

## ALL HE WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS

Bears general manager Ryan Pace got lumps of coal in 2017, but his wishes came true in 2018



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Tom Strening of Courtside Ministries and Latisha Turner hug after praying Thursday outside the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago.

## Prayer group a regular presence near courthouse

Offering to ease burdens, give hope that 'everything comes to light' in cases

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Tom Strening stood in a chilly morning breeze outside Cook County's busiest criminal courthouse and gestured at the plaza before him.

He pointed at the friends sharing a pack of Newports on the sidewalk, the young men sprinting inside to make their court hearing on time. All kinds of people find their way to the Leighton Criminal Court Building every day: high-heeled attorneys, jaded defendants, nervous jurors and gray-faced bureaucrats.

"The Holy Spirit is pursuing every one of these people," he said.

Strening heads Courtside Ministries, a Christian group that maintains a regular presence at the foot of the steps to the county's main criminal courthouse at 26th Street and California Avenue.



Mary Edwards prays with Kentayvious Townes. She and other Courtside Ministries volunteers offer prayer for anyone interested.

Twice a week, rain or shine, volunteers make an offer to the strangers on their way in or out: "Can I pray with you?"

Many of them say yes. Some respond with tight smiles, hurried excuses or scowls.

Strening and a handful of others stood outside the courthouse last week near a table stacked with religious pamphlets and Bibles.

One attorney approached with a joke.

"You can count on my vote!" he said, patting a volunteer on the shoulder and heading into court.

Behind him, Mary Edwards, a regular Courtside Ministries volunteer, stood with arms outstretched and a broad grin on her face.

She stopped Mario Calderon emerging from a court date on his gun case.

"I was feeling distraught coming out," said Calderon, a young man in a dark suit with a pierced nose and long goatee. "Every time a court date comes by, I'm just a nervous wreck."

Police executing a search warrant at the convicted felon's North Side home last month found a semi-automatic rifle and ammunition, according to court records.

Edwards asked Calderon if he was hurting anywhere on his body.

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## Regulars support cafe after burglary

First Slice locations known for helping hungry, homeless

BY KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

When Jenny Walbridge walks into First Slice Pie Cafe in Andersonville, she's greeted by name and chats with the staff known for memorizing regulars' favorite orders.

She walks from her Edgewater home at least once a week to the restaurant — one of four locations that use some of their profits to feed the hungry. For Walbridge, the appeals are the tasty food, "homey" feel, friendly staff and noble mission, she said during her most recent visit.

So when she heard that someone had broken into the cafe around Thanksgiving and stolen the proceeds from the restaurant's biggest-selling day of the year — the day before Thanksgiving — she was heartbroken.

"We wanted to come in ... and see if (the staff) was OK," said Walbridge, who clutched at her heart when she recalled first hearing of the burglary.

"It's not like other businesses. This place is just so wholesome."

Since the burglary, discovered Nov. 24 by Executive Director Ann-Louise Haak, customers have been extra generous and supportive, Haak said. That support during the busy Christmas pie-buying season will not only help the cafe recover from the financial loss, but also lift the spirits of the shaken staff.

When she returned to the Andersonville cafe after a two-day close for the Thanksgiving holiday, Haak discovered the back door open and the safe stolen, including proceeds from the pre-Thanksgiving pie sales and the staff's tips.

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## Dow tumbles after Trump criticizes the central bank

President Donald Trump's attacks on the Federal Reserve spooked the stock market, and efforts by the treasury secretary to calm fears seemed to make matters worse, as major stock indexes fell more than 2 percent on Monday, nudging the market closer to its worst year since 2008. **Business**, Page 11

## Old-school tricks delivered with high-tech polish

Magician Jamie Allan's holiday show at the Harris Theatre, "It's Magic Beyond Belief," is a grab bag of down-the-middle trickery featuring classic card tricks, ancient illusions like sawing an assistant in half and a bevy of numbers that intersect in some way with technology. **Chris Jones' ★★★ review in A+E**, Page 13

## UIC, NU receive \$1M from former faculty

Public universities grateful for gifts to art history, law

BY DAWN RHODES  
Chicago Tribune

Martha Pollak got one of the shocks of her career as a professor at University of Illinois at Chicago about a year ago.

UIC's art history department, which Pollak oversees, had been gifted a seven-figure inheritance from the will of a longtime former faculty member.

"I almost fell off my chair when I found out," Pollak said. "We have nothing comparable to this."

Ross Edman, who taught at UIC for more than 30 years and died in May 2017, left his former department a whopping \$1 million from his estate, university offi-

cial announced this month. While eye-popping gifts are nothing new to higher education, and such donations are becoming increasingly common at public universities, a million-dollar gift for a humanities field at a public institution is rare.

According to a database maintained by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, nearly all gifts of more than \$1 million to Illinois public universities in 2018 were earmarked to benefit athletics, engineering, and other science and technology-related fields. The primary gifts devoted to the arts were two 10-figure donations to the private Art Institute of Chicago.

"I was really thrilled because it's like pulling teeth to get people to give money to a state school — especially

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## Celebrating in Bethlehem

Pilgrims flocked to Bethlehem on Monday for what was believed to be the biblical West Bank city's largest Christmas celebration in years. Hundreds milled in Manger Square and flooded the Church of the Nativity, venerated as the traditional site of Jesus' birth. **Nation & World**, Page 7 Closer to home, Cardinal Blase Cupich continued his Christmas Eve tradition of praying with children who are hospitalized at Chicago's Lurie Children's Hospital. **Chicagoland**, Page 3



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A dog named Finn is reunited with Lucas Cardona in Chesterton, Ind., in April. Finn had fled Cardona's truck after a crash.

# I believe in Santa Claus. And with good reason.



REX W. HUPPKE

This seems a good time to talk about Santa Claus.

Let's start by dispatching any nonsense about whether Santa is real. Of course he's real. Those who might think otherwise have simply lost their way, or perhaps shuttered their hearts to a certain kind of magic that exists as sure as you and I.

So let me be clear: I believe in Santa Claus, with all my heart.

Why should you believe me? Well, for starters, I'm a journalist and I deal in facts. Some will roll their eyes at that, I know. Some will talk of "fake news," but I'm here to tell you they're as wrong as any Santa doubters.

There's nothing fake about my beliefs, just as there's nothing fake about yours. I still go outside each year on Christmas Eve and look up at the stars and listen. I strain my ears, hoping to hear the faintest sound of sleigh bells. I fix my eyes to the heavens and wonder if this will be the year I see something streak across the sky.

I did this as a child, I do it now as an adult. And I don't care what anyone might think. I believe. And with good reason.

I've spent 47 years on this Earth, and I've seen plenty. But the thing I see most consistently, the one thing in life I know can be counted on, is the goodness in people's hearts.

And not just at Christmastime. Back in April, a semitrailer crashed and flipped over on the Indiana Toll Road. The driver had his best friend, a dog named Finn, in the truck with him and Finn ran off while emergency crews were rescuing the driver. The man was OK, but he was

*You, like me, haven't seen him. But you feel the happiness he leaves in his wake. Perhaps memories of that happiness inspire so many to do such good things.*

heartbroken because they couldn't find his dog. One of the paramedics at the scene got a group of people together and they spent four days looking for Finn. They found him, and reunited him with the truck driver — the best friends were back together.

That same month, a stranger read about a little girl from Africa who came to this country with her mother because they weren't safe in their home country. They got separated when they arrived here and were apart for many months, but lawyers got together and made sure the mother was reunited with her little girl here in Chicago.

The pair had nothing. So the stranger started a fundraiser and asked other strangers to chip in for this mother and daughter who had been through so much. They quickly raised more than \$25,000, giving the mother and daughter a chance to start a new life.

I got to meet that little girl, and the look on her face — the joy she felt being back together with her mom — was the look of a child unwrapping a gift on Christmas morning. I'll never forget it, not as long as I live. That child didn't see the people who brought her back together with her mom or the strangers who donated the money. But she felt the strength of their kindness, and she was happy. I could tell you so many stories like

this, stories of people who give of themselves solely to make others happy. It happens every day, here in Chicago and across the country and around the world. It happens silently and without fanfare, through gestures large and small.

I imagine you're wondering what this all has to do with Santa Claus. After all, he didn't find the dog in Indiana. He didn't bring the mother and child back together or help raise all that money.

Well, consider this: Think about the feeling you have on Christmas Eve, the anticipation of a visit from St. Nick, the tingling in your chest as someone reads "The Night Before Christmas." Think about the thrill of Christmas morning, the surprises, the gifts from Santa and from others, the acts of thoughtfulness and generosity that light up your heart.

You, like me, haven't seen Santa Claus. But you feel the happiness he leaves in his wake. Perhaps it's the memories of that happiness that inspire so many to do such good things. To save dogs. To help strangers. To give others that tingle of Christmas joy, even when it's not Christmas.

I, for one, will keep trying to hear those sleigh bells. I'll keep squinting up into the night sky on Christmas Eve. And I'll keep believing.

Because I've seen the remarkable good in the hearts of people. And that's a gift, I think, only Santa Claus could bring.

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Cardinal Blase Cupich blesses Javier Solorzano, 10, during his visit to Lurie Children's Hospital on Monday.

## Cupich visits hospitalized kids 'to let you know that you are not alone'

For cardinal, trip to Lurie a Christmas Eve tradition

BY ELVIA MALAGON  
Chicago Tribune

Tyler Lang had gotten into the holiday spirit two weeks ago and put up the family's Christmas tree in their Highland Park home, delighting his toddler daughter.

But then, his 1-year-old, Opal, went into cardiac arrest. She's now waiting for a heart transplant at Lurie Children's Hospital, where the family now plans to spend Christmas Day.

"It's sad that we are here, but we're just happy that she is still with us," Lang said as he started to become emotional. "... We're home, you know, as long as the three of us are together. We're home."

On Christmas Eve, Cardinal Blase Cupich stopped by Opal's room, decorated with green hearts spelling out her name, to pray with the family. The visits with families at Lurie have become a Christmas Eve tradition for Cupich, and Monday marked the fifth



Laura Kwider kisses her granddaughter Opal Lang during Cupich's visit.

year he stopped by the hospital to spend time with sick children.

"They are inspiring because they suffer real pain but also disappointment," Cupich said before visiting the children. "They aren't able to play as their brothers or sisters or their classmates (are able to). They're limited in what they are able to do and, yet, that doesn't seem to get them down."

Cupich walked through

the hospital's heart center, stopping to talk to nurses and staff and spending a few minutes with patients. In Opal's room, Cupich placed his hand over the small girl as he led the family in prayer. A teddy bear had been placed next to the girl, who was surrounded by monitors.

Opal's mother, Priscilla Lang, said the family doesn't identify as Catholic, but they are spiritual and have been leaning on

prayer a lot lately, particularly in the months since Opal's heart-related problems started.

"I think love is the highest power," she said. "I think, you know, for (Cupich) to come in and be here, those are the kinds of blessings that we want on Christmas. We don't want presents."

In another room, Joanna Agne, of suburban Hinsdale, cradled her 5-week-old son, Henry Agne, who

wore a red, knitted Santa hat. The small boy is Joanna Agne and Mike Agne's seventh child. Doctors are waiting for him to gain about another 5 pounds before he can undergo a heart-related surgery, Mike Agne told Cupich.

"Bring him to that 10 pounds very quickly so he can go home to be with his brothers and sisters," Cupich prayed over the small boy, who peered around the room.

Cupich also stopped to pray with 15-year-old Ethan Aranda, of Belmont Cragin, who was hopeful he would be released from Lurie by Christmas Day. The high school sophomore was surrounded by his parents and his younger brother, who was wearing a T-shirt from the movie "Elf."

The teen told Cupich he was in pain earlier but was feeling better. Cupich gave the brothers crosses blessed by Pope Francis.

"To let you know that you are not alone and there's a whole wider community that's pulling for you," Cupich said.

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## Lightfoot to be on mayoral ballot

Preckwinkle drops challenge to her petition signatures

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot's name is set to appear on the Chicago mayoral ballot, after Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle dropped her challenge to Lightfoot's election petitions Monday.

Lightfoot called the move a win for the democratic process, and predicted Preckwinkle's attempts to knock candidates out of the race will backfire with Chicago voters by showing her to be "a party boss" rather than a progressive.

"What it's done, I think, is give me an opportunity to demonstrate to people all over the city that the Toni Preckwinkle they may have been nostalgic for, that presented herself back in the day as a reformer, is gone," Lightfoot said in the George W. Dunne Cook County Office Building downtown.

The Preckwinkle campaign declined to comment.

Lightfoot election lawyer Michael Dorf said the line-by-line review of Lightfoot's petitions during the challenge revealed she has more than 24,000 valid signatures of registered Chicago voters, well above the 12,500 needed to get on the Feb. 26 city election ballot.

Preckwinkle already dropped her challenge to state Comptroller Susana Mendoza's signatures. She still has challenges ongoing against three other people who filed mayoral petitions: Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, Catherine Hykes Clark and Catherine Brown D'Tycoon.

Preckwinkle has said the challenges are simply a way to ensure the other campaigns followed the rules.

Lightfoot and Mendoza have criticized her for challenging only the African-American and Hispanic women in the field of 21 people who filed petitions to succeed Rahm Emanuel as mayor.

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## Emanuel made \$554K in '17, his highest income as mayor

BY BILL RUTHHART  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel reported making \$554,000 in 2017 — by far his highest income since taking office, according to a newly released tax return from the mayor. In addition to his \$201,000 public salary, he reported making \$353,000 from interest, dividends and capital gains from investments, the records show. He claimed \$104,000 in deductions and paid \$118,000 in taxes for an effective tax rate of 26 percent.

Emanuel released his tax return in response to an annual request from the Chicago Tribune. He now has released his full tax records for 13 years, dating to 2005.

In his first six years as mayor, Emanuel had an average income of about \$365,000, with a high of \$389,000 in 2015. His 2017 income represents an increase of \$189,000 over the previous average. Emanuel filed jointly with his wife, Amy Rule, who was listed as a homemaker and reported no income. The couple, who became empty-nesters in September, claimed their three college-age children as dependents.

Emanuel claimed \$1,281 in tax credits tied to

\$22,000 in foreign income. Spokeswoman Shannon Breymaier said that is tied to the fact that some mutual funds Emanuel owns hold securities issued by companies based in other countries, which can trigger foreign tax obligations. She said the mayor does not hold any overseas accounts.

Emanuel and Rule claimed deductions on \$9,984 in home mortgage interest and reported giving \$27,675 to charity. About \$7,000 of that was in unspecified cash or check contributions to charity while an additional \$20,500 came in the form of investments donated to the Emanuel Rule Charitable Trust.

Emanuel reported \$118,000 in interest and dividend income from investments with JPMorgan Chase Bank and Golub Capital Partners private equity funds. He reported \$219,000 in capital gains after selling off JPMorgan Chase investments, his tax returns show. He made \$16 million during three years as an investment banker before he won his North Side congressional seat in 2002. He made \$320,000 as a director of mortgage giant Freddie Mac during a 14-month period.

Financial transparency has become an issue in the

race to replace Emanuel, as some candidates have criticized others for not disclosing their tax returns.

On Nov. 1, the Tribune asked 16 declared candidates for their full tax returns, including all schedules and attachments for the last four years. So far, six have released their full tax returns while 10 have not.

Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, state Comptroller Susana Mendoza, state Rep. LaShawn Ford and Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown all released full returns. City Hall veteran and attorney Gery Chico released the top two pages of his Form 1040 for all four years while Daley released those two pages for 2017.

The candidates who have refused to release their tax returns are businessman Willie Wilson, former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin, activist Ja'Mal Green, public policy consultant Amara Anyia, former Ald. Bob Fioretti and attorneys John Kozlar and Jerry Joyce Jr.

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Abraham Lincoln's home in Springfield is a national historic site.

## Fed shutdown stops Lincoln home tours

BY MIKE RIOPELL  
Chicago Tribune

Two weeks after the Land of Lincoln celebrated its 200th birthday, tours of the Springfield home owned by Abraham Lincoln have stopped because of the federal government shutdown.

The Lincoln home is a national historic site, and a phone call to the main office is met with a recording saying, "Due to the federal government budgetary shutdown, the park is currently closed."

"The park will reopen at its regularly scheduled business hours once the shutdown has ended."

The home is one of many things affected by the partial government shutdown that started at midnight Friday when Congress and President Donald Trump couldn't strike a budget deal to avert a closure.

Many Chicago-area federal workers will be furloughed or work unpaid, though the short-term effects on everyday life are expected to be minimal. But the effects of a shutdown can become more severe as time wears on, and Trump tweeted Friday morning that it "will last for a very long time."

Packages will continue to move through the mail.

Airport security workers at O'Hare and Midway airports will continue inspecting travelers, though they'll have to wait to be paid. And courts will be open.

At Pullman National Monument, Superintendent Kathy Schneider said programs already have shut down for the season.

The Springfield home, where Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln lived for 17 years, was built in 1839 and later restored to its 1860 appearance, according to the National Park Service's website.

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# Customers support cafe after burglary

**Burglary, from Page 1**

"So I left Wednesday night elated," she said, and on Saturday morning, "I walked through the door and just started crying."

Haak said the cafe lost "thousands" of dollars, but did not want to specify the amount.

Chicago police confirmed they're investigating the incident, which was one of a string of burglaries in the neighborhood that weekend and in the weeks that followed, according to Joelle Scillia, director of marketing for the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce.

The cafe started about 15 years ago as a food-subscription service that funded meals at a nearby church's soup kitchen. The project was started by owner and former Chicago chef Mary Ellen Diaz as a way to give back.

Since then, the business has expanded to three locations on Chicago's North Side and one in Evanston that offer a full menu — including famed pies and other baked goods — with

part of the proceeds going to support partnerships with organizations that feed hungry or homeless people, Haak said. Those organizations include StreetWise, the Broadway Youth Center and various churches that offer hot meals. Someone in need can also visit one of the cafes once a day and order anything off the menu, free of charge, she said.

Haak estimates the business feeds about 700 people a week through its partnerships, plus those in need who visit the cafe daily seeking a meal.

"So when you steal from us, that's stealing from people who are hungry and homeless."

After the burglary, Haak shared news of the incident on the cafe's Facebook page, not only to encourage people to visit the cafe or order a Christmas pie, but also for emotional support.

The staff's rapport with customers goes beyond the typical business-client relationship, Haak said. The cook can spot a regular from the window, and start making his or her favorite sandwich, she said. And a CTA



Nanny Mary McNamara feeds a piece of chocolate peanut butter pie to 1-year-old Dilan Potdar at First Slice Pie Cafe in Chicago last week.

bus driver who often stops in for coffee along his route once left a \$30 tip when he heard the cafe's tip jar was stolen in a different incident.

"Our customers are typically generous," said Kenny Cole, manager of the Andersonville location, but even more so since the burglary.

In addition to an outpouring of well wishes on social media, they've seen regulars stopping in, "asking what they can do to help."

"The general sentiment is, this would be horrible for

anyone, but we're really sorry it happened to you," he said. The kind words help the staff members, who was upset by the burglary, and not simply because they lost their tip money — which Haak vows to replace.

"It kind of ruins your sense of security in a place that you come to every day ... and a place that feels like home," Cole said. "It's been a rough month."

Emily Hallgren, a 32-year-old doctoral student, said that besides the quiet and quaint atmosphere in

the cafe — once an old house with several rooms and a porch where customers can sit and work — she visits a couple of times a week because of the good cause.

"I like the mission of trying to address food insecurity," she said.

Food insecurity throughout Cook County remains a problem year-round, not just around the holidays, said Greg Trotter, spokesman for the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

While giving tends to be top of mind around Thanks-



Ann-Louise Haak, executive director of First Slice Pie Cafe in Chicago, has vowed to replace stolen tip money.

giving and Christmas, "the challenge comes in January and February when there's much less of that," Trotter said.

The food depository serves about 800,000 people a year throughout the county in food pantries and through other initiatives, like fresh produce trucks that travel to health centers, Trotter said.

"Food insecurity is in every community," not only the low-income or homeless, he said, but also "just working families who would consider themselves middle class."

Its philanthropic mission to feed the hungry will get the cafe through the aftermath of the burglary, Haak said.

"We're going to be fine," she said. "We're going to keep doing the good the world needs."

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Tom Strening, left, and volunteer Mike Wilson, both of Courtside Ministries, pray with a woman on Thursday.

## Prayer group a regular presence at courthouse

**Prayer, from Page 1**

Calderon said his feet were in pain.

Edwards knelt, held one of Calderon's shoes, bent her head and prayed aloud.

"I wasn't about to pass up a prayer," Calderon later declared, saying he often prays to himself as he stands in front of the judge.

A woman with pink streaks in her hair swore loudly as she approached the courthouse on a recent morning, yelling at no one in particular.

She saw the ministry table, stopped short and made the sign of the cross.

Courtside Ministries started in Colorado before next expanding to the courthouse at 26th and Cal in 2011. In the years since, it's grown to more than 100 locations around the country, Strening said.

The ministry also posts volunteers outside the Daley Center and suburban branch courts in Cook County.

But the Leighton courthouse is by far the busiest criminal courthouse, with hundreds of felony cases up every weekday and a steady stream of people entering and exiting, especially in the mornings.

"Some of the people that are coming there are witnesses, some of them are coming because they're in trouble, some of them are coming because they're coming on behalf of a loved one," Strening told a reporter. "Some of them are attorneys ... They just pray about this case that everything comes to light. I can pray that prayer."

The volunteers often work beside protesters of all stripes, including a group once handing out communist leaflets.

"It's America, right? Everybody gets to play," Strening said. "As long as you're orderly, you're good."

Expanding the ministry to Chicago was a risk, Strening said. "Chicago's a tough town," he said. "26th and Cal is a tough neighborhood."

John DeLeon had more blunt words to describe the

courthouse on Chicago's Southwest Side.

"This is the sin capital of the city right now," the longtime criminal defense attorney said of the seven-story courthouse where nearly all the cases heard are felony cases.

"This is where all our sins come."

A self-professed born-again Christian, DeLeon avidly supports the ministry, which connects him with indigent clients too poor to afford an attorney.

"This is needed so badly," he said on his way into the courthouse. "This is a dark building with huge problems. For victims, for defendants."

Moments later, across the plaza, George Wilson accepted Edwards' offer of fellowship with a smile.

"I always could use prayer," he told her.

Wilson is a mentor at a West Side-based youth program to Eric Jackson, 19, who had just attended court on his gun case.

Edwards took both their hands and began a prayer directed at Jackson, tall and slim. God has a plan for him, she said.

"Every person that has come into your life ... they are a distraction. They will get you off course," she said. "(God) says he loves you so much. ... Don't question it because you're moving forward. Your future is huge."

Jackson was eager for the prayer as well, he said.

"I ain't been at church in so long," he said, "I figured I probably needed a little talking-to."

In the years that Richard Morales has been praying outside courthouses, he has heard countless tales of violence and trauma.

"You pray for people that have been shot 10 times," he said. "They want me to pray for the person inside to be punished. I won't pray for that."

Instead, Morales said, he prays for "truth and justice." "And pray for the person to get on with their lives," he said.


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# UIC, NU receive \$1M from former faculty

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to art history," said Virginia Miller, associate professor emeritus and former chairwoman of the department. "We get excited if someone gives us \$1,000."

Edman's gift will be used to establish a fellowship in his name and provide other financial support for UIC students, Pollak said. The first beneficiary of the Ross Edman award is Leslie Wooden, a Washington, DC., native pursuing a doctorate in art history with a concentration in gender and women's studies.

The UIC donation, though, was not Edman's only significant gift.

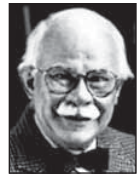
Edman and his longtime partner, Jon Waltz, also gave \$1 million to Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law, where Waltz taught for more than three dec-

ades. That donation went to support merit-based scholarships for talented law students, Northwestern officials said.

Former colleagues said that magnanimity was a fitting final gesture for two gregarious professors known for their devotion to students, their outspokenness and their signature bow ties. While Waltz's gift will support prospective students in a nationally renowned program that receives hundreds of millions of dollars in private donations, UIC professors say they hope Edman's contribution will help the art history program gain some newfound prominence.

The impact at UIC is not lost on the faculty.

"It's transformative," pro-



Jon Waltz

fessor Hannah Higgins said. "At a wealthy private university, they can routinely take students on trips and support student travel to archives.

They can have research assistant positions. This makes us more competitive, not just for graduate programs but also for our undergrads."

Originally from Massachusetts, Edman traveled extensively in his youth, owing in part to his father's work at the U.S. State Department. He frequently spent his summers in Italy and Greece, sparking his early interest in art.

He attended Harvard University and worked at the Seattle Art Museum, then received a master's from Oberlin College. He joined UIC's faculty in 1965,



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Ross Edman taught art history at UIC for more than 30 years and retired in 1995. He then worked as an art appraiser in Chicago before retiring to western Michigan. He died in 2017.

when the campus was still situated at Navy Pier, according to his obituary. He rarely went anywhere on campus without his two Pekingese dogs.

Edman taught a wide range of art history courses at varying levels, but he was the first at UIC to offer classes in his specialty, Asian art. He taught introductory-level Japanese, Chinese and Indian art as well as Japanese architecture.

Worldly, dapper and opinionated, Edman often made his lessons on art more vivid for the students by incorporating some of his other interests, such as food. He was a stellar cook, Pollak said.

"He had this approach in which he spoke not merely of the work of art but he contextualized it socially in a very interesting way," Pollak said.

"There he is talking about Chinese porcelain and he's considering what (food) might go into those dishes. He has this evocative approach that I think made it much more attractive for the students."

Despite his worldly background, he was never snobby toward his students, who predominantly were of more modest means, Miller said. In 1988, Edman was given the university's Silver Circle award, an honor voted on by graduating seniors to recognize teaching excellence. He retired from UIC in 1995.

Edman then worked as an art appraiser in Chicago before retiring to what he called his "dune" in western Michigan, overlooking Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa.

In Waltz, Edman found a partner who shared a similar affinity for art, and was an avid collector of Chinese and Japanese pieces, according to a Tribune obitu-

ary. Originally from Ohio, Waltz spent 10 years practicing law in Cleveland and three years working in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army. He joined Northwestern's faculty as an associate professor in 1964.

Students would battle to register for Waltz's courses. Northwestern officials said that one student even threatened to sue the Evanston university to land a spot in Waltz's evidence course. He frequently smoked cigars in his office, bucking a university rule, and would not hesitate to dress down students caught

former faculty.

In 2015, Northwestern Law received \$5 million from the estate of Dawn Clark Netsch, the program's first female professor and the first woman to hold statewide office in Illinois.

"I think with gifts like this, part of why they're so meaningful is it signals that community was important enough to their life that they choose to give back," Yuracko said.

How Edman and Waltz accumulated their wealth is not entirely clear to their former colleagues. They were known to have lived well, but not ostentatiously.

"I don't think any of us

**Ross Edman left his former UIC department \$1 million. He and longtime partner Jon Waltz also gave \$1 million to Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law, where Waltz taught for more than three decades.**

flat-footed in their preparation for his classes.

He was a prolific author of influential legal texts and provided legal consulting to several government agencies. Waltz retired from Northwestern in 1996 and passed away in 2004 at age 74.

"He was a hoot," Henry Lawrie, a former student, told the Tribune in 2004. "He was constantly telling us about the humorous things that had gone wrong or right in the trials that had affected the outcome. To expect the unexpected and that things rarely go the way you expect it and you better be prepared for it."

Kimberly Yuracko, dean of Northwestern Law, said it is unusual and special to receive gifts of this size from

had any idea he had that kind of money," said Higgins, who joined the department the year before Edman retired. "We knew that he had been successful. They had this lovely house in Michigan which was elegant but not over the top."

Miller, who kept in touch with Edman after he retreated to Michigan — always by phone, as Edman did not use email — said she knew he had planned to name UIC as a beneficiary but she had not dared ask Edman about it directly.

"Nobody really had it in writing from him; we were just sort of hoping," Miller said. "He was true to his word."

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## Government agencies closed for Christmas

Most federal, state and county offices are closed Tuesday for the Christmas holiday, as transit agencies run on a holiday schedule.

Christmas is a set holiday for most government agencies, but last week President Donald Trump signed an executive order that also closed executive departments and agencies on the

Christmas Eve.

In Illinois, federal, state and local government offices will be closed Tuesday for Christmas, with the CTA, Metra and Pace operating on reduced holiday schedules. For more details on public transit trips, check the RTA's trip planner, rtachicago.org or call 312-836-7000.

Most courts have the day

off, but Cook County will have holiday bond court midday Tuesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.


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## For Bethlehem, a rebirth of sorts

In violence's wake, West Bank city boasts largest Christmas celebrations in years

BY ISABEL DEBRE  
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Pilgrims from around the world flocked to Bethlehem on Monday for what was believed to be the biblical West Bank city's largest Christmas celebrations in years.

