



New year bringing new batch of state laws

More than 250 set to go into effect Tuesday that range from gun control to transportation issues

By **MIKE RIOPELL**
 Chicago Tribune

Some take on serious issues such as the safety of children, sexual harassment or synthetic marijuana that led to multiple deaths in 2018. Another abolishes a task force on farmers markets that hasn't met in two years.

In all, more than 250 new state laws take effect Jan. 1. The final batch of new laws imposed under outgoing Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner run the gamut from technical corrections in laws that will have little effect on people's daily lives to requiring parents of young children to keep them in rear-facing car seats longer.

An even busier year could be on the horizon in Springfield with Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker set to take over Jan. 14 and a legislative wish list that includes legalizing marijuana and sports betting. But first, here's a sampling of Illinois' new laws for 2019.

Guns

State lawmakers and Rauner tangled over several gun control

efforts sparked by the deadly school shooting at a Parkland, Fla., high school and the downtown killing of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer.

What was approved in the end? The state created a 72-hour cooling-off period for people who want to buy firearms, expanding a requirement that already applies to handgun sales.

A new law requires schools to conduct an active shooter drill observed by law enforcement

■ **Car seats:** Starting Tuesday, drivers must put children under age 2 in rear-facing car seats or face fine. **Page 2**

within 90 days of the start of the school year.

And hunters can wear blaze pink, not just blaze orange, for safety.

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Postseason's greetings

Fresh off a 24-10 thumping of the Vikings in Minneapolis, the Bears don't have time to bask in the glory of their 12-4 regular season. For the first time in eight years, they'll be part of the NFL playoffs, one of 12 teams in the hunt for the Lombardi Trophy. "This is when it gets real," Matt Nagy said Monday at Halas Hall. But how will the rookie head coach and his players respond to the pressure and intensity that come with every snap in the postseason? "We don't

know until we get into it," Nagy said. Their first test comes Sunday against the defending champion Philadelphia Eagles at Soldier Field (3:40 p.m., NBC-5). Nick Foles, who last season stepped in for injured quarterback Carson Wentz and led the Eagles to the Super Bowl victory, will start against the Bears despite suffering bruised ribs Sunday in the Eagles' victory.

Complete coverage in **Chicago Sports**

Dems have plan to end shutdown

Bills would fully reopen government without funding wall

By **ZEKE MILLER**
AND LISA MASCARO
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats unveiled a package of bills Monday that would reopen the federal government without approving funding for President Donald Trump's border wall with Mexico, establishing an early confrontation that will test the new power dynamic in Washington.

The House is preparing to vote as soon as the new Congress convenes Thursday, as one of the first acts after Democrats take control, according to an aide who was not authorized to discuss the plan and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Democrats under Nancy Pelosi are all but certain to swiftly approve the two bills, making good on their pledge to try to quickly resolve the partial government shutdown that's now in its second week. What's unclear is whether the Republican-led Senate, under Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., will consider either measure — or if Trump would sign them into law.

"It would be the height of irresponsibility and political cynicism for Senate Republicans to now reject the same legislation they have already supported," Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement Monday.

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Stocks see largest yearly dip since '08

U.S. markets trimmed 2018 losses in a Monday rally, but it was not enough to prevent the worst yearly decline for stocks since 2008. All three major indexes finished 2018 in the red during the finale of a tumultuous year.

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Presidential bid? Warren makes move

Sen. Elizabeth Warren on Monday took the first major step toward launching a widely anticipated campaign for the presidency, hoping her reputation as a populist fighter can help her navigate a crowded Democratic field.

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How do you measure a year? How about love?

Jen Kramer challenged herself to post a love note each day in '18. With task came a lasting lesson.

In 2018, Jen Kramer wanted to find love.

Not the romantic kind; that box is checked.

The kind that lives and works quietly in our midst — often unnoticed, frequently unremarked upon. The kind we sort of take for granted, even as it sus-



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

tains us. Like oxygen. "I've never been a New Year's resolution kind of gal," Kramer, 48, said. "But I read an article last year that said, 'Instead of something arduous, why don't you add something to your life that would be meaningful?' I thought, 'Huh. That would be fun.'"

She knew she wanted grati-

tude to be at the center of whatever project she embarked upon.

"Gratitude is about lifting other people," she said, "and I'm a better person when I'm lifting other people."

The final days of 2017 were winding down, and Kramer's aunt, about to face surgery, was on Kramer's mind. Kramer wrote a Facebook post about her.

It became the first installment in what would become Kramer's #yearoflove.

Every day — all 365 (!) of them

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In 2018, Jen Kramer chose one person per day for whom she's grateful and highlighted that person on her social media.



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The Airport Transit System people mover system at O'Hare International Airport will be completely shut down starting Jan. 8 for expansion and modernization.

O'Hare 'people mover' will shut down until fall

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The "people mover" light rail system, which shuttles passengers around O'Hare International Airport will shut down completely next week and not reopen until the fall of 2019, airport officials said.

The people mover, also known as the Automated Transportation Service or ATS, has not operated on weekdays since last spring. But starting at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, service will be suspended and shuttle buses will be used until train service resumes in the fall.

The city is upgrading the 25-year-old people mover to include a new, larger fleet of cars, which will double the capacity of the current system, according to the city's aviation department.

Aviation spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said that the ATS train system is electrical and so needs to be shut down because people will be working on the tracks.

The new system will move passengers between terminals and economy parking lots but also include a new stop at the O'Hare Multi Modal Facility, which was completed

this past fall. The facility was intended to provide a central access point for rental cars and parking.

The shutdown will create additional vehicle traffic around the terminal roadways at O'Hare, so the city's aviation department is encouraging passengers to use the CTA Blue Line instead of a car to get to and from the airport, if possible.

The city has included the renovation of the people mover in the \$841 million cost for the Multi Modal Facility.

The project was financed through a federal loan along with general airport bond revenues, the city said.

Huffman said the airport is also planning two new changes for Terminal 5, also known as the International Terminal, this spring.

The light rail and Multi Modal Facility projects are separate from the massive \$8.5 billion airport expansion project announced for O'Hare earlier this year.

That eight-year project eventually will include a global terminal, dozens of new gates and several additional concourses.

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New state driving law: Kids under 2 must be in rear-facing car seat

BY MIKE RIOPELL
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As people look ahead to what's coming up in the new year, 2019 will have more young Illinois children looking back.

A state law that takes effect New Year's Day requires children to ride in rear-facing car seats until they're 2 years old, weigh 40 pounds or are 40 inches tall, making recommendations from child-safety advocates into Illinois law.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and lawmakers approved the change earlier this year. Now, not following the new rules could land a driver with a fine of \$75 the first violation, and \$200 for each one after that, according to the Illinois State Police.

State law already required drivers to use a "child restraint system" for children under 8 years old, but it didn't specify which way the car seat had to face.

Advocates have recommended rear-facing seats for younger children for years, saying they're safer. This year, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended parents keep their kids in rear-facing seats as long as possible.

"Fortunately, car seat manufacturers have created seats that allow children to



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Starting Tuesday, Illinois drivers must put children younger than 2 in a rear-facing car seat.

remain rear-facing until they weigh 40 pounds or more, which means most children can remain rear-facing past their second birthday," Dr. Benjamin Hoffman, chairman of the AAP Council on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention, said in a statement this year. "It's best to keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. This is still the safest way for children to ride."

Democratic state Sen. Michael Hastings of Tinley Park, a sponsor of the law, likened the new car seat rules to the original manda-

tory seat belt law, saying people will get used to it and rear-facing seats will become standard practice. He noted the fear parents can feel on their first drive home from the hospital after a child is born.

"We drove 20 mph the whole way," he said.

The new state law is one of more than 250 that take effect Jan. 1, the last such batch of big changes under Rauner. The car seat law was approved nearly unanimously by lawmakers. The only dissenting vote came from Republican state Sen. Kyle McCarter of downstate

Lebanon, who has been nominated by President Donald Trump to be the U.S. ambassador to Kenya.

The Illinois State Police say they've been trying to notify the public about the car seat changes via social media and at safety events and will continue to do so. Asked if offenders in the early days of the law will get warnings, a spokeswoman said, "we will enforce this new change in law in order to keep all children traveling on the roadways safe."

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2019 brings more than 250 new state laws

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Transportation

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"There's always been some confusion out there," said Tara Devine, a personal injury attorney with the law firm of Salvi Stostok & Pritchard. "This at least provides consistency and clarity for pediatricians, the public and manufacturers."

A different new law will require the Illinois secretary of state to include information about the so-called Dutch reach method of exiting a parallel-parked vehicle in its "Rules of the

Road" pamphlet and ask questions about safe driving around cyclists on its written tests.

The Dutch reach method instructs drivers to use their right hand to open the door of their vehicle, basically physically forcing them to look behind to see if there is an oncoming cyclist or vehicle that could cause an accident or injury.

Sexual harassment

Sexual harassment complaints and how to address them was a continuing story in Illinois government and politics amid the national #MeToo movement.

The new year means the Illinois General Assembly in March will get a new top watchdog, a job that came under increased scrutiny amid a flood of sexual harassment complaints at the Capitol since late last year.

But lawmakers directed some of their attention to the private sector, with a new law requiring companies that want to do business with the state or qualify for certain tax breaks to provide a copy of their anti-harassment policies. And a different new rule

says that anti-harassment training must be part of the continuing education needed to renew a professional license.

Law and order

Statewide this year, at least four people died after ingesting "fake weed," which refers to plants or oils with chemicals added that are meant to mimic the effects of marijuana. The drugs in those cases were laced with brodifacoum, a form of rat poison that prevents blood from clotting normally.

Lawmakers approved a new law aimed at preventing manufacturers of synthetic marijuana from skirting laws banning the substance often sold and branded as "Spice" or "K2." It bans all types of synthetic cannabinoids instead of just specific formulas.

It's a "catch-all" approach designed to prevent manufacturers from circumventing laws that only ban specific chemical combinations.

Manufacturing or delivery of those substances would carry two to five years of prison time and fines of as much as \$25,000.

Possession may result in at least one year in jail.

Other new laws include exempting nursing mothers from jury duty and requiring every Circuit Court building to provide a dedicated lactation room.

Odds and ends

A state law that takes effect Jan. 1 gives DuPage County authority to dissolve its independent election commission, a move made after it had trouble tallying results of the March primary election.

Another change replaces references to "chairman" in the elections code to the gender-neutral "chair."

And 2018 means the end of the Farmers Market Task Force, a group that last posted an agenda to meet in February 2016. A new law abolishes it.

Now, a new law for 2019 creates the Illinois Route 66 Centennial Commission, a group intended to get ready for the road's 100-year anniversary in 2026.

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Deputy fights judge's order of denial of bail

He stands accused of sexual assault of young girl

BY WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County sheriff's deputy accused of sexually assaulting a young teenage girl is fighting a judge's order that he be held without bail on felony charges.

Luke Hatzipetros, 43, appeared briefly in court Monday, dressed

in a yellow jumpsuit, as his attorney filed a motion for lower bail. Judge John F. Lyke Jr. set a hearing on the issue for Jan. 17.

Hatzipetros, an 18-year veteran of the sheriff's office, is accused of assaulting the girl over two days in December. He was charged over the weekend with criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse and ordered held without bail.

Accompanied by several of the deputy's relatives, attorney Jona-

than Bedi said the allegations are not true and he called the denial of bail "atrocious." Bedi said the officer isn't a flight risk and has roots in the community.

Hatzipetros was "de-deputized" by the sheriff's office on Friday following an investigation, according to Cara Smith, policy chief for Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart.



Hatzipetros

Smith said the investigation began at least a week earlier and, prior to his arrest, the sheriff's office served three orders of protection against Hatzipetros. Smith said she wasn't sure if the three people named in the order were victims or their relatives.

"We had been working with Chicago Police Department for several days prior to that and, in

addition, ensuring the orders of protection were served on him," Smith said.

Being "de-deputized" means Hatzipetros was stripped of his police powers, but it does not mean he was immediately terminated. He remains on the payroll until the case runs its course, under the collective bargaining agreement, Smith said.

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Ironclad predictions for the new year



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Greetings, and welcome to the latest edition of Rex Huppke's Ironclad Can't-Go-Wrong New Year's Predictions.

As most of you know, I possess the power of precognition, having been bitten by a radioactive psychic back when I was a teenage comic book character.

Because I have no recollection of any past predictions or whether they came true, I can confidently claim they were all 100 percent accurate. If I don't know something is wrong, it has to be right. That's just basic math.

So without further dilly-dallying, here are a number of things that will absolutely, for sure happen in 2019. You're welcome.

The Chicago Bears will win the Super Bowl

I may be the only Chicago journalist who had the guts and good looks to predict a Bears Super Bowl victory before the season even began.

On Sept. 4, I wrote: "You heard it here first, folks: The Chicago Bears are going to win Super Bowl LIII." My argument was that the signing of defensive superstar Khalil Mack would make the Bears unstoppable. I even named him "Midway Mack, First of His Name, Devourer of Quarterbacks, Expectation Hoister, Bringer of Super Bowls."

Come Feb. 3, I will be crowned "Smartest Columnist in Chicago" as the Bears win the Super Bowl and Mack dedicates his most valuable player trophy to yours truly. This is an absolute guarantee (I've already ordered my celebration sandwich) and nothing could possibly go wrong.

Amazon moves in

After successfully infiltrating every aspect of our digital lives and using the Amazon Echo to monitor our grocery lists, music choices and — quite possibly — every word we say, online retailer Amazon will cut out the incremental nonsense and just open a store in the living room of every home in America.

Don't worry, the store construction will happen while you're out of the house — Amazon always knows when you're out of the house — and the only disruptions will be the restocking drones that enter and exit your home through a window that must remain open at all times.

You'll also have to adjust to Kevin coming around occasionally. (Kevin works for Amazon and will be in charge of vacuuming the store twice a week.)

Donald Trump will flee to Russia

Under the withering heat of multiple investigations and a torrent of subpoenas from a House of Representatives con-

trolled by Democrats, President Donald Trump will bravely surrender and flee to the welcoming arms of Mother Russia, where he will be given the opportunity to join the Russian circus.

He will insist on being the ringmaster but, on orders from Russian President Vladimir Putin, will be forced to perform with the clowns. During a heated dispute with another clown over "fake juggling," a Russian bear will mistake the former American president for an inordinately loud cheese puff. Before the bear is able to devour him, Trump will be saved by his son Donald Trump Jr., who will also be a Russian circus clown. (Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner will learn of this near-tragedy later after returning from their jobs shoveling out the elephant stalls.)

My calves will save journalism

Regular readers of this column — along with anyone who has ever seen me in shorts — are well aware that my calves are stunning, like meticulously sculpted works of leg art.

In 2019, media organizations, beginning with the Chicago Tribune, will offer a subscription-only service that provides a 24-hour-a-day livestream of my calves, utilizing what's known as a "keister-mounted camera."

Global demand for this service will be so robust that the Huppke Calf Cam revenue stream will single-calfedly make American news organizations some of the most profitable businesses in the world.

Foodies will finally stop screwing up perfectly good food

After years of messing up deliciously normal dishes like hamburgers and macaroni and cheese by adding weird ingredients like pheasant or gold dust or artisanal goat cheese crostini crumbles, foodies will finally receive the public disdain they deserve.

The days of food trucks doling out Gruyere-topped Mongolian skirt steak wraps topped with truffle mayonnaise and served inside nitrogen-filled balloons will be over. A grilled cheese sandwich will return to just being a grilled cheese sandwich. Fries will be served with table salt and ketchup, and nothing else.

Anyone who suggests making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich using brioche, hand-smashed almond spread and raspberry/sage compote will be treated as a social pariah. Order will return to our world.

I will wish everyone well in 2019

This one is going to come true sooner than you think. In fact, it's going to come true right now.

I wish each and every one of you a wonderful, joyous and prosperous 2019, and I thank you for reading and sticking with me over the years.

From my family to yours:
Happy New Year!

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Firefighters spray the rooftop of a downtown car garage on the intersection of New Orleans and Hubbard after a fire broke Saturday. Terrell Webster, a roofer working at the time of the fire, was later found dead.

Roofer killed in River North fire 'was hardworking man'

Cause of blaze remains under investigation

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

Terrell Webster was working toward a promotion as a foreman when he was killed Saturday after a fire broke out on a roofing job in River North, according to his family.

Webster, 47, began working in the roofing business as a teen and learned the trade from his father, said Torrie Webster, one of Webster's four children. And Terrell Webster was passing down the skills to his own children.

"I mean, he was a hardworking, dedicated man," Torrie Webster said by phone Monday. "That's all I knew all my life. That's all I see. He wanted us to do the same."

His father was working about 1:20 p.m. Saturday on the roof of a nine-story parking garage at the northeast corner of Orleans and Hubbard streets when a fire broke out, according to the Chicago Fire Department. Firefighters found four workers running on the staircase as they tried to escape the fire. The elevators in the building weren't working.

Webster, of the 1600 block of South Trumbull Avenue, was found dead inside a crawl space above an elevator room where the crew had been working, according to the Fire Department. What sparked the fire remains under investigation. The Fire Department could not be immediately reached Monday for comment.

The cause and manner of death for Webster was pending, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.



FAMILY PHOTO

"I'm just lost for words. It's not enough words that can explain how good of a person he was."

—Torrie Webster, on his father, Terrell Webster, above, who was killed Saturday in a River North fire

Torrie Webster went to the scene Saturday after getting a call from his father's boss. He tried to get answers about what happened, but on Monday he still had questions about how his father died.

Based on his time training with his father, Torrie Webster said he knew his father took work safety seriously. He remembers his father would stay about an hour after a roofing job was complete to watch for hot spots.

"Nobody can tell me he wasn't precautions when it came to roofing," he said.

Torrie Webster said he thinks

Saturday's job was a last-minute assignment that his father took because he was trying to get promoted to foreman. His father had been making daily trips to Michigan for a roofing job there.

"I guess he was trying to impress his job," Torrie Webster said.

Terrell Webster, who was raised on the city's West Side, also had three grandchildren. He turned 47 on Christmas Eve, and the family celebrated at home with music and dancing.

Torrie Webster said his father loved music, particularly the blues, and he also liked joking around with the family. He also remembers his father stressing the importance of helping someone in need without expecting anything in return.

On Christmas, Terrell Webster passed out chicken noodle soup to the homeless, taking along his 6-year-old grandson and 10-year-old granddaughter, Torrie Webster said.

On Monday, the family was still waiting for the medical examiner's office to release the body before moving forward with funeral arrangements.

A representative from Terrell Webster's union stopped by the family's home and told them the workers injured in the fire were expected to survive. But the family still hadn't been able to speak to the workers to get more insight into what happened.

"I'm just lost for words," Torrie Webster said. "It's not enough words that can explain how good of a person he was."

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ELECTION 2019

Activist Green drops out of Chicago mayoral race

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Black Lives Matter activist Ja'Mal Green announced Monday that he's dropping out of the Chicago mayoral race, which will bring the official count of candidates to 17.

Green had filed a motion to withdraw and also to pursue a write-in candidacy last week, a Chicago Board of Elections spokesman said. But at a news conference Monday, Green said he's dropping out and hasn't decided who he will endorse.

Green is the latest mayoral hopeful to fall. Longshot contenders Conrein Hykes Clark, Sandra Mallory and Richard Mayers were bumped from the ballot last week.

Challenges are still pending against other mayoral candidates, including Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin, Catherine Brown D'Tycoon and Roger L. Washington, according to the elections board.

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot officially made the ballot after Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle dropped her challenge to Lightfoot's election petitions. Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza similarly made the ballot after Preckwinkle dropped a challenge against her.

Businessman Willie Wilson's campaign had challenged Green's signatures, sparking what at times became a heated war of words. Green verbally sparred with Wil-

son campaign adviser Rickey Hendon, a flamboyant former state senator who goes by the nickname "Hollywood."

After one mid-December argument, Hendon posted on Facebook that they'd exchanged threats about fighting one another then added, "I told him he needs to change his pampers."

After a press conference Monday, Green said Wilson's campaign drained his resources.

"I think it's disgusting, their practices and what they do to other candidates who don't have the resources," he said. "It is what it is. He's gonna get his karma. He's not gonna win."

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Columnist Rex Huppke predicts President Donald Trump will flee to Russia in 2019.



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Rauner nixes \$8M from Michigan to fight Asian carp

Associated Press

DETROIT — Gov. Bruce Rauner has rejected Michigan's offer of \$8 million to support a project to keep invasive carp from establishing themselves in the Great Lakes, saying the money wouldn't be useful for at least 10 years.

Rauner said in a letter to Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder that the offer to support operations at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet wouldn't help until after an upgrade there is completed in 10 years, The Detroit News reported.

Experts consider the area a good location to block movement of Asian carp, which have infested the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Scientists warn that if the voracious fish become established in the Great Lakes, they could ruin native species and harm the region's \$7 billion fishing industry.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends adding an electric barrier at the dam to repel or stun the fish. The agency also recommends flushing jets and underwater speakers to de-

ter the fish.

The project is estimated to cost almost \$780 million, while maintenance and operations could cost \$7.7 million a year.

Rauner and Snyder, both Republicans, are leaving office Tuesday.

"We do not believe it is appropriate — especially given our lame-duck status — for us to accept funds and bind Illinois to a project that is not final, and whose true costs are years from being calculated," Rauner wrote.

Democrat J.B. Pritzker will succeed Rauner, while Democrat Gretchen Whitmer will be Michigan's next governor.

"Gov. Snyder would encourage Gov.-elect Whitmer to continue pursuing this issue with the new governor of Illinois next year to ensure the Great Lakes are protected as much as possible from the threat of Asian carp," said Snyder spokesman Ari Adler.

Rauner said \$8 million from Michigan could be better used to improve commercial fishing efforts to remove the carp from the upper Illinois River system.



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A FOGGY FINISH TO 2018

The Marina City towers and other buildings along the Chicago River in downtown Chicago are shrouded in fog on Monday. The forecast for New Year's Day calls for a high of 31 degrees, with a chance of snow flurries.

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Year of posting messages of love? Consider woman's mission accomplished

Stevens, from Page 1

— Kramer identified a different person to celebrate. Some were family and friends. Some were strangers. Some were people whose paths regularly crossed hers: The gentleman who goes by V and sells her coffee at Dunkin' Donuts and always tries to talk her into a bagel. The young man named Xavier who works the register at Mariano's with friendly aplomb. The woman named Norma who works as a custodian in Kramer's office building.

"I didn't have any strategy to whom I picked or why I picked them," she said. "Mostly it was what was overwhelming me in the moment."

At some point, usually toward the end of the day, Kramer would write a short post on Facebook highlighting what that day's person means to her and, more broadly, the world.

"My boyfriend would say, 'Who you gonna drop the love bomb on today?'" Kramer said.

One day it was Mica, Kramer's waitress at White Palace Grill, who helped Kramer with her Spanish. "She was wrapping up a 12-hour shift, and headed home to study and make dinner for her family," Kramer wrote. "I told her how proud I was of her."

One day it was her friend Robbie, who's fighting a terminal illness. "Your life is an incredible lesson to this world," Kramer wrote. "I cherish you and lift you up, every moment I can."

In February, when Chicago lost the inimitable Paul Bauer, a Chicago Police commander and friend of Kramer's, she dedicated a #yearoflove post to him.

"I keep asking myself, how does a city heal from a tremendous loss like this?" she wrote. "The profound pain felt by those that worked along side him, lived on his street, knew him from (his daughter) Grace's school. And what about the complete strangers that feel equal heartbreak. How do we heal?"

"I clearly don't have the answer. But on this, the actual day dedicated to love, all I can come up with is this. That we must keep

love at the forefront. Keep loving each other, keep forgiving each other and keep sharing our hearts, no matter the risk. Truth be told, it's all that really matters anyway."

Through loss and triumph, grief and joy, the project was Kramer's North Star.

"In a lot of ways, it's been an experiment in healing," she said. "Somehow, some way, showing love, expressing love, feeling love, exhibiting love has been a way to sort of navigate those moments of sadness — whether it's about a person or a way things used to be or a way we used to treat each other."

When Kramer was 21, her dad died of a massive heart attack. She was at college and never got to tell him goodbye.

"Maybe on some level I'm doing this because I didn't get to say what I wanted to say to my dad," she said. "I didn't get to say what I wanted to say to Paul Bauer."

If today were my last day on Earth,

Kramer would think to herself, *what would I want to say to this person?* That's what she would write in the #yearoflove posts.

"Why don't we say those things to people while they're here?" she said. "Maybe this will be a little lesson to myself and the few people who've sort of followed along. It's easy to be kind, and it's easy to tell people how you feel."

"This was an experiment that absolutely altered the course of my life and the way I go through life," she continued, "and it cost me nothing."

But it paid in dividends. "Where I went, love showed up," she said. "I took it with me everywhere. I looked for love everywhere. You just have to look."

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. On Jan. 9, she'll be joined by Smart Dating Academy founder Bela Gandhi to talk about dating and relating better in 2019.

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NATION & WORLD

Warren takes step for presidential bid

Exploratory committee allows her to raise campaign funds

BY ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Elizabeth Warren on Monday took the first major step toward launching a widely anticipated campaign for the presidency, hoping her reputation as a populist fighter can help her navigate a Democratic field that could include nearly two dozen candidates.

"No matter what our differences, most of us want the same thing," the 69-year-old Massachusetts Democrat said in a video that highlights her family's history in Oklahoma. "To be able to work hard, play by the same set of rules and take care of the people we love. That's what I'm fighting for, and that's why today I'm launching an exploratory committee for president."

Warren burst onto the national scene a decade ago during the financial crisis with calls for greater consumer protections. She quickly became one of the party's more prominent liberals even as she sometimes fought with Obama administration officials over their response to the market turmoil.

Now, as a likely presidential contender, she is making an appeal to the party's base. Her video notes the economic challenges facing people of color along with images of a women's march and Warren's participation at an LGBT event.

In an email to supporters,



Sen. Elizabeth Warren speaks beside her husband, Bruce Mann, outside their Cambridge, Mass., home Monday.

"This election going forward is going to be about the tens of millions of families across this country who work hard, who play to the rules and who just time after time take one body blow after another."

—Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

Warren said she'd more formally announce a campaign plan early in 2019.

Warren is the most prominent Democrat yet to make a move toward a presidential bid and has long been a favorite target of President Donald Trump.

In mid-December, former Obama housing chief Julian Castro also announced a presidential exploratory committee, which legally allows potential candidates to begin raising money. Outgoing Maryland

Rep. John Delaney is the only Democrat so far to have formally announced a presidential campaign.

But that's likely to change quickly in the new year as other leading Democrats take steps toward White House runs.

Warren enters a Democratic field that's shaping up as the most crowded in decades, with many of her Senate colleagues openly weighing their own campaigns, as well as governors, mayors and other promi-

nent citizens. One of her most significant competitors could be Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent who is eyeing another presidential run harnessing the same populist rhetoric.

She must also move past a widely panned October release of a DNA test meant to bolster her claim to Native American heritage. The move was intended to rebut Trump's taunts of Warren as "Pocahontas." Instead, her use of a genetic

test to prove ethnicity spurred controversy that seemed to blunt any argument she sought to make. There was no direct mention of it in the video released Monday.

Speaking to reporters Monday outside her Cambridge, Mass., home, Warren largely danced around a question on whether she wishes she had handled the DNA test release any differently.

"I have put it all out there. It's there for anyone to see,"

Warren said. "But at the end of the day ... this election going forward is going to be about the tens of millions of families across this country who work hard, who play to the rules and who just time after time take one body blow after another."

Trump told Fox News Channel's "All-American New Year" in an interview to be broadcast Monday night that he hopes Warren does run for president.

"We'll see how she does," he said. "I wish her well. I hope she does well. I'd love to run against her."

Warren has the benefit of higher name recognition than many others in the Democratic mix for 2020, thanks to her years as a prominent critic of Wall Street who originally conceived of what became the government's Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

She now faces an arduous battle to raise money and capture Democratic primary voters' attention before Iowa casts its first vote in more than a year. She has an advantage in the \$12.5 million left over from her 2018 re-election campaign that she could use for a presidential run.

Warren's campaign is likely to revolve around the same theme she's woven into speeches and policy proposals in recent years: battling special interests, paying mind to the nexus between racial and economic inequities.

"I run for office because I'm grateful down to my toes for the opportunities that were given to me, and I'm determined that we will give those same opportunities to not just some of our kids but to all of our kids," Warren said.

Russia: Four die in collapse; searchers race bitter cold

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Hundreds of rescue workers raced bitterly cold weather in Russia's Ural Mountains region Monday as they searched for survivors in the hulking concrete blocks from a partially collapsed apartment building where at least four people died.

The nation's top investigative agency, the Investigative Committee, said an explosion triggered by a gas leak likely caused the pre-dawn collapse in the industrial city of Magnitogorsk. The New Year's Eve accident shocked Russians and marred the mood on the nation's most beloved holiday.

Authorities said five people were hospitalized with injuries and 35 others remained unaccounted for. Russian officials acknowledged that the odds of finding anyone alive in the debris looked increasingly slim given the extreme weather.

Nearly 1,400 rescue workers searched in temperatures of 1.4 degrees. The overnight forecast called for temperatures to plunge to -17.

"The chances are reducing with time," Health Minister Veronika Skvortsova said when pressed by reporters on the likelihood of finding trapped survivors. "But incredible stories do happen."

