansive single floor at the Aon Center.

"We're planning to grow," Bess said. "We'll also have our eyes out for another potential acquisition. We're looking and we're talking to some people."

As for his own future, Bess, who has spent nearly 50 years in advertising, said he has no plans to retire again anytime soon.

"It's stimulating; it's fun," Bess said. "I like to be a builder; I like to be a problem-solver. I'm enjoying it and getting a lot of satisfaction out of it."

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## Waymo attorney: Uber tried to 'win at all costs'

Judge blasts wish of 'famous' witness for private room

BY RUSS MITCHELL  
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — The Waymo-Uber trade secrets trial began Monday with the judge blasting a "famous" witness's request to take the stand in a private room outside the view of the public.

There are two people on the current witness list who might be considered famous. One is John Krafcik, who heads Waymo, the driverless-car arm of Google's parent company Alphabet Inc. Krafcik was in the courtroom when U.S. District Judge William Alsup addressed the request. The other is Uber co-founder Travis Kalanick, who was not present.

"I won't name any names, but one witness who thinks he's important wanted a private room," the judge said. "Neither of your sides is going to get a private room, just because they're famous."

Krafcik is the first witness set to testify. Kalanick is sixth on the list. The other witnesses are mainly technical workers at Waymo.

The long-awaited trial is the clash of two technology giants battling for supremacy in an emerging industry: self-driving cars and trucks.

In opening arguments, Waymo lead attorney Charles Verhoeven noted that Uber saw Google's driverless technology as an existential threat to its ride-sharing business and needed to catch up fast. "They decided to win at all costs," he told the jury. "Travis Kalanick made a decision that winning was more important than obeying the law."

Technically, the trial pivots on whether Uber possesses trade secrets that Waymo says are stolen.



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Waymo CEO John Krafcik, left, is the first witness set to testify in the long-awaited Waymo-Uber trade secrets trial.



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Uber co-founder Travis Kalanick is scheduled to be the sixth witness to testify.

The eight trade secrets in question were in a cache of 14,000 documents that Waymo says were purloined by driverless-car engineer Anthony Levandowski. In 2016, Levandowski started a driverless-truck company, Otto; quit his job at Waymo; and, months later, sold Otto to Uber, becoming an Uber executive. Waymo alleges he brought the trade secrets with him.

Levandowski — whom Uber fired last year — isn't part of the Waymo-Uber civil trial, but a criminal investigation by the U.S. attorney's office in San Francisco is looking at him.

The eight trade secrets cover lidar technology. Lidar is a sensing system that uses light to create images that help driverless cars figure out where they are and what's going on around them. Most driverless-car

specialists consider it an essential technology.

Waymo wants to stop Uber from using its technology for competitive advantage and to pay \$1.8 billion in damages. The Google offshoot can win its case if it can prove that Uber is using any of the eight trade secrets in its own lidar technology.

Many market researchers predict the driverless market will be worth hundreds of billions of dollars in revenue by the end of the next decade, when all products and services are included.

"There is a big competition, and Google is in the lead because they developed it in the first place," Verhoeven said.

To simplify the idea that Uber tried to catch up with Waymo by cheating, he told the story of Rosie Ruiz, who "won" the 1980 Boston Marathon by riding the subway part of the way. She was caught and disqualified.

Throughout his opening statements, Verhoeven punctuated technical arguments with the phrase, "they took to the subway."

The jury is composed of nonexperts. During jury selection last week, attorneys from both sides tended to reject anyone with technical knowledge or education.

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# Carson's owner Bon-Ton Stores files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Retailer closing 47 stores; analysts see strong headwinds

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The future of Bon-Ton Stores looks tenuous after the department store chain, which survived economic downturns including the Great Depression, filed for bankruptcy protection and said it may seek a buyer for all or pieces of itself.

Even as it closes stores, plans to jazz up its store label products and reduce its debt load, the chain must make itself stand out in a competitive market where shoppers are buying more online overall and less of the clothing that department stores depend on.

The filing late Sunday makes Bon-Ton the largest retailer to file for bankruptcy so far this year. It joins several dozen others that filed for Chapter 11 last year, including Toys R Us, Payless ShoeSource and Gymboree Corp. More are expected to follow as many retailers face similar challenges, including big debt loads.

About two dozen distressed retailers, including Nine West Holdings and Hoffman Estates-based Claire's Stores, are on the watch list of Moody's Investors Service. That surpasses the 19 from last year on the list of stores with poor credit ratings or liquidity, weak credit and what the agency calls challenged competitive positions.

"In the current environment of pricing transparency, cutthroat pricing and more-demanding consum-



ZAK KOESKE/DAILY SOUTHTOWN 2016

The Carson's in Evergreen Park, above, will stay open, but Schaumburg and Chicago stores are among those closing.

ers, retailers must have strong balance sheets if they're to remain competitive," Moody's Christina Boni notes.

But the Bon-Ton brand — and all of its banners, which include Elder-Beerman and Carson's — are far from healthy, says analyst Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

"Even with breathing space, the future of Bon-Ton is uncertain. In our view, there are many stores and locations, which are in terminal decline and where closure is the only sensible option," Saunders wrote. "They are undifferentiated, unclear and have become increasingly irrelevant to consumers. Even if the debt load was cut and unprofitable divisions culled, Bon-Ton would still be running up a down escalator to survive."

Though Bon-Ton has survived a score of severe economic downturns, it's in uncharted territory today. Amazon has revolutionized the way people shop, but the behavior of Americans had already been changing radically in terms of what

they buy and where.

Many stores, particularly department stores, are fighting for customers. However, some of Bon-Ton's peers like Macy's and J.C. Penney and plenty of other retailers saw sales rebound this past holiday shopping season, helped by a solid economy.

There had been signs for some time that Bon-Ton was in trouble, and that did not ease heading into the most recent holiday season. Sales at established stores, a critical gauge of a retailer's health, slid 2.9 percent in the nine-week period before the new year. Those sales had tumbled 6.6 percent in the prior quarter.

Amazon, in contrast, for the first time booked more than \$1 billion in profits during its most recent quarter.

Bon-Ton, which runs 260 stores in 24 states, largely in the Northeast and Midwest, is in talks with debt holders about restructuring \$1 billion in debt. The company's estimated assets are more than \$10 million but no more than \$50 million, according to its bankruptcy

filing. Bon-Ton received a commitment of \$725 million in debtor-in-possession financing to operate during its restructuring process.

"We are currently engaged in discussions with potential investors and our debt holders on a financial restructuring plan, and the actions we are taking are intended to give us additional time and financial flexibility," CEO Bill Tracy said in a statement Sunday.

The company, which has dual headquarters in York, Pa., and in Milwaukee, is closing about 47 stores early this year in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and elsewhere. The announced closures include Carson's stores at Streets of Woodfield in Schaumburg and at Riverside Plaza in Chicago and clearance centers in Aurora and Morton Grove.

Like other department store chains, Bon-Ton is attempting to overhaul what it offers customers and how it gets that to them.

Bon-Ton recently said it would accelerate that campaign as it tries to catch up with Kohl's, Macy's and J.C. Penney, which are devoting major resources to better compete online.

"Many of Bon-Ton's stores were in areas where the availability of branded fashions and home wares was traditionally poor," said Saunders. "However, while this once made them a focal point and a destination for local shoppers, the internet has done much to change this dynamic and has made the stores less relevant."

Bon-Ton's attempts to generate excitement in stores, such as opening FAO Schwarz toy shops in almost 200 stores, have mainly fizzled.

# Sears to get \$14.8 million tax credit

State incentive money earned in 2016; layoffs last year will affect future breaks

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

Sears Holdings Corp. will receive \$14.8 million in state tax credits earned in 2016, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity said Monday.

However, hundreds of layoffs at its corporate headquarters in 2017 mean it has since fallen short of the minimum head count required to qualify for future incentives.

Last year, the state said it was taking a closer look at Sears' records to verify when the company dropped below the 4,250 employees at its Hoffman Estates headquarters and Loop office needed to secure the tax breaks.

Sears won the deal in 2011 after threatening to move its headquarters out of Illinois. The company got credits valued at an estimated \$15 million a year for up to 10 years through Illinois' Economic Development for a Growing Economy program, provided it made in-state capital investments and did not cut its workforce by more than 13.4 percent.

The state recently de-

termined Sears maintained the 4,250 minimum employees at the end of the company's 2016 fiscal year, and the company received tax credits worth \$14.8 million, department spokeswoman Jacquelyn Reineke said.

However, Sears will not receive tax credits for the 2017 fiscal year, she said.

Sears first collected tax breaks for the fiscal year that ended Jan. 31, 2015, qualifying for \$21.2 million with 5,444 employees, up from 4,908 when the incentive deal was signed. In January 2016, it qualified for \$15.3 million with 5,097 employees.

Sears met the agreement's obligations and exceeded capital investment requirements, "even in the face of a very challenging retail environment," spokesman Howard Riefs said in an emailed statement.

"We believe both the company and the state of Illinois have benefited and will continue to benefit greatly by our remaining in the state," he said.

The company has declined to say how many people it currently employs at its headquarters. But in June, Sears told the Tribune it had fallen short of the 4,250-employee benchmark after announcing another round of 400 job cuts. The struggling retailer laid off 220 more corporate employees last week.

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# Getting the MAX out of debut



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Boeing workers in Renton, Wash., pose Monday in front of a Boeing 737 MAX 7, the newest version of the company's fastest-selling airplane. The company says the airplane improves on the design of its predecessor, the 737-700, with more capability, range and seats. After flight tests, it is expected to be delivered to airline customers beginning in 2019.

# Powell sworn in as Fed chairman

U.S. central bank's chief says it will 'remain vigilant'

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jerome Powell was sworn in Monday as the 16th chairman of the Federal Reserve in a brief ceremony in the Fed's board room.

In a video message, Powell pledged to support continued economic growth and a healthy job market while remaining "vigilant" to any emerging economic risks.

Powell took the oath of office one day after his 65th birthday from Randal Quarles, the Fed's vice chairman for supervision, in a ceremony that was attended by Fed staff and Fed board member Lael Brainard.

Powell succeeds Janet



ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell has been on the Fed board since 2012.

Yellen, the first woman to lead the nation's central bank in its 100-year history. President Donald Trump picked Powell after deciding to break with recent tradition and not offer Yellen a second four-year term.

In his video message, Powell did not mention the current turbulence in financial markets, which sent stocks plunging Friday. But he said he and the other Fed officials will "remain vigilant and we are prepared to

respond to evolving risks."

Powell, who has been on the Fed board since 2012, was tapped by Trump on Nov. 2 after a highly public search for a new Fed chair. His nomination was approved by the Senate last month for a four-year term as chairman that will end in February 2022. Powell's current term as a Fed board member does not end until Jan. 31, 2028.

In his message, Powell, an investment banker before joining the Fed, said he was committed "to explaining what we're doing and why we are doing it" in carrying out the Fed's main jobs of promoting price stability and maximum employment.

"Today, unemployment is low, the economy is growing and inflation is low," Powell said. "I am also pleased to report that our financial system is now far stronger and more resilient than it was before the finan-

cial crisis that began about a decade ago. We intend to keep it that way."

Powell said he and his Fed colleagues would work to make sure that the Fed's regulations are "efficient as well effective."

Trump was highly critical of the tougher bank rules put in place after the 2008 financial crisis, saying they had harmed economic growth. He has been nominating officials for the Fed and the government's other bank regulatory jobs who have pledged to do away with unnecessary regulations.

Powell did not mention recent stock market turbulence. But in an interview broadcast Sunday by CBS, Yellen said she did not want to characterize current stock prices as an asset bubble that could burst with dangerous results, though she did see a "source of some concern that asset valuations are so high."

# 3 funds also hold stakes in Seritage

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Berkowitz said Fairholme voluntarily cut its annual management fees. He also sought to reassure shareholders, saying his family was the largest shareholder in each of the funds dragged down by Sears' performance.

"I eat my own cooking and I feel the same recent disappointments as you, but I also want to share my strong belief in future out-performance," he said.

The three Fairholme funds that hold Sears shares also have stakes in

Seritage Growth Properties, a real estate investment trust spun off from Sears in 2015. Lampert also is an investor in Seritage and chairman of the company's board.

Berkowitz praised Seritage as a "simple redevelopment story clouded by a complex tenant relationship with Sears." He noted that Warren Buffett is counted among its investors. As of March, Buffett held a roughly 7 percent stake in Seritage.

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# City boasts 2 of top 3 U.S. hotels

Langham bumped from No. 1 on U.S. News' annual list

BY LORI RACKL  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago is no longer home to the top hotel in the country, according to U.S. News & World Report, but two out of three ain't bad.

The annual rankings of best hotels, announced by U.S. News on Tuesday, awarded the No. 1 spot to Hawaii's Four Seasons Resort Lanai.

The Peninsula Chicago came in at No. 2, followed by The Langham, Chicago, which lost its bragging rights as the best in the nation, an honor it held last year.

The all-inclusive Twin Farms in Vermont snagged the fourth position. Four Seasons Resort Hualalai on the Big Island's North Kona Coast is No. 5.

The rankings evaluate more than 24,000 luxury hotels (four stars and higher) across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe and Bermuda. Travel industry awards, as well as expert and guest reviews, are used to compute the roster of best hotels.

In the U.S., a total of 2,194 hotels were ranked. Illinois had the fifth most, at 89.

The top 10 in Illinois, after the Peninsula and Langham: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, Waldorf Astoria Chicago, Park Hyatt Chicago, Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago, Virgin Hotels Chicago, Thompson Chicago and Sofitel Chicago Magnificent Mile.

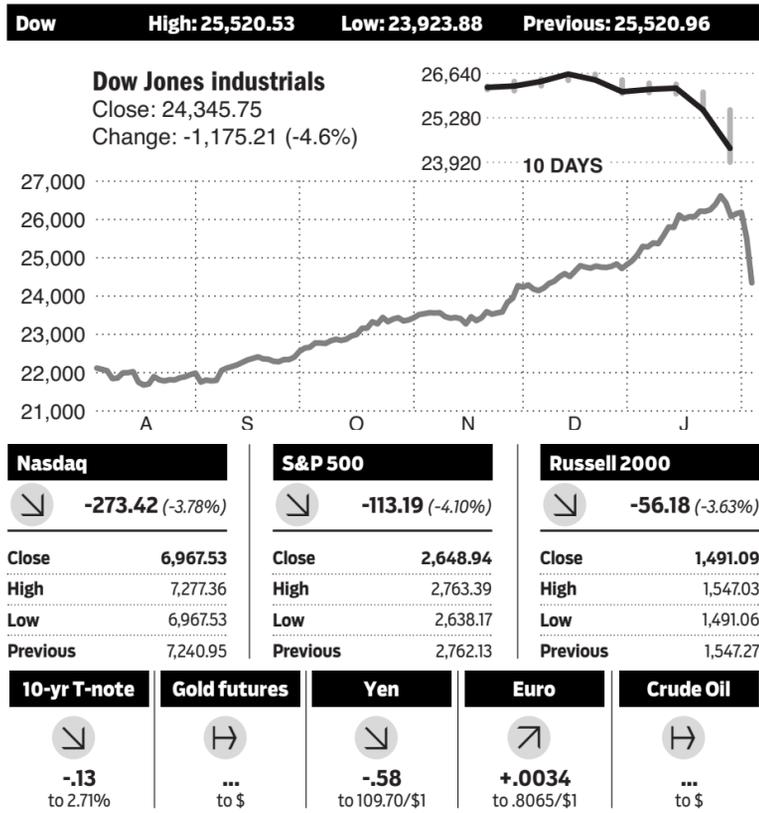
The top five hotels in Canada are Rosewood Hotel Georgia, Ritz-Carlton Montreal, Wickaninish Inn, Wedgewood Hotel & Spa and Auberge Saint-Antoine.

In Mexico, Rosewood Mayakoba is No. 1, followed by The Resort at Pedregal, Esperanza, an Auberge Resort, One&Only Palmilla and Las Ventanas al Paraiso, a Rosewood Resort.

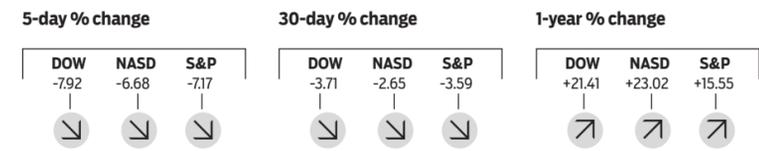
Paris and Rome are where you'll find the five best hotels in Europe. The Ritz Paris is No. 1, La Reserve Paris — Hotel and Spa is No. 2 and Hotel Plaza Athenee is No. 4. Rome's Hotel Eden is No. 3, and J.K. Place Roma rounds out the top five.

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## MARKET ROUNDUP



### Major market growth and decline



COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	443.25	445.75	438.75	440.25	-6.50
		May 18	456.25	458.75	451.75	452.50	-7.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	359.50	360.75	357.25	358.75	-2.75
		May 18	367.50	368.75	365.25	366.50	-3
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	976.25	977.50	969.50	969.75	-9
		May 18	988	988.75	981	981.25	-9
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.52	32.79	32.39	32.50	-.01
		May 18	32.71	32.99	32.60	32.71	-.01
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	330.20	330.50	326.20	327.00	-4.40
		May 18	334.30	334.30	330.20	331.00	-4.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 18	65.10	65.40	63.55	64.15	-1.30
		Apr 18	64.69	64.97	63.26	63.83	-1.24
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	2.825	2.880	2.736	2.747	-0.099
		Apr 18	2.786	2.809	2.715	2.726	-0.066
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.8720	1.8800	1.8351	1.8466	-0.0254
		Apr 18	2.0392	2.0518	2.0111	2.0229	-0.0265

Source: The Associated Press

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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	58.73	-2.96	Equity Commonwh	N	28.81	-5.56	McDonalds Corp	N	163.85	-5.53
AbbVie Inc	N	109.57	-5.60	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	82.76	-1.99	Middleby Corp	O	128.84	-3.92
Akorn Inc	O	32.00	-3.33	Equity Residential	N	58.05	-1.90	Mondelz Int'l	O	44.13	-1.37
Allstate Corp	N	95.14	-2.80	Exelon Corp	N	39.12	-0.80	Morningstar Inc	O	92.88	-2.28
Aptargroup Inc	N	83.38	-2.43	First Indl RT	N	62.98	-1.22	Motorola Solutions	N	101.06	-2.81
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.60	-0.83	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	66.27	-2.30	Navistar Intl	N	43.29	-1.42
Baxter Intl	N	65.51	-3.04	Gallagher AJ	N	66.27	-2.30	NiSource Inc	N	23.52	-4.45
Boeing Co	N	328.88	-20.03	Grainger WW	N	254.11	-5.58	Nthn Trust Cp	O	100.32	-4.31
Brunswick Corp	N	58.17	-1.65	GrubHub Inc	N	68.16	-2.49	Old Republic	N	20.87	-6.88
CBIO Global Markets	O	131.10	-3.55	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	83.40	-3.63	Packaging Corp Am	N	117.13	-5.97
CDK Global Inc	O	68.30	-2.20	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	76.76	-2.54	Stericycle Inc	O	70.87	-2.52
CDW Corp	O	74.04	-1.88	IDEX Corp	N	135.37	-6.76	TransUnion	N	55.80	-1.67
CF Industries	N	38.20	-1.71	ITW	N	161.73	-8.65	Tribune Media Co A	N	42.45	-1.19
CME Group	O	154.80	-4.31	Ingredion Inc	N	130.10	-5.18	USG Corp	N	34.15	-1.56
CNA Financial	N	50.25	-2.95	John Bean Technol	N	109.00	-4.95	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	213.79	-5.71
Caterpillar Inc	N	151.92	-5.57	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	146.06	-5.61	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	63.40	-2.28
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	35.65	-1.06	Kraft Heinz Co	O	74.50	-2.70	Ventas Inc	N	52.88	-1.45
Deere Co	N	157.02	-7.94	LKQ Corporation	O	39.58	-1.35	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.85	-2.71
Discover Fin Svcs	N	74.88	-4.09	Littelfuse Inc	O	208.73	-6.16	Wintrust Financial	O	82.34	-4.32
Dover Corp	N	98.57	-4.65	MB Financial	O	40.69	-2.15	Zebra Tech	O	117.34	-3.39

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	30.23	-1.72
Gen Electric	14.92	-7.2
Wells Fargo & Co	58.16	-5.9
Ford Motor	10.24	-4.7
Chesapeake Engy	3.10	-2.4
Weatherford Intl Ltd	3.09	-4.1
AT&T Inc	36.63	-1.44
Pfizer Inc	34.67	-1.94
Nokia Corp	5.32	-0.8
Vale SA	12.39	-1.5
Twitter Inc	25.13	-2.1
Sthwest Energy	3.85	-2.0
Petrobras	12.70	-2.6
Alibaba Group Hldg	180.53	-6.78
Citigroup	73.27	-3.75
Exxon Mobil Corp	79.72	-4.81
Freemport McMoran	17.65	-3.2
JPMorgan Chase & Co	108.71	-5.57
AK Steel Hold	4.65	-1.1
Petrobras A	11.77	-5.9
CocaCola Co	44.89	-1.84
Kinder Morgan Inc	16.83	-6.8
Brist Myr Sqb	60.96	-2.52
Ambev S.A.	6.58	-1.7

### NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	11.56	-9.00
Apple Inc	157.37	-3.00
TOP Ships Inc	.25	+0.5
Cisco Syst	39.10	-1.83
Microsoft Corp	88.99	-2.80
Intel Corp	44.89	-1.26
Micron Tech	39.63	-1.20
Akers Biosciences	.43	-0.7
Comcast Corp A	39.43	-1.69
Jaguar Health Inc	.17	+0.2
Qualcomm Inc	61.89	-4.19
Facebook Inc	182.77	-7.51
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.04	-0.7
Nvidia Corporation	215.01	-18.51
Hungtgn Bancshs	15.51	-5.8
JD.com Inc	44.77	-1.27
eBay Inc	42.60	-1.70
PayPal Holdings	75.17	-1.40
Applied Matis	48.60	-2.08
Cypress Semi	15.77	-1.39
Starbucks Cp	54.87	-0.9
Zynga Inc	3.52	-0.9
Mondelz Intl	44.13	-1.37
Symantec Corp	26.84	-1.9

### FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3487.50	+25.4/+7
Stoxx600	382.00	-6.1/-1.6
Nikkei	22682.08	-592.5/-2.6
MSCI-EAFE	2091.71	-33.3/-1.6
Bovespa	81861.10	-2180.3/-2.6
FTSE 100	7334.98	-108.5/-1.5
CAC-40	5285.83	-79.2/-1.5

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.63	-1.44
Alphabet Inc C	1063.84	-48.07
Alphabet Inc A	1069.26	-49.94
Amazon.com Inc	1395.73	-35.27
Apple Inc	157.37	-3.00
Bank of America	30.23	-1.72
Berkshire Hath A	295600	-18740
Berkshire Hath B	196.80	-12.32
Chevron Corp	112.62	-5.96
Exxon Mobil Corp	79.72	-4.81
Facebook Inc	182.77	-7.51
Home Depot	183.11	-10.86
JPMorgan Chase	108.71	-5.57
Johnson & Johnson	130.39	-7.29
Microsoft Corp	88.99	-2.80
Source Cap	40.48	-6.7
UnitedHealth Group	220.00	-11.88
WalMart Strs	100.09	-4.39
Wells Fargo & Co	58.16	-5.91

### TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.50	1.45
6-month disc	1.65	1.60
2-year	2.03	2.15
10-year	2.71	2.84
30-year	3.01	3.09

### SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1333.00	\$1333.70
Silver	\$16.639	\$16.676
Platinum	\$995.50	\$999.40

### INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.32

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	19.4780
Australia (Dollar)	1.2656
Brazil (Real)	3.2538
Britain (Pound)	.7143
Canada (Dollar)	1.2505
China (Yuan)	6.2911
Euro	.8065
India (Rupee)	64.185
Israel (Shekel)	3.4528
Japan (Yen)	109.70
Mexico (Peso)	18.7161
Poland (Zloty)	3.35
So. Korea (Won)	1091.82
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.36
Thailand (Baht)	31.56

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.13	-1.13	+19.7
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.93	-6.0	+12.1
American Funds CrtWldGrInCA m	51.33	-1.79	+20.6
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	61.89	-1.62	+10.7
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.35	-1.79	+24.7
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	62.00	-2.45	+18.6
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.61	-1.86	+22.4
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.07	-6.1	+9.9
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	40.43	-1.58	+15.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	43.70	-1.53	+24.4
American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	45.19	-1.83	+16.8
DFA EMktCorEq	23.68	-5.9	+28.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.70	+0.4	+3.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.35	-1.91	+17.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	203.25	-8.99	+14.7
DoubleLine TlRtBdl	10.52	+0.5	+2.7
Fidelity 500Dlxns	92.70	-3.96	+17.6
Fidelity 500DlxnsPrm	92.70	-3.96	+17.6
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	92.70	-3.96	+17.6
Fidelity Contrafund	125.56	-5.30	+28.7
Fidelity ContrafundK	125.49	-5.30	+28.8
Fidelity LowPrStk	53.94	-1.81	+16.9
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.37	...	+7.5
Metropolitan West TlRtBdl	10.49	+0.3	+1.9
Oakmark IntlInv	28.89	-1.07	+25.4
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.28	...	+7.0
PIMCO TlRtRetns	10.16	+0.5	+3.6
Schwab SP500Dlx	40.86	-1.74	+17.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	100.04	-4.02	+34.7
T. Rowe Price GrStk	64.33	-2.46	+29.9
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	244.83	-10.47	+17.6
Vanguard 500DlxInv	244.80	-10.48	+17.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.24	-1.04	+16.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	86.14	-3.65	+13.4
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.90	...	+2.6
Vanguard Inslndxns	241.49	-10.34	+17.6
Vanguard InslndxnsPlus	241.51	-10.34	+17.6
Vanguard InstTSMlntPls	58.89	-2.44	

## OBITUARIES

ROBERT MCCORMICK ADAMS 1926-2018

## Smithsonian leader, ex-provost at U. of C.

BY BART BARNES  
The Washington Post

Robert McCormick Adams, the former chief of the Smithsonian Institution who played a critical role in opening new museums and sought to make “confrontation, experimentation and debate” part of the Smithsonian’s mandate, died Jan. 27 at a care center in Chula Vista, Calif. He was 91.