Hundreds of locals and foreign visitors milled in Manger Square as bagpipe-playing Palestinian Scouts paraded past a giant Christmas tree. Crowds flooded the Church of the Nativity, venerated as the traditional site of Jesus's birth, and waited to descend into the ancient grotto.

Palestinian Tourism Minister Rula Maaya said all Bethlehem hotels were fully booked, and the city was preparing to host an "astounding" 10,000 tourists overnight.

"We haven't seen numbers like this in years," she said, adding that the 3 million visitors to Bethlehem this year exceeded last year's count by hundreds of thousands.

Solemn-faced nuns and enthused tourists crossed themselves and bowed over their rosaries as they entered the church, the air thick with incense.

Linda Selbmann, 24, of Chemnitz, Germany, said she had long dreamed of celebrating Christmas in Bethlehem.

"It's wild to be in the place it all began," she said, sipping Turkish coffee in front of a statue of the Virgin Mary cradling the infant Jesus.

The Christmas festivities traditionally bring a boost of holiday cheer to Christians in the Holy Land, whose numbers have shrunk over the decades and make up just a small percentage of the local population.

As the sun set on Manger Square, the enormous Christmas tree lit up and the city's ancient passageways shone with colored string lights and flashing crosses. Choirs sang classic carols and hymns, their voices echoing throughout the plaza.

Palestinian youths peddled Santa hats to tourists and shop windows bearing signs reading "Jesus Is Here" displayed olive-wood Nativity scenes and other souvenirs.

Earlier in the day, Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the top Roman Catholic cleric in the Holy Land, entered Bethlehem after crossing an Israeli military checkpoint from Jerusalem.

Palestinian security personnel and vehicles stationed around the square reminded visitors that amid the merriment, they couldn't quite escape the city's political reality. Bethlehem is located in the Palestinian-controlled area of the West Bank, and much of the city lies behind Israel's separation barrier.

"Last year things were worse because the injustice was so obvious," said Maaya, the tourism minister, referring to U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, incensing the Palestinians



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Christian pilgrims pray inside the grotto believed to be the site where Jesus was born in the biblical city of Bethlehem.



NASSER NASSER/AP

Christians celebrate the arrival of Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the top Roman Catholic cleric in the Holy Land.

and igniting clashes. "But this year doesn't feel so different. We are still occupied, and we always have problems," she said.

Monjed Jadou, a Bethlehem resident, said that although he noticed an impressive amount of foreigners in the square, the

crowds of Palestinian visitors appeared thinner than usual.

"Security is tighter around here than it's been in a while, and the streets feel less safe. I think people are afraid," he said, adding that his friends from the West Bank city of Ramallah decided not to come because the Israeli army had been blocking roads around the city.

The West Bank has seen a spike in violence in recent weeks, set off by a pair of deadly shootings targeting Israeli soldiers and settlers claimed by the Islamic militant group Hamas.

Israel has ratcheted up security at checkpoints as it presses on with its manhunt for suspected Palestinian

assailants.

Other visitors seemed unconcerned by recent violence in the area.

"This has been No. 1 on my bucket list," said Yohannes Denu, 42, of Los Angeles. "There's no better place to be as a Christian ... To be at the center of my faith, it's joyous, it's unbelievable."

In anticipation of the midnight Mass at the Church of the Nativity, the climax of Christmas Eve celebrations, Palestinians and pilgrims huddled in groups, some singing and carrying candles.

"This is a day of celebration," Maaya said. "And we have hope that one day we'll be able to celebrate like everyone else."

### ANALYSIS

## Trump's new focus amid chaos: Keeping promises

BY SHANNON PETTYPIECE  
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Bloomberg News

Donald Trump is coming off one of his roughest weeks as president, at least in his critics' eyes — instigating a government shutdown fight, provoking his defense chief's resignation, abruptly pulling U.S. troops from two global hot spots, and even thinking about firing the head of the U.S. central bank.

Yet, as hard as it is for the outside world to comprehend, the president and his advisers think all that upheaval adds up to a winning hand.

By digging in on his threat to shut down the government to try to force Congress to fund his wall on the southern U.S. border, and by drawing down military commitments in Syria and Afghanistan in line with his "America First" doctrine, Trump's satisfying the demands of his most dedicated supporters — and he knows they're the only ones who can keep him in the presidency, said advisers inside and outside the White House.

To Trump, it's merely an

extension of his 2020 reelection mantra: Promises made. Promises kept.

"President Trump believes one of his strengths is he is actually doing the things he told people he would do," said Marc Lotter, a member of Trump's 2020 advisory committee and former spokesman for Vice President Mike Pence. "One of the reasons why the president was elected was because we have had politicians of both parties for many, many years saying one thing on the trail, in the commercials and from the podium, and doing another."

In one way, Trump is right. Activist Republican voters, who can punish GOP lawmakers not viewed as sufficiently loyal to Trump, are also his surest line of defense as special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation moves closer. Should the incoming Democratic-controlled House impeach Trump, he could survive and remain in office as long as at least 34 Republican senators stick with him.

Yet even some of Trump's allies now seem unnerved. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who rarely criticizes the presi-

dent in public, said he was "particularly distressed" by Defense Secretary James Mattis' departure. Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham said the decision to pull troops out of Syria and cut in half the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan risks "paving the way toward a second 9/11."

Republican Rep. Dennis Ross of Florida said he and his GOP colleagues are growing increasingly anxious. "Whether it be defense or monetary policy, we want to see some stability," Ross said.

A sense of disarray in Washington as the federal shutdown neared contributed to a rout in the stock market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average had its worst week since the 2008 financial crisis, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite plunged into a bear market.

And that was all before a Bloomberg News report late Friday that Trump was talking openly to advisers about firing Jerome Powell, the head of the nation's central bank — whose independence from the president is a bedrock feature of the U.S. financial system.



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Negative reaction from senior Republicans was swift and intense, with Republican Sen. Richard Shelby warning Trump to "be very careful."

Any move to fire Powell would create immediate "market chaos," said Peter Conti-Brown, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. "It would represent a governance crisis that would damage the Fed, damage the

presidency, and damage the nation."

Even so, advisers said Trump feels emboldened by the midterms despite the net loss of 40 House seats, his party's worst in the chamber since Watergate in the 1970s. His aides have spun that as a win since it fell short of the 63 seats Democrats lost in 2010.

As a result, Trump feels vindicated in his political instincts and is increasingly

### Trump vs. Dems

Offers traded for border wall funds but no shutdown resolution in sight. **Page 8**

unmoved by advisers, they said.

He's now ready for a reset and a shake-up of his Cabinet to surround himself with advisers more aligned to his political outlook, and he's coming to the view he should have done so from the start of his administration.

Some of the Republican Party's most vocal conservatives, particularly members of the House Freedom Caucus, consider the struggle over border wall funding a test of whether Trump will hold his ground and prove he won't buckle under the pressure of a Democratic-controlled House.

They consider that paramount, regardless of any discomfort it may cause moderate Republicans — a shrinking part of the GOP's Congressional delegation — and independents.

With Democrats taking control of the House next month, Trump sees this as his last likely chance to secure funding for the wall, fulfilling one of his most crucial promises of the campaign, his advisers say.

By Friday, he was girding for a fight, declaring himself "totally prepared for a very long shutdown."

## Ho! Ho! Shutdown didn't down Santa tracker

BY DAN ELLIOTT  
Associated Press

DENVER — The government may be partially shut down, but that wasn't expected to stop hundreds of volunteers dressed in Santa hats and military uniforms Monday from taking calls from children around the world who wanted to know when Santa was coming.

The military said the NORAD Tracks Santa wasn't affected by the government shutdown because it is run by volunteers at

Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado and is funded by the Department of Defense's budget that was approved earlier this year.

Now in its 63rd year, the Santa tracker became a Christmas Eve tradition after a mistaken phone call to the Continental Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1955. CONAD, as it was known, had the serious job of monitoring a far-flung radar network for any sign of a nuclear attack on the United States.

When Col. Harry Shoup picked up the phone that day, he found himself talking to a child who wanted to speak to Santa Claus.

A Colorado Springs newspaper had run an ad inviting kids to call Santa but mistakenly listed the hotline number.

Shoup played along. The tradition has since mushroomed into an elaborate operation that attracts tens of thousands of calls every year.

For the 1,500 civilian and military volunteers who an-

swer the phones for kids calling 1-877-HI-NORAD, it infuses the holiday with childlike wonder.

"They're all really sweet, small voices," said Madison Hill, a volunteer who helped answer the phones in two previous years.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command — a joint U.S.-Canadian operation based in Colorado Springs, that protects the skies over both countries — has taken over the Santa tracker since the tradition started.



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NORAD Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Charles D. Luckey and other volunteers work at the NORAD Tracks Santa center.

# Trump, Dems duel amid hints shutdown may last to January

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was expected to meet with the Homeland Security secretary on Monday as the partial government shutdown over his U.S.-Mexico border entered Christmas without a clear resolution in sight.

While both sides are trading offers to end the stalemate, they remain far apart, and a top White House official warned the shutdown could stretch into January.

Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, who is also the budget director, said he was waiting to hear from Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York about a counteroffer the White House presented Schumer over the weekend.

Mulvaney would only say the offer was between Trump's \$5.7 billion request and \$1.3 billion Democrats have offered.

"We moved off of the five and we hope they move up from their 1.3," Mulvaney said less than a day after a senior administration official insisted that Congress would have to cave into Trump's demand for the shutdown to end.

Mulvaney predicted the shutdown could go into January, when Democrats assume control of the House.

"It's very possible that this shutdown will go beyond the 28th and into the new Congress," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

The top Democrat in the House made a similar prediction. "Until President Trump can publicly commit to a bipartisan resolution, there will be no agreement before January when the new House Democratic Majority will swiftly pass legislation to re-open government," said Nancy Pelosi, who is likely to become House speaker on Jan. 3, in a letter Saturday to fellow Democrats.



Trash accumulates near the Washington Monument on Monday due to a partial government shutdown.

But, even if House Democrats pass a bill in January with no wall funding, and the Senate goes along, there's no indication Trump would sign it or that Republicans would override him to reopen the government, which requires a two-thirds vote in each chamber.

A Democratic aide granted anonymity to discuss the private talks confirmed the offer from the White House on Saturday was \$2.5 billion — an initial \$2.1 billion plus \$400 million Democrats called a "slush fund" for the president's other immigration priorities.

But Democrats said the administration has given mixed signals, and it's unclear what Trump would actually accept. A spokesman for Schumer's office said the parties remained "very far apart."

The White House said Trump was expected to meet Monday afternoon with DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and other department officials "to discuss border security."

Meanwhile, Senate negotiators are continuing talks behind the scenes with Democrats and Republicans. The House and Senate gavelled into session for a few minutes on Christmas Eve before quickly closing again with no further action.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., argued for increased use of technology along the border instead of "some medieval wall." Asked whether he's willing to offer more money as long as it is not spent on a wall, Durbin responded: "Absolutely."

Parts of the government have been closed since Saturday after funding for numerous departments and agencies expired. The closure affects hundreds of thousands of federal workers across the country.

Trump, who put off plans to spend Christmas at his Florida estate and remained in Washington, tweeted Saturday: "I am all alone (poor me) in the White House waiting for the Democrats to come back and make a deal on desperately needed Border Security."

Bloomberg News contributed.

# Turkey-backed Syrian fighters prepare to replace U.S. forces

BY SARAH EL DEEB  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Turkish-backed Syrian fighters said Monday they are preparing to move into eastern Syria once American forces withdraw alongside Turkish troops already massing on the front line of a town held by Kurdish-led forces.

The U.S. pullout will leave the oil-rich eastern third of Syria, currently controlled by Kurdish-led forces that the Americans have backed over the past four years, up for grabs with multiple parties seeking to move in.

A Syrian Kurdish official said the Kurdish militia is now reaching out for potential new allies following the U.S. withdrawal, underscoring the dire situation the group now finds itself in.

"We will deal with whoever can protect the stability of this country," said Ilham Ahmed.

The Kurdish militia partnered with the U.S.-led coalition since 2014 to fight Islamic State militants. Now, they are left to face a triple threat from Turkey, the Syrian government and IS. Turkey views the Kurdish fighters as terrorists because of their links to a Kurdish insurgent group inside Turkey.

Ahmed said her group is talking with the Russians and the Syrian government — both rivals of the United States — as well as European countries about ways to deal with the U.S. withdrawal. She didn't elaborate.

Abandoned by the U.S., the Kurds now face the dilemma of whether to try to hold on to the 30 percent of Syria they wrested from IS. The territory includes some of the richest oil fields in north and east Syria but also is home to large Arab populations.

The Kurds could pull back to the Kurdish-majority region in the far north-



Turkey-backed Syrian fighters walk down a road near the rebel-held border town of Jarabulus, on Monday.

east but that would leave resources and Kurdish-majority pockets in the east isolated and vulnerable.

The militia could also negotiate with Damascus, allowing a return of government forces back into the east in hopes of gaining a level of self-rule for Kurds. The government has so far rejected the notion of such autonomy.

Syrian government forces have reportedly been massing troops in Deir el-Zour province, across the Euphrates River from Kurdish-held territory.

On Monday, Iraq said it could consider deploying troops inside Syria to protect Iraq from threats across its borders. Iraq's Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi said his government is "considering all the options."

President Donald Trump has said the withdrawal from Syria will be slow and coordinated with Turkey, without providing a timetable. Turkey said the two countries will ensure there is no "authority vacuum" once the U.S. troops leave.

A Pentagon spokesman, Navy Cmdr. Sean Robertson, said the execute order for withdrawal has been signed but provided no further details.

Turkish presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin

said a U.S. military delegation is expected in Turkey this week.

Turkey says it and its Syrian Arab allies can replace the U.S. in preventing a resurgence of the Islamic State group.

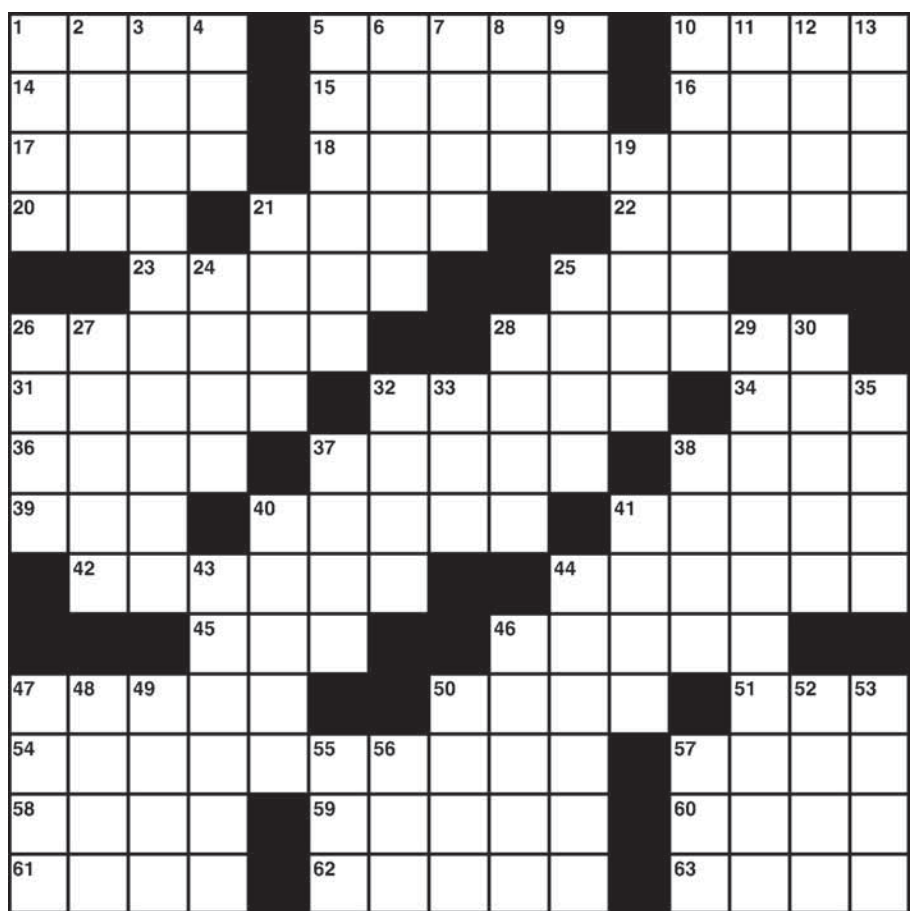
Kalin said there will be no "step back, weakness, halting or a slowing down" of the fight against IS. But Turkey has made clear it will not tolerate a contiguous Kurdish-held enclave along its border with Syria.

Turkey-backed Syria opposition groups said they have up to 15,000 trained fighters ready to deploy, alongside Turkish forces, in eastern Syria to replace U.S. troops.

Youssef Hammoud, spokesman for the Turkey-backed Syria opposition forces, said their fighters and weapons have been deploying on the front line with Manbij, a Kurdish-administered town in northern Syria where U.S. troops are based. They are preparing to first take Manbij, he said.

Manbij was at the center of an agreement the U.S. and Turkey reached in June under which Kurdish forces were to withdraw. In recent weeks Turkey said the U.S. was dragging its feet in implementing the deal and vowed to launch a new offensive against the Kurds.

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- 1 Birds of prey
- 5 Misbehave
- 10 Smile broadly
- 14 Tack
- 15 Complain
- 16 Great anger
- 17 One of the 7 Deadly Sins
- 18 Nabs again
- 20 Sault \_\_ Marie
- 21 Look for
- 22 Orange peels
- 23 Fight off
- 25 "He's got the whole world in \_\_ hands..."
- 26 Actor \_\_ James Olmos
- 28 Courtroom break
- 31 Rotten
- 32 Department store employee
- 34 Lid
- 36 Comedian Sahl
- 37 School skirt pattern
- 38 Beard wearer
- 39 12th-graders: abbr.
- 40 \_\_ away; flabbergasted
- 41 Parade marcher's stick
- 42 Gazed
- 44 Cease

### DOWN

- 1 Ms. Farrow
- 2 Cowboy's rope
- 3 Frequently
- 4 Hot dog holders
- 5 Butterfly catcher's need
- 6 Sin
- 7 Angelou or Rudolph
- 8 Bookish fellow
- 9 Funeral song
- 10 Get ready, for short
- 11 Candy store chain
- 12 Firstborn of two
- 13 Jekyll's alter ego
- 14 Wallet items
- 15 Desire
- 16 Soft sausage
- 17 Sneaky
- 18 Concurred
- 19 Fish basket
- 20 Lyme disease transmitter
- 21 " \_\_ Lazy River"
- 22 Get-up-and-go
- 23 Black-and-blue mark
- 24 Be a breadwinner
- 25 Elderly
- 26 Clutter
- 27 Hoodwink
- 28 Nimble
- 29 Vane direction

### Solutions



- 25 Group of cattle
- 26 Large trees
- 27 Entrances
- 28 \_\_ in; bring under control
- 29 Immobile
- 30 Flies alone
- 32 Oaf
- 33 Regulation
- 35 \_\_-up; confined
- 37 Entreaty
- 38 Church service
- 40 " \_\_ in the Clowns"
- 41 Nickname for Elizabeth
- 43 Reforms
- 44 Peril
- 46 Sudden forward rush
- 47 \_\_ up; admits
- 48 On the house
- 49 Ripped
- 50 Crane or crow
- 52 Black-\_\_ peas
- 53 Record
- 55 Ike's monogram
- 56 Middle East export
- 57 Speedometer letters

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## Kevin Spacey faces charge in sexual assault of teenager

BOSTON — Kevin Spacey is scheduled to be arraigned next month on allegations he sexually assaulted the teenage son of a Boston television anchor in a restaurant, a Massachusetts prosecutor said Monday.

The actor, 59, is due in Nantucket District Court on Jan. 7 to face a charge of indecent assault and battery, Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe said.

A criminal complaint

was issued by a clerk magistrate at a hearing Thursday, he said.

Spacey later posted a video on YouTube titled "Let Me Be Frank" and tweeted a link to the charge.

In the bizarre monologue in the voice of Frank Underwood, his character on Netflix's "House of Cards" who was killed off after sexual misconduct allegations emerged, he says, "I know what you want. You want me back."

## More than 29 killed as Kabul government building attacked

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Suicide bombers and gunmen assaulted a busy government ministry in Kabul on Monday afternoon, leaving at least 29 people dead after some of the attackers rampaged through the building, taking hostages, and others fought a prolonged gun battle with local security forces, officials said.

Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danesh said the assault on the

Ministry for Martyrs and Disabled Persons left at least 23 wounded during fighting around the compound in eastern Kabul. One policeman was killed.

Danesh said late Monday night that police had successfully evacuated 357 employees from the ministry and that some had been able to hide from three attackers.

No militant group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

## Donations help save National Christmas Tree from darkness

WASHINGTON — The National Christmas Tree that sits behind the White House reopened to the public on Monday after becoming an unfortunate totem of Washington's political dysfunction when it went dark over the weekend amid the federal shutdown.

The tree and its lighting had been damaged by a rogue climber Friday, and it was unclear whether it would be fixed in time for

the holiday.

But the private sector stepped in when the federal government could not. The National Park Foundation, a nonprofit that is the official charity to help private money improve the national park system, gave the National Park Service enough money both to investigate the damage caused by the climber, and keep the park open and lighted through Jan. 1, it said Monday.



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

**Pope Francis** kisses a statue of Baby Jesus as he celebrates the Christmas Eve Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Monday. Francis urged Christians to forgo the greed, gluttony and materialism of Christmas and to focus on its message of charity and love.

## Indonesian tsunami's death toll rises to at least 373 people

ANJUNG LESUNG, Indonesia — Body bags were laid out along the shattered coastline as Indonesian authorities stepped up efforts to collect the dead and save the injured Monday in the aftermath of a tsunami that was apparently triggered by a volcanic eruption. The death toll climbed to 373 and was certain to rise.

More than 1,400 people were injured and at least 128 were missing after the killer waves slammed into western Java and southern Sumatra without warning Saturday night.

Hundreds of military personnel and volunteers

searched along debris-strewn beaches.

The waves followed an eruption and apparent landslide on Anak Krakatau, or "Child of Krakatoa," a volcanic island that formed in the early part of the 20th century near the site of the cataclysmic 1883 eruption of Krakatoa.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo, who faces what promises to be a tough re-election campaign next year, vowed to have all tsunami-detection equipment replaced or repaired.

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman for Indonesia

Disaster Mitigation Agency, acknowledged on Twitter that the country's network of detection buoys had been out of order since 2012 because of vandalism and budget shortfalls.

But the head of Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency, Dwikorita Karnawati, said the tsunami was caused by volcanic activity and so could not have been picked up by her agency's sensors, which monitor the conventional earthquakes responsible for more than 90 percent of Indonesia's tsunamis.

## Israeli government agrees to early elections

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government agreed Monday to hold early elections in April after the ruling coalition appeared to come up short on votes needed to pass a contentious piece of court-ordered legislation.

Netanyahu said his coalition

"unanimously" agreed to disband the government and hold a new election. At a meeting of his Likud faction, he listed his accomplishments in office and said he hoped his current religious, nationalistic coalition would be the "core" of the next one as well.

"We will ask the voters

for a clear mandate to continue leading the state of Israel our way," he said to applause.

The Knesset, or parliament, is expected to hold a vote Wednesday to formally dissolve, setting the stage for a three-month election campaign and a likely vote on April 9.

## Reasons other than racism suggested for ref's actions

BUENA, N.J. — A lawyer for a high school wrestler whose dreadlocks were cut off after a referee told him to lose the hairstyle or forfeit minutes before his match is suggesting the hair cut was due in part to the referee's tardiness.

Buena Regional High School wrestler Andrew Johnson, who is black, had a cover over his hair, but referee Alan Maloney, who is white, said that wouldn't do. Johnson won Wednesday's match but appeared visibly distraught.

The organization that oversees the state's high school athletics announced Saturday that he won't be assigned to any matches until the incident is reviewed. An SNJ Today reporter tweeted a video of Johnson getting his hair cut. The video was shared widely on social media, with users calling the incident "racist," "cruel" and "humiliating."

**In Providence:** The owners of a New England strip club that was shut down following a prostitution investigation have hosted a Christmas toy drive for their workers. WLNE-TV reports that the owners of the Foxy Lady in Providence, R.I., bought \$2,500 worth of toys and held a toy drive at a nearby bar over the weekend.

**A ruling:** A federal court judge ordered North Korea to pay the parents of Otto Warmbier more than \$500 million, holding the country liable for the torture and death of their son. Foreign countries generally have immunity from lawsuits in U.S. courts, but the judge noted that an exception for terrorism applied.

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## Trump's Fed humbug roils stock markets

Dow plunges 653 following criticism of central bank

BY ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

President Donald Trump's attacks on the Federal Reserve spooked the stock market on Christmas Eve, and efforts by his Treasury secretary to calm investors' fears seemed to make matters worse, contributing to another day of heavy losses on Wall Street.

The major stock indexes fell more than 2 percent Monday, nudging the market closer to its worst year since 2008. Stocks are also on track for their worst December since 1931, during the depths of the Great Depression.

The market has been roiled for most of the month over concerns about a slowing global economy, the escalating trade dispute with China and another interest rate increase by the



SETH WENIG/AP

President Trump's unprecedented "full-frontal assault" on the Federal Reserve pushed the Dow down 653.17 points.

Federal Reserve.

The past two trading days, however, have been dominated by something else: major losses following tweets from the president criticizing Fed Chairman Jerome Powell and the central bank.

Trump's Monday morning tweet before the opening heightened fears about the economy being destabilized by a president who

wants control over the Fed.

"The only problem our economy has is the Fed," the president tweeted. "They don't have a feel for the Market, they don't understand necessary Trade Wars or Strong Dollars or even Democrat Shutdowns over Borders. The Fed is like a powerful golfer who can't score because he has no touch — he can't putt!"

Peter Conti-Brown, a fi-

ancial historian at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, said: "We've never seen anything like this full-blown and full-frontal assault. This is a disaster for the Fed, a disaster for the president and a disaster for the economy."

On Sunday, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin made a round of calls to the heads of the nation's six largest banks in an attempt to calm jitters, but the move only raised new concerns about the economy.

Most economists expect growth to slow in 2019, not slide into a full-blown recession. In fact, many economic barometers still look encouraging. Unemployment is at 3.7 percent, the lowest since 1969. Inflation is tame. Pay growth has picked up. Consumers boosted their spending this holiday season.

Fed board members are nominated by the president, but they've historically made decisions independ-

ent of the White House. Trump nominated Powell last year to become chairman.

But the president has voiced his anger over the Fed's decision to raise its key short-term rate four times in 2018. Those measures are intended to prevent the economy from overheating.

Trump's latest remarks only created more uncertainty for already unnerved investors who have seen all of this year's stock market gains evaporate.

"Now we're having a correction and we're down for the year, so the narrative people get drawn to is that perhaps his more unpredictable policies are bad for the market," said Craig Birk, chief investment officer at Personal Capital. "The separation between the president and the Fed, maybe just causes a little more concern than it would have a few months ago."

The S&P 500 index slid 655.2 points Monday, or 2.7

percent, to 2,351.10. The benchmark index is now down 19.8 percent from its peak on Sept. 20, close to the 20 percent drop that would officially mean the end of the longest bull market for stocks in modern history — a run of nearly 10 years.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 653.17 points, or 2.9 percent, to 21,792.20. The Nasdaq skidded 140.08 points, or 2.2 percent, to 6,192.92. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 25.16 points, or 2 percent, to 1,266.92.

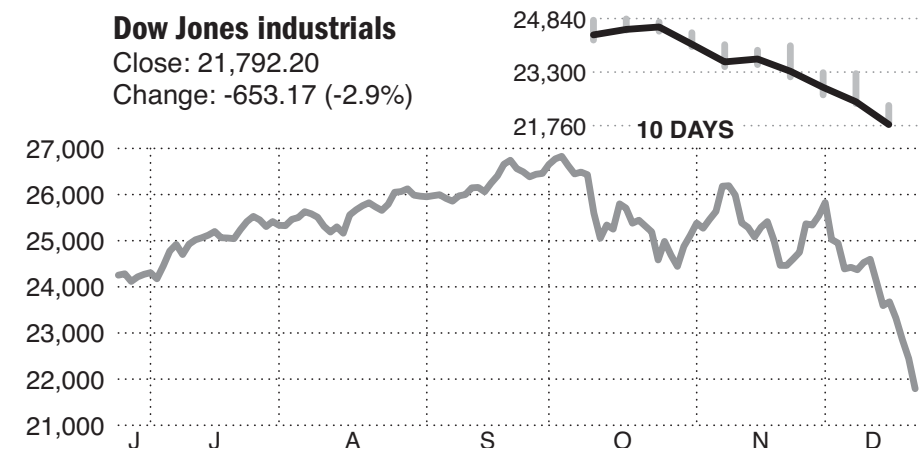
Trading was choppy and volume was light Monday during a shortened trading session ahead of Christmas on Tuesday. U.S. markets will reopen Wednesday.

Technology stocks, health care companies and banks took some of the heaviest losses.

Wells Fargo slid 3.4 percent, Microsoft 4.2 percent and Johnson & Johnson 4.1 percent.

### MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 22,339.87 Low: 21,792.20 Previous: 22,445.37



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
Close: <b>6,192.92</b> High: 6,355.18 Low: 6,190.17 Previous: 6,333.00	Close: <b>2,351.10</b> High: 2,410.34 Low: 2,351.10 Previous: 2,416.62	Close: <b>1,266.92</b> High: 1,290.92 Low: 1,266.93 Previous: 1,292.09

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.04 to 2.75%	+13.40 to \$1,267.20	-0.90 to 110.41/\$1	-0.0026 to 0.8769/\$1	-1.26 to \$44.33

### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-7.63	-8.30	-7.65	-11.56	-12.55	-12.06	-11.97	-11.02	-12.38

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Mar 19	512	518	511	511.50	-2.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Mar 19	378.25	379	375.25	376.75	-1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Mar 19	883.25	886.50	879.50	883.25	-1.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	27.90	27.97	27.76	27.81	-0.08
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	310.20	312.60	309.40	311.00	+0.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	45.74	46.51	44.42	44.62	-1.27
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	3.758	3.846	3.534	3.535	-0.281
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.3115	1.3292	1.2918	1.2969	-0.0214

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	65.56	-1.71	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	93.25	-4.69	Mondelez Intl	O	39.48	-1.20
AbbVie Inc	N	84.16	-0.76	Equity Residential	N	63.68	-3.56	Morningstar Inc	O	105.50	-1.23
Allstate Corp	N	77.27	-2.58	Exelon Corp	N	43.83	-2.06	Motorola Solutions	N	108.97	-2.76
Apptgroup Inc	N	89.70	-3.85	First Indl RT	N	27.60	-1.55	NISource Inc	N	24.89	-1.16
Arch Dan Mid	N	39.62	-1.18	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	35.96	-2.17	Nthn Trust Cp	O	77.26	-2.13
Baxter Intl	N	61.45	-1.45	Gallagher AJ	N	68.99	-2.07	Old Republic	N	19.65	-0.95
Boeing Co	N	294.16	-10.39	Grainger WW	N	266.43	-5.78	Packaging Corp Am	N	77.95	-2.79
Brunswick Corp	N	42.61	-0.57	GrubHub Inc	N	67.84	-0.94	Paylocity Hldg	O	54.83	+3.33
CBOE Global Markets	N	91.23	-4.85	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	82.86	-1.91	Stericycle Inc	O	35.19	-1.61
CDK Global Inc	O	45.00	-0.57	IDEX Corp	N	118.64	-5.07	Teleph Data	N	31.03	-0.61
CDW Corp	O	75.33	-1.98	ITW	N	118.95	-5.09	TransUnion	N	52.61	-0.89
CF Industries	N	40.11	-0.92	Ingredion Inc	N	88.35	-2.67	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.04	+0.04
CME Group	O	176.62	-6.03	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	123.19	-1.79	US Foods Holding	N	29.81	-0.54
CNA Financial	N	42.04	-1.14	Kemper Corp	N	62.40	-1.78	USG Corp	N	42.81	-0.03
Caterpillar Inc	N	116.95	-3.12	Kraft Heinz Co	O	42.54	-1.51	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	229.06	-1.43
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	20.96	-1.19	LKQ Corporation	O	23.90	+3.33	United Contl Hldgs	O	79.12	-2.76
Deere Co	N	137.38	-5.61	Littelfuse Inc	O	155.15	-4.95	Ventas Inc	N	57.51	-2.00
Discover Fin Svcs	N	55.09	-1.31	MB Financial	O	37.42	-0.56	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	65.26	-2.00
Dover Corp	N	66.53	-2.46	McDonalds Corp	N	170.28	-3.87	Wintrust Financial	O	62.87	-1.79
Equity Commonwlth	N	29.17	-0.20	Middleby Corp	O	98.10	-3.95	Zebra Tech	O	142.90	-3.35

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	6.92	-0.23
Bank of America	22.73	-0.64
Chesapeake Energy	1.73	-0.17
AT&T Inc	27.36	-0.95
Ford Motor	7.63	-0.42
Citigroup	49.26	-0.98
Nokia Corp	5.49	-0.08
Pfizer Inc	40.55	-1.38
Twitter Inc	26.45	-0.86
Wells Fargo & Co	43.60	-1.52
Oracle Corp	42.69	-1.31
JPMorgan Chase & Co	92.14	-2.03
Rite Aid Corp	0.68	-0.03
Snap Inc A	5.18	+1.19
Vizion Comm	53.05	-1.87
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.4	+0.03
Kinross Gold	3.30	+1.18
Exxon Mobil Corp	65.51	-2.61
Kinder Morgan Inc	14.71	-0.86
Slumberland Ltd	35.19	-0.51
Sprint Corp	5.61	-1.18
Energy Transfer LP	11.80	-0.44
Anny Capital Mgmt	9.71	-1.18
Teva Pharm	14.59	-0.51

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	131.89	-1.11
Alphabet Inc C	976.22	-3.32
Alphabet Inc A	984.67	-6.58
Amazon.com Inc	1343.96	-33.49
Apple Inc	146.83	-3.90
Bank of America	22.73	-0.64
Berkshire Hath B	187.76	-4.34
Exxon Mobil Corp	65.51	-2.61
Facebook Inc	124.06	-0.89
JPMorgan Chase	92.14	-2.03
Johnson & Johnson	122.84	-5.25
Microsoft Corp	94.13	-4.10
Pfizer Inc	40.55	-1.38
Procter & Gamble	87.36	-3.61
Royal Dutch Shell B	56.70	-1.10
Royal Dutch Shell A	55.46	-1.22
Unitedhealth Group	232.94	-5.40
Verizon Comm	53.05	-1.87
WalMart Strs	85.82	-1.31

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	26.18	-0.58	-8.3	
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	23.98	-0.36	-6.2	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	54.91	-0.67	-13.9	
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	54.67	-0.67	-9.3	
American Funds FdmtInvSA m	49.20	-1.22	-12.1	
American Funds GrAmrCA m	40.05	-0.90	-9.2	
American Funds IncAmrCA m	19.96	-0.32	-7.8	
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	32.05	-0.71	-11.7	
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	35.62	-0.68	-10.7	
American Funds WAMInvSA m	38.72	-1.10	-8.5	
DFA IntlCorEqnls	11.30	-0.08	-0.96	
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.24	+0.02	-2	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	35.70	+0.40	-20.2	
Dodge & Cox Stk	162.74	-4.35	-12.9	
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.43	+0.02	+1.9	
Fidelity 500IntlPrm	81.76	-2.27	-10.7	
Fidelity Contrafund	10.25	-0.21	-9.3	
Fidelity ContrafundK	10.25	-0.21	-9.2	
Fidelity TtlMktDxnsPrm	66.21	-1.79	-11.5	
Fidelity USBldxnsPrm	11.25	+0.02	+2	
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.09	-0.03	-7.5	
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.35	...	+1	
PIMCO IncInstl	11.77	...	+4	
PIMCO TlRetns	9.94	+0.01	-1	
Schwab SP500Idx	35.96	-1.00	-10.7	
T. Rowe Price BCGR	89.00	-1.92	-5.9	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	53.15	-1.16	-8.3	
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	216.97	-6.03	-10.7	
Vanguard DivGrInv	23.10	-0.69	-5.2	
Vanguard EqnAdmrl	62.89	-1.82	-10.6	
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	64.33	-1.59	-10.4	
Vanguard HCAmrl	76.18	-1.20	-4.8	
Vanguard InTrnGAdmrl	9.36	+0.01	+1	
Vanguard InTrEAAdmrl	13.90	...	-4.7	
Vanguard Insidxlns	213.33	-5.93	-10.7	
Vanguard InsidxlnsPlus	213.34	-5.93	-10.7	
Vanguard InsTlMlInPls	50.69	-1.37	-11.4	
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	160.99	-4.21	-14.6	
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	113.18	-2.68	-8.8	
Vanguard STInvrGrAdmrl	10.43	+0.01	+9	
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	59.33	-1.40	-15.0	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	29.22	-0.27	-6.6	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	16.99	-0.18	-7.9	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	30.55	-0.37	-8.9	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	18.57	-0.26	-10.0	
Vanguard TlBldxAdmrl	10.43	+0.02	+1	
Vanguard TlBldxlns	10.43	+0.02	+1	
Vanguard TlInBldxAdmrl	21.65	+0.02	+2.9	
Vanguard TlInBldxlns	32.49	+0.03	+2.9	
Vanguard TlInBldxInv	10.83	+0.01	+2.9	
Vanguard TlInSldxAdmrl	24.62	-0.16	-16.2	
Vanguard TlInSldxlns	98.44	-0.64	-16.2	
Vanguard TlInSldxlnsPlus	98.46	-0.64	-16.2	
Vanguard TlInSldxInv	14.72	-0.09	-16.2	
Vanguard TlInSldxAdmrl	58.19	-1.58	-11.4	
Vanguard TlInSldxlns	58.20	-1.58	-11.4	
Vanguard TlInSldxInv	58.17	-1.58	-11.5	
Vanguard WngtlnAdmrl	61.77	-0.95	-6.8	
Vanguard WlsglncAdmrl	58.04	-0.51	-4.0	
Vanguard WngtlnAdmrl	52.20	-1.38	-13.7	

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## EDITORIALS

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Real reason for the season

Two of my favorite holiday decorations are a banner and a statue of Santa kneeling by a manger with the baby Jesus. It makes me believe even Santa knew "The Reason for the Season." With all of the ads for material items, whether they were for Black Friday or Cyber Monday, or the rush to get the right gift for members of your family or friends, I hope everyone remembers why we have a celebration of Christmas.

The things I remember most from when I was a child are the Christmas programs at church and school, the enjoyment of gatherings of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends with my parents. Also, I reminisce about the wonderful holiday meals that my mother would prepare. Of course, that one special present under the tree brought me joy, the one that was next to the manger. I still have my sled of more than 60 years, which I decorated and placed by my front door. That one present brought hours of enjoyment as I sledded down the hill in our back yard at the first sight of snowflakes hitting the ground. Today, many children receive an abundance of toys and some may never see the inside of a church for a true Christmas program.

Enjoy the holiday season, but please remember to keep the Christ in Christmas.  
 — *Dee Philip, New Lenox*

#### Christmas magic at the zoo

Every now and then I need to get my cynicism in perspective. A few days ago my wife and I went to Christmas Magic at Brookfield Zoo. Those of you who watch too much "Fox & Friends" and CNN, or think millennials, GenXers and GenYers just don't cut it, should go to the zoo on Christmas.

Surrounded by babies in strollers, visitors walk among lighted trees and fences, dodging 6-year-olds wearing blinking red and green lights and holding parents' hands. Everywhere there are babies in strollers and millennials without their phones to their ears, chatting to each other about the animals.

Cars line up for a quarter-mile to pay admission, as the moon rises and darkness falls. Thousands of people from all corners of Chicago come to sing "Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas." That's always been who we are as a nation, and schooled by my zoo visit, who I think we will always be.

— *Karl Winkler, Cherry Valley, Ill.*

#### Good thoughts, good life

It is often said that "we love that which we spend most of our time doing." I would guess that if many of us took an account of our most intimate thoughts it would connect with some negative influence or unresolved personal issue. What shall we do to revert to the basics of the human spirit that loves self, neighbor and the blessings of living together in harmony?

Every holiday season we shed our selfish shackles and proclaim that the time is upon us to "give better than receive." The only real control we have in life is what we think; along with the decisions we make. What if we adopted a 97/3 rule— spending 97 percent of our time thinking positive and only allowing 3 percent of our thoughts to be negative? As the rule implies, living the good life starts with good thoughts; being healthy starts with healthy thoughts.

— *Dennis Walter Smith Sr., Seneca Falls, N.Y.*

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I think we face two kinds of problems in this world: forever problems and right-now problems. ... Take, for example, the distribution of wealth. ... There's a reason we can read of this problem on papyrus scrolls and in medieval libraries, in Dante, Shakespeare, Dickens and Toni Morrison: It is a forever problem. In Matthew's account of his ministry, Jesus said: "The poor you will always have with you." ...

The politics of forever problems give us the feeling that the nation is hopelessly divided, impotent and helpless in the grip of our challenges.

But as much as forever problems push us apart, right-now problems tend to bring us together. ... We may not be able to agree on the future of health care, but give us a family down the street with cancer in their midst, and we'll figure out how to get meals to them during chemo. ...

As the man said: There are a thousand points of light. So let us not be discouraged by the difficulty of forever problems, but in seeking their solutions, may we draw on the goodwill of the bell ringers, the child comforters, the feeders of the hungry, the soothers of the sick.

They aren't the noisy ones, but you can find them on every boulevard and in every burg. Ad hoc and undirected, they face the right-now problems with a unifying resolve. They are the glue, and the glory, of our persistently imperfect human society, the better angels of our nature taking wing.

**David Von Drehle**,  
*The Washington Post*



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO 1952

# As Christmas dawns

'Praise the innocence of children as they stand awed ...'

What is this day, this Christmas, that dawns with a chorus of joy? What river of love and magic speeds the message from that moment of wonder in Bethlehem across the cold darkness of centuries long forgotten? How does it warm us this morning as we awaken in a world the Wise Men could scarcely imagine to a radiance that once each year makes it all just a little bit better?

As a republic, we cannot prostrate ourselves in religious observance. But as a people, a nation — Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, atheist, name it — we know this day, this Christmas, that dawns with a chorus of joy. And as one people, almost as one world, we now join in the celebration on the birthday of the Babe with the fervent hope that the elusive gift of peace will not slip from our grasp. We do not doubt that the day's promise is ours whether we accept the Messenger as our Prince of Peace or merely find solace and rare hope in the sure rising on one blessed day of a tide of essential goodness, a promise of the perfectibility of our most imperfect world.

This should not dilute, but strengthen, the miracle for Christians. For this day, this Christmas, belongs to us all as it dawns with a chorus of joy. Sing out the praises of Christmas, sing them in shouts and whispers. Praise the innocence of children as they stand awed before the tree, rubbing sleep and amazement from wide eyes. Praise the

capacity of parents, their own innocence scraped raw by the rough edges of life, to recapture it fleetingly in this instant of observed enchantment. Praise the tolerance of grandparents for all the childish excesses in grandchildren that they scolded their own kids for each Christmas morn.

And don't try too hard to sort out whether it's fireplace smoke or tender nostalgia that tears the occasional eye in this reliving of family traditions. Christmas tears are to cherish, not to analyze. Christmas tears are to be shed, too, for those beyond the hearth. Let us open our hearts and cry for the pain of the lonely, the unloved, the deserted and the desolate; for the hungry, the homeless, the ill-clothed and the unprotected; for the uncared-for aged, the mentally and the physically ill, the addicts and alcoholics; for the victims, the abused children and adults, the battered, the helpless, the casualties of war and other crimes. Let us cry for them and for untold others.

But let us also remember that in our sadness for the pain of others is a redemption of the spirit, the Christmas joy of sharing our humanity. In our passion for the righting of all wrongs, we are but living our inheritance, the command of all religions and most philosophies in every time and place that we love one another. We are our brothers' and our sisters' keepers.

Renewed in that simple knowledge,

that easy act of faith in our own humanness, let us set aside the sadness, but not our deepest caring, and rejoice in the accumulated sights and sounds of the season that fill us this Christmas Day.

The bells, always the bells. Carillons rolling and street Santas shaking. The memories stirred by the gentle ching-a-ling-a-ling through soft-falling snow on darkened streets. Or the brassy caroling of a Salvation Army band. Songs, hear the songs, the old, the new, the radio marathons of Christmas tunes, the stores bathing shoppers in inspiration.

And forgive the merchants their commerce as you recall small noses pressed against the windowpanes of happiness, bright eyes drinking in the stuff of dreams that only children know. Curse the crass corruption of the season? Not with an honest heart, if you have ever known a child, or been a child. Exorcise the greed, if you will. It belongs to a grown-up world. But leave a time, this special time, for the dreams of children.

For our love of peace, for our love of each other and especially for our love of the children and our belief in their need to dream, we welcome, yes, praise, this day, this Christmas, that dawns with a chorus of joy.

*This editorial has appeared in the Tribune annually since 1988.*

### SCOTT STANTIS



IN PERFORMANCE 'iMagician' ★★★

# GRAB BAG OF TRICKERY

British magician Jamie Allan delivers old-school tricks with high-tech polish



BIC PHOTO

British illusionist Jamie Allan presents his technology-based magic show "iMagician" at the Harris Theater.

By CHRIS JONES | Chicago Tribune

Most purveyors of sleight-of-hand trickery are attracted either by the grand illusion, like David Copperfield, or close-up card sharking, like the late Ricky Jay.

Jamie Allan, who bills himself as iMagician, can't decide between the two. So Allan's new holiday show at the Harris Theatre, "It's Magic Beyond Belief," is a grab bag of down-the-middle trickery featuring classic card tricks, ancient illusions like sawing an assistant in half, a lite version of Harry Houdini's water-torture cell and a bevy of numbers that intersect in some way with technology — hence, "iMagician."

You might have seen the advertisements on trash cans throughout the city. Allan, who by the standards of a theater this size, is working with a modest budget, is not too proud to sell a ticket to those discarding a plastic Diet Coke bottle inside a compactor that usually needs a magician in order to function.

Allan's best asset is his personality. He's a warm and likable figure on stage,

a natural teacher and connector, an evangelist for his art and a man genuinely thrilled to have his shot Stateside at the Harris after years of touring the United Kingdom. If you've got kids or grandkids with an interest in the great art of tricking an audience, this is an ideal show given that Allan, despite his awareness that magic has to stay up-to-date in order to live, is an inveterate historian, as fascinated by the derivation of his illusions as doing them.

At the end of the show, he tells people he will head out into the lobby to meet and greet all interested parties and stay "just as long as it takes." (Good luck with that after you see Copper-

**When:** Through Sunday

**Where:** Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 45 minutes

**Tickets:** \$49.99 to \$159.99 at 312-334-7777 or harristheaterchicago.org

field at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.) I'm always attracted to performers who lean into an audience in this way, whose gratitude is palpable and whose thrill from applause seems genuinely nourishing.

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## MY WORST MOMENT

# Ego, pride and foolishness

Yvette Nicole Brown of 'Community' talks about her first TV gig

By NINA METZ  
 Chicago Tribune

It's been a busy past few months for Yvette Nicole Brown, who recently wrapped filming on the forthcoming Disney live-action remake of "Lady and the Tramp."

"I play Aunt Sarah," she said. "Some would say she's the villain but I would say she's the hero because without Aunt Sarah hating dogs and Lady running away, we don't have a movie!"

"I'm actually the biggest dog lover there is, which is why I almost passed on even auditioning for the role because I'm like, I know my limits as an actress and I know I'm not a good enough actress to pretend that I hate dogs." Brown was eventually persuaded — and ended up bonding with her canine co-star. "The trainer always made sure I had a little time with Lady, played by a dog named Rose, right before I had to yell at her or be mean to her so Rose knew it was not real."

Brown, who returns as a recurring player on the CBS comedy "Mom" in the new year, is also a guest judge on the current season of "RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars."

She needed a little persuading on that one, as well. "The producers knew that I loved RuPaul and every year I would get a call saying, 'Hey, do you want to do the show?' And I kept passing because I didn't feel worthy. To do anything RuPaul, your hair, makeup, outfit — everything has to be at Level 587. With the queens serving the way they



STEVE GRANITZ/WIREIMAGE

Yvette Nicole Brown just wrapped filming on the upcoming Disney live-action remake of "Lady and the Tramp."

serve, you can't show up and be low rent. And on my best day I'm maybe a seven, and that's with a lot of help! I was like, there is no way that I can get to Level 587.

"So this last time when I said no they were like, 'Oh girl, listen: We will have hair and makeup people that will beat you to death (the show's slang for applying a dramatic look) and we'll have wardrobe work with you!' So when I realized they could help me be what I needed to be, then I was like: Let's do it. And it was one of the best times I've had on set ever. I just loved seeing the creation. It's literally so freaking artistic. I'm more like the cheerleader judge and the affirmation judge."

Brown is a seasoned TV veteran but when asked to share a worst moment in her career, it was her very first TV role that came to mind.

### My worst moment ...

"Here's the story. When I first started out in my career, I was mostly doing commercials. I had never done a TV show but in my naivete I thought I was ready for

everything. I remember saying out loud in my little apartment: I don't know why I haven't done a drama yet! I could do a drama! Just ego and pride and foolishness. I was maybe 28 or 29 at the time. This was in 2002. I had just started acting.

"And within three weeks — because God is funny — I got a call to audition for this show called 'For the People.' It was a new show on Lifetime starring Lea Thompson. And role was small, because all my roles were small then. It was the role of a server. I was supposed to come and put some coffee in front of Lea Thompson. So I went and auditioned and got the role, yay.

"So I get on set, and I think my line was: 'Double-mocha latte for one.' Something like that. So I thought this would be easy breezy.

"Except my part of the scene was in the middle of a long tracking shot. I mean, the tracking shot might as well have started in Bangladesh, that's how far away they were doing things

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JONATHAN WENK/FOCUS FEATURES

Armie Hammer and Felicity Jones star in "On the Basis of Sex."

'ON THE BASIS OF SEX' ★★★ 1/2

# Ruth Bader Ginsburg biopic a riveting tribute

By KATIE WALSH  
 Tribune News Service

2018 just may prove to be the height of RBG mania. The tiny and tenacious 85-year-old Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a bright spot and one last symbol of decency in a political landscape fraught with crime, corruption and collusion. And people have found solace in her image. This year brought us both the documentary "RBG" and the biopic "On The Basis of Sex," directed by Mimi Leder, which chronicles Ginsburg's rising career as a young lawyer in the '70s. While there are none of RBG's signature dissent collars here, it features her ever-present passion to change a world that's determined not to let her.

Written by Ginsburg's nephew Daniel Stiepleman, "On the Basis of Sex" is an intimate

portrait of the marriage between Ginsburg and her husband, Martin, and the role their family dynamic played in pursuit of her career. Felicity Jones plays the diminutive, brilliant Brooklynite Ruth, while Armie Hammer takes on the role of loving husband Marty.

It's refreshing to see a biopic where the wife is the main agent of toil, change and struggle, where the husband is supportive, loving, confident — and cooks dinner too. It's reflective of the Ginsburgs' real-life egalitarian marriage, almost never seen in Hollywood films. But the role is so much more than just the typical gender-swapped "spouse on phone" roles most often seen, and Hammer is a delight as the sunny Marty.

The story positions the constant gender discrimination

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## CELEBRITIES

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JOHN CARUCCI/AP

Rihanna's ninth studio album is set to drop in 2019, the singer revealed in an Instagram post.

## Rihanna confirms 2019 album release

Rihanna has confirmed speculation that she will release a new album in 2019.

"But when is the new album dropping Robyn?" an Instagram user asked on a promotional photo for a new shade of lipstick from Rihanna's Fenty beauty line. "Can we have a release date for that?"

"2019," the singer responded.

The album would mark Rihanna's first release since 2016's "ANTI," her eighth studio album. Rihanna announced this year that she was back in the studio, but little else is known about the album, including collaborations or track listings.

Her vocal producer, Kuk Harrell, teased in a live Instagram video that the upcoming album, referred to as R9, "is amazing. It's incredible."

"ANTI" was nominated for best urban contemporary album and best recording package at the 59th annual Grammy Awards, as well as receiving multiple nominations for songs on the album. The album was Rihanna's second No. 1 debut and eighth top 10 album.

The singer starred in "Ocean's 8" earlier this year, playing a hacker who works with a team of seven other women to steal jewels from the Met Gala. Rihanna was also offered the Super Bowl halftime show for the 2019 game but turned it down to support Colin Kaepernick, who has been shut out by the NFL after he took a knee to protest police brutality.

— Variety



FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY

## Trainor weds Sabara:

Meghan Trainor has wed actor Daryl Sabara, with vows exchanged at the couple's LA home. A publicist for the Grammy-winning singer on Sunday confirmed the two married Saturday. People magazine first reported the wedding. It says about 100 guests attended the private backyard ceremony. It was also Trainor's 25th birthday. The "All About That Bass" singer and the 26-year-old "Spy Kids" actor became engaged last year.

## Former 'Teen Mom' star charged:

Police in North Carolina say they're planning to charge a man formerly featured on "Teen Mom 2" for towing someone else's truck out of a parking space without permission. The truck's owner filed a complaint against David Eason, who is married to "Teen Mom 2" star Jenelle Evans. MTV fired him from the show in February for on-line comments about gay and transgender people.

## 'Flip Or Flop' star married:

"Flip or Flop" star Christina El Moussa has tied the knot, one year after finalizing her divorce from ex-husband and co-star Tarek. The HGTV personality married British TV host Ant Anstead on Saturday in a surprise ceremony at their home in California. El Moussa, 35, and the "Wheeler Dealers" host, 39, exchanged vows in their front yard after a little more than a year of dating.

**Dec. 25 birthdays:** Singer Jimmy Buffett is 72. Actress Sissy Spacek is 69. Singer Annie Lennox is 64. Singer Dido is 47. Country singer Alecia Elliott is 36.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Column responses offer inspiration

**Dear Readers:** I learn so much from readers who respond to questions they see in my column. I often run corrections and admonitions — because I believe they are helpful. I've chosen this day, however, to share some of the positive and inspiring responses I've received recently.

**Dear Amy:** I read your lovely advice to "Wayward Dad," who related his distant relationship with his son to Harry Chapin's song "Cat's in the Cradle."

I managed Harry from the mid-'70s until his untimely death on the Long Island Expressway, July 16, 1981. He was an incredible poet, songwriter and performer. He was also the most active entertainer in those days to work on humanitarian causes, especially hunger and homelessness and the basic issue of poverty.

Harry inspired my work organizing "We Are the World," Hands Across America, NetAid and parts of Live Aid. With "Cat's in the Cradle" and so many other memorable songs, He captured the lives of many Americans and others around the world. His songs are as relevant today as they were then. I especially recommend "There Only Was One Choice."

Of the many inspirational things Harry left me with, two stand out. First, he said, "When in doubt, do something!" And then there's the Chapin lyric on his tombstone:

"Oh if a man tried to take his time on earth,  
"And proved before he died,  
"What one man's life could be worth,  
"I wonder what would

happen in this world."

Those are important words for any time.

— Ken Kragen, Los Angeles

**Dear Ken:** Thank you for getting in touch to remind some of us (and educate others) about the beauty Harry Chapin gave to the world during his short life. He was a troubadour and a poet, and his work lives on in his fans and musicians.

He was also an altruist and an activist, and his legacy has inspired countless artists to find ways to benefit humankind.

**Dear Amy:** Your letter from "Wondering Senior," who was insulted by a "random act of kindness," inspired me to tell my story: Back in the day, I would load up my bike with camping gear and tour the country. It's a challenge being exposed to the weather and the unexpected.

I met so many kind people who offered to make my travels more comfortable. Today, when I come across anybody on a bike with camping gear at a restaurant, breakfast, lunch or dinner is on me. A surprise that is well-deserved.

— Biker

**Dear Biker:** Beautiful.

**Dear Amy:** Accepting a random act of kindness requires a gracious attitude. I have had some mobility challenges lately, and people sometimes offer help. It is not always needed, sometimes not wanted, but I've been training myself to accept (or refuse) offers of assistance with a smile and a sincere thanks.

It is not always easy. I am annoyingly independent, but I'm always happy that others pay attention, and I hope they can go away glad and proud, rather than rebuffed and embarrassed.

— Graced

**Dear Graced:** Accepting help — or refusing it with grace — is an act of generosity on your part.

**Dear Amy:** My father died suddenly in Canada, and I flew in to deal with everything. His car needed gas and a wash, and after visiting the mortuary, I headed to a gas station. I started to pump the gas and realized I didn't have any Canadian money. Amy, I stood there, frozen in place.

A limousine driver ahead of me approached and asked what was wrong. I burst into tears and explained. He immediately hugged me, and I cried even harder. He then went inside and paid for the gas and the car wash.

I offered him American money, but he said I had enough on my plate, and he was grateful he was able to help in some small way. To this day, I smile when I see a limousine and think of this stranger's kindness.

— Grateful

**Dear Grateful:** Wait. I've got something in my eye.

This column is published throughout Canada. Maybe that long-ago limo driver will see this story and know what his act of kindness meant to you.

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## Moment

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until they got to me. It was like: Two people walk by, a conversation happens, somebody drops a drink, somebody falls, a clown swings down the ceiling, explosions go off — I'm joking about the clown and the explosions, but it was a lot of choreography, just to make that very clear — then finally they come to me and Lea Thompson and I say my line, and then it moves on to what the scene is actually about, because it's not about me and the coffee!

"But every time the camera got to me I messed up.

"The first time, I didn't say the line right. The second time, I put the cup down on the table at the same time as I was saying the line, which messed up the sound. The third time I didn't wait for the camera to find its way to my face. And every single time, all those people had to reset for that long tracking shot because the girl with one line could not get it right!

