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Kyle Hertter, now 21, was touched by security guard Jose I. Rubio at Rush Oak Park Hospital in 2014 when Hertter was 17.

**TRIBUNE INVESTIGATION ON GUARD, UNCHECKED**

## ACCUSED, CONVICTED AND STILL LICENSED

Prosecutors charged a security guard with sex abuse. He kept his state license, as Illinois struggles to oversee a growing profession.

BY JOE MAHR AND CECILIA REYES | Chicago Tribune

The encounter happened in an Oak Park hospital four years ago and lasted just a few minutes.

A uniformed security guard gave a teen boy directions to the bathroom. The guard followed him in and — authorities later said — blocked the door with one foot.

According to the boy, police and prosecutors, the guard told the scared boy to unzip his pants, then reached two fingers into the teen's underwear.

The guard had been approved to work by the state despite arrests for weapons and drugs.

And he was able to keep his professional license, even though he was convicted of



Jose I. Rubio was charged with attempted aggravated sex abuse, kidnapping and aggravated battery after a 2014 encounter with a teen boy.

misdemeanor battery for what happened with the boy in the bathroom.

The state won't explain why it let the guard keep his license. The victim's mother said she can't imagine how: "There's no way in hell you can ever argue with me to get me to understand."

The case of licensed security guard Jose I. Rubio and others uncovered by the Tribune highlights another dimension of the lax oversight first exposed in the paper's "On Guard, Unchecked" series.

Despite being in a position of authority and tasked with protecting the public, security guards in Illinois can obtain state

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## Springfield to feel new political reality

GOP seeks optimism and lawmakers normalcy as Dem regime takes control

BY RICK PEARSON  
Chicago Tribune

Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker and his wife, M.K., played dinner hosts at their North Astor Street mansion for Illinois' four legislative leaders and their spouses in early December, a rare bipartisan convening that belies the current political norm of hyperpartisanship.

"Everybody had a good time. We stayed longer, I think, than everybody had planned and it was a great conversation," the Democratic governor-elect said.

"We had kind of chicken, meat and potatoes. It was a fairly normal dinner, you might imagine, at our home. And, actually we talked about almost everything except politics," he said.

But there is a new political reality for the shrinking Republican minority to stomach come January after an often bitter campaign found Democrats in November sweeping all statewide offices, including ousting one-term Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, and expanding legislative majorities.

In the early transitional stages, House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs and Senate GOP leader Bill Brady of Bloomington prefer to digest the new Democratic era with skeptical optimism. They profess, too, a hope that Illinois can return to a sense of normalcy and stability after four years of contentious battles based on partisan ideological wars that left the state financially scarred.

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## Trump surprises Iraq in first war zone visit

President Donald Trump made an unannounced visit to Iraq on Wednesday, leaving behind a partially shuttered U.S. government to greet American troops for the first time in a war zone. Trump's trip was shrouded in secrecy. Air Force One flew overnight from Washington, landing at an air base west of Baghdad under the cover of darkness. The president defended his decision to withdraw all of the 2,000 U.S. forces from Syria where they have been helping battle militants from the Islamic State group, but said he has "no plans at all" to remove troops from Iraq, where about 5,000 American military personnel are stationed. **Nation & World**, Page 10

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## They hail from here but all hail Notre Dame

Chicago pipeline strong as Irish prep for Cotton Bowl

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL  
Chicago Tribune

SOUTH BEND, IND. — The drive from downtown Chicago to the heart of the University of Notre Dame campus takes less than two hours on most weekdays. On a gray, blustery day last week, lake-effect flurries pounded the windshield during the quick jaunt east on the Indiana Toll Road before the golden dome of the administration came into view, glistening despite the gloom.

The campus was nearly empty, the students long gone for holiday break, meaning the Brennan family bench outside the Jordan Hall of Science was empty.

The bench, a few steps away from the Knute Rockne statue outside the north entrance to Notre Dame Stadium, honors three generations of family members who graduated from Notre Dame with a small plaque. Memorials and remembrances are a common site throughout the historical campus. Many of those families, like most of the Brennan family, hail from the Chicago area.

"It's such a unique pull when you're there, and a lot of that comes back to football," said Drew Brennan, at 41 the youngest of the seven members of his family to graduate from Notre Dame. Brennan, whose father, grandfather, two uncles and two cousins also received their diplomas from the university, said

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Veletta Bell smiles in her Chicago home with the fur coat that her aunt gave her seven years ago. "To have something of hers is extremely important to me," said Bell.

## In handing down furs, rich legacy kept alive

For black women, tradition honors past and models future

BY LOLLY BOWEAN  
Chicago Tribune

On the rare occasions that Veletta Bell wraps herself in the full-length, dark brown, female mink fur coat gifted to her by her oldest aunt, she can't help but stand a little taller and walk with her head aimed a little toward the sky.

Not only is the coat an exquisite luxury accessory that draws attention, but it also allows Bell to reflect on her aunt, Ollie Wright, who was known as the hard-working trailblazer in her family. And as she thinks about her beloved relative, Bell consciously takes on some of the trend-

setter's former sass and resolute persona.

"Because it's her coat, I wear it a little different than how I wear my own coat," Bell said. "She was always a confident, head-high woman. The coat was so in line with her personality, and I want to wear it the way she did. Because of who my aunt is and the esteem I hold for her, to have something of hers is extremely important to me."

Bell is continuing a rarely recognized ritual in the African-American community, one in which older black women pass their expensive coats on to younger

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## Stocks soar to erase big pre-holiday drop

Investors returned from the Christmas holiday break in a buying mood Wednesday, sending U.S. stocks sharply higher. The Dow Jones industrial average roared more than 1,080 points at the close — 5 percent — as stocks snapped a four-day losing streak that had placed the 10-year bull market on the edge of death Monday. Gains in technology companies, retailers, health care and internet stocks drove the broad rally across all major indexes. **Business**

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The best gifts we give are the ones that make the other person feel we've been paying full attention.

## CLASSIC COLUMN

# Getting it right for Dad's last Christmas



MARY SCHMICH

What kind of Christmas gift do you give someone who's dying?

The last Christmas of my father's life a couple of my siblings and I searched for an answer to that hard question.

We would not give Dad another shirt or tie.

No more Old Spice. Not another coffee table sports book he'd leaf through while he kept his true attention pinned on the TV football game.

He lived in a place too warm for sweaters. He didn't need another tool. He could have used a vacation, but he'd never taken a real one and wasn't about to start.

The things we would have most liked to give him — a longer life, peace in his anxious heart — weren't within our power.

We could give him our presence, of course, and hope that simply being there was proof of love, that

proof of love was all he needed in whatever weeks remained.

That's what they say, isn't it? That in sickness or in health, love is the real gift we all hope to find in the mess of Christmas bows and boxes?

Even so, there's something to be said for a gift that can be seen and touched.

Choosing a gift for my father, even in good health, was tough. He had no hobbies, unless you count betting on the ballgames. In the middle of his life, in the midst of a crisis, he had turned his hobbies — carpentry and house painting — into his work, and he worked too much to cultivate new forms of recreation.

Free and easy time was as foreign to him as the body he had come to inhabit, whittled down by cancer to 120 pounds of bone. He still dressed every day in his painter's whites, but in the weeks leading to his last Christmas he spent more and more time in his chair.

Always the same chair. "Dad's chair." A wooden rocker with a seat so hard it may as well have been made of needles.

He mentioned occa-

sionally that he just couldn't get comfortable in that rocker anymore, but given that he tended to equate ordinary comfort with luxury, luxury with waste and waste with sin, he wasn't about to buy himself a comfy chair.

So we did it for him. The solution to our gift quandary appeared like a vision: a La-Z-Boy.

The La-Z-Boy store — the name was all wrong for a man who thought laziness was an E-Z pass to hell — was on a busy Phoenix boulevard about a mile from my parents' house. One of my sisters and I walked over. We picked a cream-colored recliner, an impractical fabric but it looked soft, hopeful.

The salesman said it would be delivered in a couple of days. Too long, we thought, for a man on a countdown.

So we carried the chair home, two young women lugging a La-Z-Boy through the streets, past the ranch houses, dodging cars, laughing all the way.

He liked his new chair. He got to sit in it for four months.

Occasionally all these years later when I visit my

mother at Christmas, I stretch out in the La-Z-Boy, frayed now, and wonder why sometimes it's so hard to find gifts for people you love, why this last gift to my father was the only one I'd ever felt I really got right.

The best gifts any of us receive are the ones that make us feel that the giver has glimpsed in us some yearning, or some essence, that we may not even have known we'd revealed.

The best gifts we give are the ones that make the other person feel we've been paying full attention.

I like to think that's why the La-Z-Boy worked on both the giving and receiving ends, because my father wished for some ease and, though he couldn't say it, we were able to see it.

Or maybe that was his last Christmas gift to us, the best present any gift recipient can offer: letting us believe that the thing we gave was perfect.

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# Lawlor talks addiction, mental health problems

Ex-Lake County chairman: 'I have found belonging'

BY FRANK ABDERHOLDEN  
News-Sun

Former Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor has resurfaced, after being treated for a drug addiction, in a recently released TEDx Talk given to a full house at the Vernon Area Public Library during which he discussed his recovery process.

Lawlor described how he suffered from depression, alcohol and drug addiction during the YouTube talk, which is modeled after the famous Ted conferences that started in 1984 as a conference on Technology, Entertainment and Design.

In the library talk — which is dated Sept. 30, but was only posted in recent days — Lawlor begins by explaining how he ended up in rehab.

The video runs for just over 15 minutes. It is titled, "The Addict Next Door."

"My best friend saved my life. He didn't carry me out of a burning building, or take a bullet for me," Lawlor said, "I met him at his apartment, got a ride in a cab and we went down Lake Shore Drive and we pulled up to a red brick house in Chicago's Gold Coast (neighborhood). We passed through the gate, walked in the front door and I told the receptionist that I needed help," he said, while his best friend stood behind him.

"Four days later, on a Monday, I started rehab for drug addiction. And what was remarkable about the experience was not the people, although they are the most amazing people I ever met. What was remarkable about the program was the way it built a commonality, and a com-

munity and trust. Not just overnight, but instantaneously," he said.

"For the past 83 days I have found belonging, purpose, inspiration and accountability in ways I have never felt in places I've never been," Lawlor said.

When contacted Monday, he declined to elaborate on his situation, saying he wanted the YouTube talk to speak for itself.

Lawlor had been a rising political star, from his library board seat in Vernon Hills, to the County Board where he eventually became chairman.

He eventually went into rehabilitation at the end of July, saying he was seeking treatment for an undisclosed drug addiction that hurt his finances and he was taking a 30-day leave of absence. Later he announced he was withdrawing as a candidate for re-election after three terms.

"Since entering treatment, I have learned the importance of not letting anyone or anything get between my serenity and my recovery," he said at the time,

"Accordingly, I am withdrawing my candidacy for re-election.

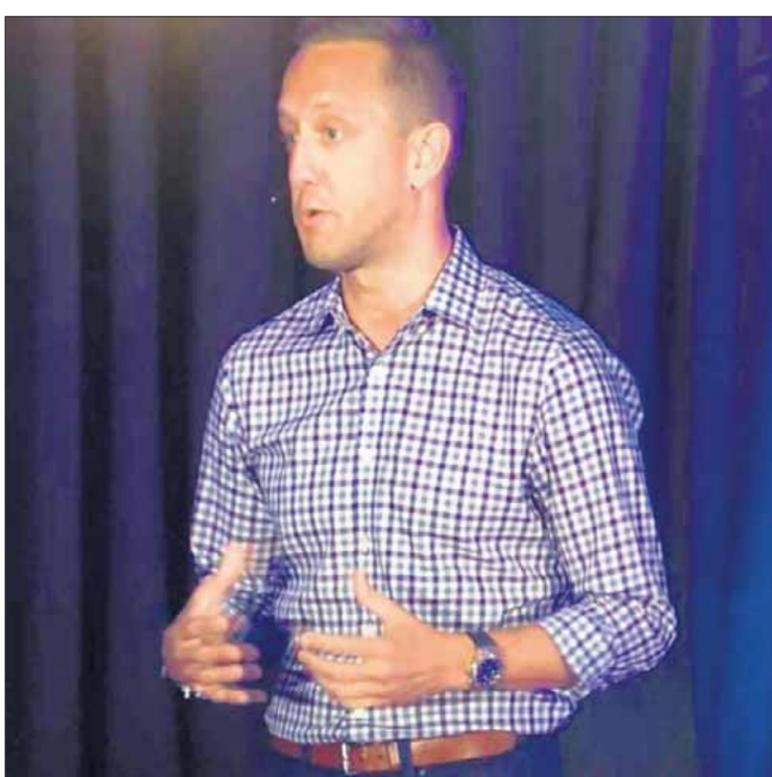
"I would much rather lose my job than lose my life, and that was where my addiction was taking me."

Lawlor said he listened to others tell stories of shame, struggle, hardship and heartache. He found support in the words, kindness and the competence of others who were also fighting alcohol or drug abuse.

"They are all shapes of the same problem, all brought together by the desire to lead the most meaningful and fulfilling life we are able to, and recognizing we can only lead that most meaningful life if we are sober," he said.

"By telling our stories, it helps hurt people become healed people," he said.

Lawlor talked about his depression and how, on the night he went on a home-



FRANK ABDERHOLDEN/LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN

Former chairman of the Lake County Board Aaron Lawlor discussing his depression, alcohol and drug addiction during a TEDx talk given at the Vernon Hills Area Library and released over the weekend.

less count, he met a man name Terrence who was bipolar at a local emergency room. He was Lawlor's age and homeless for the first time. The man told him that he was without insurance or the ability to pay, and had not been able to get in to see a psychiatrist for three months.

"Now, how can we expect Terrence to stay housed and employed and get to where he needs to go without an episode if he can't get in to see a psychiatrist in three months," he said.

Lawlor said the man's story inspired him, even before he confronted his own demons, to work for more access to mental health. He also described how he thought he was very good at lead-

ing a double life, pretending to be straight in college when he was gay. He said he was someone who self-medicated with alcohol. "I was in the public eye and always had people around me, but I never felt more alone," he said.

"I was HIV positive, and perpetually ashamed and afraid and self-destructive because of it," he said. In his loneliness and isolation, he said, he turned to drugs.

"I was a gay Republican in the suburbs for heaven's sake, and if you look up self-loathing in the dictionary it should read 'gay Republican,'" he said, eliciting laughs from the crowd.

"So the story I told was that I was a lonely, alcohol- and drug-addicted, HIV positive, gay, elected offi-

cial, Republican in the suburbs," he said. "I was an egomaniac with a raging inferiority complex."

Lawlor said that, as a culture, "We are urged to bottle up our own shame and take it."

He compared mental health treatment with treating a cancer by just cutting out the tumor and sewing the patient back up — "No radiation. No chemo. No medication. No effort to arrest the spread of the cancer. Only an effort to arrest the individual for the behavior resulting from their disease."

Lawlor added that insurance companies reject the claims, Congress cuts funding and local village boards vote down plans for much needed supportive housing.

"We've systematically

disinvested in our mental health care system, including addictive treatment, for decades," he said. "It's just wrong."

Lawlor said that if we treat addictive and mental health care as a person, and not a problem, then we would invest in making sure there are enough psychiatrists, there would be job training and supportive housing and, "We would expand mentorships and fellowship programs, and encourage people to seek help."

"When we think about addicts in terms of people: It's our sons, our daughters, our student-athletes. It's our own dads, our teachers, our doctors, all suffering from a human condition," he said.

He said usually when we talk about drug addiction, "It's the war on drugs. But when we talk about addiction unconditionally, it's a fight to save those we love from its grasp."

Carol Calabresa, a County Board member who served as Lawlor's vice-chairman, was at the talk at the library on Sept. 30.

"He's really very brave I think, in that he tells everything and a lot of people wouldn't have been truthful or forthright," she said Monday.

"That is something he will fight every day of his life," she said.

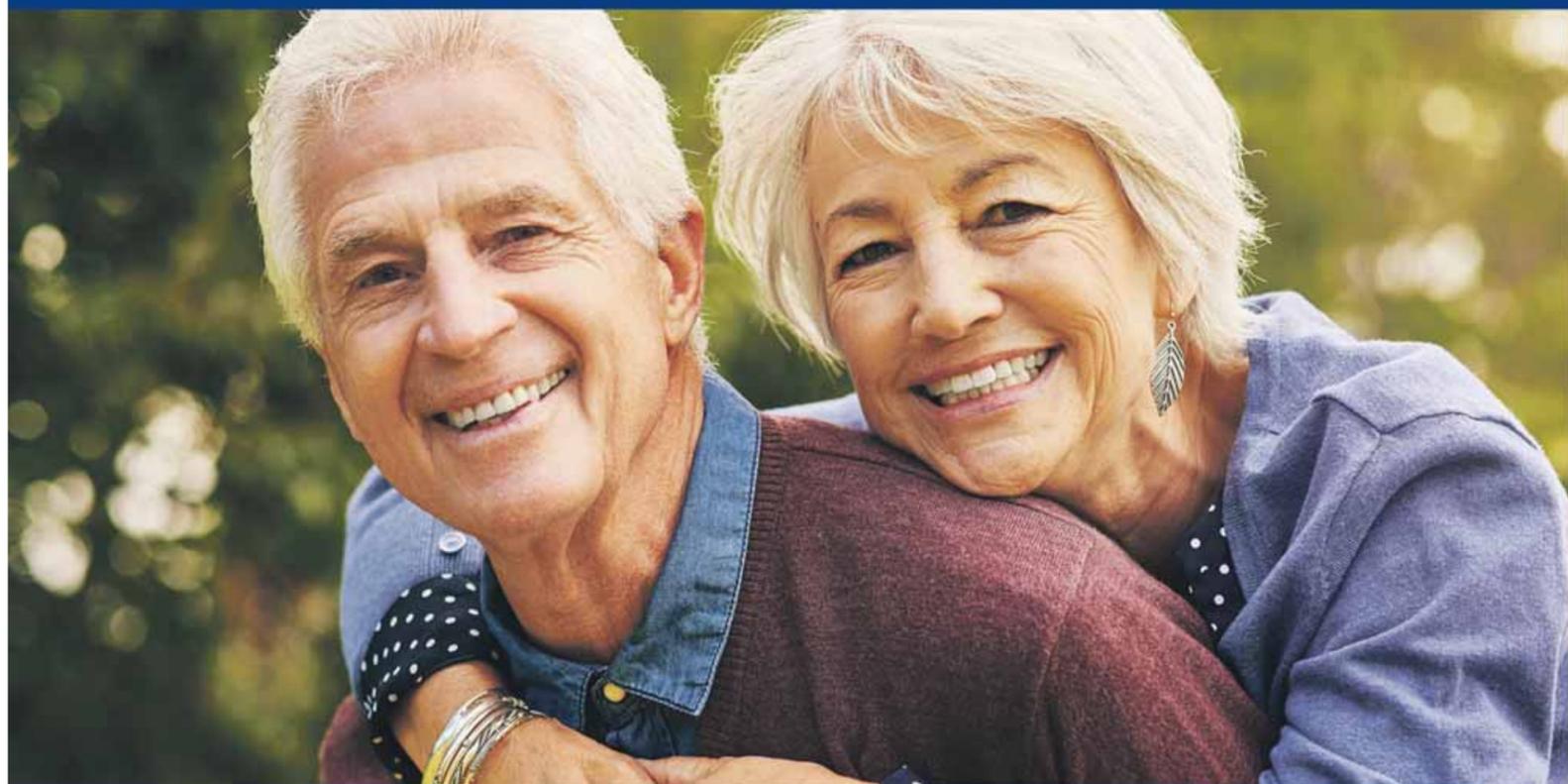
The YouTube video can be found at <http://tedx.vapld.info/aaron>.

The comments underneath the video offer words of encouragement including: "Really inspiring;" "Takes a lot of courage to speak your story, thanks for sharing;" "Very proud of you for sharing your story and facing it with the courage to inspire others. Thank you, Aaron;" and "Bloody awesome and inspiring. thank you for sharing."

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## Hinsdale football faces elimination

Bond issue on ballot puts programs at risk, a threat that has worked in other districts

By JOHN KEILMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Faced with voters disinclined to pass a nine-figure bond referendum proposal, the board of Hinsdale High School District 86 has turned to the nuclear option: the promised elimination of football and numerous other extracurricular activities.

District voters in November rejected a \$166 million proposal, and last week, the school board voted to cut nine sports, a passel of activities and the marching band programs at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South if voters fail to pass a scaled-down measure in April.

"This is the board action going forward, not scare tactics for effect," said board member Keith Chval.

But some locals believe it's just that — a bluff designed to boost the proposal's chances at the ballot box.

"I think it's pure intimidation and they will not cut these sports that are part of the community fabric," said Edward Corcoran of Citizens for Clarendon Hills, a group that opposes the measure. "The sports will continue and the parents will either have the choice to pay more (for their children's participation) or expand class size."

Other districts have made similar threats to gut after-school activities, but they haven't come to pass: Officials with the Illinois High School Association said they couldn't recall such a shutdown in recent years.

It has happened at least once, though, and memories of that extracurricular apocalypse lingered for decades.

### Rockford's reckoning

In 1976, after nine years of defeated referendum proposals and a looming \$6 million deficit, the Rockford school board turned to desperate measures. They set an election for just before classes began, and said that if voters didn't pass the tax hike, all extracurricular activities would be canceled.

The measure was voted down by a nearly 2-1 margin. True to their word, the board members put everything from football to orchestra on ice in the 38,000-student district.

The stalemate lasted for only one year — after one more rejection, voters finally approved the tax increase — but some say the damage was profound. Former students recalled in a 2005 Tribune story that their families left Rockford so they could keep playing, and even those who stayed said their connections to their schools were permanently ruptured.

"I will never forget," Brent Thomas, a former Rockford East wrestler who lost his senior season, told the paper. "It's hard to let it go."

### Effective ultimatum

Since Rockford's last year, numerous school districts have announced similar ultimatums, but none has evidently followed through. In most cases, that's because voters have relented.

Lockport school officials vowed in 1989 to get rid of their popular football and



STEVE JOHNSTON/PIONEER PRESS

The Hinsdale High School District 86 board recently voted to cut nine sports, including the football program, after a bond referendum failed.

**"I think what was in our corner as well is that our public understood that the cuts would stay there because the board had already made those tough decisions."**

— Gregg Fuerstenau Superintendent for Taylorville, where the school board voted to eliminate all varsity sports last year if a tax increase failed

basketball programs, among other draconian cuts, unless voters finally passed a tax increase. St. Charles voters faced a similar choice in 2003, as did Kaneland voters in 2005. In each case, the proposal passed.

The most recent high-stakes decision came last year in downstate Taylorville, near Springfield, where the school board voted to eliminate all varsity sports — as well as music and vocational programs — if a tax increase meant to ease a more than \$1 million deficit failed.

Superintendent Gregg Fuerstenau said dwindling state aid and a shrinking population had prompted the board of the 2,400-student district to close schools and make other cuts before calling for the referendum. When it declared that football and other popular activities would vanish if the measure failed, he said, voters took it seriously.

"I think it had an impact," he said. "It was an attention-getter. But I think what was in our corner as well is that our public understood that the cuts would stay there

because the board had already made those tough decisions. People realized that this is going to be a reality."

Nearly 70 percent of voters ended up approving the measure. Football — and everything else — was spared.

### Sports are cheap — but also expensive

Hinsdale's school board is following a similar playbook, voting to make cuts that will stick if voters reject the bond issue. But according to district figures, the sports and activities it plans to eliminate add up to a mere fraction of the \$130 million it seeks to raise. Football, by far the most costly sport, costs \$275,000 annually at the two schools. The other nine sports in the crosshairs, including swimming, water polo and wrestling, add up to about \$450,000.

Marching band costs about \$62,000, and the several dozen other activities that

would be eliminated cost just over \$400,000. Altogether, the cuts to sports and activities add up to about \$1.2 million.

That might seem like a pittance for a school system that spends more than \$110 million a year, but district spokeswoman Karen Warner says the schools have no choice but to pay for \$42 million in critical building fixes related to health and safety over the next five years (the rest of the bond issue is meant to pay for improved swimming pools, renovated technology classrooms and other items meant to make the schools "competitive" with other districts).

"In order for the board to find the money to devote to these projects, they have to take money out of operations," Warner said. "And to do that, we have to look at where the money is. (After previous cuts) there weren't a lot of places to look."

As for the idea that parents could shoulder the cost of sports and activities, she said many families would have trouble paying the full cost of participation. A football player, for example, would have to pay close to \$1,000 if the school no longer picked up much of the cost.

"It's not realistic to put all that on the parents," she said.

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## No Women's March this January, no movement?

Supporters challenged to focus on community action

By ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS  
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Instead of a Women's March in Grant Park this January, local organizers are calling on supporters to coordinate their own political or service activities — from hosting smaller marches to contacting legislators to helping the homeless.

"All of those things that would have an impact on your community," said Women's March Chicago board member Sara Kurensky. "The idea is to empower our marchers. Now we want them to take that power and organize in their own communities."

Women's March Chicago recently announced it won't be organizing a march and rally in January, citing the high costs of the event, which has drawn hundreds of thousands of participants in the past two years in solidarity with marches in Washington, D.C., and around the globe.

The shift comes amid a splintering of the national Women's March leadership, which faced claims of anti-Semitism and ties to Louis Farrakhan, whose Chicago-based Nation of Islam has been labeled an anti-Semitic hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Farrakhan, in a February address, praised a Women's March Inc. co-president, and in the same speech declared "the powerful Jews are my enemy." The national organization denounced Farrakhan's comments in March, but many criticized leaders for not doing so immediately. The co-president had also previously expressed support for Farrakhan on social media.

A founder of the national movement in November called for the resignation of Women's March Inc. leaders, accusing

them of allowing "anti-Semitism, anti-LGBTQIA sentiment and hateful, racist rhetoric to become a part of the platform by their refusal to separate themselves from groups that espouse these racist, hateful beliefs," according to a social media post.

Women's March Inc. leaders said in an email that the organization rejects all forms of bigotry.

"The organization and its leaders have dedicated themselves to liberating women from all forms of oppression, including anti-Semitism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, racism, white supremacy, xenophobia and Islamophobia," the group said.

Women's March Chicago says it's a grassroots group not affiliated with Women's March Inc., though past local marches were held in concert with the national group's events.

While the decision to forgo hosting a January 2019 march wasn't based on recent controversy, Kurensky said the chance to further distance the Chicago organization from national leaders was a "side benefit" of the break from tradition.

Marches are still planned on Jan. 19 in Washington and around the country, as well as other parts of Illinois like Rockford, south suburban New Lenox and northwest suburban Woodstock.

A group of activists recently began planning the first Women's March in west suburban Geneva. Organizer Mary O'Connor of St. Charles said she and others involved had anticipated marching in Grant Park, as they had in January 2017 and 2018. Once they heard there would be no main Chicago march, they opted to form their own smaller rally.

"We want to continue this global day and be part of this global experience," she said. "In my head, this will be a global day forever."

Following the 2017 inauguration of President Donald Trump, the first Women's March in Grant Park unexpectedly drew a



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Demonstrators march near Federal Plaza during the Women's March in Chicago in 2018.

crowd of about a quarter million, shutting down parts of downtown Chicago. The anniversary march in January 2018 topped that participation, with some 300,000 women and their supporters taking over the Loop.

Chicago then hosted a solely local Women's March and rally in October dubbed "March to the Polls," which was designed to spur voting in the midterm elections. Organizers said the event attracted some 100,000 marchers, but coordinating it cost around \$150,000 and countless volunteer hours, and they lacked the resources to plan another march and rally in January.

The decision elicited a range of reactions on the Women's March Chicago Facebook page, including many criticisms.

"I understand that time and money was put into the October (march) but the January march is what unified us across the country and world!" one member said. "Chicago was one of the largest groups and now we are not even on the map for a sister march! Very disappointed."

"All I'm going to say is we should be marching," another member commented. "I didn't know it was an either or back in October!"

Others seemed excited by the change. "We can all unite the women in our communities too!!" one member commented.

Kurensky said the Jan. 19 anniversary will be dubbed "Operation Activation," and Women's March Chicago will track all the self-coordinated events and acts of service, as well as offer members support.

While marching and protesting are important, Kurensky said it's also critical to translate that energy to promoting tangible change.

"We need to move from marching to action, so this is a way to try and do that," she said. "It's not going to be enough to march, we have to act as well. You cannot sustain a movement that is just marching."

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Rusty the Railcat waits to take the elevator during the opening day of the Mascot Hall of Fame on Wednesday in Whiting.

## Fur flies as mascots, visitors mark museum opening day

BY MICHELLE L. QUINN  
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Helene Sampson admits that if you'd have asked her a year or two ago, she'd have told you Whiting's Mascot Hall of Fame was "stupid."

As her daughter, Grace Sampson, 12, danced in front of the "Lightheartedness Is Heavy" kiosk during the attraction's opening day Wednesday, the Hammond woman was more than happy to admit how wrong she was. Helene and Grace tore themselves away from their Christmas tidings to enjoy the new, bright purple attraction on the lake, and they were having a ball, especially since Grace's favorite, Oilman Stan of the Whiting Oilmen baseball team, made sure to get in some face time with her during his rounds.

"Grace has cerebral palsy, and I had no idea she had such an interest in the stadium or the team, but she does. She loves it," Sampson said. "I got us a year-round pass for \$99, so we'll be here all day."

Whiting Mayor Joe Stahura took a break from running the city to supervising the Hall of Fame's opening. He didn't even try to contain his glee of his surroundings.

"OK, so you just bought some white fur, but Reggy's purple, so you gotta make it

purple. Turn the wheel," Stahura instructed a young man watching how mascots are made. "Now, you have to watch for the skeletons."

The \$18 million, five-year project surpassed even what Stahura could've imagined — which wasn't a ton, he said, because he was the money guy. Dave Raymond, the original Philly Phanatic, was the idea guy, and the engineers brought all his ideas to life.

And now, he hopes his strategy behind the idea will work.

"We want to bring in people to the business community," he said. "And now that we're open, we can start planning special days for special groups."

There's a little bit of everything in the place, Stahura said, including a station to learn the parts and systems of the body; a kiosk that teaches mascot dance moves and allows you to film them and send the video to yourself; and even Snapchat filters to refine your features. There's even a room that shows you what it feels like to wear a mascot costume without actually getting in one.

Ruby Garcia, 13, of Whiting, wasn't sold on it.

"I don't think I'd like to be a mascot," she said. "I feel bad for them because it's so hot (wearing the costume)."

Ruby's little sister, Azul

Garcia, 10, didn't share such sympathies. She was having fun meeting the various mascots wandering around.

Some families, like the Smithermans, traveled a ways to be there on the first day. Mom Jenny Smitherman said she, her son Jackson, 6; and daughter Ashley, 14, made the trek from Zionsville.

"He just loves mascots," Smitherman said of Jackson

as he waited for his own Reggy replica to be built. "We saw something online about a year ago, and it's in our home state."

But asked who his favorite mascot is, Jackson was ready with his answer.

"Clark! (of the Cubs)," he said.

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## Pre-Christmas push brings Daley's race haul to \$3.2 million

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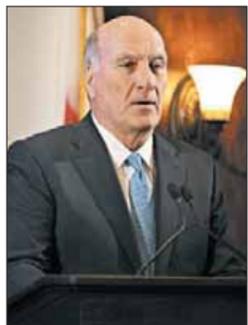
Former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley reported an additional \$128,700 in campaign contributions on Christmas Eve, bringing his total amount raised to more than \$3.2 million — tops among all Chicago mayoral candidates.

Daley, who is seeking to become the third member of his family to be a Chicago mayor, was the first candidate to formally jump into the race after Rahm Emanuel announced he wouldn't run for re-election. He was followed by 2011 candidate and City Hall veteran Gery Chico, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza.

Last week, Daley reported \$137,714 in contributions, including \$10,000 from the campaign committee of former U.S. Rep. Joe Kennedy II, a Democrat from the famous political family who held a Massachusetts congressional seat from 1987 until 1999, and contributions from Daley nephew Robert Vanecko, who has a controversial history at City Hall.

The biggest contributions this week came from Thomas Rosenberg, a Beverly Hills film producer who was behind "Million Dollar Baby," and Kirkland & Ellis attorney Kelly Ryan.

Since getting into the race, Preckwinkle has raised more than \$1.7 million, including \$1.2 million from the Service Employees International Union, state campaign finance records show. Chico, an attorney who held a variety of City Hall leadership posts under



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Mayoral candidate Bill Daley greets attendees at a City Club of Chicago meeting last month.

former Mayor Richard M. Daley, has reported nearly \$1.4 million in donations. Mendoza has raised more than \$725,000 since entering the race last month, including \$500,000 she transferred over from her comptroller campaign fund.

Of the candidates who entered the race before Emanuel's exit, millionaire businessman Willie Wilson has reported raising nearly \$1 million — most of it from himself.

Daley has been criticized by some of his opponents for not showing up at candidate forums around the city.

Former Chicago Public Schools chief Paul Vallas, who has reported more than \$820,000 in contributions, said Daley was running a "Rose Garden" campaign and last week called on him to participate in public forums.

Daley's campaign countered that he's called for a series of televised debates including all mayoral candidates.

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# 'Obsessed with Notre Dame'

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he grew up around Saturday morning tailgates on campus, throwing the football around the quad while his family grilled bratwurst.

"A lot of it is also the education, but also the Catholic church, too," said Brennan, who now lives in Glen Ellyn. "To this day, I'm obsessed with Notre Dame."

As the Fighting Irish football team prepares to play Clemson in Saturday's College Football Playoff semifinal, thousands of alumni in Chicago and the suburbs will be tuning in to see if Notre Dame can upset the Tigers to advance to the championship game. They will be joined by countless other Irish fans who have never set foot in one of the university's classrooms but are drawn by the history and mystique of one of college football's most successful programs.

Notre Dame has had strong ties with Chicago and northern Illinois for decades. The city and suburbs' large Catholic population provides a strong link, but the university's reputation as one of the best colleges in the country is a draw for both parochial and public students. The Chicago-area pipeline also exists, in part, because many high school students want to attend a school within a 200-mile radius of home, admissions officials and college counselors said, far enough away from parents and the structure of pre-college life but not too far that it's a hassle to travel home on weekends.

"People either love them or hate them, so it can be easy to talk about," said Brennan, who sometimes uses his ties to Notre Dame on sales pitches to potential clients for his technology company or during interactions on the road to break the ice. The football team's absence from the playoffs for several years before this year's appearance has cooled the anti-ND sentiment, Brennan surmises, but the Irish's recent resurgence has rekindled some of the spirit — everyone knows Notre Dame.

Although plenty of other Big Ten fans will be rolling their eyes or actively cheer-

ing against the Yankees of college football, Notre Dame will have the backing of 4,000 active members of the Notre Dame Club of Chicago, and likely triple that number in regular fans just in Chicago and Cook County alone. Club President Katie McCoy estimates 20 percent of the group's members are "legacy" alumni — they have a parent or a family member who also attended Notre Dame.

For Brennan, who considered traveling to AT&T Stadium near Dallas for the Cotton Bowl semifinal but decided to stick closer to home to watch the game with his family and friends on television, the legacy is strong. His grandfather Eugene, who lived in Edison Park, was the first in the family to attend Notre Dame, graduating in 1927. His father, Michael, who lives in Evanston, is a 1969 grad, and two of his uncles, then two of his cousins (one in Wilmette and another who lives in New Jersey), also received diplomas. Drew Brennan, the last in the current line, graduated in 2000.

## Chicago to South Bend

The Brennan connection, as an Irish-Catholic family with a strong allegiance to Notre Dame, is not uncommon. There are 2.1 million Catholics living in Cook and Lake counties, according to the Archdiocese of Chicago, and another 600,000-plus in the Diocese of Joliet. Brennan attended Loyola Academy before deciding on college in South Bend but said the bond was formed long before high school. He attended four or five football games every season when he was in grade school, watching the strong Irish teams of the late 1980s, including the school's last football national championship team, following the 1988 season.

"It was everything for a kid growing up," Brennan said. "I ate and breathed it."

The draw of Notre Dame remains strong among current students, officials said, but the attraction stretches beyond Catholics.

This fall, the total of all admitted students from the Chicago area came from 110

high schools, said Don Bishop, Notre Dame's vice president of enrollment, with 61 percent coming from public schools. Notre Dame accepted applications from students from 19 Catholic high schools and seven other parochial schools, in addition to 84 Chicago-area public high schools. (The numbers do not include northwest Indiana.) About 10 percent of Notre Dame's first-year class of 2,070 students hailed from Chicago-area high schools, according to Bishop.

Bishop said some students and high schools may perceive it is a disadvantage to be from the Chicago area when applying to Notre Dame, but he said while admissions offices strive for a geographically diverse student body, including students from both the East and West coasts as well as overseas, having Chicago roots doesn't mean a student is any less likely to be accepted.

"It doesn't hurt you being from Chicago and applying to Notre Dame," Bishop said.

## Suburban draw for team

The football team, in many ways, is representative of a cross section of the Chicago area's ties to the university. Fourteen football players are from the Chicago suburbs, and one player, freshman Houston Griffith, is from Chicago but attended IMG Academy in Florida, according to the roster. The Irish have players from Neuqua Valley, Nazareth, Hinsdale South, Hinsdale Central, Fenwick, Loyola Academy, Cary-Grove, New Trier, Warren, Bolingbrook, Marist, St. Viator and Providence Catholic high schools.

The recent success of the football team has a minimal effect on the applicant pool, Bishop said.

"The success of the team creates a lot of excitement, but, quite frankly, things don't shift on the basis of the success of the team," he said.

Like the now-established success of the Duke University men's basketball team, Notre Dame's football reputation has long since been cemented. Bishop said



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Drew Brennan, from left, dad Michael Brennan, and cousin Tim Brennan, all Notre Dame grads, show off his dad's diploma.

that in speaking with others in the admissions circuit, many point to Gonzaga University's recent run as an elite basketball team, Marquette University's basketball success and Boston College's football prowess in the 1980s as examples of schools where success on the court or the field boosted the school's reputation with noticeable effect on the academic applicant pool.

McCoy said the alumni club is about evenly split between alumni who grew up in and around Chicago and then returned after graduation, and transplants who grew up in other parts of the country and now live in the Chicago area. A winning football team, she said, helps a little bit with fundraising and paid membership, but she pointed to more macroeconomic factors (membership was down during the recession) as playing a more significant role than gridiron glory. Still, anytime a big-name football personality is booked for a fundraising event (see: Hall of Fame coach Lou Holtz and current coach Brian Kelly), ticket purchases and attendance soar.

## Catholic pipeline

Providence Catholic in the Joliet area has sent eight students to Notre Dame

since 2014, including Miles Boykin, one of the Irish's wide receivers.

"The football connection has created even more of an interest among our students," said Providence college counselor Frank Palmasani, but the university is usually held in high regard, and even the most academically successful students realize it's going to be tough for them to receive a Notre Dame acceptance letter. "Students know the challenges of the whole process of applying and getting admitted."

For many families, Notre Dame is their top Catholic university choice, said Ed Barrett, Providence's advancement director.

The situation is similar at St. Viator in Arlington Heights, where tight end Cole Kmet, a two-sport athlete who also plays baseball for the Irish, went to high school. Students are drawn by Notre Dame's smaller size (total enrollment is about 8,500), proximity to Chicago, the "school spirit" factor like on-campus sports events and close-knit campus community where students live in dormitories absent the presence of sororities and fraternities, said Kelly Dutmers, a college counselor at St. Viator.

"The unique points are the combination of faith life with dorm life, that's a

factor a lot of our students are aware of," Dutmers said.

In a typical year, about 10 percent of St. Viator students apply to Notre Dame, Dutmers said. "For any one college to receive that percentage of applicants, I'd deem it to be pretty popular," she said. But even students who never consider applying to the university often wear Fighting Irish apparel to school and cheer for the school's sports teams.

Bishop, the admissions officer at Notre Dame, said students are often attracted to the school's sense of family and its focus on service, in addition to top-flight academics.

He hopes students come to Notre Dame not just to become smarter, "but to become self-knowing, self-loving and then to put that to use in helping others."

Drew Brennan said that when it came time for him to decide on a college, he narrowed his choice to the family legacy and Miami University in Ohio, where his older sister decided to attend. He received his acceptance letter to Notre Dame, then decided to wait about a week before making his decision.

"My dad was very emotional," Brennan said. "It was a special moment for me."

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# In fur hand-me-downs, a warm tradition kept alive

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women in their families and friendship circles as a gentle way of affirming the younger woman's elegance and grace.

It is a tradition that endures today, even as public mores about fur coats change.

In times past, fur coats were widely viewed as the ultimate luxury fashion accessory, as generations of striving Americans, no matter their ethnicity, sought to project their achievements. But for a generation of African-Americans who migrated to Chicago from the South, fleeing racial violence and looking for economic stability, the coats took on an even greater status and cachet.

Being able to purchase a fur coat — and have places to wear it — meant that a family had arrived and had accomplished what their ancestors could only dream about, said Charles Bethea, the director of curatorial affairs at the Chicago History Museum.

Many black women in the early 1920s through 1970s could only work as domestics, and those who did work as educators or nurses or hairdressers were still earning lower wages than their white counterparts. It was an era of segregation, Jim Crow laws, redlining and housing discrimination. So saving enough to purchase a coat priced from \$5,000 to \$20,000 was a way of showing that they could overcome the barriers of inequality, Bethea said. It was also a way of presenting an aspirational image while

challenging the stereotypes and perceptions of black life, he said.

"For so many African-Americans here, you were seen as a woman of class and stature when you owned a fur coat," Bethea said. "It was an outward expression of making it. When a black woman was out in public, everyone saw her in that garment. And for women with a sense of fashion, style and elegance, owning a fur was big."

In a way, passing down a fur coat is a modest gesture to prophesy a life of opulence and grandeur for a younger woman, said Tanisha C. Ford, an associate professor of Africana Studies and History at the University of Delaware and author of "Dressed in Dreams," a book that explores the politics of black fashion.

"At a time when segregation was still the law of the land, and de facto the law onward, for a black woman to walk outside her house in something that was as luxurious and glamorous and that was normally designated for a white woman — it was a big deal," Ford said. "This country was legally telling black women they were inferior."

"In passing on the fur coats, the stoles, the muffs, it's a way to pass on a family tradition of 'styling out' and it's a way to give something that has your ancestor's DNA mixed up in it," she said. "When finally, that family member deems you old enough and responsible enough and able to carry on the family vision for the future through this heirloom, it's a huge rite of passage. It goes way beyond

the tangible value of the coat itself. There's something emotionally intrinsic that is attached to that garment."

In some circles, fur has lost its appeal because of the way the animals are slaughtered and mistreated.

But for many African-American women who have been gifted the coats, the garments remain a way of remembering their loved ones, Ford said.

"Black people are spiritual people. Many of us believe that a spirit of a person lives on in the clothes even after that person passes away," Ford said. "The garment gives us a conduit to that loved one who has joined the ancestors. That's why you see so many people fighting over these things. It's not the monetary value, it's that they want that direct access to that loved one."

The tradition of black families passing on fur coats isn't exclusive to Chicago.

Ajanae Dawkins grew up in a suburb of Detroit, and four generations of women in her family are members of the historic Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. All her life, she saw her relatives wearing fur coats to galas, fundraisers, church and community celebrations.

Two years ago, as she was getting dressed to go to a sorority event, Dawkins' grandmother placed a white, waist-length, long-sleeve vintage mink coat across her shoulders for her to wear and keep. Then she sat the younger woman down and talked with her about their family's legacy and all she envisioned for the then-college student's life.

"It was definitely a moment," said Dawkins, 23, who is a middle school English teacher, poet and performance artist in West Bloomfield, Mich. "My grandmother has given me the nicest thing I own. It means so much to me because I'm reminded of how much of my grandmother's child I am. I know my grandmother is proud of me and she's excited that she can give me something that comes from the work she's done."

Not all black women were gifted the items while their loved ones were still alive.

For much of her life, Meredith Fisher's mother expressed that she wanted a fur coat. She bought one in the late 1980s, after she retired. When Gwendolyn Clincy died suddenly four years ago, Fisher and her sister found the fur coat while cleaning out their mother's belongings.

Fisher said she tried on her mother's full-length, rich brown, mink coat. It fit perfectly, and she knew it was for her.

"The coat held so many memories," Fisher said. "She had worked so many years so basically she had earned it. It wasn't given to her, it was something she worked to have and enjoyed."

Now that she owns it, Fisher wears the coat only on special occasions and when it's frigid, which means it may get worn only a few times a year.

"It makes me feel closer to her when I wear it," said Fisher, 47, of Forest Park. "We were very close, and in her last years, she had

Alzheimer's. Her coat helps me to remember her happier times."

In Veletta Bell's South Side family, it was her mother's older sister who became a standout, not only because of her flashy style, but also because of her no-nonsense attitude and determination to succeed.

Now 89, Ollie Wright was a single, independent working woman. She was among a wave of the first black women hired to work at AT&T, and she lived in a high-rise in Bronzeville and managed to put herself through college even while helping to raise her younger siblings. When she was ready, in the late 1960s, she bought her coat for herself — a way of declaring her independence.

She wore the coat to church on Sundays and whenever she attended a fancy concert, play or formal party.

About seven years ago, while at her aunt's house on Christmas Day as they were surrounded by family, Wright told Bell to look in the closet and get her fur.

"I assumed she wanted me to take it and have it cleaned and stored," Bell said. Instead, Wright instructed her to try it on.

"She said, 'It looks nice on you. It's now too heavy for me.'"

And then Wright told Bell she wanted her to have it.

"I felt good about it," said Wright, who, because of health complications, could only speak briefly about the memory.

At first Bell's mother, Wright's younger sister, tried to protest. "My mother was like, 'I'm your sister!

You're not going to ask me if I want it?'"

But Wright's mind was made up.

"I did give it to her," she said of her niece. "I felt really good."

"It's extremely classic," Bell, 55, said of the coat. "Every time I wear it, someone tells me it's beautiful. This coat was a financial sacrifice for her and she took care of it meticulously."

For Bell, the significance of the moment wasn't lost on her. The gesture let her know her aunt looked at her and saw some of her own fiery spirit.

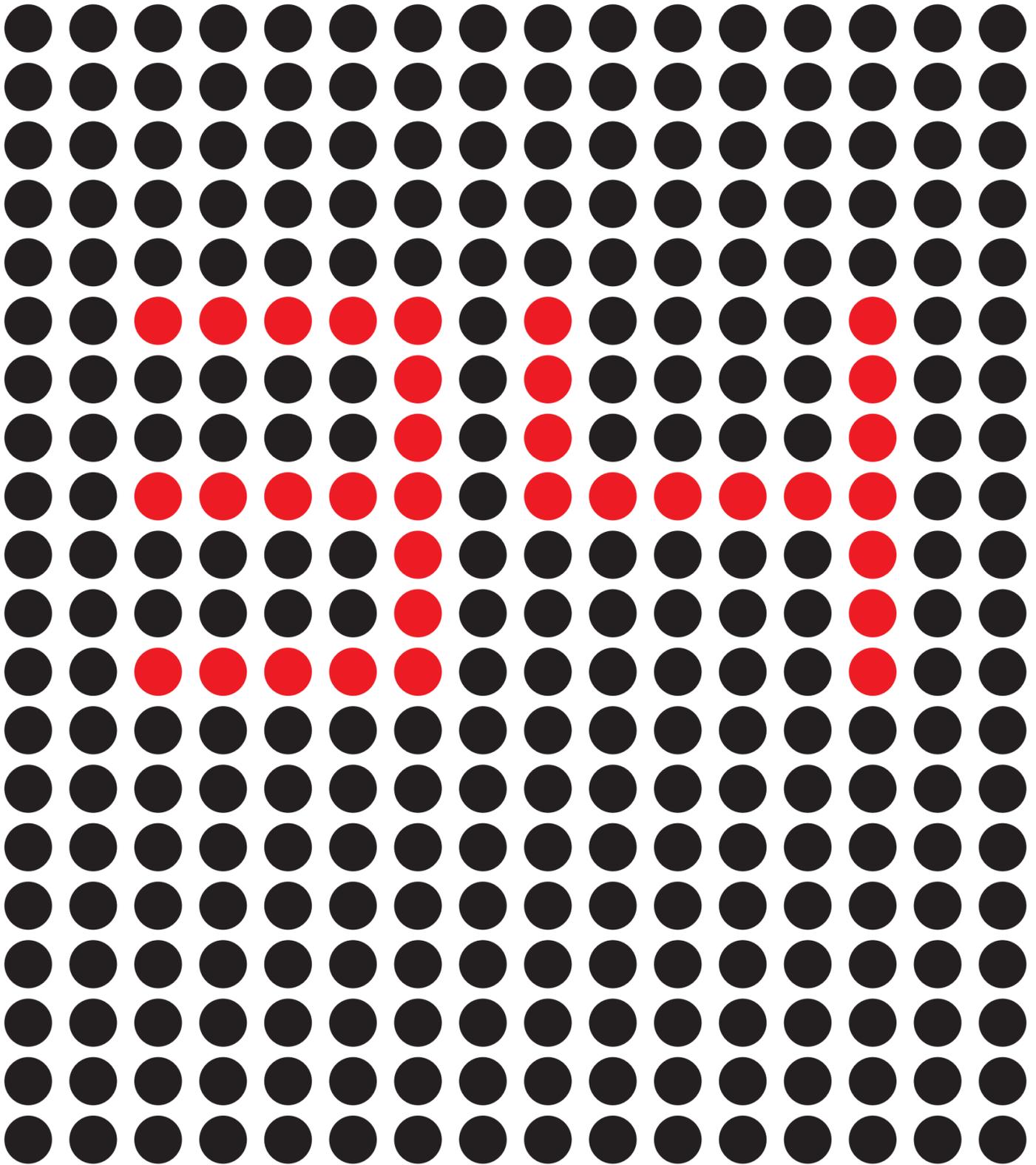
"A lot of women, at that time, wouldn't have had this coat because they would have waited for their husbands to give it to them," said Bell, who, like her aunt, doesn't have any children and is accomplished in her own right as the director of the Project Management Office at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. "It spoke to the idea that she didn't need a man to have the finer things. She was diligent and determined to reach her goals. Getting a fur coat was just one of them."

Although she plans to keep her aunt's fur for many years, Bell said she already knows whom she plans to give it to, when the time is right.

"I want to give it to my cousin's daughter," she said. "She's very driven and responsible, and she's so determined. Those are the attributes that my aunt admires. That's who my aunt would want to have it."

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# Accusations no barrier to license

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licenses even with criminal records and continue to work after encounters with law enforcement, a Tribune investigation found.

The investigation found that nearly 1,800 current and former security workers were disciplined by the state over criminal convictions or failure to report criminal cases.

In the Tribune's latest review, reporters pored over dozens of records of those disciplined to find that the state approved applications from felons with charges involving drugs, guns, burglary and even attempted murder. State law doesn't outright prohibit anyone from being licensed — unlike Wisconsin, for example, where felons can't become security guards.

The Tribune also found that when there was a criminal allegation against a licensed guard, state oversight was largely secretive, often reactionary and riddled with delays. The result: Guards routinely were allowed to stay in the profession.

At times, delays were so long that guards convicted of crimes such as sexual abuse served their sentences and were released from prison by the time the state got around to meting out discipline. More than half of the 1,800 disciplined got probation, while nearly a hundred had their licenses revoked.

The world of security workers, which includes guards and other related positions, is growing here and nationally. As of June, there were more than 97,000 licensees in the security field in Illinois, though some might not be currently working.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation — which oversees a range of licensed workers, from barbers to architects — is responsible for licensing security guards. But state regulators' investigations are often more concealed than police cases, the Tribune found.

Under state law, all records gathered by investigators from Professional and Financial Regulation are secret. The public can see only an initial disciplinary complaint and final order produced by the agency. That makes it difficult to determine how well cases were investigated by looking at state records alone.

The Tribune asked the state to see all its records on Rubio's licensing. Citing confidentiality provisions in the law, it released a four-page order of the final discipline in the hospital incident and a short email sent to the parties involved. It also released an order for Rubio's license to be issued initially on probationary status because of previous criminal charges.

The documents show that the state's only description of what happened in the hospital boiled down to the year the crime occurred and one word, "battery." Unmentioned are what police and prosecutors say happened, the fact that a teen was the victim and that the crime was committed by Rubio while on duty.

State officials declined a request from the Tribune for an on-the-record interview. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation also declined to provide written answers to specifically address any one of dozens of detailed questions the Tribune submitted about the agency's practices and its handling of cases.

Instead, a department spokesman issued a three-paragraph statement in which he explained the process the agency uses to screen applicants, investigate misconduct and deliver discipline.

He noted the law requires a case-by-case review of all applicants and that some allegations take longer to investigate be-

cause they are "complex." But he declined to discuss any individual case, such as Rubio's.

## Misconduct and crimes overlooked

To get a glimpse into how the state keeps watch over security guards, the Tribune reviewed disciplinary data, obtained records for more than 100 guards who committed criminal offenses, and reviewed police reports and other records.

State administrative code requires guards to report arrests and convictions within 30 days on the honor system. Rubio never did, and nor have others, the Tribune found.

