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**'I think people are sadly used to it'**

Northwestern University grapples with suicides

By Dawn Rhodes  
Chicago Tribune

Alarmed by the suicides of four students this year, including a sophomore found dead in his dormitory in late November, Northwestern University is boosting staff at the campus' main counseling center.

Two new employees will join its mental health center, Counseling and Psychological Services, to perform suicide screenings and clinical support services, Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin announced in a message to students last week.

"I share your concerns about the need for the university to respond to the fullest extent possible to issues surrounding students who may be struggling, and we have worked diligently and deliberately to do so," Telles-Irvin wrote Dec. 5.

Daniel Jessell, a sophomore, was found dead the night of Nov. 28 at his dorm on the north side of the Evanston campus, according to university and Cook County medical examiner's office officials. The coroner ruled Jessell died in a suicide. Reached through email, his mother declined comment.

Jessell, originally from Delray Beach, Fla., is at least the ninth Northwestern student to die of a suicide since May 2013, according to a series of news reports, including The Daily Northwestern's. Four of these, including Jessell, have been in 2018 alone. Junior Kenzie Krogh died in February, senior Ananya Agrawal died in May and senior Angelica Wilson died in June.

The medical examiner concluded suicide was the manner of death for Krogh, Agrawal and Wilson, though the causes differed. Family members of the students could not be reached for comment.

Courtney Chatterton, a senior who was friends with Agrawal, described him as a "huge goofball" and said his death came out of the blue.

"People have died of suicide every year I've been at Northwestern," Chatterton said. "You become com-

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## Ex-union leader on hot seat



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Dean Angelo Sr., is to appear Tuesday in a hearing before a panel of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police.

Local police unit may discipline him for talking to media during Van Dyke trial

By Christy Gutowski  
Chicago Tribune

A former president of the union that represents thousands of rank-and-file Chicago police officers is facing possible discipline from the local he once led for speaking to the news media during Jason Van Dyke's murder trial this fall.

Dean Angelo Sr. is expected to appear Tuesday

during a closed-door disciplinary hearing before a three-member panel of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police.

In an Oct. 5 letter obtained by the Chicago Tribune, Martin Preib, the FOP's second vice president, told fellow board members he had filed charges against Angelo for misrepresenting himself as the group's spokesman in public comments Sept.

19 and 20 at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Angelo served as president of FOP Lodge 7 for three years until he lost re-election in April 2017 in a heated race against Kevin Graham, who is now serving a three-year term.

The FOP played a visible role during Van Dyke's trial for the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald in October 2014. The union paid for much of the officer's defense, and current and for-

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Nurse Claudia Lopez visits Monday with Jacob Roman, left, brothers Alex and Jordan, and parents Vicelis Negron and Alexander Roman.

## MOTHER REUNITES WITH 'ANGEL' NURSE

Credited with quick action that saved baby's life, found through Facebook effort

By Kate Thayer | Chicago Tribune

Vicelis Negron of Chicago said she can count many medical professionals who have helped her 2-year-old son, Jacob, who was born without part of the left ventricle in his heart.

But there was just one she called her "angel" — a nurse she knew only as Claudia, who took care of her family the day Jacob was born at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park. If it wasn't for her, Negron said, Jacob might not be

here today.

After numerous calls and visits to the hospital in attempts to find Claudia, Negron took to social media last month to make a plea to find the nurse she says not only saved her son, but also

comforted her and her husband as they watched doctors work on Jacob, who was struggling to breathe and eventually was transferred to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.

On Monday, Negron, 31, and her family, including Jacob donning a necktie for the occasion, came face-to-face with nurse Claudia Lopez. In an emotional reunion in a hospital room at Westlake Hospital, not far from where Jacob was born, Lopez

smiled through tears as she waved to a shy Jacob and embraced Negron, who repeatedly thanked her as the two hugged and cried.

"I've been thinking about this day since a week after I had Jacob," Negron said Monday. "I walked into this hospital, looking for her. I wish I would've thought of Facebook sooner."

For Lopez, 35, the moment

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## Fears of shutdown return, grow stronger

Negotiations are deadlocked over funding for wall

By Paul Krawzak  
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Congressional aides on both sides of the aisle say they don't see how an appropriations impasse ends without a partial government shutdown just in time for Christmas Eve.

President Donald Trump signed a continuing resolution into law Friday that would change the expiration date of the stopgap measure enacted before the midterm elections to Dec. 21. But he wasted little time in taking aim at Democratic leaders for



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The president has accused Rep. Nancy Pelosi and others of "playing political games" on border security funding.

"playing political games" on border security funding, even as he prepares to sit down with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California and Senate Minority Leader Chuck

Schumer of New York on Tuesday.

While many lawmakers are expressing confidence a shutdown will be avoided, aides speaking on condition of anonymity said

there is a widespread fear that the talks will collapse and lead to a shutdown.

The Democratic leaders plan to offer Trump \$1.3 billion in funding for a border fence when they meet at the White House, a bid that falls short of the \$5 billion Trump is demanding to fund a border wall. Talks are deadlocked over funding for the wall.

Schumer had previously suggested Trump accept \$1.6 billion in border funding, the funding level included in a Senate bill with bipartisan support. But that \$1.6 billion would struggle to pass the House, where Democrats won't support it because they say it's too much and Republicans be-

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# Outdoor Christmas strands: An expert's tangled lights guide



**REX W. HUPPKE**

Today I'd like to offer some expert advice on handling the most basic of Christmas decorations: the simple strand of outdoor holiday lights.

While modern technology has brought us all manner of yard-decorating wizardry, the colorful electric light strand remains the primary tool in the outdoor Christmas decorator's toolbox.

As a licensed and professional expert (self-declared) in exterior holiday decor, allow me to give you a bit of history.

It all began with a simple question: How can we create a long strand of colorful electric lights that will easily become inextricably tangled and will stop working if one light breaks?

According to the Library of Congress's Science Reference Services, it was Thomas Edison who first created a strand of electric lights, stringing them outside his laboratory around Christmas in 1880. (This was likely just a case of the lightbulb inventor showing off, prompting neighbors to sneer, "Merry Christmas, NERD!!")

Two years later, Edward Johnson became the first to think, "Hey, what if I take this electrical wire and all these warm, glowing lights and wrap it around the dead tree in my living room?"

Per the Library of Congress article: "Johnson, Edison's friend and partner in the Edison's Illumination Company, hand-wired 80 red, white and blue light bulbs and wound them around his Christmas tree. Not only was the tree illuminated with electricity, it also revolved."

In the early 1900s, General Electric started selling Christmas lights to the general public, soon presidents were lighting up national outdoor Christmas trees. And the nation has never looked back.

That's the history of the most basic outdoor Christmas decoration. (I'll save the history of outdoor inflatable decorations for another column, but let's just say the Hindenburg was originally meant to be an 800-foot-long reindeer.)

Still, after all these years, few fully comprehend the best method of using strands of electric Christmas lights. Not to worry. The following steps will fill that void:

First, fetch last year's outdoor Christmas light



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Last year's light strands will appear to have congealed into a large mass. Don't be intimidated.

strands from whichever corner of the garage or basement you stuffed them into after finally taking them down in March. They will appear to have congealed into a large spherical mass. Do not be intimidated.

Roll the large spherical mass of festive lights onto your front yard and maintain a spirit of confidence and good cheer. (Carol humming is optional, but encouraged.)

As you being to unwind the spherical mass, do not show fear. Throughout history, strands of Christmas lights have learned to sense fear, and it causes them to tighten and further entangle themselves.

Calmly spend 45 minutes attempting to unwind the strands. This will not work, but it is part of the process.

Next, establish dominance over the spherical mass. This can be accomplished with firm yet festive swearing and several aggressive tugs at the 32 plugs now protruding from the sphere.

Allow your face to become flushed with rage — red is, after all, a popular Christmas color — and begin pulling wildly at whichever cord you can grasp. You may start to swing the sphere about as you move frantically across the front lawn.

Arm flailing, gasps of exasperation and considerably louder and less-festive swearing are now appropriate.

Don't worry. Your neighbors will not jump at the

sight of an adult human, now partially wrapped in dark-green cords, screaming and running maniacally across the yard, seemingly fending off an attack from an angry, beach-ball-sized wad of lights. This is perfectly normal holiday season behavior.

At this point, some mild weeping is permitted.

The next step is to realize you should check whether the light strands that have been assaulting you still work. You will wonder why you didn't do that first, and you will be tempted to resume weeping, but don't — there is work to be done.

You will plug each strand in to an extension cord and find the only one that works is buried deep in the middle of the sphere, which has now somehow grown in size. You will then calmly walk to the garbage can and triumphantly throw away the sphere. Don't worry, you are winning.

After tending to any cuts or ligature marks on your arms, neck or torso, you will head out to buy new strands of colored lights. The first store you reach will only have strands of green lights. Nobody has ever actually used strands of all-green lights, which is why they are always available. (The Library of Congress doesn't note this, but Edison came up with the idea of green-only light strands to get back at those who called him a nerd.)

You will go to 37 more stores before finding new strands of colored lights. You will briefly consider

buying enough strands for next year as well, but then you'll think, "No, that's stupid. I'm sure I'll be able to use this year's strands over again." You are a naive idiot. Don't worry, that is normal.

Having purchased 25 new strands of colored lights, you will unbox them and find they come pre-tangled and tied together with approximately 700 twisty ties. You will spend the next week unpacking your new lights and then, finally ready to decorate, you will string them across the bushes in front of your house, covering every area neatly and evenly.

You will then plug the lights in and find that three strands do not work. You will spend two hours looking for the malfunctioning bulbs before realizing no person in history has ever successfully found a malfunctioning bulb. You will suspect the idea that one bad bulb is screwing up an entire strand is just another trick concocted by that vengeful nerd, Edison.

In a fit of rage, you will rip the lights off the bushes and stomp around the yard screaming, at which point a neighbor will walk by and say how nice your Christmas decorations are looking.

You are now done. At least until March, when you will wind all the light strewn across your yard into a large ball and stuff it in a corner of the garage.

Merry Christmas.

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# Merry Christmas, your layaway is paid



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

For families that don't have much money, nothing says Christmas like layaway.

The department store installment plan that allows customers to pick out gifts and pay for them over the course of several months has been a staple of American life since the Great Depression.

While the concept of "buying on time" has taken on a new meaning in recent years with the proliferation of credit cards, layaway has long been the only extended payment option available to low-income families that can't obtain credit.

Christmas, more than any other holiday, is when it really comes in handy.

For many children, layaway has meant the difference between waking up on Christmas morning to a shiny new bicycle or the disappointment of learning that Santa, for some reason or another, flew right over their house without stopping.

It is heartwarming to know that there are wealthy people like media mogul Tyler Perry in the world who still understand that.

Perry recently paid off the layaway accounts at Walmart for about 1,500 strangers in the Atlanta area. That amounted to about \$434,000.

In a video released on Instagram, Perry acknowledged the good deed, after first trying to remain

anonymous.

"If you have a layaway ... and it was in there as of 9:30 this morning ... I have paid for all of your layaways for Christmas. So Merry Christmas," he said.

A few days later, Kid Rock followed Perry's lead and spent \$81,000 to pay off 350 layaways at his local Walmart in Nashville, Tenn.

Layaway can be a great thing if you're able to set aside money and pay on it a little bit at a time, but many people tend to wait until the final day to try to come up with the entire balance.

The problem with layaway, though, is that most people who don't have the money to pay for things upfront won't have it four months later. They could end up losing not only the items they had put aside but also must often pay a cancellation fee and forfeit the service fee, if one was required.

Walmart, for example, allowed people to open their Christmas layaway plans on Aug. 31. The final payment had to be made and the items picked up by Monday. The mere fact that there were so many outstanding layaway balances as of Dec. 6, when Perry paid them off, shows that a lot of people fit into the latter category.

"I know it's hard times and a lot of people are struggling. I'm just really, really grateful to be able to be in a situation to do this. So God bless you. Go get your stuff," Perry added in the video.

Other than their celebrity status, the two men seem to have nothing in common, on the surface, at least.

Perry, a successful director and actor whose film studio is in Atlanta, knows firsthand what it's like to grow up poor. He has talked openly about his childhood in New Orleans in a family marked by poverty and physical abuse.

Kid Rock's childhood, on the other hand, was the epitome of the upper middle class. The singer-songwriter grew up on a 6-acre estate in a small, rural town near Detroit, in a colonial house with an apple orchard in the backyard.

His father owned several car dealerships. Perry's father was a carpenter who barely made ends meet.

Kid Rock is a staunch Republican and defender of Donald Trump. Perry threw his full support behind Hillary Clinton, and has recently said he'd rather have a president who wasn't so divisive.

The point here is that the holidays give us all an opportunity to be our best. It's a time when we should put our differences aside and concentrate on the things that we have in common as Americans.

But most of all, it's a time to reach out to those who are less fortunate and let them know that they aren't in their struggle alone.

Perry certainly isn't the first person who has paid off people's layaway during Christmas. Americans seem to have recognized for a long time that paying off layaways is one of the best ways to have a direct impact on someone's life.

A secret Santa walked into a Walmart in Pennsylvania the week before and paid off every single layaway account. That came to \$29,000. A few days later, a



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Tyler Perry, top, and Kid Rock paid off layaway accounts for people at local Walmarts.

couple in a Clarksville, Tenn., spent \$77,000 to pay off layaway accounts at the Walmart in their city.

The same thing has happened in Vermont, New York, Colorado and other states.

In those places, at least, there are some parents who are going to be less stressed out from worrying about how they're going to provide for their children this holiday season.

More important, though,

there will be a whole lot of kids who will get to keep on believing in Santa and feel the joy that the holiday season brings.

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## Tree crashes party, brings out friends' holiday best



HEIDI STEVENS

Every year (well, twice), we host my son's flag football team at our home for an end-of-the-season chili bash.

Nine or 10 kids and one or two or three of their parents/step-parents fill our little kitchen and living room and basement and eat and drink and laugh and run (the kids do most of the running). It's lovely.

Their football season ends in December, so the party is also an incentive to get our holiday act together — tree up, stockings hung, wreath on the front door, outdoor lights strung.

The Sunday prior, we bought a tree and mounted it in its stand.

The Tuesday prior, I put "Elf" on the TV, whipped up some hot chocolates, hauled the ornaments down from the attic, told my kids to ignore their homework and got to work making the house look warm and inviting.

By the time Saturday — party day — rolled around, the house and its inhabitants were ready.

The clock struck 5. Friends rolled in bearing food and drink. Coats piled up on the bed. Desserts filled the table. Kids disappeared into the basement, land of the footballs and strewn-about toys.

And then the tree fell.

The carefully selected, painstakingly erected, perfectly lighted, lovingly decorated tree, standing firm for six days and six nights, crashed to the floor, sending pine needles and glass shards and tree water everywhere.

So much for warm and inviting.

My husband and my son's coaches lifted the tree back into its stand and spent the next half hour or so lying on the floor, working to re-secure it, trying not to draw blood. The rest of us scurried around with towels and garbage bags, sweeping away the sad remnants of cherished holidays past. (Just kidding. I got most of the ornaments on clearance at Target last year. We put the cherished ones on a little pink tree in another room.)

Anyway, it was quite a scene. And, naturally, a lesson. (You guys knew a lesson was coming.)

It's wonderful and worthy to fill your home with light and color and festive decor, but holiday cheer can't be purchased from a store. Not even Target.

Holiday cheer is kids running around like a bunch of bison in the basement, maybe, possibly creating enough reverberations to knock over a tree in the living room above.

Holiday cheer is setting down your chili and your drink to grab a towel or a broom and laugh with your friend as you clean up her colossal mess.

A friend noted afterward that her favorite comment of the night was, "I thought there was water in this base? Oh (motioning to the floor), there it is."

Holiday cheer is standing to the side, directing a couple of flag football coaches trying desperately to straighten a tree in its stand. "A little to the left. Nope, too far. Better. Better."

Holiday cheer is finding a handful of ornaments that didn't break and joyfully, victoriously hanging them back on the now sort of mangled branches.

Holiday cheer is refilling your drink when you're done.

Holiday cheer is knowing how incredibly blessed you are to have friends who show up, friends who laugh, friends who help, friends who appreciate your efforts and nod along in recognition and solidarity when those efforts fall short.

I set out to create a warm and wintry scene, to show off a house where traditions are honored and decorations are displayed in a timely manner.

The decorations had a mind of their own, and I'm glad they did.

There was a time in my life when that sort of mishap would have left me mildly mortified — convinced I wasn't cut out for hosting, certain I was barely cut out for adulthood, embarrassed at my inability to even *decorate* properly, for Pete's sake.

That time has passed. This time is better. This time leaves more room for gratitude and laughter and a sense of we're-all-in-this-togetherness that's tough to pull off when you're worried about appearances.

This time reminds me a tree is never more gorgeous than when it's surrounded by friends, even when that tree is splayed horizontal on the floor and the friends are tiptoeing around it, trying not to step on glass, sweeping and laughing and helping clean up life's latest mess.

Join the Heidi Stevens Hosting Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. This week, author Linda Gartz will discuss her book, "Redlined: A Memoir of Race, Change, and Fractured Community in 1960s Chicago."

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## Campaign volunteer is shot

By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS  
Chicago Tribune

A volunteer for a candidate for alderman of the 15th Ward was shot while on Facebook Live as he was out canvassing the West Englewood neighborhood Sunday, officials said.

Maxwell Omowale Justice, 32, a volunteer for the Joseph Williams campaign, is speaking to the camera when shots can be heard in the video.

The shooting took place while Williams was a few houses away with his two children, as a group from the campaign tried to get affidavits from residents following a challenge to Williams' petitions, said Erin Ellenbolt, Williams' campaign manager.

"Maxwell had just shown up and he was handing out flyers as well and trying to get signatures," Ellenbolt said.

Police said the shooting happened about 1:45 p.m. Sunday in the 6600 block of South Marshfield Avenue. Justice was hit once in the leg when a man in a red ski mask

opened fire as Justice stood on the sidewalk. No arrests have been made.

Justice drove himself to Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, where he was treated and released. Reached Monday morning, Justice said he was resting and wasn't ready to speak more. In social media posts, he shared an image of his bleeding leg.

"Stay prayed up. I prayed before I went canvassing and God looked out," he wrote.

Ellenbolt noted that this year a man canvassing ahead of the midterm elections was fatally shot in Detroit. "It's what we're fighting for, it's the violence in Englewood and the violence in the 15th Ward that we're trying to combat," Ellenbolt said. "It's made it personal for Joseph, I know that. He and Maxwell are incredibly close friends.

"It's finding that balance between per-

sonal safety and it's also what makes this campaign so important," she said.

Ald. Raymond Lopez, who currently serves the 15th Ward and is seeking re-election, put out a statement about the shooting Sunday.

"Campaign or not, it is completely unacceptable and unfortunate that someone would feel compelled to shoot at someone simply because they didn't recognize them from the community," Lopez wrote. "This is the same type of mindless gun violence we have seen in other neighborhoods. It must be confronted and addressed directly and without excuses."

In a Facebook post, Justice said he feels lucky to have survived.

"Blessed and thankful to be in the land of the living," he wrote. "Be safe and watchful; the enemy is busy."

Having been so close to the gunfire, Ellenbolt also said the shooting does not change anything for her and her choice to knock on strangers' doors.

"I believe in (Williams) so strongly so I'll probably be out there again soon."



Justice



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## PASTOR FOUGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

The casket of the Rev. James Bass, a church leader, World War II veteran and civil rights activist, is followed by his widow, Helyn, during the recessional at his funeral Monday at House of Hope in Pullman. The reverend organized Mount Olive Baptist Church, 5729 W. Chicago Ave., in 1956 after he served in the Army, according to information provided by Gatling's Chapel. He also was a civil rights activist known for introducing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to Chicago's West Side. In 1965, when King was in Chicago, Bass and the Rev. Morgan James arranged an open meeting at Pulaski Road and Lexington Street.

## 'Excuseman' lawyer pleads guilty to stealing from clients

By LOLLY BOWEAN | Chicago Tribune

A former personal injury lawyer pleaded guilty to theft Monday for settling his clients' cases without their knowledge and pocketing the settlement money.

Jordan Margolis blew some of the money promoting a character he called "Excuseman," skewering those who "mess up and don't fess up." In that role, he would don a shiny blue body suit with the letters XQ over his chest, an orange skullcap and cape, and purple bandit mask, and tell corny jokes.

Margolis offered no excuses Monday as he stood in a dark business suit as he pleaded guilty before Judge Erica Reddick. Assistant State's Attorney Wayne Jakalski told the judge that Margolis settled personal injury, wrongful death and car crash

cases for more than a dozen clients without their consent and pocketed the money.

Margolis was initially charged with 36 felony counts of theft, theft by deception, misappropriation of financial institution property, continuing a financial crimes enterprise and forgery. But in a plea agreement, he pleaded guilty to a single theft count. He faces up to three years in prison and a maximum fine of \$25,000 at sentencing in June. He declined to comment after his brief hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Margolis, now 64, lives in Los Angeles and has been trying to find work as a screenwriter, attorneys confirmed.

The Chicago Tribune detailed his troubles in a front-page story in May 2016, a week after he was indicted on charges he stole more than \$1.1 million from clients. At



Jordan Margolis and alter ego Excuseman

the time, some of them said they had to postpone retirement, had to sell their homes and struggled to get by. When he worked in Chicago, Margolis lived in a posh Highland Park home and impressed clients with a flashy office in the Loop.

His law license was suspended in 2013 and formally revoked in 2015.

His arrest baffled local attorneys who knew Margolis as a Northwestern Law School graduate from a family of well-known and accomplished lawyers.

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## Vote delayed on plan to limit tax subsidies

By JOHN BYRNE | Chicago Tribune

A measure aimed at tightening the rules for awarding public tax dollars to private developments, which could imperil more than \$1 billion in subsidies Mayor Rahm Emanuel wants for high-profile projects near downtown, got derailed in a City Council committee Monday.

Supporters of the "TIF Back to Basics Ordinance" said they were confident they had the votes to get the long-stalled proposal through the Finance Committee. But before they could find out, committee chair Ald. Edward Burke asked if any of his colleagues wanted to call for a quorum. The meeting was three aldermen short of that standard, and Burke immediately recessed the committee until Tuesday.

Emanuel's administration will now work to make sure enough of their allies attend the Tuesday meeting to vote down the plan.

At issue is the future of the city's tax increment financing program, the huge pot of property tax money that Emanuel and predecessor Mayor Richard M. Daley have

for decades used as a carrot to developers to lower the cost of private construction projects by paying for infrastructure upgrades and other needed improvements.

The ordinance would require the city to give TIF money only to projects that wouldn't get built without it, by showing the area where the construction is to take place suffers from blight or lack of investment.

That was the original intent of tax increment financing when the state legislature passed it, but in the decades since, the city has drawn criticism for awarding hundreds of millions of dollars in TIF assistance to projects getting built in desirable neighborhoods in and around downtown.

Emanuel announced this fall that he wants to create several new TIF districts before he leaves office next year, one encompassing the North Branch Industrial Corridor that's set to include the Lincoln Yards development, an enormous housing, office and entertainment district planned by developer Sterling Bay in Lincoln Park.

Another would include The 78, the vacant parcel in the South Loop that Amazon looked at before opting for other cities for its new headquarters sites. He wants one at the long-vacant lakefront Michael Reese Hospital site. And the mayor also wants to use TIF money to make improvements to the Tribune Media site along the river downtown.

Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, said it isn't certain the projects at those locations need public money. "It doesn't matter what the mayor says, it's the state law," Waguespack said. "And he has to follow what the state law is, and he's failed to do that over the years."

"That's why two years ago we were pushing this, and years before," he said.

"To create more transparency, so that taxpayers know what they are forced to pay for, and if all these projects and the new creation of TIFs are meeting the 'but for' test?"

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# Man calls in murder, drives at cops, is killed

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A Palatine man who called 911 to say he was involved in a murder later sped his car at officers who came to investigate and was shot and killed by an officer he injured.

Authorities say they then found the remains of the man's mother, who had been stabbed multiple times, inside her son's apartment.

Palatine police were summoned to the 300 block of Brockway Street just before 2 a.m. Sunday when Leslie Vaughan called 911 to

report "that a murder had occurred and that he was involved," according to a police news release.

The call then disconnected, but as two officers who responded were outside the apartment speaking to a resident, Vaughan was sitting in his car watching them, according to police.

Vaughan then accelerated the vehicle at high speed through the parking lot and onto the grass, directly at the officers and the



Leslie Vaughan

resident, police said.

A 13-year veteran police officer narrowly dodged the oncoming car, but the resident and a four-year veteran officer were struck by the vehicle before it slammed into the apartment building, police said.

The officer who was struck was able to fire his gun and hit Vaughan multiple times, killing him, police said.

A short time later, police discovered the body of

Vaughan's mother, 74-year-old Polly Vaughan, of Peoria, Ariz., who officials said had been stabbed to death in her son's apartment.

Palatine police were continuing to investigate her death Monday night, and the Cook County Major Case Assistance Team was investigating the shooting by the officer.

Both the officer and the resident who were struck by Leslie Vaughan's car were treated at a local hospital and released, said officials, who did not release their names.

A former neighbor of Polly Vaughan, Michael

Winter, said she and her husband lived near him elsewhere in Palatine before the couple moved to Arizona two or three years ago. Winter said she had returned to the Chicago area several weeks ago to help care for her son after he suffered a stroke.

Winter recalled that before Polly Vaughan moved away, her son used to visit his mother regularly for Sunday dinner.

Winter was shocked by the deaths and described Polly and her husband as "two great people."

"She loved gardening and going for walks," Winter

said. "They seemed like very pleasant people."

An autopsy performed Monday on Leslie Vaughan indicate he died of multiple gunshot wounds.

Records indicate Leslie Vaughan filed for bankruptcy in 2017, listing his address in the same block where the shooting and stabbing took place.

He listed his occupation as sales associate at an Oak Brook men's clothing store.

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## Geneva teachers ratify new 5-year contract, ending strike

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO  
The Courier-News

Classes will resume in Geneva School District 304 Tuesday after teachers ratified a five-year proposal Monday afternoon.

The vote comes after Geneva School District 304 and its teachers union reached a tentative agreement during lengthy contract negotiations Sunday into Monday. The deal came about 3:20 a.m. Monday, following 12 hours of negotiations that started Sunday.

"We've been fighting to be average in Kane County and we got there, which is a big step for us," said Kevin Gannon, the Geneva Education Association president.

The union did not disclose the final ratification tally but said the tentative

agreement earned yes votes from at least two-thirds of its membership of more than 450 educators.

"Progress was made because we remained committed to collaboration, compromise and doing what's best for our students," Gannon said in a statement. "We'd like to thank the community for their continued support. We believe it was that push from the community that brought us across the finish line."

"We are happy to announce that at 3:22 a.m. this morning, the board and the GEA have reached a tentative agreement on a new five-year collective bargaining agreement," Geneva district officials announced Monday morning. "Information on ratification and

details to follow."

Gannon did not release details on the five-year contract Monday, waiting until the school board has a closer look at the deal. However, he did disclose it will include both the traditional step-and-lane salary schedule union members supported and the alternative salary schedule the district preferred.

The agreement better compensates teachers with advanced degrees, Gannon said. Megan Wassell, a first-grade teacher at Western Avenue School, said she earned her master's this summer. The tentative agreement guarantees her pay will reflect her level of education, she said.

"This and other offers from the board will help us attract and maintain quality

teachers," said Wassell, who grew up in Geneva and whose mother was a Geneva teacher. "We want teachers to come to the best community in the world and continue the tradition of excellence that we have come to expect."

Gannon described the deal as a "compromise" in which both sides had some victories in the agreement.

"It's not everything that we were asking for, but a good negotiated deal typically doesn't give you everything you wanted," said Gannon. He noted the new agreement doesn't reduce insurance premium costs for members, as an example.

District officials sent out another statement Monday afternoon, confirming classes resume Tuesday.



RAFAEL GUERRERO/COURIER-NEWS

More than 100 teachers walked the picket line Dec. 4.

"The board would like to thank the community for their ongoing support of our schools and students," school board members said in the statement. "We look forward to working together with our teachers to maintain and enhance the high quality education provided in District 304."

Teachers walked out

Dec. 4 after negotiations over the course of 10 months broke down. The current contract expired in August.

Because of the strike, more than 5,800 students have missed nearly a week of school.

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## DuPage Children's Museum move delayed

BY ERIN HEGARTY  
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Redevelopment of Naperville's Fifth Avenue property hinges on if DuPage Children's Museum will be part of the plan, but the council shouldn't expect a recommendation on that until early next year, City Manager Doug Krieger said.

An advisory group of council members, city staff and museum board members was expected to issue an opinion by the end of November but needs more time, Krieger told the Naperville City Council on Tuesday.

While "we are making progress every week," he said, it won't be until mid-January that the group will have a "better feel" for what it wants to recommend, he said.

The group is looking for other sites in Naperville where the museum could relocate but a move for museum — which has been at 301 N. Washington St. since 2001 — would be big and would need to "absolutely be something that's in the best interest for them and the city," Krieger said.

The city-owned land on which the museum sits has been identified as an ideal



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The DuPage Children's Museum may need to relocate as part of the Fifth Avenue redevelopment.

spot for a commuter parking structure as it's south of the train tracks, the area from which most travel to reach the station. A parking deck on that parcel would mean commuters could make a right-turn out of the lot, which is more efficient than making a left-turn, officials say.

Councilman John Krumpfenner said the museum is "one of the prime gems of Naperville" but it is going to have to move due to parking, traffic and safety concerns.

"Any other discussion is immaterial until this is solved," Krumpfenner said. "I'm driving the lane and making the decision we need to put as much com-

muter parking as we can where the children's museum is."

In addition to the museum question, the council has not yet decided if it wants to add 250 to 400 new commuter parking spaces to the current 1,681 spaces, as recommended by staff. Concerns about the city's management of the current permit parking program and the uncertainty over how many vehicles that will be using it in the future clouds the discussion.

"Transit-oriented development projects are extremely challenging," said Geoff Dickinson, of SB Friedman. Naperville hired

SB Friedman to serve as "city advocate" in navigating the public-private partnership expected to come out of 5th Avenue redevelopment.

The issues Naperville is grappling with are the kinds of things with which all public-private partnerships struggle, he said. "Parking is always the first big challenge," Dickinson said.

Ryan Cos. has been working on gathering community input on the redevelopment of the 13 city-owned acres and developing concepts since October 2017.

Dickinson said now is the time for council members to give Ryan Cos. policy direction so it can move forward with concepts and plans.

"I don't know where that recession line is, but there is some sensitivity to time," Dickinson said. "We think at this level policy direction is appropriate because (you can) take another whack at it once it's narrowed down to a preliminary plan."

Naperville expects to schedule a city council workshop at the end of January to discuss other policy directions, including affordable housing, for the development.

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# 'I think people are sadly used to it now'

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pletely desensitized. Then it happens to someone you know."

Even before the most recent announcement of increased staff, Northwestern officials have been keenly aware of the issue. The availability and adequacy of mental health support long has riled students and parents, and prompted a campus protest on Wednesday.

Before the fall quarter began, Telles-Irvin sent a letter to parents detailing the mental health services available on campus. As part of that, Northwestern President Morton Schapiro emphasized the need for mutual outreach.

"We also need parents and families, staff and faculty, and fellow students to all work together to alert us if they see a member of the community struggling, so that we can provide the necessary support," he wrote to the campus community.

Northwestern's experience is not uncommon among universities and is not happening in a vacuum, experts say, with students increasingly arriving on campus with mental health issues. Multiple schools nationally have experienced a series of deaths among talented students whose lives seemed full of promise. National studies reveal an increasing demand for mental health services and growing proportions of students reporting suicidal thoughts, even though the actual rate of suicide has not grown much, experts say.

"What's increased more dramatically is more students both coming to campus with mental health issues and developing mental health issues while they're in college," said Nance Roy, chief clinical officer at Jed Foundation, a New York-based nonprofit for suicide prevention in young adults. "Certainly there's a tremendous increase in the number of students who are seeking help, which is good news. The downside to that is it's very hard to keep up with demand."

Although every case is different, and it is impossible to pinpoint exactly what leads to suicide, the deaths of four undergraduates in a year has prompted students to question what may be contributing to the issue and if the university was doing enough in response.

"I think people are just opening their eyes to it more and thinking about why it's happening," said Christine Lee, 20, a junior. "I know not everyone struggles with mental health, but I can't help but wonder if the environment here contributes to that at all. There's a lot of pressure here, definitely, to be the best."

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10 to 34, according to 2016 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is the third



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NU has partnered with the Jed Foundation, a nonprofit for suicide prevention in young adults, to weigh its approach to student mental health.



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Angelica Wilson, 22, pictured during Senior Week in June, died that month. She was one of four Northwestern University students who took their lives this year.

most common cause of death for Illinoisans ages 1 to 17, 18 to 24 and 25 to 44, according to recent data from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

In 2017, 162 young adults in Illinois ages 18 to 24 took their own lives.

Around the country, campuses have been confronted with rash of suicides. Fourteen students at University of Pennsylvania died of suicide between February 2013 and August 2017, according to The Daily Pennsylvanian. Six

students at Cornell University took their lives between October 2009 and March 2010. Four Massachusetts Institute of Technology students took their lives in 2015, contributing to a larger trend of the Cambridge-based institution recording a significantly higher rate of student suicides than the national average.

A 2018 study by Brigham and Women's Hospital, which is linked with Harvard Medical School, concluded 1 in 5 college students has considered suicide. An annual report from the Center for Collegiate Mental Health at Pennsylvania State University found that college counseling centers recorded increases in the number of students seeking treatment who represented a "threat to self" for seven straight years.

Cindy Liu, lead author of the Brigham study, said in a statement that her team's survey results showed "an urgent need to help students reduce their experience of overwhelming levels of stress during college," and that exposure to stress is strongly linked to diagnoses of mental health struggles, self-harm and suicidal ideation.

Northwestern has partnered with the Jed Foundation to assess its approach to student mental health over a four-year period. One strategy growing out of that has been to encourage a "see

something, say something" approach for students. Educating students about the available mental health services also is a required part of undergraduate orientation.

"We know that students often turn to each other for help before they turn to anyone else," said Roy of the Jed Foundation. "We really need to reinforce the notion that everyone has a role to play in protecting student health. There's no wrong door for students to walk through to get support."

At Northwestern, a recurring complaint about campus mental health services is that its mental health center is understaffed and students face long waitlists to see a counselor.

That criticism mounted after the 2015 death of Jason Arkin, a junior from Kansas. His parents told The Daily Northwestern that he had been put on a waitlist for counseling despite having a documented history of depression and expressing thoughts of self-harm.

The Arkins later helped launch a suicide prevention organization called Speak Up and have routinely called on Northwestern to improve its approach to the issue.

Former student Stephanie Bernstein said she also struggled finding treatment for depression and anxiety, and repeatedly wrote to campus leaders in hopes of sparking improvements in cam-

pus mental health care, but to no avail. On graduation day, not long after she had sent one such email, her close friend Angelica Wilson was found dead.

"This didn't just happen with Angel or Ananya. I've watched this happen for four years," said Bernstein, who graduated from Northwestern this year. "I think universities have a responsibility to take care of these students."

Telles-Irvin said many students say they have benefited from the university's mental health services; indeed, some students praised Northwestern's efforts.

"I know when I first came here, they made sure we knew that if we were struggling, there are all kinds of resources we can use," said Erika Arvay, 23, a graduate student. "I don't really know what else they could do."

But if Jessell's death showed anything, it's that the problem remains on campus.

"I think people are sadly used to it now," said Amaka Nwaezeigwe, 18, a sophomore. "For some of the other students who died, it didn't affect me as much. But (Daniel) was in my class. It's a weird concept to think someone in my class who would have graduated with me is gone now."

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## Nun gives Marian Catholic students lesson in hope, charity

BY DONNA VICKROY  
Daily Southtown

Sister Mary Jo Sobieck may be famous for the perfect fast ball she threw before a White Sox game last summer, but it's the pitch she makes for compassion toward people living on the margins that defines her as a Christian and human being.

Four times a year, Sobieck, who teaches religion at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, leads students into Chicago to "return dignity to the people living on the streets."

On Saturday morning, as the temperature struggled to rise above the 20s, she and some 40 students met at the Flossmoor train station for a journey out of their comfort zone. Toting bags filled by a local women's organization with blankets, snacks, toiletries and gloves, the group rode the train into Millennium Station before taking to the streets.

Sobieck led a group of freshman west on Randolph Street. At Wabash, they encountered a young man named Tony sitting against the concrete of the Marshall Field's building. At his feet, his dog Gibson snuggled under blankets, while a cardboard sign read "We could really use a miracle."

The irony of a nun walking up to answer his prayers is noticed by several passersby.

Sobieck's mission extends beyond temporary relief. While shoppers and workers look away from the homeless, she looks them in eye, offers a hug and engages them in conversation. She wants to know their story, where they've been, where they're headed.

Meeting people where they're at, especially if that location is on

the edge of society, is what Jesus Christ did, Sobieck said.

"This is Marian Catholic High School, and we teach about Jesus Christ and who did he hang around with the most? The people on the margins," she said.

"We have to help kids understand that if you're a Christian, these are the people you engage with. True power and authority is not about privilege and preeminence and what you're gonna get or rise up to in a worldly way," she explained.

"We rise up when we meet people where they are."

Sobieck asked Tony whether he has a warm place for the night. He does not.

Then she invited him to share with the teens the kind of wisdom that can only come from having lived hardship.

Tony explained that he and his girlfriend had backpacked from California to Chicago, stopping in New Mexico, Kentucky and South Dakota. Along the way, they encountered hardship and an accident that has kept them on the street.

As he pulled the bottle of water from his gift bag and filled Gibson's bowl, he told the kids that it's important to "stay optimistic, no matter what."

The gathering caught the eye of Jermaine, a homeless middle-aged man who, when asked by Sobieck how he's doing, said, "I'm blessed."

Jermaine's advice to the students?

"Hang in there. Growing up we never had much. The only thing we had was faith in God. You always hope that tomorrow will be a better day," he said. "You've to hang on to that hope."

Matthew Desmond, a senior

from Park Forest on his fourth mission downtown, said, "I think this is a very inspiring and beautiful experience because these people they seem to have nothing, but they have a lot more than that. It makes me feel good to help them."

His dad, Thomas Desmond, who chaperoned the trip, said, "It's nice to see them putting their faith in action."

As the conversation continued, others approached with gestures of kindness.

A young couple discreetly handed Tony two bags of snacks, one for him and one for his dog.

Tara and Kyle Hamilton are among 13 friends from Valparaiso, Ind. who every Christmas get together and make care packages to deliver to Chicago's homeless.

"They deserve to be warm and fed this holiday, too," Tara said. "And there's always someone with a dog. A lot of people can't go to the shelter because they have a pet."

Between State and Dearborn, along Washington Street, the group found Andrew, a "traveler" who has been on the road for about eight years.