"To Lea Thompson's credit — and I told her this last night, because she just happened to randomly come to the 'Mom' set last night — to her credit, she was lovely. She's been there and she understands. The director, on the other hand, he was about to lose it. He had so much stuff to concern himself with, the black chick with the coffee mug was not supposed to be one



MITCHELL HAASETH/NBC

The cast of "Community," from left: Ken Jeong, Danny Pudi, Gillian Jacobs, Joel McHale, Yvette Nicole Brown, Alison Brie, Donald Glover and Chevy Chase. Brown played Shirley Bennett for five seasons.

of them!

"So it probably got to take seven because of me — no one else messed up — and finally he just gave up. I didn't do it right but he just gave up and finished the scene. And I spent the next day in the fetal position on the floor of my apartment going, 'Why? Why?' Because I was so dejected.

"And when I saw the episode, the camera doesn't even find my face. It's just the bottom of my chin and my name tag. I didn't tell anyone to watch it — not even my mother — because

I knew it would be bad."

## Is seven takes a lot in TV?

"Yes! Well, it's not a lot if you're on the set of 'Community,' where seven takes was just a normal Tuesday morning.

"But on most shows, especially if it's a long tracking shot like that with a lot of moving parts, you don't ever want to have to reset it because someone with one line can't get their stuff together. Lea Thompson can be the reason. The other series regulars can be

the reason. But me being the reason? Seven times? And I'm only here for five hours to begin with? Uh-uh, unacceptable. And I knew it was unacceptable. But because I wasn't trained enough yet, I didn't know how to fix it and how to be better.

"I remember I was like, 'Oh my God, I will never work again. May the ground swallow me now. And this is probably not the time to tell Lea Thompson that I loved her in 'Back to the Future.' It was every emotion you could imagine

and I just wanted it to end. All the director needed was: Put the coffee cup down, wait for the camera to find your face and say your line. That was all I had to do, and I messed it up every single time."

## The takeaway ...

"What I know now is, you should never rush your journey. I wasn't ready. In my mind — my prideful, young, stupid mind — I was like, I can do anything! And you can do anything. But you've got to do it when the time is right. And because I

wasn't ready, I wasted those people's time and I wasted their money.

"It was a career failure — and a career failure at the beginning, which I'm grateful for, because now I am the first one on set, I always know my lines, I always hit my mark. I'm never the reason something has to be reset. Ever.

"There's line of scripture in the bible that I love: 'Despite not small beginnings! Don't hate on where you start and I know a hundred percent God sent that lesson: 'Oh, you gonna learn this today, Yvette. You're gonna learn today!' And I learned and I cried and I think I even sent an apology letter to the casting director.

"And now when I see the same thing happening to someone else, I know what they're feeling and I'll take them aside between takes and I'll grab their little hands and say: 'Listen, this is your moment. I've been there. I know you're scared and you're a little nervous, but you got this.' And as soon as they know that nobody's upset, they can relax. I want to be that anchor and that soft landing for people. Lea Thompson was such a great example of that. But you actually learn more, I've found, from people who aren't kind and patient and loving. It's the people who are horrible on set who make you go, 'Oh, no. I will never be that.'"

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## Ginsburg

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Ruth faces while a student at Harvard Law and in her job search as her primary desire for wanting to change the laws. But it's her fiery teen daughter, Jane (Caillee Spaeny), who motivates Ruth to take it on. Through her daughter's activism, she realizes the world is ready for women's rights as civil rights.

"On the Basis of Sex" is a

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**Running time:** 2:00

biopic painted in broad strokes, like a fable of sorts. The spouse is endlessly patient, the changes in heart are telegraphed obviously and the villains — a troika of cartoonishly evil white male lawyers — nearly twirl their mustaches in glee at the thought of keeping things

in "the natural order." As a character study, it's simple, clear and lacking nuance, but as a legal dissection, it's fascinating. The unique case, *Moritz v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue*, which the Ginsburgs argued together, serves as a Trojan horse in which to smuggle in a legal precedent for gender equality.

Leder directs the film confidently, swiftly and with a sense of straightforward thematic clarity.

Yet, for all its predictability as a biopic and legal

drama, it's difficult not to be rapt with attention during Ruth's dramatic oral argument before the court. The stakes are high. They need this precedent, for this case and every other case of gender discrimination she needs to knock down. "On the Basis of Sex" might be a rather broad biopic, but it beautifully argues the importance of Ginsburg's work — prior to the Supreme Court — and is a lovely tribute to the woman who would become the Notorious RBG.



JONATHAN WENK/FOCUS FEATURES

Felicity Jones portrays a young Ruth Bader Ginsburg in a scene from "On the Basis of Sex."

# WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Lori Loughlin

**"When Calls the Heart"** (7 p.m., Hallmark): A newly widowed Elizabeth (Erin Krakow) prepares for the birth of her baby as Christmas approaches in the special holiday episode "The Greatest Christmas Blessing." Meanwhile, Abigail (Lori Loughlin) coordinates the community's big annual yuletide gathering, as the locals, filled with the holiday spirit, give a warm welcome to orphans and their caregivers who have found themselves stranded.

**"Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade"** (9 a.m., ABC): Joined by co-host Jesse Palmer, actor-singer Jordan Fisher and "Modern Family" star Sarah Hyland play hosts for this long-standing Christmas morning TV tradition, bringing the color and high spirits of this celebrated Disney Parks parade to audiences around the globe. The two-hour special includes a number of musical performances, plus surprise celebrity guests and heartwarming family stories. Trevor Jackson, star of the new Freeform series "Good Trouble," also makes an appearance.

**"The Secret Life of Pets"** (12 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., FX): A domesticated Jack Russell terrier (voice of Louis C.K.) and his unruly canine pal (voice of Eric Stonestreet) cross paths with a rebellious bunny (voice of Kevin Hart) and his gang of abandoned pets in this delightful 2016 computer-animated blockbuster, which became the highest grossing original animated film not produced by either Disney or Pixar. A 2019 sequel already is set for the film, which also features the voices of Jenny Slate, Ellie Kemper, Dana Carvey, Albert Brooks and Steve Coogan.

**"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (7 p.m., NBC): Since its first airing in 1966, this adaptation of the Dr. Seuss children's book has evolved into an annual holiday viewing tradition. Legendary animator Chuck Jones directed the story about a green-skinned grouch who sets out to spoil Christmas for the citizens of Whoville. Boris Karloff provides narration, with additional voices by Thurl Ravenscroft and June Foray. "Fame" co-star Albert Hague, who died last month at age 81, was the co-composer of the theme music.

**"Love Actually"** (8 p.m., TNT): Stars, unite! The charm writer-director Richard Curtis gave "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Notting Hill" also infuses this 2003 comedy, boasting a great ensemble cast. Frequent Curtis collaborator Hugh Grant plays England's prime minister, who falls for an employee (Martine McCutcheon). Other criss-crossing subplots involve Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson, Laura Linney, Colin Firth, Keira Knightley and the hilarious Bill Nighy.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m., TBS): Conan and First Lady Michelle Obama visit U.S. troops at the Al Udeid Air Base in Doha, Qatar.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

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

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Fans did not respond well when Erinn Hayes, left, was dropped from "Kevin Can Wait."

# Cast overhaul turns out to be a death knell for 'Kevin Can Wait'

BY RICH HELDENFELS  
Tribune News Service

**Q: Can you please tell me what happened to "Kevin Can Wait"? It was so funny.**

A: The Kevin James comedy "Kevin Can Wait" was canceled after two seasons. Fans did not respond well to the cast overhaul between the first and second season, when the actress playing Kevin's on-screen wife, Erinn Hayes, was dropped from the show and her character killed off.

**Q: Donna Douglas, who played Elly May on "The Beverly Hillbillies," looked so much like Marilyn Monroe. Did she do other work besides that show?**

A: Douglas had guest roles in a couple of dozen TV shows before "Hillbillies" hit in 1962, among them a memorable episode of "The Twilight Zone." During the "Hillbillies" run, she had a substantial movie gig opposite Elvis Presley in "Frankie and Johnny." After the sitcom ended in 1971, she had a handful of parts but also spent time selling real estate, recording gospel albums and writing a book.

**Q: We watch "The**

**Five" on Fox News Channel, but what happened to Kimberly Guilfoyle? She was on every night.**

A: Guilfoyle left the network last summer. Reports at the time said she had engaged in inappropriate behavior, which her lawyer denied. According to HuffPost, she also had lobbied for Fox News chief Roger Ailes as he was being sued for sexual harassment; Ailes was ousted from the network and Guilfoyle's actions "caused a rift among women at the network." Before leaving Fox she had begun dating Donald Trump Jr., and they campaigned together before this year's midterm elections. She is also a vice chairwoman of America First Policies, a pro-Trump group.

**Q: I remember a TV movie from over 40 years ago that was a remake of "It's a Wonderful Life." It had Marlo Thomas as the main character. I thought it was very well done and looked forward to seeing it every year, but I don't think it was ever shown again. What can you tell me about it?**

A: The movie, "It Happened One Christmas," premiered in 1977 and aired a couple of times after that. It gender-flipped some of

the "Wonderful Life" story, with Thomas as a variation on James Stewart's role in the original. "It Happened" has not made it to an authorized DVD that I know of, but Amazon Prime has it streaming.

**Q: Why aren't reruns shown in order, which would make it easier to follow the story?**

A: The people buying reruns often want to have the best-loved episodes of a series in the package they buy and do not worry about chronology. In addition, cable channels such as USA Network will create themed sequences of episodes, tying together ones about a specific character or event to make them more promotable. It has long been pointed out that, in the age of serialized programs, out-of-order telecasts can be annoying, especially if you never saw shows in their original order. But commerce often beats art.

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## TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 25

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	NCIS: "Date With Destiny." ©	God Friended Me: "Error Code 1.61." ©	FBI: "Family Man." ©	News (N) ♦			
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Dr. Seuss' Grinch	How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG, '00) ♦♦ Jim Carrey. A curmudgeon hates the Christmas-loving Whos of Whoville. ©					NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	<b>ABC</b> 7	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors. From Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif. (N) (Live) ©				blackish ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	<b>WGN</b> 9	blackish ©	blackish: "Stuff." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	Chicago's Merry Own	WGN News at Ten (N) ♦
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Benson ©	Growing	Gimme	Two Dads	Dear John	227 ©	Head Class
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	Santa Who? (NR, '00) ♦♦ Leslie Nielsen. ©						Christmas Comes to Willow Creek ♦♦ ♦
	<b>PBS</b> 11	We'll Meet Again: "Korean War Brothers in Arms." (N) ©		Call the Midwife: "Holiday Special." (N) ©				Call the Midwife: "Holiday Special." © ♦
	<b>The U</b> 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Scandal ©		Christmas in Compton (PG-13, '12)	Eric Roberts.		Stone ♦	
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Lethal Weapon: "Leo Getz Justice." ©		The Gifted: "outMatched." ©		Fox 32 News (N)	Year In Review	Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Country Christmas Album	A Royal Christmas Ball (NR, '17)	Tara Reid. ©			Christmas ♦	
	<b>TeleM</b> 44	Penguins of Madagascar	Taken 2 (PG-13, '12) ♦♦ Liam Neeson. ©				Chicago (N)	
	<b>CW</b> 50	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2018 ©		Whose Line	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
<b>UniMas</b> 60	♦ (6) The Book of Life ♦♦♦	Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13, '14) ♦♦ Christian Bale. ♦						
<b>WJYS</b> 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Monument	
<b>Univ</b> 66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	The Shawshank Redemption (R, '94) ♦♦♦♦ Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. ©						Scorpion ♦
	<b>AMC</b>	♦ National Lamp. Christmas		(8:45) The Polar Express (G, '04) ♦♦♦ © ♦				
	<b>ANIM</b>	The Zoo ©	The Zoo ©		The Zoo ©			The Zoo ♦
	<b>BBCA</b>	(7:10) Doctor Who ©			(8:35) Doctor Who ©			Dr. Who ♦
	<b>BET</b>	♦ (5) Meet the Browns ♦♦		Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13, '12) ♦♦ Tyler Perry. ♦				
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	BTN Football in 60 ©	Big Ten	Big Ten Elite ©			Tiebreaker ©	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Below Deck ©				Unanchored (N) ©		Billy Mad ♦
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	<b>CNBC</b>	Shark Tank ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No ♦
	<b>CNN</b>	Finding Jesus: Faith, Fact	Finding Jesus: Faith, Fact			Finding Jesus: Faith, Fact		Jesus ♦
	<b>COM</b>	Bad Santa (R, '03) ♦♦♦ Billy Bob Thornton. ©				Jim Gaffigan: Noble Ape		Trading ♦
	<b>DISC</b>	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition ♦
	<b>DISN</b>	Coop	Coop	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Austin	Austin	Girl Meets
	<b>E!</b>	Little Fockers (PG-13, '10) ♦	Robert De Niro. ©			The Addams Family (PG-13, '91) ♦♦ ♦		
	<b>ESPN</b>	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors. (N) ©				NBA Basketball (N) ♦		
	<b>ESPN2</b>	30 for 30 ©		College Basketball (N)				SportCtr (N)
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)		Bret Baier ♦
	<b>FOOD</b>	Chopped ©		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ©		Chopped ♦
	<b>FREE</b>	♦ Santa Clause 3		(7:55) The Lion King (G, '94) ♦♦♦ © (SAP)				700 Club ♦
	<b>FX</b>	♦ The Secret Life of Pets		The Secret Life of Pets (PG, '16) ♦♦♦ ♦				Minions ♦♦♦ ♦
	<b>HALL</b>	When Calls the Heart (N) ©				Christmas at the Palace (NR, '18) Merritt Patterson.		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper ©		Fixer ♦
	<b>HIST</b>	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper: "A Legacy Revealed: Extended." (N)				Oak Island ♦		
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	♦ (5) Die Hard (R, '88) ♦♦♦	Die Hard (R, '88) ♦♦♦ Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. © ♦					
	<b>LIFE</b>	Every Day Is Christmas (NR, '18) Toni Braxton. ©		(9:03) Jingle Belle (NR, '18) © ♦				
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)			11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	The Mummy Returns (PG-13, '01) ♦♦	Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. ©					XXX ♦♦ ♦
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	Hawk	Sammy	Beer Money	Beer Money	Beer Money		Beer Money
	<b>NICK</b>	♦ Santa	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
<b>OVATION</b>	♦ (6) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13, '06) ♦♦	Tom Hanks. ©					Angels & Demons ♦♦ ♦	
<b>OWN</b>	Michelle Obama	Becoming M. Obama			Oprah at Home w/G. Un		All Star Flip	
<b>OXF</b>	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered ♦			
<b>PARMT</b>	The Goonies (PG, '85) ♦♦♦	Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. ©					Dirty Dancing ('87) ♦♦♦ ♦	
<b>SYFY</b>	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan © ♦	
<b>TCM</b>	Some Like It Hot (NR, '59) ♦♦♦♦	Tony Curtis. ©			(9:15) Monkey Business ('52) ♦♦♦ ♦			
<b>TLC</b>	Stories: Worst Day Ever	Un- Party Fails			Untold Stories of the E.R.		Celebrati. ♦	
<b>TLN</b>	Let Think	Wealth	Northern Lights		Life Today	Christmas	Christmas ♦	
<b>TNT</b>	♦ (6) A Christmas Story		Love Actually (R, '03) ♦♦♦	Hugh Grant, Laura Linney. © ♦				
<b>TOON</b>	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Mysteries at the Castle		Mysteries at the Castle		Mysteries at the Castle		Monster (N)	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Harry Potter & Sorcerer's Stone ♦			
<b>VH1</b>	♦ (6) The Wood (R, '99) ♦♦		CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story ©					
<b>WE</b>	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Bad Santa (R, '03) ♦♦♦	Billy Bob Thornton. ©			Married	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Four Christmases (PG-13, '08) ♦♦		Love, Simon (PG-13, '18) ♦♦♦	Nick Robinson.			
	<b>HBO2</b>	American Made (R, '17) ♦♦♦	Tom Cruise. ©		The Mummy (PG-13, '17) ♦♦ ♦ ♦			
	<b>MAX</b>	K-9 (PG-13, '89) ♦♦	James Belushi.	(8:45) K-911 (PG-13, '99) ♦♦	James Belushi. ©			
	<b>SHO</b>	♦ Office Christmas Party ♦♦	Inside the NFL (N) ©		A Bad Moms Christmas (R, '17) ♦♦ ♦			
	<b>STARZ</b>	♦ (6:38) The Other Guys ('10) ♦♦♦		(8:28) Outlander ©		(9:25) Joe Dirt ('01) ♦♦		
<b>STZNC</b>	♦ (6:59) Big Hero 6 (PG, '14) ♦♦♦		(8:43) Bedtime Stories (PG, '08) ♦♦	Adam Sandler.				

## iMagician

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Allan's show is something of a strange beast in that he doesn't have the budget or the props or the personality for something like "The Illusionists," the Broadway-style showcase of hip, sexy magicians. Allan strives for something much more personal.

I liked most of his numbers, performed with just two busy assistants (he said from the stage on Sunday that one member of his cast was out sick and so every-one was doubling up). Allan is deft and highly competent with a deck of cards, has designed most of his own props, allowing for classic illusions with new techno-twists.

I was expecting more stuff with phones and tablets, although Allan has some clever Siri numbers up his sleeve. And one trick that he said was new, involving coin magic with a



BIC PHOTO

Jamie Allan performs his magic show "iMagician."

digital gauze didn't work well for me because the dressing obscured the entree, so to speak. Allan is clearly aware of the danger of digitizing any trick, but also the advantages. It's a fine line.

But he mostly stays on the tightrope — his charm is his balance — delivering one of those shows that people crave at the holidays, something that pulls

you away from the stresses of life and that everyone in a multi-generational group can enjoy. A tip: Don't blow your holiday budget on the overpriced best seats; you'll enjoy the show from anywhere in the house.

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**Horoscopes**



**Today's birthday** (Dec. 25): Together, your team is unbeatable this year. Energize shared efforts. Discover unexpected bliss. Winter limelight illuminates a personal project before a turning point with shared assets. A collaboration sparks next summer, before you discover a new personal view or look.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. It's all about love, family and fun. Messes get made and cleaned up. It's not always pretty. Harmony may require effort.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Home centers you. Focus on family and the pursuit of domestic bliss. Communication clears up misunderstandings and messes. Listen and provide loving support.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Connect, network and communicate. Write your story. Share your views, and listen to another perspective. Don't gamble or provoke. Enjoy creative arts and puzzles.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Cash flows both in and out. Don't stir up jealousies. Costs may be higher than anticipated. Potential profits could tempt. Monitor to keep things positive.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You're gaining both strength and options. Share your views, passions and support. Stick to practical options. Take charge and put on a great show.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Lay low and take it easy. Savor peace and tranquility. Don't get stuck on unrealistic expectations. Allow extra time in the schedule.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Celebrate with your team. You can always include another into your circle of friends and family. Enjoy gatherings and parties. Connect, and share your heart.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Polish your portfolio, and practice your arts. Your performance gets attention from someone respected. Professional opportunities can arise when least expected. Dress for success.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Travel, or plan your next trip. Sketch out an agenda with dates and destinations. Guard against overspending, overindulging or overeating.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Talk with family or partners about shared finances. Inspire others to succeed. Get expert support if needed. Keep things simple, and collaborate to grow savings.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Pay extra attention to your partner. A temporary clash between love and money could arise. Let the small stuff go. Support each other.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Keep practicing to build strength and grow your heart stronger. Physical routines soothe your spirit. Get out and walk. Inspire others to come along.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn



**Bliss** By Harry Bliss



**Bridge**

Both vulnerable, East deals

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

Modern American bidding is dramatically different from the bidding proposed by Charles Goren many years ago. The roots are the same, however, and Goren players can at least recognize what modern players are doing. That's not necessarily so in the rest of the world, where some radically different ideas have developed. Many modern American players, with low standards, would open the East hand in today's deal. However, it would not show 8-11 points as it did in a team tournament in Turkey earlier this year.

**The bidding:**

<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>
INT*	DbI	2♣	Pass
Pass	3NT	All pass	

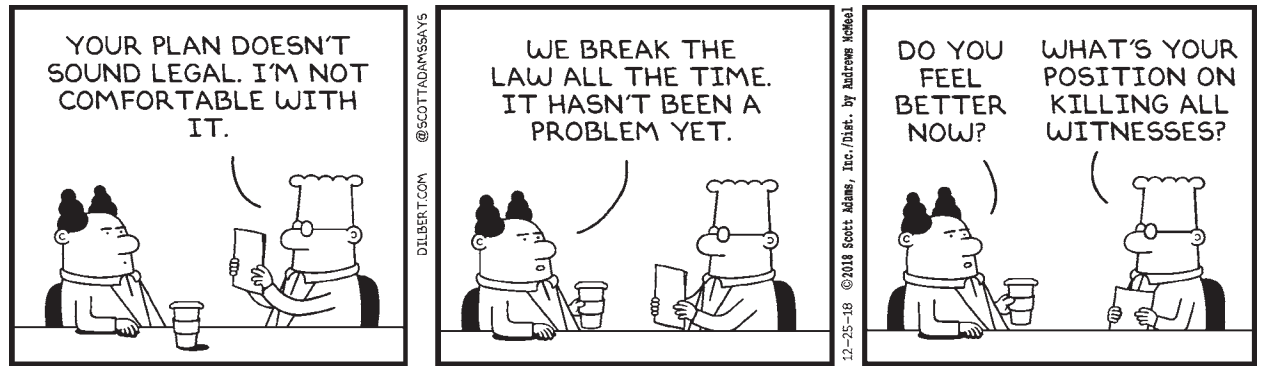
\*8-11 points  
Opening lead: Jack of ♣

his nine of clubs, and then find a way to keep East off lead until he had nine tricks. At trick two, South led the jack of diamonds to dummy's ace and led a low spade to his jack. He knew from the auction that West held five spades, so assuming West hadn't ducked, the king had to be doubleton. Declarer cashed the ace of spades, felling the king, followed by the ace and king of hearts.

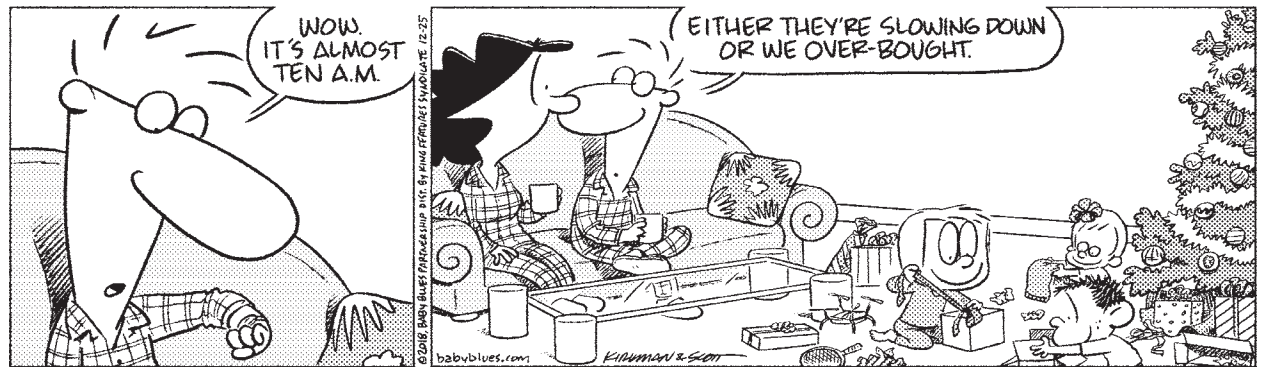
South had to find the queen of diamonds, so he crossed to dummy with the queen of spades and led a low diamond to his nine. Success! The king of diamonds gave him his ninth trick, for a small loss on the deal. North-South at the other table had played in four hearts, taking 11 tricks despite the bad trump break. The spades were just as friendly, and declarer also guessed the queen of diamonds, so the unusual opening bid scored a small victory.

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**Dilbert** By Scott Adams



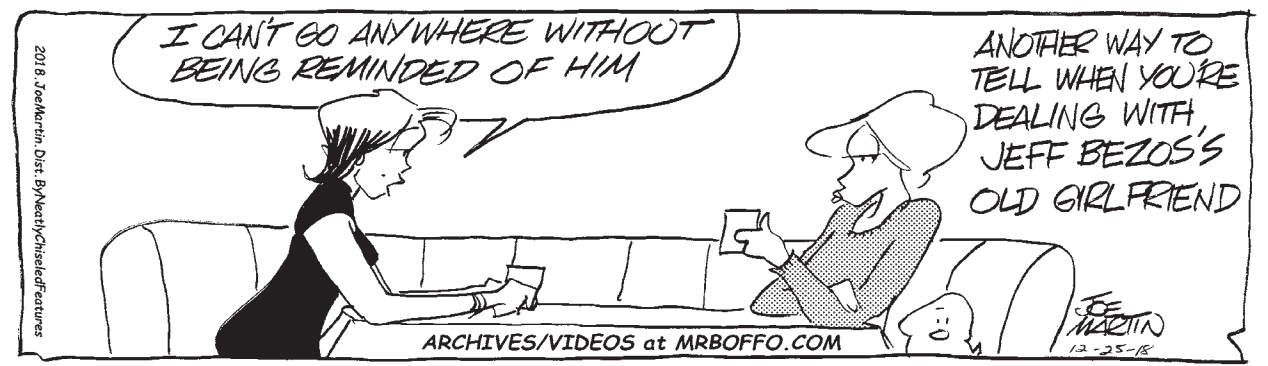
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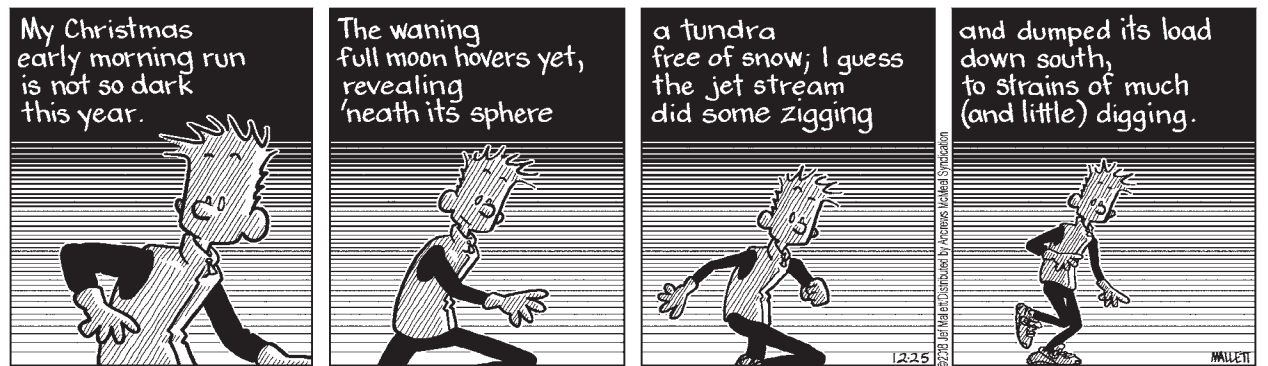
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**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin



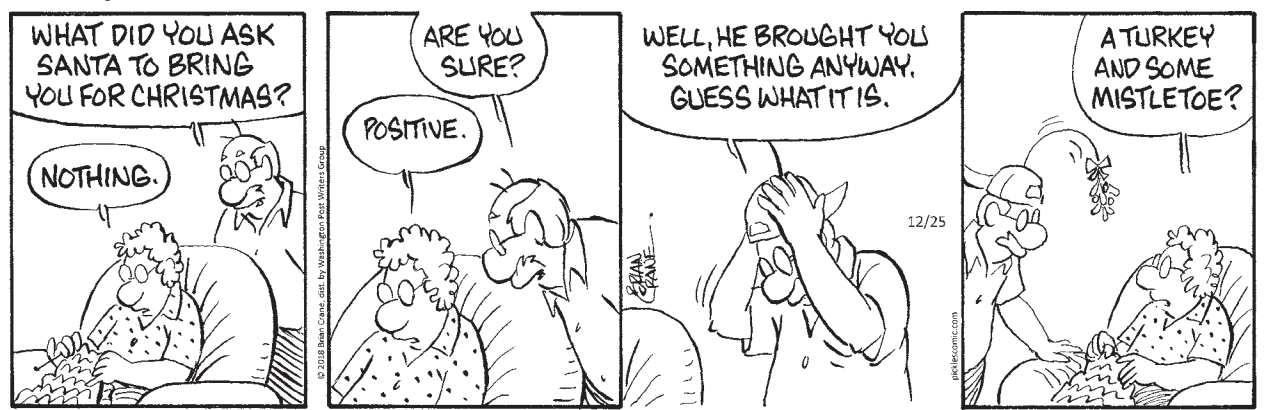
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**Classic Peanuts** By Charles Schulz