Absent a tip from the public, the agency is alerted by state police only of Illinois convictions. That can take months, or sometimes more than a year, after police make an arrest.

Even that alert isn't foolproof. Take the case of longtime guard Donald L. Johnson, who got his license in 1998.

In 2010, police and court records show, he shoplifted three bottles of liquor from an Elmhurst grocery store. A police officer tried to apprehend him but got caught in the door of Johnson's car as the vehicle sped off.

The officer freed himself after about 100 feet, while Johnson led police on a 26-mile chase that ended with him crashing into a car, injuring two others.

The incident made local news and resulted in Johnson being sent to prison for aggravated battery to a peace officer and burglary. But Financial and Professional Regulation records show the agency did not open a disciplinary case on its licensee until four years later.

By then, Johnson had committed two more crimes, done a second stint in prison and began a job as a security guard with an Elmhurst firm based 3 miles from the grocery store. The firm told the Tribune it trusted the state to vet Johnson's background and hired him because he still had a license.

Johnson fought to keep his license, telling the state his crimes were minor, but the state revoked his license in 2016. The Tribune could not locate him for comment.

Regulators also miss red flags unearthed by other agencies, such as the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

As early as 2000, the child welfare agency opened an investigation into security guard Richard Gaynor III. Gaynor eventually admitted to asking a close relative, who was a minor at the time, to watch a sexually graphic video, according to later court testimony about the agency's investigation.

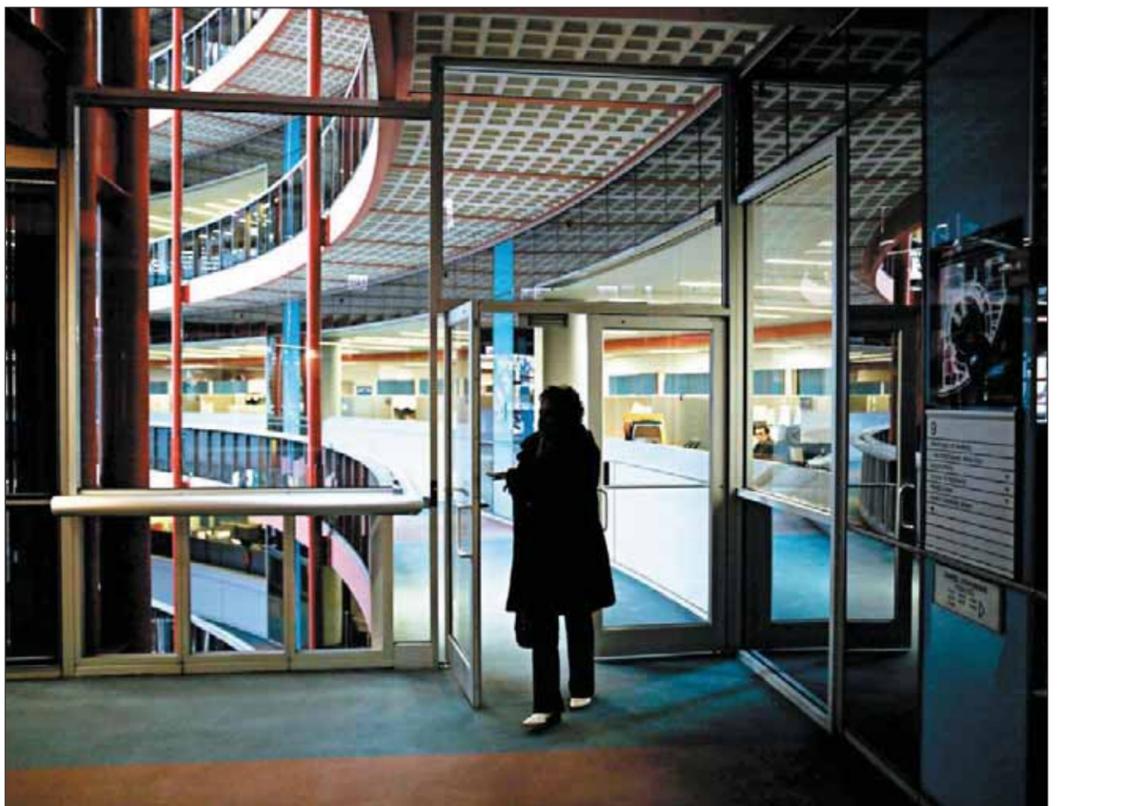
He was charged in 2006 with molesting the same relative and the relative's best friend. And in 2007 Gaynor was convicted of sexual exploitation of a child.

"This man has done things beyond the boundaries of humanity ..." one of the victims testified in court. "I hate him for all he has done to me and my best friend. He has left us with scars that nothing can erase."

Even though his licensee was at the center of the criminal case — and in the crosshairs of child welfare investigators — Financial and Professional Regulation did not open an investigation of Gaynor until 2009. That was nine years after DCFCS opened its first case, three years after Gaynor was charged and two years after he was convicted.

In Financial and Professional Regulation's files, there is no explanation for the delay, except that the department "received information" of the case in March 2009.

By the time that agency began its investigation into



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The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation office that licenses security officers is at the Thompson Center,

Gaynor's license, he had served 1 1/2 years in prison on the exploitation charges, registered as a sex offender and been sentenced to 90 days in jail for violating an order of protection from his first wife. Only then did the agency begin the process to pull his license, declaring that "the safety and welfare of the public imperatively required emergency action."

"The nature of the respondent's conduct that led to his convictions constitute a danger to the public if he is allowed to continue to work in the security profession," the order read.

The Tribune could not locate Gaynor for comment. As part of its request for state records on discipline of security workers, the Tribune sought detailed data on every disciplinary case since 2010, but the state provided only limited data on open cases.

Of 57 open cases that had gone to hearings, the Tribune found that it took roughly three months, on average, for agency investigators to determine if the guard did something bad enough to consider discipline. It took another roughly eight months for agency lawyers to file a formal complaint.

In all, the cases have been open for an average of 16 months.

In a 2017 slideshow on agency goals, Financial and



DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF

Richard Gaynor III had served some of his sentence on exploitation charges, registered as a sex offender and was sentenced to 90 days in jail.



ELMHURST POLICE DEPARTMENT

Donald L. Johnson got his license in 1998. Twelve years later, he allegedly fled an Elmhurst grocery with shoplifted liquor and an officer caught in his door.

**"The nature of the respondent's conduct ... constitute a danger to the public if he is allowed to continue to work in the security profession."**

— Financial and Professional Regulation order, issued years after a complaint on a guard, during which time he kept his license

Professional Regulation acknowledged it needed to develop a process to "ensure that high-priority cases are moved more quickly relative to lower-priority cases."

What's been done since then?

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation officials wouldn't say.

Nor would the agency directly address the delays,

except to say in its statement: "The total length of time a case is open varies depending on the specific alleged facts which can often be complex. While some complex cases can take many months, other cases are quickly resolved."

The agency's data on open cases show a heavy caseload for the one investigator handling guards. That investigator had 27 open

cases, while also juggling 95 other cases for licensees in other professions.

Department statistics, meanwhile, reveal that the vast majority of cases end up as plea deals and that, when there is discipline, the guards often get probation.

## Convicted, still licensed

Convictions don't necessarily keep people from entering the profession, either.

Illinois law says that applicants are "presumed to be unfit" if they've been convicted of a felony involving bodily harm, violence, weapons or theft.

The agency also considers a host of factors, such as the nature of the crime, how it relates to the profession and whether the applicant has been "sufficiently rehabilitated." The General Assembly last year softened the law by saying a conviction can't be the sole reason someone is denied a license.

Not listing arrests or convictions on an application is supposed to count against an applicant.

The state declined to release data on how many guards had convictions at the time they were licensed. But a department spokesman said that, in general, the agency requires those with felony convictions to explain in an interview the nature of the crime and how

# New political reality to set in with Ill. Democrats

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Four years ago, when Rauner defeated Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn to win his first public office, the incoming governor was viewed as a blank whiteboard on which voters and politicians wrote their hopes and beliefs — only to see any optimism caught in political wars both external and internal.

Four years later, in Pritzker, another wealthy successful businessman who has never held public office, the clean whiteboard has resurfaced. This time Republicans also are trying to paint it with optimism — though at this early stage they and their allies can only take the Democratic governor at his word and early deeds.

“It was a very good first start,” Durkin said days after the dinner. “I would say, I’ve had good communications with him. He’s reached out and I’m pleased with his intent and his attitude towards working with the Republicans in Springfield.”

“He and I have had conversations since then about how we can work together,” Brady said of Pritzker. “So, I am optimistic in my approach. But there will be issues that we just don’t agree upon, but it doesn’t mean we have to be disagreeable. Maybe it’s time to turn the page on what we do in terms of how we work together.”

Pritzker gave the Republican leaders a seat at the dinner table, but will he give them a promised seat at the deal-making table? Reality will set in soon enough in Springfield when the new General Assembly is inaugurated Jan. 9.

As a result of the Nov. 6 election, the Democratic majority under Speaker Michael Madigan increases from 67 members to a veto-proof 74 while Republican ranks dwindle from 41 to 37. In the state Senate, Democratic President John Cullerton’s ranks go up from an already veto-proof 37 to 40 while the GOP falls from 22 to 19.

The margins, along with the governorship, firmly put pressure on Democrats to deliver in Springfield. And while they have control, when it comes to difficult votes to cast, such as raising revenue to pay for an acknowledged need to rebuild the state’s infrastructure, Democrats will be seeking bipartisan cover through Republican votes.

“My message is that we’ve got to end the hyper partisanship in Springfield, the partisan rancor has to go,” Pritzker said of what he’s been telling Republicans.

“We need to get back to a day when we’re actually working together, listening to each other about the best ideas that we need to bring to the front of the line for the people of Illinois,” he said. “We’ve got a lot of challenges. This is not an ideological endeavor. This is an endeavor to solve the problems for the state of Illinois.”

The Democrats’ legislative advantage over Republicans is huge, but that doesn’t automatically translate into the advancing of controversial items on their agenda.

The late former Democratic state Senate President Phil Rock of Oak Park once recalled his own experience of attempting to control an overwhelming majority — in the morning, when he grabbed his razor, he often didn’t know whether to shave or slit his throat.

The power of numbers, or lack thereof, was evident the last time the powerful Madigan held a minimum 71-vote veto-proof majority in the first two years of Rauner’s tenure. Rauner was able to sway one Democrat, Rep. Ken Dunkin of Chicago, to stay away from a controversial union-related veto override, while Democratic Rep. Scott Drury of Highwood was an ardent Madigan critic. Dunkin lost in the next election while Drury gave up his seat this year for a failed bid for attorney general.

Madigan, who looks to



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Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker, like his predecessor, has never held public office before.

maintain Democratic control of the Illinois House and continue as the nation’s longest-serving state House speaker, will be forced to contemplate advancing a new governor’s agenda against any potential backlash from a host of first-time lawmakers who won in suburban areas that have traditionally been more socially moderate and Republican aligned.

While Pritzker has proposed a state constitutional amendment to allow for a graduated-rate income tax in Illinois to replace the currently mandated flat-rate tax, it is by no means a certainty to get on the 2020 ballot for ratification though Democrats hold the three-fifths majorities needed to advance such a proposal to voters.

Even raising the revenue needed to enact a new public works bill such as a gas-tax hike, despite the payoff of local project ribbon-cuttings for new roads and bridges, also could carry a risk for new lawmakers.

Then there is the new governor’s progressive social agenda on issues ranging from gun control and immigration to increased funding for social services, which could face pockets of resistance from some Democrats, particularly those representing southern and rural Illinois, which has trended Republican and supportive of President Donald Trump.

Helping Pritzker navigate his agenda, aside from Madigan and Cullerton, include his former campaign manager and incoming chief of staff, Anne Caprara, whom the governor-elect knew through her days as executive director of Priorities USA, the main super-PAC that backed Hillary Clinton’s unsuccessful White House bid in 2016.

Pritzker also has named Nikki Budzinski, a former senior adviser to the campaign and now transition director, as a senior adviser for his new administration. Budzinski served as labor outreach director for Clinton’s 2016 campaign but also hails from Peoria, where she can provide Pritzker with Downstate information and advice.

Pritzker also named a trio of deputy governors, former state Comptroller Dan Hynes to assist with budgeting; state Rep. Christian Mitchell of Chicago, who also has been interim executive director of the state Democratic Party; and Jesse Ruiz, who has held a variety of roles on city and state boards, and was an unsuccessful March primary candidate for attorney general.

In addition, sources close to the incoming governor said Pritzker also is listening to Michael Sacks, the chairman and CEO of Grosvenor Capital Management who has been a top adviser to Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Helping with legislative strategy, they said, are state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz of Chicago, who was a major Pritzker backer and surrogate, and state Sen. Andy Manar of Bunker Hill in central Illinois, who is a former Cullerton chief of staff and leading voice on education issues.

The sources asked not to be identified since they were not authorized to speak publicly about the crafting of the new administration.

Perhaps if there is one thing Democrats and Republicans in the legislature can agree upon, it is the need for a sense of normalcy to return to the statehouse after a tumultuous four-year term of Rauner and a Democratic-

controlled General Assembly. The ideological warfare over the GOP governor’s efforts to diminish the power of unions led to a historic budget impasse that severely damaged delivery of social services and higher education, and could take years to try to repair.

Still, there are fears that the Rauner era represents the new normal of a Springfield where only two decades ago the partisan winner-take-all battles of Washington had yet to find their way inside the state Capitol. One possible way to counter that would be for Pritzker to develop a high level of trust, not only with Madigan and Cullerton, but also with Durkin and Brady, following a Rauner era filled with mistrust.

Trust, Pritzker said, “gets established because we’re each willing to reach across party lines, talk to one another, listen to one another and I think that’s begun in earnest, not just in my transition where a number of Republicans are participating in our transition committees, but in ways like when we get together and just break bread.” He noted transition team members that include former GOP Gov. Jim Edgar and former Senate Republican leader Christine Radogno of Lemont, who retired after battling internally with Rauner over policy.

Durkin said trust with the new governor must be earned.

“Trust takes time, and I respect the office of the governor. I will work with the governor on matters that are important to all Illinoisans — that includes our employers. It seems they get lost in the equation a lot,” Durkin said. “But the governor-elect has been, I would say, I’ve had good communications with him. He’s reached out and I’m pleased.”

Rob Karr, the president and CEO of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said he is wary of Pritzker’s call to increase the state’s minimum wage to \$15 an hour — a process the governor-elect has said would take place over time.

Still, Karr said, “We are of the belief based on several interviews with the governor-elect himself that while we disagree on issues, he is going to take an inclusive approach to decision making, that he’s going to try to bring everybody together. I think that’s something that most people will agree has been missing in Springfield for several years.”

One Pritzker confidant said the incoming governor envisions a return to what was once known as the “agreed-bill” process, in which all of the various stakeholders on an issue, such as labor and management, agree to sit down together to work to resolve a problem and that no legislation would move forward without such an agreement.

Such a process, still used regarding the state’s unemployment insurance trust fund, allows lawmakers to implement an agreement that is approved by all sides.

“Illinois has really only worked well when everyone works together on bipartisan solutions to the problems. It’s never really worked well, Illinois has never really prospered, with a ‘my way or the highway’ approach,” Karr said. “We are confident in the early stages that he’s going to take that approach, and only time will tell.”

But the more politically active and Republican-allied Illinois Chamber of Commerce already is girding for the Democratic domination. A recent internet seminar promoted by the group warned that “the Pritzker administration is going to be aggressively pro-labor when it comes to creating new workplace laws and greater regulation that this state has (believe it or not) yet to experience.”

The title of the event was: “The Employers’ Survival Guide under Gov. Pritzker.”

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they’ve been rehabilitated.

“The Department will then make a licensing decision based on the findings of the interview and whether they believe the applicant would be a threat to public safety as a licensee,” the spokesman said in his statement.

Cases reviewed by the Tribune included a guard who lied on his application by not disclosing his conviction for obstructing police, was caught lying and was allowed a license anyway. Two years later, he was arrested for sawing catalytic converters off cars in Berwyn. His license wasn’t renewed.

The Tribune also examined the case history of a guard who was convicted of attempted murder in 1991 after he shot a neighbor at least six times, paralyzing him from the waist down, court records show. At the time he applied for his license with the state in 2015, he also had been convicted of burglary and a drug offense.

The state issued him a probationary license; it expired in May.

In another example, a man who had been convicted of receiving stolen property in 2003 got a state license less than a decade later. In 2017, he admitted to police to being part of a theft ring that intercepted shipments of new Apple laptops. His license was suspended.

When Rubio applied to be a security guard in 2011, he noted a 2009 misdemeanor conviction for illegal possession of ammunition. Arrest records from that case show that Chicago police found a 9 mm round, marijuana, plastic bags and a digital scale in Rubio’s Humboldt Park apartment.

According to the police report, Rubio said he was a member of the Insane Latin Dragons and that he was “sorry for selling cannabis and will never do it again.” State regulators, in their approval of Rubio, noted only the charge for which he was convicted.

The state granted Rubio a license on “probation” status for two years, meaning he could work like any other guard but risked quicker and sterner discipline for any misdeed.

## An encounter with a guard

Four years ago, Kyle Hertter was a 17-year-old high school senior enrolled in a special program to become an emergency medical technician. The program called for an ambu-

lance ride-along.

Hertter told police, and later the Tribune, that he was nearing the end of his first shift in late November 2014, helping pick up a patient at Rush Oak Park Hospital. He needed to go to the bathroom and asked Rubio, who was stationed at the front desk, for directions.

According to Hertter and police reports, Rubio pointed the teen down a hallway and — security footage showed — followed the teen inside. Before entering, Rubio is seen glancing behind him.

Rubio talked about a friend’s groin injury, then — under the guise of showing the teen the location — placed two of his fingers outside the startled teen’s upper groin, according to Hertter, police and prosecutors.

Authorities said the 6-foot, 280-pound man put his foot against the door, blocking Hertter’s only path out, and had the teen unzip his pants. Scared, the teen complied but cupped his hands over his genitals as Rubio forced his fingers inside the teen’s underwear and attempted to wedge them between Hertter’s hands, according to police and prosecutors.

Hertter recalled to the Tribune: “I was 17. I was a lot smaller than I am now. And I was thinking: It’s this security guard who’s twice my size. I can either fight him off, and it’s his word against mine, or I can protect myself the best I can and he does what he wants.”

The brief encounter, he said, had a profound effect on his life. He dropped his dream of being an EMT and, he said, spent years struggling to find his way.

“Things I think would be very different if that had not happened,” Hertter said.

Rubio was arrested after a two-month investigation and eventually charged with three felonies: attempted aggravated sex abuse, kidnapping and aggravated battery. The delay in his arrest is, to him, proof that he didn’t touch Hertter inappropriately.

“Why would you let such a bad guy on the street out for that long, if he was a sex offender? Why would you arrest him two months later?” Rubio told the Tribune in a phone interview.

Rubio was found guilty only of misdemeanor battery. A judge determined what happened in the bathroom didn’t rise to a sex crime or kidnapping, and he said the battery was not a felony because the bath-

Kyle Hertter said his encounter with the guard who touched him inappropriately as a teen profoundly affected his life.

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room wasn’t accessible to the general public.

Rubio, now 33, told the Tribune he considered the verdict vindication.

“The judge was able to see through the testimony and the evidence,” he said.

But according to the trial transcript, then-Associate Judge Gregory R. Ginex said he found the teen’s account “very credible” and called Rubio’s actions “way out of line.”

“Mr. Rubio, I heard this evidence, and I saw that video. There is no reason in the world for you to have gone in the bathroom with that young man, none,” the judge said. “You are an authority figure. You should know better. I don’t know what’s going to happen with Oak Park Hospital. As far as I am concerned, you shouldn’t be anywhere near there.”

Rubio told the Tribune that, by then, he’d been forced to quit that job and the profession. (The hospital did not respond to multiple calls from the Tribune.) Rubio said he’s now working at a restaurant and has not worked in security since.

The state can’t confirm if Rubio is no longer working. It does not track if, and where, guards may be working.

Records don’t clearly show when the state began to investigate Rubio — who was arrested in January 2015 and convicted in August 2016 — but the first indication of a formal action is an October 2016 “disciplinary conference.”

Hertter and his mother, Jennifer Urban-Hertter, told the Tribune they were never contacted by state regulators. Both said they were surprised, and frustrated, that the state didn’t reach out before determining Rubio’s professional discipline.

The state ended its investigation of Rubio by cutting a deal. If he avoided seeking a hearing on the discipline, regulators would impose only a two-year probation, state records show.

Rubio said he fought to keep his license because, even if he’s not in security now, he hopes it would make it easier for him to one day land his dream job: police officer.

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## NATION & WORLD

# Trump surprises troops in Iraq

Unannounced visit is president's first to overseas war zone

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump touched down Wednesday in Iraq, where he greeted U.S. troops in his first visit to a conflict zone as commander in chief, defended his decision to withdraw forces from neighboring Syria and declared that the Islamic State is “very nearly defeated.”

The president's visit to Al Asad Air Base, which was shrouded in secrecy, follows months of public pressure for him to spend time with troops deployed to conflicts in the Middle East and Central Asia and punctuates the biggest week of turmoil the Pentagon has faced during his presidency.

Trump, who was accompanied by first lady Melania Trump, sounded a triumphant note as he addressed U.S. service members on the day after Christmas.

The president said, “We’re no longer the suckers, folks,” and he warned that he was committed to drawing down the U.S. military presence around the globe — even in instances in which his administration's experts object.

“The United States cannot continue to be the policeman of the world,” Trump said. “It’s not fair when the burden is all on us, the United States.”

After a briefing with military and diplomatic leaders



First lady Melania Trump and President Donald Trump greet military personnel Wednesday at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.

on the ground, Trump said he would deny any request from generals to extend the operation in Syria, where roughly 2,000 U.S. troops are serving.”

They said again, recently, can we have more time?” Trump said of U.S. generals. “I said, ‘Nope.’ You can’t have any more time. You’ve had enough time. We’ve knocked them out. We’ve knocked them silly.”

Trump’s sudden decision last week to withdraw troops from Syria led Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to resign.

“I think a lot of people are going to come around to my way of thinking,” Trump said, according to Reuters. “It’s time for us to start using our head.”

On the return trip from Iraq, he stopped at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Trump and the first lady greeted U.S. troops at the base.

Trump slowly made his way down a rope line at the base, shaking hands, chatting and posing for photos. Some service members held up “Make America Great Again” caps for Trump to sign.

Trump, who spent the holiday at the White House amid a partial federal government shutdown, departed Andrews Air Force Base near Washington aboard Air Force One at 12:06 a.m. Wednesday, flying under the cover of darkness in an attempt to preserve operational secu-

rity. After an 11-hour flight, the president and first lady landed at Al Asad Air Base at 7:16 p.m. local time.

Trump was scheduled to meet with Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi, but the meeting was canceled for undisclosed reasons.

Trump traveled with a small group of journalists, who were ordered for security reasons not to report that he was in Iraq until he had finished delivering his remarks to the troops, roughly three hours into his visit to the base.

Trump told reporters that Iraq is “a place I have been talking about for many years — many, many years. I was talking about it as a civilian.” The president added, “I want to come and

pay my respects, most importantly, to the great soldiers, great troopers we have here.”

Although Trump initially supported the invasion of Iraq in 2003, he later criticized the effort. He was also critical of President Barack Obama’s withdrawal from Iraq in 2011, saying the move created the Islamic State.

The unannounced visit continues a holiday tradition followed by past presidents. Although Trump had addressed U.S. troops stationed overseas, including in Italy, Japan and South Korea, he had drawn criticism for not having visited any in combat zones.

Vice President Mike Pence visited Afghanistan

on Dec. 22, 2017, to address troops and meet with commanders at Bagram Airfield near Kabul.

Al Asad Air Base, which is located northwest of Ramadi, is in territory the Islamic State captured before U.S.-backed Iraqi forces retook the area.

Trump said he considered the safety risks in making his first trip to a war zone.

“I had concerns about the institution of the presidency,” he told reporters. “Not for myself personally. I had concerns for the first lady, I will tell you. But if you would have seen what we had to go through in the darkened plane with all windows closed, with no light anywhere. Pitch black. I’ve been on many airplanes. All types and shapes and sizes.”

“So did I have a concern?” he continued. “Yes, I had a concern.”

Obama visited Afghanistan four times as president, most recently in 2014, and made a trip to Iraq shortly after his 2009 inauguration.

President George W. Bush made a surprise Thanksgiving visit to troops in Iraq after the invasion in 2003 and traveled back three additional times as commander in chief.

On Wednesday in Iraq, the Trumps mingled with uniformed service members at a base dining facility that was decorated for Christmas with foil balls, twinkling lights and snowmen made of stacked tires painted white.

The president stopped to sign several “Make America Great Again” hats that service members brought.

## Border agency on hot seat after child deaths

Homeland Security set to look at CBP’s medical programs

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT  
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HOUSTON — The deaths of two migrant children in just over two weeks raised new doubts Wednesday about the ability of U.S. border authorities to care for the thousands of minors arriving as part of a surge of families trying to enter the country.

An 8-year-old boy identified by Guatemalan officials as Felipe Gomez Alonzo died in U.S. custody at a New Mexico hospital on Christmas Eve after suffering a cough, vomiting and fever, authorities said. The cause is under investigation, as is the death Dec. 8 of another Guatemalan child, 7-year-old Jakelin Caal.

“There is a real failure here that we all need to reckon with,” said incoming Rep. Veronica Escobar, a Democrat elected last month to represent El Paso in Congress. “We need to know how many other Jakelins and Felipes there have been.”

Authorities would not say how many children U.S. Customs and Border Protection is now holding. But

the country is seeing a sharp rise in families with children.

In the wake of the two deaths, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen asked the Coast Guard to study CBP’s medical programs and announced that all children who enter the agency’s custody will be given “more thorough” assessments.

Also, border authorities said that they conducted health checks in reaction to Felipe’s death on nearly all children in their custody. They did not disclose the results.

Nielsen blamed “a system that prevents parents who bring their children on a dangerous illegal journey from facing consequences for their actions.” The Trump administration contends it must detain more people to discourage other Central American families from trying to enter the country.

Felipe had been detained by U.S. border authorities for a week and moved between facilities with his father, officials said. The last place the boy was held — after the first of two visits to

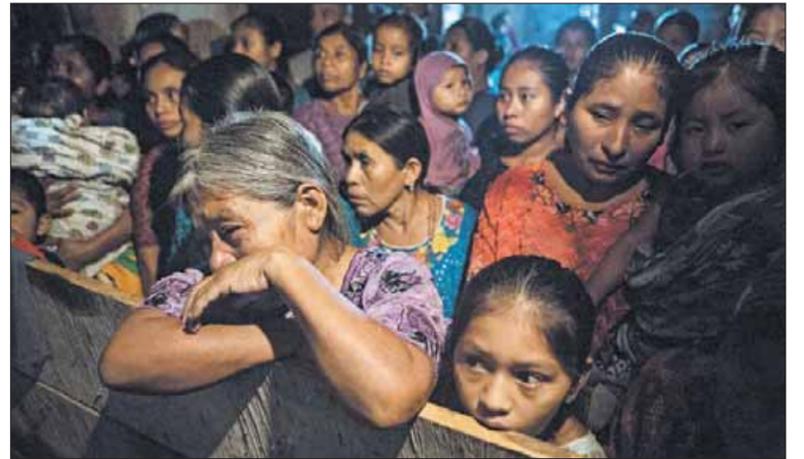
the hospital on the day he died — was a highway checkpoint in New Mexico.

Felipe’s father, Agustín Gomez, did not see any signs of illness from his son until Monday, according to Guatemalan consul Oscar Padilla, who spoke to Gomez on Wednesday. Felipe and his father had left Guatemala on Dec. 14 and were detained at the U.S.-Mexico border four days later, Padilla told The Associated Press.

By its own regulations, CBP is supposed to detain people for no more than 72 hours before turning them over to other government agencies responsible for long-term detention. CBP facilities provide food, water and blankets but often no medical professionals, teachers or some of the other resources longer-term detention centers offer.

Similarly, Jakelin was first held with her father at a small base in rural New Mexico that did not have running water, according to Democrats who visited it after the girl’s death.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Texas Democrat who sits on



Elvira Choc grieves at a memorial service Monday for her granddaughter Jakelin Caal.

a key subcommittee overseeing border funding, said he has pushed to fund more alternatives to detention such as ankle monitors, which he said could have been issued to Felipe’s father.

He said the Trump administration has prioritized the president’s border wall — the subject of the partial government shutdown since last week — over investing in CBP checkpoints that have long needed attention.

“They’re not set up to hold people for a long time,” Cuellar said. “There’s so much money that the wall sucks up that it’s hard to address some of the other issues. I wish the administration would understand

that.”

CBP said it is reviewing all available options to relieve overcrowding in the El Paso sector, where Felipe and his father were apprehended. The agency also said it has reached out to other government agencies for “surge medical assistance.”

CBP Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said in the agency’s defense that CBP has more than 1,500 emergency medical technicians on staff and that officers are taking dozens of sick children to hospitals every day.

“This is an extraordinarily rare occurrence,” McAleenan told “CBS This Morning” of the two child deaths. “It’s been more than a decade since we’ve had a

child pass away anywhere in a CBP process, so this is just devastating for us.”

According to CBP statistics, border agents detained 5,283 children unaccompanied by a parent in November alone. Agents last month also apprehended 25,172 “family units,” or parents and children together. Both figures are high for this year.

Children who arrive unaccompanied are supposed to go to longer-term facilities operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. But HHS’ system is also strained. The AP reported this month that 14,300 children were being detained by HHS, most in facilities with more than 100 kids.

## FDR 1st president to visit troops fighting overseas

BY GILLIAN BROCKELL  
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On Jan. 9, 1943, as World War II raged, President Franklin Roosevelt left Washington on a train heading north. It was a misdirection meant to trick journalists into thinking Roosevelt was headed to his estate in upstate New York, Paul Sparrow, director of the FDR Presidential recounted. It worked.

In Baltimore, Roosevelt covertly switched to a train bound for Miami. From

there, he boarded a plane headed south, becoming the first president to fly in an airplane while in office.

What followed was an itinerary that would intimidate even a modern, young jetsetter: a 10-hour flight to Trinidad and Tobago; a nine-hour flight to Para River, Brazil; a 19-hour flight over the Atlantic to Gambia, and an 11-hour flight to Casablanca in what is now Morocco. Roosevelt arrived at his final destination on the evening of Jan. 14 — five days after he left.

On Wednesday, President Donald Trump made his first visit to troops in a conflict zone, flying to Al Asad Air Base near Baghdad after months of public pressure. In doing so, Trump was following in the footsteps of other commanders in chief, from James Madison to FDR.

Admittedly, visiting U.S. troops fighting in North Africa was not the main purpose of Roosevelt’s trip overseas. He went to Casablanca to strategize in secret with British prime minister

Winston Churchill, French commander Charles de Gaulle, and their military leaders. But at the close of the meetings, and against Secret Service recommendations, Roosevelt decided to meet with some of the men he commanded.

“Roosevelt was deeply moved by the experience and when he returned home he wrote dozens of personal letters to the families of servicemen he met and to the families of the soldiers buried at Mehdia,” Sparrow said.



President Franklin Roosevelt reviews troops near Rabat, Morocco, on Jan. 21, 1943, during World War II.

# No sign of cracks in shutdown over funds for border wall

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE AND JULIET LINDERMAN  
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WASHINGTON — A shutdown affecting parts of the federal government appeared no closer to resolution Wednesday, with President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats locked in a hardening standoff over border wall money that threatens to carry over into January.

Trump vowed to hold the line, telling reporters as he flew to Iraq that he'll do "whatever it takes" to get money for border security. He declined to say how much he would accept in a deal to end the shutdown, stressing the need for border security.

"You have to have a wall, you have to have protection," he said.

The shutdown started Saturday when funding lapsed for nine Cabinet-level departments and doz-

ens of agencies. Roughly 420,000 workers were deemed essential and are working unpaid, while an additional 380,000 have been furloughed.

While the White House was talking to congressional Democrats — and staff talks continued on Capitol Hill — negotiations dragged Wednesday, dimming hopes for a swift breakthrough.

With no deal at hand, members of the House were told there would be no votes on Thursday, assuring the shutdown would last yet another day. Lawmakers are away from Washington for the holidays and have been told they will have 24 hours' notice before having to return. The Senate is slated to come into session Thursday afternoon.

Republican Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, a Trump ally who has been involved in the talks, said the president "is very



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

A sign posted Wednesday at the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Seattle gives the site's status.

firm in his resolve that we need to secure our border." He told CNN, "I don't know that there's a lot of progress that has been made today."

But he added of Democrats: "If they believe that this president is going to yield on this particular issue, they're misreading him."

The impasse over gov-

ernment funding began last week, when the Senate approved a bipartisan deal keeping government open into February. That bill provided \$1.3 billion for border security projects but not money for the wall. At Trump's urging, the House approved that package and inserted the \$5.7 billion he had requested.

On Friday afternoon, a Senate procedural vote showed that Republicans lacked the 60 votes they'd need to force the measure with the wall funding through their chamber.

That jump-started negotiations between Congress and the White House, but the deadline came and went without a deal.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York on Saturday said funding for Trump's wall will "never pass the Senate."

"So President Trump, if you want to open the government, you must abandon the wall, plain and simple," Schumer said.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi is in lockstep with Schumer against the wall funding. If the shutdown continues into 2019, she has vowed that her new Democratic majority will act quickly to pass legislation reopening the government.

The shutdown has been playing out against the backdrop of turmoil in the stock market, which is having a roller-coaster week.

Kevin Hassett, the chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, said the shutdown does not change the administration's expectation for strong growth heading into 2019.

He told reporters a shutdown of a few weeks is not going to have any "significant effect on the outlook."

The shutdown complicates things for essential employees who planned trips for the holidays: According to the Office of Personnel Management rules, employees deemed essential or otherwise exempted from their respective agency furloughs can't take any vacation or sick days.

Furloughed federal workers have been given back pay in previous shutdowns.

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# Indonesia fears another tsunami

Authorities urge people to avoid areas near volcano

By NINIEK KARMINI  
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia has widened the no-go zone around an island volcano that triggered a tsunami on the weekend, killing at least 430 people in Sumatra and Java.

The country's volcanology agency said Thursday that the Anak Krakatau volcano's alert status had been raised to the second highest level and the exclusion zone more than doubled to a 3-mile radius.

The eruption on Saturday evening caused part of the island in the Sunda Strait to collapse into the sea, apparently generating tsunami waves of more than 6½ feet.

The government has warned Sunda Strait communities to stay about a mile away from the coastline because of the risk of another tsunami.

The agency was monitoring Anak Krakatau's eruptions as stormy weather and high surf continued to plague the area, said agency head Dwikorita Karnawati.

"All these conditions could potentially cause landslides at the cliffs of the crater into the sea, and we fear that that could trigger a tsunami," Karnawati said. She asked that communities remain vigilant and not to panic.

The warning was reiterated by the country's disaster agency on Wednesday — the anniversary of the catastrophic 2004 Asian earthquake and tsunami.

Saturday's tsunami struck without warning, taking people by surprise even in a country familiar with seismic disaster. No big earthquake shook the ground beforehand, and it hit at night on a holiday weekend while people were enjoying concerts and other beach and resort activities.

It was a sharp contrast to the disaster that struck 14



Residents board a bus at the ferry port after being evacuated from Sebesi Island, Indonesia, on Wednesday.

years ago off the northwest tip of Sumatra island. A magnitude 9.1 earthquake rocked the area the morning after Christmas, creating gigantic waves that surged far inland, swallowing everything in their path. The wall of water killed about 230,000 people in a dozen countries, more than half in Indonesia's Aceh province.

The devastation was among the worst in recent history. Saturday's event, coupled with an earthquake and tsunami in September on Indonesia's Sulawesi island that killed at least 2,100 people, triggered flashbacks for some who survived the 2004 tragedy.

"When it happens, I always remember what we have been through," said Qurnaty, 54, who lost her home and several family members to the 2004 waves in the hard-hit provincial capital of Banda Aceh.

Qurnaty, who like many Indonesians uses only one name, prayed with surviving family members at a

mass grave there on Wednesday's anniversary. "Every time I see them (on TV), I feel really, really sad. All we can do from here is to pray for them," she said.

Though recovery was slow, some victims of the latest tsunami said they remember the resilience of the Acehese people, which gives them hope that they too can rebuild their homes and their lives.

"I am scared. I am traumatized by the tsunami that I only knew before from the news," said Kusmiati, who also uses one name. "Now I know how horrifying a tsunami is."

Her face was still bruised and her legs swollen after she and her husband managed to survive being hit and dragged under by the waves after fleeing a beach villa in Carita, where they were working.

Beaches were largely empty in the area, which is typically crammed with tourists, and police patrolled on motorbikes,

warning people to stay away from the coast. Some residents defied the warning, returning to what was left of their homes to begin cleaning up as heavy rain fell and waves pounded the shore.

"I am still afraid that the tsunami will return, so when dark comes, I stay at a temporary shelter on the hill," said Rohayati, who worked to salvage what was left of her battered house, about 985 feet from the sea. "I hope the government can provide a tsunami warning, like a siren, for people living in coastal areas so we can be alerted of a potential tsunami and have time to save ourselves."

The country's system of tsunami detection buoys — deployed after the 2004 disaster — has not worked since 2012, with some units being stolen or vandalized.

Karnawati, of the meteorology agency, said that because the tsunami was caused by volcanic activity, it would not have been

picked up by the system's seafloor sensors, which monitor movement from conventional earthquakes responsible for most of Indonesia's tsunamis.

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman for Indonesia's Disaster Mitigation Agency, said Wednesday that the volcanic activity is believed to have triggered an underwater landslide and that a large chunk of Anak Krakatau's southwest slope collapsed. This movement displaced a large volume of water, creating waves that raced toward the shore.

Residents of Sumur village, which has been slow to receive aid due to roads being cut off, remained stunned by how quickly the tsunami hit. The beach, located just a few miles from the tourist island of Umang near Java's western tip, is popular for snorkeling and other water activities. The tsunami decimated the area, ripping houses from their foundations and bulldozing concrete buildings.

Volcano's 'child' springing to life

By RUBY MELLEEN  
The Washington Post

The sky was clear, but Capt. W.J. Watson of the British ship Charles Bal noticed that the Java Sea had "suddenly assumed a milky-white appearance."

Watson commented that the sky on Aug. 22, 1883 took on a pinkish hue, "as when the Aurora is showing faintly." Then, four days later, the volcanic island of Krakatau was "enveloped in heavy blackness."

The volcano's eruption was one of the most catastrophic disasters of modern times. It began in May 1883 and lasted nine months, killing more than 36,000 people.

Most of Krakatau was destroyed in the cataclysm, but another island — Anak Krakatau, or "child of Krakatau" — began forming in 1927 and has erupted several times. The latest was on Saturday and potentially caused the tsunami that hit coastlines along Indonesia's Sunda Strait and killed more than 400 people.

At the peak of the 1883 eruption, Krakatau shot ash 50 miles into the sky and was heard 2,200 miles away in Australia. A black cloud covered the region and plunged everything into darkness for two and a half days. Smaller eruptions were reported through February 1884.

The whole world felt the effects of Krakatau. The volcanic debris in the air absorbed sunlight, causing global temperatures to plunge more than 2 degrees.

The particles in the atmosphere also caused extraordinary sunsets. In Poughkeepsie, N.Y., firefighters were dispatched after one resident mistook the striking sunset for a fire in the distance.

Only a portion of Krakatau remained after the explosion.

AP contributed.

# Der Spiegel reporter falsified articles

Used stereotypes to portray rural American town

By ANTONIA NOORI FARZAN  
The Washington Post

When an out-of-town journalist showed up in Fergus Falls, Minn., in February 2017, Michele Anderson couldn't help but feel skeptical.

Claas Relotius had been telling residents that he was writing about the state of rural America under President Donald Trump.

Anderson, a community arts administrator with progressive political views, was uncomfortable with "the anthropological gaze" that had been cast on communities like her own after the 2016 election. She would later recall thinking that she hoped an award-winning international journalist would manage to capture more nuance than the pundits had in the months following the election.

But the piece that appeared a month later in the respected German weekly magazine Der Spiegel was even worse than Anderson imagined. Not only did it rely on stock stereotypes of provincial, gun-toting conservatives, many of the details were blatantly false.

Relotius wrote that city administrator Andrew Bremseth had never been with a woman and had never been to the ocean. A photo on Bremseth's Facebook page showed him standing next to the ocean with his longtime girlfriend.

Relotius mentioned looking through the windows of a local diner and seeing a power plant billowing out steam; the plant in question is hidden behind a tall hill more than 2 miles away.

And he described a sign at the entrance to town that said, "Mexicans Keep Out" — something community members didn't recall ever seeing.

On Wednesday, Der



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Spiegel announced that Relotius, 33, had "falsified his articles on a grand scale" since at least 2016, and had resigned after admitting that he had fabricated quotes and invented fictional details in more than a dozen stories, including his dispatch from Fergus Falls.

The magazine's investigation found that he had faked interviews with the parents of Colin Kaepernick and falsified material that appeared in award-winning features about children kidnapped by the Islamic State and a prisoner at Guantanamo Bay. He had also managed to convince editors that a co-worker who expressed suspicions was the real liar.

For more than a year, Anderson and Jake Krohn, a fellow artist in Fergus Falls, had been working on an investigation of their own, revisiting the people whom Relotius had interviewed and fact-checking his piece. On Wednesday, they published the results on an

online website, Medium, titling the post, "Der Spiegel journalist messed with the wrong small town."

"In 7,300 words he really only got our town's population and average annual temperature correct," Anderson wrote, noting that the piece had contained so many outright fictions that she and Krohn decided to highlight only the 11 most absurd lies.

Among them: ■ Relotius had claimed that the local movie theater was still playing "American Sniper" more than two years after it came out; that was disproved by an email to the theater's manager.

■ He described traveling into town on a "narrow, sloping street, rolling towards a dark forest that looks like dragons live in it;" Fergus Falls is on the prairie and there are no forests within city limits.

■ He wrote that local high school students on a bus trip to New York had skipped the Statue of Liberty in favor of visiting Trump

Tower; Anderson and Krohn found no evidence that the trip had taken place.

Most alarmingly, Relotius appeared to have used real people's names and identities, then invented details about their lives.

He told the story of Maria Rodriguez, the owner of a local Mexican restaurant who had become a Trump supporter after the Affordable Care Act made it more expensive to treat her kidney disease.

Anderson and Krohn wrote that the real Maria Rodriguez is a waitress at the restaurant who said she never had kidney disease nor was interviewed by Relotius. Her son — described in the piece as a 15-year-old named Israel, but in actuality a college sophomore named Pablo — told Krohn and Anderson that the story Relotius had woven about his life in Fergus Falls and the prejudice he had encountered at the local high school was completely false.

Many of the made-up details reflected certain prevailing stereotypes about

rural America. Bremseth, the city administrator, wore a gun to work, disparaged the idea of a female president and was the only person in the city who subscribed to national publications, Relotius wrote. But according to Krohn and Anderson, none of it was true.

"Not only did Relotius' 'expose' on Fergus Falls make unrecognizable movie-like characters out of the people in my town that I interact with on a daily basis, but its very basic lack of truth and its bizarrely bleak portrayal of the place I love left a very sick, unsettled feeling in the pit of my stomach," Anderson wrote. "There's really nothing like this feeling — knowing that people in another country have read about the place I call home and are shaking their heads over their coffee in disgust, sharing the article on Facebook and Twitter, and making comments on the online article like 'creepy,' and 'these are the people who don't believe electricity exists.'"

After joining Der Spiegel

as a freelancer in 2014, Relotius became one of Germany's most respected writers, receiving numerous awards, including CNN's "Journalist of the Year," the European Press Prize, and, on four separate occasions, the German Reporter Prize.

But cracks started to show when he collaborated with another journalist, Juan Moreno, for a piece about an Arizona border militia that was published in November. Suspecting that Relotius hadn't actually spoken to the people who appeared in the story, Moreno ended up using his own money to travel to the Arizona desert, where he learned that Relotius had not only never met his subjects but also altered key details about them, including their names.

What motivated Relotius to lie with such impunity? "It was the fear of failure," he reportedly told editors at Der Spiegel, confessing that the pressure had grown as his career took off. After the 2016 election, his editors suggested that he write about Trump voters in rural America, and made plans for him to rent an apartment in Fergus Falls. But once he got there, the article failed to come together, Der Spiegel editor Ullrich Fichtner wrote.

"When asked about the Fergus Falls story, he admitted that he knew perfectly well that the editors wouldn't have reprimanded him if he had dropped the whole thing. 'I think,' Relotius said last week, 'a normal person would have said: "Listen, this just isn't working. I'm stuck and we can't do the story.'"

But Relotius is evidently no normal person. "I tend to want to have control," he said, "and I have this compulsion, this drive, to somehow make it happen. Of course, you don't make it happen. You make a fabrication." When he says "you" here, he can only mean himself and no one else."

# Mount Etna volcano triggers quake on Sicily, sparks panic

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO  
Associated Press

ROME — An earthquake triggered by Mount Etna's eruption jolted eastern Sicily before dawn Wednesday, injuring at least 10 people, damaging churches and houses on the volcano's slopes and prompting panicked villagers to flee their homes.

Italy's Civil Protection officials said the quake, which struck at 3:19 a.m., was part of a swarm of some 1,000 tremors, most of them barely perceptible, linked to Etna's volcanic eruption this week.

Italy's national seismology institute said the quake had a magnitude of 4.8 on the open-ended Richter scale and 4.9 on the moment magnitude scale, which relates to the amount the ground slips. It struck north of Catania, the largest city in the eastern part of the Mediterranean island, but no damage or injuries were reported there.

The quake opened up cracks in homes in several towns, sending chunks of concrete debris tumbling to the ground. It toppled a Madonna statue in a church in Santa Venerina and broke up sidewalks and a stretch of highway, forcing it to close. Many people spent the hours after the quake sleeping in their cars.

In the town of Piano d'Api, firefighters removed cracked stucco from the bell tower of the damaged Santa Maria della Misericordia Church. Italy's Culture Ministry said the quake damage to churches was being tallied by experts.

"Etna remains a dangerous volcano, and this country of ours is unfortunately fragile," government undersecretary Vito Crimi said as he reported 10 people injured.

The most seriously injured was a 70-year-old man who fractured ribs and was undergoing surgery for chest injuries. A 71-year-old patient was being kept in



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Pieces of a church that were jarred loose are strewn on the ground Wednesday in a suburb of Catania, Sicily.

hospital for observation, while others were treated and released, the Italian news agency ANSA reported. Additionally, 18 other people went to local hospitals suffering from panic attacks or shock, news reports said.

One 80-year-old man was extracted from the rubble of his home, ANSA said, while a woman told state radio that her sister was pulled out from under a heavy armoire that had toppled. A ceiling collapsed in another house, and in other homes parts of exterior walls crumbled. Some stone walls along fields and local roads crumbled.

Etna, the largest of Italy's three active volcanoes, has been particularly active since July. In recent days, Etna's latest eruption has been shooting volcanic ash, heavy smoke and lava stones into the air, coating roads and homes nearby with ash. A new fracture has opened near Etna's southeast crater and lava has been flowing down an uninhabited slope.

The quake was also felt in the upscale Sicilian resort town of Taormina and in other towns in eastern Sicily.

The Civil Protection agency said temporary shelters were being set up in gyms or municipal buildings for people whose houses were damaged or who were too frightened to return to their homes.

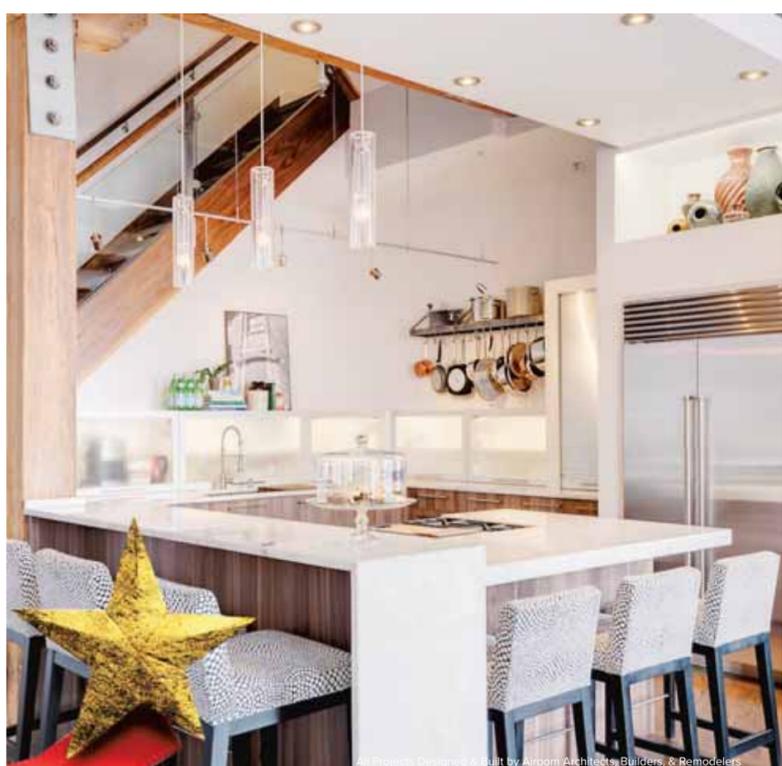
Similar volcanic activity on Etna has been observed many times in past decades, Andrea Billi, a geologist with the state National Council of Research, told RaiNews24.

This kind of activity "can last days or weeks," he said, "but it's unpredictable."

Italy's Civil Protection chief said it appeared the activity at Etna was calming down.

"From a scientific point of view, we're dealing with an isolated event," Angelo Borrelli told Sky TG24 TV. "The technical experts tell us we're heading toward a cooling of the lava, and we ought to expect a quiescence of the phenomenon (of earthquakes)."

Some residents told reporters that after a similar quake in 1984 which killed a person, many on Mount Etna retrofitted their houses to enable them to withstand more powerful tremors.



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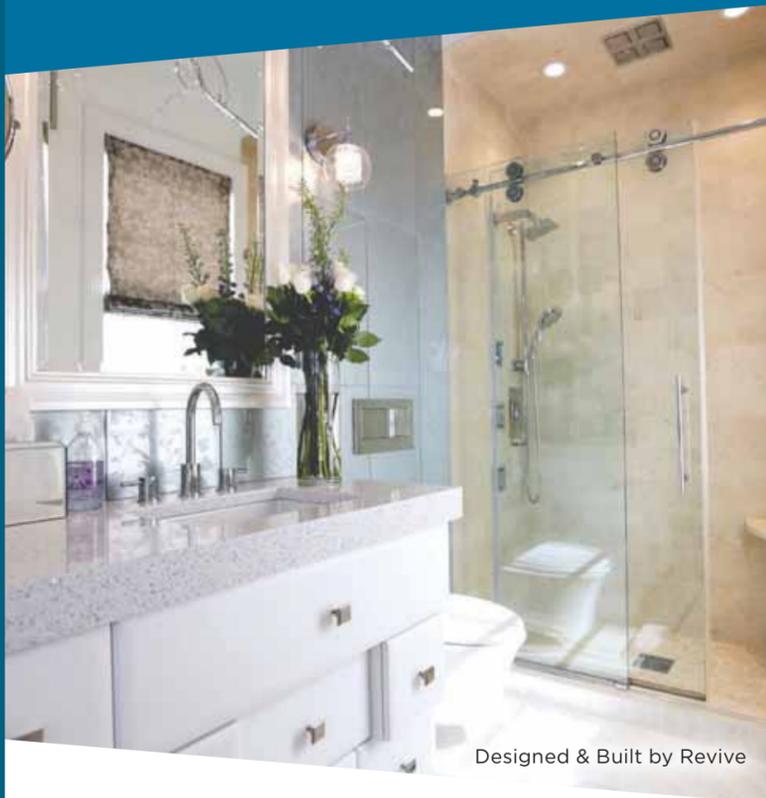
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## Charity buys and erases past-due medical debt

By MARY ESCH  
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Philip Sasser had a familiar, sinking feeling when he saw the yellow envelope in his mailbox. He figured it was another past-due medical bill, but it turned out to be quite the opposite.

"I opened it up and it said these bills had been paid off," said Sasser, of Milton, Fla. "I didn't understand. It was out of the blue."

Sasser is among the lucky recipients of a letter from RIP Medical Debt, a Rye, N.Y.-based nonprofit that uses money from donors to eliminate crushing medical debt that threatens the financial well-being of hundreds of thousands of American families. The charity says it has erased \$475 million in debt for more than 250,000 people since it was founded four years ago.

"It's a random act of kindness, a no-strings-attached gift," said Craig Antico, RIP's co-founder and CEO.

Antico and RIP co-founder Jerry Ashton spent decades as executives in the debt resolution business. Now they do the same thing debt collectors do — buy portfolios of past-due bills for pennies on the dollar. But instead of hounding people for payment, they send letters announcing their debt is now zero. Forgiven debts have ranged from \$100 to over \$250,000, Antico said.

A \$10 donation can buy — and eliminate — \$1,000 in long-delinquent debt.