"I've been all over Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America," he told Sobieck and the kids. Chicago, he added, is a stop along the way to St. Louis and then New Orleans.

His makeshift home spanned the entryway of an empty building. While his two friends were off looking for a restroom, he was keeping an eye on the group's three dogs.

"I used to play my banjo for money," he said.

"I have had the most incredible people help me out — they stop and have a conversation with me. But I've also had some of the



GARY MIDDENDORF/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Matthew Desmond, a Marian Catholic senior, gives a care package to a homeless man in Chicago on Saturday. Sister Mary Jo Sobieck is at left.

rudest, meanest people, too. I've had milkshakes thrown at me. I got stabbed in Lawrence, Kan. I've had Christians judge me up and down and treat me in a horrible way. And then people who don't believe in God treat me wonderful."

Sobieck said, "Some of those Christians forget who Christ was. This right here is Christ."

Andrew's advice for the students: "Just love everyone around you. Treat everyone like you would want to be treated."

At that point, a woman walked up and handed him a \$5 bill.

"Thank you," he said, adding, one never knows when kindness will approach.

Moved by the men's resolve and the serendipity of compassion, freshman Diego Lara, of Chicago Heights, called the experience heartwarming.

Haley Evenson, a freshman from Hegewisch, added, "Even if you're down so low, good things can always happen."

Truly feeling life's emotions as opposed to trying to hide from them, Sobieck said, builds resilience.

The youngest of 10 children, Sobieck, 50, grew up in central

Minnesota, where in addition to developing an athletic prowess, she learned humility and compassion.

"We had a wood stove and we had a garden. Everybody worked together," she said, adding, "The experiences you have as a child shape who you become as an adult."

Soon after Sobieck came to Marian in 2007, she took over the mission club and began tending to the homeless. She's also led students on mission trips to Mexico and Haiti and on pilgrimages in Portugal and Spain.

Homeless people, she said, are among society's most marginalized.

"So many just walk by and disregard them," she says. "I try and do this four times a year. It gives the kids an opportunity to experience and integrate what we're learning in the classroom about being Christian with the real world. It's about engaging the human family."

"A book can teach something," she added, "but a life teaches so much more."

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Nurse Claudia Lopez meets with Jacob Roman, 2, held by mother Vicelis Negron at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park.

## Mom reunites with 'angel' nurse who saved her baby's life

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was just as meaningful. "It's very heartwarming to know you've made a difference in someone's life."

In the hours after Jacob was born on Feb. 15, 2016, Negron had a bad feeling. The baby — her third son — wouldn't latch on for breastfeeding, and Negron thought he just didn't look right. She thought she spotted a blue tinge to Jacob's lips but saw the same thing after her second son was born, so she thought it was normal. Doctors checked the baby and couldn't find anything wrong.

"So we fell asleep," Negron recalled.

Lopez said she had started taking care of Negron and her baby at the start of her 7 p.m. shift. Not long after, she decided to check on the family.

"God was the one who told me to go into that room," Lopez said.

As soon as she entered, Lopez saw signs of respiratory distress in Jacob; the baby was making a gurgling noise and was pale, she recalled.

Lopez quickly wheeled his bassinet into the NICU, where "he starts to get blue



FAMILY PHOTO 2016

Soon after Jacob was born, he was diagnosed with a congenital heart condition.

right before my eyes."

The nurses and doctors in the NICU hooked up Jacob to a breathing tube and conducted tests, Lopez said.

"They took over," Lopez said. "All I did was bring the baby in. They saved the baby's life."

But Negron said Lopez did more than that.

"She means the world to us, my husband and I," she said.

Jacob, diagnosed with the congenital heart condition Tetralogy of Fallot soon after he was born, had his first of two heart surgeries at Lurie the day after he was

born, and spent his first month of life there, Negron said. Jacob, who is doing well now, will require surgeries to continue to repair his heart, she said, and his third surgery is expected around age 4 or 5.

Negron said she always thought about Claudia, and decided she wanted to meet her when Jacob was about 6 months old. When the hospital couldn't provide Claudia's last name due to privacy reasons, Negron last month took her quest to Facebook.

"Help me find Claudia," the post said. "Claudia is the one nurse who stands out." Negron tagged the hospital in the post and went on to describe what happened the day Jacob was born.

"I became that desperate mom, in tears, in pain, in shock, ready to destroy every doctor who checked my son out and didn't realize that my son was slowly leaving us and unable to breathe," the post read. "It took Claudia seconds to realize that baby Jacob wasn't breathing due to a simple little noise, a little moan that most including myself would easily mistake. ... But because of her he's here giving me grey hairs.

Stretching his terrible twos into his threes."

The post went on to describe the support Negron and her husband felt from Lopez in the hours after Jacob was transferred, and before she could go be with him.

Hospital administrators noticed the post and contacted Lopez, asking if she'd like to meet the family. Lopez said yes, and the meeting was set. Lopez said the request and Negron's Facebook post warmed her heart.

On Monday, Lopez said she had always wondered about Jacob. "He was definitely one of those cases. ... I always thought about them."

She said the experience serves as a reminder when she's treated patients in the years since caring for Jacob.

"I think about him when I think I can't check on a patient because I'm busy," Lopez said. "I'll say to myself, 'Just go in there and check on the baby.' It's really stuck in my head."

"It's a lesson," she added. "Don't take a well baby for granted."

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## Suburban synagogue members help scribe repair Torah scroll

**BY GLORIA CASAS**  
The Courier-News

Sofer Neil Yerman dipped a turkey feather quill into an inkwell Sunday and carefully traced the letters on Congregation Kneseth Israel's Torah scroll.

One by one, congregants of the Elgin synagogue stepped next to him to place their hand on the quill as Yerman repaired damaged or fading letters. His fingers guided the pen to form the letters on the calfskin parchment.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the congregation's members, including Joelle Rockwood and her 8-year-old son Ryan.

"It's an honor," Joelle Rockwood said. "It's very rare to have the opportunity to do it." She was also a bit nervous. "I didn't want to be the one to mess up the whole thing," she said.

The scroll was rededicated Sunday when Yerman finished the restoration.

"It is so exciting to do this at Hanukkah, which actually means 'rededication,'" Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein said. "Just like the Maccabees rededicated the sacred space of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, we at CKI are rededicating this sacred scroll."

The Torah consists of five books filled with stories, laws and poetry that make up the cornerstones of the Jewish faith.

"Congregation Kneseth Israel is fortunate in that we have many Torah scrolls," Frisch Klein said. "Each scroll contains the Five Books of Moses and is hand-lettered by a scribe on



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Leah Gomberg, 6, listens Sunday as Neil Yerman explains the process he used to repair the letters in one of Congregation Kneseth Israel's Torah scrolls, which dates to the late 1800s.



Members of Elgin's Congregation Kneseth Israel were able to write in the Torah with scribe Neil Yerman's help.

animal skin parchment."

Last year, the synagogue joined with local Lutheran churches and St. Mary's Catholic Church to have Yerman — whose "sofer" title means "scribe" — teach about Hebrew calligraphy, Frisch Klein said. Yerman also evaluated the condition of their scrolls, she said.

Yerman found one, called

the Montifore Scroll, that needed repair and spent a year doing the work, Frisch Klein said. The Montifore Scroll is the 23rd of 24 scrolls Sir Moses Montifore commissioned in the late 1880s or early 1890s, she said.

If any of the 304,805 letters in the Torah is broken or faded, it's forbidden to read the passage, Yerman said. "We feel better when all of the letters aren't damaged," he told the congregation. "There is a teaching that every letter in the Torah represents a child in the Temple from the past, present and future. The Torah is us, the people. We are all together in the Torah."

"This is where all the children of Israel from all time are represented," Yerman said.

The restoration process

requires a scribe to use special tools, including kosher thread and parchment paper. Finding an inkwell can be difficult because people don't always know what it is, Yerman said, and the calligraphy needs practice to perfect.

"I'm still practicing, and I've been doing this for 36 years," he said. "One day, I may get better at it."

Helen Lindow grew up in Congregation Kneseth Israel and is the oldest member. She said she found the experience of writing in the Torah deeply touching.

"It's emotional," she said. "It hasn't happened before, and it won't happen again. The Torah is who we are and what we live by."

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## Ex-leader of police union on hot seat

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mer FOP leaders attended court in a show of support.

Angelo and his wife regularly sat next to Van Dyke's wife, Tiffany, in the courtroom gallery. During breaks in the trial, the former union president often spoke to reporters gathered in the media area in the courthouse's front lobby.

In several of those interviews — which the Tribune recorded — Angelo qualified his comments by telling reporters he was not representing the FOP or the Chicago Police Department. Instead, he said he was speaking as a retired department veteran with two adult children now on the police force and as a Van Dyke family friend.

On Sept. 19, reporters asked Angelo about the death of Jon Burge, a disgraced former Chicago police commander who went to prison for lying about torturing African-American suspects to coerce confessions to murder.

Angelo prefaced his remarks by saying he had been with the department for 37 1/2 years and noting his last three years there had been as the FOP president.

Angelo then defended Burge, saying, "I don't know that Jon Burge got a fair shake based on the years and years of service that he gave the city. But we'll have to wait and see how that eventually plays out in history."

That same day, the FOP posted condolences for Burge on social media as well as a similarly supportive message asserting that the "full story" about Burge had never been told.

In the Oct. 5 letter notifying union members of the charges, however, Preib characterized Angelo's comments on Burge as "inflammatory statements that were not condoned by the Lodge and which jeopardized the legal and media strategy of a high-profile criminal case against a fellow member."

The letter, dated the same day a Cook County jury convicted Van Dyke of second-degree murder and aggravated battery, alleged Angelo "failed to engage in and carry on such functions that will serve the best interests of this organization and our membership."

Reached Monday by phone, Angelo declined to comment for this story.

Preib and Graham, the FOP president, could not be reached for comment. The FOP, though, has a policy of not commenting to the Tribune. A union attorney also did not return the newspaper's call.

Angelo had been FOP president during a three-year term rocked by the fallout over the court-ordered release of the police dashboard camera video showing Van Dyke, a white officer, shooting the black teen 16 times as he walked away from police with a knife in his hand.

In the 2017 union election, members of the cur-

rent FOP leadership campaigned on a vow to take a more confrontational approach to reform, castigating past union leaders as too accommodating. The union is currently in court trying to stop a consent decree and also has fought Mayor Rahm Emanuel's other reform efforts at the state level and through local labor grievances.

The FOP has aligned itself with President Donald Trump, whose administration has argued too much police oversight could lead to increased violence on the street — a point on which the union leadership agrees.

Preib has been particularly outspoken, alleging the media and civil rights lawyers falsely accuse police of misconduct. The union's official communications have adopted this theory, accusing media outlets of nurturing a "bloodthirsty antipathy to the police."

If found guilty of violating union bylaws, Angelo could face a range of penalties — from a written sanction to a fine or even expulsion from the FOP.

Tuesday's disciplinary hearing is not open to the public.

The three-member disciplinary panel will forward its recommendation to the full board, which will vote on the allegations. The board is not slated to meet again until January, though members could call a special meeting beforehand.

Besides Angelo's comments during the trial, Preib's letter to members also said that the former union president is cooperating with a book about the Van Dyke case and should be questioned if he provided the author confidential information on the FOP.

Van Dyke was taken into custody immediately after his conviction Oct. 5 and is being held in protective custody at a county jail in the Quad Cities area about three hours west of Chicago.

His guilty verdict marked the first time in half a century that a Chicago police officer was convicted of murder in an on-duty incident.

No sentencing date has been set, but Van Dyke is expected in court Friday at the next hearing in his case.

The graphic dashcam video of the shooting sparked widespread outrage — as well as allegations of a police cover-up after officers' reports contradicted the video, claiming McDonald had lunged at Van Dyke and his partner.

Testimony ended last week in the trial of a police detective and two officers who were criminally charged with conspiring to cover up the details of the shooting. A judge who will decide the defendants' fate has said she will announce her decision Dec. 19.

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Tiffany Van Dyke, center, with Chicago Fraternal Order of Police President Kevin Graham, left, and former FOP President Dean Angelo Sr. during a pretrial hearing for her husband, Jason Van Dyke, in September.

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## NATION & WORLD

# Brexit deal in doubt as vote put off

May will ask EU leaders for changes to divorce pact

BY JILL LAWLESS AND DANICA KIRKA  
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LONDON — Facing almost certain defeat, British Prime Minister Theresa May on Monday postponed a vote in Parliament on her Brexit deal, saying she would go back to European Union leaders to seek changes to the divorce agreement.

With EU officials adamant the withdrawal deal is not up for renegotiation, May's move threw Britain's Brexit plans into disarray, battered the pound and intensified the country's political crisis.

Two-and-a-half years after Britain voted to leave the EU, and with departure just over three months away on March 29, the country does not know on what terms it will leave — and whether May will still be Britain's leader when it does.

In an emergency statement to the House of Commons, May accepted that the divorce deal she struck last month with EU leaders was likely to be rejected “by a significant margin” if the vote were held Tuesday as planned.

May said she would defer the vote so she could seek “assurances” from the EU and bring the deal back to Parliament. She did not set a new date for the vote.

Lawmakers from the opposition — and from May's Conservative Party — were incredulous.

“The government has



LEON NEAL/GETTY  
An anti-Brexit protester dressed as Santa Claus makes his feelings clear Monday outside Parliament in London. Prime Minister Theresa May on Monday postponed a vote in Parliament on her Brexit deal, saying she would seek more changes.

lost control of events and is in complete disarray,” said opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Jacob Rees-Mogg, a leading pro-Brexit Conservative, expressed despair.

“It's not really governing,” he said. “It's just an awful muddle.”

Monday's turmoil sent the pound to a 20-month low against the dollar of \$1.2550.

It was a new blow for May, who became prime minister after Britain's 2016 referendum decision to

leave the EU.

She has been battling ever since — first to strike a divorce deal with the bloc, then to sell it to skeptical British lawmakers.

May insisted the agreement hammered out with the EU after a year and a half of negotiations was “the best deal that is negotiable.” But it has been scorned by lawmakers on all sides of Britain's debate about Europe.

Derisive laughter erupted in the House of Commons when May

claimed there was “broad support” for many aspects of the deal.

Pro-Brexit lawmakers say the deal keeps Britain bound too closely to the EU, while pro-EU politicians say it erects barriers between the U.K. and its biggest trading partner and leaves many details of the future relationship undecided.

The main sticking point is a “backstop” provision that aims to guarantee an open border between EU member Ireland and the

U.K.'s Northern Ireland after Brexit. The measure would keep Britain under EU customs rules, and is supposed to last until it is superseded by permanent new trade arrangements.

Critics say it could leave Britain tied to the EU indefinitely, unable to strike new trade deals around the world.

May said she would hold talks with EU leaders ahead of a summit in Brussels on Thursday and Friday, seeking “further reassurances” over the backstop.

“Nothing should be off the table,” she said.

EU leaders signaled they are prepared to help Britain — up to a point — but insisted the Brexit agreement could not be changed.

“The deal is the deal,” Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said. “It's taken two years to put together. It's a fair deal for both sides.”

European Council President Donald Tusk tweeted: “We will not renegotiate the deal, including the backstop, but we are ready to discuss how to facilitate U.K. ratification.”

A key member of the European parliament's Brexit team, Green lawmaker Philippe Lamberts, predicted May's shuttle diplomacy would fail to secure changes.

“The only net result of this round of capitals will be an additional amount of CO2 in the atmosphere,” he said.

Despite May's dogged determination to press on, the tumult leaves her in a precarious position. Conservative rivals are preparing for a potential leadership challenge, and Labour has threatened to call for a no-confidence motion in the government.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said her Scottish National Party would support an attempt to topple the government and trigger a new election. “This shambles can't go on — so how about it?” Sturgeon tweeted at Corbyn.

Corbyn stopped short of calling a no-confidence vote Monday, but said if May could not renegotiate with the EU, “then she must make way.”

## French president breaks silence

Macron vows tax relief for workers and pensioners

BY SYLVIE CORBET AND ANGELA CHARLTON  
Associated Press

PARIS — President Emmanuel Macron broke his silence Monday on the exceptional protests shaking France and his presidency, promising broad tax relief for struggling workers and pensioners — and acknowledging his own responsibility in fueling the nation's anger.

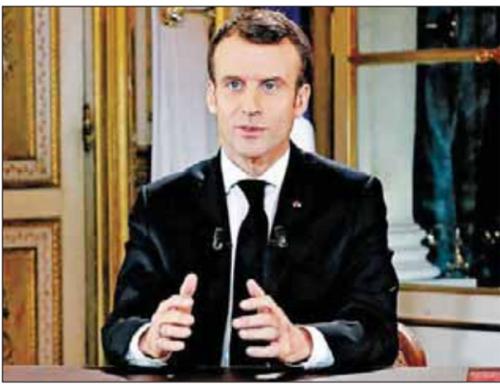
Macron pleaded during a brief televised address for a return to calm after almost four weeks of protests that started in neglected provinces to oppose fuel tax increases and progressed to rioting in Paris.

“We are at a historic moment for our country,” the French leader said from the capital's presidential Elysee Palace. “We will not resume the normal course of our lives” after all that has happened.

Protesters spent days demanding that Macron speak publicly about their concerns, but it's unclear whether the responses he offered will be enough to quell the dissatisfaction. Some protest representatives have said more demonstrations will be held Saturday, following the ones in Paris that turned violent during the previous two weekends.

Macron declared an “economic and social state of emergency,” ordering the government to take immediate steps to change tax rules and other policies that hit the wallets of working class French people.

He responded to several of the protesters' demands,



LUDOVIC MARIN/AP  
French President Emmanuel Macron denounced the protest-associated violence that led to hundreds of injuries.

### Egyptian moves

CAIRO — Egyptian authorities have introduced restrictions on the sale of yellow reflective vests, fearing opponents might attempt to copy French protesters during next month's anniversary of the 2011 popular uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak, security officials and retailers said Monday.

They said industrial safety equipment dealers have been instructed not to sell yellow vests to walk-in buyers and to restrict business to wholesale sales to verified companies, but only after securing police permission. They were told offenders would be punished.

promising measures that included:

■ A government-funded 100-euro (about \$114) increase in the minimum wage starting at the beginning of the new year.

■ The abolition of taxes on overtime pay in 2019.

■ Asking profit-making companies to give workers tax-free year-end bonuses.

■ Slashing a tax hike on small pensions, acknowledging it was “unjust.”

“I take my share of responsibility” for the anger gripping France,” Macron said, an unusual admission for a president accused of being out-of-touch. “I might have hurt people with my words.”

However, the centrist leader insisted that the protesters' “malaise” is as old as he is — 40 years — and coincides with France struggling in recent decades to keep up with globalization.

He denounced the protest-associated violence that led to hundreds of injuries, more than 1,000 arrests and the ransacking of stores in some of Paris' richest neighborhoods.

Authorities will show “no indulgence” to those behind the vandalism and rioting, Macron said, adding that “no anger justifies” attacking police or looting stores.

The president's long silence since the first protests last month aggravated that anger. Many protesters hoped only to hear one thing Monday from Macron — “I quit.”

He showed no signs of giving in. Instead, he defended his political independence and described his devotion to serving France. No French presidential or parliamentary elections are scheduled until 2022.

Graffiti scrawled throughout the French capital singles Macron out for criticism, reflecting a national sense that the former banker is arrogant and removed from public concerns.

But he has appeared to be determined to continue trying to make the French economy more competitive globally.

## Jury mulls sentence for driver who hit protesters

Panel in Va. can recommend from 20 years to life

BY DENISE LAVOIE  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Several people who were severely injured when a man drove his car into counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally last year described devastating physical and psychological effects to a jury tasked with making a sentencing recommendation Monday.

The man's lawyers argued he acted in self-defense and out of fear, and a psychologist testified that he has a long history of mental health issues.

The jury began deliberating for about two hours before being sent home for the night. Jurors will resume deliberations Tuesday morning.

Jurors on Friday convicted James Alex Fields Jr. of first-degree murder and other charges for ramming his car into a crowd in Charlottesville during a “Unite the Right” rally on Aug. 12, 2017. Heather Heyer, 32, a paralegal, was killed, and dozens were injured.

Under the law, the jury can recommend from 20 years to life in prison.

Fields is eligible for the death penalty if convicted of separate federal hate crime charges. No trial has been scheduled yet.

Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, told jurors that her daughter's death has been “an explosion in our family” and “we are forever scarred by the pain.”

“Some days I can't do anything but cry and sit and stare as the grief overtakes me,” she said.

“She was full of love, she was full of justice, she was full of fairness, and Mr. Fields tried to silence that with his car, but I refuse to allow that,” Bro said.



STEVE HELBER/AP  
Activists react Friday outside court after a guilty verdict was reached in James Alex Fields' trial.

Jeanne “Star” Peterson said her life has been “a living nightmare” since she was hit by Fields' car. Her right leg was shattered, and she's had five surgeries to try to repair it. She also suffered a broken spine and still hasn't been able to return to work.

“I will be dealing with the aftermath of Fields' choices for the rest of my life,” Peterson said.

Fields, 21, drove to Virginia from his home in Maumee, Ohio, to support the white nationalists.

After the rally, as a large group of counterprotesters marched through Charlottesville singing and laughing, he stopped his car, backed up, then sped into the crowd, according to testimony from witnesses and video surveillance shown to jurors.

Wednesday Bowie, a counterprotester who got caught on the trunk of Fields' car when he backed up and was then slammed into a parked truck and thrown to the ground, told the jury that in addition to a broken pelvis and other physical injuries, she has been hospitalized three times for post-traumatic stress disorder over the past year.

She told the jury: “Please know that the world is not a safe place with Mr. Fields in it.”

Testifying for the de-

fense, University of Virginia School of Medicine professor and psychologist Daniel Murrie told the jury that while Fields was not legally insane at the time, he has a long history of mental health issues.

Fields had inexplicable volatile outbursts as a young child and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at age 6, Murrie said. He was later diagnosed with schizoid personality disorder.

Murrie said Fields went off his psychiatric medication at age 18 and built an isolated “lifestyle centered around being alone.”

The jury convicted Fields on Friday, rejecting his lawyers' arguments that he acted in self-defense. Jurors also convicted Fields of nine other charges. He faces 20 years to life on each of five counts of aggravated malicious wounding, five years to 20 years on three counts of malicious wounding, and up to 10 years on one count of leaving the scene of an accident.

Prosecutors told the jury during his trial that Fields was angry after witnessing violent clashes between the two sides earlier in the day. The violence prompted police to shut down the rally before it even officially began. The trial also featured emotional testimony from survivors.



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President Donald Trump, center, meets with congressional leaders in 2017. Trump plans to meet with Democratic leaders Rep. Nancy Pelosi, left, and Sen. Chuck Schumer, right.

## Agencies to run out of funds

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cause it's not enough.

If no deal is reached by the end of next week, funding will run out for the Homeland Security Department and other federal agencies.

Those agencies, making up about 25 percent of the federal government, are operating on a short-term spending bill Congress passed last week.

Tuesday's meeting will be the first gathering of Trump, Schumer and Pelosi ahead of the shutdown deadline. In recent weeks the two sides have dug in, and it's not clear where compromise might lie.

With Republicans about to lose their majority in the House, the president and his GOP allies are determined to make one last attempt to get money for the wall Trump promised to build along the U.S.-Mexico border. Trump claimed during the campaign that Mexico would pay for the wall but now wants U.S. taxpayers to foot the bill.

There appears to be little appetite for a shutdown among Democrats and Republicans in Congress, especially days before Christmas. Republicans have taken the blame for shutdowns in 1995-1996, and again in 2013. Democrats took a beating when they triggered a shutdown over failure to extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in January.

Making matters tougher

for both chambers, the White House is asking for additional dollars in late-stage requests that appropriators cannot accommodate without busting the spending caps agreed to in February or cutting elsewhere within the bills they have already put forward or declaring some of the money an "emergency" that shouldn't count toward the budget caps.

That includes more money for wildfire suppression and a new \$190 million ask to help care for unaccompanied minor children detained after crossing the border, for instance.

"We're at an impasse right now," Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said last week. "I think that something's got to be worked out between the president and Schumer and Pelosi, and us, but them mainly because a lot of us believe that we're this close to closing" on remaining spending bills.

During behind the scenes talks that have taken place since Thanksgiving, Republicans have pressed for agreement on a seven-bill package that would include \$5 billion for the wall — all in one year, in an initial offer, or spread over two years, in a subsequent offer.

Democrats rejected those proposals, offering instead a six-bill package combined with a continuing resolution extending the current level of spending in the Homeland Security

bill until the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30.

One possible approach to compromise that might get support from both sides would be to provide the \$1.6 billion for border fencing in the Senate bill, or possibly a little less, but provide additional funding for the wall in an advance appropriation for fiscal 2020, resulting in more than \$1.6 billion over two years.

Trump would get more than the \$1.6 billion in the Senate bill over two years, but Democrats could say they held the line in the first year.

Another potential path would be to provide more than \$1.6 billion for border security in both fiscal 2019 and fiscal 2020 — still short of \$5 billion over two years — with the caveat that the bill would include language that Democrats say would restrict how the money is spent.

Short of a border agreement, the easiest path might be to punt into early next year with a stopgap funding measure for all seven bills.

Republican and Democratic leaders would prefer to pass as many of the spending bills as possible, which could result in a six-bill package combined with a continuing resolution for Homeland Security that would expire either before the end of the fiscal year or run through Sept. 30.

Washington Post contributed.

## Kavanaugh joins liberals, Roberts in rejecting case

Appeals by states sought to defund Planned Parenthood

By DAVID G. SAVAGE  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court signaled Monday it is not anxious to revisit the abortion controversy in the year ahead, disappointing conservative activists who were cheered by the appointment of Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

After weeks of debate behind closed doors, a divided court turned down appeals backed by 13 conservative states that sought to defund Planned Parenthood.

The court's action leaves in place federal court rulings in much of the country that prevent states from denying Medicaid funds to women who go to a Planned Parenthood clinic for health care, including medical screenings or birth control.

It is already illegal to use federal money like Medicaid to pay for abortions, but some states wanted to go further, cutting off all Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood because the organization offers the procedure using alternative revenue sources.

In dissent, Justices Clarence Thomas, joined by Justices Samuel Alito Jr. and Neil Gorsuch, accused their colleagues of allowing a "politically fraught issue" to justify "abdication of our judicial duty."

The lower courts are divided on the Medicaid funding dispute, making the high court's refusal to clarify the issue all the more surprising to some.

"We created the confusion. We should clear it up," Thomas wrote in *Gee v. Planned Parenthood*. "So what explains the court's refusal to do its job here? I suspect it has something to do with the fact that some



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It takes four Supreme Court justices to hear a case.

respondents in these cases are named 'Planned Parenthood.'

The court's brief order denying the appeals from Louisiana and Kansas suggest Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh were not willing to hear the cases.

Last year, the 8th Circuit Court in St. Louis, splitting with other appeals courts, upheld Arkansas' decision to cut off Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood clinics. Lawyers for Louisiana and Kansas hoped that split would prompt the high court to take up the dispute.

It takes four justices to hear a case, and these appeals were considered in a series of closed-door meetings since late September. But the court's conservatives were unable to gain the needed fourth vote.

Kavanaugh took his seat in the second week of October, and his supporters have assumed he would vote in favor of restricting abortion rights when given the opportunity.

Catherine Foster, president of Americans United for Life, said her group was "disappointed" with the court's action.

"We join the dissent in calling on the court to do its duty," she said.

"The pro-life citizens of states like Kansas and Louisiana, through their elected representatives, have clearly expressed their will. They do not want Medicaid tax dollars used to prop up abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion nonprofit. "The pro-life grassroots will not stop fighting until every single tax dollar is untangled from the abortion industry."

Planned Parenthood called the outcome a victory for patients.

"As a doctor, I have seen what's at stake when people cannot access the care they need, and when politics gets in the way of people making their own health care choices," said Dr. Leana Wen, the group's president.

"We won't stop fighting for every patient who relies on Planned Parenthood for life-saving, life-changing care."

In the last decade, conservative states have sought to defund Planned Parenthood because it is the nation's largest single provider of abortions. None of the Medicaid money pays for abortions, and most of these state funding bans have been blocked by federal judges.

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## Nobel Peace winners urge action against sexual violence

STOCKHOLM — The Congolese doctor who shares this year's Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the use of rape and sexual violence as weapons of war called Monday for international action against the abuse.

Dr. Denis Mukwege, founder of a hospital in Congo that has treated victims of the country's conflicts for two decades, and Iraqi activist Nadia Murad received the prize at a ceremony in the Nor-

wegian capital, Oslo. They split \$1 million.

Mukwege criticized the international community for allowing Congolese to be "humiliated, abused and massacred for more than two decades."

Murad, a member of Iraq's Yazidi minority who was kidnapped and sexually abused by Islamic State militants, said she wants world leaders to translate sympathy for victims into action against abusers.

## 8 under investigation in fatal club stampede, authorities say

ROME — Italian prosecutors said Monday they have placed eight people, including one minor, under investigation in connection with a stampede at a packed nightclub that killed six people.

Investigators are seeking more information about security measures, ticket sales and the capacity of the Blue Lantern disco in the small town of Corinaldo near the Adriatic coast, as well as the

cause of the panic that sent concertgoers running for the exits.

Many concertgoers reported problems breathing, as well as a smell of pepper spray or ammonia.

The seven adults under investigation include the club owners and concert organizers. A 17-year-old was added to the list of suspects purely because he had been identified "generically" by three witnesses, officials said.

## Outrage after plaques honoring deported Jews stolen in Rome

ROME — Rome Mayor Virginia Raggi, Catholic groups and politicians joined Italy's Jewish community on Monday in denouncing the theft of 20 small bronze plaques honoring a Jewish family deported during the Holocaust.

The plaques, affixed to the cobblestones in front of the Di Consiglio family home in the Monti neighborhood of downtown Rome, were taken

overnight. A gaping hole in the cobblestones was all that remained Monday.

The organization responsible for laying the plaques, "Art in Memory," reported the theft. In July, the same group reported receiving a threatening letter featuring a photo of Adolf Hitler.

Rome mayor Virginia Raggi condemned the plaques' theft as unacceptable: "Memory requires respect" she tweeted.



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY-AFP

**Fearless Girl**, a hands-on-her-hips statue, finds a permanent home Monday facing the New York Stock Exchange. The statue was commissioned by Boston investment fund State Street Global Advisors as a way to push for more women on corporate boards.

## U.S. to begin pulling troops from Trump's border mission

WASHINGTON — The U.S. this week will begin withdrawing many of the active-duty troops sent to the border with Mexico by President Donald Trump just before the midterm election in response to a caravan of Central American migrants, U.S. officials said Monday.

About 2,200 of the active-duty troops will be pulled out before the holidays, the officials said, shrinking a domestic deployment that was viewed by critics as a political stunt and a waste of military resources.

That will leave about

3,000 active-duty troops in Arizona, California and Texas, mainly comprised of military police and helicopter transport crews who are assisting border patrol agents. There also will still be about 2,300 members of the National Guard who were sent to the border region as part of a separate deployment that started in April.

The active-duty troops, numbering about 5,200 as of Monday, were initially scheduled to stay until Dec. 15. Late last month, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis extended the mission to the end of January at the request of the Department of Homeland Security.

The U.S. forces have installed vast amounts of razor wire and provided transportation and protection for the Border Patrol.

Meanwhile, near San Diego on Monday, Border Patrol agents arrested 32 people at a demonstration that was organized by a Quaker group on the border with Mexico, authorities said.

Demonstrators were calling for an end to detaining and deporting immigrants and showing support for caravan migrants seeking asylum in the United States.

## Ind. teen charged in pregnant schoolmate's killing

MISHAWAKA, Ind. — An Indiana high school football player told investigators that he killed a 17-year-old schoolmate because he was angry that she waited so long to tell him she was pregnant with his child that it was too late to get an abortion, authorities said Monday.

Aaron Trejo, 16, was charged as an adult with murder in the Sunday killing of Breana Rouhselang and the fetus. He was arrested Sunday, scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday and had no attorney on record.

In a court filing supporting the charges, prose-

cutors say Trejo told police that he stabbed Rouhselang during a fight over her pregnancy and that he put her body in a restaurant dumpster in their hometown of Mishawaka, which is next to South Bend.

Trejo told investigators he had been planning the killing for about a week.

## Judge allows lawsuit over migrant kids to proceed

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge refused Monday to let the Trump administration off the hook for abruptly ending a program offering safe passage for child refugees from Central America to reunite with their parents already in the U.S.

A magistrate judge in San Francisco dismissed some claims from a lawsuit challenging the administration's 2017 termination of the Central Americans Minors program, which was established in 2014 in response to children fleeing danger. But the lawsuit will proceed over an allegation that the U.S. violated administrative protocols.

Under the program, if immigrant children with parents living legally in the U.S. were denied refugee status, they were given temporary permission to enter the country for humanitarian or public interest reasons.

**In Israel:** Military forces carried out a series of raids Monday in the West Bank city of Ramallah, bursting into stores and offices of the official Palestinian news agency in a manhunt for gunmen who shot seven Israelis outside Ofra, a Jewish settlement. Shots were fired from a Palestinian vehicle Sunday night at a bus stop outside Ofra.

**In Romania:** The number of babies diagnosed with a drug-resistant superbug at a maternity hospital in Bucharest has risen to 39, authorities said Monday. The newborns were diagnosed with antibiotic-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* last month. No deaths have been reported. Eleven staff members also have tested positive.

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## EDITORIALS

# The impeachment rabbit hole

The impeachment rumbles were audible even before the latest filing by federal prosecutors, and the volume has gotten much higher since. When Michael Cohen entered a plea that said he committed a campaign finance felony “at the direction of” Donald Trump, it became clear that the president is in greater jeopardy than ever.

Over the weekend, U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said, “This criminal must be brought up by the Congress of the United States for impeachment.” Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., a voice of progressives, was asked earlier if that step would be premature and replied, “Not to me.”

Nancy Pelosi and other House leaders are not so sure. But a November Politico/Morning Consult poll found that 61 percent of Democratic voters want to see impeachment proceedings commence. Billionaire activist Tom Steyer, who is contemplating a presidential run, has put together an organization called Need to Impeach.

The case for impeachment has become more plausible. In arranging payments to Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal to keep them from revealing purported affairs with Trump, prosecutors argued, Cohen “deceived the voting public by hiding alleged facts that he believed would have had a substantial effect on the election.”

If the claims that Trump ordered the hush payments are true, he is evidently guilty of a campaign finance crime. But long-standing Justice Department policy is that a sitting president is “constitutionally immune from indictment and criminal prosecution.” After he leaves office, a president may face criminal charges. But for the time being, the only remedy for presidential crimes is in the hands of Congress.



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The case for impeaching President Donald Trump has become more plausible.

**The saga of Trump’s misdeeds, real or imagined**, has been riveting, and like impatient readers plowing through a murder mystery, many Americans are tempted to jump to conclusions. It may seem that with all the smoke around the Oval Office, this presidency is bound to go down in flames. But that’s far from certain.

Republicans assumed they had the goods on Bill Clinton after a special prosecutor found he lied under oath and ob-

structed justice to conceal his affair with a White House intern. But the public wasn’t convinced that this wrongdoing justified removal. When the House voted for Clinton’s impeachment in 1998, 63 percent of Americans opposed it.

So did this page. “Clinton lied to avoid deep personal embarrassment, not to seize, maintain or subvert the power of the state,” we noted, in words that could be applied to the current controversy. Im-

peachment, we said, “is a constitutional sword meant to be unsheathed only in the gravest, most unusual circumstances and to be wielded only to preserve the security and integrity of the republic.”

**The Senate acquitted Clinton**; he rose in popularity; and Republicans suffered politically. In many ways, it was a surprising outcome. And yes, there was no suggestion that Clinton had tried to illicitly influence an election. Still the lesson for today is that Americans of all political hues should wait for all the facts to emerge before reaching a judgment.

It may be that the revelations will vindicate Democrats who regard Trump as thoroughly corrupt and dangerous. It may be that what Cohen claims is the most serious credible accusation against Trump — and that it may never be proved. Does Cohen have evidence more convincing than his recollections that Trump was his puppeteer?

If there is strong, abundant evidence that Trump has committed “high crimes” of the sort feared by the Framers, it will come out in due time. If special counsel Robert Mueller and other federal prosecutors are unable to confirm serious wrongdoing that warrant upending the result of the 2016 election, likewise. At that point, Americans can reach fully informed judgments about whether Trump should be impeached and removed from office, or subject to federal prosecution, or both, or neither.

**Those who think they already know the truth** are only guessing. The investigations are not yet complete. And if Americans have learned anything from the past three years, it’s this: The future can always surprise.

## Goodbye to Illinois’ \$130 billion pension hole. Now it’s \$133 billion. And getting deeper.

Sometimes the clearest warning about Illinois’ fiscal crisis can be communicated using numbers, sometimes with a well-chosen phrase. Here we present both, as reminders during the period before a new Democratic governor takes office with a Democratic mega-majority, that the state’s messes will only worsen. Until lawmakers take decisive action.

**First, the awful numbers:** For several years we’ve cited the figure of \$130 billion to represent Illinois’ estimated unfunded pension liability. Never mind that number, it was \$133 billion as of June 2018 — and it’s getting worse — according to a new state report. The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability estimates the shortfall in commitments to future retirees will deepen to nearly \$137 billion in the current July-to-June year, and to \$139 billion in fiscal 2020.

**Now a choice word or several:** Fitch Ratings in a new report says Illinois has exhibited a “lack of coherent fiscal policy-

making over many years” and is guilty of “irresolute fiscal decision-making.” Over the years, lawmakers skimmed on payments into the retirement kitty, or avoided making payments altogether, rather than being disciplined about putting enough money into the funds to pay for all the benefits they had promised.

Today, Fitch says, Illinois’ net pension liability plus other long-term debt represent 29 percent of the state’s personal income, *the highest of any state* (our emphasis) and well above the 50-state median of 6 percent. Oh yes, the annual operating budget — an astonishing one-fourth of which goes to pensions — is also a wreck: Fitch reminds us that about \$2 billion of the \$38 billion budget revenue is either unlikely to be realized or one-time in nature. Irresolute, indeed.

**The costs of lawmakers’ recklessness** are borne in many ways. Springfield raised the state income tax by 32 percent in 2017, and still Illinois can’t keep a balanced budget. The current fiscal year is about \$1.2

billion out of whack. And despite issuing bonds to pay some unpaid bills, there’s still a backlog of about \$7 billion in, yes, unpaid bills. The state is making payments to the pension system, although not as much as actuaries say is necessary, so the shortfall rises. The pension system, which includes government workers and many of the state’s teachers, should be 90 percent funded. Instead, it’s about 40 percent funded.

Illinois, under such intense financial pressure, has the worst credit rating of all states, which makes borrowing more expensive. Employers and residents who aren’t tethered to Illinois have reason to consider going elsewhere before the reckoning comes, in terms of either much higher taxes to pay off all these debts or serious declines in government services. Or both. We imagine that’s one reason Illinois’ population is declining, and why major employers like Amazon choose to locate elsewhere.