**Pickles** By Brian Crane



**Dick Tracy** By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



**Animal Crackers** By Mike Osburn



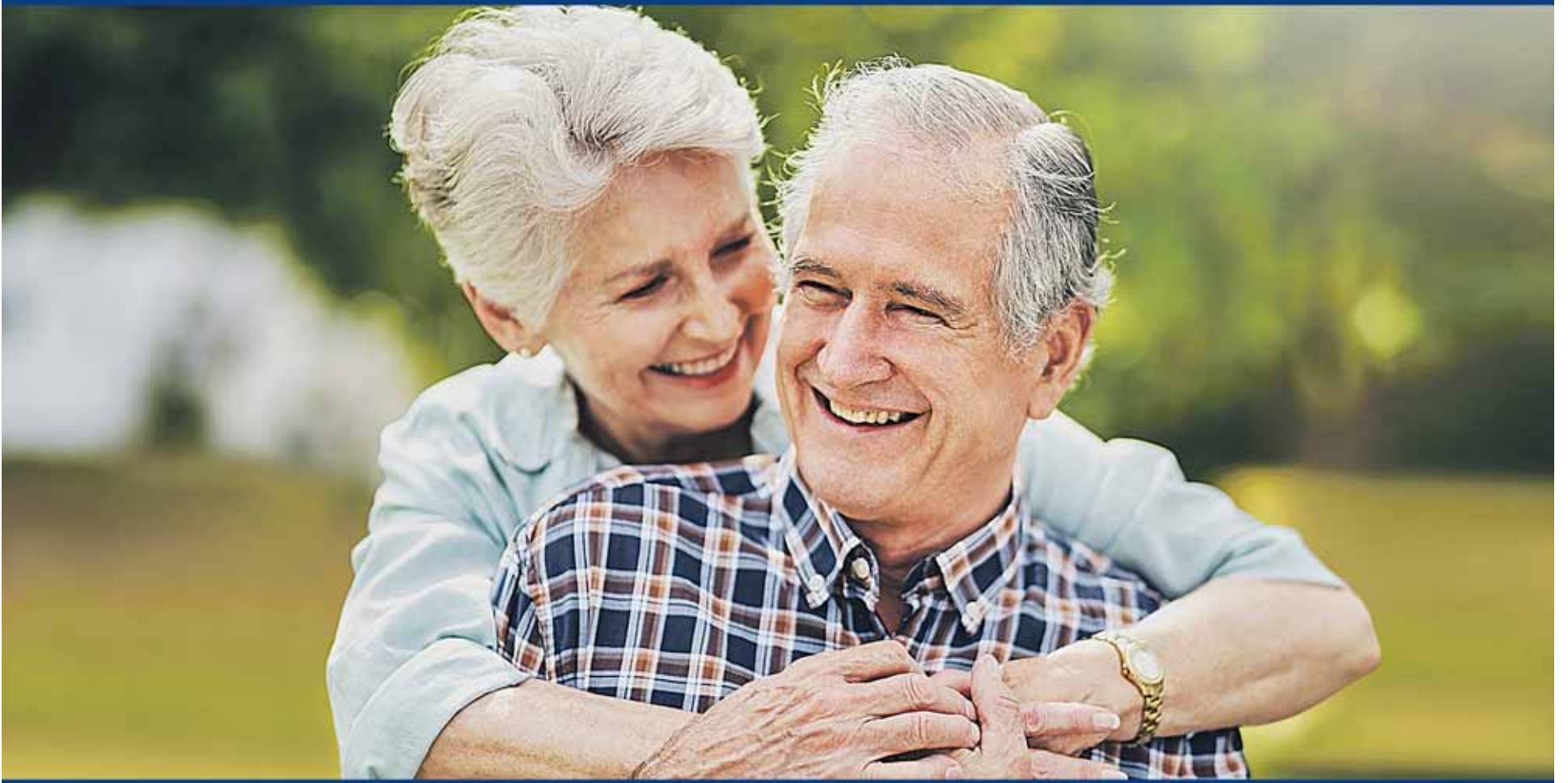
**Prickly City** By Scott Stantis





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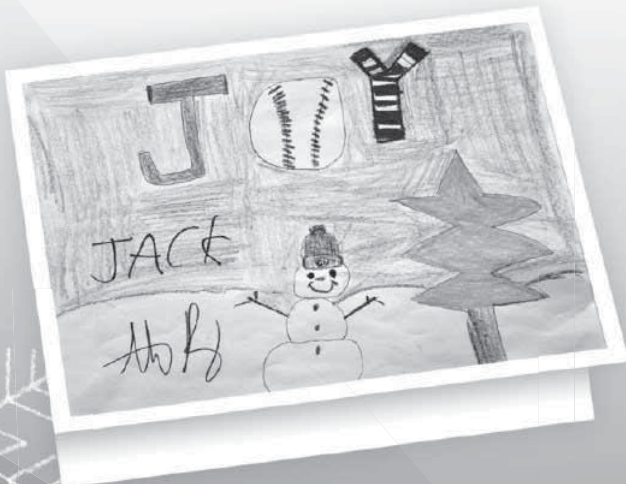


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**BLACKHAWKS**

# This Christmas, family is best gift

Parents', siblings' visit makes holiday special for **Connor Murphy**

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**  
Chicago Tribune

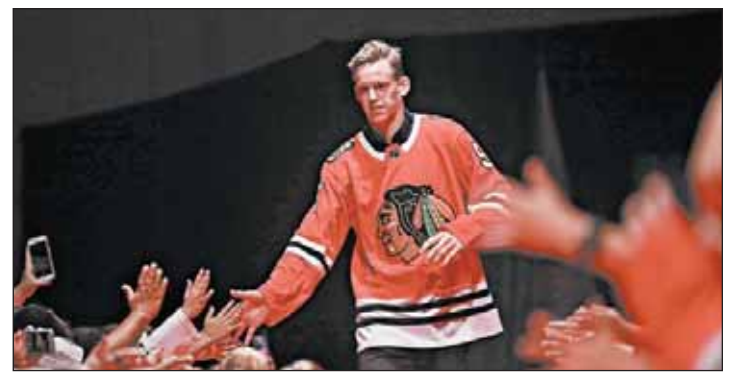
Connor Murphy would do anything for his family. Well, almost anything.

He draws the line at wearing rental skates.

When the Blackhawks defenseman's parents, brother and sister are in Chicago this week for the holidays, the plan is to spend a lot of time laughing, eating, opening presents and — at the request of his mom, Nicole, and sister, Lexi — venturing downtown to go skating at Millennium Park.

"My sister and mom want to go ice skating, but there's no way I'm putting rental skates on," Connor Murphy said with a big laugh. "I would just like to videotape them because I know it would be a disaster. There's no way I can be seen in public (in rental) skates."

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Christmas is special for Connor Murphy with his family in town.

Chicago Tribune

# CHICAGO SPORTS

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**BEARS AT VIKINGS**

3:25 P.M. SUNDAY, FOX-32



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# All he wanted

## Nagy's conflicting agenda items: Staying healthy, ousting Vikings



**DAVID HAUGH**  
*In the Wake of the News*

Winning 11 games guarantees the Bears a Merry Christmas this year even if they are unlikely to get everything on their list, namely a first-round bye in the NFC playoffs.

You can't blame the Bears for getting greedy and wanting the first postseason weekend off. A bye serves the same purpose as a playoff victory, bringing teams

one game closer to the Super Bowl. But, realistically, this is a good time for the annual reminder that not everybody gets what they want during the holidays.

The Bears need the Rams to lose to the 4-11 49ers in Los Angeles to jump ahead of them for the No. 2 seed in the NFC — the same 49ers team the Bears just held without a touchdown at Levi's Stadium. If 49ers quarterback Nick Mullens helps deliver that gift to the Bears, he will be forever known around Chicago as Saint Nick Mullens. Not that Mullens can do much about stopping the Rams. Off that Mullens can do much about stopping the Rams, with or without clicking against the Cardinals.

The reasonable expectation of the Rams romping puts the Bears in contingency planning mode for their regular-season finale against the Vikings.

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### NFC PLAYOFF PICTURE

- 1 | Saints (13-2)**  
Sunday's finale: Noon vs. Panthers  
■ NFC playoffs go through the Superdome.
- 2 | Rams (12-3)**  
Sunday's finale: 3:25 p.m. vs. 49ers  
■ Need a win or a Bears loss to lock up No. 2.
- 3 | Bears (11-4)**  
Sunday's finale: 3:25 p.m. at Vikings  
■ If Rams stumble, Bears can move up.
- 4 | Cowboys (9-6)**  
Sunday's finale: Noon at Giants  
■ Locked in at No. 4, will face the fifth seed.
- 5 | Seahawks (9-6)**  
Sunday's finale: 3:25 p.m. vs. Cardinals  
■ Clinched a spot, but seed still up in the air.
- 6 | Vikings (8-6-1)**  
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■ Need a win or an Eagles loss to get in.
- 7 | Eagles (8-7)**  
Sunday's finale: 3:25 p.m. at Redskins  
■ Need a win and a Vikings loss to get in.

**INSIDE** | Brad Biggs on the Bears' stingy red-zone 'D,' plus Kyle Long's shot at returning Sunday. **Page 5**

## Bears general manager **Ryan Pace** got a lump of goals last year, but his wishes came true in 2018



**DAN WIEDERER**  
*On the Bears*

As the sun rose on Christmas 2017, Ryan Pace had plenty to think about. The previous afternoon, he had driven out of Soldier Field with his satisfaction appropriately tempered. Yes, Pace's team had won that afternoon, rolling to a 20-3 victory in the snow. But that was only the Bears' 14th

win in 47 tries since Pace had become their general manager. And it came against the lowly Browns, a team that had only won four times in that same span and not at all that entire season.

If ever an NFL win needed to be framed with the proper perspective, it was then. The Bears were stuck in last place. Again. For the fourth consecutive season. The Mike Glennon experiment had been a disaster. The receiving corps was a mess. The roster had more holes than Augusta National. Pace still believed very strongly in his championship-building approach. And, to his benefit, his bosses did too. But it was easy to picture the 40-year-old GM sitting near his fireplace on Christmas morning with a cup of coffee, exchanging gifts with his wife and daughter and wondering just how greedy he could get with his wishes for the year ahead.

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## One Hail Mullens for Bears

Club Dub nearly became Club Flub on Sunday.

Good thing the Bears — NFC North champs, now 11-4 and headed into their final regular-season game still contending for a first-round playoff bye — already secured their playoff berth and don't have to impress some committee.

The big thing to celebrate after their 14-9 victory over the 49ers is that the Bears survived the sort of self-inflicted wounds that, earlier this season, cost them games they should have won.

The difference between postgame dance music and a dirge for the Bears was third-string — but able-bodied — 49ers quarterback Nick Mullens' failure to notice all the running room he was gifted on fourth-and-4 at the Bears 45 with 1:14 to play.

Rather than jog ahead toward the sideline, Mullens heaved a Hail Mary toward Marquise Goodwin. That Mullens threw the ball out of bounds rather than in compounded the error.

Mullens effectively took Bears receiver Allen Robinson off the hook for fumbling at the San Francisco 22 on what should have been a reception for a first-down with 1:52 remaining that could have iced the finish.

Robinson's gaffe was the second Bears turnover surrendered to a team that hadn't managed to snag even one since the first week in October and remains on track for a historically-low season takeaway mark.

It left one wondering at least momentarily why the Bears were throwing the ball.

That's the sort of play call referred to as "gutsy" by some and "dubious" by others, but it doesn't much matter. There's little difference between dancing and dodging bullets so long as the music's still playing.

**Error time:** It's easy enough for an announcer on a live telecast to make a mistake. A network crew for support, however, means most errors get corrected in the next breath.

Fox play-by-play man Thom Brennaman may have set some kind of record when the 49ers' Dante Pettis lost the ball as he was tackled by Leonard Floyd and Prince Amukamara. Pettis was injured on the play.

**Referee Alex Kemp:** "The ball carrier was ruled down. There is no fumble."

**Brennaman:** "The ruling on the field is fumble."

After discussion about Pettis' injury, speculation concerning a video challenge and umpteen replays, a light bulb apparently switched on.

"The ruling on the field is actually not a fumble, so it is (Bears coach Matt) Nagy that is throwing the challenge flag," Brennaman said approximately 2 minutes and 15 seconds after he misspoke.



Receiver Allen Robinson just had to give himself up and the Bears would have been in victory formation, but Tarvarius Moore forced a fumble and gave the 49ers life.  
**JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

**Stood up:** Fox sideline reporter Shannon Spake told what she learned in halftime interviews with 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan and Nagy as play resumed in the third quarter.

Halftime interviews with coaches are customary on network telecasts, as are meetings between coaches and announcers the day before a game.

But apparently there was a snag for Brennaman and analyst Chris Spielman.

"I'm glad you had a chance to catch up with Coach Nagy," Brennaman said pointedly. "We were unable to do that this week."

**A kick goodbye:** Cody Parkey's latest missed field-goal attempt, coupled with former Bears kicker Robbie Gould playing for the 49ers, inspired Brennaman.

"I can promise you, back in Chicago, every Bears fan is wondering, 'How in the world did we ever let Robbie Gould walk out the door?'" Brennaman said.

Back in Chicago, meanwhile, every Bears fan was wondering: "What walk? Management shoved him out the door."

**Top shelf:** For Bears fans who were annoyed by Brennaman on Sunday and have had enough of Chris Myers, this should be good news: Fox's No. 1 crew of Joe Buck, Troy Aikman and Erin Andrews will be on the call of the Bears-Vikings regular-season finale in Minneapolis.

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### CUBS

## Schwarber connects on wedding proposal

Kyle Schwarber has carried the nickname "Schwarbabe" because of his resemblance to Babe Ruth, but now he might have to hand it over to his lovely intended.

The Cubs slugger proposed to high school sweetheart Paige Hartman on Sunday, and each announced the engagement on social media on Christmas Eve.

"Merry Christmas y'all! I got a early gift!" Schwarber tweeted on Monday.

Hartman added on Instagram: "Christmas came early last night! Such a perfect night! I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with my best friend!!"

Hartman, who attended Middletown (Ohio) High School with Schwarber, has been a fixture in the tight-knit group of Cubs wives and girlfriends, playing in a charity softball game with them, going to the annual Brick and Ivy Ball and flying back from Cleveland together, along with players, after the Cubs won the 2016 World Series.

The couple didn't announce a wedding date, but they have an early start on their home life, co-owning a Dalmatian named Blue.

In a 2017 Chicago magazine interview, Schwarber recalled how Hartman helped him physically and emotionally after he tore two knee ligaments and sprained his ankle.

"He didn't even want to bring sunlight in," Hartman said.

Schwarber is just one of several young Cubs who have popped the question in recent years, including Kris Bryant, who is now married to Jessica Bryant; Anthony Rizzo, who announced his engagement to Emily Vakos in June 2017; and Javier Baez, who got engaged to Irmario Marquez in April.

— Phil Thompson

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## NBA

## BULLS

# Backcourt mates go from rivals to respect

Dunn lauds Arcidiacono: 'He plays hard. He plays fierce. He's a real leader'

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Until Zach LaVine returns from injury, Ryan Arcidiacono remains a starter in the Bulls backcourt alongside Kris Dunn.

"I hate that kid," Dunn said. "Come again?" "I hate that kid," Dunn repeated. Then you realize Dunn is smiling. And you realize Dunn is talking about Arcidiacono the former Villanova star, the one who eliminated Dunn's Providence team from the Big East tournament in both their junior and senior seasons.

"He took a lot of wins away from me," Dunn said. "They had a good team. He was their leader. That's why I hate him."

At one point in the senior-year matchup, Arcidiacono drew gasps from the Madison Square Garden crowd for diving three rows deep in vain pursuit of a loose ball. Arcidiacono popped up, yelled "let's go" to his teammates and Villanova ended up winning the NCAA championship as the scrappy guard earned Most Outstanding Player honors.

Such hustle plays also have defined his Bulls play. "He's the definition of real cojones," Dunn said. "He's not scared of anything. He plays hard. He plays fierce. He's a real leader. I'm glad he's on my team now."

So is Jim Boylen, who may lead the league in postgame gushing when it comes to Arcidiacono.

There's reason for this: Arcidiacono ranks third in the NBA in assists-to-turnover ratio and makes those aforementioned hustle plays that can energize a team.

"Archie understands what I want. He's tough, which I love," Boylen said. "He plays with pride and effort. He gives you everything he has. He's a winning player. I think that's the greatest compliment I can give him. He's just a winning player."

It almost seems like ancient history now, particularly given Arcidiacono's prominent role. But Arcidiacono arrived at training camp without even a guarantee that he'd make the roster.

Beyond his non-guaranteed deal, Arcidiacono sat behind Cameron Payne on the depth chart. And the Bulls brought in Antonius Cleveland, Derrick Walton Jr., Kaiser Gates and JaKarr Sampson to compete for the final roster spot.

Arcidiacono, who shuttled between the G League and the Bulls last season on a two-way contract, outplayed them all. His contract becoming fully guaranteed in January is a mere formality at this point.

"I don't even know what the date is," Arcidiacono said of the Jan. 10 guaranteed date. "I'm just here playing. Until they tell me to leave and get out of town, I'll stay here."

"But I try to step back and think about how I had no idea I was even going to make the team this season, let alone play a little bit. It's become the norm to be a contributor. But if you would've told me this two months ago, I would've been like, 'I don't believe you at all and sign me up if it's available as an offer.' It's still kind of surreal. Hopefully it stays the norm."

It will be, even when LaVine returns. Boylen has talked about Arcidiacono's interchangeability at the backcourt positions, which means Arcidiacono will be in the reserve rotation behind Dunn and LaVine.

Arcidiacono has 18 assists and no turnovers in his last three games. Overall, he's averaging 7.1 points, 3.9 assists and shooting 40 percent from 3-point range.

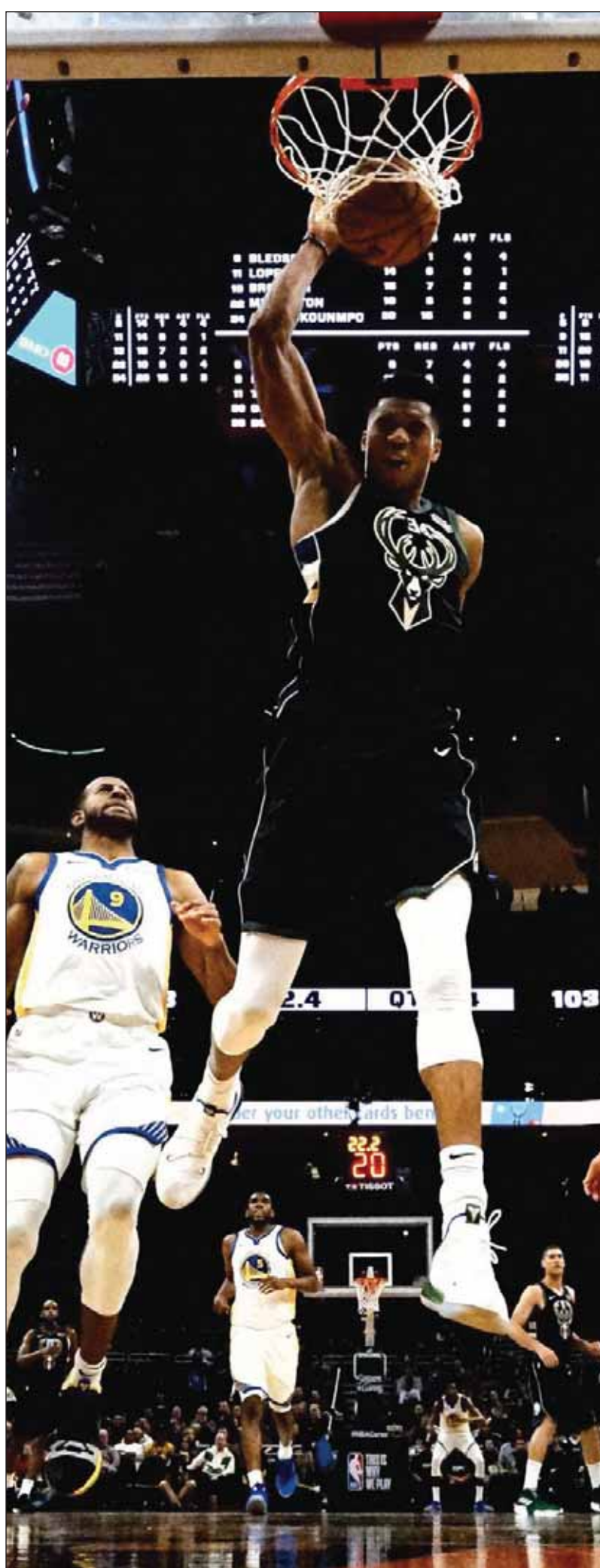
"I want to prove I can play and stay in this league," Arcidiacono said. "I think I've been playing solid. I just have to continue to shoot the ball with confidence. I just try to keep my head down and have the same routine every day and do the little things to help our team win any way I can."

Arcidiacono shared Big East Player of the Year honors with Dunn after their junior seasons. So it's not all scrappiness. There's skill there too.

"I never really thought I'd be playing alongside a dude who we were complete rivals through college and had so many battles together," Arcidiacono said of Dunn. "It's been a lot of fun. He's a big-time competitor. I think we complement each other well."

And in the case of Dunn, he compliments Arcidiacono too — after getting past a past forged on competition.

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Giannis Antetokounmpo, dunking this month against the Warriors, will lead the Bucks into Madison Square Garden for a Christmas Day game.

# No miracle: Giannis real

Bucks MVP candidate will take national stage to kick off Christmas Day

By TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

In 1977, Atari's original video game console was the hot toy. Leisure suits were cool. Elvis Presley unexpectedly died. The first "Star Wars" movie was released. That was also the last time the Milwaukee Bucks played on Christmas Day. Their wait is over. On Tuesday, Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Bucks visit the New York Knicks as one of five games on the NBA's holiday schedule.

"It's been a while," Antetokounmpo said, knowing it was an understatement.

Their wait is over. On Tuesday, at 11 a.m. in Milwaukee, noon in New York and 7 p.m. in Greece — one of the 215 countries that will be seeing the NBA's Christmas games, and a basketball-crazed nation where fans will watch in droves to see their brightest star — that will all change, when Antetokounmpo and the Bucks visit the Knicks.

He knows the world will be watching.

"I always wanted to play in a Christmas game," said Antetokounmpo, the 24-year-old MVP candidate who is averaging 26.2 points per game this season. "When I came to the league I started watching it, and I wished and hoped that one day we can be there as a team to play a game — and the day has come."

No team has been waiting longer for an invite to the NBA's on-court holiday party than the Bucks, who haven't appeared in any of the last 120 games played on Dec. 25. There's no shortage of factors for that — the league picks teams that drive ratings, teams that have superstars, teams that are coming off really good

## NBA CHRISTMAS DAY LINEUP

- Bucks at Knicks, 11 a.m., ESPN
- Thunder at Rockets, 2 p.m., ABC-7
- 76ers at Celtics, 4:30 p.m., ABC-7
- Lakers at Warriors, 7 p.m., ABC-7
- Blazers at Jazz, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

seasons. Milwaukee has won two playoff series in the last three decades, and both of those were in 2001.

But with Antetokounmpo as a full-fledged star and one of the NBA's best records at 22-10, the Bucks and their best player are ready for their close-up.

"When you're a kid, you love the game of basketball, you love opening your presents, but you can't wait for these games to come on," said the Heat's Dwyane Wade, who has been part of 10 wins on Christmas Day — more than any other player. "Basketball on Christmas is like football on Thanksgiving. The whole world watches these games. The whole world is going to watch Giannis. When they put you on Christmas, you're marquee. You're a marquee name in the league."

There will be plenty of marquee names, including many members in the club of stars so bright that need only one name: LeBron, Steph, KD, Russ, Kyrie, Dame and now, Giannis.

"Christmas games always stand out," said LeBron James, who'll be wearing a Lakers uniform on the holiday for the first time. "Some more than others, but Christmas games always stand out. They're all big-time."

The Bucks aren't feeling slighted in the least to be spending the holiday on the road.

"For the league to put you on Christmas Day is something we all appreciate and it's a little bit of an honor and we're looking forward to playing in Madison Square Garden against the New York Knicks," coach Mike Budenholzer said.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Picking bowls before all the luster is gone



TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Big Ten picks

At some point the masses will get their wish. The playoff will expand — again. College football will become more like the NFL, where teams with 8-7 records remain in the playoff hunt. Or college basketball, where nonconference games are glorified exhibitions.

The people who treasure the uniqueness and urgency of college football's regular season — lose once and you could be toast — will yield to the cliched "settle it on the field" crowd. (It already is.)

At that point, the bowl games will become an even greater afterthought than some already are.

But hey, no moping! I hear this is the most wonderful time of the year, and here is my take on the Big Ten bowls. As always, picks are against the spread (taken Sunday from the VegasInsider.com consensus), and selections are in bold.

## Wednesday

### Quick Lane: Minnesota (plus 5.5) vs. Georgia Tech

The Gophers played borderline elite ball down the stretch, sandwiching a loss to Northwestern between beatdowns of Purdue (41-10) and Wisconsin (37-15). P.J. Fleck received a one-year extension, but the story here is coach Paul Johnson, who is retiring after 11 seasons at Georgia Tech. The Gophers' rushing defense was solid after coordinator Robb Smith got launched, so it should hold up against Tech's triple option. If the **Gophers** lose, I think it will be tight.

## Thursday

### Pinstripe: Wisconsin (plus 3) vs. Miami

Rematch! The Hurricanes get another shot at the Badgers, 12 months after Alex Hornibrook lit up the U at the Orange Bowl. The sad news here is that Hornibrook will miss the Yankee Stadium game because of lingering concussion symptoms. Jack Coan will play in his fifth game, surrendering his redshirt. Given plenty of prep time and Miami's erratic nature, I'm taking **UW**.

## Friday

### Music City: Purdue (plus 4) vs. Auburn

Purdue fans are even more enamored with coach Jeff Brohm after he snubbed Louisville. After Auburn lost 52-21 to Alabama, Tigers fans probably considered starting a GoFundMe for Gus Malzahn's eight-figure buyout. The underdog has won outright nine of 16 times in Nashville. Make it 10 and **Boiler** up.

## Saturday

### Peach: Florida (plus 6.5) vs. Michigan

Do the Wolverines want to be here? Sounds like they checked out after getting pummeled at the Shoe. NFL-minded studs Devin Bush, Rashan Gary and Karan Higdon are all taking a pass at trying to beat the Gators for a third time since the 2016 Citrus Bowl. **Florida** has been rejuvenated under Dan Mullen, making this an easy pick.

## Dec. 31

### Holiday: Northwestern (plus 7) vs. Utah

With the Goliaths squaring off in Pasadena, this is a David vs. David matchup. Both the Wildcats and Utah excel as underdogs, with both going 14-5-1 in their last 20 while getting points. You'd think that would lead me to the underdog Cats, but it doesn't. Can I predict a push? No? OK, I'll take the **Utes**, who are 11-1 in bowls under Kyle Whittingham.

### Redbox: Michigan State (plus 2.5) vs. Oregon

Did any team in America need a monthlong break more than Michigan State? While you were watching Michigan-Ohio State, the Spartans needed a late touchdown to beat Rutgers at home. Mark Dantonio has won five of his last six bowl games, but those teams could score more than 14 points against the Scarlet Knights. Take the **Ducks**.

## Jan. 1

### Outback: Iowa (plus 7) vs. Mississippi State

The sickos who play college fantasy football have been drooling over Bulldogs quarterback Nick Fitzgerald, who put up monster numbers in his final two games, producing eight touchdowns. **Iowa** has the defense to contain him, though, making those seven points too tempting to bypass.

### Citrus: Penn State (minus 6.5) vs. Kentucky

Penn State will say goodbye to Trace McSorley. Kentucky will bid adieu to tailback Benny Snell. And half the bettors will say adios to their money. Tough call here, but I'll go with the rugged SEC defense and those 6.5 points. **UK** it is.

### Rose: Ohio State (minus 6.5) vs. Washington

Professor Urban Meyer's team should be fired up to give their departing coach a shoulder ride off the field. And in case it wasn't already clear from the Michigan and Northwestern games, Dwayne Haskins should be the first quarterback taken in the NFL draft. Go **Bucks**.

**Last week:** 2-5. **Season:** 46-56-2.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NOTES

# Clemson star Lawrence fails drug test, might sit

Associated Press

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney says star defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence and two other players failed NCAA tests for performance enhancing drugs and might not play against No. 3 Notre Dame in the College Football Playoff semifinal game.

Swinney said Monday that the NCAA informed Clemson trace amounts of ostarine were found in samples given by Lawrence, reserve offensive tackle Zach Giella and freshman tight end Braden Galloway. Ostarine, also known as enobosarm, is used to treat osteoporosis, but can also act like an anabolic steroid.

Swinney said the players told him they had not intentionally taken the substance. Clemson is awaiting results of a second sample from each player. The NCAA ban for failing a PED test is one calendar year.