"You get a lot of bang for your charity buck," said Judith Jones of Ithaca, N.Y. She and Carolyn Kenyon, members of a group advocating universal health coverage, raised \$12,500 that RIP Medical Debt used to purchase a portfolio of \$1.5 million in debts owed by 1,284 people.

More than 43 million Americans have about \$75



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Reagen Adair, a fifth-grade teacher in Murchison, Texas, had \$3,100 she owed erased by RIP Medical Debt.

billion in past-due medical debt on their credit reports, according to Antico, Ashton and co-author Robert Goff's book, "End Medical Debt." They estimate a total of \$1 trillion in reported and unreported unpaid medical debt, and say debt forgiveness is their best interim solution until a better financial structure is worked out for the U.S. health care system.

"We're not the solution," Ashton said. "We're just dealing with the symptoms."

Now they're trying to raise \$50,000 for RIP to buy \$50 million in medical debts owed by veterans.

For Sasser, 45, the debt relieved was \$1,200 not covered by his high-deductible insurance for his wife's debilitating medical condition she's been grappling with for six years. Sasser had to cut way back on his advertising and graphic design business to care for her and their two teenage boys.

"To have these large bills looming and no way to pay was a source of constant stress," Sasser said. "When I opened that letter, it lifted a huge weight off."

Reagen Adair, a fifth-grade teacher in Murchison, Texas, had \$3,100 in debt erased by RIP. She was inspired to pay it forward by making a donation to the charity to help others struggling with medical bills.

"The system is broken," Adair said. "We have a problem with our health care system. What we have now is not working."

RIP Medical Debt has its origins in Occupy Wall Street. Ashton's office overlooked the park where social activists camped out in 2011 to protest income inequality and seek solutions.

When people associated with the Occupy movement launched a project to buy debt and erase it, Ashton and Antico offered their expertise. They turned that project into RIP Medical Debt in 2014.

It limped along until 2016, when HBO's "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" did a segment where the show gave the nonprofit \$60,000 to purchase \$15 million in medical debt and wipe it out.

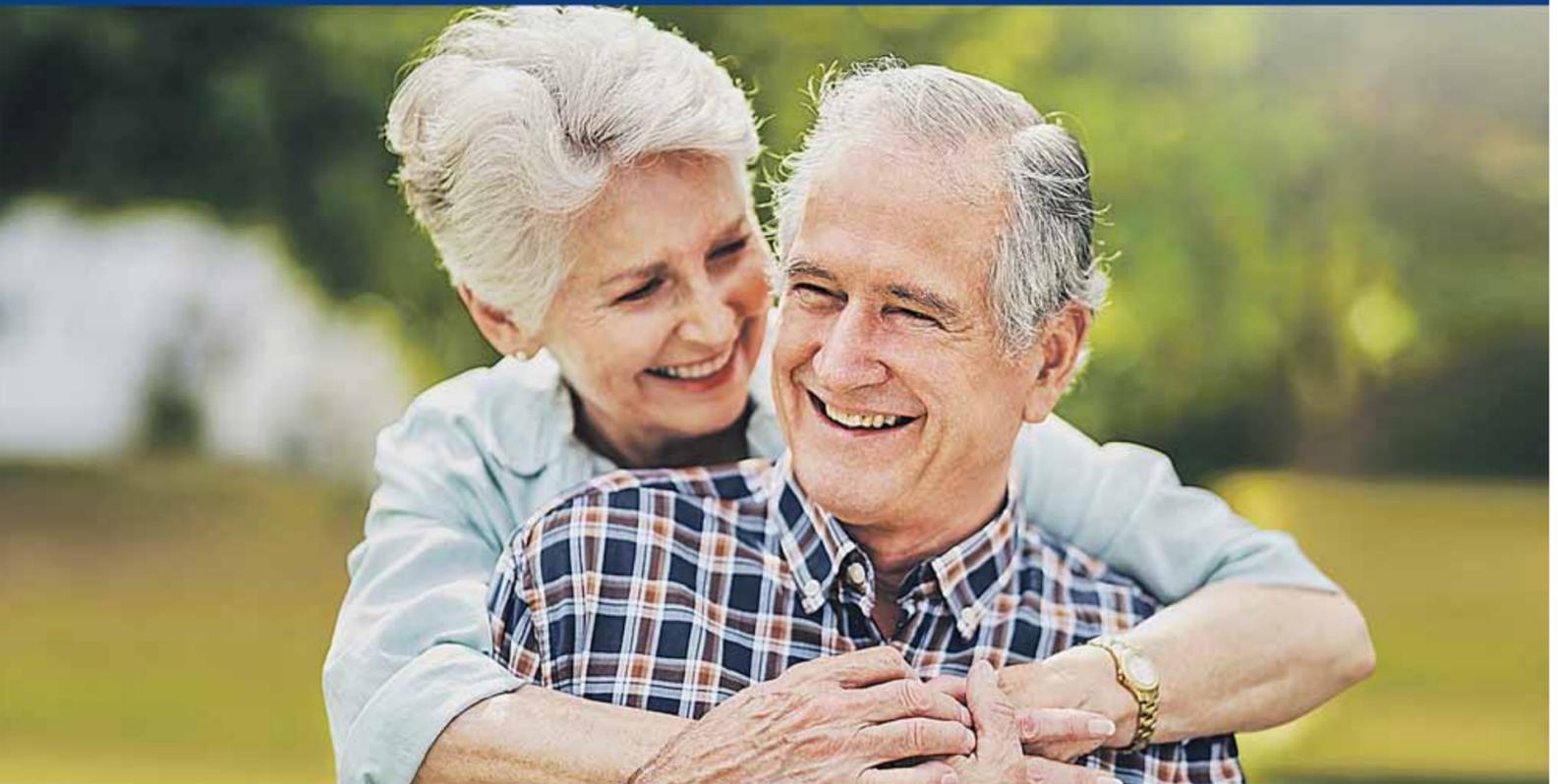
Publicity from Oliver's segment was a game-changer. Donations went from less than \$12,000 in 2015 to more than \$2.4 million in 2017.

In addition to individual donations, fundraising campaigns for RIP have been held across the country by health care groups, television stations and other organizations.

In November, an anonymous couple donated \$2 million to eliminate \$250 million in medical debt.

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## 2018: YEAR IN REVIEW

## Notable deaths: From a president to a busboy

BY BERNARD MCGHEE  
Associated Press

Two notable U.S. statesmen died in 2018, former President George H.W. Bush in November and Sen. John McCain in August. Bush's wife, Barbara, died in April.

The year also saw the death of one of the world's best-known singers, Aretha Franklin.

Several influential giants in their respective fields — including global diplomat Kofi Annan, the Rev. Billy Graham and physicist Stephen Hawking — died during the year.

Here is a roll call of some of those who died in 2018.

## JANUARY

**Thomas S. Monson**, 90. Revered by nearly 16 million Mormons worldwide as president of the church. Jan. 2.

**John Young**, 87. Astronaut who walked on the moon and commanded first space shuttle flight. Jan. 5.

**Keith Jackson**, 89. Voice of college football. Jan. 12.

**Dolores O'Riordan**, 46. Singer for Irish rock band The Cranberries. Jan. 15.

**Ingvar Kamprad**, 91. Co-founder of IKEA. Jan. 27.

**Mort Walker**, 94. Creator of comic strip "Beetle Bailey." Jan. 27.

## FEBRUARY

**John Mahoney**, 77. Actor portrayed the blue-collar dad in sitcom "Frasier." Feb. 4.

**Marty Allen**, 95. Bug-eyed comedian with wild black hair. Feb. 12.

**The Rev. Billy Graham**, 99. Transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism. Feb. 21.

**Nanette Fabray**, 97. Vivacious actress, singer and dancer. Feb. 22.

**Sridevi**, 54. Bollywood's leading lady of the 1980s and '90s. Feb. 24.



Barbara Bush and former President George H.W. Bush



Singer Aretha Franklin



Sen. John McCain



Winnie Madikizela-Mandela



Hawking



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## MARCH

**Roger Bannister**, 88. First runner to break the 4-minute mile. March 3.

**Stephen Hawking**, 76. Theoretical physicist whose brilliant mind ranged across time and space though his body was paralyzed. March 14.

**H. Wayne Huizenga**, 80. Built a business empire that included Blockbuster, AutoNation and pro sports teams. March 22.

**Linda Brown**, 75. Kansas girl at the center of Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling. March 25.

## APRIL

**Winnie Madikizela-Mandela**, 81. Nelson Mandela's ex-wife and anti-apartheid activist. April 2.

**Yvonne Staples**, 80. Member of the Staple Singers hit-making gospel group. April 10.

**Milos Forman**, 86. Film director of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Amadeus." April 14.

**R. Lee Ermey**, 74. Former Marine and actor. April 15.

**Barbara Bush**, 92. Former first lady, wife of President George H.W. Bush, and mother of President George W. Bush. April 17.

## MAY

**Tom Wolfe**, 88. The white-suited wizard of "new journalism." May 14.

**Philip Roth**, 85. Prize-winning novelist. May 22.

**Alan Bean**, 86. Apollo 12 astronaut was the fourth man to walk on the moon. May 26.

## JUNE

**Kate Spade**, 55. Fashion designer known for her sleek handbags. June 5.

**Anthony Bourdain**, 61. Celebrity chef. June 8.

**Kazuo Kashio**, 89. Co-founder of Japan's Casio Computer Co. June 18.

**Vinnie Paul**, 54. Drummer of heavy metal band Pantera. June 22.

**Joseph Jackson**, 89. Patriarch of the Jackson musical family. June 27.

**Steve Ditko**, 90. Marvel Comics artist. June 29.

## JULY

**Nancy Sinatra**, 101.

Childhood sweetheart of Frank Sinatra and first of four wives and mother of his three children. July 13.

**Alene Duerk**, 98. Navy's first female admiral. July 21.

## AUGUST

**Stan Milkita**, 78. Hockey great for the Chicago Blackhawks. Aug. 7.

**Aretha Franklin**, 76. The undisputed "Queen of Soul" on such R&B classics as "I Say a Little Prayer" and "Respect." Aug. 16.

**Kofi Annan**, 80. Global diplomat and the first black African to become United Nations secretary-general. Aug. 18.

**John McCain**, 81. Faced down captors as Vietnam POW before 35-year political career that took him to Congress and the Republican presidential nomination. Aug. 25.

**Neil Simon**, 91. Playwright of comedic hits "The Odd Couple," "Barefoot in the Park" and the "Brighton Beach" trilogy. Aug. 26.

## SEPTEMBER

**Burt Reynolds**, 82. Film and television star. Sept. 6.

**Richard DeVos**, 92. Billionaire and co-founder of direct-selling giant Amway. Sept. 6.

**Mac Miller**, 26. Hip-hop star. Sept. 7.

**Otis Rush**, 84. Blues guitarist. Sept. 29.

## OCTOBER

**Juan Romero**, 68. Hotel busboy who came to Robert F. Kennedy's aid when the New York senator was fatally shot. Oct. 1.

**Leon Lederman**, 96. Nobel Prize winning physicist coined the phrase "God particle." Oct. 3.

**George Taliaferro**, 91. First black player drafted in the NFL. Oct. 8.

**Paul G. Allen**, 65. Co-founded Microsoft with his childhood friend Bill Gates. Oct. 15.

**James "Whitey" Bulger**, 89. Boston gangster. Oct. 30.

## NOVEMBER

**Raymond Chow**, 91. Hong Kong film producer introduced the world to Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan. Nov. 2.

**Stan Lee**, 95. Revolution-

ized comic books by creating Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four and the Incredible Hulk. Nov. 12.

**Roy Clark**, 85. Guitar virtuoso who headlined TV show "Hee Haw." Nov. 15.

**William Goldman**, 87. Oscar-winning screenwriter. Nov. 16.

**Stephen Hillenburg**, 57. Creator of cartoon character SpongeBob SquarePants. Nov. 26.

**Jean Barker**, 96. Socialite, codebreaker and British government minister. Nov. 26.

**George H.W. Bush**, 94. U.S. president, vice president, director of the CIA, father of President George W. Bush and an aviator during World War II. Nov. 30.

## DECEMBER

**Nancy Wilson**, 81. Grammy-winning pop-jazz singer. Dec. 13.

**Penny Marshall**, 75. Star of sitcom "Laverne & Shirley" who parlayed fame into a career directing crowd-pleasing movies "Big" and "A League of Their Own." Dec. 17.

## Opioids turn promising life into tragic statistic

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
Associated Press

MOUNT CARBON, Pa. — Brandon Wentz agonized over his resignation letter.

The 24-year-old mayor of Mount Carbon had just moved with his family to a nearby town, requiring him to give up the office. Normally so good with words, Wentz strained to express himself. He felt like he was letting his constituents down.

His inability to write it reflected the struggles Wentz had been experiencing of late.

"You could just see the stress and sadness in him," recalled his mother, Janel Firestone.

After tinkering with it for several days, Wentz finally sent a brief missive to the town secretary. Then he met up with a close friend, Ryan Fessler. They hung out in Wentz's room for a while, and Fessler left.

Wentz was dead by morning. The cause: an overdose of heroin and fentanyl.

A police investigation was launched into his death, and state troopers sought to question Fessler. But they would never get the opportunity. Fessler, too, would die of an overdose.

Wentz's death on Nov. 9, 2017, came near the end of a year that saw a record number of U.S. drug overdose deaths. Two weeks before Wentz died, President Donald Trump declared the opioid epidemic to be a "public health emergency."

By that time, fentanyl had emerged as one of the biggest threats.

A synthetic opioid both cheap to produce and more powerful than heroin, fentanyl has flooded the illicit drug market in recent years. The drug was implicated in two-thirds of Pennsylvania's 5,456 overdose deaths in 2017, a 150 percent increase in just two years in one of the nation's hardest-hit states.

Wentz's family never saw it coming.

"I would not have thought my son would be a statistic," said Firestone, speaking publicly about the circumstances of her son's death for the first time. "I never would've thought he had an issue. Brandon made a mistake and paid the ultimate price."

Wentz had a lot going for him. Following his grandmother and mother into public service, the young man known by all as "Honcho" was just 22 when he

became mayor of Mount Carbon, population 87, a speck of a town in eastern Pennsylvania's coal region. He was a doting older brother, a professional writing major at Kutztown University, a hoops fan who covered the NBA for a sports website. Universally well liked, he had a wide circle of friends and could make anyone laugh.

But Wentz had another side. His closest companions were aware he was dabbling in heroin. At some point, he befriended Ryan Fessler, whose own struggle with drugs started with the prescription painkiller Percocet and later shifted to heroin.

"He wasn't a bad person, he was nice, but he had his own demons, too, and demons will invite more demons," Wentz's friend, Brandon Radziewicz, said of Fessler.

Wentz's family, meanwhile, had no idea he was using opioids.

What they could see was that his life had taken a turn.

A few months after becoming mayor, Wentz pleaded guilty to DUI and lost his driver's license, which forced Wentz, a commuter student, to take a leave from Kutztown.



Janel Firestone and Tim Wentz, in Port Carbon, Pa., hold an image of their late son Brandon Wentz, who at age 22 became mayor of Mount Carbon, Pa.

He was disappointed he let himself and his family down. He had suffered anxiety and depression since high school, and now those symptoms grew worse.

Friends believed his heroin use became more frequent in the months leading up to his death.

A distraught Fessler returned to Wentz's house not long after his friend's body was removed and promised Firestone he would "turn myself in."

Despite his pledge, Fessler did not reach out to police. Consumed by grief,

Fessler's addiction grew worse.

His mother, Kim Kramer, begged her son to move to Florida to be with his father, thinking he'd have a better shot at recovery there. Fessler agreed. He spent the early part of 2018 in the Sunshine State, in treatment. He was doing better.

But Fessler also faced unrelated drug charges in Pennsylvania, and he had to return for a hearing.

Firestone caught wind of Fessler's scheduled court appearance, alerting state police that he would be

back in town. A trooper told her he planned to go to the hearing to ask him about Wentz's death.

But Fessler never made it. Early on the morning of April 16, he fatally overdosed on heroin and fentanyl, the same combination that killed Wentz. He'd been in Pennsylvania just over two days.

Firestone cried anew when she learned of Fessler's death. She was sad for his mom, and frustrated that the truth about her own son's death might never come out.

## Inspiring bear survives Wash. state fire but not hunter's aim

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.  
The Washington Post

The July 2014 fire that injured Cinder also destroyed 300 homes and burned 400 square miles — a charred section of north-central Washington almost as big as Los Angeles.

No one could find Cinder's mother or siblings. All rescuers knew was that the 37-pound brown bear cub wouldn't survive in the wild for much longer.

She recovered at several rehabilitation centers, dou-

bling her weight within months and becoming an international celebrity for what she symbolized, The Associated Press reported. If a tiny burned bear could beat the odds, so could this section of Washington devastated by the most destructive wildfire in state history.

Months later, CBS News cameras captured a no-longer-limping Cinder sprinting into the forest of the Cascade Mountains.

But that happy ending was short-lived. A radio-tracking collar officials put

on Cinder stopped transmitting in October 2017, the AP reported. Officials hoped it was because she was in her den, hunkered down for the winter, possibly with cubs.

But with a crew ventured into the mountains, they found the skeletal remains of what used to be Cinder, the collar sliced off and lying nearby. They believe a hunter shot the bear and cut off the collar, which rendered it inoperable.

Experts now concede that setting Cinder free

wasn't the end of the story, but a beginning. Once the bear bolted into the trees, she would again have to face all the dangers of the wild on her own.

"We realize that once the animals are set free, they're open to what's out there, whether it's humans or other animals," Tom Millham, founder of the California center where she recovered, told the Methow Valley News. "All we're giving them is a second chance at life."

Animal lovers followed

the fight for Cinder's life. Those earliest photos showed a pitiable sight: an emaciated cub lying on her side, fur missing or singed, all four paws wrapped in bandages. But despite all she had endured, she was still breathing.

"It was the worst burns I've ever seen," veterinarian Randy Hein told "CBS This Morning." "My gut feeling was that the bear would live, but I didn't know if she'd ever be able to be released into the wild because of how badly dam-

aged and burned her paws were."

Still, she was on the mend, and so was the region of Washington where she came from.

"She inspired them to rebuild and move on from the devastating Carlton Complex Fire," said Rich Beausoleil, a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife specialist who helped nurse the bear to health. "I'll always remember someone saying, 'If Cinder can do it, then we can do it.' That inspired me, too."

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Justice Ginsburg released from hospital after cancer surgery

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was discharged from the hospital Tuesday, a Supreme Court spokeswoman said.

The 85-year-old justice underwent a pulmonary lobectomy at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to remove two malignant nodules in her left lung. The procedure Friday went smoothly, doctors said, with “no evidence of any remaining disease elsewhere in the body.”

Ginsburg, the oldest member of the nation’s highest court, has had several health scares: She has combated colorectal and pancreatic cancer, and received a heart stent in her right coronary artery. Last month, she fractured three ribs.

Ginsburg will spend the remaining holiday season recuperating at home. The Supreme Court, which is not in session until the new year, will next hear cases Jan. 7.

### Donor apologizes for funding group behind disinformation

Billionaire Reid Hoffman apologized Wednesday for funding a group linked to a “highly disturbing” effort that spread disinformation during last year’s Alabama special election for U.S. Senate, but he said he was not aware his money was being used for that purpose.

The Hoffman-funded group allegedly used Facebook and Twitter to undermine support for Republican Roy Moore

and boost Democrat Doug Jones, who narrowly won the race.

Hoffman, an early Facebook investor and co-founder of LinkedIn, voiced support for a federal investigation into what happened, echoing Jones’ position.

Hoffman named a group he funded, American Engagement Technologies, or AET, as being involved in the disinformation effort.

### 2 Michigan regulators reach plea deals in Flint water case

LANSING, Mich. — Two Michigan environmental regulators implicated in the Flint water scandal pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor Wednesday in exchange for more serious charges being dropped and agreeing to testify against others, bringing to six the number of officials who have agreed to such deals.

Michael Prysby pleaded no contest to a count of violating Michi-

gan’s Safe Drinking Water Act; Stephen Busch pleaded no contest to disturbing a public meeting.

The plea from Busch, a state water supervisor, relates to his failing to give proper information during a 2015 meeting in which residents complained about Flint’s discolored and smelly water.

The plea from Prysby, a water engineer, relates to the improper permitting of a water treatment plant.



KOREA POOL

South and North Korean officials connect a railroad during a ceremony Wednesday in the border town of Kaesong, North Korea, the symbolic start to a unification transit line.

### Korean Peninsula project more aspiration than transportation

SEOUL, South Korea — North and South Korea broke ground Wednesday on an ambitious project to modernize North Korean railways and roads and connect them with the South, but without progress in nuclear negotiations, regular trains won’t be crossing the border anytime soon.

The ceremony at the North Korean border town of Kaesong came weeks after the Koreas conducted a joint survey on the northern railway sections they hope to someday link with the South.

It’s one of several peace

gestures agreed between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in as they push ahead with engagement amid a stalemate in larger nuclear negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang.

But beyond on-site reviews and ceremonies, the Koreas cannot move much farther along without the removal of U.S.-led sanctions against the North.

A South Korean train carrying about 100 people — including government officials, lawmakers and aging relatives separated by

the 1950-53 Korean War — rolled into the North Korean border town of Kaesong, where they were greeted by North Korean officials.

North and South Korean officials signed a concrete railroad tie, unveiled a new signboard and observed a ceremonial connecting of northern and southern tracks at Kaesong’s Panmun Station.

Officials from China and Russia were also invited to witness the symbolic start of an ambitious project Seoul hopes will one day link South Korea with the Trans-China and Trans-Siberian railways.

### Oregon man 1st to traverse Antarctica unassisted

An Oregon man became the first person to traverse Antarctica alone, without any assistance, on Wednesday, trekking across the polar continent in an epic 54-day journey that was previously deemed impossible.

Colin O’Brady, of Portland, finished the bone-

chilling, 930-mile trek as friends, family and fans tracked the endurance athlete’s progress in real time online.

“I did it!” a tearful O’Brady said on a call to his family gathered in Portland for the holidays, according to his wife, Jenna Besaw.

“It was an emotional

call,” she said. “He seemed overwhelmed by love and gratitude, and he really wanted to say ‘Thank you’ to all of us.”

O’Brady, 33, documented his nearly entirely uphill expedition — which he called The Impossible First — on his Instagram page.

### Israeli official confirms Syria airstrikes as Russia objects

JERUSALEM — An Israeli security official on Wednesday confirmed responsibility for overnight airstrikes in Syria, saying the air force had hit a series of targets involved in Iranian arms transfers to the Hezbollah militant group.

Russia had criticized the airstrike, saying it endangered civilian flights. The comments highlighted the increasingly tense relations between Israel and Russia, which have grown strained since the September downing of a Russian plane by Syrian forces responding to another Israeli raid.

The Israeli official said the air force attacked Iranian targets in three main locations late Tuesday and early Wednesday. He said the targets were primarily storage and logistics facilities used by Iran to ship weapons to Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Lebanese group that opposes Israel.

**In Israel:** In the Knesset, lawmakers voted 102-2 late Wednesday to dissolve the current parliament and scheduled new elections for April 9.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that he was disbanding his coalition and taking the nation to new elections six months ahead of schedule.

**In Tunisia:** Authorities have arrested 18 people during protests that erupted after the death of a journalist who set himself on fire to protest economic problems in the North African nation, officials said Wednesday.

Clashes between protesters and Tunisian authorities have taken place over the past two days.

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## EDITORIALS

# Free markets and U.S. energy independence

*"Energy resources are so limited that not only can't the present living standard of the United States be available to all mankind, it is not likely to continue in this country beyond the present decade."*

— Lawrence Rocks and Richard P. Runyon, "The Energy Crisis," 1972

*"The U.S. Just Became a Net Oil Exporter for the First Time in 75 Years — Shale Boom Has Boosted U.S. Crude Oil Shipments to Record"*

— Bloomberg News headline, Dec. 6, 2018

The stunning turn of fortunes was largely overlooked in a whirlwind of other Washington news this month: Nearly half a century of free-market initiatives and government encouragement has turned what long looked like an American weakness into a strength. "We're becoming the dominant energy power in the world," Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research, told Bloomberg. The United States is now the world's biggest petroleum producer, ahead of Russia, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and all the others.

That's remarkable news for Americans with capacious memories. In the early 1970s, energy shortages pounded the American psyche and drove several of the world's supposedly robust industrial economies into recessions. Arab members of OPEC, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, retaliated for U.S. support for Israel during the Yom Kippur War by placing an embargo on oil shipments to this country.

Humbled by the sudden realization that fickle Mideast regimes held so much clout over them, Americans sat in long lines to buy increasingly expensive motor fuels.

## Declaring 'Project Independence,' Nixon takes the lead

On Nov. 7, 1973, Richard M. Nixon became the first of several U.S. presidents to declare the goal of U.S. energy independence, a mission that at the time seemed almost as crucial as the Manhattan Project — the quest to develop atomic bombs before Germany did — had been during World War II.

Authors Rocks and Runyon, two of their generation's most respected prophets of doom, warned Americans about the limited capacities of hydroelectric, nuclear, solar and wind generation to offset reductions in petroleum-based energy: "Despite obvious drawbacks, we can see that only coal holds prospects for saving the nation from an immediate energy shortage."

Such jeremiads seemed sensible at the time. But the pessimism discounted four factors that have radically improved the U.S. energy picture and delivered the nation to the role of net oil exporter. That distinction may be more temporary than enduring; the U.S. is likely to be a minor net importer for some time. Yet the net export of 211,000 barrels a day of crude oil and refined products is a stark contrast to the



JAMES DURBIN/MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

An oil rig pumps crude Friday in Midland County, Texas. The United States is now the world's biggest petroleum producer, moving ahead of Russia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

reliance on other countries at the peak of U.S. dependency. That came in 2005, when this country imported a net 12 million barrels every day — 60 percent of the nation's crude oil consumption.

The fracking revolution's bonanza of energy production was mostly unanticipated. In 2008, the International Energy Agency estimated that U.S. oil and gas production would be flat to declining until about 2030. Instead, by 2013, U.S. crude production had leaped by 49 percent.

And U.S. production continues to surge. The Wall Street Journal says America's wells are expected to produce 28 percent more crude in 2019 than they did in 2017.

## The big 4 factors

■ The energy crisis of the 1970s awoke consumers and the breadth of American industry — not just automakers — to the nation's reckless squandering of petroleum and other resources. Government agencies have encouraged and demanded conservation measures across society. But the private sector supplied most of the initiative and the resulting innovations.

■ Customer demand for more efficient automotive engines and other types of motors drove engineers and manufacturers to develop more efficient machines — many fueled by electricity, natural gas and hybrid combinations. The upshot: less reliance on petroleum fuels.

■ Market forces and market freedoms birthed fracking and related extraction technologies that have vastly increased the potential supply of oil and natural gas.

These techniques create their own environmental risks, and we won't diminish or ignore them. That said, no incentive has been as integral to U.S. energy domination in recent years as the ability of wildcat drillers and other entrepreneurs to win returns on their investments. To see how industry employment has grown, visit three regions a modest distance from metropolitan Chicago: the Marcellus pumping fields of Pennsylvania, the Permian Basin of Texas and the Williston Basin, the rock formations that hold rich deposits of oil and gas beneath 140,000 square miles of high plains and rumbled valleys in the two Dakotas, Montana, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

■ In this country, governments let market pricing drive refiners' decisions on how to align supplies with demands. The journal National Affairs has reported that of the world's key petroleum-producing countries, only the U.S. allows private entities to control large-scale oil and gas reserves. When the federal government has tried to pick energy winners and losers via subsidies or taxation, its record is, as you'd expect, mixed: Ethanol mandates have done little more than prop up that industry, and tax breaks for the purchase of certain vehicles have won limited numbers of converts.

## Energy security at home, geopolitical influence abroad

So the move toward energy independence — with its enhancement of affluence

at home and U.S. influence overseas — has come more despite than because of government interventions. Not that Washington doesn't benefit from the private sector's risk-taking. America's energy strength is a bulwark to the nation's foreign policy. The U.S. is less hostage than before to geopolitical disputes or domestic unrest in dangerous neighborhoods of Africa, South America and, of course, the Middle East.

Producing goods the world wants to buy is an expression of America's economic strength. Each barrel of American oil shipped overseas helps offset purchases here of foreign-made electronics and other goods. And imagine how the notion of growing U.S. independence from global oil markets frustrates the leaders of Russia, Iran and other countries whose energy exports largely drive their economies.

## But we're still burning fossil fuels

By contrast, the frustration for many Americans is that the phrase "energy independence" keeps the policy and production focus primarily on petroleum products — and on the two-thirds of those products used by the transportation sector.

Fossil fuels contribute to global warming. We empathize with environmental and clean-energy advocates in hoping that the practicalities and economics of wind, solar and other renewables free America and the world from reliance on petroleum and coal.

America rode energy technologies and supplies to become the world's leading nation in the 19th and 20th centuries. Maybe breakthroughs in energy storage, hydrogen, fusion or other fields we can't today envision will revolutionize how we power, heat, cool, move and carry.

Remember, coal is in decline largely because this century's fracking advances have freed up great quantities of relatively cheap and clean-burning natural gas. That market-driven transformation at power plants, coupled with slower growth in demand for electricity and the rise of the renewable fuels, are the main reasons why U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have been declining.

## How growth drives energy innovation

Based on the last two centuries of American history and the evidence now on (and under) the ground, the research and development that yield those breakthroughs are likeliest to occur if a free-market U.S. economy continues to grow and prosper. That economic expansion funds and incentivizes the risk-taking that has produced our greatest energy innovations.

The startling rise of the U.S. energy outlook, including this month's news about oil exports, once again reminds us:

Prophets of doom tend to underestimate the power of liberated initiative — this ability of their fellow Americans to invent solutions that the prophets, blinded by their certitude, cannot see.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Defense secretaries come and go. President Obama had four of them in eight years, who had some unkind things to say about his leadership or lack of it. There was no talk of chaos or of the only adult in the room leaving. Suddenly, the media are in a meltdown after Jim "Mad Dog" Mattis announced his departure from the Cabinet after President Trump announced our departure from Syria. ...

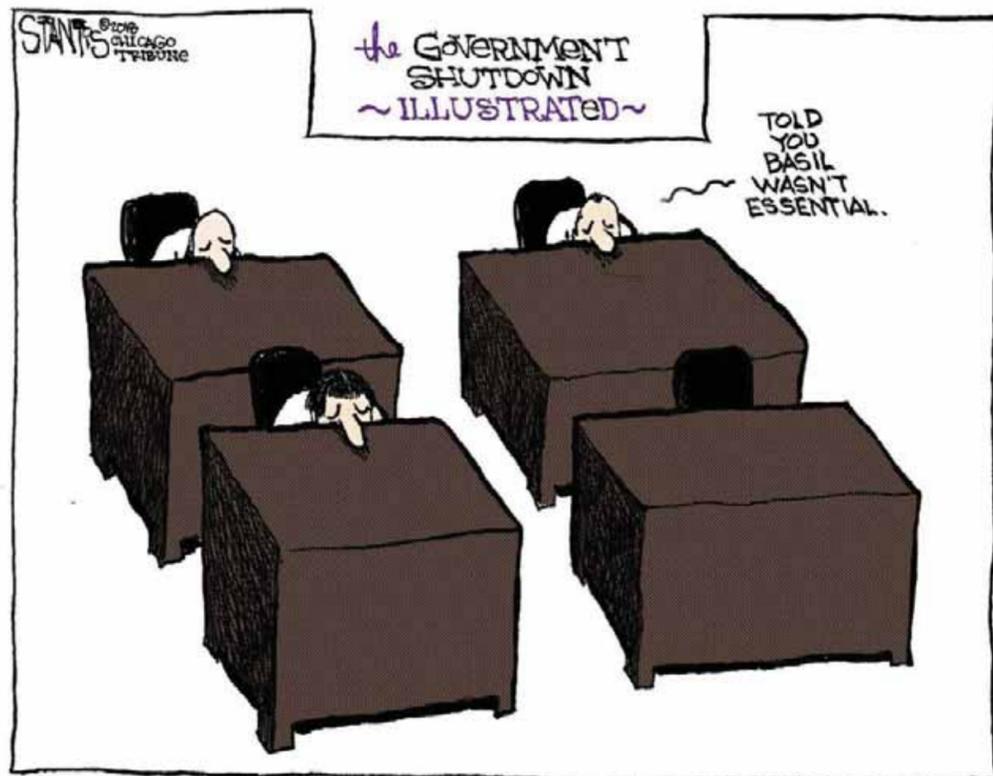
Democrats who won't defend our southern border and who slept as Obama drew red lines with vanishing ink worry about an Islamic State that Obama created by a precipitous withdrawal from Iraq now regaining strength and reforming in Syria and Iraq. The general Obama fired is suddenly a man of principle whose leadership was indispensable. ...

There was no such concern when Obama relieved Mattis as commander of CENTCOM without so much as a phone call. ... Mattis and Trump disagree on strategy. Obama and Mattis disagreed on goals and consequences. While a liberal uproar greeted the former, utter silence greeted the latter.

No doubt, our Syrian withdrawal was a factor in Mattis' decision. I don't agree with it, but to compare it with Obama's withdrawal from Iraq when he snatched defeat from George W. Bush's victory, as many conservatives are doing, is a tad disingenuous. ... Islamic State is a cancer that has spread but is currently in remission. If it comes back in force, we can deal with it. But it is not dangerous isolationism for Trump to consider Iran the main threat and to focus on it.

Daniel John Sobieski, American Thinker

## SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

It's an old and sound truism that presidents have only modest power over the economy, but President Donald Trump appears to be the regrettable exception.

## On the economy, Trump is his own worst enemy



STEVE CHAPMAN

It was a long, slow climb from the depths of the Great Recession to the sunny meadows of prosperity, but in 2018, the U.S. economy reached it. A rare combination of strong growth, full employment, low inflation and rising wages combined to create a blissful sense of security and optimism.

“Sweet spot” is the term that fit the moment. Through the course of the year, consumer confidence was the highest it had been since 2000. Businesses were making money, the stock market was soaring, taxes were down and workers were finally getting raises. “We are the hottest economy in the world right now,” exulted chief White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow in October. “We are crushing it.”

Today, it looks as though the administration is indeed crushing it — the economy, that is. Donald Trump could hardly have done more to derail the economy if he were trying to. Never has a president blessed with

such favorable conditions gone to such lengths to wreck them.

Since reaching record high closes in October, the Dow and S&P 500 have plunged. Trump’s vilification of Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell and reports that he wanted to fire him have caused anxiety among investors. The Fed has been a steady, farsighted custodian of monetary policy, and hardly anyone thinks it would perform better under a Trump flunky.

Trump unwisely denounced the Fed for keeping interest rates low during the tepid recovery that occurred under Barack Obama. With growth strong this year, he has denounced the Fed for raising them. A policy of tight money during hard times and easy money during good times is an upside-down formula.

New doubts arose when Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin called the heads of major banks to make sure they had enough liquid assets and then publicly confirmed that they did. It was about as reassuring as hearing the White House physician stepping forth to announce that the tests to determine whether the president had suffered a stroke had come back negative. A worry that no one had was instantly planted in a lot of minds.

The government shutdown has caused needless disruption that will not only cost taxpayers money but

could crimp economic growth by reducing consumer spending, stopping payments to government contractors and impeding businesses that require federal facilitation. Brookings Institution analyst David Wessel told NPR that “economists estimate that it’ll shave about a tenth of a percentage point off of growth of GDP each week the government’s closed — \$2 billion a day.”

Until recently, the productive sector had managed to overcome the many obstacles strewn by Trump. His imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum have raised costs for companies that use the metals. Farmers are being plowed under in the president’s trade fight with China, which responded to his tariffs by putting new duties on various American commodities. Previously the biggest buyer of U.S. soybeans, the Chinese cut their purchases by 62 percent in the first 10 months of 2018 — and bought zero in November.

The administration offered “trade mitigation payments” to affected farmers, but they fell short of full compensation. To compound the damage, the Department of Agriculture announced that if the shutdown continues, it will have to cut off the aid next week. Bankruptcies, already spreading among farmers, are likely to keep rising.

Trump imagines that he has the power to eliminate the trade deficit, bring back coal jobs, boost growth and generally shower prosperity on the land. In fact, the greater the number of actions and threats that emanate from his White House, the more likely the economy is to stall. A recent poll of corporate chief financial officers found that nearly half expect a recession in 2019.

It’s an old and sound truism that presidents have only modest power over the economy and get far more credit or blame for its performance than they deserve. Trump appears to be the exception — as he is to many other presidential rules. His economic policies have been bad enough. But his general approach to the presidency — which is to generate unceasing turmoil, confusion and acrimony — serves to heighten the feeling that our fate is in dangerous hands.

The easiest task for the person in the Oval Office is not messing up things that are going well. But the least you can ask of a president is more than this one can do.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Farrakhan divide scuttles Chicago Women's March. What happens now?



CLARENCE PAGE

Organizing a richly diverse political coalition is tough. Keeping it together can be even tougher.

That's the big message in the cancellation by local organizers of plans for a 2019 Chicago Women's March after months of controversy over links in the movement's national leadership to the perennially controversial Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

On their Facebook page, Chicago march organizers cite high costs and limited volunteers for canceling the march. They would plan another activity yet to be announced for Jan. 19, the day of the scuttled march. Organizers also urged supporters to join marches in other cities, including some elsewhere in Illinois.

Unmentioned in that announcement is the condemnation by the Chicago chapter of the national Women's March leadership for its ties to anti-Semitic and anti-LGBTQ statements by Chicago-based Minister Farrakhan.

National co-chair Tamika Mallory raised an uproar in February by attending the Nation of Islam's annual Saviour's Day program in Chicago's Wintrust Arena and defending her attendance later. There Farrakhan slandered "the powerful Jews" as "my enemy" and "the mother and father of apartheid," who, among other things, are supposedly doctoring marijuana to turn black men gay by blocking their testosterone. (If that doesn't reduce pot smoking, in my sarcastic opinion, nothing will.)

Amid the backlash, Mallory tried to mend fences by denouncing Farrakhan's divisive rhetoric but praised the help given to her, particularly by women of the Nation of Islam after her son's



LOU FOGLIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Demonstrators near Federal Plaza in Chicago during the Women's March in January. A planned march next month in Chicago was canceled.

father was murdered in the late 1990s.

My reaction: Here we go again. Having observed, interviewed or commented on Minister Farrakhan and his controversies for more than three decades, I'm disappointed but not surprised by this latest dust-up. The minister's anti-Semitic rhetoric, in particular, has been disrupting interracial appeals of black politicians for more than 30 years.

Among other notables, the Rev. Jesse Jackson in his first presidential campaign in 1984, former Chicago Mayor Harold Washington in his first campaign a year earlier and Barack Obama in his first presidential run in 2008 were called upon to denounce anti-Semitic comments by Farrakhan without committing political suicide by alienating their own political base.

The Daily Caller, among other conservative media, has called out black lawmakers for merely meeting with Farrakhan or sharing the

same stage with him.

Yet countless African-Americans, particularly those who live in troubled neighborhoods, have a more complicated view of the minister as a champion of the black poor and dispossessed. They've seen his bow-tied Fruit of Islam patrol tough neighborhoods and run off drug dealers. They've seen the Nation reform family members who went to prison and came out as self-respecting workers, family leaders and entrepreneurs.

Some were present as I was at Farrakhan's historic Million Man March on the Washington Mall, where he uttered not a divisive word about other races or gender preferences. Instead he offered a revival-like message of hope and unity that even impressed some conservative commentators. Many had mistaken him for a liberal instead of a bow-tie-wearing self-help Booker T. Washington conservative.

Nevertheless, like others, I have

often asked why black political leaders have such a tough time denouncing Farrakhan's bigoted remarks. Ironically my efforts to understand President Donald Trump's support base have helped me to understand Farrakhan's appeal.

When we criticize Farrakhan by focusing on his radical, ethnic or gender bias, we run the same risk that we run in attacking Donald Trump's scapegoating of immigrants and others as racist. We can unintentionally glorify him in the eyes of his target audiences as a false prophet of black American aspirations, in much the same way that Trump turns criticism into evidence for his base that he must be doing something right.

Like Trump, although more eloquently, Farrakhan offers a narrative that names the cause of his audiences' oppression, often in an oversimplified explanation that gives them someone upon whom they can blame their troubles. When I run into Trump

supporters who say they support him in spite of his racial-ethnic fearmongering, not because of it, I am now reminded of Farrakhan supporters who say pretty much the same thing from our side of the color line as African-Americans.

But those of us who want to build true coalitions across racial and gender lines cannot afford to ignore the divide-and-conquer approach that makes Trump and Farrakhan's messages ultimately self-defeating. We all make choices in voting for one candidate over another in spite of certain shortcomings. But the shortcomings that turn us into warring tribes are too dangerous to be ignored.

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## Take your sons to see the Ruth Bader Ginsburg movie

BY MONICA HESSE

By the time the character of Marty Ginsburg donned his second apron in the new Ruth Bader Ginsburg biopic, the audience imperative became clear, at least to me: Sure, take your daughters to see "On the Basis of Sex," which opened this week. But more important, take your sons.

Take your sons because it's good for them to see powerful, brilliant women in leading roles. Because overhearing a group of teenage fanboys excitedly discuss Brie Larson as "Captain Marvel" in a coffee shop last week legitimately warmed my irritated holiday-season heart. And because, yes, RBG is a historic figure, blah blah, celebrated with action dolls and a signature workout routine, blah blah.

But mostly take your sons because it's important for them to see powerful, brilliant men in partnering roles. And because Marty Ginsburg — who in real life championed his wife's Supreme Court appointment and truly was an excellent cook — is an illustration of a man who understood that his own manhood didn't need to be threat-



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Armie Hammer portrays Marty Ginsburg and Felicity Jones stars as Ruth Bader Ginsburg in "On the Basis of Sex."

ened by his wife's success, any more than it needed to be threatened by the testicular cancer he learned of early in their marriage. After his diagnosis, Ruth doubled up on her class load and typed out his law school papers so he could graduate. He went on to become an esteemed Georgetown professor.

She sacrificed for his career, then he did the same for hers.

She grew because he fed her, literally and spiritually.

If there's a through-line in the emails that have landed in my inbox this year, it's that men want me to write more about them. "But, the good things about men," as one reader put it a few months ago.

The secret, of course, is that all columns about women are equally columns about men, and

vice versa. And all columns about transgender people are, in some ways, columns about cisgender people, because we all inhabit this Earth together, and the friction between us is what ends up shaping who we are.

Would more women understand they could be Supreme Court justices if more men understood they were allowed to be not breadwinners but breadmakers? What if we acknowledged that the stereotypes holding some of us back are actually holding all of us back — an impossible equation in which putting one person on an awkward pedestal forces another person down to the dirt?

In recent years, the "Bechdel test" has entered the popular lexicon as an easy way to assess women's representation in movies.

To pass the test, films must include at least one scene in which two female characters have a conversation about something that isn't a man. "On the Basis of Sex" would easily pass: There are multiple scenes involving Ruth and her modern-thinking daughter butting heads over the right way to tackle sexism.

But another movie about Ginsburg was released in 2018 — a documentary called "RBG," and some essayists argued that it didn't pass tests of gender representation. Too much attention was given to Marty, went the argument; he was awarded outsize credit for her success.

I saw that documentary, too, and the importance given to Marty's role didn't bother me. There's nothing sexist about recognizing that in marriages, one person's success often depends on the supportiveness of his or her spouse. There's nothing wrong with crediting a good man who used his privilege to help advance equality.

Give me movies about women. Movies where they talk to each other, and laugh with each other and help advance one another's careers.

But also give me Marty Ginsburg in an apron, any day of the week. Marty in the kitchen is the essential complement to Ruth on the bench. And even while he's acting as her counterbalance, they're on the same side.

Monica Hesse is a Washington Post columnist.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Trump's bad move in Syria

President Donald Trump's unilateral decision to remove our troops from Syria is absurd. On the one hand, we have nearly 6,000 troops on our southern border protecting us from a non-existent threat, and on the other hand, we have 2,000 soldiers fighting Islamic State militants who, according to our leaders and generals, are not defeated. The decision to leave will also result in the release of scores of Islamic State prisoners who are guilty of war crimes, and surely they will return to battle intent upon killing more Americans. When will Congress take control and nullify this president's behavior, once and for all?

— Howard Kirschner, Morton Grove

#### Applying better metrics to exodus

A Tribune editorial again comments on Illinois' loss of population ("How bad does the 'Illinois Exodus' have to get?" Dec. 20). Apparently our net out-migration is considered a negative for Chicago and Illinois. Without elaboration on who is leaving and who may be replacing them, we need to withhold our opinion whether Illinois is overall a net loser. The editorial states that Texas, Indiana and Wisconsin are winners. None of these three states is welcoming to lower- and middle-income families. They pride themselves on their conservative "red state" philosophy. All three have recently featured "business friendly" anti-worker Republican governments that reduced the quality of life of those needing a

boost from government. One does not leave Illinois to find a better work possibility in states known for union-busting, low minimum wages, reduction of health care and elimination of necessary services.

The better metric is whether Illinois is gaining higher-value residents who pay more in taxes and spend to help create more and better-paying jobs. These people help grow the vibrant and bustling business communities of Chicago and fill new office space and residential buildings. This new expansion has a multiplier effect. It employs workers and pays property, sales and income taxes.

Illinois should not try to directly compete for population for the sake of keeping more people. Even having greater congressional representation is not, as sug-

gested, a positive. Politicians fight with each other for their narrow constituencies.

Just as sports teams often trade several average players for a single all-star, Chicago and Illinois should be competing to attract higher earning people, capable of growing the city and state, generating more taxes and plowing their wages into local business to care for the needs of less fortunate and underserved residents.

— Sheldon I. Saitlin, Chicago

#### Guns not the problem

Your editorial about "Chicago gun culture" is absurd ("Once

again amid Chicago's gun culture: Officers down" Dec. 19). The problem is a culture of crime, violence and death. It has nothing to do with the implement. Focusing on the gun may make political points, but it does nothing to address the problem. "Gun culture" doesn't cause violent crime any more than "car culture" causes DUIs and crash deaths. A solution to violent crime will never be found by addressing the inanimate implement. A culture that blames the police for criminal violence rather than as protectors from criminal violence does nothing to help.

— Ernie Knight, Plainfield

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Dow erases pre-holiday losses, rises 1,086

Other indexes up 5% on record holiday sales, analyst says

By **THOMAS HEATH**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Stocks on Wednesday climbed back from their epic Christmas Eve plunge as all three indexes posted big gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average roared more than 1,050 points in late afternoon — nearly 5 percent — as stocks snapped a four-day losing streak that had placed the 10-year bull market on the edge of death Monday.

“Today the market’s message is that we have nothing to fear but fear itself,” said Ed Yardeni, president of Yardeni Research. “The recent selloff reflected fears of an



MICHAEL NAGLE/BLOOMBERG NEWS

Strong Christmas sales and assurances from the White House helped push major stock indexes higher.

impending recession which were blown away today by Amazon and other retailers reporting a record holiday selling season. Santa is

back.”

White House economic adviser Kevin Hassett tried to bring some calm to the markets earlier

Wednesday when he assured reporters that Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome H. Powell’s job is “100 percent safe.” The market started surging after his remarks.

“Yes, of course, 100 percent,” said Hassett, chairman of the president’s Council of Economic Advisers, when asked by reporters at the White House if Powell’s job is safe. “Absolutely.”

Hassett, in an appearance on Fox Business Network, also said President Donald Trump “is very happy” with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Mnuchin created worry last weekend when he phoned the chief executives of U.S. banks regarding the economy.

Trump’s criticism of the Fed and Powell has shaken Wall Street as it weathers its worst December in history.

The Dow was whirling between slightly negative to 200

points up in the first hours of Wednesday’s session before its early afternoon lift on the tails of surging blue chips Apple, Home Depot, Microsoft, Visa and Nike. Facebook and Amazon shares were up more than 6 percent each.

All told, the S&P 500 rose 116.60 points Wednesday, or 5 percent, to 2,467.70. The Dow soared 1,086.25 points, or 5 percent, to 22,878.45. The Nasdaq gained 361.44 points, or 5.8 percent, to 6,554.36. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 62.89 points, or 5 percent, to 1,329.81.

Crude oil prices surged, posting their biggest increase in two years after a 30-percent-plus drop since October. West Texas Intermediate crude was up nearly 10 percent at around \$46 per barrel.

The post-holiday rally comes

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A worker puts windows into the vehicle doors at the Ford Chicago Assembly Plant in 2013.

## GM sidelines sedans

But Chicago-area Ford, Chrysler plants are going strong after shifting to SUVs

By **ROBERT CHANNICK** | Chicago Tribune

While GM is cutting 14,000 jobs and idling five factories amid sliding sedan sales, Chicago-area auto plants are hitting on all cylinders after shifting to SUV production.

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles’ Belvidere Assembly Plant, near Rockford, switched over to the Jeep Cherokee last year. Ford’s Chicago Assembly Plant is phasing out the Taurus sedan in the spring to build the new Lincoln Aviator SUV alongside the Ford Explorers that have rolled off the line there since 2010.

Nearly 10,000 employees are working at the two plants, both of which operate on multiple shifts.

Meanwhile, startup manufacturer Rivian Automotive is gearing up to build electric

trucks and SUVs at a former Mitsubishi plant in the central Illinois city of Normal beginning in 2020.

All three Illinois plants are positioned to take advantage of current consumer trends: SUVs surpassed cars in 2016 and now account for nearly half of all vehicle sales, according to IHS Markit automotive industry research. But a future that could include self-driving cars built by robots portends more challenges down the road.

Electric and self-driving vehicles may make the current lineup of SUVs as cutting edge as a 1970s-era conversion van. For thousands of employees at Chicago-area auto plants, a greater concern may be who will build the car of the future.

Some experts are not sure

that current autoworkers will have the skills needed in the future assembly process.

“Being really good at something that is not really useful to do isn’t a really good ticket to the future,” said Michael Hicks, an economics professor and manufacturing expert at Ball State University. “The unemployment lines are full of people really good at skills that can be done very cheaply elsewhere or are automatable.”

Here’s a look at the state of auto manufacturing in Illinois.

### Ford’s Chicago Assembly Plant

**Current products:** Ford Taurus and Explorer  
**2019 production:** Ford Explorer and Lincoln Aviator SUVs

At Ford, trucks and SUVs account for more than 80 percent of sales. That percent-

age is likely to grow after discontinuing all of its sedans but the Mustang and Fusion.

“People are moving out of cars and into SUVs, and it’s really picked up steam over the last four or five years,” said Erich Merkle, Ford’s U.S. sales analyst.

Merkle said SUVs are gaining traction among both aging baby boomers, who find it easier to get into and out of the vehicles, and aging millennials, who need the room for their growing families.

The Chicago Assembly Plant on Torrence Avenue, Ford’s oldest plant in continuous operation, is shifting to an all-SUV lineup next year.

By March, the Taurus, long built at the Southeast Side facility, will be out of production. The plant then will begin gearing up to build a new vehicle — the 2020 Lincoln Aviator SUV — along with an

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## U.S. home price gains slow again

Weakest growth seen in Washington, Chicago, New York

By **JOSH BOAK**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. home price growth slowed in October, a likely consequence of higher mortgage rates having worsened affordability and causing sales to fall.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 5 percent from a year earlier, down from an annual gain of 5.2 percent in September, according to a Wednesday report.

All 20 cities in the index showed year-over-year gains, led by a 12.8 percent increase in Las Vegas and almost 8 percent increases in both San Francisco and Phoenix.

The weakest gains were in Washington, which rose 2.9 percent on year, Chicago, which climbed 3.3 percent, and New York, up 3.1 percent

Home prices have dropped as would-be buyers are struggling to afford homes. Prices have consistently climbed faster than wages, a challenge that was overcome until last year by historically low mortgage rates. But borrowing costs began to rise last year after President Donald Trump cut taxes by increasing the budget deficit and the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates.

“Prospective home buyers can no longer sustain the demand that propped up aggressively rising home prices,” said Cheryl Young, a senior economist with the real estate firm Trulia. “With little sign that home buyers’ purchasing power will strengthen into 2019, expect the housing market to stagnate well into next year.”

The report reveals a stunning comeback for Las Vegas, which was one of the epicenters of the housing bust that caused the U.S. economy to collapse into a recession at the end of 2007. The Nevada tourist destination has found new ways to grow as the market began to recover.

“After the last recession, Las Vegas diversified its economy by adding a medical school, becoming a regional center for health care, and attracting high technology employers” said David Blitzer, managing director and chairman of the index committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. “Employment is increasing 3 percent annually, twice as fast as the national rate.”

But nationally, sales have generally stagnated or fallen.

The National Association of Realtors reported earlier this month that sales of existing homes tumbled 7 percent in November from a year ago.

Consumers may get some temporary relief as mortgage rates have declined in recent weeks amid the stock market sell-off. The average rate on the benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage fell to 4.62 percent last week from nearly 5 percent in early November, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.

Still, average rates are up from 3.94 percent a year ago.

Bloomberg News contributed.