His daughter, Megan Adams, said she did not know the specific cause.

Adams, a tweedy anthropologist and former provost of the University of Chicago, was secretary of the Smithsonian from 1984 to 1994.

He succeeded Dillon Ripley, the patrician executive whose 20-year reign transformed a staid grouping of museums into a world-class center of education, amusement and entertainment.

It was an almost impossible legacy to match, and Adams tried to play down comparisons with Ripley, who socialized with political leaders and philanthropists. As The Washington Post once reported in a profile, Adams’ notion of a “terrific evening” was soup and a sandwich at home.

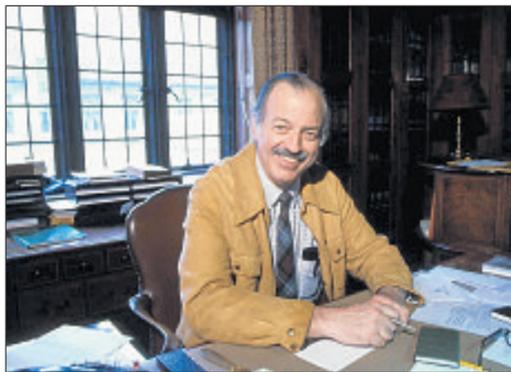
The story described him as a “tall, rangy and slightly bowlegged man who looks and talks like a cross between Walt Disney and Walter Cronkite. He dresses sloppily by Washington standards, often has a clump of keys hanging from his belt like a janitor and you get the feeling he’d just as soon hop into a Jeep and be off into the desert.”

At lunch, he stood in the Smithsonian’s cafeteria line like everyone else, a tray in his hands.

During Adams’ tenure, he oversaw the opening of the National Postal Museum, the National Museum of African Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. Plans were advanced for an annex of the National Air and Space Museum near Washington Dulles International Airport, the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of African American History and Culture; all opened long after his departure.

The Smithsonian had long been nicknamed “the nation’s attic,” a place to store and display tens of millions of items ranging from moon rocks to George Washington’s false teeth, from the Hope Diamond to first lady Dolley Madison’s dancing slippers.

After five years on the job, Adams caused a stir of discomfort among Smithsonian regents when he suggested a different approach. He pitched an exhibit on inequality featuring “the lives of the homeless on the grates” and what they “carry with them in their



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Robert McCormick Adams was secretary of the Smithsonian Institution from 1984 to 1994.

packs of shopping bags.”

Other proposals by Adams — an exhibition about people living in hovels on a burning Manila garbage heap, or a display of urban graffiti — were what he considered only “the beginning of what museums can continue to do.”

Some exhibits sparked outrage by detailing ugly undercurrents in American history, such as an exhibition about the U.S. Constitution that included a section on Japanese-American internment camps during World War II.

The Post, in a review of a National Museum of American Art exhibit on the settlement of the West, said it reduced “the saga of America’s Western pioneers to little more than victimization, disillusion and environmental rape.”

The exhibit also received a stinging rebuke from historian and former Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin as “perverse, historically inaccurate, destructive” and “no credit to the Smithsonian.”

Perhaps the greatest fallout came in 1994 from a planned exhibit of the Enola Gay, the U.S. military airplane that dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945. The exhibit, proposed for the National Air and Space Museum, infuriated veterans groups, politicians and reportedly some Smithsonian regents who said that it portrayed the Japanese as innocent victims of American violence and revenge. (It fell to Adams’ successor, Michael Heyman, to smooth over concerns.)

For his part, Adams saw his leadership as a corrective to a historical lack of cultural diversity in museum administration.

“There is a new awareness now,” he told Smithsonian magazine in 1994, describing how he pushed for Native American representatives to be involved in the process of planning for the American Indian museum. “Minorities are concerned with how they’re represented. The white-coated curator who can’t be questioned is gone. Curators now are working with communities of people who

have a real stake in how their ancestors are seen.”

Robert McCormick Adams was born in Chicago on July 26, 1926. His father was a tax lawyer and a distant relation of the storied McCormick family that owned the Chicago Tribune and developed the McCormick reaper.

His early life was spent in rebellion from his upper-class background. He lived for a while in a tough part of Chicago. While attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he spent breaks clearing trails in the Rocky Mountains.

After Navy service during World War II, he enrolled at the University of Chicago, dabbled in campus journalism and dropped out to work in a steel mill and a Ford assembly line. A turning point came when Robert Braidwood, a charismatic archaeologist at the university’s Oriental Institute, surreptitiously invited him on a dig in northern Iraq.

“I’ve never known for sure,” Adams told The Post, “but I think he wanted to take along someone who could fix his cars.”

His imagination was sparked by probing how civilizations formed. Adams completed his undergraduate degree in 1947 and earned master’s and doctoral degrees in anthropology from U. of C. in 1952 and 1956, respectively.

He quickly rose through the academic and administrative ranks at his alma mater and performed ample field research over the decades.

His book “Heartland of Cities: Surveys of Ancient Settlement and Land Use on the Central Floodplain of the Euphrates” (1981) is regarded as a seminal text in his field.

His wife of 51 years, Ruth Salzman Adams, died in 2005. Besides their daughter, survivors include two stepdaughters and three grandchildren.

After leaving the Smithsonian, Adams was an adjunct faculty member at the University of California at San Diego. Any institution like the Smithsonian, he said, should change leaders after 10 years.

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## Death Notices

## Anderson, Irene V.

Irene V. Anderson nee Dobosz, age 89, of Chicago II, was called home to Heaven on Saturday February 3, 2018. Irene has joined her husband of 65 years, John T. Anderson who preceded her only two years ago. Irene is survived by her two children, Michael (Kathy) Anderson and Victoria (Bill) Lytton; proud gram of Matthew (Kelly), Christopher (Jessica), Jeffrey (Kat) and Katie (Dave); cherished great-gram of Sam, Amelia, Clara, Penelope, Michael, Evelyn and Charlie; dear sister of John (Joyce) Dobosz; dear sister-in-law of Lorraine (the late Phil) Dobosz; fond aunt and great-aunt to many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by her parents Felix and Mary nee Krystyniak and dear brother Raymond Dobosz. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank II, 60459 to St. Bede the Venerable Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL Funeral info (708) 636-2320



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## Angelos, Demetra ‘Dianne’

Demetra “Dianne” Angelos, nee Karras, Beloved wife of the late Constantine “Gus” G. Angelos. Loving mother of MariAnn Kostakes and Peter G. Angelos. Proud grandmother of Dori (Brian)Kostakes-Klein and Tiffany Carey. Great grandmother of Alexi, Madison, and Tristan. Devoted sister of Peggy Tzumas, Helen (Peter) Kanellos and the late Penelope Simadis. Visitation Wednesday from 4:00pm to 9:00pm at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Family and friends will meet Thursday morning at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church 133 S. Roselle Rd., Palatine, IL 60067 for funeral service at 10:00am. Interment St. Michael The Archangel Cemetery. Memorial donations to St. Nectarios Church would be appreciated. Arrangements by JOHN G. ADINAMIS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. (847)359-8020.



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## Antman, Dr. Marvin

Dr. Marvin Antman, 90, beloved husband for over 67 years to Adrienne, nee Golden; loving father of Dr. Robert (Ellen) and Steven (Mari) Antman; cherished grandfather of Kyle, Lindsey and Kari; dear brother, uncle and friend of many. Marvin was a WWII Navy Veteran and a long time Dentist with offices in Morton Grove and Niles. Chapel service Wednesday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 S LaSalle St., Ste., 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60604. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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## Bukoll, Martin Burke

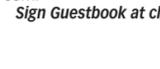
Beloved husband of Karen (nee Granquist); loving son of the late Martin and Florence; loving father of Martin Carl; fond brother in law of Philip (Jadwiga) Granquist; dear cousin and friend to many. Visitation Thursday February 8 from 3-9 PM at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy, funeral Friday February 9 at 9:30 AM to St. Paul of the Cross Church for mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints. Info 847-685-1002 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)



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## Burkhardt, Walter A.

Walter A. Burkhardt, age 91, Columbia, MD, passed away February 4, 2018 at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living Facility in Columbia, MD. Relatives and friends will be received Saturday, February 10 from 9-11am at **Eley Funeral Home** in Constantine, MI, where services will follow at 11am. Pastor Maria Rutland of Salem Presbyterian Church will officiate. Interment will be in Constantine Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Denver Zoo at [denverzoo.org](http://denverzoo.org) or Dumb Friends League of Denver at [dfl.org](http://dfl.org). Online messages may be left for the family at [www.eleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomes.com).



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## Connolly, Edward J.

Edward J. Connolly — native of Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo, Ireland, beloved husband of the late Agnes (nee Kelly); loving father of Edward, John, Mary (Kurt Mussen), Thomas (Theresa) and Karen (Peter) Larsen; devoted grandfather to Courtney, Liam, Luke, Eleanor, Claire, Mae and Catherine; preceded in death by his parents, Nora (nee Lally) and John; dear brother of Mary (the late Luke) Gibbons, Winifred (the late David) Simpson, Julia (the late Michael) Lally and the late Catherine (the late Iuan) Williams, Nellie (Edmund) O’Callaghan, Michael, John and Thomas. Member of Ironworkers Local #1. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. to Mary Seat of Wisdom Church for mass at 10 a.m. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia would be appreciated. Info 847-685-1002 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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## Cornelio, Louis

Louis Cornelio, age 79, of Round Lake Beach. At rest Saturday, February 3, 2018. Loving brother of Mario (Darleen) Cornelio, Michael (the late Helen) Cornelio, Jose Cornelio, Carmen Cornelio, and Mary (Edward) Barba. Fond father of Guillermo Cornelio. Caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. Louis was preceded in death by his wife, Cecilia, his parents, his brother, Domingo, and his sister, Rebecca Moreno. Visitation from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2018, at **Justen’s Round Lake Funeral Home**, 222 N. Rosedale Ct., Round Lake, IL 60073. Visitation resumes Friday 8:15 a.m. in the funeral home. Mass is Friday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 114 N. Lincoln Ave., Round Lake, IL 60073. Interment in Ascension Cemetery. INFO: 847-546-3300 or visit [www.justenfth.com](http://www.justenfth.com).

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## Dato, Joseph A.

Joseph A. Dato of North Riverside, age 94. U.S. Army Veteran-WWII. Devoted son of the late Ralph and Carmela; loving brother of Mary Bandemier, Goldie (late Sam) Molinaro and Buddy and the late Michael (late Annette), the late Anthony (late Vivian), the late Ralph (late Millie) and the late Rosetta (late Eugene) Osuch; loving uncle and great-uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Chapel Service. Funeral Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until prayers 11:00 a.m. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Denihan, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Denihan nee Mulvihill, 87; beloved wife of John “Jack”; loving mother of Patrick, Deirdre and the late Daniel Joseph; dear sister of Donald (Therese) Mulvihill; longtime member of the Frances O’Neill Club and Friends of Irish Literature. Retired Chicago Public School teacher. Family & friends will meet for Visitation 10 AM until time of mass 11 AM at St. Mary of the Lake, 4200 N. Sheridan. Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to SPRED-Chicago. For info 773-777-3944 or [www.GFFH.com](http://www.GFFH.com)

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## Dwyer, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Dwyer, age 99. Dorothy was welcomed home on February 2, 2018 by her husband Jack and son Jim. Loving mother of Gail (Michael) Premer, Joan (Chris) Rojek and the late James (Mary Agnes) Dwyer. Proud grandma of Amy (Glen), Patrick, Clare (Chris), Paul (Brittany), Mark, Michael and Carrie (Mike). Cherished great-grandma of 8. Also loved by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 4-8pm at the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park. Family and friends will meet at Our Lady of Angels Chapel at Marian Village, 15624 Marian Dr., Homer Glen, IL 60491 on Thursday morning for visitation 9am – 10am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10am. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. (708) 614-9900 or [www.bradygill.com](http://www.bradygill.com)

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## Erbach, Daniel Joseph ‘Dan’

Daniel “Dan” Erbach 84 of Scottsdale, Arizona passed away on Friday January 19 after a brief illness. A celebration of life service was held at **Green Acres Funeral Home** on January 26th. with his family and friends in attendance.

Dan was born August. 14th, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended and graduated Saint Ignatius High School in 1947, and attended Loyola University. On May 10th 1969 Dan married the former Dorothy Morrison Moyers in Chicago. Dan was in the food and beverage industry for most of his career. He was a huge sports fan and enjoyed the Cubs, Bears, Bulls, and Black Hawks all his life. He always considered himself a Chicagoan even when he retired with Dorothy to Scottsdale.

He is survived by his four stepsons Rich, Don, Nick, and Frank Moyers and his wife Dorothy Erbach of Scottsdale Arizona. Dan had six grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Also brothers Sisters and several nieces and nephews. A veteran of the Army Dan had his coffin draped with the flag.

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## Fredrick, Jr., MD, Earl E. ‘Sonny Boy’

Earl was born August 13, 1929 to Earl and Lucile Fredrick. He proudly served in the Korean conflict 1952-1953. Earl became a prominent physician on Chicago’s South Side. He trained at Cook County Hospital and served on the staff at Metro South Hospital 54 years. A member of Rotary International and Kapps Alpha Psi Fraternity, Earl was very active socially and professionally in the community. He passed 1-27-2018 at Mercy Hospital at the age of 88. Funeral services were held 2-3-2018 at St Marks United Methodist Church, 8441 S St Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60619 Phone: (773) 846-2992.

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## Guttman, Newman

On February 2, 2018, Newman Guttman, devoted husband of the late Dorothy Guttman (nee Tarnopol); loving father of Susan “Sandi” (Gabriel) Heilig; dear brother of Isaiah (Margalit) Guttman and the late Max Guttman; beloved grandfather of Madeleine England (Maria Kozi); adored great-grandfather of Dylan Kafizov. Funeral services are private. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be sent to Weizmann Institute Of Science, 234 Herzl Street, Rehovot, Israel 7610001.

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**In 1933** the Constitution’s 20th Amendment took effect, designating Jan. 20 as the date of presidential inaugurations and moving the start of congressional terms from March to January.

**In 1943** Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was named commander in chief of Allied forces in North Africa during World War II.

**In 1952** Britain’s King George VI died; he was succeeded as reigning monarch by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

**In 1971** the Apollo 14 astronauts prepared to head back

to Earth after a 33-hour stay on the moon.

**In 1991** comedian Danny Thomas died in Los Angeles; he was 79.

**In 1993** tennis Hall of Famer and human-rights advocate Arthur Ashe died of AIDS in New York; he was 49.

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ILLINOIS	
Feb. 5	
Lotto	02 15 19 24 49 50 / 05
Lotto jackpot: \$3.25M	
Pick 3 midday	500 / 7
Pick 4 midday	1207 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto midday	14 31 32 33 34
Pick 3 evening	040 / 1
Pick 4 evening	6728 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening	07 10 26 32 38

Feb. 6 Mega Millions: \$120M	
Feb. 7 Powerball: \$165M	

WISCONSIN	
Feb. 5	
Pick 3	475
Pick 4	1480
Badger 5	03 07 11 15 29
SuperCash	02 23 30 31 33 38

INDIANA	
Feb. 5	
Daily 3 midday	070 / 5
Daily 4 midday	3033 / 5
Daily 3 evening	983 / 8
Daily 4 evening	8926 / 8
Cash 5	05 21 32 33 40

MICHIGAN	
Feb. 5	
Daily 3 midday	653
Daily 4 midday	2833
Daily 3 evening	689
Daily 4 evening	5284
Fantasy 5	11 17 20 23 28
Keno	03 09 13 18 20 21
	23 25 26 27 29 30 33 34
	36 37 42 43 48 50 68 76

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## Halter, Charles D.

Charles D. Halter age 88. Loving father of Kathleen and Kenneth. Survived by Patricia Halter nee Mueller and many loving friends and relatives. Former Deputy Commissioner for the Water Department City of Chicago. His career was dedicated to the design, construction and operation of the Central Water Filtration Plant (now known as the James W. Jardine Water Purification Plant) next to Navy Pier. He was passionate about his hobbies of art, music, billiards, bowling and fishing. Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 6th from 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Wednesday, February 7th 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM from **TOHLE FUNERAL HOME** 4325 W. Lawrence Ave. to St. Edward Church 4350 W. Sunnyside, Funeral Mass 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Edward Church or your own favorite charity appreciated. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. Info 773-685-4400 or [tohlefuneralhome.com](http://tohlefuneralhome.com)

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## Horigan, Loretta Lillian

Loretta Lillian Horigan, 95, of Mt. Prospect, IL, joined her dear savior Jesus Christ in heaven on February 3, 2018.

Loretta is survived by her 3 children, Janice Emma (Mac) Osborne, Hot Springs Valley, AR, William Ronald Horigan (Betsy) Horigan, Wichita, KS, Tamela Lynn Lothson, Rolling Meadows, IL; grandchildren Shannon (Brian) Rowe, Christopher (Nerissa) Cahal, Carrie (Doug) Nichols, Brie (Joaquin) Reyes, Amanda (Anthony) Andrews, Andrew Horigan, Patrick Horigan, Meghann Lothson, Christopher (Nicole) Lothson; and great grandchildren Braeden Rowe, Brynn Rowe, Bennett Rowe, Colson Cahal, Parker Cahal, Brody Cahal, Shawn Andrews and Nathaniel Reyes. Loretta was preceded in death by William, her husband of 56 years, in November 1999, and siblings Clara Miele and Kathryn Shedd.

Visitation Thursday, 3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect. Visitation Friday 9:00 A.M. until Funeral Service at 10:00 A.M. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1624 E. Euclid, Mt. Prospect. Interment Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Ct. Glenview, IL 60025.

Funeral information [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com) or 847-255-7800

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## Jelinek, Rose Mary

Rose Mary Jelinek, 71, of Chicago, beloved daughter of the late George and Rose; loving sister of Margie (Don) Tomlinson; dear aunt of Amy and Kent. Funeral service Saturday at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Saturday at 11 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy 6042 Oakton St. #2 Morton Grove, IL 60053 appreciated. Sign online guest book at [www.simkinsfh.com](http://www.simkinsfh.com). (847) 965-2500



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## Johnson, Karl A.

Karl A. Johnson, age 56 of Plainfield, formerly of La Grange. Beloved husband of Linda Canada-Johnson; loving father of Ryan (Megan Hammerich) and Sara Johnson; proud grandpa of Lennon Johnson; dear brother of Kevin (Susan), Thomas (Wendy), Ingrid (Gary) Foster, Eric (Kelly), Adele (Pete) Larsen and Roger Johnson and the late Regina (Roy) Torres and the late Clifford and Brian Johnson; fond brother-in-law of Kim (Dan) Brown; numerous nieces nephews and cousins. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Chapel Service at 7:00 p.m. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to The Original Kuratko Family Directors - Brian D. Kuratko, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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## Kaiser, Paul J.

Paul J. Kaiser, Veteran Air Force, Korean War. Beloved husband of Marianne nee Kienlen. Loving father of Steven (Melinda), David (Nancy), Gregory (Linda), Charles (Sandy), Kevin (Randi), and the late Patrick Kaiser. Devoted Grandfather of 16 and Great-grandfather of 11. Cherished brother of Artenza (late Lawrence) Mariotti, June (Clarence) Leinwander, late Melvin (late Lois) Kaiser, and the late Milla Kaiser. Dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday 9:30 AM from **FORAN FUNERAL HOME**, 7300 W. Archer Ave (55th St. just west of Harlem) to St. Daniel the Prophet Church. Mass 10 AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Paul was a longtime member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Knights of Columbus. In Lieu of flowers donations to the St Vincent DePaul Society would be appreciated. Visitation Wednesday from 3 PM to 9PM. Condolences may be sent to Paul's family on his personal website at [www.foranfuneralhome.com](http://www.foranfuneralhome.com). For information 708-458-0208

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## Kallianis, Colette Vivian

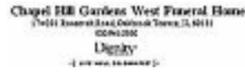
Colette Vivian Kallianis, nee Carey; Age 85, of Evergreen Park, IL, died peacefully on February 3rd, surrounded by family. She is survived by her devoted husband, James; her six children, Mary (Edward) Dahl, James (Andrea), John (Lynn), Peter (Patricia), Karen (Anton) Lessmeister, and Ann Marie; her grandchildren Patricia (Nicholas) Rojek, Michael, James, Daniel, Madeline, Emma, Tony, McKenna, Olivia, Rachel, Allison, Thomas, Adam, and Matthew; her great-grandchildren Evelyn and Nicholas. She was a fond Aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three siblings, Francis "Bud" (Joan), Edward (Joyce), and Mary Catherine (Richard) Hourihan; Colette was born to Frank J. and Frances V. Carey (nee Kearns) on June 9, 1932 in Chicago. She attended Longwood Academy and Mundelein College. She married James Henry Kallianis on October 5, 1957 in Chicago and they had very recently celebrated 60 wonderful years together surrounded by extended family and friends; Colette was very proud of her work as a Chicago Public School teacher. She loved to spend time with her family talking and laughing. She was an avid fan of Notre Dame football and any team from Chicago, but especially the Bears. She was a wonderful example to her children of how to be a good parent and a good spouse. She was adored by her husband and her family; Visitation Wednesday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Thursday, 9:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park; Mass 10:30 a.m.; Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)



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## Katsaros, George James

George James Katsaros, age 94, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2018; Loving husband of Fran Katsaros, nee Poulos; Beloved father of Gregory (the late Jeri) Katsaros, the late Brian Katsaros, Elena Thompson, and Barbara (Kevin Martewicz; Cherished papou of Emily (Robert), Julia, Eric, Nicole, and Meghan; Brother of the late Eunice (the late George), Dean (Bess), and the late Maria. May his memory be eternal. Funeral service will be at 10 AM on Wednesday, 2/7, at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S Wolf Rd, Westchester, IL 60154. There will be a visitation prior from 9:30-10 AM, also at the Church. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church.



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## Kimmel, Sigmunt M. "Siggy"

Sigmunt (Siggy) M. Kimmel, 89 of Chicago, IL and Scottsdale, AZ passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family and loved ones on February 1, 2018. Siggy is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Dolores, his son Lawrence (Larry) with his spouse Ronald (Ron) and daughter Lisa. He was born in Stanislav, Poland on December 27, 1928 to Leon and Pepe (Lipa) Kimmel. Siggy crossed the Atlantic Ocean to the United States through Ellis Island in January of 1947. Soon after arriving Siggy enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his new country. Siggy became a beloved husband to Dolores in 1959 and soon after they started Cote D'Or Coiffures and worked together for 45 years. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at **Messinger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary**. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Siggy's honor to the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org).

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## Kozinski, Mary N.

Mary N. Kozinski nee Corty 74 of Des Plaines IL. Mary was the beloved wife of Walter Kozinski and the late Richard Dickow; loving mother of Mark and John Dickow; caring grandmother of Anusia, Oles, and Andrew Dickow. Caring step-mother of the Kozinski family. Visitation Thursday from 9am until time of mass 10am at Our Lady of Ransom Church 8300 Greenwood Niles, IL. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to your favorite charity in Mary's name. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or [Oehlerfuneralhome.com](http://Oehlerfuneralhome.com).



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## Landski, Josephine V

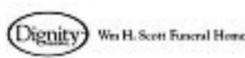
Josephine V. Landski nee Sondelski beloved wife of the late Ted Landski; loving mother of the late Linda Sonsikoski; dear mother-in-law of Richard Sonsikoski; dearest grandmother of Melissa and Eric (Nina) Sonsikoski; cherished great grandmother of Alayna. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank Il 60459 to St. Fabian Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Funeral info (708) 636-2320.