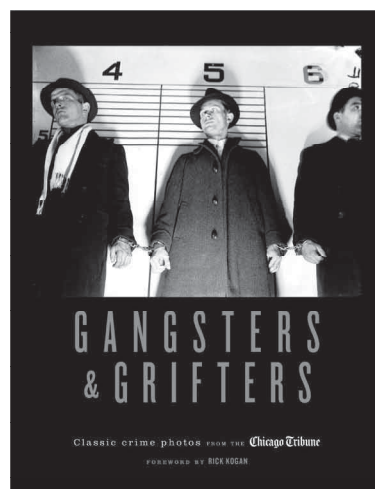
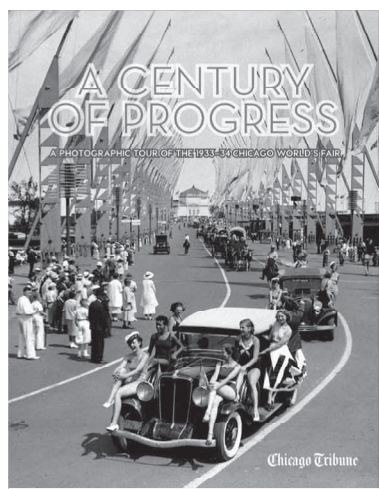
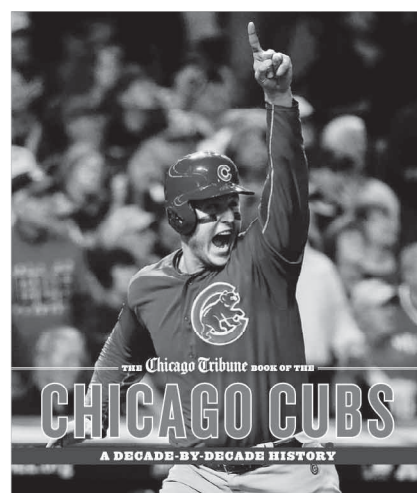
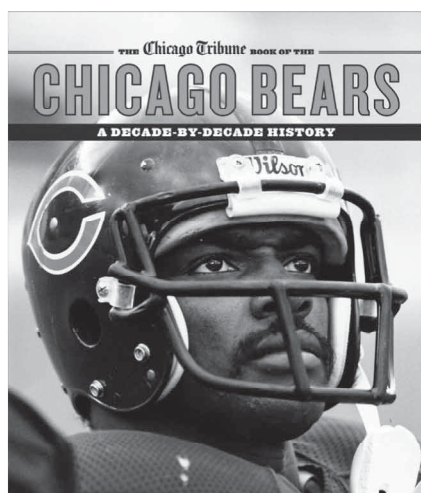
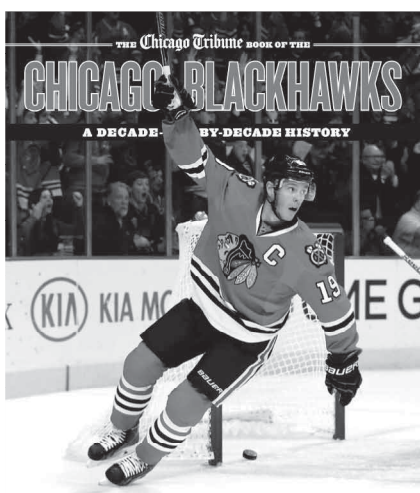
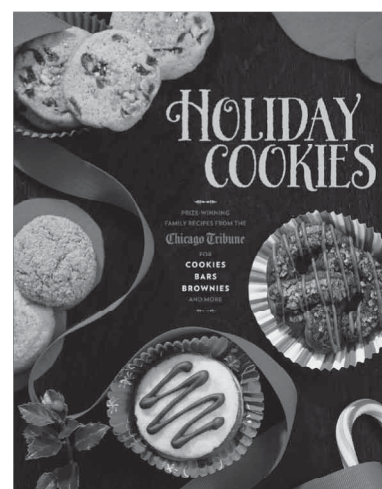
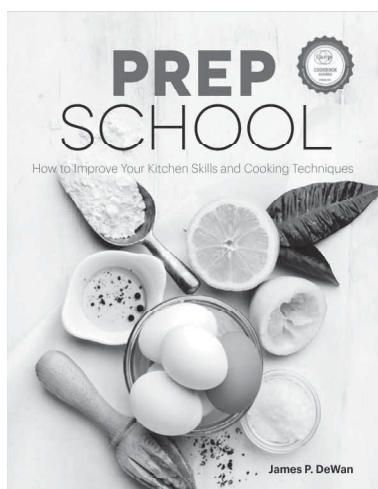
**Alabama squeaks 3:** Alabama has suspended starting left guard Deonte Brown and two other players from the Orange Bowl for violating unspecified team rules.

Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban said in a statement that Brown, tight end Kendrick James and offensive lineman Elliot Baker didn't make the trip to Miami on Monday.

Saban didn't indicate the duration of the suspensions or whether they might extend to the national championship game if Alabama wins.

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## BEARS

# Elite Bears defense hell-bent on not breaking in red zone



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

Eleven snaps in the red zone. All in the second quarter. That's where the Bears stood tall and turned away the 49ers on Sunday afternoon, proving that the defense can maintain an elite level without Pro Bowl free safety Eddie Jackson, who stayed home rehabilitating from a right ankle injury.

Former Bears kicker Robbie Gould booted three field goals to stake the Niners to a 9-7 halftime lead, and keeping the 49ers out of the end zone proved to be the difference in the game.

It's nothing new. Opponents have had 11 red-zone possessions in the last four games and scored just two touchdowns.

The Bears turned the 49ers back one more time in the fourth quarter when inside linebacker Danny Trevathan intercepted quarterback Nick Mullens on a ball thrown just to the outer reach of wide receiver Marquise Goodwin, who was jammed coming off the line of scrimmage by outside linebacker Khalil Mack. The Bears led 14-9 at the time and the play was snapped at the Bears 20-yard line with 7:43 remaining.

It's not considered a red-zone stop because only plays from the 19-yard line and closer are included. But it was that close to being another red-zone stand and evidence of just how opportunistic the Bears are as Trevathan was sizing up Goodwin for a highlight-reel hit before the ball was deflected right to him for the defense's 27th interception of the season, the most for the team since getting 31 in 1990.

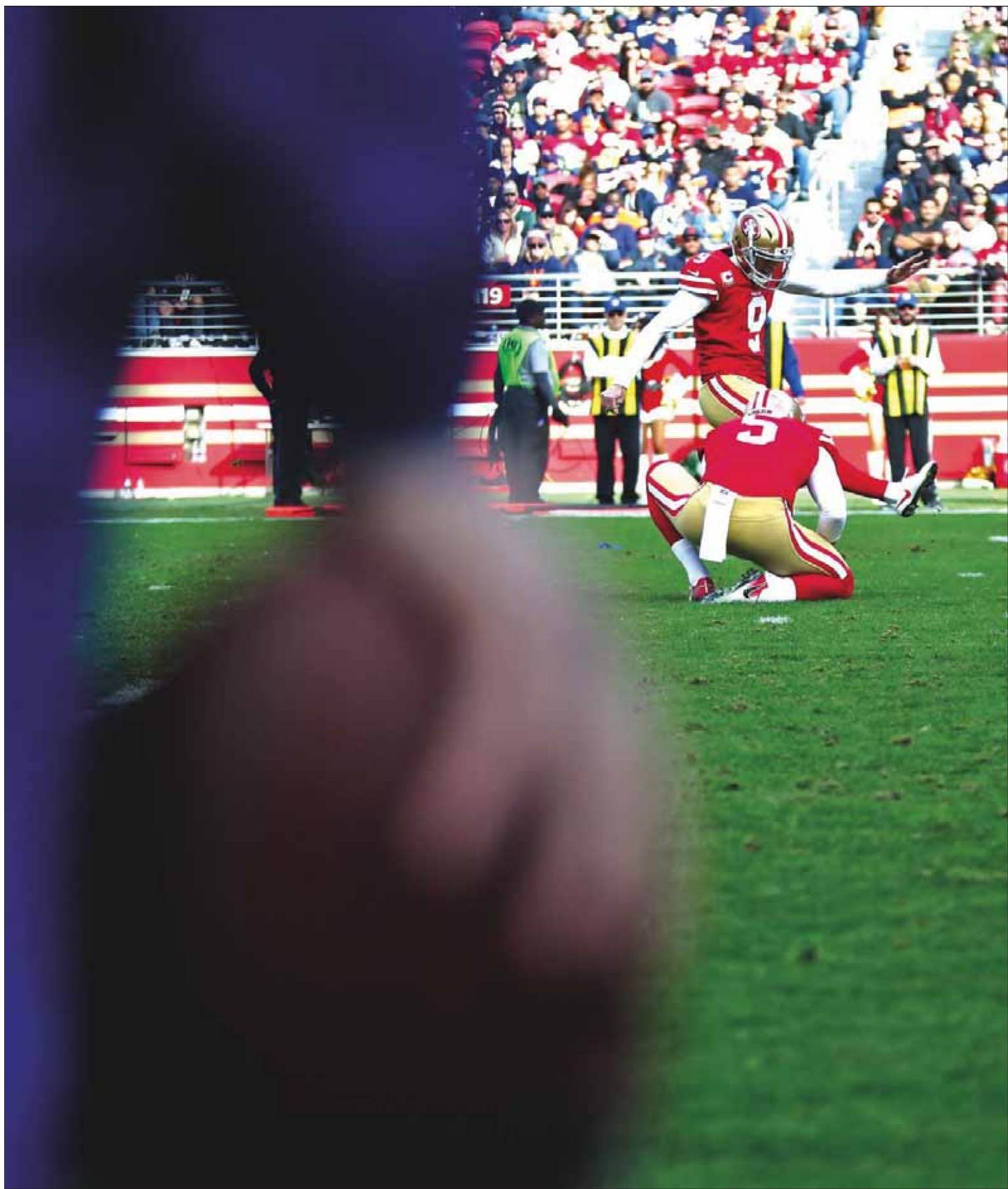
The Bears made another stand again and benefited from a poor decision by Mullens on fourth-and-4 from the Bears' 45-yard line with 1:14 remaining. Mullens was flushed out of the pocket to his right and had all sorts of room to run. He could have gained 10, maybe 15 yards before going out of bounds had he tucked the ball and taken off. Instead, he fired a deep shot for Goodwin that went out of bounds to end the game.

The defense was at its best in the second quarter, though, when the 49ers had 11 snaps in the red zone that totaled just 28 yards and, again, only the nine points. Running back Jeff Wilson, carrying the load after Matt Breida was knocked out with a knee injury, gained 14 yards on five carries. Mullens was 3 of 6 passing for 14 yards.

The biggest play of the bunch was a pass deflection by strong safety Adrian Amos in the end zone. It was first-and-10 from the 15 and Mullens was chased out of the pocket by a zero blitz. He created enough time to get a good look at tight end George Kittle in the end zone, but Amos was able to knock the ball out.

"It was like a zero blitz and the play got extended," Amos said. "I tried to play through his hands, bang-bang-type play. When it's zero blitz you don't expect to get a double move and he kind of did like a stem over, a play that usually is never going to work against a zero blitz."

Said the Pro Bowler Kittle: "I've got to make a play on the ball. Nick gave me a chance. The defender is right there. It's the NFL. You're supposed to make plays."



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With a great red-zone showing, the Bears limited the 49ers to three field goals by Robbie Gould when the outcome could have been much worse.

## So we meet again

They say familiarity breeds contempt, so as the Bears prepare for their regular-season finale on Sunday against the Vikings in Minnesota, it's worth noting the NFC North division rivals could face one another again the following week in the wild-card round of the playoffs.

The Bears (11-4) would be the No. 3 seed in the NFC if the playoffs began this week. They remain one game behind the Rams (12-3) for the No. 2 seed. The Vikings (8-6-1) would be the No. 6 seed if the playoffs opened this week. For those holding out hope the Rams could stumble once more to give the Bears a shot at the No. 2 seed and the bye, the Rams are hosting the 49ers. The 49ers lost five players in the loss to the Bears — running back Matt Breida, wide receivers Marquise Goodwin and Dante Pettis, tight end Garrett Celek and cornerback K'Waun Williams. Breida and Pettis are out for the season. The other three are day to day. An already injury-riddled roster has additional holes.

But let's get back to the possibility the Bears could play the Vikings in back-to-back weeks.

According to Elias Sports Bureau, since the NFL went to a 12-team playoff format in the 1990 season, there have been 13 occasions when teams have played on consecutive weeks in the regular-season finale and then the wild-card round of the playoffs.

Here are the last five occasions with three instances in 2009:

### 2012 Packers-Vikings

Powered by league MVP Adrian Peterson, the Vikings won the regular-season finale 37-34 on a 29-yard field goal by Blair Walsh as time expired at the Metrodome. It gave the Vikings a 10-6 records and the No. 6 seed in the NFC playoffs.

■ What happened next? The Vikings went to Lambeau Field the following week for the wild-card round game and took an early 3-0 lead. Then the Packers rattled off 24 consecutive points to take command en route to a 24-10 victory.

### 2009 Packers-Cardinals

With the Cardinals resting key players — they removed most of their defensive starters after the second series and pulled quarterback Kurt Warner after two possessions — the Packers rolled to a 33-7 victory.

■ What happened next? The fourth-seeded Cardinals won 51-45 in overtime with a defensive play as Karlos Dansby returned an Aaron Rodgers fumble for a touchdown in a game in which Warner threw more touchdown passes (five) than incompletions (four). It was Rodgers' first career playoff start.

### 2009 Bengals-Jets

Needing a win in the regular-season finale in the Meadowlands, the Jets cruised to a 37-0 victory as the league's No. 1-ranked defense punished the Bengals, winning with rookie Mark Sanchez.

■ What happened next? The fifth-seeded Jets traveled to Cincinnati and picked up where they left off, stunning the Bengals 24-14 as Sanchez completed 12 of 15 passes for 182 yards and one touchdown.

### 2009 Cowboys-Eagles

The Eagles could have locked down the No. 2 seed in the NFC and a first-round bye but got throttled 24-0 by the Cowboys in Dallas, dropping the Eagles all the way to the sixth seed.

■ What happened next? The third-seeded Cowboys completed a three-game season sweep of the Eagles with a 34-14 victory, their first playoff win since 1996.

### 2004 Broncos-Colts

With the Colts locked into the No. 3 seed in the AFC, they treated the regular-season finale in Denver as a scrimmage of sorts. Quarterback Peyton Manning and running back Edgerrin James played one series each as the Broncos rolled to a 33-14 victory.

■ What happened next? The Colts and their high-powered offense were all systems go, and the Broncos had no answers in a 49-24 loss in Indianapolis.

To sum it up, the higher seed has won four times in the last five wild-card rematch meetings. The Bears can only hope to continue the trend if they wind up playing the Vikings two weeks in a row.

## BEARS NOTES

# Bears still uncertain but hope Long will be able to face Vikings

BY COLLEEN KANE  
Chicago Tribune

Bears coach Matt Nagy said he is "cautiously optimistic" offensive lineman Kyle Long could see playing time this week as the Bears prepare for their Week 17 matchup against the Vikings in Minnesota.

Long was designated to return from injured reserve last week after recovering from a right foot and ankle injury he suffered Oct. 28 against the Jets. Long practiced for the first time Friday.

"He's doing a good job right now," Nagy said. "He feels good. It would be nice to get him out there."

"We'll see how he does and how he feels each day. But last week when he was in there he looked

good. We've got to just kind of keep an eye on it day by day."

The Bears could activate Long for Sunday's regular-season finale or wait until their first playoff game.

The Vikings game has playoff seeding implications for the Bears. If the Rams lose to the 49ers and the Bears beat the Vikings, the Bears would earn the No. 2 seed in the NFC and receive a first-round bye.

Nagy said the Bears are playing to win Sunday. But because the games are being played simultaneously, they could rest some of their players if the Rams are on their way to a blowout victory.

**Eye on Robinson:** Nagy said the Bears will "keep an eye on" the

injury wide receiver Allen Robinson suffered on a diving 43-yard catch in the first quarter of Sunday's 14-9 victory over the 49ers.

Robinson returned in the second quarter and played the rest of the game. Robinson said he injured his midsection after landing on the football or his elbow during the catch, though he framed it as getting the wind knocked out of him.

"He was a little bit sore (Sunday)," Nagy said. "We'll just monitor it and make a decision as we go."

**Fight review:** Nagy said he spoke with Josh Bellamy and Anthony Miller on the plane ride home from San Francisco about the fight

that resulted in the Bears wide receivers and 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman being ejected.

The fight broke out along the Bears sideline in the fourth quarter after 49ers safety Marcell Harris dived on top of quarterback Mitch Trubisky well after Trubisky slid to finish a run. Miller rushed in to push Harris, and Bellamy and Sherman were involved in the resulting skirmish.

Nagy recognized why the Bears receivers acted the way they did — and also the need to take a better approach.

"I'm not condoning what they did," Nagy said. "You've got to play within the rules and you want to make sure you're not doing anything to hurt yourself or hurt others or do anything to hurt the

league and how it looks. They know that.

"Going back to the competitive sport and grown men being out there, it's a violent game. And when you see your boy, teammate, friend or family member getting hit like that, especially weeks ago when something similar happened like that (to Trubisky), I don't care what anybody says, it's natural to protect your guy, and that's what they did."

The Bears will wait to hear from the league if Bellamy and Miller receive further punishment. Nagy would not say whether he would issue any internal discipline for their actions.

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## BEARS



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As Akiem Hicks sacks Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins last month, Khalil Mack (52) can't help but celebrate.

## Nagy's dilemma: Beat Vikes but stay healthy

Haugh, from Page 1

Coach Matt Nagy acknowledged Monday at Halas Hall that what happens at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will affect how he coaches at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. Does the visiting owners suite at "The Bank" get the NFL RedZone channel?

"We'll have a plan in terms of being smart," Nagy said.

Translation: If the Rams open up a sizable lead at halftime, expect Nagy to rest key Bears starters in the second half. That's a no-brainer. But defining the "terms of being smart" becomes more complicated if the Bears find themselves beating the Vikings in a close game while the Rams are leading the 49ers by single digits. Then what? Keep pushing? Or start pulling starters?

Preserving the health of irreplaceable players such as quarterback Mitch Trubisky, outside linebacker Khalil Mack and defensive end Akiem Hicks rates high on Sunday's priority list for the Bears. But so does eliminating the Vikings, a likely playoff opponent the following weekend that poses perhaps the biggest threat of any of three potential first-round foes.

If the Vikings win, they're in the playoffs, likely as the No. 6 seed unless the Seahawks lose at home to the Cardinals. If the Vikings lose, they need the Redskins to beat the Eagles at FedEx Field in Landover, Md. — hardly a guarantee given how hot the defending Super Bowl champions are under quarterback Nick Foles.

It creates a tricky balance for Nagy, an aggressive coach who

believes wholeheartedly in taking calculated risks but also understands the importance of a healthy roster in January. If Mack or Hicks sustained an injury that limited his playoff availability, in a game the Bears didn't necessarily need to win, it might take a Super Bowl berth before Chicago would forgive Nagy. But if Nagy, say, sat Trubisky and others in the second half of a close game the Vikings wound up winning, would the Bears regret giving their NFC North rival new life in the playoffs?

Bears history warns against dismissing the question. In 2010, the last time the Bears made the playoffs, they faced a similar situation in Week 17. The Bears, 11-4, arrived at Lambeau Field as the No. 2 seed in the NFC to play a Packers team that faced elimination with a loss. Former Bears coach Lovie Smith opted to play his starters and try to end the Packers season, a plan that failed in a 10-3 defeat. The Packers used that victory to catapult themselves into the playoffs and a Super Bowl title, beating the Bears in a memorable NFC championship game along the way.

"He had a feeling of what they were, Coach (Smith) just kind of knew," Olin Kreutz, the longtime Bears center who was a leader on that 2010 team, told WSCR-AM 670 on Monday. "Is Minnesota that team? I don't think so."

Still, Kreutz takes nothing for granted because he respects how dangerous division rivals can be in the playoffs.

"You go up and play and try to beat them and knock them out (because) beating a team three times in the same season isn't

easy," he said.

The Bears have no reason to fear any team that comes into Soldier Field for a first-round playoff game. Their defense will make them tough for anybody to beat on the lakefront, where Trubisky also plays better. But of the three teams the Bears could play in the first round — the Vikings, Eagles or Seahawks — the Vikings look like the most difficult challenge from this vantage point.

At first glance, I believed the Eagles did because of Foles and his team's championship experience. But, to some degree, Foles leading the Eagles to the playoffs in Carson Wentz's absence would represent an accomplishment that causes the defending champs to exhale. The Vikings, meanwhile, would view making the postseason as a fresh start. They would arrive in the postseason hungrier than the Eagles, an underachieving team committed to proving something in the playoffs. Combine that edge with the Vikings' talent and you get a team more threatening to the Bears than the Eagles or Seahawks, with due respect to both.

Injury remains Sunday's biggest enemy. The Vikings rate a close second. Ideally for Nagy, his team will approach the playoffs after leaving Minnesota without having to worry about either problem. What a happy new year that would presage for the Bears.

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## Pace gets just what he wanted for Christmas

Wiederer, from Page 1

With his eyes closed, maybe Pace allowed himself to fast-forward to Christmas 2018 with the grandest of daydreams. Perhaps he began penning a letter to Santa Claus, with a wish list longer than any 6-year-old boy's.

December 25, 2017

Dear Santa,

It's me, Ryan. I know it's been a few decades since I last reached out. But now seems like a decent time to check back in. I haven't yet had the kind of success at work I was hoping for and it's starting to weigh on me. Still as you know, I've been patient and graceful with everything. And I feel like I've done a solid enough job over these last three years handling all the stress with Jay's inconsistency, Coach Fox's ego and so many demoralizing losses. I know now might not be the ideal time to bombard you with my wish list. But at this point it can't hurt, right? So here goes. Here are nine things I'd love to have.

■ **A contract extension.** Maybe two more years tacked onto my current deal, putting me in place to be the Bears GM through the 2021 season. Sure, that's a lot to ask for with a winning percentage below .300. But what the heck? George and Ted have been so supportive of me to this point. So maybe this is worth a shot.

■ **A new head coach.** Preferably, I'd love one with a burning fire of ambition and an excess of contagious charisma. One with a similar team-building vision as me and a touch for developing a young quarterback. Perhaps, most significantly, please find me one with a knack for being innovative as a strategist and an understanding of how to use players' strengths.

■ **The same defensive coordinator.** If my current team has anything going for it, Santa, it's the defense. And if the defense has anything going for it, it's the players' belief in Vic Fangio. As you know, Vic's current contract is expiring. And it might be a tough ask to get him to stick around and work for a new coach. Especially after I reject his aspiration to become our head coach. But again, worth a shot. I think he can really take this to the next level.

■ **One of the league's biggest superstars.** And not just an every week game-changer but one who is low maintenance and in his prime, humble as heck and capable of elevating all the players around him. If that star just happened to fill one of our most glaring needs, great. See what you can do. (Oh, and it would be nice to have access to — just ballparking here — \$141 million to lock that star up for, say, seven full seasons in Chicago.)

■ **A win over the Packers.** Man, Santa, you know how much of a pain in the rear Aaron Rodgers has been. And I think it's about time we get the chance to have the upper hand. I'm not even saying we have to sweep the Packers. I'm not even saying we have to beat them the next time we play. But can you please let me enjoy that thrill once in 2018? And I guess if I'm reaching for the stars, can you give that win some sort of extra meaning too? Maybe it's the victory that gets us back into the playoffs. Maybe it's the victory that eliminates the Packers. Maybe it's both.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Near the top of the pile of Ryan Pace's achievements has been the hiring of Matt Nagy, right, as coach of the Bears.

■ **A defense that gets the ball.** Over and over and over again. In 2015, we set a franchise record for fewest interceptions in a season with eight. Then we matched that in 2016. And we're in the process of matching it again this season. Perhaps next year we can just get on a binge. Maybe we lead the league in picks. Maybe we score on five or six of them too.

■ **A fun culture.** An electricity at Halas Hall. A daily sense that everyone likes each other and can't wait to get to work. I love the grind of this business. But we have to mix in some amusement too. I'm thinking dance parties and silly on-field celebrations and maybe a bunch of eye-catching gadget plays with fun names. A disco ball and strobe light might be cool, if a little cheesy.

■ **Pro Bowl invitations.** Yes, plural. Four? Maybe five? Your call. But maybe we see major breakthroughs from some of the young players I've drafted. Tarik and Eddie Jackson come to mind. Perhaps Kyle Fuller's bounce-back season leads to a career year. And maybe you finally allow Akiem to realize his Pro Bowl dreams.

■ **January football.** It has been eight years since our fans have tasted the playoffs. Too many times recently our city has spent its Januaries stuck monitoring the minutiae of coaching searches. We should all be allowed to feel postseason hysteria again. I'm not even saying Mitch needs to be the engine that pushes us back into the playoffs. I'm even fine if he has a predictably up-and-down second season. (I can't ask for everything, right?) But I do know that I miss being relevant in January. So float us nine or 10 wins. One on Thanksgiving. A few in prime time. Whatever. It can all lead to a wild-card berth. And if you're really feeling generous, I'm not going to turn down a division title and a home playoff game. That could be really cool, ya know?

Anyway, thanks for listening. I'll leave your favorite cookies out next year for old time's sake. Safe travels, big fella. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Pace

Of course, this Christmas night Pace probably will sit down near that same fireplace in his North Shore home and reflect. He'll pour himself a glass of wine, stare into the crackling flames and think about all those things he asked for a year ago.

Naturally, he'll realize his wish list was too grandiose and a bit too greedy. After all, how could any rational NFL general manager think all of those things could happen over a 365-day span?

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## NFL NOTES

## Another playoff berth earns Seahawks' Carroll a 3-year extension

Associated Press

Doug Baldwin is one of the few still on the Seahawks roster who has hung around long enough to give an accurate and comprehensive read on coach Pete Carroll — who received a three-year contract extension Monday.

After being with Carroll for eight of the coach's nine seasons in Seattle, Baldwin said the coaching job done this season may be Carroll's best, taking a team few expected to be contender and leading them to the postseason for the seventh time in his Seahawks tenure.

"I would put this up there as one of his best years coaching, without a doubt. All the new faces, all the new coaches, the new guys, really just figuring out how best to utilize them so that we can be successful on the football field and perform at a high level, it's incred-

ible," Baldwin said. "It's a full team effort, for sure, but I will say that I think Pete has done a fantastic job."

The Seahawks (9-6) clinched a postseason spot with Sunday's 38-31 win over the Chiefs, their fifth win in the last six games, completing a turnaround from a 0-2 start and after sitting at 4-5 at midseason.

"It feels like we are just getting started," Carroll said.

Carroll is the franchise leader in victories and had only two losing seasons with the Seahawks — they went 7-9 his first two years.

■ **Quick release:** The Redskins released safety D.J. Swearingen. Swearingen told a radio station in Washington he'd been cut with one game remaining in the regular season. He said Redskins coach Jay Gruden did not give him an explanation for the move.



NAOMI BAKER/GETTY

"One of his best coaching years," Doug Baldwin said of Pete Carroll.

"I don't regret nothing, because I know I gave 100 percent effort from my heart," Swearingen said.

The Redskins later Monday sent out a release with the transaction.

Swearingen has been critical of the team, which has dealt with significant injuries to the offensive line and quarterback. The Red-

skins are 7-8 and close the season with a home game against the rival Eagles, who still have a shot at making the playoffs and defending their Super Bowl title.

They lost 25-16 at Tennessee on Saturday night. Swearingen was reportedly critical of the lack of aggressive play-calling in the loss. Backup quarterback Blaine Gab-

bert led the Titans to the victory after Marcus Mariota was injured.

■ **Extra points:** Nick Foles will get another shot to lead the Eagles to the playoffs. Coming off a 32-30 comeback win over the Texans, Foles will start when the Eagles (8-7) visit the Redskins (7-8) on Sunday. Carson Wentz hasn't been cleared to return from a back injury that has forced him to miss the last two games. The defending Super Bowl champs will earn the NFC's second wild-card spot if they beat the Redskins and the Vikings lose at home to the Bears. ... The Titans placed four-time Pro Bowl DT Jurrell Casey on injured reserve. Casey, who has seven sacks, was on the injury report last week with a knee that limited him to one practice, but he aggravated the injury in the fourth quarter of the Titans' 25-16 victory over the Redskins on Saturday.

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## BLACKHAWKS

## Family's visit is Murphy's best gift

Murphy, from Page 1

Putting on a pair of rental skates notwithstanding, this will be a different kind of holiday season for Murphy. For the first time since joining the Blackhawks, he'll be hosting his family during what has been a bittersweet season.

Murphy endured a rough start as he missed the first 29 games with a back injury before finally making his season debut Dec. 9.

Less than two weeks earlier, his father, Gord, a longtime NHL player and coach, was fired after four years as an assistant coach with the Flyers.

But Connor Murphy's optimistic nature allows him to look on the bright side.

