



## Trump's revolving door spins again

Chief of staff Kelly expected to leave White House during shake-up

BY ZEKE MILLER AND JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump inched closer to his long-teased major White House shake-up Friday, gearing up for the twin challenges of battling for re-election and dealing with the Democrats' investiga-

tions when they take control of the House.

The biggest piece of the shifting picture: Chief of Staff John Kelly's departure now appears certain.

Trump announced he was picking a new U.S. attorney general and a new ambassador to the U.N., and at the same time two senior aides departed the White House to beef up his 2020 campaign.

But the largest changes were still to come. Kelly's replacement in the coming weeks is expected to have a ripple effect throughout the administration.

According to nearly a dozen current and former administration officials and outside confidants, Trump is nearly ready to replace Kelly and has even begun telling people to contact the man long viewed as his likely successor.

"Give Nick a call," Trump has instructed people, referring to Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff Nick Ayers, according to one person familiar with the discussions.

Like all of those interviewed, the person spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive

personnel matters.

Trump has hardly been shy about his dissatisfaction with the team he has chosen, and has been weighing all sorts of changes over the past several months.

He delayed some of the biggest until after the November elections at the urging of aides who worried that adding to his already-record turnover just before the voting would harm his party's electoral chances.

Now, nearly a month after those midterms, in which his party surrendered control of the House

to Democrats but expanded its slim majority in the Senate, Trump is starting to make moves.

He announced Friday that he'll nominate William Barr, who served as attorney general under President George H.W. Bush, to the same role in his administration.

If confirmed, Barr will fill the slot vacated by Jeff Sessions, who was unceremoniously jettisoned by Trump last month over lingering resentment for recusing him-

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## Prosecutors: Prison time for Cohen

Memo outlines crimes committed on behalf of Trump in campaign

BY CHAD DAY, ERIC TUCKER AND JIM MUSTIAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, was in touch as far back as 2015 with a Russian who offered "political synergy" with the Trump election campaign, the federal special counsel said Friday in a court filing.

Filings by prosecutors from both New York and the Trump-Russia special counsel's office laid out for the first time details of the cooperation of Cohen, a vital witness who once said he'd "take a bullet" for the president but who in recent months has become a prime antagonist and pledged to come clean with the government.

Federal prosecutors said Friday that Cohen deserves a substantial prison sentence despite his cooperation with investigators. He is to be sentenced next week, and may face several years in prison.

In hours of meetings with prosecutors, Cohen detailed his intimate involvement in an array of episodes, including some that directly touch the president, that are at the center of investigations into campaign finance violations and potential collusion between the Trump campaign and the

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### PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY



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## SALUTING THE FALLEN

Pearl Harbor attack survivors salute during the national anthem at a ceremony Friday in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, marking the 77th anniversary of Japan's attack on the U.S. naval base. The Navy and National Park Service jointly hosted the remembrance ceremony at a grassy site overlooking the water and the USS Arizona Memorial. Additionally, the death this year of Lake County's last Pearl Harbor survivor was commemorated during a ceremony at Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago. **Stories, Pages 3 and 5.**

## Banding together to aid the director

Music community helping man paralyzed in stage accident

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN  
Chicago Tribune

Members of the Chicago Clarinet Ensemble had just sat down for rehearsal when a huge projector screen suddenly fell from the ceiling, striking prominent local musician Ralph Wilder.

The force of the blow knocked Wilder from his chair, flat onto the floor. He later recalled seeing pools of blood gathering around him and realizing the blood was his.

"I felt like I got hit by a truck," he said. "I never felt anything like that before in my life."



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Prominent local clarinet player and band director Ralph Wilder, a mainstay in the local music scene for decades, broke his back when a projector screen fell on him at Northeastern Illinois University.

Someone screamed, "Call 911!" and that's the last thing Wilder remembers from that day in May.

Days later, in the hospital, Wilder's son, Jeff, asked how he'd react if he knew he was going to be paralyzed the rest of his life, and whether he could live with that.

"I believe I said, 'Yes, I can do that,'" the elder Wilder said. He

has had to do just that, since the accident at the Northeastern Illinois University recital hall in Chicago left him paralyzed him from the chest down.

Wilder, for decades a prominent member of the Chicago-area music scene, was director of the Northwest Concert Band and principal clarinetist with the

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## Drug tie suspected in Loop subway shooting

Man who was injured in tunnel incident not cooperating with cops

BY HANNAH LEONE AND JEREMY GORNER  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police are looking into the possibility that illicit drug-dealing may have led to a shooting in a tunnel between two busy Loop subway stations during Thursday's evening rush hour.

The 27-year-old man who was shot in the hip has been arrested many times and has felony convictions for narcotics and weapons-related offenses, according to court records.

"We suspect that this gunman is known to the victim," Anthony Guglielmi, chief spokesman for the Police Department, said Friday. "We suspect that both of them could be involved in some type of narcotic sales."

The victim is not cooperating in the case, Guglielmi said.

"We are disheartened by the fact that our victim ... even as recent as an hour ago, refused to cooperate with investigators," Guglielmi said late Friday afternoon. "Our first initial attempts to contact him, the victim just put earbuds into his ears."

While police have reviewed CTA surveillance video of the shooting, investigators have not been able to identify a suspect, Guglielmi said.

The shooting happened just after 5 p.m. Thursday in a pedestrian tunnel between the Jackson Boulevard stops on the Blue and Red lines. The victim was shot in the hip at close range and taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment, police said.

CTA surveillance video appears to show a man standing in the tunnel when the shooter

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### Charlottesville driver convicted of murder

An avowed supporter of neo-Nazi beliefs who took part in the violent and chaotic white supremacist Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va., last year was found guilty Friday of first-degree murder for killing a woman by ramming his car through a crowd of counterprotesters. **Nation & World, Page 5**

### QB roommates sharing common goal

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky and his counterpart with the Los Angeles Rams, Jared Goff, once shared living quarters. Now, both share an appetite to win Sunday night's big NFC showdown at Soldier Field. **Chicago Sports**

### Feat worth savoring

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra performs a dramatic account of Nielsen's Symphony No. 4, "The Inextinguishable." **Review, A+E, Page 9**



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# Trump intent on reshaping team

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self from overseeing special counsel Robert Mueller’s Trump-Russia investigation.

Sessions was exiled less than 24 hours after polls closed.

But Trump’s broader efforts to reshape his inner circle have been on hold, leading to a sense of near-paralysis in the building, with people unsure of what to do.

Trump also announced that State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert is his pick to replace Nikki Haley as the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and he said he’d have another announcement Saturday about the military’s top brass.

All this came the same day that Trump’s re-election campaign announced that two veterans of the president’s 2016 campaign, White House political director Bill Stepien and Justin Clark, the director of the office of public liaison, were leaving the administration to work on Trump’s re-election campaign.

“Now is the best opportunity to be laser-focused on further building out the political infrastructure that will support victory for President Trump and the GOP in 2020,” campaign manager Brad Parscale said in a statement.

The moves had long been planned, and will give Kelly’s eventual successor room to build a new White House political team.

Kelly was not at the



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Chief of staff John Kelly, right, is expected to depart the White House amid a staff shake-up by President Donald Trump, who wants to overhaul his inner circle.

White House on Friday, but he was expected to attend an East Room dinner with the president and senior staff.

Ayers, who is a seasoned campaign veteran despite his relative youth — he’s just 36 — has the backing of Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, the president’s daughter and son-in-law and senior advisers, for the new role, according to White House officials.

But Ayers has also faced



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some resistance. During Trump’s flight home from a recent trip to Paris, some aides aboard Air Force One tried to convince the president that Ayers was the wrong person for the job, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Trump and Kelly’s relationship has been strained for months — with Kelly on the verge of resignation and Trump nearly firing him several times.

But each time the two have decided to make

amends, even as Kelly’s influence has waned.

Kelly, a retired Marine Corps four-star general, was tapped by Trump in August 2017 to normalize a White House that had been riven by infighting.

He had early successes, including ending an open-door Oval Office policy.

But those efforts also miffed the president and some of his most influential outside allies, who had grown accustomed to unimpeded access.

Kelly, too, has made no secret of the trials of his job, and has often joked about how working for Trump was harder than anything he’d done before, including on the battlefield.

## Substantial prison term urged for Cohen

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Kremlin.

In one of the filings, Mueller details how Cohen spoke to a Russian who “claimed to be a ‘trusted person’ in the Russian Federation who could offer the campaign ‘political synergy’ and ‘synergy on a government level.’”

The filing says the meeting never happened.

In an additional filing Friday evening, prosecutors said former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort lied to them about his contacts with a Russian associate and Trump administration officials.

Manafort, who has pleaded guilty to several counts, violated his plea agreement by then telling “multiple discernible lies” to prosecutors, they said.

Cohen also discussed a Moscow real estate deal that could have netted Trump’s business hundreds of millions of dollars and conversations with a Russian intermediary who

proposed a meeting between Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as offering synergy with the campaign, prosecutors said.

Cohen, dubbed Trump’s “legal fixer” in the past, also described his work in conjunction with Trump in orchestrating hush money payments to two women — a porn star and a Playboy model — who said they had sex with Trump a decade earlier.

Prosecutors in New York, where Cohen pleaded guilty in August in connection with those payments, said the lawyer “acted in coordination and at the direction” of Trump.

Despite such specific allegations of Trump’s actions, the president quickly tweeted after news of the filings: “Totally clears the President. Thank you!”

Cohen also told prosecutors that he and Trump



Cohen

discussed a potential meeting with Putin on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in 2015, shortly after Trump announced his candidacy, the filings say.

In a footnote, special counsel Robert Mueller’s team writes that Cohen conferred with Trump “about contacting the Russia government before reaching out to gauge Russia’s interest in such a meeting,” though it never took place.

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Also Friday, former FBI Director James Comey spoke to House investiga-

tors behind closed doors for almost seven hours, grudgingly answering questions about the Justice Department’s decisions during the 2016 presidential election.

Comey, who appeared under subpoena, announced after the meeting that he would return for more questioning Dec. 17. Appearing annoyed, he said “we’re talking about Hillary Clinton’s emails, for heaven’s sake, so I’m not sure we needed to do this at all.”

A transcript of the interview, expected to be released shortly, “will bore you,” Comey said.

Two GOP-led committees brought Comey in as they sought to wrap up a yearlong investigation into the department’s decisions in 2016. Republicans argue that department officials were biased against Trump as they started an investigation into his campaign’s ties to Russia and cleared Democrat Hillary Clinton in the probe into her email use.

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## ELECTION 2018

## Big money boosted Underwood, not Roskam

\$7M not enough for Republican to fend off Casten amid a wave of regional, national support that led to Democrats taking control of U.S. House

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL  
Chicago Tribune

A \$7 million campaign war chest wasn't enough for Republican Rep. Peter Roskam to hold off Sean Casten amid a wave of regional and national support that led to Democrats taking control of the U.S. House in last month's election.

Democrat Lauren Underwood, meanwhile, outspent U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren by a 2-to-1 margin in her upset victory in the 14th Congressional District. Underwood spent more than \$4.4 million over the course of the campaign, according to Federal Election Commission reports, as she flipped the traditionally GOP stronghold into one of a string of "blue wave" wins for Democrats.

Both Casten and Underwood were first-time political candidates. The pair of Democratic victories in the collar counties surrounding Chicago helped Democrats flip two Republican districts on their way to taking control of the U.S. House.

Hultgren spent \$2.4 million. Despite a quiet first few months of the fall, the ousted Republican

ended up spending nearly all the money he raised. He finished the post-election reporting period with only \$468,511 cash on hand.

Yet the money totals in the 14th District paled in comparison with the race next door in the 6th Congressional District, which was the focus of national spending for months. The 6th District race, identified by both parties early in the summer as a crucial midterm swing district, drew a combined \$13.4 million in campaign contributions.

Roskam of Wheaton lost to Casten despite spending \$7 million on his re-election bid, records show. The clean energy businessman from Downers Grove spent nearly \$6 million, according to the FEC reports. Casten ended the campaign with \$148,880.80 in the bank.

Underwood, who has appeared on an array of national television talk shows and has been featured in national magazines as part of a young, diverse group of incoming Democratic congresswomen, ended the campaign with \$139,350.86 cash-on-hand.

Underwood, a 32-year-old nurse from Naperville, is the



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U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren, left, greets U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam during a campaign stop in Lisle, Ill., on Nov. 5. Both Republicans lost to their Democratic challengers.

youngest black woman ever elected to Congress, according to congressional records. She will be 32 years, 3 months old when she takes the oath Jan. 3 in Washington. Before Underwood, according to congressional records, U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas was the youngest black woman elected to Congress. Jordan was 36 years, 10 months, 14 days old when she was sworn in Jan. 3, 1973.

In addition to the money, the two races drew widespread attention from national political figures. Former President Barack Obama gave both Underwood and

Casten a boost when he visited Chicago to stump for Illinois Democrats during the final week-end before the election. Former Vice President Joe Biden, retiring House Speaker Paul Ryan and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio also visited the suburbs in the lead-up to Election Day.

The extensive 14th Congressional District encompasses the far northern, western and southwestern edges of the Chicago area, a blend of booming suburbs and cornfields. The 6th District is centered in the western suburbs of DuPage County and also includes



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U.S. Rep.-elect Lauren Underwood spent more than \$4.4 million over the course of her campaign.

portions of the northwest suburbs. All of the candidates were required to file their final post-election campaign reports by the end of the day Thursday.

The incoming Illinois U.S. House delegation will be made up of 13 Democrats and five Republicans. All of the Republican-held districts are south of Interstate 80, with the exception of U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger's, which stretches to the Wisconsin border near Rockford.

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### PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY



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Sailors walk past the "missing man table" to view Pearl Harbor memorabilia provided by Eric "Rick" Miller and Bob Miller of the Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors.

## A SALUTE TO THEIR SACRIFICE

Great Lakes commemorates passing of county's last Pearl Harbor survivor

BY FRANK ABDERHOLDEN  
News-Sun

More than 100 people came to Ross Theater at Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago on Friday morning to commemorate the 77th anniversary of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony was the first to take place since Lake County's last Pearl Harbor survivor, Joseph John Triolo, died Jan. 11.

Friday's tribute was organized by brothers Eric "Rick" Miller and Bob Miller of the Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Illinois Chapter 1 and Mike Lake, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2992 of Des Plaines.

The Millers brought their extensive collection of memorabilia for people to view after the ceremony, which ended with master of ceremonies Bob Miller commenting on the importance of honoring the sacrifices of veterans.

"Next time you see a flag or

hear the anthem," he said, "remember it's the veteran who has sacrificed to give us the freedoms that we enjoy, and it's the veteran who serves the flag and salutes the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag."

Eric "Rick" Miller collected many of the items in the family's collection, and he said it's "just the right thing to do" to bring it out for people to see.

Their late father, Clarence "C.J." Miller, was aboard the USS Ramsay when the attack occurred, and both sons have spent the last 17 years honoring their father, local survivors, survivors who have passed away and all those who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941.

"They made it through a horrific event," Eric "Rick" Miller said of the survivors, but his family is hoping to pass on the history to sailors and civilians alike.

"This is a part of your history here. It's an opportunity to see it up close with a personal side. Now it's up to us to keep it alive," he said.

Capt. Ray Leung, command-



Musician 1st Class Michael Bogart sounds taps during Friday's ceremony.

ing officer at Great Lakes, spoke about the air raid on Pearl Harbor and how it was the single biggest attack on the U.S. Navy, with nearly 2,000 personnel killed and 700 wounded. He said that is why recruits spend their first night in a barracks named Pearl Harbor.

"It all happened very quickly. (There) was a loss of life on every ship," he said. "It lasted less than two hours, and there was extensive damage.

"This marked a turning point in world history, and it affected whole families."

By the end of the war, Naval Station Great Lakes had trained some 7 million sailors.

"At the time there were 6,000 sailors at Great Lakes. In six months, there were 60,000," Leung said, and that number would grow to 100,000 at the base in 17 separate camps.

Today, he added, Great Lakes personnel have raised their standards and work hard at their training.

"We do the little things perfectly at Great Lakes so we can get the big things right when all goes wrong," he said.

Dakota Toney, 20, of Detroit, said the tribute to the survivors "was amazing." And yes, her first night was in the Pearl Harbor barracks.

"It took mad courage," she said of the sailors at Pearl Harbor, adding that "it's amazing to see the family here" as she worked her way through the long tables of memorabilia the Millers had brought.

"I know they are proud, and I'm proud of them," she said, saying the event was good "to know where we came from."

Triolo, a former Waukegan resident who most recently lived in Zion before his death, was a native of West Virginia. He described the historic day to

Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim during a Living History interview at the Lake County Courthouse in 2013.

"It was a duck shoot," said Triolo, a boatswain's mate on the USS Tangiers who had been in his bunk when the alarm sounded.

"But when I got topside, I saw a Japanese plane coming up the channel," Triolo added. "They were like bees. I could see the pilot as good as I can see you. I could see the expressions on his face.

"They fired anywhere they wanted. The whole fleet was in ruins."

Triolo was in the Navy during the Korean War as well, and he left after serving for 21 years, retiring as a chief boatswain's mate, according to his obituary. He met his future wife, Katherine, at what was then known as the Great Lakes Naval Station.

When he left the Navy, he enrolled in Lake Forest College at age 38 and received a bachelor's degree and furthered his studies at Roosevelt University.

Upon graduation, he was hired into the North Chicago School District, where he taught and was a counselor for 21 years.

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# Smart lesson: Bad experiences don't define you

Kidnapping victim tells Crystal Lake audience of harrowing experience

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO  
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Elizabeth Smart spoke Friday with eloquence and sometimes a dash of humor about being a painfully shy 14-year-old girl in 2002, about to graduate middle school, tucked into bed in her Utah home, when she was kidnapped at knifepoint by a menacing stranger with “the most evil smile.”

In a speech to about 350 people at Sage YMCA in Crystal Lake, Smart, 31, shared that it was the love of her family that kept her strong and encouraged her to do “whatever she had to do to survive.”

For nine months she was held captive in a remote mountaintop campsite by Brian David Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee.

Smart said Mitchell raped her daily. Horrifying as the ordeal was, she does not let it rule her today,

and she encouraged others going through uncontrollable, challenging times to do the same.

“We all have a story, we all have a past,” she began. “We all have extra baggage.”

Smart, who married Matthew Gilmour in 2012 and just gave birth to their third baby three weeks ago, said it is easy to get stuck in those negative experiences, “but ultimately it is not what defines you.”

She detailed the abuse, the horror and the constant threats Mitchell would make that he would kill her family if she tried to escape.

“I never prayed so hard for my life, for the opportunity to escape, to see my family,” she said.

She negotiated with her captors to let her go, only to be answered by Mitchell’s “evil smile.”

He raped her on the first day, she said, telling her she was his bride and they were to “consume” the marriage, in spite of her begging him not to. Afterward, she said, he “smiled, like he enjoyed it. He liked hurting a little girl.”

As she lay on the cold ground



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Elizabeth Smart told her audience in Crystal Lake on Friday her family's support helped her through the trauma her 2002 abduction.

she “felt ruined, beyond help, (thought) how could my parents want me back. There was no light, no hope, nothing to hold onto, nothing to survive for. ... How could this happen to me?”

She remained chained to a tree during most of her captivity.

She worried that even if she survived, how could she go back to a “normal life,” what would people

think of her?

But then she remembered how her mother, Lois Smart, always told her, “I’ll always love you no matter what.” And that “became a pinprick of light, a pinprick of hope,” she said.

She ultimately was discovered in Sandy, Utah, by passers-by who called 911. Police arrived, ending her nightmare. She returned to school to a “new normal” in the fall of 2003.

And again, it was her mom’s words that gave her strength to go on. She told her daughter to “be happy ... live your life. Don’t allow them to steal more of your life.”

Mitchell was convicted of kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor across state lines to engage in sexual activity. Barzee pleaded guilty to kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor.

Learning of Barzee’s early release from prison in September, Smart said she felt “betrayed, frustrated.” At a recent parole hearing, Smart was told that Barzee would be incarcerated until 2024. Still, she said, she is not

afraid and actually feels sorry for Barzee, whose own family won’t have anything to do with her and whom Smart also considers a victim of Mitchell’s.

However, if Mitchell, who was sentenced to life, were to be released, she said she would be sitting out front of her home “with a shotgun.”

Today, Smart is author of the New York Times best-selling autobiography “My Story” and an advocate for change related to child abduction, recovery programs and legislation.

After the Crystal Lake event, 17-year-old Kate Nelson, from Glen Ellyn, said Smart made some “amazing points.” She related to the message of not letting negative events of the past “take hold of you.”

Her father, Sean Nelson, said Smart’s message is “very important” and one that he wanted his daughter to hear.

“Don’t let the bad things define you,” Sean Nelson said.

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## Eclectic concert to benefit injured musician

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Evanston Symphony Orchestra. He also played Dixieland and big-band jazz and performed in the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. Now, all that is gone. But his broad musical range will be reflected in a fundraising concert to benefit Wilder, featuring the dizzying variety of musical styles that he played.

Despite the accident, Dave Tuttle, principal clarinetist in the New Chicago Chamber Orchestra, said Wilder remains a crucial part of the local music community, as well as “the life of the party.”

“The musical community does stand behind its members, and Ralph is one of our mainstays,” Tuttle said. “He’s a consummate musician, adept in all fields of music.”

The clarinet itself is noted for its versatility and range. Tuttle brags that it’s the most flexible of the orchestral woodwinds, perhaps most recognizable for the 2 1/2-octave upward spiraling glissando that opens Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue.”

As Tuttle describes the instrument, “It can be supple or raucous, loving or mean.”

Stephen Williamson, the principal clarinet player for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, is scheduled to perform, as is CSO’s assistant principal clarinetist John Bruce Yeh; the principal clarinetist of the Lyric Opera, Charlene Zimmerman; and former Chicago Blackhawks national anthem singer Wayne Messmer. Wilder’s daughter, Debby Wilder, of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, is set to perform, and there are also plans for a clarinet duet featuring Wilder’s grandson, Zachary Wilder, and a song by jazz singer Laury Shelley.

“It’s turned into something pretty rare and special,” Jeff Wilder said. “My dad is so honored by the people showing up for this. It’s unheard of that these virtuosos would play together and put on a free concert.”

Ralph Wilder himself hopes to join the show at 8 p.m. Monday at the Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium, 3601 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago.