## Strong economy spurs big sales over holiday

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans buoyed by a strong economy pushed holiday sales growth to a six-year high.

Retail sales rose 5.1 percent from Nov. 1 to Dec. 24 from a year ago, according to Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracked spending online and in stores across all payment types, including those who paid by cash or check. Total sales topped \$850 billion this year, Mastercard said.

“In sales terms, this has definitely been a very strong holiday — one of the best since 1999,” said

Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail. “Momentum in the consumer economy, confident shoppers and more discipline from retailers have all helped to boost spending.”

Online sales continued to grow, up more than 19 percent from a year ago. Last week, Mastercard said online sales made up 13 percent of total retail sales.

Clothing sold well this year — up nearly 8 percent from last year, the biggest growth for apparel sales since 2010, Mastercard said. Home furniture sales rose 2.3

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# Presidency seems bad for business

Trump brand has taken multiple hits since election

By **BERNARD CONDON**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When workers pried the Trump name off another Manhattan building earlier this year, it capped a bad few weeks for the president's businesses.

Donald Trump's golf resorts in Scotland had just posted millions of dollars in losses, one of his hotels in Panama had rebranded itself a Marriott, and New York officials announced they were looking into how he avoided paying tens of millions in taxes.

All that, along with the daily drumbeat of Trump tweets and headlines about investigations into his administration, led Austin, Texas, tech executive Gary Barrett to finally give up hope of ever turning a profit on an apartment he bought as an investment in a Trump tower in Las Vegas.

"People with enough cash to buy these units seem to be shying away from the Trump name," said Barrett, calling it "the Trump effect."

From golf fees and licensing deals to prices for Trump condos, many metrics used to gauge his business in the first two years of his presidency are down as the divisive comments and policies so beloved by his political base have turned off a group just as dear to him — the affluent who fuel his businesses.

"He can be very polarizing. The brand has been diminished," said Jeff Lotman, CEO of licensing firm Global Icons. New York brand consultant Robert Passikoff puts it more bluntly: "The Trump brand has lost its mojo."

Though it's difficult to know just how badly Trump's privately held



ARNULFO FRANCO/AP

A worker removes the word Trump off a marquee at the Trump Ocean Club International Hotel and Tower in Panama City.

businesses are hurting, Associated Press interviews with two dozen club members, condo buyers and real estate experts suggest the impact has been broad and sustained, with the same political divisions among voters playing out on the links and in clubhouses and condo board meetings.

The Trump Organization did not respond to requests for comment but has said in the past its core operations are strong.

The revolt has extended to new Trump hotel ventures aimed at those who can't afford \$450 or more to stay at his big-city hotels. Early last year, the Trump Organization announced the rollout of two chains — one mid-priced, the other budget — and said it had signed letters of intent for possible deals with more than 20 developers.

Today, only one deal, in Mississippi, has been announced. Hotel experts say

potential partners don't want to deal with the controversy the Trump name brings.

"In today's politically charged environment, everyone is cautious," said Lee Hunter, CEO of consultancy Hunter Hotel Advisors in Atlanta. "You want as many guests staying with you as possible."

Trump's condos in New York have taken a hit, too.

An AP analysis of sales data from brokerage CityRealty shows prices per square foot have fallen in nine of the 11 Trump-branded buildings in Manhattan in the first 10 months this year after dropping last year, too. Since Trump has taken office, prices have fallen 9 percent on average and are now down to levels not seen in five years. In that time, Manhattan condos overall have risen 29 percent.

CityRealty consultant Zach Gutierrez says Trump

buildings are suffering partly because they look dated next to all the new luxury buildings that have gone up in recent years. But he adds that it doesn't help that some apartment hunters won't even consider a Trump building now.

"His politics are definitely alienating people," Gutierrez says.

Ivanka Trump's business has been hit by the political backlash, too.

The president's daughter shut down her company making dresses, shoes, handbags and other accessories in July after boycotts against her brand and after retailers such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom decided to drop her line, the latter specifically citing weak sales. Her company said at the time that business was strong and that the shutdown was triggered by Ivanka's desire to focus more on her work as a White House adviser.

Ivanka's brother Eric Trump is similarly optimistic about his father's 17 golf resorts around the world, telling the AP earlier this year that the clubs are doing "spectacularly."

The few public numbers available suggest otherwise.

Financial reports released by the British and Irish governments in October show two Scottish resorts and one in Ireland lost millions last year, the fourth year in a row of losses. Revenue at his public course in the Bronx fell 9 percent in the first six months of this year, on top of a 7 percent drop for all of last year. Revenue from his Doral golf resort in Miami, which generates the bulk of Trump's golf revenue, is estimated by Forbes magazine to have plunged 26 percent last year.

Another business facing trouble: Trump's "condo-hotel" business, in which people looking for income

buy hotel rooms in Trump hotels and hand them over to his company to rent out to guests.

"When I bought, it had to do with the Trump name. It was a respected name," said Terry Gould, who sold two condos in Trump's Vegas tower last year out of frustration with what he says was the puny income from them. "I don't know what the market sees in it now."

The Washington Post said that private documents it has seen show income to condo-hotel owners at a New York property dropped 14 percent from 2015 to 2017. The newspaper reported a similar drop at a Trump hotel in Chicago.

Previously, Donald Trump Jr. and his brother Eric have said that new limits their father has placed on his businesses, such as agreeing not to strike any new business overseas, have indeed slowed deal-making. But they said that might be the price to pay for their father being president.

To be sure, it hasn't been all bad news. Trump's businesses still hauled in at least \$453 million in revenue last year, according to the president's financial disclosure.

His Washington hotel, which took in \$40 million of that, is doing a brisk business with Republican Party officials, lobbyists and business groups that can lose or win big on changes in regulations and laws.

Foreign diplomats and dignitaries and groups with ties to the governments of Turkey, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and other countries have held events or stayed at the hotel too.

The Trump Organization has promised to donate any profits tied to foreign governments to the U.S. Treasury to allay conflict-of-interest concerns, and made a payment of \$151,470 to the agency earlier this year to cover 2017.



GERALD HERBERT/AP 2011

Mayor LaToya Cantrell says the city receives barely more than 10 percent of tourist taxes.

## Reaping tourist taxes proves difficult for New Orleans

By **KEVIN MCGILL**  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A night's stay at a New Orleans hotel can take as much as a 15 percent bite in taxes and fees. Yet barely more than 10 percent of those tax and fee dollars — out of an estimated \$166 million collected annually — finds its way into city coffers in this leading Southern tourist destination.

That's according to estimates by an independent research agency that last calculated the figure in 2015. New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell's still-new administration says the city needs and deserves a bigger share.

When Cantrell took office in May, she inherited many lingering infrastructure challenges: potholed streets, drainage problems and a drinking water system plagued by periodic boil-water advisories. But an attempt to get a bigger slice of that tourism revenue to address those needs could be a tall political order for the new mayor of this city famed for Mardi Gras.

Much of the money goes to major state-owned tourism draws: the Superdome and its neighboring arena

as well as the massive Ernest N. Morial Convention Center beside the Mississippi River. Changing the flow of money would require legislative action. But so far the mayor's call for a "fair share" for the city has gotten a cool reception from Gov. John Bel Edwards and the state Senate president — as well as from one of the top spokesmen for the tourism industry.

"Over time, the city of New Orleans has not put one dollar into the building of the Superdome, the building of the convention center; has not put one dollar into the operations of the Superdome or the Convention Center; has not put one dollar into the average, every-year renewal and refurbishment that has to take place," said Steve Perry, one tourism booster.

Perry is CEO of the nonprofit New Orleans & Co., which promotes local tourism. He recently unveiled the industry's answer: a proposal that, rather than cost the industry any of its current revenue stream, would raise the hotel tax an additional 0.55 percent in anticipation of \$6.7 million a year more to meet infrastructure needs.

Perry said the plan would be to immediately

raise \$81 million with a bond issue, to be financed with the new revenue. He said the money could be used to make some initial repairs to the city's infrastructure, and to develop a master plan for longer-term infrastructure spending.

"Seed capital," is what Perry called it.

"Not adequate," was Cantrell's response in a news release that followed.

"We've had plans from the outset," said her statement, which later added, "What we need is revenue."

John Pourciau, the mayor's chief of staff, said the projected annual bill for the city's infrastructure needs is estimated at \$80 million to \$100 million.

Pourciau stressed that revenue from the 4 percent hotel tax going to the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District — for the Superdome and adjacent arena — and the 3 percent tax dedicated to the authority that runs the convention center are not the only parts of the hotel tax that the administration believes should be up for discussion.

Pourciau said nonhotel taxes, such as a food and beverage tax that goes to the convention center, are also being eyed.

## Then one foggy Christmas Eve, reindeer got connected

By **JAMES BROOKS**  
Associated Press

ROVANIEMI, Finland — To keep track of their animals in Lapland, Northern Finland's vast and remote snow-covered forests, reindeer herders are turning to technology by fitting them with internet-connected collars.

Herders who previously spent weeks searching for their reindeer in sub-zero wilderness can now instantly see where they are on a mobile app that receives up-to-date location data.

"In all sectors of society, this (tech) efficiency is playing a big role. It's the same in reindeer husbandry," said Seppo Koivisto, whose hundreds of reindeer roam Lapland's 1,545 square-mile Palojarvi District.

Lapland's reindeer are the main source of livelihood for about 1,500 herders, so there's high interest in technology that can help manage them. Koivisto is using the latest generation of wireless collars made possible by a group that includes Helsinki-based communications firm Digita and Finland's Reindeer Herding Association. The association is based in Rovaniemi, which bills itself as the "official hometown of Santa Claus."

"We have fewer workers, so their actions should be more and more efficient all the time," and this technology lets them do that, said Koivisto. Since he started using the technology, he has only had to hire half the usual number of workers.

The technology can also help herders account for attacks from predators such as wolverines and lynx that roam across the Russian border.

At least 5,000 reindeer are killed every year, according to the herding association. Most that die in Lapland's forests are never found. Koivisto says he



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Herder Seppo Koivisto holds a smartphone, showing the mobile app used to locate reindeer in Finnish Lapland.

loses about 8 percent of his herd annually.

The collars, which use GPS satellite positioning and special long-distance wireless networks, help herders find reindeer corpses so they can claim valuable compensation from the Finnish government.

If a collar-fitted reindeer doesn't move after about four hours, its icon changes from green to red on the app, signaling a potential attack.

To best locate groups of reindeer, which are bred for their meat, milk and fur, the trackers are fitted on the herd's female leader.

"In the old days, we roughly knew reindeer locations, in which part of the district they were," said herder Jarmo Konttaniemi. "But today, with this technology, we know exactly where they are."

Digita built the long-range network, which it says is the world's most northerly "internet of things" network. The internet of things refers to the next generation of devices and everyday objects that are connected to the internet.

While reindeer herding has roots going back hun-

dreds of years, "at least some of the reindeer owners are really up-to-date when it comes to using technology," said Ari Kuukka, Digita's head of internet of things services.

The herding association has been working for years on a reliable GPS reindeer tracking system. The main challenge was coming up with a device that was cheap but had a long-lasting battery.

The third and latest prototype is the size of a deck of cards, stays charged for about a year, and costs about \$102.

The herding association hopes to eventually shrink the transmitter down to a coin-sized microchip that can be attached to a reindeer's ear, said Matti Sarkela, the herding association's head of office, who has previously helped develop a mobile app that alerts drivers to reindeer near Finland's roads.

He hopes embracing new technologies can inspire the younger generation to carry on the herding tradition.

"It has brought a lot of young people into our industry all the time," said Sarkela. "It's a really positive thing."



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Workers polish a Jeep Cherokee at the FCA Belvidere Assembly Plant in Belvidere in June.

## Chicago-area factories strong with SUV focus

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all-new version of the Ford Explorer and the police version of the SUV.

The plant, which employs 4,400 workers, has been operating on three shifts this year, turning out about 313,000 Explorers and 44,000 Taurus sedans through November, according to Ford.

The transformation to the Aviator will require some temporary down time, Ford spokeswoman Kelli Felker said. During this period, idled hourly employees with more than one year of seniority will receive approximately 75 percent of their pay until the plant resumes operation with the new line.

Felker said there are no changes planned for the size of the plant's workforce next year, with the current workers keeping their jobs to build the new SUVs.

The Torrence Avenue plant has been producing the Taurus since the "jelly bean" sedan debuted in 1986. But the focus has been on SUVs since 2010, when production of the Explorer moved to Chicago from Louisville, Ky.

The Chicago plant, which made the Model T when it opened in 1924, underwent a \$400 million modernization in 2004, with an additional \$180 million investment when it began SUV production in 2010.

Ford did not disclose the projected cost of the plant's retooling next year to accommodate the new SUV products.

Meanwhile, the automaker recently unveiled its Advanced Manufacturing Center in Redford Township, Mich., featuring futuristic technologies to improve the assembly process. One of the innovations, collaborative robots, are already taking their place in auto plants, performing some strenuous and repetitive tasks more efficiently than their human counterparts.

That may make some assembly jobs obsolete, but Felker said robots will change the work people do rather than replace them.

"We don't see the future where it's a plant full of robots," she said. "We believe it will be robots and people working together."

Felker said Ford is committed to retraining displaced workers to handle new, more complex responsibilities, such as learning programming and tending to the robots.

### Rivian Automotive, Normal, Ill.

**Current products:** None. Electric trucks and SUVs are set to go into production in 2020.

Founded in 2009, Rivian employs about 600 people between its Michigan headquarters, technology and engineering operations in California, and the Mitsubishi plant in Normal, which the company bought for \$16 million from a liquidation firm in January 2017.

Once a hotbed of activity, the Mitsubishi plant ended production in 2015 after years of dwindling sales.

There are about 60 employees "prepping" the Normal plant for production, a number that is expected to reach 465 when the first vehicles begin to roll off the line in late 2020, Rivian spokesman Michael McHale said.

Rivian is in line to receive \$49.2 million in state tax credits over 15 years if it meets employment and investment targets for the Normal facility. Those goals include creating 1,000 new jobs by 2024.

The company has set an annual target of 20,000 to 25,000 vehicles over the first two years of production, with the capacity to ramp up to 250,000 vehicles per year,

McHale said.

Rivian unveiled the R1T electric pickup truck and R1S SUV in November at the Los Angeles auto show. Built on a "skateboard" platform, the design features four electric motors that push the vehicles from zero to 60 mph in about three seconds, with a charge that can last up to 400 miles.

The Rivian truck is expected to retail for \$61,500, while the SUV will run \$65,000 — after a \$7,500 federal tax credit for electric vehicles.

Mitsubishi Motors opened the Normal plant in 1988 as a joint venture with Chrysler, producing sport coupes and later, sedans. In its heyday, the Normal plant produced more than 200,000 vehicles per year, while staffing levels reached about 4,000. Before it shut down, the plant was producing the Outlander Sport compact SUV.

McHale said the community, hard hit by the plant's closure, is happy to see the lights back on, with some former employees already finding work with the new automaker.

"Manufacturing was at the heart of the town, that Mitsubishi plant," McHale said. "It's nice to be back and they're bringing in so many people that were previous employees there."

### Fiat Chrysler's Belvidere Assembly Plant

**Current product:** Jeep Cherokee

The Belvidere plant, once known for the compact Neon, is now the exclusive production home for the Jeep Cherokee.

Through September, more than 5,300 employees working two 10-hour shifts per day churned out nearly 220,000 vehicles — already topping the 204,000 built in 2017, when production was split between Toledo, Ohio, and Belvidere.

When Fiat Chrysler announced in July 2016 that it was moving production of the Cherokee from Ohio to Illinois, there were about 4,500 employees at the plant outside Rockford, making everything from the now-shelved Dodge Dart sedan to the Jeep Compass and Patriot compact SUVs.

The automaker invested \$350 million to retool the Belvidere plant for the Cherokee. That proved a fortuitous transformation for a plant that has seen its share of obsolete vehicles over the years.

The Belvidere plant, completed in 1965, produced the Plymouth and Dodge Neon from 1994 to 2005. The compacts were supplanted by the midsize Dodge Caliber, which ended its production run in 2011.

Fiat Chrysler then invested more than \$700 million at the plant to gear up for production of the Dodge Dart, which began rolling off the Belvidere line in April 2012.

FCA spokeswoman Jodi Tinson credited the success at the Belvidere plant to the leadership and vision of the late Sergio Marchionne, the inaugural chairman and CEO of Fiat Chrysler.

Marchionne, who had rescued Chrysler from bankruptcy during the Great Recession by merging it with Italian automaker Fiat, outlined a new direction for the company at the Detroit Auto Show nearly three years ago.

"He saw that the trend was moving away from small cars and towards SUVs and trucks," Tinson said of Marchionne, who died in July at age 66 after suffering complications during shoulder surgery. "Our sole focus since 2016 is really expanding on the Jeep and Ram brands because that's where we saw the market going, and that's what we continue to do."

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## Dow soars to biggest point gain

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after a shortened Christmas Eve trading session left the Nasdaq deep into correction territory, and the S&P within a wisp of a correction.

The near-decade-long bull market that began in March 2009 earned a reprieve on Wednesday's rally.

Consumer discretionary, energy and technology were leading the way.

Trump tried to create his own White House rally on Christmas Day when he suggested that the pullback in U.S. stock markets is a good buying opportunity for investors.

All three major U.S. indexes — Dow, S&P and Nasdaq — finished down 2 percent or more on Christmas Eve. The Dow closed down 653 points.

Ten of the S&P's 11 sectors are in

correction coming into Wednesday, although all were higher in early trades. A correction is generally defined as a 20 percent retreat off recent highs.

The Dow's 30 blue chips are close behind, down 4,034 points in December, about 13.63 percent, and nearly 5,000 points off its September high. The composite of some of America's most important companies is on track for its worst month since 1998.

Some saw Wednesday's rally as digesting Mnuchin's calls to bankers.

"It's an unwind of Monday's reaction to Mnuchin's unexpected phone calls," said Simeon Hyman, global investment strategist at ProShares. "I wouldn't take anything else from it. If you net today and Monday out, it doesn't tell you anything new."

Associated Press contributed.

## Oklahoma weeds out red tape on legal pot

Industry goes from nothing to big business six months after vote

By SEAN MURPHY

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The rollout of statewide medical and recreational marijuana programs typically is a grindingly slow process that can take years. Not so in Oklahoma, which moved with lightning speed once voters approved medical cannabis in June.

The ballot question received 57 percent support and established one of the nation's most liberal medical pot laws in one of the most conservative states. Six months later, the cannabis industry is booming.

Farmers and entrepreneurs are racing to start commercial grow operations, and the state is issuing licenses to new patients, growers and dispensary operators at a frantic pace. Retail outlets opened just four months after legalization.

By contrast, voters in North Dakota, Ohio and neighboring Arkansas approved medical pot in 2016 but have yet to see sales begin amid legal wrangling and legislative meddling.

"I think we really are the wild, wild West in many respects," said attorney Sarah Lee Gossett Parrish, whose firm in Norman represents several cannabis businesses. "Here in Oklahoma, we're a pretty independent constituency. We are primarily a red state, but we don't like a lot of government controls."

Indeed, unlike virtually every other state, Oklahoma officials created no list of qualifying medical conditions for people to get medicinal marijuana. That has prompted a flood of applications for personal licenses to purchase pot.

Since August more than 22,000 have been approved and thousands more are in the pipeline. There are now 785 licensed dispensaries. Some small Oklahoma towns have as many as a half-dozen. Norman and Stillwater, the state's two largest college towns, have 45 combined.

Sage Farms is among more than 1,200 licensed commercial growers. Owner Ben Neal has been using high-tech growing techniques for years to produce tomatoes, lettuce, peppers and other vegetables at his six greenhouses in rural Tulsa County. He's now converted a third of his operation to growing marijuana, hired three new workers and just harvested 200 pounds of various strains that will be auctioned next month.

Neal said he has been offered \$2,800 per pound for the entire crop, a total of \$560,000. He's shocked at how quickly Oklahoma has embraced the industry.

"Nine months ago, I was saying that Oklahoma would be the last state that ever does it, and then all of a sudden this happened," Neal said.

In the bedroom community of Shawnee, east of Oklahoma City, business is steady at the Oklahoma Roots dispensary. Chance Gilbert grows, processes and sells marijuana inside what once was a metal fabrication shop.

"It's kind of radical how fast it's gotten going," said Gilbert, who expects to produce about 50 pounds of marijuana a month once at full capacity. "We assumed it would be an Arkansas model, that it would be years before it was implemented and rolled out."

The primary driver behind Oklahoma's quick rollout was a broadly written,



SEAN MURPHY/AP

Unlike other states that spend years implementing medical marijuana, Oklahoma moved quickly.

citizen-led ballot question that included quick deadlines and required regulators to grant a license to every qualified applicant. But several political ingredients combined to push the effort along.

First, instead of the general election in November, Gov. Mary Fallin placed the question on the June primary ballot, where it passed overwhelmingly despite opposition from law enforcement, doctors and clergy. That allowed more time for the program to ramp up before the Legislature returns in February.

Then, when the Oklahoma State Board of Health tried to impose heavy-handed restrictions, such as banning smokeable pot and requiring a pharmacist at every dispensary, the public was outraged. Every segment of the pro-marijuana movement mobilized and even the state's Republican attorney general weighed in with a legal opinion that the board had gone too far.

"I think every Oklahoman who has a soul was appalled that they tried to change a political decision that the people of Oklahoma had just made," said Chip Paul, who helped write and push for State Question 788. "After that board meeting and after the attorney general's letter, the third rail of politics would be to mess with SQ 788."

Oklahoma's conservative Legislature took notice. While GOP leaders still plan to implement some general standards for lab testing, packaging and measures to prevent pot from ending up on the black market, they appear in no rush to make wholesale changes.

"I do not see an appetite at all to go in and try to undo the will of the people and get rid of medical marijuana," said state Sen. Greg McCortney, R-Ada, who served on a medical pot task force.

The state's new Medical Marijuana Authority already has raked in more than \$7.5 million from registration fees from patients, growers and dispensaries. The first revenue from the new 7 percent sales tax on pot sales began dribbling into state coffers last month.

Even members of law enforcement, who were among the most vocal opponents, appear to accept that the public's attitudes about marijuana have shifted.

"There are many, many people out there who like to go on their back porch in the evening in the privacy of their own homes and they like to smoke marijuana," said Wagoner County Sheriff Chris Elliott, who worked for 27 years as a Tulsa police officer before being elected sheriff. "These are not what you would consider druggies or seedy people. These are people who work, they pay taxes and they go to church. And they've had to sneak around because they've lived in fear of me, law enforcement."

## Strong economy means big sales

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percent, while electronics and appliances slipped 0.7 percent.

Amazon reported record-breaking sales. In the U.S., more than 1 billion items shipped for free over the holidays with Prime. Even the company's free two-hour delivery through Prime Now saved shoppers in a pinch: the last Prime Now delivery on Christmas Eve was made at

11:30 p.m. PST in Berkeley, Calif. The Washington Post reported. (Amazon founder and CEO Jeffrey Bezos also owns The Washington Post.)

Amazon tracked other data: According to the retail giant, Alexa set more than 100 million timers over the holidays.

Eggnog and Moscow Mules were the most-requested drinks on Alexa, and the No. 1 holiday song was "All I Want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey.

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	Acct	Mkt Acct	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD		
Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min		

Synchrony Bank	NA	1.20	NA	NA	2.65	2.75	2.80	2.85	3.10	800-869-3813 www.synchronybank.com
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### Savings Update

#### How much higher will the Fed raise rates?

For U.S. savers, what a difference three years can make. Back in December 2015, the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates for the first time since the Great Recession in 2008, finally taking an upward step out of a seven-year valley of near-zero rates.

Fast forward to this December, and the Fed has now made eight additional increases, announcing the latest one last week. The Federal Funds Target Rate now sits 2.25 percentage points above its 2015 level.

This matters to cash savers because savings, money market and certificate of deposit rates are correlated with the Fed's rate. While any single rate bump might not move the needle across the entire banking industry, this three-year period of nine hikes has driven up rates throughout the deposit accounts market.

But is the Fed finished, or will it hike rates higher still? There is never a reliable crystal ball for this question, as the Fed's rate-setting committee holds sole

responsibility for that decision, and privately meets to determine a verdict every 6-8 hours. But with each new decision, they submit a written projection for the future, and currently, they're signaling that we may see two more bumps in 2019.

This information matters particularly to CD savers, since they lock into a rate for the future. As a result, opening a new CD right before a rate hike is announced can be disappointing. On the other hand, savings and money market funds can spontaneously benefit from any number of increases, but at the expense of lower-than-CD rates.

The Fed's forecast last week of two more hikes in 2019 is a slight downgrade from its previous prediction of three increases next year. But still it suggests that the rising tide cash savers have been enjoying may still have some swell in it.

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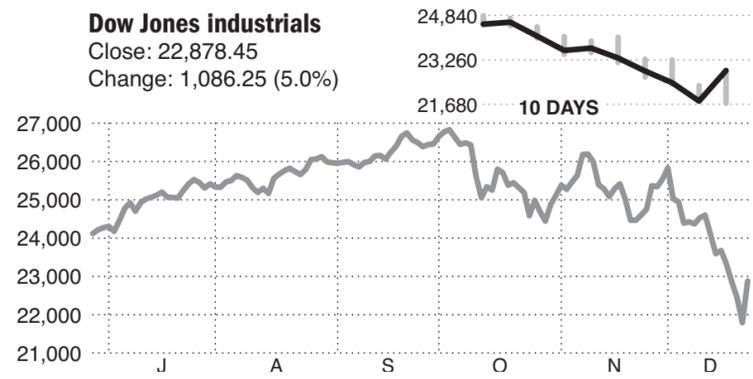
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# MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 22,878.92 Low: 21,712.53 Previous: 21,792.20



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+361.44 (+5.84%)	+116.60 (+4.96%)	+62.89 (+4.96%)
Close: 6,554.35	Close: 2,467.70	Close: 1,329.81
High: 6,555.53	High: 2,467.76	High: 1,330.42
Low: 6,214.33	Low: 2,346.58	Low: 1,268.19
Previous: 6,192.91	Previous: 2,351.10	Previous: 1,266.92

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.04 to 2.79%	+1.70 to \$1,269.20	+1.19 to 111.36/\$1	+0.0041 to .8810/\$1	+3.69 to \$46.22

## 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
-1.91	-1.24	-1.57	-9.81	-10.11	-10.06	-7.65	-5.55	-8.01

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	516	520.75	509	510	-6.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	378.25	379.25	372.50	373.25	-4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	885	888.75	869.50	870	-14
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 19	27.78	27.78	27.31	27.36	-3.8
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 19	307.60	309.80	302.60	303.40	-4.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	42.85	47.00	42.52	46.22	+3.69
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	43.07	47.31	42.81	46.54	+3.72
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.2600	1.3510	1.2450	1.3304	+0.816

Source: The Associated Press

## LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	69.62	+4.06	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	96.27	+3.02	Mondelez Intl	O	40.00	+5.2
AbbVie Inc	N	89.04	+4.88	Equity Residential	N	65.42	+1.74	Morningstar Inc	O	109.45	+3.95
Alstare Corp	N	80.80	+3.53	Exelon Corp	N	44.48	+6.5	Motorola Solutions	N	112.17	+3.20
Aptargroup Inc	N	91.77	+2.07	First Indl RT	N	28.46	+8.6	NiSource Inc	N	25.06	+1.7
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.67	+2.68	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	37.39	+1.43	Nthn Trust Co	O	81.19	+3.93
Baxter Intl	N	313.93	+19.77	Gainger W W	N	71.31	+2.32	Old Republic	N	20.65	+1.00
Boeing Co	N	44.94	+2.33	GrubHub Inc	N	278.65	+12.22	Packaging Corp Am	N	82.64	+4.69
Brunswick Corp	N	94.12	+2.89	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	72.41	+4.57	Paylocity Hldg	O	58.37	+3.54
CBOE Global Markets	N	46.16	+1.16	IDEX Corp	N	123.67	+5.03	Teleph Data	N	32.53	+1.50
CDW Corp	O	79.67	+4.34	ITW	N	123.59	+4.64	TransUnion	N	55.47	+2.86
CF Industries	N	42.60	+2.49	Ingredion Inc	N	90.68	+2.33	Trubinc Media Co A	N	45.21	+1.7
CME Group	O	182.32	+5.70	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	128.23	+5.04	US Foods Holding	N	30.92	+1.11
CNA Financial	N	43.83	+1.79	Kemper Corp	N	65.16	+2.76	USG Corp	N	42.85	+0.4
Caterpillar Inc	N	124.76	+7.81	Kraft Heinz Co	O	43.29	+7.5	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	242.20	+13.14
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.43	+4.7	LKQ Corporation	O	24.75	+8.5	United Contl Hldgs	O	83.80	+4.68
Deere Co	N	143.27	+5.89	Littelfuse Inc	O	165.73	+10.58	Ventas Inc	N	59.54	+2.03
Discover Fin Svcs	N	58.13	+3.04	MB Financial	O	39.17	+1.75	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	67.72	+2.46
Dover Corp	N	68.61	+2.08	McDonalds Corp	N	174.03	+3.75	Wintrust Financial	O	65.96	+3.09
Equity Commonwealth	N	29.71	+5.4	Middleby Corp	O	101.40	+3.30	Zebra Tech	O	152.52	+9.62

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.39	+4.7
Bank of America	24.11	+1.38
Chesapek Engr	2.19	+4.6
Ford Motor	7.85	+2.2
AT&T	28.08	+7.2
Nokia Corp	5.56	+0.7
Twitter Inc	28.66	+2.21
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.26	+0.2
Rite Aid Corp	.66	-0.2
Citigroup	51.44	+2.18
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.64	+0.1
Wells Fargo & Co	45.59	+1.99
Petrobras	12.72	+6.2
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.64	+3.13
Denbury Res	1.77	+3.4
Pfizer Inc	42.19	+1.64
Sthwstn Energy	3.66	+4.1
JPMorgan Chase & Co	95.96	+3.82
Oracle Corp	44.59	+1.90
Schlumberger Ltd	36.61	+1.42
EnCana Corp	5.79	+6.8
Freeport McMoran	10.40	+6.2
Square Inc	55.32	+4.60
Transocean Ltd	6.98	+6.4

## NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	17.90	+1.25
Apple Inc	157.17	+10.34
Microsoft Corp	100.56	+6.43
Micron Tech	30.89	+1.87
Facebook Inc	134.18	+10.12
Helios and Matheson	.01	-0.0
Cisco Syst	42.47	+2.19
Intel Corp	46.19	+2.60
JD.com Inc	21.10	+1.35
Synergy Pharma	.09	+0.2
Comcast Corp A	34.14	+1.07
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.73	+2.2
Qualcomm Inc	55.96	+2.31
Caesars Entertain	6.60	+7.0
Nvidia Corporation	133.10	+6.02
Roku Inc	30.25	+3.18
Starbucks Cp	63.08	+2.52
Zynga Inc	3.82	+2.0
Netflix Inc	253.67	+19.79
Applied Matis	30.64	+1.65
Mindbody Inc	36.06	+2.3
Huntgtn Bancshs	11.79	+5.0
Activision Blizzard	46.42	+2.43
eBay Inc	27.85	+1.71

## FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2498.29	-6.5/-3
Stoxx600	/..	/..
Nikkei	19327.06	+171.3/+9
MSCI-EAFE	/..	/..
Bovespa	85136.13	-561.0/-7
FTSE 100	/..	/..
CAC-40	4626.39	-68.0/-1.5

## LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	138.00	+6.11
Alphabet Inc C	1039.46	+63.24
Alphabet Inc A	1047.85	+63.18
Amazon.com Inc	1470.90	+126.94
Apple Inc	157.17	+10.34
Bank of America	24.11	+1.38
Berkshire Hath B	197.57	+9.81
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.64	+3.13
Facebook Inc	134.18	+10.12
JPMorgan Chase	95.96	+3.82
Johnson & Johnson	126.71	+3.87
Microsoft Corp	100.56	+6.43
Pfizer Inc	42.19	+1.64
Royal Dutch Shell B	59.12	+2.42
Royal Dutch Shell A	57.70	+2.24
Unitedhealth Group	243.35	+10.41
Verizon Comm	54.44	+1.39
Visa Inc	130.23	+8.50
WalMart Strs	90.41	+4.59

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DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.415
6-month disc	2.45	2.48
2-year	2.57	2.60
10-year	2.79	2.75
30-year	3.05	3.00

## SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1269.00	\$1267.50
Silver	\$15.007	\$14.701
Platinum	\$800.10	\$789.40

## INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.56

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	38.1294
Australia (Dollar)	1.4172
Brazil (Real)	3.9276
Britain (Pound)	.7908
Canada (Dollar)	1.3583
China (Yuan)	6.8899
Euro	.8810
India (Rupee)	70.136
Israel (Shekel)	3.7779
Japan (Yen)	111.36
Mexico (Peso)	19.9130
Poland (Zloty)	3.77
So. Korea (Won)	1124.61
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.84
Thailand (Baht)	32.59

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	27.43	+1.25	-3.7
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	24.61	+6.3	-3.8
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	42.27	+1.36	-10.9
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	55.69	+1.02	-7.6
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	51.55	+2.35	-7.9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	42.16	+2.11	-4.3
American Funds IncAmrCA m	20.39	+4.12	-5.9
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	33.47	+1.42	-7.7
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	37.15	+1.53	-6.8
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	40.39	+1.67	-4.6
DFA IntlCorEqInS	11.57	+2.7	-17.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.20	-0.4	-6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	36.62	+9.2	-18.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	170.09	+7.35	-8.9
DoubleLine TIRetBdl	10.40	-0.3	+1.5
Fidelity 500dInxPrm	85.81	+4.05	-6.1
Fidelity Contrafund	10.83	+5.8	-3.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	10.83	+5.8	-3.9
Fidelity TlMktIdInxPrm	69.50	+3.29	-7.0
Fidelity US500dInxPrm	11.21	-0.4	-3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.12	+0.3	-6.2
Metropolitan West TIRetBdl	10.34	-0.3	-1.1
PIMCO IncInclSt	11.78	...	+6
PIMCO TIRetInS	9.94	...	-1
Schwab SP500Idx	37.74	+1.78	-6.2
T. Rowe Price BCGr	94.40	+5.40	+1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	56.20	+3.05	-2.8
Vanguard 500dAdmrl	227.74	+10.77	-6.2
Vanguard DivGrInv	24.00	+9.0	-1.6
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	65.34	+2.45	-7.1
Vanguard GridAdmrl	68.02	+3.69	-5.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	79.10	+2.92	-1.4
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.34	-0.2	-7
Vanguard InTrnTEAdmrl	13.90	...	+1.6
Vanguard InslDxInS	223.92	+10.59	-6.2
Vanguard InslDxInSPlus	223.93	+10.59	-6.1
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	53.21	+2.52	-6.9
Vanguard MDCpIdAdmrl	168.49	+5.80	-10.7
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	119.04	+7.56	-3.9
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.42	-0.1	+8
Vanguard SmCpIdAdmrl	62.25	+2.92	-10.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	29.78	+5.6	-4.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.37	+3.8	-5.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	31.33	+7.8	-6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.11	+5.4	-7.4
Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl	10.39	-0.4	-3
Vanguard TtBMDxInS	10.39	-0.4	-3
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.66	+0.1	+2.8
Vanguard TtInBdxInS	32.50	+0.1	+2.9
Vanguard TtInBdxInV	10.83	...	+2.8
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	25.17	+5.5	-14.3
Vanguard TtInSdxInS	100.67	+2.23	-14.3
Vanguard TtInSdxInSPlus	100.69	+2.23	-14.3
Vanguard TtInSdxInV	15.05	+3.3	-14.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	61.08	+2.89	-6.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxInS	61.09	+2.89	-6.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxInV	61.06	+2.89	-7.0
Vanguard WIngtnAdmrl	63.29	+1.52	-4.4
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	58.63	+5.9	-3.0
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	54.48	+2.28	-9.9

## OBITUARIES

MELVIN DUMMAR 1944-2018

## Purported heir to portion of Howard Hughes estate

BY EMILY LANGER  
The Washington Post

Melvin Dummar was driving through the Nevada desert in December 1967 when he stopped to relieve himself and saw, he said, a thin, graying man lying on the ground, bleeding. The only right thing to do was to stop, and so Dummar did.

As he told it, he invited the man into his Chevy, asked him where he wished to go, and drove him several hours to Las Vegas. There, on the passenger's request, Dummar dropped him off behind the Sands Hotel, giving him some pocket change to take on his way.

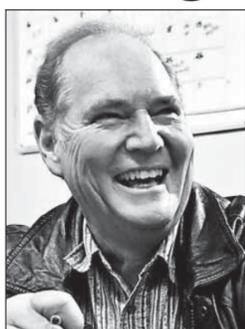
Dummar, a magnesium plant worker who at the time was en route to Southern California to make amends with his estranged wife, assumed the man was a "bum," he said years later. But in what he described as a turn that upended his life, he came to believe — and to insist despite widespread doubt — that his desert acquaintance was the reclusive billionaire industrialist Howard Hughes.

Dummar, who made international headlines and inspired the film "Melvin and Howard" (1980) with claims that Hughes had bequeathed him more than \$150 million for his act of kindness, died Dec. 9 at his home in Pahrump, Nev. He was 74 and had complications from cancer, said a grandson, Justin Dummar.

"Finding Mr. Hughes out there in the desert has changed my life forever," Mr. Dummar told the Associated Press in 2004. "I was promised about \$156 million in his will for saving his life. But I never got a penny of that money and have wound up scorned, sick and nearly broke."

The legal saga involving the Hughes estate — and Dummar's claim to a share of it — began shortly after Hughes died in 1976. Hughes, also a noted aviator and Hollywood producer, had amassed a fortune of more than \$1.5 billion but became the stuff of sordid legend as he subsisted in a darkened Las Vegas penthouse, rarely if ever bathing, brushing his teeth or trimming his fingernails.

At the time of Hughes's death, Dummar owned a gas station in Willard, Utah. There, he said, a person described in legal documents as a "confidential agent" of Hughes delivered a handwritten will not long after the magnate's death.



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Melvin Dummar, who claimed Howard Hughes left him a portion of the Hughes estate, died Dec. 9.

Dummar initially professed that he did not read the will before taking it to Mormon headquarters in Salt Lake City, where it soon became public. He later admitted he had steamed open the envelope to examine the document's contents.

The will, one of dozens of purported testamentary documents that surfaced after Hughes's death, left one-sixteenth of Hughes's estate to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as the Mormon Church is officially known, and thus became known as the Mormon will. One-sixteenth also was left to a "Melvin DuMar."

Almost immediately the international media converged on Dummar, who then embarked on a decades-long campaign to collect what he said was his rightful share of the estate and to defend his name against those who considered him a liar.

His legal efforts were in vain. In 1978, a jury in Las Vegas rejected the Mormon will as a fraud after seven months of testimony. Other legal defeats followed.

The case was closed definitively in 2008 after Dummar unsuccessfully sought to reopen the matter, accusing a business representative of the Hughes empire and one of the billionaire's cousins of conspiring against him in the original proceedings.

Robert Deiro, a former pilot for Hughes, came forward to dispute earlier claims that Hughes never left his home, reporting that he had in fact flown Hughes to a brothel near the spot where Dummar claimed to have discovered him. A former FBI agent, Gary Magness, investigated Dummar's claims and in 2005 published a book largely siding with Dummar, "The

Investigation: A Former FBI Agent Uncovers the Truth Behind Howard Hughes, Melvin Dummar, and the Most Contested Will in American History."

Whatever the official verdict on Dummar, he was firmly established in the cultural consciousness through "Melvin and Howard," director Jonathan Demme's film with Jason Robards in an Oscar-nominated role as Hughes and Paul Le Mat as Dummar. Screenwriter Bo Goldman won an Oscar for the film, as did Mary Steenburgen for her supporting role as Dummar's first wife. Dummar made a cameo appearance.

New York Times movie critic Vincent Canby wrote that the filmmakers "take Melvin's tale at face value and present the movie as Melvin's wildest dream. The comic catch is that this wild dream is essentially so prosaic. It's also touched with pathos since Melvin — in spite of himself — knows that it will never be realized. This is the story of his life."

Melvin Earl Dummar was born in Cedar City, Utah, on Aug. 28, 1944. He served in the Air Force but was discharged for what was described in news accounts as "emotional problems."

He worked at various points as a milkman and a frozen-fish salesman, as well as appearing on TV game shows. In recent years, he delivered meat and worked in real estate, his grandson said.

He was twice married to and divorced from Linda Diego. Survivors include his wife of more than four decades, the former Bonnie Bonneau, of Pahrump; two children from his first marriage, Darcy Hidalgo and Ferrin Dummar, both of Brigham City, Utah; two stepsons, Don Bonneau of Ogden, Utah, and Ken Bonneau of Roy, Utah; several siblings; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A stepdaughter, Sherry Moore, died in 2017.

In the 1980s, Dummar attempted a singing career, a venture that was roughly as successful as his legal claims to the Hughes estate. He had a doo-wop number, according to the Salt Lake City Weekly, that went in part: "Thank you, Howard / For leaving me something / All you left me was frustration / And I'll never live it down / How I wish you were around. . . . Only you know what went down."

and security personnel. Also in 1985 naturalist Dian Fossey, who had studied gorillas in the wild, was found hacked to death at a research station in Rwanda.

In 1994 four Roman Catholic priests — three French and a Belgian — were shot to death in their rectory in Algiers, a day after French commandos killed four radicals who had hijacked an Air France jet from Algiers to Marseille.

In 1995 Israeli jeeps sped out of the West Bank town of Ramallah, capping a seven-week pullout giving Yasser Arafat control of more than 90 percent of the West Bank's 1 million Palestinian

residents and one-third of its land.

In 1999 space shuttle Discovery and its seven-member crew returned to Earth after fixing the Hubble Space Telescope.

In 2001 U.S. officials announced that Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners would be held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 2002 North Korea ordered U.N. nuclear inspectors to leave the country and said it would restart a laboratory capable of producing plutonium for nuclear weapons. Also in 2002 a suicide truck-bomb attack destroyed the headquarters of Chechnya's Moscow-backed government, killing 72 people. Also in 2002 Clonaid, a company founded by a religious sect that believes in space aliens, announced it had produced the world's first cloned baby, a claim subsequently dismissed by scientists for lack of proof.

In 2005 Indonesia's Aceh rebels formally abolished their 30-year armed struggle for independence under a peace deal born out of the 2004 tsunami.

In 2007 former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was assassinated by a gunman at a political rally in Rawalpindi.

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## In Memoriam



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## Alber, M. Bernadette 'Bernie'

M. Bernadette "Bernie" Alber, age 86 of Barrington. Beloved daughter of the late Adolph "Joseph" and Elizabeth "Belle" (nee O'Brien) Alber. Loving sister of Janet (George) Rancich and the late Joe (late Arlene) Alber. Dear aunt of Mike (Colleen), Joe (Helen), Dave (Joanne) Rancich, Elizabeth Taylor, Lisa Alber, Nicole (Dennis) Sidlauskas, and Kara Alber. Fond great aunt of 14. Visitation Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of prayers 10:30 a.m. at Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 8025 W. Golf Road in Niles to St. Isaac Jogues Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to Onesky.org (for all children), 715 Hearst Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94710 or to Corner Children's Hospital, 5721 S. Maryland Ave., Chicago, IL 60637. Info 847-581-0536 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)

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## Blizzard, Jr., Dale Thompson 'Tom'

Tom Blizzard, Age 90, WWII US Marine Corps Veteran, former long-time parishioner of St. Catherine's in Oak Lawn, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Gallagher) for 61 years. Devoted father of Diane (Steve) Lee, Mary (Rick) Lally, Linda (Murray) Haas, Tom (Nick), Bob (Kelly) and Barb (Ken) Pazan. Loving grandfather of Kevin and Tim (Ashlyn) Lee, Terrence (Shelby) and Tricia Haas, Tommy and Connor Blizzard, and Chris (Rene) Pazan; great-grandfather of Kieran Haas. Dear brother of Ken (Faith) Blizzard and brother-in-law of the late Dan, the late Jim (the late Shirley), (Phyllis) and the late Ed Gallagher. Fond uncle and great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, dedicate a donation in memory of Tom to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>. Memorial Visitation Thursday, December 27, 2018, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Curley Funeral Home 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge. Memorial Mass Friday, December 28, 2018, family & friends to meet directly at St. Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th St, Palos Heights, Mass 11:30 a.m.; Private Interment Abraham Lincoln Cemetery; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700 or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Bono, Alfonse Joseph 'Al'

Alfonse J. Bono passed peacefully on November 20th at the age of 71. Born in Brooklyn, Al's remarkable life led him to serve in the U.S. Navy, followed by a highly distinguished career as an executive in the food and candy industry. Beloved husband of Barbara, loving father of Vanessa (Kevin) and Gregory (Shyla), and proud grandfather of Greer and Juniper. Above all, Al was a funny, big-hearted family man who touched the hearts of all in his life.

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## Brosky, Robert M.

Robert M. Brosky of Westchester, age 89. Beloved husband of the late Dolores; loving father of Cheryl Linzmeier, Janet Brosky, Lori Brosky and the late Gary Brosky; proud grandfather of Michelle, Jennifer, David, Ashley and Leah; great-grandfather of Hailey, Madison and Jackson; dear brother of Barbara (Bill) Wienert and the late Lorrie Basler; cherished son of the late Charlotte Brosky; fond uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass to follow at Divine Infant Church at 11:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Catholic Charities ([www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Cangelosi, Sal J.

Sal J. Cangelosi; Beloved husband of Gerri, nee Matuszek; Loving father of Rev. Deya C. (Joey) DeMarco, Debbie (John) McLaurin, Dr. John M. and Jodi M. (Chris) Cangelosi; Loyal Papa of Sal II (Izy), Jasmijn (Zach), Vatina (Kaitlyn), Rebecca (Nari) and Annie; Great Grandfather of Viella, Sashi and Emrys; Funeral Saturday, December 29, 2018 9:00 a.m. at Salerno's Galewood Chapels, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, Ralph Massey Funeral Director. Funeral mass to be celebrated at St. William Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation Friday, December 28, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please omit flowers. For info (773) 889-1700

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## Cardenas, Francisco

Francisco Cardenas, 70, from Zion, Illinois passed away bravely on the afternoon of Christmas Eve 2018. He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, son, brother, uncle, teacher, hero and a proud American patriot. His greatest honor was to serve God and his church, which he did and encouraged to his dying day. He was a member of St. Raphael

the Archangel Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Francisco retired as a machine operator at Chrysler plant in Kenosha.

Francisco is survived by his wife of 44 years, Victoria; his children, Frank, Lilly, Armandina and Vicky; grandchildren, Julian, Gabriel, Kaylee and Adrien. A funeral mass will be held at 11am on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, Old Mill Creek, IL. Fr. Mike McGovern will officiate. A visitation will occur an hour before starting at 10am. Interment will follow at Ascension cemetery, Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, Old Mill Creek, IL to continue building God's church.

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## Danegelis, Gust J.

Gust J. Danegelis, Beloved husband of the late Anastasia "Tasi"; Dear Friend of Donelda Smith; Loving Father of Pam (Mike) Lawson and John (Mariola); Grandfather of Antonea, Constantine, Alyssa and Aris; Dear Brother of George (Tina) and Louis (Lisa); Fond Uncle and Great Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday December 28 9:15 AM from Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home, 435 N. York Street, Elmhurst, IL to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, Westchester, IL Service 10:00 AM. Interment Arlington Cemetery. Visitation 4-8 Thursdays. For info [www.pedersenryberg.com](http://www.pedersenryberg.com) or (630) 834-1133.

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## Del Carlo, Lori

Lori Del Carlo, nee Girolami, of Elmhurst, formerly of Elmwood Park. Beloved wife of the late Duilio "Dewey" Del Carlo; loving mother of Denny (Barb) and Bob (Cathy) Del Carlo; dear Nonni of Leah (Sean) Persin, Dominic (Laura), Lauren (Nicholas) Wissbaum, Kali (Jonathan Coluzzi) and Katie Del Carlo; great-Nonni of Will, Josh, Luke, Chloe, Cate and Piper; fond sister of Jean (the late Walter) Smiley. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers from the funeral home Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Visitation Church, Elmhurst. Mass 9:15 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or [www.hursen.com](http://www.hursen.com).

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## DIOMBALA, ANNE M.

Anne M. Diombala nee Antolak, 93 of Riverside at rest December 24, 2018, beloved wife of the late James; devoted mother of Janice (Thom) Qualkinbush, Laura D. (Tracy), Morland, Karen Diombala (Chris Cheney) and the late Mary Ann (Rick) Cauuue; cherished nonnie of Ryan, Ian and Andrew; dearest sister of Ed (Anna), Bob and the late Angelina, John, Peter, Chester, Helen, Stanley, Joe, Wally and loving Mom to many. Visitation Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 11:15 a.m. at [Ivins/Moraveck](http://www.IvinsMoraveck.com) Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Mary Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Funeral Info at 708-447-2261 or [www.Ivinsfh.com](http://www.Ivinsfh.com).

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## DuSell, Forester J.

Forester J. DuSell, 97, of Geneva, passed away Saturday December 22, 2018. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 28, 2018 from 10 AM until time of service, 11:30 AM at The Healy Chapel, 332 W. Downer Pl., Aurora, IL 60506. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora. Memorial contributions may be made to Honor Flight Chicago at [honorflightchicago.org](http://honorflightchicago.org) or Marmion Academy at [marmion.org](http://marmion.org). For further information please call (630) 897-9291 or visit our website at [www.healychapel.com](http://www.healychapel.com) to sign the online guestbook.com

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## Flouret, George R.

George R. Flouret, age 82, passed away on December 22, 2018. Married to Nancy for 55 years.

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## Frech, Frances K. 'Frankie'

Frances K. "Frankie" Frech, age 60. Loving mother of Jon "Justin" (Danielle) Reed and Rick (Amy) Reed. Cherished grandmother of Gavin, Alexa, Aubree and Savannah. Devoted daughter of the late Ray and Frances Frech. Dearest sister of Ray (Candace) Frech. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Beloved companion to her dog Lacey. Visitation Saturday, December 29, 2018 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 S. LaGrange Rd., Orland Park, IL from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service to follow at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society are preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400

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## Gall, Robert A. 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" A. Gall, age 69, at rest December 23, 2018. Loving brother of Barbara (Frank) Moudry and Ronald (Charlotte) Gall. Beloved uncle of Carol (Tom) Deegan, Michael (Cindy) Moudry and Jeff (Dominique) Moudry. Great-uncle of 6 and great-great uncle of 9. Bob is also survived by many dear friends. Visitation Friday December 28th from 3 to 8 pm at [Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.](http://AdolfFuneralHome.com) 2921 S. Harlem Avenue, Berwyn. Funeral service Saturday December 29th, 10:30 am at the funeral home where the services will conclude. Information: 708-484-4111 or [adolfservices.com](http://adolfservices.com)

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In 1979 Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

In 1985 Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; 20 people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police

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**ILLINOIS**  
Dec. 26  
Powerball ..... 05 25 38 52 67 / 24  
Powerball jackpot: \$294M  
Lotto jackpot: \$4.5M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 716 / 8  
Pick 4 midday ..... 1845 / 7  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
14 20 30 33 36  
Pick 3 evening ..... 137 / 4  
Pick 4 evening ..... 9484 / 3  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
06 09 14 16 43

Dec. 28 Mega Millions: \$348M

**WISCONSIN**  
Dec. 26  
Megabucks ..... 04 23 29 35 44 46  
Pick 3 ..... 252  
Pick 4 ..... 0639  
Badger 5 ..... 03 08 16 19 23  
SuperCash ..... 02 10 11 15 22 23

**INDIANA**  
Dec. 26  
Lotto ..... 02 21 23 24 42 43  
Daily 3 midday ..... 530 / 5  
Daily 4 midday ..... 1669 / 5  
Daily 3 evening ..... 865 / 6  
Daily 4 evening ..... 2019 / 6  
Cash 5 ..... 04 10 11 25 28

**MICHIGAN**  
Dec. 26  
Lotto ..... 01 02 05 09 38 43  
Daily 3 midday ..... 606  
Daily 4 midday ..... 2467  
Daily 3 evening ..... 494  
Daily 4 evening ..... 0825  
Fantasy 5 ..... 06 08 12 14 37  
Keno ..... 01 06 07 19 21 27  
28 30 31 32 33 34 36 37  
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## Hupe, Lawrence E.

Lawrence E. Hupe, 75, of Palos Heights, beloved husband of the late Marsha L. nee Andersen, loving and proud father of Christopher (Susan) Hupe, Jennifer (Gregory) Castor and Sara Hupe, cherished grandfather of Cameron, Nathan, Jonathan and Grace, dear brother of the late Carol Redemske, fond son-in-law of Miriam (the late Donald) Andersen, brother-in-law of Thomas (Kathy) Andersen, Susan (George) Nugent, Paul (Debbie) Andersen and Leslie (the late Mike) Konsoer, uncle of many nieces and nephews, former Worth Township School Treasurer. Visitation for Lawrence will be held Sunday, December 30, 2018 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the **Krueger Funeral Home**, 13050 S. Greenwood Ave., Blue Island. He will lie in state Monday from 10:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am at The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7800 W. McCarthy Rd., Palos Heights. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, Oak Lawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Blue Cap. [info@blue-cap.org](mailto:info@blue-cap.org) 708-388-1300 [www.kruegerfuneral.com](http://www.kruegerfuneral.com)

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## Kabak, Michael 'Mike'

Michael "Mike" Kabak, 64. Beloved husband of Kathy; devoted father of Justin, Bryton, Gavin, Conor, and Karsten Kabak; loving brother of Alex (Pat) Kabak; caring son of the late Joe and Beverly Kabak; dear uncle of nieces and nephews. Mike was a proud graduate of Von Steuben High School and worked in the automobile business for many years. He will be deeply missed. Funeral service Friday, Dec. 28, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a diabetes organization of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.



