



## BETRAYED

# Serial pedophile's career at CPS a series of 2nd chances

New info shows how now-dead teacher evaded detection in decade

By DAVID JACKSON  
Chicago Tribune

By his own admission, serial pedophile Thomas Hacker sexually abused hundreds of children in Illinois and Indiana, exploiting his leadership roles in the Boy Scouts, Catholic churches and suburban Chicago Park District programs to prey on boys as

young as 10 and 11 from the 1960s through the 1980s.

Those institutions have been held accountable in lawsuits and news reports for their child protection failures. And Hacker himself was held accountable too, ordered to serve a 100-year sentence for sexually assaulting an 11-year-old Boy Scout from a suburban troop. He died in June

at age 81 of heart failure at Big Muddy Correctional Center.

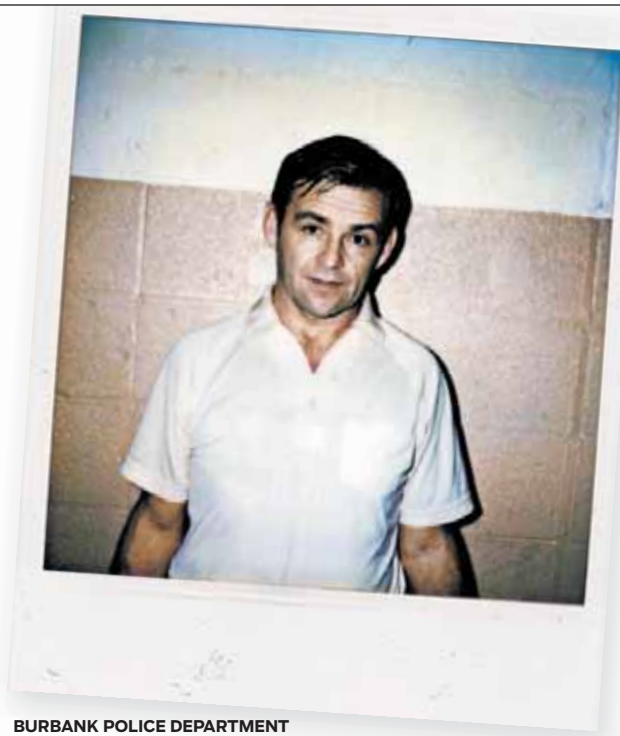
His time working in Chicago Public Schools, however, has remained largely hidden, with the district releasing scant information and even, at one point, denying he ever worked there.

Using Hacker's own testimony in depositions he gave at Big Muddy, additional public records and personnel files obtained through a source, the Tribune pieced

together the first full picture of how Hacker found a job at CPS in 1970 despite a criminal record and remained a teacher for a decade even after red flags emerged about his behavior. Hacker himself described not just his compulsion and rituals, but also the second chances he was given.

After a CPS student accused Hacker of inappropriate conduct, a school administrator said "he'll

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Thomas Hacker taught at Chicago Public Schools from 1970 through 1980 despite a criminal record and red flags.



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Prosecutors say that Attila Gyulai, right, seen here with chef Thai Dang in late 2012, misappropriated at least \$300,000 in company money.

# Local restaurateur held in Spain on FBI request

Former owner of Embeya in West Loop arrested year after federal fraud charges

By JOSEPH HERNANDEZ  
AND LOUISA CHU  
Chicago Tribune

Attila Gyulai, who fled the country after his West Loop restaurant, Embeya, was shuttered amid a fraud scandal, has been arrested in Spain, according to Spanish newspaper Las Provincias.

The arrest comes nearly a year after Gyulai was charged with misappropriating at least \$300,000 from partners and 2½ years after he closed the restaurant while blaming family obligations and the demands of running a restaurant. Yet Gyulai had been looting money since before the restaurant opened, according to charges.

In February 2018, federal prosecutors charged Gyulai with wire fraud, alleging he had misappropriated at least \$300,000 "by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises," according to an affidavit filed by the FBI. Gyulai and his wife, Komal Patel, fled the

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*"It gives me a little hope that the bad guys don't always get away with everything."*

— Danielle Dang

## Emotions build over building's future

Puerto Rican hub in Humboldt Park to be sold to developer

By MORGAN GREENE  
Chicago Tribune

Humboldt Park residents who might have passed through Casa Puertorriquena during the holidays for a children's Christmas giveaway or a Three Kings' Day celebration will be out of luck next season. In the new year, the beloved community center and longtime home of the Puerto Rican Parade Committee will be saying goodbye to the old — and possibly welcoming new tenants.

The building, at 1237 N. California Ave., is expected to be sold to the Hispanic Housing Development Corp., which plans to build affordable housing units at the site.

Some local politicians and community members are happy to keep upscale condo developers at bay and say they will work to keep the building a community hub. But no one seems to know what's in store for the nonprofit parade committee, which organizes the popular downtown parade and summer Humboldt Park festival. The sale follows years of transferred mortgages, committee infighting, bankruptcy court hearings and investigations into the committee by police and the Illinois attorney general's office.

Miguel Santiago, a member of the Jeep Club, a community organization, said he doesn't think the building should have been sold.

"I hear from a lot of older guys, they've been around here forever," Santiago said. "A lot of them will

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## Editorial: Even one killing is too many

Though 2018 was less bloody, with fewer reports of homicides and people shot, every shooting death is terrible. Making the streets safer will require efforts to improve policing, reduce access to illegal guns, keep offenders in jail and provide more job opportunities to residents.  
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## 'Surviving R. Kelly'

A six-hour docuseries on the R&B star and Chicago native is set to premiere Thursday on Lifetime. The series traces the rise and fall of Kelly amid new allegations of predatory behavior on young women. Much of the focus is on his 2008 trial, where he was found not guilty of 14 child pornography charges.  
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EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Trump speaks during a Cabinet meeting Wednesday at the White House — his first appearance of the new year.

## Neither side budes on funding of wall

Trump: Partial shutdown will last 'as long as it takes'

By LISA MASCARO  
AND CATHERINE LUCEY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one budgeted at President Donald Trump's White House meeting with congressional leaders Wednesday, so the partial government shutdown persisted through a 12th day over his demand for billions of dollars to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. They'll try again Friday.

In one big change, the new Congress convenes Thursday with Democrats taking majority control of the House, and Demo-

cratic leader Nancy Pelosi said outside the White House that there would be rapid passage of legislation to reopen the government — without funds for the border wall. But the White House has rejected that package, and Trump said ahead of the session with the congressional leaders that the partial shutdown will last "as long as it takes" to get the funding he wants.

"Could be a long time or could be quickly," Trump said during comments at a Cabinet meeting at the White House, his first public appearance of the new year. Meanwhile, the shutdown dragged through a second week, closing some parks and leaving hundreds of thousands of federal

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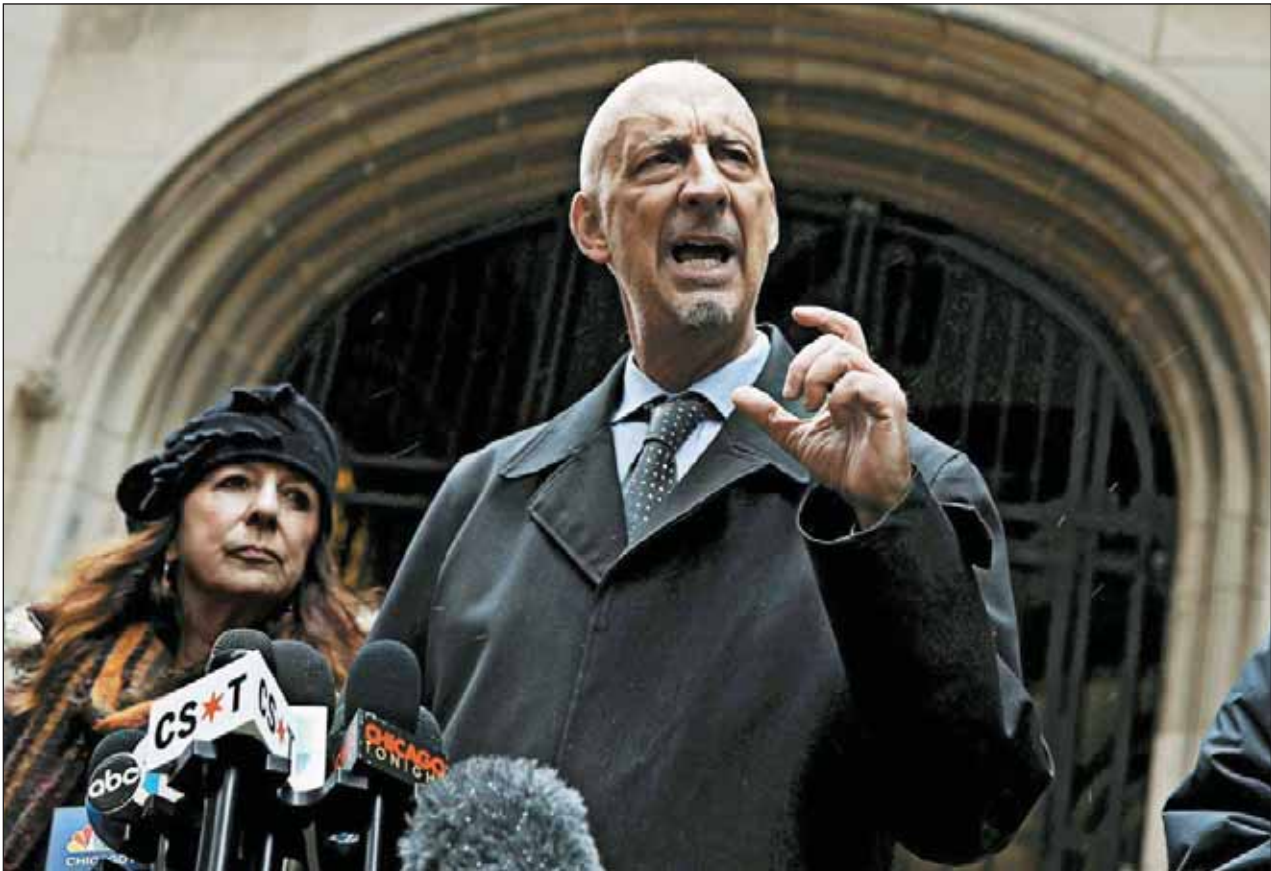
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ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Peter Isely talks about the need to hold the Catholic Church accountable at a protest Wednesday outside the Archdiocese of Chicago's offices. With him is Patricia Gallagher Marchant, who said she was abused in Wisconsin in 1965.

## Victims slam Catholic church as bishops meet in Mundelein

**By JEFF KAROUB**  
Associated Press

As U.S.-based Roman Catholic bishops gathered in suburban Mundelein for a weeklong retreat, activists Wednesday in Chicago stood outside the Archdiocese of Chicago's headquarters to slam church leadership for its handling of sexual abuse investigations.

The bishops planned to focus on prayer and spiritual reflection, and they would not spend the week formulating policy amid the church's national sexual abuse scandal, according to organizers of the retreat. Outside the Archdiocese of Chicago's Gold Coast offices, Zach Hiner, executive director of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said recent movements like #MeToo have made people realize how common sexual violence is and also compelled them to confront the issue.

"And they are angry, they're angry," Hiner said. "The public at large is very far ahead of the Catholic Church on this issue, and if the Catholic Church does want to catch up, does want to ensure that this never happens again, they need to start talking to some of those survivors now."

The bishop's retreat, at Mundelein Seminary, began a day after The Associated Press reported that the Vatican blocked U.S. bishops from taking measures last year to address the scandal because U.S. church leaders didn't discuss the legally problematic proposals with the Holy See enough beforehand.

The retreat is a prelude to a summit of the world's bishops at the Vatican next month to forge a comprehensive response to the crisis that has lashed the church.

The meetings follow two blistering reports during 2018 from state attorneys general — in Illinois and Pennsylvania — alleging negligence by state church leaders. Here's a look at the retreat.

#### What's on the agenda?

According to Archdiocese of Chicago spokeswoman Anne Maselli, bishops at the gathering would be praying, fasting and participating in spiritual lectures. And they were going to be alone: No staff members, other priests or members of the public or media are invited. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a news release that they were convening "to pray on the intense matters before us."

#### Who are the main players?

Pope Francis has dispatched the Rev. Raniero Cantalamessa, the official papal preacher, to lead the retreat. And it's no accident that it's being held near Chicago, long considered a center of American Catholicism. The hosting Chicago archbishop, Cardinal Blase Cupich, was Francis' first major U.S. appointment and was picked by the pope to help organize the Vatican summit.

Cupich, who is considered a moderate, was the lead signatory on a recent

letter to bishops around the world warning that a failure to deal with abuse now will jeopardize the church's mission globally. It also urged summit attendees to meet with clergy sexual abuse victims "to learn firsthand the suffering they have endured."

#### What can it accomplish?

Potentially a good deal, according to Notre Dame researcher and teacher Timothy O'Malley. He says one of Francis' biggest concerns has been that the bishops experience a spiritual renewal — and "a spirit of penance" — along with regulations governing their behavior.

"When the bishops meet in public to discuss these procedures, there is a danger that it's less an act of contrition and more an occasion for scoring political points," he said. "Part of the corruption is based in a certain clerical culture where bishops pursued self-interest, whether their own or their diocese's, at the expense of listening to lay victims. This retreat ... is a first step toward a renewal of the (church leadership) as a whole in the United States."

O'Malley added that it only works if they recognize that their office isn't about accruing power but becoming "a shepherd," or "someone who is willing to engage in self-sacrifice for the sake of the church."

**What are abuse victims and advocates saying about an upcoming Vatican summit?**

Activists in Chicago were looking ahead to the February summit at the Vatican, where the church's ongoing sexual abuse crisis is expected to be discussed. The activists are calling for victims to be more involved in the meetings and have been critical of Cupich's involvement in the summit in light of the scathing report from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office. Peter Isely, one of the activists, said a letter was sent to Pope Francis addressing these concerns.

"They may not include us in the discussion, but the world's going to," Isely said.

Patricia Gallagher Marchant, 61, of Milwaukee, said that she was abused as a child in 1965 in Wisconsin and that she told church leaders about what happened in the early 1990s. After coming forward, she was forced to hire an attorney, and it took decades for it to be publicly known that the priest who she claims abused her had credible allegations of sexual abuse.

"The church has a history of minimizing and denying the unbelievable pain and horror of being sexually abused by a priest," Gallagher Marchant said. "It is overwhelmingly difficult as a child to carry that secret when the church represents God in the community, and not only is that one child hurt or harmed, their family is harmed, their grade school is harmed, their church community."

Chicago Tribune's Elvia Malagon contributed.

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## After making news, Underwood and other Illinois newcomers taking places in House

Registered nurse Lauren Underwood, 32, of Naperville (seen in her new office in the Longworth House Office Building Tuesday in Washington, D.C.) will become the youngest black woman in U.S. history to serve in the House when she is sworn into Congress on Thursday. Clean-energy entrepreneur Sean Casten of Downers Grove, another political newcomer, will join Underwood in representing vast swaths of suburban territory in Chicago's collar counties long held by Republicans. And Jesus "Chuy" Garcia of Chicago will replace longtime Democratic U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, who was a big voice on immigration issues.



## What's allowed at Soldier Field during playoffs

By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS  
Chicago Tribune

If you scored tickets for the Bears playoff game Sunday at Soldier Field, you're no doubt getting your blue and orange team gear together to stay warm on game day.

But as you head in to watch the Bears take on the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles, what else can you bring with you? Here's a quick guide to what's allowed into Soldier Field and what's not.

Let's start with bags.

According to the Bears website, many types of bags are not allowed. The team warns, "We strongly encourage fans to not bring any bags."

**If you bring one that's not approved — you'll probably never see it again. Here's what's allowed (just one per person):**

- A clear plastic, PVC or vinyl bag no larger than 12 by 12 inches
- A 1-gallon, clear resealable bag
- A clutch purse, no larger than 4.5 by 6.5 inches
- A medical bag required by the ticket holder.

**If you have a bag you want to bring and it's not on the above list, chances are you can't bring it in. Do not bring the following with you to Soldier Field this Sunday:**

- Backpacks, clear or otherwise
- Purses (see above)
- Fanny packs (don't try to pretend you never had one)
- Binoculars case or a camera bag or case (binoculars and some cameras are allowed, but the cases are not)
- Diaper bags
- Large tote bags
- Seat cushions with zippered covers, pockets or flaps.

Anyone who has a prohibited bag will be asked to return it to their vehicle. If that's not an option, fans with a prohibited item will either have to surrender the item or the ticket. Gate personnel are not your buddies and cannot be convinced to hold the item for you until after the game; it will be thrown away.

Alcohol cannot be brought into

Soldier Field; doing so is a quick way to throw away all the money you spent on your ticket. As the team's site says, "Violators are subject to ejection without refund."

Signs and banners are allowed, within reason. Anything that interferes with the comfort or view of other guests, is an advertisement or is offensive, profane, political or otherwise annoying won't be allowed.

Food can be brought in, assuming the container meets the above guidelines.

If you need your nicotine, beware. Smoking isn't allowed anywhere inside Soldier Field, and there is no re-entry once a person leaves the game. Chewing tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vape pens also are prohibited.

**Other no-nos include:**

- Weapons
- Alcohol, liquid or powdered ("palcohol")
- Balloons or beach balls
- Cameras with zoom lenses longer than 6 inches when extended
- Cans, bottles or any beverage container
- Confetti
- Fireworks or smoke bombs
- Illegal drugs
- Laser pens or pointers
- Noisemakers such as whistles or horns
- Strollers
- Umbrellas, poles or selfie sticks
- Video cameras
- Any type of cooler or ice chest
- Drones

**Here are some times to keep in mind:**

- Parking lots open at 11:40 a.m.
- Gates open at 1:40 p.m.
- Kickoff is at 3:40 p.m.
- Alcohol sales in the general seating area will end when the third quarter does.
- Alcohol will be sold in the Midway and United Club until 7:40 p.m.
- If you drink incredibly slowly, they'll still kick you out of the United Club when it closes at 8:40 p.m.
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# CHICAGOLAND

## IG Report: Teacher hired despite past misconduct

By JUAN PEREZ JR.  
Chicago Tribune

A former Chicago Public Schools teacher was hired at a local elementary school even though he listed a guilty plea to misdemeanor charges involving sexual misconduct with a 16-year-old boy on his job application, according to an annual report from the district's inspector general.

But a school system background check never revealed any criminal convictions in the recently ousted teacher's history, CPS Inspector General Nicholas Schuler's office said, including the charge the educator disclosed to CPS before getting hired in 2003.

That unnamed teacher's case ranked among a list of investigations completed by the IG's office last school year and partially detailed in a report released to the public Thursday. Schuler's office did not identify affected schools or employees by name but summarized an array of alleged misconduct and lapses by district employees, vendors and families.

The IG's findings included:

- A former high school music teacher "mismanaged" at least \$13,000 raised by the acclaimed choir he directed by depositing the money in his personal checking account and spending much of the money without properly accounting for how it was spent.
- A high school principal is facing dismissal after improperly hiring an unlicensed dance teacher who taught at the school for two years without undergoing a background check. The school still offered dance classes after the teacher stopped working at the campus, even though students received no instruction from a rotating cast of substitute teachers and were mostly given A's for simply showing up.

- A former high school coach who was barred from working at CPS after a profanity-laden fistfight with another employee still got paid nearly \$40,000 for five years of subsequent work as a district sports referee.
- Families continued to use false addresses to get their children into highly competitive selective-enrollment programs.

"CPS takes seriously its duty to address misconduct, and as noted in the report, the district has held accountable all individuals who committed serious breaches of CPS policy and public trust," CPS spokeswoman Emily Bolton said in a statement.

"We appreciate the Office of Inspector General's continued diligence in identifying and investigating wrongdoing, and we will continue to hold employees to high standards of integrity to ensure they are acting in the best interests of students."

Schuler's report also reviewed his office's work on the ethics scandal that ousted former CPS CEO Forrest Claypool, a for-profit company that won tens of millions of district dollars with help from imprisoned ex-CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett and improper admissions to hundreds of elementary schools.

But the IG's reviews of background check problems underscore challenges CPS has confronted while it evaluates potential hires.

CPS has overhauled its process to scrutinize job candidates in recent years, and it did so again after a Tribune investigation revealed the district's failures to address sexual misconduct included ineffective background checks that sometimes exposed students to educators with criminal convictions and arrests for sex crimes against children.

The district said this fall that a sweeping re-examination of worker backgrounds led to terminations, dismissal recommendations or the resignations of nearly 130 employees.

Yet it took a complaint from a former student to determine that the CPS teacher who had disclosed the misdemeanor charge on his job application had what Schuler's report described as a "history of sexual overtures and improper fondling."

According to Schuler's report, a former student told the IG he was touched inappropriately by the teacher about 30 years ago when the educator worked for another school district.

Schuler's office found that the teacher was later arrested and charged with two felonies in 2000 after authorities discovered he had an improper relationship of a sexual nature with a 16-year-old boy he had met in an internet chat room.

The teacher ultimately pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor battery charge, was sentenced to probation and public service and did not have to register as a sex offender, according to Schuler's report. In 2003, he was hired at CPS despite disclosing the battery conviction on his job application.

CPS said it removed the teacher from the classroom in December 2017, then suspended him without pay in April 2018 before he resigned and surrendered his teaching license.

"The district is grateful to the individual who came forward with allegations about the former employee's conduct at another school district, and upon learning of the allegations, the district immediately removed the employee from the classroom," Bolton said.

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## Video shows dramatic shooting

Authorities release footage indicating man pointed gun at cop last Halloween

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Chicago's police oversight agency has released dramatic video from late October showing a police officer shooting and wounding a reputed gang member who fled from the officer through a stairwell inside a South Side apartment building.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability released the footage shortly before a 60-day deadline imposed by the city in the wake of the Laquan McDonald shooting scandal. Police reports made public by COPA along with the video indicate the man pointed a gun at the officer shortly after 7 p.m. last Halloween.

Police said a handgun with an extended magazine was recovered inside the apartment building in the 7900 block of South Ingleside Avenue in the city's East Chicago neighborhood.

Derrell Johnson, 23, was taken to an area hospital for treatment and charged with multiple felonies, including being an armed habitual criminal, aggravated assault on a police officer and a misdemeanor charge of possessing a high-capacity magazine and metal-piercing bullets.

Johnson, who was on parole for a 2015 felony drug conviction at the time of the shooting, is back in custody in state prison, records show. Police said he has a tattoo on his lower left arm showing a skull with the lettering "Cpdk," a street term allegedly standing for "Chicago Police Department killer."

According to the body camera footage released by COPA, an officer entered through the rear of an apartment and



COPA

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability has released a video showing a police officer shooting and wounding Derrell Johnson, 23, a reputed gang member on parole.

spotted Johnson at the front door. The officer, carrying a flashlight and his service weapon, briefly chased Johnson as he fled down a stairwell in the building's hallway.

Police reports released by COPA identified the officer as Constantino Martinez.

Within seconds, the officer indicated that Johnson was carrying a gun.

"Shots fired!" he shouted moments later after opening fire. "Let me see your f----- hands!"

After the officer yelled at him to "get on the f----- ground!" Johnson sat on a landing against a wall and put his hands up. "Get up here!" the officer shouted, apparently to other police in the building. "You got the gun?"

The officer told Johnson to "give me your f----- hand" and placed him in handcuffs.

"Get me an ambulance! Get me an ambulance!" he then shouted.

Johnson, who reported he was shot in the back, turned on his side, leaving bloodstains on the wall behind him.

By then, several other officers had arrived in the stairwell.

"He's shot in the back, shot in the back," an officer said. "My partner has (the) gun."

The officer who shot him then told Johnson that an ambulance was on the way.

"Take a deep breath, all right?" the officer said to Johnson.

"Why didn't you drop the gun?" an officer could be heard asking.

A short time later, another officer yelled to all the others to shut off their body cameras.

"Cameras off!" the officer shouted. "We're done!"

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Kristina Skare and David Lakoskey are married by Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough at the clerk's office in Chicago on Jan 2.

## Lincoln Park couple are first Cook County marriage of 2019

They met at Wrigley Field and hadn't made plans to wed until this week

By ELVIA MALAGON  
Chicago Tribune

For months, David Lakoskey talked to his longtime girlfriend, Kristina Skare, about getting hitched after New Year's Day so they could become Cook County's first married couple in 2019.

Skare, 42, wasn't convinced until the couple of nine years drove past the Daley Center on New Year Eve's and it became clear to her that Lakoskey, 54, had a plan for how they could get married.

"He'd come here, checked things out and talked to people here about what the process was and he'd been talking to me about it," Skare said Wednesday. "And I had kept on saying that I didn't want to do that. And then on Monday, we were driving by and he was pointing out where we would go in and how it would happen. And so I was like, OK, all right, all right, we can do that."

Early Wednesday, the couple traveled from their Lincoln Park home to the Loop to stake out the county clerk's vital records office. Skare packed her lunch — she planned to go to work after the ceremony — and Lakoskey put on a white button-up shirt. They arrived by 5:15 a.m., and they soon were allowed inside to wait for the clerk's office to open.

While they waited, they sent text messages to friends and family to let them know they were getting married. The

morning felt like they were going through a checklist, but it all started to sink in once they got to the counter to fill out the marriage license, Skare said.

"This is it," Lakoskey said as he signed the marriage license and slammed the pen on the counter.

Skare was given a bouquet of white flowers and a flower was pinned to Lakoskey's shirt before County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, elected without opposition in November, presided over their marriage ceremony. They were surrounded by a crowd of news reporters.

The ceremony took place in the lobby of the county office, and Skare joked that she was looking to renew her license. It took only a few minutes with the couple declaring "I do" to each other.

The ceremony marking the first marriage of the year has become a tradition for the clerk's office. A judge typically waives a required 24-hour waiting period so the couple can wed immediately. Wednesday's ceremony also marked the first one for Yarbrough as the new county clerk.

"To be part of somebody's life," Yarbrough said, "this is a life event and so to be part of someone's life event is really important. So it feels great."

In 2018, the county clerk issued 33,006 marriage licenses, according to the clerk's office. That number was down from the 35,802 issued in 2017 and the 36,198 issued in 2016.

Becoming the county's first married couple has its perks. Local businesses donated gifts including a weekend stay at the Wicker Park Inn, Riot Fest tickets, private dance lessons, a fruit arrangement and gift cards for local restaurants.

Lakoskey, an auditor for a federal agency, first got the idea while watching news reports about last year's first married couple. He liked the idea because it meant they could get married immediately without having to wait.

"It just takes the pressure off for the rest of the year," Lakoskey said.

The couple met at Wrigley Field when the Cubs were playing the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals, Skare's favorite baseball team, won the game — and she and Cubs fan Lakoskey started dating soon after.

Skare, who works as a manager at a hospital, said she's never been in a hurry to get married. It's the first marriage for both, they said. The couple hadn't made any concrete plans to wed until this week. They also hadn't bought rings. They weren't sure if they would go on a honeymoon, although they like traveling together and have been to almost every continent.

"It feels pretty matter-of-fact," Skare said before the ceremony. "And I think we both agree nothing changes."

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# CPS teacher charged with 4 counts of abuse

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A Chicago Public Schools teacher was arrested and charged with sexual abuse this week in a case that allegedly involves four teenage victims. Court records and authorities said Julio Mora, 55, was arrested

at his suburban residence Monday and charged with four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Mora, a veteran teacher who taught math at Cardenas Elementary on the city's Near Southwest Side, is being held in lieu of \$15,000 bond. Records listed four victims, including one 15-year-old student who was allegedly groped by Mora.

That student was assisting Mora while performing community service hours, according to court records. CPS spokesman Michael Passman said the district learned of an allegation involving Mora in November and immediately removed him from campus but that officials initially believed only one student was affected.

As the investigation proceeded, Passman said, additional allegations were made. "Protecting students is our highest priority, and the district took immediate action this fall to remove Mora from his position after learning of an abuse allegation," Passman said in a statement. "We appreciate law enforcement's response to these serious

allegations, and the district's Office of Student Protections and Title IX is working to coordinate supports for the affected students." The district plans to update parents on the situation after winter break.

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## Abuser thrived in pre-web days

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give me the benefit of the doubt but he would watch me pretty carefully," Hacker said in a deposition.

Hacker's trail of serial abuse began at a time before today's interstate criminal background checks, before web-published sex offender registries and before cultural awareness encouraged sex abuse victims to speak out — factors that helped him elude scrutiny.

He was hired as a CPS teacher three months after his Indiana conviction for sexually molesting a 14-year-old boy, according to records reviewed by the Tribune, including police and school documents and Hacker's own court testimony. There's no indication anyone in the school district knew about Hacker's conviction in the neighboring state.

While employed by CPS at two South Side elementary schools, Hacker also was convicted twice for sexually abusing suburban boys he mentored through scouting and church activities — first in 1971 in Mount Prospect and then five years later in Oak Lawn. Those suburban child sex abuse convictions did not interrupt Hacker's CPS teaching career, nor did abuse reports within CPS, the Tribune found.

When the Chicago Sun-Times in 2002 published an investigative account of Hacker's child abuse record as a suburban Boy Scouts leader, a CPS spokeswoman told that newspaper "there was no record of Hacker ever being an employee of the city's school system."

CPS is finally facing a reckoning on Hacker's time there, forced to defend itself in a set of lawsuits playing out in Cook County that allege the district failed to protect six children from harm.

Still, even today, the district responds to inquiries about Hacker by providing only limited detail.

Asked to comment for this story, CPS responded with a short statement.

"We express deep sorrow over the reprehensible harm that took place several decades ago," a spokeswoman wrote. "Since that time, and in recent months, the district has taken significant action to improve how it prevents, responds to, and supports students who come forward with allegations of abuse."

The Tribune then asked whether CPS would confirm that Hacker had worked for the district and whether he had abused any students.

The response from CPS: "The district is unable to provide further comment regarding ongoing litigation."

In court, defending itself against a 2012 lawsuit filed by the six students, CPS attorneys are arguing that the case is not valid because the alleged abuse happened so long ago and because the district is not liable for misconduct that was clearly outside the scope of his duties as a teacher. The case has yet to go trial.

"There's a lack of any acceptance of responsibility by CPS. Their policy has always been secrecy, secrecy, secrecy," said attorney Christopher Hurley, who represents Hacker's six CPS accusers and also has represented Hacker victims in lawsuits against the Boy Scouts, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago and the Burbank Park District.

Hacker, a married father of three, had 101 young male sexual abuse victims identified by local police or in court documents examined by the Tribune from Indiana to Wisconsin, suburban Cook County and Chicago.

In two court depositions he gave from Big Muddy Correctional Center in 2013 and 2015 before he died, Hacker said he had undergone years of therapy, and he acknowledged hun-

dreds of additional victims. "I wouldn't be able to give you a number," Hacker said. "I mean it's horrible to say, but there's so many out there."

"In scouting alone, there were more than hundreds," Hacker testified. "Gosh, there were probably a hundred in three or four years."

Bookish and prayerful, the Indiana native held two bachelor's degrees in educational psychology and educational business administration, and a master's degree in "guidance and psychology," government records show. In 1966, he was selected as a Fulbright scholar to teach in England for a year. He was appointed chairman of the Indianapolis mayor's task force for integrating that city's public schools.

Behind that golden resume lay a tortured past, Hacker said in one of his depositions from Big Muddy. "My grandmother molested me from practically birth to 13," he said. "My father was an alcoholic and used to beat my mother. I don't want to use those as excuses. You know, let's just say I had a very troubled childhood."

Hacker said he began compulsively seeking sex with minor boys when he was in seventh grade. "I turned outside the family for care and love and, obviously, didn't do a very good job of that," he testified.

After Hacker was indicted in Indiana on Jan. 31, 1970, on charges of assault and battery of a 14-year-old boy with intent to gratify sexual desires, The Indianapolis Star quoted local police Sgt. Daniel V. Marshall stating that authorities there had identified 51 additional child victims.

When Hacker pleaded guilty in 1970 to that charge, his sentence of two years' probation included a psychiatric evaluation from the Marion County court. But he aceed that exam.

"He has easily accepted the fact that he cannot work or associate with young boys in any teaching, coaching or leadership role, and has now found a satisfactory position in an employment agency," Dr. Ronald H. Hull wrote. An Indiana judge gave Hacker permission to seek employment in Illinois, court records from that case show.

Hacker testified from Big Muddy that he worked briefly at the Leo Burnett advertising agency in Chicago's Prudential Building. But within weeks, he applied to be a CPS teacher, according to a CPS file obtained by the Tribune. His application omitted any mention of his

Indiana child sex conviction that year and even any details about his prior teaching positions, the Tribune found.

"There was an application. I didn't fill it out accurately," Hacker testified. "... It was the era where if you walked in and you were still breathing, they put you to work the same day because they were desperate for males in the inner-city schools."

Hacker's CPS job application said he had been an account manager for a private business. As a reference for that fictional company, he listed the phone number of an Indiana teacher and scouting leader who had agreed to lie for him — a person not named by Hacker in that deposition or identified in other records examined by the Tribune.

"He was prepared to say that, yes, I was the account manager," Hacker testified. "They had called him and he said yes." Hired by CPS in November 1970, Hacker immediately began teaching at Doolittle East elementary school in the Bridgeport neighborhood, his CPS personnel file shows.

There, Hacker said, he sexually violated students "basically in the cloakroom ... and the class would be out there."

He had started at Doolittle as a substitute teacher but was quickly given full-time status with his salary adjusted retroactively, according to his CPS personnel file. He earned an overall "excellent" rating with high marks for punctuality and motivating students.

Less than a year later, in October 1971, Mount Prospect police charged Hacker with taking indecent liberties with a child. He was found guilty and sentenced to one year of court supervision, court records show.

His Mount Prospect arrest report listed Hacker's occupation as teacher, and he was named in a brief news article on the case. But CPS personnel records examined by the Tribune show no evidence that CPS learned of, or acted on, that Mount Prospect charge.

"All I remember is, I ended up getting probation and seeing a psychiatrist for a year," Hacker testified from Big Muddy.

Meanwhile, Hacker testified, he took Doolittle boys on days-long camping trips through a CPS education program.

"The whole idea was to give an outdoor experience to an inner-city child who probably had never been outside, say, a tenement building," Hacker testified. "They couldn't really find

a teacher that wanted to go, a male teacher, so of course I jumped at the chance."

In March 1973, during a Friday afternoon bus ride back from a Doolittle camping trip, Hacker lifted a student's shorts so he could see the boy's genitals, according to his Big Muddy depositions.

The boy's mother called the school that evening, and Hacker testified that he was summoned to Doolittle by now-deceased Assistant Principal Della Lawson for an unusual Saturday morning meeting.

"We got back on Friday, and Mrs. Lawson called me at home on Saturday and asked me to come in," Hacker testified. "She said there's been an accusation."

Instead of terminating or disciplining Hacker, CPS gave him an "administrative transfer" to nearby Haines elementary school in Chinatown, Hacker's personnel file shows. The transfer was approved by downtown officials and the principals of both schools, according to documents in Hacker's file and Hacker's depositions.

Lawson told Hacker CPS had worked out an arrangement with a Haines administrator, Hacker testified. The administrator — who was not identified in court and government records — gave him another chance but said he would be watched "pretty carefully," according to Hacker.

But at Haines, Hacker testified, he would come early to class to take advantage of students. "I was pretty progressive by then in my offending," he said. "The one, he had a paper route and he would stop almost every morning for a period of time. ... It became more of a ritual, ritualistic."

Hacker testified that he initially got Haines students to undress by accusing them of misbehavior. "They would have a choice between writing a research essay or letting me hit them with a paddle without their pants on, but I'd just sort of tap them," he testified. "They all knew that was the way to get around the punishment"

While teaching at Haines, Hacker moved his family through four suburban homes and became a leader at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, where he served as a minister of Communion, a lector and part of the guitar group and choir, according to government records and his two depositions — one for a case involving the Boy Scouts and the other for the CPS lawsuits.

He also started volunteering at the church-sponsored Boy

Scouts Troop 1600 in Burbank, and in the summer of 1975 he was hired to direct the nearby Oak Lawn Park District's summer day camp program.

Hacker's Boy Scouts and church victims said in court statements that they saw or experienced his anal rapes as well as humiliating rituals involving oral sex and group masturbation. Hacker testified from Big Muddy that he usually lost sexual interest in boys after they reached puberty but inculcated former victims to assist in his abuse of boys ages 10 and 11.

He ingratiated himself to the parents of boys he abused, prayed with his child victims and then threatened them to keep his secrets, according to Hacker's two court depositions and the police statements of his young victims.

On July 4, 1976, Hacker was arrested by Oak Lawn police after police reported that he grabbed a boy, threw him down on the floor and pulled off his pants.

Hacker's occupation as "teacher" was spelled out in the Oak Lawn police report, but again the Tribune found no evidence that CPS learned of the arrest or took any action.

"It was the same behavior like all the rest. ... Different charges for the same behavior," Hacker testified from Big Muddy about that Oak Lawn case.

Hacker was convicted of misdemeanor battery and sentenced in October 1976 to serve court supervision until February 1977. He also was ordered to have a Cook County psychiatric examination.

Hacker testified from Big Muddy that his Chicago Public Schools career did not end until three years later, in 1980, when a student complained to the Haines principal that he was abusing that boy's classmates.

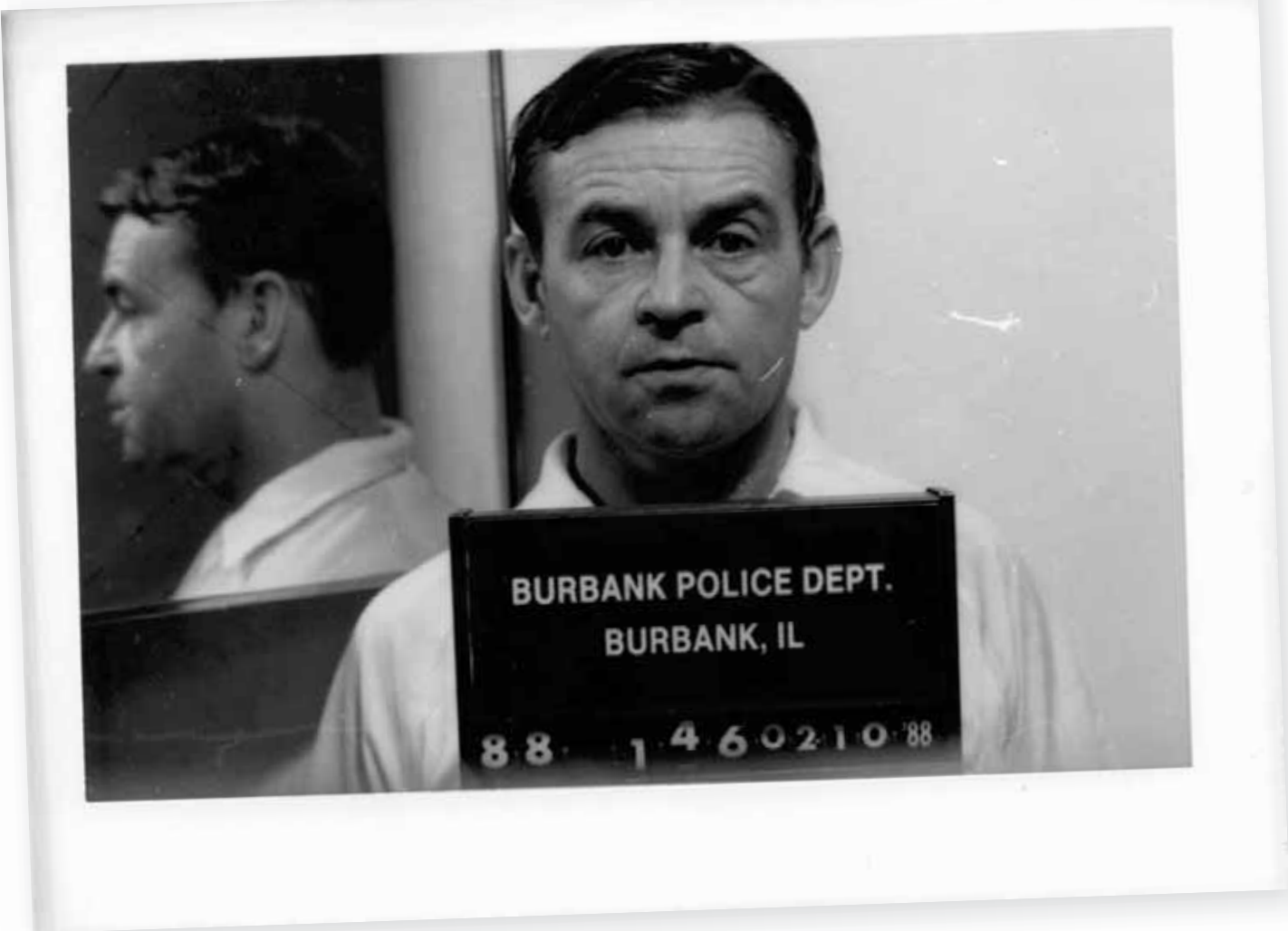
"He just dropped a note in the principal's office saying I was exposing or, you know, pulling down the pants of some of his friends before and after school," Hacker said in a deposition from Big Muddy.

"That basically ended my teaching in the Chicago Public Schools."

But by then, Hacker testified, "I was really involved with Scouts, and I had an outlet for my deviancy."

It would be another nine years — and 34 more identified victims — before Hacker was sentenced to state prison for the remainder of his life.

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Serial pedophile Thomas Hacker is seen in a 1988 Burbank police booking photograph. He would be convicted in 1989 of aggravated sexual assault of an 11-year-old. Hacker taught at Chicago Public Schools from 1970 through 1980.



# Restaurateur held in Spain after fleeing

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country in 2016 shortly after shuttering Embeya — then one of the city’s most illustrious restaurants, headed up in the kitchen and front of house by Thai and Danielle Dang, respectively.

Despite struggling with debt after Embeya closed, the Dangs have since opened HaiSous and Ca Phe Da in Pilsen to great acclaim. The Dangs prevailed in two court cases against Gyulai, one for \$90,000 in unpaid wages and another “for breach of fiduciary duty among other claims, winning a \$1.4 million default judgment in May 2017,” according to a previous Tribune report.

“We never thought the day would come, to be honest,” Thai Dang said when asked about Gyulai’s arrest. “I thought it was a hoax.”

“It gives me a little hope that the bad guys don’t always get away with everything,” said Danielle Dang.

An upscale Vietnamese restaurant on the highly competitive Randolph Row, Embeya opened in 2012 to praise for Dang’s polished cooking and the artfully designed dining room. Indeed, Tribune restaurant critic Phil Vettel predicted it would soon become Chicago’s best Vietnamese restaurant. Yet Gyulai from the beginning seemed to be working against the restaurant’s success. According to

the charges, he was engaged in fraud from as early as August 2011 to just after Embeya closed.

Gyulai, who with his wife owned 56.5 percent of the restaurant, handled the finances. But when the Dangs raised concerns about how the restaurant was being managed, Gyulai fired them and brought in a new chef, journeyman Michael Sheerin.

The restaurant would soon close, however, in June 2016, in what looked like a dispute over money among the partners. An unsigned Twitter message from the Embeya account at the time blamed the Dangs’ lawsuit seeking payment of back wages.

Gyulai praised Sheerin’s food and the restaurant’s staff. “I’m going to miss the employees tremendously,” he said. He spoke to a Tribune reporter about the toll that running the restaurant had taken on him and Patel. “It came to a point that we just could not do it anymore,” Gyulai said. “Both my wife and I have aging parents with health issues, and two babies under 2 years old. It was too much to do.”

Yet the two soon fled the country, and the FBI launched an investigation, leading to charges the following February. But not until the arrest had Gyulai been spotted.

Tribune attempts to reach the FBI for comment Wednesday were unsuccessful.

According to Las Provincias’ report, Gyulai traveled



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Attila Gyulai and his wife, Komal Patel, fled the United States soon after closing Embeya in 2016.



FBI

The FBI issued a wanted poster for Attila Gyulai on charges of wire fraud alleging he defrauded investors and shareholders in the Chicago Vietnamese restaurant Embeya.

to Valencia, Spain, from Ecuador on a 10-day vacation. The FBI had issued an extradition order for Gyulai, who was staying in a private home.

“I actually like the fact that neither one of them are in the United States,” said Danielle Dang. “It gives me a sense of peace that the threat is not close. The thought of Attila coming back here, facing him in trial, that is something that pains me. It is not going to be something that easy or joyful.”

Thai Dang shared differing thoughts on Gyulai.

“We were going through litigation that was civil but now it’s criminal,” he said. “The biggest joy is my family — who invested and helped and believed in me, the youngest son in an immigrant family — finally have some sort of closure seeing him handcuffed and behind bars.”

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# Imminent sale to developer is hailed, feared

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say, for sure, this was a garbage idea.”

Santiago talked about the people who would come and go from the building in the summer, the card clubs, the kids who would play outside.

“All that stuff is going to go out the window,” he said. “That culture’s going to be completely gone. And you’re not going to find that anywhere else in Chicago.”

Last week, the building at North California was dark. A faded Puerto Rican flag slouched off the corner flag pole and the parade committee sign was still on the door.

But Jose Lopez, executive director of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center, a neighboring nonprofit community center, said the sale is “a win-win situation for the entire community.”

“It’s a wonderful outcome when we’re looking at a community that’s really under threat from developers of totally being gentrified and putting an end to what this community has been for the past 60 years,” Lopez said. “A community that people have worked to preserve, have worked to redefine.”

The sale was approved at a November court hearing and is expected to close in the next few weeks. Hispanic Housing will pay just over \$1 million for the property.

The corporation will probably end up razing the community center and plans to develop 40 units of family housing, said Hispanic Housing President Hipolito Roldan. The corporation also plans to develop 56 units of family housing at the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Division Street and California and more than 100 units of senior housing above the Roberto Clemente High School parking lot at the southwest corner of Division and Western Avenue.

Cheering the deal is Ald. Roberto Maldonado, 26th, who moved to down-zone the property to discourage condo developers from swooping in.

“I’m very, very, very excited about the sale,” Maldonado said. “I think that this will be a great asset for the Humboldt Park community, which, as you know, has been under threats of gentrification for years. This would be one other block to be able to slow down, to divert and to correct the forces of gentrification.”

Maldonado said he’s pushing for 60 units of affordable housing for families and would like to see a space that can still be used by the parade committee.

“Whichever form that will take,” he said.



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Casa Puertorriquena is expected to be sold to the Hispanic Housing Development Corp., which plans to build affordable housing units at the site.

Accusations of mismanagement

In an April bankruptcy court filing, the committee sought approval to sell the building to Carmen Martinez, the partner of former committee president Angel “Tito” Medina, who has since stepped down from the committee.

In 2013 and 2015, Martinez assumed mortgages on the building and claims a balance due of more than \$536,000, court records show.

The net proceeds from the sale will be held in escrow until it’s determined who has how much coming, said Martinez’s

lawyer, Matthew Flamm, and Martinez should see a good portion, if not all, of the money she lent the committee.

“We’re happy to have the property sold to somebody else, and we’re delighted it’s selling for as much as it is because that means she can get more of her money back,” said Flamm, who credited Martinez with keeping the organization alive for years.

A 2012 lawsuit previously accused Medina, then acting president, of misusing loans that were obtained from Martinez. Over the summer, rumors swirled again around the committee’s financial dealings, and some community members called for more oversight of the committee.

But Flamm said Martinez’s loans are “completely legitimate.”

“I feel like people are unfairly looking at her as if she were the one running the committee, and she wasn’t,” Flamm said.

“People can rumble and mumble and allege, but unless they allege it in writing in the bankruptcy court, I’m not going to respond to it.”

Ongoing investigations

In July, the Illinois attorney general’s office opened an investigation into the committee, which has been dogged by allegations of mishandling funds and mismanagement for decades, after receiving complaints about financial misconduct. The office issued several subpoenas and takes “very seriously the allegations that the Parade Committee, and more specifically the former president, have violated the law that governs charitable trusts in the state of Illinois,” according to an August letter from the attorney general’s office.

The investigation is ongoing and expected to extend into Attorney General-elect Kwame Raoul’s administration, said spokeswoman Eileen Boyce.

The committee has also been under investigation by police for allegations of theft and deceptive practices. Maldonado’s challenger Theresa Siaw, who created a GoFundMe to save the center, filed a report with police alleging \$20,000 she contributed toward sponsoring the parade wasn’t used to pay

employees of the event. The investigation is ongoing, according to police, but no arrests have been made, and Siaw was advised to take the case to civil court to recoup the funds.

Police are also still investigating a complaint by Abel De Jesus, the interim president of the committee, involving theft. De Jesus said committee property was missing and there were irregularities in the collection of entrance fees at the summer festival, a portion of which was to go to Hurricane Maria relief.

Ruben Vidro, whose company was responsible for cleaning and maintenance at the festival, told the Tribune he still has not been paid a dollar of the \$19,000 he is owed, six months after the festival.

De Jesus did not return requests for comment.

More oversight in the future

State Sen. Iris Martinez, who was a vocal supporter of the attorney general’s investigation into the committee, said that when the sale closes, community groups will begin meeting to create a parade commit-

tee oversight group.

She also said she would like to see the 1237 N. California property continue to function as a community center that people can visit throughout the year.

The parade committee would be allowed to use “several rooms at the property for the next four years for at least one month per year,” according to court records.

Martinez said she hopes to see the summer festival return this year, but “we have to wait until the investigation continues with the attorney general’s office.”

Martinez said the community will look to Raoul’s office to resolve the alleged mismanagement of funds.

Roldan, of the Hispanic Housing Development Corp., said he expects the 1237 N. California property to include a space for the parade committee and community members.

When the sale closes, “we’ll begin to work with the community and see what we’re going to do there,” Roldan said. “But it is an iconic location. It’s not an iconic building.”

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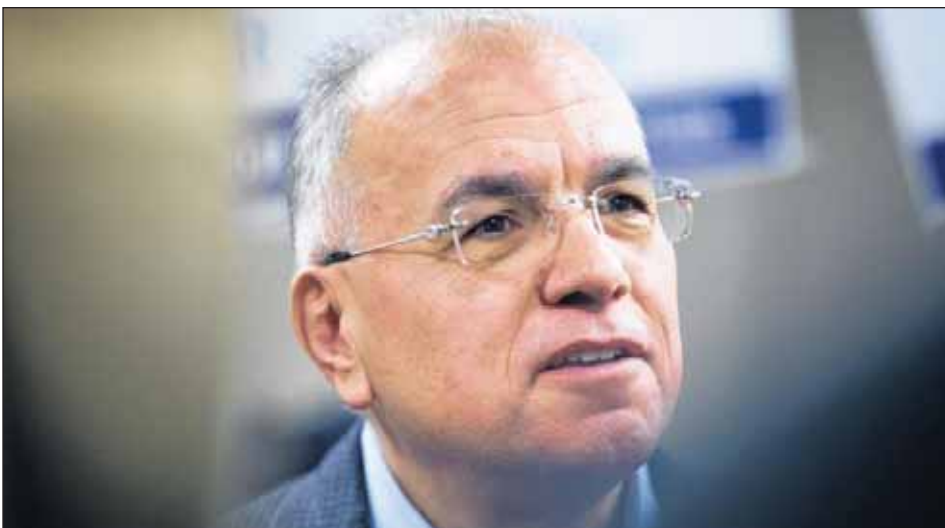
# Chico attacks mayor's race rivals in TV ads

By **BILL RUTHHART**  
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Gery Chico on Thursday will become the third candidate in the Chicago mayor's race to take his campaign to the TV airwaves, and the first to launch an attack ad.

Chico's campaign said it is releasing a pair of ads that will air over the next three weeks as part of a \$1 million broadcast and cable television buy. One ad introduces Chico to voters, noting his neighborhood roots and experience serving as board president for Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges of Chicago. The second attacks Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, state Comptroller Susana Mendoza and former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley for their support of various tax increases while proclaiming Chico would "give working families a break."

Spokeswoman Kelley Quinn said Chico's campaign would spend \$800,000 to air the ads on expensive Chicago broadcast stations and another \$200,000 to place them on cable through the first three weeks of January. She said Chico had "no intention of coming off the air" until after the Feb. 26 election. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote then, the top two finishers will square off in an April 2



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Mayoral candidate Gery Chico speaks after filing for candidacy on Nov. 26. Chico will become the third candidate in the mayor's race to take his campaign to the TV airwaves.

runoff election.

If Chico is to stay on the air that long, he'll have to raise more money. So far, he has reported collecting \$1.3 million since joining the crowded race in September after Mayor Rahm Emanuel made the surprise announcement to drop his bid for a third term.

In addition to Chico, businessman Willie Wilson has sporadically purchased television ads on cable and broadcast while Daley bought time last month to air an ad promising a property tax freeze. Daley and Preckwinkle are the only two candidates who have raised more than Chico to date, with Daley reeling in

\$3.5 million and Preckwinkle reporting \$2.2 million. Emanuel had raised more than \$10 million before bowing out.

In the attack ad, a narrator references Chico's 2011 run for mayor, in which he finished a distant second to Emanuel.

"When he ran for mayor, Gery Chico warned of new taxes on working families," the narrator says as a Chicago Tribune headline notes Chico sparring with Emanuel over a "Rahm tax," which Chico had dubbed an Emanuel proposal at the time to extend the city sales tax to cover higher-end services while cutting the overall rate by a quarter

percentage point. Emanuel never went through with the \$20 million plan.

After showing footage of Chico in a 2011 ad saying "our working families can't take another brick on the back," the narrator says "working families got hit hard" before taking aim at mayoral opponents.

"Toni Preckwinkle's soda taxes, sales taxes and new parking tax all will move families out," the ad declares.

Preckwinkle backed a pop tax on sugary beverages that passed the county board in 2016. It later was repealed following public pressure and a lobbying effort by the beverage in-

dustry and no longer exists. The Cook County Board president and fellow county commissioners raised the county sales tax during her tenure by 1 percentage point to balance the county's budget and shore up its pension systems. And Chico's reference to a new parking tax is based on a 6 percent county tax on parking reservations made through apps that Preckwinkle and county board members made permanent last month.