Emergency officials deployed powerful heaters to raise temperatures in the wreckage in case anyone trapped there was at risk of dying of hypothermia.

"We must work as quickly as we can as temperatures don't give us any time to linger," Deputy Emergency Minister Pavel Baryshev said.

Officials said they had all the necessary equipment for a thorough search, but the work was proceeding slowly due to fear other



Rescue workers look for survivors Monday at a collapsed apartment building in a mountain town south of Moscow.

sections of the 10-story building might collapse. Residents of some sections were evacuated as a precaution.

The structure was constructed from concrete panels. One that was left hanging in the collapsed section of the building came crashing down as television stations aired live broadcasts from the scene.

Russian President Vladimir Putin visited the accident site about 870 miles southeast of Moscow and went to a local hospital where injured residents were taken.

At the hospital, Putin spoke to a 13-year old boy, who suffered head injuries and frostbite after spending an hour under the rubble before being rescued.

"You will get well soon, you are a fighter," Putin told the boy after hearing that he was practicing martial arts.

Another survivor, Yulia

Gavrilova, recalled the collapse.

"We were sleeping and I woke up feeling I was falling down," she said. "I first thought I was dreaming it. Then I woke up for real and realized that I was standing outside, the wall was not there any longer. My mother was screaming that she couldn't breathe and my son was screaming from another corner."

The local governor, Boris Dubrovsky, told Putin that authorities published the missing persons list in the hope they were somewhere else when the explosion happened and would report their whereabouts. He promised to quickly provide new apartments for those who were left homeless.

Gas explosions in Russian homes and businesses are common, and they are usually blamed on neglect of safety rules or poor maintenance.

On last day, Mattis' implores Pentagon to 'keep the faith'

BY ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jim Mattis ended one of history's more turbulent tenures as defense secretary on Monday by re-emphasizing a key difference with President Donald Trump and encouraging Pentagon employees, civilian and military, to "hold fast" in safeguarding the nation.

Mattis, who submitted his resignation on Dec. 20 and was, in effect, fired by Trump three days later, spent the day in his third-floor Pentagon office preparing to hand off his duties at midnight to Deputy Secretary Patrick Shanahan. Shanahan, a former Boeing executive, will be acting defense secretary until someone is nominated for the post.

In a written farewell message, Mattis urged all employees to "keep the faith in our country and hold fast, alongside our allies, aligned against our foes." Mattis sees allies, including NATO, Japan and South Korea, as central to U.S. foreign and security policy, a point on which he differed from Trump, who denigrated allies as unworthy freeloaders.

In 711 days as defense secretary, Mattis wrestled with a series of surprise, sometimes sudden and often confusing decisions by Trump, including a July 2017 presidential tweet saying he would ban transgender people from serving in the military. Mattis also disagreed with Trump's withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal. He counted as a victory his persuading Trump to abandon, at least temporarily, his stated instinct to withdraw from Afghanistan. Earlier this month, Trump reversed himself and ordered a partial withdrawal, overriding Mattis' objections.

Mattis also was set back by Trump's tweet Dec. 8 announcing he had picked



Jim Mattis told Pentagon employees Monday to "hold fast, alongside our allies, aligned against our foes."

the Army chief of staff, Gen. Mark Milley, to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This not only left the current chairman, Gen. Joseph Dunford, in a lame duck status until his scheduled retirement next fall, but it also marked an unusual rejection of advice from his own secretary of defense. Mattis had recommended Air Force Gen. David Goldfein for the job.

The disagreements accumulated, and when Trump decided to pull U.S. troops out of Syria, Mattis submitted a resignation letter he had written some days earlier. His decision to quit stunned many in the Pentagon and around the world. Trump himself seemed taken aback, and three days later, he tweeted that Shanahan would replace Mattis on Jan. 1, cutting short Mattis' announced plan to stay until Feb. 28 to ensure a smooth transition.

When he announced Mattis as his choice to lead the Pentagon shortly after his November 2016 election victory, Trump referred to him by his nickname, "Mad Dog," suggesting he valued an unpredictable, intimidating approach to defense policy. This turned out not to match the Mattis style, which emphasized re-

spectful collaboration with allies and partners.

In his farewell note, Mattis quoted a one-sentence telegram that President Abraham Lincoln sent to the commander of Union forces, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, on Feb. 1, 1865, in the final weeks of the Civil War. It said: "Let nothing which is transpiring, change, hinder, or delay your military movements, or plans." On that date, Lincoln signed a joint congressional resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish slavery.

Mattis said he's confident Pentagon employees will remain "undistracted from our sworn mission to support and defend the Constitution while protecting our way of life."

Mattis has not said publicly what he intends to do next. He has mused about returning to his roots in Washington state.

Mattis, 68, has not publicly commented on his reasons for resigning, beyond what he wrote in his resignation letter, in which he expressed pride at having served with the men and women of the Defense Department but did not directly thank Trump. He wrote that the president has "the right to have a secretary of defense whose views are better aligned with" his.

House Dems have plan to fully reopen government

Shutdown, from Page 1

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The package does not include the \$5 billion Trump wants for the wall on the southern border.

The president told Fox News Channel on Monday that he was “ready, willing and able” to negotiate. He added: “No, we are not giving up. We have to have border security and the wall is a big part of border security.”

McConnell spokesman Donald Stewart made it clear Senate Republicans will not take action without Trump's backing. “It's simple: The Senate is not going to send something to the president that he won't sign,” he said.

Republican senators are refusing to vote on any bills until all sides, including Trump, are in agreement. Senators were frustrated that Trump had dismissed their earlier legislation to avert the shutdown.

House Democrats did not confer with Senate Republicans on the package, but the bills are expected to have some bipartisan support because they reflect earlier spending measures already hashed out between the parties and chambers.

One bill will temporarily fund the Department of Homeland Security at cur-



The lights in the U.S. Capitol Dome glow behind the Peace Monument statue in Washington, D.C., on Monday.

rent levels, with \$1.3 billion for border security, through Feb. 8, while talks continue.

The other will be on a measure made up of six other bipartisan bills to fund the departments of Agriculture, Interior, Housing and Urban Development and others closed by the partial shutdown. They would provide money through the remainder of the fiscal year, to Sept. 30.

The House is planning two separate votes for Thursday. If approved, the bills would go to the Senate.

Senate Democrats support the measures, according to a senior aide who was unauthorized to discuss the plan and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., the chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, tweeted that

without funding for Trump's wall, the package is a “nonstarter.” He said it “will not be a legitimate answer to this impasse.”

But as the shutdown drags on, pressure is expected to build on all sides for a resolution, as public parks and museums close, and about 800,000 federal workers are going without pay.

The president continued

to insist Monday he wants to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, despite assertions otherwise of three confidants.

“An all concrete Wall was NEVER ABANDONED,” Trump tweeted Monday. “Some areas will be all concrete but the experts at Border Patrol prefer a Wall that is see through (thereby making it possible to see what is happening on both

sides).”

Trump's comments came after officials, including his departing chief of staff, indicated that the president's signature campaign pledge to build the wall would not be fulfilled as advertised. White House chief of staff John Kelly told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published Sunday that Trump abandoned the notion of “a solid concrete wall early on in the administration.”

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told reporters Sunday that “the wall has become a metaphor for border security” and referred to “a physical barrier along the border.”

Graham said Trump was “open-minded” about a broader immigration agreement, saying the budget impasse presented an opportunity to address issues beyond the border wall.

The partial government shutdown began Dec. 22 after Trump bowed to conservative demands that he fight to make good on his vow and secure funding for the wall before Republicans lose control of the House on Wednesday. Democrats have remained committed to blocking any funding for the wall, and with neither side engaging in substantive negotiation, the effect of the partial shutdown was set to spread and to extend into the new year.



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Former President Barack Obama's home in Washington D.C.'s Kalorama neighborhood.

Trump sparks debate over supposed Obama wall

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In one of his most recent arguments for a southern border wall, President Donald Trump on Sunday falsely claimed on Twitter that Barack and Michelle Obama's home is surrounded by a 10-foot wall.

Trump alleged that the “wall” around the Obamas' “D.C. mansion/compound” was necessary for the former first couple's “safety

and security,” adding that the United States needs a “slightly larger version!”

Trump's assertion came as a surprise to two of the Obamas' neighbors Monday, who said there is no such wall. The 8,200-square-foot structure, despite several security features, is completely visible from the street.

A neighbor, a longtime resident who spoke on the condition of anonymity to preserve their privacy, said the president “has a very active imagination.”

“There's a fence that goes along the front of the house, but it's the same as the other neighbors have,” the neighbor said. “It's tastefully done.”

The former president and first lady purchased the nine-bedroom home for \$8.1 million in 2017. It's located in the D.C. neighborhood of Kalorama.

As The Post's fact checker notes: “The Obamas added security fencing to an enlarged retaining wall in front for the needs of the Secret Service but there

is not a ten-foot wall around the house; the front steps are open to the sidewalk. Chain link fencing, but no wall, was added to the back. While Trump says the border wall would be a ‘slightly larger version’ of the alleged Obama wall, he has previously described his proposed wall as 1,000 miles long, made of precast concrete slabs, rising 35 to 40 feet in the air,” the fact checker wrote.

A spokesperson for the Obamas declined to comment on Trump's tweet.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Vatican spokesman, deputy resign posts unexpectedly

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican spokesman, Greg Burke, and his deputy resigned abruptly Monday amid an overhaul of the Vatican's communications operations and a crisis period in Pope Francis' papacy.

The departures of Burke and his deputy, Paloma Garcia Ovejero, signaled that the problems associated with Francis' reform of the Vatican bureaucracy had come to a head, and at a very bad

time: The pope is struggling to address a global sex abuse and cover-up scandal that threatens his own legacy.

Francis nevertheless accepted the resignations, which take effect Tuesday, the Vatican said in a statement.

He named a longtime member of the Vatican's communications operations, Alessandro Gisotti, as an interim replacement for Burke.

Intern fatally mauled by lion at North Carolina wildlife center

BURLINGTON, N.C. — An intern was cleaning an animal enclosure at a North Carolina wildlife center when a lion escaped from a nearby pen and attacked her, killing the young woman and sending visitors out of the zoo, authorities said.

Deputies shot and killed the lion Sunday before retrieving the body of Alexandra Black, 22, a recent college graduate who had worked at the

center for about two weeks.

Black was accompanying other staff members as they did a routine cleaning of the enclosure. That's when the lion got free from a separate locked space, according to a statement from the center.

The center said the lion was a 14-year-old male who was born at the center shortly after its mother was placed there following a 2004 confiscation.

U.S. envoy: Major trade deal with U.K. may not be possible

LONDON — The U.S. ambassador to Britain has cast doubts on whether a major bilateral trade deal can be reached if Parliament approves the Brexit proposal from Prime Minister Theresa May.

Robert Johnson told BBC radio Monday that negotiating a “quick” and “massive” trade deal between the two longtime allies “doesn't look like it would be possible” under the terms of May's pro-

posed deal with the European Union.

In a live broadcast, Johnson reiterated President Donald Trump's concerns about the proposed agreement, which faces strong opposition in Britain's Parliament.

The U.S. ambassador said he finds a “defeatism” in the British attitude toward Brexit that overlooks the many positive developments leaving the EU could bring.



MICHAEL SOHN/AP

Happy New Year: Fireworks light the sky above the Quadriga at the Brandenburg Gate shortly after midnight in Berlin, Germany. Hundreds of thousands celebrated New Year's Eve welcoming 2019 in Germany's capital.

American citizen is arrested in Russia on charges of espionage

MOSCOW — An American citizen has been arrested in Moscow on suspicion of espionage, Russia's domestic security service, the FSB, said on Monday.

The agency identified the man as Paul Whelan. A criminal case has been opened against him.

The U.S. State Department said it had been notified of an American citizen's detention by Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs but could not confirm the name or provide more details, citing privacy considerations.

A State Department spokesman said the U.S. has

asked for consular access and that “We ... expect Russian authorities to provide it.”

By Russian law, foreigners found guilty of spying face between 10 and 20 years in prison.

The arrest of the U.S. citizen comes as tensions between Washington and Moscow continue to escalate over a range of issues from election meddling to the crises in Syria and Ukraine.

President Vladimir Putin, in his New Year's greeting to President Donald Trump, said he was open to the pair meeting.

Trump canceled a formal meeting with Putin at the G-20 summit in Buenos Aires earlier this month over Russia's seizure of Ukrainian naval vessels and crew.

In December, Russian gun rights activist Maria Butina pleaded guilty to conspiring with a senior Russian official to infiltrate American conservatives.

Shortly before Butina pleaded guilty, Putin said she was not known to any of his spy agencies. The country's Foreign Ministry has gone to great lengths to paint Butina as a political prisoner.

2 dead, nearly 30 wounded in blast at mall in Philippines

COTABATO, Philippines — Suspected Muslim militants remotely detonated a bomb near the entrance of a mall in the southern Philippines on Monday as people did last-minute shopping ahead of New Year's Eve celebrations, killing at least two and wounding nearly 30, officials said.

The bomb went off at the South Seas mall in Cotabato city. Authorities recovered an unexploded bomb nearby, military and police officials said.

Maj. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana said an initial investigation showed the design of the bomb was similar to those used in the past by local Muslim militants who have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.

Government forces launched an offensive against militants last week and at least seven of the militants died in the fighting, Sobejana said.

In Utah: A woman who helped kidnap Elizabeth Smart is living several blocks away from a Salt Lake City elementary school, according to Utah's sex-offender registry. Wanda Barzee, 73, is listed as living in an apartment near the school after her initial placement in a halfway house when she was paroled in September.

In Massachusetts: Kevin Spacey must appear in a Massachusetts court on accusations that he groped a young man in 2016, a judge ruled on Monday. The actor had argued he should be excused from a Jan. 7 arraignment because his presence would “amplify the negative publicity” the case has generated.

Fiance of missing woman faces murder charge

DENVER — A Colorado man was charged Monday with murder and solicitation to commit murder in the death of his missing fiancée as police try to find out what happened to the mother of his child.

Patrick Frazee, 32, is accused of trying to find someone to kill Kelsey

Berreth three times between September and November and causing her death on or around Thanksgiving, according to a charging document.

Berreth was last seen Thanksgiving Day on a grocery store surveillance video with the couple's 1-year-old daughter, and

Frazee said the two met that day to exchange their child.

The girl is staying with her mother's family, and authorities have not said if they have found Berreth's body. No details were provided about who else may have been involved in Berreth's death.

Chicago Tribune BUSINESS



RICHARD DREW/AP

Despite a late rally, major stock indexes ended the year down, the worst decline since the heart of the recession.

Stocks see largest yearly decline since 2008

BY THOMAS HEATH
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — U.S. markets trimmed 2018 losses in a Monday rally, but it was not enough to prevent the worst yearly decline for stocks since 2008.

All three major indexes finished 2018 in the red during the finale of a tumultuous year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed the last day of 2018 at 23,327, up 265 points, or 1.1 percent, on the day. The Dow finished negative 5.97 percent for the year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 ended Monday at 2,506, up 21 points, or 0.85 percent. It closed 2018 down 6.24 percent on the year.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite ended the year at 6,635, despite a 50-point gain, about 0.77 percent. The Nasdaq finished down 4.38 percent for the year.

Monday's early gains came as reports surfaced that the Trump administration and China were making progress on trade talks. But the surge faded

during afternoon hours as a broad set of concerns remained, including a grim manufacturing report out of China, slowing global economic growth, rising U.S. interest rates and a troubling decline in oil prices.

"The markets were troubled all year long and damaged by the trade war and by the apparent economic slowdown," said John Kilduff of Again Capital. "That was reinforced last night with Chinese manufacturing numbers showing a contraction."

China's manufacturing sector contracted for the first time in 2 1/2 years in December, according to a Chinese government report released Monday.

December has been a rough month for markets, with all three indexes down about 9 percent as the Federal Reserve continued to tighten money supply with a quarter-point increase in interest rates.

Nine out of 11 U.S. sectors were in negative territory coming into Monday's session.

Legalization grew like weeds

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Last year was a 12-month champagne toast for the legal marijuana industry as the global market exploded and cannabis pushed its way further into the financial and cultural mainstream.

Liberal California became the largest legal U.S. marketplace, conservative Utah and Oklahoma embraced medical marijuana, and the U.S. East Coast got its first commercial pot shops.

Canada ushered in broad legalization, and Mexico's Supreme Court set the stage for that country to follow.

U.S. drug regulators approved the first marijuana-based pharmaceutical to treat kids with a form of epilepsy, and billions of investment dollars poured into cannabis companies.

Even main street brands like Coca-Cola said they are considering joining the party.

"I have been working on this for decades, and this was the year that the movement crested," U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer said last month.

Blumenauer is an Oregon Democrat working to overturn the federal ban on pot.

With buzz building across the globe, the momentum will continue this year.

Luxembourg is poised to become the first European country to legalize recreational marijuana, and South Africa is moving in that direction.

Israel's Parliament approved a law allowing ex-



GRAHAM HUGHES/AP

Canada legalized the recreational use of marijuana in 2018. California became America's largest legal marketplace.

ports of medical marijuana.

Thailand legalized medicinal use of marijuana, and other Southeastern Asian countries may follow South Korea's lead in legalizing cannabidiol, or CBD. It's a non-psychoactive compound found in marijuana and hemp plants and used for treatment of certain medical problems.

"It's not just the U.S. now. It's spreading," said Ben Curren, CEO of Green Bits, a San Jose, Calif., company that develops software for marijuana retailers and businesses.

Curren's firm is one of many that blossomed as the industry grew. He started the company in 2014 with two friends. Now, he has 85 employees, and the company's software processes \$2.5 billion in sales transactions a year for more than 1,000 U.S. retail stores and dispensaries.

Green Bits raised \$17 million in April, pulling in money from investment firms including Snoop Dogg's Casa Verde Capital. Curren hopes to expand

internationally by 2020.

"A lot of the problem is keeping up with growth," he said.

Legal marijuana was a \$10.4 billion industry in the U.S. in 2018, with a quarter-million jobs devoted just to the handling of marijuana plants, said Beau Whitney, vice president and senior economist at New Frontier Data, a leading cannabis market research and data analysis firm.

Investors poured \$10 billion into cannabis in North America in 2018, twice what was invested in the last three years combined, he said, and the combined North American market is expected to reach more than \$16 billion in 2019.

"Investors are getting much savvier when it comes to this space because even just a couple of years ago, you'd throw money at it and hope that something would stick," he said. "But now investors are much more discerning."

U.S. lawmakers see that success and want it for

their states.

Nearly two-thirds of states have legalized some form of medical marijuana.

Voters in November made Michigan the 10th state — and first in the Midwest — to legalize recreational marijuana. Governors in New York and New Jersey are pushing for a similar law in their states next year, and momentum for broad legalization is building in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

The East Coast's first recreational pot shops opened in November in Massachusetts.

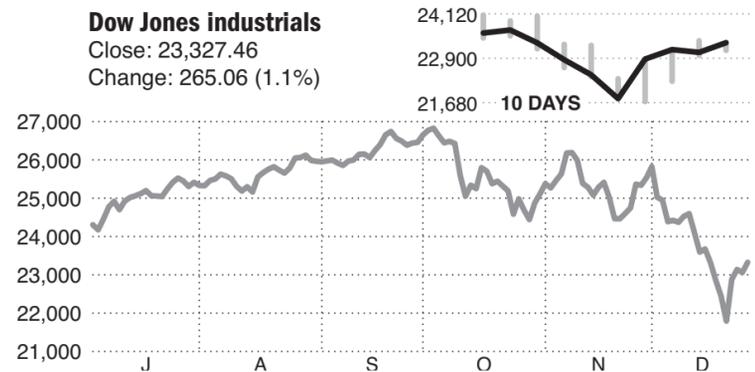
State lawmakers in Nebraska just formed a campaign committee to put a medical cannabis initiative to voters in 2020. Nebraska shares a border with Colorado, one of the first two states to legalize recreational marijuana, and Iowa, which recently started a limited medical marijuana program.

"Attitudes have been rapidly evolving and changing. I know that my attitude toward it has also changed," said Nebraska state Sen. Adam Morfeld, a Democrat. "Seeing the medical benefits and seeing other states implement it has convinced me that it's not the dangerous drug it's made out to be."

With all its success, the U.S. marijuana industry continues to be undercut by a robust black market and federal law that treats marijuana as a controlled substance like heroin. Financial institutions are skittish about cannabis businesses, even in U.S. states where they are legal, and investors until recently have been reluctant to put their money behind pot.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,333.18 Low: 23,118.30 Previous: 23,062.40



Nasdaq
+50.76 (+.77%)

Close 6,635.28
High 6,659.96
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Previous 6,584.52

S&P 500
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Low 2,482.82
Previous 2,485.74

Russell 2000
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High 1,348.56
Low 1,329.17
Previous 1,337.92

10-yr T-note
-0.04
to 2.69%

Gold futures
-1.60
to \$1,278.30

Yen
-0.80
to 109.61/\$1

Euro
-0.0011
to .8729/\$1

Crude Oil
+0.08
to \$45.41

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
+7.04	+7.14	+6.62	-9.68	-10.83	-10.16	-5.63	-3.88	-6.24

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	512.75	513.50	503	503.25	-8.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	375.50	377	372.75	375	-50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	885.50	889	879.25	882.50	-25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 19	27.62	27.71	27.52	27.55	+0.3
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	313.60	314.90	309.50	309.90	-3.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 19	45.22	46.53	44.73	45.41	+0.8
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 19	3.125	3.140	2.930	2.940	-3.63
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.3285	1.3666	1.3073	1.3211	-0.051
		Feb 19	1.2929	1.3436	1.2764	1.3021	+0.007

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	72.33	+1.24	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	97.13	+7.7	Mondelez Intl	O	40.03	+1.4
AbbVie Inc	N	92.19	+1.07	Equity Residential	N	66.01	+3.1	Morningstar Inc	O	109.84	-2.7
Allstate Corp	N	82.63	+6.1	Exelon Corp	N	45.10	+3.6	Motorola Solutions	N	115.04	+2.79
Altargroup Inc	N	94.07	+1.37	First Indl RT	N	28.86	+5.1	NISource Inc	N	25.35	-1.3
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.97	+1.9	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	37.99	+3.7	Nthn Trust Cp	O	83.59	+8.2
Baxter Intl	N	65.82	+6.1	Gallagher AJ	N	73.70	+1.8	Old Republic	N	20.57	+0.5
Boeing Co	N	322.50	+6.12	Grainger WW	N	282.36	+8.9	Packaging Corp Am	N	83.46	+1.14
Brunswick Corp	N	46.45	+3.0	GrubHub Inc	N	76.81	+8.2	Paylocity Hldg	O	60.21	+5.7
CBOE Global Markets	N	97.83	+1.62	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	88.55	+1.86	Stericycle Inc	O	36.69	+0.9
CDK Global Inc	O	47.88	+5.9	IDEX Corp	N	126.26	+2.10	Teleph Data	N	32.54	+2.3
CDW Corp	O	81.05	+1.30	ITW	N	126.69	+1.97	TransUnion	N	56.80	+9.3
CF Industries	N	43.51	+1.14	Ingredion Inc	N	91.40	+9.5	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.38	+1.3
CME Group	O	188.12	+2.01	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	126.60	-2.38	US Foods Holding	N	31.64	+4.6
CNA Financial	N	44.15	+0.6	Kemper Corp	N	66.38	+7.1	USG Corp	N	42.66	-0.4
Caterpillar Inc	N	127.07	+1.46	Kraft Heinz Co	O	43.04	-5.3	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	244.84	+5.39
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.36	+1.8	LKQ Corporation	O	23.73	-2.3	United Contl Hldgs	O	83.73	+5.6
Deere Co	N	149.17	+3.89	Littelfuse Inc	O	171.48	+3.45	Ventas Inc	N	58.59	+0.2
Discover Fin Svcs	N	58.98	+6.7	MB Financial	O	39.63	+3.1	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	68.33	+2.8
Dover Corp	N	70.95	+1.15	McDonalds Corp	N	177.57	+2.01	Wintrust Financial	O	66.49	+7.7
Equity Commonwlth	N	30.01	+2.2	Middleby Corp	O	102.73	+1.30	Zebra Tech	O	159.23	+3.26

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.57	+0.6
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.56	+16
Ford Motor	7.65	-16
Bank of America	24.64	+25
AT&T Inc	28.54	+0.8
Chesapck Engy	2.10	-0.5
Fst Republic Bank	86.90	-1.04
Barrick Gold	13.54	+4.2
Stwhstn Energy	3.41	-1.2
Rite Aid Corp	.71	+0.2
Citigroup	52.06	+2.3
Schlumberger Ltd	36.08	-5.2
Pfizer Inc	43.65	+6.9
SCANA Corp	47.78	-1.11
Kinder Morgan Inc	15.38	+0.9
EnCana Corp	5.78	-0.4
Freepport McMoran	10.31	-1.6
Wells Fargo & Co	46.08	+3.0
Transocean Ltd	6.94	-0.7
Twitter Inc	28.74	+3.1
Penney JC Co Inc	1.04	+0.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.19	+2.0
Snap Inc A	5.51	-0.2
ENSCO PLC	3.56	-1.6

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	137.07	-2.02
Alphabet Inc C	1035.61	-1.47
Alphabet Inc A	1044.96	-1.72
Amazon.com Inc	1501.97	+23.95
Apple Inc	157.74	+1.51
Bank of America	24.64	+2.5
Berkshire Hath B	204.18	+2.0
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.19	+2.0
Facebook Inc	131.09	-2.11
JPMorgan Chase	97.62	+7.9
Johnson & Johnson	129.05	+1.8
Microsoft Corp	101.57	+1.18
Pfizer Inc	43.65	+6.9
Royal Dutch Shell B	59.94	+4.6
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.27	+1.6
Unitedhealth Group	249.12	+2.88
Verizon Comm	56.22	+9.5
Visa Inc	131.94	+1.00
WalMart Strs	93.15	+1.02

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	27.90	+2.4	+1.9	-2.7
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	24.90	+1.2	-2.7	-10.3
American Funds CptlWldGrncA m	56.33	+2.7	-10.3	-7.0
American Funds FdmtlnvsA m	52.29	+3.4	-6.6	-2.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	42.76	+3.1	-2.9	-5.1
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.63	+1.0	-5.1	-6.5
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	37.67	+2.7	-5.8	-2.9
American Funds WAMtlnvsA m	41.08	+2.9	-2.9	-17.4
DFA IntlCorEqIn	11.70	+0.7	-17.4	-3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.26	+0.2	-3	-18.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	36.91	+0.4	-18.0	-7.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	172.81	+1.33	-7.1	+1.8
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl x	10.42	-0.2	+1.8	-4.4
Fidelity 500ldxnsPrm	87.10	+7.4	-4.4	-2.1
Fidelity Contrafund	11.01	+1.0	-2.1	-5.3
Fidelity TtlMktldxnsPrm	70.59	+6.2	-5.3	+0.2
Fidelity USBdlldxnsPrm	11.28	+0.2	-5.3	+1
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.14	+0.1	-5.3	+1
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.39	+0.2	+1	+6
PIMCO IncInslT	11.81	+0.2	+6	+2.0
PIMCO TtlRetIns	9.93	+0.1	+2.0	-4.4
Schwab SP500ldx	38.31	+3.3	-4.4	-5.2
T. Rowe Price BCGR	96.03	+8.4	-5.2	-1.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	57.11	+5.3	-1.0	-4.4
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	231.44	+1.98	-4.4	+2
Vanguard DivGrIn	24.46	+2.2	+2	-5.6
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	66.43	+5.1	-5.6	-3.3
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	69.09	+6.1	-3.3	+3.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	80.34	+9.3	+1	-5
Vanguard InTrnGdAdmrl	9.39	+0.2	-5	+1.3
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.91	...	+1.3	-4.4
Vanguard Inslldxns	227.55	+1.94	-4.4	-4.4
Vanguard InslldxnsPlus	227.57	+1.95	-4.4	-5.2
Vanguard InslldxnsPlus	54.09	+4.7	-5.2	-9.1
Vanguard MdCpIdAdmrl	171.04	+1.54	-9.1	+1.9
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	120.95	+1.09	-9.1	+1.9
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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

How about the Obama Parkway?

A transformative idea is to change Lake Shore Drive's name to the Barack Obama Parkway. There are many better reasons for this than renaming the Dan Ryan Expressway for the former president, as Chicago mayoral candidate Bill Daley suggested. We need to honor the past and move forward, and not create undo hurt or angst for anyone.

Lake Shore Drive serves Chicago's living room and one of its most important attractions: the lakefront. LSD provides access to Obama's future presidential center in Jackson Park. LSD also links the North and South sides, and we all know more of that is needed.. Also, connecting the Republican Eisenhower Expressway with the Democratic Obama Parkway via the Congress Parkway (now Ida B. Wells Drive), would show that in Chicago, Democrats and Republicans know how to work together.

— *D.J. Gatto, Wilmette*

Another name-change proposal

Concerning the proposal to change the Dan Ryan to the Obama roadway, the middle line will be red, and anyone can cross it at any time. Tolls will only apply to the rich in exotic vehicles, and they will be forced to pay double. The road will only go down hill, and the cost will never be a consideration.

— *Gary D. Rajkowski, Sandwich*

More name changes

What about renaming Milwaukee Avenue, the most crooked street in Chicago, after aldermen who've been convicted and have done prison time? Let's call it Aldermanic Way (to jail).