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## Kanter, Donald

Donald Kanter, 84; beloved husband and best friend for 63 years of Sylvia nee Shulman; loving father of Lawrence (Corrine) and Helene; adoring Gramps of Elizabeth, Jennifer and Zachary; dear brother of the late Elliott Kanter; devoted friend of many; loved by his grand-doggy Amy. Chapel service today, Thursday, 2:30 pm at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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## Karlinski, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Karlinski, age 84; beloved husband of Irene Karlinski, nee Kizior; loving father of Michael, Donna and Diane Karlinski and Sharon (Christopher) Epstein; dear grandfather of Daniel (Amanda) and Kayla Karlinski, and Matthew Epstein; great-grandfather of Charlotte Karlinski; fond brother of Marilyn (Larry) O'Neill, Robert (Judie), and Thomas (Joanne) Karlinski; uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, December 28th, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, December 29th, 10:45 a.m. from **Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main Street (1 Blk. So. of Ogden Ave.), Downers Grove, IL 60515 to St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church. Funeral Mass, 11:30 a.m. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Parkinson's Disease Foundation ([www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)) or St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church ([www.stmarygostyn.org](http://www.stmarygostyn.org)), appreciated. 630-968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com).

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## Keto, Frederick M.

Frederick M. KETO, 80, Retired CPD Detective and Veteran, US Army, Second Lieutenant; was born in Brantwood, WI on July 25, 1938, and passed on December 23, 2018, surrounded by his loving family; most loving husband of JoAnn nee Cali; loving father of Jan Keto; proud grandfather of Alexis Anderson; dear son of the late Eino & Adele; dear stepson of the late Harold Tonyan; beloved brother of the late Joanne Bell, Robert Keto, and Michael Tonyan; fond uncle; caring cousin; trusted friend and neighbor; and fellow officer of Chicago's Finest; President of American Title Realty Inc.; Retiree Rep. for CPD Detective's Association; Recipient of the Award of Valor and Blue Star Award from the CPD for being injured in the line of duty. Fred was the First Officer to have the City Council honor him for his heroism as an Outstanding Police Hero in 1971. Visitation Friday from 3PM to 9PM at **Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home**, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL; Mass 10AM at St. Tarcissus Church, 6020 W. Ardmore, Chicago, IL; Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ The King Mausoleum, Hillside, IL; info 773-622-9300 or [www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com](http://www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com).

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## Kostopoulos, Nicholas Peter

Nicholas Peter Kostopoulos, Age 92, at rest on December 24, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Ann (nee Wright). Loving father of Steve (the late Angela), Nicholas Jr. and Thomas and the late Michael Kostopoulos. Cherished grandfather of Paul, Carissa and Kevin. Fond brother of the late Thomas. Visitation Friday, December 28th, 2018 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 noon at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove. Info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708-456-8300

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## Kulaga, Eugene T.

Eugene "Gene" Kulaga, Aug. 3, 1925 - Dec. 22, 2018 beloved husband of Charlotte "Honey" nee Gunia for 69 years. Devoted dad to Joanne Nicolow (Kendall Apelgren) and Tom (Phil Desiere) Kulaga. Loving grandpa of Justin Nicolow. Sweetest great-grandpa to William Kai Nicolow. Predeceased by sisters Isabelle (late Joseph) Olszowy, and Adeline Kulaga and brother Marc (late Ariene) Kulaga. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of Downers Grove American Legion Post 80, American Merchant Marine veteran WW II and SS Peter and Paul Holy Name Society. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Honor Flight Chicago. Funeral arrangements handled by **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.KuratkoNosek.com](http://www.KuratkoNosek.com). Info: (708) 447-2500

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## Leith, Vivian

Passed away December 25, 2018. Vivian was an exceptional force of nature. She made huge impact on many peoples lives, especially those grieving her most closely: her husband, Stewart Skinner Hudnut; her children, and their spouses Jeffrey and Jodi Upin, David and Marissa Upin, Nan Upin and Ed Murphy; her grandchildren, Elliot, Aaron, Heather, and Emily Upin; her stepsons, Alec, Andrew, Parker Hudnut and their families; and her brother, Gerald Schwartz and his wife Heather Reisman. The only daughter of Lillian Arkin and Andrew O. Schwartz, Vivian grew up in Winnipeg Manitoba, and attended Mills College and the University of Minnesota. She earned a law degree from Hamline Law School, practicing law and working as an executive recruiter for many years in the Twin Cities. She and Stewart were very active in their Minneapolis, Winnetka, Santa Barbara and Windover communities where many joyful and enduring friendships were made and where Vivian served on many boards and clubs. In 2010, Vivian co-founded Hearts and Hands Minnesota to help vulnerable families with comfort and resources if their child is fighting a life threatening illness or has died. Vivian was an overachiever who traveled the world, was incredibly well read, a winning athlete, an accomplished painter, a charming hostess who created lovely homes and gardens where she welcomed friends and family with grace and style. She lived and loved with great heart, strength, instinct and generosity and will remain an adored wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend forever. Funeral services were held in Minnesota. Memorials preferred to Hearts and Hands Minnesota <http://www.heartsandhandsmn.org>

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## Madden, Elizabeth

(nee Fegan). Age 81. Beloved wife of 59 years of Joseph Madden. Devoted mother of Shirley (Stan) Czyzewski, James Madden, and Joe (Amy) Madden. Proud grandmother of Kathleen, Erin, Joe, and Mary Kate. Loving sister of James, Mary Agnes, Sheila, Sean, Eamon, Joe, late Willie, Michael, and Ann. Cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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## Miller, James A.

Passed away peacefully at home at age 92. Loving father of Daniel, Michael (Felicia Douglas), Nancy (Jeffrey) Kaszubinski, Mary Weiss, Thomas (Kerry) Miller, Jane Sechrest, Linda (Steve) Palfi. Cherished grandfather of Erik Miller, Kyle, Kurt and Katy Kaszubinski, Hannah, Sam and Julia Weiss, Ryan Sechrest, Troy and Tess Miller and Stefan and Brenna Palfi. Preceded in death by his brothers Frank and Richard Miller; former husband of Sallie (nee Erskine); fond uncle of many. James was a proud Navy veteran from WW II and an avid golfer. James had a very large circle of friends and loved by all of them. Visitation on Friday morning at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W Irving Park Rd from 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For more Info 773-588-5850 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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## Mizner, Robert

Age 81 of Crete, Illinois. Cherished and devoted husband of Lynn, beloved father of Melissa (Eric) Teller and Christopher (Sandra) Mizner, loving grandfather of Connor and Caden, fond brother of Lois King, and faithful friend to many. Bob passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on December 24, 2018. A Marine Corps veteran and lifelong Chicago Bears fan, Bob loved to garden, tinker and fix things, and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Bob cherished his wife of 56 years and was a devoted family man. He was truly a blessing to all who knew him and will be deeply missed. A memorial service in Bob's honor will be held at a future date.

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## Myers, Dolores "Lorry"

Dolores "Lorry" Myers, a long-time successful realtor and co-founder of Adams and Myers Realtors in the Hinsdale area, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Christmas Day. Beloved wife of Martin H., Mother to Rita, Marty (Karen), Susie, Michael (Nancy), Christy, Grandmother of Alex (George), Lauren, Hilary, Mike, Anna, Charlie, and Kate.

Great grandmother to Amelia and Priscilla. She joins her parents Willard Reiling, Charles and Carrie Lucenti in heaven. Lorry attended Trinity High School and Rosary College in River Forest. Visitation Friday, December 28 from 3pm to 7pm at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook, IL 60527. Family and friends will meet Saturday, December 29 for an 11:30am funeral mass at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 4th and Clay Streets, Hinsdale. Interment will be held at Clarendon Hills Cemetery, Darien, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. For information 630-325-2300, [www.adolfsservices.com](http://www.adolfsservices.com) or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com)

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## Newton, Pamela J.

Pamela J. Newton age 61. Longtime Mokena resident formerly of Chicago Heights. Marian Catholic High School Class of 1975 and graduate of University of Illinois. Trust Officer for Northern Trust Bank with over 30 years of service. Daughter of the late Phyllis nee DeNovellis and Frank A. "Bud" Newton. Sister of Cindy (Kevin) King, Denise (Paul) Baenen and David (Jo-Anne) Newton. Aunt of Monica, Spencer, Erica, Desiree, Paige Ann, Alexandra, Grant, Peter and Bryce. Niece, cousin, dear friend and "Aunt Pam" of many. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Friday December 28th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Saturday 9:15 AM to St. Agnes Church, 1501 Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood. 708-481-9230 or [panozzobros.com](http://panozzobros.com)

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## Nolan, Klaus

NOLAN  
Klaus J. Nolan, 73, died December 25, 2018. Born December 30, 1944 in Germany. Loving husband of Mary Louise nee Vandrey; devoted father of Patricia Nolan, Marcia Nolan, Sandra Nolan; dear brother of Kate (Kevin) Collins and Mary (Dan) Hoessler, Michael (Mikala) Nolan, and Thomas (Linda) Nolan. Visitation 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 291 N. Main St., Manteno. Funeral service 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2018 at the funeral home. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Info. 815.932.1214. Sign guestbook at [www.clancyger-non.com](http://www.clancyger-non.com)

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## O'Brien Jr., John "Jack"

John "Jack" P. O'Brien, Jr., 88, of Lindenhurst, loving husband of 67 years to Mary Jean (nee Lanas) loved father to John P., III and Dennis (Mary); beloved grandfather to Kathryn (John) Colfer, Drs. Kevin (Alejandra), Matthew and Daniel (Sarah); great-granddaughters, Charlotte Colfer and Lucia; fond sister to Peggy Connolly and to the late Sr. Mary Kay O'Brien BVM; and dear uncle to several nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, December 28, 2018 from 9 am until 11:15 Prayers at Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004 proceeding to St. Mary Parish, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 for a 12:00 pm Funeral Mass. Interment at Ascension Catholic Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to a Charity of your choice in John's name. Funeral information and condolences can be given at [www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com](http://www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com) or (847) 253-0168.

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## Osowski, Alexander M. "Alex"

Alexander M. "Alex" Osowski, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved son of the late Sophie nee Pilarczyk & Alexander J. Osowski. Cherished brother of Victoria (Frank) Manfredi. Loving uncle of Lisa (Tom) Pappageorge. Proud great uncle of Anna & Sara. Funeral Saturday 9:00 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Louis de Montfort Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. 35 year employee of the State of Illinois Rehab Services. Family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of his friends & neighbors at his condo [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Prusak, Agnes M.

Agnes M. Prusak, age 86, beloved wife of the late Norbert Prusak; loving mother of Michael (Peggy), Bill, Kathy (Bob) Olson, Mark (Beth), Jim (Cindy) Prusak and Cindi (Russ) Calabrese; cherished grandma of 15; proud great grandma of 19; dear sister of Patricia Dewindt and the late Mary Ellen Kearns. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:30 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Julie Billiart Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to P.A.W.S of Tinley Park, 8301 W. 191st St. Tinley Park, IL 60487, would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200.

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## Quain, Justine 'Gerry'

Justine "Gerry" affectionately known as Doodles, 87, of Lake Bluff, passed away on December 23, 2018. She was born in Staten Island, NY to Joseph and Mary (nee Brown) Lauro. She was an avid bridge and golf player and an artist, she was also well known for her spaghetti sauce. She is the loving mother to Joseph (Patty), Thomas, Christine (Gregory)

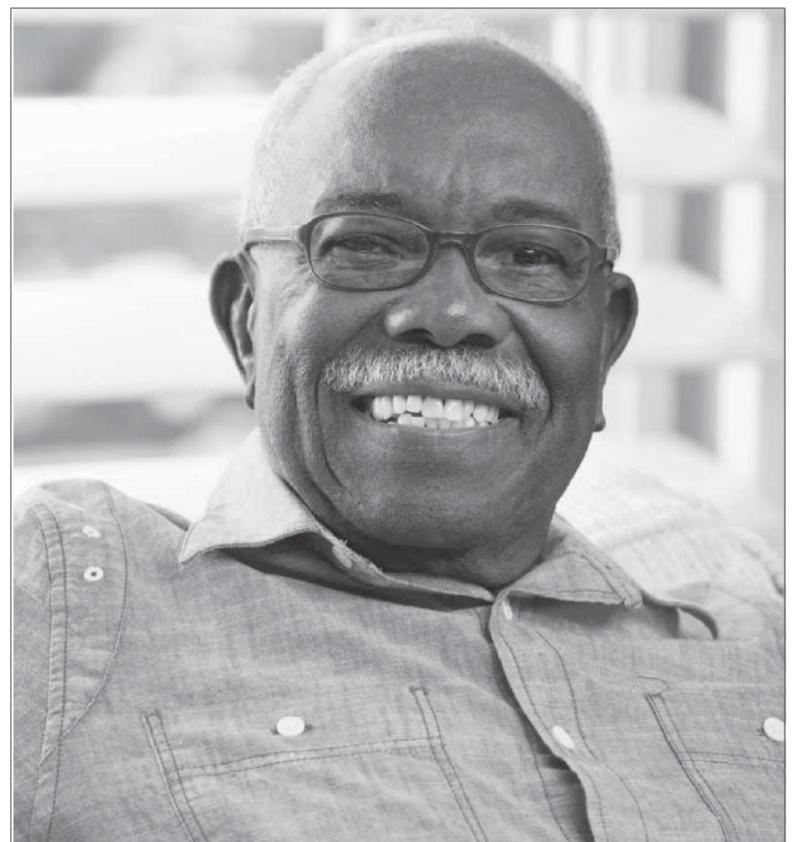
Kaefer, James (Kristin) and the late infant William and the late John J. Quain, Jr.; loving grandmother to Allison (Jason), Michelle (Zach), Megan, Katie, Billy and Brittany; great grandma to Avery and Grace. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John "Jack" Quain. Visitation will be from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., Saturday, December 29 at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave., Lake Forest. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest. There will be a private interment at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 in loving memory of Gerry. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)

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## Raferly, John J.

John Joseph Raferly, age 87; beloved husband of Mary (nee Kozuch) for 58 wonderful years; loving father of Kevin (Sandy) Raferly, Anne (Keith) Rainer, Maureen (Don) Vear, William (Elizabeth) Raferly, and Tom (Lucy) Raferly; dear grandfather of Jackie (Paul) Eberly, Cory Betzel, Meghan (Adam) Brescia, Matt Vear, Maggie Vear, Sean Raferly, and Sophie Raferly; fond great-grandfather of Charlotte, Preston, and Peyton; John is also survived by his Grand-Dog, Lexi. Visitation Friday, December 28 from 3 to 8pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside, IL. Funeral Mass 10am Saturday, December 29 at St. Cletus Church, 600 W. 55th St., LaGrange, IL. Family and friends are asked to meet directly at Church. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery will take place privately. Memorial donations may be given to ChildFund Ireland ([www.childfund.ie](http://www.childfund.ie)). Please see the full obituary at [www.hjfunerals.com](http://www.hjfunerals.com) - Additional Info: 708-352-6500



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### Richert Jr., John C.

John C. Richert Jr. December 24th Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Grace (nee Shinnick). Loving father of John (Patricia) Richert, Jeanne (Danile) Reynolds, James (Carmel) Richert, David (Laura) Richert and Janet (Edward) Bachler. Dear grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of 5. Brother of Evelyn (Gerald) Mannion. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of Beverly Golden K, Leo High School Men's Club, and St. Barnabas Choir. Retired store manager at Marshall Fields. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Chicago IL to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago for Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Barnabas Church. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com).



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### Shkolnik, Dr. Arnold

Dr. Arnold Shkolnik, 88, loving partner and husband to Carol Waugh, stepfather to Peter (Traci) Waugh and Laura (Charles) Karston, grandpa to Anna, Libby and Charles Karston, and Cora and Cecelia Waugh; beloved uncle to Carol (Dr. Philip) Rosen, Andrea (James) Storz and Dr. Michael (Tami) Meer, great uncle and great, great uncle to many. He was predeceased by his parents, Harry and Fay Shkolnik and siblings, Marcia and Sheldon. Chapel service, Friday 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations in Arnold Shkolnik's memory may be made to support the Division of Cardiology Mehman Fund at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine or the Anna and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. For information or to leave condolences (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).



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### Sloma, Marion J.

Marion J. Sloma age 87, Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. Beloved husband of the late Delorie; Devoted father of Debra (Michael) Jordan, Donna (Terrance) Gaertner, Janet (Edward) Bohn and Linda Sloma; Cherished grandfather of Daniel, Nicole, Christopher, Madeline and Kathryn; Proud great-grandpa of Braxton. Visitation, Funeral Service and Interment Private. For more information please call **Nelson Funeral Home**, Park Ridge (847) 823-5122 or [www.nelsonfunerals.com](http://www.nelsonfunerals.com).



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### Stevo, Marie A.

Marie A. Stevo (nee Cozzi) of Oak Lawn, IL passed away on Tuesday, December 25, 2018. Beloved wife of John Stevo; loving daughter of the late James and Nicolina Cozzi; loving mother of Christopher (Sandra) Stevo; devoted grandmother of Katie and Olivia; dear sister of Rose Santucci, the late Anthony Cozzi, the late Therese Masse, the late Alice Bernardo, James Cozzi, Jr., Joseph Cozzi, Fred Cozzi, Grace Cozzi, and Rose LaVoy. Retired employee of CPS. Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn, IL. Funeral Saturday everyone to meet at St. Linus Church 10300 S. Lawler Ave Oak Lawn, IL. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Mount Vernon Cemetery Lemont, IL. For more info 708-636-1193 or visit [www.blakelamboaklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboaklawn.com)



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### Strauch, Hans

Hans Strauch, 87, of Prospect Heights, passed away December 19, 2018. Hans was the Loving Husband of Pauline Strauch; Beloved son of the late Johann and Elisabeth Strauch; Dear brother of Magdalene (late Heinz Guenter) Elbers and Hildegard Strauch; Brother-in-law to Mary (George) Long and Joseph (Loretta) Lang; Cherished uncle of many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and great, great nieces. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 27th, 2018 from 4pm-8pm at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner St. (corner of Northwest Hwy./Rt.14 and Rand Rd.), Des Plaines. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Alphonsus Ligouri Catholic Church (Prospect Heights) Friday, December 28th at 10am. Entombment to follow at All Saints Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



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### Szczerbaniuk, Gregory

Gregory Szczerbaniuk, 99, formerly of Chicago and Oak Park, IL, passed away peacefully at home in Joliet, IL on December 23, 2018 with family at his side. Beloved husband for 65 years of the late Halyna (nee Turczeniuk). He is also preceded in death by his parents, Vasyl and Maria (nee Boychuk), and his sisters, Stephania and Kalyna. He is survived by his son, George (Jaroslawa) Szczerbaniuk; his daughter, Maria (Alexander) Sosenko; his grandchildren Alexander, Teresa, and Nicholas Sosenko; and other relatives. Born January 12, 1919, in Skov'yatyn in the Ternopil'ska oblast (region) of Ukraine, he received his MD degree in L'viv in 1944. After World War II, working for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), he was in charge of medical matters at 6 Displaced Persons (DP) camps in Germany. He immigrated with his wife to the United States in 1949. After years of general medical practice, he completed a psychiatry residency at the Illinois State Psychiatric Institute in 1966 and worked for more than three decades as the Clinical Director of the sprawling Chicago State Hospital complex. After it became a strictly outpatient facility, he worked 14 years as a psychiatrist for the city of Chicago. A true workaholic, he also worked many nights at a local clinic and didn't fully "retire" until in his early 80's. In addition, he was very active in the Ukrainian-American community. He was President of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) in 1974-75 and also served on the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and in various other organizations. Visitation Friday, December 28, 4 - 9 P.M. with a Parastas (wake service) 7 P.M. at Muzyka Funeral Home, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL. Funeral Saturday, December 29, 10:30 A.M. from Muzyka Funeral Home to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for an 11 A.M. Funeral Service. Interment follows at St. Nicholas Cemetery. Info: (773) 278-7767.

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### Thude, Gladys

Gladys H. Thude nee Laib age 97. Beloved wife of the late Ludvig A. Loving mother of Donna (Clyde) Shearier, Allen (Deborah) and Darlene (Bob) Svoboda. Dearest Grandmother of Eric (Ashley) Thude, Andrew Shearier, Bryan Thude, Jeremy and James Svoboda and Great Grandmother of Emma Thude. Fond sister of Marion Hansen. Cherished Aunt and Cousin of many. Funeral Saturday Dec. 29, 2018 12 Noon at Matz Funeral Home 3440 N. Central Ave. Interment Forest Home Cemetery. Visitation Saturday 10:00 AM until time of service. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association appreciated. Info 773-545-5420 or [www.matzfuneralhome.com](http://www.matzfuneralhome.com).

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### Trybus, Florence G.

Florence G. Trybus passed away December 20, 2018. Loving daughter of the late Roman and Marcella Trybus; fond sister of the late Anne Warchalowski and Edward Trybus; cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 8 am until time of funeral prayers 9:30 am at **Matz Funeral Home**, 3440 N. Central Ave., Chicago, proceeding to St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church, 5353 W. Belden Ave., Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial 10 am. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. Please omit flowers. Memorials in memory of Florence may be made to St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church. For info: (773) 545-5420 or [www.matzfuneralhome.com](http://www.matzfuneralhome.com)

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### Wood, Larry

Larry Wood, age 68; beloved husband of Mary; loving dad of Michele (Jim) Yankee, Kimberly (Pete) Jianas, Matt Wood, Meagan (Jason) Boyles, Kelley (Larry Recalde) Wood, Katie Kelly, Kerry (Fred) Schuldes and JB (Amanda) Griffin; adored grandpa of 18; cherished brother of Jack (Laura) and Allan (Gail) Wood; dear nephew, uncle, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Friday 4-8 P.M. Funeral Service Saturday 10 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462. Interment Beverly Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200



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### Zastressek, Thomas Lawrence

Plainfield, IL; 78. Beloved husband of Georgia nee Majchszak, Father of Jill Zastressek, Julie (Adam Whaley) and Larry (Merrie) Zastressek. Grandfather to Mitchell, John, Michael, Evan, Daniel, and Joshua. Services were private. He will be missed.

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### Zeltser, Elizabeth Gabrielle 'Ellie'

Elizabeth Gabrielle Zeltser, 2 years old, adored daughter of Leo and Irina; amazing sister of Isabella Eve; most loving granddaughter of Raisa and Leo Sokolovsky and Alex and Fay Zeltser; beloved niece of David (Sofiya) and Zoe (Igor). Ellie was a shining star with a huge smile and a big heart. She will never be forgotten. Chapel service Friday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Am Shalom ([www.amshalom.com](http://www.amshalom.com)). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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### Ziebell, Herman Daniel

Herman Daniel Ziebell, age 64, lifelong resident of Forest Park. Beloved son of the late Edwin and the late Mary; proud grandson and namesake of the late Lt. Herman W. Ziebell, Forest Park Police and the late Bernice Ziebell; loving brother of Mary Catherine (Philip) Schuster and Gerald Ziebell; cherished uncle of Sarah Grace Schuster, "Godchild" Kristina and "Nephew" Nicholas Ziebell; dear cousin of Kathy Bailey Kelly and many others; fond friend of many. Memorial visitation Saturday, December 29th, 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass, 10:30 a.m., at St. Luke Church, 7600 W. Lake St., River Forest. Interment Private. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or [drechsler-brownwilliams.com](http://drechsler-brownwilliams.com)

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## ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in Relation to the Use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of a transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. **Y18000049** on the Date: **12/07/2018** Under the Assumed Name **SCOTT'S CONSTRUCTION** with the business located at **9850 W 145TH PLACE ORLAND PARK, IL, 60462** The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **SCOTT ARNOLD 9850 W 145TH PLACE Orland Park, IL, 60462**

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Aya Osbourne**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Shanita Osbourne (Mother) AKA Osborne

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00998**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father) and Shanita Osbourne AKA Osborne (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 13, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that is held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**December 27, 2018**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**"NOTICE** to Defendant Vasken Kodjavian. YOU ARE BEING SUED by Plaintiff Capital One Equipment Finance Corp. f/k/a All Points Capital corp., d/b/a Capital One Tax Mediation Finance, a New York corporation, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division, in the case captioned Capital One Equipment Finance Corp. f/k/a All Points Capital Corp. d/b/a Capital One Tax Mediation Finance v. Vasken Kab. Inc. iv. Vasken Kodjavian, Case No. 1:18-cv-02556. You must file a written response with the Court to the Complaint filed by Plaintiff on or before January 21, 2019, or your Court may decide against you without your being heard."

## FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC  
One East Wacker - Suite 1250  
Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff v. UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR, TRUSTEES OF THE WARREN W. LOSER DECLARATION OF TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 15, 2001 AND EXECUTED ON NOVEMBER 1, 2001; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CARRIAGE WAY COURT CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION; CARRIAGE WAY COURT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING NO. 5100 ASSOCIATION, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH14224

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Successor, Trustees of the Warren W. Loser Declaration of Trust, dated October 15, 2001 and executed on November 1, 2001, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Unit No. 302 in the Carriage Way Court Condominium Building No. 5100, as delineated on the survey of the following described real estate (hereinafter referred to as "parcel"):

That part of Lot 4 of Three Fountains at Plum Grove (according to the plat thereof recorded July 8, 1968, as Document Number 20 543 261) being a subdivision in Section 8, Township 41 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows:

Commencing at the most Northeasterly corner of Lot 4 aforesaid; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the Easterly line thereof 50.37 feet; thence North 90 degrees West (at right angles thereto) 116.04 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 74 degrees 22 minutes 04 seconds West 89.58 feet; thence South 15 degrees 37 minutes 56 seconds East 233.00 feet; thence North 74 degrees 22 minutes 04 seconds East 89.58 feet; thence North 15 degrees 37 minutes 56 seconds West 233.00 feet to the place of beginning; in Cook County, Illinois which survey is attached to Exhibit "B" to the Declaration of Condominium for Building No. 5100 recorded in the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds as Document No. 26 619 596.

5100 Carriageway Drive #302, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
08-08-2001-064-1027

Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Successor, Trustees of the Warren W. Loser Declaration of Trust, dated October 15, 2001 and executed on November 1, 2001, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 19, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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file number: 18-029412  
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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. ORA MYLES, AKA ORA MAE MYLES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH14256

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Ora Myles, AKA Ora Mae Myles, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 in Albins Subdivision of Lot 4 in Block 2 in Rockwell's Addition to Chicago in the West Half of the North East Quarter of Section 13, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois.

2741 West Wilcox Street, Chicago, IL 60612  
16-13-208-000-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Ora Myles, AKA Ora Mae Myles, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 19, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ESTANISLAW CARREON CELIA CARREON UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007338 FILED November 1, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0009595 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 3524 WEST LYNDALE ST CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-35-209-027-0000 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 April 19, 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 April 19, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on May 7, 2019 at 9:30 am. 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 April 19, 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 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031943

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOHN LEO GORMAN MARY GORMAN LANCASTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, BILL THANOUKOS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007377 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 8, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0013735 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 2611 WEST 21ST ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-47-023-0000 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 April 19, 2019.

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK KHALID SIDDIQUI FIRST MIDWEST BANK SUCCESSOR TO STANDARD BANK & TRUST COMPANY, THE OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007630 FILED November 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-000782 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 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 3750 W 79TH ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-26-338-028-0000 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 April 19, 2019.

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK MARTA RUIZ MARTHA RUIZ PROPERTY MANAGER / RENT COLLECTOR PAULA NAVARRETE ROSA MICHEL CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007642 FILED November 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010776 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 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 2611 WEST 21ST ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-47-023-0000 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 April 19, 2019.

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK... AND DRAIN, LLC EVENS THEODOLE OCCUPANT JESSICA BATTLE CANDICE BATTLE UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007654 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0005639 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 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 8511 S SAGINAW AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-321-005-0000 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 April 19, 2019.

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## The Reverse

Notre Dame receiver **Miles Boykin** once hated the Irish while growing up in Chicago's south suburbs.

(He didn't like the Bears, Bulls or Cubs, either.)

Wouldn't it be fitting if No. 81 somehow helped the Irish to the '18 national title?



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
On college football

DALLAS — Miles Boykin watched the national championship game of the 2012 season with his mother, Felicia, in the family's Tinley Park home.

After Alabama scored two quick touchdowns against Notre Dame, Boykin was about ready to dance.

"I kept asking him: Why are we watching this game?"

Felicia Boykin recalled Wednesday. "He said: 'I just don't like Notre Dame. And they're about to get killed.' He was so happy."

Boykin had no beef with linebacker Manti Te'o or Brian Kelly, the man who now coaches him for the Irish.

He simply hated Notre Dame, joking now of that vitriol-filled night: "Not one of my proudest moments."

But that's Boykin. Everyone at Providence High School loved the Irish, so he didn't.

His mom and brother love steak — especially at Gene & Georgetti — so Boykin eats only chicken and fish.

He doesn't like the Bulls (he's a LeBron guy) or the Bears (he can't quit Calvin Johnson) or the Cubs (he's South Side-loyal to the White Sox).

"I can't handle Bulls fans," he said. "They thought that just because the Bulls were the No. 1 seed in the East (in 2011), they were going to beat LeBron and the Heat."

Boykin, who leads Notre Dame with 54 catches and 803 receiving yards entering Saturday's College Football Playoff semifinal against Clemson in the Cotton Bowl, is a sleek, chiseled 6-foot-4 and 228 pounds. But center Sam Mustipher said Boykin dresses like an offensive lineman.



**COTTON BOWL**  
Arlington, Texas  
#2 Clemson vs. #3 Notre Dame  
3 p.m. Saturday  
ESPN



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7 p.m. Saturday  
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Santa Clara, Calif.  
7 p.m. Jan. 7  
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TIMBERWOLVES 119, BULLS 94

## Back in bloom: Rose thrills hometown crowd

Ex-Bulls guard looks like old self, finishing with 24 points, 8 assists

BY K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls' future finally formed on the court, a full 18 months after the franchise-changing trade of Jimmy Butler.

But it was the Bulls' past that stole the show Wednesday night as Derrick Rose dominated early and often, setting the tone for the Timberwolves' 119-94 victory.

Rose finished with 24 points and eight assists in 38 minutes, even drawing "MVP! MVP!" chants from the United Center faithful in the fourth quarter. Several fans were decked out in Rose jerseys, including one from his Simeon High days.

"It was great, man. I didn't expect it to be like this — overwhelming at some points. You can tell the support is still here," Rose said. "I had to crack a smile a little bit. It made me reminisce about some of the old days and how grateful I was to be in that position at a young age. Just trying to take all of it in. With the year I'm having, it was very special to come back here and play."

Zach LaVine returned after missing five games with a sprained left ankle, scoring 28 points in 26 minutes off the bench. Bulls coach Jim Boylen said it's his policy to return injured players initially in a reserve role.

Thanks to early-season injuries to Lauri Markkanen and Kris Dunn, the trio — all acquired in the Butler trade — had played just

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## Playing it by ear

Bears coach Matt Nagy will be scoreboard watching Sunday — the 49ers-Rams game in particular — to see if it makes any sense to pull his starters. But, he says "we're going there to win the game." **Back Page**

**GAME 16 | Bears at Vikings**  
3:25 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32

BEARS

## Trubisky has tunnel vision for Vikings game

QB focused on building momentum, not on hit that cost him 2 games

BY COLLEEN KANE  
Chicago Tribune

Mitch Trubisky walked away from his last game against the Vikings with a bum throwing shoulder that sidelined him for two games.

But if the Bears quarterback harbors bad memories of the late hit by safety Harrison Smith, he wasn't about to share them Wednesday as the Bears prepare to face the Vikings in the regular-season finale Sunday in Minneapolis.

The Bears have a chance at a first-round playoff bye — they must beat the Vikings and have the Rams lose to the 49ers — so Trubisky will play with most of

the starters in a rematch of the Bears' 25-20 victory Nov. 18 at Soldier Field.

"I really put it behind me," Trubisky said. "I didn't even consider it illegal or anything malicious of that nature. I put it behind me, and this team has come a long way since then. I'm lucky and fortunate I'm healthy and back where I am, in the lineup with my guys. We're just focused on winning this week."

Some of Trubisky's teammates pointed to that injury-inducing hit as a reason they were so fired up as a reason they were so fired up about 49ers safety Marcell Harris hitting Trubisky late in Sunday's 14-9 Bears win. Harris' hit at the end of a Trubisky run led to a skirmish that included Bears guard Kyle Long in the middle of the scrum in street clothes.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## ESPN teases its 'Last Dance'

ESPN on Christmas dropped a 60-second teaser for "The Last Dance," a 10-part documentary focusing on super-competitive competitor Michael Jordan's final championship season with the Bulls.

The docu-series, which isn't scheduled to debut until the summer of 2020 on ESPN and fall of that year on Netflix, is directed by Jason Hehir, whose work includes "The '85 Bears" for ESPN's "30 for 30" series and "Andre the Giant" for HBO.

The mid-1990s Bulls were a cultural phenomenon, and the 1997-98 season completed their second three-peat, their sixth championship in eight seasons and sixth straight in seasons unaffected by Jordan's bid to compete in baseball.

"The Last Dance" looks to focus on the '97-98 season as well as events leading to the scattering afterward of the team's core — Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman and coach Phil Jackson, Hall of Famers all.

Here are 10 nuggets taken away from the promo:

**1. The famously competitive Jordan cops to being competitive.**

"I am cursed with a mentality of competitiveness," Jordan says.

In case you missed that, Jackson adds, "Competition was an addiction." But it's not clear if he's speaking specifically about Jordan.

**2. That competitive drive sometimes may have made Jordan a pain to be around.**

"I'm going to ridicule you until you get on the same level as me," Jordan says in a sound bite presented without context.

Jordan, however, leaves no doubt that he's talking about when he says, "My mentality was to go out there and win, at any cost."

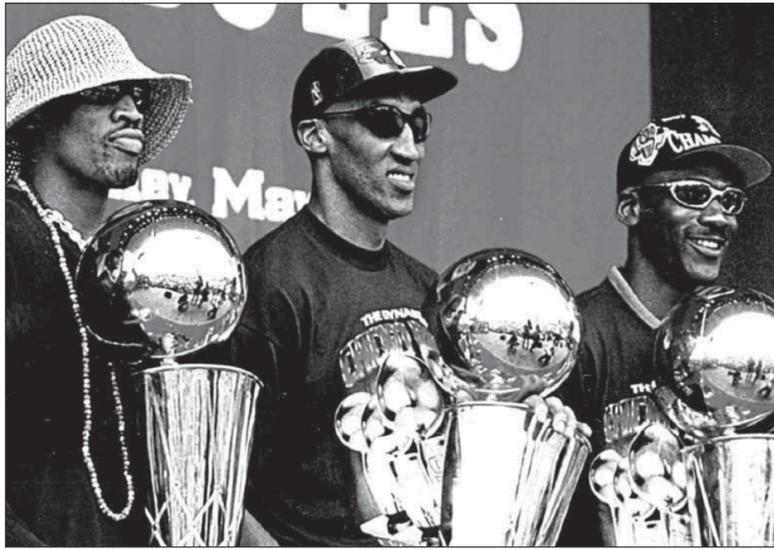
**3. Did we mention Jordan could be competitive?**

There's a clip of him throwing a ball off the head of Pacers guard Mark Jackson, now an ESPN game analyst.

It is from a game at the United Center in April '98 in which the Pacers effectively double-teamed Jordan.

Jordan had driven to the hoop after a steal, and Jackson fouled him hard. Jordan was called for a technical foul after nailing Jackson in the back of the head in response.

Not only did Jordan lose his cool, the Bulls lost that game 114-105.



From left: Dennis Rodman, Scottie Pippen and Michael Jordan with three title trophies.

**4. There are other examples of frustration being vented.**

Jackson can be seen slamming a door. Another clip shows Jordan kicking what appears to be an empty Miller Lite box.

**5. Budweiser makes an appearance too.**

"That's waterproof color, right there," Jordan says as he pours champagne on Rodman's hair, dyed a mottled green and black, as others laugh. "That's waterproof!"

Someone between Rodman and the camera is seen adding a can of Bud to the celebratory rinse job.

**6. The film crew's unprecedented access 20-plus years ago is touted.**

Jordan — who's competitive, remember — is shown playing cards on the team plane with Ron Harper seated across the table, beer in hand.

**7. There are shots of an NBA film library that evokes the warehouse scene at the end of "Raiders of the Lost Ark."**

Labels on archival film canisters include "MJ with Press," "Bulls Closed Practice," "5-31-98 Pacers Gm. 7" and something with the notation "Do Not Release."

**8. Rodman could be disruptive.**

Jordan recalls Rodman disappearing: "We don't see or hear Dennis for 48 hours."

"No matter what we did, it seemed like he was the story," says teammate Steve Kerr — wearing a T-shirt of the Warriors — presumably referring to Rodman.

**9. Pippen's complicated relationships with teammates and role with the team are explored too.**

Rodman, a former member of the "Bad Boy" Pistons that bedeviled the Bulls earlier in the decade, says he "never hated" Pippen.

It's left to the imagination what Jordan is referring to when he says, "Scottie was being selfish."

Pippen, likely referring to Jordan, says, "It was his team."

Absent context, however, it's also possible Pippen meant Jackson, Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf or someone else.

**10. For all the quick cuts, random quotes and vaguely haunting musical strains, at the heart of this promo is a quote from Pippen.**

"We were the greatest team ever."

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**FIRST RESPONDER BOWL**

## Empty bowl: Storm too much

DALLAS — They played less than 10 minutes of the real game, then the waiting game stretched longer than an hour.

Boise State and Boston College football players and staff packed into the Cotton Bowl Stadium locker rooms Wednesday, experiencing something no one had before in a bowl game.

The First Responder Bowl was canceled and declared a "no contest" after 9 minutes, 52 seconds of action and an 81-minute lightning delay with Boston College leading 7-0.

It would not be further delayed, moved or made up. Worst outcome ever? No contest.

What could be more fitting, as sponsor Servpro's slogan is "Like it never even happened."

"It was a difficult conversation," said Boise State coach Bryan Harsin, who delivered the bad news to his team. "They're looking at me (and) I'm like, 'Help me out, guys, because this is a new one.'"

According to NCAA records, only two previous postseason games had been canceled: a 1941 charity game between Hawaii and San Jose State because of the Pearl Harbor attack and the 2013 Heart of Texas Bowl between two Division II teams.

Soon after the game was called, Boise State sophomore Curtis Weaver ran onto the field and pushed his jersey into the grass to make it look a little more game-worn.

One lightning strike hit close to the stadium about an hour after the game was called as the final players hurried onto team buses. Boise State athletic director Curt Apsey pointed to the sky and said, "Good idea."

"It was pretty clear at the end of the day the decision that needed to be made," Apsey said.

Boston College coach Steve Addazio said he was "deeply disappointed" but respected the "tough decision" that had to be made.

Both teams did the same thing, according to their coaches, to cap one of the weirdest bowl days ever with a little bit of normalcy.

"We sang the fight song to finish the right way," Harsin said.

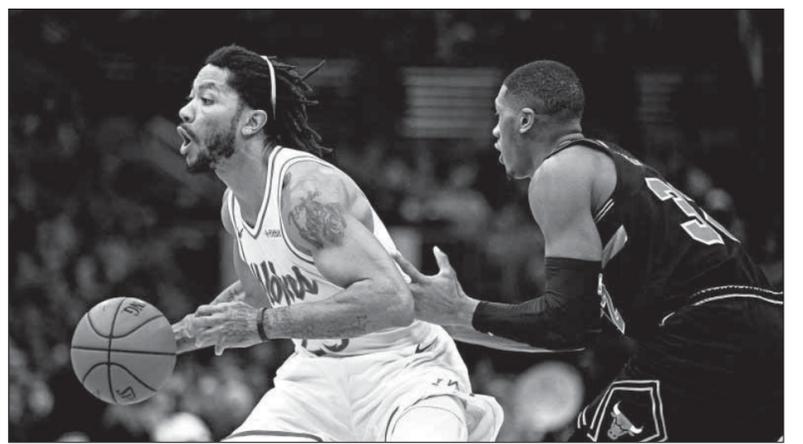
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The Timberwolves' Derrick Rose dribbles while the Bulls' Kris Dunn defends Wednesday.

## Ex-Bull Rose back in bloom

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11 minutes together this season and 255 last season as LaVine worked his way back from ACL rehab.

Playing LaVine in a reserve role limited their shared court time again. And what transpired looked largely disjointed.

On the other hand, Rose, who knows a little something about ACL rehab, looked smooth. He toyed with every defender thrown at him, most consistently Kris Dunn, and shot 11-for-19 in his extremely efficient 38 minutes.

Did Rose even break a sweat? He certainly broke a smile.

"It's all about adapting and being resilient and just being myself. I'm happy I didn't change throughout this whole process. I remained myself. I stayed true to my family," Rose said. "There was a lot of people that jumped off the boat when I was going through things. I seen who they were. I know what's fake love and what's real love."

Timberwolves coach Tom Thibodeau rarely smiles during games. But he could've, seeing as he's now 5-1 against his former employer.

Karl-Anthony Towns added 20 points and 20 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

LaVine returned earlier than expected, after he suffered the injury against the Magic in Mexico City. LaVine had hinted at his return on Sunday in Cleveland, citing the chance to face his former team.

"It's just fun playing against them,"

LaVine said on Wednesday. "You get up for certain games more than others. In the NBA, that's how you're able to go through a whole season. I love those dudes over there. But obviously I want to compete against them."

Plus, LaVine knows as well as anyone how little he, Markkanen and Dunn have played together.

"The better players on the court, you're a better team. We want to play together. Circumstances have been weird with us," he said. "I had the ACL where I missed an extended period of time. Then Kris got hurt. Then Lauri got hurt. Then right when everybody comes back, I rolled my ankle a little bit. Your teammates, you practice with them and bond with them. So we want to play and haven't got the full package yet."

Rose smiled as the crowd chanted "MVP!", ran over to greet Chance the Rapper sitting courtside at one point and wore a stocking hat with "Chicago native" on it afterward. This was his night.

"I'm at peace," Rose said. "But I'm learning every chance I get. When I was here, I was learning who I was as a man — how to prepare for games, how to be a professional, how to deal with injuries, how to deal with the media. I grew from it as a man."

"I think fans were happy to see me play at the level I'm playing at."

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## BULLS



## It will 'always be home'

Rose says playing at the UC in different uniform is always a bit 'weird'

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Derrick Rose never wanted to leave the Bulls, who traded him in June 2016 before the 2011 most valuable player could fulfill his oft-stated goal of leading his hometown franchise to an NBA championship.

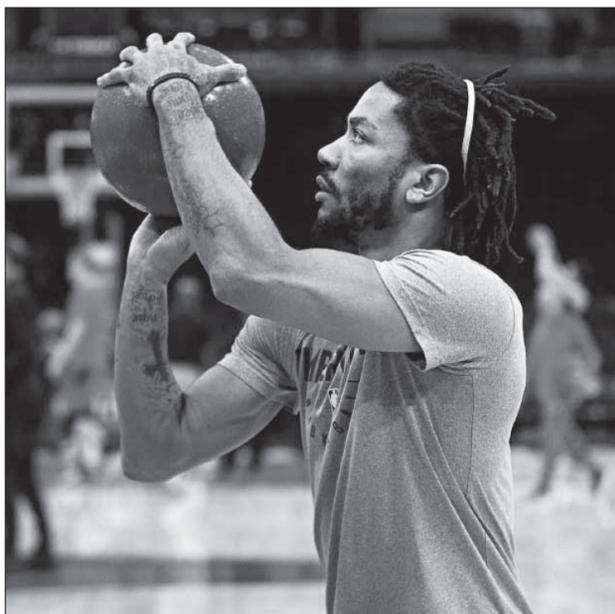
The trade stung Rose deeply. But Rose walked out of the United Center with team Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf after a 2017 Bulls-Celtics playoff game he attended as a fan and occasionally does offseason workouts at the practice facility.

Could Rose, who will be an unrestricted free agent again this offseason, envision playing for the Bulls again? What's his current relationship with the franchise?

"This is home for me. I'll never leave Chicago. I still have a place here. I'm always going to have a place here. My son is being raised here," Rose said. "You never know in the future. My attention right now is with this organization I'm with. This offseason, you never know what can happen."

"I leave (my Bulls' career) in the past. The decision that they made, they stuck with it. I try not to think about it. I try to look forward. You never know what my opportunities are going to be this coming offseason with this (Timberwolves) organization. More than likely, I'll be back. But you never know."

Indeed, Rose feels an intense bond with Timberwolves president and coach Tom Thibodeau, who rescued Rose from the scrap heap after the Jazz waived him in February 2018. Thibodeau signed



Timberwolves guard Derrick Rose passes the ball as he is pressured by the Bulls' Kris Dunn, top, in the third quarter Wednesday night.

Rose because former Bulls coach knows he can still play.

Rose has rewarded Thibodeau's faith, becoming a favorite for the league's Sixth Man of the Year award and playing, in Thibodeau's words, at "an All-Star level." It's a remarkable story given Rose's four knee surgeries and surgery to repair a broken orbital bone on the first day of training camp before his last season with the Bulls.

"To have the mental toughness to overcome all that adversity and then get back to the level that he's at, it's great to see because he's a great guy," Thibodeau said. "I've seen him at 22 when he's sitting on top of the world and MVP of the league and I've seen him going through three years of not being able

to play and the toll it took on him.

"Particularly for a guy who is from Chicago, to have the weight of that and lift the franchise back up like he did, as time goes on, there's going to be great appreciation for all he did."

There already is among Rose's peers.

"His mental ability is so strong," said Bulls guard Zach LaVine, who, like Rose, rehabilitated from a torn ACL. "How old was he won MVP? 22. That's ridiculous. To be that high and then to have lows like he is and play at the level he is now, it's incredible."

Rose, who wanted to "bring the whole 'hood here" but settled for 50 tickets for family and friends, called such praise "overwhelming."

**"I leave (my Bulls' career) in the past."**

— Derrick Rose

It's clear his tumultuous career path has provided perspective.

"It's a blessing to be back in the league," he said. "And I'm just grateful."

Rose's 3-point percentage of 46.9 percent obliterates his previous career-best of 34 percent. He chalked this up to "belief" and the 4½-pound weighted ball he totes around, a shooting tool former Bulls assistant coach Ron Adams first turned him onto.

"I stole (it) from the Bulls three years ago and I didn't get fined for it," Rose said. "So it's a win-win."

Wednesday marked only the second time Rose played at the United Center as a visitor. He flirted with a triple-double in leading the Knicks to a road victory in November 2016.

Starting for the injured Jeff Teague, fans greeted him warmly as he was introduced with his customary Bulls' intro of "from Chicago." Rose called playing here in a different uniform "weird."

Still, Rose leaving Thibodeau to return to the Bulls would surprise some. Executive vice president John Paxson greeted Rose warmly before the game.

"Thibs really took a chance. He already had a team and a backup point guard with Tyus (Jones). You never know how that can affect the team and the personnel," Rose said. "My job is to be professional, lead the young guys and do as much as I can in the locker room so I don't step on anybody's toes while I'm here."

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## HAWKS

## Rookie Kahun all work, progress

Colliton impressed how quickly forward has blended right in

By JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

When Dominik Kahun was growing up in Germany, the NHL was already in his sights and a strong work ethic in his makeup.

"I for sure got talent to play hockey and I'm thankful for that," the Blackhawks forward said. "But I also work hard all the time. It's paying off."

For Kahun as well as the Hawks.

He's one of just five Hawks to play in all 39 games this season, and there hasn't been a significant stretch in which the rookie has struggled.

While he hasn't been a scoring machine — Kahun's 14 points (four goals, 10 assists) are ninth on the team and trail defensemen Erik Gustafsson, Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook — he has been a consistently positive presence.

"There are a couple games sometimes where you don't get a point or you don't play as good as the other games, but that's normal," Kahun said. "I don't think I had a time where it's been two or three weeks like that, so I'm happy for it."

"I just want to keep going." The Hawks believed they had something in Kahun, 23, when they signed him in May to a two-year contract after he played for Germany in the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Still, there was no guarantee Kahun would make the roster out of training camp. He had a clause in his contract that allowed him to get out of his deal rather than be sent down to Rockford.

Kahun not only made the roster, but also started the season playing on a line with Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat.

"It was quick," Kahun said. "But that was my plan. When I played in Germany last year, I knew hopefully this is my last year before I can make the step to the NHL."

Former Hawks coach Joel Quenneville immediately appreciated Kahun's abilities, and when Jeremy Colliton took over, the new coach used him in key situations and has preferred to play Kahun with the top players.

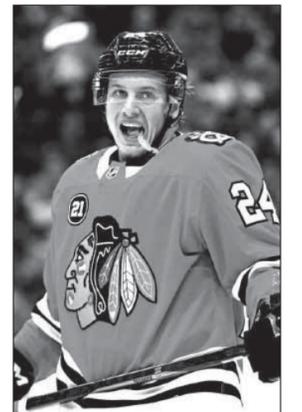
"You never know how a rookie (or) young guy's going to adapt," Colliton said. "Even using him lately, the last few games he's been with Toews and (Brandon) Saad and they've been great for us. Playing against top lines and being solid defensively and yet creating a lot. Going forward they could have even more than they do. They generate a lot of chances."

"Kahun's ... created a lot for himself. He hasn't finished, but I feel it'll come."

Kahun has been a bright spot on the Hawks in a season lacking many of them. His attitude helped contribute to the team's 4-2-1 record before the holiday break.

"You can feel it right now," Kahun said. "The mood is better, we have more fun and we want to keep winning."

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Rookie forward Dominik Kahun has been a consistent bright spot for the Blackhawks in a season with few of them.

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## BULLS NOTES

## Ex-Bulls on Timberwolves appreciate Chicago days

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

It's still special for the current Timberwolves contingent of Tom Thibodeau, Derrick Rose, Taj Gibson and Luol Deng to visit Chicago.

After all, their shared Bulls' tenure produced back-to-back, league-leading, regular-season victory totals from 2010-12 and a trip to the 2011 Eastern Conference finals.

"Yeah, I get love," Gibson said about coming back. "As soon as I got on the bus, I had a garbage truck driver pull up on me and just hook his horn and we had a whole conversation. That's how Chicago is."

Gibson called that 2011 Eastern Conference finals versus LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and the Heat his favorite memory. But the veteran forward has grown to appreciate even the most nuanced

aspects of playing for the Bulls as his career has progressed.

"Just look at the arena. It's a great arena. There are a lot of great memories, lot of history. It's one of those places where you remember all the positives," Gibson said. "Seeing the sellout crowds every night, it gets no better than that. And you see how many seats are in this arena. It's a gigantic arena. You kind of take it for granted until you're away from it."

Rose even attended a 2017 Bulls-Celtics playoff game as a fan and said his Chicago upbringing stays with him no matter which team he's on.

"The way that I play is the Chicago way of playing basketball — very physical, one-on-one," Rose said. "I'm going at you. I'm trying to win the game by any means."

Thibodeau gets recognized ev-

ery time he comes back.

"It's always good to come back. Downtown is very festive," he said. "And you have tropical weather here in Chicago."

**Bear down:** Zach LaVine said he saw the videos Bears linebacker Khalil Mack dribbling and shooting in a full Bulls uniform, with No. 52 and "Mack" on the back. Mack sat courtside at the Bulls-Heat game last month.

"He's big as hell. I don't feel like taking a foul from him. I know that," LaVine said. "He's off the charts athletically. If he put his mind to it, he'd probably be able to play in the NBA. He's that type of special talent."

"I saw him at the game a few weeks ago. He's a big dude. I wouldn't want to be going end to end against him. That's why I didn't play football."

**Workout warriors:** Gibson worked out last offseason with former Bulls teammate Joakim Noah, who is back in the league with the Grizzlies after an exile and buyout from the Knicks.

"I'm extremely happy that he was finally able to get over the hump he had in New York," Gibson said. "He worked extremely hard this summer."

**Layups:** For all the talk of Jim Boylen's hard-driving ways, the coach gave his team Monday and Tuesday off for the holidays. ... Like Boylen, Thibodeau worked two decades as an assistant coach before getting his first head coaching crack with the Bulls. "Jim's a good guy," Thibodeau said. "Obviously, you feel for Fred (Hoiberg), who's a good man too. It's part of the business that you hate to see." The Bulls fired Hoiberg on Dec. 3.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## COTTON BOWL NOTES

## Clemson prepping for life without DT Lawrence

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

DALLAS — Clemson is going on the assumption that star defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence will be suspended for its semifinal playoff game against Notre Dame after failing an NCAA drug test.