"There's a lot of silver linings to that stuff," he said. "You end up having some time off to enjoy the family side of it."

Which is true. If Gord were still coaching the Flyers, the family likely would have convened at the parents' home in Columbus, Ohio, for the holidays, and then only for a day or two given the demands of having two family members in the NHL.

Instead, Gord and Nicole were able to pack up their truck with presents, baking supplies and ornaments and hit the road Sunday morning for an extended stay in Chicago.

They arrived in time Sunday to see their son score his first goal of the season and only the 16th of his NHL career in 343 games. It also was the first time Gord was able to see Connor play a game at the United Center when he wasn't coaching against him.

"Never been there as a fan," Gord Murphy said before the game. "Just always been there as a player and a coach. Sitting up there in the stands and watching and taking a game in from that perspective I'm really looking forward to."

It was fortunate that Connor Murphy was on the ice at all after a scary incident against the Stars last week when he got elbowed in the face. There was a lot of blood, but it turned out to be a bloody nose and a cut that required some stitches.

Gord Murphy, who played 14 seasons in the NHL and has been an assistant coach with the Blue Jackets, Panthers and Flyers for 16, was watching on TV when the injury occurred. He immediately began to look for signs that Connor was going to be all right.

"You see if the trainer comes out," he said. "You see his reaction, you see if Connor gets up and goes off. You're looking is he wobbly? Is he OK? Where's the towel going? Things like that. Your (first) concern when he goes down, obviously, is a concussion. Second concern is his eyes. That's the thing you're concerned about like any parents. And then the next thing you go to is the teeth.



NAM Y. HUH/AP

Blackhawks defenseman Connor Murphy reacts after scoring his first goal of the season. His parents, visiting for the holidays, were there

"That's kind of the checklist. Concussion to eyes to teeth."

With all of Connor Murphy's body parts intact, the holiday season will proceed as planned. The festivities will include baking sugar cookies, eating lasagna, putting presents under the tree and, of course, watching "Christmas Vacation," which takes place in Chicago's suburbs.

"They still ask for it," Gord Murphy said of his kids. "It's kind of our tradition. It's pretty amazing how it's turned out for Connor to be in Chicago playing for the Blackhawks. It's great."

The Murphy men — Connor, Gord and Tyler, the oldest sibling — will probably talk a little hockey. But not too much.

"There's always the balance of not letting hockey interfere with your down time and your time at home," Connor Murphy said. "With both of us being into it, it's just such a common topic of getting into talking about the league and players and teams. But it's nice, especially when we have all of us together, that it ends up being not just hockey and being fun.

"We're pretty lighthearted and sarcastic and like to make fun of each other and get a

lot of laughs."

Gord and Nicole will attend Thursday's game at the United Center, and they also plan to go to the Winter Classic in South Bend, Ind., on New Year's Day. They plan to stay at Connor's house the whole time.

"Whether Connor will let us stay, that's something that will be determined," Gord joked.

Ah, yes. The Murphy Christmas vacation is underway.

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2 p.m. Thunder at Rockets	ABC-7
4:30 p.m. 76ers at Celtics	ABC-7
7 p.m. Lakers at Warriors	ABC-7, ESPN
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Rhode Island 5	at Hawaii
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WEDNESDAY	BOWLS
Boise St. 2 1/2	Boston Coll.
Georgia Tech 5 1/2	Minnesota
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Temple 3 1/2	Duke
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D31 Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St. (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4) 6:30
J1 Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St. (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4) 11*
J1 Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St. (9-3) noon
J1 Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0) noon
J1 Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St. (12-1) 4
J1 Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2) 7:45
J7 CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners 7

## OTHER BOWLS

J19 Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19 Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	America's National	3
D26 Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

DATE	BOWL	SITE	RESULT
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La.-Lafayette 24
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas 13
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 13
D19	Gasparilla	Frisco, Texas	Ohio St. 23, San Diego State 0
D20	Frisco	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Army 70, Houston 14
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Troy 42, Buffalo 32
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech 31, Hawaii 14

## FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Jan. 5 at Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas  
North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m.

## BASEBALL

CUBS SCHEDULE	WHITE SOX SCHEDULE
Home games at Sloan Park, Mesa, Ariz.	Home games at Camelback Ranch, Glendale, Ariz.
Sat., Feb. 23 vs. Brewers, 2:05	Sat., Feb. 23 (SS) vs. Dodgers, 2:05
Sun., Feb. 24 at Giants, 2:05	(SS) at Athletics, 2:05
Mon. Feb. 25 (SS) at Dodgers, 2:05	(SS) vs. Padres, 2:05
Tue., Feb. 26 vs. D-backs, 2:05	Sun., Feb. 24 at Padres, 2:10
Wed., Feb. 27 at Reds, 2:05	Mon., Feb. 25 at Giants, 2:05
Fri., Mar. 1 at Athletics, 2:05	Wed., Feb. 27 vs. Reds, 2:05
Fri., Mar. 1 at D-backs, 2:10	Thu., Feb. 28 at Mariners, 2:10
Sat., Mar. 2 vs. Brewers, 2:05	Fri., Mar. 1 at Rangers, 2:05
Sun., Mar. 3 vs. White Sox, 2:05	Sat., Mar. 2 vs. Rockies, 2:05
Mon., Mar. 4 at Reds (SS), 2:05	Mon., Mar. 4 at Cubs, 2:05
Tue., Mar. 5 at Angels, 2:10	Mon., Mar. 4 vs. Angels, 2:05
Wed., Mar. 6 vs. Royals, 2:05	Tue., Mar. 5 (SS) vs. Padres (SS), 2:05
Thu., Mar. 7 vs. Rockies, 2:05	(SS) at Indians, 2:05
Fri., Mar. 8 at Mariners, 7:40	Thu., Mar. 7 vs. Brewers, 2:05
Sat., Mar. 9 (SS) vs. Angels, 2:05	Fri., Mar. 8 at Cubs, 2:05
Sun., Mar. 10 at Brewers, 3:05	Sat., Mar. 9 at Rangers, 2:05
Tue., Mar. 12 vs. Reds (SS), 9:05	Sun., Mar. 10 vs. Athletics (SS), 3:05
Wed., Mar. 13 at Athletics, 3:05	Mon., Mar. 11 at Brewers, 3:05
Thu., Mar. 14 vs. Rangers (SS), 3:05	Tue., Mar. 12 (SS) vs. Rangers, 3:05
Fri., Mar. 15 at White Sox, 3:05	(SS) at Royals, 3:05
Sat., Mar. 16 at D-backs, 3:10	Wed., Mar. 13 at Dodgers, 9:05
Sun., Mar. 17 vs. Rockies, 3:05	Fri., Mar. 15 vs. Cubs, 3:05
Mon., Mar. 19 (SS) vs. Mariners (SS), 3:05	Sat., Mar. 16 vs. Dodgers, 3:05
(SS) at Royals, 3:05	Sun., Mar. 17 vs. Mariners (SS), 3:10
Wed., Mar. 20 vs. Dodgers, 9:05	Mon., Mar. 18 vs. Giants, 3:05
Thu., Mar. 21 vs. Giants, 3:05	Tue., Mar. 19 at Reds, 8:05
Fri., Mar. 22 (SS) vs. Rangers, 3:05	Wed., Mar. 20 vs. D-backs, 3:05
Sat., Mar. 23 at Angels, 3:05	Thu., Mar. 21 vs. Rangers (SS), 3:05
Sun., Mar. 24 at Rockies, 8:40	Fri., Mar. 22 at Angels (SS), 3:10
Sun., Mar. 24 at Padres, 2:10	Sat., Mar. 23 at Dodgers, 2:05
Mon., Mar. 25 vs. Red Sox, 8:05	Sun., Mar. 24 vs. Indians, 2:05
Tue., Mar. 26 vs. Red Sox, 2:05	Mon., Mar. 25 at D-backs*, TBD
Regular-season opener	Tue., Mar. 26 at D-backs*, TBD
Thu., Mar. 28: at Rangers	*at Chase Field

## SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>7-12:</b> Women's tennis, WTA, Hobart (Australia) International
<b>Jan. 30-31:</b> Women's tennis, WTA, Shenzhen (China) Open	<b>8-9:</b> Women's tennis, WTA, Kona, Hawaii
<b>Dec. 30-Jan. 6:</b> Men's and women's tennis, ATP World Tour/WTA, Brisbane (Australia) International	<b>8-9:</b> Snowboarding, World Cup, parallel slalom, team parallel slalom, Bad Gastein, Austria
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 1:</b> Ski jumping, Men's World Cup, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	<b>10:</b> Biathlon, NBA contracts guaranteed for rest of season
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 5:</b> Men's tennis, ATP World Tour, Tata Open Maharashtra, Pune, India	<b>10-13:</b> Men's golf, PGA Tour, Sony Open, Honolulu
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 5:</b> Men's tennis, ATP World Tour, Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Doha, Qatar	<b>11-13:</b> Biathlon, World Cup, Oberhof, Germany
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 6:</b> Women's tennis, WTA, ASB Classic, Auckland, New Zealand	<b>10-17:</b> Team Handball, Men's World Championships, various sites
<b>1:</b> College football, Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.	<b>12:</b> Snowboarding, World Cup, 11: Major League Baseball, Salary arbitration figures exchanged
<b>1:</b> College football, Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.	<b>11-13:</b> Speedskating, European Championships, Collo, Italy
<b>1:</b> College football, Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	<b>11-13:</b> Biathlon, World Cup, Koenigssee, Germany
<b>1:</b> College football, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.	<b>11-13:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup nordic combined, Val di Fiemme, Italy
<b>1:</b> College football, Sugar Bowl, New Orleans	<b>12:</b> Motorcycling, AMA Supercross, Glendale, Ariz.
<b>1:</b> Ice hockey, NHL Winter Classic, Boston at Chicago, Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Ind.	<b>12:</b> Freestyle skiing, World Cup, slopestyle, Fort Rameu, France
<b>1:</b> Cross-country skiing, Stage World Cup, Val Mustair, Switzerland	<b>12-13:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup, slopestyle, Kreischberg, Austria
<b>1:</b> Men's and women's skiing, city event, Oslo, Norway	<b>12-13:</b> Pro football, NFL Divisional playoffs
<b>2-3:</b> Cross-country skiing, Stage World Cup, Oberstdorf, Germany	<b>12-13:</b> Ski jumping, Women's World Cup, Sapporo, Japan
<b>4:</b> Men's and women's tennis, ATP World Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions, Kapalua, Hawaii	<b>12-13:</b> Ski jumping, Women's World Cup, Val di Fiemme, Italy
<b>4:</b> Ski jumping, Men's World Cup, Innsbruck, Austria	<b>12-13:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, downhill, Super G, St. Anton, Austria
<b>4-6:</b> Bobsleigh and Skeleton, World Cup, Altenberg, Germany	<b>12-13:</b> Cross-country skiing, World Cup, Dresden, Germany
<b>5:</b> College football, NCAA Division FCS championship game, Frisco, Texas	<b>12-13:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup alpine, giant slalom and slalom, Adelboden, Switzerland
<b>5:</b> Pro Basketball, NBA 10-day contracts can be signed	<b>12-13:</b> Luge, World Cup, Sigulda, Latvia
<b>5:</b> Motorcycling, AMA Supercross, Anaheim, Calif.	<b>12-13:</b> Women's tennis, ITF/Tennis Australia, Australian Open, Melbourne
<b>5:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, slalom, Zagreb, Croatia	<b>15:</b> Pro Basketball, Last day to sign NBA two-way contracts
<b>5-6:</b> Pro cross-country skiing, Stage World Cup, Val di Fiemme, Italy	<b>15:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, slalom
<b>5-6:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup nordic combined, Otepaa, Estonia	<b>15-20:</b> Cycling, UCI WorldTour, Australia
<b>5-6:</b> Short Track Speedskating, U.S. Championships, Kearns, Utah	<b>19-20:</b> Men's golf, European PGA, Abu Dhabi (UAE) Championship
<b>5-6:</b> Luge, World Cup, Koenigssee, Germany	<b>19-20:</b> Biathlon, World Cup, Ruhpolding, Germany
<b>5-7:</b> Short Track Speedskating, European Championships, Dordrecht, Netherlands	<b>19-20:</b> Men's golf, PGA Championship, Mitsubishi Electric Championship, Kalamazoo, Mich.
<b>6:</b> Ski jumping, Men's World Cup, Bischofshofen, Austria	<b>17-20:</b> Men's golf, PGA Tour, Desert Challenge, La Quinta, Calif.
<b>6:</b> Auto racing, IMSA SportsCar, Roar Before The Rolex 24 at Daytona, Daytona Beach, Fla.	<b>17-20:</b> Women's golf, LPGA Tour, Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
<b>6:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup alpine, slalom, Zagreb, Croatia	<b>18-19:</b> Snowboarding, World Cup, slopestyle, halfpipe, Laax, Switzerland
<b>6-12:</b> Men's and women's tennis, ATP World Tour/WTA, Sydney International	<b>18-20:</b> Ski jumping
<b>7:</b> College football, College Football Championship, Santa Clara, Calif.	<b>18-20:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup alpine, combined, downhill, slalom, Wengen, Switzerland
<b>7-12:</b> Men's tennis, ATP World Tour, ASB Classic, Auckland, New Zealand	<b>18-20:</b> Biathlon, World Cup nordic combined, Chaux-Neuve, France

## BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	PTS	PRV
Oakland: Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Fiers on a two-year contract.				

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	W	L	PTS	PRV
Houston: Signed G Austin Rivers.				

FOOTBALL	W	L	PTS	PRV
Indianapolis: Signed DE Anthony Wimbush to the practice squad.				
San Francisco: Signed coach and executive vice president of football operations Pete Carroll to a three-year contract extension.				
Tennessee: Placed DT Jurrell Casey and TE Cole Wick on injured reserve. Signed QB Austin Davis and LB LaTroy Lewis. Signed WR Kalif Raymond and DL Kendal Vickers from the practice squad.				
Washington: Waived S D.J. Swearingin.				

## HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE	W	L	PTS	PRV
Arizona: Assigned G Adin Hill and F Michael Bunting and Conor Garland to Tucson (AHL).				
East Coast Hockey League				
ECHL: Suspended Idaho D Geoff Crisfield three games, Maine D Brycen Martin and Fort Wayne LW Taylor Crunk two games and Kalamazoo RW Zach Saar one game.				

## NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	37	28	7	2	58	154	106	15-4-0	13-3-2	10-2-0
Toronto	37	25	10	2	52	140	103	12-5-1	13-5-1	6-4-2
Buffalo	37	21	11	5	47	111	105	12-4-2	9-7-3	7-4-2
Boston	37	20	13	4	44	105	96	13-4-0	7-9-4	9-6-1
Montreal	37	19	13	5	43	115	117	10-7-2	9-6-3	5-4-4
Florida	35	15	14	6	36	115	125	7-5-4	8-9-2	7-2-3
Detroit	38	15	17	6	36	109	123	7-5-3	10-8-1	4-7-3
Ottawa	37	15	18	4	34	118	144	11-6-3	4-12-1	6-8-2

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Washington	35	22	10	3	47	129	103	11-5-2	11-5-1	7-3-1
Columbus	36	21	12	3	45	117	109	10-7-2	11-5-1	7-4-1
Pittsburgh	36	18	12	6	42	119	110	10-7-2	8-5-4	6-5-1
N.Y. Islanders	35	18	13	4	40	101	98	8-5-3	10-8-1	10-3-1
N.Y. Rangers	35	15	14	6	36	102	115	11-4-4	4-10-2	2-4-2
Carolina	35	15	15	5	35	90	103	9-7-4	6-8-1	3-4-2
Philadelphia	35	15	16	4	34	104	125	7-8-2	8-8-2	4-4-1
New Jersey	35	12	16	7	31	102	125	9-4-4	3-12-3	4-6-1

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Winnipeg	36	24	10	2	50	128	101	13-4-2	11-6-0	7-4-0
Nashville	37	22	13	2	46	111	95	14-5-0	8-8-2	6-3-0
Colorado	37	12	16	4	44	122	115	8-5-3	11-7-3	4-4-2
Dallas	37	18	16	3	39	99	102	11-1-2	7-11-2	2-4-1
Minnesota	35	17	15	3	37	103	99	10-6-3	7-9-0	6-3-1
St. Louis	34	14	16	4	32	96	114	8-9-2	6-7-2	5-6-3
Chicago	39	13	20	6	32	111	145	7-8-4	6-12-2	7-4-2

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Calgary	37									

**OBITUARIES**

**YRECH PARDO** 1923-2018

# Longtime doctor on Chicago's South Side

BY GRAYDON MEGAN  
Chicago Tribune

Dr. Yrech Pardo came to Chicago in 1949 from Haiti to further his studies in medicine at Provident Hospital in the Bronzeville neighborhood, where he remained on staff and served patients from offices on the South Side for nearly 40 years.

Until his 1987 retirement, family members said he sometimes worked seven days a week, driving his Plymouth Duster between offices and patients in the Chatham, Calumet Heights, South Shore and Bronzeville areas.

Sheree Franklin-Hill, whose mother was Pardo's office manager and typist for years, called him a Renaissance man as well as a caring doctor. Franklin-Hill said she also worked in Pardo's office and was a patient herself.

"He treated my whole family — my grandmother, my father," Franklin-Hill said. "He became more than a doctor to us. He was our friend."

Pardo, 95, died of natural causes Dec. 12 in the Hyde Park home where he lived for more than 50 years, according to his grandson Daniel Hornung.

Born in Marmelade, Haiti, in 1923, his first name was a French variation on the name Eric, according to his daughter Jacqueline, a psychiatrist.

He entered medical school at what was then the University of Haiti in Port au Prince in 1943. His parents put a high value on education and encouraged their nine children to pursue higher education in medicine, law and other fields.

"His parents made it clear to their children," his daughter said of her father's pursuit of higher education. "My father made it clear to me and my sister that higher education was the only way."

A visiting professor from Chicago encouraged Pardo to come to Chicago for medical residencies at Provident Hospital, the first in the country to be owned and operated by African-Americans.



FAMILY PHOTO  
Dr. Yrech Pardo served patients on the South Side for nearly 40 years.

He came to Chicago with five classmates and began his training at Provident in obstetrics and gynecology. In 1950, he began a residency in pathology at what was then Cook County Hospital. There, Pardo was one of only four black residents.

In a lab at County hospital, he met chemist Karin Zacharias. Zacharias and her Jewish family had made their way out of Germany and to Shanghai in the late 1930s. Old friend Ilse Lehmeier, who was also from Germany and first met Zacharias in Shanghai, said they both came to the U.S. in 1947. They both eventually came to Chicago.

Pardo and Zacharias soon become a couple and enjoyed attending dances at the University of Chicago's International House in Hyde Park. Family members said it was one of the few places they felt welcome as an interracial couple.

Pardo was drafted into the Navy in 1955 and was stationed in a Navy hospital in Oakland, Calif. He became a U.S. citizen the same year.

Zacharias joined him in northern California in 1958 and they were married — nine years before interracial marriage became legal across the country.

After completing his military service in 1959, Pardo and his wife returned to Chicago. He opened his private practice in internal medicine at several offices on the South Side and was also on staff with Provident.

His daughter said her father's practice at times included patients in nursing

homes. He would always visit those patients on Sundays, he said, because that was the day when he might meet family members of his patients.

Pardo retired in 1987, but kept in touch with friends and family both in Haiti and abroad. One of those friends was the late Dr. Janin Raoul, the father of Illinois Attorney General-elect Kwame Raoul, who said the friendship went back to their medical school days.

The elder Raoul died in 2003 not long after he received a phone call from Pardo.

"He called and suggested I visit my father in Florida," Kwame Raoul said. "I made the trip and within days my dad expired."

Pardo, Raoul said, was always down to earth. "Dr. Pardo — I admired his humility and I just appreciated that phone call he made to me."

Jacqueline Pardo said her father never considered leaving the United States.

"Once he experienced the opportunities in the U.S. he decided to stay here," she said. "He was dedicated to his practice. He thought the United States was wonderful."

That didn't make him blind to the discrimination he saw and in some instances had experienced. His pride in his family included grandson Daniel Hornung, who was a White House assistant in the Obama presidency.

He spoke of Barack Obama's election to his family. "I never thought I'd see the day that a black man would be elected president," he said at the time, "or that the grandson of a Haitian immigrant would work for the president in the White House."

Pardo's wife, Karin, died in 2008.

Pardo is also survived by another daughter, Linda; another grandson, Max Hornung; sisters Celine and Lucie; and brothers Sosthene, Daniel and Ulrick.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 in Montgomery Place, 5550 South Shore Drive, Chicago.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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**In Memoriam**

**Bernard Avello**

I relive the Christmases we shared just the way they were. Mary Ann  
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**Martin Peter Sum**

Merry Christmas Pete on your sixth Christmas in Heaven. Christmas is not the same without you beside me. I love and miss you so much. I'm sending you all my love until we meet again.  
Love always, Nancy.  
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**Death Notices**

**Capra, Arthur L.**

Arthur L. Capra, Age 92. Beloved husband of the late Dolores (nee Urbanski). Loving father of Susan Capra and Richard (Carol) Capra. Beloved son of the late John and Josephine (nee Rogati). Cherished grandfather of Lauren and Courtney Capra. Dear brother of Antoinette and the late Guido Capra, Ida Izzo and Elodia Lione. Fond uncle of Annette (Ron) Lucas and many other nieces and nephews.  
Visitation Wednesday, Dec. 26 from 3 to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service and interment the next day will be held privately. Memorial donations can be made to the Misericordia Home, 6300 N Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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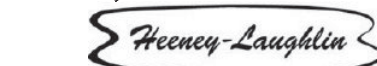
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**Coughlan, James R. "Dick"**

James R. "Dick" Coughlan, Age 80, Ret. Major, U.S.M.C. Born into Eternal Life on December 20, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Patricia A. Coughlan (nee Noonan). Loving father of Terry (Margaret Barrett), Brendan (Maripat), James Daniel, Kathleen (David) Girzadas, and Caley (Nikkii) Coughlan. Proud grandpa of Luke, Michael, Brendan, Charlie, Mary Kate, Patrick, Jack, Molly, Susie, T.J., Elise, Ryan and Camille; and great-grandpa of Penelope. Devoted brother of William, Terry (Laura), and the late Thomas (Mary) Coughlan. "Uncle Dick" to many nieces and nephews. Alumnus of St. John Fisher Grammar School (1952), Leo H.S. (1956), and University of New Mexico (Sigma Chi) (1960). Dick was a proud Naval Aviator and Pilot for American Airlines for 32 years. Dick was a coach and mentor to many, friend of Bill W, and longtime competitor at the Beverly Tennis Club. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Friday morning for visitation 9:30am-10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Mausoleum of the Archangels. Memorials to Rosary Hill Home 9000 W. 81st St., Justice, IL 60458 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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**Goldman, Norman H.**

Norman H. Goldman, 78, of Boca Raton, FL formerly of Highland Park, IL. Beloved husband of the late Phoebe Goldman, and loving partner to Lillian Guenova; devoted father of Neal (Deborah) Goldman; cherished grandfather of Samuel, Eliza, Arielle, and Gabe; fond brother of Louise (Morton) Diamond. Graveside service Wed, Dec. 26, 10 AM, at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mayo Clinic, https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC. For info: 847-256-5700.



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**Hoagland (nee Glasshagel), Sandra**

A memorial for Sandra Hoagland (Glasshagel), April 1952 – December 2018, of Elgin, will be held on Sat 12/29. Please visit lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com for more information.  
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**Lindow, Manfred Leo**

Manfred Leo Lindow, age 89. Beloved husband of Helen nee Franks. Loving father of Ed Lindow, Gene (Sandy) Lindow, Rabbi Kuppel (Rebbekka) Lindow. Proud grandfather of Justin Pfeifer, Danielle, Melissa and Geoffrey Lindow, Yehuda (Chaya Brucha), Shimon, Temima, Sara and Brucha. Service Wednesday, 12 Noon at Congregation Kneseth Israel, 330 Division Street, Elgin, Illinois, 60120. A masonic service will precede the funeral service at 11:30AM. Interment Oakland Cemetery. Memorials to Cong. Kneseth Israel, www.ckielgin.org or to McHenry County Jewish Congregation, 8617 Ridgefield Rd., Crystal Lake, IL 60012, www.mcjonline.org, or your favorite charity would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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**Margules, Elaine**

Elaine Margules passed away peacefully on December 22, 2018 on the eve of her 87th birthday. She was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She is predeceased by her loving husband of 53 years, Harold "Hershey", her parents Sol and Rosetta Triffler, her sister Shirley (Archie) Tursky. She is survived by her children Michael, Lori, Danny and her sister Pauline (Howard) Morrison. Elaine was born in Chicago, Illinois where she relished in raising her family, traveling the world and sharing her joy of baking and chocolate making. In the 1980's Elaine and Hershey followed their children to Los Angeles where they continued their love of travel and sharing in their children's lives.

A funeral service celebrating her life will be held on Wednesday December 26th at 12:30pm at **Mount Sinai Hollywood Hills**, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive.  
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**McCarthy, Edward C.**

Edward C. McCarthy, aged 71, died of cancer on December 18th, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Carole, and daughter, Mary. Son of Willis and Dorothy, Ed was known for his quick wit and encyclopedic knowledge — particularly of history. He served in Vietnam, operating reconnaissance radar on OV-10B Mohawks.

Ed graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign College of Law. He was a lawyer for Arcelor Mittal, nee Ispat International, nee Inland Steel, for over 20 years. He was stalwart of principle, but nimbly navigated an ever-changing world.

Ed and Carole loved to take road trips, with Ed at the wheel, and often taking roads less traveled throughout Amish Country and Door County, Wisconsin. When possible, Mary was in the back seat.

Ed was generous with his gentle manner, hearty laugh, and wide smile. He was more generous with his singing than Carole would've liked, much to Mary's delight. Ed could make a room of strangers laugh as easily as he could his family, and he kept everyone laughing even in his last days. Best of husbands, best of fathers, best of men. Guests may register at www.caruth-hale.com.

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**ON DECEMBER 25 ...**

**In 336** the first recorded celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

**In 1066** William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

**In 1223** St. Francis of Assisi assembled one of the first Nativity scenes, in Greccio, Italy.

**In 1642** physicist and mathematician Sir Isaac Newton was born in Woolsthorpe, England.

**In 1776** Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

**In 1821** Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was born in Oxford, Mass.

**In 1868** President Andrew

Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to everyone involved in the Southern rebellion that resulted in the Civil War.

**In 1899** actor Humphrey Bogart was born in New York.

**In 1907** bandleader Cab Calloway was born in Rochester, N.Y.

**In 1918** Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian president who won the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating a peace treaty with Israel, was born in Mit Abu al-Kum, Egypt.

**In 1924** television writer and producer Rod Serling was born in Syracuse, N.Y.

**In 1977** comedian Sir Charles Chaplin died in Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland; he was 88.

**In 1989** ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena,

were executed following a popular uprising.

**In 1991** Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a communist superpower that had already gone out of existence.

**In 1995** singer Dean Martin died in Beverly Hills, Calif.; he was 78.

**In 2002** Katie Hnida became the first woman to play in a Division I football game when she attempted an extra point for New Mexico against UCLA in the Las Vegas Bowl.

**In 2006** James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul," died in Atlanta; he was 73.

**In 2009** a Nigerian man, Umar Farouk Abdulmutalab, 23, allegedly tried to blow up Northwest Airlines Flight 253 from Amsterdam to Detroit. The explosives did not ignite properly and quick acting passengers subdued the suspect.

**In 2012** Chicago mobster Frank Calabrese Sr., serving a life sentence after his conviction in seven slayings, racketeering, extortion and illegal gambling during the Family Secrets trial in 2007, died in federal prison in Butner, N.C.; he was 75.

**In 2016** George Michael, who rocketed to stardom with WHAM! and went on to enjoy a long and celebrated solo career, died at his home in Goring, England; he was 53.

**WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS**

<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
Dec. 24	
Lotto	07 17 19 33 43 46 / 09
Lotto jackpot: \$4.25M	
Pick 3 midday	712 / 0
Pick 4 midday	9176 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto midday	02 04 11 13 28
Pick 3 evening	280 / 5
Pick 4 evening	1912 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening	18 27 28 38 39
Dec. 25 Mega Millions: \$321M	
Dec. 26 Powerball: \$294M	
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	
Dec. 24	
Pick 3	667
Pick 4	1185
Badger 5	05 10 21 23 28
SuperCash	02 10 13 27 28 33

<b>INDIANA</b>	
Dec. 24	
Daily 3 midday	523 / 5
Daily 4 midday	8547 / 5
Daily 3 evening	526 / 8
Daily 4 evening	0098 / 8
Cash 5	07 13 17 27 32
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	
Dec. 24	
Daily 3 midday	645
Daily 4 midday	9838
Daily 3 evening	714
Daily 4 evening	6845
Fantasy 5	02 12 13 20 34
Keno	09 11 17 21 26 27
	29 30 33 37 48 59 60 63
	68 69 71 73 74 75 76 80

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### Nagel, Anthony S.