**“The musical community does stand behind its members, and Ralph is one of our mainstays.”**

— Dave Tuttle, principal clarinetist in the New Chicago Chamber Orchestra, on Ralph Wilder

Though he was hospitalized for three months after the accident — and was in intensive care again recently for a collapsed lung and pneumonia — he retains the use of his hands, and he hopes to regain enough wind to play.

Following the accident, Wilder filed suit against Chicago Flyhouse Inc., claiming that it was negligent in maintaining the projection system and its hoisting system.

Chicago Flyhouse installs a wide variety of equipment for schools, churches and the entertainment industry. Principal Mark Witteveen denied that his firm was responsible for the accident but declined to comment specifically on the suit.

As a student, Ralph Wilder became interested in music when it was a required part of the curriculum at Calumet High School on Chicago’s South Side. Now 74, having lost his wife to cancer two years ago, Wilder gets around by wheelchair and said he requires around-the-clock care at his home in Northfield for the most basic necessities.

His son, Jeff, said Wilder remains optimistic despite his severe injuries.

“He’s done everything he can to restore normalcy, but it has been a monumental change for him and for us,” he said. “He has a zest for life and a love for music, and those will never leave.”

Admission to the concert is free, but the family is asking people to donate to Wilder’s GoFundMe page to help offset medical and related expenses.

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The CTA holiday train passes by as Chicago police officers secure the entrance to the CTA’s Jackson Blue Line pedway after a shooting Thursday.

## Police suspect drug dealing led to shooting in Loop subway tunnel

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walks up and fires twice, hitting him once, police said. Police recovered two shell casings.

The shooter — who wore a blue surgical mask across his mouth — ran west through the tunnel and either exited the subway or got on a train.

The CTA shut down Blue Line service between the Grand Avenue and UIC-Halsted Street stops, and it ordered Red Line trains to bypass the Jackson stop.

“This area is probably one of the safest areas of the city,” Chief of Patrol Fred Waller told reporters Thursday at the scene. “This is a targeted incident that the riders should not feel any type of discomfort or any type of hesitation in riding the CTA.”

The department said it had no immediate plans to publicly release the CTA video or still images until investigators exhaust all options in identifying the gunman.

“We have portions of very high-quality video that capture the offender and the victim’s movements,” Guglielmi said. “We are optimistic that we’re going to be able to hopefully identify him given the cooperation of witnesses and the review of that physical evidence.”

On Thursday, Michael Beley was about to push through a turnstile to catch a Red Line train when a police officer grabbed him and told him there was an active shooter, he said. “It’s surprising in the middle of the workweek in the Loop,” Beley said. “That’s crazy.”

On Friday, the CTA released a statement calling its transit network “a very safe system.”

“Incidents like this are extremely rare, and as the police indicated, this was an isolated incident involving two individuals,” Catherine Hosinski, a CTA spokeswoman, said in the statement.

“Regardless, we understand

the severity of what occurred and want our riders to know that their safety was the top priority of everyone involved in responding to this incident.

“The Chicago Police Department provides law enforcement and security for CTA, and we work closely with them on a wide variety of strategies to prevent crime and fully investigate when it occurs,” Hosinski said.

She also said the CTA encourages riders “to be aware of their surroundings, listen for announcements that may contain instructions and to check their mobile devices or in-station digital displays for important service information and updates.”

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# NATION & WORLD

## Trump era colors life for Latinos

Light skin, more Anglo features rewarded; dark skin, more ethnic features penalized

BY BRITTNY MEJIA  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Over her 42 years, Lisette Flores' brown skin has at times struck at a rich vein of insecurity.

In the more mundane moments, she's been quizzed about her background, whether she's Mexican or Native American. In college, the young woman taking her ID photo offered to lighten the shade in the background to make her look less dark.

In Mexico, a bouncer at a nightclub looked down at her and asked if the others in her group looked like her — far from the blond, light-skinned women often featured in the country's popular telenovelas.

In January, her darker skin made her a target of a more politically fashionable attack.

As Flores walked back from lunch, she encountered a group of Trump supporters protesting outside the Arizona state Capitol building in Phoenix.

"Go back to Mexico!" a woman shouted, singling Flores out of a group of six. Two light-skinned Latinas escaped the stinging words.

Colorism — a subset of racism that rewards light skin and more Anglo features and penalizes dark skin and more ethnic features — long has affected how people are perceived in this country. But it has contributed an extra layer of angst in the Trump era, as the rhetoric around immigration draws attention to those whom some people, with seemingly more

audacity than before, judge as not belonging.

"I've never committed a crime, I try to be a good neighbor, a good friend, a good person," Flores said. "And to know that any contribution, however big or small I've done, is seen as irrelevant in certain eyes because I'm not blond-haired, or blue-eyed or light skin-colored, that all I'm seen as is somebody that they consider as an invader, as an alien, as a criminal, is disheartening."

The day after President Donald Trump's election in 2016 — according to Documenting Hate, a project that tracks bias incidents around the country — a student reportedly told a seventh-grade girl in Clarksburg, W.Va.: "You're going back to Mexico now." The girl's father is Native American, and she is not of Mexican descent. Her skin is darker, the report noted.

Later that month, a woman reported that she was in line at a grocery store in Austin, Texas, when an older man picked up a newspaper with a picture of a Latino man.

"Trump is going to get rid of you people," she said he exclaimed before shaking the paper at her. The woman was white, but had darker skin.

For many Latinos, the Trump era has hammered home the privilege, or lack thereof, that comes from being the light-skinned *guero* or dark-skinned *prieto* of the family.

On social media, some Latinos have called on others whose appearance makes them closer to "whit-



MARIA ALEJANDRA CARDONA/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Celia Lacayo grew up known as "la negrita" in her family because her skin was darker.

ness" to acknowledge their privilege and support Afro Latinos and indigenous Latinos.

"People who can pass (as white) are less likely to be called names on the street or at sporting events and that kind of thing, which can make it easier to turn a blind eye to or to minimize when you're not facing it directly," said Margaret Hunter, a sociology professor at Mills College in Oakland. "Some of the fissures in status by skin tone are getting amplified in this context of heightened racism and xenophobia."

Celia Lacayo was known in her family as "negrita" or little black girl. For her godparents, her mother and father picked her darker-skinned aunt and uncle.

"The three of us were the outcasts in the family, so to

speak. We were called these words, and oftentimes they would say, 'Oh, it's just out of love.' But it really didn't feel that way," Lacayo said.

In addition to praise within families, being a light-skinned minority also translates to material benefits, including a higher income and greater educational attainment, data show. Latinos and black people deemed to have lighter skin tones are significantly more likely to be seen as intelligent by white interviewers than their darker-skinned counterparts, according to a 2015 study published in the journal *Social Currents*.

The colonization of the Americas and spread of slavery played a large role in the denigration of dark skin and ethnic features, Hunter said.

Skin color and language are stereotypical factors that many people use to judge someone's Americanness.

In the same way that some Indian Sikhs have been attacked for wearing turbans, darker-skinned Latinos can become targets simply because they fit some stereotype of what a Mexican looks like.

"When you're in an era of Euro and white nationalism, color or skin tone can often be a proxy for a variety of distinctions," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino. "Oftentimes, darker complexion is exploited as visual proof of a parasitic invasion of the country, that is not just evidence of changing demographics, but a proxy for a

sinister attack on our values, culture, economy and safety by outsiders."

Growing up, Gloria Calderon Kellett recognized that she and her brother, both Cuban-American, were bound to have different experiences because her skin is light and his is dark.

"We would go out places together, and he would be treated so differently than me," Calderon Kellett, a TV writer and producer, said.

But last year, as her brother walked with his two children on a San Diego beach, someone told him to go back to Mexico.

"He was just so stunned," Calderon Kellett said. "We've never experienced that in San Diego."

Calderon Kellett decided to reference the incident in her Netflix show "One Day at a Time," which focuses on a Cuban-American family living in Los Angeles.

In the first episode of the second season, the character played by actor Marcel Ruiz is told to "go back to Mexico" after he is overheard speaking Spanish with a friend. He tells his mother that, in another incident, the opposing baseball team saw him and yelled, "Build the wall!"

"Ever since somebody decided to call an entire group of Latinos rapists and criminals, everyone thinks they can say whatever racist thought occurs to them," his sister, played by Isabella Gomez, says in the episode.

"It's amazing how lucky I've been," she adds. "Even these days in this openly racist world, I've managed to never have an incident."

"You and your brother are of different shades," their mother, portrayed by Justina Machado, says.



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A jury in Va., convicted James Fields Jr. of first-degree murder for driving his Dodge Challenger into a crowd of counterprotesters last year, killing Heather Heyer, 32.

## Charlottesville driver convicted of murder

BY JOE HEIM AND KRISTINE PHILLIPS  
The Washington Post

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — An avowed supporter of neo-Nazi beliefs who took part in the violent and chaotic white supremacist "Unite the Right" rally in this city last year was found guilty Friday of first-degree murder for killing a woman by ramming his car through a crowd of counterprotesters.

A jury of seven women and five men began deliberating Friday and took just over seven hours to reach its decision that James Fields Jr., 21, of Maumee, Ohio, acted with premeditation.

Heather Heyer, 32, was killed and 35 others injured, many grievously.

Fields appeared stoic as the verdict was read. Judge Richard Moore told jurors they would reconvene Monday for a sentencing

hearing. The jury will hear evidence and then will recommend a sentence to the judge.

The deadly attack in the early afternoon of Aug. 12, 2017, culminated a dark 24 hours in this quiet college town. It was marked by a menacing torchlight march through the University of Virginia campus the night before, with participants shouting racist and anti-Semitic insults, and wild street battles on the morning of the planned rally.

Many in their emboldened ranks shouted fascist slogans, displayed Nazi swastikas and Confederate battle flags and extended their arms in *Sieg Heil* salutes. And many also wore red Make America Great Again hats, saying they were encouraged in the public display of their beliefs by President Donald Trump.

Fields' conviction followed six days of testimony in Charlottesville Circuit

Court, where Heyer's deadly injuries were detailed and survivors of the crash described the chaos and their own injuries.

Defense attorneys Denise Lunsford and John Hill did not deny Fields drove the car that killed Heyer and injured dozens. But they said it was not out of malice, rather out of fear for his own safety and confusion.

"He wasn't angry, he was scared," Lunsford told the jury in her closing argument.

Prosecutors, though, said Fields was enraged when he drove more than 500 miles from his apartment in Ohio to take part in the rally — and later chose to act on that anger by ramming his two-door muscle car into the crowd.

The guilty verdict for Fields is not the end of his legal troubles. He still faces a federal trial on hate crimes that carries the possibility of the death penalty.

Associated Press contributed.

## Survivors gather at Pearl Harbor

20 veterans of 1941 attack gather to pay respects

BY AUDREY MCAVOY  
Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — About 20 survivors gathered at Pearl Harbor on Friday to pay tribute to the thousands of men lost in the Japanese attack 77 years ago.

They joined dignitaries, active duty troops and members of the public in observing a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., the time the bombing began on Dec. 7, 1941.

John Mathrusse was an 18-year-old seaman second class walking out of the chow hall on Ford Island to see a friend on the USS West Virginia when the bombing began.

"The guys were getting hurt, bombs and shells going off in the water. I helped the ones that couldn't swim, who were too badly injured or whatever and helped them to shore," said Mathrusse, now 95.

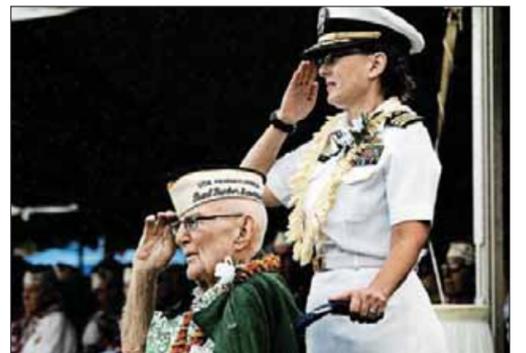
Mathrusse, who traveled to Hawaii for the event from Mountain View, Calif., remembers carrying injured people to the mess hall and setting them on mattresses grabbed from the barracks above.

Robert Fernandez, who was assigned to the USS Curtiss, recalls being petrified.

"I was kind of nervous too. I was scared. I was 17. I went to go see the world. What did I get into? A war," he said.

The 94-year-old from Stockton, Calif., returns for the annual remembrance each year because he's now alone after his wife died four years ago.

Adm. Phil Davidson,



AUDREY MCAVOY/AP

Everett Hyland, seated, who survived the attack, salutes along with his granddaughter, Navy Cmdr. Anna-Marie Fine, during Friday's remembrance at Pearl Harbor.

commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, said the nation can never forget the heavy price paid on that day. He cited 21 vessels damaged or sunk, 170 planes destroyed, more than 2,400 people dead, including servicemen and civilians.

"Despite these losses, it did not break the American spirit. In fact, it charged it," he said in a keynote address.

The survivors are declining in number as they push well into their 90s, and are increasingly treated as celebrities. They say people ask for their autographs and request to take photos and selfies with them.

"I am given a lot of attention and honor. I shake hands continuously," said Tom Berg, who lives in Port Townsend, Wash. Berg, who is 96, served on the USS Tennessee.

This year, no survivor from the USS Arizona attended the ceremony as none of the men were able to make the trip to Hawaii.

The Arizona sank after two bombs hit the ship, triggering tremendous explosions.

The Arizona lost 1,177 sailors and Marines, the greatest number of casualties from any ship. Most remain entombed in the sunken hull of the battleship at the bottom of the harbor.

There are now only five USS Arizona survivors still alive: Lauren Bruner, 98, Lou Conter, 97, Lonnie Cook, 98, Ken Potts, 97, and

Don Stratton, 96.

The Arizona Republic in 2014 visited all remaining USS Arizona survivors — there were nine still alive at the time — and published extensive interviews with the aging veterans. What emerged were moving stories and remembrances of an attack that had altered their lives.

Most could still recall vivid details about that Sunday morning, though a few, even decades later, could not bring themselves to talk about their fellow shipmates who hadn't escaped.

For years, elderly survivors of the USS Arizona faithfully returned to Oahu to participate in ceremonies to remember the attack.

As in past years, Friday's events include military fighter planes flying over the harbor in a "Missing Man" formation and the ringing of the USS Arizona bell.

One survivor, Ken Potts, described the memorial to the attack in Oahu — the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument — as "one of the best actual memorials I've seen," according to the Republic.

Ray Chavez, previously the oldest known survivor, died less than three weeks ago in his sleep, at age 106. In May, Chavez had visited President Donald Trump in the White House.

The Washington Post contributed.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Trump calls Tillerson 'dumb,' 'lazy' in responding to remarks

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump responded to criticism from his former secretary of state Rex Tillerson on Friday by calling Tillerson “dumb as a rock” and “lazy as hell.”

During a public appearance Thursday in Houston night, Tillerson, the former Exxon Mobil CEO, discussed his tenure working for Trump. He called the president “undisciplined” and said Trump “doesn’t like to

read, doesn’t read briefing reports, doesn’t like to get into the details of a lot of things.”

Tillerson also said Trump frequently asked him to do things that he had to explain were illegal.

The comments were met with a biting response from Trump on Friday. Trump tweeted that Tillerson “didn’t have the mental capacity needed for the job” and lavished praise on Tillerson’s replacement, Mike Pompeo.

## Medical chief of Michigan to stand trial on Flint charges

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan’s chief medical executive will stand trial on involuntary manslaughter and other charges in a criminal investigation over the Flint water crisis, a judge ruled Friday, making Dr. Eden Wells the second member of Gov. Rick Snyder’s Cabinet to go before a jury.

Wells is among six current or former government officials facing involuntary manslaughter

charges in connection to an outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease in the Flint area in 2014 and 2015.

Wells is accused of failing to alert the public of the spike in Legionnaires’ cases in a timely manner and causing the death of John Snyder, 85. Wells, 55, also faces charges of obstructing justice, lying to an investigator and committing misconduct in office. She denied any wrongdoing.

## Marlboro maker places \$1.8B bet on Canadian pot provider

NEW YORK — One of the world’s biggest tobacco companies is diving into the cannabis market with a \$1.8 billion buy-in.

Marlboro maker Altria Group Inc. is taking a 45 percent stake in Cronos Group, the Canadian medical and recreational marijuana provider said Friday.

The deal includes a warrant to acquire additional shares over the next four years that could give Altria, which is based in

Richmond, Va., a 55 percent ownership stake in the Toronto company. That would mean Altria’s investment would be in the same league as the \$4 billion spent earlier this year by Constellation Brands to acquire shares of Canopy Growth Corp., another Canadian pot producer.

Consumers are expected to spend \$57 billion per year worldwide on legal cannabis by 2027.



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Protesters stand their ground in front of riot police Friday in Toulouse, France, as the nation prepares for a fourth weekend of violence. Four people have died in protest-related accidents since the unrest began Nov. 17 in response to an increase in diesel taxes.

## Deputy died from friendly fire in gunbattle at California bar

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — A sheriff’s deputy who died in a mass shooting at a Southern California bar was shot five times by a gunman who massacred 11 others, but the officer was killed by friendly fire, authorities said Friday.

Sgt. Ron Helus was fatally shot in the heart by a California highway patrolman who had joined him in a firefight with the gunman at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks on Nov. 7, Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub said.

“It was just a tragic detail that unfolded so rapidly, in my view it was unavoidable,” Ayub said. “They were ambushed almost immediately.”

Ayub said the fatal shot did not diminish the heroism shown by the officers. The CHP officer was not identified, but is a 9-year veteran of the force who is on leave.

Investigators did not offer any more insight into what drove Ian David Long, 28, to storm the country and western bar at an event for college students. Long took his own life after the gunbattle with the two officers.

Long threw smoke grenades into the group of

revelers, obstructing what they could see, before he opened fire. Then he used a flashlight with a laser sight attached to his .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol as he fired.

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## Doctors tie tap water in neti pot to woman’s death

SEATTLE — Doctors believe a woman who died from rare brain-eating amoebas used tap water to rinse her sinuses.

The Seattle resident, 69, died in February after undergoing brain surgery at Swedish Medical Center. Her doctor tells The Seattle Times there was “amoeba

all over the place just eating brain cells.”

According to a study published in the International Journal of Infectious Diseases, doctors believe the woman likely became infected when she used tap water in her neti pot, a teapot-like vessel used to flush out nasal passages.

Health officials suggest using only distilled, sterile or previously boiled water to rinse sinuses. Tap water can contain tiny organisms that are safe to drink but could survive in nasal passages. Such infections are rare. There were three similar U.S. cases from 2008 to 2017.

## Court blocks ban on asylum seekers who cross illegally

SAN FRANCISCO — A divided U.S. appeals court late Friday refused to immediately allow the Trump administration to enforce a ban on asylum for any immigrants who illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border.

The ban is inconsistent with an existing U.S. law and an attempted end-run around Congress, a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in a 2-1 decision.

“Just as we may not, as we are often reminded, ‘legislate from the bench,’ neither may the Executive legislate from the Oval Office,” 9th Circuit Judge Jay Bybee, a nominee of Republican President George W. Bush, wrote for the majority.

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, Steven Stafford, did not have comment. But he referred to an earlier statement that called the asylum system broken.

**In Syria:** The U.S. on Friday accused forces backed by the Syrian government and Russia of firing tear gas at civilians and falsely claiming it was a rebel chemical weapons attack. The incident occurred Nov. 24 amid fighting near the government-held city of Aleppo and reportedly left dozens injured.

**In Germany:** Angela Merkel’s center-right party elected an ally of the chancellor as its new leader Friday, opting for continuity as it handed her the challenge of improving the party’s electoral fortunes. Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer will become the Christian Democratic Union’s new chairwoman.



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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## First Midwest makes deal to buy Bridgeview Bank

Merger valued at \$145M expected to close in Q2 of 2019

By Robert Channick  
Chicago Tribune

First Midwest Bank is continuing to expand its reach in Chicago with an agreement to buy Bridgeview Bank in a cash and stock deal valued at \$145 million.

The merger, announced late Thursday, adds Bridgeview Bank's \$1.2 billion in assets and a stronger presence in Chicago with 13 branches, including five on the city's North Side. The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 2019, pending regulatory and shareholder approval.

As part of the deal, the Bridgeview name will go away, but most if not all of its branches will remain open under the First Midwest banner.

"We're trying to expand within the broader Chicago marketplace and con-



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With its new deal, First Midwest Bank will gain 13 branches, including one in Chicago's Uptown community.

tinue to leverage the momentum we've built there," Michael Scudder, chairman, president and CEO of Itasca-based First Midwest Bancorp, said Friday. "As we looked at partnering with Bridgeview, we saw somebody who was very culturally similar ... and strategically, it helped fill in some distribution gaps in the First Midwest franchise."

Bridgeview Bank, which was founded in 1971 in the south suburbs, is a commu-

nity bank with a personal and small business focus. In addition to suburban locations, it has branches in the Edgewater, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square and Uptown community areas in Chicago.

"Our clients will continue to have the highly personalized service they have come to expect from Bridgeview Bank, now with the added benefit of a broader range of products and services combined with larger scale," Peter

Haleas, chairman of Bridgeview Bank Group, said in a news release.

While the Bridgeview name will disappear, most of its locations represent new turf for First Midwest, and will likely remain open after the deal closes, Scudder said. "We haven't made those decisions yet, but the level of overlap is marginal," he said. "I would not anticipate significant branch change."

First Midwest, which has \$15 billion in assets and more than 100 branches in Chicago and the suburbs, has been on a buying spree in recent years. In October, the bank completed its acquisition of Waukegan-based NorStates Bank, adding about \$550 million in assets and eight branches in Lake County. The all-stock deal was valued at about \$83 million at closing.

Founded in 1940 in Joliet, First Midwest became a publicly traded company in 1983.

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## Investors buy Wilson parent

By Jeff Sutherland  
Bloomberg News

A Chinese investor group led by Anta Sports Products reached a \$5.2 billion deal to acquire the maker of Wilson tennis rackets and Louisville Slugger baseball bats, as it seeks to bring high-end athletic equipment to China's wealthy consumers.

The consortium, which includes Chinese buyout firm FountainVest Partners, will offer shareholders of Finland's Amer Sports 40 euros a share in cash, or about 4.6 billion euros. The deal is the largest struck by a Chinese acquirer for a European asset since China Investment Corp. agreed to buy Logicer Europe for almost \$14 billion in June 2017, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Significant minority investors in the consortium also include Chip Wilson, founder of yoga apparel retailer Lululemon Athletica, and Chinese internet giant Tencent Holdings.