Lawrence

Asked Wednesday if he's holding out hope for Saturday's Cotton Bowl, defensive coordinator Brent Venables replied: "I don't have any hope like that. Hopefully that doesn't sound bad. I love Dexter and have great appreciation for who he is and the work he has put in. You feel heartbroken for him."

In revealing the potential suspensions of three players, coach Dabo Swinney said Monday he hoped the results of "B" sample testing would clear Lawrence and two backups: offensive lineman Zach Giella and tight end Braden Galloway.

Swinney was not part of Wednesday morning's media sessions. Venables, meanwhile, said he's not aware of the "B" sample results.

"No one has given me that update ... but we have full confidence in the guys who will play (in his place)," he said.

The 350-pound, lane-clogging Lawrence is viewed as a top-10 pick in the NFL draft, but Clemson still has two All-Americans on the defensive line in tackle Christian Wilkins and end Clelin Ferrell.

Venables also mentioned his confidence in Jordan Williams, Albert Huggins and Nyles Pinckney.

Clemson players said they feel terrible for their suspended teammates and echoed Swinney's contention about the performance-enhancing substance ostarine that was found in the players' systems.

Swinney on Monday said ostarine "could come from hair products. It could come from a cream. It could come from protein. It could come from a product that you order or buy online that you think there's nothing wrong with. It could be anything."

Said Wilkins: "It's such a weird situation. He is clearly not taking anything. He doesn't need to take anything. ... You're always cognizant of what you put in your body. From what I hear, this could have come from anywhere or anything."

That's a stretch, but an attorney who

litigates false advertising claims in the sports supplement industry believes the players might have fallen victim to "production contamination."

Robert Tauler, a trial lawyer for the Los Angeles firm Tauler Smith, told the Tribune that bits of ostarine can end up in NCAA-approved supplements such as protein powder if factory workers are not careful about product "runoff" or diligent about cleaning machinery.

"We've seen it happen a lot," Tauler said. "Athletes' careers are in jeopardy, and it's really a travesty. The concept that they would take (ostarine) and risk everything is ridiculous; the effect is not even close to that of steroids."

**Team player:** Those close to quarterback Brandon Wimbush, including some Notre Dame teammates, have known for weeks he intends to transfer after the season.

It makes perfect sense given that Ian Book will return as the Irish starter next season and Wimbush would be able to play elsewhere immediately as a graduate student.

"I love that kid," offensive coordinator Chip Long said Wednesday. "We've always told him: Whatever you decide to do, we're with you 100 percent."

The news breaking over Christmas Eve that Wimbush would seek to transfer apparently did not cause stress among the players. Receiver Miles Boykin said: "We didn't talk about it. And I haven't talked to him about it. We're all focused and he's focused on doing what it takes to win this game. We're just worried about Clemson."

"I would bet Brandon's a little upset because he's such a team guy and doesn't want any attention on him."

Wimbush, who was not made available for comment, led Notre Dame to a victory over Michigan in the opener but was replaced even after the Irish started 3-0. It turned out to be a brilliant decision as the offense went from averaging 23.3 points to 37.2 points in its final nine games.

Wimbush subbed for an injured Book in Week 10 and led Notre Dame to a 42-13 victory over Florida State.

"To have your job taken away but come out and beat Florida State by (29) points, it's a testament to him," Long said.

## Reversal of loyalty for Boykin

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"Sweats and (team)-issued gear," Mustipher said. "For as spectacular as he is, his fashion sense is pretty lackluster."

And now for the topper, the ultimate 2018 outcast move: Boykin does not carry an iPhone. He uses an Android.

Mustipher half-jokingly complained about the text bubbles being green instead of blue and said: "You can't change the group name and you can't use animations. I feel like those are pretty important for camaraderie."

Boykin won't budge, saying: "I think I'm the only guy without an iPhone on the team. That's big. Everybody makes fun of me, but I like being different."

He gets some of that spirit from Felicia, who helps deliver babies as a nurse at Franciscan Health in Olympia Fields. She loved the "Showtime" Lakers of Magic Johnson and James Worthy and remains loyal to the team. Except she doesn't like LeBron.

"I was also not a big Kobe fan," she said. Basketball was Boykin's favorite sport, but football essentially chose him as he developed into the state's No. 3 prospect and the Tribune/WGN-9 Prep Athlete of the Year in 2014-15.

Wisconsin sent his first piece of recruiting mail. Illinois' Tim Beckman was the first to offer a scholarship. But Boykin was all set to select Michigan State.

"I love what they stood for — a tough team, Coach (Mark) Dantonio was awesome and they had a lot of success when I was in high school, going to the Rose Bowl," Boykin said. "I liked their colors too; that helped."

Boykin unofficially visited Notre Dame several times, going to games, touring the campus and getting to know the players.

"He fit in more at Notre Dame," Felicia said. "I always told him: Surround yourself with like-minded people."

Said Boykin: "I matured a little bit and saw that Notre Dame was a better decision because of the academics and what it can do for me in the long run."

In the short run, Boykin and the third-ranked Irish (12-0) can accomplish with two more wins what Notre Dame's 2012 team did not.

"This is where we belong," Boykin said. "We've been away for too long, and it's unacceptable given the history we have not to be (in the playoff). We have to put Notre Dame back on the map and change this narrative about us recently."

As for technology, remaining loyal to Google's phone does have its drawbacks. One of the Cotton Bowl's player gifts was an Apple Watch. Boykin will hand his off.

"Oh, my goodness," Felicia said. "That will be mine!"

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Alabama's Jerry Jeudy is returning to his native South Florida to play in the Orange Bowl.

## ORANGE BOWL

## Jeudy's intention? Bring his 'A' game

Winner of Biletnikoff Award has been on roll for Alabama

By DAVID FURONES

South Florida Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Deerfield Beach High School coach Jevon Glenn knew well before Jerry Jeudy became a star at Alabama that he would be special, but one moment right before it was time to send him off to college made Glenn certain that Jeudy's head was in the right place.

Jeudy, now a sophomore returning to South Florida to face Oklahoma in Saturday's College Football Playoff semifinal in the Orange Bowl at Hard Rock Stadium, was graduating from Deerfield a semester early to enroll at Alabama that January — all high school classes and tests complete. The five-star recruit was to play in the Under Armour All-America Game before beginning his career with the Crimson Tide.

From one of the practices in Orlando ahead of the national all-star game, Jeudy — who left South Florida thinking he had straight A's in his final semester — found out that was no longer the case. He called Glenn in a panic.

"He was complaining that one of his teachers dropped one of his grades from an A to a B-plus," Glenn said. "I was like: Jerry, so what? You're graduating early. You don't have to go back to Deerfield. And he was like: 'Nah, Coach. It was my first time ever getting straight A's.'"

"His attention to detail had gotten so fine that every little thing mattered. I kind of knew, from that conversation, he's going to make it. He's there mentally for him to be successful at Alabama, to be successful at life."

From then, Jeudy has been on a roll with the Tide.

In his first spring game, televised nationally on ESPN, he caught two touchdown passes to announce himself to the college football world.

As a freshman, Jeudy gained national championship experience with 14 recep-

tions for 264 yards and two touchdowns on a team that won the title over Georgia with a loaded receiving corps.

He really burst onto the scene this season, winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top wideout.

Jeudy enters the Orange Bowl with impressive stats: 59 catches for 1,103 yards and 12 touchdowns.

"His work throughout the offseason has definitely paid dividends," Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa said of the leap Jeudy made.

Said Glenn: "His dedication to his craft is paying off."

Jeudy's mission as a high school senior to become the nation's top wide receiver prospect came full circle when he won the Biletnikoff Award.

"That was something I always dreamed about," the 6-foot-1, 192-pound Jeudy said. "Me being there was a wonderful feeling, a very thankful, humbled feeling."

Now, back in South Florida for the first time since he left, he is looking forward to putting on a show.

"I'm very excited. I can bring more of my family members to this game," said Jeudy, who said he has 14 tickets out but wants to get even more for high school teammates. "It's a great feeling knowing that more of my family are going to be there."

Along with his focus on technique and learning the offense and opposing defenses, Jeudy's success as a sophomore can be attributed to how he looks out for teammates as much as he does himself, according to Tagovailoa.

"Aside from what he's been doing all season, he's been a really great teammate," Tagovailoa said. "He's been helping out guys like (freshman receiver) Jaylen Waddle and a lot of other younger guys. He's been really good for us."

What's the biggest thing Jeudy says he has learned in college?

It goes with the attitude and work ethic he has carried with him since the disappointment of not getting that last A in high school.

"Just mental toughness," he said. "It don't come easy. You've got to work for it."

## QUICK LANE BOWL MINNESOTA 34, GEORGIA TECH 10

## Ibrahim just can't be stopped

Gophers RB amasses 224 rushing yards, 2 TDs in rout

By LARRY LAGE  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Mohamed Ibrahim ran for a career-high 224 yards and two touchdowns, leading Minnesota to a 34-10 victory over Georgia Tech on Wednesday night in the Quick Lane Bowl.

The Golden Gophers (7-6) won three of their last four games, and Ibrahim had a lot to do with that. The redshirt freshman had 121 rushing yards in a win at Wisconsin that made Minnesota bowl eligible and ran for 155 yards last month in a victory over Purdue.

"He's not the biggest, strongest or fastest," coach P.J. Fleck said. "He has that too short, too small, too this — king of the toos — which is right up my alley. This kid's got more heart, passion, courage and plays the game the right way more than anybody I've ever met."

The Yellow Jackets (7-6) did not have the speed or strength to slow Ibrahim, and their triple-option offense was stunted in coach Paul Johnson's finale.

"They did pretty much whatever they wanted," said Johnson, who is retiring.



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Minnesota running back Mohamed Ibrahim tries to break the tackle of Georgia Tech's Tariq Carpenter on Wednesday night.

"We never stopped the run and then we let them throw it over our head a couple times. I wasn't expecting that, but that's life and you move on."

The Gophers limited Georgia Tech to 206 yards on the ground after it led the nation with 335 rushing yards per game.

Minnesota led 13-0 early in the second quarter after Tanner Morgan threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Johnson and Emmitt Carpenter made two field goals. Ibrahim's 3-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter made it 20-3.

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TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
				@MIN 3:25 FOX-32, AM-780			
		@WSH 6 WGN-9, AM-670		@TOR 5 NBCSCH, AM-670			ORL 7 WGN-9, AM-670
	MIN 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		@COL 8 NBCSCH, AM-720			BOS Noon NBC-5, AM-720	

## THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>							
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Celtics at Rockets						TNT
<b>9:30 p.m.</b>	76ers at Jazz						TNT
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>							
<b>7 p.m.</b>	UMKC at Creighton						FS1
<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>							
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Independence Bowl: Temple vs. Duke						ESPN
<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	Pinstripe Bowl: Wisconsin vs. Miami						ESPN
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Texas Bowl: Baylor vs. Vanderbilt						ESPN
<b>NHL</b>							
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Flyers at Lightning						NBCSN
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Wild at Blackhawks						NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
<b>PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER</b>							
<b>1:55 p.m.</b>	Southampton vs. West Ham United						NBCSN
<b>SERIE A SOCCER</b>							
<b>5:25 a.m.</b>	Juventus vs. Sampdoria						ESPN2
<b>(Fri.)</b>							

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
WED	SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. vs. Boise State, ccd.		
WED	Quick Lane	Detroit	Michigan 34, Ga. Tech 10		
WED	Cheez-It	Phoenix	TCU 10, California 7 (OT)		
THU	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30	
THU	Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15	
THU	Texas	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8	
FRI	Musica City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30	
FRI	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15	
FRI	Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St. (8-4) vs. Wash. St. (10-2)	8	
SAT	Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*	
SAT	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*	
SAT	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St. (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15	
SAT	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3	
SAT	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)	7	
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Appalachian St. vs. Tech (6-6)	11*	
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1	
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St. (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2	
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St. (6-6)	2:45	
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6	
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St. (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6:30	
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St. (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*	
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St. (9-3)	noon	
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon	
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St. (12-1)	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	3	
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30	

DATE BOWL	SITE	RESULT	
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La.-Lafayette 24
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas13
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21
D15	New Orleans	Appalachian St.	45, MTSU 13
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 13
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Texas	Ohio St. 27, San Diego State 10
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Army 70, Houston 14
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Troy 42, Buffalo 32
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech 31, Hawaii 14

## FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Jan. 5 at Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas  
 North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m.

## BASEBALL

CUBS SCHEDULE	WHITE SOX SCHEDULE
Home games at Sloan Park, Mesa, Ariz.	Home games at Camelback Ranch, Glendale, Ariz.
Sat., Feb. 23 vs. Brewers, 2:05	Sat., Feb. 23 (SS) vs. Dodgers, 2:05
Sun., Feb. 24 at Giants, 2:05	(SS) at Athletics, 2:05
Mon. Feb 25 (SS) at Dodgers, 2:05	(SS) at Padres, 2:10
Tue., Feb. 26 vs. D'Backs, 2:05	Mon., Feb. 25 at Giants, 2:05
Wed., Feb. 27 at Rangers, 2:05	Tue., Feb. 26 vs. Mariners, 2:05
Thu., Feb. 28 vs. Athletics, 2:05	Wed., Feb. 27 at Reds, 2:05
Fri., Mar. 1 at D'Backs, 2:10	Thu., Feb. 28 at Mariners, 2:10
Sat., Mar. 2 vs. Brewers, 2:05	Fri., Mar. 1 at Rangers, 2:05
Sun., Mar. 3 vs. White Sox, 2:05	Sat., Mar. 2 vs. Rockies, 2:05
Mon., Mar. 4 at Reds (SS), 2:05	Mon., Mar. 3 at Cubs, 2:05
Tue., Mar. 5 at Angels, 2:10	Mon., Mar. 4 vs. Angels, 2:05
Wed., Mar. 6 vs. Royals, 2:05	Tue., Mar. 5 vs. Padres (SS), 2:05
Thu., Mar. 7 vs. Rockies, 2:05	Fri., Mar. 6 at Indians, 2:05
Fri., Mar. 8 at Mariners, 2:05	Fri., Mar. 7 vs. Rockies, 2:05
Sat., Mar. 9 (SS) vs. Angels, 2:05	Fri., Mar. 8 at Angels, 2:10
Sun., Mar. 10 at Giants, 2:05	Sat., Mar. 9 at Rangers, 2:05
Sun., Mar. 11 at Brewers, 3:05	Sun., Mar. 10 vs. Athletics (SS), 3:05
Thu., Mar. 12 vs. Reds (SS), 9:05	Mon., Mar. 11 at Brewers, 3:05
Thu., Mar. 13 at Athletics, 2:05	Tue., Mar. 12 (SS) vs. Rangers, 3:05
Thu., Mar. 14 vs. Rangers (SS), 3:05	Fri., Mar. 17 at Angels (SS), 3:10
Fri., Mar. 15 at White Sox, 3:05	Sat., Mar. 23 at Dodgers, 2:05
Sat., Mar. 16 at D'Backs, 3:10	Sun., Mar. 24 vs. Indians, 2:05
Sun., Mar. 17 vs. Rockies, 3:05	Mon., Mar. 25 at D'Backs*, TBD
Sun., Mar. 18 vs. Mariners (SS), 3:05	Tue., Mar. 26 at D'Backs*, TBD
Wed., Mar. 20 vs. Dodgers, 9:05	
Thu., Mar. 21 vs. Giants, 3:05	
Fri., Mar. 22 (SS) vs. Rangers, 3:05	
(SS) at Indians, 8:05	
Sat., Mar. 23 at Rockies, 8:40	
Sun., Mar. 24 at Padres, 2:10	
Mon., Mar. 25 vs. Red Sox, 8:05	
Tue., Mar. 26 vs. Red Sox, 2:05	
<b>Regular-season opener</b>	
Thu., Mar. 28 at Rangers	
<b>Regular-season opener</b>	
Thu., Mar. 28 at Royals, TBD	

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN	WOMEN
<b>THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>	<b>THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>
<b>WEST</b>	UMKC at Creighton, 7
<b>FRI</b>	<b>FRI</b>
Delaware at Hofstra, 6	Harvard at Rhode Island, 1
UConn at Northeastern, 6	Northwestern at Rutgers, 3
<b>SOUTH</b>	Harvard at CCSU, 5
Kennessaw St. at Georgia Tech, 3	Saint Joseph's at Delaware, 6
NC A&T at East Carolina, 6	Maryland at Penn St., 5
Loyola (Md.) at NC State, 6	<b>SOUTH</b>
IUPUI at N. Kentucky, 6	NC A&T at FAU, 11 a.m.
Towson at Elon, 6	Presbyterian at Georgia, 1
Md.-Eastern Shore at Virginia Tech, 6	North Florida at Mississippi, 1
James Madison at William & Mary, 6	Howard at North Carolina, 1
Louisiana-Monroe at LSU, 7	Murray St. at Tennessee, 6
<b>MIDWEST</b>	Bethune-Cookman at Charlotte, 6
Detroit at Youngstown St., 1	East Carolina at Duke, 6
S. Dakota St. at W. Illinois, 4:30	Florida A&M at Miami, 6
Albany (N.Y.) at Kent St., 6	Samford at Vanderbilt, 7
Kentucky at Louisville, 6	<b>MIDWEST</b>
Tennessee Tech at Tennessee, noon	Yale vs. Saint Louis at Boca Raton, Fla., 1:30
Kentucky at Louisville, 6	Ohio St. at Purdue, 3
Wisconsin at N. Kentucky, 4:30	Youngstown St. at Detroit, 4
IUPUI at N. Kentucky, 6	Purdue Fort Wayne at N. Dakota St., 5
Radford at Maryland, 5	Denver at Nebraska-Omaha, 7:30
<b>MIDWEST</b>	South Dakota at N. Dakota St., 8
TCU at Hawaii Pacific, 6	<b>SOUTHWEST</b>
Purdue Fort Wayne at North Dakota, 7	TCU at Hawaii Pacific, 6
Denver at Nebraska-Omaha, 7:30	Rio Grande at Texas Tech, 6
South Dakota at N. Dakota St., 8	Texas-Arlington at Texas, 7
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	Austin Peay at Arkansas, 7
TCU at Hawaii Pacific, 6	<b>WEST</b>
Rio Grande at Texas Tech, 6	California at Gonzaga, 8
Texas-Arlington at Texas, 7	Eastern Oregon at Utah St., 8
Austin Peay at Arkansas, 7	UC Riverside at Air Force, 8
<b>WEST</b>	UC Davis at Loyola Marymount, 9
California at Gonzaga, 8	<b>SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>
Eastern Oregon at Utah St., 8	Howard at Georgetown, 11 a.m.
UC Riverside at Air Force, 8	UMBC at Penn St., noon
UC Davis at Loyola Marymount, 9	St. Bonaventure at Syracuse, 1
<b>SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>	Line at Rutgers, 2
Howard at Georgetown, 11 a.m.	<b>SOUTH</b>
UMBC at Penn St., noon	Davidson at North Carolina, 11 a.m.
St. Bonaventure at Syracuse, 1	Tennessee Tech at Tennessee, noon
Line at Rutgers, 2	Kentucky at Louisville, 6
<b>SOUTH</b>	Wisconsin at N. Kentucky, 4:30
Davidson at North Carolina, 11 a.m.	Radford at Maryland, 5
Tennessee Tech at Tennessee, noon	<b>MIDWEST</b>
Kentucky at Louisville, 6	High Point at Ohio St., 11 a.m.
Wisconsin at N. Kentucky, 4:30	Coppin St. at Notre Dame, 11 a.m.
Radford at Maryland, 5	E. Michigan at Kansas, 1
<b>MIDWEST</b>	Morehead St. at Missouri, 1
High Point at Ohio St., 11 a.m.	Delaware St. at Ball St., 1
Coppin St. at Notre Dame, 11 a.m.	N. Illinois at Michigan St., 1
E. Michigan at Kansas, 1	Penn at Toledo, 1
Morehead St. at Missouri, 1	Xavier at DePaul, 1
Delaware St. at Ball St., 1	SW Minnesota State at Nebraska, 1
N. Illinois at Michigan St., 1	Purdue Northwest at Valparaiso, 1
Penn at Toledo, 1	FAU at Illinois, 2
Xavier at DePaul, 1	McKendree at Drake, 2
SW Minnesota State at Nebraska, 1	Georgia Southern at Dayton, 2:30
Purdue Northwest at Valparaiso, 1	Ablene Christian at Texas Tech, 3
FAU at Illinois, 2	George Mason at Kansas St., 7
McKendree at Drake, 2	Bryant at Iowa, 7
Georgia Southern at Dayton, 2:30	Stony Brook at N. Iowa, 7
Ablene Christian at Texas Tech, 3	Green Bay at Milwaukee, 7
George Mason at Kansas St., 7	<b>TRANSACTIONS</b>
Bryant at Iowa, 7	
Stony Brook at N. Iowa, 7	
Green Bay at Milwaukee, 7	

## TRANSACTIONS

<b>FOOTBALL</b>	
<b>NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b>	
<b>Arizona:</b> Re-signed OL Will House to the practice squad.	
<b>Carolina:</b> Placed QB Taylor Heinicke on injured reserve. Signed RB Garrett Gilbert.	
<b>Detroit:</b> Signed WR Brian Brown to the practice squad.	
<b>Green Bay:</b> Placed DL Kenny Clark on injured reserve. Activated OL Alex Light from exempt status. Signed TE Evan Baylis to the practice squad.	
<b>Indianapolis:</b> Released QB Phillip Walker from the practice squad. Signed TE Erik Swoope to the practice squad.	
<b>San Francisco:</b> Signed WR Steven Dunbar Jr. from the practice squad.	
<b>Washington:</b> Signed LB Marquis Flowers. Signed WRs Carlos Henderson and Jordan Stewart to the practice squad.	
<b>CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b>	
<b>Winnipeg:</b> Signed DB Jacob Filorotte and LB Otha Peters Jr.	
<b>HOCKEY</b>	
<b>AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE</b>	
<b>AHL:</b> Suspended Rochester F Yannick Veilleux and Hartford F Peter Holland two games and Cleveland F Brett Gallant and San Diego F Matt Berry and Corey Tropp one game.	

## LATEST LINE

NBA	THURSDAY
pregame.com	1 Boston
at Houston	1 1/2 New York
at Milwaukee	3 1/2 LA Lakers
at Sacramento	5 Portland
at Golden State	5 Philadelphia
at Utah	

NHL	THURSDAY
Minnesota -150	at Blackhawks +140
at Boston -150	New Jersey +175
at Pittsburgh -252	Detroit +222
at Washington -167	Carolina +157
at NY Rangers -167	Columbus Off
at Tampa Bay -214	Philadelphia +194
at St. Louis -131	Buffalo +121
at Nashville -169	Dallas +159
at Winnipeg -139	Calgary +129
at Edmonton -160	Vancouver +150
at Las Vegas -135	Colorado +128
at San Jose -166	Anaheim +156
at Los Angeles -135	Arizona +125

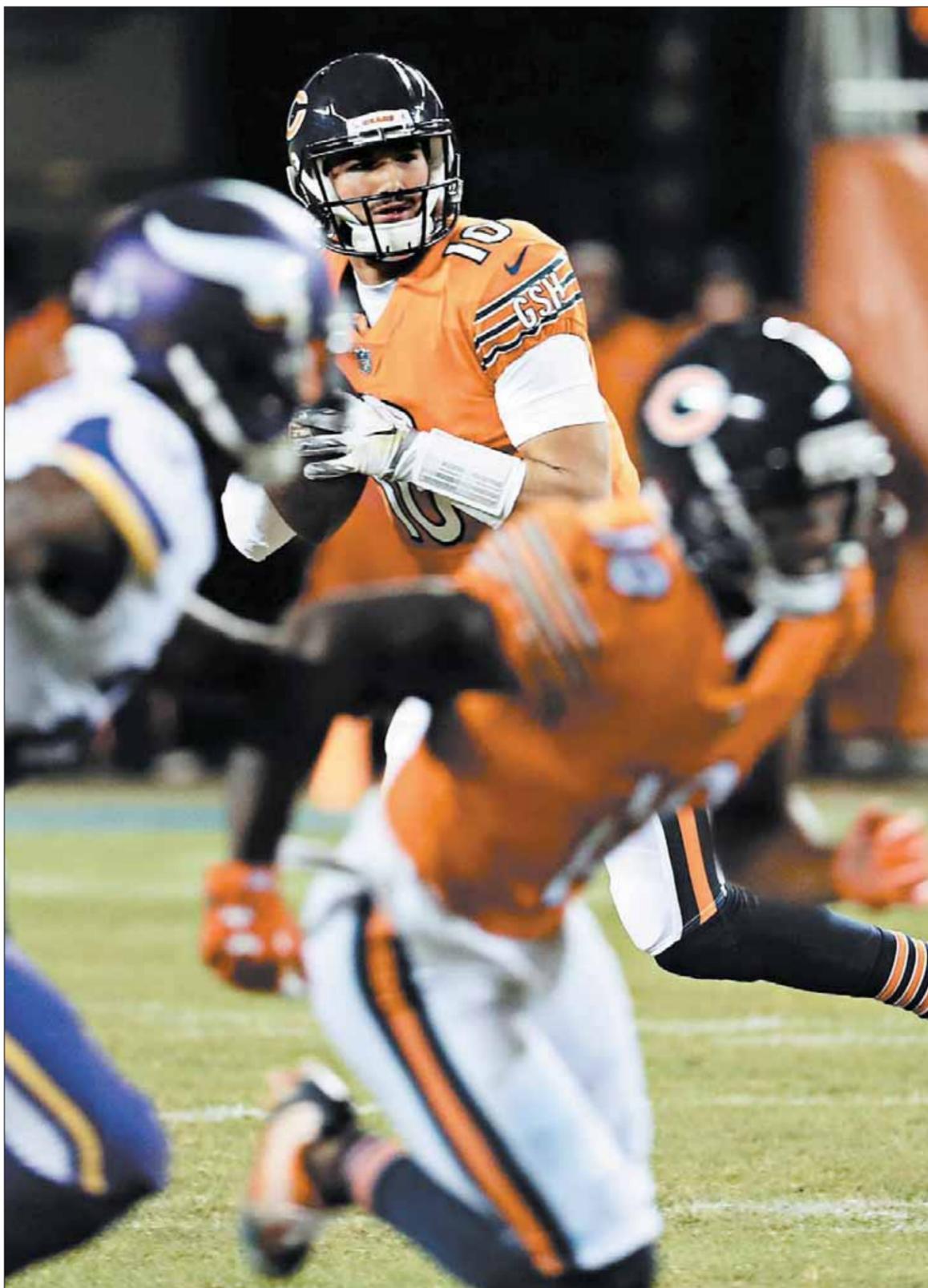
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	THURS. BOWLS
Temple 3 1/2	Duke
Miami 4	Wisconsin
Vanderbilt 4	Baylor
<b>FRI</b>	<b>FRI</b>
Auburn 3 1/2	Purdue
Syracuse 3	W. Virginia
Wash. St. 3	Iowa St.
<b>SAT</b>	<b>SAT</b>
Arkansas St. 1	Nevada
Michigan 9 1/2	Florida
S. Carolina 5	Virginia
<b>CFP Semifinals</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
Cincinnati 14	Oklahoma
Clemson 12 1/2	Alabama
<b>MON</b>	<b>MON</b>
Cincinnati 5 1/2	Virginia Tech
Stanford 5 1/2	Pittsburgh
Oregon 2 1/2	Oklahoma St.
Missouri 8	Oklahoma St.
Utah 7	Northwestern
Texas A&M 7	NC State
<b>TUES. BOWLS</b>	<b>TUES. BOWLS</b>
Miss. St. 7	Kentucky
Penn St. 6 1/2	LSU
Ohio State 7 1/2	UCF
Georgia 12 1/2	Washington
<b>NFL</b>	<b>TUES</b>
<b>WEEK 17</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
at Minnesota 4 1/2	Bears
at NY Giants 6	Dallas
at Kansas City 13 1/2	Oakland
at New Orleans 8	Carolina
at New England 13 1/2	NY Jets
Philadelphia 6 1/2	at Washington
at Green Bay 8	Detroit
Indianapolis 9 1/2	Jacksonville
at Baltimore 6 1/2	Cleveland
at Tampa Bay 1	Atlanta
at Buffalo 3 1/2	Miami
Indianapolis 3 1/2	at Tennessee
at Pittsburgh 14 1/2	Cincinnati
LA Chargers 6 1/2	at Denver
at Seattle 13 1/2	Arizona
at LA Rams 10	San Fran.

## NFL

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-BEARS	11	4	0	.733	397	273
Minnesota	8	6	1	.567	350	317
Green Bay	9	7	0	.563	329	317
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	293	360
<b>NFC EAST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>
y-Dallas	9	6	0	.600	303	289
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	343	348
Washington	7	8	0	.467	281	335
N.Y. Giants	5	10	0	.333	334	376
<b>NFC SOUTH</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>			

## BEARS

## ‘We’re going there to win’\*



## \*But Nagy reserves option to pull Bears starters from Sunday’s game at Vikings

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

Matt Nagy’s determination to play the Bears starters Sunday against the Vikings comes with an asterisk rooted in logic.

Yes, the Bears would secure a first-round bye if they beat the Vikings and the Rams lose to the 49ers. Both games kick off at 3:25 p.m. Chicago time, so that carrot will prompt the Bears to prepare this week to play and win in Minneapolis.

But Nagy didn’t become an NFL coach of the year contender by keeping his head in the sand.

If it becomes clear during Sunday’s games that the Rams are going to win and lock the Bears into the No. 3 seed, Nagy reserves the option to pull players out to preserve their health.

After all, the Bears might play the Vikings in the wild-card round the following weekend. And Vikings safety Harrison Smith did sideline Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky for two games with a late hit Nov. 18.

Plus, the Rams were 10-point favorites over the 49ers as of Wednesday afternoon.

The 49ers lost leading rusher Matt Breida and leading touchdown catcher Dante Pettis to injuries against the Bears on Sunday, and it would not be surprising if the 49ers shut them down for their finale.

“We’ll have a plan and process to get an idea of what we need to do,” Nagy said Wednesday. “But where it gets real easy is if you just play your guys to win. It would have to be something that somebody comes to me and says, ‘Hey, listen, it’s a complete blowout (by the Rams).’ And then you still have decisions to make as well. We’re going there to win the game. Regardless of who is in the game, we’re going to win the game.”

Because a wild-card round rematch against the Vikings is the Bears’ most likely playoff scenario, it makes sense for Nagy to hold some offensive plays and concepts out of Sunday’s game plan.

So, yes, while he can say the Bears are playing to win, that could be interpreted in different ways. Of course, he can expect the best effort from whichever players are on the field, but only the team will know whether they pulled out all the stops from a schematic, strategic standpoint.

From a player’s perspective, Trubisky vowed full focus and effort Sunday until his game is finished.

“There’s a lot of people working hard to make sure that people behind the scenes

Mitch Trubisky will try to lead the Bears past the Vikings but may be lifted if they have no chance to get the No. 2 seed.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

are making the right decision and doing what needs to be done to make sure that this team and organization are in the right spot going forward,” he said. “For me, when I step in between those lines, it’s just tunnel vision, I’m out there playing football with my boys.”

Given the unlikelihood of the Bears getting a first-round bye, prioritizing player health and game strategy for the playoffs makes the most sense.

To that end, receiver Allen Robinson sat out Wednesday’s practice with a ribs injury he suffered while making a diving catch against the 49ers. Free safety Eddie Jackson (right ankle) and outside linebacker Aaron Lynch (right elbow) also sat out.

Nagy said the team will monitor those players’ recoveries but gave no indication they’ll play Sunday in the regular-season finale. They have been cautious with other players’ injuries, and given the elevated stakes next week, it would not be surprising if all three sat out Sunday.

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## Trubisky just focused on building momentum

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“I just know my quarterback was on the ground, and you don’t take cheap shots at our quarterback,” Long said. “I could be out there in my underwear, I’m still going to be going after somebody.”

Smith was flagged for unnecessary roughness and fined \$10,026 for his hit, which came late in the fourth quarter after an awkward slide on Trubisky’s side following a 5-yard run. Trubisky’s shoulder injury forced the Bears to start Chase Daniel, who went 1-1.

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said Wednesday via conference call with Chicago reporters that he thought Trubisky “slid late.”

“Obviously we can’t hit him in the head and neck area, but if he slides in late, we’re going to have to hit him,” Zimmer said. “I don’t know what else we can do. ... They’re telling us to pull off of guys, but every yard’s important. So we’re going to play clean. We’re not a dirty football team or anything like that. I wouldn’t want anybody taking cheap shots on my quarter-

**“For me, it’s an easy mindset. Coach says go, and we’re going.”**

— Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky

back either. We’re going to hit him if it’s clean.”

Bears coach Matt Nagy said he doesn’t expect his team to be thinking about that play Sunday.

“That’s not where we’re at as a team,” Nagy said. “Our team wasn’t about that the other day with that hit (by the 49ers). It was more of a defense mechanism to protect your guy. But we’re not about being revengeful or getting back (at) anybody.”

Trubisky, whose play has been up and down in three games since returning from the injury, has plenty of other things to worry about Sunday.

His main takeaway from the previous meeting with the Vikings defense, which ranks third with 198.5 passing yards

allowed per game, was ball security. He threw two interceptions and completed 20 of 31 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown. Tarik Cohen also lost a fumble.

Trubisky said the Bears need to focus on staying out of difficult third-down situations. Vikings opponents are converting only 28.4 percent of third downs, the league’s lowest rate.

Obviously the Bears also want Trubisky to emerge healthy as they gear up for their first playoff game in eight years. So they could decide to sit him midway through the game if the Rams are blowing out the 49ers, not risking another hit that could cause him harm.

Until then, Trubisky said he’s happy to be playing in a final tune-up for the postseason.

“I’m always eager for the opportunity to play,” Trubisky said. “We’re going out there with our starters and competing. For me, it’s an easy mindset. Coach says go, and we’re going.”

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## NFC PLAYOFF PICTURE

## Take your pick: Who do you want the Bears to play?

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

The Bears enter the final week of the regular season with their eyes on the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye. The scenario for earning that is straightforward: They need to beat the Vikings, and the Rams need to lose to the 49ers.

Most likely, though, the Bears will be the No. 3 seed. The Rams are 10-point favorites at home against a depleted 49ers team that’s limping into the offseason. So our focus here is on the scenarios that will determine the Bears’ opponent in the wild-card round — the Seahawks, Vikings or Eagles.

Each team presents a unique set of challenges. The Seahawks have protected the ball better than any team in the NFL. The Vikings have a great defense and are fairly well-balanced. The Eagles are hot and have the experience of winning last season’s Super Bowl. No matter which team comes to Soldier Field on the first weekend in January, the Bears will have their work cut out for them.

So which team will it be? This flow chart should help you follow the action as it unfolds beginning at 3:25 p.m. Sunday. It looks complicated, but don’t be intimidated. It’s not that bad.

## Potential first-round foes

Assuming the Rams take care of business and lock up the No. 2 seed



**The Bears would play the Seahawks if:** The Seahawks lose to the Cardinals and the Vikings beat the Bears. In this scenario, the Vikings would be the No. 5 seed at 9-6-1, and the Seahawks would be sixth at 9-7. If the Seahawks and Eagles tie at 9-7, the Seahawks would win the tiebreaker because they have a superior NFC record.



**The Bears would play the Vikings if:** The Seahawks beat or tie the Cardinals and the Vikings claim the sixth playoff berth. The Vikings could do that in one of two ways: If they beat or tie the Bears, or if the Eagles lose to or tie the Redskins. One other unlikely scenario would pit the Vikings against the Bears in the wild-card round: If the Vikings tie the Bears to finish 8-6-2 and the Seahawks lose to the Cardinals to finish 9-7, the Vikings and Seahawks technically would be tied in the standings, with the Seahawks winning the tiebreaker by virtue of their head-to-head victory. What you really need to know: Bears-Vikings in the wild-card round is the most likely scenario.



**The Bears would play the Eagles if:** The Seahawks beat or tie the Cardinals, the Vikings lose to the Bears and the Eagles beat the Redskins. If all that happened, the Eagles would roll into Soldier Field as one of the hottest teams in the league.

## Standings

Top two seeds get first-round byes; division winners are top four seeds; seeds 5 and 6 are the wild-card teams

- 1. Saints (13-2) vs. Panthers
- 2. Rams (12-3) vs. 49ers
- 3. Bears (11-4) at Vikings
- 4. Cowboys (9-6) at Giants
- 5. Seahawks (9-6) vs. Cardinals
- 6. Vikings (8-6-1) vs. Bears
- 7. Eagles (8-7) at Redskins

## Scenarios

## Saints

Already clinched the NFC South title, home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs and a first-round bye.

## Rams

Already clinched the NFC West title. Would clinch a first-round bye (No. 2 seed) with:

- 1. Win or tie, OR
- 2. Bears loss or tie

## Bears

Already clinched the NFC North title. Would clinch a first-round bye (No. 2 seed) with a win PLUS a Rams loss.

## Cowboys

Already clinched the NFC East title. Set as the No. 4 seed.

## Seahawks

Already clinched a wild-card berth. Will play on the road in the wild-card round as either the No. 5 or 6 seed.

## Vikings

Would clinch a wild-card berth with:

- 1. Win or tie, OR
- 2. Eagles loss or tie

## Eagles

Would clinch a wild-card berth with:

- 1. Win PLUS Vikings loss

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The University of Maryland-Baltimore County bench reacts to the Retrievers' 74-54 victory over the top-seeded Virginia Cavaliers during the first round of the 2018 NCAA tournament on March 16, 2018 in Charlotte, N.C. It was the first upset of a No. 1 seed by a No. 16 since the tournament went to its current 64-team format.

# UMBC's win over Virginia was biggest surprise of 2018

BY JOHN MARSHALL  
Associated Press

The University of Maryland-Baltimore County had no chance. Not against mighty Virginia, certainly not against history.

No 16th seed had ever beaten a No. 1 in NCAA tournament history, the lopsided ledger climbing to 135-0 through the opening weekend of 2018.

The Retrievers also had the daunting task of facing the bracket's No. 1 overall seed, the Final Four-favorite Cavaliers who romped through the nation's toughest conference with just one loss.

History was made in Charlotte, North Carolina, that March night.

Playing with poise while dismantling the nation's best defense, the commuter school known more for its chess prowess than hoops made all the right moves and busted brackets across the country by pulling off one of the most stunning upsets in sports history: No. 16 UMBC 74, No. 1 Virginia 54.

By joining the likes of underdogs Buster Douglas, Joe Namath and the Miracle on Ice hockey team, the Retrievers were easily the biggest surprise of the 2018 sports year.

"These are the moments that you dream of," UMBC's Jairus Lyles said.

UMBC went on to lose in the second round to Kansas State but set the bar for all future No. 16 NCAA tournament seeds.

No longer is beating a No. 1 in the first round an impossible dream. The Retrievers paved the way.

A few more of the biggest sports surprises in 2018:

### Tiger's title

Tiger Woods had been showing signs of returning to form from a series of back surgeries, coming oh-so-close to winning on the PGA Tour.

A long-awaited victory was all that was missing in his comeback.

It came at an unlikely place: the Tour Championship, one of the biggest tournaments outside the majors.

Playing like the Tiger of old, not old Tiger, Woods shot his way into a first-round lead at East Lake and stayed in contention all weekend. By the time the approach was hit from the 18th fairway, Woods strode up toward the green like a conquering hero, a mass of fans following him step for step.

His career seemingly derailed by debilitating injuries and a series of personal pitfalls, Woods had become a winner again, 1,876 days



TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY

Marques Townes of Loyola celebrates with Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt after the Ramblers defeated the Tennessee Volunteers 63-62 in the second round of the 2018 NCAA tournament.

since he last hoisted a trophy. A huge boon to Woods and maybe an even bigger one for golf.

### Golden in Vegas

Most expansion teams need a year or two — at least — to find their footing in the NHL.

Not the Golden Knights of Las Vegas.

Vegas started quickly, winning eight of its first nine and kept rolling — all the way into the Stanley Cup Final in the most successful expansion season in modern sports history.

The Golden Knights also helped heal a city scarred by a mass shooting before the season started and invigorated a fan base that had been waiting for a professional team of its own.

### Sister Jean and the Ramblers

UMBC's takedown of Virginia was not the only shocking development of the NCAA tournament. Possibly inspired by the Retrievers, the Loyola Ramblers pulled off a bit of bracket-busting magic of their own.

With 98-year-old Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt at their side as the team's chaplain, the Ramblers rambled through the bracket, stunning Miami in the opening round, then taking down Tennessee to reach the Sweet 16.

They didn't stop there, finish-



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Eagles quarterback Nick Foles celebrates with the Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Patriots 41-33 in Super Bowl LIII in Minneapolis.

ing off Nevada and Kansas State to become the fourth No. 11 seed to reach the Final Four. Loyola lost to Michigan, but its run — and its nun — were an inspiration to millions.

### Miracle in Miami

The New England Patriots are known as one of the most disciplined teams in the NFL. It's led them to five Super Bowl titles

under coach Bill Belichick, so something is obviously working.

That's what made their meltdown against the Miami Dolphins so surprising.

Leading 33-28, the Patriots' 10th straight AFC East title seemed to be a foregone conclusion with 16 seconds left and Miami at its 31.

Instead of wrapping up the game, the Patriots failed to wrap up the play as the Dolphins

double-lateraled their way to a stunning 34-33 victory.

As NFL stunners go, the one in Miami is right up there with the miracles of the Meadowlands and Music City.

### Germany takes down Canada

Canada was among the favorites to win hockey gold at the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics, even without NHL players for the first time since 1994. The Canadians were the two-time reigning Olympic champions and still had a plethora of talent on their roster.

Canada reached the semifinals and faced Germany, a heavy underdog even after beating Sweden in the quarterfinals.

The Germans jumped to leads of 3-0 and 4-1, then held off a big Canadian push to earn an unexpected spot in the finals against Russia. Canada was out and Germany was on its way to a silver medal.

### World Cup upsets

France won its second World Cup by beating Croatia 4-2. Not much of a surprise, but the tournament had a few shocking moments before it reached the final.

In the group stage, star Lionel Messi missed a penalty kick and plucky Iceland held two-time champion Argentina to a 1-1 draw at World Cup.

Defending champion Germany needed a big rally to beat Sweden to avoid getting knocked out of the World Cup, only to lose 2-0 to South Korea and exit in the opening round.

Russia also pulled off a stunner by knocking out Spain in a shoot-out 4-3.

The string of upsets made the 2018 World Cup one of the best.

### Eagles win Super Bowl

When MVP candidate Carson Wentz went down, so seemingly did the Philadelphia Eagles' Super Bowl chances.

In stepped Nick Foles. A quarterback who once considered quitting the game, Foles led the Eagles on one of the most improbable runs to the Super Bowl after Wentz injured his knee in December.

Foles caught a touchdown pass in a play nicknamed the "Philly Special" and led Philadelphia on a gutty late drive, earning MVP honors as the Eagles won their first NFL championship since 1960.

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## Dives, buzzer-beaters and kicks: 2018's plays of the year

BY TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

This was a year of moments.

Justify won the Triple Crown. The U.S. beat Canada in a shootout for gold in women's hockey at the Pyeongchang Olympics, and John Shuster pulled off a curling shot of all-time to win another gold for the red, white and blue. Stefon Diggs engineered a miracle in Minneapolis to win a playoff game for the Vikings. Roger Federer won a point at the U.S. Open without getting the ball over the net. Tiger Woods walked down the 18th fairway as a winner again. Loyola Chicago became the darlings of college basketball during the NCAA Tournament, fueled by a penchant for dramatics at the buzzer.

All of them spectacular.

Still, none of them made the list of the Plays of the Year.

These come from some of the biggest events of the year — the Stanley Cup Final, the World Cup, the Super Bowl, the AL Championship Series and the women's Final Four. One was from a volleyball player using her feet, another was a quarterback who made a winning throw but didn't touch a football. And they all stood out a bit more than most.

Here are the best plays in sports for 2018:

### 10. Holtby saves the Caps:

Washington goalie Braden Holtby might have turned the Stanley Cup Final around with one save. Alex Tuch had a chance to tie Game 2 of the series with about two minutes left in regulation. Alone in the slot, he took a pass and had tons of open net to shoot at from right on the doorstep — only to be denied by Holtby, who stabbed his stick at the air and just managed to find the puck. "Thank God he's our goalie," Caps star Alex Ovechkin said. The Capitals went on to win the series.

### 9. Harden breaks ankles:

Poor Wesley Johnson. Poor, poor Wesley Johnson. All he was trying to do was guard Houston star James Harden, and he ended up on the ground as an unwitting participant in a highlight for the ages. Harden crossed Johnson over and caused him to stumble to the floor — it's called "breaking ankles" in basketball vernacular — and it only got worse from there for the Los Angeles Clippers guard. Harden stared at him, held the ball for nearly three seconds, then made a 3-pointer.

### 8. Messi, in a flash:

Argentina's Lionel Messi, even in a full sprint, simply does things that hardly anyone else in the soccer-playing world can pull off. He took a long pass in a World Cup game against Nigeria, controlled it with his left thigh, then tapped it forward with his left foot — the ball hadn't hit the ground yet — then stutter-stepped his way to the ball and delivered a right-footed strike into the far side of the net.

### 7. Bump, kick, spike:

The pass from Kailey Elrod wasn't perfect, and all Talia Watson could do was get her foot on the ball and flick it skyward. By the way, this wasn't soccer. This was volleyball. The Cedar Crest College Falcons of Allentown, Pennsylvania, had match point against the College of Staten Island on Sept. 6, and Elrod's bump from the baseline was low. Wilson got her foot on the ball — yes, it's legal — to extend the point, and eventually Wilson had a more conventional set to set up a kill that capped Cedar Crest's 3-0 victory.

### 6. Sling and a prayer:

Julian McGarvey is a quarterback at Marist College, and his best throw of 2018 had nothing to do with football. Down by two with time running out in New York state's Section 1 Class A boys basketball championship game, McGarvey intercepted a long pass, stumbled, gathered himself — some angles show that he didn't travel, either — and heaved a 70-foot desperation try that dropped to give Ardsley a 52-51 win over Tappan Zee. Ardsley went on to make the state championship game, before eventually falling.

### 5. LeBron saves the day:

Jimmy Butler tried a layup with about three seconds left in overtime,



CHRISTOPHER EVANS/AP

The Red Sox's Andrew Benintendi makes a diving catch with the bases loaded for the final out in the ninth inning against the Houston Astros in Game 4 of the American League Championship Series in Houston. The Red Sox defeated the Astros 8-6 to take a 3-1 lead in the series.



RON SCHWANE/AP

Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale sinks a 3-point basket over Mississippi State's Victoria Vivians to defeat the Bulldogs 61-58 in the title game at the women's NCAA Final Four.

only to have it swatted away by LeBron James who tracked the play perfectly and rejected Butler's shot with ease. And moments later, James outdid himself — again. After a timeout, James delivered Cleveland a win over Minnesota when he took an in-bounds pass, turned and swished a fadeaway over Butler to help the Cavs top the Timberwolves 140-138.

**4. Tua for the win:** This has to be the best second-and-26 play in football history. Down by 3 in overtime, in the national championship game, one play after taking a very bad sack for a 16-yard loss, Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa connected with DeVonta Smith on a

41-yard toss on what became the final play of the Crimson Tide's 26-23 win over Georgia. Tagovailoa took over for Jalen Hurts at the half and threw for three TDs as Alabama finished off its fifth national championship in the last 10 seasons.

**3. Patriots posterized — twice:** The two most memorable plays of 2018 in the NFL have much in common — they were touchdowns against the New England Patriots, went viral immediately and got cool names to boot. The Philly Special was Nick Foles catching a touchdown pass from Trey Burton late in the first half of the Philadelphia Eagles' win in the Super Bowl over the Pats, and the



TONY DEJAK/AP

The Cavaliers' LeBron James, left, blocks a shot by the Timberwolves' Jimmy Butler in overtime. The Cavs won on James' fadeaway jumper.



DAVID SANTIAGO/AP

Dolphins running back Kenyan Drake, left, runs for an unlikely touchdown in the closing seconds against the Patriots.

Miami Miracle was the Dolphins connecting on a pass and two laterals before Kenyan Drake darted into the end zone to cap a 69-yard touchdown that beat New England 34-33 on the final play.

**2. Arike's two miracles:** Saying Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale had a flair for the dramatic at the women's Final Four doesn't even come close to doing what she did justice. She broke ties, and broke the hearts of Connecticut and Mississippi State. Against UConn, Ogunbowale's jumper with 1 second left put Notre Dame ahead to stay in the national semifinals — and two nights later, in the national-title game, she went to the right and let fly with a wild, high-arcing 3 that dropped at the

buzzer for the win.

### 1. A dive into Red Sox lore:

Andrew Benintendi may never make a better catch. The left fielder for the Boston Red Sox made a diving grab to end Game 4 of the AL Championship Series, a huge play on his team's run to the World Series title. Boston led 8-6 in Game 4, up 2-1 in the series, but the bases were loaded in Houston and the crowd at Minute Maid Park was roaring. Alex Bregman hit a liner that was sinking fast, and if it had gotten past Benintendi the Astros would have likely scored three runs to win. But Benintendi dove perfectly, snared the ball just above the grass and the rest is now Red Sox lore — as well as the play of the year.



GETTY

With more shows than a person can watch in a lifetime on Netflix and increasing competition for broadcast and cable, TV's fragmentation reflects the nation's divisiveness.

BY LORRAINE ALI | Los Angeles Times

The flat screen on your living room wall, the cable box below it and that digital program guide that help you find your way through an increasingly congested universe of shopping networks, reality show repeats and the eight channels you actually watch might as well have been inhabitants of a dying star in 2018.

Television, already bursting at the seams with peak programming and lots of filler, finally blew apart this year, fragmenting into a dizzying constellation of nearly 500 new original series and destinations we've yet to explore (the forthcoming launch of subscription streaming services from Apple, Warner Media, Disney and, yes, Costco and Walmart), plus a whole lot of space debris that includes "Terrence Howard's Fright Club," a Fox Nation cooking show and 98 percent of the offer-

ings on YouTube TV. A record 495 original scripted series dropped this year, and for the first time, streaming platforms such as Hulu and Amazon Prime delivered more original series programming than broadcast and cable networks. Forget arguments about when and how peak TV will peak. Judging from the last 12 months, it doesn't appear we're anywhere close to the summit. More interesting is what's been happening below those lofty heights. After

a decade or more of seismic shifts across the industry, 2018 became the year television broke TV. The very structure of the medium morphed and changed so rapidly over the last year that we still haven't wrapped our heads — or attention spans — around exactly what it is we're watching.

Was the YouTube live stream of Beyoncé's performance at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival a TV event or something else? And what about the wonderfully bizarre formatting of "Atlanta's" second season? It was shown on FX, but the series' self-contained episodes resembled nothing else on TV.

The fragmentation of America's most popular medium seemed to fit the popular mood — excitement and confusion as the usual order lapsed into unprecedented chaos. A record num-

ber of viewers became cord cutters in 2018. From July to September, 1.1 million subscribers opted to sever ties with their longtime cable and satellite TV providers for the cheaper subscription models offered by Netflix, Apple TV, Sling TV and many more. It was one more way in which viewing habits and industry norms were upended in such a dramatic fashion that it made the premium cable revolution of the early 2000s look quaint.

The flood of fresh content and platforms in 2018 didn't necessarily equal a drop in quality, though it arrived with the usual complaints that this year could never top the one before it: "Killing Eve" is no match for "The Handmaid's Tale's" first season. There were so many must-see shows that it

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## Tapping, rapping through 'Poppins'

Lin-Manuel Miranda takes on the big screen with Cockneyed cheer

BY ASHLEY LEE  
 Los Angeles Times

Lin-Manuel Miranda has already seen "Mary Poppins Returns" three times.

Usually, actors promoting projects around the globe are on duty before and after each screening for red-carpet photos and post-show chats. They might opt not to sit through their own film more than once. But at glitzy premieres and guild events for his new musical, Miranda often assumes his seat.

"Do people usually skip those?" he asked, shaking his head. "I worked too hard on this movie not to watch it."

Of course, Miranda is no stranger to hard work. The 38-year-old theater composer spent five years practically perfecting the Tony-, Grammy- and Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway behemoth "Hamilton," and starred in the three-hour production seven times per week.

But "Mary Poppins Returns," Disney's movie-musical sequel to the beloved 1964 Julie Andrews classic opening Wednesday, is Miranda's first major film role. The movie opens and closes with its leading man, bicycling wide-eyed through 1930s London. He sings with a broad Cockney accent, he raps a nursery rhyme, he dances with hand-



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Lin-Manuel Miranda's role as a lamplighter named Jack in "Mary Poppins Returns" earned him his first Golden Globe nomination.

drawn animated animals. He leads an eight-minute, tongue-twisting number that, because of its numerous elements — tap! torches! BMX parkour! — required 50 dancers and two weeks to shoot across multiple locations.