Next month, Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker will take office alongside the Democratic-con-

trolled General Assembly. Once he’s on the job, we’ll be eager to hear his plans for maneuvering Illinois through the thicket. We’ve heard him talk about raising revenue by shifting the state to a progressive tax rate that can extract more money from higher-income earners. That idea strikes us as no panacea. It’s easy to demand more money from taxpayers. It’s also easy to continue borrowing money. Both would weaken the state, and then weaken it further by driving employers elsewhere.

**The solution requires** a combination of raising revenues (preferably by increasing the number of private-sector workers), cutting expenses, and introducing regulatory reforms to encourage business owners to invest and hire in Illinois.

If budgets are balanced, tax levies are fair, and employers can anticipate the costs of doing business as well as the benefits, Illinois will prosper. Otherwise, the liabilities will keep rising: \$133 billion, \$139 billion ... And the standard of living in Illinois will decline.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In June 2016, the British people voted in a referendum by a narrow but decisive margin to leave the European Union. Thirty months, two prime ministers, a general election, a hung parliament, dozens of ministerial resignations and millions of hours of diplomacy later, this week’s vote was supposed to be the end of it, the final parliamentary signoff to draw a line under all the wrangling that has riven the nation. ...

Any of these outcomes is imaginable: another rushed negotiation that could result in a completely different sort of departure; the collapse of Prime Minister Theresa May’s government; a general election; another referendum sometime next year; the complete rescinding of Brexit; or, at the other extreme, a British departure from the EU with no deal, with all the economic disruption that would cause.

Instead of in or out, the choice is now roughly: in, mostly in, slightly in, neither in nor out, mostly out, completely out, no change at all, absolute chaos.

From afar, the spectacle of the U.K. undergoing the national political equivalent of a nervous breakdown has been a source of head-scratching. Many outside of Britain were puzzled by the vote to leave the EU in the first place. ...

The country once defined by its stiff upper lip has been indulging in a kind of orgy of public histrionics more commonly associated with Latin American telenovelas. The nation that thumbed its nose at German bombs during the Blitz is crumbling like a soggy biscuit.

Gerard Baker, *The Wall Street Journal*

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Filmmaker Bing Liu is flanked by Keire Johnson, left, and Zack Mulligan in "Minding the Gap."

## A Rockfordian watches 'Minding the Gap'



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

A feeling that's both defensive and acquiescent sets in when your hometown stars in a not-so-flattering film. The documentary "Minding the Gap," which is now available on the online streaming site Hulu, is making a splash on the independent film circuit. The film chronicles the struggles of three kids from Rockford who bond over skateboarding and their dysfunctional home lives.

Viewers watch Zack Mulligan, Keire Johnson and the film's creator Bing Liu, now with Chicago's Kartemquin Films, seek retreat on wheels, bearings and axles. They careen down empty streets and alleys, past wood frame houses with peeling paint and crooked shutters. Their skateboards flip effortlessly under their sneakers as they hop curbs and twirl across benches in downtown Rockford.

It's a ballet, set to a recital of scrape and squeal.

In skateboarding, you fall a lot. The boys slide down ramps and collapse onto pavement. They always get up. It's an overt metaphor for their lives

as they navigate abusive and negligent parents, violent relationships, low-paying jobs and, in Mulligan's case, parenthood and rebellion.

The filmmaker, Liu, who also grew up in Rockford, spent several years dropping into the lives of Mulligan and Johnson in their late teens and early 20s with his camera rolling. Viewers of "Minding the Gap" see blue-collar Rockford. They see cringe-worthy parenting. They see rooftop partying, and not the sultry lantern-lit type — actual unsupervised reckless teenagers on a pitched roof drinking and staggering and watching fireworks.

At one point, viewers see Mulligan's friends enter his darkened apartment — the electricity appears to have been shut off — and no one is home except his dog. The friends tiptoe through a maze of dog feces before squeezing through the door to leave, nudging the eager pup back into the darkness alone.

Like the best parts of some other riveting movies, scenes from "Minding the Gap" are best watched through squinted eyes.

But I realized while I was watching it, and studying the places and scenery of my childhood, that the substance of the movie isn't as much a reflection of Rockford as it is of many other things: lazy parenting, domestic violence, immaturity, alcohol and drug abuse, lack of education. And if there's a

politician or a government body or a resource-starved institution to be blamed, it's not in this film. These boys and their lives are beyond the reach of an after-school program.

And that's a reality not exposed enough in media or mentioned during emotional political debates. Government can't fix everything.

Yet Rockford is my hometown. My parents still live in the house where I blew out every birthday candle as a child. It is a city with a bad reputation but not necessarily an earned one. Its population has steadily declined. The city was once Illinois' second-largest, behind Chicago. It now has slipped to No. 5, behind Aurora, Joliet and Naperville. Crime in Rockford is higher per capita than in Chicago. And anti-growth policies at the state and local level make it harder for Rockford to stand up and stay up. Light manufacturing has largely disappeared. Property taxes are high and residents are rebelling. The city has gone to the ballot box multiple times seeking home rule authority, which would allow it to tax more freely. But residents vote, "Hell, no."

Wisconsin, with its balanced state budget, reduced regulation and taxes and fully funded pension system, sits just north of town as an attractive alternative for homeowners and businesses. Rockford cannot compete.

The movie has its heroes, and they change with time. In the film, Mulli-

gan matures. He gets a job promotion and makes his child support payments. Johnson finally leaves his chaotic home life. He packs up his car and lies on his mother's bed, hugging her goodbye. She barely looks at him. He leaves anyway. And Liu, who stays out of most of the film, finally confronts his mother about his abusive stepfather.

Rockford has its heroes, too, and I'd like to think the city is finding its voice. There are investors dedicated to revitalizing downtown. Restaurants, markets and festivals are providing a new draw, and there's a loyalty among people from Rockford you won't find in other towns.

Rockfordians — we made that up but it's on T-shirts now — will drive across town to support local businesses. Even director Francis Ford Coppola has been spotted in Rockford a lot lately and is reportedly eyeing property along its spectacular and underwhelming riverfront. Yes, it is both. Coppola is working on a project there. It is a place of intrigue.

"Minding the Gap" and its characters are not symbolic of Rockford in a bad way, as some viewers have felt. They are Rockford. They are works in progress. We all should be so.

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## OLD SOLDIER ASKED TO FADE AWAY

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## PERSPECTIVE



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It was announced Saturday that White House chief of staff John Kelly will leave his position this month.

## John Kelly and the myth of the 'adult in the room'

BY MONICA HESSE

President Donald Trump always seemed like he was collecting generals the way some children collect Barbie dolls — not necessarily because he liked interacting with them but because he liked having them, all lined up in their best outfits, ready to be admired by popular world leaders who might come for a play date. Here is my national security adviser. Here are my secretary of defense and my chief of staff.

He likes men in uniform, their titles and stripes. He likes the act of saluting and never seems to have more of an attention span than while doing it himself, at George H.W. Bush's casket, or a Bastille Day celebration in France, or when he's in Singapore to meet dictator Kim Jong Un, where he returned a North Korean general's salute in a way that appeared more reflexive than treasonous: The man had epaulets, so Trump saluted him.

He likes these men, and he admires them, and then something happens. He realizes they're not playthings? He discovers their elbows aren't bent in permanent salute? And then we land in a situation like Saturday, when Trump announced that his chief of staff, John Kelly, a retired Marine general, would be stepping down.

If you can remember back to Kelly's appointment, six thousand years ago in 2017, the event was met with hopefulness bordering on fan fiction. "The kind of discipline he's going to bring is important," Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., told CNN. "He will bring some plain-spoken discipline," The Washington Post offered. It quoted an anonymous friend of Kelly's who heralded the appointment as "the end of the chaos." He would be — as Washington's most favored way of describing non-Trumpish White House employees would have it — the adult in the room.

After Trump's infamous "very fine people" comments regard-

ing the violent 2017 alt-right rally in Charlottesville, Va., a photo circulated of Kelly listening to the remarks, arms folded and head bowed. This body language, perhaps typical of any human listening to any speech, was presented online as evidence of his disapproval and his noble adult-in-the-room status.

In July another image circulated, of Kelly glowering into his plate at a NATO summit: Trump, down the table, had just accused Germany of being under Russia's thumb. While the White House's explanation was nonsensical — Kelly "was displeased because he was expecting a full breakfast and there were only pastries and cheese" — the response from Kelly-believers was just as fantastic. Behold: Kelly, the disciplined chaos-ender, was registering his disappointment with the entire administration in the form of a mournful staring contest with flatware.

It's amazing how many of us are like Trump when it comes to older men in uniform. We automatically assume they're altruistic and trustworthy. We assume they're infallible.

Amid tumult and partisanship, Kelly was appointed, and here was an upstanding father-figure for us all, ready to take on rancor, sloppiness and general ineptitude. He could fix things. He had epaulets.

As his tenure progressed, of course, he couldn't bring discipline. Nobody could. There's simply no way to enforce structure on a commander in chief who apparently abhors it.

And as Kelly's tenure progressed, it also became clear that he couldn't bring an end to rancor and controversy either. Because, it turns out, he brought controversy with him.

In the course of his 16-month appointment, Kelly defended the policy of separating migrant families at the U.S. border because, he said, the children could go to "foster care or whatever." He spread an untruth

about Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., and then refused to apologize or recant. When White House staffer Rob Porter was accused of domestic violence — accompanied by photos of his ex's horrifically bruised face — news leaked that Kelly had known about the allegations for months before they became public and privately urged Porter to stay in the job.

I wonder if we get distracted by epaulets. And by epaulets, I'm really thinking of the things that accompany them: A steadfast demeanor. A dignified poker face. A man who looks like he could be your father or your friend's father.

Because when a person has these things, it's easy to confuse being "the adult in the room" with a set of behaviors instead of a set of principles. Being the real adult in the room means acting with nuance, compassion and humility — and admitting the times when you've failed to do so. It doesn't mean doing bad things in a really dignified way.

It's possible that in a few years, Kelly will join the lecture circuit, write a tell-all memoir and reveal a hundred ways in which he helped America avert crises, in which he saved an impulsive president from his worst instincts. He was a hero in his military career; perhaps he was a hero in the White House too. He certainly seemed to approach the role from a place of public service.

But meanwhile, let's be careful about how much we preemptively applaud the next adults in the room. No matter how impressive the resume or the uniform, no matter how official and reassuring they look. Sometimes, an adult in the room just provides the veneer of maturity that helps a toddler in the room get away with everything.

The Washington Post

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## Are Russian bots fueling French unrest?

BY MAX BOOT

Weekend after weekend, French President Emmanuel Macron is dealing with sometimes-violent protests from a populist movement known as the *gilets jaunes* (yellow vests). The protesters were galvanized by a plan to raise gasoline taxes, but they are still out in the streets even though the gas tax increase has been suspended. Now they're demanding, among other things, default on the public debt, exit from the European Union and NATO, and less immigration. I'm dealing with a piece of the online fallout — and in the process learning a dispiriting lesson about how hard it is for a political leader to pursue a moderate path in an age of extremes.

On Dec. 3, amid pictures of burning cars and tear gas in Paris, I woke up to find incessant Twitter criticism of an article I'd written. This was hardly shocking; I'm attacked online all the time. What surprised me was that I was being attacked for a commentary article published 18 months earlier, shortly after Macron's election. I posted it on Twitter on June 15, 2017, with the headline: "To defeat populism, America needs its own Macron — a charismatic leader who can make centrism cool."

This tweet has now earned me a torrent of online abuse. Sean Davis, the co-founder of a pro-Trump website, tweeted: "This 2017 column is a riot." The right-wing actor James Woods retweeted the article with the gloating tag line: "Twitter is beautiful." Left-wing journalist Glenn Greenwald apparently thought my article was so ridiculous he retweeted it without any comment at all. Breitbart's former London editor wrote: "This aged well, didn't it, @maxboot?"

I was struck by how many versions of the same criticism were repeated by anonymous trolls, and I wondered if Russian bots were involved. When I suggested as much in a tweet, I earned a rebuke from right-wing British conspiracy-monger Katie Hopkins, who has lost her Mail Online column but retains 882,000 Twitter followers: "The world thinks you are a c---womble, sir. If you are looking for someone to blame — find a mirror darling." I have no idea what a "c---womble" is, but it doesn't sound like a compliment. The irony is that some of the Twitter accounts scoffing at my questions about bots had so few followers that they might be bots themselves.

I asked information warfare expert Molly McKew what was going on. She replied: "Major Russian info campaign on the Yellow Jackets/Vests protests, so you just kicked the wrong hornets. Over the weekend all the 'Syria' accounts were tweeting about how French had snipers on the rooftops to shoot the demonstrators." The Hamilton 68 website, which tracks Russian disinformation online, confirmed that two of the top Russian hashtags were "gilets-jaune" and "France." Among Russians cheerleading the protests online is the notorious

fascist and Putin adviser Alexander Dugin. Meanwhile, Russian state media outlets such as RT were hyping chaos in Paris as if it were a "color" revolution.

BuzzFeed reports that the "yellow vests" emerged out of "anger groups" that popped up on Facebook to channel the grievances of "fed up" rural, working-class French people — the Gallic version of President Donald Trump's deplorables or the tea party. Just as in the U.S., their online propaganda included a great deal of misinformation. Activists circulated a picture of cars stranded on a highway, claiming it showed German motorists who had abandoned their cars to protest fuel taxes. In fact, the picture was likely of a traffic jam in China. Another popular meme claimed that a 2016 government decree had invalidated the French constitution and that everything that has happened since, including the gas tax, is illegitimate.

There is no evidence that I have seen that Russia social media ignited the protests, but they certainly added fuel to the fire. So have far-left and far-right trolls in and out of France — the Illiberal International. Macron has angered the left by cutting taxes on the wealthy, slashing regulations and curbing the power of unions. You would think this would have made him the darling of the right, which applauds Trump for similar moves.

But Macron's desire to curb global warming (the goal of the higher gas tax), his support for the European Union and NATO, his unabashed elitism (he once worked for the Rothschild investment bank, a bogeyman for anti-Semites) and his clashes with Trump have made him a target of the far right too. Trump himself applauded the protesters, falsely claiming they are chanting, "We want Trump." The right would like to see Marine Le Pen take over; the left, Jean-Luc Mélenchon. The Kremlin would prefer either one to a centrist who will stymie its designs to divide Europe.

Macron has hurt his own cause with his arrogant, aloof style — as his 23 percent approval rating attests. But any president, no matter how deft, would be hard-put to reform a sclerotic French economy that has produced high unemployment and low growth. Macron's challenge is all the harder because extremists have proved so deft at using social media to organize. The trolls who flamed me are transparently rooting for Macron's failure. Their slogan might as well be: Burn, baby, burn.

I remain an admirer of Macron and would still love to see an "American Macron" — a centrist who can win power in Washington. But his struggles are a reminder of how hard it is to be in the middle of the road in the polarized social-media world of today.

The Washington Post

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Stop the hypocrisy

A perfect example of the hypocrisy in the news involves the replacement of our former ambassador to the U.N., Nikki Haley. President Donald Trump announced that he has chosen Heather Nauert to replace her, and the Democrats and much of the news media are going nuts saying that she isn't qualified and that she worked for Fox News.

My guess is that 95 percent of Americans don't know how hypocritical that is. In 2013, President Obama named Samantha Power as the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. She was a journalist and worked for liberal Harvard University but had no government experience. But she was approved. Even Republicans voted for her, giving Obama the power to make his choice.

My guess is that not one Democrat will support Trump's

choice of Nauert despite her strong resume. Yes, she worked at Fox News, but she was also a government affairs consultant for 20 years, she was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, has been an outstanding spokeswoman for Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and was named undersecretary of state for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

Anybody who has actually watched her in her role as spokeswoman for Pompeo has to be impressed with her intelligence, communication skills, breadth of knowledge and strength.

But in our bizarre world of hypocrisy, none of that makes any difference. The Democrats and the "fake news" will slander her simply because she is Trump's choice. Sadly, because most Americans are uninformed or misinformed, they won't know how dishonest those attacks on

her are. That is just one more example of why the "fake news" is the enemy of the people.

— Randy Rossi, Grayslake

#### Firearms safety

Recent headlines again document the continued litany of innocent people being slaughtered by firearms in this country.

Among modern industrialized nations, only the U.S. endures this public health epidemic. On both sides of the gun control debate, opinions are lobbed as facts. Neither side is listening to the other, with unvetted "facts" used as ammunition.

I grew up in a house with guns, learning to shoot before I could drive. I spent many summer days with my grandfather, target shooting with pistols and rifles. He was a life member of the NRA. I am not anti-gun; I am anti-gun violence and injury.

It is time to develop strategies for curbing the slaughter within the constraints of the Second Amendment. We all want our families to be safe and live in a country where they do not have

to fear some crazed shooter with a self-destructive agenda. We all want to minimize avoidable accidental firearm injuries.

The automobile industry, collaborating with government, has utilized safety research to make our roads safer. Anti-lock brakes, seat belts and crumple technology save lives every day. Our cars are registered and tracked with vehicle identification numbers. Operators are licensed, with mandatory periodic training. Those with health issues are denied driving privileges.

The firearm industry must partner with us to adopt a similar approach. Congress must foster this partnership, not obstruct it by blocking firearm safety research. We lead the world in firearm-related homicides and suicides. If we are going to stop this madness, we must separate our leaders from the National Rifle Association and make them accountable to the people who elected them.

— Charles Nozicka, director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Advocate Children's Hospital, Park Ridge

#### Presidential fibs

Regarding "Advice to Presidential Hopefuls: Tell the Truth" (Nov. 20) by Cass R. Sunstein: There are rare times when falsehoods emanating from the executive branch are justified.

During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, President John F. Kennedy was campaigning in Chicago during the midterm election campaign and feigned a cold so he could fly back to Washington after he learned about the Russian decision to build bases and deploy nuclear missiles in Cuba.

Kennedy did not want the Soviet leaders to know that he knew about the Russian decision to up the stakes in the Cold War. Consequently, he would have time to confer with advisers, develop a strategy, and make a speech to the American people on national television.

Surely, when strategic decisions made by an adversary threaten the survival of our country, some presidential pretending is necessary.

— Larry Vigon, Chicago



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## What online shopping has done for delivery

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH | Chicago Tribune

The most wonderful time of the year is also the most hectic time of the year for shipping services like FedEx and UPS.

Both UPS and FedEx say they expect to handle a record number of packages this holiday season. UPS is forecasting nearly 800 million items, up from 762 million last year, while FedEx declined to provide an estimate. Both also are hiring more seasonal workers to move all those packages — 100,000 at UPS and 55,000 at FedEx. That includes 3,000 at Chicago-area FedEx Ground facilities, more than double the number of holiday hires last year.

Here's what the end-of-year online shopping blitz means for the people working to make sure orders arrive on time:

### Mondays are the busiest

A decade ago, FedEx handled about 12 million packages on its busiest day. Today, it sees about 14 million during an average, nonpeak day.

FedEx's peak season stretches from Black Friday to Christmas Eve, but Mondays — when orders make it to FedEx after weekend online shopping sprees — are the busiest days of the busy season, said Michael Murphy, senior operations manager at the FedEx Express facility on Goose Island. Last year, the four Mondays during the holiday season were among the busiest ever at FedEx, spokesman Jonathan Lyons said in an email.

Mother's Day is the second-busiest holiday, but FedEx typically only sees

shipments spike during the prior week, Murphy said.

### How they ramp up

FedEx said investments in technology help meet the increased demand, but the company also relies on extra hours for existing workers and seasonal hires. If you see a courier hop out of a U-Haul with your package, it's probably one of the extra trucks the company rents for peak weeks, Murphy said.

### How much ground each courier covers

Couriers typically handle the same route each day, but the size of their turf varies dramatically. The 110-story Willis Tower is a FedEx route all by itself, according to Murphy.



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Workers sort packages at the FedEx Express facility in Chicago on Monday.

### It's not just the number of packages that increases during the holidays

People used to hesitate to buy things like bulky electronics or furniture online. As consumers have grown more comfortable buying a wider range of items, FedEx said it's handling more big, heavy items. Murphy said he's noticed more TVs this year, and a couple rolled down the conveyor belt Monday morning, along with a box that appeared to contain a sofa and another with auto parts. The Goose Island facility can handle most large items, but FedEx also has dedicated facilities for oversize packages.

### One job description you might not have expected: meteorologist

FedEx has employed an in-house weather team since 1986 and uses its forecasts to try to avoid missing delivery deadlines due to bad weather, Murphy said. The Goose Island facility, which typically handles packages flown into O'Hare International Airport on FedEx aircraft, might adjust its schedules or shift orders to trucks if it expects winter storms to delay flights, he said.

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## "The gig companies need to be held accountable to the people who built their businesses."

— Matthew Telles, a chief agitator in the fight for better pay from Instacart



Alid Alvarado picks up orders for three different Instacart customers on Dec. 4 at Whole Foods.

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## 'We're being mistreated'

Instacart shoppers complain of pay cuts as company shifts to new model

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

After pulling 12-hour shifts as a restaurant hostess, Alid Alvarado was eager for a job that would allow her to spend more time with her three young kids. She found it as a shopper with Instacart, the on-demand grocery delivery service, which allowed her to set her own schedule and earn some \$300 a week for 20 hours of work.

But two weeks after she became a shopper — a job that entails getting customers' groceries from store shelves to their homes — Instacart changed its

payment structure and, Alvarado said, her earnings plunged.

Those 20 hours yielded less than \$160 as she waited for higher-paying orders to come through, embittering her to the gig economy job that at first seemed like a lifeline.

"We're being mistreated," said Alvarado, 28, a single mom who lives in south suburban Oak Lawn.

Instacart, which boasts a community of 70,000 shoppers across the U.S. and Canada, has attracted \$1.6 billion in funding since its founding in 2012 as investors anticipate a surge in consumers ordering their groceries online. Its CEO

recently said an initial public offering is "on the horizon."

But the San Francisco-based company for years has angered some shoppers who say numerous tweaks to the payment model have resulted in pay cuts, prompting them to boycott and attempt to organize the loose network of independent contractors.

Instacart has acknowledged the frustrations and over the last six months has "deepened our commitment to improving the experience" of shoppers by "carefully and deliberately testing every new feature

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## BMO bank to anchor 50-story tower

Confirmed plans for spot adjacent to Union Station



RYAN ORI  
On Real Estate

BMO Financial Group has confirmed plans to anchor a new 50-story office tower adjacent to Union Station, in a deal that will consolidate 3,600 downtown employees into a

single building.

The bank will lease 500,000 square feet of the 700-foot-tall building, which will be called BMO Tower, when it opens in 2022, the bank said Monday.

BMO confirmed a September report in the Tribune, which first reported the bank's plans for a new U.S. headquarters on the site.

The deal will bring together employees of BMO Harris Bank and other BMO Financial functions, such as wealth management and capital markets.

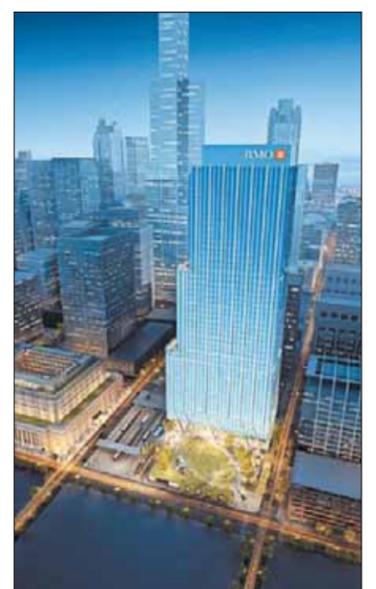
The 3,600 workers are currently based in more than 700,000 square feet of combined space at 111 W. Monroe St., 115 S. LaSalle St. and 200 W. Adams St.

BMO has leased 14 floors in the low-to mid-rise portion of the tower, with options to add more floors if it adds non-branch employees downtown, said Dave Casper, BMO's U.S. CEO.

The new space will have a ground-floor bank branch, and BMO will keep its large branch on Monroe Street even after the company vacates its longtime Loop offices, Casper said.

"For a long time, we have wanted to have all of our employees in one location," Casper said. "The reality is, to get everyone in one location in renovated space meant we would need to look at a new tower."

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BMO will anchor a new office tower near Union Station, called BMO Tower.

## Strong prices for Sears' stores could complicate turnaround

If chain is worth more dead than alive to creditors, chairman's efforts derailed

BY LILY KATZ  
Bloomberg News

Sears Holdings Corp. is shopping around its stores, looking to gauge what they're worth in the open market while it weighs Chairman Edward Lampert's \$4.6 billion bid to buy the entire chain and keep it open.

The firm has hired real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle to market its portfolio of about 500 U.S. stores and so far has seen

high interest in major markets, according to people with knowledge of the matter. Bids have come in from retailers and mall owners, and other parties are interested in potentially converting stores for non-retail use, said the people, who asked not to be identified discussing the private plan.

Strong prices could complicate Lampert's effort to buy Sears if it turns out the chain is worth more dead than alive to its creditors. The company has struggled to line up support from lenders and suppliers to keep its doors open after filing for bankruptcy in October, with liquidation seen by some analysts as increasingly likely.

Burlington Stores, At Home Group,

Dick's Sporting Goods, and U-Haul are among those that have expressed interest in some Sears properties, along with potential buyers interested in converting stores into residential or office space, one person said.

Naveen Jaggi, president of retail and brokerage services at JLL, confirmed that his firm had been hired by Sears to market the portfolio. Representatives for Sears and ESL Investments, Lampert's hedge fund that's backing his takeover plan, declined to comment. M-III Partners, Sears's restructuring adviser, also declined to comment.

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# Some workers say new model has forced cuts

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with shopper focus groups in cities of all sizes to gather their feedback along the way," the company said in a statement.

But the company's shoppers are pushing back against a recent change to the payment model.

Instacart announced in October that by the end of the year all shoppers will be paid according to a new formula meant to better match shoppers' earnings to the time and difficulty of each order, by factoring in details like the weight of items purchased. But aggrieved workers say the result has been inconsistent earnings and an increase in orders that pay too little to be worth their time.

Since the new system rolled out in the Chicago market Nov. 5, some local shoppers have been boycotting low-paying orders, in hopes that if enough workers decline to take them the company will be forced to pay more. Leaders of the resistance are preparing form letters for shoppers to send to their state attorneys general and members of Congress asking them to take a deeper look at the potential exploitation of independent contractors, who lack labor protections like minimum wage thresholds and unionization rights.

"The gig companies need to be held accountable to the people who built their businesses," said Matthew Telles, a shopper in Des Plaines and a chief agitator in the fight for better pay from Instacart. Telles, one of 10 organizers leading the boycotts and letter campaigns nationally, estimates that anywhere from 1,000 to 15,000 shoppers are actively participating in the boycott — he has no way of measuring for sure — and is confident the numbers are growing as more are engaged through social media and word of mouth.

Instacart says its operations have not been affected by the boycott, which is taking place in markets across the U.S., including "no meaningful impact on delayed customer orders."

The new features, intended to make shoppers' jobs easier, were formulated in consultation with shoppers, the company said. Shoppers' average hourly earnings have remained consistent as the changes roll out in more markets.

"We want to be clear that

every shopper and every order matters to us, and we take all feedback seriously," the company said in a statement. "We're committed to looking into every issue that our shoppers raise to better understand how we can improve our features and create the best possible shopper experience," the statement continued.

Telles doesn't buy that and accuses the fast-growing company of investing less in its workers than in algorithms that he thinks calculate the lowest payment shoppers might be willing to take.

"We fund the growth and get nothing for it," Telles said. "We don't get equity; we don't get stock. We get a sore (butt) and broken suspension in our cars."

The pushback at Instacart comes as drivers for ride-hailing platforms celebrate a milestone win in New York, where city officials last week approved a \$17.22 minimum wage for Uber, Lyft, Juno and Via drivers, who are also independent contractors. Driver battles to be reclassified as employees have failed.

The labor strife that has accompanied the rise of online gig platforms has prompted some scholars to advocate for a new category of "independent worker" that would get some protections currently reserved for traditional employees, such as the right to unionize and collectively bargain, though such proposals have not moved forward formally.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics surprised many economists earlier this year when it issued a report finding independent contracting has declined in the U.S. over the past 13 years, upending predictions that precarious work arrangements are on the rise. But it found a 50 percent jump in independent contractors in the transportation sector, likely because of online platforms.

"I think we need to be concerned about this category of worker because it's going to be more widespread," said Stephanie Fortado, a lecturer in the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. If sluggish wage growth can't keep up with the cost of living, more people may turn to gig work to supplement their income, she said.

The workforces of online gig platforms are growing rapidly even as they remain a tiny fraction of the overall

labor market. The share of U.S. families who in a given month received income from online transportation platforms, which include ride-share and delivery services, rose to 1 percent this year, doubling from two years ago, according to a September report from the JPMorgan Chase Institute on the online gig economy.

Yet average monthly earnings for transportation gig workers fell by 53 percent between 2013 and 2017, according to the report. It isn't clear if that's due to a decline in pay or in hours, but given that the drop occurred as the labor market strengthened, "it wouldn't be surprising to me if engagement on these platforms is more tenuous than it was," said Fiona Greig, director of consumer research at the JPMorgan Chase Institute.

Telles, 35, became an Instacart shopper in 2015 after he took a golf ball to the head and suffered a brain injury, making it difficult to return to his job in sales. He said he earned \$30 an hour in those early days of Instacart, when customers would regularly tip 18 percent and the company paid by a predictable formula: A base fee per order plus 40 cents per item and bonuses for long trips or large orders.

Telles said he saw his pay decline as the years went by and Instacart reduced the base fee, added service charges that confused customers and changed the tipping function on the app. He was a named plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit, settled by Instacart last year for \$4.6 million, alleging misclassification of shoppers as independent contractors as well as other labor violations. The company did not admit wrongdoing.

The recent payment model change does away with the per-item fee and fixed base pay and instead tells shoppers how much they will earn based on a formula that takes into account the time, mileage and effort it takes to shop for and deliver a particular order.

Some of the changes are positive, shoppers say, including the ability to see the items before accepting the order, so they're not stuck carrying cases of water if they don't want to. Shoppers also now get a \$3 bonus per order if the customer gives them the highest rating.

But in a private Facebook



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Alid Alvarado said she joined Instacart so she could spend more time with her three kids.

group for Chicago-area shoppers, which has nearly 1,200 members, some shoppers have been sharing screenshots of orders they say would have paid much more under the previous model. Some pay so little, they say, that profits are negated given the cost of gas, car maintenance and taxes.

Jerome Leahy, 38, who has been shopping for Instacart for five years, has a screenshot of a Costco order that entailed delivering 501 cans of soup for a payment of \$20.88. The same order under the previous system would have paid close to \$75 if the customer gave a 5 percent tip, he said.

"I used to work 40 hours a week, and now I have to work 60 hours or more to make the same amount of money," said Leahy, who lives in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood. He pulled up his payment history on the app, which showed earnings of \$778.98 for one week last fall, and \$348.09 for the same week this year during which he said he worked the same number of hours.

Some days are worse than others.

Alvarado, the single mom of three who lives in Oak Lawn, said the worst was when she accepted three Costco orders that together paid less than \$20 and included multiple cases of soda and boxes of copy paper that she had to deliver to a downtown building that had no dolly. She hurt her shoulder and couldn't work the following day. Also, the business she delivered to didn't tip, which she has found is common among corporate customers.

But she still has lucrative days.

Alvarado likes to start her shift in the parking lot of the massive Whole Foods Market on Chicago's Near North Side, where Instacart orders are plentiful, watching her app as she sits in her Kia

Sorrento. The job is ideal for her, she said, as she likes to shop — driving for a ride-share platform like Uber would make her too anxious — and it can hold her over while she waits for her GED program to start in January. She hopes to study criminal justice and become a youth parole officer.

Alvarado rejected one low-paying order that fit the boycott parameters, but then accepted a series of small orders of just over \$10 a piece, which she said were worthwhile because she could do them quickly.

As she delivered six bags of groceries to a customer's home in Roscoe Village, under a dusting of snow flurries, she glanced around the tony neighborhood.

"It motivates me to see the houses where I could possibly live in the future," she said.

Her next order came immediately, and soon Alvarado was pushing a cart through the aisles at Fresh Thyme Farmers Market on North Elston Avenue in the Logan Square community area. She examined Honeycrisp apples for bruises, took a photo of a bag of baby carrots to prove she got the right one, waited at the seafood counter for 4 pounds of black pepper salmon, and sent a message to her customer asking if it would be OK for her to substitute a different brand unsweetened almond milk.

The timer on her Instacart app showed she was done shopping in just over 15 minutes, beating the 16-minute estimate it had given her (there is no consequence for taking longer). After driving the two bags to her customer, she observed that it has been interesting to glimpse what Instacart customers eat.

"There are lots of vegan people and organic people, who pay a lot for their groceries but don't leave good tips," she said.

Tipping is a sore spot for

some shoppers, who say the 5 percent default on the Instacart app has conditioned customers to give only that. (They can change it to what they want.) And under the new payment system it seems tips are being rolled into base compensation. One screenshot shows a \$12.54 total payment for two orders from Costco — \$10.67 of it made up of tip.

The mystery behind the algorithm's calculations has been one of the most frustrating parts of the recent changes because it makes them hard to dispute, shoppers say.

"It's a black box; no one can figure it out," said Shelley, 68, a Chicago shopper who asked that her last name not be used for fear of being deactivated by the platform.

Shelley, a life coach who started shopping for Instacart two years ago to help make ends meet, drives to the North Shore to make deliveries. She used to accept 100 percent of orders, but since the recent change, she takes just 45 percent of them, as the pay for some is "insulting," she said. Her weekly earnings have dropped from between \$350 and \$400 for 35 hours of work to \$200 to \$300 — and on her worst weeks she's averaging \$5 an hour.

"I wake up with panic attacks every day; I start getting scared and adding up my bills for the week," said Shelley, who said she lost her savings in a prior failed business venture.

Shelley hopes Instacart improves the pay because she likes the work. She gets to see different parts of town, and lifting bags has kept her in shape.

"Most women my age, their arms wobble like wings," she said. "I have good triceps. It's definitely a perk."

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## Sears seeks offers on stores Lampert needs for turnaround

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The Sears bankruptcy filing listed 687 retail stores in 49 states plus U.S. territories under the Sears and Kmart banners. Lampert's bid would cover about 500 stores, the company headquarters and distribution outlets.

JLL was hired to generate buyer interest in the retailer's stores, but it hasn't

been asked as of last week to take part in any liquidation process or facilitate negotiations, the people said. Nevertheless, there is real interest from Sears in generating quality offers that compete against Lampert's, they said.

Sears has asked parties bidding on multiple stores to include their offers for each individual asset, rather than just one price for all

the locations they want, said the people. One consortium made a bulk offer without such details and was notified of the rules, they said. Suitors have until Dec. 28 to submit their proposals.

Selling certain locations wouldn't necessarily undermine Lampert's bid, and could provide much-needed cash to keep the rest of the chain running. Stores in New York or Los Angeles,

for example, might be highly valued, so it may make more sense to sell them than to keep them operating. It's possible that Sears will end up disposing of some stores, or keeping portions of certain buildings and chopping up the rest for alternate uses.

Burlington expects to "take a piece of a building and somebody else will take another piece of the build-

ing and they'll divide it up," Chief Executive Officer Thomas Kingsbury told investors during the chain's third-quarter earnings call. "Kmart is probably more of an opportunity for us because they're in very good locations," Kingsbury said. "We'd have to carve up the box based on the current size of our boxes we desire."

U-Haul is working to acquire Sears and Kmart

properties in a "bundle deal" for uses that could include indoor climate-controlled self-storage, retail showrooms and depots for truck and trailer rentals, according to an emailed statement. "We look forward to continue working with them in hopes of getting approval from the bankruptcy court for this transaction," said spokesman Sebastien Reyes.

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# Open jobs in Oct. hit 2nd-highest mark

Employers hiring despite trade tiffs, volatile markets

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
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WASHINGTON — The number of open jobs rose in October to the second-highest on record, evidence that U.S. employers remain determined to hire despite ongoing trade disputes and rocky financial markets.

The Labor Department said Monday that the number of job openings increased 1.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted 71 million. That is not far from the record of 7.3 million reached in August.

The number of people hired also climbed while the ranks of those who quit their jobs fell slightly.

The data underscore that the labor market remains strong and suggest that last

Friday's jobs report, which showed a modest drop in the pace of hiring, does not reflect a pessimistic outlook among employers.

The economy expanded over the summer and fall at the fastest six-month pace in four years.

On Monday, the markets remained volatile as stocks recovered from sharp losses in morning trading to end with modest gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which lost as much as 507 points in early trading, edged up 34.31 points, or 0.1 percent, to close at 24,423.26.

The S&P 500 index picked up 4.64 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,637.72. The Nasdaq composite rose 51.27 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,020.52. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks slid 4.99 percent, or 0.3 percent, to 1,443.10.

Monday's rebound was spearheaded by the technology sector, which was

up more than 1 percent by mid-afternoon. Facebook shares were up nearly 3 percent, Microsoft up 1.7 percent and Intel was up 1.5 percent.

Daniel Wiener, chairman of Adviser Investments, said the market is being moved by day-traders responding to every nuance in the news and the marketplace.

"This is one of those headline moments when it's easier to sell than it is to think about being an investor," Wiener said. "Traders respond to every news blip. They are measured on their day-to-day performance. They are affecting this market. Investors have a long-term horizon and look at this relatively significant downturn and consider making purchases."

On Friday, the government said employers added 155,000 jobs in November, down from 237,000 in the previous month and below

the average monthly gain this year.

The unemployment rate stayed at a nearly five-decade low of 3.7 percent.

Monday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, includes data on the number of jobs advertised by employers, as well as total hiring and the number of layoffs and quits. Friday's job gain is a net figure.

Many economists saw the hiring decline in Friday's report as a potential sign that the economy and job market are decelerating from robust growth achieved earlier this year after the Trump administration's tax cuts and increased government spending took effect.

After healthy growth in the second and third quarters, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta forecasts that the economy will expand at a slower but still solid 2.4 percent pace in the

final three months of the year.

Growth is also likely to remain at that level in 2019, analysts estimate.

Job openings soared 76 percent in manufacturing to 522,000, where many employers say they are unable to find qualified workers. Factory jobs require higher-tech skills in areas such as robotics and computer-assisted machine tools.

Openings also jumped in construction, financial activities, and retail.

They fell in mining and logging, professional and business services such as accounting, and were essentially unchanged in health care.

The number of people quitting their jobs declined slightly and is down to 3.5 million, from a peak of 3.65 million in August. Quits are seen as a sign of job market strength, as most people quit for other jobs, typically at higher pay.

# BMO to anchor 50-story tower

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The site just south of railway station, which will include a 1.5-acre park, was ideal because 80 percent of the bank's workers commute by public transportation, Casper said. BMO's logo will be near the top of the tower.