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## Leverentz, Rodney John

Rodney John Leverentz passed away at the age of 92 on Sunday, February 4, 2018. A longtime math teacher and chairman of the New Trier Mathematics Department, he retired and tutored math students privately for decades. He is survived by his devoted wife, Frances Harker. Rod was father of John (Susan), Todd (Ann), and Mark (Nancy) Leverentz, and step children Emily (John) Kennedy and Andrew (Kristen) Mercker. He was proud grandfather of 8 grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He served in the Air Force during WWII. A memorial service will be held Friday, February 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, 600 Ninth Street, Wilmette. Arrangements by **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 847-521-8200.



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## Lipgar, Robert M.

Robert M. Lipgar, 89, of Rhinebeck, died Saturday, February 3, 2018 at HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus. Bob was born in Kingston, son of Abraham Henry and Celia B. Sonnenschein Lipgar. He attended grammar school #8 and Kingston High School before entering Hamilton College in 1945.

After graduating Hamilton in 1949, he studied at the University of Chicago where he earned his Ph.D in clinical and group psychology in 1965. After a decade long apprenticeship with his father, Bob entered Hamilton College to further his creative studies and combine them with the study of psychology. Following Hamilton, he relocated to Chicago to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Chicago.

In Chicago, Bob established himself as both an exhibiting photographer and a leader in clinical and group psychology. He had been introduced to photography at a young age assisting his father, A. H. Lipgar, who was a leading photographer in the Hudson River Valley in the decades 1920's through the 1950's. In 2002, Bob moved to Hurley, NY, inaugurating a second generation of Lipgar photography in the Hudson Valley. Although retired from psychology, he had been an active member of the Woodstock Artists Association & Museum (WAAM), the Arts Society of Kingston (A.S.K.), and the Greene County Camera Club (GCCC). His photographic work has appeared in many juried shows, local publications, and in the four books of photography he had published.

As a psychologist, Dr. Lipgar authored many professional and scientific articles and had co-edited (with Malcolm Pines of London) two volumes of articles on the work of Wilfred R. Bion. Dr. Lipgar was Clinical Professor for more than 30 years at the University of Chicago, Department of Psychiatry, and then, briefly, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences at the New York Medical College in Valhalla. While in Chicago, he was a founding member of the Illinois Group Psychotherapy Society and of the Chicago Center for the Study of Organizations. He was a licensed psychologist in Illinois and New York, and a Fellow in the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA), the A. K. Rice Institute for the Study of Social Systems (AKRI), and the Society for Personality Assessment (SPA). He was a member of the Woodstock Jewish Congregation.

Surviving family members include sister, Judith Gollup of New Mexico; nieces, Nancy Ditman and her husband Scott of Ardsley, NY and Elizabeth Emerald of Melrose, MA and a nephew, Kofi Honu of Frederick, MD, and grand-nephews and grandnieces, Daniel, Lauren and Douglas Greene, and Alison and Amy Gollup.

A Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at the **Simpson-Gaus Funeral Home**, 411 Albany Ave at 11:00 AM.

Interment will follow in Montrepose Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family of Bob by visiting [www.SimpsonGaus.com](http://www.SimpsonGaus.com)

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## Mahoney, Mariann J.

Mariann J. Mahoney, nee Rumann, of Niles, former longtime resident of Norwood Park. Beloved wife of the late Michael P. Mahoney Jr, retired Captain CFD. Loving mother of Maureen (Paul) Russell, Patricia Mahoney, Michael (Jodi) Mahoney III and Erin (Jason) Stachura. Proud Grandmother of Xavier Stachura and Katherine and Alison Mahoney. Dear sister of Denise Rumann, James Rumann and the late Patricia Mahoney, Jerome Rumann, Michael Rumann, Debbie Riffey, Philip, Geraldine and Tom Rumann. Sister in law of Patrick (Linda), Joseph "Vince" Mahoney, John (Kathleen), Daniel (Margaret) and William (Carolyn) Mahoney. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 4 until 9 PM. Funeral Friday, 10:00 AM prayers at the funeral home to St. Thecla Church, (Oak Park and Devon Avenues). Mass 10:30 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials to Little City or Salvation Army appreciated. For further information call 877-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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## Matusik, Francis

Francis Matusik, age 78, of Crest Hill, IL, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 4, 2018, surrounded by his loving family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Francis was born in Chicago, IL on August 31, 1939. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was a dedicated employee of United Parcel Service for 35

years. He is survived by his wife, Carol (nee Scanio); his children, Frank (Lynn) Matusik, Christine (Mick) Mc Nerney, Susan (Tony) Catalano and Larry (Sara) Matusik; grandchildren, Steven, Joey and Sammy Matusik, Michael and Marissa Mc Nerney, Jon, Kristin and Bobby Catalano; sisters, Florence Budz and Maryann Petraitis, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Marie (nee Niedospial) Matusik; sister, Josephine Biel and brother, Stephen Matusik. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr., Naperville. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Immaculate, 15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield, IL. Entombment private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Francis's name to the American Cancer Society. Info: 630-922-9630 or [www.beidelmankunschfh.com](http://www.beidelmankunschfh.com)



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## McCollam, Jean H.

JEAN H. MCCOLLAM, nee Hamann, age 90, passed away February 2, 2018. She is survived by her sons, Brian and Mark McCollam; grandsons Brendan and Evan McCollam; sister Doris Wirick; and 52 nieces and nephews. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Olcan "Mac" "Al" McCollam, parents, William and Eva Hamann, and siblings, Evert Hamann, Ella Mae Chenoweth, Eileen Halsted, Alice Franz, and Royce Hamann. The funeral will be Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Rees Funeral Home, 10909 Randolph St., Crown Point, IN 46307. Burial will follow at Mosier Cemetery. Visitation will be February 9, 2018, 4-8 p.m., at Rees Funeral Home.

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## O'Neill, Joseph Francis

Joseph "Joe" Francis O'Neill was born on December 26, 1920 to Josephine and Aloysius O'Neill, the first of eight children borne by his mother, and the last sole surviving sibling. He was the elder brother to his sister Genevieve (George) Bruen, twin brothers, Huey and Eugene, a second set of twin brothers, Richard and Robert (Marie) and two additional sisters from a second marriage, Joan Jameson and Mildred (Chuck) Ethridge.

Joe attended multiple elementary schools, graduated from Calumet High School in Chicago, and served his country honorably during World War II. While home and desiring to "kill a little time", he called a home believing he was going to meet a "cute, red head" and the door opened, and rather than the "cute red head," there stood Margaret Mary (Peg) Navins, a "cute petite brunette," who was a junior in high school. Upon her graduation from high school and following her 18th birthday, they wed on December 4, 1943, and remained married until her passing in September of 1980. From that marriage, four loving children were born: Mary Margaret (Donald) Wilfinger, Therese, Terrence (Harriet) and the late Michael. He was the forever loving father-in-law to Sandra O'Neill. From his children and their partners, he and Peg were given four loving grandchildren: Kristine (Jeff) Gericke, Josh (fiancé, Tamara Jimshitashvili), Wendy (Tony) Tesmer and Melanie (Joe) Mack. And from his grandchildren, he was blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Gabrielle (Gabby), Cameron, Stanford, Amelia (Lia), Ethan, Peyton and Ashton. He was a caring and fun-loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, from the Bruen, Liedberg, Navins, O'Neill, and Ethridge families.

He was a milkman for 29 years, worked in the steel mills of Inland Steel Company for about six years, and following his formal retirement at age 62, went back to work at Evanston School District 65 for 18 years on a part-time basis (using his two index fingers to input Accounts Payable bills.)

Joe was a loner and had what he called work colleagues/friends but always believed you could count one's real friends on one hand. Always a south-sider, he moved with his daughter Therese, to the north side in 1985 and fostered two of his longest standing personal friendships with Bernie Siegel and Pete Gamber. He was referred to as the "Pop of Bent Park" and hosted wooden bench conversations with many neighbors, strangers, dogs and lots of waves at passing cars with friendly faces inside. He loved the waitresses at Walker Brothers, the girls waiting on him at Tag's Bakery, the guys at Lincolnwood Service Station, and the husband and wife at Scot Cleaners and he especially loved and treasured his many years of (Friday) time with his "adopted daughter," Jadwiga (Harriet) Rutkowska.

He enjoyed the many people who entered his home and they often left with Fannie Mae candy, or Wells Street popcorn. These business will be especially impacted financially by his passing.

A welcoming reception will be held Thursday, February 8, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Athanasius Parish, 1615 Lincoln St., Evanston, IL 60201

Joe's Interment will be Friday, February 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park in the chapel

Joe was a foster child and he had a deep fondness for Catholic Charities and the care of warm homes he was placed in during his childhood. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic Charities—Att: Emma Lemar, 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654. Funeral info (847) 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)



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## Palese, Barbara

Barbara Palese, of Glen Ellyn, Beloved wife of the late Russell, Loving sister to Adele (the late Stephen) Panttila and Carol (William) Bremner; Cherished aunt of Laura (John) Kucyk and Michele Panttila; Great aunt to Lia and Jack Kucyk; She will be missed by many family and friends including Wilbur (her dog). Visitation Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home** 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187. Funeral Mass Friday 10 a.m. at St. Michael Church 310 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187 (Please Meet at Church). Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or [www.williams-kampp.com](http://www.williams-kampp.com).

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## Pudlo, Marie Elizabeth

Marie Elizabeth Pudlo (nee McGrath), age 81, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 2, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky. She was born in Coleraine, Northern Ireland and raised in Aghadowey, County Derry, Ireland with her brother and three sisters. Marie immigrated to the United States at the age of 19, became a naturalized citizen, and met her future husband, Joseph, in Chicago. During her 57-year marriage, Marie was a loving Mother to four sons and the Grandmother of nine. In her lifetime, she brought love, joy and happiness to all who knew and loved her. Marie is survived by her husband, sons, sisters, and a large extended family in Ireland and the United States. She will forever be our Wild Irish Rose.

Visitation Friday, February 9 from 4 to 8pm at **West Suburban Funeral Home**, 39 N. Cass Ave, Westmont. Funeral Service 9:30 am, Saturday, February 10 at Holy Trinity Church, 111 S. Cass Ave, Westmont.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital.

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## Quilici, Mary Jo

Mary Jo Quilici, nee Coduto; Beloved wife of the late Victor Quilici Sr.; Loving daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Coduto; Devoted sister of Janet (Michael) Healy; Dear stepmother of Victor Quilici Jr., Gina Bauer and Lena (Charles) Roy; Devoted grandmother of James, Jaclyn, Isabella, Charles and Nicholas; Family and friends are gathering Thursday, February 8, 2018 at St. Celestine Church, 3020 N. 76th Ct. Elmwood Park, for a Memorial Visitation from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass to begin at 10:00 a.m. Interment Private (Queen of Heaven Cemetery). Arrangements by **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**. For info (773) 889-1700



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### Ronzani, Wilma M.

age 91, of Oconomowoc, WI, passed away on February 3, 2018. Wilma is survived by her children Peggy, Dianne Ronzani (Richard Pettelle), Donna Ronzani (Thomas Cheeseman), Susan Ronzani-Clark and (Larry Clark); sisters Anna Mae Willenborg, Doris Endebrock, and Shirley (Jerry) Reynolds, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many more family and friends. Per Wilma's request, no formal services will be held. Please see [www.pagenkopf.com](http://www.pagenkopf.com) for full obituary.

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### Runk, Ferdinand 'Fred'

Runk, Ferdinand (Fred), passed away Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 after a brief illness. He is survived by his three brothers, Nick, Rich, and Tom, and several nieces and nephews. Born in Chicago, where he attended St. Rita HS and De Paul U, he was a longtime resident of Tucson AZ. His ashes will be scattered over the Grand Canyon.

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### Santi, Betty J.

Age 90. Passed away on February 4, 2018 at home surrounded by family and friends. Born in 1927, in Evanston, Illinois to the late John and Alice Reding. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, John D. Santi and her younger sister, Patricia Johnston. She graduated from nursing school in 1948. John and Betty had 7 children: Robert



(Diane) Santi, Mary Fallon, the late Carol Towey, Diane (Lance) Kausalik, Jean Doolin, Rita Santi, and Joan Bernaden; 16 grandchildren: Nicholas, Mario, Andrew, Danny, Amber, James, Evan, Jason, Rami, Aaron, Stephen, Quinton, Jessica, Anna, Zachary, and Jacob; 4 great-grandchildren (with 3 on the way). Special aunt of Gerry, Ken, Cary, Rick, Jim, and the late Wayne Johnston. Further survived by her lifelong friend and neighbor "Auntie" Julia, other relatives and friends. She was a loyal supporter of both men and women's Marquette Basketball, she attended all of the games until just before she passed. Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 7th, at Schaff Funeral Home 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with services at 7:00 PM. Interment will take place Thursday at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, please meet at cemetery office at 11:00 AM. Memorials can be made to the John and Betty Santi Endowed Engineering Scholarship Fund, Marquette University.

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### Savino, Antonia

Antonia Savino nee D'Avanzo, age 67. Beloved wife of the late Vito Savino; beloved mother of Gina (Rick) Tinsley; beloved daughter of the late Nicola and the late Maria D'Avanzo; loving grandmother of Maya and Alexis; dear sister of Carmine (Emma) and the late Dominic D'Avanzo. Visitation Wednesday February 7, 2018, 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral service Thursday 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment All Saints Cemetery, Immaculate Heart of Mary Mausoleum. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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### Schwartz, Carl

The 86 year old marine passed peacefully into the night on February 2, 2018, surrounded by his loving wife, sons and pup. He proudly served his country in Korea as a lieutenant and returned to marry the only girl he ever loved, Patricia Savage (Schwartz). The self-proclaimed "greatest panty hose salesman ever" approached business with the same passion that he put into raising his boys, ever confident and generous.



He leaves behind his wife of 62 years Patricia; sons, David, Allen (Janet) and Lewis (Karla); 10 grandchildren, Jeffrey (Stephanie), Katherine Daigle (Andrew), Rebecca, Charles (Katherine), Amanda, Margaret, Olivia, Alex, Anna and Henry, and 3 great grandchildren, Bennett, Silas Daigle and James.

He will be remembered fondly by his family and friends and would be disappointed in those who reflected sadly on his passing as opposed to the happiness he brought to us all. A celebration of life will be planned for the Spring. All honor to his name.

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### Sikaras, Elli

Elli Sikaras (nee Troy), 95, at rest February 3, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Steven and the late Mary (Trigonis) Troy; Cherished sister of the late Plato Troy; Devoted wife of the late Theodore C. Sikaras; Loving mother of Helene Sikaras and Charles (Martha) Sikaras; Elli was a lifelong dedicated serving member at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. Church Visitation Wednesday, February 7th from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL, 60465-2317. Funeral Service begins at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Info. (708) 598-5880 or [hillsfh.com](http://hillsfh.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Sts. Constantine and Helen Church Father Bryon Koras Student Assistance Fund appreciated.



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### Smith, Sr., Bruce R.

Bruce R. Smith, 77, of Elmhurst, surrounded by his family, Bruce was the loving husband of Chris, nee Olson; devoted father of Bruce (Melissa), Mark (Betsy) and Jenny (Jeff) Pozen; proud and caring Papa of Haley, Hanna, Bruce III, Ellen, Brian, Adam and Jane Smith; Charlie, Max, Sam, Joe and Christy Pozen; dear brother of Dave, Rick, Kathy and the late Tom Smith, cherished son of the late Tom and the late Doris, nee King, Smith. Visitation Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet Thursday, 10:00 a.m. for a funeral service at Bethel United Church of Christ, 315 East St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. Interment Saint Peter's Cemetery. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

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### Sullivan, John 'Sully'

John "Sully" Sullivan. 70 years. Ret. C.P.D. - 12th District. Beloved husband of 33 years to Jan Stankowicz-Sullivan. Devoted father of John T. (C.P.D.) (Mary), late Donald (Dionne), Stacey, Ryan (Arthur) Burns. Dearest stepfather of Ivan Stankowicz.



Loving grandfather of Kathleen, Daniel, Michael, Stephanie and Savannah Sullivan, Narva Harris, Luke and Ivy Stankowicz. Cherished son of the late Jack (C.P.D.) (late Susanne Heda) Sullivan. Dear stepson of Harold Heda. Step-brother of the late Lawrence Sullivan, Theodore (Susan) Heda, Jeffery (Susan) Heda, Kenneth (Lisa) Heda. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Longtime Bridgeport resident. Friend to all who knew him. Member of Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7, Police Survivors Association, Emerald Society of Chicago, Cleveland Pipes and Drums. Visitation Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at the Thomas McInerney's Sons Funeral Home 4635 South Wallace Street, Chicago, IL. Funeral services Thursday, February 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Gabriel Church, 4500 S. Lowe Avenue, Chicago, IL. Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery - Evergreen Park, IL. (773) 268-0703.

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### Vena, Josephine Donzelli

Josephine R. Donzelli-Vena, 73, a 58 year resident of Wilmette, at rest on February 4, 2018. Loving wife of Albert Vena; dear sister of Nancy (Allen) Schoknecht; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and great nieces. Visitation Wednesday, February 7 from 3 to 7pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview (just south of Lake Ave. on west side). Funeral from the funeral home 9:30 a.m. for funeral mass Thursday, February 8 at 10 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1747 Lake Ave., Wilmette. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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### Werth, Ruth

Ruth Werth, nee Prager, 98. Beloved wife of 61 years of the late Max; loving mother of Linda (Richard) Weil and Allan (Alana) Werth; adoring grandmother of Mark (Meredith) Weil, Michelle (Michael) Shalin, Brian (Lindsay) Werth, and Adam (fiancée Barri Epstein) Werth; proud great-grandmother of Maddy and Cooper Shalin, Ellery and Reese Weil, and Sophie and Ari Werth; devoted daughter of the late Herman and Frederika Prager; dear sister of the late Martin Prager. Funeral service Weds, Feb. 7, 11:30 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Jewish Oakridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JDRF, [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org), or MMRF, [www.theMMRF.org](http://www.theMMRF.org). For info: 847-256-5700.



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### Yaffe, Irving

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**PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** Friday, March 16, 2018 at 3:00 PM (CST)

**CONTACT:** Nicole Large, Senior Contract Negotiator (312) 603-6831 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) nicole.large@cookcountyll.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit a proposal. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the Contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

### 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**  
**Brandon Martin**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Mona Martin (Mother)  
**JUVENILE NO.:** 171JA01050

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Charles Smith (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 12, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Wilkells** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 02/28/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, 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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**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 6, 2018**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Knowledge Grant**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Ebony Grant (Mother)  
**JUVENILE NO.:** 171JA01254

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Randy Morgan (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 29, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Richard Stevens** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 02/20/2018, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **6 COURTROOM F**, 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 6, 2018**

**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 OHR**, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

### 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**  
**Shariyah Newman**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Shena Miller (Mother)  
**JUVENILE NO.:** 171JA01214

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **David Sylus (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 15, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Wilkells** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 02/20/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**February 6, 2018**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Simone Watkins**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Crystal Watkins (Mother)  
**JUVENILE NO.:** 15JA01121

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Robert Clark (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 6, 2012**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 02/20/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**February 6, 2018**

### TAKE NOTICES

TO: Estate of Mary E. Williams; Gwendolyn Whittaker, a/k/a Gwendolyn C. Owens; Brandon Whittaker; Kayla Whittaker; Camesha Gates; Occupant, 11402 S. Ada St., Chicago, IL 60643; David D. Orr; County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001329 FILED February 1, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: January 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO. 155-0007350 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2007-2012 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 11402 S. ADA ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 25-20-122-036-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at that time YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the County Court House in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Tuwana Dennis Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: February 1, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 tbalin@balinlawpc.com Pub: 2/6, 7, 8/2018 5441394

TO: Estate of Lenard Howze; Estate of Annie Howze; Chester Howze; Peter Oden Sr.; Peter Oden Jr.; Leon Oden; Nathaniel Oden; Andrea Oden; Occupant, 12621 S. Eggleston Ave., Chicago, IL 60628; Ditech Financial, LLC, as Successor to Greentree Financial Servicing Corporation, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Ditech Financial, LLC, as Successor to Greentree Financial Servicing Corporation; Marcus Howard; City of Chicago, Water Dept.; City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, Corporation Counsel; City of Chicago, Dept. of Buildings; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001330 FILED February 1, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: January 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO. 155-0008235 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2006-2013 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 12621 S. EGGLESTON AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 25-28-333-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 9, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2018 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the County Court House in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Tuwana Dennis Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: February 1, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 tbalin@balinlawpc.com Pub: 2/6, 7, 8/2018 5441404

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### LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE REHABILITATION OF LIFE SERVICES NETWORK TRUST** ) NO. 08 CH 30699  
**NOTICE OF CLAIM FILING DEADLINE OF MARCH 30, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. C.D.T.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that on November 12, 2009, an Agreed Order of Rehabilitation was entered against Life Services Network Trust ("LSN Trust") by the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (the "Supervising Court"). Jennifer Hammer, Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance, is the affirmed statutory Rehabilitator (the "Rehabilitator") of LSN Trust.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that pursuant to the Agreed Order of Rehabilitation, all rights and liabilities of LSN Trust and its policyholders, members, creditors, and all other persons interested in its property or assets, are fixed as of November 12, 2009.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that on January 5, 2018, the Supervising Court, entered an Order providing for the filing of claims and establishing a claim filing deadline respecting LSN Trust.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that all persons and entities who have, or may have, claims against LSN Trust, its property or assets, or against a LSN Trust insured member or policyholder, shall have the right to present and file with the Rehabilitator a proof of claim form on or before the claim filing deadline of **March 30, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. C.D.T.**

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that any insured under an insurance policy issued by LSN Trust shall have the right to present and file with the Rehabilitator a proper proof of claim setting forth a contingent claim on or before the March 30, 2018 claim filing deadline. No such contingent claim shall be allowed for purposes of participating in any distribution of estate assets that may be made at the fourth priority level, 215 ILCS 5/205(1)(d), unless such claim has been liquidated and the insured claimant has presented evidence of payment of such claim to the Rehabilitator on or before the contingent claim date of **May 31, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. C.D.T.** Any contingent claim for which a proper proof of claim was received by the claim filing deadline, but which is not liquidated on or before May 31, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. C.D.T., may be estimated pursuant to 215 ILCS 5/209(4)(b) for purposes of participating in any distribution of estate assets that may be made at the fifth priority level, 215 ILCS 5/205(1)(e), unless otherwise directed by the Court.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that proof of claim forms may be obtained by submitting a request in writing to LSN Trust, c/o the Office of the Special Deputy Receiver ("OSD"), located at 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 960, Chicago, Illinois 60654, or at OSD's web site: [www.osdchi.com](http://www.osdchi.com), or by calling OSD at (312) 836-9500. Proofs of claim, along with supporting documentation, are to be filed with the Rehabilitator at the aforementioned address. Claimants who have a claim for a loss and have asserted their claim previously with LSN Trust need not file a proof of claim form. Claimants who may have a claim for a loss and have not previously asserted or reported the loss to LSN Trust must file a proof of claim form. In order for a proof of claim to be timely filed, the Rehabilitator must have physical possession of the proof of claim form on or before the claim filing deadline of March 30, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. C.D.T., or the proof of claim form must have been delivered to the United States Postal Service for delivery to the Rehabilitator and postmarked on or before the claim filing deadline with full postage pre-paid, or the proof of claim form must have been delivered to a private mail courier for delivery to the Rehabilitator on or before the claim filing deadline with delivery charges fully paid. Questions and/or inquiries can be directed to the OSD via telephone at (312) 836-9500, or by e-mail at [webmail@osdchi.com](mailto:webmail@osdchi.com).

Jim Stephens, Special Deputy Receiver

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGO SPORTS

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JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Quarterback Nick Foles' touchdown catch on a play the Eagles call "Philly Special" will be a Super Bowl highlight for the ages.

## Cure what ails 'em

Moribund Bears could use a healthy dose of 'Philly Special' mindset



DAVID HAUGH  
In the Wake  
Of the News

MINNEAPOLIS — Finding Dowell Loggains' fingerprints at the scene of a Super Bowl victory surprised me as much as seeing a flip-flop shop inside the Mall of America.

Yet there they were, discovered when Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich confessed to beating the Patriots on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with a flea-flicker borrowed from the beleaguered former Bears offensive coordinator — a play Philadelphia will admire for the ages.

The Eagles called it "Philly Special." The Bears called it "Clemson Special." The common threads were Eagles receivers coach Mike Groh, on the Bears offen-

**OPENING SHOT**  
**Steve Rosenbloom**

Alshon Jeffery caught a TD pass in the Super Bowl and became a champion as a member of the Eagles. Lucky thing the Bears are so deep at wide receiver or GM Ryan Pace would look really bad right about now. **More, Page 2**



sive staff with Loggains in 2015, and wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, who was on the field both times the trickery was executed. That's probably as close as the Bears will get to affecting the outcome of a Super Bowl for a while.