"Mendoza voted for billions in new taxes and Daley's commuter tax is a job killer," the ad continues. Chico's campaign cited Mendoza's 2011 vote as a state lawmaker to back an increase in the state income tax to back up the statement. Daley has said the city should discuss a possible commuter tax on suburbanites who work in the city but has not formally backed it.

The ad closes by saying, "Gery Chico says it's time for the wealthiest to pay their fair share," a reference to a new Chico proposal to charge a 1.2 percent real estate transfer tax on homes valued at more than \$1 million. Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and Daley have referenced adjusting the tax on home purchases, which is a concept that has gained some momentum among progressives on the City Coun-

cil as a way to fund homelessness prevention. Chico has not said why he wants to raise the tax, which is currently 1.05 percent.

In his second biographical ad, Chico presents himself as a man of the city's neighborhoods who again would stick up for working families. The theme seeks to capitalize on a common criticism that Emanuel has not done enough to create economic opportunities outside of downtown.

Chico stands in the garage of his father's old repair shop, noting how he pumped gas as a kid. "You could see the skyscrapers, but they were a whole world away," Chico says as the ad shows him standing in front of a chain-link fence with the Willis Tower off in the distance.

Chico then notes his work to turn deficits at CPS into a surplus, a tenure that coincided with fellow mayoral candidate Paul Vallas, who was CEO of the schools while Chico served as board president. Chico also noted his work to reform City Colleges before hitting his blue-collar theme one more time, saying that "as mayor, we will invest in working families and our neighborhoods again."

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Ald. Ricardo Munoz was arrested Wednesday after physically assaulting his wife on New Year's Eve, police said.

## Ald. Munoz arrested on charge he assaulted wife

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Ald. Ricardo Munoz was arrested without incident at his 22nd Ward office Wednesday morning after physically assaulting his wife on New Year's Eve, Chicago police said.

Munoz's wife, Betty Torres-Munoz, filed Wednesday for an order of protection in Cook County Domestic Violence Court. She asked a judge to order Munoz to stay away from their residence and mixed breed dog, Rambo, and to pay her \$1,000 a month in temporary support beginning next month.

In those court papers, she alleged that during a heated argument Monday night her husband "forcibly" grabbed and pushed her, causing her to fall and hit her back and head as well as twist her left arm.

"Ricardo had been drinking all day + was drunk," she wrote.

Torres-Munoz also said that she feared "for my well being."

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Munoz was charged with misdemeanor domestic battery.

Guglielmi said Munoz fled the residence after his wife called police immediately following the physical attack. She suffered injuries but declined to seek medical attention, Guglielmi said.

The veteran alderman was taken into custody Wednesday morning at his ward office in the Little Village neighborhood, Guglielmi said.

No one answered the phone there early Wednesday afternoon, and Munoz did not return messages left on his cellphone.

Munoz, who was appointed to his seat by then-Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1993, is the city's longest-tenured Hispanic alderman. He announced in July that he would not seek re-election. At the time, he said he was retiring because he was "having fun writing the next chapter of my life."

Daley appointed Munoz to succeed Jesus "Chuy"

Garcia after Garcia left for the Illinois Senate. Last year, Munoz considered running to succeed Garcia on the Cook County Board when the commissioner announced he would run for U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez's congressional seat, but Munoz opted not to run.

Munoz, a native of Monterrey, Mexico, has faced other controversies over the years. He acknowledged that he intervened to help a relative get into a prestigious city high school in 2009. And in 2008, his estranged father was sentenced to four years in prison for taking part in a fake ID ring.

The outgoing alderman also previously disclosed that as a teenager he had been affiliated with a Little Village gang and had been arrested on charges of unlawful use of weapons and controlled substances. Daley hailed Munoz, who rose from the streets to become Garcia's chief of staff, as a positive role model for youths.

In 2010, six months before the City Council election, Munoz said he was an alcoholic, admitting he drank excessively after work but not in the mornings and afternoons. He was re-elected twice after that.

As part of a 2013 story on Cook County judges sealing divorce records for an array of powerful and connected people, the Tribune reported that a judge had impounded a divorce filed by Munoz's wife in 2009.

At the time of the story, Munoz told the Tribune he had sought to seal the divorce records because "it dealt with some very embarrassing drinking issues."

Munoz said then that he had reconciled with his wife.

"I'm a public figure and the court has rules, and I played by those rules," Munoz said of the sealed divorce records. "I didn't ask for any special treatment. ... I chose to keep it private."

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## Court rejects Chicago police union bid for role in reform

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Federal appeals judges on Wednesday rejected an attempt by the Chicago police union to intervene in the court-overseen process of reforming the troubled Police Department.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a lower court ruling from last year that the Fraternal Order of Police had waited too long before seeking to get involved in the lawsuit Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed against the city to force a consent decree — a court order intended to spur sweeping changes in the department.

The union waited nine months before filing motions to intervene and dismiss the lawsuit, and U.S. District Judge Robert Dow Jr., who is overseeing the case, ruled that the organization had let too much time pass.

The union's attorneys had argued that the organization didn't seek to intervene until well after Madigan sued in August 2017 because officials in her office assured union leaders that the decree would not infringe on their collective bargaining rights. Union officials only learned late in the process that the decree would contain provisions they view as violating their rights, the union's lawyers contended. For example, the proposed consent decree calls for the Police Department to investigate anonymous complaints, but the



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In finding that the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police had waited too long to intervene in the case, the appellate panel cited union President Kevin Graham's statements condemning the forthcoming consent decree months before the FOP's attempted intervention.

FOP contract bans most anonymous complaints.

Lawyers for Madigan's office countered that the union should have known early on that its members could be affected by the consent decree. Madigan's office also noted that the proposed court order contains language that says its provisions would not override the union contract and that city officials should try to win changes to the collective bargaining agreement through negotiations.

The appellate panel of Judge Michael Kanne, Kenneth Ripple and Ilana Rovner sided with Dow's earlier ruling that the union was too late. The judges cited union Presi-

dent Kevin Graham's statements that condemned the forthcoming consent decree many months before the union tried to intervene.

"The (union) knew from the filing of the complaint that the consent decree might affect its interests," states the ruling penned by Kanne.

Graham could not be reached for comment Wednesday. The union has a policy of not commenting to the Tribune.

The consent decree could stand as one of the most substantial consequences of white Officer Jason Van Dyke's shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald in October 2014. Calls for court-man-

dated change to the department came soon after the November 2015 release of video of Van Dyke shooting McDonald 16 times.

The case stems from Madigan suing Emanuel after the mayor wavered in his commitment to court-overseen reform. The politicians' aides then spent more than a year working out the details of a proposed decree intended to improve training, further restrict the use of force and fix the historically dysfunctional police disciplinary system.

Judge Dow has yet to enter the proposed court order and no timeline has been set for that action.

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## Madigan critic, Naperville Dem. eyes 2020 run for Durbin's seat

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Anne Stava-Murray, a Naperville Democrat who will be sworn in to her first term in the Illinois House next week, has announced on Facebook that she's turning her 2020 sights on the U.S. Senate seat Sen. Dick Durbin currently occupies.

Stava-Murray, a relative newcomer to Illinois politics, in November narrowly defeated state Rep. David Olsen, a Downers Grove Republican. Stava-Murray was a vocal critic of Illinois Speaker Michael Madigan on the campaign trail.

"Let me be the first to say, I'm running and I hope you'll vote for me," Stava-Murray, a former consumer researcher, wrote in a New Year's Day post on Facebook, adding at one point: "No other candidates have said clearly I'm running," as of this posting.

That's a little sideswipe at Durbin, who has only hinted he'd run for a fifth term in 2020. During a late-December appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press," host Chuck Todd asked Durbin about his



Stava-Murray

political future: "Two years from now — you going to be on a ballot in Illinois in November of 2020? You made a final decision?"

"I ... tell people that I'm raising money and trying to lose some weight," the Illinois Democrat said. "That's usually the first indication that you're up for re-election."

A Durbin spokeswoman declined further comment.

The 74-year-old was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1996, after serving in the House.

In the run-up to the

November election, Stava-Murray vowed to vote against Madigan serving another term as House speaker and declined assists from the Democratic Party, even in the form of voter lists. Her House district includes portions of Darien, Downers Grove, Naperville and Woodridge.

"I ran for State Rep in 2018 because I was so sick of being indirectly bullied by our political machines who care more about preserving themselves than the health and wellness of the people," Stava-Murray wrote on Facebook.

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# U.S. Rep.-elect Garcia endorses an opponent of Ald. Ed Burke

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U.S. Rep.-elect Jesus “Chuy” Garcia has endorsed civil engineer Tanya Patino in the race to unseat powerful Ald. Edward Burke, pledging his organization’s support to her candidacy to become the ward’s first Latina alderman.

There are five candidates vying to defeat Burke, a 50-year incumbent who represents a Latino-majority Southwest Side ward and is facing intense scrutiny amid FBI raids of his City Hall and ward offices. Burke is a major target for Garcia, whose political organization helped oust Burke’s brother, state Rep. Dan Burke, in last year’s Democratic primary. Dan Burke



COURTESY

Tanya Patino

lost to political newcomer Aaron Ortiz, who is also Patino’s boyfriend.

Patino, 28, is “a lifelong resident of the ward and is actively involved in her community as a soccer coach and mentor to many children,” Garcia said in a statement.

“She is the daughter of immigrant parents and

grew up in a union household where she learned the challenges faced by immigrants and working families,” Garcia said. “As the first in her family to graduate from college with a degree in civil engineering, Tanya understands the importance of a quality public education and, as a civil engineer, will bring a unique perspective to the City Council.”

The other candidates in the Feb. 26 election include Jose Torrez, a community college counselor backed by Marie Newman, who has previously worked for Garcia’s campaigns; Pilsen law center attorney and former Garcia staffer Jaime Guzman; Irene Corral; and Burke.

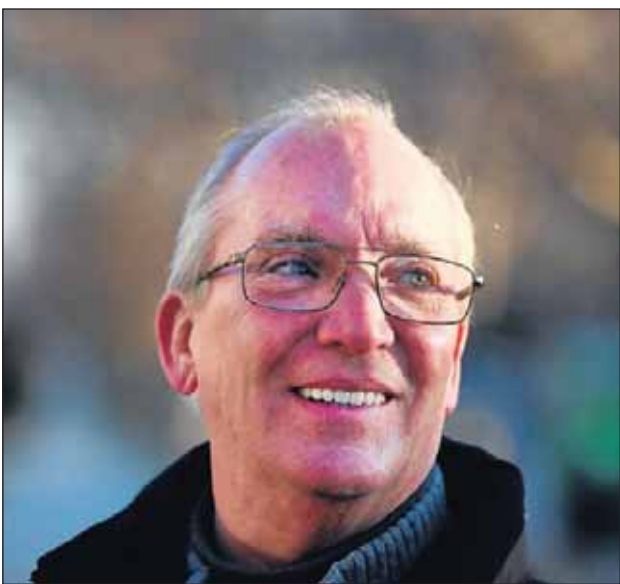
“Tanya is ready to help solve the systemic chal-

lenges we face in Chicago: preventing gun violence, improving public safety, investing in our infrastructure, creating jobs, and providing tax relief for homeowners,” Garcia said.

In a statement, Patino said she was proud to get the nod from Garcia, whom she called a mentor and “progressive champion.”

“The people of the 14th Ward are tired of an Alderman who is under FBI investigation and appeals Donald Trump’s property taxes,” Patino said. “They deserve better. I will be a full-time Alderman when elected and my only job will be to serve the people of the 14th Ward and City of Chicago.”

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State Rep. Dan Burke, shown in 2018, lost a primary bid for re-election in March to the House seat he held for decades.

## Dan Burke resigns days early, ending 28 years in House

BY MIKE RIOPELL  
Chicago Tribune

Outgoing Democratic state Rep. Dan Burke resigned from the Illinois House more than a week before the end of his term, ending his 28-year run in Springfield early after his primary defeat last year.

A letter from Burke to House Speaker Michael Madigan filed with the secretary of state’s office, dated Sunday, does not give a reason for his early retirement, saying only: “Please consider this my official notice of resignation, effective Dec. 30, 2018.” Burke could not immediately be reached for comment.

In the March primary, high school counselor Aaron Ortiz ousted Burke from the Southwest Side state House seat he had held for nearly three decades. Ortiz was backed in the race by U.S. Rep.-elect Jesus “Chuy” Garcia.

Ortiz and the rest of the new class of Springfield lawmakers take office Jan. 9.

Now Garcia is backing civil engineer Tanya Patino

in the race to unseat Burke’s powerful brother, Ald. Edward Burke, 14th. Patino is among five candidates vying to defeat the 50-year incumbent, who represents a Latino-majority Southwest Side ward and is facing intense scrutiny amid FBI raids of his City Hall and ward offices.

The attempt to defeat Dan Burke was seen as a test of the family’s longtime hold of the 14th Ward ahead of his brother’s City Council re-election efforts.

Dan Burke’s early exit from the Illinois House is not unprecedented. For example, Lt. Gov.-elect Juliana Stratton has resigned her seat as she works on the transition ahead of the Jan. 14 inauguration.

Burke first took office in 1991 and was part of Madigan’s leadership team.

He chaired the House’s Executive Committee, a panel whose members tend to be aligned with legislative leadership and that often handles important legislation.

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# Elderly man killed, wife injured in Northwest Side apartment fire

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An 88-year-old man was killed and his elderly wife was injured when a fire broke out in their apartment building in the Dunning neighborhood on the Far Northwest Side early Wednesday, according to the Chicago Fire Department.

Crews responded to the five-story building in the 6400 block of West Belle Plaine Avenue around 4 a.m. Two people from the fifth floor were taken to hospitals and the man was pronounced dead at 4:41 a.m., officials said. The woman’s condition was stabilized.

The Cook County medical examiner’s office identified the man as Radzis-

law Sadzak. According to a neighbor, Anna Termer, he was active in several Polish groups, including the Polish Scouting Organization.

Termer said she met him about 18 years ago when she moved into the building and that he had been a wonderful neighbor. Year after year he had helped her with her Christmas lights and always asked about her parents, who are around his age, she said.

In the building’s vestibule, Termer wiped a tear from her eye and hugged another longtime resident, Jane Maher. Both women described their elderly neighbors as sweet, caring and interested in the well-being of their community.

“This is just awful,” Maher said.

On the fifth floor, windows appeared shattered or sunken in. The smell of smoke was heavy, and the hallway walls were covered with dark lines. Charred furniture, pink insulation, a large artificial Christmas tree and other belongings were strewn about the ground below.

In another top-floor apartment, a married couple woke up to the smell of smoke and noticed their cat acting strangely, running back and forth, the husband said.

The smoke became so thick that it was hard to breathe, so he and his wife waited on their balcony for about 20 minutes until the fire was under control, said the man, who did not

want to be identified. “It was just a scary moment,” he said. “You couldn’t see nothing.”

Firefighters went to each apartment on their floor, knocking on doors and checking on everyone, he said.

Another man saw news about the fire on television and recognized the building where his son lives on the third floor. He couldn’t get in touch with his son, so he rushed over to check whether he was OK.

A woman came out of her second-floor apartment to check on her car in the building’s covered garage. She had noticed the smoke sometime after 3 a.m. but stayed inside her apartment, she said.

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- 10 Snatch
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- 16 Acting part
- 17 A single time
- 18 Mariner’s beacon
- 20 Startling word
- 21 Has a bug
- 22 Thespian
- 23 \_\_\_ cuisine; gourmet food
- 25 Hurry
- 26 Tiny particles
- 28 Terrible
- 31 Merchandise
- 32 Contemptible
- 34 “Swing \_\_, Sweet Chariot”
- 36 Eras
- 37 Leigh or Jackson
- 38 Cookie
- 39 Monster’s color
- 39 Guys
- 40 Seymour & Pauley
- 41 Hovel or mansion
- 42 Smacked
- 44 Meandered
- 45 Forest animal
- 46 Isle of \_\_\_; Italian resort
- 47 Social blunder

### DOWN

- 1 Messy person
- 2 Advice to Nanette
- 3 Speaking hysterically
- 4 Baseball’s \_\_\_ Wee Reese
- 5 Divides
- 6 South American nation
- 7 Cleaning cloths
- 8 Hardwood tree
- 9 Flea collar wearer
- 10 Market owner
- 11 Disastrous defeat
- 12 In addition
- 13 Lager
- 19 \_\_\_ as an ape
- 21 Black-and-white birds
- 50 Marathon
- 51 Org. for Bulls and Bucks
- 54 Draw pictures for a book
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- 28 Colors
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- 32 Slender
- 33 Afternoon hour
- 35 Garden intruder
- 37 Beanstalk climber
- 38 Wild hog
- 40 Novelist Verne
- 41 Remain optimistic
- 43 Prove an argument wrong
- 44 Earnhardt & Petty
- 46 Provide food for a party
- 47 Present
- 48 Friendly nation
- 49 Criticism
- 50 Hit the ceiling
- 52 Make tea
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- 55 Touch lightly
- 56 Actress McClanahan
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## Liberal revolt may greet House Dems

Some high-profile members oppose fiscal rule measure

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Democratic leaders faced the prospect of a liberal rebellion on their first day in charge after prominent Democrats said they would oppose a package of rules changes endorsed by incoming speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi.

Reps. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., and Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., said they would vote against the rules changes Thursday — in the second vote Democrats will take in the majority, after electing Pelosi, D-Calif., because of the inclusion of a fiscal measure known as “pay as you go,” or PAYGO. That rule, echoing a provision in federal law and in the Senate rules, would require the House to offset any spending so as not to increase the budget deficit.

It remains to be seen whether the liberals will have the votes to torpedo the rules package, which sets the parameters for the new House. Defeat of the rules package would be an embarrassing setback for Pelosi that could herald further divides in the Democratic caucus.

In the near term, however, Democrats could regroup and revise the package to win votes and move ahead on the House’s work, including a vote on legislation to reopen the government.

Liberals such as Khanna and Ocasio-Cortez — and a number of activists on the political left — argue that



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Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who is poised to be House speaker Thursday, leaves Capitol Hill for a meeting on the partial shutdown.



Khanna and Ocasio-Cortez

PAYGO amounts to a legislative straitjacket that could impede their efforts to pass new social programs. And they are especially dubious of its necessity after congressional Republicans waived the law in 2017 to pass a tax bill that added more than \$1.5 trillion to the federal deficit over its first

decade. “This is in no way a vote against the leadership; this is a vote against austerity economics that has caused great harm to middle class and working families,” Khanna said Wednesday.

Ocasio-Cortez announced her opposition in a tweet: “PAYGO isn’t only bad economics ... it’s also a dark political maneuver designed to hamstring progress” on health care and other legislation.

Beyond Khanna and Ocasio-Cortez, however, opposition to the proposal appeared muted Wednesday. Several high-profile fresh-

men Democrats — Reps.-elect Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts — have not taken public positions.

Reps. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, said PAYGO “is a no go for me” and said that the rule could obstruct “critical investments in education, infrastructure, and health care,” but he stopped short of saying he would vote against the rules changes.

The co-chairpersons of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Reps. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., and Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., said they

would support the overall rules package despite their opposition to PAYGO, citing a commitment from House leaders that the provision “will not be an impediment to advancing key progressive priorities” in the new Congress.

“We all agree that the real problem with PAYGO exists in the statute that requires it,” they said in a statement. “That is why we will be introducing legislation in the 116th Congress to end PAYGO.”

House Democratic leaders agreed last year to drop another rule proposal opposed by Pocan and Jayapal,

one that would have made it more difficult to pass legislation to raise taxes.

“We all believe we need to ultimately bring our budget into balance, but these investments are too important right now to pass up and will yield significant returns for the U.S. Treasury,” he said, though it was unclear how he would vote.

The PAYGO rules date back nearly 30 years, to Congress’ initial attempts to rein in the budget deficits of the 1980s. But the rules fell by the wayside amid the budget surpluses of the 1990s.

When Democrats took control of Congress in 2007, they included PAYGO provisions in their rules, and in 2010, they wrote it into federal law. But Republicans never included the measure in House rules, and the law has been repeatedly waived over the years — making the practical impact of the law questionable.

Drew Hammill, a spokesman for Pelosi, responded to Khanna on Twitter by pointing out that the federal law remains in place regardless of what rules House Democrats adopt — and including the measure in the rules would allow Democrats to “designate appropriate offsets” rather than allow the Trump administration to make the across-the-board cuts mandated in law.

“A vote AGAINST the Democratic Rules package is a vote to let Mick Mulvaney make across the board cuts, unilaterally reversing Democratic initiatives and funding increases,” he said, referring to the budget director and acting White House chief of staff.

## Safety commission OKs call to arm Fla. teachers

By Terry Spencer  
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The commission investigating a shooting massacre at a Florida high school unanimously approved its initial findings and recommendations Wednesday, including a controversial proposal that teachers who volunteer and undergo training be allowed to carry guns.

The 15-member Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission’s 446-page report details what members believe happened before, during and after the Feb. 14 shooting attack that left 14 students and three staff members dead and 17 wounded.

The report, which the commission sent to Gov. Rick Scott, incoming governor Ron DeSantis and the Legislature, is also critical of the Broward County sheriff’s deputies who failed to confront suspect Nikolas Cruz, and of Sheriff Scott Israel, whose office did not at the time have a policy requiring them to rush the three-story freshman building where the shooting happened. Israel’s critics hope

the report will result in DeSantis suspending Israel shortly after the new governor takes office Tuesday. Israel has said that he has done nothing to warrant his removal.

The report also details failures in the county school district’s security program that members believe allowed Cruz, a former student known to have serious emotional and behavioral problems, to enter campus while carrying an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle in a bag.

Even since the shooting, not all Florida school districts and campuses have been taking security seriously, the report says, noting that several districts have been slow to complete mandated reviews of their safety plans and procedures.

“Safety and security accountability is lacking in schools, and that accountability is paramount for effective change if we expect a different result in the future than what occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas,” the report says.

Among the panel’s chief findings and recommendations: ■ State law should be changed to allow teachers

who pass an intense training program and background check to carry concealed weapons on campus. Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, the panel’s chairman, argued last month for the change, saying teachers are often the ones who have the best chance to stop a school shooting quickly. Under a law passed after the shooting, districts can elect to arm non-classroom employees such as principals, other administrators, custodians and librarians who undergo training.

The only teachers allowed to arm themselves are current or former police officers, active military members or Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors. Thirteen of the state’s 67 districts arm non-teaching employees, mostly in rural parts of the state. The state teachers union and PTA oppose the proposal to arm teachers. They argue that adding more armed people will make campuses more dangerous and say teachers should not also be acting as armed guards.

■ Deputy Scot Peterson, the longtime school resource officer assigned to Stoneman Douglas, “was derelict



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

Sheriff Scott Israel and Florida Gov. Rick Scott speak to the news media last February.

in his duty” by not entering the freshman building and confronting Cruz. Video shows Peterson drawing his gun and taking cover outside the building. He retired shortly after the shooting and has denied wrongdoing. The report also criticizes other deputies who failed to enter the building during the shooting, but praises officers from the Coral Springs Police Department who quickly ran inside. The report says Israel is partly to blame by

eliminating a requirement that his deputies confront active shooters, in direct contrast with current law enforcement practices. Israel told commission he did not want his deputies engaging in suicide missions. He has since changed the policy again, however, to require deputies to confront shooters.

■ Neither Stoneman Douglas nor the Broward School District had clear procedures for locking down classrooms during a shoot-

ing, which led to a three-minute delay in classrooms being shut and “left students and staff vulnerable to being shot.”

The commission includes law enforcement, education and mental health professionals from around the state, a legislator and the fathers of two slain students.

Cruz, 20, has pleaded not guilty, but his lawyers say he would plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

## NASA: Icy object beyond Pluto looks like a snowman

By Marcia Dunn  
Associated Press

LAUREL, Md. — A NASA spacecraft 4 billion miles from Earth yielded its first close-up pictures Wednesday of the most distant celestial object ever explored, depicting what looks like a reddish snowman.

Ultima Thule, as the small, icy object has been dubbed, was found to consist of two fused spheres, one of them three times bigger than the other, ex-

tending about 21 miles in length.

NASA’s New Horizons, the spacecraft that sent back pictures of Pluto 3½ years ago, swept past the ancient, mysterious object early on New Year’s Day. It is a 1 billion miles beyond Pluto.

On Tuesday, based on early, fuzzy images taken the day before, scientists said Ultima Thule resembled a bowling pin. But when closer pictures arrived, a new consensus emerged Wednesday.

“The bowling pin is gone. It’s a snowman!” lead scientist Alan Stern informed the world from Johns Hopkins University’s Applied Physics Laboratory, home to Mission Control. The bowling pin image is “so 2018,” joked Stern, who is with the Southwest Research Institute.

The team has labeled the bigger sphere Ultima and the smaller one Thule.

Scientist Jeff Moore of NASA’s Ames Research Center said the spheres formed when icy, pebble-

size pieces coalesced in space billions of years ago. Then the spheres slowly spiraled closer to each other until they gently touched — as slowly as parking a car here on Earth at just a mile or two per hour — and stuck together.

Despite the slender connection point, the two lobes are “soundly bound” together, Moore said.

Scientists have ascertained that the object takes about 15 hours to make a full rotation.

Stern noted that the team

has received less than 1 percent of all the data stored aboard New Horizons. It will take nearly two years to get it all.

Clues about the surface composition of Ultima Thule should start rolling in by Thursday. Scientists believe the icy exterior is probably a mix of water, methane and nitrogen, among other things.

The snowman picture was taken a half-hour before the spacecraft’s closest approach, a distance of 18,000 miles, early Tuesday.



NASA

The icy object Ultima Thule consists of fused spheres — the bigger one, Ultima; the smaller one, Thule.





President Trump and acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan on Wednesday.

# Trump blasts Mattis’ work as Pentagon chief: ‘Not too good’

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump criticized former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis’ performance Wednesday, as acting Pentagon chief Patrick Shanahan stepped into his new job and the U.S. military sought to make sense of the president’s murky plans for the war in Syria.

Trump questioned how well Mattis had served as Pentagon chief, and pointed out that the retired Marine general had been removed early by the Obama administration from his last position as chief of U.S. Central Command over policy disagreements.

“What’s he done for me? How had he done in Afghanistan? Not too good,” Trump said. “As you know President Obama fired him, and essentially so did I.”

Trump’s comments came as the Pentagon attempted to show stability in the wake of Mattis’ departure, who is beloved by many in Trump’s political base. Mattis resigned Dec. 20 citing policy disagreements with Trump, but had said he would stay on through the end of February. Days later, Trump forced him out.

Shanahan said Wednesday in a statement that he has tapped David Norquist, an undersecretary of defense who serves as comptroller, to perform the duties of the deputy defense secretary while Shanahan moves up from that position to serve as acting defense secretary. Norquist has served since June 2017 as the Defense Department’s chief financial officer, and has “insight into

virtually every tenet of this department,” Shanahan said.

Shanahan took over for Mattis on New Year’s Day after Trump removed Mattis from his position in an abrupt Dec. 23 decision.

On his first working day as acting defense secretary, Shanahan made clear that his focus is on China.

The former Boeing executive gathered civilian leaders of the military services and other top civilian officials at the Defense Department on Wednesday, telling them that he is focused on the strategy as developed and put in place under Mattis. It emphasizes the importance of great power competition with Russia and China, after America’s many years of fighting insurgent wars in the Middle East.

In that context, Shanahan said the Pentagon leaders should remember, “China, China, China,” according to the official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss internal defense meetings and spoke on condition of anonymity.

With Mattis gone, another planned move — bringing in Marine Maj. Gen. Burke Whitman to serve as a new senior spokesman — will not happen. Whitman was expected to brief the media in 2019 alongside chief Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White, who abruptly resigned on New Year’s Eve as Mattis left the Pentagon. White is under investigation by the Defense Department inspector general amid accusations that she had subordinate staff members carry out menial tasks for her in violation of Pentagon rules.

The changes came as the Pentagon grapples with Trump’s desire to withdraw all 2,000 U.S. troops from Syria and cut down the 14,000 that are in Afghanistan. Trump issued withdrawal orders for Syria on Dec. 19, and also directed the Pentagon to draw up plans to roughly reduce the number of service members in Afghanistan by half, U.S. officials have said.

Trump initially wanted all of the U.S. troops out of Syria within 30 days, triggering Mattis’ resignation and concerns from Republicans and Democrats that the decision would create new chaos in the region. The president, in a video posted on his Twitter account Dec. 19, said that U.S. troops were “all coming back” from Syria, “and they’re coming back now.”

Trump has agreed to give the military four months to depart Syria, according to three U.S. officials. That development was first reported by The New York Times.

Pentagon officials, who rarely discuss troop movements before they occur, have declined to say how long a withdrawal will take.

“We are focused on a deliberate and controlled withdrawal of forces, taking all measures possible to ensure our troops’ safety as they continue in their mission of an enduring defeat of ISIS,” said Navy Cmdr. Sean Robertson, a Pentagon spokesman. “Out of concern for operational security, we are not going to discuss operational details.”

Associated Press contributed.

# Romney’s attack on Trump may ignite new GOP rivalry

By Kevin Freking  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP presidential nominee and incoming Utah senator, has quickly set himself apart from other Republicans in the new Congress with a blistering attack on President Donald Trump’s leadership and character, triggering what could become a new rivalry in the GOP ranks.

Romney put to rest expectations that he would take his time getting his footing in Washington.

Instead, he penned an op-ed in The Washington Post, published two days before being sworn into office Thursday, that said Trump’s “conduct over the past two years, particularly his actions last month, is evidence that the president has not risen to the mantle of the office.”

Trump replied by tweeting he hoped Romney wouldn’t follow in the footsteps of Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who often criticized Trump and paid the price, opting to retire rather than risk defeat in a GOP primary.

“Would much prefer that Mitt focus on Border Security and so many other things where he can be helpful,” Trump tweeted. “I won big, and he didn’t. He should be happy for all Republicans. Be a TEAM player & WIN!”

By taking on Trump so early in his Senate career, Romney could be picking up where Flake and Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., another retiring senator, left off.

Both Republicans were vocal GOP critics of Trump, and their retirements left some wondering whether any other Republicans would be willing to publicly criticize the president.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., noted that almost half the Senate Republicans are up for re-election in 2020 and some may feel the need to push back against Trump.

“They just saw what happened in 2018,” Durbin said, referring to Republicans losing the House majority in November. “I think, once they do polling back home, not all of them but many of them will find that independence is being rewarded.”

Romney has had his public run-ins with the president before and tried



Donald Trump and Mitt Romney have had run-ins before. Romney’s op-ed this week may stir another GOP feud.

to prevent him from winning the GOP nomination in 2016. In one speech, he said there was plenty of evidence that Trump was “a con man, a fake.” In that same speech, he said, “Dis-honesty is Donald Trump’s hallmark.”

But after the presidential election, Romney eased off the criticism and interviewed to become Trump’s secretary of state. Trump instead opted for former Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson, who lasted about 14 months before Trump fired him.

During his Senate campaign, Romney insisted that he would agree with Trump on some issues and not be shy about disagreeing with him on others. He appears to have more room with GOP voters in Utah to take on the president. Sixty-four percent of voters in the state would like to see the senator confront the president, according to data from AP VoteCast, a survey of midterm voters.

Romney will be sworn in as a senator Thursday.

Romney credited Trump in the op-ed for cutting corporate taxes, stripping out what he described as excessive regulation and appointing conservative judges. But he said policies and appointments are only part of being a president. He said a president must also demonstrate honesty and integrity and elevate the national discourse.

“With the nation so divided, resentful and angry, presidential leadership in

qualities of character is indispensable. And it is in this province where the incumbent’s shortfall has been most glaring,” Romney wrote.

Trump said during a Cabinet meeting Wednesday that he was surprised by Romney’s comments. “People are very upset with what he did,” Trump said. He also referenced Romney’s 2012 election loss to President Barack Obama.

“If he fought the way he fights me, I’m telling you, he would have won the election,” Trump said.

Ronna McDaniel, chairwoman of the Republican National Committee and Romney’s niece, retweeted Trump’s remarks about Romney and added that the president is constantly “attacked and obstructed” by the media and Democrats.

“For an incoming Republican freshman senator to attack” Trump @realDonaldTrump as their first act feeds into what the Democrats and media want and is disappointing and unproductive,” McDaniel tweeted.

But conservative commentator Bill Kristol, a frequent Trump critic, tweeted that Romney’s op-ed confirmed that “Trump’s dominance over the GOP, pretty complete until now, can no longer be taken for granted.”

“For now at least Mitt Romney has become the leader of the Republican Resistance to Trump,” Kristol tweeted.

# Trump says he and North Korean leader ready to meet again

By Deb Riechmann  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he has received a letter from North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and will soon set up a meeting with Kim to restart talks about the North’s nuclear programs.

“He’d like to meet. I’d like to meet,” Trump said as he held up the letter during a Cabinet meeting.

Earlier in the day, Trump tweeted: “Kim Jong Un says

North Korea will not make or test nuclear weapons, or give them to others — & he is ready to meet President Trump anytime.”

Kim has met several times with the leader of South Korea and attended a summit in Singapore with Trump in June. Kim has signed vague statements pledging a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, but has not described how and when that might occur.

In a New Year’s message, Kim hinted at a possible cap on nuclear weapons pro-

duction if the U.S. took equivalent steps. He did not elaborate. He also stood by his commitment on denuclearization, which does not mean the unilateral ridding of the North’s arsenal. Both areas need to be further clarified in negotiations.

Kim sees such weapons as a valuable deterrent to a possible U.S. military strike. He also believes his weapons put him in a position of strength from which he can make demands and extract concessions.

The message he is con-

veying to Trump is for the U.S. to start addressing his concerns about security and easing sanctions or North Korea will have no choice but to try a different, less-friendly approach. Kim says he will be able to make a case to China, Russia and possibly even South Korea that if the situation deteriorates, Washington will be to blame.

During the Cabinet meeting, Trump lamented that he’s not been given enough credit for opening a dialogue with North Korea.

Trump said his engagement with North Korea helped stave off what he said “could have been World War III.”

But he and Kim spent most of 2017 exchanging personal insults and war threats before agreeing to their meeting in Singapore.

“You know, frankly, if this administration didn’t take place, if another administration came in instead of this administration you’d be at war right now,” he said. “You’d be having a nice, big fat war in Asia. And it wouldn’t be pleasant.”

Before Trump took office, the United States engaged in four major negotiations with North Korea over its nuclear and missile programs, stretching from the mid-1990s to about 2012. All were aimed at getting North Korea to halt or disable its nuclear missile programs in exchange for economic and diplomatic concessions.

Trump also said North Korea has tremendous economic potential so he looked forward to meeting again with Kim. “We’ll set that up,” he said.



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# Estonia government takes digital path

Baltic country's attempt offers insight on future

By **DANICA KIRKA**  
Associated Press

TALLINN, Estonia — In the Estonian capital of Tallinn, 3t-day-old Oskar Lunde sleeps soundly in his hospital cot, snuggled into a lime green blanket decorated with red butterflies. Across the room, his father turns on a laptop.

“Now we will register our child,” Andrejs Lunde says with gravity as he inserts his ID card into the card reader. His wife, Olga, looks on proudly.

And just like that, Oskar is Estonia's newest citizen. No paper. No fuss.

This Baltic nation of 1.3 million people is engaged in an ambitious project to make government administration completely digital to reduce bureaucracy, increase transparency and boost economic growth.

As more countries shift their services online, Estonia's experiment offers a glimpse of how interacting with the state might be for future generations.

Need a prescription? It's online.

Need someone at City Hall? No lines there — or even at the Department of Motor Vehicles!

On the school front, parents can see whether their children's homework was done on time.

Estonia has created one platform that supports electronic authentication and digital signatures to enable paperless communications across both the private and public sectors.

There are still a few things that you can't do electronically in Estonia: marry, divorce or transfer property — and that's only because the government has decided it was important to turn up in person for some big life events.

This spring, government aims to go even further.



Estonian parents Olga and Andrejs Lunde present 3-day old son Oskar a few minutes after registering his name online.

If Oskar had been born a few months later, he would have been registered automatically, with his parents receiving an email welcoming him into the nation.

Marten Kaevats, Estonia's national digital adviser, says the goal is a government that supports its citizens while staying out of the way.

“In an ideal world, in the case of an invisible government, when a new child is born neither of the parents would ever have to apply for anything: to get maternity leave, to get child support from the municipality, to get a kindergarten place, to put the name to the child,” he said. “All of those different services would be delivered automatically.”

Siva Vaidhyanathan, director of the Center for Media and Citizenship at the University of Virginia, says other countries have a lot to learn.

Estonia took time to build security and privacy into its model, in contrast

with failed efforts by private companies to provide secure online voting systems in the United States, for example.

“It made sure that state accountability is part of the process,” he said.

Estonians seem to have embraced the system despite global concerns about data hacks.

At a demonstration showcasing the digital system, project manager Indrek Onnik stood beside a huge screen illustrating his profile. He showed off his high school grades from a decade ago and his driving license records. If he had a dog, its vaccination record would appear there, too.

Citizens can monitor their data and see if any government or private institution accesses it.

“To generate trust, you really have to have transparency,” he said. “And that's why people have access to their own data. And that's why they can actually see if the government has used

their own data.”

The platform is underpinned by software called X-Road, a decentralized data exchange system that links databases. Outgoing data is digitally signed and encrypted, and all incoming data is authenticated and logged.

The government, fearing attempts to compromise its borders by neighboring Russia, also has a backup plan to restore digital services in the event of invasion or severe cyberattacks: data “embassies” in countries like Luxembourg. Like a regular embassy, the servers are considered Estonian territory and would give the government a chance to boot up elsewhere if needed.

Making life simpler for citizens has economic benefits in a country otherwise known for unforgiving winters and old growth forests.

The project, which began in 1997, laid the groundwork for Estonia's booming tech sector. Skype, the video-

calling service Microsoft bought for \$8.5 billion in 2011, is Estonia's most famous high-tech export, but the impact is broader. Information and communications accounted for 5.9 percent of the economy last year.

The government hopes to increase that figure with an “e-residency” program that lets entrepreneurs around the world register their businesses in Estonia and gain a foothold in the European Union. More than 51,000 people from 167 countries have applied at a cost of \$114 each.

The advances in digitization are the result of long-term thinking.

When Estonia declared independence in 1991, the economy was so backward in this former Soviet republic it had to be rebuilt from scratch.

The leadership looked for an industry where the country could compete. They decided on information technology and the

internet, a field that was as new as Estonia, said former President Toomas Hendrik Ilves.

When the cash-strapped country needed to replace a 1930s phone system, Finland offered a late 1970s analog system free of charge. But Ilves argued that the government should decline the offer and invest in digital technology.

“The only way we could do really well was to go digital,” Ilves said, speaking from Stanford University, where he is a distinguished visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution. “We stood a chance of competing there.”

Ilves, who grew up in the United States and was introduced to computers in junior high, proposed getting kids started early. The government started building computer labs in schools. Banks supported the move, as it reduced the need for branches in rural villages.

More than 99 percent of Estonia's banking transactions now take place online.

Whether Estonia's system can be used in larger countries is an open question, said Zvika Krieger, head of technology policy and partnerships at the World Economic Forum.

What works in a small, progressive country won't necessarily work in sprawling democracies like the U.S. or India.

“When you add in more people, more diverse stakeholders, more layers of government at the city, state, and local level, you are adding in exponentially more complexity,” Krieger said.

“Estonia is a good first test case. And now the question is whether other countries will find Estonia's success compelling enough to take the risk to try it at a larger scale.”

“If someone really wants my information, they will get it anyway,” said Lunde. “If they can get Hillary's emails, they can get mine.”

## Surprise, you have a sibling!

DNA companies turning customer-service representatives into counselors

By **KRISTEN V BROWN**  
Bloomberg News

It was a one-line chat reply from an AncestryDNA customer-service rep that ripped Catherine St. Clair's life apart.

St. Clair, 57, is her family's resident genealogist and had sent her saliva to Ancestry for testing. So when her brother Mike showed up as a “first cousin or close relative,” she assumed it must be a glitch. Even stranger: The test showed that someone she had never heard of was a much closer genetic match than Mike.

She contacted Ancestry customer service through the website's chat feature. Calmly, a representative named Pam explained centimorgans, a unit for measuring genetic linkage. Siblings, Pam said, normally share about 2,600 centimorgans of DNA, while half-siblings share 1,800.

“She said, ‘Go click on the little icon by his name. It will tell you how much you share with him,’” recalled St. Clair. “And when I clicked on it, that's when the floor fell out from under

me.” Mike wasn't her full brother. They didn't share the same father.

In the business of consumer DNA testing, customer service is sometimes a lot more like emotional support. Though genetic tests are frequently marketed as family-friendly entertainment, they sometimes wind up surfacing life-altering surprises. And when those surprises show up in someone's test results, the first move is often a call to customer service.

“We don't really play the role of therapist, but rather listen and try to be sympathetic and empathetic, getting them to process things,” said Kent Hillyer, head of customer care for the genetic-testing firm 23andMe.

At 23andMe, those types of calls are so frequent that preparing for them is integrated into the company's monthslong training program. The most common issue, said Hillyer, is when a customer's presumed father doesn't show up on a test as the genetic dad. But sometimes mothers or siblings are a surprise, too.



Sending your DNA to a company such as Ancestry.com can sometimes lead to unexpected and confusing results.

“How most of those conversations start is people come to us to verify the accuracy,” said Hillyer. “Somebody has known something their whole life and then this company is telling them something different. It's tough.”

In training, new employees do mock phone calls and role playing to prepare for such conversations

“We practice empathy and sympathy,” said Hillyer. “A lot of it is just listening. “We always try to steer the conversation toward the data, tell them that this is science,” he added.

At Ancestry, Kathy Luke, vice president of member services, said a special team of representatives handles sensitive queries.

“There are certainly cases where a discovery

might be quite unexpected,” she said. “We take our responsibility toward our customers — and the potential impact of complex discoveries — very seriously.”

At 23andMe, Hillyer often encourages representatives to go for a walk after an intense call to help them decompress.

“We kind of do these internal therapy sessions,” he said. “Here, maybe more so than most places, you have to be really supportive of each other.”

Lindsay Grove, a customer-care rep at 23andMe, still remembers one call in particular, a dad who took the test only to find out that his child was not, in fact, his child. At first, like most, he was just trying to figure out whether the results were accurate. So Grove ex-

plained the science behind the data. The customer then became somber and quiet. He questioned whether he should talk to his wife, and, if he did, how.

“You could hear the emotion in him, and ... wondering what he would do next,” she said. The next step for St. Clair, who got the big surprise from Ancestry, was reaching out to the relative who showed up more closely related to her than her brother. She sent a message through the company's website.

“I shared 2,172 centimorgans with her,” said St. Clair. That was just a little more than she had shared with her brother. Pam, the customer-service representative, told her that meant the mystery relative was either a half-sibling, an aunt, an

uncle, a niece or a nephew.

St. Clair and the mystery relative talked on the phone. It turned out they were, in fact, half-siblings. Her mother had worked for her newfound-sister's dad in 1960, around the same time that St. Clair was conceived. Both of her parents died years ago, so it was too late for St. Clair to confront them about the discovery.

St. Clair went on to start a Facebook group for people like her called DNA NPE Friends. NPE is short for “not parent expected.” It now has more than 4,000 members and is one of several such groups.

“It's so deep, the way this affects our role in the family and our relationship to our parents,” she said. “It is traumatic.”

## Kan. teen to get high school, Harvard diplomas in same month

Associated Press

ULYSSES, Kan. — A 16-year-old Kansas boy will soon earn his high school diploma — and a few days later he'll travel to Harvard to collect his bachelor's degree.

Ulysses High School senior Braxton Moral will attend both commencement ceremonies in May, becoming the only student to successfully pursue a four-year high school degree and a bachelor's degree from Harvard at the same time,

The Hutchinson News reported.

Harvard has changed the rules, Braxton's father Carlos Moral said, so his son will be “the one and only” reaching that milestone.

Braxton Moral will be 17 when he gets his diplomas.

Carlos Moral said they began to realize their son was special when he was in the third grade.

“They told us: ‘You need to do something. He's not just gifted. He's really, really gifted,’” he said.

The Ulysses school dis-

trict allowed him to take some high school classes while he was still in middle school.

Before high school he took a class offered at Fort Hays State University. Then he was admitted into Harvard.

Braxton Moral simultaneously studied at the high school and the Harvard Extension School.

The program typically serves adults who work and can't attend classes on campus full time.

“We constantly are moni-

toring Braxton to make sure he is not too overwhelmed,” said Julie Moral, Braxton Moral's mother. “No achievement is worth him being unhappy.”

Braxton Moral is on track to graduate from the Bachelor of Liberal Arts program, with a major in government and a minor in English, said Harry Pierre, associate director of communications for Harvard's Division of Continuing Education.

Braxton Moral said he hopes to attend Harvard Law School next.



Braxton Moral, 16, is the only student to seek a high school degree and a bachelor's from Harvard at the same time.



# Michigan man held for spying in Russia was frequent visitor

BY COREY WILLIAMS  
Associated Press

DETROIT — As a staff sergeant with the Marines in Iraq, Paul Whelan enjoyed fine cigars and showed an affinity for Russia — even spending two weeks of military leave in Moscow and St. Petersburg instead of at home in the U.S. with family and friends.

The 48-year-old Detroit-area man had an account on a Russian social media site, where he posted festive notes on the country's national holidays.

Now, he's under arrest there on espionage allegations.

Whelan has visited Russia since at least 2007 and was there again for a friend's wedding, showing other guests around, said his twin brother, David Whelan. He was due to return home on Jan. 6., the brother said.

U.S. ambassador to Russia Jon Huntsman met in Moscow on Wednesday with Whelan as the American government seeks answers about his arrest.

Huntsman said he offered support and assistance to Whelan, who works as a corporate security executive, and later spoke to the man's family by phone, but he would not discuss the case in detail.

The ambassador said the U.S. complained to the Russian government about the length of time it took them to grant consular access to Whelan, who was arrested Friday.

The Russian Federal Security Service, or FSB, said Whelan was caught "during an espionage operation," but gave no details.

According to what appears to be Whelan's profile on the popular Russian social media platform VKontakte, he posted "God save President Trump" — flanked by flag emojis — on Inauguration Day in 2016. A 2010 post referred to then-President Barack Obama as a "moron."



FAMILY PHOTO

Paul Whelan, shown here in Iceland, was arrested on espionage charges.

Another photo showed Whelan wearing a T-shirt of the Moscow soccer club Spartak. In March 2014, around the time of Russia's annexation of Crimea, Whelan suggested that "Putin can have Alaska, as long as he takes Sarah Palin, too!" And a photo posted in August shows Whelan attending a security conference organized by the U.S. State Department.

Whelan's family, in a statement that his brother David Whelan posted on Twitter, said: "We are deeply concerned for his safety and well-being. His innocence is undoubted and we trust that his rights will be respected."

Former CIA agent John Sipher agreed with the family's disputing of the charges, saying Paul Whelan's spotty military career would keep U.S. intelligence from hiring him for sensitive operations.

"He absolutely does not fit the profile of someone we would use in a place like Moscow," said Sipher, who once ran the agency's Russia operations in Moscow. "Due to the oppressive level of counterintelligence scrutiny in Moscow, we do not put people without diplomatic immunity in harm's

way. Nor do we handle low-level intelligence collection operations in a place like Moscow."

Paul Whelan attended high school in Ann Arbor, west of Detroit, and joined the Marine Corps Reserves in 1994. A decade later, he was made a staff sergeant and was deployed twice to Iraq, in 2004 and 2006.

His last duty assignment was with the Marine Air Control Group 38 Headquarters, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing; Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, Calif. He specialized in administrative posts.

While stationed in Iraq, Whelan was part of something called the Lamp-lighter's Club, a group of service members who got together to enjoy good cigars.

"It's one of the unique pleasures that anyone can take advantage of, as everyone should take advantage of a fine cigar once in a while," Whelan said in a 2007 interview posted on the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing page of the Marine Corps website.

Whelan also was part of "The Rest and Recuperation Leave Program," which authorized 15 days of leave to service members on year-long deployments to Iraq, according to another 2007 story on the website. The military paid for the travel and most service members chose to return home, but others could travel abroad.

Whelan spent his two weeks in Russia, saying in the interview that the leave program "gives those of us who are single an opportunity to travel throughout the world."

During his military career, Whelan received awards that included the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, but he ran afoul of the military and was convicted in 2008 on larceny-related charges at a special court-martial. Whelan saw his rank stripped, was demoted to private and discharged for bad conduct.

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# 'Blue water' Vietnam vets battle Agent Orange

Debate rages over if naval crews get disability benefits

By ANN E. MARIMOW  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Alfred Procopio Jr. left the Navy in 1967, decorated with medals for his service on the USS Intrepid, an aircraft carrier deployed off the coast of Vietnam. He also came home with health problems the U.S. government has linked to exposure to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange.

Procopio is one of an estimated 52,000 veterans nationwide who were stationed on ships during the Vietnam War but are not eligible for the same disability benefits as those who put boots on the ground or patrolled the country's inland rivers.

His case, argued in December at a federal appeals court in Washington, could extend coverage for ailments associated with the infamous herbicide to a group of sailors known as the "blue water" Navy vets.

Parallel efforts in Congress to broaden benefits have stalled in recent years.

This spring, the House unanimously approved a measure, but the Senate balked in December because of concerns about cost and demands for more scientific study.

"We do not have another year to wait. Some of our veterans will not last that long," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said on the Senate floor. "It doesn't make any sense."

The legislative and legal questions are intertwined: Did Congress intend to give these sailors the benefit of the doubt when it comes to showing their medical conditions are connected to toxic exposure?

At stake for Procopio, 73, and a leader of the veterans' group, Mike Yates, is as much as \$3,000 a month.

During the war, U.S. naval forces patrolled Vietnam's



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"We do not have another year to wait. Some of our veterans will not last that long," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said amid a debate over extending Agent Orange disability benefits to those who were deployed off Vietnam's shore.

1,200-mile-long coastline, supplied Marines on land and provided long-range artillery support. Those stationed offshore like Procopio and Yates were referred to as the "blue water" Navy in contrast to the "brown water" sailors who operated on inland waterways.

Between 1962 and 1971, the U.S. military sprayed over 74 million liters of herbicides, including Agent Orange, to destroy crops and reduce cover for enemy forces.

Two decades later, amid scientific uncertainty, Congress passed a law to ensure veterans who "served in the Republic of Vietnam" could obtain disability compensation for health problems connected to exposure.

Two critical developments led to the current debate. First, Congress broadened the pool of eligi-

ble veterans. Then the Department of Veterans Affairs narrowed its interpretation of who qualifies as having "served in the Republic of Vietnam" — a definition it said excludes the offshore sailors.

Advocates for the blue water sailors point to studies that show exposure occurred through contaminated water funneled into ship distillation systems and used for drinking, laundry and cleaning. Much of the spraying was on low-lying swamps of the Mekong River Delta that flows into the South China Sea, where they were stationed.

Former veterans affairs secretary David Shulkin, backed the Senate bill. In the absence of reliable data or scientific certainty, "the answer must not be to simply deny benefits," he wrote in a September letter

to the Senate.

"When there is a deadlock, my personal belief is that the tie should be broken in favor of the brave men and women that put their lives on the line for all of us."

But current Secretary Robert Wilkie and four former secretaries were opposed, citing cost and need for further study. The Congressional Budget Office estimated a cost of \$1.1 billion over 10 years to extend the benefits to the blue water veterans; the department put the price tag at more than \$5 billion.

"We know it is incredibly difficult to hear from blue water veterans who are ailing and ill, and we have great empathy and compassion for these veterans," Wilkie told the Senate. But Wilkie warned about the implications for an agency

already struggling with a backlog of claims.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit previously heard Procopio's case, but did not issue a decision. Instead, the court took the unusual step of rehearing the case as a full panel in December. There are more than two dozen pending cases from veterans in states throughout the U.S. that could be affected by the outcome.

Procopio's disability claims related to diabetes and prostate cancer were denied in 2009, after an administrative board found he was not "present on the landmass or the inland waters of Vietnam" and had not shown direct exposure to Agent Orange.

One disputed line in the statute being reviewed by the court says the presump-

tion, entitling veterans to disability benefits, applies to any "veteran who, during active military, naval, or air service, served in the Republic of Vietnam."

The question for the court is whether the phrase "served in the Republic of Vietnam" includes service offshore and to what extent the court should consider giving the benefit to veterans when it tries to resolve ambiguous language in law.

Procopio's lawyers say the inclusion of the words "during active military, naval or air service" was intentional.

"Congress made clear that any veteran who developed a disease linked to Agent Orange exposure and had 'served in the Republic of Vietnam' within a specified time frame would be entitled to a presumption of exposure and service connection," attorney Melanie L. Bostwick told the court.

Government lawyers say the statute is unclear and the "passage of time has not further illuminated Congress's intent."

"Congress did not define 'served in the Republic of Vietnam,' much less define it to include service in offshore waters," according to the government's filing.

But, the government says, Congress did give the VA, not the courts, the power to determine the breadth of benefits for veterans.

Yates, the head of the Blue Water Navy Association, spent two years hunting submarines and protecting aircraft carriers on the USS Bainbridge. He retired in 2012 after a career as an engineer but has gone back to work in Las Vegas at age 68 because of the high cost of treatments for prostate cancer and hypertension, both considered herbicide-linked conditions.

"Their job is to take care of the veterans," said attorney John Wells, a retired Navy commander who has represented Procopio in his challenge to VA.

"We did our job, they should do theirs," Yates said.

## Trump's AG pick once called idea of border wall 'overkill'

By ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's pick for attorney general, William Barr, once questioned the value of a wall along the Mexican border similar to the one the president has advocated, describing the idea as "overkill."

Barr was attorney general under President George H.W. Bush when he was asked in a Feb. 24, 1992, interview whether he supported a proposal from Republican presidential challenger Pat Buchanan to erect a barrier of ditches and fences along the border to stop illegal immigration.