"To be at this location and have BMO highlight the skyline, it's a great opportunity," Casper said. "It solves all of our needs well beyond the near term."

Toronto-based BMO was represented in the deal by brokers Steve Stratton and Jeff Liljeberg of Jones Lang LaSalle.

The City Council on Oct. 31 approved plans for the Union Station redevelopment.

BMO Tower is part of a larger redevelopment plan by Amtrak and Chicago-based development firms Riverside Investment & Development and Convexity Properties.

The plan also includes a one-story extension of the main building to create a 400-room hotel, as well as new retail on lower levels of the train station.

The office tower is designed by architecture firm Goettsch Partners.

Casper declined to say if the bank plans to be a construction lender on its new office tower.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel in October said the new office tower would cost about \$900 million, and would create 5,100 construction jobs. Construction work is expected to start on the approximately 1.5 million-square-foot tower in 2019.

BMO is the only tenant that has signed a lease.

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# Akorn CEO steps down after \$4.3B lost deal

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Akorn's CEO stepped down after the Delaware Supreme Court ruled that a rapid downturn in its business was grounds for Fresenius SE to walk away from a \$4.3 billion buyout of the generic drugmaker.

Officials of Lake Forest-based Akorn said Friday that Chief Executive Raj Rai was retiring now that its dispute with the German pharma company had been ended by the appellate court's decision. A panel of judges upheld a finding that a drop in revenue and other problems prior to the deal's closing triggered Fresenius's right to abandon the buyout.

Shares of Akorn plunged Friday as much as 37 percent, to their lowest intraday price in more than eight years. Trading in the stock was halted for a time after

the appeals court issued its three-page ruling.

Rai, a protege of John Kapoor, who holds 23 percent of Akorn, agreed with company directors that his departure "will be treated as a resignation for good reason," according to an Akorn filing Friday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Kapoor, who served as Akorn's CEO from 1991 to 1998, is facing federal racketeering charges related to his new company, Insys Therapeutics Inc. He is accused of bribing doctors to get them to ramp up prescriptions of an opioid painkiller, and has pleaded not guilty.

Rai, who was in court in Delaware on Wednesday for the appellate arguments, had total compensation for 2016 of more than \$7 million, according to SEC filings. Under an Akorn severance plan, he would have been entitled to a \$2.1 million cash payment as of Dec. 31, 2017, had he been termi-

nated "without cause or good reason," according to another regulatory filing. He will stay on until his successor is named, company officials said.

Rai's departure is good for Akorn, Piper Jaffray analyst David Amsellem wrote in an email late Friday. The company "could benefit from a new leadership team that is better versed in manufacturing operations and generics R&D," Amsellem wrote.

Jennifer Bowles, a spokeswoman for Akorn, didn't immediately return a call, after regular business hours, seeking comment on whether Rai was stepping down over problems highlighted in the Fresenius case. In its statement, the company said it would "move forward and rebuild shareholder value" after the "disappointing decision" in the Fresenius case.

Many high-profile disputes over mergers are heard in Delaware, corpo-

rate home to more than half the nation's public companies and more than 60 percent of Fortune 500 firms. Its chancery court specializes in quickly hearing big-dollar business cases.

But the case marked the first time the Delaware trial court had decided whether an acquiring company can cancel a purchase because the target's business experienced a "material adverse change" before the deal closed, and the first time the Delaware Supreme Court had upheld such a finding.

Akorn sued in April after Fresenius pulled out of the deal. Fresenius had cited the U.S. company's plunging revenues and operational problems. As the deal was being finalized, Fresenius officials discovered Akorn wouldn't meet profit projections. An anonymous whistle-blower also tipped off Fresenius executives about a longstanding pat-

tern of problems in Akorn's drug-development and manufacturing systems.

Akorn officials claimed Fresenius focused on minor regulatory and manufacturing miscues as a pretext for canceling the buyout after suffering "buyer's remorse."

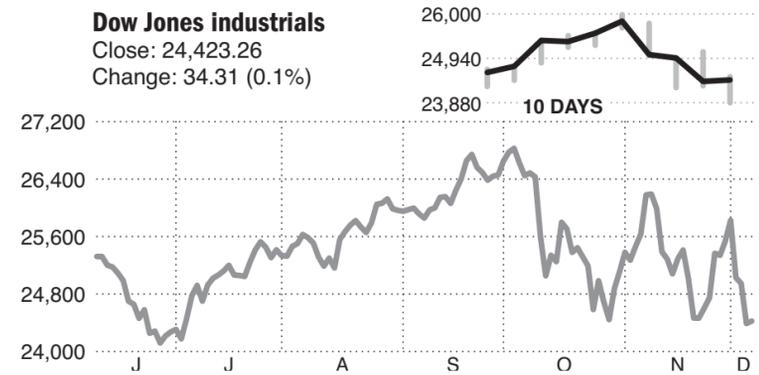
Fresenius had experienced some of the same kinds of operational problems, they said. Rai testified during the trial that officials of the German drugmaker were smearing his firm's reputation with false claims about data insecurity and phony test results.

After the weekend trial, Judge Travis Laster ruled in October that the deterioration of Akorn's business was severe enough to allow Fresenius to walk away. Akorn appealed. The appellate court upheld Laster's 246-page ruling.

Matthias Link, a spokesman for Fresenius, of Bad Homburg, called the decision "very welcome."

## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 24,500.81 Low: 23,881.37 Previous: 24,388.95



<b>Nasdaq</b> ▲ +51.27 (+.74%) Close: 7,020.52 High: 7,047.62 Low: 6,878.98 Previous: 6,969.25	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲ +4.64 (+.18%) Close: 2,637.72 High: 2,647.51 Low: 2,583.23 Previous: 2,633.08	<b>Russell 2000</b> ▼ -4.99 (-.34%) Close: 1,443.10 High: 1,449.93 Low: 1,422.98 Previous: 1,448.09
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<b>10-yr T-note</b> ↔ ... to 2.85%	<b>Gold futures</b> ▼ -3.10 to \$1,243.70	<b>Yen</b> ▲ +.57 to 113.21/\$1	<b>Euro</b> ▲ +.0053 to .8808/\$1	<b>Crude Oil</b> ▼ -1.61 to \$51.00
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## 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
-5.43	-5.66	-5.47	-3.80	-2.50	-3.25	+15	+212	-84

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	522.75	522.75	514.75	514.75	-5.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	374.25	376	372.75	374.25	+25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	912	916.50	908.50	909.75	-7.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	28.59	28.59	28.52	28.52	+0.2
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	308.80	309.30	307.90	307.90	-1.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	52.03	52.81	50.53	51.00	-1.61
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	4.590	4.666	4.390	4.545	+0.57
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.4640	1.4873	1.4141	1.4189	-0.069
		Feb 19	1.4622	1.4860	1.4145	1.4190	-0.0655

## 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	70.92	+97	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	103.32	-16	Mondelz Intl	O	43.93	+13
AbbVie Inc	N	87.61	+65	Equity Residential	N	71.51	+76	Morningstar Inc	O	111.58	-3.63
Allstate Corp	N	83.28	-53	Exelon Inc	N	47.00	+04	Motorola Solutions	N	129.60	+2.07
Aptargroup Inc	N	99.11	-66	First Indl RT	N	31.64	-24	NiSource Inc	N	27.26	+12
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.59	+13	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	42.83	+24	Nthn Trust Cp	O	88.20	-73
Baxter Intl	N	65.48	+46	Gallagher AJ	N	74.54	+02	Old Republic	N	21.43	-12
Boeing Co	N	326.35	+313	Grainger WW	N	285.31	-412	Packaging Corp Am	N	92.50	-45
Brunswick Corp	N	48.52	-105	GrubHub Inc	N	80.81	+401	Paylocity Hldg	O	62.74	+67
CBOE Global Markets	N	105.46	+112	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	93.83	+107	Stericycle Inc	O	42.31	-162
CDK Global Inc	O	48.01	+03	IDEX Corp	N	134.38	+74	Teleph Data	N	34.38	-42
CDW Corp	O	90.62	-86	ITW	N	130.66	+119	TransUnion	N	61.77	+124
CF Industries	N	41.33	+30	Ingredion Inc	N	96.46	-75	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.15	+16
CME Group	O	190.35	+324	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	130.10	-330	US Foods Holding	N	31.78	-05
CNA Financial	N	44.18	-36	Kemper Corp	N	67.73	-207	USG Corp	N	43.01	-03
Caterpillar Inc	N	123.39	-16	Kraft Heinz Co	O	48.27	-44	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	251.10	-337
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.41	-43	LKQ Corporation	O	25.63	...	United Contl Hldgs	O	88.55	+32
Deere Co	N	147.03	-23	Littelfuse Inc	O	172.67	+09	Ventas Inc	N	64.79	-68
Discover Fin Svcs	N	64.74	-10	MB Financial	O	41.35	-105	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	81.16	-03
Dover Corp	N	78.20	-130	McDonalds Corp	N	184.65	+169	Wintrust Financial	O	70.84	-101
Equity Commonwth	N	31.26	-31	Middleby Corp	O	109.09	-28	Zebra Tech	O	167.87	+253

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	6.93	-08
Bank of America	24.76	-67
Ford Motor	8.52	-30
AT&T Inc	29.91	-23
Chesapeake Engy	2.65	-07
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.46	-06
Nokia Corp	5.68	+15
Wells Fargo & Co	48.80	-146
Citigroup	57.07	-128
Oracle Corp	46.67	+67
Transocean Ltd	8.07	-23
Travelport Wwde	15.87	+47
Pfizer Inc	44.40	+48
Barrick Gold	13.84	+16
Teva Pharm	18.44	-97
JPMorgan Chase & Co	101.36	-193
Petrobras	13.53	-71
Vale SA	12.86	-28
ENSCO PLC	4.75	-36
Twitter Inc	33.43	+60
Sthwstn Energy	4.22	-17
Nabors Inds	2.77	-33
Gerdau SA	3.88	-12
Regions Fnc	14.39	-51

## LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	151.43	-1.63
Alphabet Inc C	1039.55	+2.97
Alphabet Inc A	1053.18	+6.60
Amazon.com Inc	1641.03	+11.90
Apple Inc	169.60	+1.11
Bank of America	24.76	-67
Berkshire Hath B	203.26	-1.62
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.54	-1.01
Facebook Inc	141.85	+4.43
JPMorgan Chase	101.36	-1.93
Johnson & Johnson	145.26	-17
Microsoft Corp	107.59	+2.77
Pfizer Inc	44.40	+48
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.08	-65
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.85	-46
Unitedhealth Group	266.53	-2.65
Verizon Comm	58.27	+59
Visa Inc	137.88	+77
WalMart Strs	93.94	+75

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.37	+10	+3.4	
American Funds AMRCNBalA m	26.72	+0.2	+8	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	46.09	-0.8	-6.8	
American Funds CptWldBlrdA m	57.81	-1.2	-4.7	
American Funds FdmTInvSA m	59.40	+1.6	+1.3	
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.10	+1.7	+2.6	
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.15	-0.1	-1.9	
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	38.33	+1.1	+1.1	
American Funds WAMInvSA m	41.61	+0.3	+2.8	
DFA IntlCorEqIn	11.98	-1.5	-13.9	
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.32	+0.1	-8	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	38.62	-5.3	-14.6	
Dodge & Cox Stk	195.31	-1.1	-2	
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.37	...	+1.0	
Fidelity 500IxdXPrm	92.55	+1.6	+1.4	
Fidelity Contrafund	11.46	+0.5	+2.3	
Fidelity ContrafundK	11.46	+0.5	+2.4	
Fidelity TtMktDxInvPrm	75.87	+0.7	+7.7	
Fidelity USBdDxInvPrm	11.19	+0.1	-8	
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.20	...	-1.8	
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.32	...	-6	
PIMCO IncInStk	11.80	...	+3	
PIMCO TtRetIns	9.93	...	-6	
Schwab SP500Ixd	41.38	+0.7	+1.4	
T. Rowe Price BCGR	102.88	+6.6	+7.1	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.15	+3.9	+4.1	
Vanguard 500IxdAdmrl	244.57	+4.4	+1.4	
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.43	+1.1	+6.5	
Vanguard EqInvAdmrl	75.67	-1.0	-1	
Vanguard GrdIxdAdmrl	72.94	+3.9	+2.5	
Vanguard HCAdmrl	89.78	-0.2	+7.0	
Vanguard InTrnDxAdmrl	9.32	-0.1	-1.4	
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.85	...	+7	
Vanguard InsdIxdInv	241.29	+4.3	+4.1	
Vanguard InsdIxdInvPlus	241.31	+4.3	+4.4	
Vanguard InTtMktDxInv	58.41	+0.5	+8	
Vanguard MdCpldIxdAdmrl	182.07	-3.2	-3.1	
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	137.33	+3.8	+3.9	
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.40	...	+3	
Vanguard SmCpldIxdAdmrl	67.70	-3.0	-2.0	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.48	-0.4	-2.4	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.86	-0.3	-2.4	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.34	-0.6	-2.7	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.80	-0.4	-3.1	
Vanguard TtBdIxdAdmrl	10.37	+0.1	-9	
Vanguard TtBdIxdInv	10.37	+0.1	-9	
Vanguard TtInBdIxdAdmrl	22.01	+0.4	+2.1	
Vanguard TtInBdIxdInv	33.03	+0.7	+2.1	
Vanguard TtInBdIxdInv	11.01	+0.2	+2.1	
Vanguard TtInSdIxdAdmrl	25.87	-2.6	-11.3	
Vanguard TtInSdIxdInv	103			

# OBITUARIES

MARY JOYCE GILES JOHNSON 1928-2018

## Longtime counselor, teacher in west suburbs

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

Mary Joyce Giles Johnson taught at a private high school in West Chicago before embarking on a nearly two-decade-long career as a guidance counselor at two high schools in Wheaton.

"She was a very caring person, and the counselees really liked her," said George Ruwe, the retired head of Wheaton North High School's guidance department. "She really interacted with them, and she was a loving person. There's not a better person in terms of giving and being aware of people's feelings."

Johnson, 90, died of coronary disease on Nov. 5 at her home, her son Stephen said. She had lived in Carol Stream and previously resided in Wheaton.

Born Mary Joyce Giles in Chicago to a minister father from England and a mother from Scotland, Johnson moved with her family from Chicago's Mayfair area to Stratford, Wis., when she was 2 years old. Her family relocated to Marshfield, Wis., when she was in junior high school, and she graduated from Marshfield High School in 1946.

Johnson, who went by Joyce as a first name, attended William Jennings Bryan University in Dayton, Tenn. — now known as Bryan College — for a year before transferring to Wheaton College, where she received a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1950.

Johnson then taught physical education and served as the girls dormitory supervisor at Wheaton Academy in West Chicago, where she met her future husband of 67 years, Melvin. At Wheaton Academy, Melvin Johnson, who died in June, was at varying times a biology teacher,



FAMILY PHOTO

Mary Joyce Giles Johnson worked as a guidance counselor at Wheaton Central High School before switching to Wheaton North.

headmaster, dorm supervisor and a bus driver.

Johnson left Wheaton Academy in 1960 to raise her family. For the next eight years, she worked in part-time roles, including as a church secretary at Wheaton Evangelical Free Church.

In 1968, Johnson resumed her full-time career, working as a guidance counselor at Wheaton Central High School. She switched to Wheaton North several years later.

At both locations, "nothing fazed her," her son said.

"She was definitely someone who liked to pour into other people's lives, and I think as a guidance counselor she had an opportunity to work with some of the kids that were maybe a little more challenging," her son said. "Those were the ones who ended up in her office more often, and I think she really enjoyed that challenge, and her personality was such that she could get even the most hardened criminal kid to do what she wanted."

One of Johnson's signature acts was to give each graduating senior a copy of the New Testament with a personal note.

"A number of students ... commented about that New Testament and how much that meant to them, maybe not even from a religious perspective but from the fact that she cared enough to do that," her son said. "I think it really showed who my mom was. She was not afraid to share her faith, but she also didn't jam it down your throat, but she also made sure you knew where she stood."

Retired Wheaton North English teacher Marty Brackin, a longtime friend, called Johnson "one of the most devoted" people with whom he worked.

"She was very dedicated to her job and to her counselees," he said. "And she was always very cheerful."

Brackin credited Johnson's giving nature both to her upbringing and to the fact that she cared for her mother for around 10 years while her mother was in a semi-vegetative state.

"I think it was just Joyce's way of life," Brackin said. "She was very generous and would step up to do anything for anybody."

After retiring from Wheaton North in 1987, Johnson went on mission trips with her husband, including to Arizona, Scotland, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Germany. The couple also spent more time at their cottage in southwestern Michigan, which her husband and his father built in 1958. Johnson also was very active in her church, where she had been a charter member.

Johnson also enjoyed teaching Bible studies, continuing to teach them until two weeks before her death.

Johnson also is survived by another son, Doug, and five grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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### Death Notices

**Altwater, Barbara Jean "Bebe"**

Barbara Jean "Bebe" Altwater, of Clarendon Hills, passed away on Sunday, December 9. Beloved wife of Phil, loving mother of Peter (Tracy) Scheffler, Mark (Gisele Regatao) Scheffler and Mimi (Ben) Stockton. Fond grandmother of Andrew, Skylar, James, Finn, Julia and Summer. Dear sister of William (the late Virginia) Gordon, Philip (Jean) Gordon,

Mary Beth (the late John) Dove, and Kathy (Stephen) Kula. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Bebe led a very active life: Teacher, real estate agent and champion home decorator, who saw every holiday as an opportunity to tap her creativity and sense of celebration. She had a passion for the Chicago Bears and White Sox, and loved playing tennis and golf - she even once shot a hole in one. She enjoyed the card table - Bridge was her game of choice. An avid traveler, Bebe was a passenger on a transatlantic cruise ship as a girl and later made stops throughout Europe, the Caribbean, India, Hawaii, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Puerto Rico and many other places. She was equally at home on the savannas of Africa as she was on the streets of Soho in New York. Visitation Wednesday, December 12, 9 am until time of funeral mass, 10 am at Notre Dame Parish, 64 Norfolk, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com

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**Becker, Ilene Joy**

Ilene Joy Becker, age 70, beloved daughter of the late Samuel and the late Rose Becker; loving twin sister of Rita (Sidney) Mathias; cherished aunt of Rabbi Elliot (Shira) Mathias and Rabbi Scott Mathias; dear great aunt of Binyamin, Yonason, Yehuda, Aviva, Gila, Batya, Noach, and Yitzchak. Ilene was a respected educator. She lived at the Symphony of Buffalo Grove these past 9 years. Special thanks and much gratitude to the amazing staff at Symphony; your remarkable and compassionate care has meant so much to our family. Graveside service Tuesday, December 11th, 12 Noon at Shalom Memorial Park, Rand & Wilke Rds., Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Congregation Beth Judea, 5304 RFD, Route 83 & Hilltop Rd., Long Grove, IL 60047, www.bethjudea.org or Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie, IL 60077, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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**Cahill, Beatrice A.**

Beatrice A. Cahill, nee McQuinn; Devoted wife of Martin; Loving mother of Michael (fiancé Katie), Matthew, Ryan, and Kathleen; Proud grandma of Owen and Chase; Beloved sister of Catherine, Patricia (late Dan) Grow, Michael (Karen), John (Karen), and Martin (Jennifer); Dear sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, and friend to many; Visitation Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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**Camardo Sr., Anthony S.**

Anthony S. Camardo Sr., age 89, of Crest Hill, formerly of Indian Head Park. Beloved husband of the late Angela H. Camardo. Loving father of Anthony (Doreene), Ralph (Deborah), and Carmel Fontana (Jeff Larkin). Devoted grandfather of Anthony (Loryn), Derrick (Sarah), Nicholas (Veronica), Louis (Stephanie) and Ryan (Kathryn) Camardo, and Jillian, Louis and James Fontana. Great-grandfather of 9. Cherished brother of Angela (Joseph) Serpico, Georgiana (Dominic) Faraci, the late Anna Marie (Michael) Leopold, and the late Carmel Camardo. Fond uncle and friend of many. Visitation 3 to 8pm Wednesday, Dec. 12th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Prayers 9:15am Thursday, Dec. 13th from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church for Mass at 9:45am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Society appreciated. Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com  
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**Cinkus, Carl Jesse**

Carl Jesse Cinkus, age 79; beloved husband of Nancy E. Cinkus, nee Spada; loving father of Julia (William) Stagner, Karen Cinkus, Mark Cinkus, Glenn (Rosemarie) Cinkus and Charles Hinderliter; cherished grandfather of Michael and Kyle Knesh, Christopher, Timothy, and Andrew Randazzo, Richard, Joseph, Amanda and Tracee Cinkus; dear great-grandfather of Juniper and James; fond brother of Theresa Frederick; dearest uncle, surrogate dad, mentor and friend of many. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Funeral Thursday 9:15 AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden) Downers Grove to St. Mary of Gostyn Church. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Carl's memory to, Take A Kid Fishing Foundation, www.takf.com appreciated. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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**Demko, Frieda L.**

Frieda L. Demko, nee Neufeld, age 97, formerly of Roseland late of Tinley Park. Beloved wife of the late Julius; Loving mom to William (Patricia) Demko and Arlene (Thomas) Kramer; Dear grandma to Joseph Kramer, Elizabeth (Scott) Gillahan, Emily (Ray) O'Leary, Andrew Kramer and Matthew Demko; Cherished great-grandma to Foster Kramer, Shannon, Evan and Ryan Gillahan, Raymond and Jimmy O'Leary; "Aunt Frieda" to many. Frieda was a proud long-time employee of the Chicago Metropolitan YMCA. Visitation Wednesday, 9:00 AM until time of service at 11:00 AM at **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Emilie's Fund, Smith Village, 2320 W. 113th Place, Chicago, IL 60643 would be appreciated. Info: 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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**Fung, Dr. Christopher H**

Dr. Christopher H. Fung, Age 79, passed away on December 5, 2018. Beloved husband of Elizabeth Fung, Loving father of Gregory and Teresa Fung, Cherished Grandfather of Ellie and Isabel Fung. Dr. Fung was a graduate of Harvard University '60 and Harvard Medical School '64. He practiced as a pathologist at Mercy Hospital for 30+ years. Dr. Fung was an avid reader with a wide range of interests, most notably philosophy, religion and history. He and his wife Elizabeth were active members of **LaSalle Street Church** and also in International Student Ministries. He was known for being a conscientious, intelligent, and thoughtful man. Memorial Service will be held at **LaSalle Street Church**, 1136 N LaSalle Dr, (312) 573-8800, at 10:30am on December 15, 2018. Gifts may be sent to the International Student Fund at LaSalle Street Church.  
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**Gaughan Healy Jeffers**

See Joanne T. McPhillips notice.

**Halpin, Thomas I.**

Thomas I. Halpin, Loving companion of the late Audrey A. Domzalski, beloved father of Irene (Bob) Marble, Charlene (Steve) Fletcher, Thomas (Eryn) Halpin, Michelle Halpin and Daniel (Carol) Halpin, Cherished grandfather of Jessica, Anthony, Traci, Terry, Andrew, Bailey, Delaney, Hayley and Danny. Visitation Thursday at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue from 8:15 a.m. until time of prayers at 10:45 a.m. processing to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for a 11:30 a.m. mass. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to Westmont Suburban Alano Club, 17 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559 are appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.  
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**Kearney, Maureen A.**

Maureen A. Kearney, age 71. Beloved daughter of the late Patrick and the late late Louise (late William) Aumiller. Loving sister of Helice Carnes. Cherished friend of Geraldine Mack. Caring aunt and great aunt of many. Visitation Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service starting at 7:30 p.m. Future Inurnment St. Joseph Cemetery. Information 773.637.4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com

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**Landsberg**

See Charlene Landsberg Smith notice.

**Mahoney, Agnes**

Agnes B. Mahoney nee Hughes, native of Co. Mayo, Ireland; beloved wife of the late James; loving mother of Bridget (Michael) McCormack, Jimmy, Pat (Joanne), Catherine (Steve) Rigney and Deirdre (Dan) Vrbancic; cherished grandmother of Nora, Connor, Sheila and Rose McCormack, Heather Mahoney, Dara and Fianna Mahoney, Mary and Sarah Rigney, and Sophia, Danny, and Mickey Vrbancic; dear sister of Michael, James, Pat, Peter, John, Tommy and Richard Hughes, Margaret McMahon, Catherine Commons, and the late Mary O'Beirne; fond aunt to many and friend to all who knew her; long time member of the Irish American Heritage Center and supporter of Irish dance and music; Funeral Friday 10:30 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church. Mass at 11 AM. Visitation Thursday 3-9 PM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com  
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**Mathis, Louise R.**

Louise Ruth (Locke) Mathis, 98, of Wheaton, IL, loving wife of the late David J. Mathis; beloved mother of Gary (Joyce) Mathis, Patricia (Thomas) O'Malley, Michael (Debby) Mathis, Kathleen Cowens, David (Sally) Mathis, Robert (Victoria) Mathis and the late Mary; proud grandmother of Kerry (Rick) Andrews, Kelly Mathis, Shannon (Frank) LoPiccolo,

Erin (Dave) O'Donohue, Ben (Ellen) Cowens, Josiah (Kristin) Cowens, Mathew (Erica) Mathis, Andrew Mathis and the late Brett Airey; dear great-grandmother of Trevor and Tabitha Andrews, Addy and Declan LoPiccolo, Malley and Dylan O'Donohue, Autumn Cowens, and Hallie Mathis; and fond sister of the late Wayne Locke. Born Sept 2, 1920 in Roberts, WI, she passed away peacefully at her home on Thur, Dec 6, 2018. Visitation, Sat, Dec 15 from 1-3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton, 715 North Carlton Ave, Wheaton, IL. where funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. Interment, Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh, WI. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.  
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**McPhillips, Joanne T.**

Best friend and beloved wife of Thomas ("T1") (Retired CFD) McPhillips. Best mom ever of Paddy (Steve) Jacobsmeyer, Maribeth (Gerald) Healy, Thomas ("T2") (CFD) (Jacqui) McPhillips, and Michael (CFD) McPhillips. Proud Grandma/Nana of Sarah and Gerald Healy, Thomas ("T3") (Maggie), Taylor, Sydney, Michael, Maggie, Lauren, Allison, and Brendan McPhillips. Much loved great-grandma of Thomas ("T4") McPhillips. Cherished daughter of the late Thomas and the late Anna (Jeffers) Gaughan. Devoted sister of the late Patsy Lynch and the late Madeline Gaughan. Fond sister-in-law of Lou McPhillips and Jimmy (Retired CFD) (Judy) McPhillips. Loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 PM. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 AM from the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Bede the Venerable Church, Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 North Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-8787  
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**ON DECEMBER 11 ...**

**In 1816** Indiana became the 19th state.

**In 1872** America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

**In 1928** police in Buenos Aires thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

**In 1936** Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

**In 1937** Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

**In 1941** Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

**In 1946** the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

**In 1961** a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon — the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

**In 1980** President Jimmy Carter signed into law a \$1.6 billion environmental

"superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps.

**In 1981** the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

**In 1990** Ivana Trump was divorced from real estate mogul Donald Trump.

**In 1991** a jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual assault and battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

**In 1994** thousands of Russian troops backed by armored columns and jets rolled into breakaway republic of Chechnya in a bid to restore Moscow's control over the region.

**In 1996** a China-organized committee of 400 Hong Kong notables elected shipping tycoon Tung Chee-hwa to be the first postcolonial leader of Hong Kong.

**In 1997** more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control Earth's greenhouse gases.

**In 1998** the Mars Climate Orbiter blasted off on a nine-month journey to the

Red Planet. (The probe disappeared in September 1999, apparently destroyed).

**In 1999** President Bill Clinton told CBS Radio his 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military wasn't working, and he pledged to work with the Pentagon to find a way to fix it.

**In 2000** shortstop Alex Rodriguez agreed to a landmark \$252 million deal with the Texas Rangers.

**In 2001** federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Mousaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings. **Also in 2001** the federal government approved Swiss food giant Nestle SA's \$10.3 billion purchase of Ralston Purina.

**In 2003** A German court freed a Moroccan accused of supporting the Sept. 11 al-Qaida terror cell in Hamburg, saying there was new evidence indicating he did not know about the plot.

**In 2005** Paramount Pictures announced it was buying independent film studio DreamWorks SKG Inc.

**In 2007** two car bombs in Algeria, including one targeting the U.N. refugee agency's offices, killed 37 people, 17 of them U.N. employees; al-Qaida's self-styled North African branch claimed responsibility.

**In 2012** Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law right-to-work legislation that limits the power of unions. Also in 2012 a masked gunman shot to death two shoppers before killing himself at a mall in Happy Valley, Ore.

**In 2014** the Republican-led House of Representatives narrowly approved a \$1.1 trillion spending bill over liberal Democrats' objections hours before the federal government's spending authority was due to expire.

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Dec. 10  
Lotto ..... **02 04 21 38 41 49 / 9**  
Lotto jackpot: \$2.75M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **093 / 5**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **0297 / 3**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... **05 11 23 39 44**  
Pick 3 evening ..... **822 / 3**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **0297 / 3**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... **07 13 15 21 37**

**INDIANA**  
Dec. 10  
Daily 3 midday ..... **335 / 5**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **7682 / 5**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **301 / 9**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **8537 / 9**  
Cash 5 ..... **05 14 18 30 43**

**MICHIGAN**  
Dec. 10  
Daily 3 midday ..... **521**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **5212**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **233**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **7834**  
Fantasy 5 ..... **03 06 10 16 25**  
Keno **06 11 16 21 22 23 24 25 27 33**  
**4344 52 55 58 60 61 63 64 65 73 80**

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**WISCONSIN**  
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Pick 4 ..... **2117**  
Badger 5 ..... **06 18 19 26 29**  
SuperCash ..... **01 02 04 21 34 38**

# Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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

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## Merlotti, Gary J.

Gary J. Merlotti, 66. Beloved husband of the late Nancy O'Keefe; Devoted father of Lisa, Jamie (Ryan), Michael, and Lindsay; Cherished grandpa of Taylor; Dear brother of Linda (Mike) and Lori (Don); Brother-in-law, uncle, friend, and mentor to many. Gary proudly dedicated his professional life through his passion of serving the community as a trauma surgeon for over 30 years. Funeral service Thursday 11 AM at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W 103rd, Oak Lawn. Cremation Private. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Gary's name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 640 N LaSalle St, #280, Chicago, IL 60654, will be appreciated. For more information, please call 708-636-1193 or visit [www.blakelamboklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboklawn.com).



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## Michalik, MaryJane A.

MaryJane A. Michalik, nee Bernier, age 89, beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Kenneth, Kevin (Deborah), Gary, Cheryl (Mike) Sorley, Terrence, and Bryan (Karyn). Cherished grandmother of Ashley (Jimmy) Fitzsimons, Christyn Sorley, Jennifer (Mike) Vargo, Alexis Michalik, Alex Michalik, and Megan Michalik. Dearest great-grandmother of Brianna, Kayli, Jack, and James. Dear sister of Richard and the late Omar, Lawrence, Alfred, Albert, and Phillip. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. Julie Billiart Church. Mass 10:15. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Catholic Charities are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400



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## Pritchard, James C.

GENEVA – James C. Pritchard, 86, died peacefully on Saturday, December 8th at Good Samaritan Hospital in the loving embrace of his family, of injuries sustained in an accident.

Born in Pontiac, Illinois on January 19, 1932, Jim was the elder son of Marion and Iris (Sullivan) Pritchard. Jim was revered as a medical doctor for his professionalism and compassion and in his personal life for his kind and generous spirit. He was also well known for his avocation as an accomplished classical pianist, performing with local symphony orchestras and at Chicago-area concerts. He received a BS degree from the University of Illinois in 1954, majoring in Chemistry and Zoology, and a medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1958, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Honor Medical Society (AOA). Following medical school, Jim interned at DC General Hospital, Washington DC, and then completed a Pathology Residency at the University of Illinois Research Hospital in Chicago in 1963. Jim served as the Chief Pathologist and Director of Laboratories of Delnor-Community Hospitals from 1963 until his retirement in 2002. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, past President of the University of Illinois Medical Alumni Association, former Clinical Associate Professor of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and established the Pritchard Medical Student Scholarship at the University of Illinois. Jim had a passion for travel that took him to 80 countries and all seven continents, from the Silk Road in Asia to the slot canyons in Southern Utah. He especially enjoyed taking his family and grandchildren on adventures throughout the world. He was a long-time member of the Geneva Golf Club, and The Union League Club, The Arts Club and The Casino in Chicago.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Bonnie Jensen Pritchard; three children, Thomas (Michelle) Pritchard, Brett (Toni) Pritchard and Susan (Robert) Bitman; and six grandchildren, Leonore Pritchard, Conrad, Olivia and Alden Pritchard, and Peter and Isabel Bitman.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on December 27, 2018, at the Geneva Golf Club, 831 South Street, Geneva at 5:00 P.M. Donations in memory of Jim may be made to the Pritchard Medical Student Scholarship at the University of Illinois #773186. To leave an online condolence for the family or for information about making a donation, visit the Funeral Homes obituary page at [www.yursfuneralhomes.com](http://www.yursfuneralhomes.com).

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## Rukin, Melvin Lawrence

Melvin Lawrence Rukin, 87. Beloved husband of Marion nee Greenberg. Loving father of Gary (Sherry Keller) Rukin and Barbara (Ronald) Dickstein. Proud grandfather of Rachel (Ricky) Gross, Sam and Zach Dickstein. Dear brother of Robert (Leslie) Rukin. Beloved uncle and cousin to many. Service Wednesday 10 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (one block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. Memorials in his name to Friends of the Library, Winnetka/Northfield, PO Box 8146, Northfield, IL 60093, [www.winnetkalibrary.org/library-info/friends-of-the-library](http://www.winnetkalibrary.org/library-info/friends-of-the-library). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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## Salerno, Susanne

Susanne Salerno, nee Karpinski, of Sheridan formerly of Berwyn. Beloved wife of the late Frank H.; loving mother of Frank J. (Deanna), Lisa (Jason) Oskorep and Dawn (Brian) Kemp; affectionately known as Grammy to six grandchildren; dear sister of six and friend to all that knew her. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Skomoroch, Maria

Maria Skomoroch, 86, December 7, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Iwan. Loving mother of Orianna Skomoroch, Peter ( Marichka ) Skomoroch and the late Wasył ( Erika ) Skomoroch. Cherished grandmother of Iwan and Paul. Dearest sister of Donna Dykaj and the late Zenon, Myron, Wasył, and Paulina. Dear aunt of Roxanna, Danko, Slava, George, Ihor and Slavko and great-aunt of Taras, Daniella, Roman, Maksym and George, Jr. Maria was a longtime and devout parishioner of her church. She was the owner of Western Security Service Corp. Funeral Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. from **MUZYZKA FUNERAL HOME**, 2157 W. Chicago Ave. to Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church for a 10:00 A.M. Funeral Service. Interment St. Nicholas Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 4 - 9 P.M. with a Parastas (wake service) 7 P.M. at chapel. Info: 773-278-7767 Interment St. Nicholas Cemetery.

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## Slobig, Francis J.

Francis J. Slobig died in Los Angeles, CA on November 27, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL on Sept. 10, 1935 to Frances J. and William A. Slobig. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, William F. Slobig (Brenda) and Robert J. Slobig (Martha). Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Judy Hanawalt Slobig; his children Justin, Joshua, Zachary, Rebecca and Timothy; daughters-in-law Erin Eger and Sachi Cunningham; his grandchildren Isaiah Ahlstrom, Amara, Giselle and Zia Slobig, Xavier Anderson, Andrea Slobig Romero, Nami Slobig and Josie Hever-Slobig. Also surviving are his sisters Judy Reagan and Sister Joan Slobig, S.P. and his brother, Father John Slobig. Visitation will take place at Tews- Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL on December 15, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 17951 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL. There will also be a Celebration of Life in Washington, D.C. in Spring 2019.

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## Stamos, Thomas Dean

Thomas Stamos MD MPH, 55, lived a life that was full to the brim with love, laughter, and friendship. Tom passed away at home on Friday, December 7, 2018 surrounded by loved ones- his wife, Julie, and children Dana, Gayle and Luke. Son of the late Dean Stamos, he is survived by his mother, Francine, and brothers Kevin and Christopher (Jennifer). Tom was incredibly special to so many- a loving father, son, brother, cousin, neighbor, coach, teacher, mentor, doctor and friend. Tom practiced medicine for over 30 years, providing patient-centered care and dedicating himself to educating the next generation of physicians. Tom most recently served as the Chief of Clinical Cardiology at University of Illinois Chicago and Director of the Heart Failure Service. His world, however, revolved around his family and friends. We remember him as the kindest man who needed nothing more than quality time with the people he loved most to put a smile on his face. A memorial service will be held to celebrate Tom's life on Monday, December 17th, 3:30 pm, at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Tom's honor to the following organizations (or the charity of your choice): Biden Cancer Initiative, World Relief and American Heart Association.

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## Tucker, The Honorable Thomas M.

The Honorable Thomas M. Tucker, age 73, died December 9, 2018, at his Wilmette home, surrounded by family. A native of Chicago, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He graduated from the The Notre Dame Law School in 1974. He spent his early career with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office from 1976 until 1989. He became an Associate Judge in 1989, assigned to District 4 (Maywood) as a Criminal Judge, and was recognized by his peers as tough, but fair. While on the bench, Judge Tucker always took the time to mentor young attorneys. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, nee Salerno; dear step-father of Al (Ann) Allen, Melissa (Matthew) Fecarotta, Jaclyn (Chad) Harris, and Michael Allen; loving grandfather of Julia Rose, Matthew, Gia, Isabella, Joseph, and Joshua; fond brother of the late Margaret Valleau, nee Tucker, and Jerome Tucker; dear uncle of John (Cindy) Valleau and Aimee (Chris) Hier-Valleau; dearest great-uncle of Kathleen (Nathan Martin), J.D., and Meghan Valleau and Abby, C.J., and Maggie Hier. A Memorial Service will be held at Misericordia Heart of Mercy early next year. Memorial contributions may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Av., Chicago, IL, 60660. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign guestbook.