Amer Sports bought Wilson Sporting Goods, then based in River Grove, in 1989 for \$200 million. Wilson moved its headquarters from the Far Northwest Side to Prudential Plaza in the Loop in 2016.

China has become a major focus for makers of luxury products, as companies target an increasingly wealthy middle class. Athletic goods companies such as Adidas are also seeking to tap into a growing interest in healthy lifestyles among the nation's consumers.

Anta, China's biggest athletic apparel producer, is

seeking acquisitions of well-established global brands as it works to increase its business overseas. The Chinese government is pushing to expand in sports ranging from soccer to skiing, as well as the industries that supply equipment for competitors and weekend enthusiasts.

Amer's portfolio of well-known brands, including Salomon ski boots, Arc'teryx outdoor gear and Atomic winter equipment, is an attractive prospect for Anta ahead of the Olympic Games in Asia. Beijing will host the Winter Olympics in 2022, providing a springboard for sales of skis and snowboards, while the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo will offer a showcase for other Amer brands.

"We are excited to bring these premium international brands and products to Chinese consumers, who increasingly seek high-end products with outstanding qualities and heritage in various niche and specialized sports segments," Anta Sports Chief Executive Officer Ding Shizhong said in a statement.

Amer Sports was advised by Goldman Sachs Group on the transaction, while Citigroup worked with Anta Sports, FountainVest and the group of buyers.

After completion of the deal, the consortium plans for Amer Sports to be operated independently from Anta, with CEO Heikki Takala and other executives continuing to lead the business.

Bloomberg's Ben Scent contributed.

## Hiring slow, steady as 155K jobs added

By Christopher Rugaber  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. job growth declined modestly in November, a move that could signal a slower but still steady pace of hiring and growth next year.

The potential for a more

anemic economy contributed to a sharp drop in the stock market Friday, sending the Dow Jones average down 560 points, or 2.2 percent, by market close.

Yet most economists said last month's job gain of 155,000 is more sustainable than some of the larger increases posted earlier this year.

And hiring at last month's pace would make it easier for the Federal Reserve to slow its interest rate increases, which investors worry are weighing on the economy.

"This is the new Goldilocks," said Josh Wright, chief economist at iCIMS, a recruiting software company. "Still strong-enough

job growth, but a more cautious Fed."

The unemployment rate stayed at 3.7 percent, a nearly five-decade low, for the third straight month, the Labor Department said Friday in its monthly jobs report.

Most analysts do expect economic growth to decelerate next year.

### MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 25,095.62 Low: 24,284.78 Previous: 24,947.67



**Nasdaq**  
-219.01 (-3.05%)

Close: 6,969.25  
High: 7,205.37  
Low: 6,945.27  
Previous: 7,188.26

**S&P 500**  
-62.87 (-2.33%)

Close: 2,633.08  
High: 2,708.54  
Low: 2,623.14  
Previous: 2,695.95

**Russell 2000**  
-29.32 (-1.98%)

Close: 1,448.09  
High: 1,485.63  
Low: 1,440.85  
Previous: 1,477.41

**10-yr T-note**  
-0.02 to 2.85%

**Gold futures**  
+8.70 to \$1,246.80

**Yen**  
-0.01 to 112.64/\$1

**Euro**  
-0.0038 to 87.55/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
+1.12 to \$52.61

### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-4.50	-4.93	-4.60	-6.16	-5.91	-5.32	+2.25	+1.89	-6.9

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	505.25	519	505.25	515	+9.75
		Mar 19	517	532	515.25	531.75	+16.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	371.75	374.75	371.50	373.75	+1.75
		Mar 19	382.50	385.75	382.25	385.25	+2.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	910	918	907.50	916	+6.50
		Mar 19	922.25	930	919.25	928.50	+6.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	28.45	28.58	28.41	28.41	-0.06
		Jan 19	28.81	28.98	28.56	28.69	-0.02
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	310.00	311.00	308.30	309.30	-0.70
		Jan 19	312.60	314.10	310.30	311.80	-0.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	51.76	54.22	50.60	52.61	+1.12
		Feb 19	51.98	54.44	50.83	52.81	+1.11
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	4.348	4.570	4.231	4.488	+0.161
		Feb 19	4.231	4.463	4.127	4.378	-0.161
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.4410	1.5177	1.4115	1.4858	+0.0524
		Feb 19	1.4393	1.5177	1.4100	1.4845	+0.0512

Source: The Associated Press

### 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	69.95	-1.59	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	102.56	+1.18	Mondelez Intl	O	43.80	-0.45
AbbVie Inc	N	86.96	-3.37	Equity Residential	N	71.67	-0.98	Morningstar Inc	O	115.21	-1.27
Allstate Corp	N	83.81	-1.28	Exelon Corp	N	46.96	+0.06	Motorola Solutions	N	127.53	-2.23
Aptargroup Inc	N	99.77	-1.86	First Indl RT	N	31.88	-0.52	NiSource Inc	N	27.14	+0.33
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.46	-1.07	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	42.59	+0.05	Nthn Trust Cp	O	88.93	-2.01
Baxter Intl	N	65.02	-1.77	Gallagher AJ	N	74.52	-0.54	Old Republic	N	21.55	-0.54
Boeing Co	N	323.22	-8.68	Grainger WW	N	289.43	-10.14	Packaging Corp Am	N	92.95	-2.40
Brunswick Corp	N	49.57	-1.56	GrubHub Inc	N	76.80	-4.61	Paycom Software	O	62.07	-2.74
CBOE Global Markets	N	104.34	+0.72	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	92.76	-2.99	Stericycle Inc	O	43.93	-1.25
CDK Global Inc	O	47.98	-1.25	IDEX Corp	N	133.64	-1.40	Teleph Data	N	34.80	-0.45
CDW Corp	O	91.48	-4.06	ITW	N	129.47	-3.79	TransUnion	N	60.53	-2.39
CF Industries	N	41.03	-0.53	Ingredion Inc	N	97.21	-2.21	Tribune Media Co A	N	44.99	+0.04
CME Group	O	187.11	-1.21	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	133.40	-4.84	US Foods Holding	N	31.83	-0.36
CNA Financial	N	44.54	-0.53	Kemper Corp	N	69.80	-1.86	USG Corp	N	43.04	-0.07
Caterpillar Inc	N	123.55	-4.82	Kraft Heinz Co	O	48.71	-0.81	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	254.47	-38.45
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.84	-0.78	LKQ Corporation	O	25.63	-0.73	United Contl Hldgs	O	88.23	-4.80
Deere Co	N	147.26	-7.13	Littelfuse Inc	O	172.58	-5.57	Ventas Inc	N	65.47	+0.05
Discover Fin Svcs	N	64.84	-1.65	MB Financial	O	42.40	-0.58	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	81.19	-1.75
Dover Corp	N	79.50	-2.34	McDonalds Corp	N	182.96	-2.49	Wintrust Financial	O	71.85	-0.36
Equity Commonwlth	N	31.57	-0.51	Middleby Corp	O	109.37	-2.64	Zebra Tech	O	165.34	-7.24

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.01	-0.34
Bank of America	25.43	-0.85
Nabors Inds	3.10	+0.04
Ford Motor	8.82	-2.0
Chesapeake Energy	2.72	..
AT&T Inc	30.14	-0.39
Weatherford Intl Ltd	0.52	-0.01
EnCana Corp	6.43	-0.04
Aphria Inc	5.23	-0.13
Twitter Inc	32.83	-0.31
Wells Fargo & Co	50.26	-0.83
EnSCO PLC	5.11	-0.04
Transocean Ltd	8.30	-0.44
Pfizer Inc	43.92	-1.06
Citigroup	58.35	-1.71
Vale SA	13.14	-0.39
Oracle Corp	46.00	-0.68
Nokia Corp	5.53	-0.09
Aurora Cannabis Inc	5.75	+4.07
Petrobras	14.24	+1.0
Marathon Oil	16.05	-0.17
Kinross Gold	2.85	+0.03
Freeport McMoran	10.92	-0.23
Square Inc	60.78	-4.91

### NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	19.46	-1.84
Cronos Group Inc	12.72	+2.27
Microsoft Corp	104.82	-4.37
Apple Inc	168.49	-6.23
Cisco Syst	46.44	-1.95
Intel Corp	46.24	-2.13
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.22	-1.13
Micron Tech	35.31	-2.36
Helios and Matheson	0.02	..
Akorn Inc	4.26	-1.33
Facebook Inc	137.42	-2.21
Comcast Corp A	37.41	-0.27
Huntgrn Bancshs	13.42	-0.21
Activision Blizzard	47.23	-0.92
Qualcomm Inc	55.99	-1.12
Nvidia Corporation	147.61	-10.68
Applied Materials	33.64	-1.05
American Airlines Gp	33.57	-3.37
Tenax Therapeutics	1.39	-0.29
JD.com Inc	20.93	-0.30
Moderna Inc	18.60	..
21st Century Fox A	49.26	-2.4
Caesars Entertain	7.58	-0.37
Netflix Inc	265.14	-17.74

### FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2605.89	+7/+0
Stoxx600	345.45	+2.1/+8
Nikkei	21678.68	+17.1/+8
MSCI-EAFE	1774.56	+10.1/+6
Bovespa	88115.06	-731.4/-8
FTSE 100	6778.11	+74.1/+1.1
CAC-40	4813.13	+32.7/+7

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	153.06	-2.77
Alphabet Inc C	1036.58	-32.15
Alphabet Inc A	1046.58	-31.50
Amazon.com Inc	1629.13	-70.06
Apple Inc	168.49	-6.23
Bank of America	25.43	-0.85
Berkshire Hath B	204.88	-3.08
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.64	-0.75
Facebook Inc	137.42	-2.21
JPMorgan Chase	103.29	-1.90
Johnson & Johnson	145.43	-4.48
Microsoft Corp	104.82	-4.37
Pfizer Inc	43.92	-1.06
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.73	-0.04
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.31	+1.2
Unitedhealth Group	269.18	-7.67
Verizon Comm	57.68	-0.40
Visa Inc	137.11	-3.94
WalMart Strs	93.19	-1.58

### TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.34	2.35
6-month disc	2.46	2.48
2-year	2.72	2.74
10-year	2.85	2.87
30-year	3.14	3.14

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## EDITORIALS

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Protecting children from sexual abuse in schools

The shocking number of sexual violence cases fielded by Chicago Public Schools' new Title IX office should serve as a wake-up call to everyone that not only is sexual violence happening in K-12 schools, it is horrifically common. Statistics back this up: One in four girls nationwide will experience sexual assault or abuse before she turns 18 and nearly 70 percent of them experience sexual harassment in high school.

Over 600 brave Chicago students have already summoned the courage to report what happened to them. But disconcertingly, if proposed new Title IX regulations from Betsy DeVos' Department of Education are finalized, schools would not have to investigate sexual harassment, even if it is reported to an employee, unless that employee is the K-12 Title IX coordinator or a teacher.

This is problematic because children are far more likely to report sexual harassment to an adult they trust, but most of these adults — e.g., playground supervisors, guidance counselors, athletics coaches — would not be required to help them at all. What's worse, schools would also be required to presume the survivor may be lying and use a standard of evidence that tilts investigations in favor of named harassers and rapists and against survivors. This would make school proceedings more like criminal courts and would not treat both parties equally — a violation of Title IX itself.

As the CEO of Girls Inc. of Chicago, I work with girls and young women for whom these sexual violence episodes are a daily reality. We must speak out on their behalf and tell the U.S. Department of Education to reconsider these proposed changes.

— *Arshelle Stevens, CEO Girls Inc. of Chicago*

#### A better pension fix

I recall a proposal about 15 years ago to extract a commuter tax from us suburban aliens. Mayor Richard M. Daley opposed the tax, but now candidate Bill Daley wants to give it another try. The Tribune editorial ("Daley's commuter tax would drive jobs from Chicago," Nov. 30) does a good job explaining why this is a poor idea.

Efficiency plus reduced spending will never be sufficient to bring pension debt to a manageable figure, however. The big solution would be bipartisan legislation that would select new revenue sources, with the money going into a "lock-box" account for the sole purpose of eliminating the crushing pension debt and making the funds self-supporting. Such legislation should declare that this financing method is part of pension recipients' benefits. Once the pension systems are self-supporting, the tax could be eliminated or reduced.

One possible revenue source would be a low tax on a very broad list of services — legal fees, auto repair, haircuts, etc. New taxation is unavoidable, but it can be done in a less painful manner — if the revenue is protected from further abuse by hungry legislators willing to again bankrupt Illinois. This is a statewide problem that needs true leaders, and I predict voters will re-elect all such leaders if it is done right.

— *Robert Tingler, Palatine*

#### Don't penalize seniors

I have always thought that requiring Chicago property owners to maintain city-owned sidewalks is somehow unconstitutional or illegal. Should we also face penalties if the concrete is crumbling or cracked? Will sweeping streets, unclogging sewers and patching potholes be next? Are there any legal maneuvers to overturn this draconian ordinance?

Elderly property owners are often unable to remove snow due to physical limitations. Young adults have no interest in making a few bucks like I used to. Contractors can't be bothered by committing to such a small job. What are seniors supposed to do?

My idea to generate revenue has always been targeting jaywalkers. They pose the greatest threat to themselves and others, but that's another issue.

— *James Placha, Chicago*

#### Health care travesty

I was talking with a guy who is part of the crew building a three-season room on my house. He's 55 years old, and he and his wife have no health care coverage. He can't afford it, he says, and I expect that's true.

I've been on Medicare since I turned 65, but I didn't retire until I turned 74. Before my wife qualified for Medicare but while I was still working, the sum of my Medicare premiums, prescription coverage, Medicare supplement policy, prescription costs, her health care policy and \$2,300 worth of long-term care coverage ate 49 percent of my gross salary. We got along OK because I have a small retirement check, and I could take Social Security. Then I retired, and her health care premiums, my supplemental policy, the long-term care policies, my prescription policy, and the enormous prescription costs when I hit the donut hole came out of savings. When she finally reached Medicare age, the \$900-plus a month for her basic health care became the Medicare premium and the supplemental policy. Saved about \$500 a month.

But the guy I was talking with doesn't have the retirement check, and he and his wife are both a ways away from Medicare. He is a hard working part of a skilled construction crew, and if there is a health storm for either him or his wife, they both will be standing naked in it. It's not fair. It's not right.

— *Fred Lierman, Rockford*

#### This will make you smile

Reading the comments on passenger politeness to older folks prompted me to recall that on Friday morning as I prepared to cross Michigan Avenue at South Water, the northbound #6 bus was at the stop and didn't move when the light turned green. I then realized that the driver had left the bus to help an older blind man cross Michigan Avenue. I walked just behind them as the driver put his hand lightly on the passenger's shoulder, walked him across the eight lanes to the west side, tapped him on the shoulder and said goodbye, then returned to the bus. It took the driver a minute or so, and seeing that brightened my whole walk to work.

— *Neil Skene, Chicago*

## The Huawei affair: Mistrust of China runs deeper than trade disputes

There's an aspect to China's rise as an economic power that presents a constant national security threat to the United States: the unlimited reach of the Chinese government.

In China's communist-run political system, lines of control and influence between Beijing and privately operated enterprises are murky — when those lines exist at all. Some Chinese companies are owned directly by the government, but all owe a level of fealty to the government. A few weeks ago, the Chinese news media disclosed that Jack Ma, a Chinese internet entrepreneur worth \$39 billion, is a Communist Party member. The revelation isn't scandalous because it reflects the reality of the Chinese hybrid system: There's no place for business owners and executives to hide in an authoritarian state. So they might as well join the party and accrue the benefits.

That's all background for a spectacular legal confrontation now brewing between China and the U.S. over Huawei, China's telecom giant. On Dec. 1, Canadian authorities fulfilled a U.S. government request to arrest Huawei's chief financial officer amid allegations the company violated U.S. trade sanctions against Iran.

The pressure point runs much deeper than whatever U.S.-originated equipment Huawei may have sold to Iran. Huawei is described as the world's largest supplier of cellular tower electronics and other telecommunications equipment. The firm is on the cutting edge, developing and selling 5G (fifth generation) mobile phone service technology around the world. All fine — global competition is welcome. Except almost everything related to telecommunications technology has potential military usefulness, including for espionage.

Huawei says it's a privately owned company that doesn't answer to the government, doesn't engage in espionage and complies with all applicable law. But who really calls the shots



NG HAN GUAN/AP

at Huawei? The company's founder, Ren Zhengfei, is a former Chinese army officer. He left the People's Liberation Army in the early 1980s, the era in which Premier Deng Xiaoping decided to embrace free-market reforms while retaining one-party rule. Ren's daughter, Meng Wanzhou, is the Huawei executive who was arrested in Vancouver.

The U.S. government is deeply suspicious of Huawei and its connections to the Chinese government. A 2012 congressional report concluded that Huawei couldn't prove its independence from government control. The report determined that Huawei and another firm, ZTE, provided "a wealth of opportunities for Chinese intelligence agencies to insert malicious hardware or software implants into critical telecommunications components and systems." Even if company executives refused to help their government commit nefarious acts, the report noted, all it would take is recruiting a few technicians to do the dirty work. Chinese law appears to require cooperation with any request under the guise of state security.

The arrest may complicate the Trump administration's trade negotiations with China, given that Chinese authorities are angry about the treatment of such a high-profile executive. But this collision of interests will turn out to be a good test of Chinese intentions. Trade is one facet of a complex relationship. Both sides will be better off if President Donald Trump can negotiate a deal with Chinese President Xi Jinping without getting distracted by a criminal case that will proceed on the merits.

As for companies like Huawei, the Chinese government has a choice. It can encourage companies in sensitive industries to open themselves to outside scrutiny and investment. It also can insist that companies like Huawei respect the law — U.S. sanctions against Iran included. Or China can allow companies like Huawei to stay in the shadows, untrusted by the United States and other Western governments. There are plenty of other telecom companies willing to sell sensitive equipment and play by the rules.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In the era of Trump, the news media seem to find a way to reframe every story to be about President Trump, from the mail bomber to the Khashoggi slaying. The death of the 41st U.S. president has been no different. ... Overall, 39 percent of worldwide online news coverage in 65 languages of George H.W. Bush's death mentioned Bill Clinton, 26.3 percent mentioned Barack Obama and 57 percent mentioned Trump.

As the current president responsible for issuing proclamations and orders relating to Bush's state funeral, Trump would be expected to garner far more mentions than the two previous presidents. Yet, an anecdotal review of coverage shows that many of the articles mentioning Trump also emphasized his campaign trail attacks on Bush or contrasted their presidencies.

In short, as with everything else, it seems even the death of a former president has been reframed by the media into yet another story about Donald John Trump.

Kalev Leetaru, RealClearPolitics

Migration is not an inevitability. Millions of people from all over the world seek to make their homes in the United States because we remain a beacon of prosperity and opportunity. Yet many more would prefer to make a good life for themselves and their families in their country of origin. It is not a natural human instinct to abandon hearth and home to flee to an alien land.

Throughout Central America, poor economic conditions, rampant corruption and hair-raising levels of crime are driving people to risk illegal immigration rather than staying put. These problems are the poisoned fruit of the same tree: weak or absent democratic governance. According to a study by the Inter-American Development Bank, Central and South America accounts for 9 percent of the global population yet are home to nearly one-third of the world's homicide victims.

America needs a strategy aimed at preventing the causes of mass migration by helping willing neighbors strengthen their democratic institutions and become more stable, prosperous and responsive to their citizens.

Daniel Twining, The Weekly Standard

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## Swift snubbed as Grammy noms push rap to fore

BY GREG KOT  
Chicago Tribune

Hip-hop continues to dominate pop music, rock keeps sliding, Taylor Swift appears to be falling off, and hip-hop giants Kendrick Lamar and Drake are solidifying their grip as the planet's dominant pop stars.

Those are the broad strokes that can be gleaned from the nominations announced Friday for the 61st annual Grammys Awards. Love or loathe them, the Grammys continue to be a barometer of broad commercial trends in American music.

Hip-hop and pop dominated the album of the year nominations, while rock failed to garner even one mention. The nominees included rappers Cardi B ("Invasion of Privacy"), Drake ("Scorpion"), Post Malone ("Beerbongs & Benleys") and Lamar ("Black Panther: The Album"), R&B artists Janelle Monae ("Dirty Computer") and H.E.R. ("H.E.R."), country-pop singer Kacey Musgraves ("Golden Hour") and singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile ("By the Way, I Forge You").

Lamar led the way with eight overall nominations, Drake had seven, and Carlile and producer Boi-1DA (who has worked with



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY-AFP

Kendrick Lamar, performing at the 2018 Grammy Awards, was nominated Friday for eight Grammys.

Drake and Cardi B) garnered six each. Carlile may be the biggest surprise, with her nominations in three major categories including album of the year as well as song and record of the year ("The Joke"). The singer has released seven well-received, musically eclectic albums, but had never won a Grammy previously.

The Recording Academy considered recordings released between Oct. 1, 2017 and Sept. 30, 2018. The 2019 Grammy Awards will be nationally televised at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 on CBS-TV.

Notably excluded from the top categories was Swift, who had dominated the Grammys for years. She has garnered 10 awards and is the only woman to win album of the year twice. But her chart-topping 2017 album, "Reputation," album was snubbed other than a nomination for best pop vocal album. Another notable omission from the top categories was singer Ariana Grande, whose "Sweetener" album is shaping up as one of the year's biggest commercial successes.

In the always confusing best new artist category — which isn't really about a "new" artist so much as one who may have been obscure for years before making a commercial impact — the nominees ranged from genuine newcomers to veteran road warriors who finally broke through.

One of the nominees is Grete Van Fleet, whose debut album, "Anthem of the Peaceful Army," was released too late for Grammy consideration, though the Michigan band had played festivals, including Lollapalooza in Grant Park, on the back of a pair of 2017 EPs and a major-label marketing push. The nomination kept rock artists from being completely shut out in the major categories.

On the flip side of that equa-

tion is best new artist nominee Margo Price, who has been releasing independent music since 2010. The singer finally broke through with "Midwest Farmer's Daughter" in 2016 and amplified that success with "All American Made" in 2017. If a brand new artist nomination can be categorized as "long overdue," Price qualifies.