Instead of calling Chicago the "City of Big Shoulders," let's call it Doughnut City. Like a doughnut, Chicago's population has little or no middle (class) since Rahm Emanuel has been our mayor.

A parking meter could be referred to as Daley, due to the albatross of privatization deal former Mayor Richard M. Daley had rubber-stamped by the City Council. A person can then say she has to go pay a Daley.

And many Chicago public schools could be called "catapult schools," and not because of a huge spring forward in academic numbers. It's because a catapult is what it would take for students with mobility issues to get to upper floors without ADA-compliant elevators in many CPS schools.

— *Walter Brzeski, Chicago*

Seeking younger candidates

Is America so lacking in talented leadership that we'll accept very senior citizens as presidential prospects? By 2020, Donald Trump will be 74 and Joe Biden will be approaching 80. I am fit and sound of mind at 74, but I know well that no one my age or older can effectively handle the rigors of the presidency. Remember Ronald Reagan nodding off during his meeting with the Pope? Our next president should be a person in the prime of life. "For everything there is a season." Oh, I see it's time for my nap.

— *Richard Nolan, Park Ridge*

How to greet a child in a wheelchair

My name is Elizabeth and I am in eighth grade. I wrote this letter to tell you about muscular dystrophy. I know a boy who is 10 years old and is in a wheelchair, diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Muscular dystrophy is a disorder that weakens all the muscles throughout the body. People with muscular dystrophy have muscles that don't work like they should. This can make things in everyday life such as getting dressed, walking and even eating hard to do. Kids usually don't know how to act around other kids with a disorder. It's important to know that kids with muscular dystrophy think the same as you do. Just because they look different, it doesn't really mean they are different. If you ever see a kid in a wheelchair, don't stop and stare, don't walk right by, talk to them, say hello. It could change their life forever. It could even change your life.

— *Elizabeth Tanner, Glen Ellyn*



ARMSTRONG ROBERTS/GETTY

Opportunities abound for baby boomers to carry their history of activism and change into their retirement years.

Boomers, remember your commitment

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD

What's next, baby boomers? You started turning 65 in 2011. Millions of you will continue to cross that threshold until 2030.

In your long-ago brash youth, you fashioned yourselves as wild-haired but deeply committed revolutionaries, America's best hope to end poverty, prejudice and injustice. The times, they were a-changin', for the better.

Sorry to say, you fell short in every category. You didn't outperform the Greatest Generation (what's greater than greatest?), which extinguished the Axis threat and created the modern world.

Now you're signing up for Medicare and Social Security — rites of passage that make many of you cringe.

Every day some 10,000 baby boomers reach 65. Demographers call these Americans the "young old" — from 65 to 74 — a term of art that suggests possibilities and an hourglass with fast-dwindling sand.

If you make it to 65, though, you're likely to live another couple of decades. Or more. The challenge: You have to fill that time, often without the routine of a job or the relentless

demands of parenting to distract your mind from contemplating mortality.

No need to belabor the facts of aging. But we do have a thought, boomers (of which we proudly include some of ourselves): With greater longevity comes more choices. You can surrender to the geriatric (sorry) version of the 1960s hippie dictum — "Turn on, tune in, drop out." In other words, binge-watch Netflix until it's nap time.

Or you can, at long last, keep your promise to make the times change. Shoo yourself out the door and make yourself useful to someone else. Mentor a student. Volunteer at a school, a hospice, an animal shelter. Do something to fix what needs fixing in your neighborhood. Find a purpose beyond yourself.

You won't fix the world. But you can help someone less blessed or less confident navigate its shoals and shallows.

If you've retired from the workforce, acknowledge that time is your ally and your adversary. The hours wait to be filled, in ways wise or, well, otherwise.

No, we don't expect the boomers,

or any generation, no matter how talented, thoughtful or skilled, could cure the world's ills. That's why every generation builds on the progress made by previous ones.

Aging doesn't absolve you of that responsibility. At 65 you may have one-third of your life to live. What will you do with it?

By its sheer size, the baby boom generation still exerts clout, politically, economically and socially. By 2030, all boomers will be at least 65. They will account for about 1 in 5 Americans — the largest proportion on record, according to healthdesign.org.

The typical boomer feels nine years younger than his or her chronological age, a Pew Research survey reports. How to live that optimism? Diet and exercise, boomers. Diet and exercise.

Consider this a gentle New Year's reminder, boomers, a resolution you can keep: Remember all those vows you made to yourselves and others, all the good you were going to do? Maybe you've fulfilled some of that mission. It's not too late to deliver even more. There's plenty of time. And the whole world is still watching.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For six decades, the real power of NATO was not its tanks, planes, or even its nuclear weapons, but rather, the American government's implicit promise to use them. Article 5 of the NATO Treaty implies that the U.S., with its overwhelmingly large army, would come to the aid of any member under attack.

But let's be honest: In 2018, nobody really knows if this would happen. Imagine a Russian hybrid invasion of the Baltic states, for example, or a Russian nuclear bombardment of Poland — both of which the Russian army has practiced in its own exercises.

Would the U.S. respond with all of its strength? Would the American president respond to an attack on tiny Latvia and jeopardize the safety of American troops — even risk a nuclear war? American officers, when asked, say this is a political decision, not up to them. European leaders, especially from the eastern half of the continent, won't discuss this on the record. But off the record, they all worry. ...

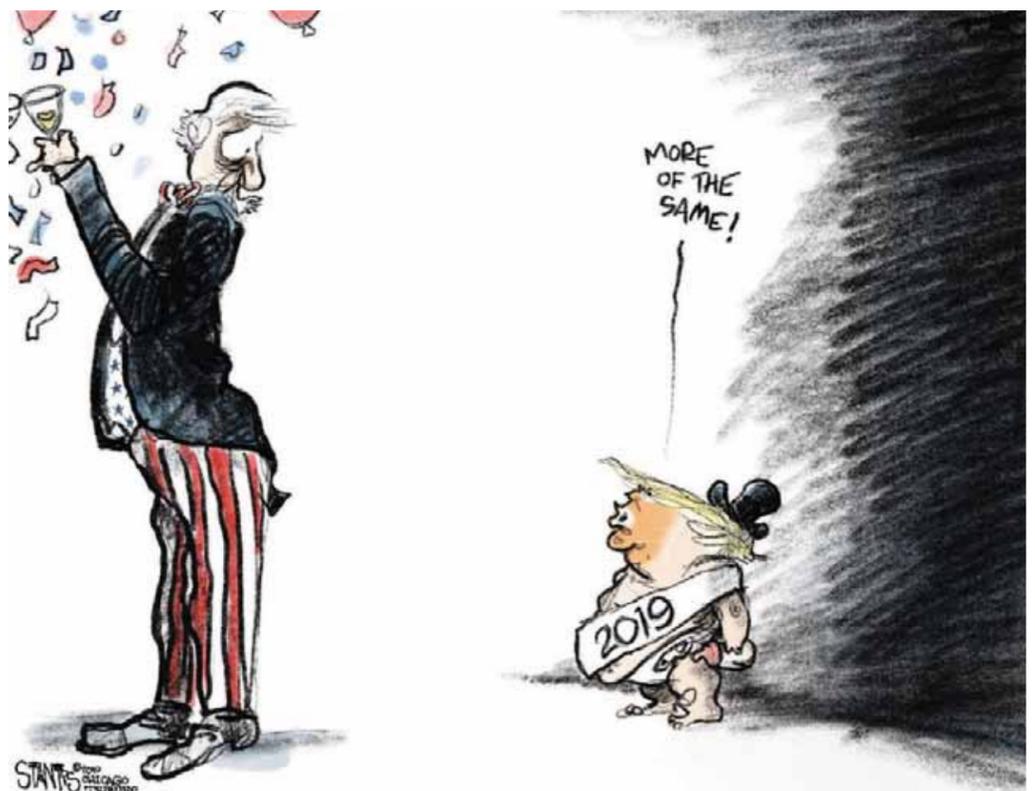
However, it is a mistake to imagine that this uncertainty is only connected to the character of President Trump. If Barack Obama had been faced, in 2014, with a Russian invasion of Poland or Lithuania following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, would he have responded with the full force of America's military and nuclear might?

At least until that moment, neither Obama nor any of his foreign policy team had really taken this possibility seriously. If Trump's views are pre-war, Obama's were post-modern. For the first six years of his administration, his team considered Europe safe and dull, a place for photo opportunities rather than real debate.

War and bloodshed had been abolished in Europe; NATO, which was even then in need of some updating, wasn't interesting enough to reform.

Anne Applebaum, *The Wilson Quarterly*

SCOTT STANTIS



MY WORST MOMENT

'Plagued with havoc and chaos'

John Leguizamo contends with real-life guns, gangs

By NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

The genesis for John Leguizamo's new Netflix special "Latin History for Morons" was his son getting bullied in middle school. "He was being racially profiled and cyberbullied and it got physical and everything," Leguizamo said. "So I wanted to give him information and facts to fight with, instead of just fists."

The one-man Broadway show is styled (with an exuberant wink) as if it were a classroom lecture. "I'm giving all this information and (as the show was being developed) I felt like I needed a blackboard to diagram it out so people could retain it," Leguizamo said.

Leguizamo's career has been defined by his one-man shows, which he has toured and performed on Broadway. "I feel like it's the most intimate way a performer-writer can be with an audience. It's the most naked you can be. The most *connected* you can be with an audience. It's an experience you can't replicate with any other medium."

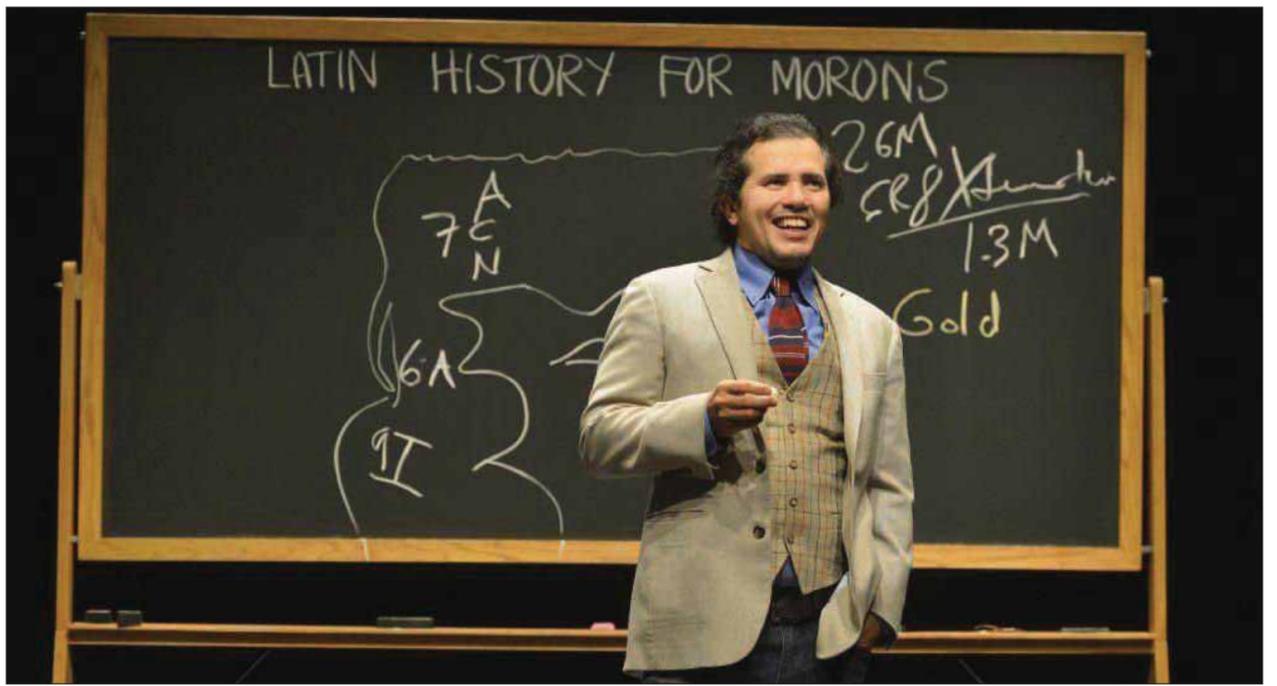
He's back working on a film — his first theatrical feature as a director, called "Critical Thinking," about a Miami high school chess team that is the first inner-city team to win the U.S. National Chess Championship. Leguizamo also stars.

"I'm the kind of actor who embodies the character I'm playing 24/7 so that's been a difficult juggle for me. Directing everyone has been a blast. But directing myself acting? It's complicated. It's hard for me to switch hats, I'm not going to lie. But I love it."

When asked to share a worst moment from his career, he said: "I don't know if this story is embarrassing or just horrific or if it's about how you overcome obstacles. It was one of my favorite experiences but also the most difficult experience I've ever had in my life."

My worst moment ...

"One of the craziest moments I had was doing this film called 'The Take' (from 2007) and in it I play a guy who drives a Brinks truck, an armored vehicle that collects money from ATMs or whatever. I get assaulted, but the



KEVIN BERNE/BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

Award-winning playwright, actor and performer John Leguizamo in an earlier version of "Latin History for Morons."

way I'm assaulted makes it look like I set it up myself, so I have to clear my name.

"Every single day of the shoot was plagued with havoc and chaos. It was unbelievable.

"The first day we started shooting, we were in the hood in LA and there were some gangbangers who came by and the chef (working with craft services) decided not to share any food with them. The chef grabbed one of the hoods and choked him — so the kid pulled out a gun. The cops came and shut down our set but we filmed the cops coming to shut down the set, so we had the opening of our movie!

"The chef made a big mistake, because when a film crew comes into a neighborhood, you need to pay respect. You're coming onto someone else's turf, so you need to welcome them, you do dinners, you include them. You can't just barge into somebody's neighborhood to film and try to bogart it. (Laughs.) You have to pay tribute. I understand that. I mean, the chef should have said, 'Take as much as you want.' We had plenty. They were only taking food because they were hungry. Maybe I have a strange way of seeing the world, but why not give them a little something for their inconvenience? A lot of us spoke up and we were like,

'Come on, man. If somebody from the neighborhood comes to your table for food, let them have it. Why are you being so stingy and selfish?' It was disrespectful, but he didn't make that mistake again.

"So that's just Day 1. Every single day after that something happened. The whole shoot was 20 days.

"Day 2, the kid playing my son — who we had already filmed a day-and-a-half with — SAG comes in and takes him away from the set because he had changed his grades and lied to SAG about it. He changed an F to an A and they caught him. And you can't fail school and be on a film set. So we had to reshoot those scenes with a new actor.

"Day 3, hair and makeup quit because they were scared of the gangbangers, so (laughs) we had to do our own hair and makeup! And Rosie (Perez) was the funniest! She goes (imitating Perez): 'I have Caribbean hair, I can't do my own hair.' Oh my God, that was hilarious.

"Day 4, the first AD (assistant director) quits because he was also terrified. It was like that every day.

"I'm a ghetto filmmaker and a gorilla filmmaker, so all of that feeds me. And that was true for the director, Brad Furman. He comes from that school of filmmaking too, so it just unified us. It

made us a tight unit. You become a problem-solver when you're a ghetto filmmaker. Anybody can be a genius with tons of money. But to be a genius with no money is real genius. And this was an indie. The budget was a million-point-something.

"Everyday with that director and that cast, I felt like: I'm in it. I'm *all* in it. Whatever it takes.

"Day 5, our lead actor Tyrese Gibson, who was playing the villain, he couldn't get out of a contract for his album, so we were going to lose half a day shooting with him. We're driving from the set all mopey, and I see a man who looks just like Tyrese on the street, having a dispute with a girl. I jumped out, stopped the dispute and gave him a hundred bucks to be a stand-in. So we shot him from the back while we were waiting for Tyrese to arrive.

"I find this kind of problem-solving really invigorating. And right now shooting 'Critical Thinking,' that mentality and that experience is helping me with this movie — I have a lot more money, the budget is \$3.5 million. It should be a \$10 million movie, but because, you know, it's about people of color, so it's hard to raise that kind of money. But we are problem-solving every second and now I know how to.

"Day 6, the new AD wouldn't let an actor jump off the roof of a

house into a pool. So Brad Furman said, 'Look, if I do it will you let the actor do it?' So our director jumps off the house into the pool!

"It was just absurd and exciting and we were up for it everyday. I was having a blast!

The takeaway ...

"Oh my God, I learned that the impossible is possible. Just when you think you can't do it, it can be done somehow. That's what I learned from that. Anything is possible, you just have to figure it out.

"Luckily for me, I grew up with ghetto filmmaking and ghetto filmmakers, so I got over (wanting perks that actors get on a big studio film) real fast. I mean, there were a few actors on the film that felt disrespected by all havoc. I'm not going to say who, I'm not going to call them out. But that's not the kind of actor I respect anyway.

"Like cushy stuff and being treated special? That holds no value for me. My value system is about creative people and problem solving and making movie magic. And that doesn't happen by being cushy and pampered. It happens by being out on the front lines, and I'm a front-line kind of guy. I'm a team player."

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Behind the scenes of HGTV's new 'Windy City Rehab'

By TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

The newest Chicago drama isn't on NBC — it's on HGTV. Alison Victoria Gramenos and her team renovate and flip North Side homes amid weather woes, budget concerns and neighbor complaints on "Windy City Rehab," which is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Gramenos — who goes by Alison Victoria on the show — said filming is still underway as she tries to finish some of the homes that will be featured on this season's 10 episodes. The Chicago native said her crew was able to work around bad weather, but winning over upset neighbors took time.

"Ultimately, all that my goal is and all my goal has ever been is to be able to really do what I want and do what I love and make a difference in the city because these homes that are going up by other developers — I'm not saying all of them — but some developers are putting up homes just to make money," Gramenos told the Tribune by phone.

"There's no architectural appeal to it, and so I can see why neighbors would be scared of developers, of course, but what we're doing is delivering a different product, and what we're

doing is being true to the neighborhood and bringing the history back. So until they actually grasp that, all they think is that we're in there, we're trying to turn it, make a buck and get out. But my business partner and I, we care so much about everyone in the neighborhood, everyone on that block. We want to make sure our job sites are clean. We want to make sure that we are not hurting the neighborhood, but people don't like change."

Longtime Ukrainian Village resident Miriam Rodriguez-Ruiz said she doesn't have a problem with change, but she has a problem with Gramenos' lack of community outreach about her renovation of a 19th century cottage in the 2100 block of West Thomas Street. Rodriguez-Ruiz, who lives next door to the home, recently called the project a "nightmare."

"We were not notified when they worked on the roof. This created hazardous conditions for not just us and our dog, but anyone in our yard. They routinely threw debris from the roof without letting us know or out of the front of the house. The debris included nails, old beam straps made of iron, wood and metal shrapnel," Rodriguez-Ruiz told the Tribune.

How much of this will make it onto the show is unclear. Rodri-



HGTV

Chicago native Alison Victoria Gramenos renovates and flips Chicago homes for her new series, "Windy City Rehab."

guez-Ruiz's husband, Tony Ruiz, circulated a petition against a rear addition they said would affect their and their neighbors' views and reduce property values. More than two dozen signatures were gathered for the petition against the addition, which was approved by the city's landmark commission.

Rodriguez-Ruiz, a Chicago native, said more importantly, her concerns about preserving the intent of the original builder were dismissed when she and her husband met with Gramenos' business partner, Donovan Eckhardt, at the office of Ald. Brian Hopkins (2nd) months ago.

Rodriguez-Ruiz said she hasn't heard from Gramenos herself, but she said Eckhardt, who is featured on the series, reached out to her husband and said a show producer wanted to speak to

them. Rodriguez-Ruiz said her husband told Eckhardt they would not meet with a producer who could "twist our words... and in the end, make it seem like we're a bunch of crazies."

For her part, Gramenos said Thomas Street neighbors are "so sweet to us now." She expressed confidence that neighbors will be pleased with the work done to all the homes on her show.

"I think if everybody — not if — when everybody sees what our finished project is, like, for instance this (renovation) on Thomas, we're getting people coming up saying how beautiful it is and 'wow,' instead of eight, nine months ago where they were signing a petition," Gramenos said.

Gramenos, who grew up in the former John Hancock building and in west suburban Geneva,

also fixed up homes in Bucktown, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Logan Square and Wicker Park for the series, which was in the works for years. While hosting "Kitchen Crashers," a DIY Network show that wrapped in 2016 after nine seasons, Gramenos pitched a series to HGTV that would follow her as she restored historic firehouses, schools and funeral homes. She ended up focusing on renovating vintage homes.

The pilot episode of "Windy City Flip" initially aired in July 2017 and will serve as the 10th episode of "Windy City Rehab." HGTV representatives announced in October 2017 that the series was a go. Tuesday's premiere focuses on a problematic rehab of an "oddball" home on Wabansia Avenue in Bucktown.

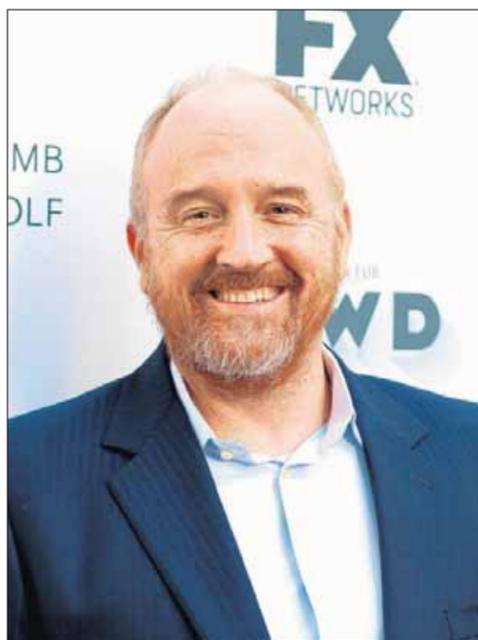
Gramenos has fondness for the Bucktown area. She splits her time between living in Bucktown and in Las Vegas, where she went to college and began her interior design business. She said she purchased a run-down single-family home on Wicker Park Avenue in Wicker Park about seven years ago and renovated it in about nine months.

"(People stop) to take pictures of the house because I was able to bring the beauty back, and I knew I wanted to do that forever. I wanted to be able to put my stamp on the city because so many other developers were just building things that weren't being true to what the city's known for, and every single home that we're doing is achieving just that," Gramenos said.

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RICH FURY/GETTY 2017

Louis C.K. has slowly been wading back into the stand-up world since admitting to sexual misconduct in 2017.

C.K. mocks Parkland survivors onstage

Louis C.K.'s attempts at a comeback continue to falter, as the disgraced comedian is facing a new wave of backlash after he mocked survivors of the Parkland school shooting in a set.

C.K., who has slowly been wading back into the stand-up world since admitting to sexual misconduct in November 2017, allegedly performed the controversial material Dec. 16, and it leaked Sunday.

In a clip shared to Twitter, C.K., 51, expresses his disappointment with the "boring" Gen Z and slams teenagers' political correctness before rattling off jokes about gender identity.

"I was kind of excited to be in my 50s and see people in their 20s and be like, 'They're crazy! These kids are nuts!' he says. "But they're not. ... They're just boring."

To prove his point, C.K. then launches into a rant against survivors of the February massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which killed 17 people.

"They testify in front of Congress, these kids. You're not interesting 'cause you went to a high school where kids got shot. Why does that mean I have to listen to you? How does that make you interesting? You didn't get shot. You put some fat kid in the way, and now I gotta listen to you talking?"

Though the set drew laughter from the audience, it was met with criticism on social media.

— New York Daily News



ANDY KROPA/INVISION 2017

Franklin to be honored:

The Queen of Soul will get a royal tribute from Alicia Keys, Patti LaBelle, Kelly Clarkson and more. The Recording Academy and music mogul Clive Davis will put on the special concert — "Aretha! A Grammy Celebration for the Queen Of Soul" — on Jan. 13 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Filmmaker and actor Tyler Perry will host the event.

Master P to cover funeral costs:

Rapper and businessman Master P will pay for the funeral of a 13-year-old Kentucky boy killed in a car crash after a police chase. News outlets report Ki'Anthony Tyus was a passenger in a car reported stolen that crashed into a utility pole Dec. 22, after a Louisville Metro police pursuit. Ki'Anthony was an anti-violence activist and Percy Miller, known as Master P, stepped in to cover the costs of Thursday's funeral for his "lil soldier."

"Bird Box" breaks record:

Netflix's frightening thriller "Bird Box" scored the biggest seven-day viewership of all the streamer's original movie releases to date, the company claimed Friday. Starring Sandra Bullock, the film has spawned a raft of internet memes since its release. "Took off my blindfold this morning to discover that 45,037,125 Netflix accounts have already watched Bird Box — best first 7 days ever for a Netflix film!" the Netflix Film account on Twitter boasted Friday.

Jan. 1 birthdays: Actor Frank Langella is 81. Actress Renn Woods is 61. Actor Morris Chestnut is 50. R&B singer Tank is 43.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Roommates can't keep house clean

Dear Amy: I have eight roommates (five men and three women), all living together in a large house. The roommates rent separately from a landlord; we are not friends sharing a house as friends (the rent is very cheap, and so is the landlord).

Things that have never been resolved over the years are primarily people taking out the trash and keeping the kitchen and front hallway floor clean. Dishes are left in the sink for days, weeks or over a month and also general cleaning the kitchen.

Sometimes one of the people will bring some cleaning help in for her specific needs, but that is not reliable regarding the house common areas.

It seems some people just don't care — and believe it or not, some people seem to be obstructing any resolution. I should not have to pick up others' slack. How can we get people to get on the same page as much as possible and resolve this?

Amy, can you visit the house and gently persuade these scumbags to act like adults and do their part?

— Grunged

Dear Grunged: Before I book my flight, you need to understand that if I could inspire others to clean the house to my standard (through force or persuasion), I would not be up late vacuuming while my own family of seven slumbers peacefully.

You should certainly try to call a "house meeting" to address these issues. One solution would be for all of you to chip in to hire a cleaner (or hazmat specialist) to come every other

week and clean the common areas. However, my instinct is that the individuals who care the least will continue to care the least, and therefore will refuse to either help or pay.

With nine people all renting cheaply and separately on individual leases, and without friendship ties between you (which would create some emotional leverage), your only advantage is the freedom to choose to move when your lease runs out.

Dear Amy: My husband and I (along with our 4-year-old) live next to a childless couple in their 40s. They moved in after the husband inherited the house about two years ago.

Last summer, we were awakened at 3 a.m. by the husband from next door. He was sobbing and yelling to himself on their front porch. Apparently, the neighbor was very drunk, and his wife locked him out of the house.

My husband tried to help — he managed to get him into their garage.

This has happened at least 20 more times in the last six months: Husband comes home late, is locked out and then yells or cries for hours. Eventually, he passes out or the wife relents and lets him in.

I left them a note asking them to please be more considerate. A neighbor got slapped by the husband when he tried to move him inside. Another neighbor has called the police several times. Now, they avoid us at all costs. The police have said there is no assault or abuse happening and that the issue is domestic; the most they can do is write them a citation

for disturbing the peace.

I understand there is probably a serious addiction problem here, and I sympathize, but their issues should not be our issues! Especially at 3 a.m.!

Can you recommend a strategy to get them to take it inside?

— Awake and Pacing

Dear Awake: Taking it inside might be best for you but not necessarily for them. If this husband is drunk, belligerent and (sometimes) physically violent, forcing this couple into home confinement might not be best for either of them.

You've been neighborly; you've also contacted them discreetly. Calling the police is the appropriate thing for you to do. If at some point the wife is ready to leave, or needs a restraining order, a history of police visits might help her to build a case. Being threatened with arrest for public intoxication might force him toward getting help.

Dear Amy: "Hurt and Sincere" wrote about being at the stage of life where many of the parents are ill and dying.

I'm at that stage, too. Thank you for writing this: "... showing up as a witness to someone else's loss is a vital expression of our own humanity." I wish more people understood how important this is.