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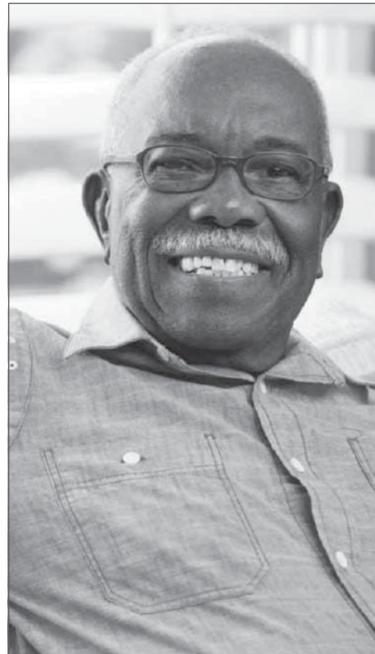


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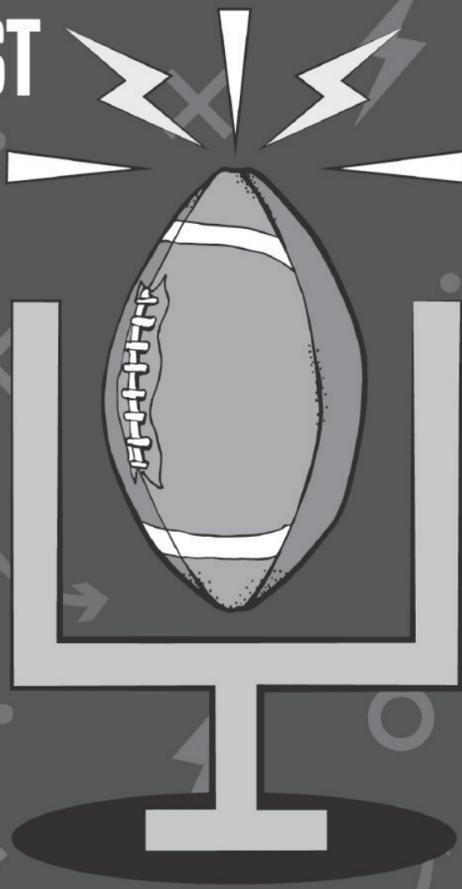
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See: **https://cps.edu/procurement/Pages/currentcontracts.aspx**

### TAKE NOTICES

TO: Zofia Kokot; HSBC Mortgage Services Inc.; Occupant, 115 E. GREGORY ST., MT. PROSPECT, IL; Occupant, 107 E. GREGORY ST., MT. PROSPECT, IL; Taxpayer of 111 E. GREGORY ST., MT. PROSPECT, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007693. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/18/2017. Certificate No. 175-0004754. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2008-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 111 E. GREGORY ST., MT. PROSPECT, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-36-208-036-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/11/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018943

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TO: George A. Amend, Inc.; Ken's Antiques and Restoration; Naval Air Station Glenview Museum; Auto Image; Schmidt Custom Cabinet; Glen West Corporation; Kenneth Lantz; Barbara Lantz; Occupant, 2018-2040 Lehigh Ave., Glenview, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007494. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/21/2017. Certificate No. 175-0009186. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2007-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2018-2040 Lehigh Ave., Glenview, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 04-27-201-028-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. ONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018714

TO: Occupant, 1309 HARVEY AVE., BERWYN, IL; Anthony Saracco, T & G Properties Development LLC; Gregory Dimit; ST. CHARLES BANK & TRUST COMPANY; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; City of Chicago; ASSET ACQUISITION, LLC; Occupant, 1307 HARVEY AVE., BERWYN, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007688. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000008. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2008-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1307 HARVEY AVE., BERWYN, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-20-110-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018990

TO: Meshal F L G H Almutair; American Real Estate Investment Group, LLC; Shorewood Properties Construction and Management Corporation; Real Estate Solutions 360 LLC; Justus Collins; City of Chicago; Occupant, 6814 S. Champlain Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007154. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0006916. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 6814 S. Champlain Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-410-031-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018706

TO: City of Chicago; Raphael Mitchem; Scarlet Mitchem; Occupant, 9711 S. CHARLES ST., CHICAGO, IL; Occupant, 9701 S. CHARLES ST., CHICAGO, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007568. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/4/2018. Certificate No. 16-0001030. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (including 2013 2nd, 2015 1st & 2nd). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 9701 S. CHARLES ST., CHICAGO, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-07-220-002-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/29/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/29/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6019053

TO: BB Development LLC; Fay's Point Boat Slip Condominium Association; South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority; Fay's Point Master Association; Pan American Bank & Trust; Mack Investments 1, LLC; James H. McClelland, manager; GAN C LLC; Occupant, Unit 55 at 1443 W. Broadway Ave., Blue Island, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007568. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/4/2018. Certificate No. 16-0001027. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (including 2013 2nd, 2015 1st & 2nd). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at Unit 55 at 1443 W. Broadway Ave., Blue Island, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-32-308-016-1003. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/29/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/29/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/3/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/29/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. South Suburban Holdings Land Trust, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018811

TO: Jesse J. Corres; Occupant, 7060 Centennial Dr., Unit 105, Tinley Park, IL; Occupant, 7060 CENTENNIAL DR., UNIT LL-3, TINLEY PARK, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007689. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0001684. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 (including 2008-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 7060 CENTENNIAL DR., UNIT LL-3, TINLEY PARK, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-19-100-038-1000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018998

TO: BB Development LLC; Fay's Point Boat Slip Condominium Association; South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority; Fay's Point Master Association; Pan American Bank & Trust; Mack Investments 1, LLC; James H. McClelland, manager; GAN C LLC; Occupant, Unit 56 at 1443 W. Broadway Ave., Blue Island, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007569. FILED: 11/17/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/4/2018. Certificate No. 16-0001028. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (including 2013 2nd). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at Unit 56 at 1443 W. Broadway Ave., Blue Island, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-32-308-016-1004. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/29/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/29/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/3/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/29/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. South Suburban Holdings Land Trust, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018822

TO: Castletown Homes, Inc.; Krystyna Inc.; Occupant, 1190 128TH ST., LEMONT, IL; Occupant, 15064 128TH ST., LEMONT, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007492. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002234. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2011-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at an irregularly shaped parcel whereas the Southwest corner of the subject parcel is located at a point 132.75' South of 128th St., commonly known as 15064 128TH ST., LEMONT, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-33-118-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. GOOGLE INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6019037

TO: City of Chicago; Raphael Mitchem; Scarlet Mitchem; Occupant, 9711 S. CHARLES ST., CHICAGO, IL; Occupant, 9701 S. CHARLES ST., CHICAGO, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007571. FILED: 11/7/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/4/2018. Certificate No. 16-0001030. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (including 2013 2nd, 2015 1st & 2nd). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1511 Water St., Blue Island, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-32-309-000-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/29/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/29/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/3/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/29/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018800

TO: Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services - Child Support; Sara Brown; Deandre Walton; Stanley Brown; Rachal Mills; Audrey Putnam; City of Markham; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services; Occupant, 17513 Cypress Ave., Country Club Hills, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007152. FILED: 10/18/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0001213. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 17513 Cypress Ave., Country Club Hills, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-26-402-062-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018693

TO: U.S. Attorney General; Hammi Bank; Louis M. Cassa; Escrow Agent; Ful Gospel; Christin; Assemblies International; U.S. Attorney; IRS; Occupant, 3451 175th St., HAZEL CREST, IL; Occupant, 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007690. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0001782. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2010-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at the real estate commonly known as 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-26-402-062-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6019007

TO: U.S. Attorney General; Hammi Bank; Louis M. Cassa; Escrow Agent; Ful Gospel; Christin; Assemblies International; U.S. Attorney; IRS; Occupant, 3451 175th St., HAZEL CREST, IL; Occupant, 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007690. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0001782. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2010-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at the real estate commonly known as 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-26-402-062-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018693

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 Rookie James Daniels was instrumental in helping contain Aaron Donald.  
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Bradley Sowell, the dancing Bears offensive tackle who doubles as a very wide receiver, once was a Seahawk who won a starting job over J'Marcus Webb, the ex-Bear who once received a shove from quarterback Jay Cutler for having the audacity to give up a sack.

That is about as close as these Bears ever will get to those Bears, and the degrees of separation widen with every celebratory Sunday. These Bears contain a unique quality that distinguishes them from every other home team that has played at Soldier Field over the last three decades. If Cutler's era with the Bears from 2009 to 2015 goes down as underachieving, then Lovie Smith's tenure that overlapped it from 2004 through 2012 qualifies as underwhelming. Cutler made every team he was on difficult to like and Smith, who kept everybody outside Halas Hall at arm's length, relished being hard to hug. Coach Matt Nagy's first Bears team is neither, basking in being the city's most likable bunch since 1985 and laughing their way through a season more special than anybody but the most cockeyed optimist imagined.

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**BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**  
 Mitch Trubisky struggled against the Rams on Sunday after sitting out the previous two games. He had a 33.3 passer rating.

## Trubisky disappointed in his performance but loves big win

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Mitch Trubisky did not need to be told he didn't play well in Sunday night's 15-6 victory over the Rams, and he won't have to be told he needs to work hard this week to correct the mistakes that plagued his return from a shoulder injury.

So Bears coach Matt Nagy took a different tack after the game at Soldier Field when he addressed his quarterback, who finished with a season-worst 33.3 passer rating.

"It wasn't his best game, but you know what?" Nagy said. "I told him, 'Who cares?' We're about winning games. He knows we can all play better. It's not all on him."

"These are the ones you look back for myself as a coach and him as a quarterback that you grow from. When you win the game, it's a lot easier to critique and understand the 'why' part and use it to help you down the road. In the end, can we be better as an offense? Yes. Do I care about numbers? Not one bit."

Trubisky's return after he missed two games wasn't triumphant.

He had his first three-interception game of the season and the second of his career. He completed just 16 of 30 passes for 110 yards and one touchdown.

Trubisky said it wasn't the freezing

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Roquan Smith

**KINGS 108, BULLS 89**

## Boylen's message: Brass has my back

Coach says owners, execs share vision in shaping Bulls' culture

BY K.C. JOHNSON  
 Chicago Tribune

Find out who fits long term. In all the important ways, that's what this Bulls season is about.

It's why Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis returning for Monday's game against the Kings, a 108-89 defeat, was so important.

It's why Fred Hoiberg no longer is coach.

And it's why Jim Boylen doubled down Monday on moving forward as Hoiberg's replacement — no interim tag, mind you

— with his true personality. One day after two or three players suggested a teamwide boycott of practice in a group text exchange that led to two hours of intense team meetings, Boylen articulated the organizational mandate he believes he has to change the Bulls' culture.

"My job is to try to push our guys to a place they can't take themselves," Boylen said. "That's pushing them outside their comfort zone. That's what the Reinsdorfers are paying me for."

The fact Boylen cited ownership is telling. Phil Jackson praised Boylen to Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf after Boylen met with the Hall of Fame coach

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Jim Boylen says he and his bosses are on the same page in the confrontation with players.

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## Poor Harold! Baines bashers out in force

Hall of Fame selection sparks controversy, criticism

Upon hearing Sunday night that longtime White Sox outfielder and designated hitter Harold Baines was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame by a veterans committee, my first reaction was one of elation.

"Good for Harold."

That was quickly followed by my second reaction:

"Poor Harold." One of the least controversial players I'd ever covered was about to become one of the most controversial Hall of Fame picks in recent memory.

Knowing Baines, I'm sure it won't bother him. Nothing does, one reason he was one of my



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
 On baseball

favorite players to cover.

But almost immediately after the results were announced on MLB Network, criticism of the selection spread over the Twittersphere. Baines was not deemed a Hall of Fame player by any analytic criterion, and the fact he was a

DH for most of his career only added to the pile-on.

A Sports Illustrated post, headlined "Harold Baines's Stunning Hall of Fame Election Is an Embarrassment," suggested Mark McGwire was "a hundred times the hitter Baines was, steroids or not," and argued that Baines

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Bears teach old-school lesson

The message was as loud as the Soldier Field crowd. It was as visceral as Akiem Hicks' growl when NBC's Michelle Tafoya asked afterward about keeping the Rams' "high-flying offense" out of the end zone Sunday night. The NFC North-leading Bears might just be contenders after their "Sunday Night Football" defeat of the Rams, who now must share the distinction of the NFL's best record with the Saints and Chiefs at 11-2. The real prime-time statement in the Bears' 15-6 victory, however, was that there's still something satisfying about NFL football that looks, you know, like NFL football with defense and hitting and weather rather than a video game with pinball scoring. "It's stunning in a way," NBC's Al Michaels said. "You come in here and the whole thing is, 'Could the Bears score enough points to beat the Rams?' All they needed actually was seven."

Talk all you want of a new NFL. ESPN talking heads three weeks ago led the hyperbolic push for the Rams' 54-51 victory over the visiting Chiefs in room-temperature conditions to be considered "an instant classic" and one of the greatest games of all time.

Rebounding NFL ratings suggest that fans enjoy that sort of thing, to be sure, along with choreographed player celebrations.

But there's something undeniably satisfying in an old-fashioned defensive throw-down, especially now that surgical precision is required to avoid penalties for brain-pain rattling and pass interference.

Subfreezing temperatures may have contributed to the wobbly throws of the Rams' Jared Goff and Bears' Mitch Trubisky, who also was returning from shoulder injury.

But the Bears also managed to stymie Rams running back Todd Gurley, holding him to 28 yards on 11 carries, which proved critical.

"I honestly wondered what would happen to this Rams offense if someone stopped the run, and the Bears did," NBC analyst Cris Collinsworth said.

The Rams' vaunted defense was solid but not overly impressive. It certainly couldn't match the Bears', whose early second-half safety on Goff gave them a cushion the rest of the way.



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Subfreezing temperatures and a dominant defense led by Eddie Goldman (91) and Akiem Hicks (96) made the Bears' win over the Rams feel like a throwback to a different era.

The Bears sacked Goff three times. The Rams sacked Trubisky once. The Bears intercepted Goff four times. The Rams intercepted Trubisky three times. The Rams picked up 52 yards on the ground. Jordan Howard ran for 101 and Tarik Cohen picked up another 69.

"I'm really impressed with the Chicago Bears tonight. I just have to say that," Collinsworth said late in the first half. "If you're going to beat the Rams, this is the way you beat them because you're not seeing that enthusiastic, flying-off-the-ball pass rush that they're so good at."

The Bears' progress this season under rookie coach Matt Nagy has been measured by its three "SNF" performances.

Their season-opening loss on the road to the Packers showed they could be good, even though they fell apart in the second half.

Their victory over the Vikings last month showed they were good.

Sunday night's silencing of the Rams, edging the Bears one step closer to their first playoff berth in eight years, showed they could pose trouble for opponents in January.

They're a team not only capable of knocking one of the league's top teams backward. The Bears can knock the pro game back in time as well, and it was great to see.

**Style points:** Michaels and Collinsworth again ditched their buttoned-down business attire for the ski-lodge look of sweaters with zip-up collars. They started doing it during cold-weather games last season. It works better under the parkas they wear on the field during NBC's "Football Night in America" pregame show.

"It's a lot more casual," Michaels said before Sunday's game. "Chris and I were talking about it. We like working that way. We don't have to wear a tie."

**Taking his cut:** Talking up landmarks along the Chicago River, Michaels tucked in a plug by name for the steakhouse where he, Collinsworth and some NBC Sports majordomos supped Saturday night. "You can eat pretty good in this town," Collinsworth said.

"Yes, you can," Michaels said.

Yet the local Italian joint where they dined Friday went unmentioned.

**Ratings game:** The Bears victory on NBC-5 averaged a 33.7 household rating in the Chicago market, which represents almost 1.1 million area homes. Fifty-two percent of all local TV households with the TV on were tuned to the game.

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## HALL OF FAME

### Konerko touts Baines' longevity



It isn't surprising that former White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko believes Harold Baines deserves to be in the Hall of Fame.

Konerko understands how difficult it is to be a designated hitter, having done so 345 times during an 18-year career, and he's a former teammate of Baines.

So why is Baines a Hall of Famer? "It's a combination of a lot of things," Konerko said. "He has really good numbers and really solid statistics and all of that. But with him it's the longevity of always being a constant threat and being dangerous, the guy no one wants to face for a long time and just being clutch and quiet and very unassuming too. When you add it up all together, this guy is a Hall of Fame guy."

Baines' selection has sparked controversy because of those career numbers, which some believe are short of Hall of Fame worthiness. Konerko said Baines' longevity is underappreciated. He played 22 seasons from 1980 to 2001 but lasted only five years on the HOF ballot.

"I'm glad there are these other vehicles to get into the Hall of Fame because he's just one of those guys," Konerko said. "There are a lot of great hitters in the Hall of Fame, but Harold Baines is better than a lot of them."

"It's nice to see him get in and it's nice to see somebody that is just a good person and a good guy. I personally think anybody who plays over 20 years should be in the Hall of Fame. It's just that much of a grind."

Konerko wasn't serious, I think. He was more or less extolling the virtues of Baines' career. But if there were a special wing for players with 20-plus years, it would be awfully crowded and full of lackluster members.

Among players of recent vintage who played 20 years or more are Jamie Moyer and Charlie Hough (25 seasons each), Rick Dempsey and Jesse Orosco (24), Julio Franco and Rusty Staub (23), Mike Morgan and Bill Buckner (22), Tom Gordon and Danny Darwin (21) and Terry Mulholland, Jay Johnstone and Darren Oliver (20).

— Paul Sullivan

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## Critics rip Baines election

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getting in "before (Edgar) Martinez or (Barry) Bonds or (Roger) Clemens or a dozen other more qualified eligible players is ludicrous."

The writer also questioned the choice of closer Lee Smith but saved most of his venom for Baines, the second player, after Frank Thomas, to make the Hall in spite of playing more than half of his games as a DH. Though DHs have been part of baseball for almost five decades, they still are second-class citizens when it comes to Hall of Fame voting.

"From everything I hear or read, a DH really is not part of the game, I guess," Baines said. "I don't agree, but maybe this will open up the door for more DHs."

Baines added: "I understand the system. It just doesn't bode well for DHs."

Defending Baines against the analytically bent crowd is a no-win situation. He finished with a 40.7 offensive WAR, according to BaseballReference.com, which ranks 293rd in history, behind Jason Kendall.

Jason Kendall! The old-school stats that seemingly got Baines through the "Today's Game Era" committee were RBIs (34th all time with 1,628) and total bases (43rd with 4,604). Baines played 22 years and finished with 9,908 at-bats, which ranks 33rd all time.

Longevity clearly was a factor, as Baines' best finish in MVP voting was ninth in 1985. He was a consistently good hitter but never had the one big season to point to or a postseason to remember. Baines appeared in one World Series with the A's, who were swept by the Reds in 1990.

Former Sox first baseman/DH Paul Konerko said people don't "understand how special you have to be to be a really good, solid DH" for years.

"People understand how pinch hitting is very tough, but DHing is essentially like pinch hitting four times a night," Konerko said. "And if you do it for a long time, 10 years, 12 years, I just think people don't understand how tough and how mentally challenging it is, how special you have to be to be good at that position."

Baines said Sunday it was "very surprising" to get the news.

"I was only on (the Hall of Fame ballot) one year, so I wasn't expecting this day to come," he said. "But that doesn't imply that's the person I am. I had a great career. I'm very proud of it. But I think any player will tell you he doesn't play the game of baseball to get into the Hall of Fame."

Actually Baines was on the Hall of Fame ballot five times, though he barely registered with the Baseball Writers' Association of America, which is probably why he was "shocked" at the veterans committee vote. In his five years on the BBWAA ballot, his best showing was 6.1 percent of



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Harold Baines was immortalized with a statue at U.S. Cellular Field in 2008. Now he'll be entering the Baseball Hall of Fame courtesy of a committee that included Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, center.

the total votes. Baines was removed after 2011 when he garnered only 28 votes, a little less than the 5 percent necessary to remain on the ballot. He finished behind such players as Larry Walker (118 votes), McGwire (115), Fred McGriff (104), Dave Parker (84), Don Mattingly (79), Dale Murphy (73) and Juan Gonzalez (30). None of those players came close to getting the call.

I voted for Baines all five times (along with 15 times for Smith), knowing it was a lost cause. Because of his poor showing in the BBWAA vote, I was surprised Baines was even on the ballot for the "Today's Game Era" committee, which consisted of 16 members: Hall of Famers Roberto Alomar, Bert Blyleven, Pat Gillick, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux, Joe Morgan, John Schuerholz, Ozzie Smith and Joe Torre; major-league executives Al Avila, Paul Beeston, Andy MacPhail and Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf; and media members/historians Steve Hirdt, Tim Kurkjian and Claire Smith.

Reinsdorf obviously has some clout and lobbied for Baines with the other committee members.

"We never really sat down and had a conversation about it," Baines said of Reinsdorf. "I always told him I don't worry about things I can't control. I'm glad he was on that committee this year and helped me get into the Hall of Fame."

But 11 other members voted for Baines, so it wasn't just Reinsdorf who felt he was worthy of induction. It would be nice of the Hall to reveal the results by voter, as most BBWAA members now do with their ballots, but that's a story for another day.

The debate over Baines probably will continue, just like the endless debate over the PED-tainted candidates. Either way, he's finally in the club, and Sox fans can rejoice.

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## BASEBALL



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Cubs general manager Jed Hoyer, right, with manager Joe Maddon, indicated a roster tweak might be all that's needed for the Cubs to set themselves up for another postseason run.

## CUBS

## Tweak week?

## Hoyer says roster may benefit from just a small move

BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — The start of spring training is more than two months away, with the Cubs still looking for late-inning relief help, a middle infielder with leadership skills and perhaps a backup catcher.

And yet, "I've never said this before, but I've never wanted a season to start quicker," general manager Jed Hoyer said Monday night at the winter meetings.

Team President Theo Epstein and Hoyer each have expressed the bitterness of the Cubs' season starting to erode in August and abruptly ending with a loss to the Rockies in the National League wild-card game.

Hoyer seems to feel as if only a tweak, such as the addition of an assertive reserve such as David Ross in 2015-16 and Jon Jay in 2017, could resurrect the Cubs' presence in the NL.

"That's something we felt we missed last year," said Hoyer, adding that Ross, a special assistant, will spend more time around the team this season. "It was a miscalculation on our part. I think we felt like those things would take care of themselves because we had that group together for so long. And we

probably realized that wasn't accurate."

Hoyer said the Cubs' greatest potential for improvement comes from within their roster, and that adding a veteran position player might require more financial flexibility.

That could be their most difficult task. Versatile switch-hitter Ben Zobrist, 37, was the team's most polished hitter last season and may be too valuable to try to move as he enters the final year of his contract earning \$12 million.

"I guess (moving a productive player) only makes sense in concert with other things to make us better," Hoyer said. "In general, we had a 95-win team last year, and we didn't feel like things clicked. We know we have a lot of guys that can perform better."

"And so, for us to start moving pieces around the board, I think it has to make a lot of sense, whether that helps us financially or not. That's got to be the biggest focus."

Left fielder Kyle Schwarber raised his batting average by 27 points last season and has hit 56 home runs the last two seasons from the left side. Hoyer tempered a report that said the Cubs informed interested teams that Schwarber was untouchable.

"Of course, there's no untouchables," Hoyer said. "We've said that over and over. So, whenever these rumors come out, I think it's 'Would they trade

any of these guys?' Of course. We'd never have an untouchable."

"But, we do believe in these guys. If we didn't believe in them, certainly we would've changed course by now."

Hoyer admitted that it would take time for a player to assimilate with his new teammates, as Jay did in 2017 after signing as a free agent.

"You can't come into a team that won the World Series and start making changes," Hoyer said. "But I think the right guy with the right professionalism makes a difference."

Hoyer said no deals were imminent and that he would have a better gauge of possible moves Tuesday. The relief market is flooded, but Hoyer tempered the suggestion that the Cubs will have to pay more for a closer after the revelation last week that Brandon Morrow won't be available likely until after April after having arthroscopic elbow surgery last month.

"No one's a closer until they've done it, and once they've done it, they're a closer," Hoyer said. "I think we already have some guys on the team that have proven they can handle the ninth inning when we need to."

"We're looking for talented and versatile relievers that can help us. I think we have some guys on the team that can handle the ninth, if we need to."

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## WHITE SOX

## Talks focusing on free agents

Williams, Hahn willing to pursue top players if it will fit team's vision

BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — Executive Vice President Ken Williams admits that the bulk of the White Sox's top prospects might be a year or more away from arriving in the major leagues.

That hasn't stopped the front office from trying to acquire a signature free agent such as Bryce Harper.

"If it's a guy who can play and is the right guy and fits economically into today and tomorrow, then I think it's a great thing," Williams said Monday.

"The answer is obvious."

General manager Rick Hahn and Williams described the dialogue at the winter meetings as upbeat. The Sox believe they're ready to turn the corner after trading away Chris Sale and Adam Eaton for seven prospects at the winter meetings two years ago. Their rebuilding mission has resulted in 95 losses in 2017 and 100 in 2018.

"The conversations we're having aren't about the past," Hahn said. "They're about the future, and everyone who follows the game closely knows where we're headed and what we're trying to accomplish over the past couple years and will continue to build for."

Being part of a promising future "has appeal to people," Hahn added. "That's more important."

Most of the Sox's talks Monday focused on free agents, with the team's mission of long-term success remaining a priority.

"We want to balance the fact there are some unique opportunities out there on the market," Hahn said. "And we wouldn't be doing our job even if it is perhaps too early."

"It has to fit with the long-term vision of what we're trying to accomplish. Traditionally, the third year of a rebuild is always the time where you push those chips in. But when unique opportunities present themselves, you have to respond."

Some trade speculation has centered around first baseman Jose Abreu, who is one year away from free agency. But, "he knows how we feel about him," Hahn said. "I don't think it troubles him."

Moving Yoan Moncada from second to third base hasn't been ruled out, Hahn said, pending the results of the Sox's attempt to upgrade their roster.

"It's conceivable it could factor in," Hahn said. "We've had a lot of conversations."

Hahn acknowledged that Moncada's skill set could be better suited for third, although "we haven't made any official determi-



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—Ken Williams, White Sox executive vice president

nation."

Williams acknowledged the Sox's plan suffered some setbacks in 2018 with injuries to starting pitchers Michael Kopech (elbow surgery that will sideline him for all of 2019) and Dane Dunning (elbow sprain), closer Zack Burdi (recovering from elbow surgery) and third baseman Jake Burger (twice-ruptured Achilles tendon).

But Williams has been comforted by the development of outfielders Eloy Jimenez, Luis Robert, Blake Rutherford and Micker Adolfo.

In addition to Harper, the Sox are pursuing starting and relief help.

"Never in my career have I been comfortable with pitching depth, and I'm not going to get comfortable with it now," Williams said.

A major part of their sales pitch to potential acquisitions is the franchise's promising future. That potential also is being sold to Sox fans, who have suffered through six consecutive losing seasons.

"We got a little buzz when people said, 'Whoa, this is what Kopech can do,'" Williams said. "They'll get a buzz when (Yoan) Moncada corrects some of his issues and a little bit more when they see Eloy and what he can do. I think (pitcher) Dylan Cease will be on some people's radar the same way Kopech was last year."

"It's building, but ultimately you got to prove it to White Sox fans. And we know that. And that's what we're setting out to do. We're trying to earn their patience and attention."

## Smith's long wait finally ends

## Hall of Fame closer hopes to be wearing Cubs cap on his plaque

BY PAUL SULLIVAN  
Chicago Tribune

Lee Smith was best known for two things during his Cubs career: the long, slow walk from the bullpen to the mound in the late innings and his steely glare toward the plate before unleashing a pitch.

After being voted into the Hall of Fame on Sunday by a veterans committee, Smith revealed the famous glare was not really intended to intimidate hitters.

"If you looked at the top of those stadiums back in the day, they had that cookie-cutter shape and the sun was shining right in my face, man," Smith said Monday. "So looking down, I had that glare. And in day games, it's hard to see ... and we didn't have any lights at Wrigley, so I wanted to make sure I got (the signal) right before I threw it up there."

The slow walk and deep glare will be on display July 21 in Cooperstown, N.Y., where Smith will join Harold Baines and others — likely including all-time saves leader Mariano Rivera — for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Smith was a unanimous selection by the 16-member "Today's Game Era" committee, which voted on a select group of executives, managers and players considered overlooked by the baseball writers during their time on the

ballot.

Smith called it the "second chance committee," though it was actually the longtime closer's 16th chance at being elected. During 15 years on the ballot (2003-17), he never came close to the 75 percent of votes from the Baseball Writers' Association of America necessary for induction. His best showing was 50.6 percent in 2012, his sixth year on the ballot.

Smith, who grew up in rural Louisiana slopping hogs and milking cows, was scouted by Buck O'Neil and began his career as a starter in the Cubs organization after they drafted him in the second round in 1975 out of Northwestern State.

At 6-foot-6 and 235 pounds, he once considered a basketball career before former Braves slugger Joe Adcock talked him out of it, telling him to focus on baseball in college.

After Smith's pro career got off to a slow start, his manager at Double-A Midland, former Cubs catcher Randy Hundley, informed him during the 1979 season he was going to the bullpen.

"Back then, it was somewhat a slap in the face to become a relief pitcher," Smith said. "Most of the starters wanted to go nine (innings), so you didn't know anyone that wanted to pitch (in relief) then. But actually the game started to evolve a couple years after that with the Bruce Sutters and Rich Gossages and those guys like that, and (managers) wanted to get (the ball) to a closer."

"Mr. Billy Williams came to my

home, and I can't say (out loud) what he said to me about doing this relief pitching thing. But I tried it ... and the rest is history."

Smith became a seven-time All-Star with three Roloids Relief Awards, finishing his career with a then-record 478 saves.

He made his major-league debut Sept. 1, 1980, and became a part of the Cubs bullpen in the strike-shortened '81 season. Manager Lee Elia tried to convert him back to a starter early in '82 but ditched the plan by July.

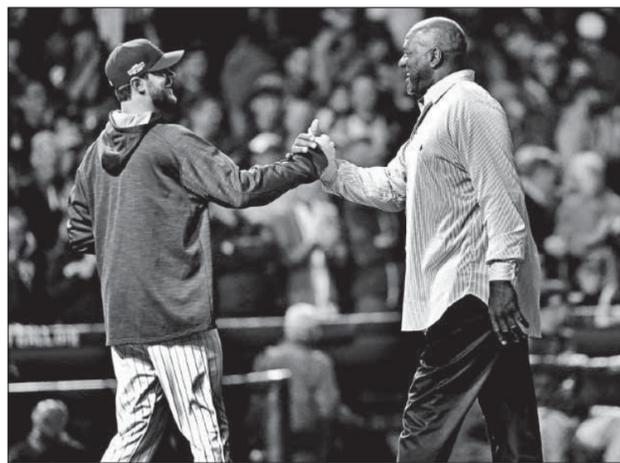
Smith posted an 0.96 ERA from July 8 through the end of the season, retiring 19 straight hitters in a dominant stretch from Aug. 18 to Sept. 7. He made his first All-Star Game in 1983, striking out Ron Kittle at old Comiskey Park, and led the National League with 29 saves in 103 1/3 innings.

Smith's reputation zoomed from there. He was a key part of the Cubs' resurgence in 1984 that led to their first postseason appearance in 39 years and turned Wrigley Field into a must-see destination for fans across the country.

Unfortunately for Smith, his most memorable outing came in Game 4 of the National League Championship Series when he served up a game-winning home run to the Padres' Steve Garvey in San Diego to tie the series at 2-2.

The rest is history. Smith grew weary of the organization by 1987, when he was booed at Wrigley, and asked to be traded after the season.

Cubs general manager Jim Frey



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Former Cubs closer Lee Smith, right, threw out the first pitch before Game 2 of the 2016 National League Division Series at Wrigley Field.

complied, sending Smith to the Red Sox for starter Al Nipper and reliever Calvin Schiraldi in his first deal after taking over from President Dallas Green.

"I never got the respect I thought a guy with those kind of numbers should have gotten," Smith told Tribune reporter Fred Mitchell after the deal. "It had a lot to do with the broadcasters and who they played up. I was low-key and I liked it like that."

Asked about the booing fans, Smith replied: "That wasn't the true Cub fan. Those were guys with a couple of beers."

Some thought Smith was cooked. But after leaving Chicago, he pitched for seven teams over 10 more seasons and had almost as many saves in four years in St. Louis (160) as he did in eight years with the Cubs (180).

Now a minor-league pitching coach for the Giants, he's a frequent presence at the Cubs Convention and he received a 2016 World Series ring from Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts.

Despite the unceremonious ending to his Cubs career and his success elsewhere, Smith hopes he'll be wearing a Cubs cap on his Hall of Fame plaque.

"It's definitely going to have to be a Cubbie, man," he said. "There were a lot of great teams I played for because Smitty's been around. But the Cubs gave me my first chance in the big leagues, and the Cubs gave me a World Series ring. ... Wherever you start at, it's something in your heart that's always there."

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### BIG TEN POWER RANKINGS

# Michigan only team that's still undefeated

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Thanks to a new 20-game Big Ten schedule, we got an early sense of conference competition last week. Teams will take a break to play a handful of nonconference games before getting back to Big Ten action Jan. 2. Here are our updated power rankings after two conference games for each team.

- 1. Michigan (10-0, 2-0):** The Wolverines looked human against Northwestern (a 62-60 victory) and South Carolina (89-78) after beating their first eight opponents by at least 17 points and holding each to less than 40 percent shooting. While Ignas Brazdeikis and Jordan Poole deservedly receive much of the attention, 7-foot-1 junior center Jon Teske averaged 13.3 points and nine rebounds the last three games.
- 2. Michigan State (8-2, 2-0):** The Spartans posted double-digit wins at Rutgers and against Iowa. They've had four double-digit scorers in the last four games and gone 5-1 in a challenging six-game stretch that also included victories against UCLA, Texas and Florida and an overtime loss at Louisville.
- 3. Ohio State (8-1, 2-0):** Keyshawn Woods' 18 points against Illinois were vital. Getting consistent production from him off the bench could be a difference maker for the Buckeyes. Against Minnesota in the previous game, he was 0-for-5 from the field. Six of Ohio State's eight victories have been by 10 points or more.
- 4. Wisconsin (8-2, 2-0):** The Badgers had been balancing Ethan Happ's inside presence with outside shooting — until facing Marquette. In the overtime loss, Wisconsin hit just 5 of 24 3-pointers, while Happ scored 34. The Badgers play a light non-conference schedule (Savannah State, Grambling and Western Kentucky) before Big Ten play resumes.
- 5. Indiana (8-2, 2-0):** The Hoosiers won their last three games by two points or fewer. Close games against two of the lower-rated Big Ten teams (Northwestern and Penn State) raise questions, but they showed grit in a one-point win against



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Michigan's Jordan Poole celebrates after Northwestern guard Ryan Taylor (14) misses a potential winning 3-pointer in the Wolverines' 62-60 victory at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

- Louisville. Freshman Romeo Langford hasn't disappointed, scoring at least 12 points in every game.
- 6. Nebraska (8-2, 1-1):** The Cornhuskers have won 17 straight at home, 12 by double figures. It's their longest home winning streak since the mid-1960s. Saturday's win over Creighton snapped a seven-game losing streak against the in-state rival.
  - 7. Iowa (7-2, 0-2):** After a blowout loss to Michigan State, many wondered if the Hawkeyes were overrated. A 14-point win against rival Iowa State could put them back on track. Iowa's nonconference slate has been impressive with wins against Oregon, Connecticut and Pittsburgh. Now it needs to do the same in the Big Ten.
  - 8. Purdue (6-4, 1-1):** Carsen Edwards tied a career high with 40 points against Texas but without much help from his fellow starters, who added only 21 points. Edwards (23.9 points per game) and Ryan Cline (14 ppg) are the only players averaging double-digit points and more than two assists. The key to the Boilermakers' season will be developing more scorers.
  - 9. Maryland (8-2, 1-1):** After beating Penn State and narrowly losing at Purdue, the Terrapins' potential is tough to predict. Their only losses were by six to No. 6 Virginia and by two to Purdue. Their minus-five turnover margin in two conference games is the worst in the Big Ten. They averaged 17 turnovers in those games.
  - 10. Minnesota (8-2, 1-1):** No. 1 on the Gophers' to-do list: Work on 3-pointers. Minnesota missed all 13 attempts in a 20-point loss at Ohio State and made only 3 of 8 in a victory against Nebraska. That's 14.3

- percent. That's bad. For the season, the Gophers are hitting 34.9 percent of their 3s.
- 11. Northwestern (7-3, 0-2):** A 25-0 run helped the Wildcats beat DePaul. Is that good news or bad news given the state of the Blue Demons? The Wildcats look like a team with fight, almost knocking off Michigan at Welsh-Ryan Arena and losing another close game at Indiana. But they need victories. They have a tough nonconference game against Oklahoma before starting Big Ten play against Michigan State.
  - 12. Penn State (5-4, 0-2):** In two conference losses, the Nittany Lions shot 38.4 percent, 23.8 percent on 3-pointers and got outrebounded by 5.5 per game. Penn State needs to find contributions from outside of its big three of Lamar Stevens (20.1 ppg), Rasir Bolton (13.6) and Josh Reaves (10.4).
  - 13. Rutgers (5-4, 0-2):** After a strong 5-1 start, the Scarlet Knights lost three straight. Last season they started 6-0, lost three straight and then won four in a row. But Rutgers will be judged by its Big Ten wins. It had only three last season and was dealt a tough hand this season by opening conference play against top-15 opponents Michigan State and Wisconsin.
  - 14. Illinois (3-7, 0-2):** The Illini played away from Champaign for two weeks and played three games in a week. They were rewarded with a much-needed victory against UNLV. Illinois has been competitive in most of its losses, but the defense allows 47.1 percent shooting, worst in the Big Ten.

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### NBA

## Morris lifts Celtics to 6th win in row

Marcus Morris Sr. had a season-high 31 points, making three quick 3-pointers to start the second half, and Jayson Tatum scored 21 on Monday night in Boston to lead a depleted Celtics lineup to their sixth straight win, a 113-100 victory over the Pelicans.

Kyrie Irving, Al Horford, Gordon Hayward and Aaron Baynes all missed the game because of illness or injury.

Anthony Davis scored 41 points for the Pelicans.

■ G Jimmy Butler left the 76ers' 116-102 win over the Pistons with a strained groin. ... F Giannis Antetokounmpo sat out the Bucks' 108-92 win over the Cavs because of neck soreness. ... F Draymond Green returned to the Warriors lineup after missing the last 11 games with a right toe injury. ... Lakers PG Rajon Rondo had fluid drained from his right hand Sunday, a setback in his recovery from surgery in November to repair a fracture. ... The Nuggets signed G Nick Young, 33, under the injury hardship relief exception. ... The Warriors became the fourth team to be named Sports Illustrated's Sports-person of the Year. News services

### NHL

## Stamkos' hat trick keys Lightning win

Steven Stamkos had three goals to become the first player from the 2008 draft to reach 700 points, and the NHL-leading Lightning won their seventh consecutive game by beating the Rangers 6-3 on Monday night in Tampa, Fla.

Stamkos scored power-play goals that tied the game in the first and second periods. The center completed his ninth hat trick and first since Oct. 13, 2014, from the slot at 10:41 of the third.

The Lightning star, coming off a two-goal, two-assist outing in Saturday night's 7-1 win over the Avalanche, has 701 points in 696 career games.

■ Jimmy Howard made a season-high 42 saves and Dylan Larkin scored his 12th goal of the season to lift the Red Wings to a 3-1 win over the visiting Kings. ... Capitals F T.J. Oshie skated with his teammates for the first time since suffering a concussion Nov. 14, and later said he's "hoping" to play Tuesday against the Red Wings. ... The Blues placed backup G Chad Johnson on waivers. News services

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## BULLS



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Kris Dunn goes up for a shot past Kings center Kosta Koufos (41) in the first half of the Bulls' loss Monday night at the United Center.