Beyond the name, the difference is the Eagles used the play to win a championship while the Bears executed it 13 months earlier to score a meaningless touchdown in the same end zone of U.S. Bank Stadium.

For the Bears, running back Jeremy Langford took a direct snap, started left and pitched the ball to wide receiver Cameron Meredith — a former college

quarterback. Meredith found quarterback Matt Barkley, who had sneaked out after approaching the line of scrimmage, wide open for the score.

For the Eagles, with the stakes exponentially higher, running back Corey Clement received the snap and reversed the ball to tight end Trey Burton, recruited as a quarterback at Florida. Burton delivered an accurate pass to quarterback Nick Foles, who had slipped into the end zone uncovered to catch one of the most iconic Super Bowl touchdowns ever.

Jaws dropped. Hearts raced. If anybody at your Super Bowl party didn't smile, they were only there for the commercials and the food. It will be the most replayed and relived highlight from Super Bowl LII.

Eagles coach Doug Pederson could have followed football convention with 38 seconds left in the first half and kicked a field goal or run the ball up the gut or even called one of his patented run-pass options. Instead, Pederson pulled out the

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**ILLINOIS**

## Still short at QB spot, Smith, Illini scrambling

Recruiting misses, departures have created holes in roster

By SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Illinois has stocked its offensive and defensive lines in the 2017 and 2018 recruiting classes. It has added some talented skill-position players, such as wide receiver Ricky Smalling. It brings in some promising safeties next season.

But will that mean anything without a reliable quarterback?

Of course a football team is more than one position. But it's hard to succeed without a capable QB.

"There's a quarterback problem down there," CBS Sports national recruiting expert Tom Lemming said, summing up the state of the team in Champaign.

The Illini are expected to sign two quarterbacks on national signing day Wednesday — Peoria's Coran Taylor and Matthew Robinson of San Juan Capistrano, Calif. — to go with MJ Rivers of Frisco, Texas, who signed during the early period in December along with 17 other recruits.

Robinson committed Sunday during his official visit to Champaign, while Taylor — Illinois' first Class of 2018 commitment — did not sign during the early period reportedly because of academic issues, though his high school coach has said Taylor will sign Wednesday.

Illinois has only one returning scholarship quarterback, rising sophomore Cam

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**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**

**When:** Wednesday  
**TV coverage:** ESPNU, 8-11 a.m.; ESPN2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; BTN, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.  
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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Anthony Rizzo's \$7.28 million salary this year ranks in baseball as a real bargain.

## Rizzo great value for the Cubs' future



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the Cubs

It sounded like a primal scream at Wrigley Field when Anthony Rizzo shouted, "Respect me," while standing on second base during the eighth inning of Game 3 of the National League Division Series.

Nationals manager Dusty Baker chose to pitch to Rizzo with a man on second and two out, and Rizzo responded with a bloop single to short center to give the Cubs the go-ahead run in a 2-1 win.

It was out of character for Rizzo, who isn't known as the chest-thumping type.

At the Cubs Convention, three months after the scream, I asked Rizzo if he got a hit after his "respect me" moment.

"Did I?" he said. "I think I got one, didn't I?"

True, Rizzo did get one hit in the NL Championship Series against the Dodgers, but he was 1-for-25 post-scream.

It was a painful ending to an otherwise productive season for Rizzo, who needs no motivation as he enters his seventh season on the North Side. He knows what's expected of him and his teammates and believes the postseason drubbing at the hands of the Dodgers will only strengthen the Cubs' resolve as they begin to write a new chapter next week in Mesa, Ariz.

"To get so close again and lose in the NLCS again is tough," he said. "We

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

## Without NHL stars, miracles can happen

Little-known players who fill Olympic rosters get their shot

By HELENE ELLIOTT  
Los Angeles Times

Don't know who Ryan Zapsolski is? You're not alone. Even the most knowledgeable hockey fan would have trouble identifying the likely starting goaltender for the U.S. men's team at the Pyeongchang Olympics.

The NHL's decision not to allow its players to represent their homelands in these Winter Games sent national hockey federations scrambling to fill their rosters. Suddenly, scouts were watching video of players toiling in Russia's Kontinental Hockey League and European elite and secondary leagues, seeking candidates

**ON THE CLOCK**

**3** Days until the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea

■ Chicago bobsledder Aja Evans is going for gold as a two-time Olympian after conquering initial fears. **Section 1, Page 1**

who might have been too small or too slow for the NHL or were late bloomers and would welcome an unexpected shot at Olympic glory.

The Olympic Athletes from Russia — so named because the country was banned from the Games for prior doping violations but many of its athletes were invited to

Turn to Olympic hockey, Page 2



WOLFGANG FEHRMANN/AP

Goalie Ryan Zapsolski might not be well known even among hockey fans, but he'll be the starter for the U.S. Olympic team.

**KINGS 104, BULLS 98**

In tank matchup, Bulls blow 21-point lead, lose seventh straight; Markkanen, LaVine, Dunn serve as lifeline for Hoiberg. **Page 3**

## TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLUM

## A painful reminder for Bears

Alshon Jeffery caught a touchdown pass in the Super Bowl, and all of Chicago swore like they were Kevin Hart on NFL Network.

Or maybe not. I don't know. I'm not pretentious enough to say what a city felt, but the point is, a talented receiver the Bears drafted and developed didn't want to play for Ryan Pace and/or his coach, so he ended up doing big things in the biggest game for another team at a position the Bears laughably tried to sell you Josh Bellamy and Tanner Gentry. Happy Super Bowl Sunday, kids.

Jeffery couldn't stay healthy with the Bears. He couldn't stay on the field, and they couldn't get a deal done a year earlier.

The Eagles, however, could trust Jeffery. They could keep him healthy. Healthy enough, anyway. Jeffery played all 16 regular-season games and all three playoff games, including the Super Bowl victory to which he contributed a go-up-and-get-it touchdown like he used to grab for the Bears.

And just like that, the Bears got pantsed. Pace got pantsed. The general manager got pantsed worse than he usually does in free agency. Jeffery couldn't play every game for Pace's Bears after he played 32 of his last 32 for Phil Emery's Bears.

And just like that, we've hit upon the biggest problem in Pace's time here: His players get hurt often and badly, and then they can't play the game and neither can whatever cadavers Pace has signed as backups.

I'm sure the blame will fall on John Fox because he's not here. That's the easy play. Convenient. Blame him for all the injuries and blame him for running off Jeffery with his demands for accountability.

But the truth is, Pace hasn't figured it out. He claimed to have stepped up whatever passes for the Bears' version of sports science, but his roster still filled a hospital. Again.

Pace better hope all those injuries were Fox's doing. Pace better hope new coach Matt Nagy can fix the unceasing issue because the domino effect was on your TV screen Sunday night:

Good players can't stay healthy here, but they can perform all season elsewhere, including in the Super Bowl, so Pace's Bears run triage and each injury exposes the GM's inability to provide good depth.

**Jordan Howard tweet:** "Guess I need to make a guarantee like Alshon (chin-rubbing, thinking emoji)."

**Speaking of Pace's free agents,** Mike Glennon was guaranteed \$18 million. The Eagles guaranteed Nick Foles \$11 million. How did that work out for everyone?



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Former Bears receiver Alshon Jeffery played in all 19 games for the Eagles this season.

**If you want to say** that Glennon's miserable showing allowed the Bears to get top draft pick Mitch Trubisky on the field, you would be right, but understand this: As exciting as Trubisky's future might seem, he was picked by the same guy who decided Glennon was worth overpaying immediately.

**Tweet from Hardee's** a couple of hours after the Eagles won the Super Bowl: "We are excited to serve everyone biscuits tomorrow morning at our Philadelphia location but in order to do that it needs to be not burned down please."

**What's a catch, Roger?**

**Tweet from SoxNerd** above a photo of Dewayne Wise coming off the wall in left-center with the ball in his glove: "Hey @NFL ... This is what a catch looks like! #whitesox"

**Eli Manning.** Odell Beckham. "Dirty Dancing." Ballgame.

**What's up, Bill Belichick?**

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## THE LINEUP

## Sounding board for Nagy



Matt Nagy is adding a former head coach to his coaching staff, giving the Bears more experience.

Former Vikings coach **Brad Childress** had a brief retirement — about a month — before being lured to his hometown team. The Bears are expected to hire him as an offensive consultant.

Childress, an Aurora native who attended Marmion Academy, spent the last five seasons on the Chiefs staff with Nagy, serving as a spread game analyst, offensive coordinator and assistant head coach last season. Childress has a long history as an NFL quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator under Andy Reid with the Eagles before spending five years as the Vikings head coach.

Childress, 61, retired from the Chiefs after they were eliminated in the playoffs. In an appearance on "The Mully & Hanley Show" on WSCR-AM 670, Childress was upbeat about Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

"I just think you'll continue to see him grow and blossom," he said.

Brad Biggs

## Star-struck on both sides



The ballroom was full of Hollywood's elite: Meryl Streep, Steven Spielberg, Christopher Nolan. But it was an athlete who literally — at 6-foot-6 — stood out in the crowd at the

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Oscar nominees luncheon on Monday: **Kobe Bryant**.

The former Lakers star wrote and produced an animated short, "Dear Basketball," that is up for an Oscar next month, so he scored an invitation to the annual gathering that honors all the nominees.

After the official class photo was taken, Bryant was asked to pose for a handful of other photos with selfie-seekers, including fellow nominees Allison Janney, Timothee Chalamet and "Logan" screenwriter James Mangold.

Bryant, who helped the Lakers to five NBA titles, said being in the Oscar mix is "better than all those championships put together." *Los Angeles Times*

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## Rizzo great value for Cubs' future

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grinded, we battled, but we just ran out of gas. I think everyone here seems pretty revamped."

The Cubs mostly escaped criticism for their NLCS performance, and everyone shared blame for the dismal ending. But Rizzo was surprised manager Joe Maddon took so much heat and wondered if those who criticized his in-game managing were real fans or bandwagon jumpers.

"I don't understand that," he said. "Joe has won every year — 100 games and (92) last year. If you're criticizing that, you need to take a step back as a fan and rethink what you're saying."

"If you're taking these times for granted, go back 107 years. What's going on right now, 20 years from now, you're going to be telling your kids and grandkids about (us). These are good times, and Joe is the main reason. He runs the ship."

The good times aren't guaranteed forever, but the Cubs' window to win should be open for several more years. One of the reasons is Rizzo's relatively inexpensive contract, which helps the Cubs spend more elsewhere, knowing they'll have him at an affordable salary through 2021.

"No question," general manager Jed Hoyer said. "We've always known as these players start getting into arbitration, they start getting more and more expensive, which they should. Having some cost certainty is incredibly valuable in that regard."

According to USA Today's updated figures, Rizzo's \$728 million salary for 2018 ranked 174th among major-leaguers Monday. That ranking is certain to drop as many of the 100-plus free agents finally ink deals in the coming weeks.

That's the risk Rizzo took in May 2013 when he signed a seven-year, \$41 million deal in his second year with the Cubs. He called it a "surreal moment" at the time and said the security of a long-term deal lifted the weight of the world from his shoulders.

"I feel like I'm playing Little League right now," he said then.

The deal took Rizzo through his arbitration years and three years of free agency, assuming the Cubs pick up the options. His salary increases to \$11 million next year, and the Cubs hold \$14.5 million options for 2020 and 2021.

Rizzo's worth has increased exponentially since 2013, and now he's vastly underpaid by current standards. His partner in crime, Kris Bryant, vaulted ahead of him



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GM Jed Hoyer won't say if the Cubs will extend Anthony Rizzo's deal before 2021.

this winter with a one-year, \$10.85 million deal to avoid arbitration, a major-league record for Bryant's service time.

But don't cry for Rizzo. He understands the system and doesn't begrudge anyone else for getting their money.

"It's kind of fun to see all these guys breaking (salary) records," he said. "You can start dreaming: 'Hey, if I keep this pace up, what can I make in a few years?'"

The Cubs eventually will have to sign Bryant and some of their other young stars to megadeals to keep them from leaving via free agency. And if Bryce Harper's interest in signing with the Cubs is real, he's going to get a huge chunk of change.

"Yeah, it's a lot of money that's going to be dished out pretty soon," Rizzo said. "We have a lot of young superstars on our team that are going to be getting more expensive."

Hoyer wouldn't say whether the Cubs would consider extending Rizzo's deal before 2021, when he'll be 32. A lot can happen over the next four seasons, and there is no rush to extend him.

Who knows whether long-term megadeals will still be in vogue when Rizzo hits the market. Will this year's freeze-out be a mere blip, or is it a sign of a more conservative trend toward spending?

Either way, Rizzo is focusing on 2018. He hopes to remain a Cub the rest of his career but doesn't care to look that far into the future.

"I love playing here," he said. "This is like home to me. I'm very comfortable here. I love the fans. I love what we have going on and the Ricketts (family). I want to be here as long as I can be. I'd love to play here my whole career."

"But obviously there is a business side of it. You just never know what's going to happen. That's four more years away. That, I can't control."

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## Without NHL players, Olympics feel different

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compete — had an easier time because it could draw on its strong domestic league (the KHL) to choose former NHL stars Pavel Datsyuk and Ilya Kovalchuk.

Which brings us back to Zapsolski. The 31-year-old from Erie, Pa., and Mercyhurst College spent three seasons in the ECHL and three seasons with Lukko Rauma of the Finnish Elite League before moving to the Finnish team Jokerit, which plays in the KHL. He's not a household name among those who follow the NHL, but as was mentioned to him on a media conference call last week, neither were goalie Jim Craig and the rest of the 1980 U.S. team at Lake Placid until they shocked the Soviets, went on to win the gold medal and were acclaimed heroes.

This is a different era, and unlike Herb Brooks' fresh-faced, young squad, coach Tony Granato has only four college players on his roster. The players' average age is over 29. So winning a gold medal in Pyeongchang — which would be the first for the U.S. men since the "Miracle on Ice" — wouldn't have the same stunning, against-all-odds feel. But success would lift Zapsolski and his teammates out of obscurity, at least for a while.

"I know not many people know me, especially in North America. I'm a little bit more known in Europe," said Zapsolski, who has a 1.73 goals-against average and .932 save percentage in the KHL this season. "I think it's a great opportunity for our whole team to do something like that. If we can play well there, people will know who we are. But that's not our concern. The focus of the team is to compete for a medal and play as well as we can."

Canada, with a larger pool to draw upon, chose some players with extensive NHL experience, including goalie Ben Scrivens, defenseman Chris Lee, and forwards Rene Bourque, Chris Kelly, Maxim Lapierre, Mason Raymond and Derek Roy. It's not the same as having Sidney Crosby, Ryan Getzlaf, Jonathan Toews, Drew Doughty and others who were the core of Canada's 2010 and 2014 Olympic champions, but coach Willie Desjardins hopes his players will be motivated by carrying a chip on their collective shoulders.

"Most guys on this team have been told 'No,' at some point in their careers," said Desjardins, a former Canucks coach. "No,

they can't play in the NHL. No, it's over. But they've managed to battle and stuck with it. They didn't give up. That's the nature of being Canadian."

The teams were divided into three groups of four and will play a round-robin within the group to rank them for the qualification round. The teams with the top four records will get byes to the quarterfinals.

Sweden, the 2014 silver medalist, should be strong again. Its featured attraction will be 17-year-old defenseman Rasmus Dahlin, ranked No. 1 among European skaters by NHL Central Scouting for this year's draft. Alas, the Lundqvist on Sweden's roster is Joel, not his twin brother, Rangers goalie Henrik. Finland, winner of a silver medal and two bronze medals in the last three Winter Games, will move on without Teemu Selanne, a six-time Olympian and four-time medalist. Selanne retired in 2014 after leading Finland to a bronze medal and solidifying his status as the all-time leading Olympic scorer.

Russia, with a fearsome group of forwards but iffy defense, is the favorite, although the country has not won an Olympic medal since it took bronze at Salt Lake City in 2002.

"Hopefully the experience I have and some other guys have of playing against those guys will help," Zapsolski said. "It's going to be a challenge for us to contain a team like that. Their roster is dangerous for sure, but we have a team to compete with anybody."

The U.S. roster selection was overseen by general manager Jim Johansson, who died unexpectedly in his sleep on Jan. 21 at 53. Granato said the team will decide how to honor Johansson, but the best way would be for players to justify his faith in them and remember his joy when he called each one to say they were Olympians.

"We have a lot of players that have had NHL experience and success," Granato said. "We have a bunch of other players with international experience and success. We have young college players that are going to add a tone of life and energy and skill to our lineup as well, so I think the balance of the team that we put together and JJ envisioned it to be, is exactly what it is right now. And now we have to go perform."

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## KINGS 104, BULLS 98



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The Bulls' Jerian Grant drives past Kings guard De'Aaron Fox on Monday. The Bulls blew a 21-point lead.

## Working on a puzzle

With young core, Bulls must try to put pieces together during rebuild

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — LaVine, Markkanen and Dunn.

It may sound like an international law firm. But it's actually coach Fred Hoiberg's lifeline.

Nobody said this rebuilding stuff was going to be easy, particularly when the core has played just three games together and all with Zach LaVine logging just 20 minutes.

The Bulls finished their three-game West Coast trip Monday night with a tank game for the ages, blowing all of a 21-point lead in a 104-98 loss to the Kings. The Bulls have lost seven straight.

LaVine's season-high 27 points featured a highlight-reel dunk over JaKarr Sampson just before halftime and Bobby Portis added his second straight double-double of 18 points and 14 rebounds.

But the feel-good vibes December's unlikely seven-game winning streak and LaVine's return in January created are gone. And with Thursday's trade deadline fast approaching so, too, could be more players.

Multiple league sources said the Bulls remain active in their attempts to trade established players for future assets, with Robin Lopez, Jerian Grant and the expiring deals of Tony Allen and Jameer Nelson available.

Allen and Nelson were acquired in last week's trade of Nikola Mirotic to the Pelicans. Following that move, executive vice president John Paxson said Paul Zipser and Cristiano Felicio will get longer looks down this season's stretch.

And now comes news that Cameron Payne practiced with the Windy City Bulls of the G League and could play soon as he looks for a post-All-Star break return — and NBA playing time.

## THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	35:42	6-10	4-5	0-4	2	3	20
Portis	32:24	7-19	2-4	2-14	4	2	18
Lopez	13:09	1-5	0-0	1-1	1	3	2
Grant	36:10	1-6	6-6	1-4	5	3	9
LaVine	31:18	9-18	5-5	1-3	2	2	27
Zipser	32:10	3-10	2-2	0-4	2	3	10
Valentine	22:11	5-9	0-0	0-7	2	2	11
Felicio	17:48	0-1	1-2	4-7	2	3	1
Nwaba	12:33	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Arcidiacono	6:35	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32:50</b>	<b>29-24</b>	<b>9-46</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>98</b>	

**Pcts:** FG .400, FT .833, 3-pointers: 14-36, 389 (Holiday 4-7, LaVine 4-8, Portis 2-6, Zipser 2-6, Valentine 1-4, Grant 1-5). **Team rebs:** 5. **Team turnovers:** 12 (13 PTS). **Blocks:** 1 (Zipser). **Turnovers:** 12 (Grant 3, Valentine 3, LaVine 2, Zipser 2, Felicio, Portis). **Steals:** 6 (Portis 2, Holiday, LaVine, Valentine, Zipser). **Technical fouls:** Lopez, 4-21 second; Lopez, 4-21 second.

KINGS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Cauley-Stein	16:48	3-7	1-2	1-6	1	5	7
Jackson	23:18	4-7	3-4	0-4	1	1	11
Randolph	28:35	5-13	1-1	2-9	4	0	11
Bogdanovic	30:30	3-9	6-6	0-4	0	15	9
Fox	16:45	2-7	1-2	1-2	2	1	5
Temple	26:45	4-9	2-2	0-1	3	12	14
Hill	25:42	4-9	4-5	2-4	5	3	14
Hield	21:14	4-10	0-0	0-2	1	11	11
Sampson	18:17	4-5	0-0	2-6	0	2	9
Koufos	16:34	2-3	1-3	1-6	0	1	5
Carter	15:32	2-5	0-0	0-1	1	2	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37:84</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>9-45</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>104</b>	

**Pcts:** FG .440, FT .760, 3-pointers: 11-32, 344 (Bogdanovic 3-7, Hield 3-7, Hill 2-4, Temple 2-4, Sampson 1-1, Fox 0-1, Carter 0-2, Jackson 0-3, Randolph 0-3). **Team rebs:** 9. **Team turnovers:** 11 (8 PTS). **Blocks:** 5 (Randolph 2, Hield, Koufos, Sampson). **Turnovers:** 11 (Carter 2, Fox 2, Hill 2, Temple 2, Cauley-Stein, Jackson, Randolph). **Steals:** 5 (Bogdanovic 2, Jackson, Randolph, Temple). **Technical fouls:** None.

BULLS	28	27	24	19	— 98
Sacramento	9	32	36	27	— 104

**Officials:** Marat Kogut, Justin Van Dyne, Rodney Mott. **A:** 17,583. **T:** 2:09.

Yes, even with Portis replacing Zipser to make his first start this season, this could get ugly.

And that's why Hoiberg and his staff are keeping their eyes on the prize. The Bulls went 2-1 in those three games LaVine, Markkanen and Dunn played together, the lone loss a competitive affair Jan. 17 against the Warriors.

That's the game in which Dunn suffered his concussion and he hasn't played since. Markkanen missed his third straight Monday night after the birth of his first child.

"I'm excited to see how those guys jell together because obviously that's a big part of our future," Hoiberg said. "They showed some pretty good flashes when they were out there."

Dunn remains a ways away from returning but, according to Hoiberg, is in the "return to play" testing portion of the league's concussion protocol and has an upcoming treadmill test after

riding a stationary bike for days. Markkanen was scheduled to play Monday after missing the first two games of the trip but the snowy weather in Chicago canceled his commercial flight.

Markkanen will practice with Windy City on the Bulls' off day Tuesday and is to start Friday against the Timberwolves and Jimmy Butler, whose trade last June started this whole process.

LaVine also remains upbeat about it.

"I've played with Kris (in Minnesota), so I know what he can do," LaVine said. "Lauri, you look at that (Jan. 10) game he had in (Madison Square) Garden, he has eight 3s and an absolute highlight reel dunk. He continues to show more every time he steps on the floor."

Lopez had some time to contemplate trade rumors after getting ejected with 4 minutes, 21 seconds left in the first half for drawing consecutive technicals. Upset for several possessions after getting whistled for a questionable foul, Lopez finally completely lost it and had to be restrained by assistant coaches so he didn't rush officials. He then threw a chair in the players' tunnel on his way to the locker room.

The incident recalled Joakim Noah's infamously colorful 2014 ejection here in which he directed profanity at each official as he left the floor, drawing a \$15,000 fine.

Hoiberg said he had a conversation about rumors with Lopez on Monday.

"He understands. He has been in this business a long time. He has been a part of a lot of different rumors," Hoiberg said. "Robin is a pro. He's going to play hard for us. I know that. He'll be a great mentor for our team and be a leader. That's who he is and who he'll continue to be."

But will it be as a Bull?

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## BLACKHAWKS

## Crawford's return comes into focus

Quenneville on goalie: Probably not far away from playing in game

By PAUL SKRBINA  
Chicago Tribune

The masked man was outfitted in all black and flanked by a few teammates Monday morning at MB Ice Arena.

For the third straight day, Corey Crawford was on the ice in full Blackhawks armor, this time taking shots — and instruction — from goalie coach Jimmy Waite as he took another step toward returning from injured reserve.

Coach Joel Quenneville called Crawford's workout before practice "a good sign." And it's a sign Crawford, 33, could begin practicing with the team soon. He has been on IR with what the Hawks called an upper-body injury since Dec. 27.

"It's probably not that far away," Quenneville said.

Once that happens, Quenneville said, Crawford's first game action since Dec. 23 could soon follow.

"I don't think he'll be too far away, once he's practicing with us, that he'd be able to play," said Quenneville, who has been steadfast that Crawford would return this season.

Five television cameras and several sets of eyes focused on Crawford, who soon was joined in his workout by fellow goalies Anton Forsberg and Jeff Glass and teammates Jordan Oesterle, Jan Rutta, David Kampf and Erik Gustafsson.

Crawford hasn't played since he was pulled during the first period of a loss against the Devils after allowing three goals on seven shots. He is 16-9-2 with a .929 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average, the latter two among league leaders at the time of his injury.

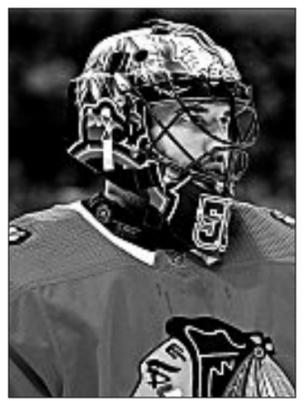
He didn't look to be at full speed while moving side to side as Waite fired pucks in his direction — all above the waist — during a drill.