— Been There

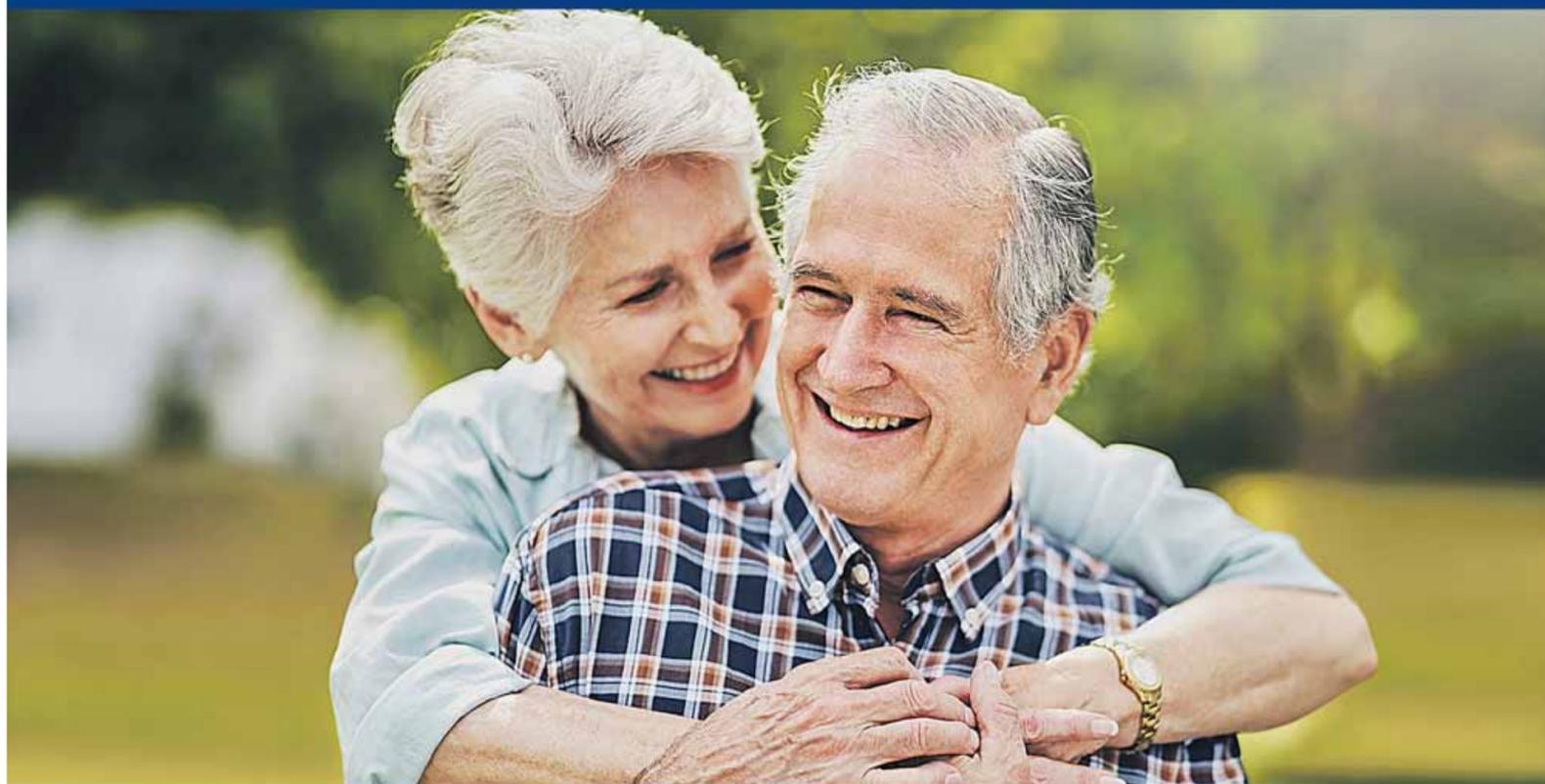
Dear Been There: I agree.

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WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Hoda Kotb and Al Roker

"130th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade" (10 a.m., NBC): NBC "Today" colleagues Al Roker and Hoda Kotb return as hosts of this colorful and long-standing parade, this year featuring 46 floral floats reflecting the 2019 theme "The Melody of Life." Grammy winner Chaka Khan is grand marshal for the event, which also features 22 marching bands from around the world, 18 equestrian teams, and this year's Rose Queen with her court.

"AKC National Championship Dog Show" (5 p.m., 11 p.m., ANIM): Thousands of dogs from around the world compete in a variety of categories and events for more than \$150,000 in prize money, the largest in the world of dog shows, in this four-hour special. In a new feature this year, a roster of dog-loving celebrities have signed up to "captain" their respective Team Dog social media groups, encouraging viewers to share which team they're on as well.

"Lethal Weapon" (7 p.m., FOX): Cole (Seann William Scott) discovers that Julie (guest star Haley Strode), a new romantic interest, has a connection to the local district attorney that poses a professional conflict in the winter premiere "There Will Be Bud." Elsewhere, Murtaugh (Damon Wayans) frets that Trish's (Keesha Sharp) new venture with Leo Getz (guest star Thomas Lennon) could complicate his current murder investigation.

"Doctor Who" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., BBCA): Season 11 of this rebooted British sci-fi series launched on a groundbreaking note with Jodie Whittaker becoming the first actress cast in the role of the titular Time Lord, but once past some controversy among fans, ratings have ticked up notably for these new episodes. The story finds a terrifying evil stirring from across the centuries as a new year on Earth begins.

"The Gifted" (8 p.m., FOX): In the winter premiere "eneMy of My eneMy," the Mutant Underground is split over the prospect of enlisting the help of the Inner Circle. An alliance may be the only way to rescue John (Blair Redford) from the Purifiers, however. Meanwhile, after learning about his father's (Stephen Moyer) powers, Andy (Percy Hynes White) gives thought to reconciling with his family.

"Bad Chad Customs" (9 p.m., 1 a.m., Discovery): Working in a smallish, hand-built shop in a rural locale, car artist Chad Hiltz — whose nickname gives this new reality show its title — has earned keen local attention for his one-of-a-kind creations, inspired builds that Hiltz creates from basic tools and limited funds, but apparently boundless ingenuity.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m., TBS): Conan and actor Steven Yuen tour South Korea, including the Demilitarized Zone and the Joint Security Area, and team up with J.Y. Park to film a music video.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Emma Stone; comic Bridget Everett; actor Finesse Mitchell.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Jude Law; Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn).*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 1

	MOVIES							
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Destiny's Child." ©		FBI: "Doomsday." ©		NCIS: New Orleans: "Treason Hunt." ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Ellen's Game of Games: "I See Dizzy People." ©		This Is Us ©		(9:01) New Amsterdam: "As Long as It Takes." ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Conners ©	The Kids Are Alright	blackish ©	Splitting Up Together	The Rookie: "Crash Course." ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Coach ©	Coach ©	Coach ©	Coach ©	Coach ©	Coach ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	Life Stinks (PG-13,'91) **	Mel Brooks. ©			8 Heads in a Duffel Bag (R,'97) **		
	PBS 11	We'll Meet Again: "Escape From Cuba." (N) ©		Great Performances: "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2019." (N) ©		Rick Steves' Europe ©		ACL Hall of Fame New ♦
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©		XXX (PG-13,'02) **	Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.				
FOX 32	Lethal Weapon: "There Will Be Bud." (N) ©		The Gifted: "eneMy of My eneMy." (N) ©		Fox 32 News (N)	Year In Review	Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: "Believer." ©		Criminal Minds: "JJ." ©		Criminal ♦	
Telem 44	(7:05) La sultana (N) ©		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
CW 50	The Flash ©		Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	♦ Sherlock	Shoot 'Em Up (R,'07) **	Clive Owen.		Rosario Tijeras ♦			
WJYS 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Monument	
Univ 66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Leah Remini: Scientology		Leah Remini (N)		Elizabeth Smart		Smart ♦
	AMC	♦ Walk:Dead (7:34) The Matrix (R,'99) ***	Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. © ♦			Dogs: The Untold Story © ♦		
	ANIM	♦ (5) AKC National Championship Dog Show (N)				Dogs: The Untold Story © ♦		
	BBCA	Doctor Who: "Resolution." (N) ©		World Darts (N Tape) ♦				
	BET	♦ Why Did I Get Married?		Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13,'09) **	© ♦			
	BIGTEN	Big Ten	The Final Drive (N) ©		The Final Drive ©		The Final Drive ©	
	BRAVO	Below Deck ©		Below Deck ©		Elf (PG,'03) ***	Will Ferrell. © ♦	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		The Profit (N) ©		The Profit ♦
	CNN	The Eighties ©		Love, Gilda (NR,'18) ***	Chevy Chase.	Style (N)		Gilda ♦
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DISC	Street Outlaws: "Bristol: Race to \$200K." (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Bad Chad Customs (Series Premiere) (N)				Outlaws ♦	
DISN	♦ (6:30) Zombies (NR,'18)	Raven	Coop		Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	New Year ♦	
E!	Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched ♦	
ESPN	♦ Rose Bowl (7:40) Allstate Sugar Bowl: Texas vs Georgia. (N) (Live) ♦							
ESPN2	♦ Rose Bowl Studio (N)		(7:50) Allstate Sugar Bowl (N) (Live) © ♦					
FNC	Scandalous: "Developing."		Scandalous ©		Scandalous ©		Scandal ♦	
FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped: "Bar Fight." (N)		Chopped ©		Chopped ♦	
FREE	♦ Just Go (7:25) Pitch Perfect (PG-13,'12) ***	Anna Kendrick. © (SAP)					700 Club ♦	
FX	Daddy's Home (PG-13,'15) **	Will Ferrell. ©			Daddy's Home (PG-13,'15) **	© ♦		
HALL	Coming Home for Christmas (NR,'17) ©				Reunited at Christmas (NR,'18) © ♦			
HGTV	Dream Home (N)		Windy City Rehab (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)		Hunters	
HIST	Digging Deeper (N)		The Curse of Oak Island: "Rock Solid." (N) ©				Oak Island ♦	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	♦ (5) Gremlins Gremlins 2: The New Batch (PG-13,'90) ***	Zach Galligan. ©			Gremlins ♦			
LIFE	Married at First Sight (N)		Married at First Sight (Season Premiere) (N) ©				Married ♦	
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♦	
MTV	Lindsay Lohan Beach (N)		(8:01) Teen Mom OG (N)		(9:01) Ex on the Beach		Lindsay ♦	
NBCSCH	♦ G League NHL Hockey: Philadelphia Flyers at Nashville Predators. (N) (Live)				Hockey (N)		Hockey (N)	
NICK	♦ Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		The Office	The Office	Friends ©	
OVATION	♦ (6) Hatfields & McCoy's: "Episode 2."		Hatfields & McCoy's: "Episode 3." (Part 3 of 3)					
OWN	The Haves, Not		The Haves, Not		The Haves, Not		The Haves ♦	
OXY	Snapped: "Notorious: Ted Bundy." ©				Dahmer: A Serial Killer Speaks ♦			
PARMT	♦ (6:11) Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ***				(8:51) Raiders of the Lost Ark ****			
SYFY	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan © ♦	
TCM	It Happened in Flatbush (NR,'42) **		Turnabout (NR,'40) **		Adolphe Menjou.		1 Mil. BC ♦	
TLC	My Big Fat Fabulous Life: "Single, Fat and Crazy." (Season Premiere) (N)		(9:02) I Am Jazz (Season Premiere) (N)		I Am Jazz ♦			
TLN	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on	Difference	Life Today	Insights	Parade (N) ♦	
TNT	♦ (6:45) Suicide Squad (PG-13,'16) **	Will Smith.			(9:02) Suicide Squad (PG-13,'16) **			
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Demon House (NR,'18) Zak Bagans. ©				Demon (N) ♦	
TVL	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦	
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	The Hangover (R,'09) ***		(8:45) Half Baked (R,'98) *			Get Him ♦	
	HBO2	♦ (6:45) Maze Runner: The Death Cure ('18) **				(9:15) Taken (PG-13,'08) ***		
	MAX	Back to the Future (PG,'85) ***	Michael J. Fox.			Back to the Future Part II ('89) ***		
	SHO	♦ Escape at Dannemora		Inside the NFL (N) ©		Ray Donovan: "Baby." ©		Inside NFL ♦
	STARZ	♦ (6:23) Just Married * ©		Outlander ©		(9:01) Be Cool (PG-13,'05) **		
STZNC	♦ (6:15) Grown Ups ('10) *		The Hunt for Red October (PG,'90) ***		Sean Connery. ©			

RECORDINGS

The 10 irresistible songs that begged to be replayed in 2018

BY MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times

Everywhere you turned in 2018, it seemed like somebody was trying to save the album.

But this year was also full of artists happy to meet the implied challenge of the streaming era, which is to record a single track so irresistible that listeners will hit repeat even when a zillion others are available in an instant.

Here are the 10 songs I replayed most in 2018, with two caveats. First, I avoided any overlap with my top 10 albums list, which is why you won't find Charlie Puth's delightful "Boy" below. And because the year was so good for singles, I couldn't help sneaking in an addendum with five extra mentions. Listen up.

1. Cardi B, Bad Bunny and J Balvin, 'I Like It'

The "Despacito" of 2018 — built so prominently on a sample that it basically constitutes a remix, "I Like It" places a thoroughly modern Instagrammer-turned-rapper over the indelible groove from a late-'60s Latin boogaloo hit beloved by abuelas from here to Washington Heights.

2. Ella Mai, 'Boo'd Up'

Something similar happens in the breakout single by this British R&B singer. While the plush but hard-knocking beat is taking you back to the early '90s (before R&B became a mere accessory to hip-hop), Mai's coolly yearning vocal paints a picture of young romance as lived right now.

3. Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, 'Shallow'

For all that "A Star Is Born" gets wrong about how pop music works



STEVE GRANITZ/WIREIMAGE

Cardi B attends the 2018 American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

there's no disputing that the film's two stars nailed the power-ballad form embodied by this all-time Bic-flicking classic.

4. BTS, 'Singularity'

BTS' most arresting song from 2018 was also its least frenzied: "Singularity," a breathy, methodically paced soul jam with echoes of D'Angelo and Luther Vandross.

5. Ariana Grande, 'Thank U, Next'

Released in the immediate aftermath of her breakup with Pete Davidson and the death of her ex Mac Miller, Grande's deep but buoyant pop hit used our expectations of petty celebrity gossip to blindsides us with a message of radical self-reliance.

6. Silk City featuring Dua Lipa, 'Electricity'

A pitch-perfect homage to '90s-era house music from producers Diplo and Mark Ronson, both old enough to have been there, and singer Dua Lipa, whose performance is a small marvel of inherited attitude.

7. Post Malone featuring Ty Dolla Sign, 'Psycho'

How to account for the disarming tenderness that nonetheless suffuses "Psycho"? Credit Ty Dolla Sign, perhaps the most valuable guest artist of the year. As he did in tracks by Kanye West, Drake and Christina Aguilera, here the L.A.-based singer croons like he's gunning for the job Babyface once held.

8. John Mayer, 'New Light'

"What do I do with all this love that's running through my veins for you?" Mayer asks, though clearly his answer was to create this understated soft-rock gem with just the right blend of swagger and self-pity.

9. Sophie, 'It's Okay to Cry'

Known to pop aesthetes for her delightfully jagged productions for Madonna and Charli XCX, the mysterious British artist steps to the mike in a grand-scaled ballad that keeps swelling until it sounds like it's going to burst.

10. Drake, 'In My Feelings'

No list of 2018's singles would be complete without Drake. My favorite was "In My Feelings" for the beguiling way it mixed one of the rapper's lowest-key vocals with a hectic beat inspired by New Orleans bounce music. The result requires you to keep regaining your emotional balance.

'The Masked Singer' shrouded in mystery

BY LUAINA LEE
Tribune News Service

It's hard to imagine a celebrity who's eager to perform anonymously. But that's exactly what's happening when Fox unveils its new show, "The Masked Singer," on Wednesday.

Garbed in outlandish costumes that obscure their identity, famous stars compete on the stage with others equally anonymous, while a panel and the audience tries to blow their cover.

The show, which is a big hit in Asia, pits 12 "singers" against each other — two performing opposite each other in segments. One singer will be eliminated each week and will, at last, reveal their identity. The contenders aren't all singers, either. According to Nick Cannon, who hosts the

show, rivals represent 65 Grammy nominations, 16 Emmy Award nominations, 16 multi-Platinum Awards, four Super Bowl titles and four stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The studio panelists include Jenny McCarthy, Robin Thicke, Ken Jeong and Nicole Scherzinger, who oversee the performances and try to guess who the secret singer is. McCarthy says the talent behind the elaborate costumes could be executing a routine they've never done before. "They could be an actress that we never knew had a singing voice," she says.

"So that's what was so fun in trying to figure out who they were, because a lot of them looked like they'd been doing this for their whole lives, and we found out this was the first time they've done it on stage."

Jeong, who starred in his own sitcom, "Dr. Ken" on ABC, says he wanted to participate because the Asian version is his mother's go-to show. "I'm Korean, and this is my mother's favorite show in Korea. No joke," he says. "So when Fox invited me to be a part of this show, it was as simple as that. My mom was like, 'You HAVE to do this show.' And she showed me all these YouTube clips. It's like billions of views on these YouTube clips. And I was like, 'I'm in.'"

The entire production is shrouded in super secrecy. Even the families of the participants don't know they're one of the masked singers. "No one knows who any of these people are," says Cannon. "So even when they drive onto the lot, it's, like, secret service is taking them into this cave."

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 1): Good things come through peaceful reflection this year. Lead by setting a positive example. Romance kindles when least expected. A personal dream lies within reach this winter, before shared finances turn around. Summer partnership flowers, inspiring a personal shift. Listening can be more powerful than speaking.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Your personal leadership shines, with Mars in your sign for two months. Shared accounts and collaborative projects could see a bonus or windfall. Count your blessings.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Mars in Aries energizes your organization and planning. You're making a fabulous impression; add some glamour. Collaborate with someone who makes your heart skip a beat.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Make your move. Advance your agenda and push ahead. Find allies who want the same thing. Team action gets farther, with Mars in Aries.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Prioritize time with people you love. Savor passion, fun and beauty. A career opportunity flowers with careful tending over two months, with Mars in Aries.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Home centers you. Family and domestic comforts recharge. Long distance travels or academic pursuits go farther with Mars in Aries. When ready, go explore.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Creative strategies get results. Practice your artistry and expressive talents. Negotiate win-win deals and collaborate for shared gain over two months, with Mars in Aries.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. A lucrative opportunity presents itself and you're well placed for it. A collaboration seems turbo charged for a few months, with Mars in Aries.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Take charge and follow a personal dream. Avoid lies like the plague. An intense two-month physical action phase begins. Practice for speed and strength.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 5. Review, rest and consider. Put away one project before beginning the next. Follow your heart over the next few months, with Mars in Aries.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Enjoy social gatherings and meetings. Make new connections. Renovation and remodeling projects seem energized, with Mars and Aries.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Your reputation is on the rise. Focus on professional priorities. Get the word out for eight weeks, with Mars in Aries. Energize your communications.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Investigate and explore. Travels and studies take you farther. A bonus hits shared accounts, with Mars in Aries for a few months. Divert some to savings.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North			East	
♠ AKQ			♠ 10 9 8 3 2	
♥ K 10 9 6 3			♥ Q 8 4	
♦ 8 5 3			♦ 10 7	
♣ A 6			♣ 8 3 2	
South				
♠ 7 5				
♥ A J 5				
♦ AK J 6 2				
♣ Q J 9				

Many players would interpret North's four no trump bid incorrectly — as Blackwood. North's sequence of bids is invitational, showing a five-card major along the way. South had a maximum in support of hearts and jumped to the heart slam.

The opening club lead ran to South's nine, and the next problem was finding the queen of hearts. South reasoned that West would not have led away from a king — an aggressive lead — if he had any hope of a trump trick. Accordingly, he led a low spade to dummy's ace and ran the 10 of hearts. A heart to the jack and the ace of hearts picked up the trumps and assured the contract.

An overtrick wasn't important, but it was fun to go after, especially if there was an unusual play involved. South cashed the ace of diamonds followed by dummy's king and queen of spades and the last two hearts, discarding three diamonds. This was the position:

North			East	
♠ Void			♠ Void	
♥ Void			♥ Void	
♦ 8 5			♦ 10	
♣ A			♣ 8 3	
South				
♠ Void				
♥ Void				
♦ K				
♣ Q J				

West still had to discard on the last heart. Whatever West chose, declarer could take the rest for a lovely overtrick.

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert



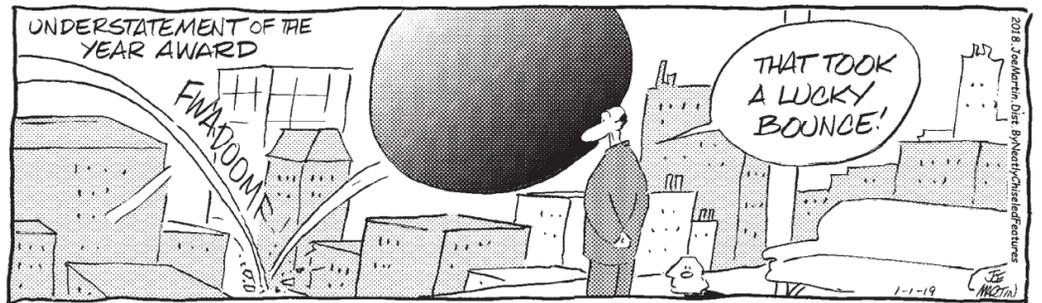
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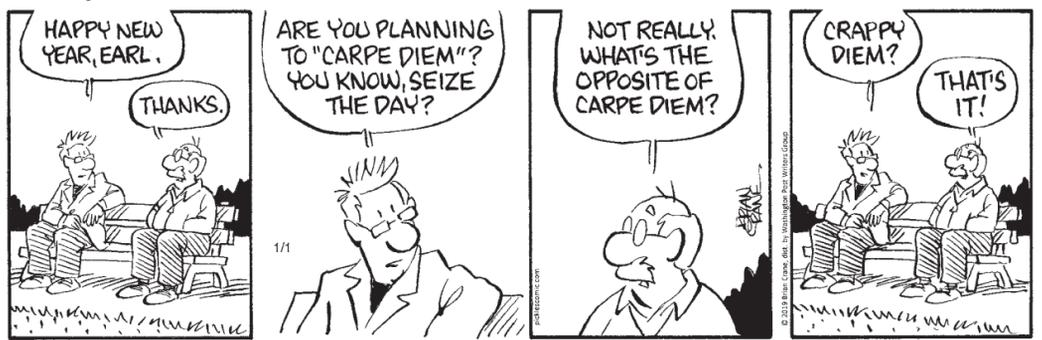
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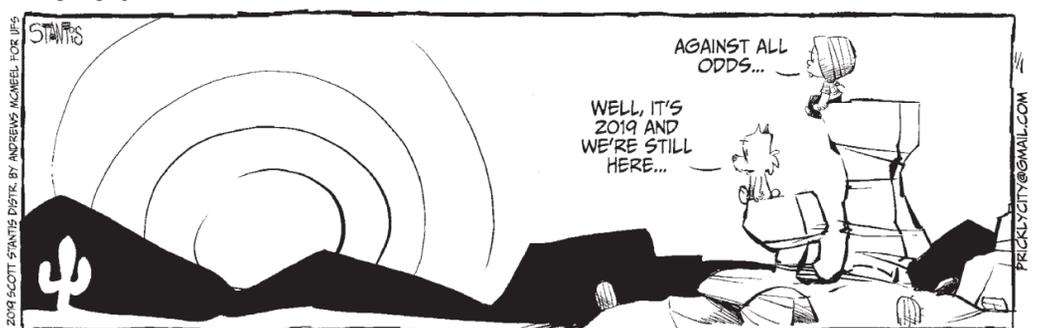
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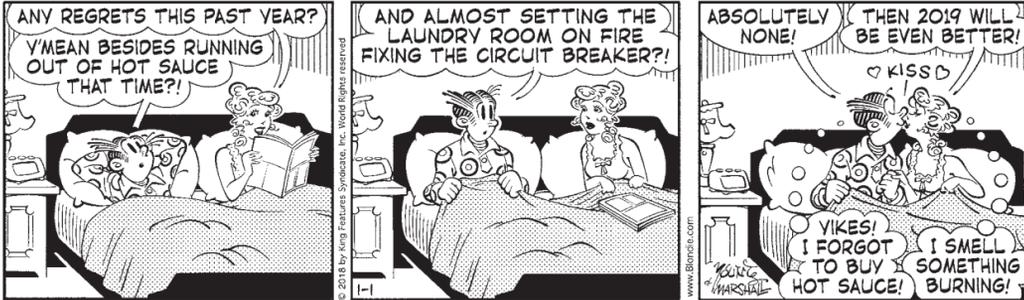
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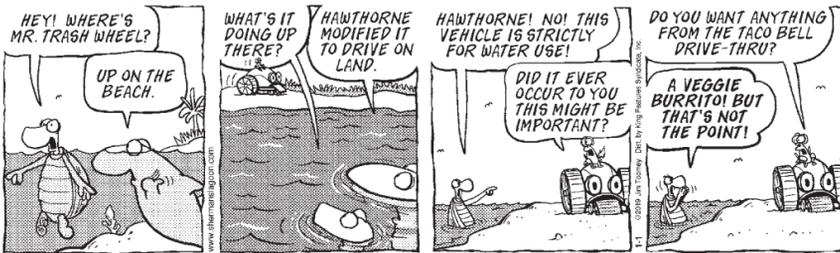
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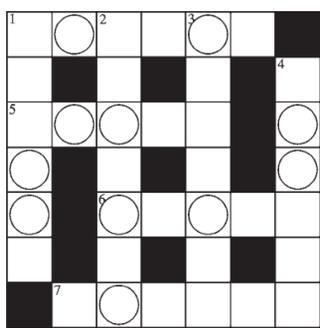
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Starfish are members of the phylum Echinodermata, whose name comes from the Greek words for A) Beautiful creature B) Five legs C) Sea monster D) Spiny skin
 Monday's answer: "Precious," which won Oscars for best supporting actress and best adapted screenplay, was based on the novel "Push," by Sapphire.
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Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Popcorn
 - Price
 - Complain
 - Dilemma, difficulty
- CLUE DOWN**
- Urban
 - Spread
 - Business
 - Swear to
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: 1. HSMPIR 2. GRAEN 3. NEHWI 4. GHTPIL
- DOWN: 1. WPRLAS 2. EWEARLN 3. ENIEGMT 4. ETSTAZ

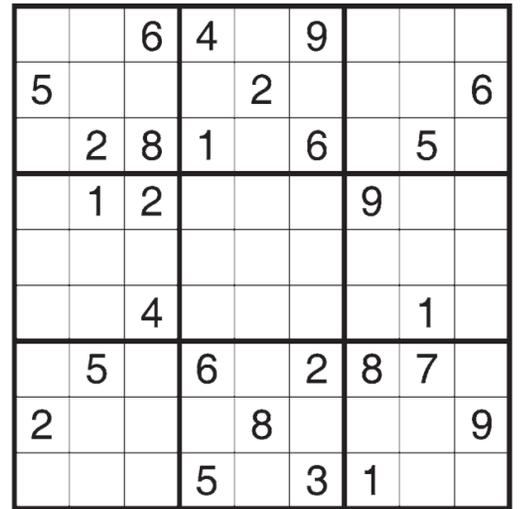
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Circled letters: O, T, H, I, S, P, E, R, S, O, N]

ANSWERS: 1-A-Whimp 2-K-range 3-A-Range 4-K-range 5-K-range 6-K-range 7-A-Whimp 8-K-range 9-K-range 10-K-range 11-K-range 12-K-range 13-K-range 14-K-range

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4



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8	5	3	4	9	1	7	6	2
4	2	5	8	7	9	6	1	3
3	6	8	5	1	4	9	2	7
7	9	1	3	6	2	4	5	8
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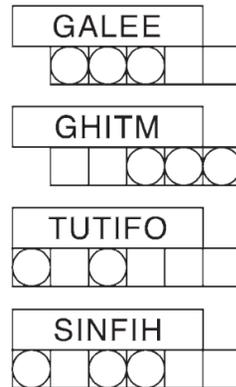
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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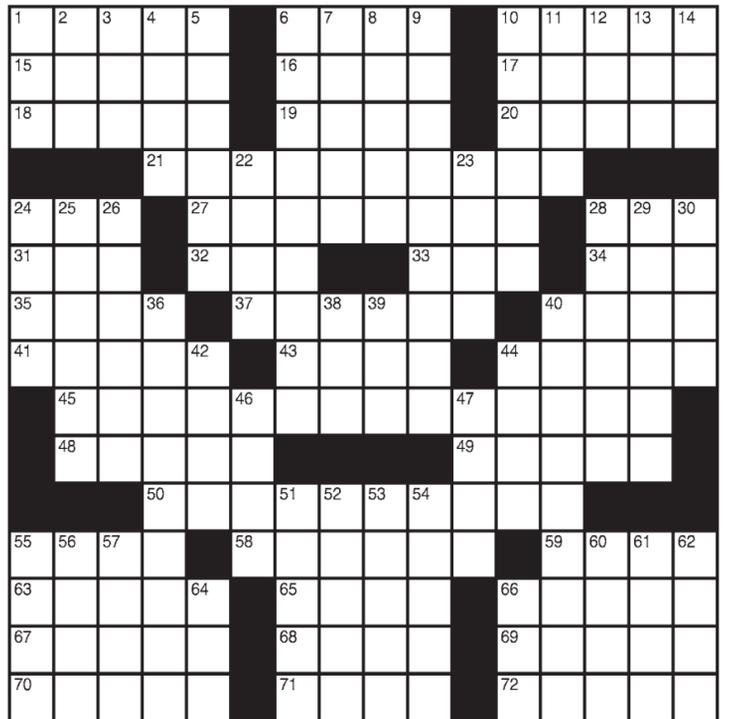


Monday's answers

Jumbles: GUAVA JUICE BUDGET STENCH
 Answer: Whether or not gloves or mittens are better was the — SUBJECT AT HAND