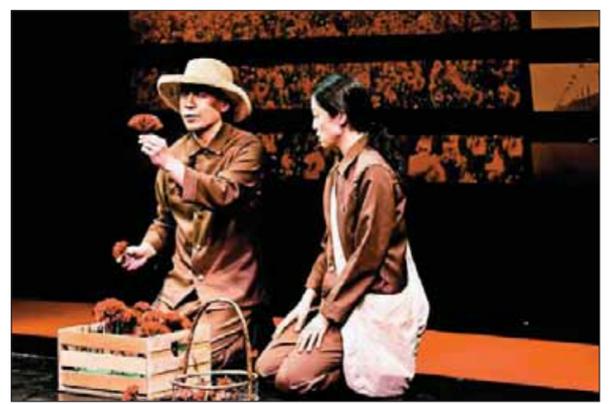
While critics are mixed about the movie (reviews have ranged from "thoroughly delightful" to "bright, gaudy and mirthless"), the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. was pleased, awarding Miranda his first Golden Globe nomination for acting.

Watching himself on screen

"felt like the first time I saw 'Hamilton' as an audience member," he told The Times. Onstage as Hamilton, he said, "I was inside that thing, trusting my collaborators that we were telling the story. I knew from the reaction of the audiences that we were, but that didn't prepare me for the first time I saw 'Satisfied' — holy ... , look at the 50 things going on here!"

"That's how I felt when I saw this movie. Shooting those animated sequences, we were danc-

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MICHAEL TUTINO PHOTO

Gordon Chow and Helen Joo Lee in "You for Me for You."

**BEST OF THE ARTS 2018 Theater**

## Five Chicago shows that challenged tired notions

BY KERRY REID  
 Chicago Tribune

Issues of identity and immigration, borders and belonging, took on harsh and frightening dimensions in the headlines this year. So in looking over the shows that made the biggest impression on me in 2018, it's probably not surprising that they all — thematically and aesthetically — confronted what happens when we try to move beyond the walls around our world.

In the process, these five shows also managed to transcend tired notions of smug contrarianism as an act of theatrical provocation. They offered truly provocative and rich portraits of what it means to struggle with who we are — particularly when we're from identities that are too often erased before

getting to the spotlight. They took us into narrative structures and genres beyond the meat-and-potatoes well-made "issue" play into worlds that were sometimes impenetrable, sometimes horrifying — and yet always lit by an inner spark of empathy.

Sideshow Theatre Company produced two of these shows and they serve as bookends of sorts. Mía Chung's "You for Me for You," directed by Elly Green last March, and J. Nicole Brooks' "HeLa" (directed by Jonathan L. Green) are, respectively, the first and last plays of the five shows highlighted here that I saw. Though in some ways they couldn't be more different from each other, a second glance shows just how connected they really are when it comes to

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Rapper Nicki Minaj's role in the "Angry Birds" sequel due for release in August has yet to be disclosed.

## Nicki Minaj joins 'Angry Birds 2' cast

Nicki Minaj has joined "The Angry Birds Movie 2." The Sony Animation sequel hits theaters Aug. 16, 2019.

Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Bill Hader, Danny McBride and Peter Dinklage all will reprise their roles from the first film. They are joined by Leslie Jones, Rachel Bloom, Awkwafina, Sterling K. Brown and Zach Woods.

Minaj's role is currently unknown.

The release date for "Angry Birds Movie 2" coincides with the 10th anniversary of the hit video game. The "Angry Birds" games have been downloaded more than 4 billion times.

"Angry Birds" grossed \$350 million worldwide, including \$107.5 million domestically, in 2016. The film, directed by Fergal Reilly and Clay Kaytis, was set on an island populated entirely by happy, flightless birds — except for Red (voiced by Sudeikis), speedy Chuck (Gad) and Bomb (McBride). Hader returns as Leonard, king of the pigs, and Dinklage voices the Mighty Eagle.

Minaj's movie credits include "Ice Age: Continental Drift," "The Other Woman" and "Barbershop: The Next Cut." The rapper has received 10 Grammy Awards nominations, six American Music Awards, 11 BET Awards and four MTV Video Music Awards.

— Variety



ARTHUR MOLA/INVISION

**Klum engaged:** Supermodel Heidi Klum is engaged to her musician boyfriend. The 45-year-old German model announced her engagement to Tokio Hotel guitarist Tom Kaulitz in an Instagram post Monday. Klum has been dating the 29-year-old Kaulitz for nearly a year. She went public about their relationship in May.

**"Below Deck" star arrested:** "Below Deck" star Ross Inia, who is featured on the sixth season of the Bravo series, was arrested early Saturday in Florida on charges of disorderly conduct and battery on a police officer or firefighter. The report says Inia punched an officer who was trying to break up an altercation involving Inia and two other men. Inia was released from the Palm Beach County jail on \$15,000 bond.

**"Glee" actor charged with DUI:** "Glee" actor Jesse Luken was reportedly arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in California. Luken reeked of booze and failed a sobriety test by Glendale police officers, according to TMZ. Los Angeles County arrest records show he was booked on a misdemeanor charge Dec. 6. He posted \$5,000 bail and was released that same day. The actor, 35, played jock Bobby "Boom Boom" Surette on four episodes of the Fox show.

**Dec. 27 birthdays:** Actress Eva LaRue is 52. Actor Wilson Cruz is 45. Actress Emilie de Ravin is 37. Singer Hayley Williams is 30. Actor Timothee Chalamet is 23.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Wanting to address son's music choice

**Dear Amy:** My wife and I adopted a brother and sister from Ethiopia in 2011. We were a Caucasian family of four, and the addition of two African children blended nicely.

There have been no real behavioral or attachment issues with our Ethiopian children, and it feels like they have been with us forever. Skin color has never been an issue for us, and living in California, our blended family has not been an issue with anyone.

My son is now 15 and really enjoys rap music. I have a huge issue with the majority of the lyrics, which are often filled with words that are demeaning to women and are explicit, sexual and sometimes downright pornographic. I have spoken to my son about how these songs are disrespectful to women and how these kinds of lyrics can desensitize him.

Nobody in our family has ever listened to rap music, but he has connected with it because of his ethnicity. Our family does not use this type of language, so I am surprised these lyrics are something he would choose to sing along with. He says he just likes it. His phone has a filter to block explicit content, but he has found ways around it.

I don't want him to think I am an out-of-touch dad. I want him to understand there are better choices in music. There must be some "clean" rap music. Suggestions?

— Rap-attacked Dad

**Dear Rap-attacked:** You are an out-of-touch dad. It's OK. Hitch up your Dockers and own it. Please, even though they

are your children, do not ignore or deny your kids' race and ethnicity. Even if you live in a multi-ethnic area, they are made aware of their racial identity in little and large ways, every day. And at 15, it is appropriate for your son to explore. He may "code switch," jumping between his two identities: as a young man of color and as a member of a majority white family.

Dads have been hating teen music since the dawn of time. Some popular songs from your own youth contain lyrics that glorify drug use or celebrate sexist or abusive attitudes. I am aware of, and appalled by, the violent and misogynist lyrics in some music, but, it can't all be Taylor Swift. For music with beat, poetry and anger — but none of the misogynist violence — check out the work of Chicago artist Common.

Be honest with your son, and ask him to describe the appeal of the music he likes. Share your views about the lyrics, and tell him you don't want that language broadcast in the house, but don't police this too closely. When he says he just likes this music, believe him.

**Dear Amy:** My childhood friend married this past summer. She revealed her pregnancy to me at my bridal shower about a month later (it was early, but she was excited). She and I don't talk too often, but when she told me we made plans to go shopping for baby clothes.

The weekend we were supposed to go shopping, she miscarried. I offered my condolences and she

seemed hopeful about trying again. We haven't really talked much since.

Recently, she shared a post on Facebook about infertility. I was heartbroken to see that she was struggling with this. I'm wondering if I should reach out to her again, to offer support, but I don't know what to say. What do you suggest I do and say?

— Wanting to Comfort a Friend

**Dear Wanting to Comfort:**

Your friend has posted on social media, and it is appropriate to respond in a natural and nurturing way. You say (privately, not on FB), "I saw your posting about infertility. I'm in your corner, and if you ever want to talk about this, I'm here for you."

**Dear Amy:** Responding to "Still Here," the singleton who wondered when people would start celebrating her life choices, I'm still here, too — and happy to be so!

My parents were so cool. Long, long ago, when I was in my 30s, living happily alone, they would buy me the occasional non-wedding present — antique desk lamp, lovely summer dress, etc.

They were fabulously unusual in so many ways, so ahead of their time.

— Happy Claire in Oakland

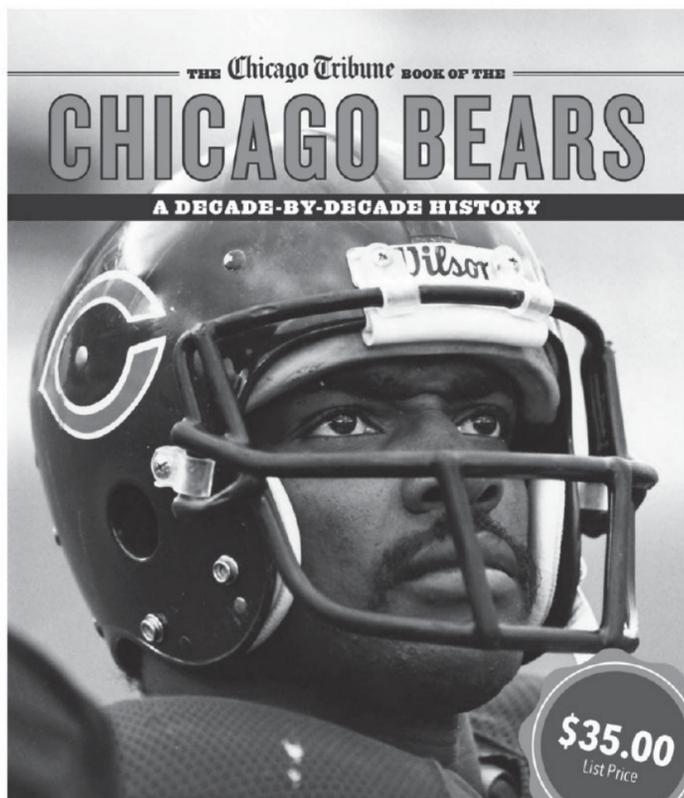
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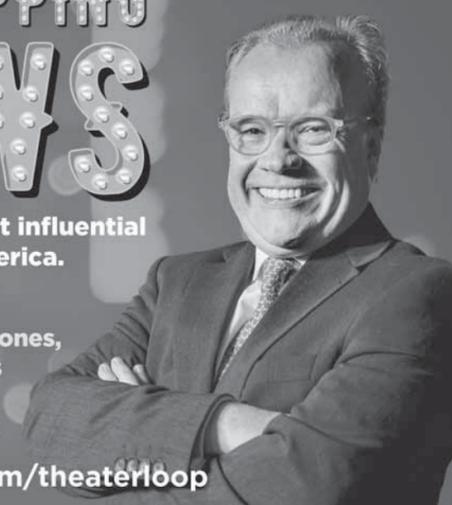
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## BOOK REVIEW

## Farah's latest looks at radical terrorism

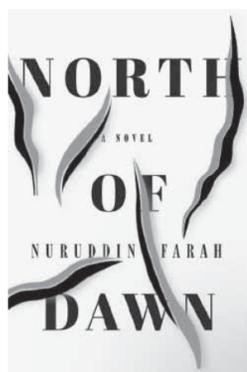
Son is a suicide bomber and parents try to regroup

By RON CHARLES  
The Washington Post

When Nuruddin Farah writes fiction about the ravages of terrorism, the details may be imaginary but the scars are real. The celebrated Somali novelist, a frequent contender for the Nobel Prize in literature, lost his sister Basra Farah Hassan in 2014. A nutritionist working for UNICEF, she was murdered, along with at least 20 others, when the Taliban bombed a restaurant in Kabul.

Farah's new book, "North of Dawn," places its characters far from flying shrapnel but deep in conflicted grief. Like his previous novel, "Hiding in Plain Sight," it's concerned with difficult questions of forgiveness and recovery in the aftermath of violence. The story opens in Oslo, when a Somali diplomat named Mugdi gets word that his only son has blown himself up at the airport in Mogadishu. Mugdi and his wife, Gacalo, suspected their son was radicalized, but news of his death makes it impossible to ignore the truth any longer: They are the parents of a suicide bomber.

Shocked and disgusted, Mugdi wants nothing to do with the memory of his late son. "How can I mourn a son who caused the death of so many innocent people?" he asks. "I explode into rage every time I remember what he did." But his wife refuses to relinquish her love for the young man, and she's determined to keep their parental connection alive by inviting their son's widow and her two children to Oslo. That invitation, sent on the wings of affection



## 'North of Dawn'

By Nuruddin Farah, Riverhead, 373 pages, \$27

and duty, ensnares Gacalo and Mugdi in a complicated kindness that will alter the rest of their lives.

"North of Dawn" is a story we rarely hear, a tale concerning the terrorist's family that takes place in the long shadow of grief, shame and twisted loyalty. It's also a story pulsing with the adrenaline of our era: a toxic mix of zealotry and xenophobia.

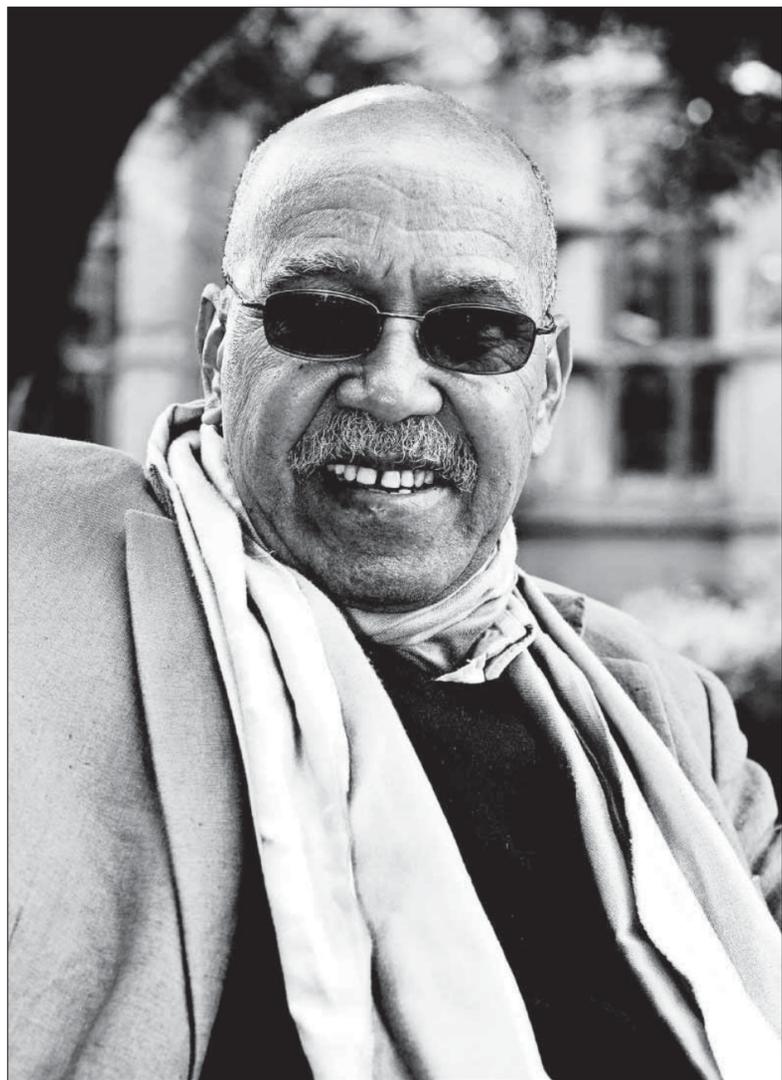
It's not hard to imagine that Farah, who currently lives in South Africa, has infused the protagonist of this novel with his own dismay. Mugdi is a Somali who "detests Somalia's dysfunction." He's a foreign-born resident who fears his host country's growing intolerance. He's a spiritual man who has lost his faith in organized religion, though "the ringing of the muezzin stirs memories within him."

As the novel opens, Mugdi is thrust into the awkward role of welcoming a daughter-in-law poisoned by the same radicalism that turned his son

into a killer. She arrives from a refugee camp in a state of terrified bewilderment, fully cloaked, unwilling to speak to him — or any man — directly. Even before they've left the Oslo airport, we can see the clash of secular and religious values that will confound this awkward new family. When Mugdi asks her to fasten her seat belt, she announces: "We'll die on the day that Allah has ordained for us to die, whether we wear this thing or not." The test of wills has just begun.

"North of Dawn" is bracingly honest about the difficulties of assimilation, the way hospitality curdles into condescension and gratitude sours into resentment. Mugdi and his wife are extraordinarily generous toward their daughter-in-law, a young woman named Waliya, but Mugdi expects her to reciprocate by going to language classes, finding a job and becoming a productive member of Western society. Waliya, for her part, remains unwilling to do anything that might contaminate her. Alarmed by the permissive culture of Norway, she's intensely alienated from her new home and determined to cling to her conservative practice of Islam ever more fiercely.

But for Farah, Muslim radicalism is not a problem in isolation. It's merely one side of the coin of intolerance that's gaining currency in liberal democracies. "We are caught," a friend tells Mugdi, "between a small group of Nazi-inspired vigilantes and a small group of radical jihadis claiming to belong to a purer strain of Islam." His wife agrees: "We must



JEFFREY WILSON PHOTO

Nuruddin Farah's new novel is set primarily in Norway and involves a clash of cultures.

all beware of provocateurs, no matter their allegiances, who are enemies to the nation at large and of peace everywhere."

This is such a timely, necessary argument, but I wish it were expressed more gracefully in these pages. "North of Dawn" suffers from a ramshackle quality one might expect from an exciting but not quite finished draft. There are strange gaps in the plot, and the prose sometimes slips into antique clichés. Confronted by an aggressive woman at his front door, Mugdi suspects "that she has cased the joint." Another character "moves

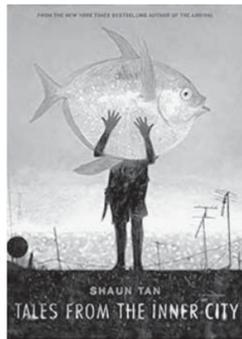
like greased lightning and is at the cafe huffing and puffing." And Farah's characters sometimes speak in weirdly artificial ways. A teenage girl says to her boyfriend, "Nothing would give me more joy than to come with you and to make their acquaintance" — a remark that would sound more natural in a Regency romance.

More irritating, these characters often feel compelled to turn away from each other and look out directly at the reader. With preternatural eloquence, Mugdi's 17-year-old grandson declaims: "Somalis pay lip service to the faith while

we live a life of lies. This is why the dissonance in our hearts continues to flourish, why there is no letup in the usual struggles within our minds, why the strife in our land rages on unabated."

If Farah wants to make this powerful and beautifully phrased observation, he would do better to place it in an essay instead of cramming it in the mouth of a boy who would rather be playing soccer with his buddies. The story Farah shows us through these characters' derailed lives is more illuminating than anything they can explain to us.

## YA literature roundup

By CHRISTINNE HEPPERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

**"Tales From the Inner City" by Shaun Tan, Levine, 224 pages, \$24.99, ages 12 and up**

Unsurprisingly, pigeons populate "Tales From the Inner City." Also, crocodiles take over a whole floor of a skyscraper, a rhino lumbers onto a freeway and a snowy owl perches at the foot of a hospital bed. Almost a decade after Australian artist and writer Shaun Tan revealed the existential strangeness of the mundane in "Tales From Outer Suburbia," he awes and challenges again with this haunting, illustrated story collection that offers new ways of looking at ourselves and the other creatures with whom we share this vulnerable planet.

Some of the most moving scenarios center on so-called domesticated animals. Children begin to feel sorry for the pig gradually disappearing into the floor in a back room of the family apartment and so take the pig out for a liberating midnight ride on a contraction they've fashioned out of oven trays and roller skates. The souls of generations of horses used to build a city now run "along express lanes, rooftops, and overpasses, even along the jib or cranes, and electrical wires strung high in the air." And what about the pigeons? High above us, on structures we created, the adaptable ancestors of coast-dwelling rock doves go about their business, as they always have.



**"Unpresidential" by Martha Brockenbrough, Feiwel and Friends, 432 pages, \$19.99, ages 12 and up**

Teens who have even a passing awareness of political news may wonder, as many adults do, whether the word "fact" still has meaning. Martha Brockenbrough's goal in shaping a coherent narrative about Donald Trump's life and first 18 months as president is to restore teen readers' faith in facts and the process of verifying them.

Documenting her sources in extensive endnotes, she traces his swagger back to the days when he was a schoolyard bully and "pulled hair and blew spitballs and smashed baseball bats in rage." She demonstrates how patterns of intimidation and willful deception allowed Trump to maintain his reputation as the epitome of a successful businessman even as the bankruptcies and lawsuits accumulated. From the evidence Brockenbrough presents, the one thing Trump has excelled at is lying. The Washington Post's fact checkers, she reports, recorded a total of 492 demonstrable lies for his first 100 days in office, and from there his pace has increased. As the wave of deceit grows, we may be inclined to shrug and just let it wash over us, but, as "Unpresidential" makes clear, that would be a mistake. Only the pursuit of objective truth will keep our democracy from going under.



**"This Is What It Feels Like" by Rebecca Barrow, HarperTeen, 400 pages, \$17.99, ages 14 and up**

Offstage, Dia, Jules and Hanna are individuals, but when the music starts, they become one. As Rebecca Barrow writes: "(T)hough the crowd was giving her their everything, so much energy, Dia barely needed it. All she needed, she had up onstage with her." Barrow's heartfelt second novel pays tribute to all young women scribbling lyrics into spiral notebooks, working crappy jobs to save up for guitars and amps, dragging their drum kits to the garage to practice. It serves as a reminder that, yes, girls rock too.

Barrow opts to portray a time in her main characters' lives when they need such a reminder as well. Newly graduated from high school, they haven't played together as a band in about two years. Dia has a toddler daughter, and while she and Jules are still friends, Hanna's drinking forged a rift in their relationship with her that hasn't mended. A contest provides the catalyst for them to reunite. While it's not hard to guess how they will fare, the process of rediscovering themselves as musicians is believably complicated.

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## BOOK REVIEW

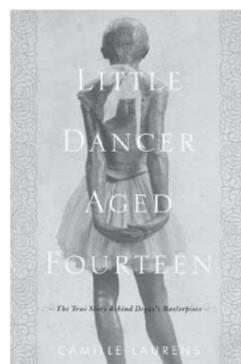
## Degas' 'Little Dancer' sculpture, re-examined

By CELIA WREN  
The Washington Post

Think of dance and certain anatomical images may spring to mind: the curve or stretch of arms; the extension of legs or bending of knees; the carriage of a torso. But in the case of Edgar Degas' sculpture "Little Dancer Aged Fourteen," the body part that commands attention is the chin. The girl's undraped limbs, turned-out feet and erect posture speak of submission to ballet's discipline; her hands, clasped behind her back, radiate stoicism. But her upward tilting chin belies all evidence of docility: Her chin signals ego, stubbornness and a touch of defiance.

The work itself was an act of defiance, argues French writer Camille Laurens in the fascinating new book "Little Dancer Aged Fourteen: The True Story Behind Degas's Masterpiece." By creating a sculpture largely made of wax — and wearing real clothing and shoes — Degas was rejecting prevailing aesthetic rules. In the late 19th century, such a piece would have struck viewers as worthy of a toy shop or milliner's window, not a high-art showcase. Just as shocking was the subject matter: Degas was paying tribute to one of the young Paris Opera dance trainees known as "little rats," a group that had a scandalous reputation, largely because of their generally impoverished backgrounds, which made them easy prey for lecherous men. "Little Dancer" stirred controversy when it initially appeared in a Paris exhibition in 1881.

The aura of disrepute subsequently fell away. "Little Dancer," whose original is housed at the National Gallery of Art in



## 'Little Dancer Aged Fourteen'

By Camille Laurens, translated by Willard Wood, Other Press, 176 pages, \$22.95

Washington, D.C., is now widely beloved. The statuette — just over 3 feet in height — has inspired an array of pop cultural moments, such as fiction imagining its back story, a photo of Marilyn Monroe with the sculpture, a photo of Misty Copeland as the sculpture, and the musical "Little Dancer." Novelist and essayist Laurens enters the adulatory fray with this volume, which is part historical chronicle, part artfully discursive personal response and part imaginative close reading of the sculpture's past and present.

Translated elegantly from French by Willard Wood, the book recounts what is known about the sculpture's model, Marie van Goethem, a laundress' daughter who was eventually fired from the Opera for absenteeism. Laurens resourcefully weaves in further details drawn from the writings of historians, art critics, scholars, and authors and artists including Balzac, Zola, Theophile Gautier, Paul Valéry and

Vincent van Gogh. This material contextualizes "Little Dancer" within the artistic and intellectual movements of its time.

But Laurens goes further, adding her personal observations and associative, almost poetic interpretations of the material. She parses the semiotics of the sculpture's wax, relating the material to death masks and embalment, and muses on how "Little Dancer" reflects — and defies — our awareness of mortality.

Readers who prefer straightforward historical and biographical writing may sigh with exasperation when Laurens turns particularly philosophical, imagining, for example, an inner life for Degas' Little Dancer. "Is she filled with a sense of her own self?" Laurens wonders. "Or does she savor the vacuum at her core?"

Still, the book is full of thought-provoking insights and revelations. Among the most startling is evidence that Degas shaped the head of the Little Dancer to echo pre-nephrological theories of his day: The jutting chin that seems so adorable now may have been a trait that 19th-century viewers would have associated with degeneracy or criminality, the book suggests. Perhaps Degas was trying to pare open viewers' eyes to the poverty and prejudice that pushed some "little rats" into prostitution. "To unsettle so as to stimulate thought," Laurens reflects, "to make art that was critical and served truth, though truth might be cruel, such were the aims of Edgar Degas, in his extreme modernity."

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# Miranda

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ing with nothing but imagination and faith on a big green staircase,” he continued. “Actually seeing these moments unfold exactly as [director] Rob [Marshall] described it two years ago is thrilling.”

Opposite Emily Blunt, who assumes the role of the magical Banks family nanny that Julie Andrews won an Oscar for, Miranda plays a lamplighter, or leerie, named Jack, a character not found in P.L. Travers’ writings but derivative of Bert, the charming chimney sweep Dick Van Dyke played in the original film. The new role was the brainchild of Marshall and his producer, choreographer and partner John DeLuca.

“They liked the idea of someone who brought light and hope into the world,” explained screenwriter David Magee. Enter Miranda’s character Jack — “I called him a ‘jack of all trades’ and it stuck,” Magee notes — who trained as a chimney sweep under Bert, and helps the now-adult Banks children (played by Ben Whishaw and Emily Mortimer). “Our story is about telling people you can get through hard times, so we wanted this character to be an orphan — someone who had suffered some losses but still held onto his youthful spirit and joy.”

“Essentially, he was also raised by Bert and therefore must have met Mary Poppins at some point. And he inherited that enthusiasm for light and warmth and irrepressible optimism.”

Though Miranda is himself a positive person — so much so that his encouraging tweets have spawned a New York Times best-selling book with illustrator Jonny Sun — it’s hard to believe that Miranda was cast in this role of Jack, the ever-cheerful leerie, thanks to his onstage work in “Hamilton.”

Miranda can’t quite believe it either. His Hamilton, he notes, has no “childlike wonder in his heart at all — he’s someone for whom early trauma and a disastrous childhood has cut all the brake lines to any sense of innocence and wonder. He’s all frenetic urgency and ‘I have to do all this ... before I die.’”

“Contrast that with Jack singing ‘Underneath the Lovely London Sky’ — it’s a gray ... sky he’s singing about!” he laughed. “He has this connection with his inner



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“Mary Poppins Returns” filmmakers sought Miranda for the role of Jack, a man with “light and warmth and irrepressible optimism.”

child that no one else in the movie has. I just give Rob infinite credit for seeing that in me, because it’s not what was on display at the Richard Rodgers [Theater] at the time.”

Miranda and Van Dyke, who makes a joyful cameo in the new film, have more in common than their characters. “He went from ‘Bye Bye Birdie’ to ‘The Dick Van Dyke Show,’ which was 32 episodes a year, and he filmed ‘Mary Poppins’ ... on the summer break,” he explained. “I’m not close to busy, compared to Dick Van Dyke when he was making the first film. [On set], we connected on that level a lot.”

Miranda is, in fact, quite busy. Ever since “Hamilton,” the hip-hop phenomenon about America’s founding fathers, went from the hot ticket off-Broadway to the Must-See Thing not just in New York City but in pop culture at large, Miranda himself became just as coveted throughout Hollywood, at a moment of renewed fascination with musicals.

He composed original songs for Disney’s animated hit “Moana,” and is set to write the music of Disney’s eventual live-action “Little Mermaid.” He’s working on the film, TV and

potential stage adaptation of the “The Kingkiller Chronicle” fantasy novels. He’s an executive producer of FX’s upcoming limited series about Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon, starring Sam Rockwell and Michelle Williams; and he’s part of the cast of the BBC’s much-anticipated series “His Dark Materials,” with James McAvoy, Ruth Wilson and “Logan” breakout Dafne Keen.

Two movie-musicals written with Quiara Alegria Hudes — Warner Bros.’ adaptation of his first Broadway show “In the Heights” and Sony’s animated adventure “Vivo” — will be released in 2020. And he’ll make his feature directorial debut with an adaptation of Jonathan Larson’s autobiographical work “Tick, Tick ... Boom!”

With so many musical-related projects ahead, Miranda used the large-scale “Mary Poppins Returns” production — which included eight weeks of rehearsal, on-location shoots at multiple London landmarks and eight elaborate soundstages at Shepperton Studios — as an immersive workshop in translating his favorite art form to the screen.

“It was film school for me,” he recalled. “When a camera is mak-

ing your face 50-feet tall on a screen, it’s harder to suddenly break into song and have the audience buy it, right? Rob knows how to make that transition from speech into song, which we accept more willingly in the theater because we know we’re walking into a musical. If you buy a ticket to ‘Phantom of the Opera,’ you’re like, ‘If they don’t sing I’m gonna be pissed.’”

Miranda is encouraged by the numerous directors who are dabbling in the space, including Jon M. Chu, the “Crazy Rich Asians” director who is helming the “In the Heights” adaptation. “The ambitions in some of the musical numbers of [Chu’s] ‘Step Up’ films — I would put them next to some musical numbers from the Golden Era,” he said. “I’m really excited to see what he does with Latin music and what he does in our neighborhood. Watching him direct will be my second year of film school.”

Miranda’s definition of “Zen” is stepping back into the lyrically demanding role that launched his meteoric ascent: he’s reprising his lead role in “Hamilton” for three weeks in Puerto Rico, at a theater that’s being rebuilt after the devastation of Hurricane Maria.

“Even in that first year, when the crowds were growing so big that it was just hard to go in and out of the theater, the most relaxing hours of my day were always doing the show,” he said. “My only job was to play Alexander Hamilton. It’s such a tough role that it’s like doing yoga: it requires all of your focus and you can’t slack off or you’ll get hit by a chair or fall off the turntable. But it’s peaceful in there, and I can use that.”

Amid all his upcoming commitments, Miranda will still make time to see “Mary Poppins Returns” at least once more, at a private screening in New York with his family and friends.

“Well, the 10-month-old [Francisco] is never going to remember it, but the 4-year-old [Sebastian] is gonna like it,” he said of his sons. “[Sebastian] saw me film this at a time when he was just starting to make memories, so it’s so weirdly seminal in his brain. And to him, Emily Blunt is his friend, the delightful lady who does a spot-on Peppa Pig impression on set. I’m very curious about what his reaction is gonna be.”

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## Television

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was physically impossible to watch them all and live a life outside the confines of pajamas, unless you possessed the combined powers and stamina of Jessica Jones, Daenerys Targaryen and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

And when it came time to honor TV’s top-shelf entertainment at the Emmy Awards, the usual recipients faced some firsts of their own. It was Netflix, not NBC or FX, that tied HBO for the most wins, ending a winning streak for the cable network that dated back nearly two decades to the golden age of “The Sopranos.”

### What’s next

2019 is already shaping up to be a battle between media giants for control of wherever it is that we’re heading. Apple will compete with Netflix by spending way more than it should on originals by big-name producers such as J.J. Abrams and top-tier stars like Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston. Netflix has a plan of its own and it involves pricey production deals with Ryan Murphy, Shonda Rhimes and the former leading couple of the free world, Michelle and Barack Obama.

CBS All Access, which already has half a dozen original series, including “The Good Fight” and “Star Trek: Discovery” on the streaming platform, is going big in 2019 with a “Twilight Zone” reboot executive produced by Oscar winner Jordan Peele, who will also narrate and host. A big budget, live-action “Star Wars” series starring Diego Luna is expected to launch Disney+ into the stratosphere.

And we haven’t even begun sorting through what’s on the books for the networks and services we’re already watching. Expect lots of reality show reboots, the return of water cooler shows like “Game of Thrones” and “Stranger Things,” and the prospect of never feeling caught up with what TV has to offer.

At least 2018 did away with any residual guilt that may have existed about watching too much television. It was replaced by a soldier-like duty to consume as many premium shows as possible or risk being called out by one’s peers: Have you watched “The



HBO

Peter Dinklage in a scene from “Game of Thrones.”

Little Drummer Girl” yet? How about “Succession”? Not even “The Great British Baking Show”?! Oh, the shame of taking time out for career, family, grooming and sleep. We’ll all have to work on that in 2019.

We have an excuse, though. Half of the year was spent trying to find all those weird little networks and services — Ovation, Britbox, Acorn — and the search required at least three different remotes and three failed password-recovery attempts. Sorry, you’ve been locked out.

Network telecasts still boast the highest ratings, according to Nielsen, and football was at the top of 2018’s most-watched list, followed by the short-lived “Roseanne” reboot. But that’s likely the next convention to be broken by the great fragmentation, especially given that this was the year that an estimated 147.5 million people in the U.S. watched Netflix at least once a month, followed by Amazon Prime Video (88.7 million), Hulu (55 million) and HBO Now (17.1 million).

Netflix hopes to kill off that old ratings standard by introducing more and more original series and films, an approach that “Saturday Night Live” recently satirized in a fake ad for the streaming service. The breathless “commercial” promised a new year with even more content to choose from.

“That’s right, we’re spending billions of dollars and making every show in the world. Our goal is the endless scroll. By the time you reach the bottom of our menu, there’s new shows at the top. And then singularity will be achieved.”

A joke that makes perfect sense in the fragmented universe of post-everything TV.

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## Theater

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putting the domestic and the otherworldly on the same plane.

Chung’s play follows two North Korean sisters, Minhee (Helen Joo Lee) and Junhee (Jin Park) as they attempt to flee their country. The latter makes it across the border and to a new life in New York, while Minhee falls in a well and enters a world a bit like “the upside down” in the Netflix series “Stranger Things.” As Minhee negotiates the menacing absurdity and horrific memories of life under the North Korean regime, Junhee tries to find her place in a country overflowing with consumer choices and celebrity culture. A narrative monkey wrench Chung throws into the works makes us question what we think is happening. But what’s clear in this fever-dream world is the fierce love the sisters have for each other.

Fierce family love also underscores Brooks’ “HeLa,” which takes the story of Henrietta Lacks, subject of Rebecca Skloot’s bestseller “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” and spins it into several seemingly disparate directions. Brooks’ play unfolds in 1951 Baltimore, Chicago’s West Side in the early 1980s, and even outer space.

But just as Lacks’ own “immortal” cells provided life for others long after her death from cancer, “HeLa” makes the case that what makes us matter is striving for connection that transcends our mortality. And like Chung, Brooks’ dialogue moves from conversational observational humor to poetic meditations on what it’s like to look back on a world where you no longer belong. The entire cast was stellar, with particularly notable turns from Deanna Reed-Foster as a funky intergalactic being, Ayah Sol Masai Hall as a young girl determined to be an astronomer, and Nicole Michelle Haskins as the tough and tender center of family life.

Horror onstage can be a tough production, but Haven Theatre’s production of Isaac Gomez’s “The Displaced” made it look easy. Gomez, whose “La Ruta” is currently on stage at Steppenwolf, writes frequently about life on the border. (He grew up in the border city of El Paso, Texas.)



AUSTIN D. OIE PHOTO

Sheldon Brown and Hunter Bryant in “The Shipment.”

In “The Displaced,” he begins by anatomizing the walls between lovers and ends up in a supernatural nightmare, all threaded through with grim suggestions of the human and psychic costs of gentrification

A young Latinx woman (the astounding Karen Rodriguez) and her African-American boyfriend, Lev (Rashaad Hall) move into a renovated Pilsen apartment previously occupied by a Mexican-American family evicted by the developers. As they dig deep into how class and racial differences affect their relationship, increasingly ominous signs suggest that they’re not alone in the house. Jo Cat-tell’s staging, featuring a brilliant forced-perspective set by Arnel Sancianco, nightmarish lighting design by Erik S. Barry, and jump-out-of-your-seat sound cues by Sarah D. Espinoza combined for one of the most thought-provoking and disturbing shows of the year.

Young Jean Lee made history this past year by becoming the first Asian-American woman playwright produced on Broadway with “Straight White Men.” Her earlier piece, “The Shipment,” received a riveting revival with Red Tape Theatre under Wardell Julius Clark’s staging. Lee’s bold exploration of stereotypes and tropes of African American life paid off in this intimate staging that landed plenty of sharp elbows and big laughs. Marcus D. Moore’s turn as a profane stand-up comic and Sheldon Brown and Hunter Bryant’s tap-dancing send-up of minstrel shows felt uncomfortable in all the right ways. Last seen locally in 2010 with Lee’s

own company at the Museum of Contemporary Art, “The Shipment” holds up well as an evocation of racism — a part of our national identity that shows no signs of going away.

Several months before the “blue wave” sent a record number of women to congress, Theater Wit delivered a feminist body blow with Sheila Callaghan’s “Women Laughing Alone with Salad.” Taking its cue from a website mocking stock advertising images of women in throes of joy with bowls of veggies, Callaghan’s play weaves together a series of interconnected vignettes on body image, sexuality, male insecurity, advertising, pharmaceuticals, and a lot more. Devon de Mayo’s take-no-prisoners ensemble (including a highly memorable turn from Jennifer Engstrom as a onetime feminist activist who’s turned into an insecure fashionista) committed to Callaghan’s scabrous yet poignant portrait of women struggling to break through the suffocating societal boundaries that define their experiences.

I look forward to more boundaries being smashed onstage in 2019.

Five more shows of note, in alphabetical order: “The Artificial Jungle,” Hell in a Handbag; “Colubinus,” The Yard at Steppenwolf; “Mary’s Wedding,” First Folio Theatre; “Monsieur D’Eon is a Woman,” Trap Door Theatre; “Ofrenda,” Albany Park Theatre Project

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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Charlie Brown

**“Happy New Year, Charlie Brown”** (7 p.m., ABC): Good grief! Who assigns elementary-school children “War and Peace”? Charlie Brown’s teacher, that’s who. He has to read it over the Christmas break and write a report, but holiday distractions keep getting in the way. He ends up leaving a New Year’s party and sitting outside to read, but that doesn’t end well. Chad Allen provides the voice of Charlie Brown in this animated 1986 “Peanuts” special.

**“Monsters, Inc.”** (5:15 p.m., FREE): This computer-animated 2001 comedy from Pixar is stunning for its technical sophistication, but it’s also a surprisingly touching fantasy yarn that stands the “monster in the closet” concept on its head. In Monsteropolis, scary monster James P. “Sulley” Sullivan (voice of John Goodman) and his colleague Mike Wazowski (voice of Billy Crystal) uncover dirty doings after a toddler called Boo wanders into the monster world.

**“The Help”** (7 p.m., 11:59 p.m., Lifetime): Surely one of the box-office “sleepers” of 2011, given its sustained success, this engrossing adaptation of Kathryn Stockett’s best seller finds a would-be author (Emma Stone) interviewing Southern housekeepers about their experiences. Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer are superb as two of the most prominent interviewees. The excellent cast also includes Bryce Dallas Howard, Jessica Chastain, Sissy Spacek and Mary Steenburgen.

**“Arachnophobia”** (7 p.m., Cinemax): A spider from South America hitches a ride to the United States in the coffin of a man it killed down there. It mates with a local spider, and soon its new home is overrun with scary, hairy offspring who have inherited their parent’s deadly-venom genes. Jeff Daniels stars as the new doctor in town, who struggles with his own terror of spiders.

**“Murder, My Sweet”** (7 p.m., TCM): This adaptation of Raymond Chandler’s novel “Farewell, My Lovely” was renamed for the American market to prevent audiences from confusing it with a musical, the genre that star Dick Powell was known for. Here, Powell plays private eye Philip Marlowe, who’s hired to search for the former girlfriend of petty criminal Moose Malloy (Mike Mazurki).

**“Top Chef”** (8 p.m., 9:01 p.m., Bravo): Fans get a delightful Christmas week gift in the form of the new episode “Surprise...It’s Restaurant Wars,” which delivers what’s always a popular step in the competition, although it arrives surprisingly early this season. After a quickfire challenge based around the amuse-bouche course, the 12 remaining chefs set up, not the usual two, but three competing restaurants, with restaurateur Caroline Styne and Nilou Motamed joining as guest judges. Later, head judge Tom Colicchio makes an announcement that changes the course of the competition.

## TALK SHOWS

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer-songwriter Miley Cyrus; actress Regina King; Chloe x Halle performs.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Chris Pine; Major Garrett, CBS News chief White House correspondent.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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	<b>NBC</b>	5	I Feel Bad (N)	I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: “Man Up; Man Down.”			NBC 5 News (N)	
	<b>ABC</b>	7	Happy New Year, Charlie Brown	The Conners	The Kids Are Alright	The Conners	The Kids Are Alright	News at 10pm (N)	
	<b>WGN</b>	9	blackish	blackish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	Alice	Alice	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach	Coach	Murphy
	<b>This TV</b>	9.3	No Mercy (R,’86) **	Richard Gere, Kim Basinger.			Autumn in New York (PG-13,’01) **		
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Foods of Chicago				Navy Pier
	<b>The U</b>	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek	Star Trek
CABLE	<b>Bounce</b>	26.5	Scandal		Family Time	Family Time	I Can Do Bad All By Myself		
	<b>FOX</b>	32	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family	
	<b>Ion</b>	38	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime	
	<b>TeleM</b>	44	(7:05) La sultana (N)		Falsa identidad (N)		Señora Acero (N)	Chicago (N)	
	<b>CW</b>	50	Supernatural		Legacies		The Good Wife	Chicago	
	<b>UniMas</b>	60	Me caigo de risa				Rosario Tijeras		
	<b>WJYS</b>	62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument
	<b>Univ</b>	66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)	
	<b>AE</b>		Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD
	<b>AMC</b>		*(4:30) The Godfather (R,’72) ****			The Godfather, Part II (R,’74) ****	Al Pacino.		
<b>ANIM</b>		Crikey! It’s the Irwins		The Secret of		The Secret of		The Secret	
<b>BBCA</b>		Doctor Who		Doctor Who		Doctor Who		Dr. Who	
<b>BET</b>		* Why Did I Get Married?		Red Tails (PG-13,’12) **		Cuba Gooding Jr., Terrence Howard.			
<b>BIGTEN</b>		* Purdue	The B1G	The B1G	The B1G	BTN Football in 60		The B1G	
<b>BRAVO</b>		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Top Chef		Watch What	
<b>CLTV</b>		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	Politics	
<b>CNBC</b>		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark	
<b>CNN</b>		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Presidents Under Fire		CNN Tonight (N)		AC 360	
<b>COM</b>		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	
<b>DISC</b>		Naked and Afraid: “Brrr It’s Cold Outside.”						Afraid	
<b>DISN</b>		Raven	Raven	Coop	Stuck	Bunk’d	Bunk’d	Raven	
<b>E!</b>		Botched		Botched (N)		Botched		Botched	
<b>ESPN</b>		* Football (N) Scores (N)		College Football: Academy Sports & Outdoors Texas Bowl (N)					
<b>ESPN2</b>		* Axe Throwing League		Dodgeball				SportCtr (N)	
<b>FNC</b>		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
<b>FOOD</b>		Chopped: “Bacon Boys.”				Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
<b>FREE</b>		* Monsters (7:20) Ratatouille (G,’07) ***		Voices of Patton Oswalt.				700 Club	
<b>FX</b>		The Equalizer (R,’14) **		Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas.				Equalizer	
<b>HALL</b>		Christmas Made to Order (NR,’18)		Alexa PenaVega.		A Wish for Christmas (NR,’16)			
<b>HGTV</b>		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House (N)	Hunters Int’l	Hunters	
<b>HIST</b>		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) American Pickers		Pickers	
<b>HLN</b>		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
<b>IFC</b>		* The Breakfast Club ***		The Breakfast Club (R,’85) ***		Emilio Estevez.		Rush Hour	
<b>LIFE</b>		The Help (PG-13,’11) ***		Viola Davis, Emma Stone.				Whitney	
<b>MSNBC</b>		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
<b>MTV</b>		Ex on the Beach (N)		Floribama Shore (N)		Jersey Shore--Vacation		Jersey	
<b>NBCSCH</b>		Pregame (N) NHL Hockey: Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks				(N) (Live)		Postgame	
<b>NICK</b>		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (’16) **					
<b>OVATION</b>		* (6) Point Break (R,’91) ***		Patrick Swayze.		The Wine Show (N)		League	
<b>OWN</b>		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN (N)		20/20	
<b>OXY</b>		Buried in the Backyard		Buried in the Backyard		Buried in the Backyard		Buried	
<b>PARMT</b>		* (6:30) Bad Boys (R,’95) **		Martin Lawrence, Will Smith.		Bad Boys II (R,’03) **			
<b>SYFY</b>		Enemy of the State (R,’98) ***		Will Smith, Gene Hackman.				Futurama	
<b>TBS</b>		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Seinfeld	
<b>TCM</b>		Murder, My Sweet (NR,’44) ***			(8:45) Pitfall (NR,’48) **	Dick Powell.			
<b>TLC</b>		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Stories ER	
<b>TLN</b>		Christmas	Wretched	Exalted Higher Christmas		Life Today	Like You	Humanit	
<b>TNT</b>		NBA Basketball: Celtics at Rockets (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N Subject to			
<b>TOON</b>		Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		The Dead Files (N)		Dead Files	
<b>TVL</b>		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>		* Harry Potter and Deathly		Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2		Mod Fam			
<b>VH1</b>		* (5:30) Varsity Blues **		Titanic (PG-13,’97) ****		Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet.			
<b>WE</b>		Last Holiday (PG-13,’06) **		Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu.		Diary of Mad			
<b>WGN America</b>		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>		He’s Just Not That Into You (PG-13,’09) **			Pete Holmes: Dirty Clean		Taken ***	
	<b>HBO2</b>		(7:05) Game of Thrones		The Shop	(8:45) Passenger 57 (R,’92) **		Friend (Subt)	
	<b>MAX</b>		Arachnophobia (PG-13,’90) ***		Jeff Daniels.		War for the Planet of the Apes ****		
	<b>SHO</b>		* (6) Spotlight (R,’15) ***		Escape at Dannemora		(9:15) The Bourne Ultimatum ***		
	<b>STARZ</b>		(7:05) Hollow Man (R,’00) **		Kevin Bacon.		Counterpart		
<b>STZNC</b>		* (6:16) Big Hero 6 ***		The Proposal (PG-13,’09) **		Sandra Bullock.		Showtime	

## Rock duo Djunah packs a big punch for 2 people

By **JESSI ROTI**  
Chicago Tribune

When two people take the stage, promising a hard rock show, you can’t help but groan.

Sure there have been duos known to melt faces, but eventually the shine wears off; something (or someone) goes missing, the music doesn’t sound quite complete or gets too repetitive.

Chicago musicians Donna Polydoros and Nick Smalkowski aren’t new to creating big, brash sounds with a *you-know-what* to the wall approach. But Djunah marks the first time they’ve done it with just two. Marrying Smalkowski’s metal bona fides with Polydoros’ guttural attack, lyrically and musically, Djunah is looking to side-step the limitations and expectations of “the rock ‘n’ roll duo.”

“We’re not a two piece, we’re like a two and a half piece,” Polydoros laughs. “because of my leg.”

Her leg serves as the duo’s bass player, via MOOG synthesizer she picked up when her former band Beat Drun Juel was on the decline toward the end of 2017.

Tripling her duties with the addition of guitar and vocals, alongside Smalkowski pummeling his drum kit, what was first a challenge now feels natural — the two finally making the furious-yet-melodic music they’ve wanted to.

“It’s been us creating a new sound together,” she continues. “I’ve been playing guitar for 25 years. ... This is something that really challenged me and took me back to when I was a teenager learning guitar parts. I was so heartbroken when Beat Drun Juel broke up. I thought ‘If we make the album, everyone will stay and it’ll be great.’ But no. This is what needed to happen. It wouldn’t have been the same music. This is what I’ve always wanted to create.”

The pair met through Polydoros’ former drummer Mat Hayward and bassist Jesse Giallombardo while Smalkowski was still keeping rhythm with punk band Fake Limbs. After that band went on “indefinite hiatus” and Beat Drun Juel dissolved, Smalkowski reached out to Polydoros to express condolences and offer his services if she was ever in need of someone new on percussion.

She took him up on it, but months later. At the start of 2018



SARAH FOX PHOTO

Donna Polydoros and Nick Smalkowski are Djunah, who open for Screaming Females on Sunday at Beat Kitchen.

**When:** 8 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave.

**Tickets:** Sold out (17+); [www.beatkitchen.com](http://www.beatkitchen.com)

she was performing solo as Naked, Riding a Lion Made of Fire — named after a tarot card she happened to be looking at when Jim Miller, founder and booker of local D.I.Y. festival Ian’s Party’s, asked if her then-defunct outfit was able to play a weekend show.

“I took a couple months off trying to reconnect with what I love about music and figure it out when Jim called and asked what was up with my band,” she says. “I ... was like ‘I have this great solo project I just started that doesn’t have a name yet, but I play guitar and bass at the same time and sing. I can play.’ Within two weeks, I had to put a whole set together. As soon as I played on stage with it I was definitely like ‘I need a drummer.’ That was January. So I contacted Nick and was like ‘Hey, what are you up to?’”

“We both have a similar work ethic,” Smalkowski adds. “I think

we — nothing ever really had to be planned. We’re just like ‘Hey let’s do band. You wanna do band?’ And we do band. The foundations were there for 50-70 percent of the songs. Donna had already recorded them with ‘other drummer’ on, but I don’t copy ‘other drummer.’ I put my spin on what I play whether I want to or not, so things just evolved.”

“It’s funny because we had played together one or two times and I think one of us was like ‘Normally I hate two-pieces, but this is great.’” Polydoros laughs. “But in this band, if we can’t do it live — just between the two of us, we don’t do it. There are no looper pedals, no delay or anything programmed, nothing fancy. That’s a really important thing, it all must be live performance. If we play these different parts — three or four parts — and it’s not working, the solution is not to add some other instrument or sample to it; it’s to figure out what’s wrong with the song.”

The result so far? Singles “Built” and “Brother” are searing examples of the heavier side of Chicago rock offerings, with piercing, moody guitar riffs, sludgy, doom-laden bass, and the

hard-and-fast crash of cymbals. It sounds fresh despite both parties having been in “a million bands” between the two of them.

Smalkowski adds, “I think we’ve appreciated that in each other and we didn’t necessarily feel that before: the willingness of our musical partners to push forward or try new things and question everything.”

The latter single has been received as the act’s “breakthrough.” While they had been performing “Brother,” Polydoros felt differently about the song during Dr. Christine Blasey Ford’s Senate testimony against then-Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh for sexual assault. The track includes audio clips of Blasey Ford’s testimony, Anita Hill’s 1991 testimony against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Capitol Hill protesters during the Blasey Ford/Kavanaugh hearings Ana Maria Archila and Maria Gallagher — known for confronting Senator Jeff Flake.

Inspired that day, it was the one time the band broke it’s “only if the two of us can play it” live rule to bring the intensity of the moment to life.

“It was the day of the show at the Owl. We had both just gotten into town and I was so upset about what was happening politically, so I was like ‘I’m going to layer this audio from the protests and the Senate hearings over the song. This is how we’re opening the set,’” Polydoros remembers. “I had my husband standing there, triggering these audio clips from his iPhone live. I had gotten resistance in the past in other bands I’d been in where they’d be like ‘Oh we’re not a political band’ or ‘Can’t we just be a band?’”

“I’ve realized through (Djunah) and speaking out, people do care. I often wonder why bigger, nationally touring rock acts don’t make a bigger stink about what ... is happening. They’ll make a general statement. But it’s not enough to talk about it through the music. I always had this idea like ‘Oh I’ll just express myself through the music and if anyone wants to know about it, it’ll be there;’ this year I realized you have to be explicit on stage to really get people thinking about things.”