The rest of the best new artist nominees included Chloe X Halle, Luke Combs, H.E.R., Dua Lipa, Bebe Rexha and Jorja Smith.

Besides Carlile, the record of the year nominees included Cardi B, Bad Bunny and J Balvin ("I Like It"); Drake ("God's Plan"); Childish Gambino ("This is America"); Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper ("Shallow"); Lamar and SZA ("All the Stars"); Post Malone ("Rockstar"); and Zedd, Maren Morris and Grey ("The Middle").

For song of the year, the nominees included Carlile, plus the songwriters for Lamar and SZA's "All Stars"; Ella Mai's "Boo'd Up"; Drake's "God's Plan"; Shawn Mendes' "In My Blood"; Zedd, Maren Morris and Grey's "The Middle"; Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper's "Shallow"; and Childish Gambino's "This is America." Among artists with Chicago

connections, the nominees included Fall Out Boy for best rock album ("Mania"); Kanye West for best producer, non-classical; John Prine for best Americana album ("The Tree of Forgiveness"); and Jeff Tweedy for best American roots song (Mavis Staples' "Build a Bridge").

In jazz, Miguel Zenon's "Yo Soy La Tradicion" ("I Am Tradition") featuring Chicago's Spektral Quartet, received two nominations, for best Latin jazz album and best improvised jazz solo.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra composer-in-residence Missy Mazzoli was nominated for best contemporary classical composition for "Vespers for Violin." And "Liquid Melancholy: Clarinet Music of James M. Stephenson" — an album by CSO assistant principal clarinet John Bruce Yeh — was nominated for best engineered album, classical (engineered by Bill Maylone and Mary Mazurek).

Buddy Guy was nominated for best traditional blues album for "The Blues Is Alive and Well." And former Chicagoan Kurt Elling was nominated for best jazz vocal album for "The Questions."

Tribune critic Howard Reich contributed to this report.



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Edward Gardner leads the CSO in a ferocious performance of "The Inextinguishable" on Thursday evening.

### IN PERFORMANCE

## Feat worth savoring

CSO performs dramatic account of Nielsen's Symphony No. 4, 'The Inextinguishable'

BY HOWARD REICH  
Chicago Tribune

One of the great mysteries of classical music concerns the Danish master Carl Nielsen, whose towering symphonic scores aren't performed nearly as often or as widely in the United States as they deserve to be.

True, these works can be unorthodox in structure and harmonic progression, their principal themes appearing and reappearing at unexpected junctures and in fragmented form. Yet these eccentricities only heighten the rugged individuality of this music, which at its best evokes the fire of Beethoven and the intensity of Brahms.

Anyone who doubts it probably was not in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center on Thursday evening, when guest conductor Edward Gardner made his Chicago Symphony Orchestra subscription concert debut performing Nielsen's epic Symphony No. 4, "The Inextinguishable." Gardner, chief conductor of the Bergen Philharmonic, made an extraordinarily compelling case for Nielsen's methods in general, "The Inextinguishable" in particular.

For this performance combined ferocity of expression with

clarity of orchestral sound, no small feat. Add to this Gardner's knack for giving this immense, sometimes unwieldy score a narrative line, and Nielsen's message emerged in uncommonly bracing form.

Scholars debate the exact meaning of that message, at least insofar as the symphony's title is concerned, with some believing that the translated title "The Inextinguishable" doesn't quite capture the nuances of the Danish original. Regardless, no one doubts that Nielsen created a work about the irrepressible nature of life itself, "the will to live," as the composer put it. That Nielsen wrote the symphony during World War I gave this theme profound resonance (and made it a natural for Symphony Center's centennial commemoration of the war's end).

Conductor Gardner did not flinch from the turbulent opening passages of "The Inextinguishable" and, in fact, doubled down on it via his vigorous tempos in the first and fourth movements. This served not only to evoke the energy and drive that Nielsen intended but to give coherence to a work built on sometimes wild swings of mood and direction.

Yet Gardner also brought forth the lyrical facets of the symphony, most particularly in the woodwind choirs of the second movement. The sweetness and ripeness of tone the CSO musicians produced was worth savoring.

Similarly, one was struck by the dramatic rhetoric of the strings in the slow movement and the violence evoked by the double timpani passages of the finale (arguably an explicit reference to the terrors of war). Above all, though, Gardner brought a dramatic arc to a work that can seem disjointed in lesser hands.

Earlier, Gardner led the orchestra in Richard Strauss' "Four Last Songs," featuring soprano Erin Wall. She was vividly effective as the villainous Elettra in Mozart's "Idomeneo" at Lyric Opera this season. But her work proved uneven in the Strauss. For while one could admire the fullness of her upper voice and the legato she brought to vocal arabesques, Wall's lower register did not project as well as one might have hoped, and her pianissimos lacked enough body to carry above the orchestra.

Gardner opened the program with the Overture to Richard Wagner's opera "Rienzi," the grandeur of the performance foreshadowing the more significant work by Nielsen yet to come.

The program will be repeated on select dates through Tuesday; ticket prices vary; in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

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### IN PERFORMANCE

'Algorithm Nation or, The Static Quo' ★★

## Strange letdown on Second City mainstage

BY CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

"Algorithm Nation or, The Static Quo" is the first opening on the legendary mainstage of Second City since the fantastic "Dream Freaks Fall from Space" debuted on that legendary platform in Oct. 2017. It was more than time for a new marquee show but, alas, the weirdly spluttering and insecure "Algorithm Nation" is a far cry from its vastly superior predecessor.

What went wrong? Too many guns — the cast draws firearms at least three times. Guns are rarely funny, especially when they show up in the hands of Charlie Brown. A fascination with sexual content that will strike most people of legal drinking age as overly adolescent. Too much overplaying and too many identity clichés, and too little live material that really breathes in the moment. Not enough hope, empathy and fun. And, most important of all, a conceptual framework that makes no sense.

Maybe you'll better figure it out — all I could discern was that the cast is controlled by a flickering single lightbulb, maybe a nod to the show's deep interest in nasty interrogations (also not that funny) or some other dystopian reach beyond my immediate ken. But it sure didn't much interest the audience.

It's a weird night, all in all, given the talent in the cast. Take, for example, Ryan Asher's takedown of a middle-aged member of Women for Trump. Asher's carefully honed material always is very clever — Asher, a huge talent, was fantastic in last year's show — but this one needed the director, Matt Hovde, to say something along the lines of, hey, if we all believe that this person actually exists in this form, not only will we laugh more but the political point will be all the more powerfully made. This isn't exactly unplowed territory, and the moment the charac-

When: Open run

Where: The Second City Mainstage, 1616 N. Wells St.

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$31-\$80 at 312-337-3992 or www.secondcity.com

ter jumps the shark, you tune it out as obvious and smug.

This is just one example within an unpolished show that needs to keep a firmer foot in truth and human complexity. Take, as another example, a potentially hilarious sketch mocking those terrible online diversity-training videos, as foisted on officeworkers. All that was needed for laughs to flow was to make them recognizable. But within this sketch, it's as if the D-list actors know they're bad performers in a stupid video and comment upon it as they go.

In fairness, the show is by no means all a bust. I think Nate Varrone is a mega-talent too, and his Borat-like comedic persona is great, for a couple of minutes, as a Palestinian Uber driver choosing music suitable for both himself and his Jewish passenger (played by Emma Pope) on her way to Israel as part of its Birthright program. There's a warmth and a kindness to Tyler Davis that I only wish this show knew better how to use. And both Jeffrey Murdoch and Kimberly Michelle Vaughn have their moments.

Stuff that works includes a warm father-and-stepson scene, a caustic look at fallen #MeToo men through the eyes of a pair of wacky Cleveland media personalities looking at their highlights reel and, from Varrone, a sweet and funny interaction with an audience member who is generously empowered, despite being hijacked from his seat.

Humanity trumps algorithms — and the obvious — every single time.

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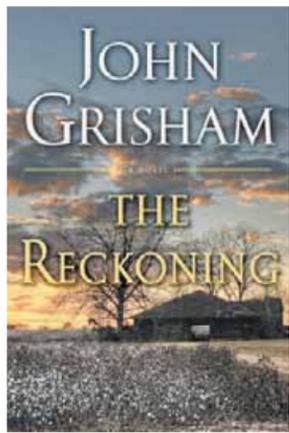
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"Algorithm Nation or, The Static Quo" at the Second City.

# NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

## HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"The Reckoning: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 4*



2. **"Fire & Blood: 300 Years Before A Game of Thrones, Dragons Ruled Westeros (A Song of Ice and Fire: A Targaryen History)"** by George R. R. Martin (Bantam, \$35) *Last week: 1*

3. **"Target: Alex Cross"** by James Patterson (Little, Brown, \$29) *Last week: 2*

4. **"Kingdom of the Blind: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel"** by Louise Penny (Minotaur, \$28.99) *Last week: —*

5. **"Long Road to Mercy: An Atlee Pine Thriller"** by David Baldacci (Grand Central, \$29) *Last week: 6*

6. **"Every Breath"** by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central, \$28) *Last week: 5*

7. **"Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: 7*

8. **"Look Alive Twenty-Five: A Stephanie Plum Novel"** by Janet Evanovich (Putnam, \$28) *Last week: 3*

9. **"Tom Clancy: Oath of Office — A Jack Ryan Novel"** by Marc Cameron (Putnam, \$29.95) *Last week: —*

10. **"The Next Person You Meet in Heaven"** by Mitch Albom (Harper, \$23.99) *Last week: 8*

## NONFICTION

1. **"Becoming"** by Michelle Obama (Crown, \$32.50) *Last week: 1*



2. **"Comfort Food Shortcuts: An 'In the Kitchen with David' Cookbook From QVC's Resident Foodie"** by David Venable (Ballantine, \$30) *Last week: —*

3. **"Homebody: A Guide to Creating Spaces You Never Want to Leave"** by Joanna Gaines (Harper Design, \$40) *Last week: 2*

4. **"Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are So You Can Become Who You Were Meant to Be"** by Rachel Hollis (Nelson, \$22.99) *Last week: 3*

5. **"Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering"** by Joanna Gaines (William Morrow, \$29.99) *Last week: 4*

6. **"Whose Boat Is This Boat? Comments That Don't Help in the Aftermath of a Hurricane"** by The Staff of "The Late Show" with Stephen Colbert (Simon & Schuster, \$14.99) *Last week: 5*

7. **"Killing the SS: The Hunt for the Worst War Criminals in History"** by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt, \$30) *Last week: 7*

8. **"Cook Like a Pro: Recipes and Tips for Home Cooks"** by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter, \$35) *Last week: 9*

9. **"The Happy Cookbook: A Celebration of the Food That Makes America Smile"** by Steve Doocy and Kathy Doocy (Morrow, \$29.99) *Last week: —*

10. **"Guinness World Records 2019"** by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records, \$28.95) *Last week: 8*

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# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Hosts stunned by dietary demands

**Dear Amy:** Every year my husband and I host a holiday get-together for several friends and neighbors. We provide the main dish, a couple of sides and drinks. We ask friends to fill in with other salads, sides and desserts.

This year, with little notice, my friend "Barb" texted me, "This year, I will need you to prepare my food differently" — due to her recent diagnosis of celiac disease.

She explained that "even a crumb of cross-contamination" will result in her not feeling well. She instructed me to check all my spices and ingredients, and to thoroughly clean all my cooking and serving utensils before preparing food for her.

She even provided a list of online resources I could use to learn more. Amy, I was shocked speechless — and my husband was livid.

I responded that I would check ingredients and try my best to accommodate.

My husband said that if the disease was so dire, she would need to pack her own plate of food. He said I should not contact our other guests and provide any instruction on Barb's behalf.

I was considering moving mountains for Barb when the final straw came: She asked us to thoroughly clean our grill grates, should there be any gluten left on them from when we last grilled.

Is our friend being ridiculous here, or are we being insensitive to her disease? How far does a host couple need to go out of their way to accommodate a guest in this situation?

— *Gluten-free Hosts*

**Dear Hosts:** You should not try to gauge whether "Barb's" disease is as serious as she indicates. You should simply assume that it is. I agree, however, that she is not communicating about her needs in a way designed to inspire such a herculean effort on your part.

In fact, her requirements seem overwhelming and are coming off as demands. She is also trying to shift responsibility for her health from herself onto you. Don't take it on.

Instead of you communicating her needs to your other guests who are bringing food, you should suggest that she contact them. With such specific requirements, she should not trust anyone else to communicate her exact requirements.

You should assume that your best efforts might not be enough to decontaminate your kitchen to Barb's standards, and you should tell her so:

"I worry that I can't guarantee that all the food and the kitchen area will be decontaminated the way you might need. It would definitely be safest for you to bring your own food this year. If you feel you also need to bring your own plates, silverware, etc., I assure you we won't be offended. And don't forget to bring a dish to share with the rest of the group. Looking forward!"

**Dear Amy:** I have four grandchildren and plan to send a nice check to each of them this year. Three of them are single; the fourth is married.

If I send the married one a check in his name only, will his wife's feelings be

hurt; or if I use both of their names, will he feel that he is only getting half of what his siblings are getting?

This is a small dilemma, I know, but it is bothering me.

— *Wondering Grand*

**Dear Grand:** You should never assume that your married grandson will feel he received less than his siblings. He might in fact feel that way, but you should not assume it or worry about it.

People lucky enough to have partners benefit from their partnership in many ways. Hang the money — his feet are warm at night!

Even if you sent a check in his name only, presumably, he would (or should) find a way to share his bounty with his partner. If you sent the check with a note addressed to him and his wife, this might help bridge your anxiety about her feelings.

**Dear Amy:** I thought you gave an excellent answer to "Upset Ex," whose ex-husband was hounding her for money. My first thought was, "Amy, tell her, 'No! No! No!'"

As I have "coached" my children and grandchildren, "No is an answer, too. Just not the one you want."

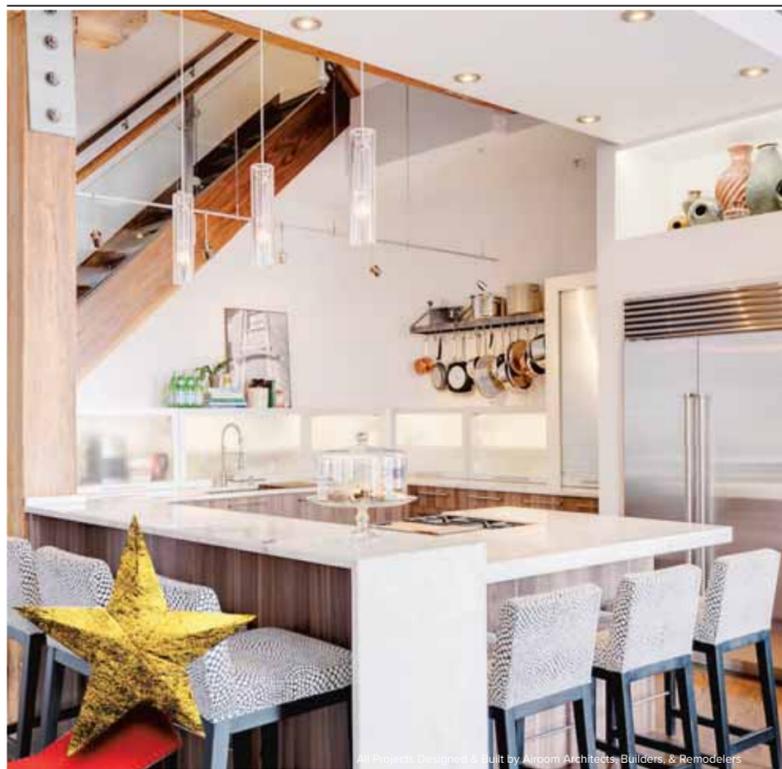
And the other: "What is the worst that someone can say when you ask for something? No."

— *L, in Beaverton, Colo.*

**Dear L:** "No is an answer, too." Great response.

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# WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Lori Loughlin

**"Homegrown Christmas"** (7 p.m., Hallmark): After spending years successfully running her own company, shoe designer Maddie (Lori Loughlin) sells the business and accepts her mother's (Gwyneth Walsh) invitation to come home for Christmas and reconnect with her long-ignored family. Her younger sister, Hallie (Kate Isaac), gives her a chilly reception. As Maddie begins to mend fences, another business prospect lands in her lap.

**"College Football"** (2 p.m., CBS): The passion! The pageantry! True, neither the Army Black Knights nor the Navy Midshipmen have fielded championship-caliber teams in more than 50 years but that shouldn't stop this annual clash, the 119th overall, at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field from being anything short of a spectacle. Certainly, the thousands of screaming fans in attendance will make things interesting in the stands, no matter what happens on the field.

**"Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings: Holiday Magic"** (7 p.m., 12 a.m., FREE): Married dancers and choreographers Allison Holker and Stephen "tWitch" Boss co-host this all-new installment of enchanting nuptial ceremonies at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Since those Disney geniuses rarely miss a marketing opportunity, this year's special throws a spotlight on the company's huge Christmas movie release, "Mary Poppins Returns."

**"Ready Player One"** (7 p.m., 12:20 a.m., HBO): Ernest Cline co-adapted his own best-selling 2011 sci-fi novel for Steven Spielberg's 2018 adventure, which uses a combination of live-action and animation to conjure the dystopian near future of 2045. There, much of humanity retreats into OASIS, a virtual-reality software program, to escape their bleak surroundings. Wade (Tye Sheridan) discovers clues to a hidden game in the program that will deliver a life-changing reward to the winner.

**"Memories of Christmas"** (8 p.m., HMM): San Francisco businesswoman Noelle Carson (Christina Milian) returns to her small Michigan hometown to pack up her childhood home for sale and attend a holiday charity gala, which was founded by her late mom, a true Christmas junkie. Romantic sparks fly with local handyman Dave Beckman (Mark Taylor), at least until he learns a beloved local lodge is being sold to developers represented by Noelle's company.

**"Frosty Returns"** (8:31 p.m., CBS): This animated special offers John Goodman as the voice of Frosty the Snowman. Frosty arrives in the town of Beansborough following the first snowstorm. But his visit may have to be cut short when a new invention, a snow-removal spray called Summer Wheeze, is introduced. The show also features the voices of Jonathan Winters, Jan Hooks and Andrea Martin.

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer ©	Frosty the Snowman	Frosty Returns ©	(9:01) 48 Hours: "Dear Savannah." © HD	News (N) ♦		
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Dateline NBC © HD	Dateline NBC © HD	Saturday Night Live (N) © HD	NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition: "Cake and Pastry Week." © HD			The Alec Baldwin Show: "Sarah Jessica Parker." (N)			
	<b>WGN</b> 9	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) © HD			Weekend News (N)		Man of the People (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Morning McHale	Knows Best	Jack Benny	Burns/Allen	Jeannie	Bewitched	
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	The Saint ©	The Saint ©	The Saint ©	The Saint ©	The Saint ©	The Saint ♦	
	<b>PBS</b> 11	*(6:30) Encore Programming			Encore Programming		Encore Programming ♦	
	<b>The U</b> 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Svengoolie: "The Creature From the Black Lagoon."			Lost in Space ©			
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Hunter	Hunter: "Turning Point."	Hunter: "Hot Prowl."	Hill Street ♦			
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	*(6) Alex Cross (*12) ★			Assault on Precinct 13 (R,'05) *** Ethan Hawke.		Mindhunter ♦		
<b>FOX</b> 32	2018 MLS Cup: Portland Timbers at Atlanta United FC. (N) (Live) HD			Fox 32 News		Bears Unleashed		
<b>Ion</b> 38	A Firehouse Christmas		Rent-an-Elf (NR,'18)	Yohance Biagas-Bey. HD		Christmas ♦		
<b>TeleM</b> 44	Lorax		Ratatouille (G,'07) ***	Voices of Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. ©		Noticiero		
<b>CW</b> 50	AHL Hockey: Chicago Wolves at Rockford IceHogs. (N)			Dateline © HD				
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Fútbol MLS HD			XRC		Pulling ♦		
<b>WJYS</b> 62	Paid Prog.	Moses	Bishop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
<b>Univ</b> 66	*(6:30) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)			La Rosa de Guadalupe		Maria		
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	(7:06) Live PD: Rewind			Live PD: "Live PD -- 12.08.18." (N) (Live) © ♦			
	<b>AMC</b>	Jingle			The Santa Clause 2 (G,'02) *** Tim Allen. ©			
	<b>ANIM</b>	Pit Bulls and Parolees			Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		Amanda to the Rescue	
	<b>BBCA</b>	Star Trek			Star Trek ©			
	<b>BET</b>	*(5:28) Meet the Browns			Jumping the Broom (PG-13,'11) ** Angela Bassett, Paula Patton. ♦			
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	College Hockey: Minnesota at Michigan. (N) (Live) ©			The BIG		The BIG	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Buying It Blind ©			Sweet Home ©		Get a Room w/Carson	
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7		News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend
	<b>CNBC</b>	Undercover Boss ©			Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©	
	<b>CNN</b>	CNN Special Report ©			The Eighties ©		The Nineties ©	
	<b>COM</b>	*(6) Bad Santa (*03) ***			Bad Santa (R,'03) *** Billy Bob Thornton. ©			
	<b>DISC</b>	Dirty Jobs: "Exotic Nanny."			Border Live: "Border Live 12.05.18." ©			
	<b>DISN</b>	Cinderella (PG,'15) *** Cate Blanchett. ©			Raven		Raven	
	<b>E!</b>	*(6) Pitch Perfect (PG-13,'12) *** ©			Pitch Perfect (PG-13,'12) *** Anna Kendrick. © ♦			
	<b>ESPN</b>	Heisman Trophy (N)			Boxing: Vasiliy Lomachenko vs. Jose Pedraza. (N) (Live)			
	<b>ESPN2</b>	Basketball   College Basketball: New Mexico State at Kansas. (N)			College Basketball (N) ♦			
	<b>FNC</b>	Watters' World (N) ©			Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Cookie Challenge			Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie	
	<b>FREE</b>	Fairy Weddings (N)			The Santa Clause (PG,'94) *** Tim Allen. ©		Santa 3 ♦	
	<b>FX</b>	Daddy's Home (PG-13,'15) ** Will Ferrell. ©			Daddy's Home (PG-13,'15) ** © ♦			
	<b>HALL</b>	Homegrown Christmas (NR,'18) Lori Loughlin. ©			Christmas at Pemberley Manor (*18) ♦			
	<b>HGTV</b>	Love It or List It ©			Love It or List It ©		House Hunters Reno (N)	
	<b>HISTV</b>	Paw Patrol			Paw Patrol (N)		Paw Patrol	
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic			Forensic		Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	Die Hard (R,'88) *** Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. ©			Die Hard ♦			
	<b>LIFE</b>	Santa's Boots (NR,'18) Megan Hilty, Noah Mills. ©			(9:03) Poinsettias for Christmas (*18) ♦			
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes			Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word	
	<b>MTV</b>	Here Cms			Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13,'04) ***		Florabama Shore ©	
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	College Basketball: Mississippi at Illinois State. (N)			Chicago Bulls Postgame			
	<b>NICK</b>	Santa Hunters (NR,'14) ©			Friends ©		Friends ©	
<b>Ovation</b>	*(6:30) Under Siege (R,'92) *** Steven Seagal.			Versailles: "The Legacy." (N) ©				
<b>OWN</b>	Oprah at Home w/G. Un			Chad Loves Michelle (N)		Ready to Love (N)		
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: "Kelly Cochran."			Snapped ©		Snapped: "Keana Barnes." ♦		
<b>PARMT</b>	*(6) Jurassic Park (PG-13,'93) *** Sam Neill. ©			The Lost World: Jurassic Park ***				
<b>SYFY</b>	(7:09) Nightflyers ©			(7:59) Nightflyers ©		Nightflyers (9:35) Nightflyers ©		
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang			Big Bang		Big Bang		
<b>TCM</b>	Holiday Inn (NR,'42) *** Bing Crosby. ©			The Man Who Came to Dinner *** ♦				
<b>TLC</b>	American Gypsy Wedding			American Gypsy Wedding		Gypsy Wedding (Season Finale) (N) Gypsy ♦		
<b>TLN</b>	Exalted			Pacific Garden Mission		In Grace		
<b>TNT</b>	Doctor Strange (PG-13,'16) *** Benedict Cumberbatch. ©			Edge of Tomorrow *** ♦				
<b>TOON</b>	LEGO DC Comics			Dragon		My Hero (N)		
<b>TRAV</b>	Ghost Adventures ©			Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost Adventures ©		
<b>TVL</b>	Two Men			Two Men		Two Men		
<b>USA</b>	(7:01) NCIS ©			(8:02) NCIS ©		(9:02) NCIS ©		
<b>VH1</b>	*(6) Bruce Almighty **			Training Day (R,'01) *** Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke. ©				
<b>WE</b>	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		
<b>WGN America</b>	M*A*S*H ©			M*A*S*H ©		M*A*S*H ©		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Ready Player One (PG-13,'18) *** Tye Sheridan. ©			Boxing (N) ♦			
	<b>HBO2</b>	Room 104			Room 104		The Hangover (R,'09) *** ©	
	<b>MAX</b>	Conan the Barbarian (R,'82) *** ©			(9:10) Conan the Destroyer (*84) *** ♦			
	<b>SHO</b>	Shameless ©			Boxing: Deontay Wilder vs. Tyson Fury.		All Access	
	<b>STARZ</b>	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13,'17) ***			(9:02) Outlander ©		Salt *** ♦	
<b>STZNC</b>	(7:01) The Saint (PG-13,'97) ** Val Kilmer. ©			Black Sails: "IX." ©		28 Weeks ♦		