"I don't think it's necessary. I think that's overkill to put a barrier from one side of the border to the other," Barr replied on "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" on PBS. "In fact, the problem with illegal immigration across the border is really confined to major metropolitan areas. Illegal im-

migrants do not cross in the middle of the desert and walk hundreds of miles," instead choosing more "certain specified routes."

Those routes through more populated areas have since largely been closed off, pushing migrants to riskier desert routes.

Other public statements by Barr from his tenure as attorney general and within the last year suggest a hardened immigration approach more in line with the broader security measures Trump and his advisers have discussed.

A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment on whether Barr's views on a wall have changed, but pointed to other comments in which he described fences as effective in stopping drugs and illegal immigration. As attorney general, he also announced the hiring of additional agents to patrol the border and promoted upgraded fencing and investments in sensors and other technology.

Barr's positions on immigration are significant because of the Justice Department's role in defending and enforcing administration policies and because border security has been a top priority of Trump's White House.

The president selected Barr to replace Jeff Sessions as attorney general after forcing Sessions out over Trump's lingering outrage for his recusal from the Russia investigation. A transcript of the PBS interview was included in thousands of pages of documents Barr produced to the Republican-led Senate Judiciary Committee ahead of a confirmation hearing.

Trump's ambition for a wall has given way to a more modest reality, with the president now describing the barrier as "artistically designed steel slats" and saying he doesn't care what people call it.

His former chief of staff John Kelly told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published Sunday that



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William Barr, left, first served as Attorney General under President George H.W. Bush.

Trump had abandoned the notion of "a solid concrete wall early on in the administration."

Trump seemed to respond to Kelly with a tweet Monday morning saying "an all concrete Wall was NEVER ABANDONED."

Even if Barr does not embrace a sprawling border wall, there are other indications his immigration views won't depart much from the aggressive stance of the

White House and of Sessions, whose Justice Department defended a travel ban that blocked arrivals from some Muslim-majority countries and backed a since-abandoned enforcement policy that separated children from parents at the border.

Barr defended the legality of Trump's travel ban in a Feb. 1, 2017, Washington Post opinion piece, saying complaints that it was dis-

criminatory were "baseless" since only a handful of countries were singled out and the criterion for their inclusion "was not that they were Muslim but that the risk of terrorist infiltration from these countries is especially high." He and other recent Republican attorneys general praised Sessions in a separate op-ed for "attacking the rampant illegality that riddled our immigration system."

## Trump: Partial shutdown will last 'as long as it takes' to get funding

Shutdown, from Page 1

employees without pay.

Democrats said they asked Trump during Wednesday's private meeting held in the Situation Room why he wouldn't consider their package of bills. One measure would open most of the shuttered government departments at funding levels already agreed to by all sides. The other would provide temporary funding for Homeland Security, through Feb. 8, allowing talks to continue over border security.

"I said, 'Mr. President, give me one good reason why you should continue your shutdown,'" Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said afterward. "He could not give a good answer."

Added Schumer, "We

would hope they would reconsider."

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy said there's no need to prolong the shutdown and he was disappointed the talks did not produce a resolution. He complained that Democrats interrupted Homeland Security officials who were trying to describe a dire situation at the border.

"We were hopeful that we could get more of a negotiation," McCarthy said.

He said the leaders plan to return to the White House on Friday to continue negotiations.

Trump also rejected his own administration's offer to accept \$2.5 billion for the wall. That offer was made when Vice President Mike Pence and other top officials met with Schumer at

the start of the shutdown. Instead, on Wednesday the president repeatedly pushed for the \$5.6 billion he has demanded.

Making his case ahead of the afternoon session with Democratic and Republican leaders, he said the current border is "like a sieve" and noted the tear gas "flying" overnight to deter arrivals.

"If they knew they couldn't come through, they wouldn't even start," Trump said at the meeting, joined by Cabinet secretaries and top advisers, including Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump.

Trump complained that he had been "lonely" at the White House during the holiday break, having skipped his getaway to Mar-a-Lago in Florida. He claimed his only companions were the "machine-

gunners," referring to security personnel, and "they don't wave, they don't smile." He also criticized Pelosi for visiting Hawaii.

At the Capitol on Wednesday, Pelosi said she hoped Republicans and the White House "are hearing what we have offered" to end the shutdown.

Trump contended the Democrats see the shutdown fight as "an election point" as he celebrated his own first two years in office. He promised "six more years of great success."

The partial government shutdown began Dec. 22. Funding for the wall has been the sticking point in passing funding bills for several government departments.

Pelosi, who is poised to become speaker Thursday, said Tuesday that Demo-

crats would take action to "end the Trump shutdown" by passing legislation Thursday to reopen government.

"We are giving the Republicans the opportunity to take yes for an answer," she wrote in a letter to colleagues. "Senate Republicans have already supported this legislation, and if they reject it now, they will be fully complicit in chaos and destruction of the President's third shutdown of his term."

But the Republican-led Senate appears unlikely to consider the Democratic funding bills. A spokesman for GOP leader Mitch McConnell said Republicans would not take action without Trump's backing.

Even if only symbolic, passage of the bills in the House would put fresh

pressure on the president. At the same time, administration officials said Trump was in no rush for a resolution to the impasse, believing he has public opinion and his base on his side.

The Democratic package to end the shutdown would include one bill to temporarily fund the Department of Homeland Security at current levels — with \$1.3 billion for border security, far less than Trump has said he wants for the wall — through Feb. 8 as talks continued.

It would also include another measure to fund the departments of Agriculture, Interior, Housing and Urban Development and others closed by the partial shutdown. That measure would provide money through the remainder of the fiscal year, to Sept. 30.



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Reward offered for tips in slaying of Texas girl in car

HOUSTON — A \$35,000 reward has been offered for any tip leading to an arrest in the fatal shooting of a 7-year-old girl who was killed in Houston when a driver pulled alongside her family’s car and fired into it. Investigators continued the search Wednesday for the driver of the red, four-door pickup captured on surveillance video shortly before the shooting Sunday morning in the eastern outskirts of

Houston. Jazmine Barnes died at the scene and her mother, LaPorsha Washington, suffered a gunshot wound to the arm. Sheriff Ed Gonzalez described the shooting as “totally unprovoked.” Washington told KTRK-TV from her hospital bed that the gunman — described as a white bearded man in his 40s — sped up after firing into her car, only to pull in front and slow down before firing again.

Fighting among rebels in northern Syria kills dozens

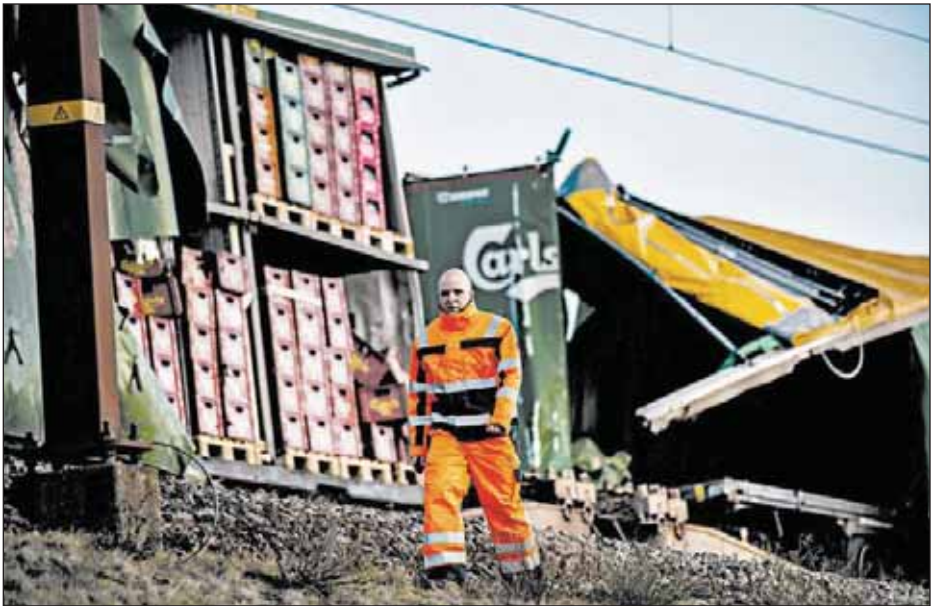
BEIRUT — Two days of fighting in rebel-held parts of northern Syria killed dozens of people as al-Qaida-linked militants press their offensive against Turkey-backed rebels, a war monitor and activists said Wednesday. In the new wave of fighting, al-Qaida-linked fighters are trying to cut off Turkey-backed fighters in the northern enclave of Afrin from those in the northwestern prov-

ince of Idlib, amid concerns that Turkey might make a deal with Russia at the expense of the extremists, said Rami Abdurrahman who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Al-Qaida-linked Levant Liberation Committee and the Turkey-backed Nour el-Din el-Zinki group blamed each other for triggering the fighting, the worst in nearly three months.

Xi offers promises, threats on unification of China and Taiwan

BEIJING — China seeks the “peaceful unification” of Taiwan but will not rule out the threat of military action, President Xi Jinping said Wednesday as he described the annexation of the self-ruling U.S. ally as an enduring ambition and an inevitable outcome of China’s rise. In one of his most significant addresses on Taiwan since taking power, Xi reiterated an

appeal to the 23 million citizens of the island democracy: If Taiwan submits to Chinese rule, he said, it would enjoy lasting peace and its own system of governance under a “one country, two systems” model. But the Chinese leader was nonetheless unyielding as he laced his speech with warnings aimed at the Trump administration, which has shown support for Taipei.



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**Rail disaster:** A rescue worker is at the scene where a six people died Wednesday in Nyborg, Denmark, when a passenger train on a bridge possibly hit a tarpaulin that came loose from a freight train traveling in the opposite direction, causing it to brake suddenly.

With Zinke out, ex-lobbyist at helm of Interior Department

WASHINGTON — As Ryan Zinke left his post heading the Interior Department on Wednesday, the agency’s No. 2 official, David Bernhardt, joined President Donald Trump at a meeting of Cabinet officials. Bernhardt, who has been serving as deputy Interior secretary since his confirmation last July, is taking over as acting Interior secretary, said a person familiar with the matter. Zinke, who announced his resignation under pressure in December, was not present at the meeting, and his Twitter profile descrip-

tion had been changed to “former secretary of the Interior” by midday. Zinke tweeted that it had been “a high honor to serve” Trump and the American people in the role. “We’ve restored public lands for the benefit and enjoyment of the people, improved public access and shall never be held hostage again for our energy needs,” Zinke said. Bernhardt is set to continue that pro-energy posture as acting secretary, having already played a leading role shaping Interior or Department policies to expand drilling, strip wild-

life protections and alter the way the government analyzes the environmental consequences of projects. Bernhardt can continue much of that work without interruption while serving as acting Interior secretary — a position he could fill for years under a federal vacancies law. Bernhardt’s time as acting secretary is initially limited to 210 days under that law. But that clock gets paused if Trump nominates someone for the secretary job — and it can stay that way for two years while a nomination is pending before the Senate.

LA police make arrest in burglaries of stars’ homes

LOS ANGELES — A man who allegedly burglarized millions of dollars worth of property from Hollywood Hills homes of celebrities and others has been arrested, Los Angeles police said Wednesday. Investigators found more than 2,000 suspected stolen items when search

warrants were served on the home of Benjamin Eitan Ackerman, 32, and a storage unit, Detective Jarred Timmons said. Entertainers such as Usher, Adam Lambert, and Jason Derulo were among 13 victims identified so far, Timmons said. Timmons said the esti-

mated combined value of the items was at several million dollars. Authorities alleged Ackerman cased homes while pretending to be a potential buyer or real estate agent at open houses. Detectives are trying to learn how the burglaries were done if anyone else was involved.

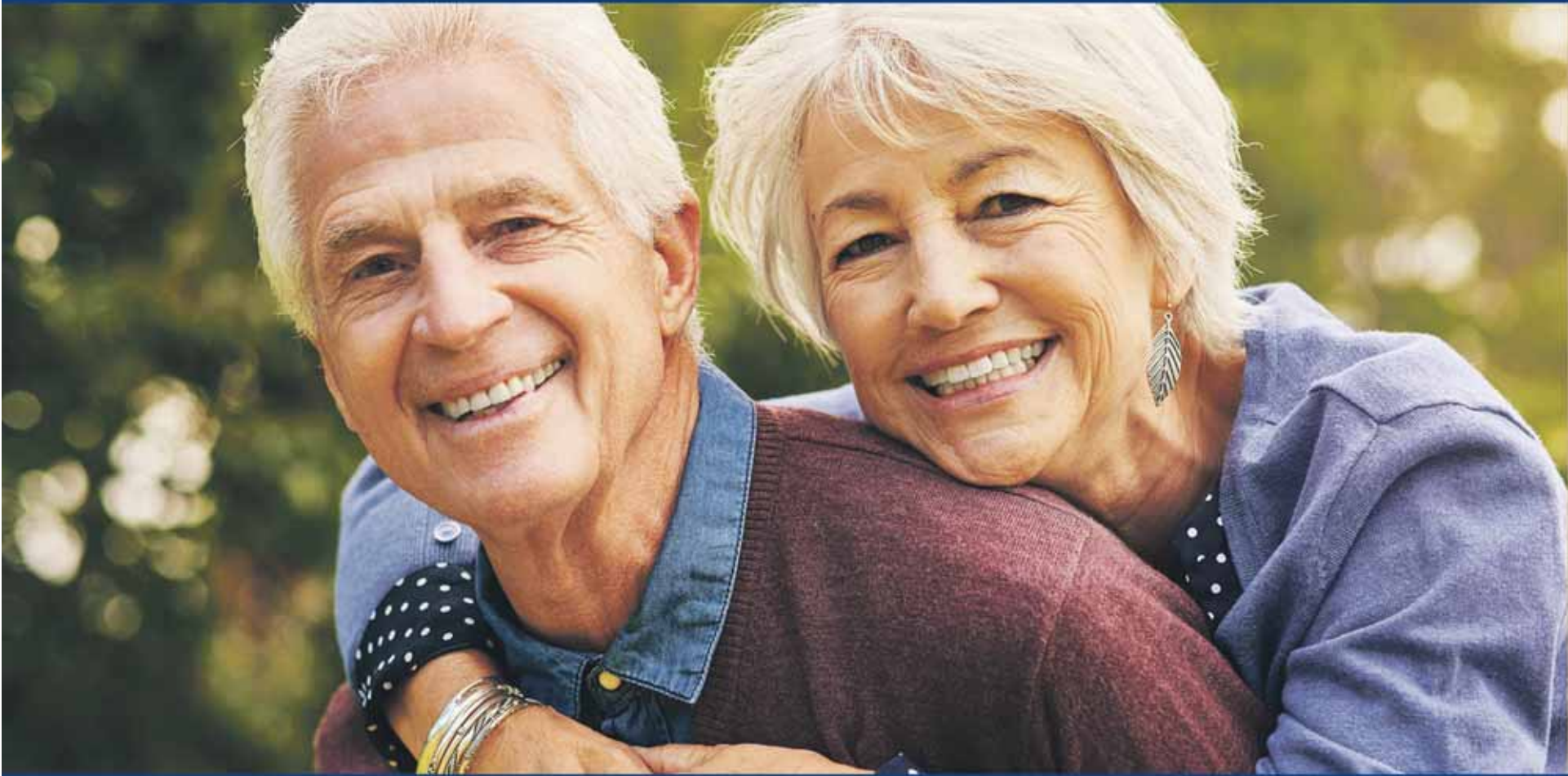
Death toll in collapse of Russian tower rises to 33

MOSCOW — Search crews in Russia pulled more bodies Wednesday from a huge pile of rubble where part of an apartment building collapsed, bringing the known death toll to 33 and the number of missing residents down to eight as the grim recovery work continued for a third night. A 3-year-old girl was among the latest victims of the collapse in the Russian city of Magnitogorsk, Russian news agencies reported. The people found dead since the Monday morning collapse include six children. An 11-month-old boy who brought a burst of hope when he was discovered alive Tuesday, nearly 36 hours after the collapse, was in serious but stable condition at a Moscow children’s hospital after traveling about 870 miles in a plane dispatched by the Russian Health Ministry.

**U.S.-Turkey:** A U.S. delegation is scheduled to visit Ankara on Thursday and Friday to discuss Turkey’s request for the extradition of Fethullah Gulen, a self-exiled cleric it says instigated a 2016 coup attempt, according to two Turkish officials. Gulen, who lives in Pennsylvania, denies any role in the failed putsch.

**In Brazil:** Newly installed President Jair Bolsonaro issued executive orders targeting indigenous groups, descendants of slaves and the LGBT community in the first hours of his administration. One of the new laws likely will make it all but impossible for new lands to be identified and demarcated for indigenous communities.

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## EDITORIALS

### Deodorizing marijuana

Legal marijuana stinks. We're not talking about its merits as policy, an issue on which we are still weighing the evidence. We're talking about olfactory realities that may not have been fully considered in the debate over how to regulate the production and use of cannabis. Burning joints have a pungent aroma, as anyone strolling through the Loop or many other neighborhoods is occasionally reminded. If the residents of the apartment below yours are fond of weed, you may get frequent whiffs at odd hours. Those negative externalities, as economists call them, will probably grow more common where recreational pot is legalized, inviting more widespread use. But that's just one part of the problem.

You could, for example, live next door to a processing operation or cannabis farm, as some people find themselves doing. To hear them tell, the airborne aroma is sometimes enough to gag a buzzard.

**"It's as if a skunk,** or multiple skunks, were living under our house," Grace Guthrie, who lives near Sebastopol, Calif., told The New York Times. "It's beyond anything you would imagine." She and her husband sometimes wear respirators in self-defense.

Roger Bertsch, of Cheney, Wash., managed to get his property assessment reduced because of the "pretty intense skunk smell" from neighboring fields of pot. Landowners in Pueblo County, Colo., unsuccessfully sued a marijuana growing operation over odors that an expert witness likened to the stench of a landfill.

A certain tolerance of strong smells is often required in bucolic locales. Not everyone gets to live by a chrysanthemum farm or orange grove. Rural Midwesterners are used to the fragrance that wafts on the breeze when farmers spread manure to fertilize their fields. Some people who reside downwind of hog and dairy farms might prefer the scent of pot.

But those are well-established phenomena, which should surprise no one who chooses to live in the country. The bouquet of cultivated or processed weed is new and, to some noses, more noxious (and obnoxious).

Elected officials often respond to the complaints. In 2016, the county commission of Spokane, Wash., approved a ban on new outdoor marijuana farms, and Mendocino County, Calif., has prohibited them in certain zones.

It's safe to bet that cannabis growers and processors will have to find ways to contain their emissions, adapting equipment created for landfills, sewage treatment facilities and meat-processing plants. One option: Outdoor growers can install fog machines that pump out mist containing air-freshening chemicals.

**We expect that a lot of corporations and entrepreneurs** will get busy devising imaginative ways to curb the conflict between pot producers and their neighbors. In our free enterprise economy, after all, there's no shortage of people who love the smell of money.



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#### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Mr. Trump's overall approval rating in the Fox poll is 46 percent. His approval among Republican women is 93 percent — 8 points beyond his approval among GOP men. Republican women outrun men in their support for Mr. Trump on virtually every issue Fox polled.

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When asked if 2018 had been a good year for them and their families, 72 percent of Republican women said it was. In fact, a fairly amazing 41 percent of Democratic men said 2018 had been a good year for them, as did 31 percent of Democratic women.

Indeed, 35 percent of Democratic men are hopeful about the country's direction. These guys must be the most deeply closeted class of people in America.

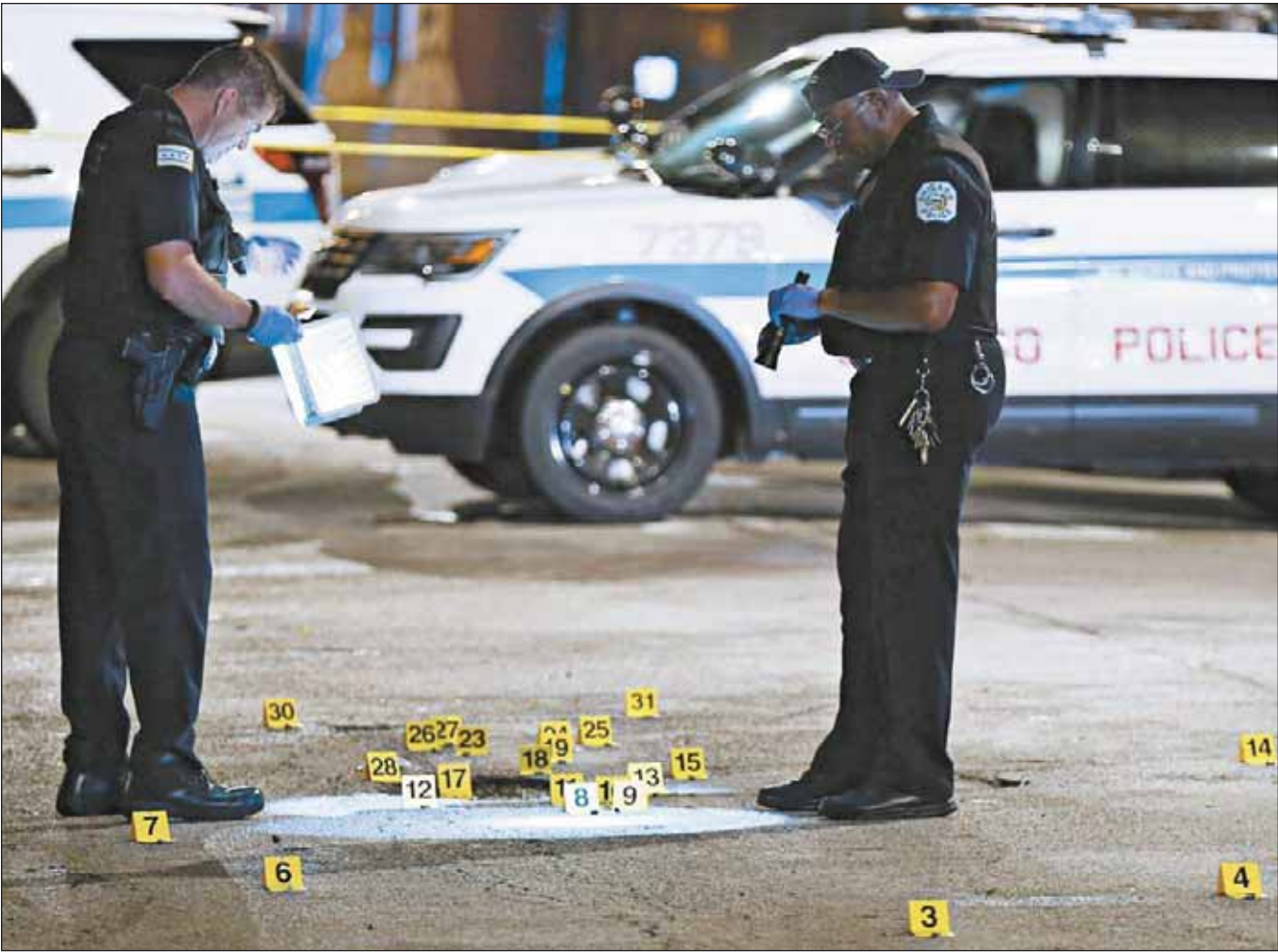
Daniel Henninger,  
The Wall Street Journal

Speech is a claim upon the attention of another, a prayer or a demand to be heard; it is an argument, if nothing else, against indifference. ...

But this seems too simple. Is it so clear that speech lifts one above personal motives? Perhaps speech is not reason but rationalization, the reasons giving effect to one's motives by concealing them rather than transcending them.

And what of the joke: "Shut up," he explained." Do not many arguments end in the attempt to silence the other side's reasons? Isn't this maneuver characteristic of political speech above all?

Harvey C. Mansfield, National Affairs



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Police officers process a crime scene in the Park Manor neighborhood in October. A 22-year-old man had been fatally shot

## DON'T GET COMPLACENT, CHICAGO. One killing is too many.

The weekend of Aug. 4, 2018, brought a stunning surge in gun violence to Chicago that would have been a year-defining tragedy for most cities: 75 people shot, 13 of them fatally. Bullets flew from Friday night to Monday morning in different neighborhoods: a drive-by in West Humboldt Park; a shooting at a Lawndale block party; shots fired at people who had attended a funeral repast in Gresham.

A tally of 75 people hit by gunfire in 2½ days isn't a crime statistic, it's a catastrophe. Yet for Chicago, bloody mayhem is also predictable to the point of numbing. Hot-weather weekends on the West and South sides are known danger zones, but gunfire is a year-round source of fear and anguish. Wounded and killed, wounded and killed. The shooting never stops for long in Chicago.

**The dawn of each year brings a semblance** of statistical order to the chaos. For the year 2018, the Chicago Police Department reports there were 561 homicides and 2,948 people shot. Both results constitute a welcome improvement from the previous year — a decline of about 15 percent in killings and shootings from 2017. The year 2016 had been still more violent, the worst in two decades.

Let's be clear, though: Chaos is still chaos, even when the number of victims is falling instead of rising. Neither spreadsheets nor sociologists can determine exactly why 2016 was so bloody, nor why 2018 was a bit better. And what is a better, more acceptable number for homicides, anyway? Every shooting death is terrible.

While gun violence can't be eradicated or explained with precision, it's not a complete mystery either. There are patterns and factors that contribute. Gangs and drug dealers proliferate in the city's impoverished neighborhoods. These criminals have access to guns and use them recklessly.

The Chicago Police Department is committed to crime fighting and has made successful efforts to reduce gun violence by using high-tech tools to anticipate and respond more quickly to incidents.

**CPD should feel some satisfaction** in last year's 15 percent decline in gun violence. Yet anyone living in, say, Washington Park or Princeton Park has a right to be fearful and angry. Those happened to be the locations of the last two homicides of 2018, but there are many neighborhoods where the sound of gunfire is common.

Tribune reporting has focused re-

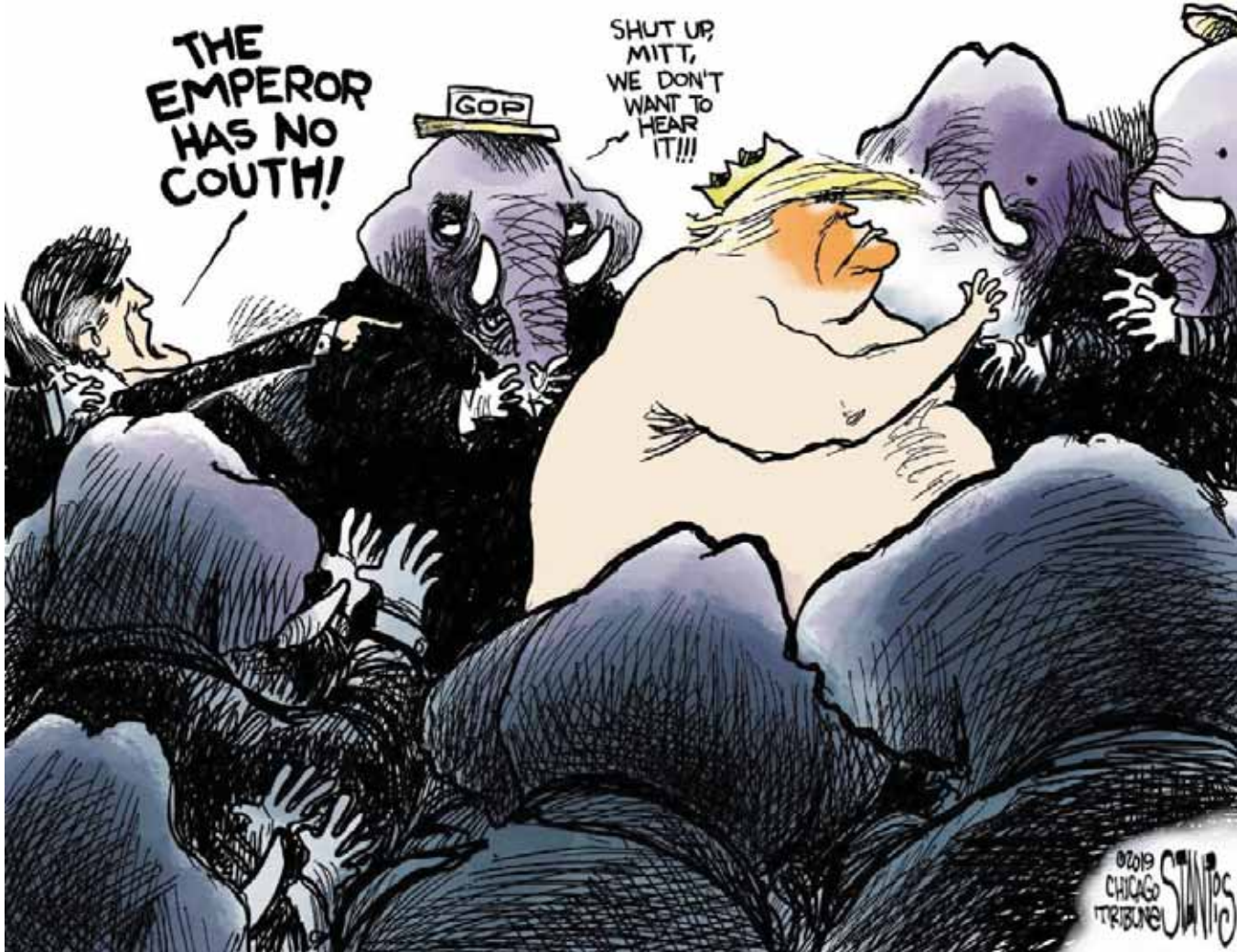
cently on one troubling aspect of policing: The number of gun violence cases solved — the so-called clearance rate — is alarmingly low. Because repeat gun offenders are such a big part of the gun violence problem, every shooting case where the trail runs cold convinces someone that he or she got away with a violent crime.

There are many reasons for the low clearance rates: The volume of cases is large and gang-inspired shootings are tough to crack. Victims often refuse to cooperate. Witnesses also may be reluctant, because they fear retaliation or mistrust police.

**Chicago seems to specialize in intractable problems.** Making the streets safer will require efforts to improve policing, reduce access to illegal guns, keep offenders in jail and provide more job opportunities to residents. What are CPD's next steps? What can Chicagoans do to help save lives in the city?

These questions come at a critical time because Election Day approaches. More than a dozen candidates seek to be mayor. Scores more are running to be aldermen. They'll set priorities for the next few years. They'll take responsibility for the annual tally, and for the safety and well-being of Chicago.

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Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., on Monday said she had taken the first major step toward launching a presidential campaign by forming an exploratory committee.

# Elizabeth Warren and the wild 2020 race just revving up



STEVE CHAPMAN

Elizabeth Warren’s announcement that she may enter the 2020 presidential race evokes both hope and dread — hope that the campaign will deliver a better president than the incumbent and dread at the lengthy political ordeal that lies before us. The prospect is something like preparing for knee replacement surgery. It may deliver joy in time, but only after months of pain and tedium. As with knee replacements, a happy outcome is not guaranteed. Warren has assets that may serve her well, being a sharp-witted populist and a woman in a party whose voters are mostly women. It’s easy to make the case that she’s as likely a nominee as anyone. But when The Hill opened the new year with a rundown titled “The Top Ten Democrats for 2020,” holding down the No. 1 spot was someone no one had heard of two years ago and whose claim to fame is not losing by much to an unappealing opponent in

a blue year — Beto O’Rourke. Betting on him is the equivalent of investing in a tech startup, with a slim shot at a bonanza and a good chance of a complete bust. The No. 2 person on the list, Bernie Sanders, is not even a Democrat, and he will be 79 years old on Inauguration Day, which would make him the oldest person to enter the office by more than eight years (over Donald Trump). He has not grown more charming since 2016, and he will find other candidates shamelessly plagiarizing his more effective themes. Sanders’ appeal to Democrats may be overrated, given that he lost the 2016 nomination to Hillary Clinton, who evoked mostly lukewarm enthusiasm among even her primary supporters. He might consider what Alice Roosevelt Longworth said after Thomas Dewey lost his second bid as the Republican presidential nominee: “You can’t make a souffle rise twice.” Warren brings to mind a different adage: Opportunity only knocks once. In 2016, she alone could have combined a Sanders-like message with the chance to put a woman in the Oval Office. The moment called, and she let it go to voicemail. Joe Biden, by contrast, has already had two tries, each of which was an

abysmal failure. He had to abandon his most recent effort, in 2008, after getting less than 1 percent in the Iowa caucuses. Even more than Sanders, he looks like a BlackBerry in an iPhone world. But every prediction, including mine, involves a lot of guesswork at this point. The average American pays little attention to politics most of the time. Most voters know only a little about Cory Booker, Kamala Harris and Kirsten Gillibrand and couldn’t pick Amy Klobuchar or Sherrod Brown out of a lineup. Michael Bloomberg is far better known, and he has plenty of money to mount a campaign. But it would be surprising to see Democratic voters go for a tycoon who was elected mayor of New York as a Republican and didn’t become a Democrat until ... October. Surprises, of course, are the norm in presidential races. In 2004, Howard Dean was the Democratic favorite, only to be upended by John Kerry. At this point in the 2008 campaign, not many experts expected Barack Obama or John McCain to be nominated. A Hillary Clinton-Rudy Giuliani faceoff was the early forecast. Nothing is more likely than the unlikely when the field is large, because candidates with broad appeal

may fall victim to those with narrow but militant support. Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio will back me up on this. The 2020 uncertainties are even greater than commonly recognized. Asked her preference on NPR, Democratic consultant Anita Dunn spoke for many Democrats on Tuesday: “I like whoever can beat Donald Trump.” But one major question is whether any Democrat will get the chance. Trump’s future is exceedingly murky. He could resign, be impeached and removed from office, or choose not to run. He could be indicted and lose to a primary challenger. In any of those cases, there is no telling who might take his place as the party standard-bearer. Mike Pence? John Kasich? Tom Cotton? Mark Cuban? Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson? The Republican race could be another wild free-for-all. A matchup of Warren and Trump may sound too obvious to come true. But in an election with so many uncertainties, anything can happen. Even the obvious.

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Nothing is certain for 2020 except the uncertainty



CLARENCE PAGE

Asked if he thinks Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., who announced a presidential exploratory committee on New Year's Eve, can win, President Donald Trump responded as he often does, with an insult.

"That I don't know," he told Fox News on New Year's Day. "You would have to ask her psychiatrist."

To which I responded, look who's talking.

A lot of people, including me, wondered whether Trump was going nuts when the real estate developer and reality TV star announced his own candidacy back in June 2015. As it turned out, his angry message of resentment against immigrants here illegally and "globalists" and "American carnage" motivated enough change-seeking voters to put him over the top in the Electoral College against a surprisingly ineffective campaign by Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Now it is President Trump who has woken up to a surprisingly ferocious attack, by former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who will be sworn in Thursday as a U.S. senator from Utah. In a Washington Post op-ed Wednesday, Romney said Trump had not "risen to the mantle" of the presidency and called Trump's lack of character his "most glaring" shortfall.

"I do not intend to comment on every tweet or fault," Romney wrote. "But I will speak out against significant statements or actions that are divisive, racist, sexist, anti-immigrant, dishonest or destructive to democratic institutions." By that standard, judging by President Trump's past behavior, Romney will be a busy man.

Trump's response? "I won big, and he didn't," he tweeted Wednesday morning. "... Be a TEAM player & WIN." Actually, despite that "won big" claim, Romney received a larger percentage (47.2) of the national vote in his losing campaign against President Barack Obama in 2012 than Trump received (46.1) in 2016.

That doesn't mean Romney is going to challenge Trump in the 2020 Republican primaries. But with more than a dozen investigations dogging Trump and his administration, Republicans have been talking privately about possible challengers. Romney is the first elected Republican to criticize Trump this forcefully. After he's sworn in, let's see how he votes.

With more surprises to come, here are a few things to keep in mind.

First, don't jump to conclusions. The conclusion-jumping about Warren began long before the senator formally announced her presidential intentions. Trump's labeling her "Pocahontas" because of her controversial claims to Native American ancestry probably wouldn't be as damaging had she not clumsily tried to push back with a DNA test that hinted at possible Native Ameri-



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

Sen.-elect Mitt Romney, R-Utah, blasted President Donald Trump in a Washington Post op-ed, but that doesn't mean he'll take on Trump in the 2020 GOP primaries.

can ancestry but ultimately opened her up to more ridicule.

Yet, if she declares her candidacy, as is widely expected, she enters with grassroots support that tried to persuade her to run four years ago, as well as a national fundraising network that she has used to help other Democratic candidates beside herself.

Although her national polling puts her in single digits behind a crowded field of possible contenders, her early start gives her a fighting chance to frame the Democratic debate as a major player and make up for lost time in repairing her image.

In a video she released with her New Year's Eve announcement, Warren adopts a fiery populist tone in keeping with her battles for consumer protections and banking rules to avoid another financial calamity — protections that the Trump administration has worked tirelessly to dismantle.

Second, remember that the battlefield has changed, especially for Democrats. The party rules that infuriated Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and his supporters have been changed to give less early power to the party's establishment "superdelegates" and more influence to grassroots activists.

The Democratic Party's primary calendar has changed to put California and Texas with their bonanza of delegate votes in early March, right after the early caucuses in Iowa and Nevada and the

primaries in New Hampshire and South Carolina. The vast array of expected candidates could be winnowed down pretty quickly to the most popular and best financed.

Third, each party seems increasingly to be held together by its hatreds. In the way that fierce opposition to Hillary Clinton galvanized Republicans in the last presidential election cycle, opposition to Trump unites Democrats today. Pragmatic moderates in each party try to please their base without losing the independent swing voters they need to win.

If anything is certain, it is the likelihood that the Democratic front-runners in recent polls — Vermont's Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden and Rep. Beto O'Rourke of Texas — are benefiting mainly from name recognition, an advantage that fades as the candidates become better known.

Remember how the crowded Republican field seemed to have a new front-runner almost every week during the 2016 race? Now it could be the Democrats' turn. So, as I wrote, don't jump to conclusions. Nothing is certain at this point but more surprises.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Trump's disregard for facts

Just yesterday I submitted a letter to the editor in which I expressed my disgust for President Donald Trump's frequent lying and casual disregard for the facts. Now I must ask myself the obvious question: How could I be upset by his behavior, as if it were unexpected?

Throughout his business career, Trump has always been a con man, one who was willing to lie and/or twist the facts to his advantage. Nothing has changed. Nothing will ever change. Recent examples include some comments he made about the furloughed federal workers: On one hand, he said that "most of them are Democrats," with no evidence to back that up. On the other hand, he made a contradictory comment: "Many of the furloughed workers have told me they are OK with not working until the wall is funded," or words to that effect, again with absolutely no evidence.

These statements are completely in keeping with his character: He lies so frequently and so casually that it has become second nature to him, so much so that he even contradicts his own lies, sometimes in the same breath.

— Bob Chimis, Elmwood Park

#### Trump's performance vs. Obama's

It seems Steve Chapman wishes to go back to the "competence" of the Obama presidency after seeing all of President Trump's "incompetence" (Dec. 30). And, yes, he cites many unforced errors by Trump such as when he cast doubt on Santa Claus, politicized the Easter Egg roll, had a Cabinet turnover rate higher than the norm, and of course shut down the federal government's 800,000 non-essential employees. And probably his worst mistake: bumbling the Army-Navy game coin toss!

These Trump errors seem very grave in contrast to the mild errors under Obama: allowing Russia to take over Crimea, Benghazi, Syria's red line, viewing Islamic State as a JV team, Naional Security Agency snooping, IRS targeting of conservatives, allowing China to rule the South China seas, backtracking on missile defense for Eastern Europe, the "Fast and Furious" scandal, seizing AP and Fox News phone records, and last but not least, telling the American people they can keep their doctor and health plan if Obamacare is passed.

— Ken Nelson, Chicago

#### The president's mendacity

Columnist Steve Chapman's examples of how obvious and "incurable" Trump's "incompetence" is demonstrates to even the most ardent Trump supporters the president's mendacity and how dangerous he has become. Chapman doesn't include any aspect of President Trump's cozy relationships with Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey or the crimes the Mueller investigation is uncovering.

— Tom Minnerick, Elgin

#### A federal employee's concerns

I am a federal employee who is concerned about the constant attack by the Republicans against the federal workforce. The strength of support for these radical Republicans comes from the Old South. These Southerners fail to realize all the federal support handed out to them by the government whom they despise. Most of the natural disasters like hurricanes and floods due to climate change occur in these Southern states. The Senate Democratic leaders and incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi should forewarn these Southern politicians that future federal disaster funds may be denied these Southern states if the government shutdown persists.

— Jon Dolen, Green Valley, Ill.

#### Comparing the border wall and Obamacare

I think there is a fair comparison between the current fight over the southern border wall and the fight over the Affordable Care Act. After President Donald Trump was elected in 2016, with the Republicans controlling the entire government, the rallying cry was to overturn the Affordable Care Act. One would have thought that with the Republicans running the government that the Affordable Care Act would have been history. The big problem was that the Republicans could not agree on an alternative that could meet the expectations of the voters in this country, and consequently the whole process to overturn the ACA fell apart, and the Republicans never recovered from that debacle.

The Democrats could be facing the same situation with this fight over the wall and the government shutdown. Understandably the Democrats don't want to spend \$5 billion on a wall that will not do anything for the entire immigration issue that we have as a country. So let the Democrats put together a viable alternative to the that will definitely secure the borders, other than a massive physical barrier, along with fixing the immigration issues that face our country. Then present this to the American people and to our president and let him decide who is more important, his base or his country. Regardless of his response, Democrats would be letting the American people know that they understand the issues and have a viable alternative.

— Bill Kalnes, Burr Ridge

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## Watch the new Madigan ad with a heap of skepticism



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

In a television ad scheduled to roll out this week, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan tells viewers that Democrats "are on your side" and references the party's support for affordable health care against the ominous backdrop of President Donald Trump.

The timing of the ad featuring the Democratic Party chairman is smart. Democrats increased their majorities in the Illinois House and Senate, and Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker is preparing for his inauguration Jan. 14. Madigan capitalizes on Democrats' momentum with a tone-setting ad as Gov. Bruce Rauner exits stage left. Madigan gets the last word.

But the content of the ad is another story. Keep the defibrillators on standby.

Plenty of Illinois taxpayers don't believe that the Democrats, who have controlled the state legislature since 2003, are on their side. They see the Democrats as the party that has neglected an alarmingly underfunded pension system while other states, also dominated by Democrats, have taken action. They see them as the same party that routinely passes unbalanced budgets, squeezing resources for the state's most vulnerable citizens since long before Rauner took office in 2015.

This is the majority party that refuses to put redistricting reform and term limits on the ballot, despite an electorate begging for it. And let's not forget Madigan's side gig as a property tax attorney and the layers of conflicts of interest that creates. Cook County's regressive property tax assessment system that burdens low-income communities and benefits wealthier ones went unchecked for decades until a 2017 Tribune series exposed its imbalance and voters forced change. Democrats in the legislature had ignored it, along with a school funding formula that punished communities lacking in property wealth.

This is the government that is driving families and businesses away. When they leave, they're able to break even on their home sales — if they're lucky. More than 114,150 residents left the state in 2018, a year when other Midwestern states grew. Their stories are real.

Craig and Pam Taylor were among the 114,779 residents who moved away in 2017. The home they bought in St. Charles for \$455,000 in 2003 sold for \$438,000 after roughly \$100,000 in renovations. They moved outside of Nashville, Tenn., one of the country's fastest-growing cities, and pay no state income tax. They were paying about \$12,000 annually in property taxes in Illinois; the bill has dropped to \$2,500 on their new similarly sized home.

Read those numbers again for emphasis. This is not a blip or an outlier or the impact of a recession that ended 10 years ago. This is the result of decades of government mismanagement and haphazard

tax policy and accumulation of public debt. These are the taxpayers who don't want to keep getting stuck with the bill for the decisions Democrats in the legislature have advanced. These are the voters who hoped Rauner could reverse it. He didn't.

"Who's going to pay for all the unfunded (pension) liability the state has?" said Craig Taylor, 55. "We've watched other states fix it, but no one is stepping up to do it and I'm sad watching it. I have lots of friends who are teachers and great people, but I worry the pensions are not going to be there for them. I can't fix it. I have to manage my own life."

Those factors, plus a job change and grown kids, led Taylor and his wife to move away sooner than they had planned. Many more are lining up behind them.

Madigan is not singularly responsible for the state's mess. But for 34 years as speaker, he has steered the agenda in Springfield. How's it working out? Not great, despite what his commercial presents. Madigan and other state lawmakers have virtually nothing to do with the future of Obamacare. They have nothing to do with Trump or his tweets or gridlock in Congress.

They do have enormous impact on your pocketbook, your business, your state pension and your education system. On those issues, have they been "on your side"? Yes, that's a rhetorical question.

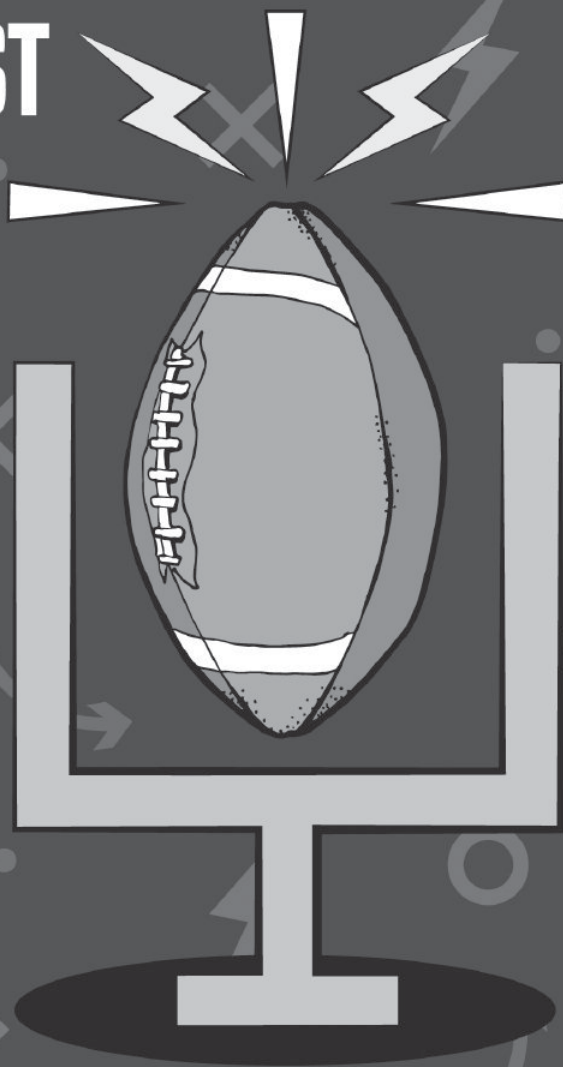
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# A chance for change

By **ALLY MAROTTI** | Chicago Tribune

Whether they'll be battling economic inequality, attempting to salvage the vestiges of an American retail icon, or investing in the burgeoning marketplace for legal marijuana, these Chicago business leaders have quite a year ahead of them. **10 profiles on Page 2**



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Dec. 28 was the deadline for parties to submit bids for Sears' assets.

## Sears to announce bid verdict by Friday

Chairman Lampert's hedge fund offered \$4.4 billion to keep retailer in business

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**  
Chicago Tribune

By the end of the week, Sears Chairman Edward Lampert could find out whether his push to keep the bankrupt retailer together and open for business still has a shot.

Lampert's hedge fund, ESL Investments, said Friday that it's prepared to pay \$4.4 billion for many of the retailer's remaining assets, including about 425 Sears and Kmart stores. Dec. 28 was the deadline for parties interested in acquiring Sears' assets to submit bids.

Transform Holdco, a new entity controlled by Lampert's fund, said in a letter to Sears' investment banker that it believes keeping the Hoffman Estates-based company in business is the best way to preserve up to 50,000 jobs and recover money the retailer owes. The letter, dated Dec. 28, was released Wednesday in a regulatory filing.

If Sears doesn't accept the \$4.4 billion bid packaging many of the remaining assets together, Transform Holdco said it also would bid on certain assets individually, including the Sears Home Services business, certain intellectual property and real estate, and the logistics operation.

Sears has until Friday to notify parties that submitted offers to purchase its assets whether they have been accepted as qualifying bids, according to a timeline approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Transform Holdco said if Sears doesn't accept either proposal as a qualifying bid by Friday, both will be withdrawn.

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## Uniqlo to take over H&M on State Street

Japanese retailer's Michigan Avenue store will stay open



**RYAN ORI**  
On Real Estate

Japanese clothing retailer Uniqlo is in and Sweden's H&M is out in a shakeup of international fast fashion brands on State Street.

Uniqlo has a deal to take over a big, two-level store at 22 S. State St., where H&M's lease is set to expire this year, according to people familiar with the deal.

Uniqlo, part of Japan's Fast Retailing Co., already has a multilevel store in Chicago on North Michigan Avenue. That store will remain open.

The changeover of State Street space involves retailers with similar casual clothing customers. They're neighbors at 830 and 840 N. Michigan Ave., just over a mile north of the State Street location.

Uniqlo will join a relatively small list of retailers with State Street and Mag Mile stores. Others include Macy's, Zara, Nordstrom Rack and Anthropologie.

"Geographically it looks close, but as markets they're far away," said retail broker John Vance, a principal at Stone Real Estate, who is not involved in the Uniqlo deal.

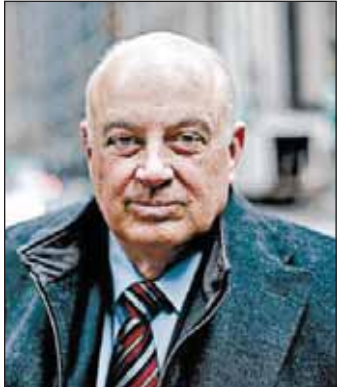
"When you understand they're different markets with different customers, you can have two stores," Vance said. "State Street has more of a local customer — a downtown Chicago resident,

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# 10 PEOPLE TO WATCH IN 2019

**Michael Carrigan, president of Illinois AFL-CIO.** With a new, union-friendly governor about to be sworn in, 2019 will bring a change of tone for the president of the labor organization, which represents 900,000 active and retired union workers across the state. Outgoing Gov. Bruce Rauner has battled with organized labor during his tenure. Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker, on the other hand, named Carrigan a co-chair of his transition team. Carrigan said he plans to work with legislators to craft a state budget that will address labor issues including underfunded state pensions and to raise the statewide minimum wage to \$15 an hour.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**Helene Gayle, CEO of Chicago Community Trust.** Just over a year into her tenure as the first female CEO of the community trust, Gayle has homed in on economic inequality. The century-old foundation can tackle the issue with a long view, Gayle said. It has been “deeply analytic” thus far, making sure that it’s adding value and not just joining a patchwork of programs and initiatives already working to address inequality. Gayle wants the trust to make connections and work with others already focusing on the issue. The year will be spent developing a detailed plan.



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**Paul Gossett, president of Jewel-Osco.** Gossett took the helm of the grocery chain in July after the death of its previous president, Doug Cygan. The transition has not been easy, Gossett said. But Gossett previously worked for Jewel’s parent company Albertsons and got to know Cygan. “It makes it a lot more doable to build on what Doug had dedicated his life to,” Gossett said. In 2019, Jewel will be weighing expansion of its e-commerce offerings, including its recently introduced Drive Up & Go spots, where customers at some stores can pick up groceries without getting out of the car. It’s also set to open a new store in the city’s Woodlawn community area in early 2019.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**Edward Lampert, chairman of Sears Holding Corp.** Sears, an icon in American retail, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in mid-October. Now it’s working to avoid liquidation by attempting to reorganize around its best-performing stores. ESL Investments, the hedge fund Lampert runs, offered to pay about \$4.4 billion for many of Sears’ remaining assets. The bid includes about 425 Sears and Kmart stores and Sears brands and businesses. It could keep the chain in business and continue to employ up to 50,000 of its workers, according to ESL Investments’ bid.



GREGORY BULL/AP 2004

**Mary Lou Mastro, president and CEO of Edward-Elmhurst Health.** The three-hospital system faced a number of challenges in recent years, including layoffs, budget cuts and a major accounting error. But things have been improving, and Mastro, a registered nurse, plans to use 2019 to give patients what they want: increased convenience and control of their health care experience. The hospital system will continue to streamline processes and use technology to get there, she said. In the year ahead, it will continue advancing features such as online scheduling, access to medical records and physicians’ notes and early test reporting. Patients need to be informed and in control, Mastro said.



EDWARD-ELMHURST HEALTH



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**Bill Newlands, incoming CEO of Constellation Brands.** The Winnetka resident is set to take over as CEO of one of the most successful alcohol companies in the U.S. in March, and he sees room for growth, especially in beer. With brands such as Modelo and Corona, Constellation’s Chicago-based beer business is thriving. Constellation recently launched lower-carb Corona Premier and plans to launch flavored malt beverage Corona Refresca nationally this year. The company is also doubling down on another industry that is gaining attention: marijuana. Constellation recently spent \$4 billion to increase its ownership in a Canadian cannabis company. Though Constellation doesn’t do any marijuana business in the U.S., the weed industry is growing rapidly.



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**Michael Osanloo, CEO of Portillo’s.** When the former CEO of P.F. Chang’s China Bistro stepped into his new role in October, he inherited much more than the chain’s storied hot dogs and cake shakes. Portillo’s has expanded into new states and markets since founder Dick Portillo sold the company to a private equity firm in 2014. The chain now owns and operates 57 stores across seven states, and it is set to open two more locations in early 2019. Osanloo must shepherd that growth. It won’t be Osanloo’s first go-around handling expansion. He oversaw more than 300 restaurants globally in his last role and expanded the P.F. Chang’s brand into China.