While the Hawks are looking forward to Crawford getting back, Patrick Kane said the team "can't be sitting around waiting for him."

The Hawks entered Monday in last place in the Central Division and five points and four teams out of the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference. They likely will need more than a healthy Crawford to make a meaningful push for the playoffs.

Kane said the team's in-game approach doesn't change, though, regardless of its goalie. "We try to play the same way no matter what," Kane said. "Glasser was unbelievable last game, maybe one of the sole reasons we had a point (in a 4-3 overtime loss against the Flames). He ... kept us in the game. But Crow's a great goaltender. When he's ready to come back, it'll be great to have him in there."

The Hawks are 7-7-3 since Crawford was put on the shelf and still fighting to continue a



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**FLAMES AT BLACKHAWKS**  
**TV/radio:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

**Storylines:** It's the same old storyline for the Blackhawks, who have another chance to make up ground against a team directly in front of them in the standings. The Hawks (56 points) can ill afford to not earn two points Tuesday in the second of a home-and-home against the Flames (60 points), who came from behind to top the Hawks 4-3 in overtime Saturday.

**Trending:** Patrick Kane had two assists in Saturday's loss, and sits at 499 for his career. ... Anthony Duclair has two points and two assists in his last four games.

... The Hawks' last 13 goals have been scored by players 23 years old or younger. ... The Flames are 1-2-4 in their last seven, but won their previous seven before that.

playoff streak that stretches back nine seasons.

They lost all three games Crawford missed in early December with an upper-body injury, part of a five-game skid. They won five in a row after he returned.

Since Crawford's latest injury, backups Forsberg (4-4-0, .913 save percentage, 2.63 goals-against average) and Glass (3-3-3, .908, 3.24) have helped keep the team's hopes afloat.

"Both goalies have been very good and deserve the net," Quenneville said. "You measure the performance, probably identical."

Measuring Crawford's progress has proved more difficult.

The timetable for his possible return to games has, for the most part, remained a mystery as the Hawks have waited for him to return to the ice for workouts. Now that he's there, that timetable has become a bit clearer.

"With anyone's recovery, there's always a process that's in place," Quenneville said. "You always want to push it as much as you can. When it's time, it's time. You want to make sure you're 100 percent ready to go."

Which goalie will go to Rockford when Crawford is 100 percent also remains a mystery.

"We'll worry about that (later)," Quenneville said.

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Top to bottom: Saad's new home on 4th line

By PAUL SKRBINA  
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There's no need for **Brandon Saad** to try to read between the lines.

All the Blackhawks forward has to do is look at them to know where he stands — and to know how far he has fallen.

Saad spent most of the season on the top line before recent, brief stops with the second and third lines.

He was dropped to the fourth line during practice Monday when he skated with **Patrick Sharp** and **Ryan Hartman** a day ahead of the Hawks' meeting against the Flames at the United Center.

Saad's assessment of his standing lines up with the team's place in the standings — last in the Central, clinging to playoff hopes that can turn either way on a whim.

"It's along with the team," said Saad, who has one assist in his last 11 games and seven goals in his last 127 shots. "I could have 50 goals right now, but being in the situation we're in, it (would be) tough to feel good about it."

If Saad had that many goals — or even a few more than the 13 he

has, six of which were in the first six games — the Hawks might not be in this situation.

"It's something you try not to pay attention to and you're just hoping the next one goes in," Saad said of his offensive output.

Simply put, the Hawks expect more than 24 points from a player who makes \$6 million per season, who helped lead them to two Stanley Cups, who cost them **Artemi Panarin** in the trade that brought him back from the Blue Jackets.

"If you want to (go by) his production at the start of the year, I would expect a higher number than we've seen so far," Hawks coach **Joel Quenneville** said. "At the same time, everybody has their stretches. We still think he's capable of adding more offense to his game."

**One-timers:** Artem Anisimov did not practice Monday but Quenneville said he was fine. ... Goalie **Jeff Glass** will start his second game in a row Tuesday against the Flames. ... Defenseman **Connor Murphy**, whose mistake led to the Flames' tying goal Saturday, likely will be a healthy scratch for Tuesday's game.

## BULLS NOTES

## Payne will rehab in G League

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — **Cameron Payne's** short Bulls tenure has been a rough one, filled with inconsistent play after being acquired from the Thunder last season and a September foot surgery delaying this one.

Nevertheless, the plan is to take another look at Payne after the All-Star break provided the bone in his foot he has broken three times and has had surgically repaired twice cooperates.

"I know he's going to play with a chip on his shoulder," coach **Fred Hoiberg** said.

Hoiberg spoke for Payne because he left the trip and surprisingly was cleared to play with Windy City of the G League. Hoiberg said Payne could play in G League games before the Feb. 16 NBA All-Star break.

"This little stretch is important for him to get in shape, get his timing back, work on the things he needs to do for us as a playmaker, a guy who can get us

organized on both ends," Hoiberg said. "This (season) is a completely different situation being around the team as opposed to being thrown in right away without a lot of reps and not knowing the guys (last year). We hope he takes advantage of it."

**Pelican pride:** **Nikola Mirotic** finished with five points on 2-for-8 shooting and three rebounds in his home debut for the Pelicans, a 133-109 loss to the Jazz.

Mirotic addressed several aspects to last week's departure from the Bulls in comments to reporters in New Orleans at the morning shootaround. Mirotic hasn't responded to requests for comment.

"I felt it was time for me to move on and have a new spot. But I had a great time there. I learned a lot. And they did treat me well too," Mirotic said of the Bulls. "I had a few issues, but it's life. Things happen. All focus is on my future, which is here."

That future includes the Pelicans picking up Mirotic's \$12.5

million option for next season. Before the Pelicans committed to doing so, Mirotic blocked the trade.

"It is easier. It's more calm for my family too," Mirotic said. "They're really looking forward to coming here and setting up everything. The weather is way better than Chicago, which is good. When you know that you have another year here, there's no rush. Just play simple. Work hard. And everything will be in place."

The trade reunited Mirotic with **Rajon Rondo**, whom he placed alongside **Pau Gasol** as his favorite teammates ever in an interview last season.

"It's a big help for me, especially being traded to a new organization and having somebody like Rondo. He's a really important guy in the locker room and the court," Mirotic said. "I was talking to him before I came, too, and then especially after (the trade), trying to make it easier for me. I really like him a lot. It's a blessing being with him again and trying to play good basketball."

# SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
				MIN 8:30 ESPN AM-670	WAS 7 WGN-9 AM-670		ORL 7 WGN-9 AM-670
	CAL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		DAL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@MIN 7 NBCSCH AM-720		@ARI 8 NBCSCH AM-720

## TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	TIME	TEAM	TV/RADIO
7 p.m.	Wizards at 76ers	TNT	
9:30 p.m.	Thunder at Warriors	TNT	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
5 p.m.	Pennsylvania at Princeton	ESPNU	
5:30 p.m.	Xavier at Butler	FS1	
6 p.m.	Michigan at Northwestern	BTN, WIND-AM 560	
6 p.m.	Tennessee at Kentucky	ESPN	
6 p.m.	South Carolina at Arkansas	ESPN2	
6 p.m.	Central Florida at Cincinnati	CBSSN	
6 p.m.	Missouri State at Indiana State	NBCSCH+	
7 p.m.	Boston College at Notre Dame	WMVP-AM 1000	
7 p.m.	Baylor at Oklahoma State	ESPNU	
7:30 p.m.	Georgetown at Providence	FS1	
8 p.m.	Nebraska at Minnesota	BTN	
8 p.m.	Michigan State at Iowa	ESPN	
8 p.m.	TCU at Kansas	ESPN2	
8 p.m.	Wichita State at Memphis	CBSSN	
9 p.m.	Boise State at New Mexico	ESPNU	
10 p.m.	San Diego State at Fresno State	CBSSN	

NHL	TIME	TEAM	TV/RADIO
7 p.m.	Wild at Blues	NBCSN	
7:30 p.m.	Flames at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720	

FA CUP SOCCER	TIME	TEAM	TV/RADIO
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Houston	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
New York	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Atlanta	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Toronto	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Philadelphia	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
at LA Lakers	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
at Golden State	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
at Philadelphia	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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# Expect Hill to be heard loud, clear after move

Ex-'SportsCenter' host could get more freedom on website



**PHIL ROSENTHAL**  
On media

Critics who think Jemele Hill's move from ESPN's "SportsCenter" to its website, The UndeFeated, will mute her opinions are in for a surprise.

If anything, it liberates Hill from the constraints placed on an anchor at the Disney-owned media outlet and likely will embolden her.

Hill now has the latitude afforded a commentator as senior columnist and chief correspondent for TheUndeFeated.com, which focuses on the intersection of sports and race, and in appearances on ESPN programs.

That should have been made clear when Hill referred to President Donald Trump's State of the Union condemnation of those who kneel during the national anthem — an allusion to NFL players and others protesting injustice and racism — as "a very easy dog whistle" and "racial pornography" during an appearance Sunday with the Rev. Al Sharpton on MSNBC's "PoliticsNation."

She said Trump was "weirdly brilliant" in his ability "to hijack" the protests and make it about patriotism.

"Because there's a lot of misinformation, a lot of people frankly just aren't interested enough or care enough about the things that are important to Colin Kaepernick and to the players protesting," Hill said. "It's easy ... for them to latch on to (the) ceremony as opposed to understanding what this cause is really about."

In Hill's first interview since leaving "SportsCenter" after Friday night's show, Sharpton noted the NFL's players are mostly African-American while ownership is "almost all lily white" and cited what he called "the problem of ownership of business contracts, of the race question in terms of equity in sports itself."

Hill said this tension dates back to when players of African-American descent first began to integrate white-dominated sports.

"I think a lot of people that watch players, a lot of people that employ players, they don't understand the duality that most people of color live in this nation ... (that) duality of what you do vs. who you are, and what it means to be black in America," Hill said.

What players are trying to express, Hill said, is that no matter how much they may have achieved and earned in their life, "When they get in their cars, they're still subjected to much of the racism and institutional abuses, as if they didn't have the other trappings of success."

Hill said she loves this country, "being an American" and "being a black American, and if I didn't love it as much, I wouldn't care about what it stood for or be disappointed by it. And, I think, that's kind of where Colin Kaepernick, and I, where we're deeply aligned.

"He cares about this country, he cares about it living up to its ideals, and that's why it means a lot for him to continue to try to better it in the way that he can. And, I know that a lot of people look at the money that he's made in his career, and for that matter, if they look at me and say, 'Oh, you're on ESPN, what do you have to be concerned about?' I'm still a black woman in America — that's not going to change — and, still subjected to a lot of things."

Hill, who has been with ESPN since 2006 but only a year ago launched the 5 p.m. weekday edition of "SportsCenter" with co-host Michael Smith, ran afoul of her company's social media policy last September after tweeting that President Donald Trump is "a white supremacist," "a bigot" and "unqualified and unfit to be president."

She later was suspended after suggesting fans consider sponsoring boycotts if they were upset with NFL owners' responses to player protests during the national anthem.

The anti-Trump tweets had ESPN scrambling to declare they didn't represent its views and were met by calls for her dismissal from White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and others.

ESPN, heavily invested in the NFL as a TV rights-holder, took action after the sponsor boycott tweet, saying it had just warned Hill about its social media policy, which since has been updated to make its restrictions on employees even clearer.

Hill has maintained she left "SportsCenter" of her own volition, which she emphasized with Sharpton, calling it "not a fit for me because ultimately I had a lot of things that I really wanted to say."

The UndeFeated, she believes, should afford her that opportunity and she demonstrated as much on Sharpton's program.

Look for Hill to speak out more, not less.

**Ratings drop:** The Eagles' Super Bowl victory over the Patriots on NBC Sunday became the 10th most watched show in U.S. TV history with an average of 103.4 million viewers, a decline of 7.9 million viewers from last year's game.

The 7 percent year-to-year decline in average Super Bowl viewership is not as severe as the 9.7 drop for the NFL's regular-season ratings compared to 2016. These figures do not include internet streaming.

While the game will go down as one of the most entertaining Super Bowls ever, it also enters the books as the least-watched Super Bowl since an average of 98.7 million for Steelers-Cardinals in 2009.

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## COLLEGES



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS

Coran Taylor, who led Peoria to the Class 5A state title in 2016, is expected to sign with Illinois on Wednesday. As a senior he rushed for 1,048 yards and 14 touchdowns.

# Illini scrambling to reload at QB

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Thomas, who will be operating under a new offensive coordinator in Rod Smith. Coach Lovie Smith hired Rod Smith on Jan. 19 to replace Garrick McGee, whom Lovie Smith fired after two seasons.

Rod Smith is a protégé of Rich Rodriguez, a pioneer of the no-huddle, run-based spread offense, and has coached dynamic dual-threat quarterbacks Pat White (West Virginia), Denard Robinson (Michigan) and Khalil Tate (Arizona). Thomas, Rivers, Taylor and Robinson are all considered dual threats.

Of the three incoming freshmen, recruiting analysts favor Rivers, who played against strong competition in Texas and is a more proven passer.

"He's a good athlete," Lemming said. "He's not there yet. But he's going to have to be."

Jeremy Werner, publisher of Illini Inquirer on the 247Sports/Scout.com network, said of Rivers: "He can compete, but we're talking about a freshman."

Taylor is a dangerous runner who led Peoria to the Class 5A state title in 2016. As a senior he rushed for 1,048 yards and 14 touchdowns and averaged 9.7 yards per carry. He also completed 53 percent of his passes for 1,546 yards and 18 touchdowns with six interceptions.

"He has an 'it' factor to him," Werner said. "At camps when he was throwing, he was not as far ahead as everyone else. He has things to work on."

Rod Smith pinpointed Robinson, a former Montana commitment, as a target shortly after his hiring. The 6-foot-1 Robinson, whose height limited his offers from other Power Five schools, told Illini Inquirer he and Smith see him as a good fit for the spread offense.

A graduate transfer this spring or summer is also a likely — and necessary — addition. But there's a good chance one of the freshmen could be thrust into action early.

"Usually guys like that redshirt and work their way up through the system," Lemming said. "Putting them into Big Ten action right away could be disastrous until they're ready."

So how did Illinois get in this mess? And how do they get out?

Quarterbacks Jeff George Jr. and Chayce Crouch were among 15 players who have left the program with remaining eligibility since the 2017 season

ended. While their numbers were among the worst in the FBS last season, their departures left the Illini dangerously thin at the position.

But the issues at quarterback go back further. The last two offensive coordinators — Bill Cubit and McGee — didn't recruit the position well and gambled unsuccessfully on some recruits.

It became evident on last year's signing day that Illinois put too many eggs in the recruiting basket for junior-college quarterback Dwayne Lawson, a former four-star recruit who began his college career at Virginia Tech. Lawson was expected to compete with Crouch and George for the starting job, but never signed or enrolled at Illinois because of academic shortcomings.

The Illini signed Eli Peters of Jacksonville, Fla., in 2016, but less than a month after signing day, athletic director Josh Whitman fired Cubit — who had become head coach after Tim Beckman's firing — and hired Lovie Smith. Peters went through one spring practice with Illinois and then transferred to Toledo.

In 2015 Illinois signed hometown product Jimmy Fitzgerald of Champaign Centennial, but after redshirting as a freshman, he also transferred the summer after Lovie Smith's hiring, moving on to Dartmouth.

And Aaron Bailey, a four-star signee in 2013 from Bolingbrook, lasted only two seasons before transferring to Northern Iowa, stuck behind Wes Lunt and Reilly O'Toole on the depth chart.

All of those recruiting misses and transfers left "no bridge" between Lunt and the current class, Werner said, putting Illinois in its current quandary.

The Illini averaged only 15.4 points and 280.4 yards last season — 126th of 129 FBS teams in both categories — and the passing game produced just 174.8 yards per game, 106th in the country. George, Crouch and Thomas combined to throw eight touchdown passes and 19 interceptions.

It can't get much worse. But that doesn't mean Illinois' problems are solved as it works to build the position with new players.

Said Lemming: "There are a lot of question marks."

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## BIG TEN POWER RANKINGS

# Steady rise could pay off for Nebraska

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Few predicted Nebraska to be one of the Big Ten's better teams after it finished with only 12 victories last season.

The Cornhuskers are one of ESPN Bracketology's first four out and need to do some work to get into the NCAA tournament. Many prognosticators are predicting only four Big Ten teams will earn bids, but a strong finish could welcome Nebraska back to the dance for the first time in four years.

Records and rankings through Sunday's games; last week's ranking in parentheses.

**1. Purdue 23-2, 12-0 (1):** The Boilermakers' 19-game winning streak is a school record and the longest in the nation.

**2. Michigan State 22-3, 10-2 (2):** Led by freshman Jaren Jackson (3.6 per game), the Spartans are averaging 8.2 blocked shots and have eclipsed a school record with 204 on the season.

**3. Ohio State 20-5, 11-1 (3):** Showdown looms Wednesday at Purdue with first place in the conference at stake.

**4. Michigan 19-6, 8-4 (4):** Horrible free-throw shooting nearly cost the Wolverines against Minnesota. They're making only 64.2 percent for the season.

**5. Nebraska 17-8, 8-4 (6):** Coach Tim Miles is tweeting about his dog and the NCAA tournament, so something is going right.

**6. Penn State 16-9, 6-6 (5):** Three more victories would mark the most in coach Pat Chambers' seven seasons.

**7. Northwestern 14-10, 5-6 (7):** Coach Chris Collins credits a switch to zone defense for the Wildcats winning three of their last four.

**8. Maryland 16-9, 5-7 (9):** Add 7-foot-1 center Michal Cekovsky (heel) to the Terrapins' lengthy injury list.

**9. Indiana 12-12, 5-7 (8):** The Hoosiers entered Monday with a four-game skid, the last three understandable defeats to Purdue, Ohio State and Michigan State.

**10. Minnesota 14-11, 3-9 (10):** The Gophers' downward spiral continues with a season-high five-game losing streak and eight losses in their last nine.

**11. Iowa 12-13, 3-9 (12):** The Hawkeyes are 1-5 in Big Ten road games, with each loss coming by double digits.

**12. Wisconsin 10-15, 3-9 (11):** At least Badgers fans can enjoy watching Ethan Happ (17.4 points, 8.5 rebounds per game).

**13. Illinois 12-12, 2-9 (13):** Two wins in a row before giving Ohio State a fight on the road. Dare we say the Illini are improving?

**14. Rutgers 12-13, 2-10 (14):** Injuries to senior captain Mike Williams (ankle) and forward Eugene Omoruyi (knee) aren't helping the struggling Scarlet Knights.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Indiana routs Rutgers, halts 4-game skid

Tribune news services

After falling to .500 coming off four straight losses at the end of a stretch of seven games in 17 days, Indiana was desperate for a win to keep the rebuild season meaningful.

Juwon Morgan and Robert Johnson helped the Hoosiers do just that.

Morgan had 24 points and eight rebounds and Johnson scored 19 to lead Indiana past Rutgers 65-43 on Monday night in Piscataway, N.J.

"We had two keys in the game, they were Morgan and Johnson," Rutgers coach Steve Pikieli said. "Obviously we didn't do a good job on either of those."

Indiana (13-12, 6-7 Big Ten) opened a 42-22 lead with 12½ minutes remaining after Josh Newkirk found Collin Hartman for a 3-pointer, and Rutgers didn't recover.

Rutgers (12-14, 2-11) was led by Deshaun Freeman, who had 13 points, eight rebounds and three steals as the Scarlet Knights shot 24.1 percent (13 of 54) from the field.

**West Virginia 75, Oklahoma 73:** Lamont West came off the bench to lead the No. 19 Mountaineers to the upset of the No. 17 Sooners in Norman, Okla.

West Virginia (18-6, 7-4 Big 12) was up 50-40 at halftime and the game turned into a defensive struggle in the second half.

Trae Young scored 32 points to lead Oklahoma (16-7, 6-5).

**Layups:** Villanova, Virginia and Purdue occupied the top three spots in the new AP Top 25 poll for the fourth straight week. The Wildcats are No. 1, followed by the Cavaliers and Boilermakers. ... The NCAA denied No. 8 Auburn's appeal of a ruling declaring center Austin Wiley ineligible for the rest of the season.

## NFL



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

Former Bears wide receiver Alshon Jeffery has the look of a Super Bowl champion after the Eagles defeat the Patriots in Minneapolis.

# Passed, judgment

Fortune teller Jeffery turns into a world champion, while Bears resume the search for decent receivers

MINNEAPOLIS — The last laugh belongs to Alshon Jeffery. That, and the fact he soon will be wearing an oversized championship ring from Super Bowl LII ought to be enough to nauseate Bears fans.

Jeffery caught three passes for 73 yards, including a twisting 34-yard touchdown grab in the back of the end zone over Patriots cornerback Eric Rowe in the Eagles' 41-33 victory Sunday night at U.S. Bank Stadium. It was the kind of acrobatic, contested catch Jeffery made countless times during his five seasons with the Bears. After the final game of the 2016 season he said his team would win the Super Bowl the following year.

Jeffery signed with the Eagles in free agency, and the rest is history. The Eagles won their first Super Bowl and the team's first title since the 1960 season.

"Man, I told y'all," Jeffery said. "I said 'We.' I never said a team. I told y'all I was going to the Super Bowl and we were going to win it. I said it this week, we were going to bring that trophy back to Philly. I said that."

Jeffery, whom the Eagles extended for four more years in December for \$52 million, was emotional afterward.

"We are world champs," he said. "Nobody can take that from us. Coming from



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

St. Matthews, S.C., Calhoun County High School, Liberty Street, Turkey Heights to the University of South Carolina, going to Chicago, have the suspension, ups and downs with a few injuries. But hey, none of that matters now. None of that matters."

What matters for the Bears is working to overhaul their wide receiver group this offseason. Some have complained the Bears never should have allowed Jeffery to leave, but the only way the team could have ensured he remained in 2017 would have been to use the franchise tag for a second time, which would have cost \$17.5 million. That would have been an absurd amount of money to pay for one season to a player who, as he noted, served a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs in 2016, and had battled soft-tissue injuries for the previous two seasons. Those suggesting the Bears should have done it now would have labeled general manager Ryan Pace nuts for doing so a year ago.

The Bears tried the year before to sign Jeffery to a multiyear contract and couldn't get it done. No team could accomplish that either in March, when he wound up falling into the Eagles' lap on a one-year, prove-it contract.

When Eagles wide receivers coach Mike Groh, who worked with Jeffery for three seasons with the Bears, found out Jeffery was coming, he was stunned.

"Are you (kidding) me?" Groh said to vice president of football operations Howie Roseman.

Sometimes it doesn't work out for a team and a player. The Bears' bigger error was not finding a suitable replacement for Jeffery or even someone who was three-quarters of Jeffery.

The bigger problem is 2015 first-round draft pick Kevin White has missed 43 of 48 regular-season games and hasn't shown glimpses in practice or training camp that would lead one to believe he's ready to be a star. The Bears almost surely will decline the fifth-year option on White's contract in the coming months, sending him into what will be a contract year with a new coaching staff. Cameron Meredith, fresh off a breakout 2016 season, suffered a torn ACL in the preseason.

The Bears have issues du jour at wide receiver, but tagging Jeffery a second time wasn't realistic. The Eagles finally got it done after he found a team he felt welcomed him with a young star quarterback. The Bears never had a young star quarterback during Jeffery's time at Halas Hall.

To borrow from Jeffery, none of that matters now. He's a champion and the Bears have to work to find solutions to their roster deficiencies, which start at wide receiver.

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## Add it up: Pederson's call more than 'gutsy'

Eagles' 4th-and-goal TD play just came down to basic math

By DAN MANN | Chicago Tribune

Cris Collinsworth is probably still talking about "one of the gutsiest calls" in history. Al Michaels might still be parroting him.

But the fact is Eagles coach Doug Pederson made the proper, prudent and really easy call to go for it on fourth-and-goal from inside the 2-yard line.

That arguably the best analyst in football — and many others — thought Pederson's call was "gutsy" shows how far behind football remains in the analytics game — although it is getting better, as evidenced by Pederson.

Every NFL head coach should have someone on his staff who knows the numbers: Two-point conversions (from the 2-yard line) hit at about a 45 percent clip, depending on the year; fourth-and-1s are successful about 67 percent of the time.

So how about fourth-and-goal from the 1 1/2? Surely somewhere right in the middle of those two conversion rates, which would be 56 percent. At a 56 percent rate of scoring a touchdown, or seven points, the Eagles' expected value by going for it was 3.92 points (.56 times 7).

That's almost a point more than a field goal, and the case should be closed right there. (For simplicity, we'll leave out the finer margins of these probabilities such as success rate of an extra point, success rate of a chip-shot field goal, possibility of a turnover, a botched snap, etc.)