**KINGS 108, BULLS 89**

# 2nd-half slop fest

Dunn, Portis return, but promising start fades into 1-sided loss

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

It might be time for more meetings — or, more accurately, more practice.

The Bulls tried to put a tumultuous 48 hours in their rearview mirror on Monday night, but their spirited first-half play devolved into a turnover fest and inability to guard De'Aaron Fox as the Kings rallied for a 108-89 victory.

Not even the returns of Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis could save the Bulls, who committed a season-high 27 turnovers while losing for the 13th time in 15 games. The Kings scored 31 points off the Bulls' gifts.

Fox scored 23 of his 25 points in the second half as the Kings outscored the Bulls 63-33 over the final two quarters. The Bulls were booed off the floor for the second straight home game.

"We're just having a hard time sustaining the style of play we want to play for 48 minutes," coach Jim Boylen said. "I've got to do a better job of this because we're having a hard time doing the basics."

For at least one half, the Bulls, to steal

Boylen's phrase, played for each other, not with each other.

And they got healthy.

Dunn and Portis returned from their respective sprained MCLs suffered two days apart in late October. The Bulls were trying to respond not only to Saturday's franchise-record, 56-point loss to the Celtics but also a Sunday that featured two hours of team meetings after two or three players in a group text exchange advocated support for a boycott of practice.

"We're together," Portis said.

He meant spiritually after what transpired Sunday. Save for Denzel Valentine's season-ending ankle surgery, Portis also could've meant physically.

Playing in just his second game this season and first since Oct. 22, Dunn finished with nine points, six assists and three rebounds in 20 minutes. Sidelined since Oct. 24 and playing in just his fifth game, Portis added nine points and eight rebounds in 19 minutes.

"It's nice to start getting guys back," Robin Lopez said. "I do wish Fred (Hoiberg) had been given that opportunity. But we have Jim as our coach now. I don't feel (Hoiberg) lost the locker room" at all. We don't have those guys on our team where that's going to happen.

"Jim has gone about things the way he wants to go about it. He wanted to make an

impression. And like I said, I think we're the better for it. They have different styles. And I think both styles can be effective."

Boylen's style, which has featured harder practices and more confrontation both behind closed doors with his players and with his public criticism of players, contrasts sharply with that of Hoiberg's. But Hoiberg thought he'd at least get some time with a healthy roster before management fully decided his future.

Instead, Boylen gets the benefits.

"It was fun to be back," Portis said. "I'm an energy giver. I felt good. I got tired a little bit in the second half, which is expected. But being able to play with my teammates is what I cherish the most."

This marked just the 13th time that Zach LaVine, Dunn and Lauri Markkanen — the principals in the Jimmy Butler trade — played together and first since LaVine played fully rehabilitated from his left ACL injury. LaVine, who said the weekend "ordeal made us closer," finished with 19 points and six turnovers, while Markkanen missed seven of eight 3-pointers and managed just 13 points.

Dunn admitted to some expected rust.

"I miss playing with the guys," Dunn said. "Just trying to move forward under a new coaching staff. We got the whole band back together and we can see what we can do from here on out."

## Boylen's message: Brass has my back

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last summer. And according to team and league sources, executive vice president John Paxson and general manager Gar Forman raved to ownership about Boylen's message during Sunday's meeting, which Paxson and Forman attended.

"They believe in me to do this and they believe in the way that I think it should be done," Boylen said. "There's no differing philosophy on what we think is important. It's very freeing to know I can coach this team with passion and emotion and directness."

Boylen embraced the players-only meeting and the meeting with players, coaches and management that occurred Sunday.

"I think it's a blessing for where we want to go," he said.

According to multiple sources, Sunday's scheduled practice served as the tipping point for some players' frustration. But the fact Boylen used two five-man substitutions in Saturday's 133-77 loss to the Celtics — the second coming just 2 minutes, 58 seconds into the second half with the Celtics leading by a mere 5-3 in the half — and constant public browbeating that featured Boylen publicly questioning players' toughness and conditioning were bigger issues, per sources.

Zach LaVine said Sunday that "I don't think the players' toughness should ever be questioned." And players didn't love having to run wind sprints and do push-ups during a pair of two-hour practices last week after Boylen challenged their conditioning both privately to the team and publicly to reporters.

Boylen also has used unconventional tactics such as showing film clips in the locker room immediately after losses. Yahoo Sports first reported Monday — and the Tribune independently confirmed — that some players contacted the National Basketball Players Association regarding Boylen's "extreme tactics."

"That's great," Boylen said. "They have every right to do that. I'm not taking it personally. They can call. I know the rules. No problem. But it doesn't deter from us going to work and practice. The guys that want to work are going to work."

Boylen has talked about having open lines of communication but ultimately has the final say. So how he does he use player feedback, which, according to several present at the meeting, was occasionally

presented to him in emotional fashion Sunday?

"I explained that to them: 'Hey, guys, everybody wants it comfortable. Everybody wants it safe. Well, I don't think you become great in that,'" Boylen said. "So it's going to be a little raw for a while, it's going to be a little rough for a while. And maybe there's a point where it gets not as rough, but all of a sudden it's got to be rough again."

"That's the only way I know. That's the way it is in the business. From the places I've been that have been successful, that's the way it is."

Boylen grew most passionate when asked about the team splintering and the narrative that the Bulls were close to a teamwide mutiny.

"We did not splinter after the Boston game," Boylen said, referencing the franchise-record 56-point loss in his third game as the Bulls' head coach. "There was an issue with how we're going to go about things with practice, what I value and that they have to understand this is not a negotiation. That's not my style. That's new for them. And that's OK."

"That is not true that they didn't want to have practice. 'They' means everybody. That is not true. I don't like that narrative. The truth is we had a couple guys who thought a Sunday practice was excessive after the week we had. And they have to trust me if I bring them in here to practice, I'm going to manage their legs and manage what we're going to do. They didn't understand that. So I explained to them you have to trust that I'm going to do what's best for this team. What was best for this team was coming in, being together and growing. Some guys felt that was excessive."

"We cleared that up and we're moving on. Please don't say 'they.' Because that's not how it was, OK? Everybody is allowed to make a mistake. Everybody is allowed to get sideways a little bit. This is an emotional roller coaster at this level. New coach, tough week, big win, got our butt kicked. Everybody is human, has a reason to do what they do. We've all done it where we look back and say, 'God, I wish I would have done that differently.' We could have handled that differently. OK. Is that clear?"

Late Saturday, Boylen said he didn't bring back the starters over the final 21:02 in a "premeditated" move to save them for Sunday's practice. He admitted he initially planned a hard practice.

But during Sunday's meeting, Boylen

had a colleague reveal that his practice plan consisted merely of film work and getting up shots.

Boylen first learned late Saturday of the team potentially not showing up for Sunday's practice, a source said. But he refused to change his practice plan, wanting to use the opportunity to build trust with his team.

"I have the prerogative to change my mind," Boylen said of practice going from hard to easy. "We felt the meeting was more productive."

"I'm not going to tell our guys: 'We're going to practice tomorrow but we're not going to go hard. We're going to practice tomorrow but we're not going to go long.' Their job is to show up, which they did, and work. I'll protect their legs."

Sources said Robin Lopez, who initially wasn't on the group text, and Lauri Markkanen, who was, were instrumental in getting the Bulls to show up Sunday.

"I've had a lot of experience," Lopez said. "And it seemed to me that was the sensible and respectful thing to do. You understand where your teammates are coming from, always. Whether or not you agree with it, you want to put them in the best position to succeed."

Boylen expressed confidence that this story playing out in public wouldn't deter the Bulls, who will have ample salary-cap space, from landing a big-name free agent.

"The free agent we would want is a guy who wants to work after a 56-point loss and wants to work after a coach takes over and is in his eighth day," Boylen said. "I'm not fearful of that at all."

Players said Sunday proved to be a positive day. Portis said "everybody is on the same page," and Dunn said players' voices were heard.

"We were very direct with each other. We were very open," Lopez said. "I think we came out the better for it. I think we're more understanding."

Now it's up to the Bulls to show it with results.

"Jim did a great job in the meeting," guard Justin Holiday said. "He did a great job understanding and trying to hear what we had to say. That's how a good leader acts and how a team becomes the best it can be — being transparent to one another, trying to be understanding and both sides saying how you feel."

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## BLACKHAWKS

## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Even as losses mount, team sticks together

By JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

Even for a team few picked to make the playoffs this season, the Blackhawks have underachieved.

With a controversial coaching change and a horrible string of losses sinking the season before the midway point, there's potential for locker-room discord or team dysfunction to set in.

That hasn't been the case, a testament to the team's veteran leadership and coach Jeremy Colliton's communication skills. The Hawks have kept their heads up and supported each other throughout a slide that has them saddled with the NHL's worst record (9-17-5).

Players are noticeably frustrated after games, but when they report to the next practice, energy has been high and there hasn't been any sulking.

"It's been good," defenseman Connor Murphy said. "Jeremy's been implementing a lot of positives and mentions a lot about trusting the process and never giving up. All you can do is do your best to stay even-keeled and try to get better every day. It's so cliché, but it's really all you can do."

Unless the Hawks turn things around, this will be the first time Chris Kunitz has played on a losing team during his 15-year career, so perhaps his insight isn't as keen as if he had played in similar environments. Still, he hasn't seen a clubhouse falling apart at the seams.

The same can't be said for the Blues, who were expected to contend for a playoff berth but also underwent a coaching change and remain at the bottom of the standings with the Hawks. On Monday, Blues forward Robert Bertuzzo and defenseman Zach Sanford came to blows during practice.

"I don't think there's been outbursts," Kunitz said of the Hawks. "Nobody's happy when you lose. Coach comes in and preaches that if you do the right things for 60 minutes, then you should have the right outcome, and that's a message I've had on winning teams too. That if you're doing the right thing over and over and over, then it's going to work itself out and over time you'll get the wins."

Kunitz, 39, has been a healthy scratch for 10 games and said he "can't imagine at this rate playing another" season. Yet he was on the ice Monday during an optional practice preparing for when he might be needed.

"That's just the responsibility of trying to be a professional," Kunitz said. "If you're not out there and competing in games, you have to go out there and try to get it."

"We all want to be out there. It's not just showing up for a paycheck or to be part of something. I still want to go out and play games, and whenever they tell me I'm allowed to go back in, I'll try to play the best game I can."

**Anisimov sidelined:** Center Artem Anisimov did not travel to Winnipeg with the Hawks for Tuesday night's game against the Jets after entering the NHL's concussion protocol Sunday night following a hit by the Canadiens' Shea Weber.

Colliton didn't speculate on how long Anisimov might be out but said there were no plans to call up a player to replace him. Anisimov has 15 points (six goals, nine assists), including four goals over the last nine games.

"He's been playing really well lately, so, yeah, it's unfortunate," Colliton said. "Both for him (and) for the team."

The play occurred during the first minute of the third period when Weber rode Anisimov hard into the boards. No penalty was called but Anisimov was upset and turned toward Weber before going to the bench. Soon after, he left for the locker room and didn't return to the game.

Colliton's playing career ended prematurely at 29 because of a series of concussions.

"Don't want anyone to go through what I went through," he said. "Want everyone to be able to play as long as they want."

**Out of answers:** The Hawks have allowed the first goal in 10 straight games and have been outscored 24-6 in the first period during that span. They have searched for ways to stop their slow starts but haven't found any answers.

"At some point talking about it isn't helping," Colliton said. "(Just) try to give them some ideas about how to fix it but not dwell on it. We'll see."

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Hawks forward Chris Kunitz says he hasn't seen internal turmoil on the Hawks, despite their falling to the bottom of the standings.



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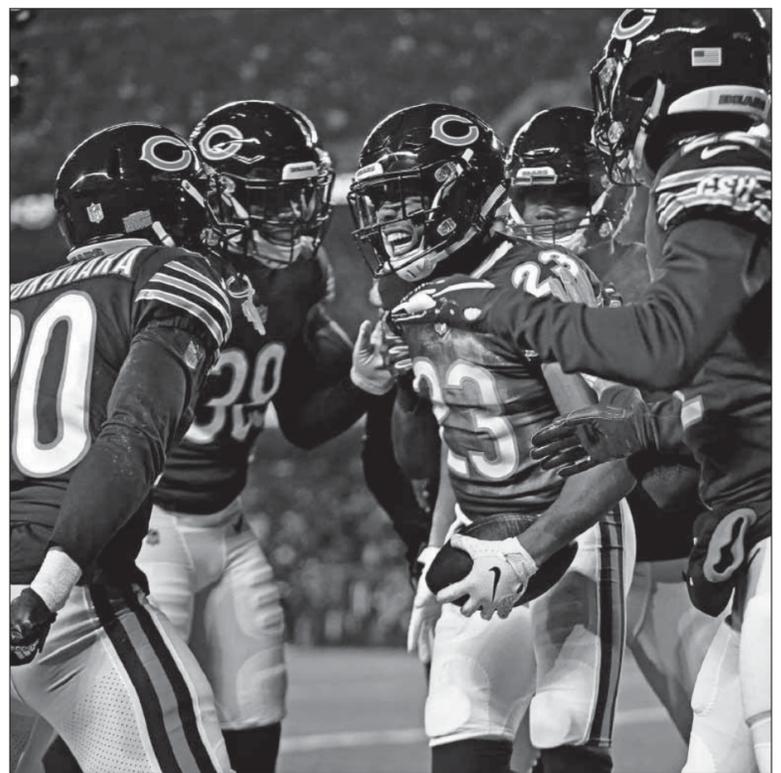
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## BEARS



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Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller (23) and teammates celebrate his interception Sunday night against the Rams. The season revolves around playing defense and having fun.

# Bears are fully capable of making Super Bowl

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The bond Nagy has created with his players fosters camaraderie that serves as the foundation for everything the Bears do, from celebrating in the locker room to trusting each other on the field. The Bears did more than just beat the Rams 15-6 Sunday night when Sowell scored the game's only touchdown on an athletic 2-yard grab that preceded the YouTube-worthy dance that was a nod to his daughters. They provided a historic cache for the time capsule from the 2018 Bears season, one that revolves around playing defense and having fun — and not necessarily in that order.

Perhaps not since the '85 Bears have the guys with the orange C's on their navy helmets combined charisma with talent the way this team does, a fact reinforced somewhere between the time Sowell started dancing and defensive coordinator Vic Fangio stopped scheming. Isn't arguing whether the 2018 Bears defense is better than the 2010 version or the 2006 model a much more enjoyable local sports debate than the one consuming the city a year ago over how many employees the McCaskeys would fire?

A year later, the Bears can make the Super Bowl.

Yes, the Bears can make Super Bowl LIII on Feb. 3, 2019, in Atlanta.

That feels even odder to type than it is to read after so many seasons of futility. But that was the most emphatic statement the Bears issued in limiting a Rams team averaging 35 points to two field goals. Every layer of the Bears defense raised its level of play against the best offense in the NFL. Defensive linemen surged. Linebackers swarmed, none more aggressively than emerging star Roquan Smith. The secondary attacked, intercepting intimidated Rams quarterback Jared Goff four times. It was as defining as any defensive effort since Oct. 16, 2006, when the Bears rallied against the Cardinals to induce late coach Dennis Green's famous postgame rant: "The Bears are who we thought they were." Except this time, the Bears etched the indelible image at home on the lakefront on a 26-degree December night nobody in town will soon forget.

In a league trending toward offensive innovation and rules changes that cater to the fantasy-football crowd, the Bears represent the anomaly. They are the team that belongs in the age of neck rolls and Stickum because of a defense coordinated

by a 60-year-old curmudgeon in Vic Fangio who believes pressuring the quarterback and running to the football never goes out of style. They are the rare team that relies more on its defense than its offense, a good thing given quarterback Mitch Trubisky's hiccup against the Rams in his return after a two-game layoff because of an injured throwing shoulder.

It remains to be seen whether Trubisky struggled mightily because of rust or regression, but he had elevated his play to a high enough level before the injury to earn the benefit of the doubt. Nobody is saying a healthy Trubisky will resemble Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, a leading MVP candidate. But it would be just as off base to label Trubisky an NFC North version of Jaguars disappointment Blake Bortles because he sailed too many passes during a three-interception clunker.

"It wasn't his best game, but you know what?" Nagy said. "I told him, 'Who cares?' We're about winning games. He knows we can all play better. It's not all on him."

It's not. It hasn't been since Sept. 1, when the Bears traded the Raiders two first-round draft picks in a package for All-Pro pass rusher Khalil Mack. What became true that day bears repeating now, as the 24-year-old franchise quarterback regains his footing for a team going places: Trubisky doesn't have to be the reason the Bears win games, but he can't be why they lose them. One day that dynamic will change, but that day need not come this season. Chances are that as long as the Bears defense meets the standard reset Sunday, Trubisky never will be the quarterback under the most pressure during the playoffs.

In their biggest game in years, the Bears scored 15 measly points and still won. Their lone touchdown came on a trick play executed by a 6-foot-7, 312-pound backup offensive tackle on his fifth NFL team in seven seasons. The defense that carried the Bears is that complete, good enough to make winning at least one playoff game a realistic goal and passing a road playoff test in either New Orleans or Los Angeles more than a pipe dream.

Sound those annoying air sirens. The Bears pose imminent danger to the rest of the NFC. They are back within striking distance of the Super Bowl.

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<b>NHL</b>			
6:30 p.m.	Red Wings at Capitals	NBCSN	
7 p.m.	Blackhawks at Jets	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720	
<b>CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER</b>			
11:55 a.m.	Galatasaray vs. Porto	TNT	
2 p.m.	Barcelona vs. Tottenham Hotspur	TNT	

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
Sat	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)	11*	
Sat	Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. La-Lafay. (7-2)	12:30	
Sat	New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah St (10-2)	1	
Sat	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St (7-5)	2:30	
Sat	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga So. (9-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)	4:30	
Sat	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)	6	
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Tex.	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)	3	
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11*	
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (10-2)	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 (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4:15	
D26	Cheez-IT	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8	
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30	
D27	Plinstra	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15	
D27	Texas	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8	
D28	Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30	
D28	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15	
D28	Alamo	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. St (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15	
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	North Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3	
D29	Orange	Miami Gar. Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)	7	
D31	Military	El Paso, Tex.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11*	
D31	Sun	San Antonio	Stanford (14-0) vs. Penn St (9-3)	noon	
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	Florida (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	
J7	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7	

## OTHER BOWLS

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	2
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

## FCS PLAYOFFS

Friday's semifinal	North Dakota State (13-0) vs. South Dakota State (13-0), 7
Saturday's semifinal	Maine (10-3) vs. Eastern Washington (11-2), 1
Championship, Jan. 5	At Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas
Semifinal winners, 11 a.m.	

## AP ALL AMERICA TEAMS

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE	QB: Jonathan Taylor, soph., Wisconsin
RB: Jonathon Brooks, jr., Memphis	
OT: Jonah Williams, jr., Alabama	
OT: Mitch Hyatt, sr., Clemson	
OG: Brent Brubaker, sr., Wisconsin	
OG: Barrett Brubaker, sr., Kentucky	
OG: Carreem Bradbury, sr., NC State	
TE: Jake Sternberger, jr., Texas A&M	
WR: Jerry Jeudy, soph., Alabama	
WR: Marquise Brown, jr., Oklahoma	
RB: Rondale Moore, fr., Kansas	
PK: Andre Smyrt, jr., Syracuse	
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE	DE: Clelin Ferrell, jr., Clemson
DE: Sutton Smith, jr., Northern Illinois	
DE: Quinnen Williams, jr., Alabama	
DT: Christian Wilkins, sr., Clemson	
LB: Josh Allen, sr., Kentucky	
LB: Devin White, jr., LSU	
LB: Ben Burr-Kirven, sr., Washington	
CB: Deandre Baker, sr., Georgia	
CB: Julian Love, jr., Notre Dame	
S: Grant Delpit, soph., LSU	
S: Deionte Thompson, jr., Alabama	
P: Braden Mann, jr., Texas A&M	

## SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB: Tavares Young, soph., Alabama	
RB: Travis Etienne, soph., Clemson	
RB: Trayvon Williams, jr., Texas A&M	
OT: Dalton Risner, sr., Kansas State	
OG: Andrew Thomas, soph., Georgia	
OG: Drew Samia, sr., Oklahoma	
OG: Michael Dieter, sr., Wisconsin	
OG: Ross Pierschbacher, sr., Alabama	
TE: T.J. Hockenson, soph., Iowa	
WR: Tylan Wallace, soph., Oklahoma State	
WR: Aniyah Isabella, sr., Massachusetts	
AP: Greg Dortch, soph., Wake Forest	
CB: Cole Tracy, sr., LSU	
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE	DE: Montez Sweat, sr., Mississippi State
DE: Jachai Polite, jr., Florida	
DT: Jerry Tilley, sr., Notre Dame	
DT: Gerald Willis III, sr., Miami	
LB: Devin Bush, jr., Michigan	
LB: David Long, jr., West Virginia	
LB: Joe Dineen, sr., Kansas	
CB: Gerry Williams, soph., LSU	
CB: Byron Murphy, soph., Washington	
S: Taylor Rapp, jr., Washington	
S: Amani Hooker, jr., Iowa	
P: Mitch Wishnowsky, sr., Utah	

## TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	WESTERN CONFERENCE
<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>CENTRAL</b> W L OLSOL PT GF GA
<b>Baltimore:</b> Claimed INF Rio Ruiz off waivers from Atlanta.	Iowa 14 5 4 2 34 90 66
<b>Detroit:</b> Agreed to terms with RHP Tyson Ross on a one-year contract.	Milwaukee 14 9 4 4 32 72 72
<b>Seattle:</b> Claimed INF/RHP Kaleb Cowart off waivers from the L.A. Angels.	G. Rapids 14 8 1 2 31 81 78
<b>Texas:</b> Claimed INF Carlos Asuaje off waivers from San Diego.	WOLVES 13 9 2 1 29 86 85
<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>	Rockford 11 10 1 4 27 59 75
<b>St. Louis:</b> Claimed RHP Ryan Meisinger off waivers from Baltimore.	Texas 12 9 1 1 26 90 90
<b>San Francisco:</b> Claimed OF Mike Gerber off waivers from Detroit.	Manitoba 11 12 2 0 24 62 80
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	San Antonio 10 15 1 0 21 64 78
<b>NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>PACIFIC</b> W L OLSOL PT GF GA
<b>Denver:</b> Waived G Brandon Goodwin. Signed G Nick Young.	San Jose 15 3 1 2 33 77 46
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	Tucson 14 5 2 1 31 83 88
<b>NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b>	Colorado 12 7 3 1 28 69 73
<b>Indianapolis:</b> Released DE Anthony Wimbush from the practice squad. Signed DT DeShawn Williams to the practice squad.	Stockton 12 12 1 0 25 84 99
<b>Kansas City:</b> Fired general manager Reggie McKenzie.	Bakersfield 11 10 0 0 22 70 65
<b>GOLF</b>	Ontario 9 2 2 2 22 75 92
<b>PGA of America:</b> Promoted Jimmy Terry to senior director of PGA Golf Properties.	San Diego 8 11 1 1 18 69 90
<b>HOCKEY</b>	2 pts for a win, 1 point for an OT/shootout loss.
<b>NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE</b>	<b>TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Ahmed:</b> Recalled D Andrej Sustr and G Jared Coreau from San Diego (AHL). Reassigned D Josh Mahura and Andy Welinski to San Diego.	Grand Rapids at Milwaukee, 7
<b>Arizona:</b> Signed F Nathan Schnarr to an entry-level contract.	Colorado at Tucson, 8:05
<b>Calgary:</b> Assigned D Rinat Valiev and F Anthony Peluso to Stockton (AHL). Recalled F Ryan Lomborg from Stockton.	<b>WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Detroit:</b> Assigned D Brian Lashoff to Grand Rapids (AHL).	Providence at Utica, 6
<b>Los Angeles:</b> Recalled D Sean Waugler from the Ontario (AHL). Loaned F Gabriel Vilardi to Team Canada.	Utica at Utica, 6:05
<b>St. Louis:</b> Waived G Chad Johnson. Assigned F Sammy Blais to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled G Jordan Binnington from San Antonio.	WB/Scranton at Springfield, 6:05
<b>OLYMPICS</b>	Bellevue at Laval, 6:30
<b>U.S. Olympic Committee:</b> Fired chief of sport performance Alan Ashley.	Colorado at Tucson, 8:05
<b>SOCCER</b>	<b>SOCCER</b>
<b>Major League Soccer</b>	<b>ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE</b>
<b>Portland:</b> Signed D Zarek Valentin and M Marvin Lor	<b>CLUB</b> W L T GF GA PTS
<b>COLLEGE</b>	Liverpool 13 3 0 34 6 42
<b>Auburn:</b> Named Kenny Dillingham offensive coordinator/QB coach.	Man City 12 0 1 45 9 41
<b>Cambridge:</b> Named Weston Glaser defensive coordinator.	Tottenham 13 2 4 30 16 36
<b>Mississippi:</b> Named Mike MacIntyre defensive coordinator.	Chelsea 12 2 2 33 14 34
<b>Missouri:</b> Suspended DE Tre Williams from the football team.	Arsenal 10 4 2 35 20 34
<b>Northern Arizona:</b> Named Chris Ball football coach.	Man United 7 5 4 28 26 26
	Everton 6 6 4 23 25 24
	Bournemouth 6 3 7 19 23 23
	Leicester 6 4 6 21 20 22
	Wolverhampton 6 4 6 17 19 22
	West Ham 6 3 7 23 21 21
	Watford 6 3 7 20 23 21
	Brighton 6 3 7 19 23 21
	Cardiff 4 2 10 15 30 14
	Newcastle 3 4 9 13 13 13
	Crystal Palace 3 3 10 13 22 12
	Burnley 3 3 10 15 32 12
	Huddersfield 2 4 10 17 20 10
	Southampton 1 6 9 13 30 9
	Fulham 2 3 11 16 40 9
	<b>MONDAY'S RESULT</b>
	Everton 2, Watford 2
	<b>SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>
	Man City vs. Everton, 6:30 a.m.
	Tottenham vs. Burnley, 9 a.m.
	Watford vs. Cardiff, 9 a.m.
	Huddersfield vs. Newcastle, 9 a.m.
	Crystal Palace vs. Leicester, 9 a.m.
	Wolverhampton vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.
	Fulham vs. West Ham, 11:30 a.m.
	<b>SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>
	Southampton vs. Arsenal, 7:30 a.m.
	Brighton vs. Chelsea, 7:30 a.m.
	Liverpool vs. Man United, 10 a.m.

## LATEST LINE

<b>NBA</b>	<b>pregame.com</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
at Houston	6%	Portland
at San Antonio	12%	Phoenix
at LA Clippers	off	Toronto
<b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Villanova	7	at Pennsylvania
at UCF	11	at Ga. Southern
Colorado	5%	at New Mexico
<b>NHL</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	
at Winnipeg	-230	Blackhawks +210
Toronto	-132	at Carolina +122
at Columbus	-210	Vancouver +190
at Buffalo	-167	at Los Angeles +157
at Boston	-172	Arizona +160
at Washington	-250	Detroit +220
at St. Louis	-111	Florida +101
at Nashville	off	Ottawa off
at Minnesota	-167	Montreal +157
at Colorado	-145	Edmonton +135
<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>CELEBRATION BOWL</b>	NC A&T	7%
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	Utah St	9
<b>TULANE</b>	Tulane	3%
<b>LAS VEGAS</b>	Fresno St	4
<b>CAMELLIA</b>	1	E. Michigan
<b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	1	Mid. Tenn.
<b>APPALACH</b>	7	Mid. Tenn.
<b>UAB RATION</b>	2%	DEC. 18
<b>FRISCO</b>	3	Illinois
<b>OHIO</b>	3	San Diego St
<b>GASPARILLA</b>	2%	DEC. 20
<b>MARSHALL</b>	2%	South Florida
<b>BAHAMAS</b>	5%	FIU
<b>FAMOUX IDAHO POTATO</b>	12	W. Michigan
<b>BYU</b>	12	Wake Forest
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	5	Wake Forest
<b>ARMED FORCES</b>	3	Houston
<b>DOLLAR GENERAL</b>	2%	Troy
<b>HAWAII</b>	1	Louisiana Tech
<b>FIRST RESPONDER</b>	3	Boston Coll.
<b>QUICK LANE</b>	3%	Minnesota
<b>CHEEZ-IT</b>	3%	Duke
<b>INDIANCE</b>	3%	Duke
<b>PINSTRIP</b>	4	Wisconsin
<b>TEXAS</b>	3%	Baylor
<b>VANDERBILT</b>	3%	Baylor
<b>MUSIC CITY</b>	3%	Purdue
<b>AUBURN</b>	3%	Purdue
<b>CAMPING WORLD</b>	1%	Syracuse
<b>ALAMO</b>	3%	Iowa St
<b>WASH</b>	3%	Nevada
<b>PEACH</b>	7%	Florida
<b>PEACH</b>	7%	Florida
<b>BEK</b>	4	Virginia
<b>RANGE</b>	14	CFP SEMIFINAL
<b>ALABAMA</b>	11	Notre Dame
<b>COTTON</b>	5	Virginia Tech
<b>CLEMSON</b>	6%	Pittsburgh
<b>REDBOX</b>	3	Michigan St
<b>LIBERTY</b>	7%	Oklahoma St
<b>MISSOURI</b>	7	Northwestern
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	4%	NC State
<b>GATOR</b>	6%	Iowa
<b>TEXAS A&amp;M</b>	6%	Kentucky
<b>OUTBACK</b>	7%	UCF
<b>MISS. ST.</b>	6%	Washington
<b>CITRUS</b>	6%	Texas
<b>POINTE STATE</b>	6%	Texas
<b>FIESTA</b>	6%	Texas
<b>LSU</b>	6%	Texas
<b>ROSE</b>	6%	Washington
<b>OHIO STATE</b>	6%	Washington
<b>SUGAR</b>	11%	Texas
<b>GEORGIA</b>	11%	Texas
<b>NFL</b>		
<b>WEEK 15</b>		<b>THURSDAY</b>
at Kansas City	3%	at NY Jets
Houston	6	Cleveland
at Denver	3	Cleveland
at Bears	6	Green Bay
at Minnesota	8	Miami
at Cincinnati	3	Oakland
at Baltimore	8	Tampa Bay
at Indianapolis	3	Dallas
at Buffalo	2%	Detroit
at NY Giants	2%	Tennessee
at Jacksonville	2%	Washington
at Atlanta	8%	Arizona
Seattle	5%	at San Fran.
at Pittsburgh	9%	New England
at LA Rams	9%	Philadelphia
New Orleans	6%	at Carolina

<b>MONDAY'S RESULTS</b>	Sacramento 108, Bulls 89			
Philadelphia 116, Detroit 102				
Indiana 109, Washington 101				
Boston 109, New Orleans 100				
Milwaukee 108, Cleveland 92				
Oklahoma City 122, Utah 113				
Dallas 101, Orlando 76				
LA Clippers 123, Phoenix 119 (OT)				
San Antonio 114, 481 2 1/2				
Houston 11, 440 3 1/2				
at L.A. Lakers, late				
Minnesota at Golden St, late				
<b>TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>	Portland at Houston, 7			
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7:30				
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 9:30				
<b>SUNDAY'S RESULTS</b>	New Orleans 116, Detroit 108			
Milwaukee 104, Toronto 99				
San Antonio 110, Utah 97				
Charlotte 119, New York 107				
<b>NBA G LEAGUE</b>				
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>				
<b>CENTRAL</b> W L Pct GB				
Canton	7	6	538	-
Fort Wayne	5	9	357	2 1/2

## BEARS



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The Rams' Aaron Donald (99) and the Bears' Khalil Mack are disruptive, but the Bears did not let Donald ruin their game plan.

# Daniels a delight

Rookie neutralizes Donald's ferocious rush to keep Bears' game plan on track

One of the Bears' main goals Sunday night was to keep Rams All-Pro defensive tackle Aaron Donald from doing to them what Khalil Mack has done to other teams.

The Bears have seen how Mack can wreck an opponent's game plan, and they were determined not to let Donald do the same to them.

They knew rookie left guard James Daniels would have to lead the way based on where Donald lines up. The Rams star plays all over the defensive line, but the Bears were confident Daniels could hold his own against Donald, especially with some help.

The results in the Bears' 15-6 victory affirmed that. The game plan hatched by offensive line coach Harry Hiestand and coach Matt Nagy was a winner, and Daniels, a second-round pick from Iowa, looks like a future stalwart on the offensive line.

The Bears solo blocked Donald on 33 of his 71 snaps. Many of those were very quick throws or runs away from him. Of those 33 solo blocks, 18 were by Daniels and 15 by right guard Bryan Witzmann, who performed much better than he did the previous week against the Giants.

Daniels blocked Donald with help from center Cody Whitehair on 10 snaps. Left tackle Charles Leno helped eight times, running back Jordan Howard twice and fullback Michael Burton once.

What the Bears were trying to avoid was clear on a handful of plays, like the



**BRAD BIGGS**  
Bears Rewind

third-and-2 Howard run from from the Bears' 45-yard line late in the second quarter — the play before the fourth-down fire drill that wasn't after right tackle Bobby Massie knocked over line judge Carl Johnson. With a swim move, Donald split Witzmann and Massie and stuffed Howard for a 1-yard gain.

The Bears were first-and-10 from their own 12-yard line in the third quarter when Donald knifed inside Daniels and stopped running back Taquan Mizzell for 1 yard. On a wide-receiver screen on the next snap, Donald raced past Witzmann and hit quarterback Mitch Trubisky just after the ball was released.

That was about it for Donald highlights, though, as the Bears got four hands on him much of the time.

Daniels has been technically sound since he was inserted into the lineup and advanced for just turning 21. He has displayed good play strength, but his intelligence showed here. He proved he could use his help, which isn't always as easy it sounds, especially against a star like Donald.

For instance, on plays in which Daniels had help to his inside from Whitehair, if Daniels fell for a hard inside move, it would expose the outside and let a player with Donald's explosiveness easily wreck his way into the backfield with no opportunity for the center to help. Daniels knew where his help was and played to it, and when he didn't have aid, he held his own.

"The O-line did a great job keeping him in check," Trubisky said. "That's what we wanted to do. He didn't have any game-destructive plays that he usually causes."

After his rough game in the overtime loss in New Jersey, Witzmann looked more comfortable, and that was a positive sign. He's getting more comfortable with the small-scheme things the Bears are doing, and playing at home probably makes more of a difference for offensive linemen than any other position. They're not forced to go on a silent count, which can give the defensive linemen a step.

**Taking the air out:** With passing more prolific than ever and the Rams boasting one of the best throwing games in the NFL, neither quarterback had success downfield.

Rams QB Jared Goff was uncomfortable in the pocket all night and never found a rhythm with his feet. He was rushed and often jumpy, and the stats reflected that. He completed 2 of 14 passes on balls that traveled 10 or more yards in the air beyond the line of scrimmage, gaining only 26 yards while throwing three interceptions.

Trubisky didn't fare a lot better downfield; his successful throws were quick reads for short and intermediate passes. He completed 1 of 8 passes 10 or more yards downfield for 17 yards with two interceptions.

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## Trubisky says he just needs to settle down

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temperatures that hindered him, and he added his shoulder felt fine. But he said he was "trying to do too much" on some plays.

That might have accounted for some of the inaccuracies that popped up. He threw interceptions in the first, second and third quarters, to Marcus Peters, Nickell Robey-Coleman and John Johnson III. He over-threw wide receiver Josh Bellamy and tight end Trey Burton on the first and third picks.

"I was pretty amped and anxious coming out for this game because I was out for two weeks," Trubisky said.

"That had nothing to do with the way I played. I just need to settle down, be better with my footwork and try not to do too much. There were times I was just trying to do too much to make a play. I don't know if that was something I was doing mentally from sitting out two weeks, just come out and put on a show and make big plays. I just need to go out there and do my job."

The Bears showed they can win — and not just win but beat one of the best teams in the NFL — when Trubisky is not at his best.

Afterward, Trubisky was able to separate his mistakes from a huge victory for his team. He said he still danced in the "Club Dub" postgame locker room party. He still shared postgame hugs with his teammates.

"I'm pretty disappointed in myself with the way I played, especially being out two weeks," Trubisky said. "It's hard to be down when you get such a big win like that. You just have to put your own selfish thoughts, how you played aside, because that is selfish...."

"I'll get everything corrected. I'm going to go back to work this week, work really hard to get it corrected and play a lot better. I'm just very proud of the way this team had my back."

Nagy said Monday he didn't think the outing was a step back in Trubisky's big-picture development but said there's plenty to work on, including how Trubisky reacts when he is presented with a defensive look they weren't expecting.

He noted Trubisky came through on the Bears' lone touchdown drive in the third quarter. On the nine-play, 81-yard drive, Trubisky completed 4 of 5 passes for 36 yards.

"They wanted to play a certain way, so we wanted to make sure we adjusted the right way," Nagy said. "Getting into some of those RPOs was what we felt in that situation was the best thing for us and they were working."

Trubisky's lone touchdown pass came when the Bears put in four defensive linemen and no receivers or backs. He faked a handoff to defensive lineman Akiem Hicks, who scored an offensive touchdown last week. Trubisky then found offensive lineman Bradley Sowell in the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown pass.

The play was called "Santa's Sleigh."

"Santa's Sleigh came a little early," Trubisky said.

The Bears defense slipped a gift to Trubisky into the sleigh too.

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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky looks to pass as Rams linebacker Mark Barron brings pressure. Trubisky had his first three-interception game of the season.

## BEARS NOTES

## Putting clamps on Donald essential to Bears' upset

BY DAN WIEDERER  
AND COLLEEN KANE  
Chicago Tribune

Of all the astounding stat lines in Sunday night's box score from Soldier Field, one proved most eye-catching.

Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald: two tackles, one quarterback hit. That's it and that's all.

The NFL sack leader couldn't add to his impressive total of 16½. The three-time All-Pro never took down a Bears player in the backfield. Donald's only tackles? He torched right guard Bryan Witzmann to stop Jordan Howard for a 1-yard gain on third-and-2 late in the first half. And midway through the third quarter, he came in late to assist Ndamukong Suh on a stop of Howard after a 3-yard gain.

In yet another marvelous display of preparation and strategy, the Bears upset the Rams 15-6 in big part because they took two MVP candidates and turned them into Average Joes.

Todd Gurley, who began the day as the league's leading rusher, had only 28 yards on 11 carries. And Donald, thanks to the game plan of Bears coach Matt Nagy and the hard work of his offensive line, never

made a big splash.

After the win, Nagy noted that Donald's presence challenged him as a play caller.

"What I saw all season is there's usually one play in the game that he makes that flips the field and just flips the way the game is going," Nagy said.

That play never came Sunday.

Nagy praised rookie guard James Daniels for his contributions in helping to control Donald and Suh. Daniels, 21, who entered with six career starts, held up well.