CLIFF OWEN/AP 2015

**Penny Pritzker, businesswoman.** A billionaire heir of the Hyatt Hotel fortune and PSP Partners’ chair, Pritzker launched an initiative called P33 this fall, aimed at boosting Chicago’s standing among the world’s tech cities. The initiative plans to create a blueprint for addressing the problems holding the city’s tech sector back. While some tech companies are expanding in Chicago, Apple and Amazon both bypassed the city for new campuses the tech behemoths plan to build. P33 is one of Pritzker’s first big endeavors since returning to Chicago after her stint as commerce secretary ended two years ago. Pritzker’s initiative will get rolling just as her brother J.B. — who helped found local tech incubator 1871 — takes office as governor.



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**Karen Sauder, head of Google’s Midwest headquarters.** Google’s Chicago office is growing. The tech giant already employs about 1,000 people at its Midwest headquarters, and it is adding office space in the Fulton Market district. The Mountain View, Calif., company plans to start moving into six floors of the building next fall. Sauder, who took over as vice president of sales and site lead of the Chicago office last year, will oversee that growth. Google is also dabbling in retail in Chicago. It opened a pop-up store in Bucktown to sell its electronic devices during the holiday season. The Tribune reported in August the company is also planning a permanent flagship store in Fulton Market, but Google has not confirmed those plans.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**Betsy Ziegler, CEO of 1871.** 2019 will be Ziegler’s first full year at the helm of Chicago’s best-known tech hub. She has been working to gather data on the more than 700 companies that have gone through 1871 since it opened in 2012. Armed with that knowledge, the hub plans to create new programs to better assist the roughly 470 startups based there now. Ziegler said the programs will connect early stage investors with startups and support technology training needs, among other initiatives. The chief executive has spoken about getting more women and minorities involved in the male-dominated tech industry. This year, she wants to work on getting 1871’s resources to more aspiring entrepreneurs who may not be able to easily access the River North facility.

## Bottom of grocery food chain

Investors recoup, but staff pensions are short millions

BY PETER WHORISKEY  
The Washington Post

MUNCIE, Ind. — Once the Marsh Supermarkets chain began to falter a few years ago, its owner, a private-equity firm, began selling off the vast retail empire, piece by piece. The company sold more than 100 convenience stores. It sold the pharmacies. It closed some of the 115 grocery stores, having previously auctioned off their real estate. Then, in May 2017, the company announced the closure of the remaining 44 stores.

Marsh Supermarkets, founded in 1931, had at last filed for bankruptcy.

“It was a long, slow decline,” said Amy Gerken, formerly an assistant office manager at one of the stores. Sun Capital Partners, the private-equity firm that owned Marsh, “didn’t really know how grocery stores work. We’d joke about them being on a yacht without even knowing what a UPC code is. But they didn’t treat employees right, and since the bankruptcy, everyone is out for their blood.”

The anger arises because although the sell-off allowed Sun Capital and its investors to recover their money and then some, the company entered bankruptcy leaving unpaid more than \$80 million in debts to workers’ severance and pensions.

For Sun Capital, this process of buying companies, seeking profits and

leaving pensions unpaid is a familiar one. Over the past 10 years, it has taken five companies into bankruptcy while leaving behind debts of about \$280 million owed to employee pensions.

The unpaid pension debts mean that some retirees will get smaller checks. Much of the tab will be picked up by the government’s pension insurer, a federal agency facing its own budget shortfalls.

“They did everyone dirty,” said Kilby Baker, 70, a retired warehouse worker whose pension check was cut by about 25 percent after Marsh Supermarkets withdrew from the pension.

Founded by two one-time colleagues at Lehman Brothers, Marc Leder and Rodger R. Krouse, Sun Capital manages billions in private-equity investments, buying and selling companies for profit. The public face of the firm is Leder, a co-owner of the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team and the New Jersey Devils hockey team.

In a statement for this story, Sun Capital said: “Marsh was a struggling business that we worked hard to save. Our investment kept the company alive and provided jobs for its employees for 11 years.”

Over that period, the company invested \$150 million in improving some stores and building others, Sun said, and contributed \$30 million to pensions for Marsh workers.

Regarding the unpaid pensions at the other companies, Leder said in a statement: “You can’t reach a meaningful conclusion by examining such a small percentage of our investments. We’ve done 365 deals in our history and the vast majority have grown and been successful.”

When a company fails, it is sometimes impossible to pay everyone who is owed money. The trouble, according to some critics, is that financial firms often extract money from losing bets to reward themselves and then through bankruptcy leave obligations to workers unpaid. Companies owned by private-equity firms have used bankruptcy to leave behind hundreds of millions in pension debts, according to a government estimate.

“These private-equity firms buy a company, plunder it of any assets, and then send it into bankruptcy without paying employees,” said Eileen Appelbaum, an economist at the Center for Economic and Policy Research who studies private-equity transactions. “To anyone but a bankruptcy court, this looks like a swindle.”

In recent years, some in Congress have sought to change the bankruptcy laws to prevent companies from ditching pension debts through bankruptcy. Last year, Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, introduced a bill that would give pensions higher

priority in bankruptcy payouts. He said that in 2016 alone, 146,000 pensioners had seen cuts to their benefits. It did not win passage.

“There’s this idea that pensions are a giveaway,” said Ryan, who expects to reintroduce the legislation this year. But “it’s their money. Through negotiations, workers have deferred wages for a pension down the line. For them not to get that money is theft in a lot of ways.”

But the threats to pensions continue. At the heart of federal efforts to protect workers is a low-profile government agency known as the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., or the PBGC. The agency collects insurance premiums from companies that offer pensions. When a pension fund runs out of money, the federal agency provides a portion of the lost benefit payments to the affected retirees. In all, it covers the benefits for about 44 million people.

The program has come under mounting financial pressure as more companies have shed their pension debts through bankruptcy.

Companies that default on their pension obligations often blame business conditions. Executives say the companies simply lack the money to replenish the pension fund. But it is often the case that companies neglect the pension even when they have the money: The owners would rather use the cash for other purposes, including taking it as dividends for themselves.



CHRIS BERGIN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The private-equity firm bought Indiana-based Marsh Supermarkets, founded in 1931, and then took it into bankruptcy.

Consider two Sun Capital companies — besides Marsh — that were sent into bankruptcy court.

Sun Capital took millions of dollars out of the companies while leaving pensions underfunded.

At Powermate, a manufacturer of electric generators with a factory in Nebraska, Sun Capital took \$20 million from the company as a dividend in 2006, according to court documents. Two years later, it sent the company into bankruptcy court, leaving the government insurer to pay for the underfunded pension covering 600 workers.

At Indalex, an Illinois-based aluminum parts maker, Sun extracted a dividend of \$70 million in 2007, according to court documents.

Two years later it sent the company into bankruptcy, leaving the government insurer to pay more than 3,000 pensioners.

Among those at Marsh who have seen their benefit drop is Phil Rainey, 70, who worked in the Marsh warehouse for decades.

Like others in his union, Rainey was willing to give up wage increases to get a better pension.

Already, though, his monthly benefit payment has been cut about 25 percent, and the promised certainty of a stable monthly pension check has been elusive.

“I’ve been fighting since I retired to keep the pension,” Rainey said. “And I think about it a lot. We don’t know what’s going to happen.”



# Stock market bounces back after early slide

Roller-coaster ride continues on 1st day of trading in 2019

By Marley Jay  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The roller-coaster ride on Wall Street resumed Wednesday, the first trading day of the new year, as stocks plunged early on, then slowly recovered and finished with a slight gain.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped as much as 398 points in the first few minutes of trading after more shaky economic news from China. But it gradually recouped those losses, and a small rally over the last 15 minutes of trading left major indexes a bit higher than where they started.

That kind of whiplash was typical during the last three months of 2018, and many strategists think it is likely to continue.

A Chinese government



Anthony Rinaldi works Wednesday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, where the Dow rose to 23,346.24.

survey and one by a major business magazine showed manufacturing in China weakened in December as global and domestic demand cooled. That weighed on big exporters, with tech companies like Microsoft and industrials like Boeing taking sharp losses early on, only to bounce back.

Some of last year's worst performers, including energy and internet companies, led the gains Wednesday.

After gliding gently higher for years, propelled by rising corporate profits and extremely low interest rates from the Federal Reserve, stocks have been heaving up and down in recent months as a host of fears weigh on investors,

including threats to global economic growth.

Stocks are coming off their worst year in a decade, and many Americans could be in for a shock when they open their monthly and end-of-the-year 401(k) statements.

The benchmark S&P 500 fell 6 percent in 2018, its first substantial loss since 2008, and dropped 14 percent since late September. Many other stock indexes around the world fared even worse last year.

The U.S. economy has been expanding for almost a decade, and stocks have risen steadily over that time.

From September through the end of December, however, investors became more and more worried that challenges such as U.S.-China trade tensions, rising interest rates and political uncertainty could slow the economy and company profits, and possibly tip the U.S. economy and the global one into a recession.

Many Wall Street banks are forecasting a year of modest gains for stocks. But most also say they expect these sharp reversals to continue as investors try to handicap so many unknowns.

Vinay Pande, head of trading strategies for UBS Global Wealth Management, said company earnings jumped in 2018 and are likely to keep improving.

The S&P 500 index finished with a gain of 3.18 points, or 0.1 percent, at 2,510.03, while the Dow rose 18.78 points, or 0.1 percent, to 23,346.24. The Nasdaq composite climbed 30.66 points, or 0.5 percent, to 6,665.94.

Most markets were closed Tuesday for New Year's Day.

Prices on long-term government bonds rose, a sign investors were looking for safer options. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.65 percent from 2.69 percent.

After sharp losses at the

start of trading, benchmark U.S. crude jumped 2.5 percent to \$46.54 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 2.1 percent to \$54.91 per barrel in London. Those gains helped send energy stocks higher.

Oil prices have fallen about 40 percent since early October 2018 as investors reacted to the possibility of weaker demand for energy as economic growth slowed. That led to sharp drops in energy companies.

Julian Emanuel, chief equity and derivatives strategist for BTIG, said investors often start a new year by buying shares of the companies that did the worst the year before.

Meanwhile, health care companies, the best-performing part of the market in 2018, fell as drugmakers and insurers lost ground.

In other trading, gold rose 0.2 percent to \$1,284.10 an ounce and silver added 0.7 percent to \$15.65 an ounce.

# Wells Fargo has 'destroyed me'

Giant bank's mistake pushed hundreds into foreclosure

By Renae Merle  
The Washington Post

Michaela Christian lost a long battle with Wells Fargo in 2013 to save her Las Vegas home, a defeat she says changed the course of her life. When the bank refused to modify her mortgage, Christian moved in with a friend and scrambled to rebuild her life.

Five years later, Wells Fargo admits it made a mistake. Christian, 46, qualified for mortgage help that may have saved her home after all.

It is a mistake the giant bank admits it made nearly 900 times over several years, pushing hundreds of distressed homeowners into foreclosure.

Christian said when she learned of Wells Fargo's error, "I was sick to my stomach."

"They destroyed me and destroyed my everything," Wells Fargo's admission is part of a cascade of lapses that increased scrutiny of the San Francisco-based bank, with some Democrats in Congress calling for the ouster of its CEO, Tim Sloan. Over the last two years, the bank paid more than \$1 billion in fines after admitting it opened millions of bogus accounts customers didn't want and then found itself in more trouble after improperly repossessing thousands of cars.

Critics have also jumped on Wells Fargo's decision to cut 26,000 jobs while it reaps the benefits of a corporate tax cut expected to boost its profits \$3.7 billion this year.

The bank has apologized for missteps but is struggling to repair its image. Customers who lost their homes are being offered compensation or can enter mediation, its officials say.

Wells Fargo says an internal review found the bank denied help to hundreds of homeowners after fees charged by foreclosure attorneys were improperly used when the bank determined whom to offer mortgage help. The computer



Michaela Christian, now living in Arizona, had to sell her Vegas home when Wells Fargo denied her mortgage help it later admitted she was qualified for.

error began in 2010 and was not corrected until last April, the bank said.

Overall, 870 homeowners were denied help for which they qualified, including 545 who lost their homes to foreclosure. Wells Fargo says it has reached most of the customers affected and set aside \$8 million to compensate them, though industry analysts say that number is likely to increase.

The revelation echoes the complaints of thousands of borrowers in the years after the financial crisis that banks were stingy about offering help with borrowers' exploding loans.

"Wells Fargo failed to maintain its systems, failed to find problems when they occurred and then masked the problem for years," said Alys Cohen, staff attorney for the Na-

tional Consumer Law Center.

Christian bought her home in 1998 when she was 24. At the time, the three-bedroom home was on the outskirts of a growing Las Vegas. There weren't a lot of stores nearby, but Christian said she loved the neighborhood. "In the 15 years we were there, everything was perfect," she said.

But in 2011, Christian lost her job as a bartender as the economy continued to sputter after the global financial crisis. Then she was in a car accident that left her with a fractured pelvis and crushed tibia. "I wasn't even able to walk for seven months. I couldn't work."

One of her first calls for help, she said, was to Wells Fargo. Christian asked the bank to defer her more than \$1,000 monthly mortgage payment or lower the 7 percent mortgage interest rate to the prevailing rate at the time, about 4 percent. That would have lowered her payments to about \$500 a month, Christian said.

"They said 'Have a nice day' and denied it," she said.

A few months later, Christian said, Wells Fargo began foreclosure proceedings against her. With the help of her father, she found a job that allowed her to maneuver with a cane, and spent months searching for help. she said.

Ultimately, Christian said, she faced what she considered an unfathomable choice: sell her home or lose it in foreclosure. "It was the last thing I wanted," she said. "I didn't want to uproot my son. He had grown up there."

After a quick sale of the home, Christian temporarily moved in with a friend

and then into an apartment.

"I was in a daze," Christian said through tears. "I thought, 100 percent, I was going to be able to save my home. I had my finances in order. I could not for the life of me figure out why they wouldn't refinance."

The answer came in September when Christian received a letter and a \$15,000 check from Wells Fargo, admitting its mistake.

"We want to make things right," the letter stated. "We realize that our decision impacted you at a time you were facing a hardship."

Wells Fargo's letter didn't explain how it determined Christian was only due \$15,000. After the home was sold for \$135,000 in 2013, it is now estimated by Redfin to be worth about \$250,000.

And Christian estimates she had already accumulated about \$30,000 in equity, not including the \$20,000 pool she had installed.

"You can't put a price on what we lost. The scars will be there forever, I will never get over it," said Christian, who now lives in Arizona and is part of a class-action lawsuit against the bank.

Wells Fargo has declined to discuss what, if any, formula it has used to determine how much each customer is owed. The compensation offered each homeowner is based on "individual circumstances," said Tom Goyda, a bank spokesman.

Wells Fargo worked extensively with Christian and "completed multiple reviews in an effort to find an option that would allow her to keep the home," Goyda said.

Unfortunately, he said, the bank was unsuccessful.

# Groups rip Netflix after episode pulled in Saudi Arabia

By Mark Kennedy  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Netflix faced criticism Wednesday from human rights groups for pulling an episode in Saudi Arabia of comedian Hasan Minhaj's "Patriot Act" series that criticized the kingdom's crown prince.

The American comedian used his second episode, released Oct. 28, to criticize Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman over the killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi

and the Saudi-led coalition at war in Yemen.

Human rights group Amnesty International said Saudi Arabia's censorship of Netflix is "further proof of a relentless crackdown on freedom of expression."

Saudi prosecutors have used a broadly worded law to imprison rights activists, poets and others who have expressed views deemed critical of the government or its policies on social media. Since Mohammed was named heir to the throne in mid-2017, dozens

of writers, activists and moderate clerics have been jailed.

Netflix said it was complying with local law.

Khashoggi, who wrote critically of the crown prince in columns for the Washington Post, was killed and dismembered by Saudi agents inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul last year. The Senate has said it believes the crown prince is responsible for the killing, despite insistence by the kingdom that he had no knowledge of the operation.

Netflix said Wednesday that "we strongly support artistic freedom worldwide and removed this episode only in Saudi Arabia after we had received a valid legal demand from the government — and to comply with local law."

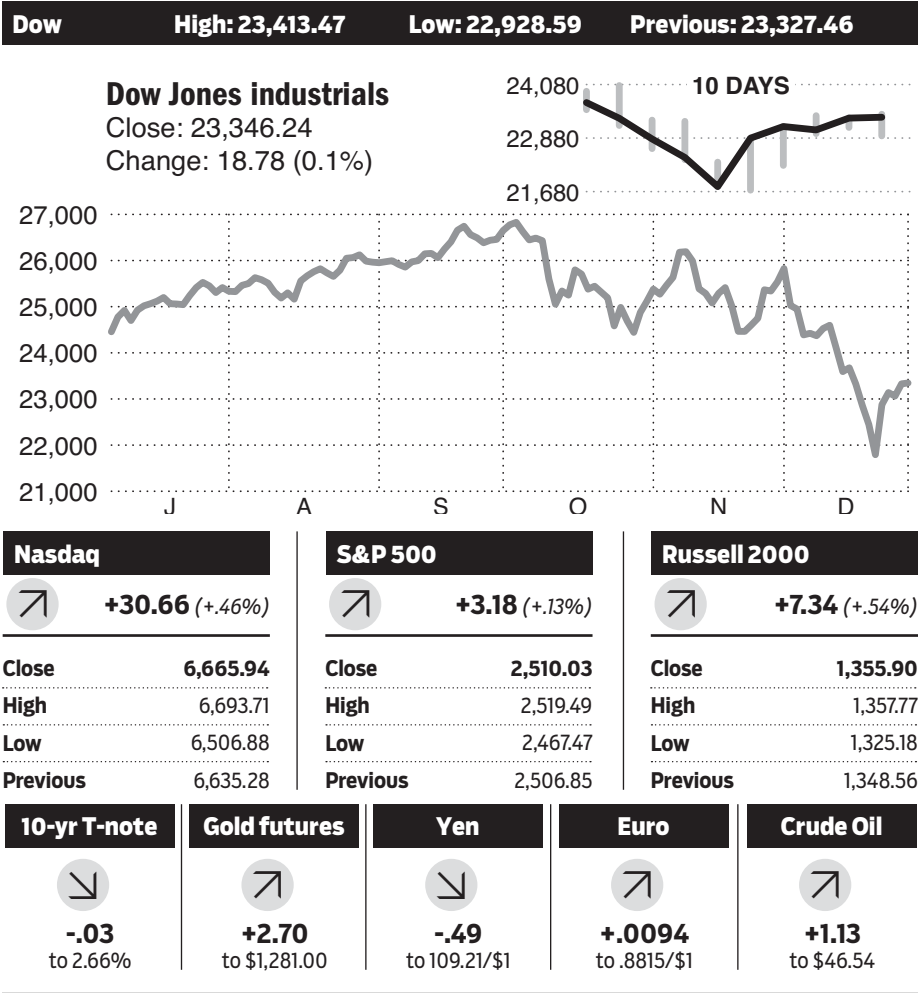
Minhaj, a former correspondent with "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central, said over the summer that his Netflix show would fuse his personal narrative as a first-generation Indian-American with the current political and social back-



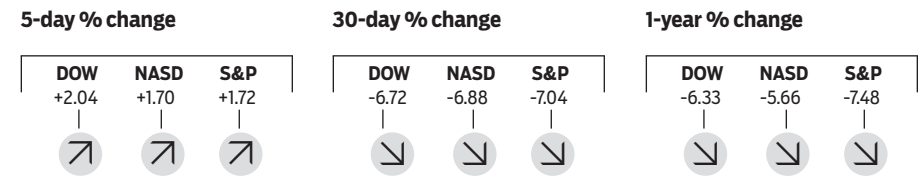
Netflix pulled an Oct. 28 episode from comedian Hasan Minhaj's "Patriot Act" series in Saudi Arabia.



MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	502.50	510.75	501.25	506.75	-4.75
		May 19	510	516.50	508.75	513	-5.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	375.25	377.75	374	375.75	+.25
		May 19	383	385.50	381.75	383.50	+.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	881.50	897.75	880.75	894.75	+.12
		Mar 19	894.25	910.50	893	907	+11.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 19	27.62	28.03	27.60	27.90	+.38
		Mar 19	27.88	28.33	27.85	28.18	+.34
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 19	306.20	312.20	305.80	311.00	+2.10
		Mar 19	310.30	316.10	309.60	314.90	+1.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 19	45.80	47.78	44.35	46.54	+1.13
		Mar 19	46.12	48.10	44.67	46.86	+1.14
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 19	2.921	3.039	2.905	2.958	+.018
		Mar 19	2.844	2.926	2.821	2.829	-.022
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 19	1.3136	1.3790	1.2685	1.3256	+.0235
		Mar 19	1.3210	1.3867	1.2790	1.3347	+.0227

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS											
Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.						Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ					
STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	69.50	-2.83	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	94.02	-3.11	Mondelez Intl	O	39.89	-1.14
AbbVie Inc	N	89.23	-2.96	Equity Residential	N	63.76	-2.25	Morningstar Inc	O	108.60	-1.24
Allstate Corp	N	81.64	-.99	Exelon Corp	N	44.07	-1.03	Motorola Solutions	N	114.78	-.26
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.18	-3.89	First Indl RT	N	28.08	-.78	NiSource Inc	N	25.07	-.28
Arch Dan Midl	N	40.95	-.02	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	38.50	+.51	Nthn Trust Cp	O	84.05	+.46
Baxter Intl	N	65.30	-.52	Gallagher AJ	N	71.89	-1.81	Old Republic	N	20.17	-.40
Boeing Co	N	323.81	+1.31	Grainger WW	N	276.58	-5.78	Packaging Corp Am	N	84.55	+1.09
Brunswick Corp	N	46.75	+.30	GrubHub Inc	N	75.46	-1.35	Paylocity Hldg	O	59.55	-.66
CDK Global Inc	O	48.11	+.23	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	85.03	-3.52	Stericycle Inc	O	36.87	+.18
CDW Corp	O	79.17	-1.88	IDEX Corp	N	125.05	-1.21	Teleph Data	N	32.95	+.41
CF Industries	N	42.03	-1.48	ITW	N	126.60	-.09	TransUnion	N	56.00	-.80
CME Group	O	185.58	-2.54	Ingredion Inc	N	92.55	+1.15	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.18	-.20
CNA Financial	N	43.64	-.51	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	128.13	+1.53	US Foods Holding	N	31.70	+.06
Caterpillar Inc	N	126.38	-.69	Kemper Corp	N	65.98	-.40	USG Corp	N	43.02	+.36
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.33	-.03	Kraft Heinz Co	O	43.34	+.30	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	247.97	+3.13
Deere Co	N	148.10	-.07	LKQ Corporation	O	23.70	-.03	United Contl Hldgs	O	84.18	+.45
Discover Fin Svcs	N	59.41	+.43	Littelfuse Inc	O	170.16	-1.32	Ventas Inc	N	56.92	-1.67
Dover Corp	N	71.25	+.30	MB Financial	O	40.56	+.93	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	68.04	-.29
Equity Commonwlt	N	29.36	-.65	McDonalds Corp	N	176.06	-1.51	Wintrust Financial	O	67.94	+1.45
				Middleby Corp	O	101.96	-.77	Zebra Tech	O	156.24	-2.99

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS		
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.05	+.48
Bank of America	24.96	+.32
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.40	-.16
Ford Motor	7.90	+.25
AT&T Inc	29.54	+1.00
Chesapeake Engy	2.19	+.09
Petrobras	14.01	+1.00
Sthwstn Energy	3.72	+.31
Pfizer Inc	43.25	-.40
Nokia Corp	5.74	-.08
Vale SA	13.47	+.28
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.71	+.58
Ambev S.A.	4.20	+.28
Wells Fargo & Co	46.94	+.86
EnCana Corp	5.98	+.20
Denbury Res	1.96	+.25
Freeport McMoRan	10.36	+.05
Banco Bradesco ADS	10.61	+.72
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.69	+1.50
Rite Aid Corp	.77	+.07
Alibaba Group Hldg	136.70	-.37
Transocean Ltd	7.14	+.20

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	18.83	+.37
Synergy Pharma	.22	+.11
Apple Inc	157.92	+.18
Microsoft Corp	101.12	-.45
Facebook Inc	135.68	+4.59
Micron Tech	32.75	+1.02
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.90	+.19
Cisco Syst	42.95	-.38
Histogenics Corp	.12	+.04
Heliios and Matheson	.02	...
Intel Corp	47.08	+.15
Marvell Tech Grp	16.50	+.31
China Ceramics Co	1.89	+.36
Comcast Corp A	34.37	+.32
Caesars Entertain	6.92	+.13
Zynga Inc	3.98	+.05
JD.com Inc	21.27	+.34
Nvidia Corporation	136.22	+2.72
Roku Inc	32.52	+1.88
Tesla Inc	310.12	-22.68
Netflix Inc	267.66	...
eBay Inc	28.85	+.78
Applied Matls	33.48	+.74
Altaba Inc	57.49	-.45

FOREIGN MARKETS		
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2465.29	-28.6/-1.2
Stoxx600	337.21	-.4/-1
Nikkei	20014.77	/...
MSCI-EAFE	1705.95	-15.4/-9
Bovespa	91012.31	+3125.1/+3.6
FTSE 100	6734.23	+6.1/+1
CAC-40	4689.39	-41.3/-9

LARGEST COMPANIES		
Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	136.70	-.37
Alphabet Inc C	1045.85	+10.24
Amazon.com Inc A	1054.68	+9.72
Amazon.com Inc	1539.13	+37.16
Apple Inc	157.92	+.18
Bank of America	24.96	+.32
Berkshire Hath B	202.80	-1.38
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.69	+1.50
Facebook Inc	135.68	+4.59
JPMorgan Chase	99.31	+1.69
Johnson & Johnson	127.75	-1.30
Microsoft Corp	101.12	-.45
Pfizer Inc	43.25	-.40
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.80	+.86
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.34	+1.07
Unitedhealth Group	243.49	-5.63
Verizon Comm	56.02	-.20
Visa Inc	132.92	+.98
WalMart Strs	93.34	+.19

TREASURY YIELDS		
DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.26	2.465
6-month disc	2.40	2.505
2-year	2.50	2.49
10-year	2.66	2.69
30-year	2.98	3.02

SPOT METALS		
	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1281.00	\$1278.30
Silver	\$15.542	\$15.433
Platinum	\$799.10	\$795.90

INTEREST RATES		
Prime Rate	5.50	
Discount Rate Primary	3.00	
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50	
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.56	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE		
A U.S. Dollar buys ...		
Argentina (Peso)	37.8186	
Australia (Dollar)	1.4291	
Brazil (Real)	3.7867	
Britain (Pound)	.7931	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3587	
China (Yuan)	6.8620	
Euro	.8815	
India (Rupee)	70.013	
Israel (Shekel)	3.7443	
Japan (Yen)	109.21	
Mexico (Peso)	19.5465	
Poland (Zloty)	3.78	
So. Korea (Won)	1119.82	
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.77	
Thailand (Baht)	32.29	

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS		
Based on total assets		
FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$ %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	27.85	-.05 -3.3
American Funds AmeronBaIA m	24.92	+.02 -3.0
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	24.63	-.18 -11.6
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	56.16	-.17 -7.7
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	52.41	+.12 -7.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	42.81	+.05 -4.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.61	-.02 -5.5
American Funds InvCmrcA m	33.92	+.01 -7.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	37.58	-.09 -7.1
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	41.07	-.01 -3.5
DFA EMktCorEqI	19.21	-.04 -16.8
DFA IntlCorEqIns	11.67	-.03 -18.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.27	+.01 -.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	36.98	+.07 -18.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	173.73	+.92 -7.7
DoubleLine TlRtRetBd	10.43	+.01 +2.0
Fidelity 500IdxnsPrm	87.21	+.11 -5.1
Fidelity Contrafund	11.03	+.02 -3.1
Fidelity TlVtIdxnsPrm	70.66	+.07 -6.0
Fidelity US500IdxnsPrm	11.29	+.01 +4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.14	...
Metropolitan West TlRtRetBdl	10.40	+.01 +5
PIMCO IncInstl	11.82	+.01 +6
PIMCO TlRtRetIns	9.94	+.01
Schwab SP500Idx	38.31	...
T. Rowe Price BCGr	95.96	+.07 +5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	57.14	+.03 -2.3
Vanguard 500IdxAadmrl	231.73	+.29 -5.1
Vanguard DivGrInv	24.31	-.15 -.8
Vanguard EqInclAdmrl	66.47	+.04 -6.0
Vanguard GrIdxAadmrl	69.14	+.05 -4.4
Vanguard HCAadmrl	79.80	-.54 -.8
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	9.40	+.01 -.2
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.92	+.01 +1.4
Vanguard InslIdxns	227.84	+.29 -5.1
Vanguard InslIdxnsPlus	227.86	+.29 -5.1
Vanguard InslTlSMInPls	54.15	+.06 -5.8
Vanguard MDCpIdxAadmrl	170.59	+.45 -10.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	121.14	+.19 -3.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.45	+.01 +1.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAadmrl	63.17	-.06 -10.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	28.64	+.01 -4.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.01	...
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	30.82	...
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	18.81	-.01 -7.3
Vanguard TlBMDxAadmrl	10.46	+.01 +3
Vanguard TlBMDIdxns	10.46	+.01 +4
Vanguard TlInBIdxAadmrl	21.75	+.06 +3.5
Vanguard TlInBIdxns	32.63	+.09 +3.5
Vanguard TlInBIdxInv	10.88	+.03 +3.5
Vanguard TlInSIdxAadmrl	25.29	-.08 -15.6
Vanguard TlInSIdxns	101.15	-.31 -15.6
Vanguard TlInSIdxnsPlus	101.17	-.31 -15.6
Vanguard TlInSIdxInv	15.12	-.05 -15.6
Vanguard TlSMIdxAadmrl	62.15	+.06 -5.9
Vanguard TlSMIdxns	62.17	+.07 -5.8
Vanguard TlSMIdxInv	62.14	+.06 -5.9
Vanguard WlngntAdmrl	64.14	+.04 -3.6
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	59.23	+.05 -2.4
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	55.46	+.26 -8.8

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Tesla vehicles sit in a parking lot last month in Chicago. Tesla shares fell Wednesday.

Tesla cuts prices by \$2,000 as sales miss analysts' estimates

By TOM KRISHER  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Shares of electric car and solar panel maker Tesla Inc. tumbled Wednesday after the company cut vehicle prices by \$2,000 and announced fourth-quarter sales figures that fell short of Wall Street estimates.

The company said in a statement before the markets opened that it delivered more than 245,000 electric cars and SUVs last year, nearly as many as all previous years combined.

But Tesla also said it would cut prices of its three models by \$2,000 to help customers handle the gradual phase-out of federal electric vehicle tax credits.

On Jan. 1 the federal credit for Tesla buyers dropped from \$7,500 to \$3,750. It will gradually be phased out this year.

The company's deliveries for the full year matched Wall Street estimates, but its figures for the fourth quarter didn't reach expectations. Tesla said it delivered 90,700 vehicles from October through December. Analysts polled by data provider FactSet expected 92,000.

Tesla said fourth-quarter deliveries were 8 percent higher than its previous quarterly peak in the third quarter of 2018.

Tesla shares fell 6.81 per-

cent in trading to \$310.12 Wednesday. In the past year shares have traded from a low of \$244.59 to a high of \$387.46.

The company now is moving into an important phase of its business and will have to decide whether to cut production to match what appears to be waning demand, or discount its vehicles to stimulate sales like other automakers do, Gartner analyst Michael Ramsey said.

"They have for a long time had more demand than supply," Ramsey said. "It's becoming apparent that that dynamic is changing."

For the full year, Tesla said it produced 254,530 vehicles, which is 9,290 more than it delivered. The company wouldn't say how many vehicles it had in inventory at the end of the year, but it reported enough to supply 20 days of sales at the end of September.

"Our inventory levels remain the smallest in the automotive industry," the company said Wednesday.

In late December, The Associated Press spotted dozens of Teslas stored in a lot on Chicago's north side, and Mark Spiegel, a hedge fund manager who bets against Tesla's stock price, reported hundreds of vehicles stored at other locations across the country.

Tesla's 2018 production

fell far short of a goal set nearly three years ago of manufacturing 500,000 vehicles for the year. That goal was announced in May of 2016 based on advance orders for the Model 3.

It's not clear how the delivery figures will affect Tesla's fourth-quarter and full-year 2018 earnings, which likely will be announced in February.

Tesla's 2018 deliveries included almost 146,000 Model 3 lower-priced cars and 99,000 of the Model S sedan and Model X SUV, both of which can easily top \$100,000.

The Model 3 starts at \$35,000 but still can't be purchased for under \$45,000.

In the third quarter of 2018, Tesla delivered on CEO Elon Musk's promise to make a net profit after years of losses.

The company earned \$311.5 million during the three months ending in September, swinging from a loss of \$619 million at the same time in 2017.

Moody's Investor Service downgraded the company's debt into junk territory last March, warning that Tesla won't have cash to cover \$3.7 billion for normal operations, capital expenses and debt that comes due early this year.

Moody's predicted the company would have to raise more capital.

Number of offers unknown

Sears, from Page 1

It's unclear how many other offers Sears received or whether any would attempt to rescue Sears rather than liquidating it.

Great American Group submitted a bid with Tiger Capital Group but declined



## OBITUARIES

STEVEN LATTIMORE 1963-2018

# Broadcast journalist taught Columbia College classes

By GRAYDON MEGAN  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago journalist Steven Lattimore worked in several smaller markets before returning to work as a reporter at WBBM-Ch. 2 in the early 2000s, not long before he began a career teaching journalism at Columbia College in Chicago.

Lattimore was hired in 2000 to work on the launch of a newscast that teamed young reporters with some more experienced journalists as part of a newscast that covered the day's news but also tried to dig deeper, former colleague Carol Marin said.

"He was part of that effort," Marin said. "He was always trying to make it better, refine what he was doing and always open to suggestions. His openness would make him a really great professor."

Lattimore, 55, died of natural causes Dec. 20 after collapsing in his Lansing home, according to his son, Jeffrey Wright.

After graduating from Columbia in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in journalism, he worked in various broadcasting markets including Greenville, Miss., Juneau, Alaska, and Tupelo, Miss. In the mid-1990s, while working at WAVY-TV in Norfolk, Va., he met Lisa Parker, then a cub reporter but now known for her work at NBC-Ch.5 in Chicago.

In Norfolk, Lattimore "cut such a big impression in that newsroom," Parker said.

"Just motivational," she said of Lattimore. "A larger-than-life Chicago-born and raised journalist."

Much of his motivational style was built around what Parker called "Lattimorisms," short sayings delivered with intensity, Parker said. "Whose team are you on?" he would challenge colleagues he thought needed to step up their game. If he thought someone was not properly preparing or attending to business, the phrase was



Steven Lattimore reported at several outlets and taught journalism at Columbia College in Chicago.

"they're coming over the walls."

Parker said Lattimore used those sayings with his kids, in the newsroom and in the classroom. His son confirmed that, saying one of his dad's favorites if he thought someone wasn't trying hard enough was to ask, "You know who's hiring? McDonald's is hiring."

Parker said it was effective motivation for a group of people working together, but not really cheerleading. "More like a surly coach," she said. "You loved him, but you also wanted him to be on your side."

Lattimore began life on the West Side of Chicago, then moved with his family to Englewood. He went on to Columbia after graduating from Leo Catholic High School.

In addition to his staff reporting work, he took on many freelance projects, including special news reports and documentaries. One of those was a 2003 special report on AIDS in Africa. That reporting took him to Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to report on conditions and governmental issues related to the epidemic.

He also did extensive work reporting on recovery efforts in the New Orleans area following Hurricane Katrina. Closer to home and more recently he was a general assignment reporter for Lakeshore Public Radio, based in Merrillville,

Ind. Eric Scholl, interim chair of Columbia's cinema and television arts department, said Lattimore taught in the school's broadcast journalism program, bringing his real-world experience to his students.

Lattimore taught a class in creating a television news package and a basic class in broadcast journalism. "People who came to those classes found him to be incredibly inspiring because he brought what he did best, which was chasing down news stories and reporting them, to the classroom," Scholl said.

He used some of those Lattimorisms in his classes. "He was demanding," Scholl said. "And he also was preparing them for life in a news room which is deadline-based and which expects quality. He expected people to deliver."

In 2010, Kiera Ellis was a student in Lattimore's class on putting together a news package, she said. "He was very direct and honest with us about what the real world of journalism looks like," said Ellis, now director of external affairs for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

Ellis said the class is the second in the broadcast journalism track and Lattimore challenged his students to evaluate their commitment to the profession.

Parker said Lattimore was a teddy bear with a huge and caring heart. "I think he found his peace and his calling in Chicago in the classroom," she said. "Influencing the next generation of reporters was really important to him."

In addition to his son, Lattimore is survived by his mother, Barbara; his wife, Robin Tatum-Lattimore; a daughter, Maya Tatum-Lattimore; another son, Aaron Wright; two sisters Angela and Beverly; a brother, Kermit; and three grandchildren.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 3 ...

In 1521 Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1777 Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1793 Lucretia Mott, one of the founders of the American women's rights movement, was born Lucretia Coffin in Nantucket, Mass.

In 1840 Joseph De Veuster, the Roman Catholic priest who became known as Father Damien during his missionary work among Hawaiian lepers, was born in Tremelo, Belgium.

In 1868 the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as "shoguns."

In 1892 J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1938 the "March of

Dimes" campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1947 congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, Philadelphia and New York got to see some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress.

In 1959 President Dwight Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.

In 1961 the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

In 1967 Jack Ruby, the man who shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1984 Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman Jr., who was shot down during a U.S. raid against Syrian positions in Lebanon, was freed after a month's captivity in Syria following an appeal by Jesse Jackson.

In 1990 ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Nor-

iega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 1993 President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow.

In 2000 the last new daily "Peanuts" strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.

In 2002 a three-year federal investigation into the political and personal finances of Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., ended with no criminal charges.

In 2004 a Boeing 737 owned by Egyptian charter tour operator Flash Airlines crashed into the Red Sea, killing all 148 people aboard, most of them French tourists.

Also in 2004 NASA's Mars rover Spirit touched down on the Red Planet.

In 2013 GOP Sen. Mark Kirk of Illinois returned on the first day of the 113th Congress in Washington after suffering a stroke nearly a year earlier. (There also were 20 female senators, a record.)

In 2014 Phil Everly, who with brother Don made up the Everly Brothers, the most revered vocal duo of the rock era, died in Burbank, Calif.; he was 74.

In 2015 Islamist militant group Boko Haram seized a key military base near the Nigerian town of Baga and in continued fighting across the region over the next several days killed an estimated 2,000 people.

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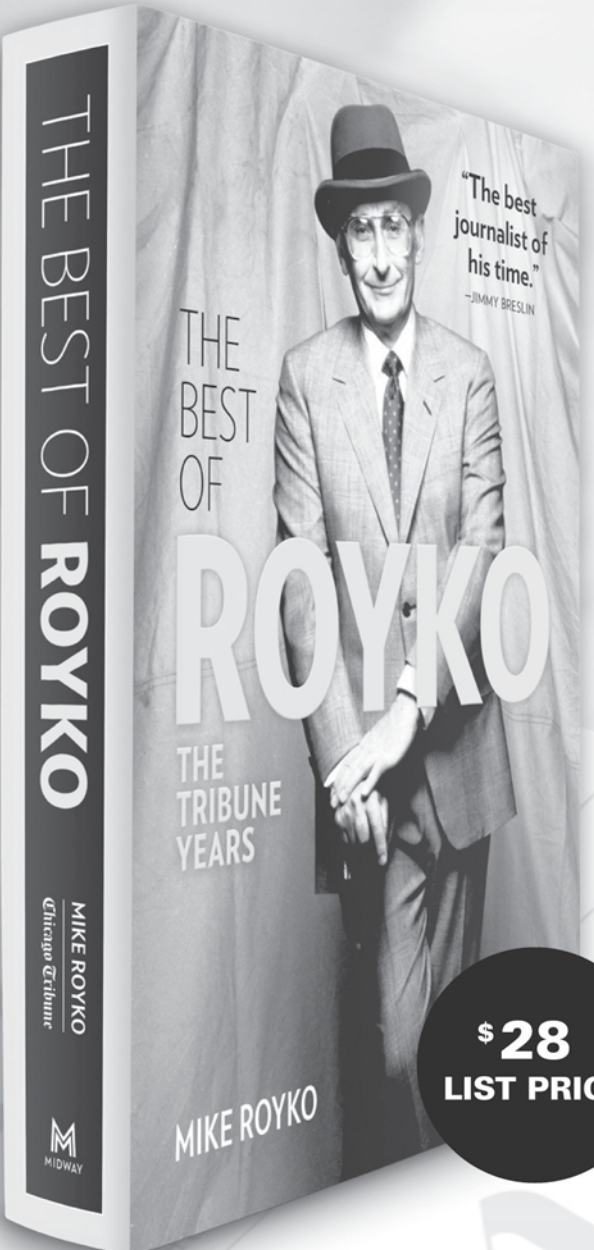
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## Death Notices

### Anderson, Madelyn Schorsch

Madelyn Schorsch Anderson, age 93, of Glenview, IL. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Henry Anderson. Loving mother of Craig (the late Carol), Mark (Mary Beth Denefe), Therese, Madelyn, Adrienne, the late Timothy and Christopher Anderson. Proud grandmother of Zoe, Emily (Trevor) Valentine, Kyle, Cory, Michael, and Christopher (Stefanni) Anderson. Visitation, Friday, January 4, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Saturday, January 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (note Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund in the memo line). Interment All Saints Cemetery, DesPlaines, IL. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.

### Bigos, Edward J.

Edward J. Bigos Jr. 73, Navy Veteran of Chicago Illinois passed away on December 31, 2018. Husband of the late Betty. Father of Anthony, Michael (Lisa), and the late Mark Bigos. Grandfather of Matthew, Anna, and the late McKayla. Son of the late Joseph and Renee Bigos and brother of the late Joseph "Puddie" Bigos; uncle, brother-in-law, and friend of many. Visitation Friday January 4th 9-11am at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home 7861 S. 88th Avenue Justice, Illinois.

### Blanco, Carlos E.

Carlos E. Blanco, age 64, U.S. Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of 36 years to Lee A., nee Gilliland. Loving father to Jessica (Matthew Palmer) Blanco and Christopher (Jill) Blanco. Devoted son of the late Carlos P. and Lilnette N. Blanco. Dearest brother of David Blanco and the late Karen Blanco. Dear son-in-law of Mary Jean and the late Dalton Gilliland. Fond brother-in-law of Lynn (Dennis) Morkunas. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. An employee of Union Pacific Railroad with over 37 years of service. Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019, 2-8 p.m. at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Visitation continues Monday, January 7, 2019 at Christ Community Church, 13400 Bell Rd., Lemont, IL 60439 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 10:00 a.m. Interment with Military Honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials to BEDS Plus, P.O. Box 2035, LaGrange, IL 60525 or Christ Community Church are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400

### Bohlman, Dennis J.

Visitation for Dennis J. Bohlman, 73, formerly of Park Ridge, will be on from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, 201 N. Northwest Hwy, Palatine. Prayers will be at 9:30 AM, Saturday, January 5, 2019 at funeral home and proceed to St. Theresa Catholic Church, 455 N. Benton St., Palatine for the Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private. Dennis was born in Chicago, IL on October 31, 1945 to Raymond and Delores Bohlman. He passed away on January 1, 2019. When Dennis was in elementary school he met his future wife, Carolyn. A few years later they would become high school sweethearts, where their love would continue into marriage on June 8, 1968. He was a beloved teacher and coach at Union Ridge School for 33 years. Dennis had a great love for Chicago sports teams; though his greatest passion was to his wife and family. He will be deeply missed. Dennis was the devoted husband of the late Carolyn B. Bohlman; loving father of Jennifer (Paul) Kurrie, Mark (Rande), Daniel (Courtney) and Matthew (Lenna); dear grandfather of Katelyn, Joshua, Ryan, Carly, Nicholas, Brenna, Evan, Nathan, Noelle; brother to James (Susan) Bohlman. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Annemarie (the late John) McAloon; and his brother-in-law, Bernard (Joy) Klos. In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Dennis, may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association at [apdaparkinson.org](http://apdaparkinson.org). For funeral information, 847-358-7411 or [AhlgrimFFS.com](http://AhlgrimFFS.com)

### Brandwein, Nancy S.

Nancy S. Brandwein, nee Sakol, 86, beloved wife of Al for 66 wonderful years; loving mother of Michael (Donna) and Scott (Kathy); cherished grandma of Dave Brandwein, Benjamin Brandwein, Amy (Peter) Mack, Jeff (Danielle) Brandwein and Maggie (Andy) Timson; adored great grandma of Andrew and Tyler Mack and Weston and Lyla Belle Brandwein; devoted daughter of the late Ann and William Sakol; treasured aunt and friend of many. Private funeral service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org). For information, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

### Bullistron, Margaret M.

Margaret M. Bullistron – nee Folan, beloved mother of Bridget, Mary Ann, Tommy (Mary) and John (Jennifer); loving grandmother of Mike, Tiffany, Megan, Ryan (Macy), Nicholas, Connor and Tommy; great grandmother of Alison, Blake and Brentley; dear sister of Mary Ann; preceded in death by five brothers and one sister. Visitation Monday Jan 7 from 3-9 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Service at 8 p.m. Interment private. Info 773-588-5850 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

### Candlish, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Candlish, nee Bonis, age 67 of La Grange Park. Beloved wife of Dennis Candlish; loving mother of Jonathan Candlish; sister of Jackie (Jerry) Posluzny, Valerie Bonis and Daniel Bonis; sister in-law of Frank (Louise) Candlish; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, January 4, 2019 from 2 P.M. to 9 P.M. and Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 9 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. at Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd., 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Saturday 9:30 A.M. to St. Louise de Marillac Church, La Grange Park. Mass 10 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Memorials appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 225 Michigan Avenue #1200, Chicago, IL 60601. Information 708-485-2000 or [www.HitzemanFuneral.com](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com)

### Colleary, Ann M.

Ann M. Colleary, 90, nee: O'Donnell, passed away December 21, 2018 in Fort Myers, Florida. She was the beloved wife of the late James P. Colleary of Dowagiac, Michigan, the daughter of the late Patrick & Catherine O'Donnell of Chicago, IL and the sister of John P. O'Donnell (Kathleen) of Darien, IL. Ann was the beloved mother of Thomas Colleary, Nancy (Robert) Ashley, and Kathleen (Michael) Kuhn. Loving grandmother of Colleen (Matthew) Taylor, Emmett (Britany) Kuhn, and the late Meaghan Ashley, and aunt to many dear nieces & nephews. She was a Catholic school teacher, devoted to her many students, who returned that love. Friends may visit from 10 AM to 11 AM (EST) Friday, January 4, 2019 at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 51841 Leach Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047 followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM (EST). Internment will follow at Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Masses will be appreciated. Those wishing to sign Ann's Memory Book online may do so at [www.clarkch.com](http://www.clarkch.com)

### Cukla, Susan

Susan Cukla nee Ditlevsen age 62. Beloved wife of Ronald. Dearest Mother of Stacey (Tyler) Beswick and Julie. Cherished Grandmother of Teddy. Fond sister of Kathy (Tony) Grosch, Ann (the late Dave) Wilczak and Keith. Many nieces nephews relatives and friends. Funeral Saturday 10 A.M. at Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL Visitation Friday 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL 630-510-0044

### Damm, Rosemary E.

Rosemary E. Damm, nee Schoder, age 89, formerly of Lombard and Plainfield, currently of Glen Ellyn, beloved wife of Donald; loving mother of William (Laura), James (Molira), Mark and Joseph (Meghan) Damm and Lorraine (Rob) Warder; proud grandmother of Elizabeth (Keith) Creasy, David and Timothy Damm, Courtney (Brad) Bergemann, Kevin (Allison) and Brendan (Brittany) Damm, Maurene (fiancé Ryan Svoboda) Damm, Wyatt, Emma and Aaron Damm, Connor, Rhiannon and Ainsley Damm and Melissa and Evan Warder; cherished great-grandmother of Alexander and Adam Bergemann; dear sister of the late Jerome and Melvin Schoder. Visitation Friday, January 4, 2019, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at Gibbons Funeral Home, 134 South York Road (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Private Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Peace Hospice, 1717 N. Naper Blvd., Suite 301 Naperville, IL 60563. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

### Dowling, Peggie J.

Peggie J. Dowling nee Hoffman, age 83, Beloved wife of the late Daniel Dowling. Loving daughter of the late John and Margaret Hoffman, survived by 6 step-children, grandchildren and cousins. Visitation Friday 9:00 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. chapel service at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Techy, IL. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

### DuSell, Forester "Fory"

Forester J. DuSell "Fory", 97, of Geneva passed away December 22, 2018. He was born May 20, 1921 in Aurora, son of the late Claude and Mary DuSell.

Fory was a longtime railroader having started with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy as an Operator in 1939. He grew up in CB&Q division point Aurora, IL, and quickly rose through the ranks to Dispatcher, Trainmaster, Assistant to General Manager, and Director-Suburban Services in Chicago. During that time, the Burlington Chicago commuter service was expanding, and eventually, partnering with the West Suburban Mass Transit District, re-equipped to become entirely push-pull using gallery cars with head end power. Mr. DuSell was in charge of the group responsible for these improvements, and for the schedule and ridership expansion, and under his leadership, the service was recognized with the awards from UMTA (now FTA) and the Chicago Sun-Times, as the best commuter service in Chicago. He served on the Governor's Task Force which established the Regional Transportation Authority.

After his retirement from what had become Burlington Northern, Forester was tapped to become San Diego Trolley's first Manager of Operations, tasked with establishing its initial operating organization and train service, on the first modern light rail service in the U.S. He spent several years in San Diego before again retiring and returning to the Chicago area, where he and wife, Jean, built a home they had long planned in Geneva, IL. In his post-railroad life, Fory stayed active as a consultant, serving as Senior Advisor to PTSTI Transportation. He was a member of Metra's Citizens Advisory Board, and traveled extensively in Europe, observing railway operations in several nations.

Forester served his country in World War II with the 770th Railroad Operating Battalion. He rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and had been offered a commission which he declined in order to return to the railroad industry. Fory is survived by his wife, Jean, several nieces and nephews and by countless millions of passengers transported safely and comfortably under his leadership. As DJ Mitchell, Vice President- Passenger Operations of BNSF Railway remarked, "Fory lived a long life in the service of lots of people who never met him." Services have been held and burial took place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora, IL. Arrangements were handled by The Healy Chapel, Aurora, IL.

Memorials may be made to Honor Flight Chicago at [honorflightchicago.org](http://honorflightchicago.org) or Marmion Academy at [marmion.org](http://marmion.org).

To sign the online guestbook please visit [www.healychapel.com](http://www.healychapel.com). 630-897-9291.

### Gattie, Todd Matthew

Todd Matthew Gattie, 45, of Avon, CT, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, December 30, 2018, after a courageous sixteen-month battle with cancer. Born in Bloomington, IN, on May 30, 1973, the son of Michael and Carol (Johnson) Gattie, Todd was raised in Eden Prairie and Wayzata, MN. Todd earned his B.A. in philosophy in 1996 from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

As a teen, Todd had earned his pilot's license. Following college, he trained in Oakland, CA, and flew as a commercial pilot until September 2001. He then pursued a career in architecture, earning his Master of Architecture from the University of Michigan in 2007. He worked as an architect in Chicago until 2009 where he met his loving wife Sara Uffelman Gattie. Led by Todd, together they renovated homes in Chicago, and Todd became a devoted stay-at-home dad to their daughters, Anneliese and Margot.

After relocating to Avon, CT in 2013, Todd eventually returned to his first career as a pilot. He was a First Officer at charter jet company Lyon Air of Pittsfield, MA flying the Hawker 800, and for the Delta regional airline Endeavor Air, flying the CRJ-900 out of LaGuardia International Airport.

Todd enjoyed the outdoors, travel, cooking and food. Highlights of his life were trekking in Nepal with his sister Amy Gattie, and time spent in Central America and Japan. Todd was very mechanical, loved woodworking and DIY projects and design. He was a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan and considered himself a "Badgerine," a hybrid Wisconsin Badger and Michigan Wolverine fan. Todd had a quick wit with a wonderful sense of humor, but was known for his quiet demeanor and ability to really listen.

After Todd was diagnosed with cancer in August 2017, he endured challenging treatments with his characteristic humor and without complaint. He and his family were extremely grateful for the support of family and friends, as well as the kindness of the nurses, doctors, and staff at UCONN Naeg Cancer Center and John Dempsey Hospital, whose devotion helped make the unbearable easier to bear for Todd and his wife and children. He is survived by his wife of nine years, Sara Uffelman Gattie of Avon; his beloved daughters, Anneliese Claire and Margot Gray Gattie of Avon; his devoted parents, Michael and Carol Gattie of Wayzata, MN; his loving sister, Amy Gattie and her husband Erik Larsen of Minneapolis, MN; as well as his parents in-law, William and Jane Uffelman of Ocean View, DE; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family and cherished friends. Todd's family will receive friends on Thursday, January 3, 2019, from 4-7PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road in Avon. A private funeral service will be held and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Todd wanted to support other families impacted by cancer; therefore, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Todd's memory may be made to Naeg Cancer Center, Attn Wanita Thorpe, 263 Farmington Ave., Farmington, CT 06030-1834; and, Healing Meals Community Project, P.O. Box 501 Simsbury, CT 06070.