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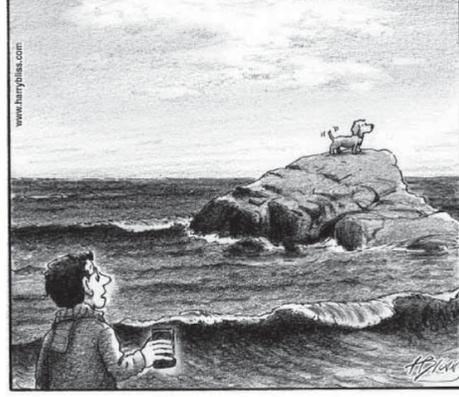
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### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>			
♠	A K 6 5	♥	A K 10 2
♦	9	♣	8 6 5
<b>West</b>			
♠	J 10 2	♥	9 5
♦	Q 10 7 6 4 2	♣	Q 9
<b>South</b>			
♠	9 7 4	♥	Q J 7 6
♦	A 5 3	♣	A K 10
<b>East</b>			
♠	Q 3	♥	8 4 3
♦	K J 8	♣	J 7 4 3 2

A psychic bid is one that grossly distorts the strength or distribution of your hand. Its intent is purely deceptive and runs the risk of deceiving partner as well as the opponents. We never make a psychic bid because it always makes someone at the table angry — your opponents when it works

**The bidding:**

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	All pass

\*Splinter bid, game forcing heart raise with shortness in diamonds  
Opening lead: Six of ♦

a psychic one-spade overcall, which didn't disturb North-South very much as they bid to their best contract. In fact, the bid might have kept North-South out of a spade contract, where only 11 tricks are available.

South won the opening diamond lead with the ace and drew three rounds of trumps, ending in the dummy. He then led a low spade from the dummy. This was the technically correct play, as it would allow him to take four spade tricks even if West held QJ10x, or all five of them. He did overcall in spades, didn't he? Had East followed with his low spade, there might have been a great story to tell about how he scored his doubleton queen on the second round of the suit. Luckily for South, East rose with his queen and the slam sailed home. At least no one was angry.

— Bob Jones  
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**Dilbert** By Scott Adams



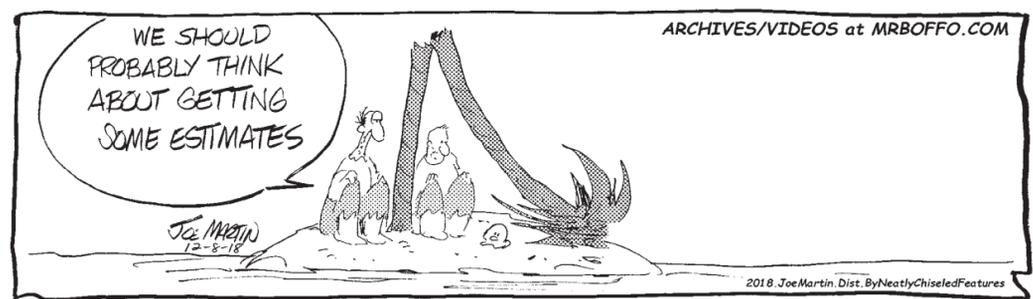
**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin



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**Classic Peanuts** By Charles Schulz



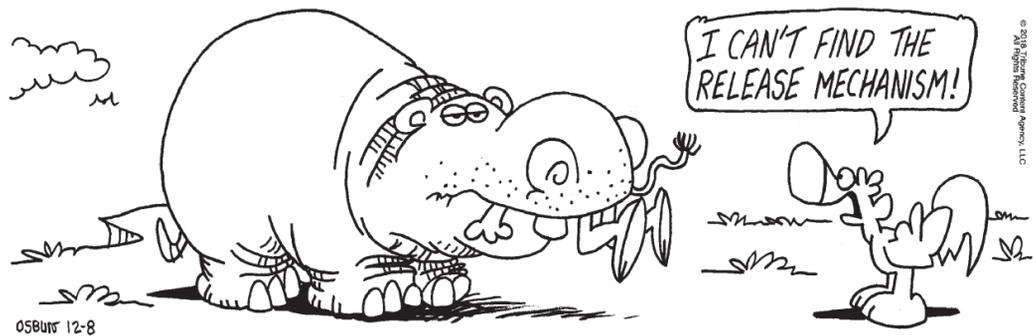
**Pickles** By Brian Crane (Pickles is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this strip from 2003.)



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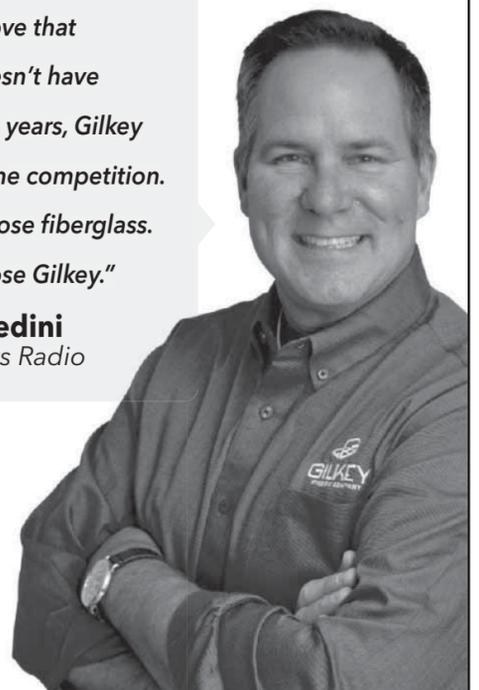
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## ROOMMATES

Goff, Trubisky once shared living quarters, now share appetite to win Sunday night's showdown

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

During his hiatus from Halas Hall last winter, Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky made his way to Newport Beach, Calif., for a beach-house getaway and training with former NFL quarterback Ryan Lindley. His roommate: Rams quarterback Jared Goff.

Trubisky and Goff — who will square off Sunday night at Soldier Field — are represented by the same agency, Rep 1 Sports. Their connection was by design. In fact, leading up to the 2017 draft, Goff spent time tutoring Trubisky even as he came off his own rocky rookie season.

Last winter's reunion gave the two quarterbacks a chance to spend much more extensive time together. For Trubisky, the relationship he built with Goff was beneficial.

"He's an awesome dude," Trubisky said. "We pushed each other."

According to Trubisky, they watched film together, talked about offensive philosophies, shared the routes each likes to throw.

As a young quarterback going through the

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**ABOVE:** Jared Goff, left, and Mitch Trubisky trained together last winter at a California beach house. "He's an awesome dude," Trubisky said of Goff, against whom he will face off Sunday at Soldier Field.

KELVIN KUO/AP (GOFF),  
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## COMING SUNDAY

■ Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio insists, after big wins and dominant defensive performances, his prevailing emotion is relief. And occasionally satisfaction — if he allows it.

## Mack shoots straight: Donald '1 of the best'

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack didn't see fit to make comparisons between himself and Aaron Donald on Friday.

But that doesn't mean he lacks appreciation for the Rams defensive tackle, whom he called "one of the best in the league."

"You can't really compare an edge guy and an inside guy, but when you talk about his motor, there's nothing like it," Mack said. "It jumps out on film."

Soldier Field will be the showcase Sunday night for two of the best and highest-paid defensive players in the NFL as the Bears play host the Rams. Donald, who leads the NFL with a whopping 16½ sacks, signed his six-year, \$135 million contract this offseason one day before Mack topped him with a six-year, \$141 million contract with the Bears.

"Seeing somebody get what they earned is always

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## BULLS 114, THUNDER 112

## Home debut goes Boylen's direction

Markkanen's winner ends Bulls' skid at 7

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Lauri Markkanen played less than three minutes in the third quarter Friday night against the Thunder, banging his right elbow while setting a screen and picking up his fourth foul.

Yes, it was the same elbow the Bulls forward had sprained in training camp, an injury that forced him to miss the first 23 games of the season. But he was not deterred.

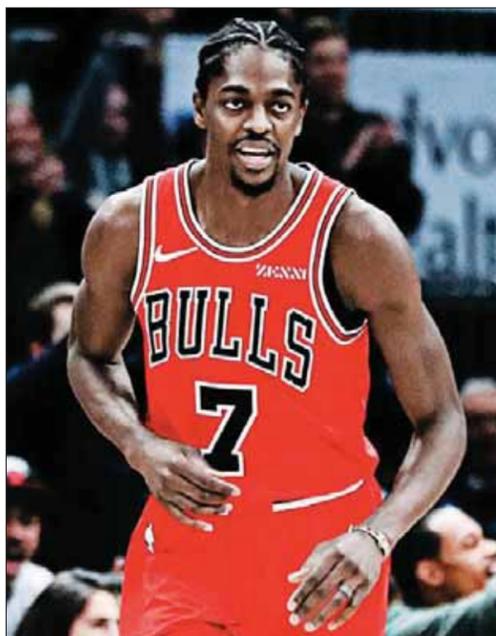
Markkanen returned to the game and made critical plays down the stretch, including the game-winning layup with 4.9 seconds left for a 114-112 victory at the United Center that snapped the Bulls' seven-game losing streak.

"I guess it turned out well," Markkanen said with a grin. Finally, The Bulls (6-20) had lost 11 of their previous 12 games.

The victory was Jim Boylen's first as a head coach after replacing the fired Fred Hoiberg on Monday.

"We've had a couple rough weeks here," Markkanen

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Justin Holiday smiles after hitting a big 3-pointer in the second half of Friday night's win over the Thunder.

## Ex-Cub Valbuena dies in crash in Venezuela

Infielder also robbed in plot by bandits

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

Former Cubs infielder Luis Valbuena and former major-leaguer Jose Castillo were killed in a car crash in Venezuela caused by highway bandits who then robbed them, officials said Friday.

Valbuena, 33, who played for the Cubs from 2012-14, and Castillo, 37, died late Thursday when their SUV crashed as it tried to veer around an object placed in the road, Yaracuy state Gov. Julio Leon Heredia said on his Twitter account. Heredia said four people have been detained after they were found with the players' property.

Valbuena and Castillo were teammates on the Cardenales de Lara team in the Venezuelan winter league and were returning from a game in Caracas when the crash occurred en route to the city of Barquisimeto.

Third baseman Carlos Rivero was in the car and survived, according to the website beisbolplay.

"A preliminary report from the authorities at the site

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**BLACKHAWKS**

# From bad to (a lot) worse

By JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

When the Blackhawks fired Joel Quenneville 15 games into the season, they were 6-6-3 and a few games removed from being one of the NHL's most pleasant surprises. While the firing was a surprise, the Hawks were on a five-game losing streak and brought in Jeremy Colliton to right the ship. Have things improved since then? No. No, they have not. At least not in the standings. Colliton has now coached the same number of games as Quenneville this season, and his 3-10-2 record is considerably worse. Here are five reasons.

**1. Already poor special teams got worse.** It's hard to imagine one of the NHL's worst power-play units actually getting worse, but the Hawks managed such a feat over the last 15 games.

They were 7-for-50 (14 percent) under Quenneville and have gone 3-for-37 (8.1 percent) under Colliton to now rank last in the NHL.

Colliton's search for any sign of life led him to put John Hayden on the first-unit power play Thursday against the Golden Knights.

Before the game, Hayden had logged seven seconds on the power play all season.

And you know what? Hayden looked pretty comfortable as a big body perched in front of the net.

The Hawks still didn't score. An already mediocre penalty kill (36-for-47, 76.5 percent under Quenneville) has dropped to 27-for-39 (69.2 percent) and has allowed at least one power-play goal in 10 of Colliton's 15 games.

**2. No consistency with lines or pairings.** There have been countless configurations, some that don't even last a full game.

The top two lines against the Golden Knights on Thursday were David Kampf, Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad, and Dominik Kahun, Artem Anisimov and Patrick Kane.

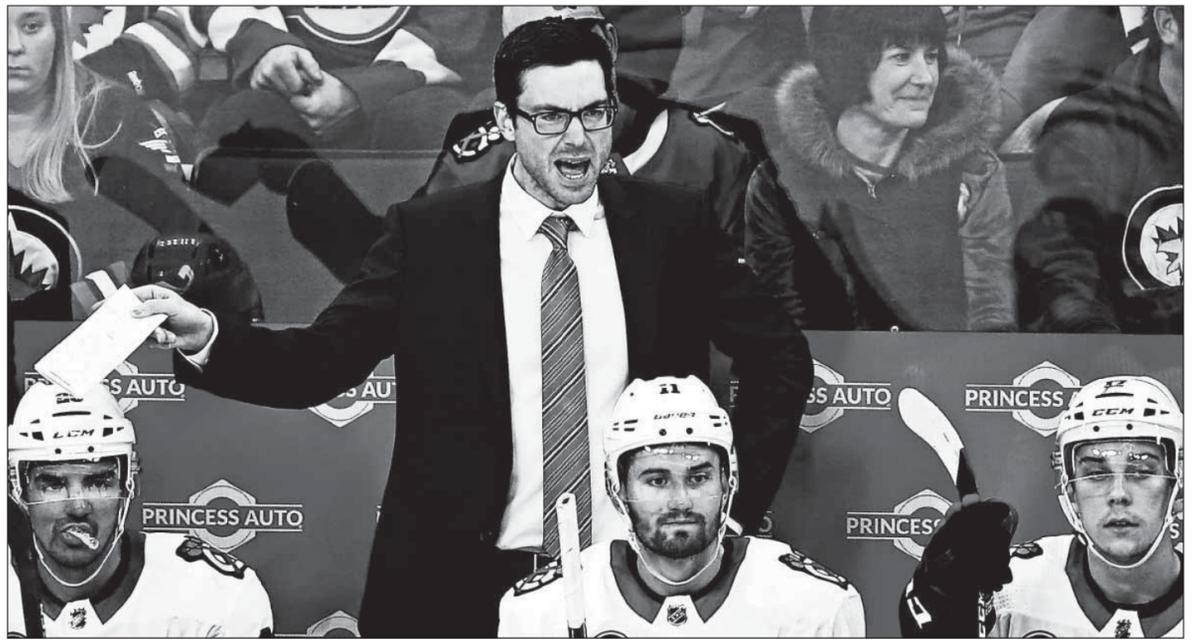
The defensive pairings have also been all over the place.

Henri Jokiharju was playing with Duncan Keith throughout the start of the season, then Colliton split them up early in his tenure only to bring them together again the last couple of games.

Jokiharju and Erik Gustafsson, who had strong starts to the season, have been healthy scratches under Colliton.

Is there a plan?

"Once we get a little more consistency within our group as far as everyone going every night, then hopefully we can keep things a little bit more consistent," Colliton said before Thursday's game.



JOHN WOODS/AP

The Blackhawks have been in a tailspin ever since Jeremy Colliton was promoted to head coach, though it's not all his fault.

**3. The schedule has been brutal.** When you're not very good, every team seems like a Stanley Cup contender. But the Hawks not only have played a ton of very good teams, but also have been coming across mediocre teams when they're hot.

The Flyers have been miserable much of the season, but when they beat the Hawks, it was their fifth win in six games. When the Ducks came to the United Center in October, they were in the middle of what turned out to be a seven-game losing streak, and the Hawks won 3-1.

Since Nov. 21, the Hawks have lost to the Capitals, Lightning, Jets, Predators, Flames and Golden Knights twice. With games this month against the Avalanche, Predators, Sharks and two more against the Jets, it's not getting any easier.

**4. They. Never. Lead. Ever. OK, for 41 seconds.** The Hawks went nearly nine full games without holding a lead in regulation before going ahead on the Golden Knights on Thursday.

That lead lasted exactly 41 seconds, and 12 seconds after that, the Hawks allowed the go-ahead goal.

They've been outscored 22-5 in the first period while losing eight of their last nine.

It's remarkable to hear Colliton and the players repeatedly talk about coming out strong, then watch opponents quickly take early leads.

To Colliton's credit, the team has almost always fought back and made a game of it, except for the 8-3 debacle against the Golden Knights at the United Center.

**5. It's the roster, stupid.** The Hawks defense has holes no matter whom you pair together, the offense has no scoring depth and Kane, Toews, Saad and Alex DeBrincat can only do so much.

The Nick Schmaltz trade was supposed to bring back two NHL-ready players, but so far only Dylan Strome has been effective. Brendan Perlini has no points and two shots on goal in five games, and Colliton gave him only five shifts Thursday, none in the third period. If there's a bright side to all of this, Colliton's next 15 games can't go any worse.

Right?

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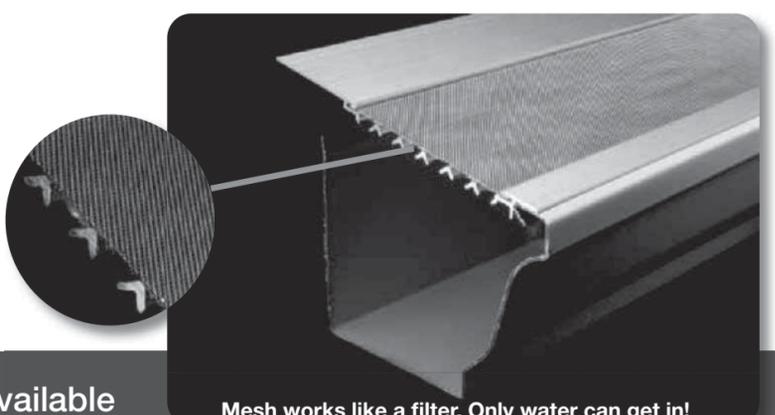
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## BEARS

## BEARS PLAYOFF PICTURE

## Try this: Root against Vikes, Eagles, Saints

By RICH CAMPBELL  
Chicago Tribune

It has been a while, huh, Chicago? Five years to be exact. Five years since the Bears have spent December in a playoff race instead of calculating draft-order permutations.

So let's keep the draft-order spreadsheet closed this month and instead dust off this playoff-picture page. Each week for the remainder of the regular season, I will lay out the Bears' postseason outlook, including scenarios and a rooting guide for fans for games that affect the Bears.

The main thing to know entering Week 14 is the Bears' magic number to clinch the NFC North is three. Any combination of three Bears wins and Vikings losses would give the Bears their first division crown since 2010 and bring playoff football back to Soldier Field.

Of course, the magic number isn't quite as clear-cut as in baseball, in which there are no ties. But if the Bears upset the Rams on Sunday night and the Vikings lose Monday night in Seattle, the Bears could clinch next week.

That's getting too far ahead, though. Here's the Week 14 picture:

## NFC standings

(Top two seeds get first-round byes; division winners are top four seeds; wild-card teams are fifth and sixth seeds)

- 1 Rams (11-1) at Bears
- 2 Saints (10-2) at Buccaneers
- 3 Bears (8-4) vs. Rams
- 4 Cowboys (7-5) vs. Eagles
- 5 Seahawks (7-5) vs. Vikings
- 6 Vikings (6-5-1) at Seahawks

## IN THE HUNT

7. Panthers (6-6) at Browns
8. Eagles (6-6) at Cowboys
9. Redskins (6-6) vs. Giants

## NFC scenarios

**BEARS:** Cannot clinch a playoff berth this week.

**RAMS:** Already clinched NFC West title. Would clinch first-round bye by beating the Bears.

**SAINTS:** Would clinch NFC South title with: 1. Win or tie OR 2. Panthers loss or tie. Would clinch playoff berth with: Vikings loss PLUS Eagles loss or tie PLUS Redskins loss or tie.