"His technique was really good," Nagy said Monday. "He never lunged too much, he stayed balanced. One of James' biggest strengths is if he happens to lose a little leverage, he can recover. But for the most part he was very consistent. And, man, for being such a young kid, (he was) very calm and composed."

**Official apology:** Nagy knew his emotions got the better of him late in the second quarter, so he offered a mea culpa to the officials who received the brunt.

On fourth-and-1 at the Bears 46-yard line with the game tied at 6, Nagy first sent out his punt coverage team but then ordered a full substitution, with his offense running back onto the field to try to get the 1 yard.

The problem was right tackle Bobby Massie was well behind the rest of the offense, and he clipped line judge Carl Johnson as he hurried onto the field. Johnson fell, and that prompted an official timeout so Johnson could recover to watch the play.

Nagy was irate, hurrying onto the field to argue with officials. When he regained his composure at halftime, he apologized for his reaction.

"It would have been nice (for Massie) to avoid him so that didn't happen," Nagy said Monday. "At that point in time, that's such a crucial part of the game, my emotions (took over). ... I talked to those guys. I apologized to them. I told them that they did the right thing and we need to coach that play better so that our guys don't do that."

The idea was the unexpected change would cause enough confusion that the Bears still would have an advantage. Instead the Bears punted. They got the ball back before halftime, but Mitch Trubisky threw an interception and the teams went into halftime tied.

"The whole schematic part of the play was fine," Nagy said. "What wasn't fine was that we bowled over the referee."

**Fangio breaks it down:** Nagy couldn't pick just one defensive player. Four players intercepted Rams quarterback Jared Goff. Three players sacked Goff, including Eddie Goldman, who did it in the end zone for a safety. The defense stymied Gurley.

So when Nagy couldn't decide whom to single out, he turned to the man whose scheme made it all happen: defensive coordinator Vic Fangio.

Nagy dedicated the game ball to the Bears fans who gave the defense a roaring soundtrack most of the night. And then Fangio gave the Bears players the final word in the locker room.

"Vic symbolizes our defensive coaching staff and our players and that whole unit," Nagy said. "And they played on another level last night. ... We felt like that was the right thing to do. It just kind of happened. He went ahead and came in and the guys liked it, and he broke us down."

**Injury update:** Nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan suffered a left foot injury in the second quarter and is undergoing tests to check the severity. Nagy said he should know more within the next couple of days.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE FILE

Former Blackhawks and Red Wings player Bob Probert greets Chris Chelios and Jonathan Toews before a playoff game in 2009.

## Probert movie emotional

Former enforcer's flaws, struggles on full display

BY JEFF SEIDEL  
Detroit Free Press

Former Red Wings and Blackhawks brawler Bob Probert is passed out on a couch, wrapped in a blanket, a man struggling with addiction, as his children come down the stairs.

"Good morning!" Dani Probert, his wife, says sweetly to the children. "Merry Christmas!"

The kids bounce around the Christmas tree and look at the presents. As the children approach their father, once named the greatest enforcer in the NHL, Dani says in the background: "I wouldn't get too close."

It is painful to watch — a raw, honest look at a man with flaws and demons, who had bounced in and out of rehab centers. Probert rolls on his side and looks totally out of it, his eyes closed, as his kids celebrate Christmas.

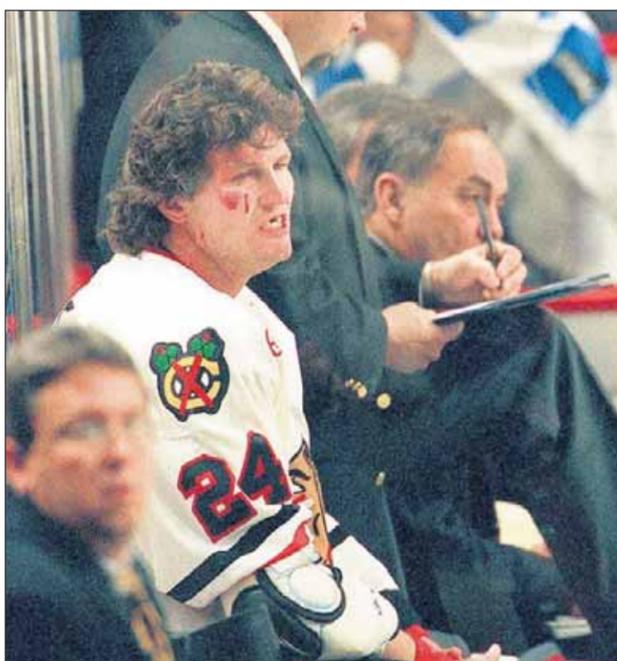
The heart-breaking scene was captured in a home movie that is included in a new documentary, "Tough Guy: The Bob Probert Story," which will premier in his hometown, Windsor, Ontario, on Thursday (it's sold out).

Later in the movie, Dani reads a note that Probert wrote to his disease, listing off things he missed while consumed by drugs and alcohol, and he mentions that Christmas morning.

"Dear disease," Probert wrote on a yellow sheet of paper. "You have taken away valuable time from my wonderful wife Dani and my four kids. You have taken away my self-respect and dignity. You have turned me into someone that I am not. You have hurt me financially. You have controlled my thoughts and my feelings. You took me away from things I used to do to have fun. You took away my twins' birthday, you took away from me Christmas, 2002. You took a lot from me, but that is about to stop, to change."

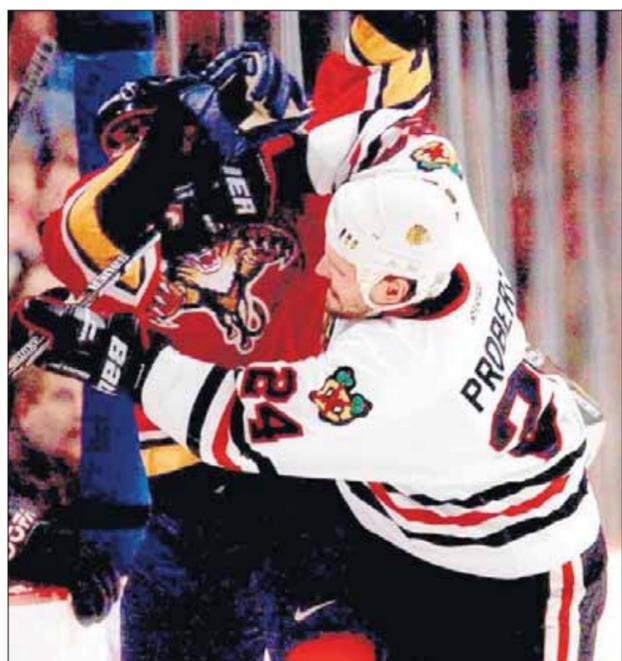
This movie is bigger than hockey. It is a familiar, universal story for families who are struggling with drug addiction or alcoholism. It took courage to tell this story. To be so honest. And hopefully, others will draw strength from it and find lessons in it.

This movie is gripping, emotional and remarkable for its bare-knuckle honesty. Everything is exposed: the fights on the ice (he was penalized 3,300 minutes — fourth most in NHL history when he retired), the drugs (he was arrested in 1989 for cocaine possession while crossing the Detroit-Windsor border), the sex, the arrests, the motorcycle crashes and the constant struggle for sobriety. Probert, one of the first NHL players diagnosed with the degenerative brain disease, chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), died of heart failure in 2010 at the age of 45 while boating



CHICAGO TRIBUNE FILE

Probert catches his breath in the penalty box after a fight during a game in 2000.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE FILE

Probert mixes it up with the Panthers' Peter Worrell during a game in 2002.

**"You can't sit there and speculate whether or not he would have dementia, early onset dementia, Alzheimer's -the likelihood, was, yes."**

Dani Probert

on Lake St. Clair.

But there is something else, a tender humanity that filters through the film. There are clips from his famous fights on the ice — "Probie! Probie! Probie!" the crowd would chant — and then you see him changing a diaper: "The straps go in the back, right?" he says.

You hear about his first date with Dani, an executive producer of the film. "The chemistry was just there," she says in the film. "We went on our first date, we went to a Chinese restaurant that his dad just loved in downtown Windsor. We enjoyed that and we went out for frozen yogurt. It was his first time for frozen yogurt. I fell for the, 'This doesn't smell right. Smell it.' And I got yogurt up my nose. Everything about him, he was just adorable. He really was."

You see a different side of Probert, as he plays with his children in moments of clarity. They climb all over him, like he is some invincible, happy giant. Pillows and cushions are scattered across the room. The kids bounce on the couch. And he is doing a goofy dance — this big, tough man, melting into a softy around his kids.

"There are a lot of things I miss about that guy," Dani says in the film. "He didn't care, no concept of time, that was Bob. Him walking down the hall, and I can picture in our old house. He would start at Brogan's room. They could be sound asleep or they could be reading a book. Didn't matter. 'Good night, Brokita Kachita Banana.' Gave her a kiss. 'I love you.' Then he would go to T Rose

(Tierney), or Tee Tee Lee, he had to announce the goofy little name that he would have for them. Same thing. 'I love you.' And a kiss goodnight. Then, into Declyn's room, with his famous duck call. And give her the 'I love you' and a kiss goodnight. The last one would always be, 'Jack my boy.' And the same, 'I love you and good night.' He would always come in, 'Dan Dan, baby, Dan Dan.' And I would get the same thing."

As the movie progresses, from cradle to grave, you get a pit in your stomach. You feel like you are standing on the sidewalk, watching a car crash in slow motion. You know how this is going to end. Even when he gets his life back together, you know there is one sad twist to come.

You ache for his children and marvel at how they have seemingly grown up to be strong and caring. He would be proud of them, of who they have become.

"I was sad that he wasn't there for me graduating college or for my prom," Tierney, his daughter, says in the film.

"I know, a wedding one day, if that happens, that's going to be hard. Because there is no one there, to walk you down the aisle or to have that first father-daughter dance."

You get frustrated and angry, watching him get his life back together only to let it fall apart again.

This movie doesn't make excuses.

But you come to understand Probert on a different level. And you see something that is usually kept in the shadows. You see what

happens to athletes after the games end. How their bodies are broken. To deal with the pain, he got hooked on opioids.

Probert was posthumously diagnosed with CTE, the degenerative disease believed to be caused by repeated blows to the head.

What role did CTE play in his problems, late in life? His family believes it was a factor. "He had CTE," Dani says in the movie. "You can't sit there and speculate whether or not he would have dementia, early onset dementia, Alzheimer's — the likelihood, was, yes."

Probert was starting to slip and forget things, according to his daughter, Declyn. "I remember playing hide and seek with him one day, and I kid you not, I was probably the same space between me and you, and I was standing right in front of him," Declyn says in the film. "And he couldn't see me. It's like I wasn't even there to him and I was talking to him. He was very confused."

You marvel at his wife's strength, as she sits in a boat on Lake St. Clair and tells the story of what happened when he died. "He just collapsed, he was on his knees," she says in the movie. "That's when I could see his face. His lips were black. His lips kept changing color and his tongue, and I could see that. They laid him down. My stepfather is a police officer. He started to perform CPR."

But they couldn't save him.

"His face was completely blue," Tierney says. "That's why I said, you know, 'Dad, I love you.'"

"I wanted to be able to remem-

ber what my last words were to him."

"Everyone was crying," Brogan says in the film. "There was no way that happened. He was such a big, so full of life, such a big presence in our lives. To think, oh, he's gone like that."

"I wish I had him for advice on this," Declyn says. "Or to have a hug, I wish I could hear him laugh again. Some days, it's just, wow, I wish I had him here to get me through this day."

You walk away with more complete picture of Probert, who was haunted by flaws and demons but was so much more than a fighter on skates.

He was a father, a husband. And it makes his loss seem even worse.

"Having him absent is definitely difficult sometimes," Brogan says. "Then, you look around and you know what? He would be proud of me regardless."

Probert's story is relevant — on several levels — as the NHL tries to come to grips with CTE, and families across the country deal with the opioid crisis.

But his story is also incredibly personal.

"So yeah, I know, in the future, if I'm having babies, and he doesn't get to meet them, they don't get to understand how cool of a person my dad was," Tierney says.

When the movie goes to black, your eyes fill with tears and you are left with a mix of complex emotions.

Sadness. Frustration. Emptiness. And a horrible ache.

For his family.

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**"If you don't compete, you can't compete. It's that simple. You can't compete with the rest of the world when you're doing that."**

—Former South Africa coach Fran Hilton-Smith



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

From left, Dutch coach Sarina Wiegman, South Africa coach Desiree Ellis, France coach Corinne Diacre and U.S. coach Jill Ellis pose next to the World Cup trophy for a group photo during the women's soccer World Cup France 2019 draw on Dec. 8. South Africa is among three African nations, along with Nigeria and Cameroon, participating.

# M I S S I N G O P P O R T U N I T I E S

There's no secret how to building women's soccer in Africa: Play more games

BY GERALD IMRAY  
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — No one deserved to see South Africa finally qualify for the Women's World Cup more than Fran Hilton-Smith.

Take nothing away from the players and coaches, but Hilton-Smith has been the driving force behind women's soccer in South Africa, and to an extent Africa, for more than 20 years.

Seeing Banyana Banyana make the final of the African championship in Ghana last month and clinch a place at next year's World Cup in France for the first time was a "life-changing experience," she said.

Because she's been waiting and working for the moment for much of her life, ever since South Africa returned after apartheid ended in 1994.

"I was there, it was incredible. I've waited personally 24 years to qualify for the World Cup," she said, describing the scenes in the locker room afterward. "Everyone was crying and celebrating."

A former national team player and coach, Hilton-Smith is now head of women's soccer in South Africa and the national association's assistant technical director, both for men and women. She's the only woman on the Confederation of African Football's 14-member technical committee that drives the development of the entire game on the continent. She was Africa's representative on a recent FIFA task force to revamp women's soccer worldwide.

So, you can't tell Hilton-Smith anything about women's soccer in Africa. And few people are in a better position to explain



ALADE OMOWUNMI/AP

The Nigeria women's soccer team celebrates with the trophy after beating South Africa in a penalty shootout to win the Bayana Bayana of South Africa, at the end of the Africa Cup of Nations finals in Accra, Ghana on Dec. 1. Nigeria won its 11th title in 13 editions.



DEAN MOUHTAROPOULOS/GETTY-AFF

Kaka picks out South Africa during the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019 Draw on Dec. 8 in Paris, France.

why African teams have never shone at the World Cup. It's been frustrating for Hilton-Smith, who's been to just about every tournament since '94 working on FIFA's technical team.

Nigeria, dominant in Africa and crowned African champion last week for the 11th time, has "brilliant players," according to Hilton-Smith, many of them playing for clubs in Europe, and yet has made the World Cup quarter-finals once, nearly 20 years ago. That's the best an African team has done.

The reason's no secret, she said. African teams just

don't play enough.

"When I got to the World Cup, I realized that we had really good players in South Africa, in Africa," Hilton-Smith said, "but then and still now the problem has been the lack of competition within Africa. And that has been and still is a major stumbling block."

"I've always sat there and thought, gosh we have better players than a lot of these players and we could do so well at the World Cup."

Facilities are obviously important.

Hilton-Smith started an academy for girls in South Africa 13 years ago that now



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The FIFA Women's World Cup is scheduled from June 7 through July 7 across nine host cities in France.

provides most of the players on the national squad.

She discovered Banyana captain and Houston Dash defender Janine van Wyk when she was 13 years old and playing for a boys team on the outskirts of Johannesburg — and guided the early part of her career, making sure she was one of the first to go to the academy. Van Wyk has now played more than 150 games for her country, more than any other South African, man or woman.

Africa certainly needs more high-level women coaches too.

Hilton-Smith made it her mission to help as many

women coaches in South Africa as possible gain "A" licenses, Africa's highest coaching qualification. The current South Africa coach, Desiree Ellis, was one of them. There are now 24 in South Africa with "A" licenses, but that's more than the rest of Africa put together.

Ultimately, though, African teams desperately need more competitive games.

The women's African championship is held every two years. But it's the only tournament of any consequence in Africa. Between African Cups, "countries just pack up their women's teams," Hilton-Smith said,

and she fears Africa's other two teams going to the World Cup, Nigeria and Cameroon, will do that again.

Nigeria is a stark example. The best on the continent sometimes goes more than a year without playing any games at all. Zimbabwe qualified for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics but would have gone to Brazil without playing any preparation games if Hilton-Smith hadn't hastily organized a match against South Africa. No surprise the Zimbabweans let in 15 goals in three games at the Olympics.

"If you don't compete, you can't compete. It's that simple," Hilton-Smith said. "You can't compete with the rest of the world when you're doing that."

Compare World Cup champion United States and the big teams in Europe, who are "always playing, always competing at a high level," Hilton-Smith said.

In Africa it's difficult. You need money to organize more games, more tournaments and take teams traveling, and soccer in general in Africa is underfunded, let alone women's soccer, which is still some way down the pecking order.

But Hilton-Smith is squeezing every last cent out of her tight budget to make sure Banyana Banyana does one thing above all before the World Cup in June: Play.

South Africa faces Sweden and Netherlands in January, is planning to go to the Cyprus Cup in March, and will hopefully confirm a game against the U.S. in May. Banyana will need every minute of match practice after being pitted against two-time champion Germany, China and Spain in the World Cup draw on Saturday.

"Now we've got there we don't just make up the numbers and we go there and make an impression," Hilton-Smith said. "It's not easy. It's a huge stage with huge teams who play all the time."

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"Mary Queen of Scots" director Josie Rourke, far right, with Saoirse Ronan, center, and Margot Robbie. Ronan plays the titular queen and Robbie is Queen Elizabeth I.

# Frenemy royals get a modern, feminist edge

'Mary Queen of Scots' director and stars talk about the two powerful queens who warred over Europe

BY JEN YAMATO | Los Angeles Times

**F**rom the moment she became queen of Scotland at 6 days old, the world never stopped scrutinizing Mary Stuart's every move — or pitting her against Elizabeth I of England, the cousin whose throne she held a claim to by birth.

Executed at the age of 44, implicated in a plot to assassinate Elizabeth that historians debate to this day, it was her enemies who would write Mary's legacy. So in the turbulent years of her controversial life, contemporaries wonder, who was the real woman known as Mary, Queen of Scots, and what led to her tragic undoing?

Put another way in director Josie Rourke's forceful new biopic, "Mary Queen of Scots": What if Mary and Elizabeth could've just sat down together and worked things out?

It's a notion that occurred to Rourke, star Saoirse Ronan ("Lady Bird"), who plays the titular Scottish queen, and Margot Robbie ("I, Tonya"), who plays

Mary's cousin and political frenemy Queen Elizabeth I.

"You don't know how many times I thought, 'If they just called out for coffee at the beginning of this movie ... it would have been so different!'" said Robbie with a laugh, reuniting in Los Angeles with Rourke and Ronan for the first time since filming the period drama.

Cheekily, Ronan agreed. "Let's just go to Starbucks," she added, channeling Mary, Queen of Scots, by way of a flawless Valley girl accent. "Have a blueberry muffin, sort this ... out ..."

Filmed on location 430 years after Mary's grisly execution, "Mary Queen

of Scots" brings the monarch's story to life with a distinctly feminist aim, focusing on the defining years of the charismatic young Catholic queen with a fierce Ronan in the lead role.

Backed by the producers of the Oscar-winning "Elizabeth" and "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," which starred Cate Blanchett, and scripted by "House of Cards" creator Beau Willimon, the Working Title and Focus Features film is part political thriller, part chamber drama. It marks the film directing debut of theater veteran Rourke, who also serves as the artistic director of

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## IN PERFORMANCE 'The Santaland Diaries' ★★★

### Worth seeing before department store elves are lost to the ages

BY CHRIS JONES  
 Chicago Tribune

During the peak holiday weeks, the Goodman Theatre likes to have an irreverent seasonal attraction on the smaller of its two stages — something to attract a young adult audience less interesting in Dickensian moralizing and disinclined to spend an entire evening in the company of a Victorian miser even more dedicated to personal reformation than the comedian Kevin Hart.

After mixed results with "Twist Your Dickens," a less-than-stellar collaboration with Second City, the Goodman has turned this year to that old war horse David Sedaris and his famous essay/monologue known as "The Santaland Diaries," a typically out-of-whack, first-person account of the satirist's seasonal sojourn at the Macy's department store, where he found gainful grotto employment as Crumpet the Elf.

If you've been around this town for a good while, you may recall seeing Joe Mantello's adaptation on the North Side of many a Chicago Christmas past, recently with Mitchell Fain but once featuring a younger, snarkier version of the Broadway director David Cromer in the one and only role.

The show's only about an hour, well stocked with laughs and wry human commentary and I suspect yet funnier after a



ERIK SCANLON PHOTO

Matt Crowle as Crumpet the Elf in "The Santaland Diaries."

**When:** Through Dec. 30

**Where:** The Goodman's Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 5 minutes

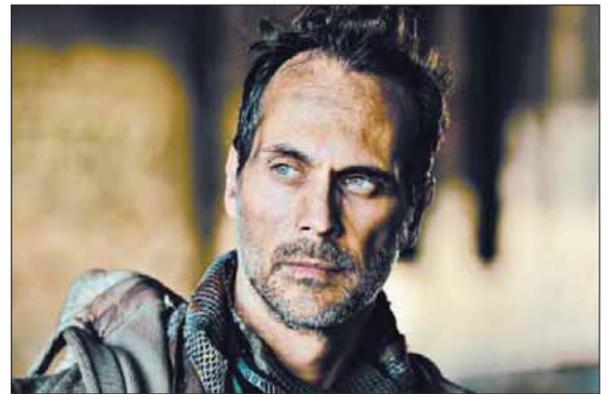
**Tickets:** \$15-\$61 at 312-443-3800 or www.goodmantheatre.org

couple of Christmas cocktails. The show goes so fast you might even make it to Petterino's next door before the shrink wrap is on the booze, the chairs are up on the tables and Ed the bar-

tender has acquired his sympathetic but uncompromising last-call face. This is part of an evening, not an entire commitment, and thus all the better for some.

Let's stipulate that the script — now some 25 years old — is showing its age. Then again, the whole idea of visiting Santa at a downtown department store is atrophying faster than a reindeer competing with Amazon Prime. Wandering past a certain set of department-store windows on

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Todd Stashwick on getting typecast as the villain: "I think it has a lot to do with the fact that I'm 6-foot-2 with dark circles around my eyes and a voice that sounds like it was dragged behind a car."

## MY WORST MOMENT

### Handling insecurity and a hefty dose of tough love

BY NINA METZ  
 Chicago Tribune

Coming off a four-season run as Deacon on the Syfy series "12 Monkeys," which wrapped earlier this year, Todd Stashwick said goodbye to yet another villain in his repertoire. "It's funny because half my resume is split between comedy and the other half is murdering people," he said.

Is there something about his look that says, "I can picture this person doing bad things"?

"I think it has a lot to do with the fact that I'm 6-foot-2 with dark circles around my eyes and a voice that sounds like it was dragged behind a car," he said. "Plus a lot of my theater training

was in Shakespeare, and I think sci-fi villains that I've played on shows like 'Angel' and 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer,' that sort of Shakespearean thing sort of lends itself to those big gothic characters."

In the Chicago-shot indie "Wild Honey" (at the Music Box Tuesday and the Wilmette Theater on Wednesday and Friday), Stashwick taps into his comedic roots, which he honed at Second City. The film centers on a woman (Rusty Swimmer) who finds herself living at home unhappily with Mom and making ends meet working as a phone sex operator. Stashwick plays her her goofy if selfish and

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“Stranger Things” executive producer Shawn Levy takes a photo of a group including Finn Wolfhard, back left, Millie Bobby Brown, far left, and Noah Schnapp, far right, at a Golden Globes after-party in January.

## ‘Stranger Things 3’ teaser reveals titles

Netflix dropped a new teaser for the upcoming third season of “Stranger Things” on Sunday, confirming that it will land on the streaming service in 2019.

The teaser revealed the episode titles for the third season: “Suzie, Do You Copy?,” “The Mall Rats,” “The Case of the Missing Lifeguard,” “The Sauna Test,” “The Source,” “The Birthday,” “The Bite,” and “The Battle of Starcourt.” Its logline reads “In the summer of 1985, the adventure continues.”

The cast has teased that the third season will be the darkest yet. Millie Bobby Brown, David Harbour, Winona Ryder, Gaten Matarazzo, Finn Wolfhard, Noah Schnapp, Caleb McLaughlin, Joe Keery, Natalia Dyer and Charlie Heaton star in the series. Sadie Sink and Dacre Montgomery joined the cast in season 2.

A teaser trailer heralding the arrival of Starcourt Mall dropped in July. The promo video is full of 1980s mall-culture references, from the vintage logo for retailer Gap to a shoutout to the now-departed bookstore chain Waldenbooks and music retailer Sam Goody. The teaser depicts the character of Steve Harrington, played by Keery, working in the Scoops Ahoy ice cream shop in the food court.

The series has been nominated for 10 Primetime Emmys and won six Creative Arts Emmys. It’s also received four Golden Globe nominations.

— Variety



KEVIN MAZUR/GETTY

### Beyonce performs at wedding party in India:

Beyonce brought her star power to a pre-wedding party for the daughter of India’s richest mogul. The 37-year-old singer performed Sunday and sang some of her hits such as “Crazy In Love.” Guests included Hillary Clinton and a host of Bollywood stars in the historical Indian city of Udaipur. Mukesh Ambani’s daughter, Isha, is marrying Anand Piramal on Wednesday.

### Douglas celebrates 102nd birthday:

Actor Kirk Douglas got to celebrate his 102nd birthday with a special video message from his daughter-in-law. Catherine Zeta-Jones shared a sweet tribute in an Instagram video Sunday. The actress and wife of Michael Douglas wrote, “Happy 102nd birthday to the most beautiful man. We love you Kirk.”

### Glenn Beck donates to Lincoln fund:

Media personality and political commentator Glenn Beck is pitching in to keep a trove of artifacts related to Abraham Lincoln in his hometown. Beck’s charity, Mercury One, has donated \$50,000 toward a \$9.2 million debt owed for a collection of 1,400 artifacts purchased a decade ago for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. Museum chief Alan Lowe thanked Beck for his gift.

**Dec. 11 birthdays:** Actress Rita Moreno is 87. Singer Brenda Lee is 74. Actress-comedian Mo’Nique is 51. Actor Rider Strong is 39. Actress-singer Hailee Steinfeld is 22.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Husband shouldn’t fear being Grinch

**Dear Amy:** My husband’s adult children do not celebrate Christmas. They are vocally against it and against Christianity.

However, they do send us their Christmas lists for expensive items, such as large home appliances and electronics. We’ve never asked for such lists and have never received as much as a card from them.

I admit I am starting to feel resentful. Their entitled attitude worries me. We love gift-giving, but this is starting to feel more like fulfilling a demand than giving a gift from the heart. We provide trips, gifts and money generously throughout the year.

I have suggested we let the kids know we will be buying more modest gifts for Christmas. My husband is afraid to rock the boat because his adult kids are accustomed to receiving expensive Christmas gifts from us. Is there a way we can reset expectations and boundaries, without looking like the Grinch?

— Mrs. Claus

**Dear Mrs. Claus:** As long as he is afraid of his children, your husband can’t change the equation during the holiday season.

You should encourage him to start to see himself as worthy of adult attention and respect. He seems to feel that he must literally purchase love from his children — and, guess what? He could be wrong! But he will never know the core value of his relationship with his kids until he is brave enough to have these relationships in a more organic way.

If his kids don’t “believe” in Christmas, then don’t do Christmas.

If he is determined to give gifts, he should recognize each of his kids in a new way this year: by contacting them to say that he has made a donation in their honor to a worthwhile charity.

His kids are not a worthwhile charity, but there are plenty out there, and (unlike his children) these organizations would be grateful for his support. He should steel himself for some blowback from this approach. Change is hard.

**Dear Amy:** I broke up with my ex two months ago. We used to fight a lot, and he used to make a lot of excuses to avoid me. We live far away from each other.

During our time together, he communicated with a lot of random girls. I often felt unhappy and cheated. I called and confronted him, and he said that because we fight a lot, he got bored with me. I was so angry that I ended the call and did not contact him after that at all.

Today, I contacted him via text, asking for his help on a work project. He replied, “Sure.” I didn’t reply immediately. And in 15 minutes he pinged me asking what help I needed. After 40 minutes I responded and told him certain topics I needed tips on. He sent me long messages, detailed with suggestions and tips. I thanked him and said goodbye.

But then he asked me, “Life’s good?” and “Everything’s fine?” I responded, “Yes, and you?” He replied back, “Good.” After that I ended the conversation. I do not understand his reaction to me. I don’t know what is going on!

How should I behave next?

I miss him and love him dearly. I can’t tell if he is into me and deserves a second chance. What do you think?

— Wondering

**Dear Wondering:** It’s time to graduate from middle school. It’s time to take yourself more seriously, and to value yourself so much that a guy politely asking how you are isn’t an invitation back into a relationship that wasn’t good for you in the first place.

“Life’s good?” is just something people say. It’s a polite placeholder. It sounds as if this man wasn’t a good boyfriend for you but might have the makings of an almost-decent friend. He’s a guy you can ping for work questions who will try to be helpful. Someone who is truly into you will offer you a better quality of attention. I hope you feel you deserve it.

**Dear Amy:** Thank you for your calm and compassionate response to “Worried,” the aunt (or uncle) who wondered how to spend time with a teenage nephew in legal trouble for drug possession.

Oh, I was that kid. I’m no longer that kid. But I’m so grateful for family members who hung in there with me.

— Changed

**Dear Changed:** Many of us were either that kid or had that kid in our family. Patience is called for.

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## IN PERFORMANCE

# It’s the hops and shuffles that save ‘Tidings of Tap’

By LAUREN WARNECKE  
Chicago Tribune

Returning to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts Sunday, Chicago Tap Theatre (CTT) once again delighted Skokie’s dance audiences with the company’s annual holiday special, “Tidings of Tap.” For years, CTT hosted “Tidings of Tap” at the UIC Theatre, a popular, frills-free revue with live music and tap dancing celebrating the holiday season. Going north was a risk, but afforded the company opportunities to up production values and cater to new audiences. The risk seems

to be paying off; the North Shore Center is a huge house by comparison, but was quite filled to the gills for this one-time-only matinee on Sunday.

Rather than a full-length narrative, the afternoon was divided into four vignettes: Winter, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year’s Eve, guiding the audience on a chronological journey through the holiday season. Favorite familiar pieces like “Skating,” “Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah,” and “Carols,” a medley of Christmas songs choreographed by Caleb Teicher, are scattered among quite a bit of new material, all performed to



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Isaac Stauffer, from left, Kirsten Uttich and Jennifer Yonally in “Tidings of Tap.”

live music by a five-piece band set onstage atop a platform.

That’s something I love about CTT: They certainly aren’t the only group committed to live music, but rather than relegate the musicians to a pit beneath the stage, the band is cen-

tral, equally as important as the dancers. CTT music director Kurt Schweitz — one of the best jazz bassists in the city — recruited top-notch musicians this year, including silky vocals by Kathryn Lachey.

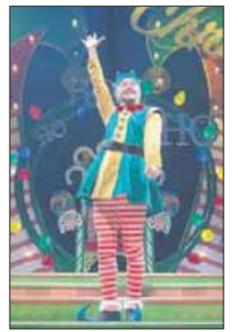
Since the big move to Skokie three years ago, CTT continues to add new elements like the wintery drops hanging near the wings, new costumes by Emma Cullimore, plus original compositions and new arrangements by Schweitz. Guest artist Dasha Merkulova weaves among the tappers, a rhythmic gymnast playing the loose character of a child experiencing the magic of the season. Throughout her journey, she learns about generosity. Gifted a scarf by Kirsten Uttich when she’s cold and alone, Merkulova pays it forward as she later encourages a full stage of tapping Grinch to witness joy and generosity, too. A three-part Hanukkah section includes Rich Ashworth’s beautiful quartet for four of the company’s women called “Candlelight,” and new choreography to traditional Klezmer music, jointly choreographed by artistic director Mark Yonally and Billy Siegenfeld, the director of Evanston’s Jump Rhythm Jazz Project. This section is artfully crafted, avoiding the pitfalls of many a holiday revue which calls itself nondenominational by

haphazardly throwing “The Dreidel Song” onto what is otherwise a Christmas concert.

“Tidings of Tap” is not without its challenges, though, and it goes without saying that in an ambitious production with intricate audiovisual needs and a multitude of props and quick changes, something is bound to go wrong. Merkulova, a highly ranked rhythmic gymnast, masters her props (clubs, ribbon, ball and hoop) — a gaggle of tap dancers don’t. So, a finale which asks each of them to come forward group by group, wielding these props like it’s the ending coda of “The Nutcracker,” fails to impress.

Their tap dancing, on the other hand, is spot on, and while added theatrics and the loose narrative add personality and charm, I personally love just seeing these great performers dance. To that end, veteran company members Yonally, Uttich and Jennifer Pfaff Yonally do less heavily lifting this year, allowing newly-promoted company members Aimee Chase and Isaac Stauffer to step up. They do, particularly in a gleeful duet for the pair called “Cheers,” while up-and-comers like Bailey Caves and Sterling Harris are sure to make their marks soon, too.

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Matt Crowle performs at the Owen Theatre.

## Diaries

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my way to the Goodman Friday night, I twice heard a version of the phrase “they’re just not what they were” floating across the sidewalk on a cold wind, and I confirmed this observation with my own eyes. “Santaland” is on its way to being a historical relic, the Crumpets of this world replaced with robots. So get in there while you still have the referent.

Matt Crowle is a terrific Crumplet in director Steve Scott’s wry little production. He’s less caustic than I remember Cromer being (it’s not hard to be less caustic than Cromer) and more focused on likability. He’s also a bonafide musical-comedy talent (every time I see him I think of Bert the chimney sweep in “Mary Poppins”) and thus the show gets a welcome dose of that spirit, too. He’s just the sort of performer with whom it’s fun to spend an hour — he’s off-kilter enough credibly to inhabit a Sedaris text, but enough of a creature of the empathetic theater to win over your affection. It’s a pleasure to see him, and laugh at him, in this role.

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Enjoy the Theater Tonight

# 'Christmas Prince' sequel serves up holiday drama

BY EMILY YAHR  
The Washington Post

It is quite difficult to keep track of all the cheesy, made-for-television holiday movies released this time of year — but it certainly helps if one of them goes viral.

Thanks to that creepy tweet from Netflix last year, in which the streaming behemoth reminded everyone it's constantly watching and analyzing your viewing data, "A Christmas Prince" became something of an internet sensation. The movie wasn't good — in fact, it was kind of terrible.

Naturally, Netflix commissioned a sequel: "A Christmas Prince: The Royal Wedding," which started streaming last week. Here's everything you need to know:

**Main players are back — for the most part:** For those who can't remember, the gist of the original "A Christmas Prince": A frustrated New York journalist named Amber (Rose McIver of The CW's "iZombie") arrived in the lovely country of Aldovia, determined to get a scoop that would impress her editors and finally get her a promotion. Amber's task was to report on Prince

Richard (also known as "His Royal Hotness," played by Ben Lamb of "The White Queen"), who might abdicate the throne after his father's death and throw the whole country into chaos.

Amber was mistaken for Richard's younger sister's tutor, so she found herself with the undercover scoop of a lifetime. Naturally, she wound up falling for Richard, and he was very hurt when he found out her true identity. But then everything was fine. And Richard became king and proposed to Amber.

Anyway, nearly everyone has returned: Amber; Richard; Richard's little sister, Emily; Richard's mother, Queen Helena; Richard's troublemaking cousin, Simon, etc. However, Amber's father has been recast and outfitted with a much campier personality.

**No need to catch up on the first movie:** Without giving all the "plot" details away, we can assure you that if you missed the first "A Christmas Prince," you probably won't have a difficult time catching up. The 90-minute sequel takes place exactly a year after the last movie ended, as the palace is in a frenzy

for Richard and Amber's coming wedding on Christmas Day.

**A few callbacks:** For die-hard fans, you'll recognize more than a few elements. Some plot points are repeated: For example, Amber's bossy wedding planner steals a cab at the airport, just as Richard stole Amber's cab last time.

Plus, the movie writers were definitely listening to all of the ways that people made fun of the original. Amber was employed at the magazine "Now Beat," a name that received plenty of mockery. In the sequel, Amber and her former co-workers talk about how "Now Beat" folded.

**There are some parallels to real-life royals:** Coincidentally or not, Amber has a few things in common with Meghan Markle, also an American marrying into a royal family. Similar to Markle, Amber has a blog. A major theme in the movie is how all sorts of people are worrying about Amber breaking "protocol" because she doesn't want to lose her own identity. We have a feeling this might sound familiar to some new members of the real-life palace.



Rose McIver and Ben Lamb star in "A Christmas Prince: A Royal Wedding."

## Queens

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London's Donmar Warehouse theater. The film opens Friday in Chicago.

In its humanistic portrait of the two women, the film suggests that the headstrong Mary and the fearful Elizabeth might have bolstered each other and even found solace in their shared challenges had politics, religion and male advisers on both sides not kept them at odds.

"I think there was so much that they could have met in the middle on if they could have been allowed to sit down together," said Ronan. "But of course, that was the reason they were kept apart. It served the men around them."

It was enough of a battle for Mary and Queen Elizabeth I, Europe's only female rulers, to keep their thrones and their heads; to follow their hearts freely was another matter entirely. The constraints of Mary's station and the machinations of men, Rourke's biopic argues, meant her life was never entirely hers to live.

"Marriage, babies, religion," Ronan mused. "Everything was a pawn. Everything you wore. Everything you said."

The Irish Oscar nominee had been attached to a Mary, Queen of Scots, project for years, drawn to the idea of playing a rare figure in cinema — a Celtic queen. But when she began diving into research with Rourke at the helm, Ronan said, "it became incredibly current."

Married at 15 to the future King of France and widowed three years later, the film finds Mary, age 19, returning home to Scotland to reclaim her throne — only to be drawn into bad marriages, worse husbands and a never-ending series of conspiracies hatched by enemies intent on snatching her crown.

Meanwhile over in England, her cousin Elizabeth struggles with similar anxieties, under pressure to marry and bear a successor to her crown — but remains terrified of making any life choices that might lead to her own deposition.

"Elizabeth's very early life, living in fear of her life — this is what today would be considered, frankly, child abuse, also putting aside the fact that her father executed her mother," said Rourke. "If she was alive now she would be in therapy for 14 hours a day."

"The indivisibility between



Initially, Margot Robbie was hesitant to take on the role of Mary Stuart's cousin Queen Elizabeth I.

their sexual and romantic lives, their bodies and power ... one of the things that stuns me is that even these two women, who are crown heads of Europe, have to fight for the right to make the choices they want to make with their bodies," added Rourke.

At first, Robbie admits, she hesitated to take on the role of Elizabeth, whose personal insecurities lead her to tread cautiously with Mary, the only other reigning queen on the scene who by birth has a rival claim to England's crown.