Death Notices

**Glymbacki, Alice M.**  
Alice M. Glymbacki, age 72, suddenly late of Tinley Park. Devoted daughter of the late Walter and Violet (née Budziak) Glymbacki; loving sister of Violet Przybysz, the late Josephine (Dennis) Richie, Walter Jr, James G lymbacki, and Jeanette Janicek; dear aunt of Daniel Przybysz, Patricia Peiffer, Jennifer Brennan, and Phillip Ritchie. Visitation Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. at Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service), 14318 S. LaGrange Rd. (Northbound traffic: U-turn permitted at 143rd St.), Orland Park. Future Inurnment Holy Cross Cemetery. (708)460-2300 or [www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com](http://www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com)

**Gordon, Phillip S.**  
Phillip Stuart ‘Butch’ Gordon, RPH, 80, of Skokie, Illinois, died peacefully on December 31, 2018, surrounded by his family. Phil is survived by his wife, soulmate and best friend, Mickey (Slutsky); proud father of sons Brian (Ellen) & Todd (Lauren) and daughter Staci; adored grandfather of Danielle, Zachary, Lindsey, Marlee, Tatum, Rian, Peyton, Sadie & Aubrey. He is also survived by his brother Earl (Elana). Devoted son of the late Tillie Gordon & Louis Gordon and beloved son-in-law of Florence & Adolph Slutsky. South Shore High School and the University of Illinois Pharmacy School alum. Service Thursday 10 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Rd.) Skokie. Entombment Sunset Memorial Lawns 3100 Shermer Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076 or Cycle for Survival [www.cycleforsurvival.org](http://www.cycleforsurvival.org) Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

**Grove, Otis Gardner, Jr.**  
Otis Gardner Grove, Jr., a long-time resident of Chicago, IL and more recently of Madison, WI died peacefully on Tuesday, December 25, 2018 with the support of family and Agrace Hospice and Palliative Care. He was 87. Otis was born in Mobile, Alabama on March 12, 1931 to Hazel and Otis G. Grove, one of four siblings: Rosa Langham, Gloria Jean Russell and LeBaron Grove. He graduated from Most Pure Heart of Mary High School in Mobile in 1947. A lifelong learner and educator, Otis later earned a Bachelor’s degree in Biology and a Master’s degree in History and Culture. He taught Biology and Chemistry in the following Chicago area high schools: Lane Tech, Percy L. Julian, and Calumet Career Preparatory Academy. He married Mary Louise Burroughs in 1954. The couple had one son, Ronald Williams. Otis was proud to serve in the United States Armed Forces in Korea during the Korean War from 1955 to 1957. Sergeant Grove returned with three bronze stars and an honorable discharge for his service as a medic. Otis met and married Josephine Blount in 1964. The couple raised James Andre Robinson and Dawn Denise Robinson, Jo’s children from a previous union, and had two children of their own, Kimberli Josephine Grove and Otis G. Grove, III. He is preceded in death by his parents Otis and Hazel Grove, and by his lifelong friend and loving companion, Dorothy P. Clark, recently deceased on August 23, 2018. Otis is survived by two sisters and one brother: Rosa Langham and Gloria Jean Russell (Robert), of Chicago and LeBaron Grove (Lillian) of Mobile, AL. He leaves behind the pride and joy of his life, 5 children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson: son Ronald Williams (spouse Carol Williams and grandchildren Rhondalynn and Rian Williams), son Jim Robinson (spouse Kim Robinson and grandchildren Janell Robinson Byrd (spouse Brandon Byrd) and great-grandson Cameron, Kristopher Robinson (spouse Ali Robinson)), daughter Dawn Robinson (spouse Kat Wentworth), daughter Kim Miller (spouse Paul Miller and grandchildren Elena, Lydia and Liam Miller), son Otis G. Grove III (spouse Bethany Grove, grandchildren Otis IV, Alexander and Sophie). A host of nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends mourn his passing, including Dot Langham, Cynthia Vance, Paul Holmes and Melvin Ryan, and Lucille Giles. His SPICE Investment Club, Needles and Thread Quilting Guild, and The Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago friends also join us in our grief. Throughout his life, Otis was a friend to all, and possessed an active, keen and curious mind. Oh, how we will miss his humor, his stories, his kindness, warmth and willingness to help anyone in need! We were lucky to have him, to love him and to be loved by him in return. Visitation/Viewing is January 3, 2019 at 10AM, and a funeral service will begin at 11 AM at AA Rayner and Sons Funeral Home, 318 East 71st St, Chicago, IL 60619. A Military Burial is at 2:30 PM at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at 20953 W. Hoff Rd., in Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, we request that commemorative donations be made to the General Operating Fund of the Lyric Opera of Chicago in memory of Otis G. Grove, Jr.

**Groves, David Franklin**  
David Franklin Groves, longtime resident of Lombard, died peacefully Wednesday, December 26, 2018. He was 85. David was born June 20, 1933 in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Oak Park River Forest High School. Upon graduation, David returned to Ohio to attend The Ohio State University. David is preceded in death by his brother Jon in 2008. David is survived by Patricia, his wife of 57 years, their 3 children; Keith (Kim) of Arlington Heights, Glenn (Alena) of O’Fallon, Missouri and Linda, (Brad) of Chicago, and 6 grandchildren; Abigail, Meredith, Sam Sarah, Harrison and Sydney. A unique soul, David was very funny and loved his Alma Mater, The Ohio State University and their Football Program. He will be greatly missed. Private services will be held at his residence.

**Guenther, Deborah A.**  
68, of Franktown, CO, Entered into Heaven on January 1, 2019. Loving Wife of 49 years to Robert. Beloved Mother of the late Sabrina Guenther, Bob Guenther of California and Kimberly (Ike) Willis. Special Grandma of Trent, Bobby, Sloane, Kaylee, Lanie, Samantha, Gene and Alyssa. Daughter of the late Russell and Mary Jean Post.

**Hoehne, Robert E.**  
Robert Hoehne, 90 of Minocqua, WI and former orthodontist for 30 years in Morton Grove, IL died December 19, 2018. Survived by wife Faye, and 4 children and six grandchildren, 2 great grandsons, nieces and nephews. Memorial service for Robert will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to Wounded Warriors or St. Jude Hospital for children. Online condolences at [www.nimsgernfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgernfuneral.com). NIMSGERN FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES IS SERVING THE FAMILY.

**Kaminski, Pauline I.**  
Pauline I. Kaminski, age 88, of Elmwood Park. Preceded in death by her late husband, Leo J. Kaminski. Loving mother of Alan (Kimberly) and Lawrence (Kimberly) Kaminski. Caring grandmother of Kristin, Daniel, Thomas, Laura, Robert, and Paul; Dearest great grandmother to Donovan and Juliana. Visitation Friday, January 4, 2019 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Belmont Funeral Home, 7120 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL. Funeral Prayers Saturday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home with a Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at St. Celestine Church, 3020 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park, IL. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Info 773 286-2500 or [www.belmontfuneralhome.com](http://www.belmontfuneralhome.com)

**Knight, Andrea**  
Andrea S. Knight, 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on December 29, 2018. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut on November 4, 1927, to John W. and Dorothy (nee Bill) Saladine. Andrea was an active advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. Andrea is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Robert P. Knight; loving mother to Susan (Lawrence Jones) and Margaret (Brad Kulkin); loving grandmother to Nicholas and Matthew Jones and Abigail Kulkin. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert P. Knight, Jr. in 1984. Memorial services are currently pending and will be held Winnetka Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be expressed to ARC of Illinois or the Winnetka Congregational Church in loving memory of Andrea Knight. Info: Wenban Funeral Home (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)

**Kowalchuk, Anthony G.**  
Cherished son of Marcella nee Skibinski & the late George Kowalchuk. Husband of Jinny. Loving nephew & cousin of many. Tony will be missed by all who knew him. Funeral Mass Friday 11:00 am at St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler in Oak Lawn. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. [Thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://Thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

**Lehmann, Allan H.**  
Allan H. Lehmann, 77. Loving husband of Bonnie nee Severin. Devoted father of Craig Lehmann. Cherished grandfather of Trevor and Taylor Lehmann. Caring uncle of Amy Badurina. Lying in State Saturday, January 5 from 9 AM – 11 AM at First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave, Downers Grove where a funeral service will be held at 11 AM. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. For funeral info (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

**Mantis, Panagiota**  
Panagiota Mantis, 74, nee Rigas; Born in Argos, Argolidos, Greece; Beloved wife of the late Dimitrios; Devoted mother of Christine (Peter) Papohos; Cherished grandmother of Evangelos and Demetra; Loving sister of Chrysoula, Petroula and Christo; Dearest aunt to many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Visitation Friday, January 4, 2019 from 9 a.m. until time of Funeral service 10:00 a.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Elmhurst, IL. 893 N. Church Rd., Elmhurst, IL. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. Info: 777-889-1700

**Martyn, Norbert “Doc”**  
Norbert “Doc” Martyn, DDS age 89; beloved husband of Diane nee Wojcik; loving father of the late Maureen Carr, Thomas (Darcy) and Michael Martyn; dear grandfather of Tom Jr., David and Daniel; great grandfather of Audrey, Alice, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Hayden and Shelby; fond brother of the late Terese Martyn. Doc was an avid radio-controlled airplane flyer. Visitation Friday January 4, 2019; 2 pm to 9 pm at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Saturday January 5th 9:45 am from Chapel to St. Bernadette Church for Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 am Interment Resurrection Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or [www.kosaryfuneralhome.com](http://www.kosaryfuneralhome.com)

**Mosele, Richard**  
Richard Mosele, retired CPD; loving husband of Geraldine nee Gillespie; beloved father of Kathleen (Al) Antonian, Norine, Joe, Gerald, and Robert (Margaret); adoring grandfather of Katelyn (Matt) Hendricks, Kristine (Mike) Vilarosa, Jaclyn and Stefanie Mosele, Grace, Lauren, and Connor Mosele; dear great grandfather of Molly Hendricks; cherished brother of the late Maryrose Dunleavy, Joanne Edwards, and John L. Mosele; brother-in-law of Phyllis Mosele; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 10:45 AM from Gibbons Family Funeral Home, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) to St. Thecla Church. Mass 11:30 AM. Interment Private. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Chicago Police Memorial Fund. For info 773-777-3944 or [www.gffh.com](http://www.gffh.com)

**Mugalian, Robert H.**  
Robert H. Mugalian, D.D.S., age 96, of Wilmette. Beloved husband of the late Lillian Mugalian nee Najarian; loving father of Brian (Carla) Mugalian; grand uncle of Jeanette Eldridge; dear brother of the late Richard (Lola) Mugalian; fond uncle of Arthur Mugalian, Ruth Mugalian (Gordon Walek) and Steve Mugalian; dear cousin of Richard Tootelian and Robert Tootelian (Joan Leska). Visitation: Thursday, January 3, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Private Entombment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990

**O’Brien, Florence Geraldine McCarthy “Gerry”**  
Florence Geraldine McCarthy O’Brien, age 99, of Sea Island, Georgia, formerly of Winnetka, IL passed away on December 31, 2018. Beloved wife of Robert J. O’Brien, Sr. for nearly 72 years. Loving mother of Robert, Jr. (Rita), Nancy (Richard) Kehoe, Susan Lodge, John (Patricia), the late James, and Laurie (Joseph) Bauer. Proud Nana to 22 grandchildren: Robert III (Kim) O’Brien, Aimee (Ryan) Donovan, Sally O’Brien, Meaghan Maher, Michael (Sara) Smylie, Ben Barton (Elizabeth) Smylie, John Smylie, Mathew Smylie, James (Jodie) Smylie, Kathleen (Michael) Then, Colleen (Tony) Meyers, Laurie Ann (Robert) Hamman, Heather (Scott) Wojteczko, Kenneth Lodge, John (Theresa) O’Brien Jr., Therese O’Brien, Timothy (Ellen) O’Brien, Carmel O’Brien, Joseph (Kathleen) Bauer Jr., Madeline (Joseph) Chiczewski, Caroline Bauer, Matthew Bauer and 25 great-grandchildren. Dear sister-in-law to Dr. William Marshall and Nancy McCarthy. She was preceded in death by her parents: Lenore and John V. McCarthy and siblings, Lenore Cox, John “Bud” V. McCarthy, Jr. and Mary Marshall. Gerry was raised in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago, attended St Philip Neri grammar school, and graduated from St. Xavier High School. After completing studies in 1941 with a degree in Speech/Drama from St. Mary of the Woods College in Terra Haute, Indiana, she taught speech and drama in the Chicago Public School system. However, her lifelong passion was writing and directing plays for her family and many neighborhood children. She met the love of her life, Bob O’Brien, in 1944, and after a beautiful courtship they were married at St. Philip Neri Church on April 19, 1947. They honeymooned in Sea Island, GA, where in 1978 they built their dream home where they eventually retired. “Lune de Miel” has provided countless memories for the family which they will forever cherish. Gerry was a very active member in several parishes and communities starting with St. Philip Neri, where she was on many boards and committees, chairing quite a few. There she co-founded the St. Philip Neri Players Group, where they wrote and performed musicals for the community. In 1964 the family moved to Sacred Heart Parish in Winnetka, IL where she continued her involvement in parish and school activities. A few highlights were her induction into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and Chairman of the Loyola Academy Ramble. By now she was quite legendary as the party planner of both the North and South Shore of Chicago. Gerry did not slow down in her retirement years in Sea Island. She became an avid golfer, and at the age of 85 authored the best-selling book “The Heart of the South Shore.” She continued writing and directing plays, now starring her grandchildren. Gerry had many loves in addition to her husband, family and many friends. Chocolate, butter, 40’s Big Band music, her Irish heritage, and the topper was on her 99th birthday when she became the proud mother of a puppy that she named, “Snickers.” Gerry along with her husband Bob, are active and beloved members of their current parish, St. Williams Catholic Church, in St. Simon’s Island, GA. In Gerry’s later years, she has been tenderly and lovingly cared for by the many wonderful nurses and personnel at “Lune de Miel.” The entire O’Brien family will be forever grateful for their kindness, love and attention to their mother. Visitation Saturday, January 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 3:00 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church, Saint Simons Island, GA. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: St. William Catholic Church, St. Simons Island 2300 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods 1 Sisters of Providence Road, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)

**Padilla, Larry**  
Larry Padilla, 67, of Watertown, WI passed away on December 18, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Bicknell of Watertown, son Tony (Timarie) of Kirkland, daughter Cara of Pennsylvania, brothers and sisters, Sal (Martha) of Montgomery, Linda Willis of Richmond, Julie (Rick) Peabody of Naperville, Bob of Aurora, Henry (Barb) of Plainfield, Alice (John) May of Montgomery, grandchildren, Lily, Hunter, Evelyn, Gavin, Roland and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvador and Julia Padilla, brothers Chuck and John, maternal grand-parents, Manuel and Eulalia Perez and brother-in-law, Gerald Willis. Larry was an Illinois Benedictine University graduate and a member of Aurora Central Catholic High School’s first graduating class. He taught at St. Nicholas Grade School before joining the faculty and football coaching staff at ACC. He was an accomplished, multi-talented musician and founding member of local bands, Liberty Road and August. Larry’s love of family, friends, learning, music and football were a part of him that gave so much to the people in his life and he will be missed more than he could have imagined. His influence was felt by many in the Fox Valley area and beyond and he will be remembered with great affection. A memorial Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2018 at St. Joseph Church, Aurora. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.



# Death Notices

**Polinski, Edward S.**  
Edward S. Polinski, age 96 of Cary passed away December 31, 2018. He was born December 20, 1922 in Chicago, the son of Stanley and Anna Polinski. Edward is survived by his wife of 72 years Blanche (Wilczewski) Polinski, his children: Russell E. (Mary) Polinski, Gail (Anthony) Char-moli and Victoria A. (Thomas) Ozzello, his granddaughter Allysa A. Ozzello as well as a sister Loretta (Joe) Stec. Edward served in the Army during WW II. There will be a visitation for Edward on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM at the Kahle-Moore Funeral Home, 403 Silver Lake Rd., Cary. This will be followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 410 First St., Cary with entombment to follow with military honors at All Saints Cemetery. Memorials would be appreciated to the American Heart Association. For info: 847-639-3817 or kahlemoore.com

**Przybylo, Sharon**  
Sharon L. Przybylo (Goodwin), 55, passed away on Friday, December 28 surrounded by loving family and friends. Sharon was born in Waukegan on July 30, 1963, to Margaret Goodwin and thus began her life-long suffering as a Cubs fan. She grew up and resided in Round Lake Beach, IL for many years. After living in Lancaster, SC for a short time, it was her desire to be near family that led her back to Lindenhurst, IL, where she spent the remainder of her life. United in marriage on July 23, 1983, Sharon spent 35 happy years with her best friend Robert “Bob” Przybylo. Together, they enjoyed time with friends and family, sitting around a campfire, playing cards, going to concerts, and cheering on the Cubs and Bears. Always in search of a great bargain at Goodwill, Sharon’s greatest deal was her two children, Mathew and Monika, who in turn gave her three beautiful granddaughters. She lived for Delilah, Amelia and Isla. An accomplished cook, she often spent time with them baking her famous banana bread, cookies and red sauce. When she wasn’t cooking, she loved to take the girls to Bay Beach Amusement Park, volunteer in their classrooms, and read to them. Sharon held many jobs throughout her life, working as an assistant teacher at Peppermint Stick Preschool for many years, as an insurance agent, and then returned to the school system where she worked in various roles with special education, but her family always came first and her greatest labor of love was being a mother and “nana.” Sharon was proud of her time in color guard and kept in touch with her fellow “Rebelaire’s.” Sharon also had a life-long passion for the Cubs and had the opportunity of a lifetime to attend Games 6 and 7 in Cleveland to watch the Cubs win the 2016 World Series. Surviving her is her husband Robert Przybylo; children, Mathew (Emily) Przybylo and Monika Przybylo; 3 grandchildren, Delilah Denikas, Amelia Denikas and Isla Przybylo; mother, Margaret Goodwin and the man who became a father to her, George Randall; mother- and father-in-law, Joyce and Allen Greenspon; sisters, Annette (Rod) Sheets, Doreen (John) Cashmore, Paula Jenkins; cousin Dolly (Mark) Hoffer; many nieces and nephews; and her very good friends, Kitty and the Madden sisters. She was preceded in death by her brothers-in-law, Mike and Tim Przybylo and grandparents, Mildred Minghi, Verna Bork, and John Hommrich. It is evident by the outpouring of love, that Sharon Przybylo impacted many lives with her compassion, generosity and warm-loving heart. When you see a penny on the ground, pick it up, and continue to keep her memory alive. Services will be held at Strang Funeral Chapel in Grayslake, IL on Friday January 4th 2019. Visitation from 10AM-2PM followed by a graveside service at Avon Centre Cemetery (intersection of Shorewood Rd and Route 83). Strang Funeral Chapel, 410 E Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030

**Reilly, Peter J.**  
Peter J. Reilly, age 94, was called Home to the Lord peacefully on Saturday December 29, 2018. Loving Father of the late, Randolph; Kathleen Kline (nee Reilly); the late William; and Vickie. Cherished Grandfather of Leigh and Blake Harmon. Preceded in death by his parents, Anna and Henry Reilly. Also preceded in death by his siblings and their spouses, Mary (Frank) Hattan, Jane (Carl) Wilson, Henry (Josephine) Reilly, Anna (Ray) Carmody and Margaret (Ken) Ray. Fond uncle to Maureen Murphy (nee Hattan) and Margaret Jungblut (nee Hattan). Peter loved Animals particularly his Granddog Finnegan, playing Billards, and was once known as the ‘fastest 84 year old swimmer’. Visitation at Queen of Heaven Chapel, 1400 Wolf Road, Hillside, Illinois (enter off Roosevelt Road) on Friday January 4 at 12:00-1:00 PM, Service at 1:00 PM, followed immediately by a Celebration of Life Gathering and Luncheon. In Lieu of Flowers, which can not be accepted at the Chapel donations in Memory of our Dad to Phil’s Friends: <https://philsfriends.org/give-online/>

**Schiff, Molly J.**  
Oct. 19, 1927 – Dec. 14, 2018  
Molly (Rice) Schiff, survived by her husband of 72 years, Haskell;children, Darryll, Lesley, Brad, Rae; grandchildren, Lauren, Nick, Emma; brother Frank (Shirley). A woman of unstoppable fortitude. A loving wife and companion to Haskell, high school sweethearts from Marshall High since 1943. They traveled the world and never forgot where they came from. Molly, a human of fearless determination and accomplishment: Masters degrees from The Chicago Art Institute, a multi-disciplined artist. She shared her artistic journey with her family and all those she encountered: She always opened doors to unknown possibilities and encouraged others to experience new worlds. A caring mother to her four children, whom she nurtured into unique individuals of achievement, following her maverick example. An ever-adoring grandmother to her three grandchildren, whose lives she enhanced with positive encouragement. A true friend to the many people whose lives she touched. A guide to faraway countries, to explore and learn from the many wonders she knew would inspire. She made the everyday extra. There was no ordinary in her vocabulary. She was singular. She was steady. She was mighty. She was loved. And she will be forever missed.

**Reynolds, Thomas J., J.D.**  
Thomas J. Reynolds, J.D., age 80, formerly of Skokie. Former Second Assistant Cook County Public Defender; Captain, U.S. Army. Beloved husband of Aline, nee Greenhaw; loving father of Patrick “Todd” (Jennifer), Erin (James) Reynolds-Fallis, Kevin (Katherine), and Brianne (Christopher) Croteau; dear grandfather of Maren, Collin, Teaghan, and Ciara; fond brother of Margaret Fric, James and the late Patricia Reynolds. Visitation, Sunday, January 6, 2019, from 3 to 9 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Monday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass, 10 a.m., at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Av., Chicago. Entombment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum, Des Plaines. Memorial contributions may be made to the Illinois Innocence Project ([www.uis.edu/illinoisinnocenceproject](http://www.uis.edu/illinoisinnocenceproject)), University of Illinois Springfield, 1 University Plaza, MS PAC 451, Springfield, IL, 62703. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com).

**Snyder, Harvey E.**  
Born May 13, 1955 in Chicago, IL. Passed away suddenly on January 1, 2019. Beloved husband of Mary nee Weaver; Loving father of Amy (Brady) Zufelt; Devoted Grandpa of Quinn, Frank and Holly; Cherished brother of Catherine (Tim) Collasaco, Nancy (Gil) Snyder, Florence Snyder (Rick Johnson), Sandra (Brad) Gourley and Eva (Paul) Sietsema. Harvey was loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Proud veteran of the US Marine Corps; serving in the Marines Security Guard 1973-1980. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 8:00 pm at The Oaks Funeral Home 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Family and friends will meet Saturday, 10:00 am for a Funeral Service at Saint Peter Lutheran Church 202 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg. Burial will follow at Saint Peter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Conquer Cancer or Saint Peter Lutheran Church would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or [www.theoaksfh.com](http://www.theoaksfh.com)

**Stettner, Craig Raymond**  
Craig Stettner, age 53, died unexpectedly on December 25, 2018, while vacationing with his family in his beloved Costa Rica. Craig was an inspiration and role model to his family and all who knew him. He was kind, selfless and consistently put others’ needs ahead of his own in all areas of his life. After graduating from Maine West, he attended Purdue, Ball State, and Iowa State, earning degrees in fisheries and aquatic science, biology, ecology, and education. He was a faculty member in the Biology department at Harper College in Palatine since 2002 where he inspired countless students to reach their full potential. He ran a popular study abroad program in Costa Rica, providing students with life changing experiences personally and academically. Craig was dedicated to sharing his passion for conservation and the environment and worked for many years with Harper students and volunteers from the community to help restore the ecosystem in the Spring Creek Forest Preserve in Barrington. He was an avid bird watcher and a board member of the Chicago Audubon Society and led many bird walks to share the joys of birding with students and the public. He cultivated an expertise in butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies and became an official dragonfly /damselfly monitor for the state of Illinois. Beyond Craig’s work and volunteer activities, he was also a rock of unconditional love and support to his family. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Stettner. Craig was an important part of the lives of all the family who survive him: his mother, Judy, younger brothers, Tom and Dave, sisters-in-law, Allison and Amy, his niece, Elizabeth, nephews, Nathan, Aaron, and Nicholas, Uncle Ray, Aunt Carolyn, and cousins, Jody, Jill, Dan and their families. Donations in Craig’s memory can be made to the Cook County Forest Preserve Foundation or the Chicago Audubon Society. A time of remembering and celebrating Craig’s life is scheduled for Saturday, January 19th at Willow Creek North Shore Church, 2200 Shermer Rd, Glenview, IL 60026. Visitation will be from 11am to 1pm with a memorial service at 1pm.

**Truong, Guy Minh**  
Guy Minh Truong, 38, of Chicago IL. was born Saturday September 21st 1980 in a refugee camp in Galang, Indonesia, passed away at home on December 30th 2018. He is survived by his mother and father, Huoi Truong and Kiet Minh Truong; grandmother, Hai Tran: uncles, Hen Truong, Phong Ngo, Hai Ngo, Du Ngo: aunts, Sen Truong, Thu Ngo: brother, Giau (Marisha) Minh Truong; 4 sisters, Jennifer Truong, Tracy (Carl) Justus, Susan (Adrian) Truong-Hurst, Josie (David) Lee: 3 nephews, Dylan and Devin Justus, Nathan Minh Truong and is preceded by grandfather, Kim Truong, Tuc Ngo: grandmother, Ghet Ma: uncle, Long Truong: aunt, Phuong Ngo; nephew, Dustin Justus. Service will be held Thursday January 3rd, 2019 from 11am to 2pm at Cooney Funeral Home: 3918 w. Irving Park Rd. Chicago, IL. 60618. The cremation will take place Thursday January 3rd, 2019 at 3:00pm. The family is grateful for condolences, but declines flowers and donations.

**Tatel, Faye**  
Faye Tatel, nee Goldfarb, beloved wife for 51 years of Fred; cherished mother of Jennifer and Sam (Becca); devoted grandmother of Breanna, Hannah, and Lily; loving sister of the late Stanley Goldfarb; treasured aunt, great aunt, sister-in-law, and friend to many. Faye was a lifelong educator of children, as a math teacher and as a principal. Service Friday, 10:00 a.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Avenue, Northbrook, IL 60062. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Rubenstein Memorial Library Fund. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

**Tuma, Eleanor “Elly”**  
Eleanor (Elly Tuma), age 94, quietly passed away on Monday (12/10/18); beloved wife for 69 years to the late Charles G. Tuma; devoted mother of Dawn Naydenoff and Terry Tuma and adored grandmother of two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Family and friends were Elly’s love and joy. She always wore a smile on her face and possessed a very positive spirit. Church service will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (4501 Main Street; Downers Grove, Illinois) on Saturday (01/12/19) at 11:00 AM.

**Vukovich, Dragan “Charlie”**  
Dragan “Charlie” Vukovich, age 82, of Wilmette. Born in Croatia in 1936, he arrived in the U.S. in 1961. Beloved husband of Helen, nee Grgantov: loving father of Helena (Marinko) Petrusic and Charlie (Elizabeth) Vukovich; dear grandfather of Nicole, Michael, Christopher, Chase, and Cody; fond brother of Anna Vukovich and the late Kata, Jure, and Ivan Vukovich; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. [ Special thanks to Mariola and Luie and all caregivers. ] Visitation, Friday, January 4, 2019, from 3 to 8 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Saturday, January 5, at 11:15 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass, 11:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com).

**Wold, Mildred “Millie”**  
Mildred “Millie” Wold, nee Suss, age 89 years young, of Chicago, formerly of Brooklyn, NY; beloved wife and best friend of the late Alex Wold; loving mother of Steven (Anne) Wold and Robin Wold; adored grandmother of Elise (Scott) Weiler and Daniel Wold; devoted daughter of the late Sigmund and the late Eva Suss; dear sister of the late Jack (late Marilyn) Suss; treasured aunt and friend to many. Millie was a strong, outspoken, and feisty woman, who loved to shop. She will be dearly missed by all. Service Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to JourneyCare Hospice, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025 or Lungevity Foundation, [www.lungevity.org](http://www.lungevity.org). Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

**Zocchi, Anthony J.**  
Anthony J. “Tony” Zocchi, age 52. Beloved son of John Zocchi and the late Eugene York; dear grandson of Estelle York; loving nephew of Rosann York; friend of many. Tony was a devout fan of the Chicago Blackhawks and Chicago Cubs. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation will take place Friday, Jan. 04 from 3 to 9pm at Hollowell & James Funeral Home, 301 – 75th St., Downers Grove and will continue from 9am until time of Mass, 10am on Saturday, Jan. 05 at St. Scholastica Church, 7800 Janes Ave., Woodridge. Interment to be held privately. Memorial donations may be given to the Kidney Foundation. Funeral Info: 630-964-6500 or [hjfunerals.com](http://hjfunerals.com)



## Legal Notices

## FORECLOSURES

828090197 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Nations Lending Corporation, an Ohio Corporation Plaintiff, CASE NO. 18 CH 14799 vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Alberto Diaz aka Alberto Luis Diaz; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association sbm to World Savings Bank, FSB; Erica Gonzalez; A.D., a minor heir; G.D., a minor heir; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 14799 2427 Elm Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171 Horan Calendar NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Alberto Diaz aka Alberto Luis Diaz, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 23 IN ELIAS AND NORMAN RESUBDIVISION, A RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH EAST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 12-27-424-028-0000 Said property is commonly known as 2427 Elm Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Alberto Diaz and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1722710057 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 28, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. 003158852, DuPage 293191, Kane 03126104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 [lipleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com](mailto:lipleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com) THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

ANANLYN, DEAS, KOCHALKSI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR, TRUSTEES OF THE WARREN W. LOSER DECLARATION OF TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 15, 2001 AND EXECUTED ON NOVEMBER 1, 2001; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CARRIAGE WAY COURT CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION; CARRIAGE WAY COURT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING NO. 5100 ASSOCIATION, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH14224 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Successor, Trustees of the Warren W. Loser Declaration of Trust, dated October 15, 2001 and executed on November 1, 2001, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the emises described as follows, to-wit: Unit No. 302 in the Carriage Way Court Condominium Building No. 5100, as delineated on the survey of the following described real estate (hereinafter referred to as "parcel"): That part of Lot 4 of Three Fountains at Plum Grove (according to the plat thereof recorded July 8, 1968, as Document Number 20 543 261) being a subdivision in Section 8, Township 41 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at the most Northeasterly corner of Lot 4 aforesaid; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the Easterly line thereof 50.37 feet; thence North 90 degrees West (at right angles thereto) 116.04 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 74 degrees 22 minutes 04 seconds West 89.58 feet; thence South 15 degrees 37 minutes 56 seconds East 233.00 feet; thence North 74 degrees 22 minutes 04 seconds East 89.58 feet; thence North 15 degrees 37 minutes 56 seconds West 233.00 feet to the place of beginning, in Cook County, Illinois which survey is attached to Exhibit "B" to the Declaration of Condominium for Building No. 5100 recorded in the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds as Document No. 26 619 596.

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5100 Carriageway Drive #302, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 08-08-301-064-1027 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Successors, Trustees of the Warren W. Lessor Declaration of Trust, dated October 15, 2001 and executed on November 1, 2001, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 19, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Edward R. Peterka (6220416)

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613  
Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [serpeterka@manleydeas.com](mailto:serpeterka@manleydeas.com) file number: 18-029412 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION., Plaintiff, v. ORA MYLES, AKA ORA MAE MYLES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018C14256 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Ora Myles, AKA Ora Mae Myles, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 2 in Albins Subdivision of Lot 4 in Block 2 in Rockwell's Addition to Chicago in the West Half of the North East Quarter of Section 13, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois. 2741 West Wilcox Street, Chicago, IL 60612 16-13-208-008-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Ora Myles, AKA Ora Mae Myles, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 19, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [sefzlmanchester@manleydeas.com](mailto:sefzlmanchester@manleydeas.com) file number: 18-032845 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

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And: Frankie M. Lyles; Francine R. Anderson; City of Chicago (re: Francine Anderson and Frankie M. Lyles), c/o City Clerk; Midland Funding LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2007 MI-214072), c/o Midland Credit Management, Inc.; CACH, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2011 MI-171322), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; VMD Enterprises, Inc. (re: Francine Anderson; 2011 MI-131379), c/o Victoria Duran; Dell Financial Services L.L.C. (re: Francine Anderson 2018 MI-164902), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2014 MI-128328), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Is Or As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2018 COTD 000031 FILED: January 3, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 18, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010198 Sold For General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2009-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property located at: 3940 W. Jackson Blvd., in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-106-018-0000 Vol. 559 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of

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redemption from the sale will expire on May 10, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 10, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 10, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 GALINA PATTERSON, purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 Dated: January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 [harrislaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harrislaw@sbcglobal.net)

And: Frankie M. Lyles; Francine R. Anderson; City of Chicago (re: Francine Anderson and Frankie M. Lyles), c/o City Clerk; Midland Funding LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2007 MI-1214072), c/o Midland Credit Management, Inc.; CACH, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2011 MI-1713322), c/o Illinois Corporation Service; C; VMD Enterprises, Inc. (re: Francine Anderson; 2017 MI-131379), c/o Victoria Duran; Dell Financial Services L.L.C. (re: Francine Anderson 2018 MI-164902), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; Portfolio Recover Associates, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2014 MI-128328), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2018 COTD 000030 FILED: January 3, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: 01/01/19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-001039 Sold For General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2009-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property located at: 3928 W. Jackson Blvd., in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-106-019-0000 Vol. 559 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 10, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 10, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 10, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 GALINA PATTERSON, purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 Date: January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net

TO: Frankie M. Lyles; Francine R.  
Anderson; City of Chicago (re: Francine  
Anderson and Frankie M. Lyles), c/o  
City Clerk; Midland Funding LLC (re:  
Francine Anderson; 2007 M1-214072),  
c/o Midland Credit Management, Inc.;  
CACH, LLC (re: Francine Anderson;  
2011 M1-171322), c/o Illinois  
Corporation Service C, VMD  
Enterprises, Inc. (re: Francine  
Anderson; 2011 M1-131379), c/o  
Victoria Duran; Dell Financial Services  
L.L.C. (re: Francine Anderson 2018 M1-  
164902), c/o Illinois Corporation  
Service C, Portfolio Recovery  
Associates, LLC (re: Francine Anderson;  
2014 M1-128328), c/o Illinois  
Corporation Service C; Judgment  
Creditors, and Decree Creditors, If Any  
Of The Above Described As "Unknown  
Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County  
Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual

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Possession Of Said Property; Unknown  
 Owners Or Persons Interested In Said  
 Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2018 COTD  
 000027 FILED: January 3, 2018  
 AMENDED PETITION FILED December  
 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook,  
 State of Illinois Date Premises Sold:  
 July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-  
 0010197 Sold for General Taxes of  
 2017 Scavenger Sale (2009-2015) Sold  
 For Special Assessment of  
 (Municipality) Not Applicable. And  
 Special Assessment No. Not Applicab  
 Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No.  
 Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS  
 BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES  
 Property located at: 3932 W. Jackson  
 Blvd., in Chicago, IL Legal Description  
 or Property Index No. 16-14-106-017-  
 0000 Vol. 559 This notice is to advise  
 you that the above property has been  
 sold for delinquent taxes and that the  
 period of redemption from the sale will  
 expire on May 10, 2019. The amount  
 to redeem is subject to increase at 6  
 month intervals from the date of sale  
 and may be further increased if the  
 purchaser at the tax sale or his or her  
 assignee pays any subsequently  
 accruing taxes or special assessments  
 to redeem the property from  
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 Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further  
 information contact the County Clerk.  
 Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room  
 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE:  
 (312) 603-5645 VESNA VELASQUEZ,  
 purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris  
 #55136 Dated: January 1, 2019 933  
 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL  
 60607 312-795-9600  
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to: Frankie M. Lyles; (re: Francine R. Anderson; City of Chicago (re: Francine Anderson and Frankie M. Lyles), c/o City Clerk; Midland Funding LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2007 M1-214072), c/o Midland Credit Management, Inc.; CACH, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2011 M1-171322), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; VMD Enterprises, Inc. (re: Francine Anderson; 2010 M1-128328), c/o Victoria Duran; Dell Financial Service L.L.C (re: Francine Anderson; 2018 M1-164902), c/o Illinois Corporation Systems C; Portfolio Recover Associates, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2014 M1-128328), c/o Illinois Corporation Systems C; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2018 COTD 000026 FILED: January 3, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Taxe Debt Premises Sold: 00101916 Sold For General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property located at: 3944 W. Jackson Blvd., in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-106-016-0000 Vol. 559 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 10, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 10, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 10, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 VESNA VELASQUEZ, purchaser or assignee JUDAS M. Harris 551363Dated: January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 [harrislaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harrislaw@sbcglobal.net)

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County of Cook, Illinois  
 To: West Side Management Corporation, c/o Edward J. Novak, registered agent, West Side Management Corporation; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. Tax DEED NO. 2018 COTD 001796 FILED: March 1, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010062 Sold for General Taxes of 2017 For Scavenger Sale (2013-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property located at: 546 N. Sawyer Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-222-012-0000 Vol. 553 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 8, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 8, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 8, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 RICHARD J. ANSELMO, purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 Dated: January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net

o: Edwin Nino Abreu; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED No. 2018 COTD 001797 FILED: March 1, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 18, 2018 TAX NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010064 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2012-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property located at: 521 N. Sawyer Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 8, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 8, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1706, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 20, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 8, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 **RICHARD J. ANSELMO**, Purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 dated; January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 [harrislaw@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:harrislaw@sbcbglobal.net)

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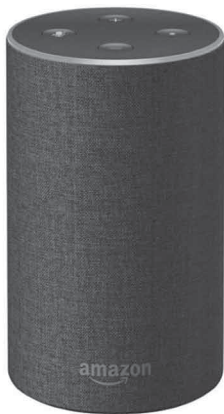
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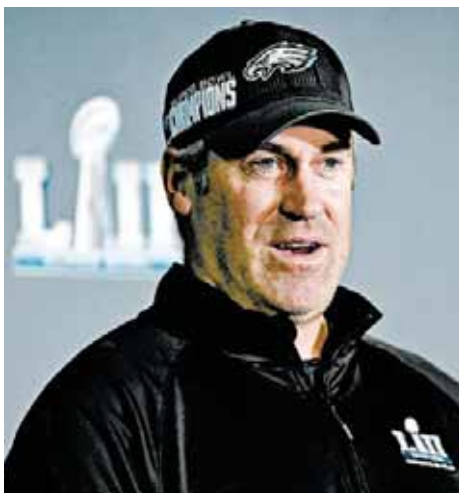
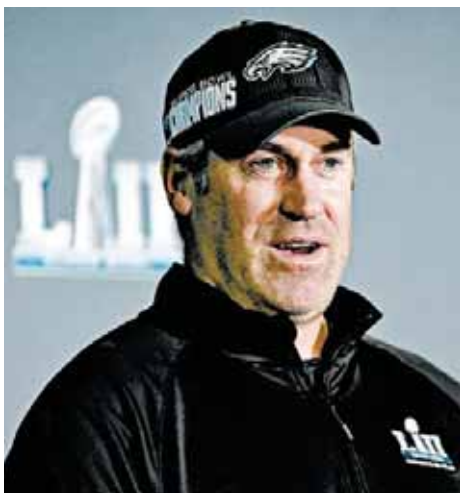
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# Each and every step

From late-night ice cream to meeting in the playoffs, the career paths of rookie Bears coach **Matt Nagy** and the Eagles' **Doug Pederson** are intertwined

By COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Doug Pederson's first clue was the 99-mile drive Matt Nagy made every day during his first full season as an Eagles coaches' assistant.

Nagy was on Andy Reid's coaching staff in 2010, and Pederson was in his second as an offensive quality control coach with Reid.

Still uncertain whether he should move his young family closer to his new opportunity, Nagy rose every morning in Lancaster County, Pa., at 3:30 a.m. and drove an hour and a half to the Eagles practice facility. Along the way there was a lot of reflection — and some "what in the hell am I doing?" thoughts.

But Pederson could see where he was headed.

"He has a passion for football, he loves the grind, he loves the X's and O's,"

Pederson said. "Right away you could tell that he was going to work himself up the ranks. When a door opened, if given the opportunity, he was going to step through it and make the most of his opportunities, and that's what he's done."

Eight years later, Nagy and Pederson still harbor such appreciation for one another as they prepare to face off as NFL head coaches when the Bears host the Eagles in a first-round playoff game at Soldier Field.

Last week, Pederson texted Nagy that he would appreciate help from the Bears in the regular-season finale. The Eagles not only needed to beat the Redskins to earn a playoff spot. They also needed the Bears to beat the Vikings.

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Eddie Jackson sits out practice Wednesday, but receivers improving. **Page 5**

## Bears must not fall from raised bar

At the lectern Wednesday at Halas Hall, Bears coach Matt Nagy revealed that Eagles counterpart and longtime pal Doug Pederson favors vanilla soft-serve ice cream with rainbow sprinkles, which suggests Nagy will name this week's trick play "Rainbow."

Nagy and Pederson worked together under coach Andy Reid with the Eagles and Chiefs, a connection that makes Sunday's playoff game at Soldier Field even more compelling — and it's hardly the only one.

There is the return of Eagles wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, the mercurial former Bear who caught 304 career passes wearing navy and orange and



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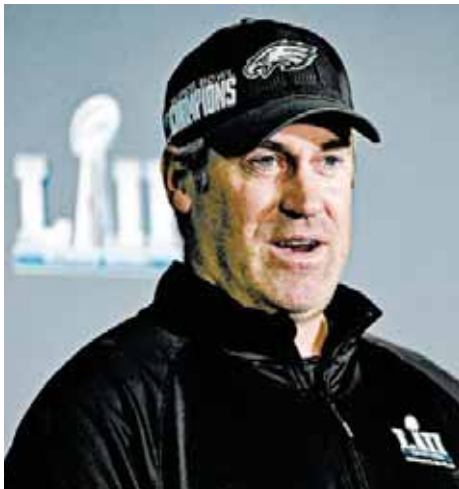
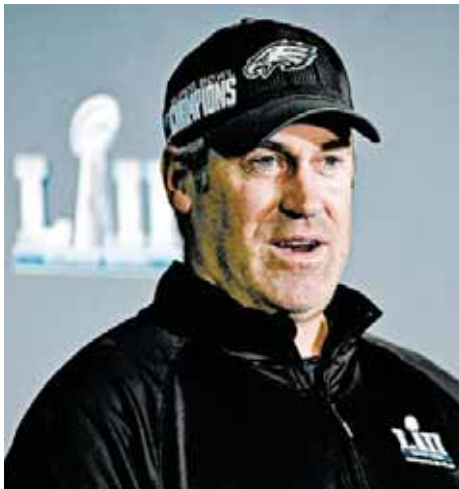
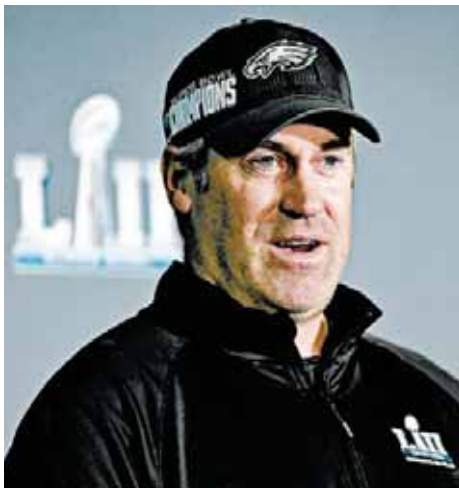
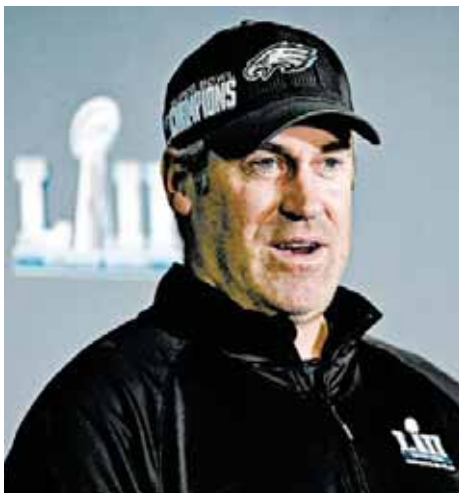
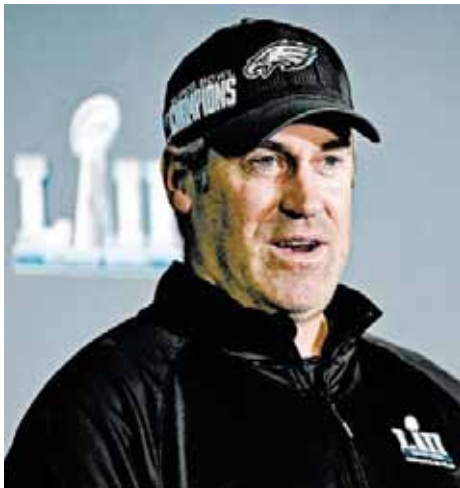
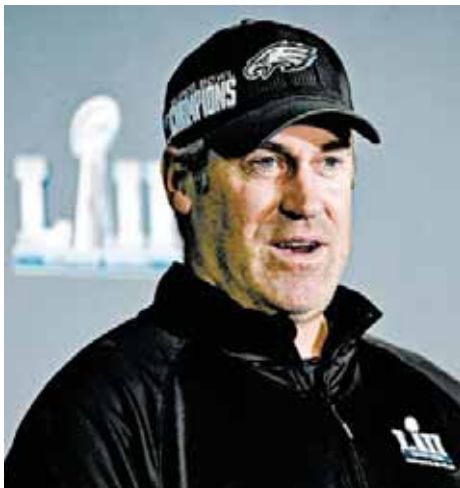
finally gets to experience the postseason on the lakefront, a place he always considered too cold.

There is the homecoming of Eagles kicker Jake Elliott, the pride of Lyons Township, whose NFL journey began as a high school freshman tennis player who impressed the football coach after being randomly picked during a pep rally to kick a field goal.

There are the Long brothers, the Bears' Kyle and the Eagles' Chris, an offensive guard and defensive end who likely will collide at some point and make their mother, Diane, cover her eyes and cringe.

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ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (NAGY), HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY (PEDERSON)



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#### Halftime show is over for Blackhawks

After a Winter Classic success — at least from a venue standpoint — the Hawks head into the second half of the season with many more questions than answers. **Page 3**

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### MAGIC 112, BULLS 84

## No offense + no defense = not a chance

Listless Bulls fail to show up in embarrassing blowout loss

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

For several days, Jim Boylen has answered questions about the Bulls' lethargic offense. Wednesday night at the United Center, the focus shifted to the defense.

In a truly embarrassing effort, the Bulls trailed by as many as 30 in a listless 112-84 loss to the Magic.

The Bulls have had their share of hide-your-eyes defeats this season, and you can place this one right up there with the worst of them. That it came after two days of mental and physical preparation since their last game made it stink all the more.

The Bulls took until the 9 minute, 29 second mark of the first quarter to score and upped their inefficiency to open the third, missing their first eight shots and not scoring until the 7:10 mark on a Zach LaVine layup.

But offense, as bad as it was, wasn't the

main issue. Defense was.

"We lacked it all, just overall a terrible game," LaVine said. "I can't imagine what it looked like on TV. It felt even worse in the game."

"This is what we get paid to do. And we're not doing our jobs. We were giving them easy looks. We weren't physical enough. Once they get in a rhythm, they're going to make shots. We keep talking about the same things. We gotta get better."

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TEDDY GREENSTEIN

## Rankings will bowl you over

The Big Ten went 5-4 in bowl games. Such a pedestrian figure. It does no justice to a wild slate of postseason games that featured crazy comebacks, spoiled storylines, horrendous coaching decisions and another embarrassing performance by Michigan. Curious? Read on in our season-ending power rankings.

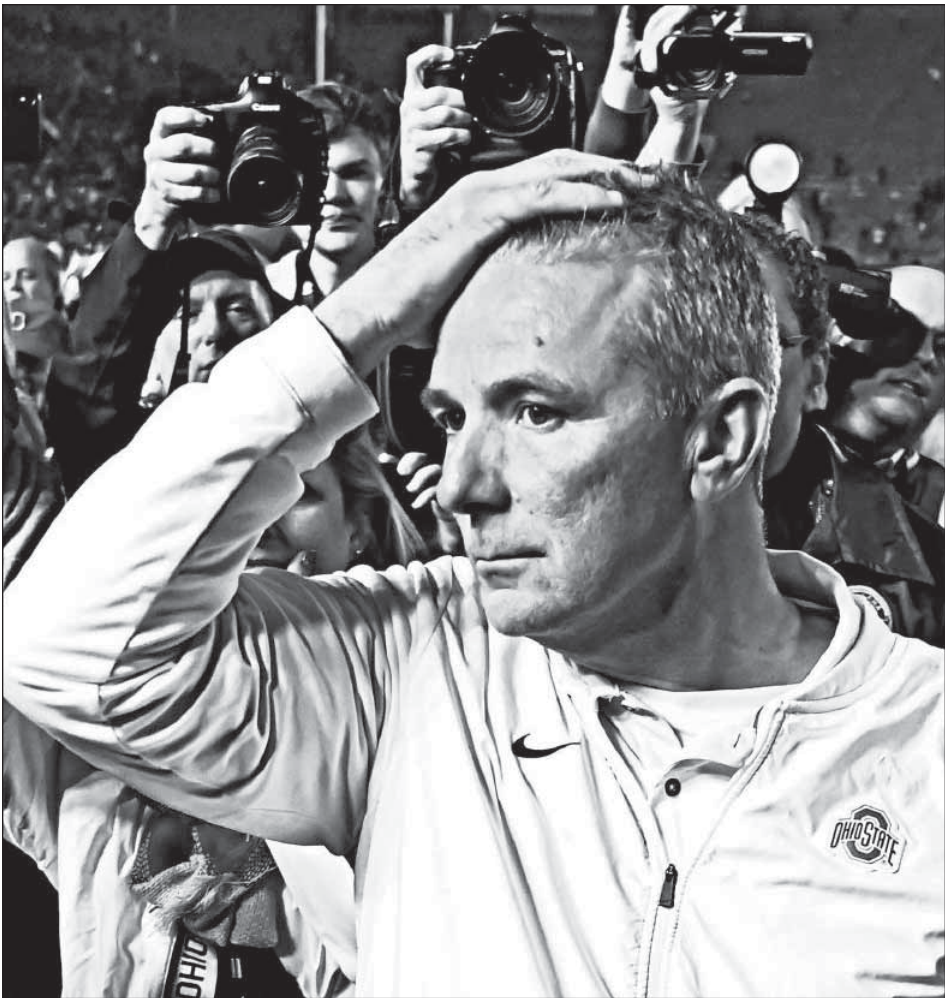
**1. Ohio State:** Think back to the Week 11 game at Maryland: If Terrapins quarterback Tyrrell Pigrome is on target with his two-point conversion toss, the Buckeyes don't even make it to the Big Ten title game. Instead they throttled Michigan, outlasted Northwestern and dominated Washington for three quarters in Pasadena. The Buckeyes fell short of playoff expectations but did send off Urban Meyer as a winner. Ryan Day, your table is ready.

**2. Northwestern:** The comeback against Nebraska (converting two fourth-and-10s and forcing overtime with a separate 99-yard drive) was once-in-a-generation. And then the Wildcats topped it. Down five starters and trailing 20-3 against a Utah team that loses bowls as often as Steph Curry misses free throws, they forced four turnovers in 14 minutes. Coach Pat Fitzgerald tied a bow on the night by calling his alma mater "home forever."

**3. Michigan:** The team, the team ... the team? Bo Schembechler would have been disgusted by Michigan's tackle-optional Citrus Bowl performance, starting with team captains sitting out to protect signing bonuses. Jim Harbaugh needs to address a culture of individual agendas, of a winking response to Devin Bush defacing an opponent's logo and Chase Winovich doing Gator chomps during a butt-kicking. And it would be nice if Harbaugh quit the zombie act after losses. Accept blame and offer at least a drop of insight after your shipwrecks, as other highly compensated counterparts in your profession do.

**4. Penn State:** Guessing James Franklin hasn't slept much since opting for a field goal on fourth-and-7 from the Kentucky 14 with 4:12 to play in a 27-21 game. His offense was hot. His kicker was 0-for-2. What's the point of trimming it to a three-point game? To try to recover the ball and make *another* field goal to get to overtime? He gave up field position and forced his defense to stop the great Benny Snell. Penn State fans deserved better. Trace McSorley deserved way better.

**5. Wisconsin:** Jonathan Taylor played New York tour guide for the Badgers leading up to the Pinstripe Bowl, and his hope is to return in December for the Heisman Trophy presentation. The Badgers mauled Miami to the point that winning quarterback Jack Coan needed to throw for just 73 yards. Still curious, by the way, as to why Paul Chryst passed on the victory formation in favor of punching in a last-second touchdown.



Urban Meyer walked off the field a winner after Ohio State held on to win the Rose Bowl.

**6. Iowa:** What if I told you Iowa would win a bowl game against a solid SEC team while rushing for minus-15 yards? The Hawkeyes seized on Mississippi State's dropped passes and penalties to finish 9-4. They remain in the Big Ten's upper-middle class.

**7. Minnesota:** Let's give it up for the Gophers, who were 4-5 after a 24-point loss to lowly Illinois. Rather than drown or tread water, they actually did row the boat, landing on the island of respectability. Minnesota throttled Purdue and Wisconsin down the stretch and then ruined Paul Johnson's final game at Georgia Tech. Don't sleep on Mohamed Ibrahim (224 rushing yards in the bowl victory) and the young Gophers in 2019 and beyond. P.J. Fleck is building something.

**8. Michigan State:** I didn't see a single play from the Redbox Bowl. I'm told that makes me a lucky man. World Series games are supposed to end 7-6, not bowl games. Quarterback/holder Brian Lewerke bobbled a snap, torpedoing a potential winning field goal from 50 yards out. "I tried to make something happen," Lewerke said. "That's what happens." Michigan State's season was just as confusing.

**9. Purdue:** The death of Tyler Trent makes Purdue's 63-14 loss to Auburn rather inconsequential, though it was a shocking final score.

**10. Nebraska:** The Cornhuskers went 4-3 down the stretch, losing one-score games to Northwestern, Ohio State and Iowa. So, yes, expect to see this team on everyone's "most improved" list for 2019.

**11. Indiana:** The model of consistency, Indiana has lost seven games in each of the last four seasons.

**12. Maryland:** Terps backers love their Mike Locksley. They do not care that he went 2-26 at New Mexico amid several embarrassing off-the-field incidents. As athletic director Damon Evans put it: "Mike is ingrained in the very fabric of who we are as a state and who we are as Terps."

**13. Illinois:** If I had a dollar for every time someone asked me, "Why did Illinois give Lovie Smith a contract extension?" I could buy a Happy Meal. Interest in Illini football is at an all-time low.