It was still the first half of a high-scoring game, and all Pederson was looking for was the best chance at the most points. If prepared, which too many NFL coaches are not, it was an easy call to make in real time.

Instead of calling Pederson "gutsy," we should be calling for the heads of coaches who don't go for it from 1 1/2 yards out, but we're not there yet.

Besides the expected points value being higher by going for it, there was also the bonus of leaving your opponent inside the 5-yard line if you didn't make it.

And in this case, because of the time remaining in the first half, that was a big factor. With 34 seconds left at the end of the Eagles' fourth-down play, Tom Brady and the Patriots got the ball back at their 25-yard line after a touchback, the same place they would have gotten it had the Eagles kicked a field goal. The Patriots had one timeout and a kicker with deep range. While we don't have the exact analytics on Brady leading a field-goal drive in that situation, we can take an educated guess.

Let's say the Patriots turn it into three points 25 percent of the time (Brady, in fact, got them to midfield before a desperation play came up short). That would mean they had an expected value of .75 points (.25 times 3).

Now back to Pederson's fourth-down decision. Not only was the Eagles' expected value almost a point higher by going for it, but they also got some relief if they came up short. Because the Patriots would have had almost no chance of scoring from inside the 5-yard line with 34 seconds left (they probably would have run the clock out), the Eagles would have cut their losses by three-quarters of a point if they didn't convert the fourth down.

So by going for it, two things happened:

1. The Eagles' expected offensive points value went up by .92 points.
2. The Patriots' expected offensive points value went down by .33 points (44 x .75, with .44 representing the 44 percent of the time the Eagles don't convert a touchdown and .75 representing the expected points value if the Patriots were starting at their 25 with 34 seconds left and one timeout).

In conclusion, in the most average conditions, going for it gave the Eagles an expected value of plus-1.25 points (.92 + .33).

As far as the trick play they had drawn up? Great design. And all in all, a great game by Pederson.

But going for it inside the 2-yard line in the first half? Every time.

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## Bears should learn 'Philly Special' mindset of Eagles

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perfect play that summarized everything about why the Eagles won a Super Bowl in his second season.

Pederson never has approached a game trying not to lose. The best coaches in a league in which innovation matters more than ever focus on rewards more than risks. By outcoaching Bill Belichick, Pederson put himself in that category. The Eagles went 3-for-3 on fourth-down conversions in three playoff games and an NFL-best 17-for-26 in the regular season. An aggressive play caller willing to take chances by going for it eases some of the pressure on third down. Confidence is the offensive weapon every team can afford.

Now the Bears can turn the tables by copying the Eagles. New coach Matt Nagy, like Pederson a coaching descendant of Andy Reid, can imitate the audacity America witnessed Sunday to bring the Bears

back to NFL relevance.

Pederson's success bodes well for Nagy. Both think like the former quarterbacks they are. Calling plays allows a head coach to make an even more dramatic impact. Foles received the Super Bowl MVP Award, but Pederson put the Eagles quarterback in position to maximize his value with a game plan that kept the Patriots guessing, getting the best of Patriots rocket scientist and defensive coordinator Matt Patricia.

That required Pederson trusting not only Foles but every player to come through no matter how clutch the situation. On the biggest play of the game, Pederson asked an undrafted running back to hand off to a backup tight end who he had faith would throw a pass his quarterback could catch. And it worked as much because of practice as the power of positive thinking. Coaches such as Pederson who operate under the assumption that good

things will happen usually are right.

Trust your players, believe in your brainpower and attack. That's how Pederson outsmarted Belichick and how Foles beat Tom Brady. That's why the Eagles kept flying high even after Carson Wentz went down Dec. 10 with a season-ending knee injury. Doubt never entered the building.

That belief must permeate every decision Nagy makes at Halas Hall. The biggest takeaway for the Bears from Super Bowl LII? Fortune favors the bold in today's NFL. The Bears just spent three years in an air-tight, risk-averse cocoon fearing that if something could do wrong, it would. A team prone to mistakes always looked too afraid of making them. That cautious style limited quarterback Mitch Trubisky's development. That scared thinking under former coach John Fox led nowhere but the bottom of the NFC North.

Nagy's fresh eyes offer a different viewpoint. Sure, it takes dynamic playmakers

like the Eagles have on offense. But even before upgrading personnel, the Bears will benefit from Nagy changing their perspective and improving their scheme the way Pederson did for the Eagles.

Consider Brady threw for 505 yards, the Patriots committed one penalty and never punted yet still lost. Their 613 total yards were the most a team has gained in defeat, according to Elias. It turns out defenses lose championships too.

The Bears can learn from the Eagles' example. Embrace the unknown. Dare to be different. Try everything, fear nothing. The simple tenets of their philosophy under Pederson sound like a high school graduation speech.

But look at them now, planning a parade bound to be a Philly special and experiencing something that can't be copied.

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Off-the-cuff remarks about NFL players protesting racial inequality during an Alabama campaign rally last year started Donald Trump's latest war with the National Football League.

## Trump is over the NFL. League isn't over him

President has a tumultuous history with pro football

BY KENT BABB, DAVID NAKAMURA  
AND MARK MASKE

Washington Post

On a Friday evening in late September, President Donald Trump and a group of aides gathered in the executive office of Air Force One.

A television was tuned to Fox News, which was replaying and deconstructing a clip from Trump's rally earlier that day in Huntsville, Ala. Though he had appeared in support of Luther Strange in a primary runoff for the Senate, the footage had nothing to do with Alabama politics.

"Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say: 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now;'" Trump had told the crowd in a state he won in 2016 by nearly 30 points. "He is fired. He's fired!"

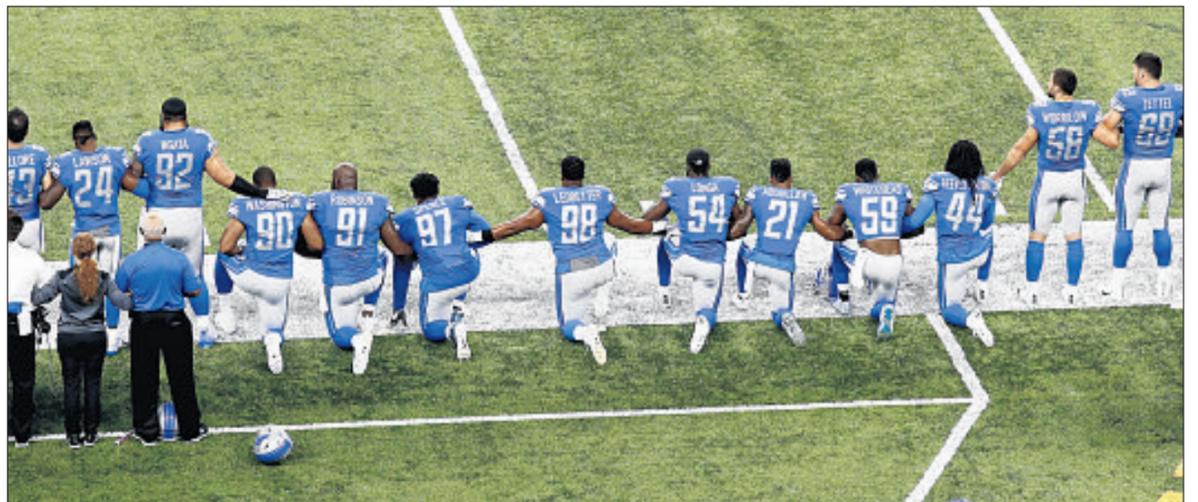
As he had done often on the campaign trail, the president had been winging it. During a planning session on the flight to Alabama for the Strange rally, a White House aide would recall months later, there had been no plans to mention the NFL or the players who, over the past year, had protested racial inequality and police brutality by kneeling during the national anthem before games.

But the mood struck, and Trump went for it. Reliving his words during the flight back to Washington, Trump pointed out to staffers that his off-the-cuff remark had been perhaps the biggest applause line of the night.

Four months later, America's most powerful sports league remains wounded from an ongoing culture war that started almost by accident.

Trump, sensing he had energized his conservative base by shifting the anthem debate to a question of the players' patriotism, continued to go after the NFL. Employing his favorite megaphone, the president raged on Twitter, chiding Commissioner Roger Goodell to crack down on the "total disrespect" and mocking the league for "boring games" that led to ratings being "way down." Over the weekend after his Alabama speech, as Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, Trump did not say a public word about the storm but posted 11 tweets about the NFL anthem controversy.

He didn't stop there. Two weeks after Alabama, he dispatched Vice President Mike Pence to attend — and, following protests, abruptly leave — a game between the Colts and 49ers, whose former quarterback Colin Kaepernick began the anthem protests in 2016 and who had several players protesting each week. Even during last week's State of the Union address, Trump took a veiled shot at the NFL, a sports league at odds with the president and



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Lions players take a knee during the national anthem before a game against the Falcons in Detroit on Sept. 24, 2017.

— with players pitted against owners, fans against players, one owner against the league's commissioner — divided against itself.

One individual close to NFL ownership said: "It is a mess, and it is a mess in terms of how to deal with it because we've never had this situation happen. We don't really know what to do. We're trying to navigate it without involving the president."

White House aides emphasized that Trump has spoken out regularly, on the campaign trail and in office, about the importance of the flag, the military and veterans. But they acknowledged that there was no master plan that underpinned his impromptu NFL criticism.

For a president who thrives on conflict, the league served as just another convenient foil — and, perhaps, a particularly satisfying one given Trump's unsuccessful attempts to buy an NFL franchise. But for the league, which had attempted for years to build a connection to the flag and patriotism as it replaced baseball as America's pastime, his comments initiated a full-blown crisis, exposing social fault lines that had always been there — but those the league had been reluctant to confront. For months, the league has struggled to figure out how to respond to Trump amid a genuine sense that he had gotten the upper hand. In many ways, as the NFL gathered in Minneapolis last weekend for the Super Bowl, the fallout continued even as the president had mostly moved on.

"It put us in a position where we had to be political, and I don't think it's what any of us wanted," said one NFL team executive, among more than a dozen league sources who requested anonymity so as not to draw Trump's attention back to the league or any particular franchise.

"It was a terrible year."

Not long after the death of Bills founder Ralph Wilson in March 2014, Trump summoned a group of allies to Trump

Tower in New York.

Jon Bon Jovi, the 1980s rocker who once owned part of the Arena Football League's Philadelphia Soul, was the leading candidate to buy the Bills, a team Trump also was interested in owning. Two decades earlier, Trump bought the New Jersey Generals of the upstart United States Football League, and rather than coexist with the more powerful NFL, Trump wanted a war — or at least a merger. Trump was among a group of owners who in 1986 filed an antitrust lawsuit against the NFL. The suit backfired, the USFL folded and Trump was effectively blackballed.

But with the Bills suddenly available in 2014, Trump saw more than an opportunity to own one of the NFL's 32 franchises and join the most exclusive club in sports. For a man who loathes rejection, this was a chance to avenge a past failure and triumph over a group that had once defeated him.

"People would've said that's impossible," a close friend said of the idea of Trump owning an NFL team. "(Former Bears Chairman Ed) McCaskey, (Steelers owner Dan) Rooney, (former Jets owner) Leon Hess would've said: 'He will never walk in this room,' and then he walks in the room. That would've been classic Donald, and he would've relished it."

So with that in mind, Trump wanted to take a guerrilla approach to NFL ownership: quietly, creatively. "The old-fashioned way," longtime ally and veteran Republican operative Michael Caputo said Trump put it, and Caputo had known Trump long enough to know that meant turning the people of Buffalo, N.Y., against Bon Jovi.

Caputo, a Buffalo resident, said Trump put him in charge of building a fan group that would become known as "12th Man Thunder;" and Caputo began by distributing a petition asking any buyer to keep the team in Buffalo. Next came measures that would later seem positively Trumpian: a Twitter campaign in which Trump mar-

keted himself as an advocate for the people of Buffalo, praise for the team drafting wide receiver Sammy Watkins and tweets directed at Goodell. Caputo's group, meanwhile, spread rumors about Bon Jovi's plans to move the Bills to Canada and then set up safe spaces at restaurants bars called "Bon Jovi Free Zones," where patrons could escape the singer's music.

"We could be as insulting as we wanted to be," Caputo would say later.

It revealed Trump, Bon Jovi told Howard Stern last month, as an "evil genius."

As the months passed, Trump noticed who was supporting him and who wasn't, collecting slights for later. It was Bon Jovi sitting across from Goodell at a business lunch. It was Terry and Kim Pegula, who owned the National Hockey League's Sabres, whom New York Sen. Charles Schumer would support publicly. Even a few trusted NFL allies, including close friend and Patriots owner Robert Kraft, would let down Trump, associates later recalled.

But for all the maneuvering and creative marketing — plus an attempt to bypass the NFL's bidding process by offering \$1 billion in cash — Trump, the reality television star who had led the birther controversy against former President Barack Obama, had a credibility problem.

"Nobody really took it seriously," an individual familiar with the NFL's inner workings said, adding that league officials believed Trump was interested in the Bills only at a lowball price.

In the end, none of it mattered: The Pegulas bid \$1.4 billion, an amount that surprised even a few franchise owners.

Trump seemed to take another rejection by the NFL in stride — for a while.

"The only reason I bid on @buffalobills was to make sure they stayed in Buffalo, where they belong. Mission accomplished," Trump tweeted in October 2014.

Then, appearing to stew on it, his tone

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changed.

“Glad I didn’t get the Bills. Rather be lucky than good,” he tweeted a short time later.

Then: “Boring games, too many flags, too soft!”

“I would have produced a winner. Now that won’t happen.”

He was relieved, Trump insisted to associates. With the Bills sold and the NFL dream seemingly dead, Trump suggested this cleared the path to pursue “the big thing,” as he always called it, and the people in his inner circle knew what that meant.

In a few impromptu minutes in September, the president had — at least among his supporters — pivoted anthem protests away from race relations entirely. Now it was about respect, patriotism and the flag itself. The NFL — despite wrapping itself in the stars and stripes more than any other sports body with almost weekly salutes to service, field-length American flags and military flyovers — had lost its way.

“Not the same game anymore,” Trump said, going on to criticize game officials and the league’s increased emphasis on safety for “ruining” pro football.

Critics of Trump, including some players, were outraged at what they perceived as clear racial overtones embedded in the president’s attacks, which appeared largely aimed at African-Americans and came as Trump fended off criticism over his handling of racially charged violence in Charlottesville, Va., in August.

Over the next few hours, NFL franchises scrambled to go on defense. Before the season, teams were content to let protests, as one owner put it to the Washington Post in August, “fade away.” Now that was impossible.

One team received so much hate mail over the days and weeks following Trump’s remarks that its digital operation became overwhelmed trying to track it all. The Bills called an emergency team meeting in which anyone could speak their mind freely. The Broncos, with five military installations within 100 miles, instructed employees to respond to every email and later distributed talking points — responses to most any criticism or conspiracy theory — to receptionists.

And that, according to Trump associates, was precisely the point. “He did a service for the league,” former Trump ally Sam Nunberg said, by forcing the NFL to deal with protests.

Those in and around the league didn’t quite see it that way. Shahid Khan, the Jaguars owner and a former Trump donor, would refer to the president as the “great divider,” referring to Americans in general, though as time passed it became clear the country’s favorite sports league had been split, as well.

In the immediate aftermath of Trump’s attacks, the majority of teams released statements supporting players. Responding directly to the president’s words and tweets, all 32 teams staged one demonstration or another surrounding the anthem, and dozens of players sat or knelt during the song, almost all to loud boos from fans. A week later, Raiders running back Marshawn Lynch, who sat on the bench during the anthem all season, wore a shirt reading “EVERYBODY -VS- TRUMP.”

“They knelt in defiance of him,” one influential league figure said. “They were just making a statement that he can’t tell us what to do.”

A month after Alabama, franchise owners and a group that became known as the “players coalition” met in New York to discuss protests and policy. Hailed initially as cooperation between caucuses that are rarely aligned, the meeting was quickly overshadowed after ESPN revealed Texans owner Robert McNair had referred to players as “inmates running the prison,” prompting some offended attendees to leave the meeting room.

Afterward, some Texans players walked out of the team facility when McNair’s reference became public, and before another hastily called meeting between McNair and players, a few Texans considered boycotting their upcoming game in Seattle.

Jerry Jones, the Cowboys owner, spoke with Trump four days after his remarks in Alabama and publicly vowed to bench any player who protested. The president issued “a big salute” to Jones on Twitter, and individuals in and around the league eventually suspected Trump and Jones were coordinating what they were saying and doing — a pair of known showmen playing to their own bases. Jones eventually threatened to sue the NFL over Goodell’s contract extension.

Television ratings continued a downward trend, declining almost 10 percent from the previous year, and concussions — perhaps the league’s most urgent issue as it scrambles to improve health and safety for players — increased by 13.5 percent.

Four weeks after the NFL appeared unified in opposition to the president’s sentiments, enthusiasm began eroding. By Week 7, 23 players from seven teams knelt, sat or raised a fist during the national anthem, and as the season continued, the players coalition — once seen as a powerful acknowledgment of players’ newfound political voice — fell apart amid infighting and an inability to articulate its demands to owners.

“Most of the players realized that what we’re trying to protest isn’t working,” an NFL team executive said. “We’re not making any headway; we’re just pissing everybody off. ... We want to support you, but what do you want to do? Nobody has a good answer.”

By the regular season’s final week, 19 players were demonstrating during the national anthem, and owners were pleased



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In this April 19, 2017, file photo, President Donald Trump is presented with a Patriots jersey from team owner Robert Kraft.

that Trump seemed to have called off his attacks. Several owners and high-ranking executives this week declined to discuss Trump or the president’s influence over the season, suggesting it was unwise to provoke him as a tumultuous season’s finish line was in sight.

As the NFL spent the season cringing at what might come next, the man who started the tumult seemed to lose interest. Trump sent the occasional tweet but was, a White House aide said, too busy on Sundays to watch games. (Of the last 18 Sundays with televised NFL games, according to CBS News reporter Mark Knoller’s tracking, the president spent 12 of those at one of his golf courses).

He pointedly attended the college football championship last month, standing on the field with his hand over his heart for the national anthem. His point made, Trump left the game at halftime. The president didn’t attend Sunday’s Super Bowl in Minneapolis, and after conducting a half-time interview during last year’s game televised on Fox, Trump declined a request to be interviewed by NBC, which will broadcast this year’s game and is a network Trump has frequently called unfair in its coverage of his administration.

Days before the most important day of the NFL’s year, many of those watching from a league perspective admitted Trump

overshadowed much of what happened on the field — and which side lost the battle for public opinion.

“Trump was pretty brilliant, though, to be honest. He flipped the narrative away from his detractors and his personal stuff, and he had everybody focused on the NFL,” one team executive said. “It worked. It was sick, but it worked.”

Nine months after Trump lost out on buying the Bills, he descended an escalator at Trump Tower. “The big thing” was happening; Trump was declaring his plans to run for president.

Over the next 17 months, as his TRUMP-embazoned jet (bought from Seahawks owner Paul Allen) took him across the United States, he could not shake his fascination with the NFL. He invited Rex Ryan, at the time the Bills coach, to introduce him at a primary rally in Buffalo. He consulted Kraft often and, according to Nunberg, sent a letter of support to Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (who for a while kept a “Make America Great Again” hat in his locker) during the Deflategate saga. He read a letter from coach Bill Belichick during a rally in 2016.

Caputo, the longtime operative who has known Trump for three decades, said he’s more confident in Trump’s desire to own an NFL team than he is in the president running for a second term.

**“Donald Trump understands the NFL fan better than the owners do ... he spent 18 months talking with NFL fans.”**

— Republican operative Michael Caputo

“Donald Trump understands the NFL fan better than the owners do,” Caputo said. “It’s not because he’s smarter; it’s not because he understands football better. It’s because he spent 18 months on the road talking with NFL fans, face to face.”

Not long after Trump won the election, he called his longtime friend Kraft, who through the Patriots declined an interview request for this story but who, a Trump associate said, apologized to Trump for any appearance of disloyalty. These days Trump and Kraft speak as often as once a week, according to an individual close to Kraft. During one of those conversations, Trump brought up his attempt to buy the Bills and one failure that changed history.

“Thank goodness that didn’t work out,” an administration official overheard Trump telling Kraft, “because I wouldn’t have been able to do this.”



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Soprano Albina Shagimuratova, playing Elvira Walton, collapses as the chorus looks on during a dress rehearsal Thursday of the Lyric Opera production of Bellini's "I Puritani."

IN PERFORMANCE 'I Puritani' ★★★ 1/2

# PURE VOCAL GOLD

Lyric revival of Bellini's last opera sparked by spectacular singing

BY JOHN VON RHEIN | Chicago Tribune

Since 1955, when Lyric Opera mounted its first production of "I Puritani" to display Maria Callas in one of her most celebrated bel canto roles, Vincenzo Bellini's final opera has drifted in and out of the Lyric repertory, rather like the fragile heroine Elvira's flights between sanity and madness. The most recent time the company revived "The Puritans," in fact, was more than 25 years ago.

But, really, there's no point in doing so unless you can cast the soprano and tenor roles with singers fully equipped to meet the exacting demands of the composer's long, arching lines, decorated with expressive coloratura filigree and treacherous leaps into the vocal stratosphere.

Lyric has done so impressively in its revival of "Puritani," treating the audience to a kind of Bel Canto Super Bowl at the season's first performance of the Bellini work on Sunday afternoon at the Lyric Opera House.

When you have a romantic duo at the level of American tenor Lawrence Brownlee and Russian soprano Albina

Shagimuratova to invest Bellini's vocal writing with their exceptional artistry, it's easy to tune out the preposterous dramaturgy of Carlo Pepoli's libretto. You sit back and bask in the wealth of melody that fills the score, as delivered by two of the brightest vocal discoveries of recent Lyric seasons.

Such is the elegance, grace and beauty of their singing that you actually care about the fate of Elvira Walton and Lord Arturo Talbot, lovers caught in the civil struggle between the Puritans and Royalists in 17th century England. Separated by a silly misunderstanding

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Tenor Lawrence Brownlee, as Lord Arturo Talbot, and Shagimuratova embrace at rehearsal. The season's first performance of the opera was Sunday.



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Instructor Martin McGarry, left, helps Elvin Turner with the punching bag during a boxing demonstration on the South Side in 2007.

## Martin McGarry helped kids in and out of ring



RICK KOGAN  
*Sidewalks*

The boxer was buried on the final Monday in January, his body taking its last trip from St. Barnabas Church on the Far South Side to St. Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park.

The boxer's name was Martin

McGarry. He leaves behind a family: wife Kathy, daughters Theresa, Molly and Nora, son Morgan. There are two brothers, a sister, seven grandchildren and hundreds, maybe thousands, of others whose lives he touched.

"His wake was bigger than what Elvis' probably was," says Mike Houlihan, the actor, radio host, filmmaker and author. "I knew him very well. He was a good friend of mine. He was a genuine great guy, the real deal,

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Skeleton Crew' ★★★

## Demise of Detroit auto plant a traumatic time for workers

BY CHRIS JONES  
 Chicago Tribune

No American playwright has risen faster than Dominique Morisseau: She's now among the most produced names at regional theaters, and she's on her way to Broadway with "Ain't Too Proud," a show that aims to do for the Temptations what "Jersey Boys" did for the Four Seasons.

Morisseau's rise mostly has flowed from what she calls "The Detroit Project," a three-play cycle made up of "Detroit '67," "Paradise Blue" and "Skeleton Crew," which you currently can see at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie. It's a shame that all three were not produced by the same theater and presented as a trio — a more modest version of the commitment that the Goodman Theatre made long ago to the works of August Wilson, for whom Pittsburgh functioned very much as Detroit does for Morisseau.

Northlight audiences have been able to see the first and third works. But "Paradise Blue," which is by far the most complex and thus my favorite of the three, actually premiered at the Time-



CHARLES OSGOOD PHOTO

Kelvin Roston Jr., Jacqueline Williams and AnJi White in Dominique Morisseau's "Skeleton Crew" at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie.

Line Theatre. So unless you see a whole lot of Chicago theater, it has been hard to see the full context of the interesting work that Morisseau has been doing. It's frustrating, but it is the way nonprofit theaters tend to work. And, of course, the plays were released separately, over time.

"Skeleton Crew," which is set in a Detroit auto plant on the brink of closure, plows a familiar

field in nonprofit theater. It is a play that, like, say, Lynn Nottage's recent "Sweat," laments the disappearance of decent, union-won, blue-collar jobs and corporate America's vanished long-term commitment to the American worker. It is filled with African-American characters talking about the sustenance

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Woody Harrelson, left, plays Tobias Beckett and Alden Ehrenreich is Han Solo in "Solo: A Star Wars Story."



Donald Glover plays Lando Calrissian in "Solo."

## 'Solo' trailer arrives; film to open May 25

The first trailer for "Solo: A Star Wars Story" has finally arrived, offering a glimpse of the much-anticipated spinoff plagued by production troubles.