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Crossword



- Across**
- Language of southern Africa
 - City west of Tulsa
 - Gas station machines
 - Bran benefit
 - Traditional teachings
 - Undersea WWII threat
 - Pre-euro coin
 - Historical times
 - Email back
 - With 27-Across, 50-Across classic
 - "Star Trek" captain Jean-___ Picard
 - See 21-Across
 - Dean's list no.
 - Number that's a square of itself
 - "Neither snow ___ rain ..."
 - Tags on bags
 - Fishy bagel topper
 - Play sections
- Monday's solution**
- | | | |
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| NIA | IDO | ATTIRE |
| OWL | IGOR | RAINED |
| MIC | NAGGING | PAIN |
| SLOPE | MAGE | TINA |
| GLASSPANE | POLE | |
| ASIS | TRAPEZE | |
| SULLEN | WEAR | DEA |
| PRAM | ADMAN | GIST |
| CAR | STUD | SCOTT'S |
| ALASKAN | BOOM | |
| CTA | LITAMPAYNE | |
| AWRY | MOSS | IDIDOT |
| THOMAS | PATINE | EMU |
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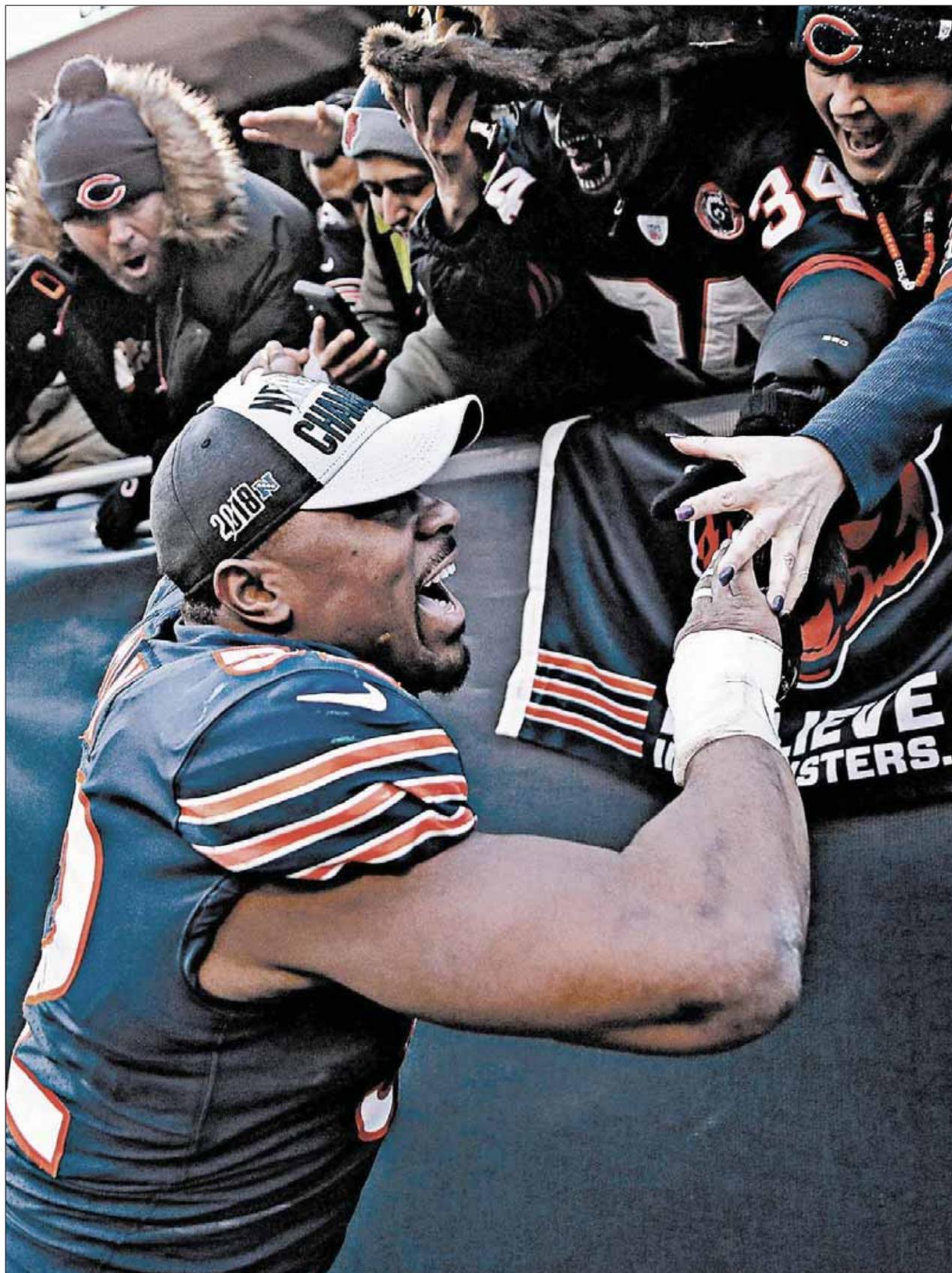
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Overcast, temperature around freezing, no rain ... perfect Winter Classic weather

Nine things to know about Notre Dame Stadium ahead of the Blackhawks-Bruins game (noon Tuesday, NBC-5), **Page 7** | Plus: Tom Skilling's forecast, **Back Page**

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HOLIDAY BOWL
NORTHWESTERN 31,
UTAH 20

Whoa. Cats!

Trailing 20-3, NU scores 28 unanswered



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

SAN DIEGO — Cornerback Montre Hartage was ruled out before kickoff. He joined injured defensive starters Nate Hall and Jordan Thompson in team-issued gear on the sideline.

Receiver Flynn Nagel gingerly walked off the field after a catch, still dogged by a high ankle sprain. Ben Skowronek, who made the miracle outstretched catch in the Big Ten West division-clinching win at Iowa, was lost to an upper-body injury. Defensive back Alonzo Mayo went down.

Was this a bowl game or an episode of Survivor?

It was chilly and rainy in San Diego for the Holiday Bowl, so nothing made much sense.

Like the third quarter, for instance.

Northwestern forced four turnovers to flip a game that had the makings of a Utah rout. And its go-ahead touchdown might have been swiped from Matt Nagy's playbook.

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Preview of Tuesday's five games, **Page 5**

BULLS

There's no 2 ways about it

After 1st 4 weeks, Boylen same coach

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Monday marked four weeks since the Bulls fired Fred Hoiberg and promoted Jim Boylen.

If it seems as if Boylen has been the head coach for longer, well, that's just a testament to his intensity and direct approach that has created headlines and one harried day of team meetings.

"The beauty of it is I have support from ownership and management," Boylen said in an interview over the weekend in Toronto. "I'm not supposed to say that all the time because it looks like I'm campaigning for the job. I'm not campaigning for the job. I have the job. I'm just being who I am."

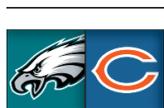
Who Boylen is has raised some eyebrows around the league — and, for that 24-hour period from Dec. 8-9, inside his locker room. But Boylen's passion is undeniable. His belief in his approach is unshakable.

That was obvious when his voice strained with emotion as he said the following.

"We got a 6 on the back of the (expletive) jersey. C'mon dude. C'mon man," Boylen said, referencing the Bulls' six championships. "The franchise is going to be here forever. We're just here for a moment of it. But when we're here for this moment, we have to honor that and take care of it and respect it and fight for it."

Turn to **Bulls, Page 7**

'THIS IS WHEN IT GETS REAL'



EAGLES AT BEARS
3:40 P.M. SUNDAY,
NBC-5

Bears' return to postseason is what it's all about — but Nagy wants his team to stay steady and focused

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

It has been a while. Eight years for those who lost count. For seven consecutive Januarys, the NFL playoffs have come and gone with the Bears as frustrated outsiders. But this year, they're back in the mix, rolling into the post-season on a four-game winning streak as winners of the NFC North with a home game coming Sunday against the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles.

The excitement of that opportunity has become pal-

pable at Halas Hall. And Bears coach Matt Nagy knows his team will have its chance to show the football world what it's made of.

"This," Nagy said Monday afternoon, "is when it gets real." As for how Nagy will react jumping onto the playoff stage as a head coach for the first time? As for how his young, confident team will respond to the pressure and intensity that come with every snap in the postseason? "It's unknown," Nagy acknowledged. "We don't know until we get into it. That's where you've got to find out

where you're at. And you hope you've prepared yourself enough throughout the season for these types of games."

On that front, Nagy feels great about his team's makeup. All season, the Bears have shown a special ability to stay rooted in the now, dialed in on each day's work and focused only on that week's game without wasting time or energy looking ahead or back.

The Bears have quickly moved past stomach-turning losses.

Turn to **Bears, Page 4**

EVERYTHING IS NOT AS IT SEEMS

The four teams rewarded with byes for the NFL playoffs — the Saints, Rams, Chiefs and Patriots — better be very careful this postseason. Some of the hottest teams in football will be playing on wild-card weekend. So let's have a little fun, Bears fans. Here's a side-by-side look at the actual seeding of the 12 playoff teams, compared with how the playoffs would look based only on the last 10 games of the season.

The real playoffs
(All 16 games)

The roll playoffs
(Last 10 games)

NFC			
Saints (13-3)	1	Bears (9-1)	
Rams (13-3)	2	Saints (8-2)	
Bears (12-4)	3	Cowboys (7-3)	
Cowboys (10-6)	4	Rams (7-3)	
Seahawks (10-6)	5	Seahawks (7-3)	
Eagles (9-7)	6	Eagles (6-4)	

"The roll playoffs" tiebreakers

- Rams win the NFC West over the Seahawks with a 1-0 head-to-head edge.
- Cowboys (7-1 in conference play) win it over the Rams (6-3).

AFC			
Chiefs (12-4)	1	Colts (9-1)	
Patriots (11-5)	2	Chargers (8-2)	
Texans (11-5)	3	Patriots (7-3)	
Ravens (10-6)	4	Steelers (6-4)	
Chargers (12-4)	5	Texans (8-2)	
Colts (10-6)	6	Chiefs (7-3)	

"The roll playoffs" tiebreakers

- Steelers win the AFC North over the Ravens, both 6-4 in the last 10, with a 1-0 head-to-head edge.

Above | Khalil Mack celebrates the Bears' NFC North title after a win over the Packers.
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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL THOMPSON

Fox's No. 1 team fails finale

The Bears have had some clunker broadcasting crews this season (Chris Myers and Daryl Johnston — never forget), so Fox Sports' move to have Joe Buck and Troy Aikman call the regular-season finale against the Vikings was nod to the notoriety the Bears have earned.

Well, best-laid plans. The first Bears broadcast of the season by Fox's No. 1 crew was an improvement, but the "Game of the Week" had its share of hiccups and missed opportunities.

■ Things got off to weird start when Buck gave his opening remarks solo. "And now, welcome inside the broadcast booth. I'm Joe Buck. The Hall of Famer Troy Aikman is coming right up."

The camera cut away to the field as Buck talked about playoff seeding, and when it returned, Aikman was sitting beside Buck. The two exchanged awkward chuckles during their banter.

"And now, as I welcome in my partner, Troy Aikman, let's talk about" — Buck snickers — "Kirk Cousins."

Buck continued: "How many times has this been said already?" (as Aikman snorts right back). "This is why you bring a new quarterback in."

Was Aikman late for some reason or was this an homage to the Cris Collinsworth "slide-in"?

Thing is, Collinsworth actually slides into view as part of his "Sunday Night Football" shtick, he doesn't just pop up late to the game.

■ When Mitch Trubisky took the field for the first time, Buck asked his booth partner about the Bears quarterback, and Aikman sounded like a grade-schooler working the teacher's question into his or her response as a stall tactic while figuring out the right answer.

Buck: "What do you see from the second-year pro, Mitch Trubisky?"

Aikman: "Well, I see a guy who is in his second season, quite honestly, Joe."

Quite honestly, Troy, that sparkling insight was a fact you were just told.

■ Even when it looked as if the Bears had the game in hand, Aikman and Buck seemed so engrossed in talking about Cousins' failure to live up to his \$84 million contract that they neglected to look ahead to the Bears' likely playoff matchup against the Eagles and the tantalizing storylines it would entail.



HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY

Fox announcers Joe Buck and Troy Aikman spent too much time sacking Kirk Cousins.

For example, there's the ensuing on-field family feud between the Long brothers: Kyle, an offensive lineman for the Bears, and Chris, a defensive lineman for the Eagles.

That nugget clearly wasn't lost on the Fox panelists of "The OT," who wrung every ounce of "comedy" out of the fact both players call fellow analyst Howie Long their dad.

"Some would say that's a good problem to have. I don't know who 'they' are but ..." said Howie Long, who also called a cameraman's query about which son he's rooting for "the dumbest question I've ever heard in my life."

Long's TV partners pressed him to at least pick an advantage between his sons' teams, but he didn't take the bait.

Michael Strahan asked, "Where you leaning, big guy?" — a question Tony Gonzalez posed earlier. Terry Bradshaw bragged that he has both brothers' phone numbers and "they will return Uncle Terry's calls."

During the "Who won the day" segment, Long picked Bears coach Matt Nagy while Bradshaw kept the joke going by choosing Long's wife, Diane. "What a great mom you are. What a thrill that's got to be."

■ Aikman didn't explore Trubisky's accuracy issues — it would've been great to hear the Hall of Famer's assessment — but he was sure to rip the quarterback for his clock management in the second quarter after the Bears took a delay-of-game penalty. And Aikman piled on when the Bears had to burn a timeout to prevent the same infraction on the next play.

"I don't think Trubisky has any clue what's happening," Aikman griped. Then after a commercial break: "It's inexcusable for any quarterback to not know how much time is left."

But upon closer inspection, Trubisky appeared to be yelling "Go!" with a second left on the clock, and he lifted his leg just as time expired.

Aikman, however, seemed married to the notion that Trubisky was flustered.

■ How do you not make note of Cody Parkey hitting the upright yet again on a missed point-after attempt after he doinked it four times against the Lions last month? Those are lottery-level kind of odds.

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NFL

All sparks, no bite for Cousins, Vikes

Facing the Bears' vaunted defense with a playoff berth on the line might frustrate the best of players.

It was especially so for Kirk Cousins, who came up small in a very big game.

Fox Sports television cameras caught the Vikings' \$84 million quarterback heatedly discussing routes on the sideline with Adam Thielen, one of the NFL's top wide receivers this season. The exchange seemed to encapsulate the futility Cousins has experienced when with a great deal on the line.

The favored Vikings could have clinched a spot in the NFC playoffs by beating the Bears, and emotions were high for a team hoping its expensive new quarterback could boost its past season's success.

But the Vikings lost 24-10. Both players downplayed their exchange.

Cousins could not, though, shrug off his subpar performance. He passed for 132 yards, compiling a 79.4 passer rating with one touchdown pass. It was the second time in three years he faced a win-and-in situation at home in Week 17 against an opponent that had already clinched. And just as he did with the Redskins against the Giants two seasons ago, he came up empty.

"If you play in this league long enough, you're going to get kicked in the teeth," Cousins said after the game. "I have a lot of intestinal fortitude to keep moving forward."

As for the sideline drama, Thielen told reporters: "It turned out to be a good conversation."

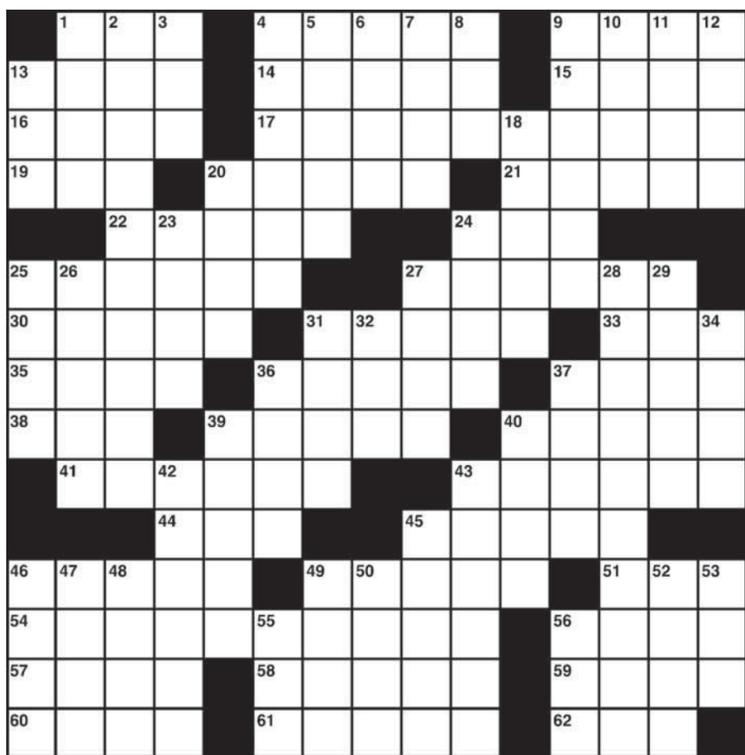
And Cousins actually liked the spark. "Adam is my guy, he's the best," Cousins said. "I want to have more of those conversations."

What matters is the postseason, though, and Cousins faces an offseason of questions about how he failed to deliver. He acknowledged last week how much was riding on him personally.

"I joke with people that when the math teacher junior year of high school said, 'Hey, we've got a pop quiz,' you start to feel the butterflies because you want to do well, it matters to you," he said, via ESPN. "Frankly, I think when I have butterflies, I play a little better."

— Washington Post

Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Anti's vote
- 4 San Antonio tourist stop
- 9 ___-Bo; family card game
- 13 Sand mound
- 14 African nation
- 15 High-ranking noble
- 16 Hostels
- 17 Uproar
- 19 Letter from Greece
- 20 Summoned with a beeper
- 21 Make right
- 22 Severe
- 24 Neighbor of Mexico; abbr.
- 25 Faucet
- 27 Uses one's cash
- 30 Needed a doctor
- 31 Fodder storage towers
- 33 One of Santa's helpers
- 35 Pleased
- 36 "___ a Hot Tin Roof"
- 37 ___ on; incite
- 38 "Ready, ___ go!"
- 39 Armed robbery
- 40 Put on, as a play
- 41 Insist on
- 43 Meager
- 44 Not at home
- 45 Mini or maxi

DOWN

- 1 Women with habits
- 2 Wipe out
- 3 Simple reply
- 4 Shocked
- 5 Chuckle
- 6 Competent
- 7 Give shape to
- 8 Stop ___ dime
- 9 Sailor
- 10 Curly cabbage
- 11 Common metal
- 12 Trudge
- 13 Skinny-___; swim in one's birthday suit
- 18 First, second and third
- 20 Nudge
- 23 Elderly
- 24 Come ___; find
- 25 Droops

Solutions



- 26 Stacked
- 27 ___ machine; casino attraction
- 28 U.S. Cabinet division
- 29 Punches
- 31 "I Am...I ___"; Neil Diamond hit
- 32 "___ Complicated"; Meryl Streep/Alec Baldwin film
- 34 On the loose
- 36 Penny
- 37 Night twinkler
- 39 Terre __, IN
- 40 Rotate quickly
- 42 Popular candy bar
- 43 Coils of yarn
- 45 Man of the casa
- 46 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- 47 Gift wrapper's need
- 48 Individuals
- 49 ___ in the face; insult
- 50 Circle dance
- 52 Main part of a car
- 53 Not ___ longer; no more
- 55 Dieter's concern; abbr.
- 56 ___ Vegas

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BEARS



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Foles is gold again for soaring Eagles

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

The Bears will take on the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles in an NFC playoff game at 3:40 p.m. Sunday at Soldier Field.

Here are five things to know about the Eagles as the Bears prepare for their first postseason game in eight years.

1. Backup quarterback Nick Foles has the Eagles rolling — again.

One of the great storylines of last season was how Foles stepped in for injured quarterback Carson Wentz, led the Eagles to a Super Bowl victory over the Patriots and was named the game's MVP.

Here we go again?

After Wentz was diagnosed with a fractured back in mid-December this year, Foles led the Eagles to three straight victories against the Rams, Texans and Redskins to complete an improbable run to a playoff berth. After all, the Eagles were 4-6 on Nov. 18 after an ugly 48-7 loss to the Saints.

But Foles completed 87 of 113 passes for 962 yards, six touchdowns and three interceptions in the last three games, including a whopping 471 passing yards against the Texans.

He suffered bruised ribs Sunday in a 24-0 victory over the Redskins, in which he tied an NFL record with 25 straight completions. But coach Doug Pederson said Monday that Foles will start at quarterback Sunday against the Bears.

2. Tight end Zach Ertz had a record season.

The sixth-year veteran has long been a top target for quarterbacks but he has taken it to a new level this year.

On Dec. 23, Ertz broke the NFL record of most catches by a tight end in a season, previously held by Jason Witten, who had 110 in 2012 for the Cowboys. Ertz now has 116 catches for 1,163 yards and eight touchdowns.

Ertz, who was named to his second straight Pro Bowl, ranks second in the NFL in catches behind Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas, who has 125.

The Eagles' top three pass catchers from 2017 are all back — Ertz, Alshon Jeffery and Nelson Agholor. They also drafted tight end Dallas Goedert and traded for wide receiver Golden Tate in late October.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Eagles wide receiver Alshon Jeffery will be back at Soldier Field and is expected to be catching passes from Nick Foles, top, who was injured Sunday but should play.

3. The Bears have several Eagles connections.

Bears coach Matt Nagy and Pederson worked together on Andy Reid's Eagles coaching staff from 2009-2012 and Reid's Chiefs coaching staff from 2013-15. Pederson left his offensive coordinator position with the Chiefs to become the Eagles head coach in 2016.

Tight end Trey Burton played in the Super Bowl for the Eagles last year but he hadn't heard from any of his former teammates immediately after Sunday's Bears victory over the Vikings.

"I'm excited to see some of my best friends, honestly," Burton said. "I don't really have much time for emotions since we just finished the game. I'm excited to see them, and obviously they've done it before, so we'll see."

Right guard Kyle Long's brother Chris plays defensive end for the Eagles.

"It will be a lot of fun, and at least the folks will be able to be there," Kyle said. "I'm happy for both of us and proud of him. They have had a tough start and have battled back and have incredibly talented team. It is going to be a tough game at home."

4. Alshon Jeffery will finally get to play his playoff game at Soldier Field.

In January 2017 after five seasons with the Bears, Jeffery guaranteed the Bears would win the Super Bowl the following season.

Of course, Jeffery then opted to sign a one-year, free-agent contract with the Eagles, which he turned into a four-year, \$52 million extension. The Bears' 2012 second-round draft pick left Chicago having never played in a playoff game.

He cheekily noted his 2017 guarantee could apply to the Eagles, and he had three catches for 73 yards and a touchdown in the Super Bowl victory.

5. Pro Bowl defensive tackle Fletcher Cox leads the defense.

Cox has 10½ sacks, 34 quarterback hits, 46 tackles and 12 tackles for a loss. Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky will remember him from the Bears' 31-3 loss to the Eagles last season, when Cox had a sack and two quarterback hits. He had three sacks Sunday against the Redskins.

While the Eagles defense has only 10 interceptions this season, they have sacked opposing quarterbacks 44 times, tied for eighth in the NFL. Defensive line addition Michael Bennett has nine sacks, 30 quarterback hits, 34 tackles and 15 tackles for a loss.

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Silence is golden for Bears O-line



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

The goal is to be peaking as a team heading into the playoffs. In that regard, the Bears are in great shape, as the offensive line is coming off its best game by far.

Considering the quality of the opponent — the Vikings have one of the NFL's best defenses — and the fact that it was a de facto playoff game for them in front of the biggest regular-season crowd in the three-year history of U.S. Bank Stadium, with 66,878 raucous fans screaming "Skoll!" from the start, it was a gem of an effort.

The Vikings entered tops in the NFL with 50 sacks. They'd been particularly dominant at home, where they logged 33 of them in the previous seven games. They posed a great challenge across the front with Danielle Hunter and Everson Griffen rushing from the edge and Sheldon Richardson and Linval Joseph clogging up the middle.

The Bears did much more than just stalemated them, though. The Bears drove them off the ball and kept them off quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

It was really masterful. Trubisky wasn't sacked and was hit just once. The Bears achieved balance in their play calling and success on the ground with 37 rushes for 169 yards. Jordan Howard led the way with 109 yards on 21 carries, his second 100-yard game of the season, both in the last four games. Yes, perhaps it means the ground game is slowly coming together.

The Bears effectively put away the game with a 16-play, 75-yard drive that chewed up 9 minutes, 5 seconds and ended with Tarik Cohen's 4-yard touchdown run. With 7:46 remaining, the Bears led 21-10 and the Vikings were going nowhere offensively. It was the Bears' longest scoring drive in terms of plays since a 17-play touchdown drive during their 38-10 loss in the 2016 regular-season finale here on Jan. 1, 2017.

It was their longest touchdown drive in terms of time elapsed since a 9 minute, 31 second drive in during a 38-31 victory in Cleveland on Dec. 15, 2013. You don't mount a drive like that without a dominating effort by the line.

"It was a great game," right tackle Bobby Massie said. "I haven't watched the tape. I don't know how it officially went. But that is a hell of a defense there."

The Bears were forced to go to a silent count the entire game, a tactic that gives defensive linemen an opportunity to have a head start on nearly every snap. It didn't seem to faze the Bears. Sure, there were some issues managing the play clock, and coach Matt Nagy had to burn some timeouts. But communication is difficult when it's that noisy, and the Bears didn't just handle it, they thrived.

"It all started up front with the offensive line," Trubisky said. "That was the only way we were able to get those conversions and have a big run game is because of our offensive line. The holes they were creating, the pass protection all game, did not give up a sack and I never really had much pressure."

The Bears ran into plenty of third downs, and they flourished. The Vikings entered No. 1 in the NFL on opponents' third-down conversions at 28.4 percent. In the previous three games, opponents had converted only 9 of 39 third downs against the Vikings.

The Bears were 8 for 14, largely because Trubisky completed 8 of 10 passes for 119 yards on third down. He also ran for a 12-yard gain on a third-and-5. With Vikings coach Mike Zimmer dialing up pressure, the Bears picked it up, and Trubisky made his reads and delivered the ball.

"That's hard to do in this environment, but we did it, and it was just a lot of focus involved," left tackle Charles Leno said. "We prepared really hard this week. We're just trying to detail everything and get better every week. Miami (back in Week 6) was hot as hell. That's difficult, but this was the most difficult environment this year. Good test for us. You've got to be able to run the ball. Got to be able to play defense and make big plays that Mitch made. This was a big win."

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BEARS NOTES

Nagy 'hoping' Jackson, Robinson will be back; Long may play more

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

Bears coach Matt Nagy expressed optimism Monday afternoon that safety Eddie Jackson and wide receiver Allen Robinson would have a green light to play in Sunday's NFC wild-card playoff game against the Eagles at Soldier Field.

"I'm hoping they're ready to go," Nagy said.

Jackson missed the final two games of the regular season with a sprained right ankle. Robinson sat out Sunday's finale against the Vikings with an injury to his ribs. Both players are pushing to be back on the field when the Bears resume practice Wednesday in Lake Forest. Nagy will be in

close contact with head athletic trainer Andre Tucker in the lead-up to that day's work. And the Bears are hopeful that both players will progress well enough to play this weekend.

In addition to Jackson and Robinson, outside linebacker Aaron Lynch (elbow) has been out since Dec. 16. Receivers Anthony Miller (left shoulder) and Taylor Gabriel (ribs) both were injured Sunday in Minneapolis. All of those injuries will be worth monitoring as the week progresses.

Still, in the big picture, the Bears are astonishingly healthy as the postseason begins. Only four players — Sam Acho, Dion Sims, Kyle Long and Bryce Callahan — have been placed on injured reserve during the

regular season. And Long already has made his way back from IR. The Bears reactivated him to the 53-man roster Saturday, and he logged 29 snaps against the Vikings on Sunday afternoon.

Nagy was pleased with what he saw from the 30-year-old guard in his first game action since late October.

"I thought he looked healthy," the Bears coach said. "He held the line of scrimmage really well. He was great in the run game. When we did throw the ball, he was solid there."

"The biggest thing for him was going to be conditioning and getting in and out of the game. ... And I liked where he was at."

Nagy hopes Long will be in line for a heavier workload in the playoff opener.

"We'd love to be able to put him out there, start and play a whole game," Nagy said. "We just have to see how he holds up."

Foles will start: Eagles quarterback Nick Foles suffered bruised ribs during a 24-0 victory over the Redskins on Sunday, when he tied an NFL record with 25 consecutive completions. Coach Doug Pederson said Monday that Foles will start at quarterback Sunday against the Bears.

Foles led the Eagles to the Super Bowl title last season after replacing the injured Carson Wentz late in the season.

Wentz suffered fractured vertebra during a Week 14 loss to the Cowboys. He was injured in Week 13 last year.

BEARS



DAVID BANKS/AP

Bears coach Matt Nagy wants to "keep the momentum going" for his team, which has won nine of 10 heading into the playoffs.

Nagy wants team to stay focused

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They have quickly turned the page after exhilarating wins. And they have consistently played well on big stages, the latest example coming Sunday when they went on the road to face a talented and desperate Vikings team and responded with a 24-10 butt-kicking that ended their division rival's season.

The Bears didn't have to win Sunday. Had they rested starters or taken a human-nature yawn for a quarter or so and lost to the Vikings, they still would have woken Monday as the NFC's No. 3 seed in the playoff bracket. But those thoughts never entered their mind.

There was a game to play Sunday, and the Bears were intent on attacking it like they attacked everything in 2018.

Said linebacker Danny Trevathan: "Our whole attitude is that if we're out there on the field, why not? Why not give it everything we've got? Why not be the best defense on the field? Why not go make our plays?"

Added Nagy: "(If) you lose a game it kind of kicks you back a little bit. Even if it's one of those deals where you didn't have starters playing the whole time and you're a little bit more reserved. It still kicks you back a little bit.

"That doesn't mean it's going to change the outcome (in the playoffs) one way or

another. But it's nice (for us) to know that you just keep the momentum going."