## Scoreboard watching

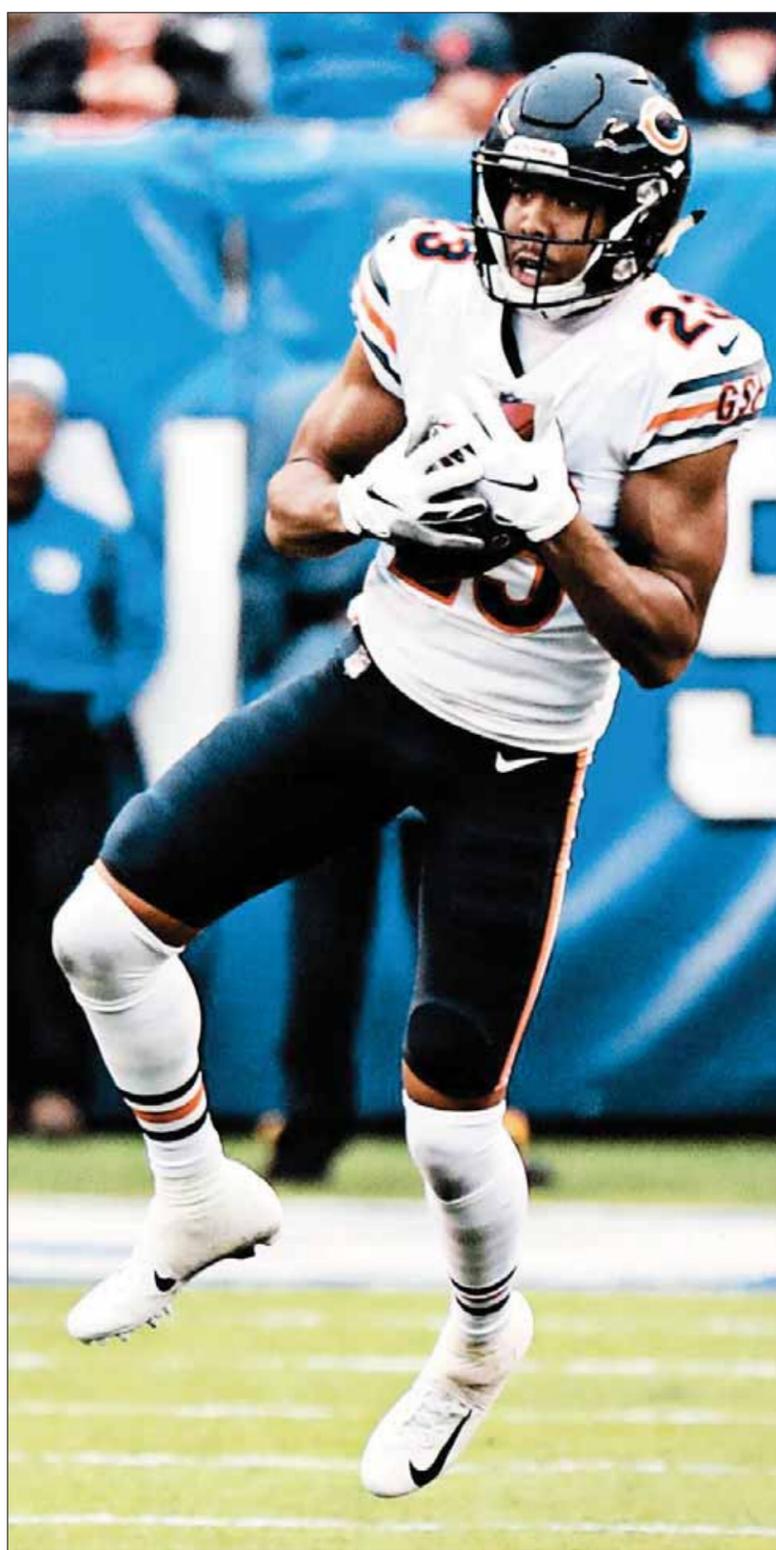
**Vikings at Seahawks, 7:15 p.m. Monday:** The rule of thumb for any Bears fan is to root against the Vikings. If the Bears lose and the Vikings (plus 3) upset the Seahawks, each would have five losses. That would put them in a virtual tie, with the Vikings set to host the Bears in Week 17. In other words, the Bears' advantage would disappear, and both teams would control their respective fate.

**Cowboys at Eagles, 3:25 p.m. Sunday:** The Bears should root against that trio of 6-6 teams in case they lose their grip on the NFC North lead. Sure, the Cowboys and Bears might jockey for seeding, but the primary focus should be on making the tournament. The Eagles have won back-to-back games. Out of the three teams on the outside looking in, they're the biggest threat.

**Saints at Buccaneers, noon Sunday:** Switching from worst-case scenarios to the best case, the Bears are chasing the Saints for the No. 2 seed and that first-round bye. The Bears need the Saints to come back to them, so they'll be pulling for the Bucs.

**Panthers at Browns, noon Sunday:** An interconference matchup is a no-brainer. A victory by the AFC team always helps the Bears.

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kyle Fuller hauls in an interception in the first quarter against the Giants last weekend.

# Trubisky calls Goff 'awesome'

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inevitable growing pains, Trubisky appreciated Goff's perspective.

As a rookie in 2016, Goff threw more interceptions (seven) than touchdown passes (five) and had an unsettling 63.6 passer rating. The harshest critics were lobbing the "bust" label at the former No. 1 pick.

But then the Rams brought in coach Sean McVay and Goff took off. In 27 starts the last two seasons, he has completed 64.1 percent of his passes for 7,558 yards with 55 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

Trubisky listened to Goff detail what happened for him once he paired with a young, energetic offensive mind and was given better weapons to work with.

"Obviously you get more and more experienced," Trubisky said. "You get more and more comfortable. You get different pieces around you. You start to own the offense really."

"At first you're learning it and then you own it and hopefully you get to the point where you master it."

Trubisky came to admire Goff's approach, something he has tried to emulate.

"What I appreciate about Jared is that he has never really been shaken," Trubisky said. "A lot of people wrote him off after that first year. But watching him and how he handled himself, he's very composed. Never really rattled. He believed in himself and has had really two amazing years since then. So I know you just have to have confidence in yourself so your teammates will believe in you as well."

## Return on investment

When the Bears put the transition tag on Kyle Fuller in March and later chose to match a Packers contract offer that guaranteed Fuller \$29 million in a four-year, \$56 million deal, there were questions as to whether the 26-year-old cornerback was worth that investment?

Twelve games into the season, with Fuller leading the NFC with six interceptions, the Bears are grateful they didn't let him get away.

It's a remarkable turnaround when you think back to Fuller's injury-plagued 2016 season and the reality that he reported to training camp in 2017 without a starting role or a roster spot guaranteed. Two weeks from now, he might get an invitation to the Pro Bowl.

Bears cornerbacks coach Ed Donatell has appreciated Fuller's ascension, most impressed with his tireless study habits.

"All of Kyle's success goes to his preparation," Donatell said. "He's in his playbook and studies film about as much as anybody in the building. When he makes a play, it's something he's earned through preparation."

In addition to his six interceptions, Fuller made plays on the ball that resulted in deflection picks by Leonard Floyd and Adrian Amos last month in Buffalo. His consistency has been impressive, and his future in a budding defense appears bright.

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## WEEK 14 PICKS

## Take Rams and under — but stay off Packers

By RICH CAMPBELL  
AND DAN WIEDERER  
Chicago Tribune

Tribune reporters Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer are picking against the spread and each other this season. Here are their Week 14 selections. (10 points for a win, -10 for a loss) Season scoreboard: Wiederer 0, Campbell minus-20

## Game of the week

**Vikings (plus 3) at Seahawks**  
**Campbell (8-4-1):** Seahawks. The Vikings haven't scored more than 24 points in their last five games. Meanwhile, the Seahawks haven't scored fewer than 27 in their last four. And they're 15-2 straight up in prime-time home games under coach Pete Carroll.  
**Wiederer (5-7-1):** Vikings. Take a look at that season scoreboard, everybody. What a colossal waste of time this is turning out to be, huh? Oh, and yeah, the Seahawks are overdue for a clunker.

## Lock of the week

**Campbell (4-9):** Giants (minus 3½) at Redskins. Locking the 4-8 Giants as road favorites? Is it because of recency bias? Is it because Mark Sanchez is under center for the Redskins. Yes and yes.  
**Wiederer (7-6):** Saints (minus 10) at Buccaneers. Drew Brees has had a week and a half to stew over that surprising letdown loss to the Cowboys. Brees' only other loss this season? In Week 1, to these very same Buccaneers. This weekend it will be "Who dat?" all day.

## Upset of the week

**Campbell (7-6):** 49ers (+170) vs. Broncos. We saw last week how a good team can fall flat on the road when the Bears lost to the Giants. The Broncos aren't as good as the Bears, and they just lost receiver Emmanuel Sanders and cornerback Chris Harris. The 49ers can't score, so just call this a hunch.  
**Wiederer (5-8):** Eagles (+160) at Cowboys. The NFC East is a very, very confusing place these days. Why not add to the confusion? The Eagles defense will have to be much better than it has been recently. But call this a hunch that they fully understand the stakes.

## Just for fun

**Campbell (4-8-1):** Chiefs (minus 7) vs. Ravens. The Chiefs beat the Raiders by only seven Sunday, less than 48 hours after Kareem Hunt was suddenly released. Here's thinking a full week to regroup will get them back closer to form.  
**Wiederer (5-7-1):** Browns (plus 2) vs. Panthers. It's always dangerous to go against a seemingly decent team in decline such as the Panthers. But the Browns have been solid at home this season and will do more than enough defensively to take care of Cam Newton.

## Stay away

**Campbell (8-5):** Falcons (plus 5) at Packers. What the heck should we expect from the Packers in their first game after firing Mike McCarthy? I have no clue. Stay away.  
**Wiederer (8-5):** Falcons (plus 5) at Packers. After the craziness of the past week and with only one win in their last six games, how are the Packers giving more than a field goal to anyone?

## Close to home

**Rams (minus 3) at Bears**  
**Campbell (6-6):** Rams. The Bears offense hasn't outscored the opponent in three straight games. Yes, two of those were with Chase Daniel. But Mitch Trubisky is a self-proclaimed reps guy, and the Bears interior offensive line doesn't match up well here. The Bears will keep this competitive but not close enough.  
**Wiederer (4-8):** Rams. In his first game in 21 days, can Mitch Trubisky rediscover his rhythm fast enough to keep the Bears out of a chase situation? My hunch says no.

## Close to home, total

**Bears-Rams over/under 51½**  
**Campbell (5-6-1):** Under. The Bears defense will hold its own because cornerbacks Kyle Fuller, Prince Amukamara and Bryce Callahan can cover on their own and let the front seven worry about Todd Gurley. That, plus the aforementioned offensive concerns on the Bears side, will depress the total.  
**Wiederer (9-2-1):** Under. Consider this a vote of confidence in Vic Fangio's strategic ability to hold the Rams offense to a reasonable output.

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## NFL NOTES

## Benjamin excited for shot with Chiefs

Associated Press

Kelvin Benjamin went from catching passes from Josh Allen and Nathan Peterman on a Bills team going nowhere to playing with Patrick Mahomes on a Chiefs team barreling toward the playoffs.

Benjamin signed a one-year contract to finish out the season Friday, just days after the 2014 first-round pick was released by the Bills. It brought an end to a disappointing run in which Benjamin struggled with one of the highest drop rates in the NFL.

"I guess you could say I saw it coming," Benjamin said after his first workout with the

Chiefs, who are preparing to play the Ravens on Sunday. "(The Chiefs) came pretty quick. I came for a visit, I liked what I saw. I liked what I heard."

He liked everything about the situation.

Mahomes has already proven himself to be one of the league's most exciting quarterbacks, and Benjamin called the Chiefs offense "dynamic." He also has the support of Chiefs coach Andy Reid, who said he one more change of scenery might finally unlock the potential that Benjamin has been scratching at for years.

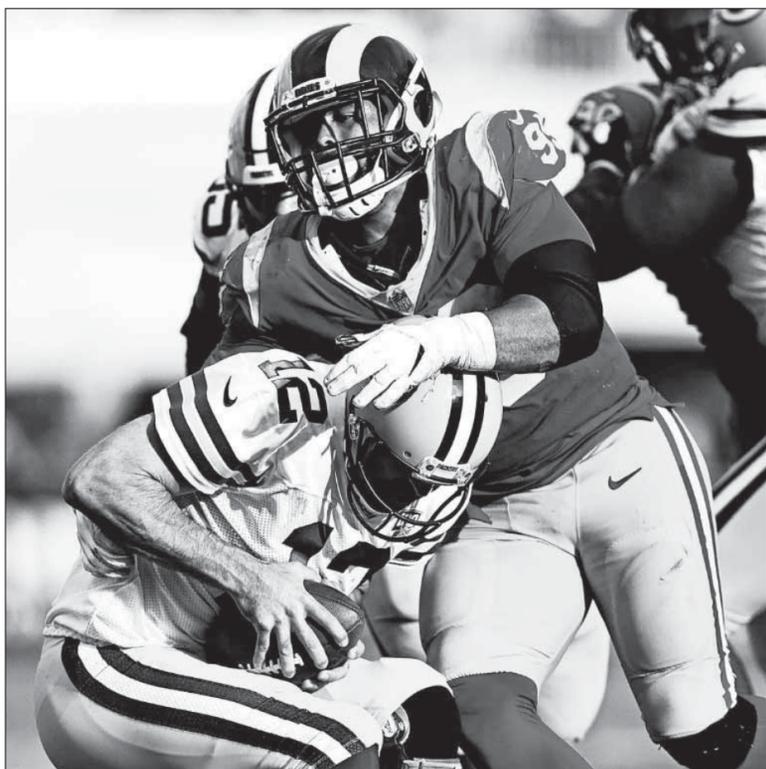
"He's been good against us, No. 1," Reid said. "A big, physical player. You add him to

the mix, he comes in, he's experienced and he's been a good football player at this level."

**Darnold not a lock:** The Jets' starting quarterback against the Bills is still to be determined. Coach Todd Bowles declined to announce whether it will be rookie Sam Darnold or Josh McCown.

"We'll decide that on Sunday," Bowles said. If Darnold plays, it would be his first game action since being injured Nov. 4 against the Dolphins. Darnold was replaced for the last three games by McCown, who had one touchdown pass and four interceptions while the Jets went 0-3.

## BEARS



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald, sacking Aaron Rodgers, leads the NFL with 16 1/2.

# Mack: Donald '1 of best'

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a blessing," Mack said Friday of Donald's contract. "I mean, you (couldn't) really get excited at that point, but I was just ready to play football again."

Donald and the Rams defense will get a Bears offense back at full strength after quarterback Mitch Trubisky practiced in full for a third straight day Friday. After missing two games with a right shoulder injury, Trubisky is in line to start for the first time since he helped the Bears beat the Vikings in their last Sunday night game Nov. 18.

Meanwhile, Mack, who has nine sacks and five forced fumbles, will be charged with helping to stop a Rams offense averaging 439.9 yards per game. That includes 139.4 yards on the ground, driven by NFL rushing leader Todd Gurley.

"It takes all 11 players on defense getting to the ball," Mack said of stopping Gurley. "One of the best backs in the league. It's a tough challenge for us."

The Rams, who clinched the NFC West last week, can clinch a first-round playoff

bye with a victory Sunday. The Bears are looking to extend their NFC North lead over the Vikings.

"It's never about being good enough," Mack said. "It's about winning ballgames, and doing whatever it takes by any means to put yourself in a position to win. And us being dominant is something that's obviously the goal."

**Injury report:** Bears safety Eddie Jackson didn't practice Friday because of a shin injury and is questionable for Sunday's game. Coach Matt Nagy said it was "a little bit of a rest day" for Jackson because the Bears practiced inside on the turf and added there is "nothing major there at all."

Defensive lineman Bilal Nichols also was limited in practice with a knee issue, as he usually is on Fridays when the Bears practice indoors. He is questionable.

Backup safety Deon Bush, who is dealing with a hamstring injury, didn't practice and is doubtful.

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## BULLS

### BULLS NOTES

# Not so fast — Portis, Dunn remain sidelined

By SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

On Thursday, Bulls coach Jim Boylen said Kris Dunn was showing "flashes" of his potential and Bobby Portis also was nearing a return to the court.

But neither played Friday night against the Thunder.

Dunn sprained the MCL in his right knee Oct. 22, and Portis suffered the same injury two nights later. Both participated in full-contact practices Wednesday and Thursday and in the shootaround Friday, leading to speculation they might be back in the lineup.

Boylen said he was uncertain if they would play Saturday against the Celtics.

"They had a good day and that's about all I've got," he said before the game at the United Center. "We have to wait until they respond (Saturday) morning. They have their check-in and we go from there. They got through the day and did well."

Boylen said the back-to-back set played into his decision to be cautious with Dunn and Portis' returns.

"We've been attached to the hip with our medical people," Boylen said. "We talk about it every day. We'll see where it goes."

Boylen said Thursday that their minutes will be restricted when they return, which will slow his plans to experiment with and implement rotations.

**Not-so-secret admirer:** The Grizzlies gave Joakim Noah a chance to resurrect his career Tuesday, signing the former Bulls center for the remainder of the season.

Noah, whom the Knicks released Oct. 13, told reporters in Memphis, Tenn., the Grizzlies deal was a "blessing." Another person excited about it?

Noah's college coach, Billy Donovan, who is now coaching the Thunder.

"I was really really happy for him," Donovan said. "He's a great guy. I know he's battled some injuries lately. He'll be great for their team. He'll be great in their locker room. He's a winner. He's a great leader. There's a lot of substance to him. He loves playing. I'm glad he could land with somebody."

In his Grizzlies debut Wednesday, Noah scored four points in 13 minutes against the Clippers.

**In Payne's corner:** Cameron Payne lost the starting point guard job to Ryan Arcidiacono on Nov. 10. Payne didn't play in two games in November and logged only 3 minutes, 29 seconds in another.

But on Tuesday against the Pacers — Boylen's first game as coach after replacing the fired Fred Hoiberg — Payne scored 10 points in 20 minutes, his first double-digit-scoring game since Oct. 29.

"He's a competitive kid," Boylen said Thursday. "He's big and strong. He can get downhill. He has a little pop to him. ... He has something to prove. He's been hurt a lot in his career."

"I think he wants to establish himself as an NBA player that can play for 10 years. And that's what I hope for him. I like guys with a little chip, a little edge, a little ax to grind."



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Jim Boylen has a laugh with forward Wendell Carter Jr. during a break in Friday's action.

# Boylen wins his home debut

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said. "Adversity hit us. I think that made us stronger. You have to put the team first and keep playing."

That's exactly what Markkanen did. In just his third game of his second NBA season, the 7-footer drove past Paul George and scored over the outstretched hand of Steven Adams for the decisive basket.

"He's a hell of a guy to have on our side," Boylen said.

Markkanen, who scored 24 points in 28 minutes, said he had "100 percent legit" planned to hand the ball off to Justin Holiday, who had made a 3-pointer to give the Bulls a 112-110 lead with 23 seconds remaining. Thunder star Russell Westbrook answered with a layup before Markkanen's heroics allowed the Bulls to celebrate at home for just the fourth time this season.

In his five days as Bulls coach, Boylen preached accountability and "playing for each other." The Bulls got big-time shots and contributions from multiple players.

Zach LaVine, who finished with 25 points on 10-of-18 shooting, scored 10 points in the final 6:02, including a 3-pointer that put the Bulls up 105-102. Wendell Carter Jr.'s block of a Westbrook shot kept the lead at three.

"That was a big-time block," LaVine said. "Not a lot of dudes go up and challenge Russ at the rim. He met him right at the top."

Westbrook recorded his fifth triple-double of the season with 24 points, 17 rebounds and 13 assists. But he also had 10 turnovers.

The Thunder (16-8) had taken a 98-91

lead with less than 10 minutes remaining before the Bulls responded with a 14-2 run.

"We were going back and forth," LaVine said. "They made shots, we made shots. ... We had more big plays than they did. ... We usually give in or don't get all the way back."

Center Robin Lopez, who didn't play Tuesday in a road loss to the Pacers, saw extended minutes in an effort to slow Adams, who scored the Thunder's first 12 points and finished with 21. Lopez scored 11 points in 23 minutes.

Holiday's 20 points were his most since a season-high 27 against the Heat on Nov. 27. Boylen praised Jabari Parker for having a "complete" game with 16 points and just one turnover.

Boylen, who had been a 19-year NBA assistant, greeted his wife and two daughters after the win. He said before the game that stepping onto the United Center court for the first time as a head coach would feel "surreal."

"I never thought my whole life I'd be the coach of the Chicago Bulls," he said. "I wanted to be a head coach in the league. But of the Chicago Bulls? It's unbelievable."

After knocking off one of the Western Conference's top teams, the Bulls play host to the Celtics on Saturday.

"We've been good enough to be getting wins this whole time," LaVine said. "You don't want to get high just on a win. They're an extremely good team, one of the best teams in the West. We have another top team in the East tomorrow. We have to be ready."