**14. Rutgers:** Hard pass.

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Mark Loretta, a former special assistant for the Padres, will become the Cubs' bench coach, replacing Brandon Hyde.

### CUBS

## Cubs select Loretta as bench coach

Mark Loretta, a two-time All-Star second baseman who starred at Northwestern, will be the Cubs' new bench coach, the team announced Wednesday.

He replaces Brandon Hyde, who left to become the Orioles manager. The Tribune first reported Loretta's hiring.

Loretta joins Cubs manager Joe Maddon's coaching staff after nine years as special assistant to baseball operations with the Padres. He worked in San Diego with Jed Hoyer, now the Cubs general manager. Before that, Hoyer acquired Loretta for the Red Sox in 2005 via a trade with the Padres.

Loretta earned a reputation as an astute player during his 15-year career, which featured All-Star Game appearances in 2004 with the Padres and 2006 with the Red Sox and two postseason trips with the 2005 Padres and 2009 Dodgers. The infielder hit .295 for his career, which also included stints with the Brewers and Astros.

Loretta, 47, played shortstop and pitched on occasion during an All-America career at Northwestern in the early 1990s.

The Cubs are believed to have also considered David Ross and Mark DeRosa for the job. DeRosa is sticking with MLB Network, and Ross signed a multiyear deal with ESPN last month.

The Cubs also announced the hiring of former major-league pitcher Bob Tewksbury, a 1992 All-Star for the Cardinals, as their mental skills coordinator. Tewksbury previously served in the same role for the Giants and Red Sox.

— Teddy Greenstein

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## BULLS

## BULLS NOTES

## Dunn forced into a 180

After Hoiberg wanted guard to speed it up, Boylen slows it down

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

One enduring image of Fred Hoiberg is of the former Bulls coach waving his right hand repeatedly after a missed basket — or even a made one — exhorting his offense to hurry up.

Now, point guard Kris Dunn is being instructed to do essentially the opposite — to slow down, to get the halfcourt offense set.

Is it hard?

“Nah. I think I got good listening skills,” Dunn said, smiling. “I just listen to what coaches want me to do. I’m never one to disobey (coach Jim Boylen’s) rules.”

What does Dunn think of the Bulls’ new offensive approach?

“There have been games where it worked. And there have been games where it’s on us to make shots,” he said. “We’ve been getting good looks. We’ve been getting downhill. So it’s on us.”

**Passing fancy:** Dunn had his career-long streak with six or more assists snapped at seven games.

He has been making a consistent impact since returning Dec. 10 from his left knee injury.

“I think I can get assists in any offense, to be honest. I’m a pass-first point guard,” Dunn said. “If we’re not making shots, that’s when I start to look to create my own.

“I think you have to do that in this league. You have to be able to get guys the ball and also be aggressive.”

Dunn said he’s fine with limited shot attempts if both Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen are rolling offensively.

“Whatever I gotta do to get the win,” Dunn said.

“There are going to be multiple games where I’m only going to have minimum shots. If they get it rolling, it’s my job to give them the ball.

“When you have three guys who can get it going, it’s hard to guard. It makes the pieces around even better.”

**Bang-bang play:** Robin Lopez landed on the NBA’s injury report with a strained left hip, which he suffered on the Keystone Cops-type play on Sunday in Toronto when LaVine ran into him. Lopez played.

And coach Jim Boylen didn’t even initially know Lopez was on the report.

“The trainers do that,” Boylen said. “Robin isn’t one of those guys to complain about his stuff. Love that about him.”

**Layups:** If Bobby Portis suffers no setback from his Wednesday workout, Boylen said he’ll participate in Thursday’s contact practice. Portis is two weeks into his two- to four-week timeline to return from a sprained right ankle. ... Boylen, on his current contact with the benched Jabari Parker: “I talk to all my guys every day. And I encourage them every day. Do I have a 30-minute meeting with every guy, every day? I don’t. But I check in with them. Those guys are men too. They’ve got a job to do. I try not to coddle people either.”



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Magic guard Terrence Ross and the Bulls’ Antonio Blakeney battle for the ball during the first half Wednesday.

## Magic embarrass flat Bulls

Bulls, from Page 1

Boylen often talks about owning “Bulls” on the team’s chest. The Bulls didn’t own much of anything against the league’s 26th-ranked offense, allowing the Magic to get comfortable time and time again in shooting an opponent season-high 57.9 percent.

About the only thing missing was a five-man substitution.

“It’s not just about the offensive end,” Kris Dunn said. “We gotta bring it on the defensive side too.”

Nikola Vucevic’s 22 points and 12 rebounds and Aaron Gordon’s flirtation with a triple-double led the Magic, who never trailed.

LaVine scored 16 points and Dunn and Lauri Markkanen each added 14 in just 28 minutes apiece because of the blowout.

“They had the edge that we didn’t,” Markkanen said. “You always think you’re ready to play. But they punched us in the mouth and whatever we tried to do didn’t go our way. If the first effort was there, we didn’t (sustain) it the whole possession. I felt like they

got whatever they wanted to. They were way too comfortable. I felt like it was a little bit of everything. But effort was the biggest thing.”

Wendell Carter Jr. failed to score and played just 13:28 despite only having three fouls. Making Carter’s playing time even more puzzling is that Boylen, speaking at the morning shootaround, lauded the rookie’s ability to preserve.

“I like those guys that can start the game poorly and turn it around for themselves,” Boylen said then. “When he plays poorly and feels he let the team down, he struggles with that. I want guys like that.”

Asked after the game about Carter’s minutes, Boylen was terse.

“Didn’t need to put him back in and sometimes you learn by sitting too,” Boylen said. “He sees what’s going on in the game. Maybe have some introspection, realize I have to play my minutes better when I’m out there.”

Carter flashed impressive maturity for a 19-year-old in taking

the high road.

“I didn’t come out with the correct edge. I wasn’t playing well. I kind of feel like it’s all my fault,” he said. “I wasn’t affecting the game in any way. I wasn’t playing the best defense. I wasn’t making any shots. I wasn’t rebounding well. I couldn’t get into a groove. I would’ve took myself out.”

The Bulls actually missed several good looks in the first quarter. And Boylen at several points could be heard shouting for the Bulls to push the pace, a departure from his philosophy in previous games.

Regardless, the league’s worst-ranked offense remained stuck in mud, connecting at just 41.9 percent. It’s the fourth-lowest scoring game of the season.

“It’s disappointing,” Markkanen said. “But we can’t put our heads down. We’re still trying to figure everything out. I’m sure we will. We’re all confident on that. We just keep working. That’s the only way to fight through it.”

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## BLACKHAWKS



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Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman pulled off a couple of winning trades in the first half of the season.

## Hawks could use a miracle finish

Here are 5 questions they need to answer in 2nd half of season

By JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

The Winter Classic is in the rearview mirror and so is the first half of the season.

Neither went too well for the Blackhawks, who are staring down missing the playoffs for the second straight season. Can they possibly sneak in?

Let’s take a look at that and a few others questions the Hawks will face during the second half of the season.

**1. Is the surge real?**

The Hawks ended 2018 playing as well as any team in the league. They were winning tough road games, getting great performances in goal and seeing production from at least three lines on most nights.

And what did that translate to in the standings? Not much.

After Tuesday’s 4-2 loss to the Bruins in the Winter Classic, the Hawks were still just two points away from having the fewest in the league and only the Senators have fewer points per games played.

There are still 40 games remaining and while it’s not impossible for the Hawks to make the playoffs, they would likely need at least 55 of 80 possible points to even have a shot.

Can this team go, say, 25-10-5 over the final 40 games? Stranger things have happened.

**2. Who will be the No. 1 goalie?**

Corey Crawford has missed seven games since suffering a concussion on Dec. 16 against the Sharks and there has been no evidence he’ll return anytime soon.

Cam Ward and Collin Delia have essentially been splitting starts in Crawford’s absence. Ward has been superb in three of his four starts, stopping 109 of 120 shots for a .908 save percentage.

Delia, however, has been practically perfect. He won all three of his starts, stopped 111 of 116 shots and has a 1.66 goals-against average.

Despite Delia outplaying Ward since Crawford’s injury, Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton elected to go with Ward in the Winter Classic. He gave up three goals — including two on the power play — and was certainly not the reason the Hawks lost.

It was easy to justify starting Ward against the Bruins, but with the Hawks likely out of the playoff picture and Delia playing great, that justification should not extend to most of the season’s final 40 games.

**UP NEXT**  
**Blackhawks at Islanders**  
6:30 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

**3. Will general manager Stan Bowman keep dealing?**

Bowman’s two trades in the first half of the season have been winners for different reasons.

He sent Nick Schmaltz to the Coyotes for Dylan Strome and Brendan Perlini, a move that is working out well for both teams. With Strome signed through next season, it gives the Hawks arguably the best player in the deal and more salary cap room.

Bowman pulled a rabbit out of his hat in dealing defenseman Brandon Manning and prospect Robin Norell to the Oilers for forward Drake Caggiula and defenseman Jason Garrison. Manning was never going to crack the lineup again, and with one year at \$2.25 million left on his deal, he had to go.

That Bowman got a bona fide player in Caggiula — albeit one whose ceiling is likely as a bottom-six forward — is a miracle.

Are there more big deals to be made? If so, it would likely include Brandon Saad or Artem Anisimov. Saad doesn’t have a no-trade clause and Anisimov can be dealt to 10 teams from a list he submitted to the Hawks.

**4. Is Alex DeBrincat getting enough ice time on the third line?**

Colliton moved DeBrincat to the third line two weeks ago and while his playing time decreased, his production was as strong as ever.

DeBrincat had seven points in six games and had a five-game scoring streak before failing to score in the Winter Classic. His time has decreased by more than two minutes per game since changing lines, the result of playing with teammates who don’t warrant as much ice time.

Colliton hasn’t hesitated to shake things up, so he might not stick with DeBrincat in this role. But it seems to be working and has allowed the Hawks to have three strong lines for the first time all season.

**5. What personal milestones will be reached?**

Will Patrick Kane reach 100 points? Will DeBrincat score 40 goals? Will Jonathan Toews score 30? Will Saad get 20? Will Duncan Keith score any at all?

All interesting questions but there’s one other: Will Chris Kunitz reach 1,000 career games? The 39-year-old veteran is a healthy scratch most games and has been stuck at 989 in what is likely his final NHL season.

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## MEDIA

## NBC Sports Chicago locks up new deal with Sox, Bulls, Hawks

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
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NBC Sports Chicago made it official Wednesday, announcing a multiyear media rights deal with the White Sox, Bulls and Blackhawks. The agreement, pending MLB, NBA and NHL approval, would create a new partnership starting with the 2019-20 seasons.

While the Cubs are poised to create their own network, NBC Sports Chicago will be the exclusive regional home for all regular-season games, preseason/spring training games and the first round of the postseason for the Bulls and Hawks.

The Cubs, Sox, Bulls and Hawks partnered with NBC Sports Chicago, then called Com-

cast SportsNet Chicago, on a 15-year deal in 2004.

But now the Cubs will seek more control and more lucrative waters, while the Sox, Bulls and Hawks remain.

“We are very pleased to extend our relationship with our partners at NBC Sports Chicago,” Sox and Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said in a statement. “In addition to

being the experts in consistently delivering the finest game and surrounding game coverage in the business, it is their year-round commitment to providing our fans with innovative and entertaining multiplatform content that makes NBC Sports Chicago among the very best in the regional sports industry.”




Said Hawks Chairman Rocky

Wirtz: “Blackhawks fans should be very excited that we are continuing our partnership with NBC Sports Chicago. In addition to raising the bar on our game-day broadcasts, NBC Sports Chicago has elevated non-game-day television coverage and evolved their digital and social media platforms into some of the most viewer-friendly in the industry.”



SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
				PHI 3:40 NBC-5, AM-780			
		IND 7 WGN-9, AM-670		BKN 2:30 NBCSCH, AM-670			@POR 9 WGN-9, AM-670
	@NYI 6:30 NBCSCH, AM-720			@PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720	CGY 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		NSH 7 NBCSN, AM-720

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>		
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Raptors at Spurs	TNT
<b>9:30 p.m.</b>	Rockets at Warriors	TNT
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Illinois at Indiana	FS1, WSCR-AM 670
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Iowa at Purdue	BTN
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Penn State at Michigan	ESPN
<b>6 p.m.</b>	North Carolina State at Miami	ESPNU
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	George Mason at Saint Joseph's	CBSSN
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Minnesota at Wisconsin	BTN
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Saint Mary's at San Francisco	ESPN2
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Jacksonville State at Belmont	ESPNU
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Colorado at Arizona	FS1
<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Wichita State at Memphis	CBSSN
<b>10 p.m.</b>	Stanford at UCLA	ESPN
<b>10 p.m.</b>	BYU at Pacific	ESPNU
<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>8 p.m.</b>	UConn at Baylor	ESPN
<b>GOLF</b>		
<b>5 p.m.</b>	Sentry Tournament of Champions	Golf Channel
<b>NHL</b>		
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Blackhawks at Islanders	NBCSCH, NBCSN WGN-AM 720
<b>PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER</b>		
<b>1:55 p.m.</b>	Manchester City vs. Liverpool	NBCSN
<b>TENNIS</b>		
<b>2 a.m.</b>	Brisbane ATP/WTA	Tennis Channel
<b>5 a.m.</b>	Brisbane ATP/WTA	Tennis Channel
<b>(Fri.)</b>		

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

<b>TUESDAY'S RESULTS</b> <b>Outback Bowl:</b> Tampa, Fla. Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22 <b>Citrus Bowl:</b> Orlando, Fla. Kentucky 27, Penn State 24 <b>Bears Bowl:</b> Glendale, Ariz. LSU 40, UCF 32 <b>Rose Bowl:</b> Pasadena, Calif. Ohio State 28, Washington 23 <b>Sugar Bowl:</b> New Orleans Texas 28, Georgia 21	<b>MONDAY: COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Santa Clara, Calif. Clemson (14-0) vs. Alabama (14-0), 7 (ESPN) <b>SATURDAY, JAN. 19</b> <b>East-West Shrine Classic</b> at St. Petersburg, Fla. East vs. West, 2 (NFLN) NFLPA Collegiate Bowl at Pasadena, Calif. <b>American vs. National, TBA (NFLN)</b> <b>SATURDAY, JAN. 26</b> <b>Senior Bowl</b> at Mobile, Ala. North vs. South, 1:30 (NFLN)
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POSTSEASON SCHEDULE

<b>WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS</b> <b>Saturday</b> Indianapolis at Houston, 3:35 (ESPN) Seattle at Dallas, 7:15 (FOX-32) <b>Sunday</b> L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 12:05 (CBS-2) Philadelphia at Bears, 3:40 (NBC-5) <b>DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS</b> <b>Saturday, Jan. 12</b> Baltimore/L.A. Chargers/Indianapolis at Kansas City, 3:35 (NBC-5) <b>Bears/Dallas/Seattle</b> at L.A. Rams, 7:15 (FOX-32) <b>Sunday, Jan. 13</b> Houston/Baltimore/L.A. Chargers at New England, 12:05 (CBS-2) Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 3:40 (FOX-32)	<b>CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> <b>Sunday, Jan. 20</b> <b>NFC:</b> TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32) <b>AFC:</b> TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2) <b>PRO BOWL</b> <b>Sunday, Jan. 27</b> At Orlando, Fla. <b>AFC vs. NFC, 2 (ABC-7/ESPN)</b> <b>SUPER BOWL</b> <b>Sunday, Feb. 3</b> At Atlanta <b>AFC champ vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2)</b> <b>CALENDAR</b> <b>Feb. 26-March 4:</b> NFL combine, Indianapolis. <b>March 13:</b> League year and free agency begin. <b>March 24-27:</b> Annual owners meeting, Phoenix. <b>April 25-27:</b> NFL draft, Nashville, Tenn.
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GOLF

<b>PGA SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS</b> <b>Site:</b> Kapalua, Hawaii. <b>Course:</b> The Plantation Course at Kapalua. Yardage: 7,518. Par: 73. <b>Purse:</b> \$6.5 million. Winner's share: \$1.3 million. <b>TV:</b> Thursday-Friday, 5-9 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 3-5 p.m. (NBC-5), 5-7 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 5-9 p.m. (Golf Channel). <b>Defending champion:</b> Dustin Johnson. <b>FedEx Cup leader:</b> Charles Howell III. <b>Last tournament:</b> Charles Howell III won the RSM Classic on Nov. 18. <b>Notes:</b> The field of 2018 winners on the PGA Tour has 34 players, missing only Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Justin Rose. Bryson DeChambeau had four victories in 2018, the most of anyone in the field. Rory McIlroy is among nine players who are at Kapalua for the first time. Charles Howell III won at Sea Island 10 end 2018 on the PGA Tour and is back at Kapalua for the first time since 2008. Dustin Johnson, a two-time winner at Kapalua, is one of only three former champions in the field. The others are Justin Thomas and Patrick Reed. Geoff Ogilvy (2009-10) is the last back-to-back winner of the Tournament of Champions. Brooks Koepka could lose the No. 1 ranking if he doesn't finish in at least the top 10. <b>Next week:</b> Sony Open. <b>Online:</b> www.pgatour.com	13. Tiger Woods 14. Jason Day 15. Patrick Reed 16. Jordan Spieth 17. Bubba Watson 18. Patrick Cantlay 19. Alex Noren 20. Paul Leishman 21. Webb Simpson 22. Marc Casse 23. Sergio Garcia 24. Tyrrell Hatton 25. Henrik Stenson 26. Louis Oosthuizen 27. Hideki Matsuyama 28. Cameron Smith 29. Rafa Cabrera Bello 30. Adam Long 31. Gary Woodland 32. Phil Mickelson 33. Kyle Stanley 34. Matt Kuchar 35. Eddie Pepperell 36. Billy Horschel 37. Kevin Kisner 38. Kiradech Aphibarnrat 39. Ian Poulter 40. Matthew Fitzpatrick 41. Adam Scott 42. Haotong Li 43. Thorbjorn Olesen 44. Matt Wallace 45. Lucas Bjerregaard 46. Kevin Na 47. Satoshi Kodaira 48. Emiliano Grillo 49. Brand Snedeker USA 5.48 USA 5.48 USA 5.14 USA 4.86 USA 4.81 USA 4.66 SWE 4.47 USA 4.47 ENG 4.12 ESP 3.82 ENG 3.82 SWE 3.78 USA 3.76 JPN 3.68 ESP 3.60 ESP 3.59 USA 3.48 USA 3.43 USA 3.39 USA 3.32 USA 3.32 ENG 3.08 USA 3.04 THA 3.00 ENG 2.88 USA 2.52 USA 2.51 JPN 2.50 ARG 2.49 SAF 2.45 USA 2.43
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PGA TOUR

<b>Next tournament:</b> Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions on Jan. 17-20 <b>Online:</b> www.pgatour.com <b>Last tournament:</b> David Lipsky won the Alfred Dunhill Championship on Dec. 16. <b>Race to Dubai leader:</b> David Lipsky. <b>Next tournament:</b> Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship on Jan. 17-20 <b>Online:</b> www.europeantour.com	<b>PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS</b> <b>Next tournament:</b> Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai on Jan. 17-19. <b>Online:</b> www.pgatour.com/champions
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OFFICIAL WORLD RANKINGS

Rank	player	CNTRY	AVG
1.	Brooks Koepka	USA	9.92
2.	Justin Rose	GBR	9.91
3.	Dustin Johnson	USA	8.63
4.	Justin Thomas	USA	8.21
5.	Bryson DeChambeau	USA	8.08
6.	Jon Rahm	ESP	6.71
7.	Francesco Molinari	ITA	6.20
8.	Rory McIlroy	NIR	6.18
9.	Rickie Fowler	USA	5.69
10.	Tony Finau	USA	5.68
11.	Xander Schauffele	USA	5.63
12.	Tommy Fleetwood	ENG	5.55

TRANSACTIONS

<b>BASEBALL</b> <b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b> <b>Baltimore:</b> Named Koby Perez senior director of international scouting. <b>Minnesota:</b> Signed DH Nelson Cruz to a one-year deal. <b>Seattle:</b> Signed LHP Yusei Kikuchi to a four-year deal. <b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b> <b>Cubs:</b> Named Mark Loretta bench coach and Bob Tewksbury coordinator, mental skills. <b>Atlanta:</b> Named Mike Maroth pitching coach, Bobby Magallanes hitting coach and Einar Diaz coach of Gwinnett (IL); Alfredo Amazez coach of Mississippi (SL); Barrett Kleinbeck manager, Dan Meyer pitching coach and Doug DeVore hitting coach of Florida (FSL); Matt Luino-sop manager of Rome (SAL); Anthony Nunez manager, Danny Santisteban hitting coach, Connor Narain coach and Koji Kanemura trainer of Danville (Appalachian); Barbaro Garbey second ntling coach, Angel Flores coach and Austin Smith trainer of the GCL Braves; and Doug Mansoloin minor league fielding coordinator. <b>San Diego:</b> Promoted chief operating officer Eric Greupner to president of business operations. <b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b> <b>Buffalo:</b> Fired Olcoach Juan Castillo and receivers coach Terry Robiskie. <b>Cincinnati:</b> Signed DT Andrew Brown to a reserve/future deal. <b>Cleveland:</b> Signed DL Daniel Ekuale and Devaroe Lawrence, OL Kyle Ekland and Brad Seaton, RB Devarante Myers, WR Daniel Williams and DBs Robert Jackson, Leroy Phipkins and Tigie Samkhoe to reserve/future deals. <b>Detroit:</b> Signed RB Mark Thompson to reserve/future deal. <b>Houston:</b> Signed S A.J. Hendy from the practice squad. Placed S Mike Tyson on injured reserve. <b>Minnesota:</b> Signed WR Jeff Badet, LB Richard Clell, DT Curtis Cothran, C Cornelius Edison, TE Cole Hikutini, CB Jalan Myrick, DE Ifeadi Odenigbo, RB Roc Thomas and OTs Adam Bismowaty and Storm Norton to reserve/future deals. <b>N.Y. Giants:</b> Signed LS Taylor Pepper, RB	Robert Martin, DB Ronald Zamort, LB Jonathan Anderson, WR Brittan Golden, DEs Myles Humphrey and Jake Cerseno and OTs Victor Salako and Jylan Ware to reserve/future deals. <b>San Francisco:</b> Signed TE Marcus Lucas, RB Jarious McFadden, WR Jordan Smallwood, S Terrell Williams Jr. and OL Christian Dilauro and Najee Toran to reserve/future deal. <b>Washington:</b> Signed DL Dee Liner to a reserve/future deal. <b>HOCKEY</b> <b>NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE</b> <b>Calgary:</b> Recalled G Jon Gillies from Stockton (AHL). <b>Detroit:</b> Recalled D Brian Lashoff from Grand Rapids (AHL). <b>St. Louis:</b> Sent D Chris Butler and F Jordan Nolan to San Antonio (AHL). <b>Vancouver:</b> Traded G Anders Nilsson and F Darren Archibald to Senators for SG Mike McKenna, F Tom Pyatt and a 2019 sixth-round draft pick. <b>OLYMPIC SPORTS</b> <b>USOC:</b> Rich Bender, Brad Snyder and Beth Brooke-Marciniak have been named to the board of directors. <b>SOCCER</b> <b>MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER</b> <b>LA Galaxy:</b> Named Guillermo Barros Schelotto coach. <b>NATIONAL PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE</b> <b>New York:</b> Named Carlos Mendes coach. <b>Collegio</b> <b>Georgia Tech:</b> Named Nathan Burton co-defensive coordinator and Jeff Popovich cornerbacks coach and kickoff and punt coverage coordinator. <b>Johns Hopkins:</b> Named Dana Holgorsen football coach. <b>St. John's:</b> Promoted interim head soft-ball coach Bob Guerrero to permanent head coach. <b>ENTERING NFL DRAFT:</b> <b>Florida:</b> LB Vosean Joseph. <b>Michigan:</b> CB David Long. <b>Oklahoma:</b> WR Marquise Brown. <b>Washington:</b> S Taylor Rapp. <b>Wisconsin:</b> OT David Edwards.
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LATEST LINE

<b>NBA</b>		
at San Antonio	1½	<b>THURSDAY</b> Toronto
Denver	3	at Sacramento
at Golden State	8½	Houston
<b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Southern Miss	7	at Rice
at Michigan	6	Coast. Carol.
at Purdue	7	at Iowa
at Drexel	7	Elon
at Old Dominion	7½	Marshall
at NC State	11½	at Miami
Wright St.	5½	at Detroit
at Indiana	11½	Illinois
C. Of Charleston	8	at Towson
at Michigan	12	Stanford
at J. Madison	4	UNC-Wilmington
at Delaware	Pk	William & Mary
N. Kentucky	5	at Oakland
at St. Louis	5½	George Mason
W. Kentucky	9	at Charlotte
at Mid. Tenn.	Pk	FIU
at S. Alabama	3	Appalach. St.
at Milwaukee	6½	FAU
at North Texas	4½	LA Tech
at Texas St.	4	Ga. Southern
at Green Bay	11½	Arkansas St.
at Arizona St.	10½	Youngstown St.
at UTSA	6	UTEP
Georgia St.	7	at Texas-Arling.
at La-Monroe	7	UAlb.
at Wisconsin	10½	Minnesota
at Arizona	6	Colorado
at San Fran.	4	Saint Mary's CA
at Memphis	6½	at Memphis
San Diego	7	at Santa Clara
at USC	12½	California
Loyola M.mout	3½	at Pepperdine
East vs. West, 2 (NFLN)		
BYU	6½	at Pacific
<b>NHL</b>		
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Toronto	off	at Calgary
at Boston	137	Minnesota
at Phila.	-109	Carolina
at Buffalo	off	Florida
at Montreal	-172	Vancouver
at NY Islanders	-162	Chicago
Washington	-120	at St. Louis
Tampa Bay	-185	at Los Angeles
<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>		
<b>CFP CHAMPIONSHIP</b>		
Alabama	5½	<b>MONDAY</b> Clemson
<b>NFL</b>		
<b>PLAYOFFS</b>		<b>SATURDAY</b>
at Houston	2	Indianapolis
at Dallas	1	Seattle
<b>PLAYOFFS</b>		<b>SUNDAY</b>
at Baltimore	2½	L.A. Chargers
at Chicago	6	Phila.

TENNIS

<b>ATP WORLD TOUR QATAR EXXON-MOBIL OPEN</b> <b>FINAL</b> At The Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex:Doha, Qatar <b>Purse:</b> \$1.195 million Stan Wawrinka d. Nicolas Jarry, 6-4, 7-6 (3). #7 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, 6-1, 6-4. Dusan Lajovic d. Ricardas Berankis, 7-6 (4), 0-6, 7-5. #4 Marco Cecchinato d. Guido Pella, walkover. #1 Novak Djokovic d. Marton Fucsovics, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Pierre-Hugues Herbert d. Maxi Martner, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (6). #5 Nikoloz Basilashvili d. Andrey Rublev, 6-3, 6-4. Tomas Berdych d. #8 Fernando Verdasco, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. <b>ATP WORLD TOUR TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA</b> <b>R3</b> At Mahalunge Balewadi Tennis Complex: Pune, India Ernesto Ingalis d. #2 Kim Min-geon, 7-6 (2), 6-2. Ivo Karlovic d. Evgeny Donskoy, 6-4, 7-5. #1 Kevin Anderson d. Laslo Djere, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (6). <b>SUNDAY</b> #5 Benoit Paire d. Jiri Vesely, 6-4, 6-2. #7 Jaume Munar d. Simex Dimitrov, 7-5, 6-0. Steve Darcis d. Michael Mmoun, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2. #3 Gilles Simon d. Ilya Iashvka, 6-3 (3), 6-2, 6-1. #4 Kevin Anderson d. Ramilakumar Ramanathan, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (5), 6-3. <b>BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL</b> <b>At Queensland Tennis Centre</b> Brisbane, Australia #1 Nick Kyrgios d. #2 Ben McLachlan and Jan-Lennard Struff, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Marcus Daniell and Wesley Koolhof d. Kyle Edmund and Neal Skupski, 6-1, 7-6 (5).	<b>WTA SHENZHEN OPEN</b> <b>R3</b> At Longgang Tennis Center Shenzhen, China Wang Yafan d. Ong Jabeur, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. #5 Maria Sharapova d. Wang Xinyu, 6-7 (4), 5-2 retired. #1 Aryna Sabalenka d. Katerina Alexandrova, 6-3, 6-3. Monika Niculescu d. Kristyna Pliskova, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4. <b>WTA ASB CLASSIC RESULTS</b> <b>R2</b> At ASB Bank Tennis Centre: Auckland, New Zealand #1 Caroline Wozniacki d. Johanna Konta, 6-2, 7-6 (2). #5 Karolina Pliskova d. Marie Bouzkova, 7-5, 6-2. Alikсандра Sасnovich d. #1 Elina Svitolina, 6-4, 0-6, 6-3. Men's Doubles, First Round #4 Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury d. Grigor Dimitrov and Ryan Harrison, 6-2, 7-5. #1 Milman and John-Patrick Smith d. #2 Ben McLachlan and Jan-Lennard Struff, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Marcus Daniell and Wesley Koolhof d. Kyle Edmund and Neal Skupski, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

<b>ATLANTIC</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>STK</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>CONF</b>
Toronto	28	11	.718	—	6-4	W-2	15-4	13-7	17-7
Philadelphia	25	14	.641	3	6-4	W-2	16-3	9-11	17-11
Boston	21	15	.583	5½	5-5	L-1	11-5	10-10	15-7
Brooklyn	18	21	.461	9½	8-2	W-1	10-11	8-10	13-10
New York	9	29	.237	18½	1-9	L-8	4-12	5-17	6-22
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>STK</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>CONF</b>
Miami	18	18	.500	—	7-4	W-1	8-11	10-7	9-13
Charlotte	18	19	.486	—	6-4	L-1	14-8	4-11	17-12
Orlando	17	20	.459	1	5-5	W-1	10-11	7-9	12-10
Washington	15	23	.394	3	4-6	W-2	11-7	4-16	9-14
Atlanta	11	26	.297	8	4-6	L-2	6-10	5-16	8-17
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>STK</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>CONF</b>
Milwaukee	26	10	.722	—	8-2	W-4	17-3	9-7	18-5
Indiana	25	12	.676	1½	8-2	W-5	14-5	11-7	19-5
Detroit	17	19	.472	9	4-6	W-1	11-8	6-11	12-16
Chicago	10	28	.263	17½	3-7	L-2	5-14	5-14	7-16
Cleveland	8	30	.210	19½	1-9	L-7	5-14	3-16	7-21
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>									
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>STK</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>CONF</b>
Houston	21	15	.583	—	9-1	W-5	13-5	8-10	13-11
San Antonio	21	17	.553	1	7-3	W-2	15-5	6-12	16-12
Memphis	18	19	.486	3½	2-8	L-3	10-8	8-11	12-12
Dallas	18	19	.486	3½	3-7	W-1	15-3	3-16	10-16
New Orleans	17	22	.435	5	2-8	L-1	13-6	4-16	10-13
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>STK</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>CONF</b>
Denver	24	11	.686	—	7-3	W-3	15-3	9-8	15-6
Oklahoma City*	23	13	.639	1½	6-4	W-3	13-4	10-9	13-11
Portland	22	16	.579	3½	7-3	W-2	14-6	8-10	13-13
Utah	18	20	.474	7½	5-5	L-1	8-8	10-12	12-12
Minnesota	17	21	.447	9	3-7	L-2	12-6	5-15	8-15
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>STK</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>CONF</b>
Golden State	25	13	.658	—	6-4	W-2	15-5	10-8	15-9
LA Clippers	21	16	.568	3½	4-6	L-2	12-6	9-10	16-11
L.A. Lakers*	21	16	.568	3½	4-6	W-1	13-6	8-10	15-11
Sacramento	19	18	.514	5½	4-6	L-2	10-8	9-10	12-15
Phoenix	9	30	.230	17	4-6	L-4	5-15	4-15	5-18
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<b>WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS</b>									
Orlando 112, Bulls 84									
Washington 114, Atlanta 98									
Santa Cruz 84, Charlotte 84									
Birmingham 117, Cleveland 92									
Miami 129, New Orleans 121									
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BEARS

BEARS NOTES

# Injured Jackson ‘day by day’

Misses practice, but Robinson, Miller, Gabriel participate fully

BY RICH CAMPBELL AND BRAD BIGGS  
Chicago Tribune

Bears Pro Bowl free safety Eddie Jackson did not practice Wednesday after coach Matt Nagy said earlier in the day Jackson would test his sprained right ankle.

Nagy spoke to media before practice and is not scheduled to update reporters again until late Thursday morning.

“It’s one of those deals where I’ve got to make sure what he’s telling us and where he’s at physically,” Nagy said. “We’ll test it today and see where he’s at. And then kind of get an idea, practice-wise or whatnot, and go day by day with it.

“If he’s in a good spot and he can go, then we’ll do that. If he’s not, then we’ll have to make that decision.”

It’s possible the Bears held out Jackson because they practiced outdoors Wednesday on a wet natural-grass field at Halas Hall. Light snow fell during the portion of practice open to media.

Jackson has expressed optimism he’ll be able to play against the Eagles on Sunday in the wild-card round. He hasn’t played since Dec. 16, when he sprained his right ankle returning an interception of Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Jackson has six interceptions, one fumble recovery and three touchdowns this season. His ability to play at full speed is crucial to the Bears’ ability to cover Eagles tight ends Zach Ertz, a two-time Pro Bowler, and rookie Dallas Goedert.

Meanwhile, all three injured Bears receivers returned to practice. Allen Robinson (ribs), rookie Anthony Miller (left shoulder) and Taylor Gabriel (ribs) fully participated.

Miller and Gabriel left Sunday’s game against the Vikings. Robinson sat out with the injury he suffered Dec. 23.

Right guard Kyle Long (right foot) fully participated Wednesday. He played 29 snaps (including penalties) against the Vikings in his first game since Oct. 28. He’s positioned to start and play the whole game Sunday.

Outside linebacker Aaron Lynch (left elbow) remains out.

**Soldiering on:** The Bears are sticking with their late-season routine of sending kicker Cody Parkey to Soldier Field for practice.

Parkey and the specialists made the trek from Halas Hall on Wednesday morning,



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears free safety Eddie Jackson walks off the field after suffering a sprained right ankle against the Packers on Dec. 16.

returning in time for lunch before the regular practice in Lake Forest. The Bears started the routine in mid-November after Parkey hit four kicks off uprights in a 34-22 victory over the Lions on Nov. 11.

“It was good,” holder Pat O’Donnell said. “He made all of his kicks. There was some snow. It was wet. It was a good practice.”

The Bears host the Eagles at 3:40 p.m. Sunday, and this is the fourth game Parkey has prepared for by kicking in the stadium, something the Bears have not had a kicker do since Robbie Gould’s rookie season in 2005. The wind can blow in different directions depending on the end zone, and

the idea is to get Parkey more acclimated to conditions he could face during the game.

Parkey made a 42-yard field goal in the 24-10 victory over the Vikings on Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium but was 1-for-2 on extra points. For the season, he’s 23-for-30 on field goals. Since the rocky game against the Lions, Parkey is 10-for-12 on field goals (6-for-7 at Soldier Field) and 12-for-13 on extra points (4-for-4 at home).

Nagy blamed a high snap for the missed extra point, which went off the right upright, against the Vikings. He called for a two-point conversion after the next touchdown to put the Bears ahead 21-10.

“I’ve got no reason not to be confident,” Parkey said after Sunday’s miss, his sixth from inside 40 yards when you count field goals and extra points. “I mean, I am not having the best year of my life, but sometimes you guys act like I am going 20 percent. If you calculate all of my kicks, I am probably at like 87, 88 percent for the year. That’s not as bad as you guys make me out to be.”

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## Bears raise bar — now must not fall from it

Haugh, from Page 1

There is Bears tight end Trey Burton, the “Philly Special” specialist 11 months removed from throwing the most famous pass in Eagles history, trying to knock the reigning Super Bowl champions off the pedestal he helped them climb.

There is Eagles quarterback Nick Foles, last year’s Super Bowl MVP who returned for his second stint in Philadelphia in the 2017 offseason only because Pederson sought a veteran after Chase Daniel — now the Bears backup — refused to restructure his contract with the Eagles.

There are enough juicy subplots and relationship drama that Lifetime should televise the game rather than NBC.

Anything but a happy ending will make this a winter of discontent in Chicago, a reality that underscores how relevant the Bears have become.

A year ago Wednesday, the Bears were a dysfunctional mess after firing John Fox and starting a coaching search that many of us doubted would turn up a clue. It eventually produced Nagy, the Chiefs offensive coordinator Pederson wanted for the same job in Philly, and the rest is Bears history.

Nagy’s surprising first season has gone so well that even after winning 12 games and making the playoffs for the first time in eight years, the Bears could wake up Monday morning feeling like the whole season was a disappointment.

That’s how high Nagy has raised the bar; the Bears must win at least one playoff game to feel as if this team lived up to its suddenly lofty expectations.

It’s not a stretch to think the Bears can win the Super Bowl next month in Atlanta. It’s not unrealistic to expect them to get to the NFC championship game, which would require them to beat a Rams team they already dominated once. It’s not unreasonable or irrational to view the Eagles game as a referendum on Nagy’s first season, as crazy as that would have sounded at the start of his first training camp.

Back then, a winning season for the first time since 2012 represented something wildly positive and largely unexpected from a franchise that endured Fox’s 14-34 tenure. Heck, back in August, most Bears fans would have settled for a losing record if quarterback Mitch Trubisky showed progress. Everything changed when the Bears fleeced the Raiders in the trade for pass rusher Khalil Mack, a deal that made the defense dominant enough to gradually think about a return to the Super Bowl.

That isn’t hyperbole or a provincial point of view. That’s objective football



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fans who cheered in the win over the 49ers will be crushed if the Bears lose this week.

analysis based on videotape review and playoff history that shows how well NFL defenses travel in January. Even in 2018, in the age of RPOs and rules changes that favor pinball, high-scoring offensive football, defense still wins championships.

This Bears defense, ranked No. 1 in all the categories that matter, is too special to exit the playoffs after four quarters. These young, loose players on a team that reflects its 40-year-old coach have too much fun to stop partying now. Sound the Bear-raïd sirens throughout the stadium and scream as loud as Nagy asks. Wave those towels until your wrists are sore and wear your favorite Bear’s jersey.

This moment feels too precious to let slip away. This opportunity should be one nobody takes for granted.

Teams can go from first to worst just as quickly as the Bears did the opposite. A core of players under contract can go from a positive to a negative in a matter of months. The Jaguars offer a cautionary tale. In 2017, they won their division and advanced to the conference championship game thanks to a youthful defensive nucleus and a developing quarterback, Blake Bortles, they believed had turned the corner. They entered 2018 believing in their ability to sustain success. They went 5-11, for reasons easy to see but hard to explain.

As Alabama coach Nick Saban said recently, a lot of books tell you how to be successful. Hardly any of them advise how to stay that way.

Nagy can worry about finding offseason reading material later. Now the Bears’ focus remains on authoring a final chapter, with an entire city hoping they saved their best for last.

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# A woulda, coulda moment

Inside Nagy's one special day as an Eagles quarterback

By **JEFF MCLANE**  
Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — When Matt Nagy's Bears host the Eagles on Sunday, it will be the first time a former Eagles quarterback has coached against his old team since Norm Van Brocklin.

Matt Nagy played for the Eagles?

Well, sort of. He's not listed anywhere in the team's official register, nor was he ever paid, but Nagy spent one training camp morning in an Eagles uniform nearly 10 years ago. By the afternoon, though, he was back on the sideline as a coaching intern after the NFL thwarted coach Andy Reid's attempt to circumvent the rules.

Nagy jokes now about his missed opportunity.

"Yeah, I thought I was going to be a starter in the NFL for like the next eight years," he said Wednesday.

But Nagy, who had played quarterback at Manheim Central High School in Lancaster, Pa., then at the University of Delaware and for six seasons in the Arena Football League, was distraught when his dreams of playing in a 2009 preseason game — and possibly opening doors elsewhere — were dashed in a matter of hours.

One moment, he was slinging passes alongside Donovan McNabb and snatching up extra tickets at Lincoln Financial Field.

The next, general manager Tom Heckert was telling him to switch back into coach's gear, and Nagy had to break the bad news to family and friends.

"We were going to have like 200, 300 people from eastern Pennsylvania and Lancaster," Nagy said during a conference call with Philadelphia-area reporters. "They were fired up. They already had homemade jerseys ready to go. It was awesome.

"And then the NFL nixed it and I was crushed. Had to rebound. But you know what? It's probably good that it happened because it made (Reid) know who I was and we kind of started our relationship, getting close, after that."

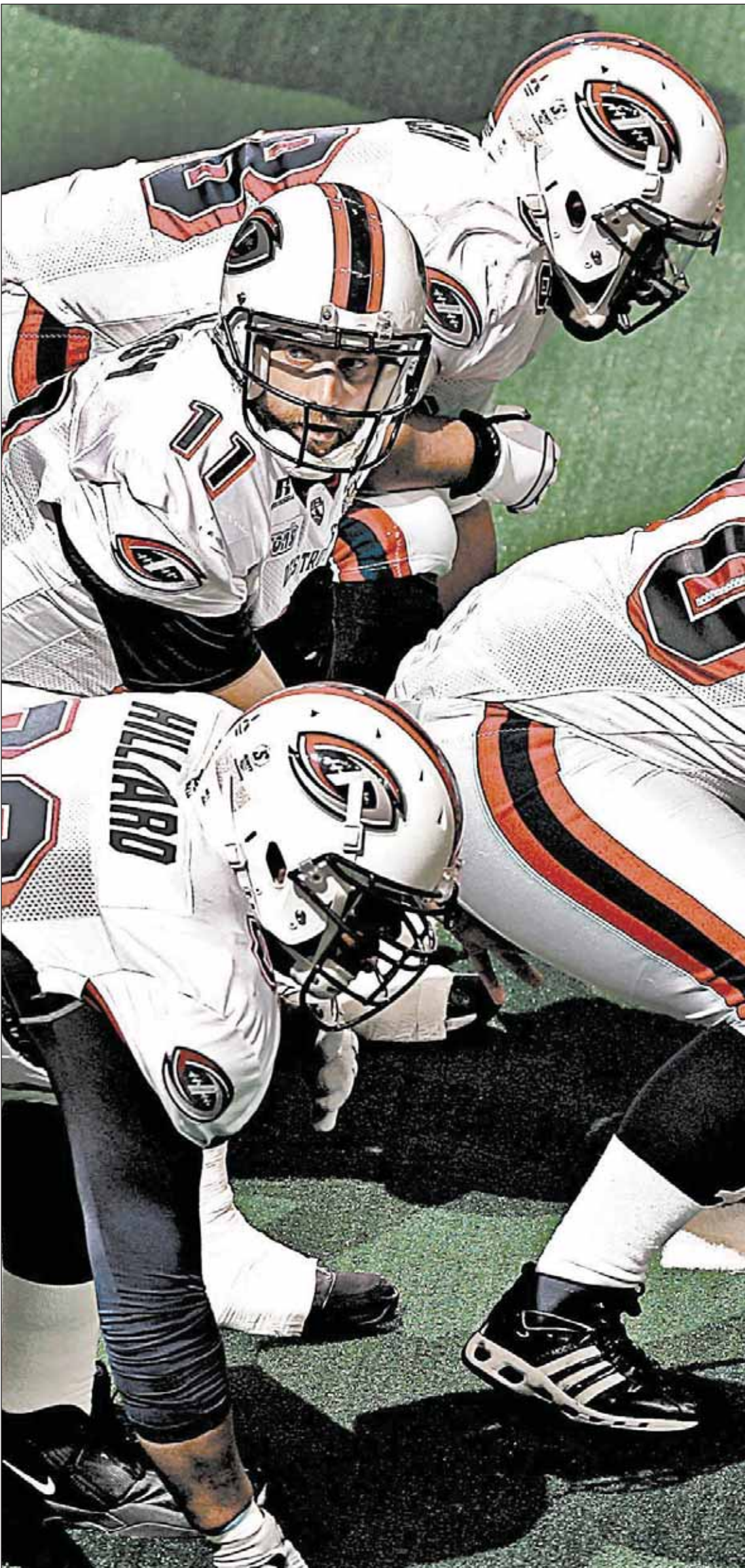
Nagy, then 31, was in his second year as an unpaid intern. That's why Reid thought he could sign Nagy to a contract, according to then-offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg. The Eagles had only three quarterbacks in camp in 2009, and backup Kevin Kolb had injured a knee three days before the preseason opener.

Reid didn't want McNabb playing more than a series or two and didn't want to tax third-stringer A.J. Feeley. So rather than sign another quarterback off the street who would be unlikely to learn the offense in a few days, he thought he would give Nagy the shot of a lifetime.

"We're walking off the field that Monday and Andy goes, 'Can Matt Nagy do this?' And I'm going, 'Do what?'" Mornhinweg said by phone. "And he goes, 'Play in a game.' I'm going, 'Play in a game Thursday night? Yeah, he could, but that's illegal because he's a coach. There's a rule there.'

"And he's going, 'He didn't sign anything.' And I'm going, 'So he signed nothing? We're just paying him.' And he's like, 'I'm not even sure we're paying him. He didn't sign anything.'"

Heckert, who recently died after a long battle with amyloido-



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Quarterback Matt Nagy of the Columbus Destroyers competes in ArenaBowl XXI in New Orleans in 2007.

sis, went back and forth with the league office, which finally gave the Eagles the OK. Reid called Nagy into his office at Lehigh University, where the Eagles held camp, and asked "if I had an agent, if I was in shape and if I knew the playbook," Nagy said.

As an intern, Nagy did grunt work in all areas. But he had spent time in the quarterback room, according to Eagles coach Doug

Pederson, who was an offensive quality control assistant at the time. Nagy knew enough of the playbook and he had a strong arm.

"He had a hose," Pederson said.

When the Eagles were first looking to fill the intern spot a year earlier, they wanted someone who wanted to coach but who could throw. One of job responsibilities was throwing to running backs and receivers in warm-ups.

Brett Veach, then Reid's entry-level assistant and now his GM with the Chiefs, had just the guy.

"It was a college teammate of his," Mornhinweg said. "I'm going, 'Oh, no, Delaware? They run the Wing-T there. Guy can't throw.' And he goes, 'He's played in the Arena League for six to eight years.'"

Mornhinweg was once an Arena League quarterback and a

**"How can you not have a smile on your face with this opportunity?"**

— Matt Nagy on his moment of glory with the Eagles

camp arm with the 49ers. The Eagles brought Nagy on.

A year later, the most public thing Nagy had done for the team was toss passes off to the side to the resting Brian Westbrook.

But when morning practice opened on Aug. 11, there was Nagy in a No. 9 red jersey. Asked Wednesday about his workout, Nagy first mentioned the interception he threw. But Mornhinweg and Pederson remembered how well he ran the two-minute drill.

"I think he checked to a Q-9, which is roll out left, sprint left, which we usually don't do with a right-handed quarterback," Pederson said.

Actually, Nagy said, the Eagles didn't have a Q-9 option.

"I went, 'Q-9, Q-9,' and we only went Q-8 at the time — to the right," Nagy said. "So (the offensive linemen) looked back at me like, 'What the hell are you saying?' But I said, 'Q-9, we're going to the left,' and we did it, and it kind of shocked them."

Reporters ambushed Nagy.

"That might be all it is," Nagy said that day. "It may be more. I don't know. But how can you not have a smile on your face with this opportunity?"

Four hours later, the Eagles held their second practice of the day, but Nagy was back in coaching shorts. The NFL had rejected his contract. They said it was because of a pre-existing Arena League contract that hadn't technically expired, even though the league had.

The real reason, according to Mornhinweg, was that the league didn't want teams to be able to stow potential players on their coaching staffs.

"It's not illegal, but we got a call saying, 'Please don't do it,'" Mornhinweg said. "One of those deals."

The Eagles signed former Temple quarterback Adam DiMichele the next day and gave him the No. 9 jersey, but he didn't play that Thursday. McNabb and Feeley split the snaps, but few remember how either performed. News broke during the game that the Eagles had signed Michael Vick, who had just been released from prison.

Nagy, meanwhile, went back to coaching, and when his internship was over, back to selling homes. The Eagles hired him back during the 2010 offseason — this time to a full-time position. He was promoted to quality control, taking Pederson's spot after Pederson was bumped up to quarterbacks coach in 2011.

"He was so good at the coaching bit that we ended up hiring him at an entry-level deal," Mornhinweg said.

Nagy and Pederson, of course, would tag along with Reid to the Chiefs in 2013. Reid declined to be interviewed for this story — or any story related to Nagy and Pederson — because he said he didn't want to be a distraction.

"I love both of them," Reid said. "This is their time."

Nagy's time as an NFL player was brief. It wasn't meant to be.

"I went from the ultimate high to an ultimate low," Nagy said. "It's just how life goes, and everything happens for a reason."

## Nagy, Pederson follow similar paths

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After the Bears assured Nagy and Pederson would meet for the first time as head coaches, Pederson texted to tell Nagy he was proud of him. And to ask for some good eating spots in Chicago, to which Nagy plugged Gino's East.

The pair bonded while with the Eagles over lunch breaks and Pederson's favorite late-night snack — soft serve vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles, according to Nagy. Pederson, who has three sons, could offer advice to Nagy, who has four sons. But mostly they were "hip-by-hip" working their way up under Reid, first with the Eagles and then with the Chiefs.

They finally separated when Pederson became the Eagles head coach in 2016. Pederson might have taken Nagy with him, but Reid told him he couldn't poach any of his assistants.

"I told him at the owners meeting this past offseason, he got

that Super Bowl, (and) I'm trying to follow his lead here," Nagy said. "He probably doesn't want to hear that right now, but I want to stick on that path. I have a ton of respect for him."

Nagy watched Pederson's Eagles win the Super Bowl against the Patriots from a Lake Forest tavern in February.

He wasn't surprised when Pederson called for tight end Trey Burton — now with the Bears — to throw a touchdown pass in the now-infamous "Philly Special" play.

"But I do remember looking at my wife and saying, 'Holy hell, that was a ballsy call,'" Nagy said. "Then I said something to the fact, 'Yeah, Doug, thattaboy! I was happy for him.'"

Nagy ran his own version of the Philly Special this season — the "Oompa Loompa" play from the Week 13 loss to the Giants. Pederson appreciates the creativity he has seen from his counterpart, including a number of trick plays.

"Matt has always been very creative," Pederson said. "He sees things a certain way, and that's one of his strengths. I've actually had a chance to go back and watch some of those plays and see exactly what he's doing, and it's pretty unique. Especially if you have the personnel to do it and you put a lot of faith and trust in your players, then I'm all for it and he's done a great job with it."

Whether their time together went so well because of their similarities or their natures aligned because they were brought up under Reid, Burton said the coaches have a lot in common, though he did note Nagy shows more fire than the laid-back Pederson.

"I would say the biggest way they are similar is they both tell their players to let your personality show," Burton said. "They let the players do whatever they want to do. They don't have this strict hammer of you can't do this or you can't do that. Obviously there are rules and things like that, but



DAVID EULITT/KANSAS CITY STAR

On July 28, 2014, Chiefs offensive coordinator Doug Pederson, left, and quarterbacks coach Matt Nagy, center, work with QB Aaron Murray.

(they're) allowing us to be loose and letting us do whatever it is we have to do to prepare to play."

Their early journey together will make the meeting Sunday all the more interesting. Eight years

ago, thoughts of such a scenario would have been fuel to help Nagy through those long drives.

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Marvin Werkley, of Mobile, Ala., looks over wagering sheets at the IP Casino Resort & Spa in Biloxi, Miss., before making a bet. Among the top stories during 2018 in Mississippi was that legalized sports betting began after a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

# NOT A HOME RUN

As much as sports betting is being hailed as a budget saver, there's no guarantee expected tax revenues will buoy state finances

By WAYNE PARRY AND GEOFF MULVIHILL  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The race to legalize sports betting is on now that the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed it in all 50 states, but will it provide enough extra tax revenue to make much of a difference for schools, roads or pension debt?

Don't bet on it.

Just look to the states that capitalized immediately after the court's ruling last spring and to Nevada, which previously had an effective monopoly on sports gambling. Even though the market is still developing, the returns to date have been modest.

In Nevada, revenue from sports betting has accounted for roughly one half of 1 percent of the entire state budget.

"Everything I've seen so far suggests that this would not be what one would consider to be a pot of gold," said Ohio state Sen. John Eklund, a Republican who introduced legislation to legalize sports betting in his state.

Delaware, Mississippi, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and West Virginia legalized sports betting last year after the Supreme Court decision, as did the District of Columbia. Although New Mexico has not passed a sports betting law, the Santa Ana Star Casino & Hotel started taking bets in October through a tribal gambling compact.

Lawmakers in Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia already have filed bills to allow sports betting, and those who track the industry expect a total of 30 states to consider similar ones this year.

The expected stampede of states seeking to legalize it has parallels to the growing trend toward legalizing recreational marijuana, which 10 states have done and others are considering.

As with marijuana, lawmakers say they are motivated in large part because sports betting has

been a black market activity outside Nevada. Legalizing it would allow states to impose regulations and take in at least some money.

"I keep telling them this is not like a craps table or a slot machine," said Mark Sickles, a Democratic state lawmaker in Virginia who has sponsored a bill that would place a 15 percent tax on sports betting in the state. "My main purpose is to take something that's currently being done illegally and get some tax revenue from it."

Revenue from legalized pot makes up just a small portion of state revenue, even in the states with the most mature markets — about 2 percent in Colorado and a little over 1 percent in Washington, according to a May report from Moody's Investors Service. That's still a far larger portion of revenue than even the most optimistic projections for sports betting.

New Jersey was the first state to legalize sports betting after the Supreme Court decision last May. The state's gambling industry took in \$928 million worth of sports bets since the first one was taken on June 14 through the end of November. From that, the state received less than \$8 million in tax revenue.