The Bears' momentum is significant. Before Nagy arrived, the franchise hadn't tasted a three-game winning streak since September 2013. This team responded with separate winning streaks of three, five and four games.

The Bears' one-point road loss to the Packers in Week 1 was their 10th consecutive defeat in NFC North games. They went on to win their next five division matchups.

That's why Nagy is issuing a reminder to players and coaches to stick with the same routine this week. Business as usual. Prepare with the same purpose. Don't start changing things simply because a playoff game is next on the itinerary.

With that said, though, Nagy wants his group to understand what's ahead Sunday. Playoff competition comes with a warning.

"The intensity is completely different," Nagy said. "It's not even close. That's the message our guys have to understand."

That's part of the reason Nagy was so pleased with Sunday's drubbing of the Vikings in a hostile road environment against an opponent fighting on every play to keep its season alive.

"They got to feel that," Nagy said. "That wasn't a playoff game but it was close to it. And so those guys felt it. Everything's faster. It's a lot faster. There's a feel to it. ...

You go into a game like (Sunday's) and you really don't truly know how they're going to respond to that situation. But I'm not surprised at all how they handled it. That was a playoff atmosphere yesterday. Everybody who was there knows it."

Not since 2006 has a Bears team entered the playoffs with at least 12 wins. Not since 2001, have the Bears marched into the postseason riding a winning streak of four games. It has been a while since a Bears team has been this talented, healthy, confident and dialed in. That has given a crazed football city the freedom to dream about the January joyride that is about to begin.

Still, as all the outside excitement amplifies, as the anticipation for Sunday builds, Nagy is sticking with his yearlong reminder that the Bears have made it this far thanks to two important accessories.

"We've talked about the blinders, we've talked about the earmuffs," Nagy said. "We've talked about (having) poise in the noise — good and bad. And that's what we're going to do again this week.

"I have no doubt in my mind they'll listen. I have no doubt in my mind they'll be focused on one thing and that's just taking it day by day leading up to Sunday.

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NFL NOTES

Bengals' Lewis, among coaches given pink slip

Associated Press

Sean Payton despises the term "Black Monday." And he's one of the coaches who always survives it.

Six head coaches were fired as the NFL season concluded, four of them on Monday. Two more, Mike McCarthy with the Packers and Hue Jackson with the Browns, didn't even make it that far.

Payton, finishing his 13th season with the Saints and now owning the second-longest tenure with a team after the Bengals fired Marvin Lewis, had some strong words about how the coaching carousel gets derailed every year.

"Our owners' network that they own have created this," Payton said, referring to NFL Network that is owned by the league, "marketed this and sold this 'Black Monday,' and that's just disappointing."

In reference to Lewis, who was with the Bengals since 2003, but went an all-time worst 0-7 in the playoffs, Payton added: "He's been a fabulous coach, but I don't want to comment on anyone or all of them (who were fired)."

He added that the whole Black Monday scene, which some media outlets promote the way they do actual competition, is "ridiculous."

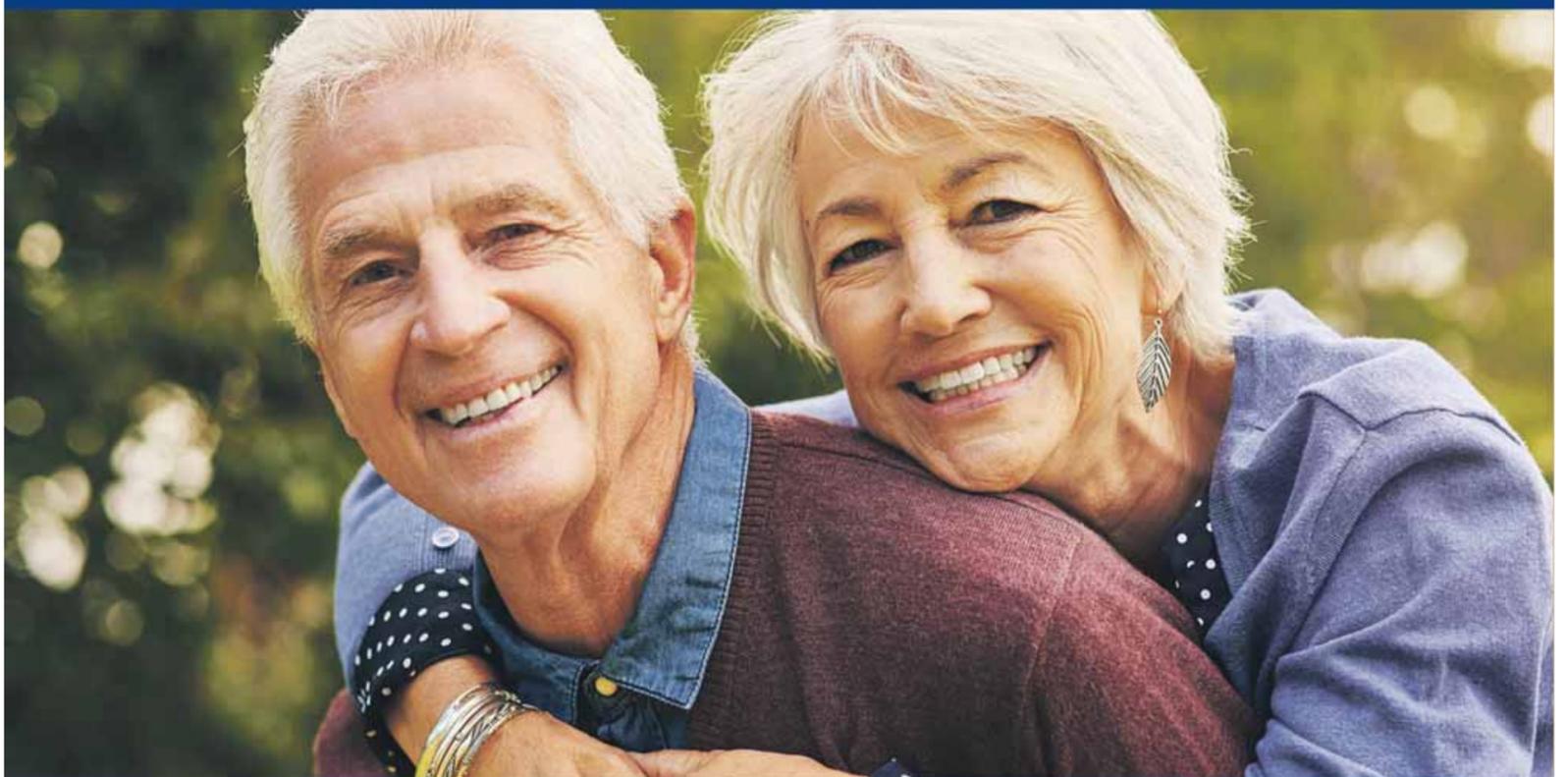
Steve Wilks, fired after a 3-13 record in his first — and only — season with the Cardinals, might be a case in point. Had Bruce Arians not retired, he still would have been with the Cardinals, but Wilks was a hot candidate for several openings last offseason following his work as the Panthers defensive coordinator. Barring a full-out revolt by the players, as happened with Ben McAdoo and the Giants in 2017, how is one year enough to judge a head coach's capabilities?

Also fired Monday were Vance Joseph (Broncos) and Adam Gase (Dolphins). On Sunday night, Todd Bowles (Jets) and Dirk Koetter (Buccaneers) were let go.

Extra points: The Falcons fired offensive coordinator Steve Sarkasian, defensive coordinator Marquand Manuel and special teams coordinator Keith Armstrong. ... Titans LB Brian Orakpo announced that he's retiring after 10 seasons. Orakpo, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, played in and started 13 games this season, finishing with 1.5 sacks, three passes defended, a forced fumble and 28 tackles.

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ROSE BOWL

Meyer at pinnacle

Set to retire at just 54, Buckeyes coach reaches lifelong goal in Pasadena

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

PASADENA, CALIF. — Urban Meyer sees the Rose Bowl nestled in verdant Arroyo Seco on a sunny winter day and thinks back to the formative days of his coaching career.

When he was a 20-something wide receivers coach for Colorado State in the 1990s, Meyer interrupted a recruiting trip to the Los Angeles area to visit the iconic college football stadium. He tried to sneak inside to get a look at the turf but was asked to leave by a security guard.

"Guy was really rude too," Meyer said with a chuckle.

Meyer never got to see that famous field until this week, when he returned to Pasadena for what he says is the final game of a remarkable coaching journey.

The three-time national champion will lead Ohio State (12-1) into the Rose Bowl on Tuesday to face Washington (10-3), and then he will retire from coaching at just 54 years old.

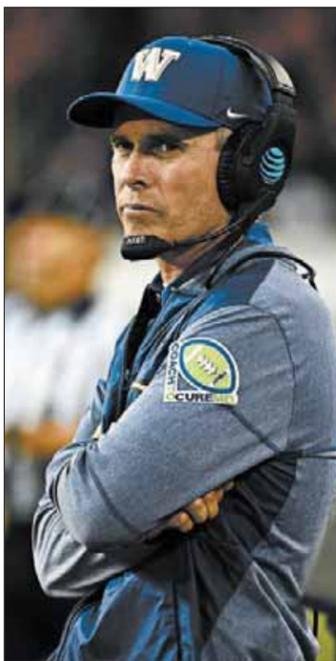
Meyer is stubbornly resisting the temptations of career reminiscence or legacy evaluation this week, saying it isn't fair to the Big Ten-champion Buckeyes while they attempt to cap their season with a win over the Pac-12 champion Huskies.

But the coach can't help noticing the symmetry in closing his career in a game and a stadium representing the pinnacle of college football for millions of Midwestern kids with a dream.

"I dreamed a lot about Ohio State, the rivalry game, the Rose Bowl," Meyer said. "Seems like every year in the '70s, when I was at that age where everybody is watching it, the parade, the game, and then watching Archie Griffin score touchdowns in the Rose Bowl. This has been a bucket-list item for as long as I've been coaching."

Before Meyer ends his seven-year tenure by turning over the Ohio State program to Ryan Day, the Buckeyes must contend with a program in its prime.

Chris Petersen is just three months younger than Meyer and has built a powerhouse in his half-decade in Seattle, highlighted by a College Football Playoff semifinal two years ago and



STEVE DYKES/GETTY

Ohio State's Urban Meyer, top, hoists the Big Ten championship trophy, which earned him a date with Washington and Chris Petersen, above.



OHIO STATE (12-1) VS. WASHINGTON (10-3)
4 p.m. Tuesday | ESPN

this trip to the Huskies' first Rose Bowl in 18 years.

Meyer and Petersen have the two best winning percentages among active FBS coaches. While Meyer is walking away with his wins and trophies, Petersen is seeking another defining victory for a school that had stumbled through the 21st century until he transformed the Huskies into Rose Bowl contenders again.

"I've had an opportunity to go to a lot of different bowl games, and I've never been to this one," Petersen said. "But this is the one I did watch as a kid growing up. This is the one. And we've been close a couple of times in my career. Really close, and we have not got here. It means a lot because of how hard it is to get here."

More things to watch in the 105th edition of the Granddaddy of Them All:

Strength vs. strength: The game should be fascinating when Ohio State's high-powered passing attack goes against the Huskies' vaunted secondary. The Buckeyes ranked second in the FBS with 373.0 yards passing per game, but the Huskies' secondary allows an FBS-low 8.93 yards per pass attempt. The Dawgs even held star Washington State quarterback Gardner Minshew to 152 yards passing in the Apple Cup, shutting down the nation's top passing offense in the snow. Buckeyes quarterback Dwayne Haskins and his receivers cut up the respected pass defenses of Michigan and Northwestern in their last two games.

Haskins' farwell? Haskins has set a slew of school records and finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting in his only season as the Buckeyes starting quarterback. The sophomore hasn't said whether he'll jump to the NFL, where he's a likely first-round pick, but he already has earned the respect of Meyer and the Buckeyes by electing to play instead of preserving his draft stock, as Nick Bosa and Denzel Ward have done. "He's definitely the best quarterback we've faced all year long," Washington defensive coordinator Jimmy Lake said.

Big finish: The Rose Bowl is the big finish to the remarkable four-year Washington careers of quarterback Jake Browning and running back Myles Gaskin. Browning is the career leader in yards passing and touchdowns passes, Gaskin the Huskies' career leader in rushing yards. Yet for all their accomplishments, both feel somewhat taken for granted by a segment of the Washington fan base that isn't satisfied with the Huskies' achievements during their tenure. A win would be an amazing cap to two groundbreaking careers.

Up his sleeve: Meyer's wife punched him in the side 12 years ago when Boise State dialed up its famous Statue of Liberty play to beat Oklahoma in that spectacular 2007 Fiesta Bowl. Shelley Meyer asked her husband why he wasn't as creative as Petersen. "I still hold that against Chris," Meyer said. Petersen's most memorable coaching moment is still probably that game, but he doesn't like being known as a trick-play aficionado. When asked if the Huskies have any shenanigans in store for the Rose Bowl, Petersen said: "No." Meyer didn't appear to believe him.

OTHER NEW YEAR'S DAY BOWLS

Outback Bowl



IOWA (8-4) VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE (8-4)
11 a.m. | ESPN2

What's at stake: No. 18 Mississippi State has a shot at its biggest bowl win since they beat Michigan in the Gator Bowl eight years ago. They have a chance to finish in the Top 25 for the third time in five years. The Hawkeyes are seeking their biggest bowl win since the 2009 season, when they beat Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl. With a victory they would likely finish in the Top 25 for only the second time in nine seasons.

Key matchup: The Bulldogs' Nick Fitzgerald broke Tim Tebow's SEC record for most career rushing yards by a quarterback. He has 3,504 and this season has rushed for 1,018 yards and 12 touchdowns. Iowa ranks seventh in the nation in total defense and is led by first-team All-Big Ten DE A.J. Epenesa and second-team DE Anthony Nelson.

Players to watch: Mississippi State — Second-team All-America DE Montez Sweat ranks second in the SEC with 11 sacks and has 13½ tackles for a loss. Iowa — Second-team All-America T.J. Hockenson, who won the John Mackey Award as the nation's best tight end, has 46 receptions for 717 yards and six touchdowns.

By the numbers: All of the Bulldogs' losses came against teams in the top 15. They lead the nation in scoring defense at 12 point allowed per game and have held seven teams to 10 points or less. The Hawkeyes are in a bowl game for the 17th time in 18 years. Iowa is tied for third in the nation with 18 interceptions. Epenesa has 9½ sacks and 15½ tackles for a loss, and Nelson has 9½ sacks and 11 TFLs.

Fiesta Bowl



LSU (9-3) VS. CENTRAL FLORIDA (12-0)
Noon | ESPN

What's at stake: UCF takes a 25-game winning streak into the game in its bid for a second straight undefeated season. The Knights proclaimed themselves national champions after last season and will likely do so again with a victory. LSU is vying for its first 10-win season since 2013.

Key matchup: UCF's defense vs. LSU's running game. Nick Brossette and Clyde Edwards-Helaire combined for 1,588 yards and 21 touchdowns for the Tigers. UCF was among one of the nation's worst teams against the run, allowing 227.4 yards per game, so the Knights may have to outscore the Tigers to win.

Players to watch: Central Florida — QB Darriell Mack Jr. was starting into the thrusting role when two-time AAC player of the year McKenzie Milton suffered a gruesome leg injury in the regular-season finale. Mack led a massive comeback against Memphis in the AAC title game, accounting for six touchdowns while throwing for 348 yards. LSU — QB Joe Burrow threw for 2,500 yards and 12 touchdowns, though he completed only 57 percent of his passes. LSU did not have a prolific passing game but could use Burrow to take pressure off the running game.

By the numbers: UCF's winning streak is the fourth-longest in the FBS since 2000, behind Miami (34), Florida State (29) and Alabama (26). The Fiesta Bowl is LSU's 50th bowl appearance (25-23-1), good for eighth all time. UCF was 24th nationally in scoring defense, allowing 21.3 points per game.

Citrus Bowl



PENN STATE (9-3) VS. KENTUCKY (9-3)
Noon | ABC-7

What's at stake: The winner will finish with 10 wins. The Nittany Lions are trying to finish with double-digit wins in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 1980-82. The Wildcats, who haven't done so in 41 years, have their best record since going 10-1 in 1977.

Key matchup: The Trace McSorley-led Penn State offense that's averaging 424.3 yards and 34.6 points per game against a stingy Kentucky defense anchored by LB Josh Allen, the SEC defensive player of the year. The Wildcats have allowed 332.2 yards per game and rank seventh nationally in scoring defense at 16.2 points.

Players to watch: Penn State — McSorley, who'll become first Nittany Lions QB to play in four bowl games, has thrown for 2,284 yards and 16 touchdowns against six interceptions. RB Miles Sanders has averaged nearly 6 yards per carry on the way to rushing for 1,223 yards and nine touchdowns. Kentucky — Allen led the SEC with 18½ tackles for a loss, including 14 sacks, which rank third nationally and are a school single-season record. Benny Snell Jr. rushed for 1,305 yards and 14 touchdowns to become one of two players in SEC history to run for 1,000 yards and scored at least 12 TDs in each of his first three seasons. The other is Herschel Walker.

By the numbers: Penn State is making its 49th bowl appearance, 25th in a New Year's Day game. Kentucky is in a New Year's bowl for the fourth time.

Sugar Bowl



GEORGIA (11-2) VS. TEXAS (9-4)
7:45 p.m. | ESPN

What's at stake: Texas is trying to cap an impressive season under second-year coach Tom Herman and provide further proof that it's on track to be back among the nation's elite programs.

Georgia is out to prove it would have been a better selection for the College Football Playoff, even after losing to Alabama in the SEC championship game.

Key matchup: Texas' defense vs. Georgia's running game: The Longhorns' defensive front, led by Charles Omenihu, will try to slow down a Georgia running game that has had a very productive season. D'Andre Swift has run for 1,037 yards and 10 touchdowns while Elijah Holyfield has 956 yards and seven touchdowns.

Players to watch: Georgia: QB Jake Fromm — He's not mentioned among the nation's elite quarterbacks very often, but Fromm has quietly had a very good season. Against Alabama in the SEC title game, he threw for 301 yards and three touchdowns. Texas — WR Lil'Jordan Humphrey has been a favorite target for quarterback Sam Ehlinger, catching 79 passes for 1,109 yards and nine touchdowns.

By the numbers: Georgia has the second longest active bowl streak in the country at 22; Virginia Tech is first with 26. Fromm is 23-4 as a starter, including 8-4 against ranked opponents. Texas has played in nine one-possession games this season and is 6-3 in those games. Omenihu has 9½ sacks, the most in the program since 2013.

BOWL ROUNDUP

No end zone in sight for Michigan State

By Associated Press

Justin Herbert shook off a sluggish day and threw a touchdown pass to Dillon Mitchell in the fourth quarter, and Oregon held on after Michigan State botched a fake field-goal attempt for a 7-6 victory in the Redbox Bowl on Monday afternoon in Santa Clara, Calif.

Herbert passed for 166 yards and extended his streak of consecutive games with a touchdown pass to 28 on a day when the Ducks' offense mostly sputtered.

Oregon (9-4) crossed midfield only three times and didn't reach the end zone until Herbert found Mitchell for a 28-yard touchdown.

The Spartans (7-6) were lined up for a 50-yard field goal attempt when quarterback Brian Lewerke, who doubles as the holder, bobbled the snap, then attempted to run before hurriedly throwing an incompletion.

After Michigan State's defense forced a three-and-out on the following possession, the Spartans took over at their own 42, but Lewerke's long pass on 4th-and-12 was knocked down.

It was the third time in four games Michigan State didn't score a touchdown.

Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 33: The No. 23 Tigers outgained Oklahoma State 637-502, but the Cowboys prevailed thanks to three third-quarter touchdowns in the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn.

Taylor Cornelius passed for 336 yards and four TDs for Oklahoma State (7-6), with Tyron Johnson catching seven passes for 141 yards and two scores. Chuba Hubbard added 145 rushing yards and a TD.

Drew Lock passed for 373 yards and three touchdowns for Missouri (8-5). Larry Roundtree rushed for 204 yards and a TD.

Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31: Michael Warren rushed for a career-high 166 yards with two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with 1:29 to play in a soggy Military Bowl in Annapolis, Va.

The Bearcats (11-2) prevailed after seven lead changes to snap a streak of 25 consecutive winning seasons for the Hokies (6-7), who played in a bowl game for the 26th straight year.

Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13: Cameron Scarlett scored both touchdowns for the Cardinal in the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

With star tailback Bryce Love skipping the game, Scarlett scored on a 1-yard run and recovered a fumble in the end zone for Stanford (9-4), which ended the season with four straight wins. Darrin Hall rushed for 123 yards and a TD for the Panthers (7-7), who also kicked two field goals.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



DENIS POROY/AP

Northwestern wide receiver Kyric McGowan comes up with a catch during the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

Whoa! Cats come all the way back

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Down by 17 points at halftime, the Wildcats roared back. They somehow scored 28 unanswered points to win 31-20, finish the season 9-5 after a 1-3 start and give the program its first three-game bowl winning streak.

"The story of our season," quarterback Clayton Thorson told FS1's Jenny Taft on the field. "We lose Flynn Nagel and Ben Skowronek and then come out in the second half and lay it down. Our defense was awesome."

The Wildcats beat coach Kyle Whittingham, whose Utah teams entered 11-1 in bowl games.

Northwestern looked dead until these four plays happened in the third quarter: A Blake Gallagher interception. An 82-yard Jared McGee scoop-and-score. A Trae Williams forced fumble. A JR Pace interception.

The Wildcats turned a 20-3 deficit into a 24-20 lead when Thorson found senior Trey Klock, a 296-pound offensive lineman-turned-superback, for a touchdown pass.

With offensive lineman J.B. Butler split out wide to the right and waving his arms after the snap, Thorson instead hit Klock, who gathered the 20-yard pass and stumbled his way to the paint.

Thorson completed 21 of 30 passes for 241 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. The senior became the program's all-time passing yards leader on a 24-yard strike to Berkeley Holman.

Thorson eclipsed Brett Basanez (10,580 yards from 2002-05) and moved into fourth on the Big Ten career passing yard list.

TJ Green finished the game after Thorson took a shot while sliding on a designed quarterback run. His left leg bent awkwardly on the play, but WGN Radio's Adam Hoge reported that Thorson was OK, cleared to return to the game until NU coach Pat Fitzgerald held him back.

After a tough first half, Thorson came out firing in the third quarter. He hit Ramaud Chiaokhiao-Bowman for 52 yards and Riley Lees for a 4-yard score.



DENIS POROY/AP

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald entered the game with speculation swirling about his interest in the Packers' open coaching position.

NU fans roared in approval, though by then much of the crowd of 47,007 at the aging SDCU Stadium had thinned out or at least retreated to covered seats.

Many of those fans showed up hours before kickoff to frolic at a tented "N Zone" tailgate organized by the Northwestern Alumni Association. The event was sold out with a crowd of about 1,100.

After singing along to the band's rendition of the 1962 hit "Hey! Baby," fans heard from ESPN personality and NU trustee Michael Wilbon, athletic director Jim Phillips and university president Morton Schapiro.

Phillips mentioned high points from the season, among them: the 99-yard touchdown drive to force overtime against Nebraska, holding Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor to 46 rushing yards and four straight sold-out games at Ryan Field. And pointing to NU football's 99 percent graduation rate: "You can have it all at Northwestern."

Schapiro was funny, as always, joking with the fans who make it to every bowl game: "Do you people ever work or just travel?" During Wilbon's time as a

student, the football team went 3-40. Contrast that with winning the Big Ten West and going to a bowl game for the ninth time in 11 seasons.

"We're making a habit of this," Wilbon said. "But we realize the work, ingenuity and effort that has gone into it. We don't take that for granted."

No one takes Fitzgerald for granted, so the buzz around the program since Sunday has been about whether the Packers will make a serious run at him — and whether Coach "Go Cats" would seriously consider leaving.

"I know a lot of people are concerned and terrified," Wilbon told the crowd. "Don't boo it. When the rest of the world, including a pre-eminent organization in the National Football League, acknowledges the excellence we have going on, that too honors the school and the football program."

Fitzgerald had the last word, though.

Wearing a Holiday Bowl champions hat on the field, he said: "I'm not going anywhere. This is home forever."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UCLA fires Alford after early struggles

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — UCLA fired Steve Alford as coach after five-plus seasons, with the Bruins mired in a four-game skid that included losses at home to Belmont and Liberty.

Athletic director Dan Guerrero said Monday that assistant Murry Bartow will serve as interim coach until the end of the season.

UCLA is 7-6 and in danger of missing the NCAA tournament despite a talented roster that includes sophomore Kris Wilkes and freshman Moses Brown.

Alford's final game was a 73-58 loss to Liberty on Saturday, the worst home defeat in his tenure. The Bruins committed 24 turnovers and missed a season-high 22 3-pointers. Alford called it the most disappointing loss in his 28-year coaching career.

It's unusual for UCLA to fire a coach in the middle of the season, but with the Bruins set to open Pac-12 play Thursday against Stanford at home, Guerrero is clearly hoping it spurs a turnaround.

"While Steve led us to three Sweet 16 appearances, we simply have not been performing at a consistent level and our struggles up to this point in the season do not bode well for the future," Guerrero said in a statement.

Guerrero said the terms of Alford's contract will be honored by UCLA Athletics, exclusively using department-generated funds.

He said a national search for a new head coach will begin immediately, with former Bruins player and current Warriors



CHASE STEVENS/AP

Steve Alford went 124-63 at UCLA. He won one Pac-12 tournament title but never the regular-season championship.

general manager Bob Myers assisting.

Alford had a 124-63 record in Westwood after taking over the program in March 2013. The 54-year-old coach won one Pac-12 tournament title but never a regular-season league title, and made four NCAA tournament appearances, including Sweet 16 berths in his first two years.

But the drop-off was swift for a school that owns a record 11 national championships. The Bruins lost to St. Bonaventure in the First Four last season, the first time in school history that UCLA was relegated to a play-in game.

BIG TEN POWER RANKINGS

Wolverines are the 1 and only undefeated team

By SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Big Ten play resumes this week.

We have a better picture of where teams stand after a month of nonconference games broke up the conference season that started with two games in early December.

With seven top-25 teams, there is potential for classic battles and intrigue.

Here's our latest set of power rankings entering the new year:



1. Michigan (13-0): The Wolverines haven't been in danger of losing since their 62-60 win at Northwestern on Dec. 4. Michigan has won 27 of its last 28 games, the loss coming in the national championship game.



2. Michigan State (11-2): Junior guard Cassius Winston has been one of many bright spots for the Spartans. He had back-to-back 20-point games — 26 against Oakland and 24 against Northern Illinois.



3. Ohio State (12-1): The Buckeyes' game Saturday against Michigan State will be the perfect test — their first this season against a team ranked in KenPom.com's top 25. (The Spartans are No. 5.)



4. Indiana (11-2): Juwan Morgan is performing like a potential Big Ten player of the year. He's averaging 16.2 points and 7.6 rebounds and is coming off a triple-double against Jacksonville — the second in Indiana history.



5. Wisconsin (10-3): Few teams are willing to play a road game against Western Kentucky. Wisconsin found out why on Saturday with a 83-76 loss. The Badgers can't let the defeat rattle them.



6. Nebraska (11-2): Back-to-back road wins against Maryland and Iowa would be a huge statement for the Cornhuskers. They rely heavily on their top five players, all of whom average at least 8.8 points.



7. Iowa (11-2): The Hawkeyes had a three-game stretch in November in which they went 1-2 against top-20 KenPom opponents. Since then, they haven't played an opponent ranked inside the top 200.



8. Minnesota (11-2): Freshman big man Daniel Oturu has recorded four straight double-doubles for the Gophers, who outrebound opponents by an average margin of 7.1.



9. Maryland (10-3): The Terrapins' three losses are against quality opponents — KenPom No. 55 Seton Hall, No. 19 Purdue and No. 2 Virginia. A key for Maryland will be Anthony Cowan's ability to find consistency.



10. Northwestern (9-4): The Wildcats lost their two Big Ten games by two points each to impressive opponents in Indiana and Michigan. But NU won't have many opportunities for moral victories.



11. Purdue (8-5): Finding a supporting cast for Carsen Edwards is vital, and it seems as if the Boilermakers finally are figuring that out. Ryan Cline (13.1 points per game) has emerged as a second scoring option.



12. Penn State (7-6): The Nittany Lions are erratic. They haven't won back-to-back games since their 2-0 start. Their next five games are against Michigan, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Michigan State and Iowa.



13. Rutgers (7-5): Only Geoyi Aker (13.9 points per game) and Eugene Omoruyi (16) in double figures for the Scarlet Knights. Freshman Myles Johnson scored 10 against Maine, which is promising.



14. Illinois (4-9): A 73-71 overtime loss at home to Florida Atlantic was a low point for coach Brad Underwood, whose Illini aren't showing much progress in his second season.

BLACKHAWKS AT BULLS

‘Skate like a champion’

BY TIM BANNON | Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks play the Bruins on Tuesday at Notre Dame Stadium. With the Hawks near the bottom of the Western Conference standings and Bruins clinging to a playoff spot in the East, the matchup isn't quite what the NHL had in mind. So the star of the show could be the venue. Here are nine things to know about the “The House that Rockne Built.”