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# SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		LAR 7:20 NBC-5, AM-780					
	BOS 7 WGN-9, AM-670		SAC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670			@ORL 8:30 NBCSCH, AM-670	
		MTL 5 NBCSCH, AM-720		@WPG 7 NBCSCH, AM-720	PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720		WPG 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720

### SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	Event	Channel
6:30 p.m.	Wizards at Cavaliers	NBA TV
7 p.m.	Celtics at Bulls	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
<b>Men's College Basketball</b>		
11 a.m.	DePaul at Northwestern	BTN, WSCR-AM-670 WGN-AM 720
11 a.m.	Michigan State at Florida	CBS-2
11 a.m.	Kentucky vs. Seton Hall	FOX-32
11 a.m.	Pittsburgh at West Virginia	ESPN2
11 a.m.	Wichita State at Oklahoma	ESPNU
11 a.m.	South Carolina at Michigan	FS1
1 p.m.	UNLV at Illinois	BTN, WSCR-AM 670
1 p.m.	Xavier at Cincinnati	ESPN2
1 p.m.	BYU vs. Utah	ESPNU
1 p.m.	St. Joseph's at Villanova	FS1
1:30 p.m.	Louisville at Indiana	FOX-32
1:30 p.m.	Rutgers at Fordham	CBSSN
2:40 p.m.	Georgetown at Syracuse	ESPN
3 p.m.	Loyola vs. Maryland	BTN
3 p.m.	Clemson vs. Mississippi State	ESPN2
3:30 p.m.	Northern Illinois at Butler	FS1
3:30 p.m.	Kansas State at Tulsa	CBSSN
4 p.m.	Wisconsin at Marquette	FOX-32
4:30 p.m.	Yale at Duke	ESPN
5 p.m.	Creighton at Nebraska	BTN
5:30 p.m.	UConn vs. Florida State	ESPN2
7 p.m.	Mississippi at Illinois State	NBCSCH
7:30 p.m.	New Mexico State at Kansas	ESPN2
9:30 p.m.	Notre Dame at UCLA	ESPN2, WMVP-AM 1000

### BOXING

8 p.m.	Vasily Lomachenko vs. Jose Pedraza	ESPN
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### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m.	FCS playoffs: Colgate at North Dakota State	ESPN
2 p.m.	Navy vs. Army	CBS-2

### GOLF

12:30 p.m.	QBE Shark Shootout	Golf Channel
1:30 p.m.	QBE Shark Shootout	NBC-5
3:30 a.m.	South African Open	Golf Channel

### NHL

Noon	Flyers at Sabres	NBCSN
6 p.m.	Maple Leafs at Bruins	NHL Network

### AHL

6 p.m.	Wolves at IceHogs	WPWR-50
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### COLLEGE HOCKEY

7 p.m.	Minnesota at Michigan	BTN
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### MLS CUP

7 p.m.	Atlanta United vs. Timbers	FOX-32
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### BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:30 a.m.	Schalke vs. Borussia Dortmund	FS1
8:30 a.m.	Bayern Munich vs. Nuremberg	FS2

### PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

6:25 a.m.	Bournemouth vs. Liverpool	NBCSN
8:55 a.m.	Manchester United vs. Fulham	NBCSN
11:30 a.m.	Chelsea vs. Manchester City	NBC-5
1:40 p.m.	Leicester City vs. Tottenham Hotspur	NBCSN

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL	GLANCE	TEAMS	TM
D15 Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)	11*
D15 Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. La-Lafay. (7-6)	12:30
D15 New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah St (10-2)	1
D15 Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St (7-5)	2:30
D15 Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. So. (9-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)	4:30
D15 New Orleans	New Orleans	MTSU (8-5) vs. Appalachian St (10-2)	8
D18 Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB (10-3) vs. North Illinois (8-5)	7
D19 Frisco	Frisco, Texas	San Diego St (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4)	7
D20 Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)	7
D21 Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)	11:30*
D21 Idaho Potato	Boise	W Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)	11
D22 Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11*
D22 Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (9-2)	2:30
D22 Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)	3
D22 Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9:30
D26 SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. (7-5) vs. Boise St (10-3)	12:30
D26 Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-5) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	12:30
D26 Cheez-It	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	4
D26 Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	4:15
D27 Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15
D27 Texas	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8
D28 Miami City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30
D28 Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	14:15
D28 Aiameo	San Antonio	Iowa St (8-4) vs. Wash. St (10-2)	8
D29 Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*
D29 Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*
D29 Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. State (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15
D29 Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3
D29 Orange	Miami Gar. Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)	7
D31 Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11
D31 Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1
D31 Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2
D31 Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St (6-6)	2:45
D31 Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6
D31 Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6:30
J1 Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*
J1 Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St (9-3)	noon
J1 Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon
J1 Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St (11-2)	4
J1 Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2)	7:45
J1 CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7

### OTHER BOWLS

J19 Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	
J19 Whitesox	Pasadena, Calif.	Collegiate vs. National	TBA
J26 Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

### FCS PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	Maine 23, Weber State 18
SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS	Colgate (10-1) at North Dakota State (11-0), 11*
	South Dakota State (9-2), 11*
	at Kennesaw State (11-1), 1*
	UC Davis (10-2) at Eastern Washington (10-2), 3

### DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS	Notre Dame (Ohio) (13-0) at Valdosta State (12-0), 11*
	Ferris State (14-0) at Minnesota State-Mankato (13-0), 2

### TRANSACTIONS

#### BASEBALL

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**WHITE SOX:** Named Mike Reinold senior medical adviser. Promoted Brian Ball to athletic trainer, Brett Walker to physical therapist/assistant athletic trainer and Benes Kruek to assistant athletic coach.  
**Boston:** Named Billy McMillon manager of Pawtucket (IL).  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**Washington:** Agreed to terms with LHP Patrick Corbin on a six-year contract.

#### FOOTBALL

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**NFL:** Suspended N.Y. Jets LB Darron Lee four games for violating its substance abuse policy.  
**Carolina:** Signed K Chandler Catanzaro. Placed G Amini Silatolu on injured reserve.  
**Indianapolis:** Promoted WR Daurice Fountain from the practice squad.  
**Waived TE** Clive Walford. Signed QB Phillip Walker to the practice squad.  
**Kansas City:** Signed WR Kelvin Benjamin to a one-year contract. Released DE Steve Jenkins.

#### CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Edmonton:** Announced assistant head coach and defensive coordinator Mike McLeod will not return for the 2019 season.

#### HOCKEY

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**NHL:** Suspended Calgary F Ryan Lomberg one game for violating its disciplinary rules in a game for Dec. 6 game with Minnesota. Fined Calgary coach Bill Peters \$10,000 as a result of

#### GOLF

**SHARK SHOOTOUT** 62 (-10)  
**1st of 3 rds; At Tiburon GC, Naples, Fla., 7,382 yards, Par 73**  
**W** (13)  
 Kizzire/Harman 30-29  
 McDowell/Gillon 29-30  
 Liz/DeChambeau 30-29

**EUROPEAN PGA**  
**SOUTH AFRICAN**  
**2nd of 4 rds; at Sandhills GC, Johannesburg, South Africa**  
**W** (13-9)  
 Kizore/Harman 64-68  
 McDowell/Gillon 62-70  
 Liz/DeChambeau 63-69

**AMERICAN**  
**Course: 7,116 yards, par 71**  
**1st round**  
 Woodland/Hoffman 65-68  
 Thompson/Finau 30-31

**130 (-12)**  
 Charl Schwartzel 67f-63b  
**131 (-11)**  
 Madaliso Muthiyah 63b-68f

**132 (-10)**  
 Robert Lombard 64f-68f  
 Louis Oosthuizen 62b-70f  
 Kiri Katayama 63f-69b

**133 (-9)**  
 Mark Williams 65b-68f  
 Jbe Kruger 66b-67f

**MELBOS BENZ STADIUM, Atlanta**  
**Saturday:** Portland at Atlanta, 7:08  
**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 Bournemouth vs. Liverpool, 6:30 a.m.  
 Burnley vs. Brighton, 9 a.m.  
 Cardiff vs. Southampton, 9 a.m.  
 Man United vs. Fulham, 9 a.m.  
 Arsenal vs. Huddersfield, 9 a.m.  
 West Ham vs. Crystal Palace, 9 a.m.  
 Chelsea vs. Man City, 11:30 a.m.  
 Leicester vs. Tottenham, 1:45

### LATEST LINE

#### NBA

at Bulls	Off	at Dallas	8:30
at Houston	2½	at Indiana	3
at Denver	7½	at Atlanta	Off
at Cleveland	Off	Washington	Brooklyn
at Memphis	2½	LA Lakers	at Portland
at LA Clippers	Off	Minnesota	Miami

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan St	1	at Florida	8:30
Pennsylvania	5	at LA Salle	12
at Michigan	18½	S. Carolina	Oakland
at Northeastern	12	at Western	at Seton Hall
Kentucky	6	at Georgetown	12½
at Syracuse	12½	Pittsburgh	11
at W. Virginia	11	Xavier	7
at Illinois	7	UNLV	at Fordham
Rutgers	7½	at Villanova	12
at Villanova	12	St. Joseph's	at Youngstown
at Indiana	7	Louisville	3
at Marshall	3½	Toledo	3
at Oklahoma	9	Wichita St	7
at Arkansas	7	W Kentucky	9
Valparaiso	3½	at W. Washington	2
at Kent St	2½	Wright St	2
at Maryland	8½	Loyola Chicago	10
at Memphis	10	UAB	13
at Minnesota	19½	Arkansas	15
at Oklahoma St	1½	Houston	8
at St. Bona.	16	at St. Louis	11
at Butler	16	at Tulsa	13
Kansas St	5	at Illinois St	5
Mississippi	5	at Marquette	24½
at Marquette	24½	Yale	2
at Duke	2	Boston Coll.	13
at Bowling Green	2	UIC	13
at Colorado	13	Creighton	12
at Nebraska	7	Long Beach St	12
at Fresno St	12	Dayton	5
at Auburn	14	at California	3
San Diego St	5	Notre Dame	3
at UCLA	3	Utah	8½
BYU	8½	Weber State	3½
Utah St	8	Clemson	8
Miss. St	3½	Connecticut	

#### SUNDAY

at Buffalo	-120	Philadelphia	+111
at Las Vegas	-135	at Los Angeles	+125
at Detroit	-105	NY Islanders	-105
Pittsburgh	-178	at Ottawa	+166
at Florida	-177	NY Rangers	+161
Toronto	-115	at Boston	+105
at Columbus	-131	Washington	+121
at Tampa Bay	-147	Colorado	+137
at Arizona	Off	San Jose	Off
at Calgary	-128	Nashville	+118

#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

<b>WEEK 15</b>	6½	Navy	DEC. 18
<b>BOCA RATON</b>	2	Northern	DEC. 18
<b>UAB</b>	14	at Miami	DEC. 29
<b>ORANGE</b>	CFP SEMIFINAL	at Clemson	DEC. 29
<b>ALABAMA</b>	14	at Miami	DEC. 29
<b>COTTON</b>	11	Notre Dame	DEC. 3
<b>Clemson</b>	11	Notre Dame	DEC. 3
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	6½	Northwestern	
<b>Utah</b>	6½	Northwestern	

#### NFL

LA Rams	3	at Bears	at Kansas City
at Houston	4½	Baltimore	at Indianapolis
at Carolina	1	at Cleveland	at Green Bay
at New York	9½	at Tampa Bay	at Buffalo
New England	7½	at NY Jets	at Miami
NY Giants	3½	at Washington	at Denver
at LA Chargers	14	at Cincinnati	at Detroit
Detroit	2½	at Arizona	at Dallas
at Pittsburgh	10	at Oakland	at Seattle
at Seattle	3	Minnesota	

#### NFL

<b>NFC NORTH</b>	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	8	4	0	.667	344	241
Minnesota	6	4	0	.542	275	274
Green Bay	4	7	1	.375	281	287
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	254	316

<b>NFC EAST</b>	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	247	223
Philadelphia	6	6	0	.500	258	266
Washington	6	6	0	.500	233	257
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	267	315

<b>NFC SOUTH</b>	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	2	0	.833	419	269
Carolina	6	6	0	.500	304	306
Tampa Bay	5	6	0	.455	318	325
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	296	333

<b>NFC WEST</b>	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-L.A. Rams	11					



RALPH RUSSO/AP

Dwayne Haskins, from left, Kyler Murray and Tua Tagovailoa pose with the Heisman.

## HEISMAN TROPHY

# Stock trending up for 3 finalists

Tagovailoa, Murray, Haskins vying for football's top prize

BY RALPH D. RUSSO | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tua Tagovailoa rolled across the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on a black scooter with a little Alabama sticker on the front, his sprained left ankle in a gray plastic boot, safely propped up as he pushed off with his right foot.

The Crimson Tide quarterback and fellow Heisman Trophy finalists Kyler Murray of Oklahoma and Dwayne Haskins of Ohio State were on Wall Street on Friday to ring the closing bell on a day the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 558 points.

Stock for the three first-year starters has been soaring this season. A year ago they were second on their team's depth chart. On Saturday, one of them will win the Heisman Trophy.

Tagovailoa picked up where he left off in the second half of last season's national championship game victory against Georgia to lead the top-ranked Crimson Tide back to the playoff as a sophomore.

Haskins, a third-year sophomore, stepped in after the departure of a four-year starter and smashed Ohio State and Big Ten passing records.

Murray, a fourth-year junior, replaced last season's Heisman winner and had an even better season than his predecessor. Murray waited the longest to finally take

## HEISMAN TROPHY CEREMONY

7 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

### Finalists

Dwayne Haskins, Ohio State  
Kyler Murray, Oklahoma  
Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama

over a team, transferring from Texas A&M after a rocky freshman season, taking a redshirt year to satisfy NCAA transfer rules and then backing up Baker Mayfield in 2017.

"Sitting down and watching is kind of important," Murray said. "I know Dwayne got to sit and watch. Tua obviously got to sit and watch. It just helps you with your growth and maturing on and off the field. That's a big part."

For the 16th time in 19 years, a quarterback will win college football's most coveted individual award.

For the first time since 2008, when Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Texas' Colt McCoy and Florida's Tim Tebow were the Heisman finalists, only quarterbacks were invited to New York for the trophy presentation.

There is also a good chance that for just the second time in the 83-year history of the Heisman, the top-five vote-getters will be quarterbacks too. West Virginia's Will Grier and Washington State's Gardner Minshew II were the other contenders, but neither drew enough support to earn a trip to New York. In 2001, when Nebraska's Eric Crouch won the Heisman, the top six in the voting were quarterbacks.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# UCLA-Notre Dame remains a 'big test'

Associated Press

Marques Johnson, Bill Walton, Adrian Dantley and Austin Carr on the court. Digger Phelps and John Wooden on the sidelines. In those days, Notre Dame vs. UCLA was one of basketball's greatest rivalries.

From 1960-70, UCLA won five matchups in a row by scores of 31, 29, 51, 13 and 31 points.

Carr helped Notre Dame to just its second win in the series in January 1971, and that fall Phelps took over in South Bend. His over-the-top personality added to the rivalry's atmosphere.

Saturday night's nationally televised game at Pauley Pavilion will be the 49th in the series, which UCLA leads 28-20.

From 1966-84, the Fighting Irish and Bruins met every year and just twice in that stretch was neither team ranked in the Top 25.

Neither the Irish (6-2) nor the Bruins (6-2) is ranked this week. The Irish are coming off a two-point loss to Oklahoma in New York while UCLA has won two straight. The schools have five combined Sweet 16

appearances since 2014.

The pinnacle of the rivalry was Jan. 19, 1974, when Notre Dame ended UCLA's men's record 88-game winning streak in South Bend, a game UCLA center Bill Walton has described as the most painful of his career.

UCLA later ended a 60-game Notre Dame winning streak in South Bend.

"This is going to be the next big test," Bruins coach Steve Alford said. "That's what we're most excited about."

**Allen, Lobo honored:** Connecticut will retire the numbers of former Huskies stars Ray Allen and Rebecca Lobo. The numbers 34 and 50 will become the first retired by the school during a ceremony in March.

In 2017, Lobo was the first UConn player inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Allen was enshrined in September.

Lobo led the UConn women to a 35-0 record and the first of 11 national championships in 1995. Allen was a first-team All-American in 1996 and led the men to an 89-13 record during his three seasons.

# Ex-Cub Valbuena dies in wreck

Valbuena, from Page 1

presumes that the rock was thrown on the road, a common modus operandi to perpetrate highway robberies," the website reported.

As told by Reuters in February, highway robberies have soared in Venezuela, which is in the fifth year of an economic crisis that's "worse than the Great Depression," according to the Associated Press. Eight people died in highway lootings in January, Reuters reported, and the ring road around Barquisimeto has been dubbed "the Guillotine" by truckers because of regular attacks.

The Cubs claimed the left-handed-hitting Valbuena off waivers from the Blue Jays at the start of the 2012 season. Valbuena, who was popular with his teammates, batted .232 in 347 games with the Cubs over three years.

Valbuena, a native of Yaracuy, Venezuela, received plenty of playing time during the final stages of the Cubs' rebuilding. He was traded with pitcher Dan Straily to the Astros for switch-hitter Dexter Fowler before the 2015 season.

Valbuena batted .226 with the Mariners, Indians, Cubs, Astros and Angels, who released him Aug. 7.

"We are saddened by the passing of former Cub Luis Valbuena," the Cubs wrote in a tweet posted early Friday. "The Cubs organization sends its condolences to his

family and friends."

Castillo played five seasons with the Pirates, Giants and Astros. He had a .254 average with 39 home runs.

Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo tweeted: "Heartbroken to hear about Luis Valbuena and Jose Castillo. My condolences to their families as they deal with this tragedy. Valbuena was an amazing teammate and friend and will be sincerely missed. RIP"

Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred issued a statement calling it "a very sad day for our sport."

"It is clear by all the stories today that they loved baseball and made an impact on their teammates and the Clubs they represented," Manfred said, expressing "my deepest condolences to their families, friends and fans, particularly those in their native Venezuela."

The Venezuelan Professional Baseball League said all three games Friday were canceled. League President Juan Jose Avila told Union Radio he was evaluating the possibility of forbidding players to travel in private cars between games, saying if the players had been on the team bus, "nothing would have happened to them."

AP and Washington Post contributed.

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## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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## Death Notices

### Americus, Norman

Norman Americus, 93, longtime resident of Lincolnwood, Illinois, and most recently, Glenview, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on December 6, 2018. Norman loved and cherished his dear wife, Violet, and the rest of his family whom he held so close to his heart. He was a devoted family man and successful business owner of Chicago Anodizing Company for over 50 years. Norman is survived by his wife, Violet, nee Oraham; his children, Annette (John) Serritella and David (Susan) Americus; his grandchildren, John Jr. (Jacqueline), Matthew, Christopher, Caroline Serritella, David, Michael and Joseph Americus; and his great-grandchildren, Violet and John III Serritella. Norman was a proud veteran. Visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday December 8th, at Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church, 4950 Pratt Avenue, Skokie, until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Norman's name may be made to Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Norman's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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### Gargas-Parinella, Catherine A. 'Cathy'

Catherine A. Gargas-Parinella, age 63, of Aurora, Illinois passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2018. She was born on April 4, 1955 in Hammond, IN. Cathy is survived by her loving husband, Gary Parinella, many loving cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Helen (nee Zych) Gargas. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr. (RT. 59), Naperville. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials in Cathy's name may be made to Our Lady of Mercy or the American Cancer Society. Info: 630-922-9630 or [www.beidelmankunschfh.com](http://www.beidelmankunschfh.com)

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### Gartner, Mary Anne

Mary Anne Gartner Nee Altobelli Retired Teacher for Addison School District. Dearly Beloved Wife of the late James CPD Retired. Loving Mother of Amanda (Bogdan) Batinich. Beloved Daughter of the late James and Caroline Altobelli. Cherished Grandmother of Brittany (Jeremy) Jewell, Samantha (Brett) Flower and Rachel Batinich. Great Grandmother of Mia Jewel and Adrianna Jewel. Dear Brother of James Altobelli. Fond Aunt and Friend of Many. Visitation Sunday from 10 A.M. until 2 P.m. at CARONARA FUNERAL HOME, 1515 No. 25th, Melrose Park. Int. Private. In Lieu of Flowers, donations to [animaleague.org](http://animaleague.org) would be appreciated. Visit MaryAnne's memorial at [carbonarafuneralhome.net](http://carbonarafuneralhome.net)

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### Lehmann, Eleanor M.

Eleanor Lehmann, age 92, formerly of Edison Park, passed away December 5, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Richard Lehmann. Loving mother of Christopher and Douglas (Vicki). Cherished grandmother of Matthew. Visitation Monday, December 10th, 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Funeral service Tuesday, December 11th, 11:00 A.M. at the church. Interment to follow. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Information call 847-255-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com)

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### Nikcevic , Judith

Judith (Judy) Nikcevic (nee Kardos), age 82, formerly of South Shore, Flossmoor, and Palos Heights, passed away in Pompano Beach, Florida, on December 1. She is survived by her loving son, Mark, and brother, Richard. She was married to Michael (Mitch) Nikcevic from 1956 until his passing in 2001. She is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Ella Kardos, brother James, and sister Linda Metcalf. She was born in Detroit, graduated from Southwestern High School, and attended Michigan State University. She was Miss Southwest Detroit and first runner-up for Miss Detroit in 1954. She enjoyed playing sports of all sorts and was a gifted amateur athlete. She was best known for golfing, bowling, tennis, racquetball, and softball. She lit up every room she entered and was an excellent salesman, spending most of her career with Rubbermaid, Inc.

A committal service will be held on Monday, December 10, at 10:30am at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois. Friends are invited to attend a funeral lunch at Noon at Palermo's, 4849 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangement by Joseph McPhee Funeral Directors, 708/897-6109.

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### Offenbacher, Theresia

Theresia Offenbacher, age 85, passed away Friday, December 7, 2018. Beloved wife of Franz; loving mother of Trudy (Thomas Schultz) Offenbacher, Heidi (Joseph) Stilling, and Frank; cherished grandmother of Stephanie (Nate) Jimenez, Peter, and Timothy (Caitlin Saraceno); fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her brother, Anton Gfesser. Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Funeral Monday 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Our Lady of Victory Church, 5212 W. Agatite, Chicago. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Diabetes Association, <https://donations.diabetes.org/>. For more info, please call (773)545-3800 or visit [www.muzykafuneralhome.com](http://www.muzykafuneralhome.com).

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### Ott, Richard H.

Richard H. Ott, 86, resident of Schaumburg for 27 years, formerly of Belmont Cragin in Chicago. Born May 9, 1932, he passed away peacefully Dec. 1, 2018 in Elk Grove surrounded by his loving family. Richard was a proud US Navy Veteran serving as a Jet Mechanic during the Korean War and later a ground crew mechanic for 28 years for American Airlines. He loved to travel, particularly to warmer climates. Member of Schaumburg American Legion #1983 and VFW Streamwood #5151. Adoring husband of 63 years to Rose Mary (nee Oriatti); loving father of Daniel (Denise), Christine (Geoffery Engel, MD), Mary Elizabeth (Thomas) Lorig, Lawrence (Victoria) and the late Richard; dear grandfather of 10; proud great grandfather of 12; dear friend to many. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched including his puppy "Misty". Funeral services have already been held. Interred at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Memorials appreciated to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, [www.mercyhome.org](http://www.mercyhome.org) and click "Donate". For information 847-891-2900 or for visit [www.michaelsfh.com](http://www.michaelsfh.com).