After a 45-second ad for the latest "Star Wars" film played during Sunday's Super Bowl, a 90-second teaser trailer premiered Monday on "Good Morning America." The footage showcased a gritty prequel featuring the snazzy interior of a then-new Millennium Falcon, the familiar growl of Chewbacca and a plethora of handsome fur coats.

The initial directors, Phil Lord and Christopher Miller ("The Lego Movie," "21 Jump Street") are known for their irreverent sense of humor, something that first excited many "Star Wars" fans when the pair were enlisted for the stand-alone installment.

But Lord and Miller were removed from the film six months into production over what Lucasfilm said were "different creative visions" on the film. Ron Howard was brought in as a replacement in July, and shooting concluded in October.

The trailer for the film, to be released May 25, seemed intent on assuring fans that "Solo" will be a more typically somber chapter in the science-fiction franchise. Young Solo is shown as an ambitious flyboy who drops out of the flight academy and enlists with a rogue band led by Woody Harrelson's Tobias Beckett.

Monday's trailer promoted the film's larger ensemble, including Donald Glover (as Lando Calrissian), Emilia Clarke and Thandie Newton.

— Associated Press



JOEL RYAN/AP

**Catrrall brother found dead:** "Sex and the City" star Kim Catrrall and Canadian police say her missing brother has been found dead. The actress had taken to social media earlier appealing for help in finding her brother Christopher Catrrall, who she said was missing from his home in Lacombe, Alberta. She tweeted Sunday afternoon to say her family was announcing his "unexpected passing." The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said an investigation continued but "preliminary information indicates that his death is not being considered suspicious."

**Streisand, Paltrow in talks for musical series:** Netflix has given a commitment to a music-driven series called "The Politician" from the "Glee" team of Ryan Murphy, Brad Falchuk and Ian Brennan that is set to star Ben Platt. The project, first reported by Deadline, is described as a satirical comedy about a wealthy politician from Santa Barbara played by Platt. Barbra Streisand and Gwyneth Paltrow are in talks to join the cast, per Deadline.

**Actor Jeremy London arrested:** Authorities say "Mallrats" and "7th Heaven" actor Jeremy London was arrested Friday in Mississippi and charged with domestic violence. A Jackson County sheriff's office spokeswoman said London was arrested Friday after a fight with his wife, Juliet, and released that night on a \$2,500 bond.

**Feb. 6 birthdays:** Actor Rip Torn is 87. Journalist Tom Brokaw is 78. Singer Axl Rose is 56. Actress Alice Eve is 36.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Wife's long-ago assault haunts spouse

**Dear Amy:** My wife and I have been happily married for 26 years. We have raised two terrific daughters. I continue to struggle with an event that happened while we were still dating.

While at a business conference, my wife (girlfriend at the time) was sexually assaulted by a client. She was concerned about the impact on her career and her reputation and about the public nature of reporting the crime. He was deemed to have powerful friends across the industry that would protect him. She made the very difficult decision not to pursue this individual for his crime and was able to resolve the suffering and pain he caused.

While I fully supported (and still do) my wife's decision not to proceed, I was torn by the fact that a man was (and is) walking the streets unaware or indifferent to the agony and suffering he caused. For years, I have buried these conflicting feelings, but with all of the recent coverage of sexual harassment, these feelings have resurfaced, and my desire for justice grows louder every day.

I have seen a counselor, and he has been helpful. I persistently worry: How am I going to protect my daughters when I wasn't able to assist their mother?

Amy, I am struggling to reconcile my promise to my wife with my overwhelming desire to see some form of justice served. I feel an intense sense of rage and agonize over his ability to get away with his crime.

I will not break my vow to my wife, as I realize that

she is the one who has endured the real trauma. I realize there is no easy answer.

— *Still Struggling*

**Dear Struggling:** Here is a quote from Pema Chodron: "Nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know."

You don't mention if the "Me Too" movement has triggered your wife's experience of her sexual assault; I would assume that it has — no matter how successfully she has put this event behind her.

Your question is a perfect illustration of how the pain and trauma of assault radiates outward and affects many people. I agree that you should respect your wife's needs and choices here, but I also think that you should advocate for — but not pressure — her to explore her options regarding reporting this assault, including telling your daughters about it.

You can relieve your feeling of powerlessness by becoming an advocate for survivors; by believing them, even if it takes decades to report their experience; and by making sure your daughters feel empowered. Even empowered people can become victims of crime, and that's why removing the shame and stigma is so important.

I hope that as you move through this, you will turn your focus from rage toward prevention and empowerment.

**Dear Amy:** I work as a caregiver for an elderly man with dementia. His health went downhill recently after a fall, but he's slowly recovering. In the

meantime, his well-meaning granddaughter temporarily moved into the basement of his house to help take care of him.

When she moved in, I noticed behavior from her toward my client that made me feel very uncomfortable. She's overly affectionate and constantly touches and kisses him. She even "snuggles" with him in his bed every night. I don't know how to tell her that this is too much, without losing my job. What should I do?

— *Caregiver*

**Dear Caregiver:** All states have mandatory reporting laws protecting elder citizens. As a caregiver, you are a mandated reporter. You must report this to your supervisor and/or adult protective services/law enforcement in your area.

I can't state unequivocally that this is abusive, but you are a professional, you know the client and his capacities for consent, and your instincts are screaming. Do the right thing.

**Dear Amy:** Thank you for your answer to "Want to be Grandpa," who wanted to be called "Grandpa" but had never acted like one to his own grandchildren. I am always astounded at some people's insistence that age alone should confer special status. I'm glad you called him out.

— *Happy Grandparent*

**Dear Grandparent:** People demanding a pass rarely deserve one.

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# How the Uma Thurman column failed

Maureen Dowd's piece was more titillating than illuminating



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
Balancing Act

The problem begins with the headlines: "This Is Why Uma Thurman Is Angry," in Saturday's digital version of The New York Times, and "A Goddess, A Mogul And a Mad Genius," in Sunday's print edition.

They sit atop columnist Maureen Dowd's interview with Uma Thurman, during which the actress alleges truly horrific treatment during her career. Producer Harvey Weinstein, she says, attacked and threatened her. Director Quentin Tarantino, she says, forced her to perform a driving stunt in "Kill Bill" that left her with a concussion and permanent injuries and then turned on her when she complained.

Dowd writes: "Thurman says that in 'Kill Bill,' Tarantino had done the honors with some of the sadistic flourishes himself, spitting in her face in the scene where Michael Madsen is seen on screen doing it and choking her with a chain in the scene where a teenager named Gogo is on screen doing it."

Tarantino's "genius" is not the headline here. (Genius? Really?) Nor is Thurman's "anger."

Thurman has a story to tell — one that adds context to the #MeToo conversation and further reminds us that Weinstein was neither a lone wolf nor an exception to Hollywood's rules. The more we hear — from Thurman, from Salma Hayek, from Lupita Nyong'o, from survivors across industries, from farmworkers to Olympians — the closer we get to understanding the scope of the abuse happening in the shadows of power for decades. And the closer we get to breaking down and reinventing the systems that allowed that abuse to flourish.

Unfortunately, Dowd narrates Thurman's story with superfluous details (Thurman "stretching out her lanky frame on a brown velvet couch in front of the fire") and loose ends that left a lot of



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Uma Thurman accused producer Harvey Weinstein of attacking her and threatening her career, and director Quentin Tarantino of other abuses.

readers, myself included, unsure what we'd just read.

Thurman describes an attack in Weinstein's suite at the Savoy Hotel in London.

"It was such a bat to the head. He pushed me down. He tried to shove himself on me. He tried to expose himself. He did all kinds of unpleasant things. But he didn't actually put his back into it and force me. You're like an animal wriggling away, like a lizard. I was doing anything I could to get the train back on the track. My track. Not his track."

The next day, Thurman tells Dowd, Weinstein sent her yellow roses with a note that read, "You have great instincts." Thurman then asked Weinstein to meet her in the Savoy bar.

"The assistants had their own special choreography to lure actresses into the spider's web and they pressured Thurman, putting Weinstein on the phone to again say it was a misunderstanding and 'we have so many projects together,'" Dowd writes. "Finally she agreed to go upstairs,

while (her friend Ilona) Herman waited on a settee outside the elevators.

"Once the assistants vanished, Thurman says, she warned Weinstein, 'If you do what you did to me to other people you will lose your career, your reputation and your family, I promise you,'" Dowd writes. "Her memory of the incident abruptly stops there."

Then Dowd quotes Herman, the friend who was waiting outside the elevators.

"She was very disheveled and so upset and had this blank look," Herman tells Dowd. "Her eyes were crazy and she was totally out of control. I shoveled her into the taxi and we went home to my house. She was really shaking."

It reads like a Gillian Flynn novel. I found myself reading and rereading for clues to piece together, rather than reading for a more complete understanding of the sort of sexual harassment and assault we need to be discussing and combating.

As writer Anne Helen Petersen

points out in a critique headlined "Uma deserves better," the lack of clarity leaves too much room for speculation and, possibly, disbelief.

"Which isn't to say that Thurman should have been forced to report it with accuracy actually call the subject's authority — on her own experience — into question? Does it transform a piece that's intended to allow a victim of sexual harassment and abuse to tell her story into one that invites readers to doubt her?"

To be clear, I believe Thurman. I'm not looking for more details so I can determine whether she's credible. I'm looking for more details so I can understand what she endured and how it fits into a pattern of alleged abuse.

As Peterson writes: "Good reporters don't ignore the inconvenient or contradictory parts of a

subject's interview; they dig deeper into them. That's not what seems to be happening in this Thurman story. Rather, Dowd veers into a part of the narrative that Thurman can't or won't disclose, and allows the ambiguity to remain in a way that's at once titillating and open to personal interpretation: two things reporting on sexual assault should never do."

It's important to tell these stories, and it's important to tell them correctly.

I'm not harping on Dowd for the sake of harping. I'm jumping into this discussion because if #MeToo is going to be the wrecking ball that takes down a toxic structure, we need to hear survivors' stories. And we don't need them turned into artful, plot-twisty narratives.

We don't need them to titillate. We need them to illuminate, so we can get to work on effecting change.

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## 'THE CLOVERFIELD PARADOX' ★★

# 'Lost' in space, amid a lot of debris

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
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Streaming on Netflix after a surprise Super Bowl Sunday teaser, "The Cloverfield Paradox" is "Lost" in space — a faint, well-acted blip on the radar of your viewing life.

It's the third in a franchise begun a decade ago with the found-footage exercise "Cloverfield." Efficient, streamlined and happily fatalistic, that unpretentious winner depicted a rough night in New York City as some of its more forgettable millennials coped, badly, with a largely off-screen sea monster. The series continued in 2016 with "10 Cloverfield Lane," an effectively claustrophobic underground-bunker affair, narratively tied to the first "Cloverfield" but only barely, with used dental floss and a little masking tape.

Sunday's Super Bowl teaser for "The Cloverfield Paradox" promised an answer to the first movie's obliquely stated question: How did these monsters come to pass? The pre-credits sequence in director Julius Onah's Netflix feature, written by Oren Uziel and Doug Jung, fills us in on the state of Earth in the near future. "The world's energy resources will be fully exhausted in five years," a newscaster intones, though he could be speaking for Netflix's commitment to original programming if the network settles for so-so products on the order of "The Cloverfield Paradox."

On the Cloverfield space station, an international crew of scientists, astronauts and tech-wonders face a dilemma. Unless the insanely powerful particle accelerator succeeds in generating energy for the planet (details unimportant, and withheld), Earth will collapse into chaos, global warfare and Adam Sandler Netflix Originals.



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Elizabeth Debicki plays a member of a space station crew tasked with generating energy for an imperiled Earth in "The Cloverfield Paradox."

**No MPAA rating**

**Running time:** 1:42

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Communications specialist Ava Hamilton, an ordinary role made impossibly compelling by Gugu Mbatha-Raw, has left her man (Roger Davies), a doctor, behind to cope with gas shortages and exposition. Hamilton's fellow crew members include a tense German (Daniel Bruhl of "The Alienist"), an instantly untrustworthy Russian (Aksel Hennie), a stalwart but dullish commander (David Oyelowo) and the wisecracking comic relief (Chris O'Dowd, who certainly helps). At one point his character loses an arm, so that the screenwriters can have a little "Evil Dead 2" fun with the disembodied appendage.

I'll give this much more away: One of the other crew members (Elizabeth Debicki, valiantly wielding her Tilda Swinton stare of ambiguous intent) swoops in from another dimension. Nobody else recognizes her once she's discovered, but the audience learns straight off in "The Cloverfield Paradox" the general idea of the paradox. Via cable news interview footage with a crackpot (or IS HE?) conspiracy theorist,

we're told the particle acceleration experiment may result in "ripping open the membrane of space time, smashing together multiple dimensions and shattering reality." Side effects, we're further told, may include the release of "monsters, demons, beasts from the sea."

Sadly, the movie has little time for that. It's too busy playing mundane alternate-reality games straight out of J.J. Abrams' "Lost" (Abrams serves as one of the producers). The riffing ranges far and wide. One character suffers some gastrointestinal "Alien" trouble, while the others look on helplessly. There are humanist bits and chunks of "Interstellar" and "Arrival," though in order to set up another chapter of this loosely assembled saga of woe. "The Cloverfield Paradox" eventually, dutifully gets around to a nonhuman adversary in close-up.

Following the usual Abrams visual strategy, meanwhile, most of the actors' close-ups in director Onah's picture are really, really tight-upper-lip-to-eyebrow tight. In other words, they're perfect for casual, half-committed consumption on an iPhone.

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## Aurora theater lands 1st pre-Broadway play

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The ascendant Paramount Theatre in Aurora now plans to muscle in on the big Chicago business of new, pre-Broadway musicals. In 2019, the nonprofit theater west of Chicago will join with the Signature Theatre outside Washington, D.C., to stage the world premiere of "August Rush," a new musical based on the 2007 movie that starred Robin Williams and told the story of musically gifted orphan who runs away to New York City to look for his parents.

The show, slated to open in April 2019 in Aurora, will be directed by John Doyle, a British director who has become one of Broadway's most prominent names. The Signature — a prestigious but much smaller theater in suburban Washington — will produce the show first, in an intimate, workshop-style production in February of next year. "August Rush," which has a story seemingly well-suited for a stage-musical treatment, then will be redesigned and restaged for the 1,888-seat proscenium theater that is the historic Paramount and readied for an intended Broadway berth, presumably for fall 2019.

The show is composed by Mark Mancina, who also worked on the music for the film, which was nominated for an Academy Award for best song ("Raise It Up"). The book writer and Mancina's co-lyricist is Glen Berger, best known for his work on "Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark," a famous 2010 Broadway disaster about which Berger later wrote a tell-all book.

"We hope 'August Rush' is the first of many pre-Broadway musicals for us," said Tim Rater, Paramount's president and CEO, emphasizing that new musicals are a key part of the theater's strategy. Long in development, the stage musical was first announced in 2013 by producers Southpaw Entertainment and CJ E&M.



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"August Rush" will open at the Paramount Theatre in 2019.

**"We hope 'August Rush' is the first of many pre-Broadway musicals for us."**

— Tim Rater, Paramount's president and CEO

Doyle has been attached since then.

According to Rater, the actors in the show will play their own instruments, a style similar to past Doyle projects, including his Broadway revival of Stephen Sondheim's "Company."

"August Rush" will be the last show in Paramount's 2018-19 season, a slate that also includes "Legally Blonde" (Sept. 5-Oct. 21) directed by Trent Stork, "The Wizard of Oz" (Nov. 14-Jan. 6) directed by Amber Mak, and "The Producers" (Feb. 6-March 17, 2019), directed by Paramount artistic director Jim Corti. "August Rush" will play April 24-June 2, 2019. Subscriptions for the Paramount Theatre (23 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora) are available at [www.ParamountAurora.com](http://www.ParamountAurora.com).

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Lauren Decker, left, is Queen Enrichetta and Albina Shagimuratova is Elvira Walton at Thursday's "I Puritani" rehearsal.

# Tenor delivers triumph

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that could easily have been averted had cellphones existed in Oliver Cromwell's era, they are reunited in a happy ending rare in Romantic operas of this sort.

Sandro Sequi's production, owned by the Metropolitan Opera, was created way back in 1976 as a concert-in-costume for Joan Sutherland and Luciano Pavarotti. You find traces of that approach here in director Eric Einhorn's revival, with choristers arranged in symmetrical clumps, marching across the stage in stiff formation and principals lining up at the footlights.

At least no revisionist nonsense intrudes on Lyric's old-fashioned, period-respectful staging, framed by the painterly Romantic realism of Ming Cho Lee's still-serviceable sets and Peter J. Hall's costumes — lace collars and embroidered velvet doublets for the men, richly layered gowns for the women. Lighting designer Chris Maravich bathed the stage in russet hues out of Renaissance painting.

But you don't go to "Puritani" for the designs or the lighting — you go for the singing. It's to the credit of returning conductor Enrique Mazzola, one of today's foremost masters of bel canto, that the Lyric orchestra provides so stylish a cushion of support for the singers. Only six days before the opening, Mazzola had to bow out of rehearsals to undergo emergency gall bladder surgery. You would not have guessed he had been away, given the



Lawrence Brownlee, who was in "La Cenerentola" two seasons ago, performs with Shagimuratova.

rhythmic urgency and expansive lyrical warmth he drew from the capable orchestra and Michael Black's disciplined chorus.

Brownlee's performance was nothing short of a triumph, quite the finest singing of this most taxing tenor role one is likely to hear in any opera house today. His entrance aria was pure vocal gold, while his ardent Arturo dominated the third act with one virtuosic feat of vocalism after another.

The Youngstown, Ohio-born tenor sculpted the "endless melody" (to use Wagner's term) of his music exquisitely, his tone plangent and true, his legato liquid, his top notes firm. He rose fearlessly to the daunting challenges of the final scene, capping off his portion of the ensemble with what sounded like an F above high C, the same high-wire leap Bellini wrote for the first Arturo, Giovanni Battista Rubini, in 1835. Sunday's audience understandably went wild.

Just as it was great to have Brownlee — the vocal hero of Lyric's 2015-16 Rossini "La Cenerentola" — back on the roster, so, too, was it wonderful to welcome back Shagimuratova, whose charismatic Lucia di Lammermoor was heard here last season.

Psychologically, Elvira is a less well-defined heroine than mad Lucy, yet the entire opera stands or falls on her and how well she's played. Shagimuratova appeared to be saving her voice for the showpiece second-act mad scene, "Qui la voce." Here Elvira vacillates between despair and joy, wrongly believing Arturo has abandoned her. The singer's easy, limpid phrasing, bright sound and expressive use of ornamentation made Elvira's plight very touching. She sang one verse of the cabaletta flat on her back, planting a kiss on the perplexed Riccardo, nice dramatic touches both.

What's more, Shagimuratova and Brownlee showed us the lovers' desperate passion, particularly in the reconciliation scene at the end where they lofted a unison high C.

Neither the bass role of Sir Giorgio Walton, Elvira's kindly uncle, nor the baritone part of Sir Riccardo Forth, Arturo's hapless rival for Elvira's hand, is a pushover; vocally speaking, and both singers gave committed performances.

The returning Romanian singer Adrian Sampetean, as Giorgio, commanded attention with a voice of size, reach and nobility of expression. The Ryan Opera Center star alumnus Anthony Clark Evans, as Riccardo, delivered his strongest singing of the afternoon in the rousing second-act duet in which the Puritan chiefs vowed to fight if England were attacked.

The supporting cast — all current members of the Ryan center — consisted of Lauren Decker as Queen Enrichetta, Alec Carlson as Sir Bruno Robertson and Alan Higgs as Lord Gualtiero Walton. All three singers managed well. It wasn't their fault that their characters as written are no more than stick figures. The show, incidentally, runs to 3½ hours, including two intermissions. Don't you dare leave before the end.

Lyric Opera's production of Bellini's "I Puritani" continues through Feb. 28 at the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive; \$34-\$279; 312-827-5600, [www.lyricopera.org](http://www.lyricopera.org)

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CHARLES OSGOOD PHOTO

AnJi White, left, Bernard Gilbert, Jacqueline Williams and Kelvin Roston Jr. in the Detroit-set "Skeleton Crew."

# Mixed emotions on a shutdown

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received not only from that economic security but the pride that flows from building something tangible: in this case, a car, a conveyance to someone's first job, maybe, or a way for a family to take a modest vacation, or just a back seat in which to smooch.

One of Morisseau's stressed workers — there are layoffs in the air — contemplates a job in a copy shop. She might well rise to management and the air will be cleaner and the world quieter, but in Morisseau's moral universe it represents the kind of soul-sucking endeavor that shears the human individual from the satisfaction of his or her own hard labor. We all know that she is right, even if some might see the transition as inevitable and the more salient question being how the postindustrial world will be structured. And this is not a play that anticipated the comeback of the likes of Ford. To watch "Skeleton Crew" is to want the piece to argue more over the new, and how the fruits of renewed success are organized and divided, as well as pointing out what already has been lost. I for one am ready for the hugely capable Morisseau to turn her attention to the future of Detroit, and to take more formative risks.

"Skeleton Crew," which is set entirely in a break room, looks at the factory closure through the eyes of several demographic segments of the workforce: Faye (Jacqueline Williams), a worker on the brink of retirement; Shanita (AnJi White), a midcareer worker with a kid on the way; Dez (Bernard Gilbert), a young worker who can't decide what to accept and what to fight; and Reggie (Kelvin

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Roston Jr.), who has made his way into white-collar supervision only to find that middle management means betraying your own community. There are no surprises there.

Happily, though, the director Ron OJ Parson pushes back against any nostalgic romanticism and keeps "Skeleton Crew" sufficiently anarchic and generally on the edge that the personalities of the richly acted characters are able to pop with life.

Williams — whose work has been quite extraordinary, and often sad, around town this past year or two — inhabits the conscience of the play.

This really is a fantastic performance: a deeply vulnerable blend of frustration, conservation and denial. Morisseau clearly knows this character, even to the extent that Faye is able to transcend the narrative devices of the play.

There are people in the world who just never reveal the full extent of their personal problems. Faye is so rich a picture of such a woman, an older worker clinging to her pride in the face of attacks from within and without, that she hasn't left my head. There will be no copy shop for Faye, we intuit, just the end of what she has done for her adult life.

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# Boxing coach also was mentor to kids, and dedicated to sport

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his family as well."

McGarry was only 66 years old and was, by profession, a pipe fitter for union Local 597. But his passion was boxing, a sport he took to young in his native County Mayo in Ireland, the youngest of eight children. He had success fighting there and in England before he hit Chicago in the late 1960s and began to box at Johnny Coulon's gym on 63rd Street and Woodlawn Avenue. He found his wife, started a family, won some bouts and opened McGarry's Boxing Club out of his home.

His death made me remember vividly the first time I met him. It was a decade ago, upstairs at that entertainment complex known as 115 Bourbon Street, at 3359 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park. He was one of the adults in a large room filled with young men, some of them teenagers, preparing to fight one another in boxing matches downstairs.

That night, McGarry told me, "The boxing scene here is very healthy. More people are getting involved. There are some very good amateur fighters here. Some of the kids in this room, maybe a few of them, have thoughts of turning professional one day. But a lot do

it for exercise or to learn how to protect themselves."

And so we watched some of these "kids" fight and learned that the proceeds from the matches would benefit Police Athletic League of Illinois' First Chance Program, which enabled young people who had gotten in trouble with the law for such minor offenses as underage drinking to, by getting involved in the program, have those charges dropped.

"This is a great program," McGarry said. "A lot of kids get jammed up on something innocent. This enables them to get back on the right track. A lot of these at-risk kids get involved in boxing programs. But what I tell my kids is that they don't have to fight competitively to gain great self-esteem and confidence ... to get on the right track, to have a good life."

By most any measure, McGarry had a good life. I would bump into him now and then over the years and he was ever upbeat, even after being diagnosed in about 2011 with the rare disease amyloidosis, which had previously claimed the lives of many in his family and would take his.

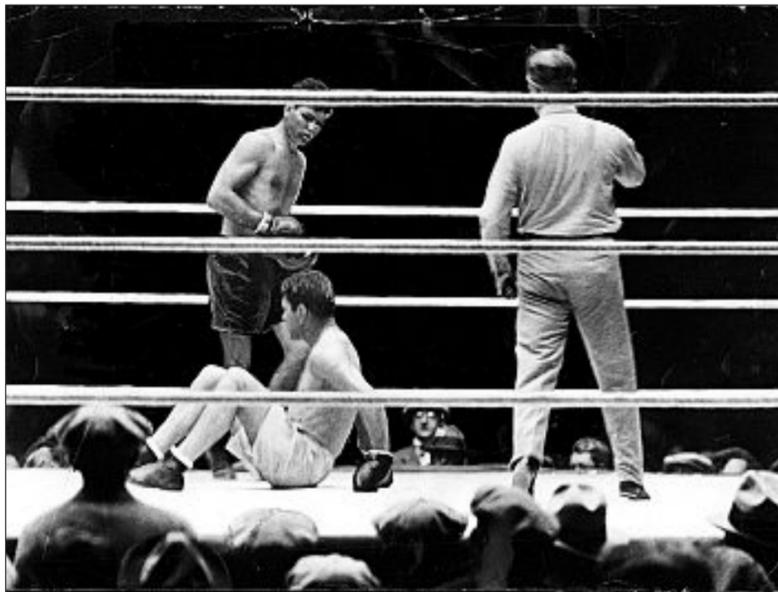
His death made me realize how far boxing has drifted from the pages of newspapers and books. It once rivaled baseball in popularity, and no sport has

inspired as many words. Homer mentions it in "The Iliad." George Bernard Shaw wrote about it. A.J. Liebling called it the "sweet science."