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Dec. 27): Pull together and win this year. Self-discipline is key. Discover unimaginable new love. You're especially charismatic and popular this winter, before team and family accounts shift priorities. Forge a deeper bond with a special partner next summer, inspiring personal changes. Prioritize the ones you love.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Prioritize health and wellness. Travel could interfere with your routines and practices. Choose stability over illusion. You can get what you need.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Don't rely on luck or intuition with a matter of the heart. Family comes first. Find out what's needed, and provide it. Prioritize practicalities.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Lay low and enjoy domestic comforts. Make repairs and upgrades. Organize and declutter. Drink plenty of water. Watch movies and cuddle on the couch.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 6. Take time to digest bad news. Fantasies evaporate. Handle practical priorities. Connect and network to share support. Communicate and share information. Get the word out.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Friends help you make a profitable connection. Your fame precedes you. Plan carefully to minimize financial risks. Hold out for the best deal.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Keep a positive attitude despite a setback. Consider a new style or outfit. Pamper yourself with simple luxuries, like hot water and soap. Rest and recharge.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 5. Keep a low profile, and catch up on rest. Peaceful privacy recharges you. Discover hidden treasure at home. Rediscover something from the past.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Put in extra effort toward a team challenge. Your quick action draws praise. Push to advance a shared goal. Relax and enjoy time with friends.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. A professional deadline looms. Run a reality check. What can you delegate or postpone? Your discipline is admirable. Get support from your team.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Delays could disrupt your travels and studies. Resist the temptation to splurge. Avoid risk or expense by keeping a low profile. Enjoy the scenery.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. One person's ideas spark another's. Collaborate to manage joint finances. Review priorities, and revise to suit the current situation.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. A creative collaboration could get romantic if you can avoid losing your temper. Reality clashes with fantasy. Unmet expectations could disrupt harmony. Maintain humor and patience.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Neither vulnerable, West deals

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

The East-West auction came to an abrupt halt, leaving South with a close decision — should he sell out or bid three spades? The auction marked his partner with reasonable values, or else the opponents would have gone on to game, and he was likely to catch enough spades to have a useful fit. The danger was in pushing the opponents to four hearts with such little defense. In fact, it would have required excellent defense to hold East-West to nine tricks in a heart contract.

**The bidding:**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠

All pass  
 \*At least invitational values with heart support  
 Opening lead: Ace of ♥

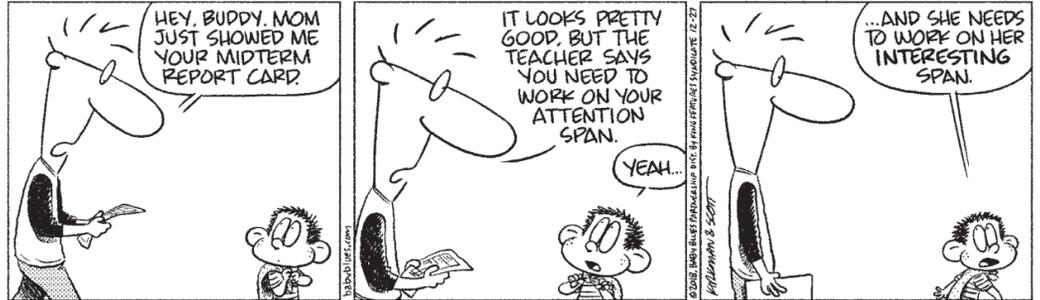
Interested readers can work that out for themselves. Three spades it was and South was relieved to buy it there. A diamond shift at trick two would have defeated the contract but that was hard to see. West continued with a "safe" second heart and declarer was in control. South ruffed, led a club to the king, and ruffed dummy's last heart. The ace of clubs and a club ruff eliminated that suit also, and a low spade put West on lead with no winning defense left. A low diamond was ducked to East's queen. East could cash his high trump, but then had to yield a ruff-sluff or lead a diamond into dummy's ace-10. Nine tricks either way, and a well-played and well-bid hand.

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



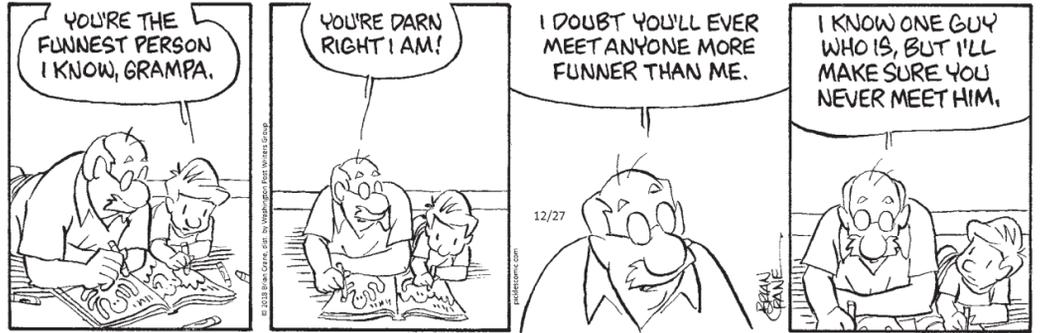
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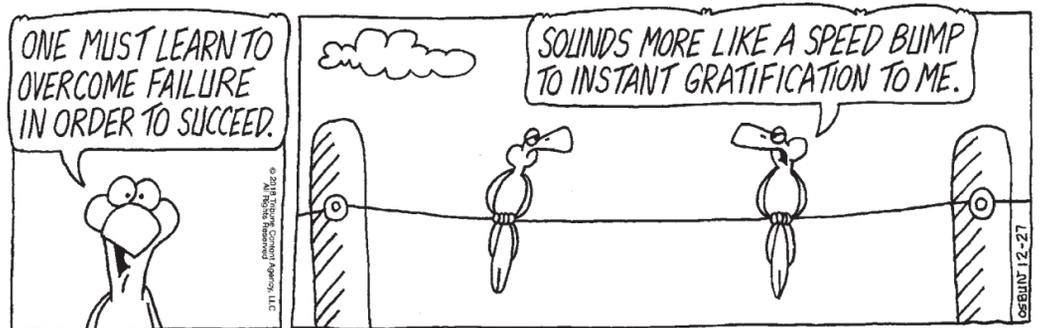
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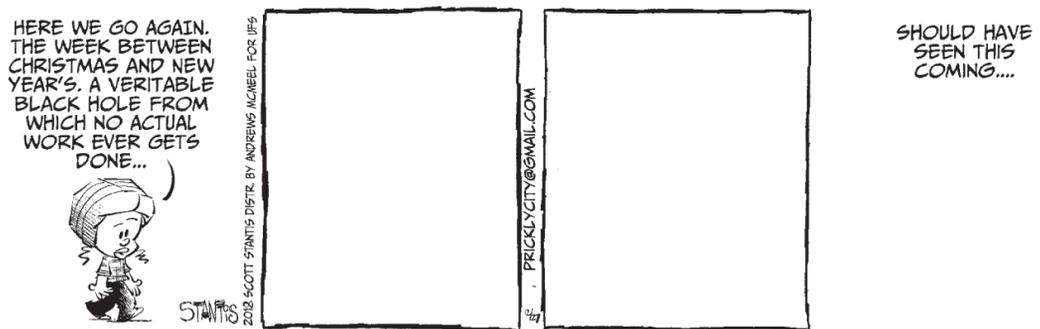
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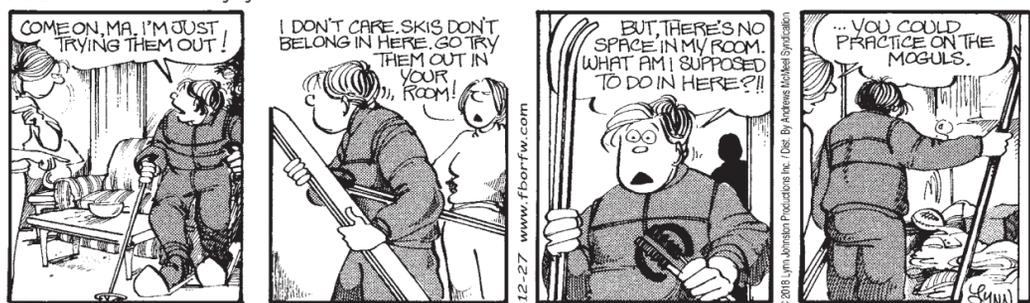
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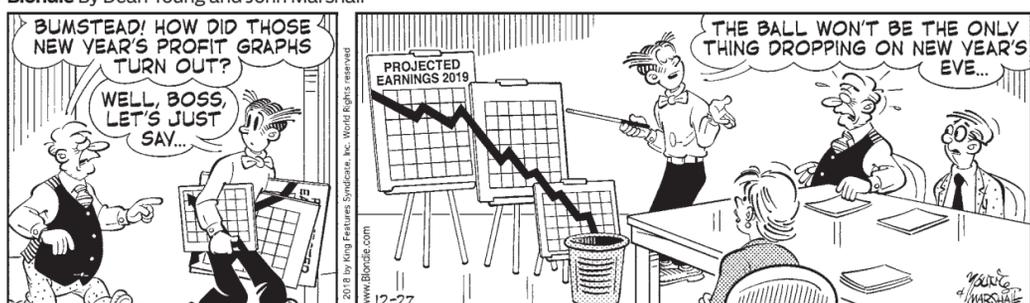
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**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



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**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



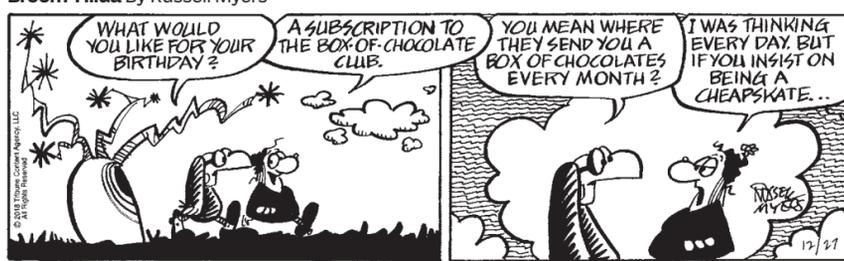
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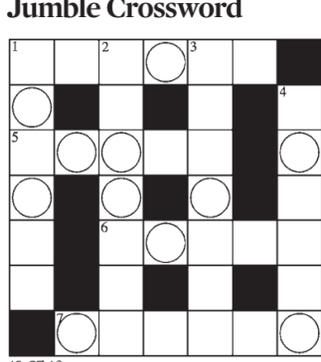
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

**Which round fruit from the Caribbean is a hybrid that 18th-century botanists called the "forbidden fruit"?**  
A) Blood orange  
B) Grapefruit  
C) Key lime  
D) Tangerine  
Wednesday's answer: Boxing Day is a traditional day for giving gifts to charity.

**Jumble Crossword**



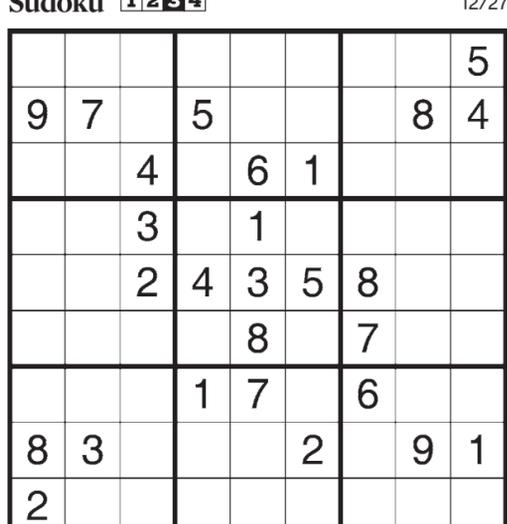
**CLUE ACROSS**  
ANSWER  
1. In this place  
5. Student  
6. Colorless gas  
7. Penn partner  
**CLUE DOWN**  
ANSWER  
1. Occur  
2. Put back  
3. Not allowed  
4. Sign of a fistfight

12-27-18 **CLUE:** The \_\_\_\_\_ was first awarded on Feb. 22, 1932.

**BONUS** [Grid of circles] [Grid of circles]

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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4	8	2	1	9	3	7	6	5
3	9	5	7	6	2	1	8	4
7	6	1	8	4	5	3	9	2
5	1	6	4	2	9	8	3	7
8	3	7	5	1	6	2	4	9
9	2	4	3	8	7	5	1	6
6	5	8	9	7	1	4	2	3
2	4	3	6	5	8	9	7	1
1	7	9	2	3	4	6	5	8

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



**Answer here**



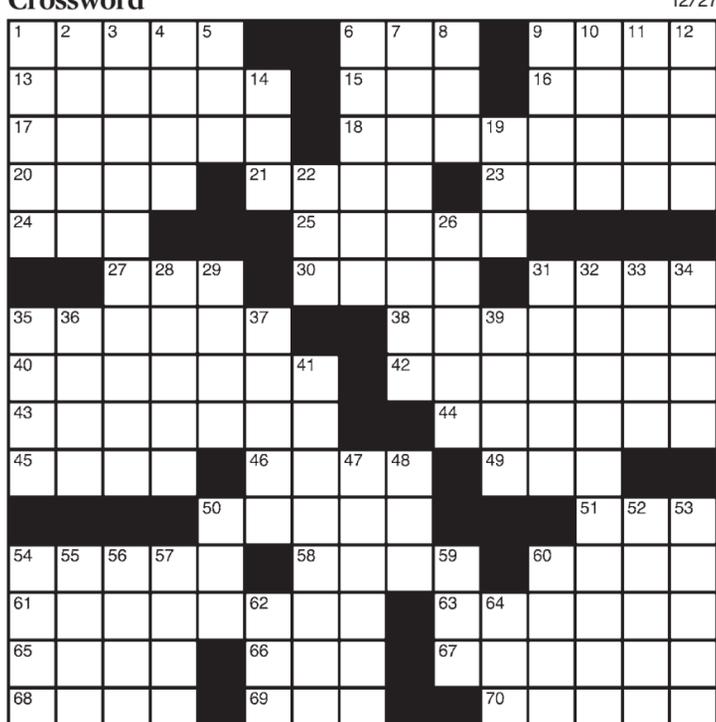
**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: NUDGE DWELL AUBURN FAIRLY  
Answer: Voting to raise prices more than 500 percent, the selfish business people — ALL "A-GREED"

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**Crossword**

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- Across**  
1 Popular peck picker  
6 Sinister "Smallville" supervillain  
9 Ghastly gargantuan gorilla  
13 Peaceful  
15 Wire service initials  
16 Music halls of old  
24 Seafood delicacy  
25 "I'm Free" musical  
27 White House foreign policy gp.  
30 \_\_\_ school  
31 Conniving carrot cruncher  
35 Fantastic Four foe  
38 Self-disqualification  
40 Camden Yards team  
42 Fret (over)  
43 Like a short report  
44 Acted badly  
45 Sticky situation  
46 "You said it"  
49 NFC East team, on crawl lines  
50 Tall toon toothpick  
51 Big Pharma watchdog: Abbr.  
54 Flirty Fleischer flapper  
58 "Me? Never!"  
60 Dedicated DC damsel  
61 Scenic viewpoint  
63 Certifying exams  
65 Wine opener?  
66 It may be brown or golden  
67 Ball State University city  
68 Soft call  
69 "Criminal Minds" agent  
70 Chilly temps
- Down**  
14 One side in "Gone With the Wind": Abbr.  
19 Word of dissent  
22 Indy brand  
26 Digital video files  
28 Dots on a transit map  
29 Pop genre?  
31 ---  
32 What may be resorted to when words fail  
33 Long look  
34 Downhill racer  
35 ---  
36 Writer Sarah \_\_\_ Jewett  
37 Majestic  
39 Element of change?  
41 Florida State athlete  
47 Called forth  
48 Safety device  
50 ---  
52 Brought to ruin  
53 Horse relatives  
54 ---  
55 Pre-revelry nights  
56 Teller's stack  
57 Leisurely pace  
59 "Let's put smart to work" company  
60 ---  
62 Buffoon  
64 Last word of "Casey at the Bat"

**Wednesday's solution**



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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, DEC. 27 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 18° RECORD HIGH: 61° (1982) RECORD LOW: -10° (1950)

## After warm and wet Thursday, sharply colder

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 57 **LOW** 38

Temperature rises even higher Thursday then falls rapidly on Friday.

Thursday will be the 17th consecutive day with above normal temperatures.

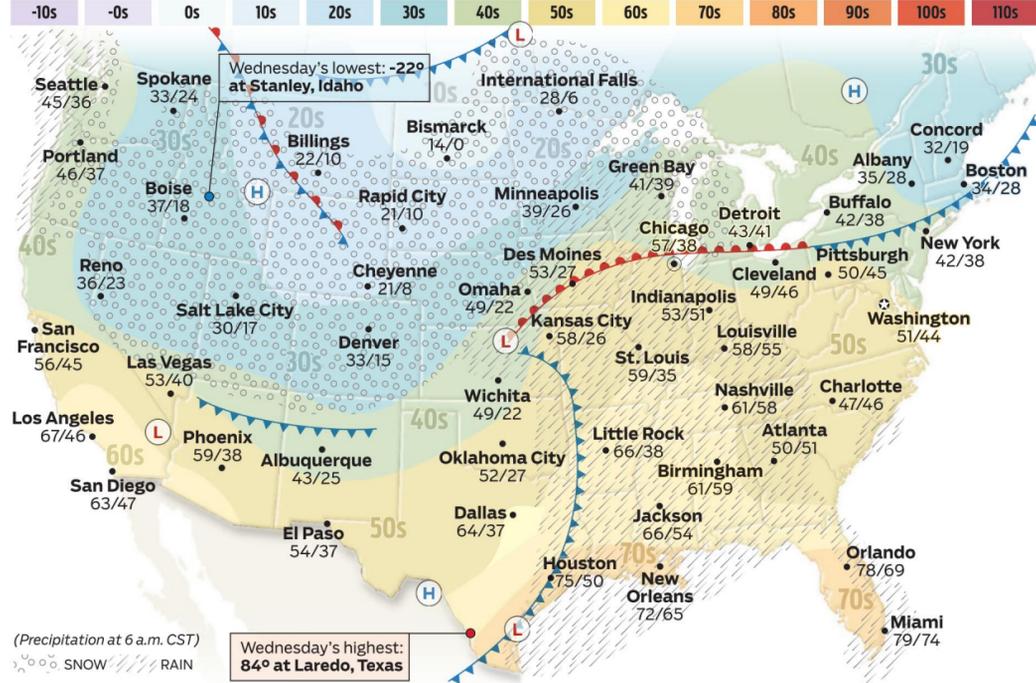
Cloudy with rainfall amounts from 1/3" to 1" possible.

Strong south winds with gusts over 30 mph will usher in Gulf moisture producing rain.

Chance for isolated thunderstorms early Thursday night.

High temperature Friday will be before dawn and fall through the day.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



While we will experience temperatures nearly 25 degrees above normal and rainfall more typical of early spring than December, other U.S. regions are experiencing vastly different conditions.

Thursday starts with flood watches stretching from Mississippi northeast to Virginia. Advisories were in effect for Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky for gusts up to 45 mph.

Blizzard conditions impacted North and South Dakota overnight, with total snow accumulations over 12 inches expected in some locations and wind gusts to 45 mph.

The current forecast calls for our temperature to be near normal on New Year's Day.

Jan. 1, 2018, had a high temperature of 1 and a low of minus 9, so 2019 will begin much warmer than 2018.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 28

**HIGH** 47 **LOW** 34

Colder air drops temps rapidly from the mid 40's after midnight. Readings drop through the day as strong SW winds shift to northwest with gusts to 40 mph possible. Some rain showers mixing with snowflakes late in the day. Snowy overnight.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 29

**HIGH** 35 **LOW** 26

Cloudy, colder and much less wind. Passing flurries at times. High of 35, slightly above the normal of 32. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Mostly cloudy with a low in the mid 20's overnight.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 30

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 28

A few lingering flurries early, then turning partly cloudy. Cooler but temperatures still above normal with highs in the upper 30's. South-southwest winds 8 to 12 mph. Low temps in the upper 20's overnight.

### MONDAY, DEC. 31

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 22

Cloudy with a chance of rain changing to a rain/snow mix for New Year's Eve. High in the upper 30's. Southwest winds 5-10 with gusts to 15 mph turn west in the evening. Lows in the lower 20's.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 1

**HIGH** 32 **LOW** 27

New Year's Day starts cloudy with light snow or flurries. Temperatures near normal with a high near freezing. West wind 10-15 with gusts to 25. Overnight lows in the low 20's.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

**HIGH** 33 **LOW** 22

A cold start in the morning then mostly sunny with temperatures a little above the normal of 31. West wind 10-15 mph turning south-west in the evening. Increasing clouds overnight.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
How do sunspots impact our weather? If there are many sunspots, is our weather warmer or colder?  
— John, Evanston

Dear John,  
There is no indication that sunspots have an effect on the Earth's weather. The "sunspot cycle" consists of an 11-year period during which the number of sunspots, and the active regions of the sun that envelop them, peaks and then diminishes. Those active regions result in violent explosions that produce "space weather."

Huge amounts of energetic particles are hurled into space and, when directed at the Earth, can cause geomagnetic storms that affect the Earth's ionosphere (the atmospheric layer about 45 to 600 miles above the surface), interfering with radio communications. The Earth's weather occurs at much lower levels in the atmosphere, generally below 80,000 feet.

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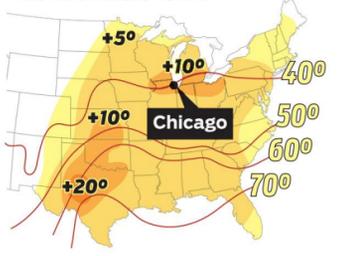
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## November-level temps; windy, wet storm Thursday

**WEDNESDAY'S HIGH TEMPS**  
Huge swath of the Eastern U.S. bathed in above normal temps  
How much above normal?



**THE FINAL WEEK OF THE YEAR**  
Dec. 25 through Jan. 1 high/low temps  
What a difference a year makes!

LAST YEAR	DEC. 25	DEC. 26	DEC. 27
	21°/2°	5°/-3°	7°/-4°
THIS YEAR	45°/28°	47°/26°	57°/47°

(Normal: 32°/18°)

**DECEMBER'S 2ND-MILDEST TEMP; MID-NOVEMBER-LEVEL READING**  
Wednesday's area highs

O'HARE	MIDWAY	CHL LAKEFRONT
47°	48°	41°
Harwood Heights	50°	
Valparaiso, Ind.	50°	
Riverside	50°	
Glensview	49°	

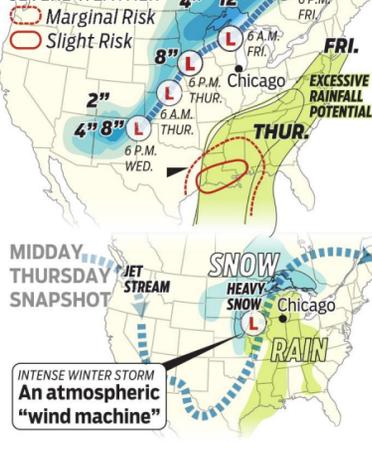
**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES**

THURSDAY (6 A.M.-6 P.M.)	THUR. NIGHT (6 P.M.-6 A.M.)
100%	50%
Rain	Showers/isolated thunderstorms?

FRIDAY (6 A.M.-6 P.M.)	FRI. NIGHT (6 P.M.-6 A.M.)
35%	25%
Rain showers/wet snowflakes late	Snow showers/flurries

## THURSDAY THROUGH THURS. NIGHT

**U.S. Rain, snow and severe weather risks**  
Projected storm track



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### MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	58	42	su	46	27
Carbondale	rn	53	37	pc	41	29
Champaign	rn	53	34	pc	38	28
Decatur	rn	53	34	pc	38	28
Moline	rn	53	33	sh	38	25
Peoria	rn	55	31	sh	38	27
Quincy	rn	58	30	sh	37	25
Rockford	rn	50	34	sh	36	23
Springfield	rn	56	31	pc	38	26
Stirling	rn	51	33	sh	37	25
Indiana	rn	55	33	pc	55	31
Bloomington	rn	58	51	pc	54	28
Evansville	rn	48	46	pc	56	32
Fort Wayne	rn	53	51	pc	56	31
Indianapolis	rn	52	46	pc	50	30
Lafayette	rn	48	46	pc	51	29
South Bend	rn	48	46	pc	51	29
Wisconsin	rn	41	39	rs	41	17
Green Bay	rn	48	38	ss	42	23
Kenosha	rn	44	36	ss	38	16
La Crosse	rn	45	36	ss	39	20
Madison	rn	46	38	ss	43	21
Milwaukee	rn	38	33	ss	36	10
Wausau	rn	43	41	pc	55	30
Michigan	rn	43	41	cl	55	30
Detroit	rn	45	44	cl	51	25
Grand Rapids	rn	43	38	ss	39	12
Marquette	rn	34	32	rs	32	10
St. Ste. Marie	rn	41	40	rs	47	21
Traverse City	rn	41	40	rs	47	21
Iowa	rn	50	28	ss	30	11
Ames	rn	48	31	ss	36	19
Cedar Rapids	rn	53	27	pc	30	12
Des Moines	rn	48	34	ss	37	21
Dubuque	rn	48	34	ss	37	21

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	57	32	su	45	28
Albuquerque	pc	43	25	ss	28	14
Amarillo	pc	43	23	pc	31	19
Anchorage	ss	26	21	pc	24	22
Asheville	sh	45	43	rn	59	41
Aspen	pc	23	5	ss	21	8
Atlanta	rn	50	51	ts	64	47
Atlantic City	pc	44	41	rn	55	49
Austin	su	70	42	su	61	38
Baltimore	sh	47	43	pc	61	49
Billings	sh	22	10	pc	26	18
Birmingham	ts	61	59	ts	65	43
Bismarck	pc	14	0	pc	7	4
Boise	pc	37	18	su	34	22
Boston	pc	34	28	rn	54	49
Brownsville	pc	79	57	sh	78	66
Buffalo	cl	42	38	sh	53	33
Burlington	cl	23	20	rn	44	37
Charlotte	sh	47	46	ts	62	49
Charlottesville	sh	65	61	ts	69	59
Charlottesville WV	sh	53	51	sh	61	37
Chattanooga	pc	53	52	fr	63	38
Cheyenne	pc	21	8	cl	18	8
Cincinnati	su	62	48	sh	58	31
Cleveland	cl	49	46	sh	56	33
Colo. Spgs	pc	31	12	cl	23	9
Columbia MO	pc	62	28	pc	36	23
Columbia SC	sh	57	54	ts	73	56
Columbus	rn	49	47	sh	58	34
Concord	pc	32	19	fr	41	38
Corpus Christi	pc	16	53	su	70	54
Dallas	su	64	37	su	53	33
Daytona Bch.	cl	75	68	ts	79	64
Denver	pc	33	15	pc	25	14
Duluth	rn	15	23	pc	27	2
El Paso	su	54	37	cl	50	34
Fairbanks	pc	-7	-13	pc	-6	-8
Fargo	pc	25	0	pc	-4	-13
Flagstaff	ss	32	15	sh	27	9
Fort Myers	pc	81	69	pc	83	68
Fort Smith	pc	65	31	su	48	28
Fresno	pc	51	34	su	52	32
Grand Junc.	cl	34	15	pc	26	8
Great Falls	sh	24	14	pc	33	23
Harrisburg	pc	47	40	rn	57	44
Hartford	pc	38	30	rn	54	44
Helena	cl	25	15	pc	36	18
Honolulu	pc	83	70	ts	80	70
Houston	pc	75	50	ts	67	50
Int'l Falls	sn	28	6	pc	9	-11
Jackson	ts	67	54	pc	60	44
Jacksonville	sh	72	67	ts	77	64
Jamez	rs	40	35	pc	38	30
Kansas City	sh	58	26	pc	34	19
Las Vegas	pc	53	40	pc	49	34
Lexington	sh	55	52	pc	60	31
Lincoln	rs	47	20	pc	23	9
Little Rock	rn	66	38	su	53	31
Los Angeles	su	67	46	su	64	42
Louisville	rn	58	55	sh	60	32
Macon	sh	59	57	ts	70	53
Memphis	ts	62	46	su	50	34
Miami	ts	79	74	pc	80	74
Minneapolis	rn	39	26	ts	29	5
Mobile	ts	68	66	ts	79	59
Montgomery	rn	65	63	ts	67	53
Nashville	pc	61	58	pc	62	33
New Orleans	ts	72	65	ts	70	59
New York	pc	42	38	rn	58	51
Norfolk	cl	53	49	rn	68	54
Ola, Okla.	pc	52	27	su	41	23
Omaha	rn	49	22	pc	24	10
Orlando	cl	78	69	ts	81	63
Palm Beach	ts	79	72	ts	79	71
Palm Springs	pc	67	48	ts	62	41
Philadelphia	pc	44	38	rn	59	49
Phoenix	pc	59	38	su	55	35
Pittsburgh	cl	50	45	ts	58	36
Portland, ME	pc	30	21	rs	44	39
Portland, OR	sh	46	37	sh	44	42
Providence	pc	37	25	rn	54	49
Raleigh	sh	51	48	ts	67	53
Rapid City	su	21	10	pc	19	6
Reno	pc	36	23	ts	36	18
Richmond	cl	51	45	ts	66	49
Rochester	pc	38	36	sh	54	35
Sacramento	pc	57	38	pc	57	32
Salem, Ore.	pc	48	38	sh	46	41
Salt Lake City	ss	30	17	ts	27	13
San Antonio	su	73	45	su	66	42
San Diego	pc	63	47	su	63	45
San Francisco	su	56	45	su	56	44
San Juan	pc	82	74	sh	81	74
San Jose	pc	32	15	ss	23	7
Savannah	sh	66	63	ts	72	59
Seattle	pc	45	36	rn	46	44
Shreveport	ts	67	42	su	59	39
Sioux Falls	rs	33	25	ss	16	-4
Spokane	rs	33	24	ss	32	30

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**HOMES**



# Antiques back in the limelight

Blending vintage tableware and modern pieces creates an inspiring dining space

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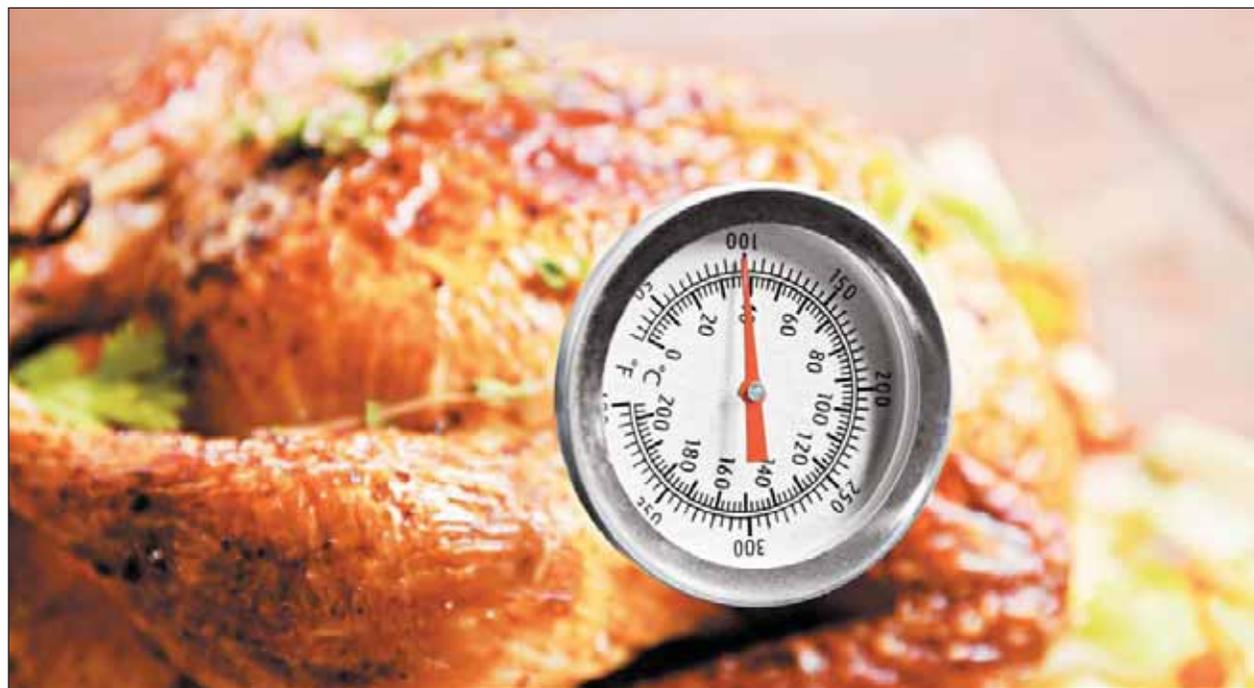
# Staying safe at home during holiday season

BY DAN DICLERICO  
HomeAdvisor

Not to dampen the holiday spirit, but the most wonderful time of the year can also be one of the most dangerous for homeowners. Fortunately, a few preventive measures should be enough to keep you and your home safe and secure into 2019 and beyond. Here are five essentials from the experts at HomeAdvisor.

**Prevent fires:** Winter is the most dangerous season for home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Remember the 3-foot rule: That's how far any heat source, from candles to space heaters, needs to be from all things flammable — including blankets, rugs and the Christmas tree. The NFPA also recommends having your chimney inspected by a qualified professional every year; the average cost for the project, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide, is \$227.

**Avoid slips, trips and falls:** Slick walkways, darkened stairwells and,



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Use a meat thermometer to check internal temperatures of turkey and other meat.

yes, a little too much eggnog all contribute to the spike in fall-related injuries during the holidays. Stock up on de-icer, rock salt or sand to prepare surfaces ahead of snow and ice. If your home's entryway is poorly lit, consider adding an exterior light fixture. And be careful when ad-

justing and removing those holiday lights, since ladder accidents are another major cause of holiday injuries. You can hire a pro for the job for as little as \$200, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

**Protect against theft:** Reports of package theft

surge during the holidays. Requiring a signature for delivery or receiving text or email alerts when packages reach your home will minimize the risk. Installing security cameras in and around your home can also deter would-be package thieves. One industry study found that 60 percent of

burglars consider the presence of cameras when selecting a target. If you need help with the install, a qualified handyman should be able to do the job for under \$100.

**Beware of snow removal injuries:** Snow shoveling causes thousands of injuries

and as many as 100 deaths each year, according to the National Safety Council. If you're not used to regular exercise, think about hiring a professional snow removal service; most homeowners pay between \$30 and \$75 per snowstorm, or \$350 to \$450 for a seasonal contract, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide. If you're fit enough to shovel your own snow, remember to stay hydrated, dress warmly and use good shoveling form, pushing the snow as much as possible rather than lifting and tossing.

**Practice food safety:** Holiday meals can be a recipe for foodborne illnesses. Following a few best practices will keep you and your guests safe. Start by using separate cutting boards for raw meat and ready-to-eat items like vegetables or bread. Always use a meat thermometer to check internal temperatures of the turkey, roast or other cooked meat. And once the meal is done, refrigerate leftovers within two hours to prevent them from being infected with bacteria.

## New Year's 30-minute quick clean

BY KATHRYN WEBER  
Tribune Content Agency

Friends call and say they want to stop by for a few minutes for a friendly visit over New Year's. Don't let your untidy house get in the way of getting together. With this 30-minute quick clean, you won't have to take a pass on your New Year's visitors.

**Neat and tidy:** The first thing for a quick clean is to tidy up. Concentrate your

efforts on the rooms and areas where your guests typically go, like your entryway, living room, kitchen and guest bathroom. Grab a laundry basket, and put all the items in it that make your house look messy. Store the basket in your laundry room. Dust big areas like the side tables and cocktail table in the living room.

**Kitchen confident:** Take all dishes off the counters and sink, and store them in

the dishwasher. Didn't empty the dishwasher? Grab a large cookie sheet, add the dishes to it and store in the oven. Give the counters a wipe, and dry the sink. Check the fridge for smudge marks, and give it a shine.

**Beautiful bath:** Next, focus on the guest bathroom. Give the toilet a quick spray with cleaner, and wipe the seat and rim with paper towels. Run a toilet brush around the

bowl with cleaner if it needs it. Place a clean hand towel on the towel bar. Wipe off counters, and give the mirror a wipe.

**Final touches:** Check the porch to see if it needs to be swept. If the foyer has excess coats and bags, gather these up and take them to a bedroom. In the living room, straighten loose cushions or pillows on the sofa and chairs. Turn on lamps. Make a pot of coffee or pull a bottle of



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wine from the fridge. Put together a quick plate of cookies or some cheese and crackers. Consider lighting

a scented candle. Your house will look tidy and smell nice, and your guests will be pleased.

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# Table makeover: What's old is new again

Open your china cabinet and set free the beauties inside

BY MARY CAROL GARRITY

Tribune News Service

It's time for a jail break. It's time for the vintage china dishes, silver serving pieces and old glassware to bust out of our china cabinets, where they have been held in solitary confinement far too long, and finally take their rightful place on our tables.

In my book, two of the best things in life are antiques and dishes. So you can imagine how crazy I am about tableware from days gone by. Old silverware, plates, goblets and trays not only have timelessly classic styling, they have a story to tell. They take a table from generic to personal, and give you a way to not only celebrate the past, but also to add a new chapter to the story.

So, why aren't we all using our vintage and antique tableware? One of the reasons we hear a lot is people think their patterns are too dated. Maybe you remember how grandma used the china on her table, and it's just not your look. Or you can't imagine a way to give these old pieces new energy, to help them assume a brand new personality. If so, all you need is a table makeover!

When Donna, a member of our visual design team, is creating inspiration tables at the store, she often features the vintage and antique china we carry. As she is styling the tables, she says people stop and marvel at how completely different the old beauties look when they are put with new table elements. Donna says people often share their stories about the china, silver and glassware they never use. Then she shows them how to see these familiar friends with new eyes.



It's time for the vintage china dishes, silver serving pieces and old glassware to come out of the china cabinets.



Why aren't we using vintage and antique tableware? Some people think the items are simply too dated.

What happens when you pair your plates with a new tablecloth or napkins? Or slip in an unusual charger? Are there other dish patterns you can mix in, like a salad plate with a contemporary pattern or a white dinner plate with an interesting edge? How about finishing the place setting with colored goblets? Or a sweet cut glass dish?

Use your imagination when trying to find new ways to incorporate your vintage pieces into your daily life. I like to plant paper white bulbs in antique celery jars to give my

home some spring cheer during the dark winter months. Old glasses and bowls can hold office supplies. Trays can be used to host decorative displays. Dishes can become artwork. Platters can corral your mail. Toothpick holders can become vases for petite bouquets or tea lights.

This coming year, resolve to open the doors of your china cabinet and set free all the beauties inside. Invite them to your table, where they can warm your heart every day and be a part of a new chapter.



MARY CAROL GARRITY/TNS PHOTOS

What happens when you pair older plates with a new tablecloth or napkins? Or slip in an unusual charger? How about finishing the place setting with colored goblets? Use your imagination when searching for new ways to incorporate vintage pieces.



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Many rodents and insects seek indoor shelter and food when the weather turns cold.

## HOME REMEDIES

# How to prevent winter pests

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE  
Angie's List

Your relatives aren't the only guests who make themselves at home in your house over the holidays, and the other group is considerably less welcome. People often think rodents and insects go dormant during the winter months. And while many do indeed go into a kind of hibernation, others remain very active and seek to survive and thrive in the climate-controlled bliss of your home. Fortunately, you can keep pests away by taking some basic steps.

**How to keep pests out:** The best defense is strong prevention. Seal cracks around your home, even small ones. This keeps out both rodents and insects. In particular, stink bugs like to sneak in through cracks, and once they get inside, stink bugs are notoriously difficult to exterminate. Caulk or mesh provide the best protection against gaps and cracks in your foundation or around doors and windows. Galvanized flashing or copper mesh make excellent obstacles to pests; rodents can chew through almost anything else.

Verify that your window screens are in good condition, with no rips or tears that a stink bug might slip

through. Areas around your home that are typical points of entry for bugs include soffits, pipes, utility wire holes, chimneys and siding.

Regularly dust your nooks and crannies and pay special attention to areas behind cabinets, underneath sinks and so forth. Dark, out-of-the-way places provide excellent homes for spiders, insects and rodents.

Rodents pose a big winter problem because they desperately seek out warm shelter. And because they can compress their rib cages to fit tiny spaces, they can work their way into areas you never thought possible. In addition to checking out your exterior entry points, make sure any foliage is at least 3 feet away from your foundation, and keep firewood away from your house.

As it becomes colder and there's less food to be scavenged, you'll receive more visits from bigger animals, such as raccoons, opossums and coyotes.

Keep your trash bins tightly sealed. If you feed your animals outside, do not free-feed them and clean up after they are finished. Remove anything that could be attracting animals, like trash, food remnants and seeds from the bird feeder. If you know there is an animal in the

area, be careful and monitor your pets as you let them outside.

**What to do once pests have taken up residence:** If you see signs of invaders, such as insects or distinctive mouse and rat droppings, they've already made it inside. At that point, carefully follow the steps above once more, because you might have missed a crack or an opening. Continue to clean and remove food sources; you'll have fewer problems with existing pests if they have less to eat.

Pest control professionals say bait boxes and traps are effective for removing rodents, but there are several options available, from traditional traps to no-kill methods that allow you to release the rodent back into the wild. Bait boxes contain a rodenticide that kills the mouse or rat in a few days. The boxes shelter the poisonous rodenticide and keep it out of reach of children and pets. You should place bait boxes in areas where you've seen rodent activity, and in natural walking paths along walls or in corners.

For large infestations, or if rodents simply make you squeamish, consider hiring a professional pest control company. They will inspect your exterior and come up with a removal plan.

# Pest management method doesn't rely on chemicals

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

**My friend was encouraging me to use integrated pest management in my garden. Should I consider changing my gardening practices?**  
— Jennifer Hendrickson,  
Morton Grove

Integrated pest management describes an environmentally sensitive approach to managing pests in the garden that relies on a combination of practices versus the routine application of pesticides in a traditional pest control program. An integrated pest management approach to your garden will work well.

Start by choosing plants that are well adapted to the conditions in your garden and that will fulfill your design requirements. The plants will perform better, have fewer disease and pest problems and require less maintenance when their cultural needs are met and their growth characteristics match your design requirements. Properly installing and caring for your plants will translate to healthier plants that will, in turn, have fewer problems requiring intervention on your part.

A key aspect of an integrated pest management approach is preventing pest problems versus treating them.

You will need to monitor your garden and learn to identify pests and diseases, not all of which will require immediate or future control measures. Finding a pest in your garden will require you to more closely monitor the plants, with a control being applied when damage crosses an unacceptable threshold. This monitoring and identifying eliminates unnecessary use of a pesticide or the use of the wrong one.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

A ladybug feeds on aphids; the white ones have been sucked dry. An insecticidal soap to control aphids is safe for people and wildlife and relatively nontoxic to beneficial insects such as ladybugs that prey on aphids.

In any proposals that recommend routine insecticide spraying of your trees and shrubs, question the purpose of the treatments. Most likely, you will not need them. Preventive pesticide applications are limited (not excluded) in an IPM program because the impacts of pesticide use can outweigh the benefits of control, especially when nonchemical methods can provide similar results.

Once you determine that a pest needs to be treated, choose a chemical control that is as selective as possible and also the least toxic to any nontarget organisms. One example would be using an insecticidal soap to control aphids. It is safe for people and wildlife and relatively nontoxic to beneficial insects such as ladybugs that prey on the aphids.

The insecticidal soap has no residual action; thus, it kills the insects present on the plant when it is sprayed while insects

coming into contact with the plant days or weeks later, or even after the spray has dried, will not be affected.

Some conventional insecticides will have a much longer period of residual action and will affect more nontarget insects. This residual action, though, can be effective in controlling certain other insect pests that are more difficult to control. It is also important to apply the controls at the most vulnerable stage of the insect's life cycle for maximum control.

The organic approach to gardening applies many of the same concepts as integrated pest management but limits the use of pesticides to those that are produced from natural sources, as opposed to synthetic chemicals.

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# A better way to vent your clothes dryer

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

**Q: I need your advice. My clothes dryer stopped getting my clothes dry. The problem was traced to the vent line being squished behind the dryer. I was also told the flexible plastic pipe was inferior. Can you share your magic way of connecting clothes dryers to vent pipes so they're trouble-free?**

**A:** When your clothes dryer is taking longer and longer to dry clothes, it's often a sign of a clogged vent pipe, a clogged lint filter or a lint-clogged vent flapper.

Several years ago, I helped a single mom install a new washer and dryer in a home she had rented. I had to modify the length of the dryer vent pipe and was stunned when I took it apart. The entire 25 feet of the vent pipe from the old dryer location to the exterior vent hood was choked with lint. I had never seen anything like it in all my years!

Another time, when I was trying to connect my own vent pipe to a new dryer my wife bought, I found it needlessly frustrating. The first mistake most builders make is installing the vent pipe in finished laundry rooms close to the floor. That was the root cause of my frustration. I was trying to lean back over the dryer reaching down to tighten screws and lost it.

I decided I was going to make it easy for myself and anyone else in the future to deal with disconnecting the vent pipe for cleaning, inspection or installing the next new dryer. I got out my tools and relocated the vent hood so it was exiting the house wall a few inches above the back of the dryer.

Doing this allowed me to connect solid 4-inch metal 90-degree



TIM CARTER

When your clothes dryer is taking longer to dry clothes, check the vent pipe. It may have become clogged.

angle pipe to the male outlet at the base of the dryer using sheet-metal screws. I then extended a piece of solid pipe straight up the back of the dryer from this fitting.

I attached a second 90-degree fitting to this vertical pipe above the back of the dryer using more screws. This fitting would connect to a short stub of pipe that exited my exterior wall. I was able to slide the dryer closer to

the wall and had no trouble mating the fitting to the short stub of the pipe. Installing the final screws was easy.

At first blush, you may not like this solution because you'd see the ugly metal pipe above the dryer. I knew my wife would be unhappy too. I solved that problem by making a box shelf that attached to the wall with a French cleat.

This open-bottomed box slid

over the vent pipe, hiding everything. The shelf was a perfect place for the box of dryer sheets and other things that seem to gravitate to laundry rooms. I even put in small writing on the front bottom corner, "Slide up for vent pipe access."

**Q: What's the truth about de-icing salts and concrete? I recently saw some magic liquid that I can use instead of salt.**

**Does salt harm concrete? Is there anything I can apply to my concrete to prevent damage? If the concrete surface is spalled, what can be done?**

**A:** The subject of de-icing salt and concrete is complex, and many thousands of words have been written about it. I can give you the CliffsNotes version.

De-icing salt can harm concrete that's not been mixed, placed, finished and cured properly. The trouble is when you look at a concrete sidewalk, driveway or patio, you have no idea if all those things were done correctly.

I can show you concrete sidewalks in different towns that have had de-icing salt on them for decades and the surface has not crumbled. That's your simple proof that concrete can resist salt.

Before you buy the magic fluid, do some math. I recently saw some de-icing fluid and discovered it's 37 times more expensive than salt. Most people put on way too much salt to de-ice. You only need to use 5 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet of concrete.

Before winter set in, it would have been a great idea to spray a clear penetrating silane/siloxane water repellent on your concrete. Read the directions and put on two coats if possible, one immediately behind the other. This sealer helps minimize the salt brine from soaking into the concrete.

Salt-damaged concrete usually doesn't have to be replaced. Often just the top  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch of the concrete has crumbled. You can install a long-lasting cement stucco overlay using coarse sand, Portland cement and hydrated lime to resurface the concrete. The secret is to use cement paint to bond the old concrete to the new stucco mix. I have detailed instructions for this process at AsktheBuilder.com.

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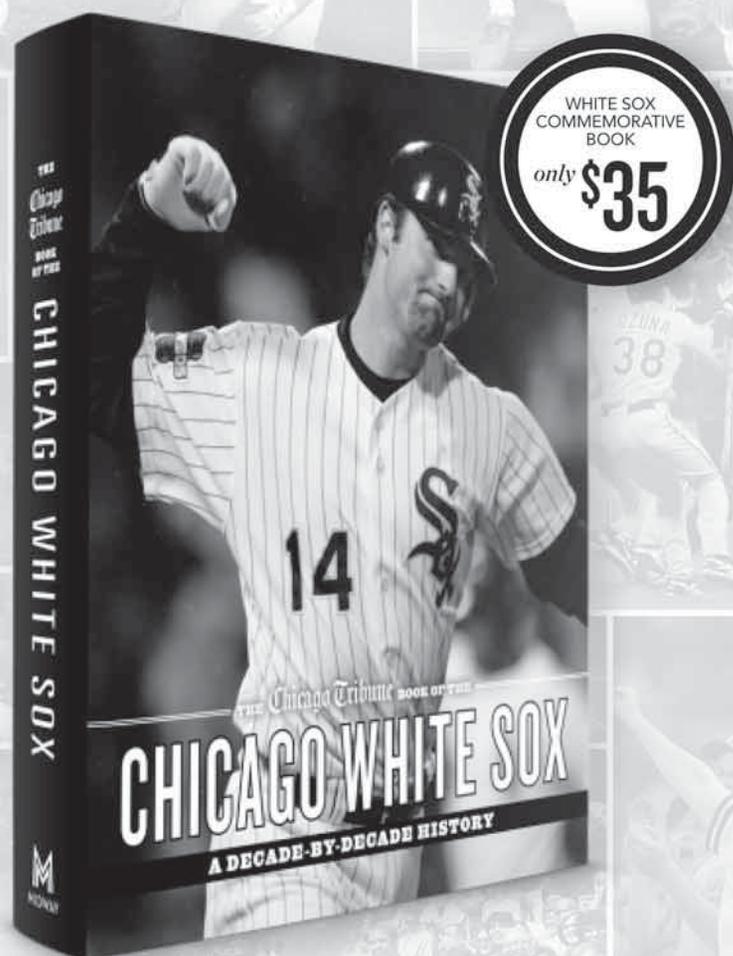


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## Tips for homebuyers who are planning ahead for 2019

BY ELLEN JAMES MARTIN  
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A couple of newlyweds are finally moving in together, but they've decided to rent for a brief period, advancing slowly and methodically toward a home purchase sometime next year.

Felipe Chacon, a housing economist with Trulia, a real estate research firm, doesn't know that couple. But he's not surprised they're taking a wait-and-see approach.

"There are a lot of headwinds hitting buyers right now. Affordability has been a growing concern for several years, and now mortgage rates are starting to pick up," Chacon says.

"People ... know we could be due for a recession and ... hope conditions will be better for buyers next year," he says.

One sign that the strong seller's market is starting to recede is that more sellers are marking down their prices. According to a Trulia analysis, the share of sellers taking price cuts has shot up in recent months. The number of cuts has grown to its highest level in four years.

Meanwhile, sales of newly constructed homes fell sharply in September, reflecting a weakening in the seller's market. And Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, reports that sales of existing homes also dropped in September.

"This is the lowest existing home sales level since November 2015," Yun says.

Here are a few pointers for homebuyers planning for 2019:

**Find an experienced agent.** People who are relocating are advised to search for an agent who has years of experience selling homes in any com-



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munity they're considering, says Tom Early, a real estate broker and former president of the National Association of Exclusive Buyer Agents.

A strong agent will help you navigate the new locale, supplying data on home prices and valuation trends, school performance statistics and information on nearby amenities, such as parks and trails.

**Avoid an agent who tries to rush you.** Although agents don't make money until a sale goes through, a reputable one won't try to hurry you into a purchase before you're ready, says Eric Tyson, co-author of "Home Buying for Dummies."

"It's a big red flag if an agent starts pushing you," he says.

Of course, it's not fair to ask the agent to spend multiple weekends over months showing you properties unless you're progressing toward your goal of homeownership. Still, it's not unreasonable to spend up to six months doing intermittent (yet focused) outings with an agent.

**Visit open houses.**

If you're planning a major housing change, such as a move from a suburban house to a high-rise condo, you needn't rely solely on your agent. You can do

much of the footwork.

"By visiting a lot of open houses, you can narrow down what you do and don't like in a home," Early says.

Many open houses are heavily advertised with street signs posted by listing agents. If you're considering condo apartments, Early suggests you consult newspaper or internet advertising for open house details.

**Conduct your own research.** Some of the most useful sources of information are people who live in the areas you're considering.

"People usually know their neck of the woods as well as any professional who sells property there. Unless they're trying to unload their home, the neighbors will tell you the real skinny about traffic tie-ups, school problems and noise issues," Early says.

He recommends you walk through the community on a weekend afternoon when many people are likely to be out in their yards. Tell them you admire their neighborhood and are considering a move there. Then politely pose a few questions.

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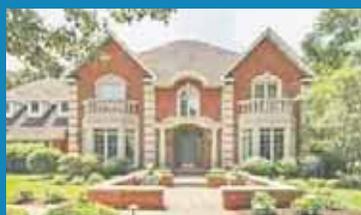
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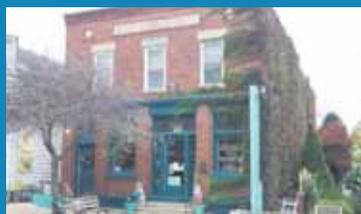
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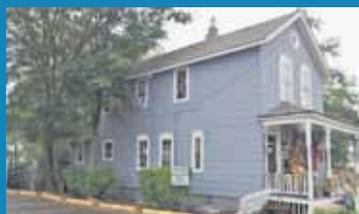
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