Even if the state meets its projection of \$25 million in sports



WAYNE PARRY/AP

Former New York Giants linebacker Harry Carson places a bet on the New York Yankees to win the 2019 World Series at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. The race to legalize sports betting is on now that the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed it in all 50 states, but will it provide enough extra tax revenue to make much of a difference for schools, roads or pension debt?

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—Minnesota state Rep. Patrick Garofalo

betting tax revenue for a full year, that would amount to well under one 10th of 1 percent of the state's \$37.4 billion budget.

Former New Jersey state Sen. Raymond Lesniak began the effort to legalize sports betting there 10 years ago with what at the time seemed like a quixotic lawsuit against the federal government. He said sports gambling was not supposed to be a big moneymaker for the state.

"It wasn't intended to do that," he said. "I was driven by the fact that the Atlantic City casino industry was dying and the horse racing industry was on life support. It needed an injection of new money and new people that would come, fill up rooms, eat in restaurants, spend money."

Lesniak expects sports betting to eventually generate over \$100 million in taxes for the state once all New Jersey's casinos and racetracks have sports books up and running for a full year. That would be 10 times the level of tax revenue being generated right now, when many sports betting operations in New Jersey are in their infancy.

Yet experts say sports betting revenue in New Jersey and elsewhere is likely to be diluted as more and more states jump into the game.

New Jersey's market is being squeezed on one side by Pennsylvania, which recently began offering sports betting, and on the other by New York, which is likely to pursue legalization this year.

For perspective, New Jersey's casino revenue at the end of 2006, when Pennsylvania opened its first casino, was \$5.2 billion. A decade later, that number had

been cut in half and Pennsylvania had more casinos.

The states that have launched sports betting this year expect they will bring in tax revenue that ranges from about \$5 million in Mississippi and West Virginia to \$25 million in New Jersey. In each state, hitting those targets would account for just a fraction of 1 percent of state spending.

Even Rhode Island, which has the highest sports betting tax rate at 51 percent, estimates it will take in \$23.5 million a year, or a quarter of 1 percent of the state's budget.

Those revenue projections are in line with expectations from the municipal ratings firm Moody's Investor Service. Baye Larsen, who analyzes state finances at Moody's, expects sports betting to account for a "very, very small slice" of state revenue and will do little if anything to help cover their rising pension, Medicaid, education or infrastructure needs.

Instead, some lawmakers said they will try to direct the money to specific projects. A bill in Missouri, for example, would send some of the revenue to the capital improvement fund of the state Veterans Commission, while some of New Jersey's online sports betting revenue is targeted to an Atlantic City promotion campaign.

"Legalized sports gambling is not a way to raise revenue for the government; it is not a mechanism to create jobs," said Minnesota state Rep. Patrick Garofalo, a Republican. "It's a high-volume, low-margin business."

Associated Press writer Regina Garcia Cano in Las Vegas contributed to this report.



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Gamblers place bets on sports events at the FanDuel sports book at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, N.J., on the day it opened.

# Sports betting for dummies

By WAYNE PARRY | Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Wanna bet on sports? First, make sure you know what you’re doing — and the odds against you. Seven U.S. states now offer legal sports gambling, and as many as 30 more will consider jumping on board in 2019. So here are some of the basics — as well as some more esoteric aspects — of betting on sports.

### Pony up

The biggest difference between placing a legal sports bet with a casino or racetrack or their online affiliates and placing one with an illegal bookmaker or “bookie” is that with legal betting, you have to put your own money up first.

Illegal bookies will let you bet on credit, the most appealing aspect of their illicit business and one that is expected to allow them to continue to operate, and perhaps still thrive, in the brave new world of sports betting.

Say you want to bet \$25 on a football game legally. You have to hand the window clerk \$25 and receive a ticket confirming your bet. In most cases, if you win, you will get back your original \$25 stake plus your winnings, which won’t amount exactly to another \$25 because of ...

### The vig

This is the vigorish, also known commonly as the “vig” or the “juice” — the bookmaker’s cut of the action. Oddsmakers try to set betting lines as precisely as possible to attract an equal amount wagered on each team involved in a particular game. They use money from losing bets to pay off people who make winning bets, while keeping a percentage for themselves. That percentage varies, but usually is around 10 percent, so that a successful \$25 bet would earn you a \$22.50 profit.

### How to bet

One of the most popular ways to bet on sports is through the point spread. If the Seattle Seahawks are favored by 4 points against the Minnesota Vikings, Seattle must win by 5 for a Seahawks bettor to win his or her wager. Minnesota backers would win if the Vikings win, or even if they lose as long as it’s by 3 points or fewer. A final margin of exactly 4 points for Seattle is considered a push, meaning the bets are refunded.

You can also do a money line bet that does not involve a point spread. Instead, simply choose the team you think will win. Oddsmakers set this money line ratio based on bets of \$100, essentially telling gamblers how much they would win by betting \$100 on an underdog, or how much they’d need to put up to win \$100 on a favorite.

For a heavily favored team, say the Boston Red Sox putting their best pitcher against a weak opponent with a poor pitcher, that could involve putting up \$350 of your own money to win just \$100, a wager that would be listed in sports books as minus-350. Big underdogs pay off well, but only if that team wins the game. A bet on a team with a money line of plus-410 would give you a \$410 profit on a \$100 bet.

Another popular option is the over/under, also known as the total. Oddsmakers set a number for the total number of points scored by both teams combined, say 52½ points between the Chiefs and Raiders. Gamblers bet whether the combined final score will exceed that number or fall short.

### Teasers

Don’t like the number offered by the point spread or the over/under? Change it. Bookmakers offer the opportunity to increase or lessen the odds, called “teasing” it, by a particular number, usually about 6 points, though other amounts are available. It must be applied to combined wagers on

two or more games, or at least two bets on the same game. For instance, if the New York Giants are favored by 3 points over the Washington Redskins, and the Los Angeles Chargers are favored over the Baltimore Ravens by 2 points, a gambler using a 6-point teaser can lower the line on the Giants game to have the Giants as a 3-point underdog instead of a 3-point favorite (getting 3 points instead of giving 3), and the Chargers as a 4-point underdog instead of a 2-point favorite (getting 4 points instead of giving 2). Lines can be adjusted upward or downward, and they can involve multiple games. In a single game, a bettor can lower or increase the point spread and the under/over total on the same game.

The catch here is that ALL bets in a teaser must win; if even one does not, the entire betting ticket is a loser. That’s why they call it a “teaser,” because it can seem so simple to manipulate the odds to where you want them, and yet there is a decent chance of losing the whole thing.

### Parlays

This is one of the places gamblers can get crazy. To boost the payoff on a bet, gamblers can string together a series of bets on multiple games, or multiple bets within the same game. This is called a parlay. It is a way to potentially win a lot of money for a small bet. But these bets are frequently losers. They are among the highest earning bets for sports books, because, as is the case with teasers, every one of the bets in a parlay has to win, or else the whole ticket is a loser.

Hang around gamblers long enough and you’ll inevitably hear a story about how someone missed a big parlay payout thanks to a tiny margin on a single game.

### Props

There are also tons of other things to bet on, including so-called proposition or “prop” bets on things that might happen

during games. You could bet on whether Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes or New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady will have more passing yards or touchdowns in a particular game or set of games. You can bet on whether a particular team will be leading after the first quarter or at halftime, whether there will be a safety or whether any field goals will be missed.

There are also futures bets, which are wagers on things that won’t happen for a while. You can bet on the winner of a particular sport’s championship before the season starts or at any point during the season and predict whether a team will win more or less than a predetermined number of games. Similarly, you can also gamble on who will be voted most valuable player in the NFL or Major League Baseball.

### Bottom line

Sound easy? It isn’t. Sports books rarely lose money.

Almost no one expected the Miami Dolphins to beat the Patriots on Dec. 9, a game in which New England was favored by 7½ points. But an improvisational pass and running sequence that saw Miami players toss the ball to one another en route to the goal line led to a game winning touchdown as time expired. It happens, folks, a lot more than one might think.

Big favorites inexplicably lose. Underdogs with seemingly no shot rise up unexpectedly (the Buffalo Bills were 17-point underdogs against the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 23, yet won the game 27-6.) Games that appear set for high-scoring shootouts end as low-scoring affairs. A star quarterback or running back gets injured early in a game and never returns.

What starts out as fun can easily become a problem for some people. Help is available for those with a gambling problem, or who fear they might be in danger of developing one, by calling 1-800-GAMBLER.



The race to legalize sports betting is on now that the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed it in all 50 states, but will it provide enough extra tax revenue to make much of a difference for schools, roads or pension debt?



# Docuseries traces rise, fall of R&B star amid allegations

Six-hour ‘Surviving R. Kelly’ will premiere Thursday on Lifetime

By **TRACY SWARTZ**  
Chicago Tribune

It’s been more than a decade since Stephanie “Sparkle” Edwards identified a female relative and R. Kelly as the teenage girl and man engaging in sex acts on a videotape at the center of Kelly’s child pornography trial in Chicago.

Edwards said she believes she did the right thing by testifying against the R&B superstar, but she hesitated before agreeing to participate in a new docuseries about the high-profile case and a

series of new allegations that have continued to weigh down Kelly’s career.

“This particular piece spoke to me only because one of the executive producers, Dream Hampton, reached out to me via text and phone calls some months prior. I initially told her no because I didn’t want to dredge up that crap and put my family in that space again,” Edwards said in an interview with the Tribune by phone.

“She stated something that was really moving to myself and management that she wanted to celebrate me, if you will, because I was the only one who came forward and stood up to (Kelly and his team) in a timely fashion. I didn’t see something and then not

speak up. I saw it, I reacted, right there.”

Edwards, a recording artist in her own right, is one of about 50 people featured on “Surviving R. Kelly,” which is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Thursday on the Lifetime network and air over two subsequent nights.

The six-hour series traces Kelly’s rise from a young talent at Kenwood Academy in Chicago to bona fide hitmaker best known for singles such as “Bump N’ Grind” and “I Believe I Can Fly.” Much of the focus, though, is on his 2008 trial, where he was found not guilty of 14 child pornography charges; as well as his troubled relationships with

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R. Kelly performs at the Pitchfork Music Festival.



SUNDIAL PICTURES

Aretha Franklin in a scene from the movie “Amazing Grace.”

# ‘Amazing Grace’ once lost, now found

By **RANDY LEWIS**  
Los Angeles Times

Mick Jagger talks about a certain Aretha Franklin performance that’s indelibly etched in his memory as if it happened last week, not 46-plus years ago.

“It was a really electrifying performance she gave, it raised the hair on the back of your neck,” the Rolling Stones co-founder and lead singer told The Times recently of the session he and the Stones’ drummer Charlie Watts dropped in on while visiting Los Angeles to work on the group’s 1972 album, “Exile on Main Street.” “It was a super-charged performance, a different Aretha on that day than I had experienced before.”

He’s remembering the historic gospel sessions Franklin delivered in collaboration with gospel music titan Rev. James Cleveland that were recorded and released in 1972 on her album “Amazing Grace,” a project that was simultaneously filmed by Sydney Pollack, who’d been nominated in 1970 for an Academy Award for his direction of “They Shoot Horses, Don’t They?” Astonishingly, the film sat on the shelf for decades, unfinished.

In November, it screened in one-week theatrical engagements in Los Angeles and New York for Academy Awards consideration, but now having secured a distributor is on track for additional screen time in 2019. That’s thanks to the yearslong efforts by producer Alan Elliott, who bought the raw footage in 2007 and ultimately figured out how to overcome the technical and contractual hurdles that kept it out of the public eye for so long.

“One of the things that made it really interesting,” Jagger said, “is that you were there, you were involved. Being there in a church, you’re part of the experience — you’re not just a member of an audience somehow. You’re not in a posh seat sitting down, where you’ve paid your money and you’re like ‘OK, entertain me.’ It was not that feeling. It was a very different vibe than a normal concert ... I think I was singing along.”

In fact, Jagger can be seen

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ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA/AP

Natalie Portman as victim-turned-pop star Celeste in “Vox Lux.”

# The sound of MUSIC

What are movies like ‘Vox Lux’ and ‘A Star Is Born’ trying to say about pop music?

By **SONIA RAO** | The Washington Post

The power ballad that anchors “Vox Lux” might stick with you for some time — if not for its almost mechanical catchiness, then for the circumstances surrounding its creation. In real life, “Wrapped Up” was co-written by Sia, the Australian multi-hyphenate known for her pop earworms. In the movie, it’s co-written by Celeste (Raffey Cassidy), a Staten Island eighth-grader who narrowly survives a school shooting in 1999.

Celeste and her older sister perform “Wrapped Up” in front of their community as a means to heal. But after a record label takes notice and encourages Celeste to change a lyric from “I” to “we,” the song leaps from the memorial service to the radio waves. Suddenly, her trauma belongs to the world.

“A lot of the songs that are early on in this movie ... they weren’t designed for the masses. They just came from the heart,” director Brady Corbet told The Washington Post. “As the film progresses, the songs sort of change. The lyrics, at least in the context of the film, speak to generalities and platitudes that are a little bit like an audience having their tarot read.”

That could apply to many forms of mainstream art, but “Vox Lux” posits that it is especially true of pop music. Corbet’s film highlights the sincere but fixates on what he calls the “rather

disturbing aspects” of pop stardom, both of which 31-year-old Celeste (a melodramatic Natalie Portman) captures when she explains the reasoning behind her shallow lyrics: “I don’t want people to think too hard,” she says about halfway through the film. “I just want them to feel good.”

But are those experiences mutually exclusive? What is “Vox Lux,” a movie sympathetic to its troubled artist, trying to say about pop music?

If the questions sound familiar, that’s because similar ones came up about two months ago with “A Star Is Born,” Bradley Cooper’s movie featuring enamored protagonists who famously sing about being “far from the shallow now.” (Jude Law, who plays Celeste’s manager, once referred to “Vox Lux” as the other film’s “wicked sister.”) As country rocker Jackson Maine (Cooper) struggles with addiction and witnesses his career fall

apart, aspiring songwriter-turned-pop star Ally (Lady Gaga) goes from writing songs Jackson considers meaningful to performing a catchy song with lyrics that praise his, ahem, assets on “Saturday Night Live.”

Jackson doesn’t take the compliment well and instead laments the direction Ally’s career has taken — basically, the selling-out story line that we’ve seen many times before. But this conversation is layered. The songwriters, including Diane Warren, didn’t intend for “Why Did You Do That?” to be considered a bad song. And while Gaga told Variety the song is “relatively shallow,” Cooper said he didn’t “necessarily view (Ally’s) music as superficial. I think she’s performing with all her heart.”

The song signifies Ally selling out, yes, but is that from Jackson’s point of view or the filmmaker’s? Are we, as audience members, supposed to side with him? Or is he, as some have cleverly mused online, an “unreliable narrator whose world view the film critiques throughout?”

When asked whether he thinks his film and “A Star Is Born” portray pop music in a negative light, Corbet laughed at the implied notion that, as he

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The cast of “Stranger Things,” shown in Season 2, will return for a third season with a wrinkle — it’s summer, not fall and winter, in the town of Hawkins, Ind.

‘Stranger’ twists, turns in Season 3

It’s going to be an explosive Fourth of July for fans of “Stranger Things.” The premiere date for the long-awaited third season of the hit Netflix sci-fi show was finally announced as July 4 — a whopping year and nine months after Season 2 kicked off Oct. 27, 2017. In an interesting twist, the spooky series that follows a group of young friends as both real-life and supernatural forces wreak havoc on their fictional town of Hawkins, Ind., will be set during the summer this time as opposed to fall and winter like the past two seasons. The trailer for the upcoming season, released at midnight on New Year’s Eve, begins with a faux broadcast of “Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve” with the late TV host helping count down to 1985. Fireworks then go off, and the screen reads, “One summer can change everything ...” before the new premiere date is revealed. A new poster for the upcoming stretch of shows has the same tagline and pictures young teen lovebirds Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown) and Mike (Finn Wolfhard) holding hands. They’re surrounded by their pals Will (Noah Schnapp), Dustin (Gaten Matarazzo), Lucas (Caleb McLaughlin) and Max (Sadie Sink) as fireworks explode in the sky. In both the first and second seasons, the kids are threatened by creature from the Upside Down, an alternate dimension accidentally created by Hawkins National Laboratory after it secretly conducted paranormal and supernatural experiments.

— New York Daily News



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

**Martin, husband welcome baby girl:** Ricky Martin is starting the new year with a new bundle of joy. The Grammy-nominated singer announced the arrival of his daughter with an Instagram post showing off the infant’s tiny hands. Martin says the girl is named Lucia. Martin’s post says his family, which includes husband Jwan Yosef and 10-year-old twin sons, have “fallen in love with Lucia.”

**Kardashian, West expecting fourth child:** There will soon be another member of the Kardashian-West crew to keep up with. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are expecting a baby through a surrogate, Us Weekly and People reported. It will be the fourth child for the reality star and the hip hop artist, who also have 5-year-old daughter North, 3-year-old son Saint and 11-month old daughter Chicago.

**Osmond recovering from stroke:** Singer Jimmy Osmond is on the mend after suffering a stroke late last week in England. The 55-year-old musician was performing in a production of “Peter Pan” as Captain Hook Thursday at the Birmingham Hippodrome when he fell ill, a representative said. Osmond pushed through to finish his performance, but headed straight to the hospital afterward, where he was diagnosed with a stroke.

**Jan. 3 birthdays:** Actor Dabney Coleman is 87. Actor Mel Gibson is 63. Actor Jason Marsden is 44. Actress Danica McKellar is 44. Singer Kimberley Locke is 41.



ASK AMY

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After changes, friend wants pal back

**Dear Amy:** I’ve been friends with a guy since high school. We’re now in our early 30s. Within the span of a year, my friend met someone, they moved in together, got married and had a child. I thought they were moving too fast at every step of the way because they were panicking. Being in their 30s scared them. I talked to my friend at each event and told him I thought he was moving too fast. I wanted him to realize that he was rushing into these momentous occasions and, although I support him, he should really think about it. For some of these choices, like having a kid, there is no turning back. My friend seems happy, but they’re now a couple. Whenever I text him, he and she reply to me in a group text. Whenever I want to coordinate a night to watch TV with him, she wants to pick a night where they can come over with the baby. She likes me, but I just want to hang out with my friend. She makes this impossible, and he’s OK with it because he loves her and wants to include her in everything. I know that some friendships just hit a dead end and I feel like this is the case. I’ve dealt with break-ups when it comes to relationships, but how do I break up with a friend? Do I make one final plea that I want alone time with my friend and cause problems between all of us?  
— Casper

**Dear Casper:** I’ll be blunt: You have not been a supportive friend. Stopping your friend at each major

life turn to tell him he is making a series of mistakes is not supportive or appropriate. Telling a man with a new baby that it is too late for him to turn back is selfish and rude. The fact that his wife likes you and he still wants to spend any time with you at all is a tribute to the two of them. These two (and their child) are now a package deal. They are making this much abundantly clear. Many couples manage to come together and still hold robust individual friendships, but in your case your friend does not seem to want to do this. Yes, you could make an individual plea to your friend: “I’d like to hang out with you alone one of these days. Would that be possible?” After that, you will have to accept his answer. I suspect that you are not going to have to worry about breaking up with this guy, because he seems to be breaking up with you.

**Dear Amy:** I am seeking your advice and input on my situation. Three months ago, I separated from my partner of 17 years. We were planning to marry in a few months. We had a huge argument and we both said things to hurt each other. The one thing he said that is unforgivable was that he “used” me during our time together. I left my home immediately and moved to another state to live with my only child and grandson. I no longer take meds for anxiety or smoke as much as I did when we were together. While in this relationship, I was emotionally, physically and verbally

abused. Please help me make sense of my life! I am 62, physically disabled and financially stable. What do I do now?  
— Alone

**Dear Alone:** Leaving a longstanding relationship is very challenging — even when the relationship is toxic, because sometimes the devil you know can seem preferable to the uncertainty of being on your own. It’s the way we humans are wired. The stress of being in this unhealthy relationship has taken a toll on you. As hard as it was to leave, your behavior has already changed and your health will improve. What you should do now is to give yourself time to heal. Enjoy your family. Volunteer, if you are able. And engage in the slow but satisfying work of remaking your life.

**Dear Amy:** “Parents in Despair” had an out-of-control teen on their hands. My husband and I struggled with this exact problem. Our son was so violent that we had to move him out of our home. But we didn’t give up on him. Amy, he’s doing much better now. I want these parents to know that there is hope for them.  
— Working On It

**Dear Working:** When you’re in the parenting trenches, not giving up is a heavy lift. Good for you.

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briefly on screen not only mouthing words to some of the songs, but moving his body in rhythm to the music as well. “I’m really glad it’s finally coming out to the world,” he said. The biggest hurdle technically was the absence of one crucial element of filmmaking: the clapboards used at the start and end of scenes that allow filmmakers to synchronize the visuals with the audio. Lacking that, finishing “Amazing Grace” became a technical nightmare. Additionally, for reasons that were never entirely clear, Franklin herself didn’t want the film released. Even after Elliott and his collaborators solved the synchronization problem several years ago and made attempts to screen it at film festivals, Franklin objected. She famously



MATHIEU BITTON

Alexander Hamilton, seen here in 2018, can be seen in the documentary “Amazing Grace” leading the choir that backs singer Aretha Franklin in 1972 in Los Angeles. sued in 2015 to halt planned exhibitions of the movie at Telluride and Toronto. Since Franklin’s death in August, however, Elliott has continued working with her estate, and members of her family who have supported the film’s release. Like Jagger, others involved with the recording sessions, which took place at Cleveland’s recently opened New Temple Baptist

Church in Watts, recall the experience vividly and, for the most part, fondly. “It was 1972, Aretha was at the top of her game,” said Alexander Hamilton, then the choir director working under Cleveland to rehearse and then lead the singers chosen to support Franklin during the recording sessions. In fact, Hamilton emerges on screen as some-

thing of a costar to Franklin, Cleveland and the choir itself — something that wasn’t readily apparent on the audio recording. The film brings a long overdue validation of his role in the proceedings. “I’m so glad this is finally out,” Hamilton said. “You hear the choir on the album, but you can’t see me. All I could say [for years] is that I was on the album, but I stopped because it would sound like I was trying to use this for name-dropping.” Hamilton also helped shape the arrangements Franklin used on numerous gospel standards, going back to influential gospel composer Thomas A. Dorsey’s “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” as well as the more contemporary secular material that Franklin sang to keep things current. Among those were Carole King’s “You’ve Got a Friend,” (which she segues into from the Dorsey song) and Marvin Gaye’s “Wholy Holy,” with which she opens the proceedings with an instantly galvanizing vocal. For choir member Bobby Washington, who still sings regularly in the L.A. area as a member of three different gospel groups, the experience remains not just a career highlight, but a peak life moment. “We rehearsed for almost a month prior to when she got here so we could have it down pat,” Washington said. “After Aretha died, one of the TV stations came out to interview me, and I had a chance to go back to the church,” he said. “This chill just came over me and ran through my body like it just happened yesterday. I showed them, ‘This is where I was standing,’ and I remembered having this feeling [at the time] that this place will never be the same again because of the intensity of the music. Aretha just turned it upside down.” Various aspects of “Amazing Grace” have been the subject of debate over the years, not the least among them whose deci-

sion it was to bring in the rhythm section that always accompanied Franklin at her secular shows for this gospel performance. In David Ritz’s 2014 biography “Respect — the Life of Aretha Franklin,” Jerry Wexler, Franklin’s longtime producer at Atlantic Records, said: “I was determined to sneak the devil’s rhythm section into church. “It was fine for Aretha to pick the choir,” Wexler told Ritz. “She loved James Cleveland, and James was a great choice. But I needed my guys — Bernard Purdie on drums, Chuck Rainey on bass, Cornell Dupree on guitar and Pancho Morales on congas — to keep the rhythm right.” When Ritz put the question to Franklin, she said it was all her doing. “She saw no contradiction in using secular musicians in a sacred service and said that Wexler’s notion of sneaking in the devil’s rhythm section was absurd,” Ritz wrote. “She wanted the best players, the best choir and the best songs.” Rainey said he and his fellow musicians can’t necessarily resolve that question. “We were sidemen, we were her band, and we usually weren’t involved in a lot of the stuff that went on behind the scenes,” he told The Times in a separate interview last week. What he could say with certainty, however, was that, “We were her band, and where she went in those days, we went.” Rainey speculated that part of the reason Franklin might have resisted allowing the film to be screened despite all the effort Elliott and his team put into completing it may have been some of those backstage dynamics. “Everything outside the music itself was a little bit Hollywood, production-wise,” Rainey said. “As I viewed the film, I felt it was more about James Cleveland, [gospel singer] Clara Ward and Aretha’s father, Rev. C.L. Franklin, than it was about her. But as side musicians, all you know is you’re there, playing with Aretha, and all the songs

were perfect for her because it was a gospel album. Working with Aretha was always a pleasure.” He flatly rejected the theory that her objection had anything to do with quibbles over how much she would be paid for her appearance in the film. Elliott has his own feeling about what troubled the film’s star. “I know why she was mad,” he said. “I only met her once, for about eight seconds. But can you imagine being Aretha Franklin, who was legendarily a very exacting artist who has 11 No. 1 records in a row? She goes and makes what I think is one of the finest albums ever in popular music and is told by Warner [Bros.] Films they’re going to make it into this masterpiece. They hire Sydney Pollack [to direct] — and then they screw it all up? “I don’t think she’s angry at a 7-year-old Alan Elliott,” he said referring to his age at the time the project unfolded. “She’s angry at Warner Bros. for not giving her a chance to be a movie star.” Her attitude toward the project notwithstanding, the restored film has been drawing rave reviews. On Rotten Tomatoes, it has received a 95 percent positive rating from critics based on 22 reviews. “The movie is an unmitigated joy,” Times film critic Justin Chang wrote in his review. “It’s also a captivating artifact. The lift-you-to-the-rafters intensity of Franklin’s voice remains so pure and galvanic that ‘Amazing Grace’ is one of the few movies you could watch with your eyes closed, though you would hardly want to.” In The New York Times, Wesley Morris wrote, “You get both the most lovely gaze a professional camera’s ever laid upon Aretha Franklin and some of the mightiest singing she’s ever laid on you.” And in The New Yorker, Richard Brody called it, “A triumph of timeless artistry over transitory obstacles; its very existence is a secular miracle.”

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## BOOK REVIEW

## A riveting novel of female friendship

BY E.J. LEVY

The Washington Post

When Princess Elizabeth's engagement to Philip Mountbatten was announced in 1947, her wedding dress was the subject of speculation and intrigue in war-exhausted England. English designer Norman Hartnell was given the commission, and the gown — with a 15-foot train of tulle embroidered with “York roses ... star flowers, ears of wheat, jasmine blossoms, and smilax leaves,” plus crystal beads and pearls — was a Botticelli-inspired work of art. It's the work behind that art that forms the through-line of Jennifer Robson's compelling and informative novel “The Gown.”

Robson, whose previous novels include “Goodnight From London,” is skilled at creating drama; the braided narrative shifts among three protagonists: Ann Hughes, a 25-year-old embroiderer in Hartnell's London workroom; Miriam Dassin, a French emigre and Holocaust survivor who becomes Ann's co-worker and friend; and Ann's Canadian granddaughter, Heather, who receives — after her grandmother's death in 2016 — a box of exquisite, embroidered flowers and sets out to discover their significance and her grandmother's secret past.

The story spans 70 years, as the embroiderers' fates diverge: Ann is courted by an aristocrat; Miriam befriends a charmingly frumpy magazine editor and begins to design tapestries that open a window on her past. Part of the pleasure of the novel is to see how lives unfurl over nearly a century — and to learn the secrets that the characters never will.

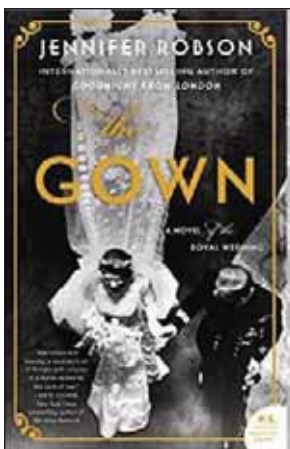
An Oxford-trained historian, Robson has a fine eye for detail: We learn

that in postwar London, “early trains cost sixpence less”; that soap (like food and clothes) was rationed; that fennel and oranges were rare; that olive oil was sold primarily by pharmacists to treat earache. When Ann seeks work at age 14, the jobs listed at “the labor exchange” include “trainee shirt machinist, assistant nurse-maid, restaurant cashier” and, of course, apprentice embroiderer.

At its best, the novel is a gripping portrait of the aftermath of a war too often romanticized in American fiction and film; the privations of global conflict and its lingering weight — in bombed-out streets, in coupons for necessities — make vivid both the hardship and the unequal distribution of suffering. The comfortable remain comfortable even in uncomfortable times.

What most charms is Robson's portrait of the work itself: “Miss Duley's eye was infallible: if a bead sat in the wrong direction, or one strand of satin stitch sat proud of the rest, or even one sequin was duller than its neighbors, she would notice ... and her left eyebrow would arch just so.” Robson vividly depicts the “large, brightly lit workroom ... its bank of windows generously supplemented by hanging electric lights” and “scores of drawings and samples and photographs pinned to the whitewashed walls, with one entire section given over to the women of the royal family and their Hartnell gowns. The low tables along the perimeter of the workroom, their tops messily shingled with trays of beads and sequins, boxes of buttons, and skeins of embroidery silk.”

Occasionally plot twists come out of nowhere, and the plotting seems effortful when Heather ponders



## ‘The Gown’

By Jennifer Robson, Morrow, 400 pages, \$16.99

what the reader is clearly meant to: “‘If (Grandmother Ann) wanted to leave everything behind, then why did she bring these embroideries with her? ... Why didn't she ever show them to us?’ ... What if, in searching for answers, (Heather) discovered something unsettling, even disturbing?”

The novel stumbles in its glancing treatment of the Holocaust, which risks becoming narrative window-dressing. And Robson strains to evoke Heather's millennial sensibility: “She hadn't flown all that much, and she'd been worried she'd get antsy on the way over (to England) ... and after a really horrible supper of some kind of ersatz stir-fry she even managed to fall asleep ... it was almost a million stops from the airport into the city center.” Heather seems a cliché of intellectual imprecision and entitlement, benumbed by comfort, a foil for her hard-working, highly skilled forebear.

For all that, Robson succeeds in creating a riveting drama of female friendship, of lives fully lived despite unbearable loss, and of the steadfast effort required to bring forth beauty after surviving war.

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## BOB EINSTEIN 1942-2019

## Writer best known as comedy daredevil Super Dave Osborne

BY NARDINE SAAD

Los Angeles Times

Emmy Award-winning writer Bob Einstein, who was best known as cocky stuntman Super Dave Osborne and Larry David's newly devout friend, Marty Funkhouser, on HBO's “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” has died. He was 76.

Einstein died at home in Indian Wells, Calif., on Wednesday, shortly after being diagnosed with cancer, spokesman Michael Hansen confirmed to the Los Angeles Times.

The Einstein family did not specify the type of cancer the actor was diagnosed with but asked that donations be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Hansen said.

The raspy-voiced star was born Stewart Robert Einstein in Los Angeles on Nov. 20, 1942.

His father was radio comedian Harry Einstein, who was also known as “Parkyakarkus,” and his mother was actress Thelma Leeds.

The actor's older brother is retired advertising executive Cliff Einstein, and his younger brother is comedian, writer and director Albert Brooks.

“R.I.P. My dear brother Bob Einstein. A great brother, father and husband. A brilliantly funny man. You will be missed forever,” Brooks tweeted Wednesday.

The comedy veteran got his start in television writing in the 1970s for variety shows such as the “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour,” where he played Officer Judy, who memorably gave Liberace a speeding ticket for playing the piano too fast in a 1969 episode.

“Tom Smothers made



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Bob Einstein got his start in television in the 1970s on shows such as “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour.”

our life by giving us that,” Einstein said in a statement released by the family.

The quick-witted, physical comedian also wrote and appeared on “The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour” and NBC's “Van Dyke and Company,” the latter of which debuted the goofy daredevil Super Dave Osborne, whose white-and-blue jumpsuit Einstein repeatedly donned in comedy specials throughout the years.

Super Dave's feats always went wrong, with the stuntman usually ending up crushed, mangled or flattened.

The character was popularized on Showtime and late-night talk shows, and one iconic sketch included a reluctant Super Dave falling off of Toronto's CN Tower.

“The whole character of Super Dave is a takeoff on people who pontificate,” Einstein told the Times in 1995. “So one thing I never want to do is pontificate

why this works, why this is funny. I have no idea what the appeal is. All we are trying to do is make people have a good time and laugh.”

He won his two Primetime Emmy Awards in 1969 and 1977 for his work on “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour” and “Van Dyke and Company.”

Einstein most recently appeared in 22 episodes of HBO's “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” from 2004 to 2017, notably appearing in the show's “Seinfeld” reunion episode in which he recites an off-color joke to the show's star, Jerry Seinfeld. Because of his illness, Einstein was unable to complete episodes in the show's upcoming 10th season, which airs this year.

In addition to his brothers, Einstein is survived by his wife, Roberta Einstein; his daughter Erin Einstein Dale; son-in-law Andrew Dale; and his grandchildren Ethan and Zoe.

## Rapper Travis Scott on ‘Astroworld’

BY SONAIYA KELLEY

Los Angeles Times

Two carnival rides are a part of the set design inside Travis Scott's “Astroworld” tour, which hits the United Center Feb. 21.

The show launches with Scott buckling a seat belt and proceeding to perform in a chair that briefly takes him upside down as it rotates in a 360-degree arc.

At another point, Scott stands in the seat of a roller coaster car traveling up and down a track suspended in the airspace between two parallel stages. After he dismounts, he chooses fans from the packed floor to take his place on the attraction.

“It's so dope seeing all the space and the fans crowding it up,” he says backstage.

The two-hour show, which features an “Astroworld”-appropriate carnival theme that extends outside the arena, marked the end of the first leg of Scott's tour. The second leg, which will play across 28 cities, launches on Jan. 25. Scott played Lollapalooza in 2018. In 2015, Scott pleaded guilty to misdemeanor reckless conduct for encouraging fans to jump the barricades during his set at Lollapalooza.

“I really care a lot about the craft and not anything else,” he said. “I just want people to see that in me and understand that I really care about giving an experience out to the fans. I'm really just trying to make music that impulsively brings people out of their shells.”

Scott's two nights at the Forum in Los Angeles in December were attended by an A-list crowd including Jay-Z and Beyoncé, Kanye West and Kim Kardashian, Halsey and members of the Migos. The audience, comprised heavily of white, seemingly high-school-age kids, was wild throughout, throwing articles of clothing and other objects into the air, across the floor and onto the stage.

Scott performed nonplussed through it all.

“Astroworld,” Scott's platinum-certified third studio album, debuted at the top of the U.S. Billboard 200 chart in August and has since been nominated for three Grammys, including best rap album. “Sicko Mode,” the album's second single, received two nominations for rap performance and rap song.

“It's so tight, I'm so happy,” said the Texas-raised artist of the nominations. “I've always wanted to be recognized” by the Recording Academy. Scott said he'd love to “bring one of them gramophones home and put that up in the city of Houston.”

Born Jacques Webster, Scott derived his stage name from an uncle named Travis and his music idol Kid Cudi, whose first name is Scott. He got his start in the industry as a producer, contributing to albums including Kanye West's “Yeezus” and Jay Z's “Magna Carta ... Holy Grail.” Making a name for himself as an artist proved more challenging.

“I've been creating music and working for a long time,” he said. “Producing, helping other artists on their albums, whether it's Ye, Jay, Rih[anna], Madonna. I've produced on a John Legend album and a Seal album. I've been working on music for four or five years now on this scale and to be able to be recognized for my own body of work is dope.”

He added: “I want people to see how we're moving [the needle] with the album and how it's touching [people], so it was dope to be recognized. I'm so nervous but whatever, it's cool. I'm just here, man. I want to continue making the best music [possible], but it'll always be an honor.”

In the wake of the Grammy announcement, Scott's star appears to be rising at an accelerated pace. The artist is already a tabloid fixture, thanks to his high-profile relationship

with Kylie Jenner (with whom he welcomed a daughter, Stormi, in February).

News broke last week that Scott would join Maroon 5 onstage during the band's Super Bowl halftime performance. Soon after, there were reports that several celebrities, including Jay-Z, Michael B. Jordan, Meek Mill and the Rev. Al Sharpton, urged him to bow out in solidarity with Colin Kaepernick's NFL boycott.

When pressed about the Super Bowl and the potential backlash, Scott declined to comment.

Still, the 26-year-old, who is prone to trailing off midthought, gives off a live-wire energy even seated on a plush sectional with a blunt in hand. That energy is what allows his two-hour sets to command up to \$389 for front row seats (and almost double on the secondary market).

Scott launched the first of what he hopes will become an annual Astroworld Festival this fall in his native Houston. The festival was constructed on the site of the city's former Six Flags Astroworld amusement park, which was shuttered in 2005. A more fleshed-out version of his stage setup, the festival featured a Ferris wheel, drop tower and chair-planes.

“I've been wanting to do a festival for a long time,” he said. “I was yelling and yelling and yelling. ... It took me to say, ‘Yo, man. If we don't do this festival, I'm not doing certain [things].’”

An estimated 40,000 people attended the festival, an extension of the album Scott calls “my dissertation, my walk-through” of Houston.

“I've always wanted to give people that experience of what I feel like it is to have fun somewhere,” he said. “I had to put a lot of my own money into it, but I'm thankful enough that it turned out to be the way it was. The whole city of

Houston came out and decorated it with pride and joy.”

Scott's devotion to his hometown is, to borrow from his own parlance, sturdy. Backstage in the greenroom, an hour before he would take the stage, his eyes are fixed on a massive TV playing an NBA game. The Houston Rockets are playing the Miami Heat, and with 3.8 seconds left, the score is 99-101 in Miami's favor.

“Man it's crazy, we can tie the game up with this,” Scott says, pausing our interview. The room, filled with a handful of people from his team, is completely quiet. “This is crucial. They're going for the double, two seconds.”

The Rockets' Eric Gordon goes up for a three-point shot and misses. There's a long silence.

“He should've got it to him a little bit earlier,” he says, peeling his eyes from the screen to return to the interview. “Damn.”

“Astroworld,” a nostalgic, atmospheric, futuristic commentary on hedonism and depression, follows on the heels of Scott's acclaimed second album, “Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight,” which was released in 2016.

“‘Birds in the Trap’ was just something I had to get off at the time,” said Scott. “It was something that I was just going through at the time, I felt like I just had to get the album off.”

“It's like a saga,” he explained of his debut album “Rodeo” and “Astroworld.” “I wasn't even expecting to drop ‘Birds.’ It was just like, ‘OK, I have to get this off.’ Boom. And then it was like, ‘OK, it's time for ‘Astroworld.’”

The production-heavy “Astroworld” features a handful of features with artists ranging from 21 Savage and Drake to Stevie Wonder and Kevin Parker of Tame Impala.

Yet he admitted that getting to work with Frank Ocean was particularly memorable for him.



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Rapper Travis Scott performs at The Governors Ball Music Festival in New York.

“Man, one of my favorite artists is Frank Ocean,” he said. “I really love his music. As a creator, that guy ... he's special with his music. So to be able to have been on that wavelength is ill.”

Scott grew up in the Shaker Heights neighborhood of Houston. In high school, he taught himself to play the drums, which led him to beat-making. Around the same time, he joined his school's thespian society and starred in the play “Kiss Me Kate.” He still has a fondness for the theater, though he hasn't had as much time lately to partake.

“To be honest, I haven't really dialed completely into plays, but it's always been something I wanted to do,” he said. “I've been working to get to a point where I feel like my music is ...”

He trails off before beginning again: “I've always had these ideas of [stuff] I wanted to do and explore, [things] I did when I was younger. I came in making beats and then I focused on becoming an artist. I didn't want people to label me as a producer. I came in working on videos, but I feel like while working on my videos I wanted people to see

the best of me as an artist. I've slowed down to try to conquer my craft, conquer my shows. Now I just want to adapt things I liked when I was younger and bring them to life.”

In other interviews, Scott has floated the idea of staging a Broadway play around an upcoming album, something he confirms he is serious about pursuing.

“I don't really want to spoil it because I'm just working on making it the finest thing,” he said. “I'm working on something new and I want to make sure I'm attacking it right. I'm linking up with this guy who's working on a dope play right now in New York. Just one of the illest plays.”

“I'm going through the research of it, and I want to really bring the experience of a live show with built-out sets,” he added. “I want to bring in that live interaction” between himself and the fans. “So if someone is going to sit in the seats and watch, they need to understand they're a part of the show. If you don't want to [participate] then you just bought a ticket to watch.”

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# Friends behind camera

Jennifer Lopez and Leah Remini spark ‘Second Act’

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LOS ANGELES — “I don’t think this lighting is going to work,” Jennifer Lopez says. She has just turned up at a photo shoot, and she is dismayed. “Newspapers don’t do retouching,” the actress points out, “and ugly don’t sell movies.”

She requests that the studio representatives retrieve a monitor so she can review the images up-close, zooming in on the pixels. As Lopez’s entourage scrambles to find a screen, best friend Leah Remini stands by patiently. The two will be posing together in a photograph for a story about their new film, “Second Act,” but Remini seems less concerned about the images. “I don’t need to see them,” she shrugs.

Remini understands the work that Lopez puts into maintaining her brand. She doesn’t complain when she’s on time for an interview and her co-star is an hour late. She has no interest in “taking away her JLo.”

“I’m not that friend that is like, ‘I don’t see you as JLo,’” she says. “I see you as JLo, and I love that. Because you built that. I’m not trying to take you down and go, ‘Be normal.’ Her not being normal is what made this all possible.”

“This” is Lopez’s empire, which has grown to include acting, singing, dancing and producing since she was discovered as a Fly Girl on “In Living Color” in the ’90s. This year alone, she’s starred in the third season of the NBC crime drama “Shades of Blue,” done a 120-night Las Vegas residency at Planet Hollywood and has begun work as the executive producer and judge on the third season of NBC’s “World of Dance.”

And then there’s “Second Act,” Lopez’s first film in three years. The romantic comedy follows big-box store assistant manager Maya (Lopez), who wishes for a promotion for her 43rd birthday. When she’s passed over for a college-educated applicant, she laments to best friend Joan

(Remini) that her lack of higher education has held her back.

Joan’s tech-savvy son overhears the discussion and secretly creates an online resume for Maya that bluffs about her credentials — and lands her a job at a fancy Madison Avenue firm.

The STX Entertainment picture, directed by Peter Segal, marks a return to romantic comedies for Lopez, 49, who established herself as one of the most dependable actresses of the genre after starring in such films as “The Wedding Planner” and “Maid in Manhattan” nearly two decades ago. But it’s the biggest movie role ever for Remini, 48, who is best known for her sitcom television work opposite Kevin James on “The King of Queens” and the recently canceled “Kevin Can Wait.”

“I’m not a film person,” Remini shrugs. “I don’t love the genre. I don’t enjoy the actual work of it. I like live shows. I like an audience. I don’t love filmmaking and doing things out of sequence.”

Still, she admits that she said yes to the role before even reading the screenplay because of how much she trusts Lopez. The two first met 14 years ago, when Remini was still deeply enmeshed in Scientology. She and her husband, Angelo Pagan, were close with Marc Anthony, who in 2004 had just begun dating Lopez. Anthony invited the couple to the premiere of a new movie he was in, “Man on Fire” — where he and Lopez were having their first public outing — and excitedly introduced them to his new girlfriend.

“He was like, ‘She’s the love of my life, blah, blah, blah,’” recalls Remini. (Anthony and Lopez would go on to wed and divorce and share custody of their 10-year-old twins.) “As I was walking up to the table, I was like, ‘Ugh, God, you’re even prettier in real life.’ She started laughing, and I was like, ‘Ugh, and you have a sense of humor even?’ ”

Within the week, Remini was at Lopez’s house, hanging out with her. The two immediately bonded, she



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Leah Remini, left, and Jennifer Lopez star in “Second Act.” They have been friends for about 14 years.



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Remini’s son in the movie uses his computer acumen to help Lopez land a job on Madison Avenue.

says, forming the kind of friendship where “you just take the armor off.” She has long credited Lopez with being one of the few people in Hollywood to stand by her when she left Scientology in 2013.

Remini has been talking without Lopez by her side, waiting for her to arrive from her home to the interview. Suddenly, the door slides open and Lopez walks into the room.

“Hi, guys,” she says airily. “God, that is nice,” Remini says, observing Lopez’s outfit. “That is just chic, chic, chic.”

“It’s a thing,” Lopez replies. “I don’t know what it is. It’s a pretty, camel-colored thing. Not the easiest to sit in, but it’s OK. Worth it. We did it. I’m here. I got up to work out at 6.”

“No,” Remini says, horrified. “I got up at 5:30 to make pancakes for my daughter.”

“Anyway, we don’t want to waste your time,” Lopez says. The conversation about Remini’s aversion to film continues.

“I’ve always been like, ‘Why don’t you do more movies?’ ” Lopez says. “But performing on those sitcoms in front of an audience — it’s a different talent. It’s a real rhythm, it’s a real family, it’s bit comedy. It’s different than scene comedy and even romantic comedy. I remember Leah walked up to me in one of the emotional scenes (in ‘Second Act’) when I was outside, like, ‘OK, I gotta prepare.’ And she opens the door and she’s like, ‘Oh,

wow, you’re really crying.’ ”

Remini is quick to downplay her acting ability. She says Lopez, who produced “Second Act” and Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas — Lopez’s former agent turned producing partner — knew she wasn’t the kind of actress “who was going to play Chekhov.” But she insists she isn’t worried about being typecast as a brassy New Yorker, because she’s “not looking to be anything other.”

“She’s the actress of us,” Remini says, pointing to Lopez. “Jennifer’s done such an array of films and different types of characters. She’s that girl. She loves the acting, and I’m like, ‘Eh, I wanna eat.’ ”

“Her lifeblood is helping people and making them laugh,” Lopez adds.

“Whatever form that takes, whether it’s her ‘Aftermath’ show or it’s a sitcom.”

Lopez is referring to “Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath,” the A&E docu-series now in its third season in which Remini investigates the controversial church. (In 2017, she won an Emmy for her work on the program.)

Remini, who was raised a Scientologist by her mother, has said publicly that she thought church executives were desperate to lure Lopez into the organization. In a 2015 interview with “20/20,” she said the church invited Lopez to the 2006 wedding of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes. While in Italy at the nuptials, “They were always trying to extract me,” Remini said of church higher-ups. “I could only assume because they wanted to make Jennifer a Scientologist and maybe I was barring that road for them.” (The Church of Scientology has refuted Remini’s claims, and in a statement called her account “revisionist history.”)

“I’ve seen her evolve,” Lopez says now. “I saw her go through the pain of it, telling her that her life wasn’t over. That there’s stuff she can take from it that is positive. She has to follow her heart and do what she thinks is right. ... Her choices are her own. We can agree and disagree on certain things. I just want her to be happy and hang out with me sometimes.”

“I mean, she’s helped me through major moments in my life as well. Really difficult times that nobody in the world knows about. I think one of the things about us is that we understand each other’s lives in maybe a way people in our family or friends don’t.”

“Yeah,” Remini agrees, “because we’re the breadwinners, or the public faces of our families, a lot of times even your own family is like, ‘Oh, you’ll get through it,’ and that’s the extent of their advice.”

## R. Kelly

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African-American women. Highlights include his short-lived marriage in the 1990s to the late singer Aaliyah, who was 15 years old at the time; and more recent accusations circulating in the media that he is running a so-called “sex cult” with young women.

The 51-year-old Grammy winner, who was born Robert Kelly and raised on the South Side, has denied abusing women and running a cult. He did not participate in the Lifetime series or respond to a Tribune request for comment via messages left for his representatives.

Multiple women — including Kelly’s ex-wife, Andrea — appear in the series and claim that Kelly sexually, mentally and physically abused them. Cameras follow as parents of three young women try to track down their daughters and extricate them from Kelly’s orbit.

Kelly’s brothers Bruce and Carey; two clinical psychologists; singer John Legend; TV host Wendy Williams; and journalists including the Chicago Tribune’s Kim Janssen also provide commentary.

The docuseries comes about a year-and-a-half after the start of the #Mut-eRKelly movement, which



Jerhonda Pace, left, and Stephanie “Sparkle” Edwards, right, share their stories in the Lifetime Network docuseries “Surviving R. Kelly.”



LIFETIME NETWORK

saw organized boycotts of Kelly concerts after Chicago journalist Jim DeRogatis reported for BuzzFeed that Kelly was housing six women at properties in Chicago and Georgia and controlling every aspect of their lives. DeRogatis, who did not participate in the Lifetime series, is working on a separate film project with BuzzFeed and documentary director Lyric Cabral.

The Lifetime series, meanwhile, is Stephanie Edwards’ return to the spotlight after years of laying low. She expresses regret for introducing her young relative to Kelly, a mentor to Edwards who

assisted her on her debut album, “Sparkle.”

“I introduced my (relative) with her parents in tow. I didn’t introduce her by herself,” Edwards recalled. “I wanted (Kelly) to make her a star like he was making me a star. And I introduced all of my other (relatives) because we are a musical family. I wanted all of my whole family to have a piece of the stardom.”

The relative Edwards identified as being on the infamous videotape is now in her 30s and does not participate in the series, and neither do her parents. A Tribune request for comment was not returned.

Edwards, who lives in Chicago, said her familial relationships have been strained for years because she testified against Kelly while other relatives didn’t speak up or support her.

Dream Hampton — who was showrunner and an executive producer — called all of the women who came forward for the series brave, but said she was particularly struck by Jerhonda Pace’s story. Pace said she was 14 years old when she supported Kelly at the Leighton Criminal Court Building during his 2008 trial. She said the singer’s friend reached out to her a year later, and she began a sexual relationship with Kelly when she was 16.

“That kind of hubris is Shakespearean, really. I mean, you’re literally on trial for sex with a minor, and you pick up a 16-year-old who’s showing up at that trial to support you,” Hampton told the Tribune.

Hampton said her last interaction with Kelly was in 2000, when she interviewed him in Chicago for a Vibe magazine cover story. She said he was a “perfect gentleman” to her as she reported for the magazine, but angrily called her after the story ran because she had written about his former marriage to Aaliyah.

Hampton said it was difficult to get some people to talk about their own experiences with Kelly on camera for the series. She said she wanted to interview Erykah Badu, who said in 2015 that Kelly “has done more for black folks than anybody,” Barry Weiss, the former president of Kelly’s original label, Jive Records; and Lady Gaga and Jay-Z — some of the artists who released musical collaborations with Kelly — for the project, but “in terms of celebrities and people in the industry, I got way more nos than yeses.”

Kelly is still booking shows despite the allegations against him, though a May performance at the Credit Union 1 Arena in Chicago was scrapped after protest.

Said Hampton: “It’s not hard for me to separate the art from the artist in this case because his music is often about the abuse, things like ‘(It Seems Like) You’re Ready,’ ‘Age Ain’t Nothing but a Number,’ ‘Your Body’s Callin’.’ These are all songs about seducing young and vulnerable women. He’s been hiding in plain sight for a long time.”

And the series comes amid other troubles for Kelly. His landlord is suing him over unpaid rent for his Near West Side studio, which is featured on the series. A court date is scheduled for Jan. 7.

As for Edwards, she said she was working on new music before she was approached to do the docuseries. She recently released a single, “We are Ready,” about women supporting each other. She hopes some of her own relationships are on the mend, too, and noted her family members came together for her mother’s death in October.

Edwards said she crossed paths with Kelly at a Chicago restaurant a few years ago.

“I didn’t do anything. I won’t do anything. I pray for Robert because he’s dealing with some demons, and I still pray for him,” she said. “The Bible speaks of to pray for your enemies and the people who have done you wrong, so I pray for him.”

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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Ben McKenzie

**“Gotham”** (7 p.m., FOX): The drama returns for its fifth and final season, which will see the criminal landscape for which Gotham City is famous for emerge, pitting Jim Gordon (Ben McKenzie) and Harvey Bullock (Donal Logue) against the most depraved and mercurial villains anyone could imagine. Against this scary backdrop, however, a hero rises as young Bruce Wayne (David Mazouz) embraces his destiny.

**“The Big Bang Theory”** (7 p.m., CBS): Penny and Leonard (Kaley Cuoco, Johnny Galecki) organize a paintball game for fun, but the game soon devolves into a medium for settling grudges when Sheldon (Jim Parsons) becomes jealous of Amy (Mayim Bialik) in the new episode “The Paintball Scattering.” Elsewhere, Raj (Kunal Nayyar) gets upset when he catches Anu (Rati Gupta) with an old flame. Joshua Malina also reprises his recurring role.

**“Young Sheldon”** (7:31 p.m., CBS): More than once on “The Big Bang Theory,” we’ve seen the adult Sheldon think nothing of treating his friends — OK, chiefly Penny — as lab animal in a social experiment, but tonight’s new episode “A Race of Superhumans” reveals that this habit manifested itself during his childhood. The funny half-hour finds Sheldon (Iain Armitage) using his unwitting sister, Missy (Raegan Revord), as his test subject.

**“Dr. Pimple Popper”** (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TLC): Dr. Sandra Lee returns with her scalpel and (ulp!) splash guard to assist patients struggling with unsightly blemishes as Season 2 opens with “Nose No Bounds.” In that premiere episode, Dr. Lee’s patients include Genner, who has flown in all the way from the Philippines to seek Dr. Lee’s help with a bumpy nose.

**“Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles”** (8:01 p.m., 11:01 p.m., 1:32 a.m., Bravo): Southern California real estate agents Josh Flagg, Josh Altman, James Harris, David Parnes and Tracy Tutor face some of the toughest challenges of their careers in a hostile market as they return for a supersized Season 11 premiere in “The Struggle Is Real.”