"I probably wasn't listening in school because I seemed to skip all the Renaissance period," the Australian star joked. "Initially when Josie and I spoke about the project I said, 'I think you should hire an actress who has a degree or a master's in history, because it ain't me.'"

"But," the actress smiled, "she made a really good case."

Robbie signed on and began devouring historical material about Elizabeth and the Renaissance era. "In my head that's like, gilded halls and old white-headed people, and it sounded really boring to me — and then Josie starts speaking about it, John Guy started telling me about it and it was just this explosion of color and life," said Robbie.

It was paramount to Rourke that she cast her historical drama with diversity in mind, selecting Gemma Chan to play Elizabeth's lady in waiting Bess of Hardwick, Ismael Cruz Cordova in the heartrending role of Mary's private secretary David Rizzio, and Adrian Lester as England's am-

bassador to Scotland, Lord Randolph.

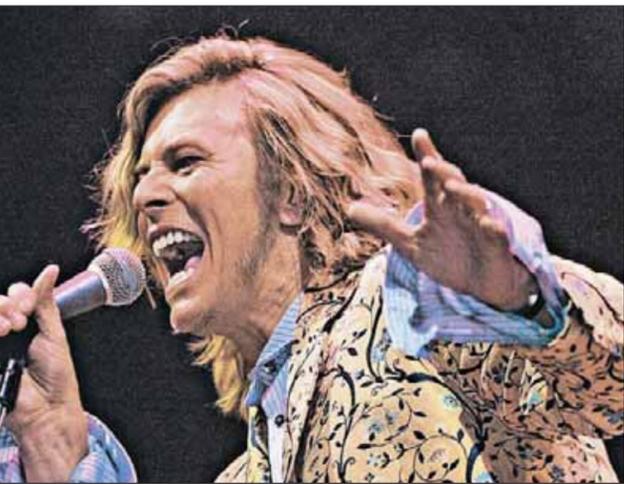
"This is partly because of my background in theater, but I was really clear with Working Title and Focus, and they were very supportive, that I was not going to direct an all-white period drama," explained Rourke.

Bess of Hardwick, as played by "Crazy Rich Asians" actress Chan, "is such a badass," Robbie volunteered. "She should have her own movie. She had like six husbands who all mysteriously died, aka she probably murdered them and then she'd go and marry a richer one! We actually shot in one of her castles."

"Look at Adrian Lester," Rourke said of the Olivier Award-winning actor and OBE recipient. "He knows more about Shakespeare than most academics. It's ridiculous that part of his heritage as an English classical actor doesn't get translated to screen. Why miss out on that talent and the ability of those amazing actors to tell their stories?"

Blending handsome production design with out-of-the-box execution — much of the film's period dress was crafted from denim by costume designer Alexandra Byrne, who won the Oscar for 2007's "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" — the film paints Mary as not only a confident and clever strategist but, socially speaking, radically inclusive.

As political walls close in around her she finds comfort and support in her loyal coterie of handmaidens and lone male confidant Rizzio, whose homosexuality Mary embraces even when he



TOBY MELVILLE/AP

David Bowie performs at the Glastonbury Festival in Pilton, western England, in 2000.

## RECORDINGS

# Bowie on cruise control for live 'Glastonbury 2000' album

BY GREG KOT  
Chicago Tribune

After a decade of treating his hits like a nuisance, David Bowie played a career retrospective set in front of an adoring, boisterous audience in 2000 at the Glastonbury Festival in England. "Glastonbury 2000" (Parlophone) documents the 21-song performance over two CDs and a DVD, and it's exactly as you'd expect: triumphant, low-risk, Bowie the one-time subversive as festival rock star.

The most radical thing about this package might be Bowie's haircut; his shoulder-length mane is a throwback to the Bowie depicted on the 1970 album "The Man Who Sold the World." The next year, the singer would play Glastonbury for the first time, when, in his own words, he "fumbled through about nine songs."

There's no fumbling upon on his return to the hallowed site 29 years later. With a polished band at his back — including longtime sidekick Mike Garson on keyboards and



## 'Glastonbury 2000'

David Bowie  
★★ (out of four)

Earl Slick on guitar — the singer glides through a career retrospective that encompasses early hits (a somber "Life on Mars?" "Changes"), glam-era anthems ("All the Young Dudes," "Ziggy Stardust"), avant-pop excursions ("Station to Station," "Ashes to Ashes"), '80s chart-busters ("Let's Dance," "China Girl") and a sprinkling of then-contemporary songs that no one really cared about, except for Bowie, depending on his mood.

It's telling that his investment makes a 1995 track

such as the disruptive "Hallo Spaceboy" a set highlight. "This chaos is killing me," Bowie sings over spasms of guitar and ebb-and-flow percussion outbursts. Though Bowie's '90s recordings are generally considered busts, he closes the set with another song from that era, the industrial-strength ode to global paranoia, "I'm Afraid of Americans." It's one of Bowie's best midperiod songs, but it sounds strangely muted at Glastonbury, perhaps not the best way to close a set that also included a muted version of "Heroes" and a perfunctory "Under Pressure" as it logged to the finish.

Bowie, at his best, was a crowd-pleaser and provocateur, a pop visionary and an avant-garde subversive. The crowd-pleaser is on full-force display at "Glastonbury 2000," but the facets of his stage persona that made him the most unsettling of rock stars are nowhere to be found.

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tured on-screen.

"It was my first scene and Margot's last scene, and it was the scene that I had drilled the most before we started rehearsals," remembered Ronan. "We rehearsed it once for an hour before we started shooting, and it just felt right straight away. We knew what this was. I got to explore who Mary was, every aspect of her and every shade."

"Likewise, doing that scene made the movie the experience it was for me, and the moments leading up to that define Elizabeth," agreed Robbie.

When they finished the scene, the two stood in a lengthy embrace. "I remember we said afterward, 'I've had you in my head the whole time — you've been there with me,'" said Ronan, turning to Robbie. "And when I went off to do the rest of the film she was there, I had a little Margot on my shoulder."

Humanizing these heads of state reminds us that figures like Mary were people too, they say. *Monarchs — they're just like us!* "That's what I love about 'Veep,'" raved Ronan of the HBO series. "It's so genius because it's like, 'Oh, they are just people. And they are [messing] up every day. They are making mistakes all the time.'" Mary and Elizabeth's stories resonate even more strongly through a modern lens, added Ronan, pointing to how two of the most prominent women leading European politics today are scrutinized.

"It's such a timely story right now especially in the U.K. because you've got Nicola Sturgeon up north and you've got Theresa [May] down south," she said. "You've got these two women that are very, very different standing for very different things, but they're strong and they're doing their thing. To have a film like this come out now is so perfect."

Telling the political and emotional truths of women like Mary and Elizabeth in ways never before tackled on stage or screen is entirely the point, suggested Rourke, who said her work in theater shares the same goal of bridging lessons of the past with issues of today.

"I've done a ton of Shakespeare plays, and we would never look at an old play and not try and work out how that speaks to the present," said Rourke. "And I think sometimes an old story is the best way to talk about what is happening right now."

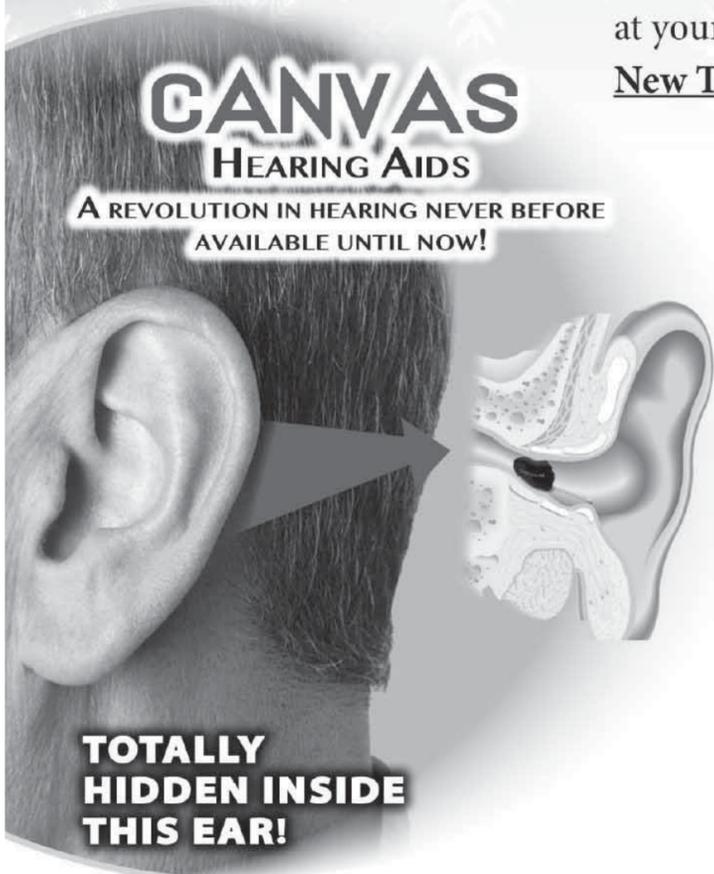
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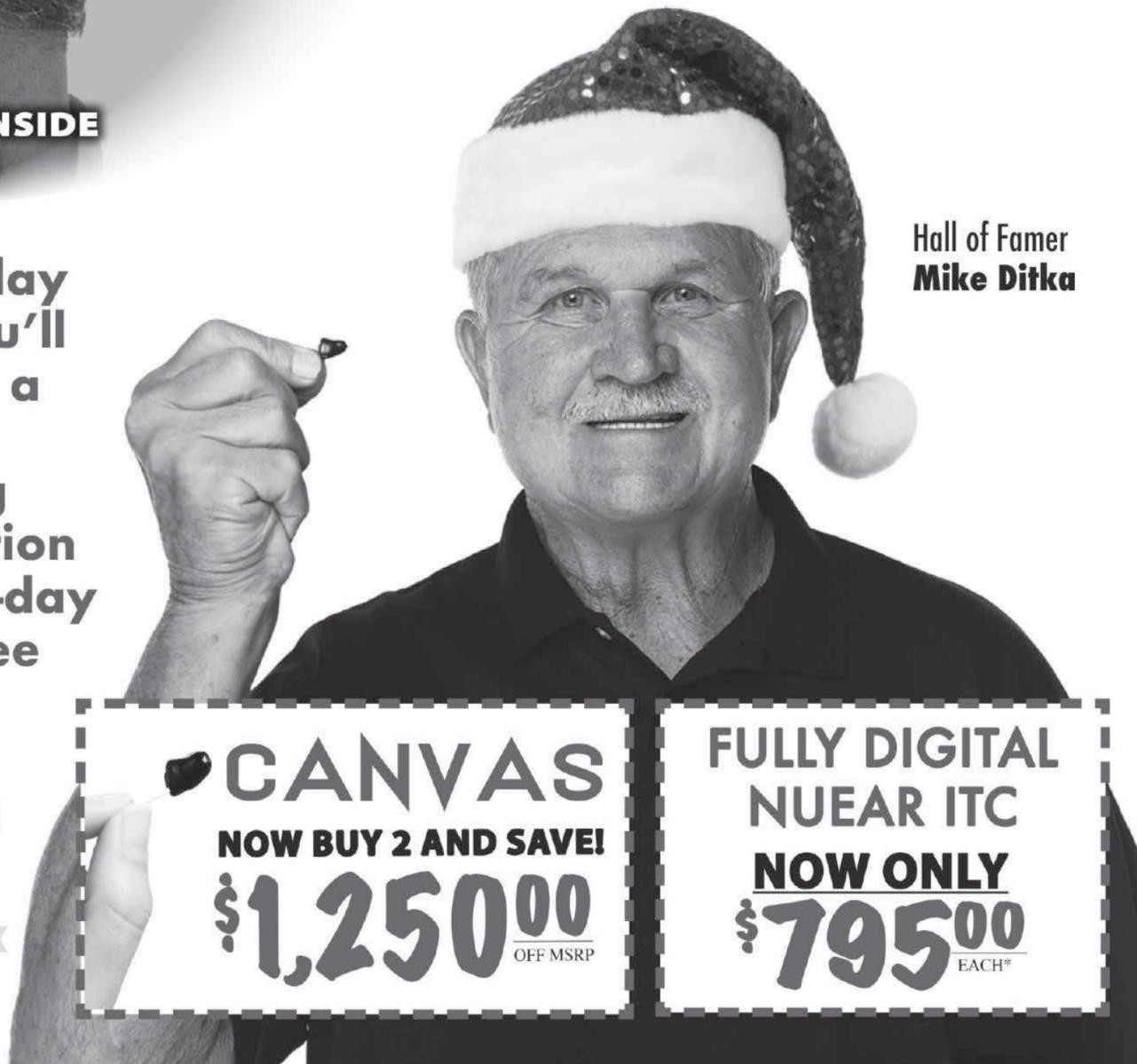
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**“Darci Lynne: My Hometown Christmas”** (8 p.m., NBC): Darci Lynne Farmer, the vivacious 13-year-old ventriloquist and singer who won Season 12 of “America’s Got Talent,” stars in her first one-hour holiday special, filmed earlier this fall after she completed a 40-city tour. The young performer visits her home turf of Oklahoma City, Okla., and reintroduces such fan-favorite characters as Petunia the rabbit, shy mouse Oscar and the brash Edna.

**“Legends of the Lost With Megan Fox”** (7 p.m., 2 a.m., TRAVEL): No series that focuses on ancient mysteries would be complete without an episode devoted to Stonehenge, and sure enough, host Megan Fox is off to the United Kingdom to visit that tourist mecca, one of the most profoundly mysterious sites in the world. Like so many before her, Fox explores the question of why ancestors built this imposing monument in the first place.

**“The Kids Are Alright”** (7:31 p.m., ABC): Mike (Michael Cudlitz) starts seething with jealousy when Peggy’s (Mary McCormack) successful brother, Tom (guest star Nat Faxon), pays a surprise Christmas visit in the new episode “Christmas 1972.” Things come to a head when Tom tries to give the family an extravagant present that Mike’s pride won’t let him accept, much to the unified displeasure of the rest of his clan.

**“blackish”** (8 p.m., ABC): For years, the Johnsons have had a kind of dual yuletide tradition: going to a movie together, while never being able to agree on what to see. This year, Dre (Anthony Anderson) wants to see an important new documentary about Rosa Parks, but everyone else wants to see the new superhero blockbuster. Tracee Ellis Ross also stars in the new “Christmas in Theater Eight.”

**“Hollywood Game Night”** (9 p.m., NBC): Jane Lynch has a whole array of holiday-themed games planned for her guests in tonight’s festive new episode “Ho Ho Holiday Game Night.” Among the participants she welcomes are Jameela Jamil and Lauren Ash from NBC’s Thursday night sitcoms “The Good Place” and “Superstore,” respectively, along with Tony Hale from “Veep.”

**“Momentum Generation”** (9 p.m., 3:15 a.m., HBO): This new feature-length documentary from Jeff and Michael Zimbalist takes a deep dive into the evolving world of surfing. The sport in America was championed in ’60s songs by the Beach Boys, but the public saw surfing as a novelty activity until the 1990s, when a group of punk rock-loving teenagers traveled to Hawaii and began to change the sport.

## TALK SHOWS

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**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Jennifer Lopez; comic Robert Klein; J Balvin performs.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Whoopi Goldberg; actor Adam Pally; Jungle performs.\*

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	<b>HGTV</b>	Fixer Upper ©	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)   Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters		
	<b>HISTV</b>	♦ Digging (N)   Curse-Oak	The Curse of (N)		Brothers in Arms (N)	Oak Island ♦		
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	♦ (5) Fury (R, '14) *** ©	Die Hard (R, '88) *** Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. © ♦					
	<b>LIFE</b>	Happily Ever After	Happily Ever After (N)		Happily Ever After (N)	Island (Sea-		
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
	<b>MTV</b>	Jersey Shore--Vacation	The Challenge (N) ©		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦	
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Winnipeg Jets. (N) (Live) ©			Blackhawks Postgame (N)			
	<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>	♦ (6) Point Break (R, '91) *** Patrick Swayze. ©			Space Cowboys (PG-13, '00) *** © ♦			
	<b>OWN</b>	The Haves, Nots	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots	The Haves ♦		
	<b>OCY</b>	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©	NCIS © ♦		
<b>PARMT</b>	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master (N) ©	Creed *** ♦		
<b>SYFY</b>	♦ (6:35) The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift **			Nightflyers: “Rebirth.” (N)	Futurama			
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Guest (N)	Conan © ♦		
<b>TCM</b>	Stagecoach (NR, '39) **** John Wayne. ©			Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? **** ♦				
<b>TLC</b>	7 Little Johnstons: “20 Years of Trent & Amber.” (N)			The Little Couple: “Christmas” (N) ♦				
<b>TLN</b>	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on	Difference	Life Today	Insights	Camp ♦	
<b>TNT</b>	Doctor Strange (PG-13, '16) *** Benedict Cumberbatch. ©			Doctor Strange ('16) *** ♦				
<b>TOON</b>	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Legends: Lost (N)		Expedition Unknown: “Asia’s Sunken Cities.” (N) ©		Monster (N)			
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©			Chrisley (N)	Chrisley (N)	Country		
<b>VH1</b>	T.I. & Tiny: Friends	Love & Hip Hop ©		Love & Hip Hop ©	Black Ink ♦			
<b>WE</b>	Law & Order: “Fallout.”	Law & Order: “Captive.”		Law & Order: “Over Here.”	Law ♦			
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Tomb Raider (PG-13, '18) ** Alicia Vikander. ©			Momentum Generation (NR, '18) © ♦			
	<b>HBO2</b>	VICE Special Report: The Panic Artists	Icebox (NR, '18) Anthony Gonzalez.		Get Him ♦			
	<b>MAX</b>	MacGruber (R, '10) ** Will Forte.	(8:35) The Hitman’s Bodyguard (R, '17) ** ♦					
	<b>SHO</b>	♦ Jeff Beck: Still on the	Inside the NFL (N) ©		Escape at Dannemora	Inside NFL ♦		
	<b>STARZ</b>	♦ (6:07) 27 Dresses *** ©	Outlander ©		(9:01) The Chronicles of Riddick *** ♦			
<b>STZNC</b>	The Deer Hunter (R, '78) **** Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken. ©				Frightners ♦			

## Moment

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hard-partying ex.

At a quick glance, Stashwick bears a resemblance to another Hollywood actor, “The Walking Dead’s” Jeffrey Dean Morgan.

“Look, to be confused with Jeffrey Dean Morgan is high praise. We both have circled the same tree in terms of our careers. And my character Deacon on ‘12 Monkeys’ — which actually came out two years before Negan on ‘Walking Dead’ — at least early on, there was a lot of Venn Diagram crossover of the characters. It was this uncanny thing: They’re both sarcastic and brutal and kind of delight in their brutality. They both need a shave and wear neckerchiefs.”

Stashwick also stars in the “Kim Possible” live-action movie (coming to the Disney Channel in February) playing — you guessed it — another villain.

When asked to share a worst moment from his career, Stashwick prefaced his story with this observation: “In my career, the worst moment was also a singularly formative moment.”

## My worst moment ...

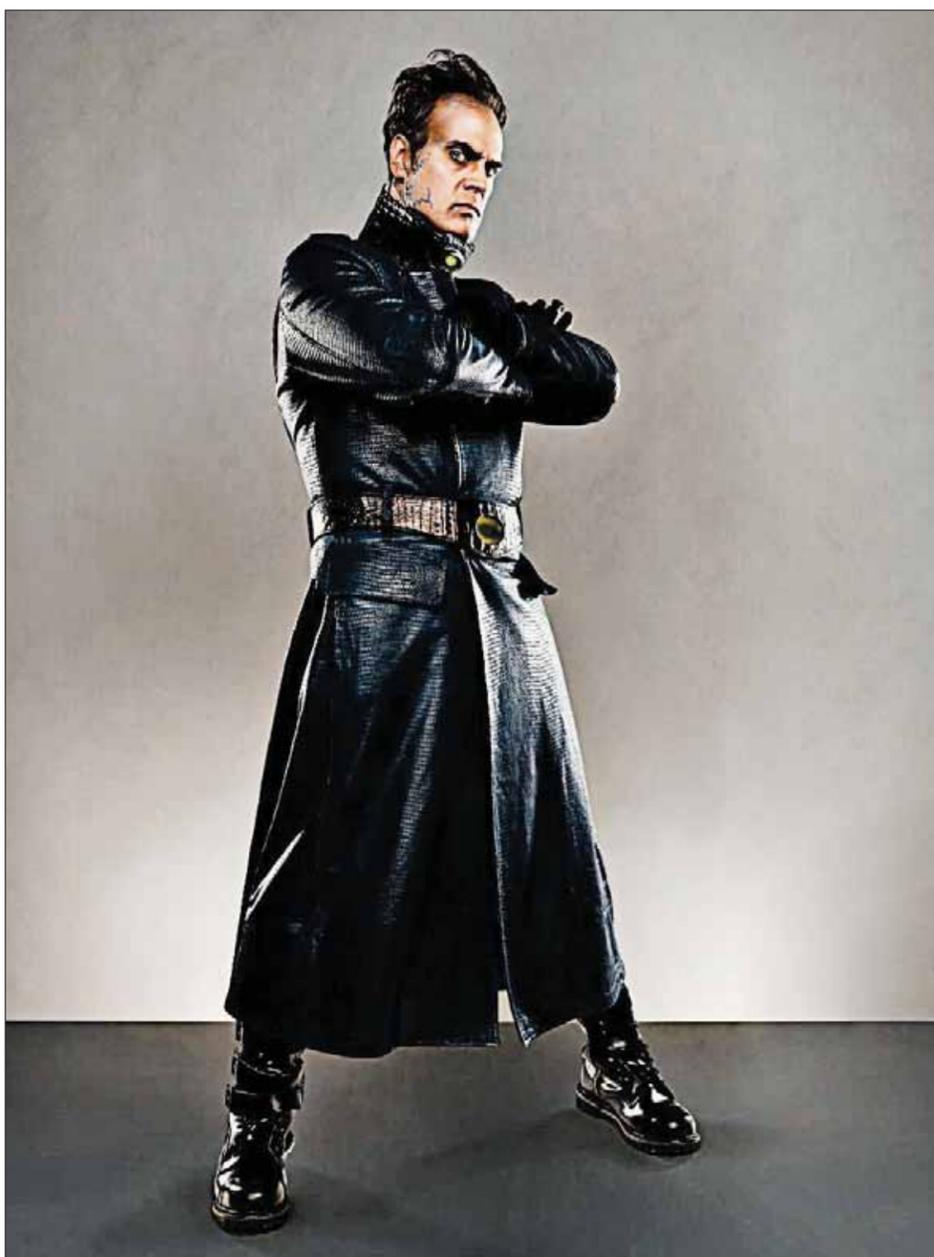
“This was when I was in college at Loyola University in Chicago and I was maybe 18. I was a theater major and I was doing a play — I’m going to be cagey about the title to protect the innocent — and for whatever reason I was not on my game. I was young and insecure.

“And one night at intermission, the director’s assistant came downstairs and said: ‘Todd Stashwick, I don’t know what you’re doing on that stage but it is bad high school acting — and I’m only down here because the director can’t look you in the face.’

“All the blood drained from my face. As if I wasn’t already insecure, this just kicked me in the gut. This happened in the green room so we weren’t alone. I told was told off in front of many people.

“I think that particular instructor was thinking this was tough love and preparing me for a rough business where people are blunt.

“But with my fragile ego, that just knocked me to the ground. And this is during the intermission of a performance! So I was backstage winded and weeping and I didn’t have thick skin. It was so bad that I missed a set change that I was supposed to be a part



DISNEY CHANNEL

Todd Stashwick as Dr. Drakken in the forthcoming Disney Channel live-action movie “Kim Possible.”

of. I just spun out — to the point where I think it factored into me eventually switching schools.

“I ended up transferring to Illinois State University. And I go into one of my first classes of the year and I sit down and who is teaching that class, but the teacher from the previous school, the assistant director who delivered that message to me during intermission. And they turn around and look at me — I’m using ‘they’ because I’m protect-

ing this person! — and a smile kind of curls on their face. And they said, ‘Todd Stashwick, despite all my hard work, you still want to be an actor.’ And I said, ‘Yes.’ And they said, ‘Good for you.’

“And to be fair to this person, they ended up being one of my staunchest allies and one of my greatest champions at that school and actually encouraged me to go to Second City. So it really was a tough love situation.”

## What was going through his mind when he received that feedback at intermission?

“There were a fair amount of insecure boy tears that were shed, but the show must go on. I had to muscle up and get back on stage and do the show. And far worse things have happened to people than a teacher saying you’re off your game, and they muscled through it and did the performance.”

“And this teacher wasn’t say-

**“Todd Stashwick, I don’t know what you’re doing on that stage but it is bad high school acting — and I’m only down here because the director can’t look you in the face.”**

ing, ‘For the rest of your life, you shouldn’t be an actor.’ They were saying, ‘You are unfocused and not listening hard enough.’ There was a lack of discipline and it showed in the work, so it was basically: Step up and do the job. This was an educational theater — I was in school, I was there to learn and I was there to take their notes and adjust my performance.

“And circumstances being what they were — and who I was then and who I am now — I wouldn’t change a thing.”

## The takeaway ...

“One was, I don’t need to go to a school where people don’t necessarily believe in what I’m doing. It was a moment that eventually led to me deciding I’m the master of my own destiny and I know I have something to offer this art form, whether or not it’s currently being appreciated at this venue. And it had a happy ending with this instructor.

“And look, I studied under (famed improv guru) Del Close, who was far more tactless. There’s a lot of that in the acting profession, whether or not I subscribe to it personally. I’ve taught a lot of improv and I’ve taught a lot of acting and I don’t personally do that. I don’t mind being truthful or blunt, but I would never intentionally want to go after someone in that way. And Del certainly chose to express himself in very, very, very blunt terms.

“And in many ways I was ready for it, because I had had that experience in college. Looking back, I was probably screwing around, so yeah: Show up and do your job is another big takeaway.

“When I’m on set, that’s my only job. And if I’m not bringing the goods between ‘action’ and ‘cut,’ I need to step up.”

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Dec. 11): Imagine the world of your dreams this year. Disciplined, persistent actions realize your vision. Discover fresh vitality. Stash away extra income this winter, before embarking on your next journey. Collaborations bear fruit next summer, before you resolve a financial challenge.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Friends can be a big help. Offer support when you can, and find a willing hand when needed. Money may be tight. Pull together.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Forge ahead with a professional project. A challenge comes into focus. Avoid risky business. Prioritize basics, and get to details later. It could get messy.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Not everything discovered along your path is beautiful. Some things you see or experience remind you what you love about familiar flavors. Choose a positive view.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Get together and review finances with your partner. Avoid provoking sensitive issues. Revise budgets to adapt to current conditions and what's ahead.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Enjoy a partner's company. Things could get romantic, if you can avoid tripping over toes. Remember what's most important, and let the little stuff go.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Focus on physical labors and services. Meticulous efforts yield satisfying results. You may need to make a mess to create a work of beauty.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Practice your arts and skills. Engage in activities you love. Keep polishing to reveal the beauty within. Avoid confrontation or controversy.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Home repairs and domestic chores require attention. Clean, sort and organize to reduce clutter. A mess could seem overwhelming. Advance one step at a time.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Your creative project may not look as beautiful as imagined yet. Keep polishing, crafting and editing. Envision the future sparkle of a diamond in the rough.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Pursue a lucrative opportunity. Reduce risk and expense. Avoid nebulous fantasies, and follow a practical path. Stick to simple fare and save.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Maintain your advantage despite a challenge. Prepare a personal project patiently. Hold your temper with frustrations or interruptions. Keep a positive outlook.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Private meditation soothes your spirit. Contemplate your next move. Save money, and keep a low profile. Clean a mess, and prepare for what's ahead.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



"That one is for beating Eric Trump at Angry Birds."

### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

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

We recently featured a deal that showed it was usually unwise to double the opponents holding five low trumps. It can also be unwise to double with five good trumps, including two apparent trump tricks. The opponents, so warned, don't have to play it there. They might run to a better spot.

In today's deal, from a tournament in Wales, the West players who refrained from doubling six hearts defeated the contract by one or two tricks, depending on how many trump tricks they were able to take. More than a few Wests decided to double six hearts. South, looking at weak trumps, divined the reason for the double and ran to six no trump, making this deal the talk of the tournament.

A diamond lead is necessary, or South can just give the opponents a heart trick and bring his total to 12 tricks. Should South win the opening diamond lead and run his nine black winners, West must discard two hearts and three high diamonds, or he will be displayed in diamonds and forced to lead a heart into the ace-jack. Also, East must not have played his nine of diamonds at trick one, or the endplay will be unavoidable.

On this lie of the cards, declarer can always make 12 tricks in no trump by ducking the opening diamond lead. We'll leave it to interested readers to work out the winning line of play.

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### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



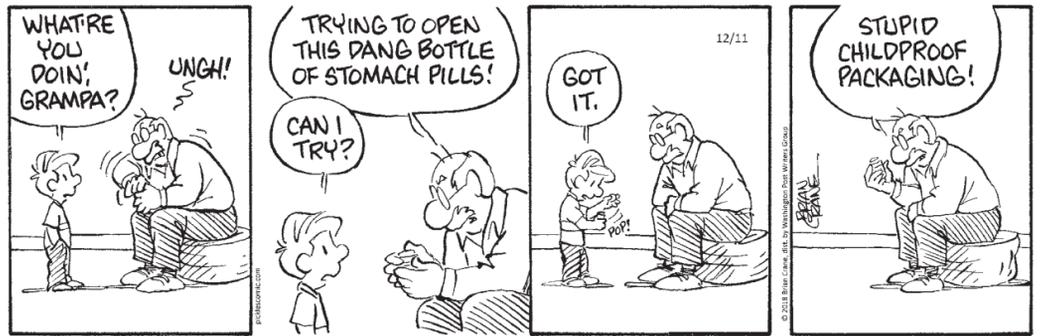
### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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TUESDAY, DEC. 11 NORMAL HIGH: 36° NORMAL LOW: 22° RECORD HIGH: 61° (1949) RECORD LOW: -5° (1972)

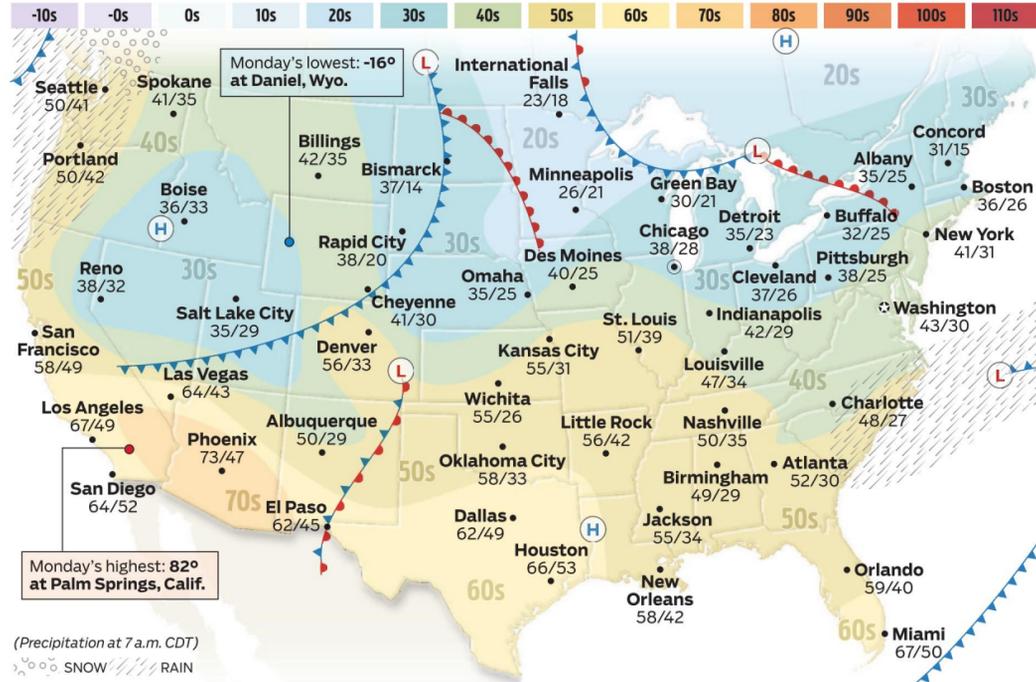
## One more sunny day before cloudy skies return

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 28

- Continued dry. Temps slowly moderate.
- Not as cold as previous mornings. Sunrise temps hover in the 20s most areas.
- Sunshine dims as patchy mid-high level clouds increase during the day.
- Milder. Afternoon temps peak near 40 degrees.
- W-SW winds 10-15 mph.
- Cloud cover thickens overnight. Temps dip to around 30, then hold nearly steady.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Most of the metro area enjoyed a bright Monday, with the city receiving 96 percent of its possible sunshine. This made Monday the sunniest day so far this month. The exception was over portions of the west and southwest suburbs, where patchy low clouds persisted well into the afternoon hours following a morning that featured locally dense fog. Low clouds and fog are difficult to burn off this time of year due to weak sunshine. At noon on Dec. 10, the sun only rises about 25 degrees above the horizon.

Tuesday promises more sun as high pressure remains in control of our weather. Quiet conditions are expected across most of the country. Clouds are due to return by midweek as a series of disturbances make their way across the central U.S., bringing a chance of rain and snow.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 28

Weather system moves across the upper Mississippi valley bringing mostly cloudy skies. Light snow or mix possible, mainly in the morning. Partly cloudy at night. S winds becoming SW at 10-20 mph.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 13

**HIGH** 40 **LOW** 35

Partial sun early, gives way to thickening clouds as the next weather system approaches. Rain possible late, becoming likely at night. Temps stay above freezing overnight. SE winds 10-20 mph.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 14

**HIGH** 39 **LOW** 34

Work week ends gray and rather raw. Occasional light rain or drizzle persists, especially in the morning. Daytime temps rise little, holding near 40 degrees. Light winds become NE 15 to 25 mph.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 15

**HIGH** 40 **LOW** 34

Blustery and damp. Cloudy skies continue to bring a chance of light rain/drizzle, especially S-E of the city. Little change in temps. Readings again hover around 40 degrees. N winds 15-25 mph.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 16

**HIGH** 41 **LOW** 28

Peeks of morning sun fade as clouds increase. Temps climb to around 40 degrees. Turning colder late as SW winds turn NW at 15-25 mph. Chance of snow or flurries at night.

### MONDAY, DEC. 17

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 25

Clouds dominate area skies, though peeks of sun emerge at times. A few flurries possible. Seasonably cold with highs mainly in the mid 30s. NW winds 15-25 mph diminish late.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
When was the last time Chicago set a record low for a day's maximum temperature?

— Jerry

Dear Jerry,  
It was less than a year ago on New Year's Day 2018 when Chicago logged a record-low maximum of just 1 degree during a holiday deep freeze. Just a few days earlier, the 5-degree high on Dec. 26, 2017, also established a new record-low maximum. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski scanned the record books and noted an astonishing four new record-low maximums were established in 2014. The first occurred on Jan. 6 with a high of minus 2. That was followed by record-low highs of 56 degrees Sept. 11, 47 degrees Oct. 4 and 19 degrees Nov. 18. Wachowski also noted that the city's all-time record-low maximum was a frigid minus 11, observed on Christmas Eve 1983 and again on Jan. 18, 1994.

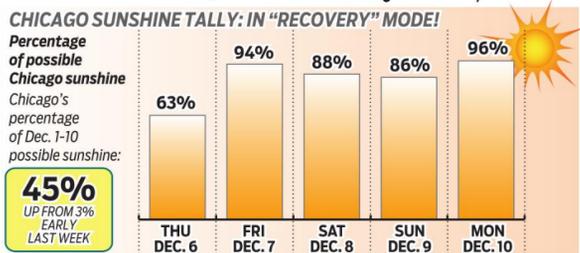
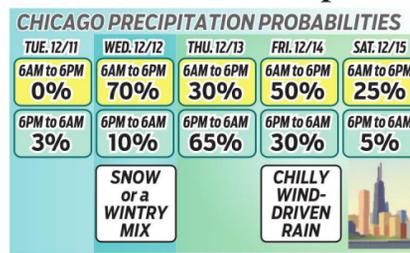
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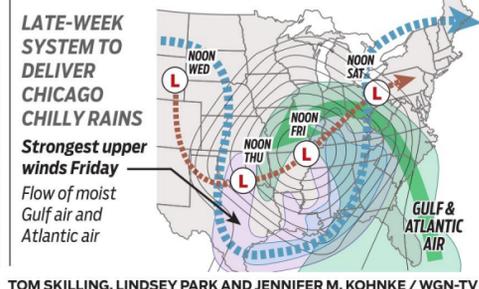
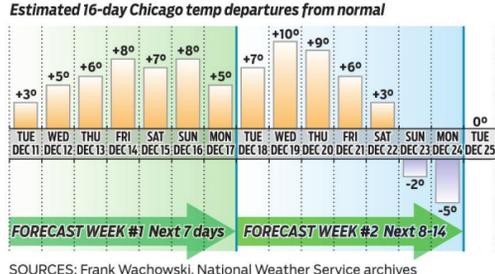
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## Above-normal temps arrive late week; then chilly rain/snow



### ABOVE-NORMAL TEMPS TO RUN WELL INTO NEXT WEEK



### CHICAGO DIGEST

#### MONDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	35	15	Midway	34	17
Gary	34	23	O'Hare	34	16
Kankakee	26	12	Romeoville	30	10
Lakefront	34	21	Valparaiso	31	24
Lansing	31	15	Waukegan	36	15

#### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Mon. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
December to date	1.24"	0.88"
Year to date	47.15"	35.52"

#### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Mon. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	13.0"	9.4"
Normal to date	3.7"	3.4"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

#### LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Wind SW-W 10-20 kts. S-SW 15-20 kts.	Wind S 10-15 kts. S-SW 15-20 kts.
Waves 1-3 feet	Waves 2-4 feet
Mon. shore/creeper water temps 35°/35°	

#### U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 10	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	46.7%	28.9%
Average snow depth	2.0"	1.2"

#### TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	4 days	5 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

#### CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Monday's reading: **Moderate**  
Tuesday's forecast: **Moderate**  
Critical pollutant: **Particles**

#### MOON RISE/SET TIMES

SUN	7:08 a.m.	4:19 p.m.
MOON	10:26 a.m.	8:23 p.m.

1ST Q Dec. 15 FULL Dec. 22 3RD Q Dec. 29 NEW Jan. 5

#### MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:21 a.m.	3:16 p.m.
Venus	3:24 a.m.	2:09 p.m.
Mars	11:59 p.m.	11:21 p.m.
Jupiter	6:09 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
Saturn	8:33 a.m.	5:43 p.m.

#### BEST VIEWING TIME

MERCURY	6:00 a.m.	5.5° SE
VENUS	5:45 a.m.	22.5° SE
MARS	5:45 p.m.	42° S
JUPITER	5:00 p.m.	6° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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