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### Owsley, Peggy L.

Peggy L. Owsley, beloved wife of the late Donald; loving mother of Michael (Suzanne), Susan (Michael) Dzija and Cynthia (Jeff) Robert Panik; cherished grandmother of Michael (Shannon), Stephanie (Thomas), Nicole (Dan), Jillian (Mike), Andrew (JoElla) and Timothy (Emily); fond great-grandmother of Kaley, Mikey, Jackson, Payton, Weston, Nathan, Michael and John; dear sister of Jean Coulson and Steve Eli. Visitation Mon., Dec. 10, 2018, 9 AM until funeral service at 12 noon at **Matz Funeral Home**, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association appreciated. 847/394-2336

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### Raffel, Louis B.

Louis B. Raffel, 85, Beloved husband of the late Trudi (Gertrude) Raffel nee Weiner for 57 years. Loving father of Larry Raffel, Sharon (Gary) Riederman and Mark (Lisa) Raffel. Proud grandfather of Brett, Ian, Peter, Ali, Alec and Lizabeth. Dear brother-in-law of the late Milton Weiner and the late Evelyn (the late Sy) Greenberg. Dear uncle, cousin and friend. Service Sunday 2:30 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Williams, Joyce Hadley

Joyce Hadley Williams, 81, wife of the late Albert Dickens Williams, Jr. of Lake Forest, IL and Wellington, FL. passed away on December 2 in Florida. The mother of the late Theodore S. Gary, III (Genevieve and Hayden), Laura Gary (Alexa and Morgan Butler), the late James H. Gary (Hadley and Samantha (Nick) Skuce and Matthew), Whitney W. (Clarke) Jones (Caroline, Clarke, Jr. and Eleanor) and Leslie W. (Mark) Mahler (Benjamin and Nina).

Joyce was born on May 26, 1937 in New York, NY and was raised in Dayton, OH.

Joyce was a longtime volunteer for and supporter of Lake Forest Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital, Allendale, Infant Welfare Society, Ducks Unlimited and was a member of Women's Board of Lake Forest Hospital. Additionally, she was a member of the Founders' Board of Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago. She was also a loyal and enthusiastic owner and supporter of show jumpers, and spent her winters cheering them to success in the show rings of Wellington, FL.

Loving and impeccable care was provided to Joyce for more than 18 years by Diane & Darek Nowakowski and Ewa Palucha.

A memorial service will be held in late spring in Lake Forest, IL.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that contributions be made to Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, 1000 North Westmoreland Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. Please make checks payable to "Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital"

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SATURDAY, DEC. 8 NORMAL HIGH: 37° NORMAL LOW: 23° RECORD HIGH: 64° (1946) RECORD LOW: -7° (1882)

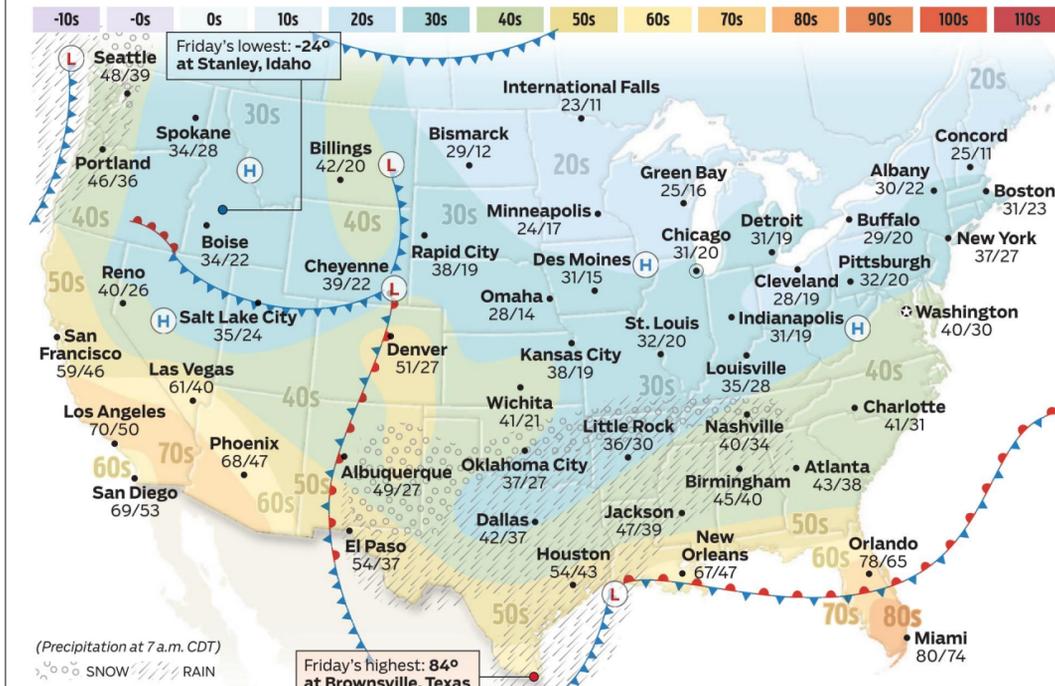
## Sunny, tranquil weather expected this weekend

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 31 **LOW** 20

■ Cold, but dry. Inclement weather stays well to the south.  
 ■ Another crisp start to the day. Temps around sunrise range from 12 in the outlying suburbs, to 22 downtown.  
 ■ High pressure settles over the region bringing tranquil conditions. Winds remain light and variable through the day.  
 ■ Sunshine, filtered by high clouds early, helps temps moderate slightly. Afternoon readings peak around 30 degrees.  
 ■ Clear and cold again overnight. Lows mid teens to low 20s.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



After a dismal start to December, sunshine dominated area skies on Friday as high pressure settled across the Midwest. Receiving 94 percent of our possible sunshine, Friday was the city's sunniest day since Nov. 14. Despite the fair skies, temperatures reached only the mid- and upper 20s across the metro area. Readings will slowly rise in coming days as polar air continues to moderate in response to persistent sunshine. The lack of snow cover will also help our temperatures recover from the subfreezing levels of late. As a storm system brings rain and snow to the South and mid-Atlantic regions, Sunny, tranquil conditions will continue here through Monday, bringing the area its sunniest stretch of weather since mid-September. Southwest winds are forecast to lock in by midweek, sending temperatures into the 40s.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 9

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 23

Temps continue to slowly moderate. High pressure keeps skies sunny, allowing temps to rise above freezing. Light winds. Not quite as cold overnight.

### MONDAY, DEC. 10

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 24

Another calm day. Aside from passing mid-high level clouds, sunshine remains abundant. Afternoon temps reach the mid-upper 30s. W-SW winds around 10 mph.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 11

**HIGH** 40 **LOW** 27

Sunshine dominates the day, but mid-high level clouds begin to increase. Winds turn SW and increase to 10-20 mph, bringing milder air. Temps peak near 40 degrees.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

**HIGH** 40 **LOW** 30

Morning sun fades as clouds thicken. Temps again rise above normal despite increasing cloudiness. S winds build to 15-20 mph. Clouds keep temps milder overnight.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 13

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 35

Cloudy, and becoming rather windy. Patchy light rain or drizzle possible late in the day or at night. Temps slowly climb to the upper 30s. SE winds 15-20 mph.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 14

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 32

Gray, windy and raw as a weather system approaches from the southwest. Occasional rain mixes with or changes to snow at night. SE-E winds 20-25 mph.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 Since Chicago's weather turned cold in mid-October through the end of November, on how many days has the temperature reached or exceeded normal?  
 — Patrick Carry, Waukegan

Dear Patrick,  
 Temperatures at or above normal have been scarce in the area since the cold weather arrived on Oct. 11. October began on a warm note with temperatures well above normal the first 10 days of the month, punctuated by a 23-degree surplus Oct. 9 with a high of 85 and a low of 70. The rest of the month was quite chilly, with 14 of 20 days averaging below normal. November was also tilted far to the cold side of the ledger, with 23 of the month's 30 days below normal, including a 17-day stretch Nov. 6 to 22. The month's highest temperature was just 52 degrees, the lowest maximum for any Chicago November dating back to 1871.

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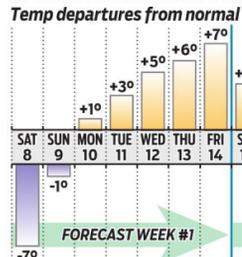
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## Abundant sunshine in Chicago as storm targets the South

COLD PATTERN BREAKS; EXTENDED SPELL OF ABOVE-NORMAL TEMPS AHEAD



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### WEEKEND STORM SYSTEM TO STAY WELL TO OUR SOUTH

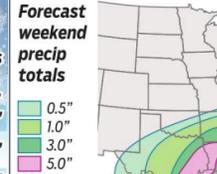
Areas of accumulating snow expected from New Mexico to the Mid Atlantic  
 Saturday morning to Monday morning



### HEAVY SNOW TARGETS NORTH CAROLINA



### SOUTH IN FOR A SOAKING



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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### CHICAGO DIGEST

FRIDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	25	12	Midway	27	17
Gary	30	19	O'Hare	25	16
Kankakee	29	15	Romeoville	27	13
Lakefront	27	19	Valparaiso	31	15
Lansing	29	15	Waukegan	24	13

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Fri. (through 7 p.m.)	0.00"	0.09"
Season to date	1.24"	0.63"
Year to date	47.15"	35.27"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Fri. (through 7 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	13.0"	9.4"
Normal to date	2.9"	2.8"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WIND	W-W 10-15 KTS.	W-W 10 KTS.
Waves	1-2 feet	1 foot
Fri. shore/crib water temps	36°/34°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 7	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	43.3%	24.4%
Average snow depth	1.9"	1.1"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	4 days	4 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Friday's reading	Good
Saturday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particles

SATURDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:06 a.m.	4:19 p.m.
Moon	8:08 a.m.	5:43 p.m.

SATURDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:25 a.m.	3:24 p.m.
Venus	3:25 p.m.	2:14 p.m.
Mars	12:07 p.m.	11:23 p.m.
Jupiter	6:17 a.m.	3:44 p.m.
Saturn	8:43 a.m.	5:53 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 a.m.	22.5° SE
Mars	5:45 p.m.	41.5° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:00 p.m.	7.5° SW

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# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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Midfielder Miguel Almiron (10) of Atlanta United, which has a chance to give the city a rare sports championship, has a shot defended by the Portland Timbers' Larrys Mabiola.

## Atlanta shooting for rare crown in MLS Cup final

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A city that has known plenty of sporting heartbreak is one win from a championship.

It sure has been a while.

Atlanta hasn't won a major professional title since the Braves captured the 1995 World Series. A 2-year-old soccer team has a chance to end the drought when Atlanta United hosts the Portland Timbers in the MLS Cup final Saturday night before an expected crowd of 73,000 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

"I was texting the mayor the other evening," United owner Arthur Blank said. "She's already planned on a parade, so she's ahead of me. We haven't had a parade in Atlanta, a sports-related parade, since 1995. God willing and play willing, we'll be in position to do that again next week."

The Braves are recognized by many as Atlanta's only true sports champions — and even their accomplishment came with a giant caveat. The team won an unprecedented 14 straight division titles, but became known mostly for its postseason failures, losing four times in the World Series and every other year but one in the earlier playoff rounds.

Blank was on hand for perhaps the city's biggest disappointment. He also owns the NFL's Falcons, who reached the Super Bowl for just the second time in franchise history in 2016, only to squander a 25-point lead late in the third quarter. The New England Patriots rallied for a 34-28 victory in overtime.

"I'm as excited about this as I was about the Super Bowl," Blank insisted, before quickly adding, "I don't want to end up with the same feeling we had several years ago."

Since big-league sports arrived in Atlanta more than five decades ago, the only other team that can claim a major title is, in an interesting twist, a soccer club.

The Atlanta Chiefs won the championship in the North American Soccer League's very first season in 1968, but that event is remembered by only the most devoted fans. The Chiefs lasted a total of 10 seasons over two incarnations, but both times went



CURTIS COMPTON/AP

Atlanta United forward Josef Martinez, who shattered the Major League Soccer record for goals with 31 this season, celebrates after scoring against the New York Red Bulls in the Eastern Conference finals.



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Coach Gerardo Tata Martino has guided Atlanta United to the brink of an MLS title in just the second season of the club's existence.

out of business for lack of support. The entire league expired after the 1984 season.

Enter United, which has

quickly built a fan base in Major League Soccer that would fit right in with the Premier League or La Liga. Atlanta has broken essen-

news is the players decide the outcome of the game."

Timbers Army sold out its allotment of 1,300 tickets in just four minutes, assuring Portland of at least some fan support in Atlanta. Savarese complained about the arrangement, saying it was far below the 5 percent standard that FIFA recommends for road teams.

"I'm not trying to stir the pot," Savarese said before Friday's final training session. "You'll still hear (Portland's fans). They'll bring it and bring it hard. I just wish we had more of them. They've always traveled well, and will continue to travel well. But we need to look at that rule going forward and, frankly, that's something we should've anticipated as a league."

Atlanta features the most prolific scorer in MLS history. Josef Martinez shattered the record with 31 goals, earning both the Golden Boot and the MVP award. The 25-year-old Venezuelan has kept up the pace in the playoffs, adding three more goals in United's victories over New York City and Supporters' Shield winner New York Red Bulls.

"It's up to us to keep him quiet," Portland defender Liam Ridgwell said. "The best way we can defend is by making them defend a lot more than we do."

United will be playing its final game under coach Tata Martino, who is reportedly headed to Mexico as the new national team coach. The former Barcelona manager has been a huge reason for Atlanta's success this season, installing an attacking style of play and bringing in a number of quality players from his native South America.

"It was a great leap of faith on his part," Blank said. "We're blessed that he was our coach for these first two years."

United would like nothing more than to send Martino out with a championship.

But this city's quest runs far deeper than that.

"We're definitely aware of it," goalkeeper Brad Guzan said of Atlanta's sports history.

"We know about it. We hear about it. (Saturday) is not just for us as a team, as a club, as an organization. It's for the city of Atlanta. It's for the state of Georgia. We know we've got a couple of bigger causes."

tially every MLS attendance record during its short existence, averaging more than 53,000 per game this season. Seattle posted the next-best attendance figure at just under 41,000; no other team in the 23-team league averaged as much as 27,000.

"We've set a new bar for performance in Major League Soccer, both on the pitch and off the pitch," Blank said. "You are what you dream about. You have to be able to visualize it to be able to execute it. We've been able to do that to the highest possible level."

United's opponent in the title game is a surprise.

After finishing fifth in the Western Conference, the Timbers have had three huge road victories in the playoffs. First, they eliminated Dallas 2-1 in the knockout round. Then, they won on penalty kicks in the second leg at Seattle. Finally, after drawing at home in the first leg of the conference final, they rallied for a 3-2 victory at top-seeded Sporting Kansas City.

"We've been absolutely lights out on the road," coach Giovanni Savarese said. "They continue to count this team out. But the good

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TOP-DOWN REPORT

# Snowing? So what ... time to get a convertible

By Larry Printz, Tribune News Service

It's (really) late fall, time to nab one of these great convertibles for less than \$35,000.

Does it seem like crazy is the new normal? Whatever part of American life one considers, it seems as we've all lost our collective minds. So, excuse me if I sound as if I've lost mine when I suggest that now is a great time to buy a new convertible. Sounds whacky? Sure. It's chilly outside. Who wants a convertible now? Yet with temperatures dropping, dealers have a harder time moving droptops off the lot, particularly when they're covered in snow. Thus, they're more willing to deal. But which ones to buy?

Let's start with price. We're keeping the starting price at \$35,742 or less, the average price of a family sedan or crossover SUV in the U.S. in September, according to Kelley Blue Book. Surprisingly, there are nine to choose from, and most designs far more distinctive than most cars or crossovers at the same price. So grab your suntan lotion and sunglasses, it's time to go for a ride.

### Fiat 500C (\$17,990)

This cheeky Cinquecento is the least expensive droptop in the America, and is roughly half the price of the average new car. That alone makes it worth considering. Better yet, this little mouse is as cuddly to look at as a basket of puppies. Yes, it's tiny, even though there's more room than you'd expect. The stylish interior's clever design hides its inexpensive nature but, like the rest of the car, has tons of style.



And there's enough power to move this Italian with brio. Its 1.4-liter turbocharged, intercooled four-cylinder engine delivers 135 horsepower through the front wheels. A five-speed manual transmission is standard; a six-speed automatic transmission is optional. And its roof can be partially opened like a sunroof.

### Mazda MX-5 Miata (\$25,295)

The MX-5 Miata has become as legendary as the classic British sports cars it emulates. For almost a quarter century, the MX-5 Miata has played the part of an affordable rear-wheel drive two-seat roadster, filling the niche once dominated by affordable British sports cars. Unlike the Brits, the Miata is a paragon of refinement and reliability. Its 2.0-liter DOHC four-cylinder engine produces 181 hp and has a 7,500-rpm redline.



Its cozy cabin is the perfect place to drive one of the finest-handling vehicles you can buy at any price. It's a car that you strap on, not get into. It's small, athletic, fun to drive and economical to own. But its 4.6 cubic-foot trunk is Lilliputian, so pack carefully.

### Mini Cooper Convertible (\$26,900)

The Mini Cooper is maxi when it comes to driving thrills. It handles like a go-cart, with quick, precise steering, little body lean and strong braking. It's a lot of fun for a front-wheel-drive car, even in the base Cooper, with its 134 hp mated to a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic with a manual shifting mode. Its rich retro details ensure that this is more than a car, it's a fashion statement.



Yet its technology is thoroughly modern. It notifies you when it's about to rain – in case you couldn't tell – and advises you to raise the top. And like the Fiat 500C, its roof can be partially opened like a sunroof.

### Jeep Wrangler (\$31,445)

Sure, any convertible will get you to the beach. But how many will allow you to drive across it? This wouldn't be a Jeep if the doors weren't removable (they are), and the top didn't fold (ditto). But it's the Wrangler's newfound civility that is the big headline. And it's the only droptop listed that offers true space for five adults, can ford rivers with its doors off, and can easily cut through the worst winter weather, thanks to four-wheel drive. And its new engineering adds a level of refinement unknown in Jeeps of the past.



Yes, you can still buy the previous Wrangler and save \$3,550, but you won't enjoy the new one's newfound civility or its updated technology.

### Ford Mustang (\$31,620)

Unlike its competitors, this classic American stallion has stayed in continuous production for more than 50 years. Its classic style is mixed with European lines and buffed to a modern sheen. Go ahead, turn the key and listen to what Detroit muscle sounds like. Next, put the car in gear, stomp on the accelerator and hold on. That's when quibbles fade. Best of all, its turbocharged 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine develops 310 hp to the rear wheels, more than the Mustang's V8 developed 10 years ago.



A six-speed manual is standard; a 10-speed automatic is optional. Best of all, Mustangs eventually become collectibles; you just have to wait. In the meantime, imagine the fun you'll have.

### Other offerings

You do have other choices, but they weren't included for different reasons. Models that are going out production were removed from the list, given the uncertain parts and service issues in the future.

This is one of the reasons why the exceptionally unexceptional Buick Cascada (\$33,070) didn't make the cut. It's built by Opel, a former GM brand now owned by French automaker PSA.

The VW Beetle (\$25,440) also didn't make it for the same reason; VW is ending production sometime next year, so resale will suffer.

The Fiat 124 Spider (\$24,995), a Mazda Miata with a Fiat engine and different styling, didn't make the list because of its less attractive styling and handling that's not as sharp as its donor car. Buyers agree, since Fiat has a 274-day supply on dealer lots. Sixty days is considered optimal.

Finally, the Chevrolet Camaro (\$32,900) more than matches the Ford Mustang's agility, but its high waistline and low roof severely restricts the driver's view from inside the car.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Weather forecast
- 4 \_\_\_ crow flies; in a straight line
- 9 \_\_\_-boiled; like a 3-minute egg
- 13 Prickly seed case
- 14 Overindulge, as a child
- 15 Untainted
- 16 "Now \_\_\_ me down to sleep..."
- 17 Not likely to stumble
- 19 \_\_\_ Rather
- 20 Takes on employees
- 21 Expenses
- 22 Shininess
- 24 File drawer, perhaps
- 25 Grapefruit-flavored soft drink
- 27 Rump \_\_\_; cuts of beef
- 30 Go \_\_\_ a limb
- 31 Hold sway
- 33 Stylish; trendy
- 35 Containing little fat
- 36 Loses hair
- 37 Maitre d's offering
- 38 Final bill
- 39 Comedian Kovacs
- 40 Toils
- 41 \_\_\_ de corps; group morale
- 43 Break in a kid's school day
- 44 Street, to a Frenchman
- 45 Sri \_\_\_
- 46 Undress
- 49 Publicity \_\_\_; attention-seeking act
- 51 Waitress at Mel's Diner
- 54 Rehearsing
- 56 Worry; fret
- 57 Pig's remark
- 58 Hope or Jessica
- 59 \_\_\_ over; faint
- 60 Clothing
- 61 Go into
- 62 Peeve

### DOWN

- 1 Luau entertainment
- 2 Reddish apes
- 3 Attempt
- 4 Lend a hand to
- 5 "I've got \_\_\_ that jingle jangle jingle..."
- 6 \_\_\_ off; left suddenly
- 7 Rushes
- 8 One of Santa's helpers
- 9 Parodies
- 10 Pitcher's delights
- 11 Guitar ridge
- 12 Allen & Danson
- 13 eBay offer
- 18 Body of water
- 20 Brass instrument

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- 23 Jungle animal
- 24 Boxer & basenji
- 25 Auctioneer's cry
- 26 Line of people
- 27 Carousel or Ferris wheel
- 28 From that time onward
- 29 Goes under
- 31 \_\_\_ and rave; carry on
- 32 Inventor Whitney
- 34 Face, slangily
- 36 Soft cheese
- 37 Make fun of
- 39 Burst forth
- 40 \_\_\_ away; left
- 42 Pierces slightly with a pin
- 43 Forest officer
- 45 Sudden forward rush
- 46 Catch sight of
- 47 The Bee Gees, for one
- 48 \_\_\_ out; peeled
- 49 CT or MRI
- 50 Slight coloring
- 52 Onion's cousin
- 53 Wise as an \_\_\_
- 55 Suffix for project or infant
- 56 \_\_\_ mask; winter knit face protector

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