**“The Blacklist”** (9 p.m., NBC): Season 6 opens with “Dr. Hans Koehler,” a new two-part story (concluding Friday) that opens as Red (James Spader) hands off a new Blacklist case to the Task Force, prompting them to launch an immediate search for a plastic surgeon who specializes in creating new identities for fugitive criminals. Elsewhere, Liz (Megan Boone) and her sister Jennifer (guest star Fiona Dourif) mount their own covert investigation into what happened the night the real Raymond Reddington died. Kenneth Tygar and Christopher Lambert guest star.

## TALK SHOWS

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Jason Momoa; actor J.K. Simmons; comic Joe Machi.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Michael Douglas; Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb).\*

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

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Stacy Martin, left, and Natalie Portman in “Vox Lux.”

## Music

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put it, “something which is very popular is under attack”

“The idea that anybody needs to come to the defense of one of the most lucrative industries in America is totally ridiculous,” he continued.

The songs in “Vox Lux” aren’t supposed to be bad, per se. Corbet recruited Sia to co-write the music and described the results as “affected and intoxicating,” which is especially true of “Wrapped Up.” Songs like “Private Girl,” in which Celeste declares that she is “a private girl in a public world,” and “Firecracker,” in which she claims to have “a sixth sense on where the party is headed,” are a bit more grating.

“Natalie’s character serves as an avatar to talk about the ... patterns that mark our contemporary values in this country,” Corbet explained. “It’s not about pop music, it’s about pop culture. The pop songs are avatars to describe the pros and cons of pop culture.”

So it isn’t necessarily Celeste’s music at which “Vox Lux” takes aim, but the detriments of the culture surrounding it. Her tragedy is “exploited by the

pop music industry,” according to Corbet, and she is encouraged to produce music that often speaks more to generic experiences than her own. Without a proper emotional outlet, and haunted by childhood trauma, she acts out. She uses drugs. She yells at her manager. She yells at her sister. She yells at complete strangers.

Celeste ends up a cog in a machine, but at the same time, she sort of is the machine. The first half of the film is about how the culture shaped her, Corbet said, and the second is about how she, in turn, shapes the culture. Celeste not only sings but also speaks to her fans in those “generalities and platitudes.” During the concert sequence that closes out the film, she asks her audience: Have you ever had a boy break your heart? Has anyone ever called you ugly? Has anyone ever called you fat? If so, this one’s for you.

“There’s something so pathetic about this moment and yet, of course, what she’s saying is so commonplace — it’s totally ordinary, but it’s delivered as if it’s vital and important and unique,” Corbet said. “There’s something about that I find really interesting, the idea of exploiting the insecurities that, of course, people

have.”

But pop stars no longer shape culture with generic messages — at least, not to the same extent. While Taylor Swift sells out stadiums and speaks to the masses about issues they all face, like online bullying, she has also started to speak out on topics that in another era could have ended her career, like politics. Ariana Grande’s “Thank u, next” preaches self-acceptance in a way that few breakup songs have. On top of it all, a recent Vanity Fair piece argues that the definition of “pop star” has been so in flux throughout 2018 that traditional pop stars like Ally and Celeste are “no longer the de-facto agenda-setters” for mass audiences. The New York Times adds that the power has been transferred to pop subgenres: “K-pop, Latin trap, melodic hip-hop and more.”

Perhaps “Vox Lux” presents an image of pop stardom that will soon feel dated. Regardless, unlike Celeste’s lyrics, it makes you think — and that’s all Corbet wants.

“I really appreciate the debate that ensues when the film is finished,” he said. “I think that it’s important, and it’s welcome. The film was designed to stir these kinds of conversations.”

## THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 3

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	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: "YOLO." ©		In the Cut	In the Cut	48 HRS. (R,'82) ★★★ Nick Nolte. ♦			
FOX	32	Gotham: "Year Zero." (Season Premiere) (N) © 10		The Orville: "Primal Urges." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
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UniMas	60	Me caigo de risa		Rosario Tijeras				Tiro de ♦	
WJYS	62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
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CABLE	AE	Live PD: "Live PD -- 01.03.19." (N) (Live) ©				60 Days In (Season Premiere) (N) ©		First 48 ♦	
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	ANIM	Crikey! It's the Irwins ©		The Secret of (N)		The Secret of		The Zoo ♦	
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	BET	♦ (5) White Chicks '04) ★★		Hustle & Flow (R,'05) ★★★ Terrence Howard, Anthony		Anderson. ♦			
	BIGTEN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Minnesota at Wisconsin. (N) ©				BIG Basket	
	BRAVO	Top Chef (N) ©		Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles (Season Premiere) (N)		Get a Room w/Carson ♦			
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COM	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		
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ESPN2	♦ High School Football (N)		College Basketball (N)				SportCtr (N)		
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FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped ©		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		
FREE	♦ Miss Cong		Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13,'05) ★★		(SAP)		700 Club ♦		
FX	Riddick (R,'13) ★★ Vin Diesel, Karl Urban. ©				Riddick (R,'13) ★★ © ♦				
HALL	The Christmas Cottage (NR,'17) Merritt Patterson.				Crown for Christmas (NR,'15) © ♦				
HGTV	Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop		Hunters (N)		
HIST	American Pick. (N)		Hitler's Secret Tunnels (N) ©				Hunt Intl (N)		
HLN	Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		
IFC	Full Metal Jacket (R,'87) ★★		Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin. ©		Full Metal Jacket ★★ ♦				
LIFE	♦ Aaliyah: Princess		Surviving R. Kelly (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Surviving R. Kelly (N) ©		Surviving ♦		
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♦		
MTV	Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Floribama Shore (N) ©		Lindsay Lohan Beach		Ex-Beach ♦		
NBCSCH	♦ NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Islanders (N)				Blackhawks Postgame (N)		taleGATE		
NICK	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG,'08) ★★		Friends ©		
Ovation	Crocodile Dundee (PG-13,'86) ★★ Paul Hogan.				Travel		Travel (N)		
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID (N) ©		20/20 ♦		
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "8:30 PM."		Chicago ♦		
PARMT	Friends ©		Friends ©		Star Trek Beyond (PG-13,'16) ★★★ Chris Pine, Zachary		Quinto. © ♦		
SYFY	♦ I Am Four		Constantine (R,'05) ★★ Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. ©				Futurama		
TBS	Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Big Bang		Big Bang		
TCM	Ben-Hur (G,'59) ★★★ Charlton Heston. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. ♦								
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper (Season Premiere) (N)		(9:02) My 600-Lb. Life (N) ♦				
TLN	IMPACT		Wretched		Comfort with a Price		Life Today		
TNT	NBA Basketball: Raptors at Spurs (N Subject to Blackout)				Like You		Humanit ♦		
TOON	Samur. Jack		Amer. Dad		Burgers		Family Guy		
TRAV	The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Haunted ♦		
TVL	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Two Men		
USA	NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ©		Mod Fam		
VH1	Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R,'08) ★★★ Jason Segel. ©				Dumb & Dumber ★★★ ♦				
WE	Sister Act (PG,'92) ★★ Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith. ©				Sister Act 2: Back ♦				
WGN America	Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO	Life of the Party (PG-13,'18) ★★				(8:45) Traffic (R,'00) ★★★ Michael Douglas. ♦			
	HBO2	Ready Player One (PG-13,'18) ★★ Tye Sheridan. ©				Annabelle: Creation ★★ ♦			
	MAX	The Ring Two (PG-13,'05) ★★ Naomi Watts. ©				(8:55) Arizona (NR,'18) Danny McBride.			
	SHO	♦ Escape at Dannemora		A Bad Moms Christmas (R,'17) ★★		American Dream ♦			
	STARZ	♦ Counterpart (7:22) Showtime (PG-13,'02) ★				Counterpart ©			
STZENC	♦ Brewster's Millions ★★		The Saint (PG-13,'97) ★★ Val Kilmer. ©		Kilmer. ©				
						Jumanji ♦		Sin City (R) ♦	

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Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Jan. 3): Luck favors good planning this year. Your own self-discipline can inspire others. Discover unexpected romance. Personal victories this winter lead to a shift with your family finances. Raise the level of your partnership this summer, before a personal epiphany.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Research, investigate and explore. Get farther than imagined. Surprising news percolates in your subconscious. Avoid gossip or rumors.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Review reserves, and manage shared financial accounts. You have more than you thought. Stick to facts, numbers and data. Avoid speculation or risk.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Tight coordination with your partner produces satisfying results. Your collaboration is heating up! Let others know what's needed. Share what you're creating together.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Focus on work, health and fitness. Changes could seem abrupt; slow down to avoid accidents. Follow a brilliant hunch. You're re-inspired by an old dream.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Fun is the name of the game. Prioritize playful activities. Stay flexible, and follow your heart where it leads. The action is backstage.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Settle into your nest. Find clever ways to make your home more comfortable. Relax with family and friends. Provide tasty treats and a warm ambiance.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Clever ideas abound. Your creativity is on fire; harness it and take notes. A sense of overwhelm is temporary. Add illustrations and persuasive text.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Take profitable action. Don't lose what you've got for more, though. Avoid risky business or trodding on someone's sensitivities. A strange suggestion might work.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Take charge, and use your secret talents. Ask for what you want. Outdoor recreation is in the realm of possibility. Gourmet dining is on.

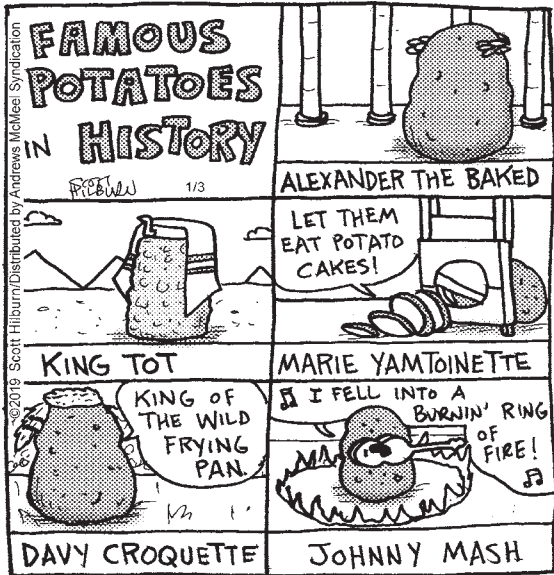
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 5. Review, refine and revise. Adjust plans to adapt to current realities on the ground. Imagine how you'd like things to go. Find efficiencies and hidden savings.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Clever solutions buzz through your hive. Your team offers a wider perspective. Keep an open mind; crazy ideas might work. Win through collaboration and shared resources.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Cast aside familiar fears, and go for a professional goal. Old dreams seem newly possible. Schedule carefully, and think fast under pressure.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ Q2		♠ 3	
♥ A103		♥ 8	
♦ 108532		♦ AKQ97	
♣ 654		♣ AKQ1083	
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ J9875		♠ AK1064	
♥ J52		♥ KQ9764	
♦ J64		♦ Void	
♣ 72		♣ J9	

Both East and South loved their hands when they picked them up, but neither had as much fun as he hoped. South bid on after East's routine interference, and then tried to take 11 tricks.

East won the opening club lead with his queen, cashed the ace of clubs, and then tried to cash the ace of diamonds. South ruffed and had a chance, but he started by cashing

<b>The bidding:</b>			
<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1♥	Pass	2♥	4NT*
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

\*Both minors, at least 5-5

Opening lead: Seven of ♣

the king of hearts and couldn't make it after that. South's play was lazy. Assuming East was 6-5 in the minors, as it looked after West led the seven of clubs and then followed with the two, there were two lies of the cards that would

let South take 11 tricks. East might have precisely the jack doubleton of spades and a heart void, or East could be 1-1 in the majors — far more likely.

The winning sequence in that case was to lead a heart to dummy's ace, cash the queen of spades and lead a spade to the ace. Then ruff a spade, ruff a diamond, ruff a spade, and ruff another diamond. The king and queen of hearts would draw the trumps and the king of spades would be the 12th trick.

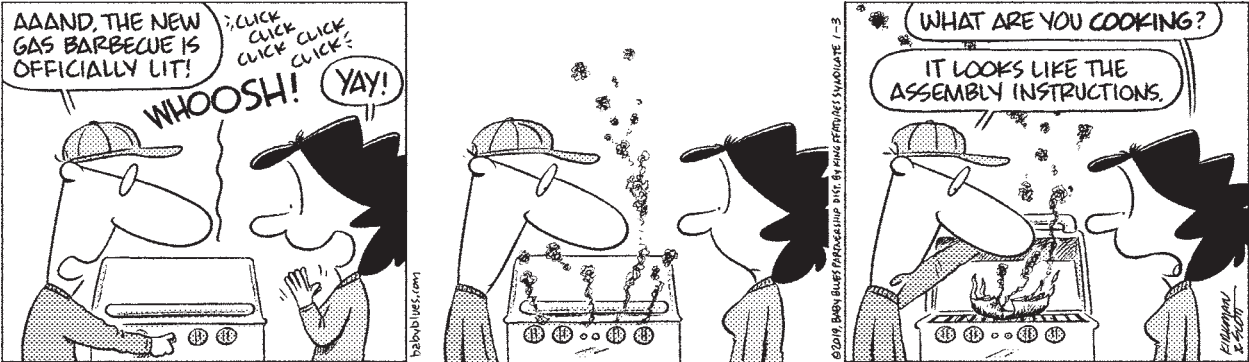
East was also lazy. There was no point in trying to cash a diamond. Where could South's diamonds go? A third club would force South to ruff high and leave him with no chance for 11 tricks.

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Dilbert By Scott Adams



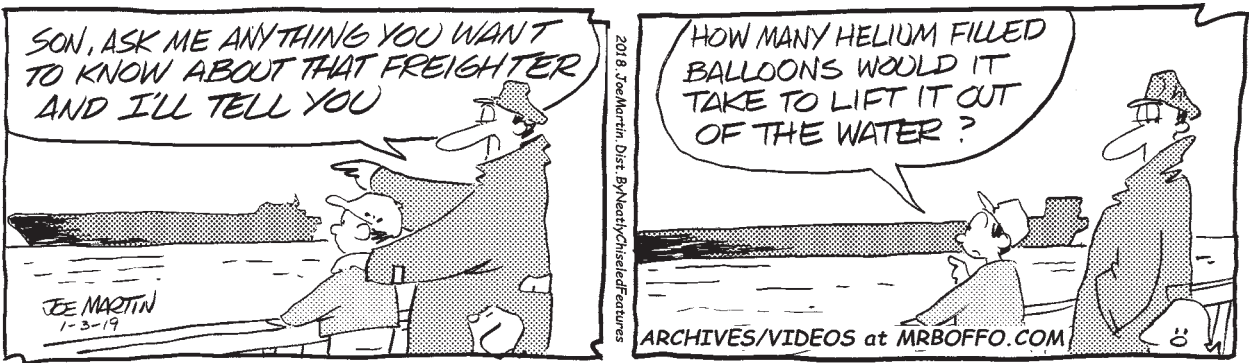
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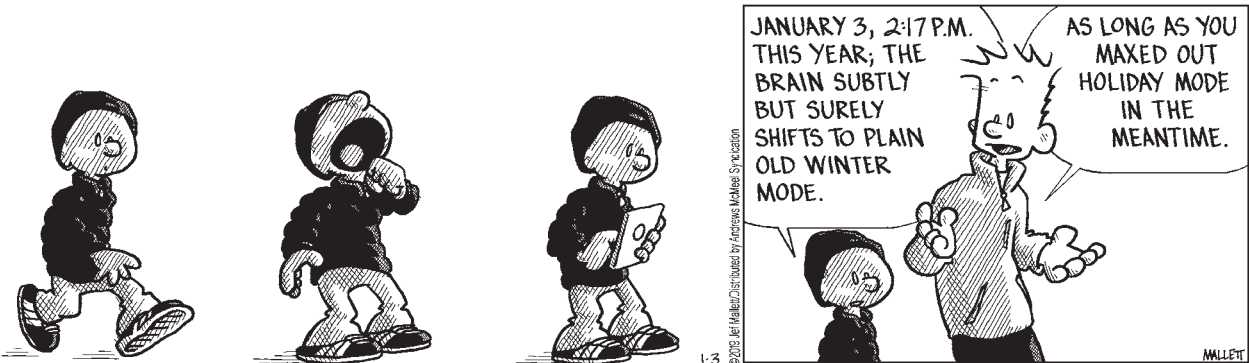
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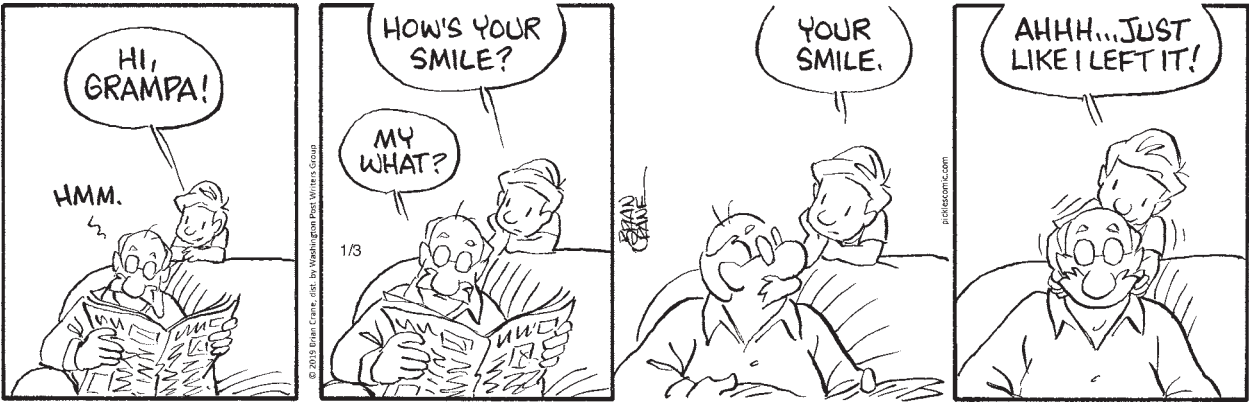
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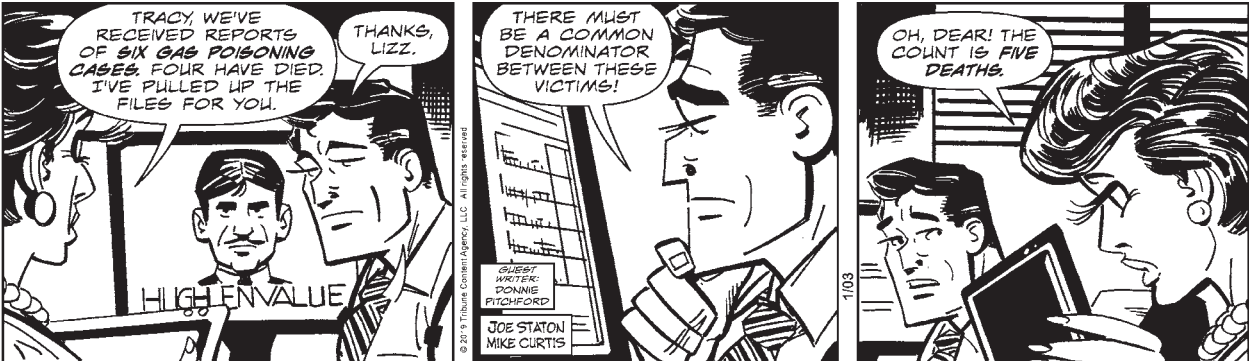
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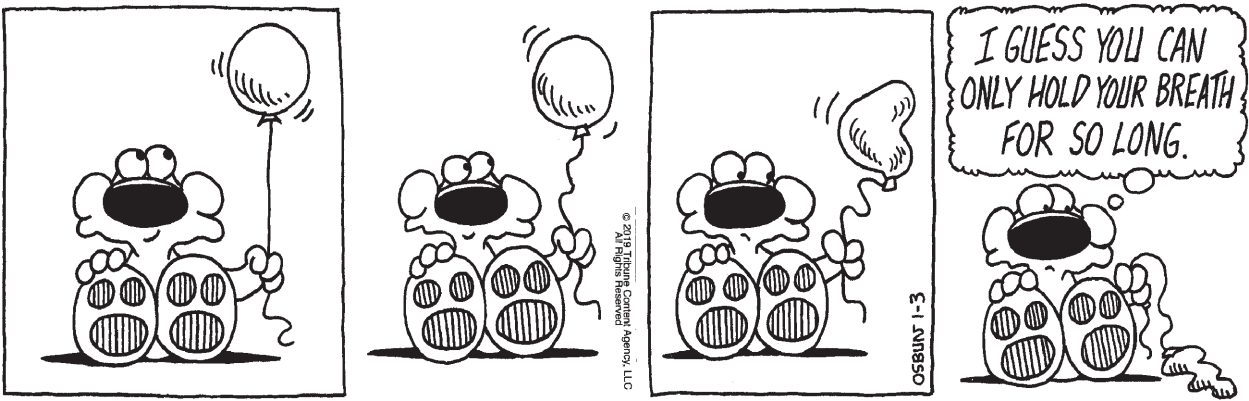
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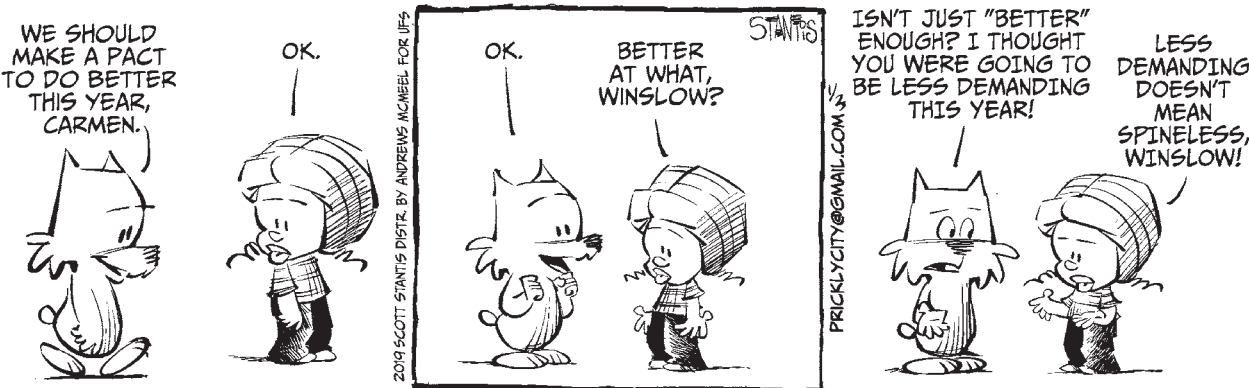
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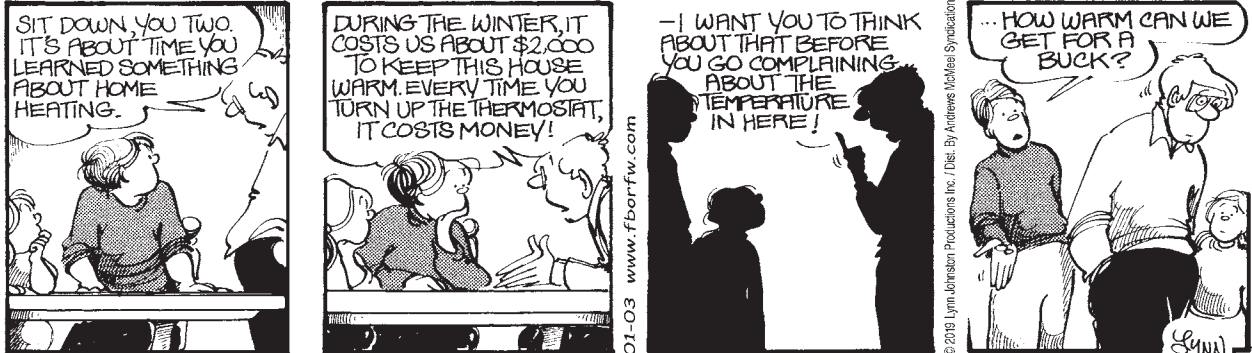




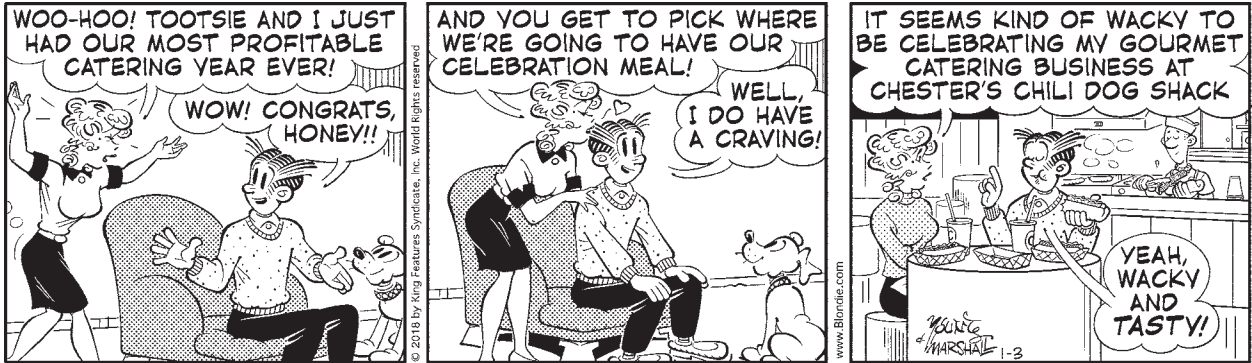
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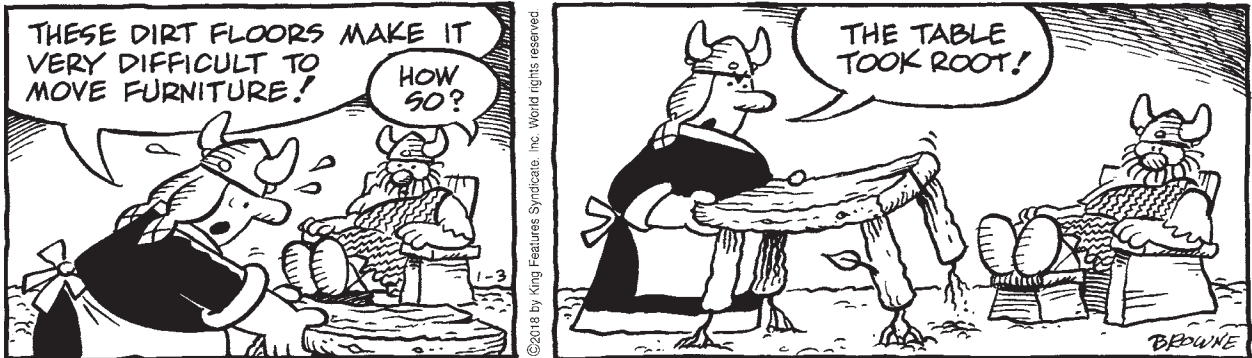
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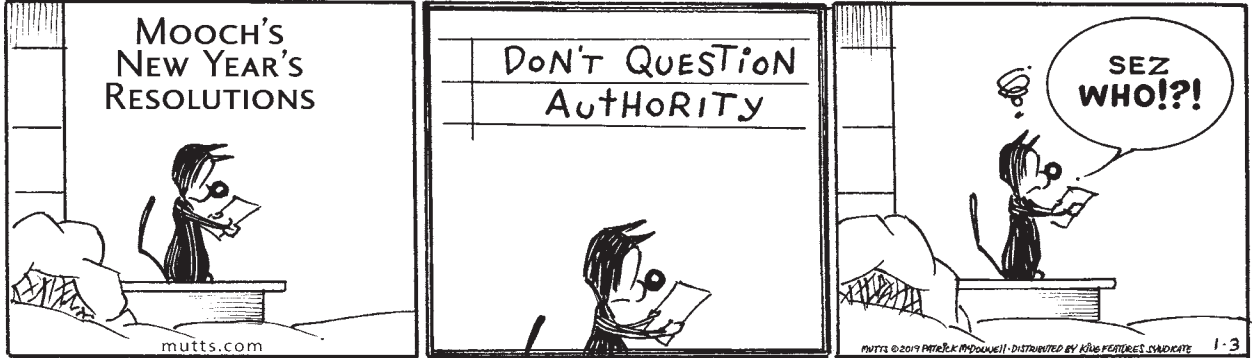
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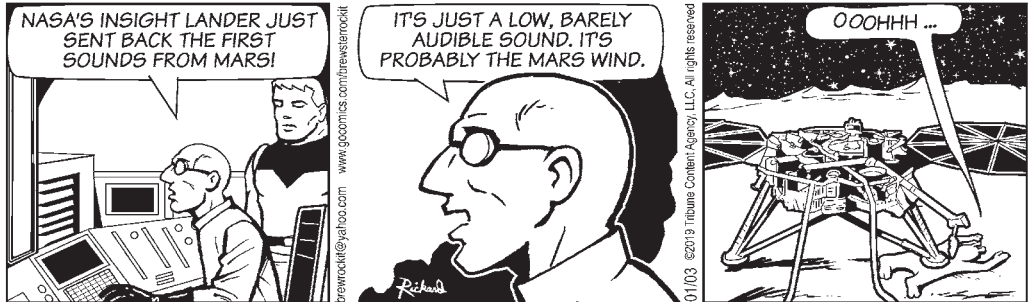
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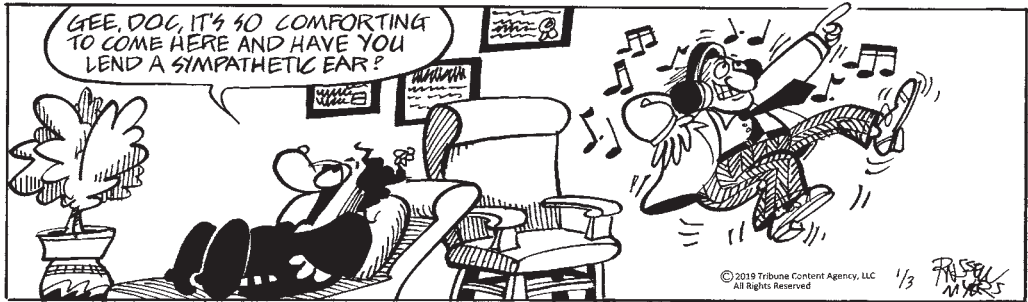
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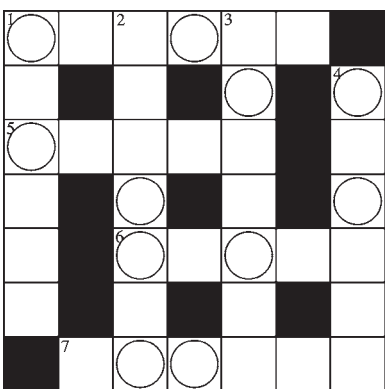
Which stinky element contributes most to the unpleasant odor of bad breath?

- A) Argon  
B) Iron  
C) Potassium  
D) Sulfur

Wednesday's answer: Amelia Earhart briefly taught aeronautics at Purdue, which maintains an archive of Earhart documents and artifacts.

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Jumble Crossword



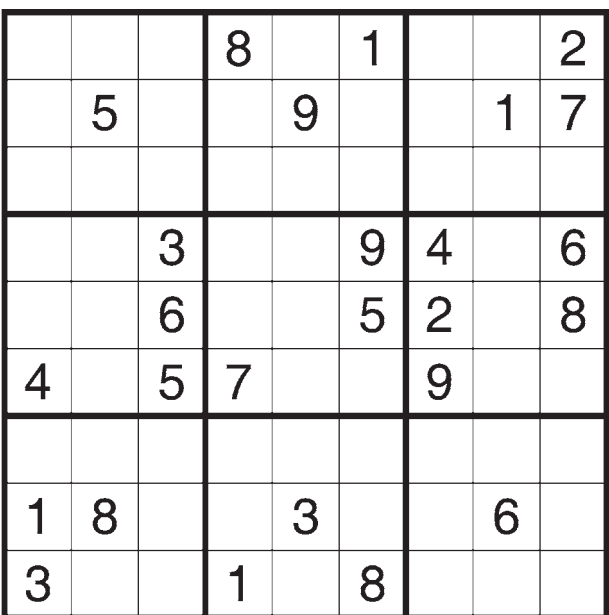
CLUE: There are still species of \_\_\_\_\_ that have yet to be identified.

BONUS \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS: 1-A-Fallor 5-A-Barbe 6-A-Raise 7-A-Fallor 8-A-Fallor 9-A-Fallor 10-A-Fallor 11-A-Fallor 12-A-Fallor 13-A-Fallor 14-A-Fallor 15-A-Fallor 16-A-Fallor 17-A-Fallor 18-A-Fallor 19-A-Fallor 20-A-Fallor 21-A-Fallor 22-A-Fallor 23-A-Fallor 24-A-Fallor 25-A-Fallor 26-A-Fallor 27-A-Fallor 28-A-Fallor 29-A-Fallor 30-A-Fallor 31-A-Fallor 32-A-Fallor 33-A-Fallor 34-A-Fallor 35-A-Fallor 36-A-Fallor 37-A-Fallor 38-A-Fallor 39-A-Fallor 40-A-Fallor 41-A-Fallor 42-A-Fallor 43-A-Fallor 44-A-Fallor 45-A-Fallor 46-A-Fallor 47-A-Fallor 48-A-Fallor 49-A-Fallor 50-A-Fallor 51-A-Fallor 52-A-Fallor 53-A-Fallor 54-A-Fallor 55-A-Fallor 56-A-Fallor 57-A-Fallor 58-A-Fallor 59-A-Fallor 60-A-Fallor 61-A-Fallor 62-A-Fallor 63-A-Fallor 64-A-Fallor 65-A-Fallor 66-A-Fallor 67-A-Fallor

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/3



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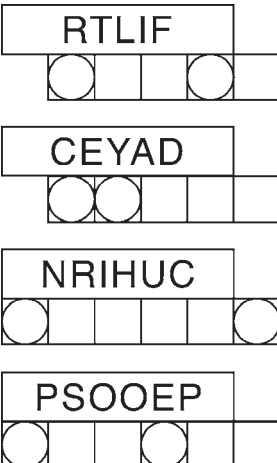
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

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



Answer here



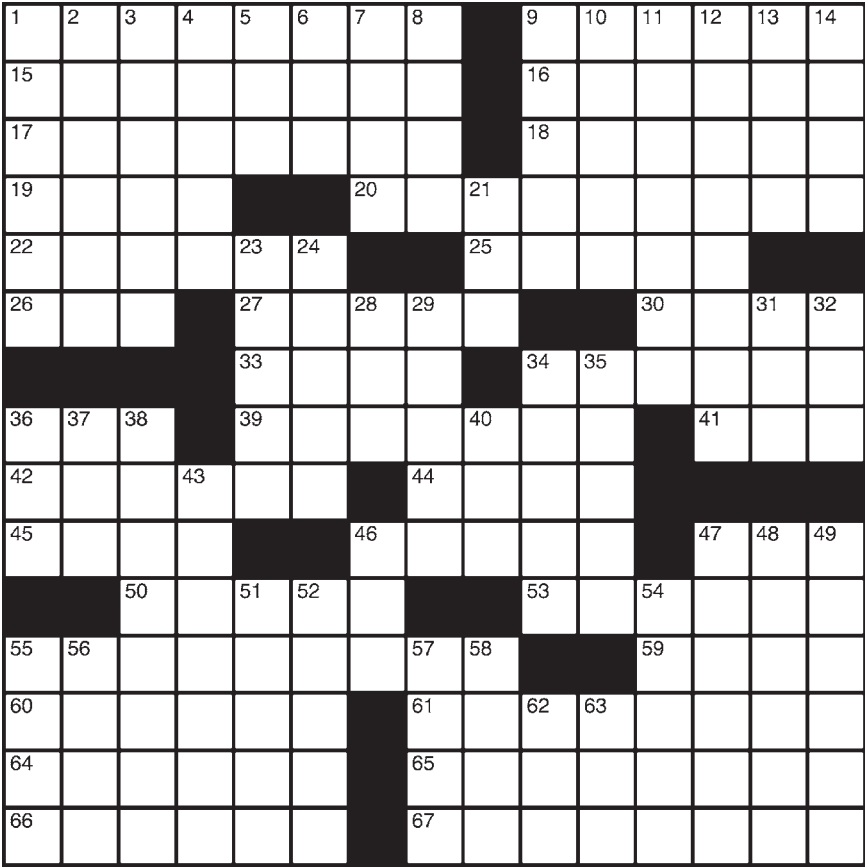
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: FANCY ABOUT SHRIMP BURGER  
Answer: The televised pool tournament began — RIGHT ON CUE

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Crossword

1/3



Across

- 1 Save for later  
9 Place to doodle  
15 Smooth talker  
16 1969 World Series competitor  
17 Watchmakers never retire, they just —  
18 Elite area of the pop charts  
19 Passionate about  
20 Musicians never retire, they just —  
22 Beetle-shaped artifact  
25 Grad school grillings  
26 FDA overseer  
27 Urban network  
30 First name in architecture  
33 Prime letters?  
34 Acclimate gradually  
36 One not seen on "MTV Unplugged"  
39 Beekeepers never retire, they just —

Wednesday's solution



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- 41 Anonymous surname  
42 Pal  
44 Polish language  
45 Actress Collette of "United States of Tara"  
46 "Chasing Pavements" singer  
47 Some mil. hospitals  
50 Spew out  
53 White weasel  
55 Tree surgeons never retire, they just —  
59 State categorically  
60 Ides of March word  
61 Teachers never retire, they just —  
64 Roughly three nautical miles  
65 Often-fried tropical fruit  
66 Least candid  
67 It may be diagrammed

Down

- 1 On the paltry side, as an offer  
2 Between-finger-and-thumb quantity  
3 They mind your own business  
4 Fervor  
5 Gloom  
6 "What was \_\_ do?"  
7 Columnist Maureen  
8 Marine eagle  
9 Hustle  
10 Kitchen magnet?  
11 Gentle waves  
12 Farmers never retire, they just —

- 13 Dots in la mer  
14 Aloha State bird  
21 Prefix with play  
23 Oranjestad's island  
24 Petty officer  
28 Woodworking tool  
29 Out of it  
31 Grande  
32 Only partner?  
34 System used for many returns  
35 Word with dark or hours  
36 Suitable  
37 1972 host to Nixon  
38 Lumberjacks never retire, they just —  
40 Horatian creation  
43 Billboards and posters  
46 From \_\_ Z  
47 Vance of "I Love Lucy"  
48 Lackluster  
49 Calm  
51 Stocking shades  
52 It may be fitted  
54 Finish choice  
55 OPEC units  
56 Lively country dance  
57 Decides what's fair, among other things  
58 Tall —  
62 Got on the ballot  
63 Round Table VIP

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# Steps to getting your home sale ready

HomeAdvisor

If you're selling your home, you're probably hoping to sell it as quickly as possible — and to get top dollar for it, too. The good news is that winter is a good time to sell; since there's less competition from other sellers, you're more likely to stand out to buyers. But even then, it takes a little prep work. Use this checklist to ensure that you've taken every step necessary to ready your home for resale. As they say in the realty business: The best-prepped homes yield the best returns.

**Cut the clutter:** Clutter makes it hard for potential buyers to envision themselves in your home, and it also detracts from some of your home's best selling points — its square footage and storage space. Clear shelves, countertops, closets, garage space and stor-

age areas prior to showing your home. Also, remove any bulky or distressed furniture and simplify any over-furnished areas. Be ruthless. Donate your infrequently used items or hold a yard sale. And, if necessary, keep overflow items in a storage area or a friend's garage until you've sold your home.

**Perform small repairs:** Now is the time to make the small repairs you've been putting off. Fix leaky faucets and broken appliances, repair holes in dry-wall, apply touch-up paint where needed, and attend to any creaky doors or stairs. If you're pressed for time, hire a handyman. A good handyman should be able to perform any small repairs necessary to prepare your home for market, and it will cost less to hire a handyman than it will cost to hire multiple specialists for multiple small projects.

**Do a deep clean:** Dirty homes send buyers running, so clean your house deeply and thoroughly before you sell. In addition to performing your usual cleaning routine, vacuum in hard-to-reach places, dust ceiling fans and light fixtures, and wash the walls and windowsills. If you haven't done so recently, consider having your carpets, windows/window treatments, and kitchen and bathroom grout professionally cleaned. Potential buyers will absolutely take notice of your immaculate home. In fact, a number of buyers have put "clean" at the top of their wish lists.

**Kick up the curb appeal:** Your home's exterior is the first thing potential buyers will see, so it's important to do what you can to make a good first impression. Clear junk and clutter from the yard, remove faded or



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A clean, uncluttered home will attract more buyers, who can envision themselves there.

broken lawn furniture, and ensure that walkways and driveways are weed-free and clean. Touch up exterior paint, repair broken screen doors, and replace missing light fixtures or bulbs as necessary. Finally, spruce up your lawn and

landscape; and use potted plants and flowers, seasonal wreaths and other tasteful accessories to welcome your guests at the door.

Stay on top of maintenance. It's crucial that you stay on top of home maintenance once you've listed

and started showing your home. Vacuum and dust daily, keep laundry and clutter out of sight, and be on the lookout for problems and unexpected repairs. If you don't have time, consider hiring a cleaning service.

## Improve your home in the new year

BY KATHRYN WEBER  
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It's always easy to improve your home with new appliances, furniture or paint, but what about those things around your house that annoy you, like dirty grout on the tile or that low-flow shower head that takes forever to rinse the shampoo from your head? Here are ways to improve your home in the new year.

**Better water:** At the top of

the list of irritations you tolerate is the low-flow shower head.

Try the High Sierra Showerhead ([www.highsierrashowerheads.com](http://www.highsierrashowerheads.com)).

And if you're tired of scrubbing rust stains from your bathroom fixtures, have your plumber install a whole house water filter. It will help your pipes, give you cleaner water, and help reduce sediment and staining.

Older toilets can also be frustrating. Many are rather

short; for a more comfortable sit, have your plumber swap out that old bog with a new one that's a comfortable height.

Lastly, consider installing new taller bathroom cabinets so you don't feel as if you have to bend halfway down to the ground to brush your teeth.

**Electric changes:** There are common annoyances with light switches. Too often we have switches in strange places, and even

after living in the house for years, you can't remember which switch turns on the dining room light. Have an electrician move the switches to where they make sense to you.

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# Sleek galley kitchens gain favor

New homeowners are choosing more compact options

By ELIZABETH MAYHEW  
The Washington Post

When best-selling cookbook author Jenny Rosenstrach renovated her kitchen, she figured she would squeeze in as much storage space as possible. But over time, she found she had filled all the cabinets and shelves with useless things.

Last year, she decided to rip out about 20 percent of her cabinets to not only open the space up, but also to simplify; she purged useless gear and tools. Now, she says: "It's so much better. I gave away three cabinets' worth of small appliances, bowls and mugs, and I have not once said to myself, 'Oh, I wish I had that back.'"

Turns out Rosenstrach is not alone. Recent research from the National Kitchen & Bath Association shows there is movement away from large cabinet-filled kitchens with appliances laid out in a triangular configuration to smaller galley or in-line kitchens, called such because the entire kitchen is laid out in one straight line.

Kitchen designer Jennifer Gilmer of Jennifer Gilmer Kitchen & Bath, based in Maryland and Virginia, finds that 85 percent of new homeowners are choosing the cleaner, more contemporary and simple style of a galley kitchen. "People may have grown up in oversized houses with kitchens that were too large and poorly designed, so as a reaction

they want smaller, more compact spaces," Gilmer says.

She makes a good case for galley kitchens: They allow you to work without the obstruction of an island or table. They also keep the work area smaller, which means less walking from one appliance to another or to the sink. And galleys are great for smaller homes or apartments because they take up less room than an eat-in kitchen.

Dan McFadden, president of PB Kitchen Design in Geneva, Ill., and president of the Chicago Midwest chapter of the National Kitchen & Bath Association, says another benefit of galley kitchens is that they cost less: "You'll have fewer cabinets and fewer feet of countertop, so you can splurge on appliances, fixtures and hardware."

McFadden likes to use sleek built-in appliances with clutter-free controls such as Sub-Zero's integrated refrigerators that sit flush with adjacent cabinets. For particularly small urban spaces, he suggests splurging on the Sub Zero 24-inch integrated column refrigerator/freezer. The super-slim unit has one door that conceals both the refrigerator and freezer; no horizontal lines means it blends into the rest of the kitchen design.

For a typical galley layout, McFadden suggests putting the refrigerator on one end, a pantry (if there is one) and wall ovens on the other end, with the sink and cooktop centered in the middle on opposite walls. If the kitchen is wide enough, he recommends putting the cooktop di-



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rectly across from the sink. But if the space is too narrow, he suggests staggering them so that two people in the kitchen won't bump into each other.

Gilmer recommends always locating the refrigerator on the same side as the sink. "It's natural to take something out of the refrigerator and then need to use the sink prior to preparing the food," Gilmer says.

She also says to place the refrigerator near the doorway so that it's easily accessible. But McFadden cautions, "if you have a galley layout with only one opening, don't place the refrigerator or oven right next to the door. You don't want the only entry to be blocked by an open appliance door."

Countertop space is critical in any kitchen, but especially in a galley. Elle H-Millard, industry relations manager for the National Kitchen & Bath Association, suggests thinking in terms of zones: "When you walk into the kitchen with bags of gro-

ceries, you need a landing zone. When you put the groceries away, you need an uploading zone. For dicing and chopping, you need a prep zone, and for cooking, a cooking zone."

To best create these zones in a galley kitchen, she agrees that the refrigerator should be at one end so the countertop space ends up in the middle, punctuated by the sink on one side and the range on the other. If counter space is limited, H-Millard says to opt for a range rather than a cooktop with wall ovens and consider refrigerator and freezer drawers instead of a traditional column design.

And as any galley/small kitchen owner will tell you, make sure you have a large cutting board that lies over the top of your sink. That way you automatically gain, at the very least, a couple more feet of counter space.

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A galley kitchen is a more compact space laid out in a straight line that keeps the work area smaller and allows cooks to work without the obstruction of an island.





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Hanging icicles indicate potential water buildup in gutters and on the roof.

## HOME REMEDIES

# Handling frozen gutters

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE  
Angie's List

Frozen gutters and downspouts may seem like an inevitable effect of winter weather. But those heavy icicles hanging from your rooftop after a heavy snow or cold snap need not be a foregone conclusion. You can take steps to prevent them — and should — because they can damage gutters and lead to ice and water backing up on the roof and forming even more damaging ice dams. The weight of ice can sag the gutter or bring it down entirely.

First off, resist the urge to go after the ice with a hammer or axe. Professional gutter cleaners say they find incredible damage to gutters every spring, and chopping away at ice ends up doing more harm than good.

**What to do about frozen gutters:** Once your gutters are already frozen solid, your best bet might be to wait it out.

Thawing out gutters tends to be expensive and short-lived. You'll end up paying hundreds of dollars to get a steam system

or hot water application to clear the ice, but it's not a permanent fix. You might see the same spot frozen just a few days later.

To permanently prevent a future freeze, you can install a heating panel system in which wires or heating elements run the length of the gutter and downspout to warm the metal and prevent ice buildup. This work will typically cost between \$500 and \$1,000, depending on the size of your home.

Professionals advise against using salt or other chemicals to melt snow off the roof or gutters. These are corrosive chemicals that can damage the roof, and the runoff is harmful to grass and plants.

If the problem has reached underneath the shingles and water has begun leaking into the house, call a professional immediately.

**How to prevent frozen gutters:** The best way to unfreeze gutters is to keep them from getting frozen in the first place. Hire a professional gutter cleaner every six months to clear out debris that leads to water buildup. Debris in

the downspout blocks up the water, gets frozen itself, and then adds unnecessary weight. A clear downspout will allow water to fall right through.

Also, in the offseason, consider hiring a contractor to check your roof and attic insulation and ventilation. An overly warm attic runs a serious risk of causing rooftop ice dams and frozen gutters.

When working to prevent this, keep in mind that some freezing is inevitable. But by taking these steps, you can make it happen less frequently and cause less damage when it does.

None of these are DIY jobs. Working on the roof and with ladders is dangerous work under the best of circumstances. And frozen weather and ice-caked roofs are far from ideal. Whoever you hire, whether to clear out the ice or keep it from coming back, make sure they carry the proper licensing required in your jurisdiction and verify that they have liability and workers compensation insurance. If they don't carry the proper insurance, you could be held liable for injury to workers on your property.

# How to stay warm while working in winter garden

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

**I see garden staff working outside in the winter and would like some suggestions on how to stay warm while working in my garden when the weather is cold.**

— Cindy Anderson, Chicago

Winter gardening can be perfectly comfortable when you are properly dressed. The staff at the Chicago Botanic Garden works outside all winter, performing tasks such as pruning, cleaning up debris and removing snow. The answer to the typical question asked of the horticulture staff, "What do you do in winter?" is, "We garden."

Dressing in layers is an important strategy for staying warm while working outside in the winter. This allows you to add and subtract layers during the day to maintain a comfortable temperature. The base layer is essential for staying warm.

Avoid wearing cotton next to your skin as it holds moisture and may not be as warm as other materials. As long as your selection is designed to be a base layer, it should do an adequate job of wicking moisture. A wicking fabric needs to fit snugly to work properly. Synthetic fabrics such as polyester are great at wicking and will give you the driest feel while being durable. Merino wool has soft fibers and wicks well with moderate durability. Silk is soft with moderate wicking and lower durability, but it is fine for low-key activities such as gardening. If you tend to run cold in winter, choose a heavier-weight product that will be warmer.

The next layer should be an insulating layer to retain



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Chicago Botanic Garden staffers trim trees in winter. The answer to the typical question asked of the horticulture staff, "What do you do in winter?" is, "We garden."

heat. This layer should fit more loosely than the base layer to help create a protective layer of warm air between your skin and the outside cold for better insulation. I have had good luck using a long-sleeved shirt and fleece jacket for this layer, but I also have a lightweight down coat to use for very cold weather. In general, the thicker the material, the warmer it will be. Different types of insulating material have different levels of efficiency.

If you plan to work outside in inclement winter weather (such as rain or wet snow), consider an outer layer that is waterproof. This can be a lightweight shell or an insulated coat that can also deflect wind and be breathable. This helps move moisture from the base layers as you are working and sweating.

Garden staff members often use insulated coveralls for working outside for long periods of time. Be sure to wear a hat. If your feet and hands tend to get

cold, try using hand or toe warmers in your gloves and boots. These are chemical packets that react and provide warmth for a few hours.

Learn to recognize the symptoms of frostbite, which occurs most commonly on the fingers, toes, nose, ears, cheeks and chin. Because of skin numbness, you may not realize you have frostbite until someone else points it out. These symptoms can include: initially cold skin and a prickling feeling; red, white, bluish-white or grayish yellow skin; numbness; and hard or waxy-looking skin.

If you start shivering, go inside to warm up to prevent hypothermia. With the proper apparel and an awareness of your personal abilities, gardening in the winter in Chicago is no problem.

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# Materials, technique are crucial for decks

BY TIM CARTER  
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**Q: Tim, I really need your help. My husband is making a mess of a deck extension project. I'm concerned he's using the wrong-sized lumber, and the connections between pieces of lumber don't appear to be secure to me. Are you able to share deck construction basics so my kids and I don't tumble to the ground below? — Tricia P., Osceola, Iowa**

**A:** All you need to do is spend a few minutes searching the internet about collapsed decks and you'll discover local news websites are littered with stories of these calamities. You can even watch videos of decks collapsing with people on them. Deck construction is serious business, and you need to make sure everything is done correctly.

Entire books have been written on the subject, and it's impossible for me to give you precise, detailed advice. That said, you should start your education at the nadra.org website. The North American Deck and Railing Association owns this website, and it has quite a few helpful documents and checklists that will get you up to speed on some of the best practices of deck construction.

It's important to realize that treated lumber must be used outdoors. The treated lumber sold now in the U.S. has a high copper



TIM CARTER/TCA

This deck framing leaves lots to be desired — the builder is using the wrong material. With decks, you need to make sure everything is done correctly.

content. When the lumber gets wet and the copper leaches from the lumber, this solution can become highly corrosive to any hardware, framing connectors, screws and nails that are not rated for this very destructive brew. Half-inch diameter bolts can be reduced to withered, rusted rods in just a few years in certain conditions.

Another key point is flashings. If the deck connects to your house, any board bolted to the side of

the house needs to be flashed so water doesn't rot out the side wall of the house. There are all sorts of methods and materials to employ, but you need to be skilled to succeed.

Deck railing posts are a major concern because many carpenters and DIY homeowner warriors get this aspect completely wrong. There are special metal connectors that should be used in conjunction with through bolts, not lag bolts.

Beams that are supported by columns need to be attached correctly. There are special pieces of approved hardware to do this, or a large post can be notched to accept the beam. Through bolts then connect the beam to the post.

Special tape should be used on top of the joists before the decking is applied to prevent joist rot and to ensure the nails and screws holding down the decking don't pull out.

I've got countless deck construction articles and videos at my Askthe Builder.com website to help you understand what needs to be done to be safe. I urge you to go there and read all my past work about deck construction.

**Q: Tim, I've got a few interior doors at my home that are driving me crazy. One of the doors wants to slowly close on its own. I'm convinced it's a ghost. Another door has**

**started to rub up at the top of the door where it touches the door frame. Help this single mom who's handy but has no money. — Sara B., Corona, Calif.**

**A:** I have the ghost door issue at my own home with my master bathroom door. She Who Must Be Obeyed has instructed me that it will be fixed this weekend.

The ghost is really gravity. The hinge pins are so well machined, fitted and oiled that if the door is just slightly out of plumb, gravity will pull it closed. The fix for this is so easy you'll wonder why you didn't do it sooner.

All you have to do is grab a few shims or something to shove under the bottom tip of the door under the handle. Be sure the door is open so you can get outside once you do the next step.

Use a hammer and screwdriver to remove one of the hinge pins. Take the hinge pin outdoors and put it on a piece of lumber and strike the center of the pin with your hammer to put a slight bend in the pin. The bend will create enough friction in the hinge to stop the door from closing on its own.

The rubbing door problem is almost always traced to hinge screws on the upper hinge that have come loose. Tighten them and see if the problem disappears instantly. If the rubbing is less, but not gone, then you may have to use a wood chisel to deepen the upper hinge mortise on the door or the door frame.

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