1 | Hockey history

This will be the first hockey game played at Notre Dame Stadium. But the second won't be far behind. On Saturday, Notre Dame will play host to Michigan. If you build a rink in a football stadium, might as well get as much use out of it as possible. The rink-building began Dec. 22, and over eight days workers created the ice sheet with approximately 200 fine layers. The only other non-football sporting event there so far was the Big East women's lacrosse tournament in 2008.

2 | Garth Brooks vs. weather

This is a season of firsts at the stadium as the university finds new ways for the football venue to generate more revenue. On Oct. 20, Brooks began his “stadium tour” with the first pop concert at Notre Dame Stadium before a crowd of approximately 84,000. Things did not start well thanks to lousy weather. Because of high winds, organizers couldn't suspend speakers above the stage, which was in the middle of the stadium. Brooks started the show an hour late. Then the rain began. But Brooks persisted and put on a two-hour concert. “Yes, it was cold, but it was unforgettable,” the South Bend Tribune's reviewer wrote.

3 | Looks like Michigan Stadium

That's because it was patterned after the University of Michigan's mammoth football palace, built in 1927. But smaller. Michigan can seat more than 107,000 people. Notre Dame Stadium, built in 1930, originally was designed to seat 59,076. After renovations in the mid 1990s and last year, it holds roughly 77,000. In 2014, the playing surface was changed to FieldTurf.

4 | Comiskey Park connection

Osborn Engineering, an architectural and engineering firm in Cleveland, designed the stadium 20 years after designing Comiskey Park, which was then dubbed “Base Ball Palace of the World.” Osborn also has worked on renovations at Wrigley Field, including seating expansion, lighting and skybox installation. Osborn also designed the original Yankee Stadium, the Polo Grounds, Tiger Stadium and Milwaukee's County Stadium.

5 | The sign and the stairs

In 1986, soon after Lou Holtz took over as football coach, he was leafing through books of Notre Dame history when he saw a photo of a sign at the bottom of the stairs between the locker room and tunnel to the field. It read: “Play like a champion today.” “I asked everybody, ‘Who took it down?’” Holtz told the Associated Press. “Nobody remembered it even being up. So I said, ‘Get that painted up. I'm going to put it in the same place and everybody is going to hit it on the way out to the field to remind them of all the sacrifices they have made, their families have made and other people have made for them to be there.’”



WINTER CLASSIC
Blackhawks vs. Bruins
Noon Tuesday at Notre Dame Stadium, NBC-5

6 | Touchdown Jesus

One of the stadium's most famous landmarks is about a football field away, directly behind the north end zone. When a new library was built in 1963, the university commissioned a mural — “Word of Life” — for the library's south outside wall. The artist, Millard Sheets, portrayed Jesus with his arms raised high and surrounded by doctors, teachers and theologians below. From inside the stadium, fans can see only Jesus' torso and arms signaling, well, six points. The closest signal in hockey to the “Touchdown Jesus” is when the referee holds both arms out at shoulder height with palms down, signaling no goal or a “washout.” Doesn't quite have the same ring to it.

7 | When the Bears played there

Three NFL games, all preseason, have been played at Notre Dame Stadium — and the Bears played in all of them. In the first, on Aug. 28, 1971, the Bears beat the Browns 20-19 before a less-than-capacity crowd of 43,568. In 1972, the Chiefs beat the Bears 24-10. And in 1986, the Bears beat the Bills 31-17. Before that 1971 game, the Bears had driven to South Bend after breaking training camp in Rensselaer. When they arrived, across from their motel was a huge sign that read: “Welcome Bears. Win One for the Gipper!”

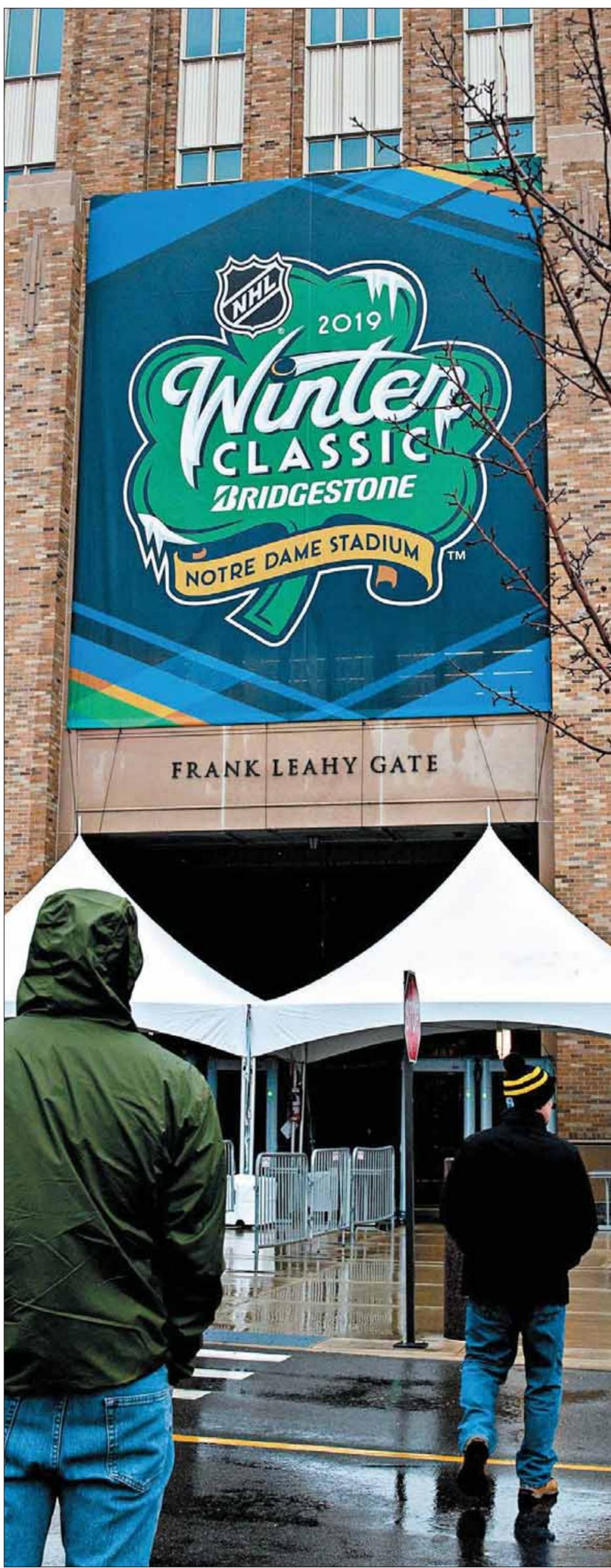
8 | “Rockne” and “Rudy”

School officials have permitted only two feature films to be shot on campus: “Knut Rockne All American” (1940), which starred Pat O'Brien as Rockne and Ronald Reagan as George Gipp; and “Rudy” (1993), starring Sean Astin as Daniel E. “Rudy” Ruettiger, the walk-on credited with a sack in the last play of his college career. That scene was filmed during halftime of the Notre Dame-Boston College game in 1992.

9 | Stan Bowman connection

Hawks general manager Bowman was a student at Notre Dame when “Rudy” was filmed and was an extra in the crowd. “At the time, everyone on campus was making fun of it — ‘that stupid “Rudy” movie,’” Bowman told the Tribune last year. “But it was so well done and it became this iconic movie, really. ... You don't realize until you get here how much (football) is a part of your every day.” Bowman said he also rushed the Notre Dame Stadium field when the second-ranked Irish defeated No. 1 Florida State in 1993.

Sources: Chicago Tribune archives, Notre Dame, South Bend Tribune, nd.edu, uhnd.com, espn.com



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

After month on job, Boylen not planning to alter his approach

Bulls, from Page 1

Perhaps that's why Boylen used not one but two five-man substitutions in the Bulls' franchise-record 56-point loss to the Celtics on Dec. 8. That move came hours before Boylen called for practice following a back-to-back set of games. And it followed a wild week in which he called out players' conditioning and made them do push-ups and sprints in his first week on the job.

Commence the intense 24 hours. In a group text exchange, two or three players suggested a boycott of that Dec. 9 practice. Another idea floated was to show up to the practice facility and walk out as a team in a unified protest.

Instead, cooler heads prevailed. Players showed up. They held a players-only meeting, followed by a meeting with coaches and management. Two hours later, grievances had been aired. A leadership committee had been formed. And everyone seemed to be in a better place.

“I think it got a little bit more attention than it needed to,” said Zach LaVine, one of the most



NICK WASS/AP

There's no “interim” on coach Jim Boylen's title, and he's under contract through next season.

visibly frustrated players following the Celtics loss. “Internally, it wasn't bad at all. It was just regular NBA life, team meetings and stuff like that. I think we're all good. We're on the right track. We're growing as a team and starting to learn who we are.

“Plus, we know who Jim is and what he's about.”

That's perhaps the biggest de-

tail being overlooked by many outside the locker room. Hired shortly after Hoiberg in 2015, Boylen had pre-existing — and, in many cases, strong — relationships with all the players when he took over.

Granted, Boylen's role changed when he moved from associate head coach to head coach. But his personality didn't. And maybe that's why he seemingly embraced the tumult of Dec. 9.

“I wanted to build a trust factor,” he said. “I wasn't combative. I didn't go after anybody. I said, ‘This is how we're going to operate. This is what I think is important.’ That's all I've done is communicate what I value and how I want us to play.

“I couldn't come in like a lamb. That would not affect change. I was asked to affect change. The culture of how we do things, how we played, what was important, the ownership of the team and how it operated had to be changed.”

Boylen is mindful of — and sensitive to — how that comment could be read by some as a criticism of Hoiberg. He's quick to

point out how much respect he has for his former boss and how he wouldn't be in Chicago if not for Hoiberg.

But Boylen also isn't going to apologize for having a different personality than Hoiberg.

“I was fired too. I get it,” Boylen said, referencing his lone head coaching stint at the University of Utah. “I have all the respect in the world for Fred. But the changes that were needed fit my personality.

“I didn't think it would happen this fast. I didn't think (confrontation) would happen the third game in, but what a blessing that it happened like that. People don't get that. If you're not inside the locker room, you don't understand. But it had to be done.”

There's no interim tag in Boylen's title. He's under contract through next season.

Boylen often talks about taking ownership of the “Bulls” on the chest of the jersey. Now he has referenced the back of it and the six titles. It's this full-scale and full-throttle approach that has some wondering if Boylen can maintain this intensity and not burn out or lose players.

Since the Dec. 9 team meeting, players have said all the right things publicly, and the Bulls have been competitive. As for Boylen, he doesn't do doubt.

“The players are the ones doing it,” he said. “They have direction now. And they have leadership. I want them to take ownership of this team. Everything we do here is a family. I don't want to have to speed a guy up. It's always better to slow him down. I knew we were going to smash some dishes on the floor and make a mess. That's my personality.

“How do you get people to really listen to what you're saying unless they're out of their comfort zone? I pushed this team out of its comfort zone with conditioning, with film, with direct and honest conversations about what we can do better and how we can do it better together. People are acting like that's a foreign entity in today's world.

“I'm not worried about the outside noise. I'm worried about the Bulls.”

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Name game

A few athletes who figure to emerge in '19

By PAT GRAHAM | Associated Press

Expect to see a whole lot more of this in 2019: Duke forward Zion Williamson dunking and dominating.

The rim-rattling talent of Williamson figures to lead the Blue Devils on a deep NCAA tournament run and, should he declare, possibly become a top pick in the NBA draft.

Williamson is a name you're already getting to know. Around the world, there are plenty of fresh faces waiting to make a big mark on their sport. Some names you might not know that much about right now but just might by this time next year include third baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr., golfer Cameron Champ and soccer player Tierna Davidson.

Guerrero is a highly touted infielder in the Toronto Blue Jays system hoping to follow the same sort of trail as his Hall of Fame father. He is the early front-runner to be the AL rookie of the year after hitting .381 with 20 homers and 78 RBIs in his minor league stops last season.

Champ hits the ball harder than anyone on the PGA Tour, with his swing speed approaching 130 mph and ball speed around 192 mph. The 23-year-old started his rookie season on the tour in fine fashion with a win at the Sanderson Farms Championship. The real test, though, comes at the Masters in April, when he faces Brooks Koepka, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth and, of course, Tiger Woods.

As for the 20-year-old Davidson, she could help Alex Morgan, Megan Rapinoe and the Americans defend their title at the 2019 Women's World Cup in France this summer. The Stanford standout was recently voted the young female player of the year by U.S. soccer.

Why stop there? Here are even more athletes to watch out for in the new year:

■ Ohio State pass rusher Nick Bosa, projected by some to be the No. 1 selection in the NFL draft.

■ Hockey player Jack Hughes, a safe bet to be taken No. 1 in the NHL draft. The 17-year-old center currently is suiting up for the Americans at the world junior championships in Canada. Older brother Quinn was the seventh overall pick by Vancouver in the 2018 draft.

■ International soccer player Frenkie de Jong, a midfielder for the Netherlands who could play an integral role at the inaugural Nations League finals in June. The 21-year-old plays for AFC Ajax.

■ Mississippi State forward Teaira McCowan has helped carry the Bulldogs to back-to-back appearances in the NCAA tournament's championship game the last two seasons. She figures to be a top pick in the WNBA draft.

■ At USA Swimming's Golden Goggles awards, Michael Andrew won in the category of breakout performer of the year. He could be someone to watch at the swimming world championships in South Korea this summer.

■ High jumper Vashti Cunningham, who is the daughter of longtime NFL quarterback Randall Cunningham. She will be a favorite at the world track championships in Doha, Qatar, that kick off in late September.

■ Mixed martial arts competitor Mackenzie Dern, a 25-year-old from Arizona who is 7-0 in her UFC career.

■ Cricketer Prithvi Shaw of India. The 19-year-old played his first test match in October and scored a century. That's really good.

■ Race car driver Hailie Deegan. The 17-year-old from Temecula, California, became the first female winner of a NASCAR K&N West Series race in September. Deegan, who drives for Bill McAnally Racing, won the series' rookie of the year award.

■ In the world of the halfpipe, there's Toby Miller, an 18-year-old snowboarder mentored by Shaun White. Miller will be among the contenders at the freestyle ski and snowboarding world championships in Utah this February.

■ South Korean golfer Jin Young Ko was the LPGA's rookie of the year. The 23-year-old is the fourth straight golfer from South Korea to earn that award, joining Sung Hyun Park (2017), In Gee Chun (2016) and Sei Young Kim (2015).

■ Boxer Shakur Stevenson. An Olympic silver medalist at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games in the bantamweight division, the boxer named after rapper Tupac Shakur is off to a 9-0 mark in his pro career.

■ Dallas Mavericks guard/forward Luka Doncic. The 19-year-old from Slovenia is averaging nearly 20 points a game and five assists.

Those are just a few names to watch out for. Someone always comes out of nowhere like Broncos rookie running back Phillip Lindsay, who was overlooked by all 32 teams in the 2018 NFL draft. He eclipsed 1,000 yards this season and became the first undrafted offensive player to earn a Pro Bowl selection.

An emerging star, for sure.



ADAM HUNGER/AP

Duke forward Zion Williamson



PAUL CHIASSON/AP

Blue Jays third baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr.



STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

PGA Tour golfer Cameron Champ



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

U.S. women's soccer player Tierna Davidson

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
						PHI 3:40 NBC-5, AM-780	
		ORL 7 WGN-9, AM-670		IND 7 WGN-9, AM-670		BKN 2:30 NBCSCH, AM-670	
	BOS Noon NBC-5, AM-720		@NYI 6:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		@PIT 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720	CGY 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720	

TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA
6:30 p.m. Jazz at Raptors NBA TV

G-LEAGUE
6:30 p.m. Greensboro at Windy City NBCSCH

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Noon Notre Dame at Va. Tech ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000
6 p.m. Marquette at St. John's FS1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
11 a.m. Outback Bowl: Iowa vs. Mississippi St. ESPN2
Noon Citrus Bowl: Kentucky vs. Penn State ABC-7
Noon Fiesta Bowl: LSU vs. Central Florida ESPN
4 p.m. Rose Bowl: Ohio State vs. Washington ESPN
7:40 p.m. Sugar Bowl: Texas vs. Georgia ESPN

NHL
Noon Blackhawks vs. Bruins NBC-5, WGN-AM 720
7:30 p.m. Flyers at Predators NBCSCH, NHL Network

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER
6:25 a.m. Everton vs. Leicester City NBCSN
8:55 a.m. Arsenal vs. Fulham NBCSN
11:25 a.m. Cardiff City vs. Tottenham Hotspur NBCSN

TENNIS
2 a.m. (Wed.) Brisbane ATP/WTA Tennis Channel
5 a.m. (Wed.) Brisbane ATP/WTA Tennis Channel

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE

DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
Mon	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31	
Mon	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13	
Mon	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Oregon 7, Michigan State 6	
Mon	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 33	
Mon	Holiday	Houston, Texas	Northwestern 45, Utah 20	
Mon	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Texas A&M 52, NC State 13	
Tue	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St. (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4) 11*	
Tue	Citrus	Orlando, Fla.	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St. (9-3) noon	
Tue	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0) noon	
Tue	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St. (11-2) 4	
Tue	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (12-1) 7:45	
J7	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Alabama (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0) 7	

OTHER SHRINE

J19	Shrines	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	3
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	130

DATES BOWL

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. Texas 13
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 11
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 13
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Texas	Ohio St. 27, San Diego State 0
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Florida International 35, Toledo 32
D21	Famous Idaho	Boise	BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34
D22	Armed Forces	Ft. Worth, Tex.	Army 70, Houston 14
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Troy 42, Buffalo 32
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La. Tech 31, Hawaii 14
D26	SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. vs. Boise State, ccd.
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10
D26	Cheez-IT	Phoenix	TCU 10, California 7 (OT)
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Duke 56, Temple 27
D27	Pinstripe	Brom, N.Y.	Wisconsin 35, Miami 3
D27	Texas	Houston	Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38
D28	Mus City	Nashville	Auburn 63, Purdue 14
D28	Camping World	Orlando	Syracuse 34, W. Virginia 18
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Wash. St. 28, Iowa St. 26
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Florida 41, Michigan 15
D29	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Nevada 16, Ark. State 13
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34

FC5 CHAMPIONSHIP

NFL

NFC NORTH

Y-BEARS	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Minnesota	12	4	0	.750	421	283
Green Bay	8	7	1	.531	360	341
Detroit	6	10	0	.375	342	360

NFC EAST

Y-Dallas	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Washington	10	6	0	.625	339	324
N.Y. Giants	9	7	0	.563	367	348
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.348	281	359
Cincinnati	7	11	0	.313	369	412

NFC SOUTH

Y-New Orleans	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	9	0	.438	414	423
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	376	382
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	396	464

NFC WEST

Y-L.A. Rams	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Seattle	13	3	0	.813	527	384
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625	428	343
Arizona	3	13	0	.188	225	425

AFC NORTH

Y-Baltimore	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	6	1	.594	428	387
Cleveland	7	8	1	.469	359	392
Cincinnati	6	10	0	.375	368	455

AFC EAST

Y-New England	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Miami	7	9	0	.438	319	433
Buffalo	6	10	0	.375	369	374
N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	333	441

AFC SOUTH

Y-Houston	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	402	316
Tennessee	9	7	0	.563	310	343
Jacksonville	5	11	0	.313	245	316

AFC WEST

Y-Kansas City	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-L.A. Chargers	12	4	0	.750	565	421
Denver	6	10	0	.375	329	349
Oakland	4	12	0	.250	290	467

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

POSTSEASON SCHEDULE

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday
Indianapolis at Houston, 3:35 (ESPN)

Sunday
Seattle at Dallas, 7:15 (FOX-32)

Divisional Playoffs
AFC: L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 12:05 (CBS-2)
NFC: Philadelphia at Bears, 3:40 (NBC-5)

Sunday, Jan. 12
Baltimore/LA Chargers/Indianapolis at Kansas City, 3:35 (NBC-5)

Bears/Dallas/Seattle
PFL: Rams, 7:15 (FOX-32)

Sunday, Jan. 13
Houston/Baltimore/LA Chargers at New England, 12:05 (CBS-2)
Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 3:40 (FOX-32)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32)
AFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2)

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 27
at Orlando, Fla.

NFC vs. AFC, 7:30 (ABC-7/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3
at Atlanta

AFC champ vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2)

CALENDAR

Feb. 26-March 4: NFL combine, Indianapolis.

March 13: League year and free agency begin.

March 24-25: Annual owners meeting, Phoenix.

April 25-27: NFL draft, Nashville, Tenn.

TRANSACTIONS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati: Traded LHP Robby Scott to Arizona for cash.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

NBA: Signed Golden State G-F Andre Iguodala \$25,000 per week to re-signing through the game ball into the spectator stands during a Dec. 29 game at Portland.

Atlanta: Transferred F Alex Poythress from Erie (NBAGL).

Marquand: Signed G-F Patrick McCaw to a two-year contract.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Arizona: Fired coach Steve Wilks. Signed OL Justin Evans, OL Will House, QB Charles Kananoff, CB Jonathan Mobley, CB Detricrick Nichols, LB Pete Robertson, OL Coleman Shelton and RB Brandon Wilder to reserve/future contracts.

Atlanta: Fired offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian, defensive coordinator Marquand Manuel and special teams coordinator Keith Armstrong.

Buffalo: Re-signed QB Derek Anderson to a one-year contract.

Carolina: Signed RB Reggie Bonnafon, LB Brandon Chubb, DB Cole Luke, DB Kai Nacua, DT Elijah Wilks, G Ian Silberman, G London Turner, WR DeAndre White and LB Antoine Williams to reserve/future contracts. Waived QB Garrett Gilbert, Signed OT Isaiah Battle, DB Quin Blanding, DT Woodrow Hamilton and WR CJ Clematis.

Cincinnati: Fired coach Marvin Lewis. Signed TE Moritz B.

Denver: Fired coach Vance Joseph. Detroit: Signed WR Deonte Alexander, LB Garrett Dooley, S David Jones, OL Jar-Jon Jones and DE Jonathan Wynn to reserve/future contracts.

Green Bay: Signed TE Evan Baylis, DL Eric Thornton, OT Gerhart de Beer, G Anthony Coyle, FB Malcolm Johnson, S Tray Matthews, WR Teo Redding, LB Brady Sheldon, DL Deon Simon and S Jason Stanger to reserve/future contracts.

Indianapolis: Released LB Tregay Scales from the practice squad. Signed S Rolan Milligan to the practice squad and S William Poehls to a reserve/future contract.

Miami: Fired coach Adam Gase.

Oakland: Named Mike Mayo general manager.

Tennessee: Announced the retirement

LATEST LINE

NBA
at Toronto 3½
at Milwaukee 10½
at Denver 14
Portland at LA Clippers off
Philadelphia

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
at Virginia Tech 11
at San Diego St 11
St. John's Pk Marquette
at Washington 12½
Cal St.-Fullerton

NHL
Boston -133 at Blackhawks +123
Nashville off Philadelphia Off
Las Vegas off Los Angeles Off

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Miss. St 7 Iowa
Penn St 7½ Kentucky
Ohio State 6½ Washington
Georgia 12½ Texas
Alabama 6 Clemson

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
CENTRAL W L PCT GB

Fort Wayne	9	10	.474	—
Windy City	10	12	.455	½
Grand Rapids	9	12	.429	1
Canton	7	12	.368	2
Wisconsin	3	17	.150	6½

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Maine 131, Erie 122
Austin 111, Sioux Falls 105

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
No games

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Erie at Long Island, 6
Fort Wayne at Westchester, 6
Austin at Sioux Falls, 6
N. Arizona at Agua Caliente, 9

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Greensboro 110, Fort Wayne 104
Sioux Falls 129, Iowa 114
Santa Cruz 111, Northern Arizona 103

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE
CENTRAL W L OL SOL PT GF GA

WOLVES	20	10	3	1	44	129	102
Iowa	18	8	4	3	43	117	95
G. Rapids	19	11	3	2	43	107	104
Texas	17	11	3	1	38	120	100
Milwaukee	16	12	5	1	38	90	95
Rockford	15	13	3	4	37	79	100
San Antonio	15	17	1	0	31	86	98
Manitoba	13	16	0	28	75	100	100

2 pts for a win, 1 for an OT/shootout loss.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Iowa 3, Wolves 1

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 5, Charlotte 4, OT
Manitoba 4, Colorado 1
Columbus 2, Rockford 1
WB/Scranton 5, Binghamton 2
San Jose 6, Stockton 5
Bakersfield at Ontario, late

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34
Army 70, Houston 14
Troy 42, Buffalo 32

ATLANTA
La. Tech 31, Hawaii 14

BOSTON
Boston Coll. vs. Boise State, ccd.

DETROIT
Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10
TCU 10, California 7 (OT)

DUKE
Duke 56, Temple 27

WISCONSIN
Wisconsin 35, Miami 3

HOUSTON
Houston 14, Baylor 38

PURDUE
Auburn 63, Purdue 14

W. VIRGINIA
Syracuse 34, W. Virginia 18

IOWA
Wash. St. 28, Iowa St. 26

MICHIGAN
Florida 41, Michigan 15

CAROLINA
Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0

NEVADA
Nevada 16, Ark. State 13

CLEMSON
Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3

ALABAMA
Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34

TENNIS

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

at Queensland Tennis Centre, Brisbane, Australia; hard-outdoor

RL Men's singles
#6 Grigor Dimitrov d.
Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-3, 6-4.

#5 Milos Raonic d.
Aljaz Bedene, 6-0, 6-3.

Miomir Kecmanovic d.
Leonardo Mayer, 6-3, 6-1.

John Millman d.
Tennis Sandgren, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (6), 6-0.

Yasutaka Uchiyama d.
Ugo Humbert, 6-4, 7-6 (6).

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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Andrew Johnson is declared the winner after his wrestling match in Buena, N.J. Before the match, a referee told Johnson he would forfeit if he didn't have his dreadlocks cut off.

Racial desensitization leads to awful incident

BY KEVIN D. BLACKSTONE
Special to The Washington Post

On Wednesday, a little more than a week after his new client, a 16-year-old New Jersey high school wrestler named Andrew Johnson, was ordered by a referee to cut his dreadlocks or forfeit his match, Dominic Speziali — like so many of us who witnessed the incident on a social media post seen 15 million times now — was still searching for a plausible explanation.

“Why this had to happen is still not clear to me,” Speziali, a lawyer hired by Johnson’s family, told an emergency meeting of the Buena (N.J.) Regional School District. “Why that had to happen in that manner to Andrew is not clear.”

Johnson, the Buena High wrestler who suffered the shearing of his locks, is black.

The referee who decreed the ultimatum, Alan Maloney, is white.

And Johnson’s coaches, teammates, opponents and fans — who through impotence of protest are not the innocents they portrayed themselves but tacit supporters of the referee’s demand — are like the Buena community and school district, too — predominantly white.

That is how what happened, happened. It was the manifestation of decades of racial desensitization. It is a historical lack of respect for people of color — for whom hair style is a particularly significant part of culture and history — in promotion of norms decided upon by a majority population.

And it is all propagated heavily through sports.

What fell upon Johnson just before Christmas reminded of what was ordered of native men at the start of the 20th century. In 1902, U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs William Atkinson Jones sent a letter to the superintendents of the country’s reservations that became known as the “haircut order.” He objected to native men wearing their hair long, and maintaining other expressions of their heritage, as not “keeping with the advancement they are making ... in civilization.” Jones, like Maloney, proposed a punitive measure for those who refused to imitate the culture that oppressed them: withhold rations.

Unlike what happened in New Jersey this month, however, level-headedness prevailed and the haircut order was rejected. But the idea that respect for natives’ customs was counterproductive, and unnecessary, lived on. As Harper’s Weekly responded at the time, “Native Americans should be taught ‘to adapt to new conditions step by step.’”

Kevin Gover, director of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian, explained once to USA Today how what happened over a century ago continues to infest



Johnson gets an impromptu haircut after referee, Alan Maloney, told him he’d forfeit the match if he didn’t cut his dreadlocks off.

society today. “They were literally known as ‘civilization regulations,’” he said, “passed not by Congress but created by bureaucrats and enforced aggressively, and often arbitrarily, by other bureaucrats.”

“All of this was taking place outside the view of the average American. At that time, someone living in Philadelphia — or, more tellingly, in Cleveland or Boston — might conclude there are no Indians anymore. They are gone. And, in fact, that was the objective of federal policy. ... So there were a lot of very powerful forces at work to deny Native American people of agency over their own identities and their very lives. And that’s when the mascots emerged.”

Baseball’s Boston Braves popped up in 1912, followed by the Cleveland Indians in 1915. The NFL’s Oorang Indians showed up in 1922 comprised of Native Americans, coached by native athletic legend Jim Thorpe and featuring tomahawk-throwing halftime shows.

Most infamously, in 1933 the

Washington NFL team got its nickname while still in Boston. It moved to D.C. four years later.

Coincidentally, even Buena High chose such a nickname. Its teams are known as the Indians. They are not alone in New Jersey. Nearby Shamong Township School District has several native nicknames, which a spokeswoman, Patricia S. Milich, defended several years ago. “The names and images associated with our high schools,” she said, “Lenape, Shawnee, Cherokee and Seneca — are neither demeaning nor stereotypical.”

But that is not what studies have found.

What happened in New Jersey is a revelation of the insidious nature of these so-called respectful and honorable remembrances of the people this country colonized and all but obliterated. Stereotypical images of native people not only have left native youth, in particular, to suffer lower self-esteem, but also eroded the sensitivities of all of us.