Even though boxing matches remain a frequent and popular diversion around the area, taking place in gymnasiums and modestly larger venues, boxing is no longer a mainstream sport.

And so it is almost impossible for most anyone to believe the mania here on Sept. 22, 1927, at Soldier Field. In front of a crowd of 120,000 (creating the first \$2 million gate in entertainment history), with millions more listening on radios, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney fought for the heavyweight title, Tunney winning what would become known as the "Long Count Fight." (You can get a great deal more by reading the terrific book "The Prizefighter and the Playwright: Gene Tunney and Bernard Shaw," by Tunney's son, Jay, who now resides in Chicago).

A great poet was also a boxer and the subject of the recent and brilliant book, "Ali: A Life," by local writer Jon Eig, who reminds us in it that the 1971 bout between Ali and Joe Frazier attracted the eyes of more than 300 million people who paid to watch on closed circuit.



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Jack Dempsey, left, stands over a fallen Gene Tunney during a 1927 bout at Soldier Field.

Now, there are all manner of theories that attempt to explain boxing's diminished popularity. Eig has this to say: "Boxing began losing popularity after World War II. There were more jobs, and that meant that fewer people were desperate enough to get their head bashed in the hopes of making money. Soon local boxing clubs, popular in so many big-city neighborhoods, began to close. Eventually, that would lead to a decline not only in participation but also in interest in the sport. Then along came Ali, Frazier and other great fighters that kept the sport going through the 1970s, and

satellite TV and closed circuit broadened audiences. But may have been the last gasp."

But McGarry kept at it, training kids and those older, including a teenager named Michael Flatley, who would become the Lord of the Dance. He also helped the kids find jobs, gave them financial aid, offered life advice and counsel.

Houlihan wrote about his friend in 2002, quoting McGarry as saying, "You see the excitement in their faces when they first see the gym and they learn how to box. I was taught by some great trainers and fighters. I'm obligated to

pass it on."

His reward? "Seeing a kid improve himself, giving him self-esteem and making him independent," he told Houlihan.

Yes, the point of boxing is to hit the other guy, knock him down or knock him out. McGarry was good at that. But bruises and cuts will disappear. The other, gentler ways in which this boxer touched so many lives are likely to linger for keeps and, fittingly, he and his family will be honored March 11 at the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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# WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Eden Sher

**“The Middle”** (7 p.m., ABC): Guest star Norm Macdonald returns as Mike’s (Neil Flynn) brother Rusty, whose gift to Sue (Eden Sher) makes Mike suspicious, in the new episode “Guess Who’s Coming to Frozen Dinner.” The situation also prompts Mike to try to reinforce his own connection with Sue. Axl (Charlie McDermott) holds Frankie (Patricia Heaton) accountable for his recklessness with his first paycheck.

**“Lethal Weapon”** (7 p.m., FOX): While seeking the perpetrators of a jewel robbery, Riggs and Murtaugh (Clayne Crawford, Damon Wayans Sr.) both contend with personal situations in the new episode “An Inconvenient Ruth.” Riggs tries to stop drinking, while Murtaugh isn’t happy about someone else’s reference to his age during a playground excursion. Swoosie Kurtz and Bre Blair guest star. Jordana Brewster, Keesha Sharp and Kevin Rahm also star.

**“Fresh Off the Boat”** (7:30 p.m., ABC): Veteran television journalist Connie Chung appears as herself in the new episode “Ride the Tiger,” as Jessica’s (Constance Wu) TV interview for her novel coincides with a Chinese New Year competition she’s having with her family — to speak only in Mandarin. Louis (Randall Park) tries to help Emery (Forrest Wheeler) land a date he wants badly.

**“Bull”** (8 p.m., CBS): Personal loyalty may get in the way of professional duty for Cable (Annabelle Attanasio) in the new episode “Keep Your Friends Close.” Her friend’s husband turns out to be the hacker who allegedly interfered with operations at New York’s LaGuardia Airport. Bull (Michael Weatherly) helps the FBI make their case against the man, but Cable is determined to clear him.

**“Modern Family”** (8:30 p.m., ABC): Construction plans formulated by Claire (Julie Bowen) are negated by the homeowners association, and others in the family know why, in “He Said, She Shed.” Cam (Eric Stonestreet) is so stunned by family information he receives, he needs to see Mitch’s (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) therapist about it. Sofia Vergara, Sarah Hyland, Rico Rodriguez and Ariel Winter also star.

**“NCIS: New Orleans”** (9 p.m., CBS): Terrorists’ attempts to sway a family of immigrants to their view claims victim — a petty officer who was trying to help the targeted clan — in the new episode “A New Dawn.” Wade (CCH Pounder) throws her support behind Mayor Zahra Taylor (guest star Amanda Warren), in a very active way, for a special election.

### TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Laurence Fishburne; actress Nicole Byer; Liza Anne performs.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Sarah Jessica Parker; actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson; Diplo, MO, and Goldlink perform.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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## TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 6

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	NCIS: “Keep Your Friends Close.” (N) ©	Bull: “Keep Your Friends Close.” (N) ©	NCIS: New Orleans: “A New Dawn.” (N) ©	News (N) ▶			
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Ellen’s Game of Games: “I See Dizzy People.” (Season Finale) (N)	This Is Us: “Across the Border.” (N) ©	Chicago Med: “On Shaky Ground.” (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ▶			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Middle (N) ©	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	blackish (N) ©	Modern Family	Kevin (Probably) Saves the World: “Fishtail.” (N)	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	3’s Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	The Taking of Pelham One Two Three (R,74) ***				The Mechanic (PG,72) ** ©		
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	We’ll Meet Again: “Lost Children of Vietnam.” (N)			American Experience: “The Gilded Age.” (N) © ▶		
	<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: “Miri.” ©	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶	
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Living Single   Living Single	Gamers (NR,06) Kevin Sherwood, Kevin Kirkpatrick.				16 Blocks ▶	
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Lethal Weapon: “An Inconvenient Ruth.” (N) ©	LA to Vegas (N) ©	The Mick (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©	
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Criminal Minds: “Tribute.”	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ▶	
	<b>Telem</b> 44	José José, el príncipe (N)	Sangre de mi tierra (N)			Señora Acero 4: La C (N)	Chicago (N)	
	<b>CW</b> 50	The Flash (N) ©	Black Lightning (N) ©			The X-Files ©	X-Files ▶	
	<b>UniMas</b> 60	La niña	La tierra prometida			40 y 20	40 y 20	Noticias Uni
	<b>WJYS</b> 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Know-Cause	Monument
	<b>Univ</b> 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)	Papá a toda madre (N)			Caer en tentación (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticias (N)
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Intervention ©	Intervention (N) ©			Undercover High (N) ©		Inter. ▶
	<b>AMC</b>	Enemy of the State (R,98) ***	Will Smith, Gene Hackman. ©					Marshals ▶
	<b>ANIM</b>	▶ Killer Whales:	River Monsters: “American Killers.” ©					River Mon ▶
	<b>BBCA</b>	The Da Vinci Code (PG-13,06) **	Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou. ©					
	<b>BET</b>	▶ (6:30) Big Momma’s House 2 (PG-13,06) *				The Quad (N)		The Quad ▶
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	▶ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Nebraska at Minnesota. (N) ©					The B1G
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Real Housewives (N)	Real Housewives (N)	Bethenny	Bethenny (N)			Watch (N)
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	<b>CNBC</b>	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©			The Profit (N) ©		Shark ▶
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ▶
	<b>COM</b>	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Period (N)		Daily (N) ▶
	<b>DISC</b>	Moonshiners: Outlaw	Moonshiners (N) ©			(9:04) Moonshiners (N)		Moonshine ▶
	<b>DISN</b>	Andi Mack	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Raven	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack
	<b>E!</b>	10 Things I Hate About You	(PG-13,99) * ©			The Kardashians		E! News ▶
	<b>ESPN</b>	▶ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Michigan State at Iowa. (N) (Live)					SportCtr (N)
	<b>ESPN2</b>	▶ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: TCU at Kansas. (N) (Live)					Scoop (N)
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>	Chopped: “Say Cheese!”				Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ▶
	<b>FREE</b>	The Fosters: “Scars.” (N)	(8:01) The Wedding Planner	(PG-13,01) **				700 Club ▶
	<b>FX</b>	▶ (6:30) Terminator Genisys (PG-13,15) ** ©				Baskets (N)	Baskets ©	Baskets ▶
	<b>HALL</b>	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	<b>HGTV</b>	Fixer Upper ©	Fixer Upper (N) ©			Restored (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters
	<b>HISTV</b>	Digging Deeper (N)	The Curse of (N)			(9:03) Hunting Hitler (N)		Oak Island ▶
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	A.I. ▶
	<b>LIFE</b>	Married	Married (N)	Married at First Sight (N)		This Time Next Year (N)		Married ▶
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©		(9:01) The Challenge (N)		Ridiculous. ▶
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	▶ Pregame (N) NHL Hockey: Calgary Flames at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live) ©						Postgame
	<b>NICK</b>	Rango (PG,11) ***	Voices of Johnny Depp, Isla Fisher. ©			Fresh Prince		Friends ©
	<b>Ovation</b>	▶ (6) You’ve Got Mail (PG,98) **		To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything ▶				
	<b>OWN</b>	The Haves, Nots	The Haves, Nots (N)			If Loving You Is Wrong		The Haves ▶
	<b>OXY</b>	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©			Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ▶
	<b>PARMT</b>	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master: “Step It Up.”		Ink Master (N) ©		Tokyo Drift ▶
	<b>SYFY</b>	▶ The Last Witch Hunter **	The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13,04) **	Vin Diesel. ©				
	<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Detour (N)	Conan (N) ▶
	<b>TCM</b>	Air Force (NR,43) ***	John Ridgely, Gig Young. ©			The Adventures of Robin Hood *** ▶		
	<b>TLC</b>	Fat Fabulous (N)	(8:03) I Am Jazz (N)			Seeking Sister Wife ©		Fabulous ▶
<b>TLN</b>	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on Is	Like You	Sig. Insights	Tru News	Robison	
<b>TNT</b>	NBA Basketball: Wizards at 76ers (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)		Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)	
<b>TOON</b>	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy ▶	
<b>TRAV</b>	Delicious	Delicious	Bizarre Foods (N)		Bizarre Foods/Zimmerman		Bizarre ▶	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	
<b>VH1</b>	America’s Next Model (N)	Love & Hip Hop ©			Love & Hip Hop Miami		Top Model ▶	
<b>WE</b>	Law & Order: “Patriot.”	Law & Order ©			Law & Order ©		Law ▶	
<b>WGN America</b>	▶ (6:30) Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13,14) *** ©				Bellevue (N) ©		Cops ©	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle (PG-13,03) **			Divorce ©	High Main.	Queens ▶	
	<b>HBO2</b>	Real Time With Bill Maher	Crashing	(8:25) Gifted (PG-13,17) ** ©			Sports ▶	
	<b>MAX</b>	Big Business (PG,88) **	Bette Midler.	(8:40) 9 to 5 (PG,80) ***	Jane Fonda. ©			
	<b>SHO</b>	▶ (6:15) Hell or High Water	Inside the NFL (N) ©			The Chi: “Quaking Grass.”	Inside NFL ▶	
	<b>STARZ</b>	(7:12) Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (’84) ***				Counterpart ©		Knight Tie ▶
<b>STZNC</b>	▶ (6:27) Lonesome Dove	Rope (PG,48) ***	James Stewart.				South Park: Bigger ▶	

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 6): Rise to new professional heights this year. Realize dreams through methodical planning and coordination. Keep an integrity checklist to stay true to your words and visions. Get physical this summer, and new energy propels your work and health. Shift perspectives and fall in love.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Review your shared resources to update budgets and plans. Meditation helps you see things differently. Prioritize love and harmony.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Discuss unforeseen opportunities with your partner. Listen, learn and stick up for your interests without trampling anyone.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Your past work reflects you well. Keep putting your heart into it. Practice makes perfect, and your skills keep growing. Physical action gets results.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Focus on the fun factor. Practice your favorite hobbies, sports and pastimes. Someone nearby is looking nice. Take a chance on a fine romance.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Get into a domestic project and discover a lovely solution. Tend your garden lovingly, and it flowers. Beauty gets revealed in surprising ways.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Creative inspiration abounds. Let go of a preconception and try new ideas. Profit from your imagination and communicative abilities. Music pleases your muses.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Unforeseen opportunities for extra income present themselves. Keep batteries charged and expenses to a minimum. Hop into high gear, and figure out the numbers later.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Take charge for a cause that stirs your heart. Use your confidence and power to make a difference. Unplanned moments of synchronicity reveal their treasures.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. You're especially sensitive and intuitive. Listen, observe and consider. Review past accomplishments, and dream up an inspiring future. Follow your heart to find your objective.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Social networking builds valuable connections. Enjoy parties, conferences and gatherings. Participate in a shared cause for satisfying results. Discover unimagined generosity. Pay it forward.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Career opportunities take focus. Consider what you want in detail. Provide excellent service with a smile. Someone who can help is watching.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. The open road sings to you. Can you mix business and pleasure? Design your dream trip. Discover unimagined beauty off the beaten path.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

### Bliss By Harry Bliss

### Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

<b>North</b>	♠ 975	♥ A983	♦ K	♣ KJ1083
<b>West</b>	♠ K84	♥ QJ54	♦ J95	♣ A65
<b>East</b>	♠ J6	♥ 107	♦ AQ1064	♣ 9742
<b>South</b>	♠ AQ1032	♥ K62	♦ 8732	♣ Q

West's three diamond bid told South that North was very short in diamonds. South decided that a minimum from partner, with diamond shortness, should afford adequate play for game. That was good reasoning, but the dummy didn't even look like a minimum after the king of diamonds was gobbled up by the ace at trick one.

East shifted to the 10 of hearts at trick two in an effort to knock out dummy's ace before the clubs could be set up.

**The bidding:**

<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
1♣	1♦	1♠	Dbl
Rdbl*	2♦	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♣	All pass

\*Exactly three spades

**Opening lead:** Five of ♦

Declarer cashed two high clubs, shedding his remaining heart and a diamond. The nine of hearts was led next, and East made a good play by ruffing with his jack of spades, over-ruffed by South with the queen. West, who wanted to be sure that East ruffed the next heart also, followed suit with the jack of hearts!

South ruffed a diamond in dummy and led dummy's last heart, now high due to West's play. East ruffed with the six and South over-ruffed with the 10. Another diamond was ruffed in dummy and the nine of spades was passed to West's king. West led the eight of spades to declarer's ace and West's four of spades beat South's three at the end for the setting trick. Nice defense!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert By Scott Adams

### Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

### Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

### Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin

### Frazz By Jef Mallett

### Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz

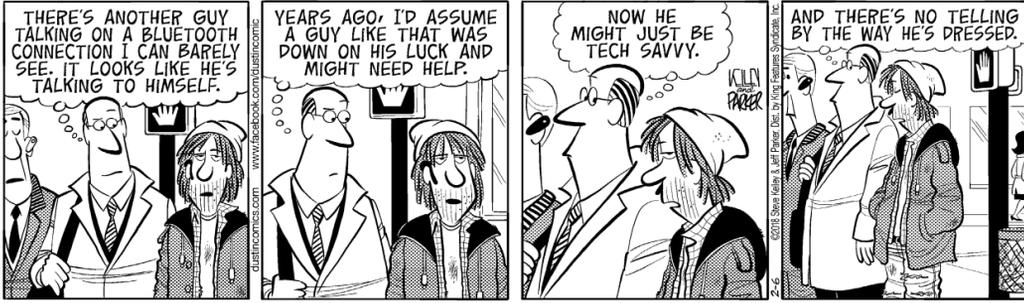
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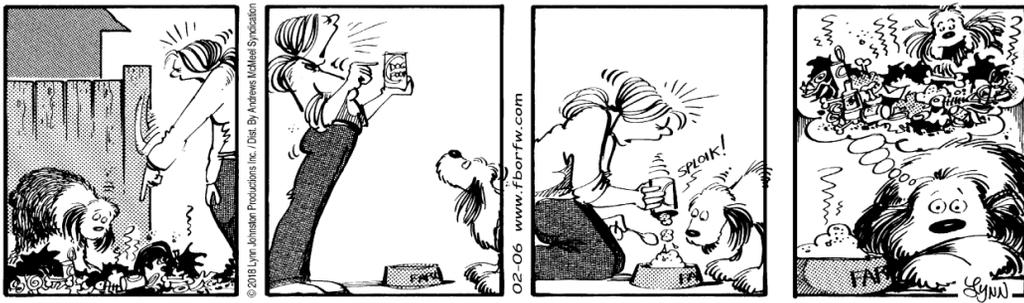
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**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



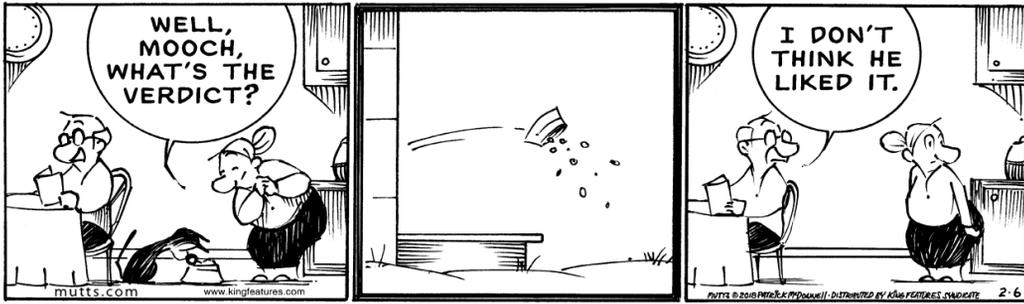
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**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



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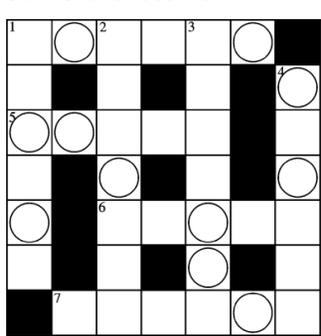
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

Which song was a No. 1 hit in 1992 for Canadian singer Darrin O'Brien, better known as Snow?  
 A) "Boombastic"  
 B) "Here Comes the Hotstepper"  
 C) "Informer"  
 D) "Shy Guy"  
 Monday's answer: Boston's Liberty Hotel, the Four Seasons at Sultanahmet in Istanbul and Helsinki's Best Western Hotel Katajanokka are housed in former prisons.  
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**Jumble Crossword**

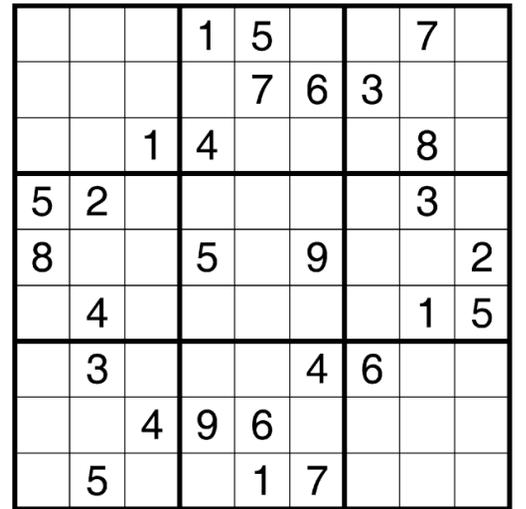


- CLUE ACROSS**
- Roof type
  - Guide
  - Cinder
  - Returned money
- CLUE DOWN**
- Ergo
  - Attain
  - Type of deer
  - Heckled
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: 1. HHCTTA, 2. SRUHE, 3. MREEB, 4. NDEFRU  
 DOWN: 1. LSTYHU, 2. CVEEHAI, 3. ABCUROI, 4. ERJEDE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.  
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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5	1	8	4	2	7	9	6	3
3	9	7	1	8	6	2	5	4
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1	5	9	2	6	4	8	3	7
8	6	3	5	7	1	4	2	9
2	7	4	9	3	8	6	1	5
6	3	1	8	5	9	7	4	2
7	8	5	6	4	2	3	9	1
9	4	2	7	1	3	5	8	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Monday'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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 FRUGIE

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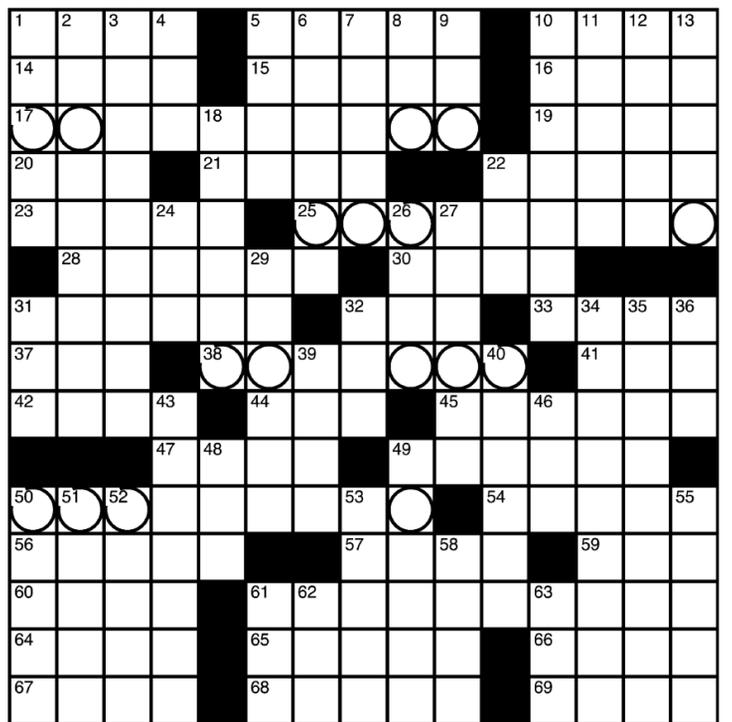
**Monday's answers**

Jumbles: DAFFY WRECK REVERT BYPASS  
 Answer: She wanted to make an omelet quickly and had eggs that she needed to — BREAK FAST

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- Jazz singer Simone
  - Colorado ski resort
  - Apple computer with a Magic Keyboard
  - Ambulance-calling situation: Abbr.
  - Take off
  - Fizzy drink
  - Cold dish topped with hard-boiled egg
  - Grasp
  - Sent to the canvas
  - Japanese beef city
  - Wisdom tooth, e.g.
  - Having many curves
  - Longtime Susan Lucci soap role
  - Bully's warning words
  - A cat may climb one
  - Beginning
  - Skater's surface
  - Tiny amount
  - Place for pillow talk
  - It clicks on the dance floor
  - Crown installer's org.
  - Picked out of a lineup, briefly
  - Fizzy drink
  - "Here's the deal ..."
  - Metal in steel
  - Hire, as a lawyer
  - Appear intermittently
  - Nocturnal calls
  - Wonderland visitor
  - Simplify
  - Tiny insect egg
  - Bread for a gyro
  - It may be a boundary between neighboring countries ... or what each set of circles depicts?
  - Nights before
  - Confess
  - Radar screen spot
  - Take a break
  - Medicinal amounts
  - Flies on a fast plane
  - Hunter Quatermain of "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen"
  - Close-knit group
  - Like greenhouses
  - West of old films
  - Brewery container
  - Rash symptom
  - New Orleans cuisine
  - Attach with a click
  - Back-tied sash
  - Co. for Web users
  - Underlying reason
  - Police artist's composite pic maker
  - Blackball
  - Duck's habitat
  - "Your choice"
  - Like many metal toys
  - Tomé
  - Singer Carly — Jepsen
  - Rock band's helper
  - Zany adventure
  - Martini fruit
  - Tiny parasites
  - Causes of illness
  - Fitbit units
  - Film backdrops
  - No longer edible
  - Prefix with meter
  - Prez whose library is in Austin
- Down**
- Mandolin parts
  - Bit of gratitude from an award recipient
  - Driver's invitation
  - [I want a treat!]
  - As well
  - Naval builder
  - Not as tanned
  - Juan Perón's wife
  - Homer Simpson's friend Flanders
  - "The pressure was too much for me"
  - Greenbacks
- Monday's solution**
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