But it’s not just seen overtly in

Washington football fans who don’t see their team’s nickname, or the wearing of ceremonial face paint or headdresses, as an affront. It’s not just seen at the colleges, universities and high schools such as Buena that cling to nicknames referencing native people while so many others have found they can have as much fun after changing their nicknames and imagery to just about anything else.

Four researchers at four different universities just a few years ago found that “exposure to an American Indian sports icon increased the tendency to endorse stereotypes about a different racial minority group.”

The study, entitled “Effect of Exposure to an American Indian Mascot on the Tendency to Stereotype a Different Minority Group,” stated: “Our results indicate that even if the intention of the depiction may have been to honor and respect, the ramification of exposure to the portrayal is heightened stereotyping of racial minorities. The current study provides much-needed evidence to

empirically evaluate the effects of Native American mascots on creation of a hostile environment. The evidence suggests that the effects of these mascots have negative implications not just for American Indians, but for all consumers of the stereotype.”

Speziali concluded his appearance before the Buena board by saying his client wouldn’t wrestle Thursday as scheduled. He would stay sidelined due to injury.

It wasn’t anything physical Johnson suffered during the match that he won last week. Instead, it was the mental anguish he suffered before and afterward. Speziali said Johnson was “emotionally drained” by the incident.

Consider it collateral damage of our long-lived comfort with disrespecting native people, as well as other others.

Blackstone, ESPN panelist and visiting professor at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, writes sports commentary for The Washington Post.

OBITUARIES

CLAIRE BATAILLE 1952-2018

Founding member of Hubbard Street Dance

BY LAUREN WARNECKE
Chicago Tribune

Claire Anne Bataille, founding member of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and director of the Lou Conte Dance Studio, died Sunday morning with her two sons at her side, according to son Isaac Sorsa. She was 66 years old.

Born in Elmhurst in 1952 to parents Joseph and Marie (Boivin) Bataille, Bataille first stepped into a dance studio in Barrington at three years old and never stopped dancing.

But it was her very first class with Lou Conte that would result in a brilliant performance career and, later, a dedication to teaching.

"I had just started teaching at a couple of studios by the hour, and she came and took my class," said Conte in a phone interview. "It was Oct. 10, 1973. We both remember the date very well. All of a sudden I saw this really talented dancer in the class. It was definitely an impression," he said.

In 1975, Bataille began teaching at the newly formed Lou Conte Dance Studio, and in 1977 she became a founding member of Conte's company: Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. Their first season, Conte and his four dancers toured the city's assisted living centers, performing for senior citizens in break rooms and cafeterias thanks to a grant from Urban Gateways.

"It was only supposed to be for six months," said Conte. "It was called Hubbard Street right away, because that's the name we put on the paper we had to have so we could get paid from the City of Chicago — not thinking that anybody would ever hear of it."

A glance out the windows of the Lou Conte Dance Studio's original location at the corner of LaSalle and Hubbard streets inspired the name that wound up on that form, and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago was born.

Little did any of them know that Hubbard Street would rise to become a nationally and internationally-acclaimed contemporary dance company, raising the profile for dance in Chicago with an aesthetic that was as entertaining as it was technically rigorous.

"She set the bar for the dancing in the company," said Conte of Bataille. "Her enthusiasm and her talent, combined, are what made it



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Claire Anne Bataille was the founding member of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. She died Sunday at age 66.

work."

Conte cites many dinners at Ann Sather on Belmont as the place where a lot of the brainstorming happened, but neither found the work arduous.

"We worked very hard, but it evolved effortlessly," he said, adding, "It's very probable there would not be a Hubbard Street Dance Chicago had it not been for Claire Bataille."

By the time she retired in the spring of 1992, Bataille had choreographed six works for the company and performed repertoire by Conte, Twyla Tharp, Lynne Taylor-Corbett, Daniel Ezralow, John McFall and Margo Sappington, among others.

Tharp's "The Golden Section" marked the final moment of Bataille's performance career, a blisteringly fast and unforgiving jazz dance that ended with Bataille dancing a solo and climbing a human ladder of colleagues to dive into the wings. Former Tribune critic Sid Smith said he particularly remembers that moment, and more importantly, the impact she made on dance in Chicago.

"Claire was an emblem of Hubbard Street, second only to Lou Conte himself," said Smith in a phone interview. "She was a much-beloved figure, mainly because of the quality of her work. On top of that, she was just a lovely, graceful person. Obviously, she was a beautiful and terrific dancer, but she was really an important figure in the early phases of the dance explosion in Chicago."

In 2011, Bataille worked as Tharp's assistant on the choreographer's most recent original work for Hubbard Street, "Scarlati." Of Bataille, Tharp said, "Claire stood by what she believed in without stint. Her generosity as a dancer, as an assistant, as a teacher, as a friend, and as a mother was complete. We will miss her,

and we will remember her as exemplifying what we all want dance to be: wholehearted."

Upon retirement, Bataille spent the second phase of her career teaching. She remained on staff with Hubbard Street until 2001, serving as ballet mistress and the company's rehearsal director, and taught ballet and jazz for studios and companies across the metro area. In 2003, Bataille earned a teaching certificate in Pilates and from 2008 until late 2018, was the director of the Lou Conte Dance Studio.

Universally loved and acknowledged as one of Chicago's finest dance educators, Bataille's impact on the high caliber of dancing in this city cannot be overstated. Moreover, she loved dancers — their tenacity, compassion and grit.

Bataille was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2017, opting to end treatment Dec. 27. She died in her home in Oak Park, surrounded by her sons.

"We'll go on, of course," said Conte to former Tribune critic Richard Christiansen in reference to Bataille's 1992 retirement. "But it's an understatement to say that things won't be the same without her."

Claire Bataille is survived by sons Isaac Sorsa and Jack Sorsa, their father Don Sorsa, and her brothers Abbot Vincent P. Bataille and retired Maj. Gen. Emile Bataille. A public memorial service at the Goodman Theatre is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to the Claire Bataille Memorial Fund at Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, 1147 W. Jackson Blvd. The fund will support training for dancers ages 17-23 on the cusp of professional careers.

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Death Notices

The Chicago Tribune extends its condolences to the family and loved ones of recent passed. Please see full listings at www.chicagotribune.com

Alikonis, Janet
Bataille, Claire
Berman, Earl
Brettman, Leslie
Carter, Brandon
Carey, Mitchell
Crater, William
Cunningham, Robert
Cyr, Jane
DiSanto, Sr. Mary
Doolin, Aiko
Gifford, William
Grady, Edward
Irwin, Richard
Jagier Skinner, Maureen
Jones, Johnny
Klimas, Stephanie
Knight, Andrea
Kotowski, Lorraine
Lang, Alan
Larsen, Adele
McInnis, Jane
Mildred, Benjamin
Mitchell, James
Mugalian, Robert
Neal, Maurice
Nickson, James
Olejnik, Barbara
Potwora, Michael
Rados, Eugene
Reger, Thomas
Richardson, Jeffrey
Schubert, LaVerne
Theis, Henry
Trecker, Luella
Washington, Ronald
Weinstein, Karol
Wojtal, Richard

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ON JANUARY 1 ...

In 1752 Betsy Ross, the seamstress who, according to legend, sewed the first American flag, was born in Philadelphia.

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

In 1892 the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1895 J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1924-1972, was born.

In 1898 Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens

and Staten Island were consolidated into New York City.

In 1953 country singer Hank Williams Sr. died of a drug and alcohol overdose while en route to a concert in Canton, Ohio; he was 29.

In 1959 Fidel Castro led Cuban revolutionaries to victory over Fulgencio Batista.

In 1979 the United States and China held celebrations in Washington and Beijing to mark the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

In 1984 the break-up of AT&T took place as the

telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1990 David Dinkins was sworn in as New York City's first black mayor.

In 1993 Czechoslovakia peacefully split into two new countries, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In 1994 the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

In 1999 the euro, the new single currency of 11 European countries, officially came into existence.

In 2000 the arrival of 2000 saw no terrorist attacks, Y2K meltdowns or mass suicides among doomsday cults, but instead saw seven continents stepping joyously and peacefully into the New Year.

In 2013 Northwestern defeated Mississippi State 34-20 in the Gator Bowl for its first bowl win since the 1949 Rose Bowl.

In 2014 Colorado became the first state in the country where small amounts of marijuana could be legally sold in specialty stores. Also in 2014 the Boy Scouts of America lifted its ban on openly gay youths.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Dec. 31
Lotto 14 21 24 39 41 46 / 05
Lotto jackpot: \$5M
Pick 3 midday 059 / 7
Pick 4 midday 9941 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday 18 24 27 38 40
Pick 3 evening 320 / 8
Pick 4 evening 0347 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 10 12 30 33 36

Jan. 1 Mega Millions: \$425M
Jan. 2 Powerball: \$53M

WISCONSIN
Dec. 31
Pick 3 433
Pick 4 0506
Badger 5 18 21 23 24 30
SuperCash 07 16 20 29 31 33

INDIANA
Dec. 31
Daily 3 midday 109 / 6
Daily 4 midday 1189 / 6
Daily 3 evening 405 / 4
Daily 4 evening 9032 / 4
Cash 5 13 17 29 31 44

MICHIGAN
Dec. 31
Daily 3 midday 049
Daily 4 midday 9916
Daily 3 evening 442
Daily 4 evening 9048
Fantasy 5 08 12 26 34 36
Keno 03 05 12 16 27 28
31 36 37 39 44 46 47 48
49 55 56 62 66 72 76 78

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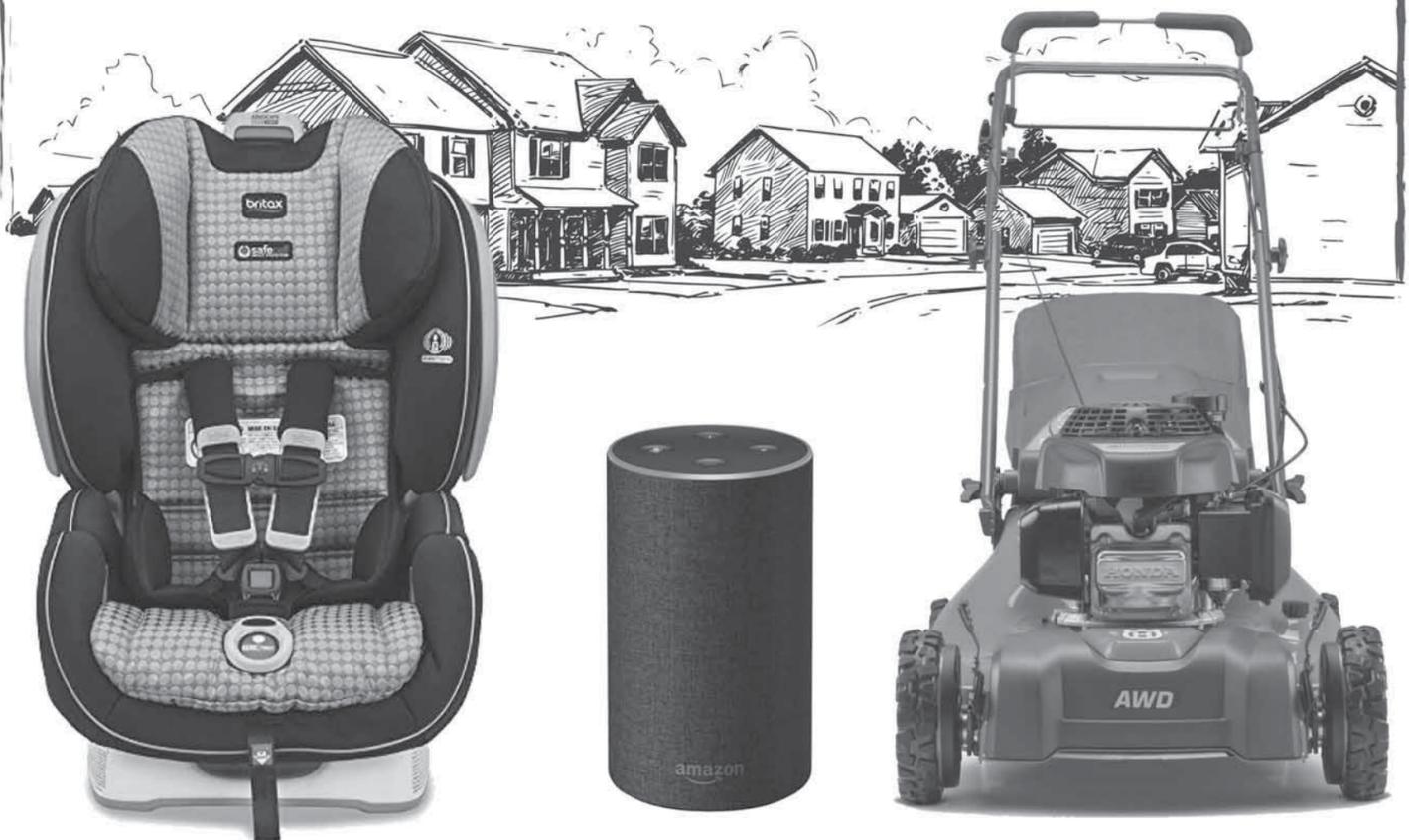
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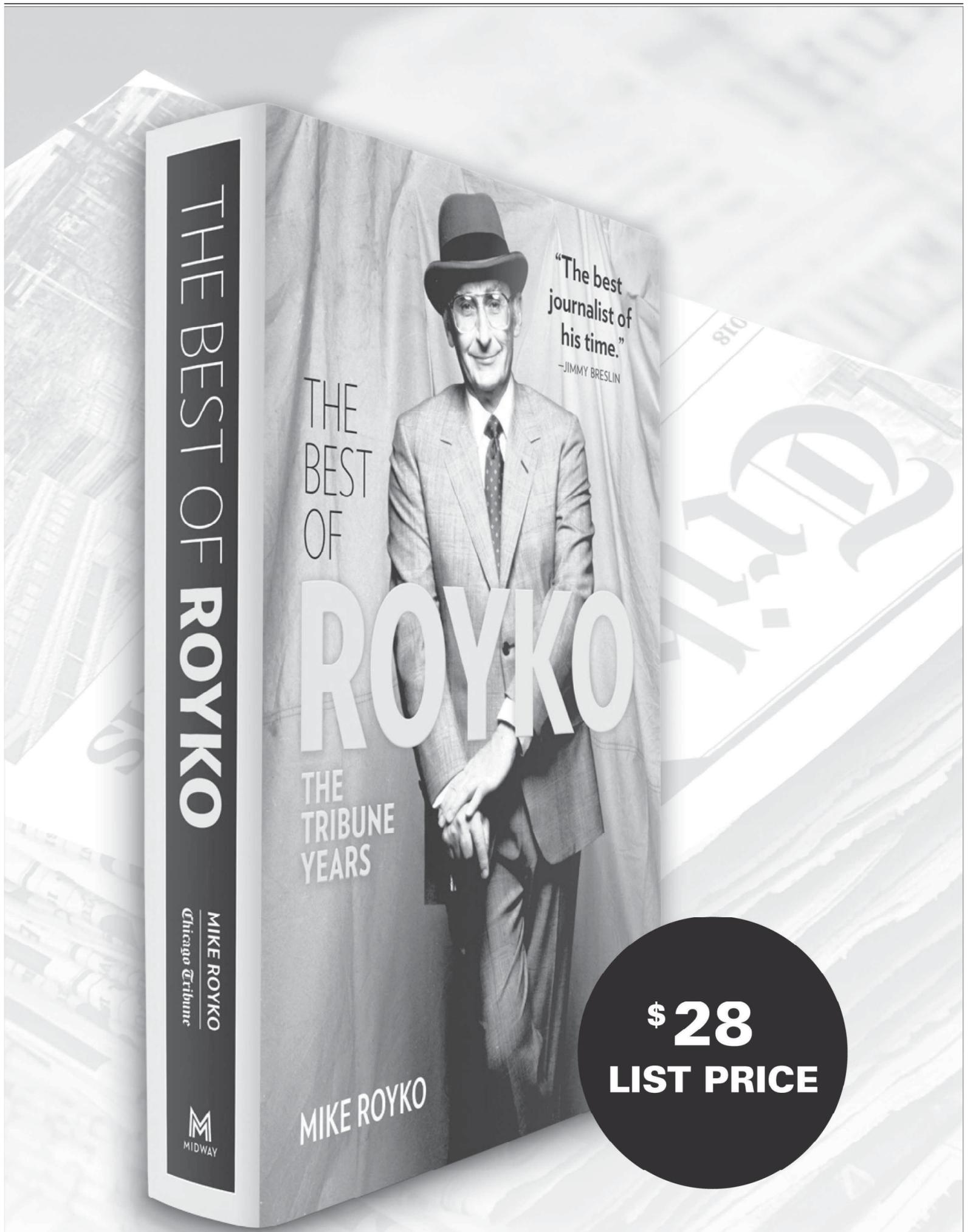


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TUESDAY, JAN. 1

NORMAL HIGH: 32°

NORMAL LOW: 17°

RECORD HIGH: 65° (1876)

RECORD LOW: -10° (1969)

Chicago area's wet 2018 ends on a rainy note

LOCAL FORECAST

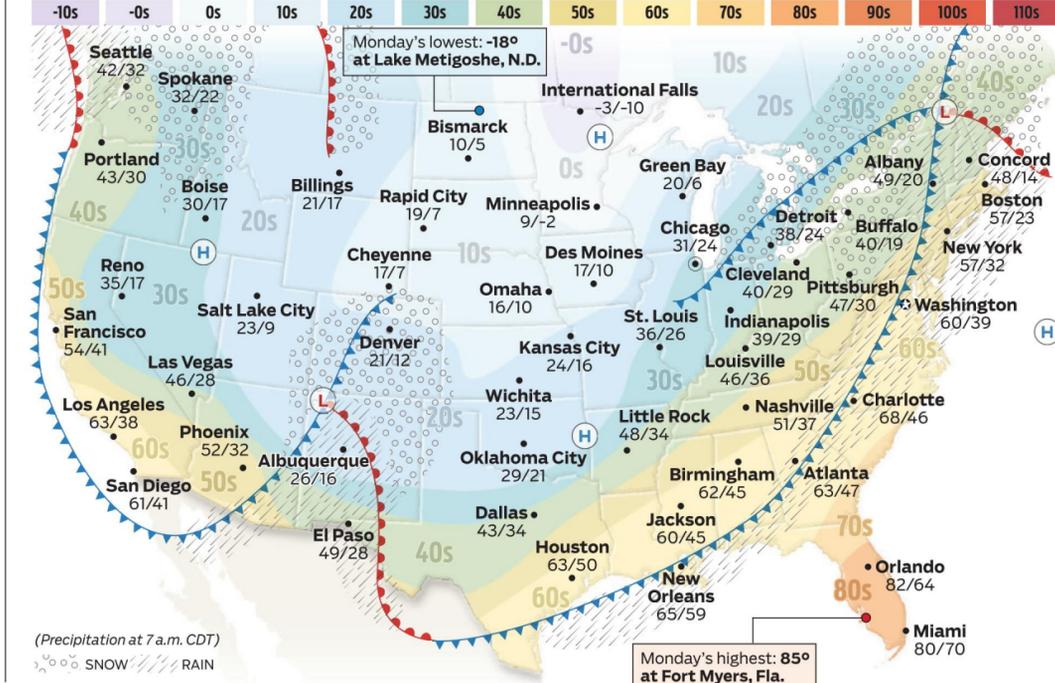
HIGH 31 **LOW** 24

■ **New Year's Day.** High pressure builds into the area slowly from the north. North to northeast winds favor persistent low level cloudiness and perhaps a few snow flurries.

■ With colder air riding north to northeast winds into the area, highest temperature for the day will probably occur shortly after midnight with steady or very slowly falling readings during the day.

■ Cloudiness will persist into the overnight hours with a few snow flurries or snow showers especially near the Lake Michigan shoreline.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Chicago's official 2018 rainfall will be in excess of 49 inches — resting solidly in the No. 4 spot in total annual precipitation dating back to 1871. Shortly after 6 p.m. Monday the daily total stood at 0.76 inches, not far from the record of 0.89 inches for that date set back in 1978. Rain was expected to diminish during the evening becoming mixed with and changing over to light snow.

Clouds are expected to stay over our area New Year's Day through the overnight hours with northeast winds promoting a fair chance of snow flurries and perhaps a little accumulation (less than an inch) along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The sun should finally return Wednesday and Thursday with a gradual moderation in temperatures — readings warming back into the 40s by this coming weekend.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

HIGH 34 **LOW** 24

Partly sunny with highs in the low to middle 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Westerly winds.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

HIGH 40 **LOW** 27

Mostly sunny and warmer with afternoon highs topping out around the 40 degree mark. Partly cloudy overnight. West to southwest winds.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

HIGH 43 **LOW** 28

Low pressure passes far to our south. Slight chance of rain north of I-80. Rain likely farther south. Afternoon highs 40-45. Rain diminishes and moves east overnight. Easterly winds shift to the north at night.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

HIGH 44 **LOW** 30

Partly sunny with highs 40-45. Mostly clear skies overnight. West to north-west winds.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6

HIGH 42 **LOW** 34

Partly sunny with above normal temperatures continuing — highs in the lower 40s. Increasing cloudiness overnight. Southwest winds.

MONDAY, JAN. 7

HIGH 36 **LOW** 31

Mostly cloudy, cooler with a chance of rain; best chance of rain farther south. High temps in the mid to upper 30s. Rain diminishes and ends from the west overnight. SW winds shift to the north by evening.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What differentiates snow flurries from snow showers?
— Thomas Avory, Chicago

Dear Thomas,
The difference is mainly intensity. Snow flurries, snow showers and a third type, snow squalls, are convective: They are produced by clouds that develop when rising currents of relatively warm air become saturated. This leads to showers or thunderstorms in warm temperatures, but in cold winter the clouds produce snowflakes. All showery precipitation is characterized by sudden onset, rapid change in intensity, short duration and quick cessation. Flurries are light, producing little or no accumulation.

Snow showers are more vigorous and can result in significant accumulations. Snow squalls are intense, accompanied by gusty winds that must attain at least 18 mph for two minutes.

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Snow flurries greet Blackhawks fans for 2019 Winter Classic

4TH WETTEST SINCE 1871

50.86" 2008
49.83" 2011
49.35" 1983
46.09" 1970
*6PM Dec. 31... still raining

PERCENTAGE OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE

2018: 50%
Normal Dec. sunshine: 41%

2018'S LOWEST MONTHLY PERCENTAGE OF NORMAL SUNSHINE

Month	2018	Normals
January	52%	(42%)
February	56%	(47%)
March	51%	(52%)
April	56%	(57%)
May	56%	(57%)
June	56%	(65%)
July	66%	(68%)
August	53%	(64%)
September	49%	(64%)

12 NOON, JAN. 1, 2019 WINTER CLASSIC WEATHER—GO HAWKS!

Tuesday game time weather for South Bend:

Skies: Heavily overcast
Temp: 32°
Wind chill: 23°
Wind: NNW 11 mph
Gusts: 23 mph

BY THIS WEEKEND—MILDER PATTERN TAKES OVER

6 to 10-day temperature trend

Covers the period Saturday, January 5 through a week from Thursday, January 10

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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CHICAGO DIGEST

MONDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	39	30	Midway	41	33
Gary	41	36	O'Hare	39	31
Kankakee	41	34	Romeoville	40	31
Lakefront	39	34	Valparaiso	43	33
Lansing	40	34	Waukegan	38	31

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Mon. (through 6 p.m.)	0.58"	0.06"
December to date	3.04"	2.25"
Year to date	48.95"	36.89"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Mon. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	14.1"	10.0"
Normal to date	9.6"	10.1"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Wind N 13-27 kts. SW 11-23 kts.	Wind N 13-27 kts. SW 11-23 kts.
Waves 4-7 feet	Waves 4-7 feet
Mon. shore/crib water temps 37°/33°	Mon. shore/crib water temps 37°/33°

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 31	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	37.6%	41.9%
Average snow depth	2.7"	3.4"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	5 days	6 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Monday's reading: Moderate
Tuesday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particles

TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:18 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Moon	2:58 a.m.	1:41 p.m.

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:11 a.m.	3:17 p.m.
Venus	3:31 a.m.	1:43 p.m.
Mars	11:05 p.m.	11:11 p.m.
Jupiter	5:09 a.m.	2:28 p.m.
Saturn	7:20 a.m.	4:32 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 a.m.	205° SE
Mars	5:15 p.m.	48° S
Jupiter	6:00 a.m.	75° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	39	29	sh	37	29
Carbondale	sh	34	24	cl	32	22
Champaign	sh	34	24	cl	32	22
Decatur	sh	34	24	cl	32	22
Moline	sh	28	17	su	32	19
Peoria	sh	31	22	pc	30	20
Quincy	sh	31	20	pc	32	21
Rockford	sh	26	17	pc	28	15
Springfield	sh	33	22	pc	31	21
Sterling	sh	27	18	pc	30	18
Indiana						
Bloomington	sh	40	30	sh	38	27
Evansville	sh	42	33	sh	39	31
Fort Wayne	cl	38	25	sh	35	25
Indianapolis	sh	39	29	sh	36	26
Lafayette	sh	36	26	sh	34	23
South Bend	sh	34	24	sh	32	22
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	20	6	pc	21	14
Kenosha	sh	27	18	pc	30	17
La Crosse	pc	25	8	pc	26	16
Madison	pc	21	9	pc	26	12
Milwaukee	pc	20	18	pc	27	15
Wausau	pc	17	2	pc	21	13
Michigan						
Detroit	sh	38	24	cl	32	26
Grand Rapids	sh	32	20	cl	31	25
Marquette	cl	19	8	pc	24	16
St. Ste. Marie	pc	13	11	sh	26	21
Traverse City	cl	26	16	sh	28	16
Iowa						
Ames	pc	15	6	su	29	12
Cedar Rapids	pc	21	10	su	30	16
Des Moines	pc	17	10	su	30	16
Dubuque	pc	25	12	su	25	13

OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	49	20	sh	31	24
Albuquerque	sh	26	16	ss	27	7
Amarillo	pc	25	15	cl	35	23
Anchorage	pc	42	33	ss	36	15
Asheville	pc	59	42	sh	53	45
Aspen	pc	24	1	pc	26	6
Atlanta	sh	63	47	sh	60	51
Atlantic City	pc	59	33	pc	41	34
Austin	pc	52	38	pc	40	36
Baltimore	pc	59	37	cl	43	39
Billings	pc	21	17	pc	35	27
Birmingham	sh	62	45	sh	55	50
Bismarck	su	10	5	pc	32	23
Boise	pc	30	17	pc	33	19
Boston	pc	57	23	su	33	26
Brownsville	sh	70	56	sh	59	46
Buffalo	sh	40	19	pc	29	27
Burlington	sh	44	9	su	21	16
Charlotte	sh	68	46	cl	56	47
Charltn SC	sh	72	58	cl	64	56
Charltn WV	sh	53	35	sh	47	37
Chattanooga	pc	62	42	pc	53	46
Cheyenne	pc	17	7	su	37	22
Cincinnati	cl	43	31	cl	41	30
Cleveland	sh	40	29	sh	36	31
Colo. Spgs	pc	16	4	su	39	16
Columbia MO	sh	31	21	cl	33	23
Columbia SC	sh	72	53	cl	63	54
Columbus	sh	42	30	sh	39	30
Concord	pc	48	14	su	27	16
Corps Christi	cl	65	49	cl	52	43
Dallas	cl	43	34	pc	39	35
Daytona Bch.	sh	80	62	pc	78	62
Denver	pc	21	12	su	41	21
Duluth	su	6	-2	sh	18	15
El Paso	su	49	28	ss	39	23

WORLD CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	cl	30	21	ss	24	-2
Fargo	su	-5	-8	pc	23	17
Flagstaff	pc	20	5	pc	27	5
Fort Myers	pc	84	65	pc	84	65
Fort Smith	sh	42	32	sh	38	35
Fresno	su	52	31	su	55	34
Grand Junc.	pc	21	9	su	27	8
Great Falls	pc	29	23	pc	42	37
Harrisburg	pc	54	31	pc	41	34
Hartford	pc	54	25	pc	35	26
Helena	pc	23	15	su	34	26
Honolulu	pc	81	72	pc	81	74
Houston	pc	63	50	su	53	45
Int'l Falls	su	-3	-10	sh	16	13
Jackson	pc	60	45	su	51	47
Jacksonville	pc	80	61	pc	76	63
Jameau	su	45	37	su	39	30
Kansas City	sh	24	16	pc	32	27
Las Vegas	pc	46	28	su	49	29
Lexington	sh	45	36	sh	46	35
Lincoln	pc	16	9	su	35	16
Little Rock	cl	48	34	pc	39	35
Los Angeles	su	63	38	su	63	41
Louisville	sh	46	36	sh	44	34
Macon	sh	68	52	sh	65	55
Memphis	cl	47	35	pc	42	38
Miami	pc	90	70	su	80	73
Minneapolis	pc	9	-2	pc	23	15
Mobile	sh	70	58	sh	68	61
Montgomery	sh	66	51	sh	65	57
Nashville	sh	51	37	sh	47	39
New Orleans	sh	65	59	sh	66	62
New York	pc	57	32	pc	39	34
Norfolk	sh	69	43	cl	48	41
Okla. City	pc	29	21	pc	32	27
Omaha	pc	16	10	su	38	28
Orlando	pc	82	64	pc	81	63