Nagel, Anthony S.  
Age 85, from Downers Grove, Illinois; peacefully passed away on December 20th, 2018; beloved husband of Rosita, nee Liao; revered brother-in-law of Ador Liao; cherished uncle of Raoul (Adoracion) Sabatini Jr.; admired great uncle of Ra Sabatini III and loving great-great uncle of Jia Sabatini. As known to all of us as "Uncle Tony" you were one of a kind and will be greatly missed! Memorial Visitation Thursday, December 27th 3:00 PM until time of Memorial Service 6:00 PM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan** Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden) Downers Grove. Interment Private. 630-968-1000 or Sullivan Family Funeral Homes | Downers Grove and Hinsdale, IL

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### Nathanson, Rosalyn C.

Rosalyn C. Nathanson, (nee Becker) age 87, beloved wife of Stan Nathanson, happily married for 67 years; loving mother of Merle (Steve) Halan and Howard Nathanson; cherished grandmother of Nicholas Halan; dear sister of the late Calvin (Goldie) Becker; treasured aunt of Craig (June) and Michelle Becker. Rosalyn was President of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary. Chapel service Wed Dec 26, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Jewish War Veterans, Post 89. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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### SANCHEZ, JOHN CASTILLO

Korean War Army Veteran, beloved husband of Lucia nee Gallardo. Loving father of John Joseph Sanchez, Annette (Hank Trujillo) Sanchez, and Mary Ellen Sanchez. Grandfather of Rebecca Long and Michael Robbins. Great-grandfather of Sean, Ryan and Graciella. Dear brother of Manuel (Ophelia) Sanchez and the late Mona and Gilbert Sanchez. Former board member of Prospect Federal Savings and Loan. Member of the Mary McDowell Settlement Association. In lieu of flowers donations to the Salvation Army would be appreciated. Funeral Prayer Service Friday, Dec. 28, 9:45 am at Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services, 5948 Archer Ave (2 blks West of Central Ave at Major) Chicago, to St. Camillus Church, Mass 10:30 am. Visitation Thursday 3 pm - 9 pm and Friday 8:45 am to 9:45 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Info 773 767-9788. Online tributes [www.parksidechapels.com](http://www.parksidechapels.com)

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### Spock, Michael

Michael Spock died peacefully December 7, 2018 surrounded by family and friends after a long illness. Spock was a visionary pioneer and innovator in the museum field, especially through his work at the Boston Children's Museum and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Under his direction and mentorship, he inspired generations of museum leaders internationally, transforming the practice, and redefining what a museum could be and whom museums should be for. Mike was known for his generous spirit, his principled, humanistic and supportive leadership, and for never losing his childlike wonderment and enthusiasm for the world around him.



Michael was born in New York City on January 25, 1933, the first son of famed pediatrician, author and activist Dr. Benjamin Spock and Jane Cheney Spock. A dyslexic who struggled to read and write, Mike found refuge in the museums of New York City as places filled with objects and experiences where he could look and learn according to his own pace and curiosity without having to read. This childhood experience endowed him with a rare empathy for the challenges faced by disadvantaged people from all walks of life. Starting as a latchkey kid, he would spend his life avidly exploring every environment he encountered, a value he would impart to all of his descendants. Reared in the humanist progressive education tradition of the Fieldston School, Mike attended John C. Marshall High School in Rochester, Minnesota where he won the state backstroke championship in his junior year. Mike went on to Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, a college known for its progressive education traditions, but it was the coop program emphasizing practical education through work study in particular that attracted Mike. It was at Antioch that Mike would experience the two most pivotal events in his life: meeting his future wife and collaborator Judith Wood and taking his first museum job at the Dayton Museum of Natural History where Judy worked. Mike mastered exhibit design and cabinetmaking, married Judy in 1955, earned a BS in biology, and started a family in Yellow Springs before moving to Cambridge, Massachusetts to attend the graduate program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Before completing his graduate degree, Mike was hired as director of the then small Children's Museum in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston in 1962.

An institution with a tradition of serving Boston school teachers since 1913, the Children's Museum was transformed under Mike's leadership into one of the nation's first interactive, child-centered museums. The ethic of learning-by-doing through accessible and engaging hands-on activities and exhibits expanded quickly to embrace pioneering projects of community outreach, multicultural exploration and collaboration, and experiential science and early childhood learning. During this time, Mike's team at the Children's Museum produced such groundbreaking exhibits as "We're Still Here" in collaboration with members of the Wampanoag tribe before other museums even considered including Native Americans in the telling of their own stories. "What If You Couldn't" was a pioneering exhibit on living with disabilities for children and "Playspace" was an exhibit designed especially for families with toddlers. An ongoing relationship with Boston's sister city Kyoto, Japan, fostered by Spock, led to the relocation of an entire 19th century townhouse from Kyoto to Boston. Innovations extended to retail operations including stores priced for a kid's budget and selling recycled materials. In 1981, Spock led the move of the Children's Museum to downtown Boston where it contributed to the redevelopment of the waterfront as a cultural destination.

In 1983, Mike's second son Peter took his own life at the age of 22. After this tragedy, Mike's life and career took on a new sense of urgency and purpose. He accepted the position of public programs director at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, starting in 1986 where, among other projects, he and his team redesigned the ancient Egyptian, Africa, Pacific, animal and evolution galleries. Through these projects, Mike and Judy traveled the world together. Upon leaving the Field Museum in 1994, Spock remained in Chicago, a city he loved with characteristic passion. He became a fellow at University of Chicago's Chapin Hall Center for Children and served as a consultant on museum projects. He suffered a stroke in 2001, but bounced back quickly, staying productive for more than a decade afterwards. His final project was "Boston Stories," a book and website chronicling the groundbreaking work of the Boston Children's Museum (<http://www.bcmstories.com>). After leaving Chapin Hall, he maintained an office at the Chicago History Museum throughout his retirement where he enjoyed the companionship of his colleagues, many of whom had worked with him at the Field Museum.

Michael is survived by his wife Judith Wood Spock of Chicago, son Daniel Spock and wife Lisa First of Charlotte, daughter Susannah Spock of Port Angeles, granddaughter Nadia Spock of Chicago, and brother John Spock of Los Angeles as well as by many nieces, nephews and their children. He is predeceased by his father Dr. Benjamin Spock, his mother Jane Spock and his son Peter Spock. Contributions in his memory can be made to Antioch College.

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### Vyleta, Julia M

Julia M. Kveton-Vyleta (nee Krzyminski), age 103, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 22, 2018. Julia is survived by her loving son, James (Deneen) Kveton; grandchildren, Frank (Chris) Kveton, Suzanne (Don) Borowski, Sandra Kveton, Kevin (Shelley) Kveton, Deneen Pajeau; sister, Carol Lisowski; as well as numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-children. Preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Kveton; second husband, Ernest Vyleta; grandson, James J. Kveton; and sisters, Loretta Dorsz and Bernice Dombrowski. In lieu of flowers, donation in Julia's name to Misericordia would be appreciated. A celebration of Julia's life will begin on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet for a Mass of Christian Burial to be held at 10:30 a.m. Interment to follow at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Justice, IL. Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, 1201 Wyoming Ave, Joliet from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Obituary and tribute wall for Julia M. Kveton-Vyleta at [www.tezakfuneralhome.com](http://www.tezakfuneralhome.com).

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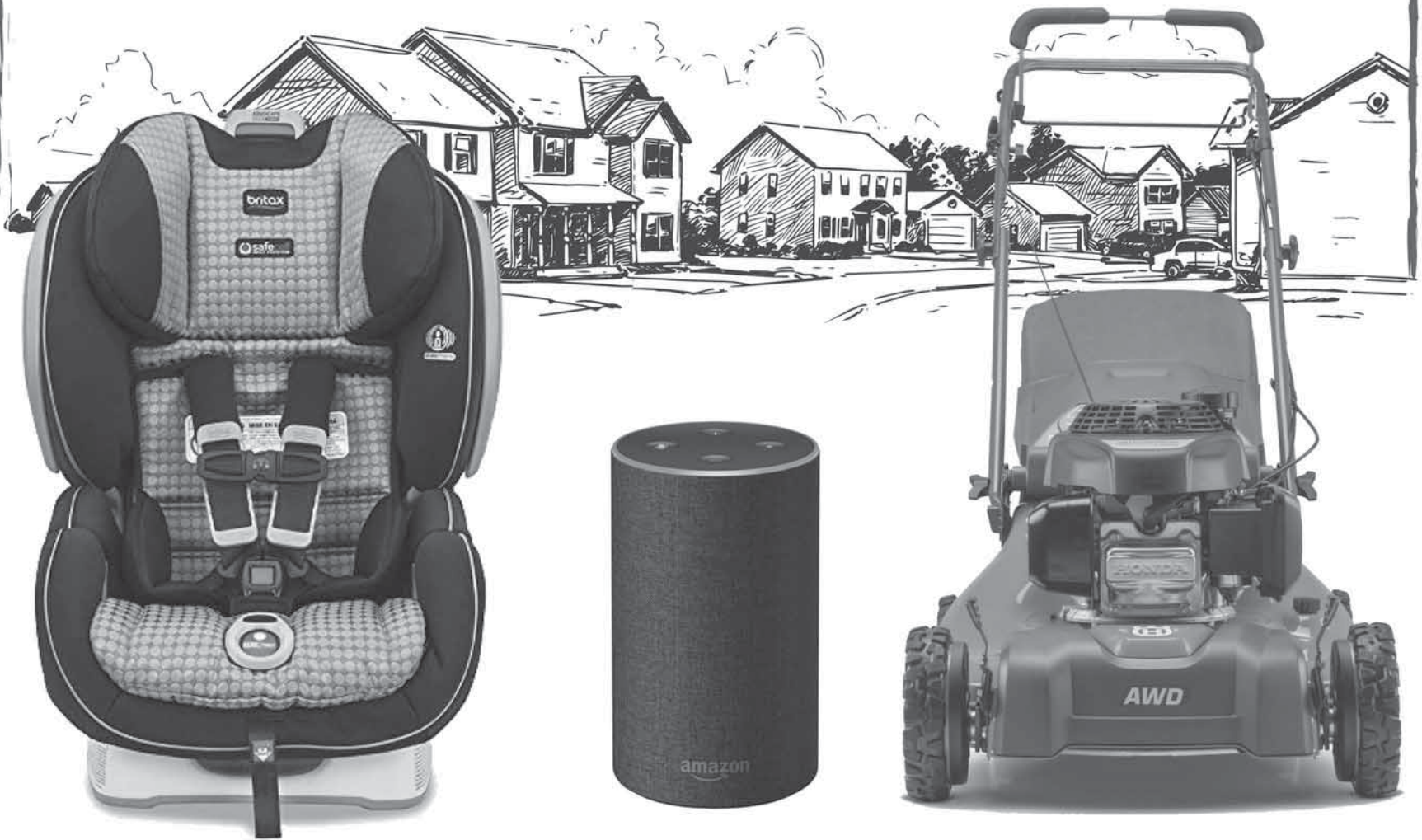
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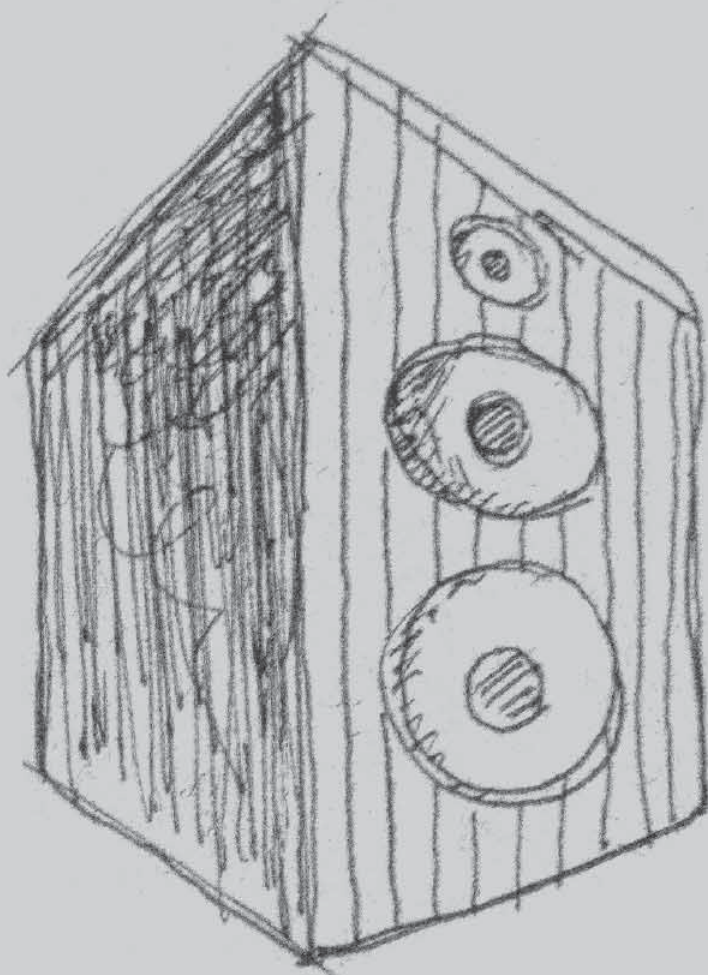
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TUESDAY, DEC. 25 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 18° RECORD HIGH: 64° (1982) RECORD LOW: -17° (1983)

## Mild weather to continue until weekend chill

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH 40** **LOW 32**

■ Christmas Day marks the city's 15th consecutive day with above-normal temps.

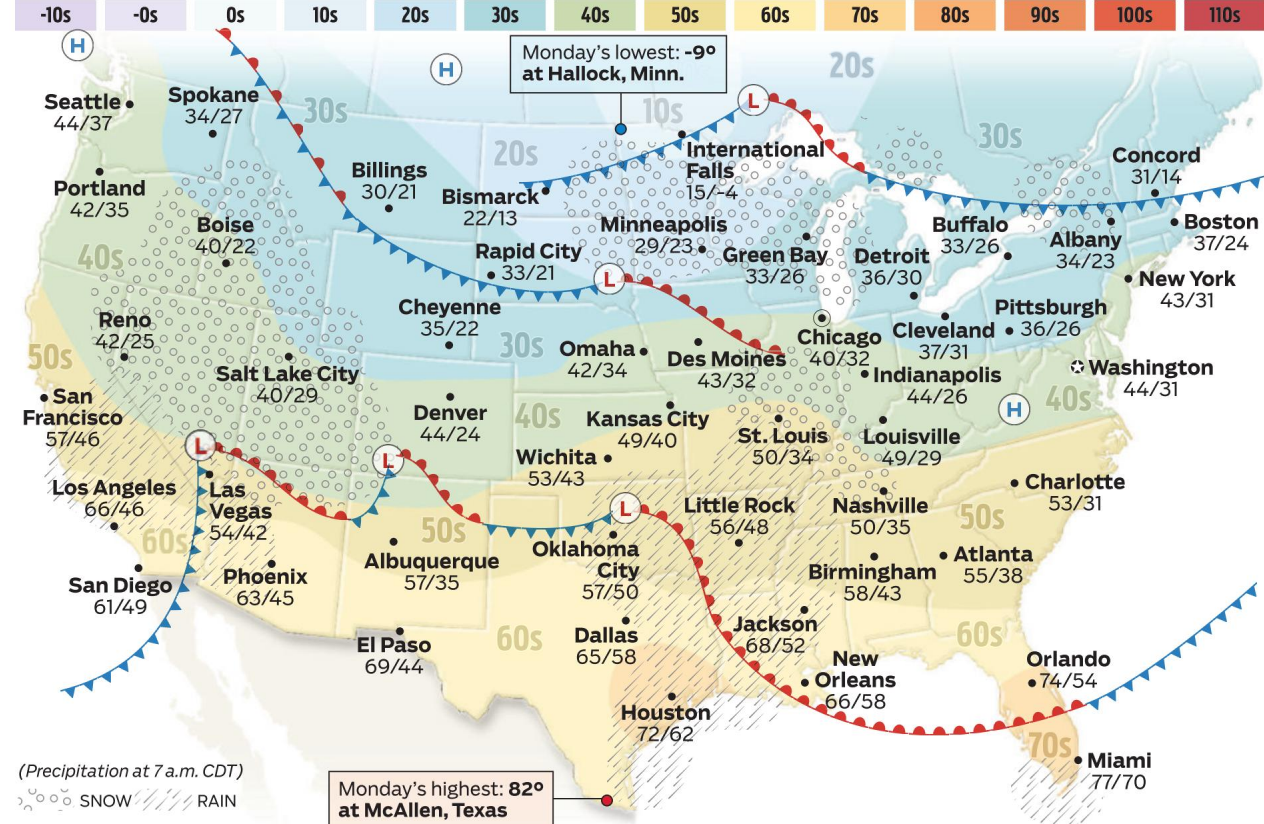
■ A cloudy and chilly start to the day with sunrise temperatures hovering near 30.

■ A few periods of light snow or a wintry mix possible through the morning, but some peeks of sunshine in the afternoon as clouds break and thin a bit.

■ Afternoon highs climb to about 40 degrees, eight degrees above normal. Light south winds.

■ Cloudy Christmas night with lows holding around the freezing mark.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Chicago's string of mild weather will continue through the remainder of this week, before colder conditions arrive for the last weekend of the year. High temperatures on Christmas Day should top out around 40, nearly 20 degrees higher than the city's 21-degree high recorded last Christmas.

By Thursday, unseasonable warmth will arrive as Chicago area temperatures surge well into the 50s as the city lies on the warm side of a strong winter storm, slated to bring heavy snow to portions of the northern Plains and upper Midwest. Waves of rain and even some rare December thunderstorms are expected here as the city basks in its warmest weather since Halloween, when the mercury peaked at 61 degrees. Colder weather will follow by the weekend as temperatures return to the lower 30s.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26**

**HIGH 41** **LOW 37**

Mainly cloudy with some patchy drizzle possible. Some brief periods of filtered sunshine in the afternoon. Temps continue to be above normal as highs reach the lower 40s.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 27**

**HIGH 55** **LOW 42**

Windy with waves of rain and possible thunderstorms. Gusts southeast winds. Unseasonably mild. Warmest day since Halloween as highs reach the mid-50s, 20+ degrees above normal.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 28**

**HIGH 47** **LOW 28**

Cloudy, windy and turning colder with strong, gusty west winds. Morning highs peak in the mid/upper 40s then fall through the 30s in the afternoon. Some brief showers possible.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 29**

**HIGH 32** **LOW 26**

Seasonable weather returns for 2018's last weekend. Mostly cloudy and cold with highs in the lower 30s. North winds 10-20 mph. Generally dry, but a few passing snow showers can't be ruled out.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 30**

**HIGH 34** **LOW 25**

Cloudy. Continued seasonably cold with highs in the lower or middle 30s. Some light snow possible well south of the city as a storm passes through the Gulf states.

**MONDAY, DEC. 31**

**HIGH 36** **LOW 27**

New Year's Eve. Sunshine returns for the last day of 2018. Highs peak in the middle 30s. Light east winds.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
Why is the temperature at Midway Airport usually higher than at O'Hare International Airport even though they are not that far apart?

— Mark Gaffney, St. Charles

Dear Mark,  
Midway Airport lies 16 miles southeast of O'Hare International Airport, but O'Hare is a more outlying location than Midway. It's certainly true that O'Hare is not rural because there is considerable "city" development that extends several miles outward from the airport. However, Midway sits much more to the interior of metropolitan Chicago than does O'Hare and consequently is more affected by the "urban heat island" of the city area.

In the period from 1959 through 2017, the average temperature at Midway was 51.2 degrees and 50.0 degrees at O'Hare. Midway is, on average, 1.2 degrees warmer than O'Hare.

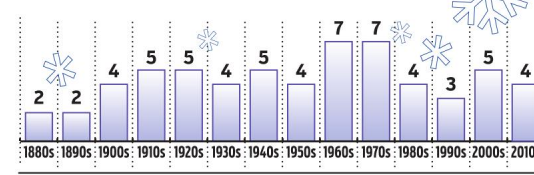
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## "Mild" Christmas 2018; No repeat of brutal cold 35 years ago

**TOUGH SLEDDING THIS YEAR, BUT...**  
Since 1884, more than 45% of Chicago's Christmases have been white with 1" or more of snow cover. "Just like the ones I used to know!"



**35TH ANNIVERSARY—1983 CHICAGO'S FROZEN CHRISTMAS**

**1983 Christmas Eve**  
High -11° (Ties Chicago's record low maximum temp)  
Low -25° (Record low for December 24)  
Average -18° (City's all-time coldest day)  
Wind chill -82° (City's lowest on record)  
Snow depth 4"

**1983 Christmas Day**  
High -5° (Record low maximum for Dec. 25)  
Low -17° (Record low for December 25)  
Wind chill (Ranged from -3° to -60°)  
Snow depth 4"

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

**CITY'S DEEPEST CHRISTMAS DAY SNOW COVERS**

17" 1951  
12" 2000  
10" 1929  
9" 1969, 1961  
8" 1909

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES**

TUE. 12/25	WED. 12/26	THU. 12/27	FRI. 12/28
6AM to 6PM 20%	6AM to 6PM 5%	6AM to 6PM 95%	6AM to 6PM 20%
6PM to 6AM 5%	6PM to 6AM 50%	6PM to 6AM 55%	6PM to 6AM 15%

Steadiest RAINS—possible isolated thunder Thursday

**STORM'S PREDICTED IMPACTS**  
Area of accumulating snow  
Through 6PM Thursday evening

Day #2 EXCESSIVE RAINFALL POTENTIAL Wed. through Wed. night

MARGINAL SLIGHT RISK

SOURCES: TOM SKILLING, STEVE KAHN, BILL SNYDER AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

### MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	50	32	pc	54	47
Carbondale	pc	47	28	pc	47	38
Champaign	pc	48	29	pc	48	41
Decatur	pc	48	29	pc	48	41
Moline	pc	48	28	pc	44	39
Peoria	pc	48	30	pc	49	41
Quincy	pc	47	34	pc	49	45
Rockford	sh	41	29	sh	41	36
Springfield	pc	48	29	pc	49	42
Stirling	pc	43	28	pc	43	37
Indiana	pc	46	28	pc	49	39
Bloomington	pc	49	30	pc	53	45
Evansville	pc	49	30	pc	53	45
Fort Wayne	sh	39	27	sh	43	32
Marquette	cl	31	21	cl	26	22
Indianapolis	fr	44	26	pc	48	36
Lafayette	fr	44	25	pc	47	36
South Bend	pc	40	27	pc	43	33
Wisconsin	cl	33	26	cl	34	32
Green Bay	sh	41	30	sh	43	36
Kenosha	sh	41	30	sh	43	36
La Crosse	sh	35	29	sh	38	35
Madison	sh	37	30	cl	39	34
Milwaukee	sh	38	30	cl	38	35
Wausau	cl	30	21	cl	29	28
Michigan	cl	36	30	cl	39	30
Detroit	cl	36	30	cl	39	30
Grand Rapids	cl	37	32	pc	39	33
Marquette	cl	31	21	cl	26	22
St. Ste. Marie	sh	30	21	pc	24	14
Traverse City	pc	36	27	cl	33	28
Iowa	pc	41	29	pc	39	36
Ames	pc	41	29	pc	39	36
Cedar Rapids	pc	40	30	pc	39	36
Des Moines	pc	43	32	pc	41	39
Dubuque	pc	42	30	sh	41	36

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	cl	63	57	ts	65	46
Albany	su	34	23	pc	39	22
Albuquerque	pc	57	35	cl	45	27
Amarillo	pc	55	43	ts	58	32
Anchorage	sh	22	21	sh	24	23
Asheville	pc	48	30	pc	52	35
Aspen	pc	40	22	sn	30	12
Atlanta	pc	55	38	pc	57	44
Atlantic City	pc	43	28	su	45	31
Austin	sh	71	62	ts	69	53
Baltimore	pc	44	32	pc	47	32
Birmingham	sh	30	21	sn	31	17
Birmingham	pc	58	43	pc	62	51
Bismarck	sh	22	13	sn	21	13
Boise	pc	40	22	pc	35	25
Boston	su	37	24	pc	40	25
Brownsville	sh	80	68	ts	79	69
Buffalo	sh	33	26	pc	36	26
Burlington	pc	24	14	pc	31	12
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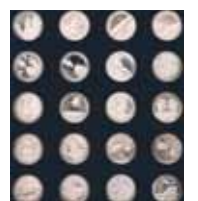
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- 6 cups fresh cranberries
- 8 slices orange
- 1/2 cup St. Germain (optional)

Combine all ingredients in a large punch bowl. Serve individually over ice and garnish with rosemary if desired.



- 2 parts Nue Vodka
- Juice of 1/2 a lime
- Fresh Mint (preferably peppermint)
- Ginger beer
- Crushed candy cane



Muddle crushed ice and handful of mint in a mule mug. Stir in vodka, lime juice and top with ginger beer. Sprinkle crushed candy cane.

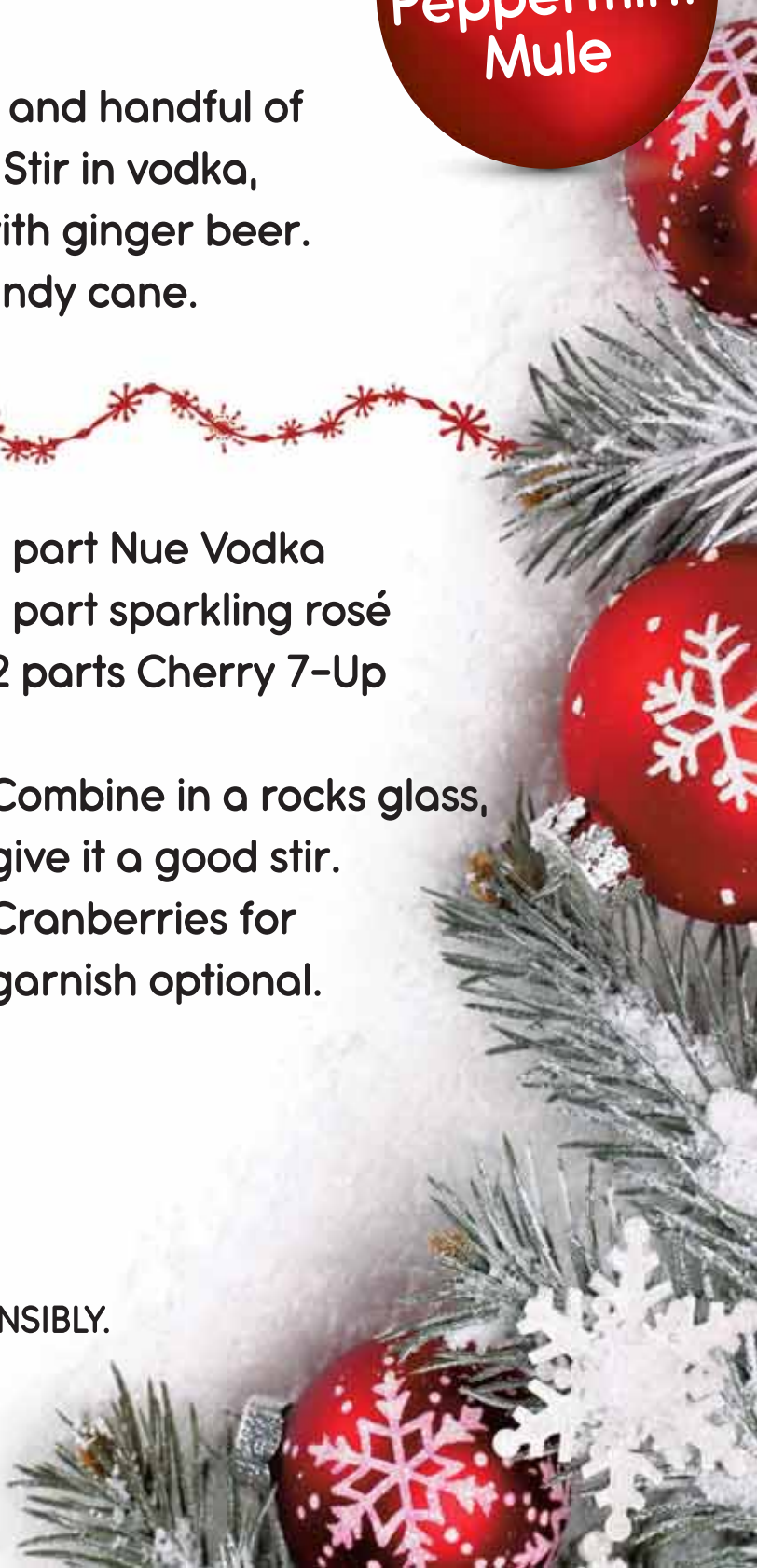


- 1 part Nue Vodka
- 1 part sparkling rosé
- 2 parts Cherry 7-Up

Combine in a rocks glass, give it a good stir. Cranberries for garnish optional.

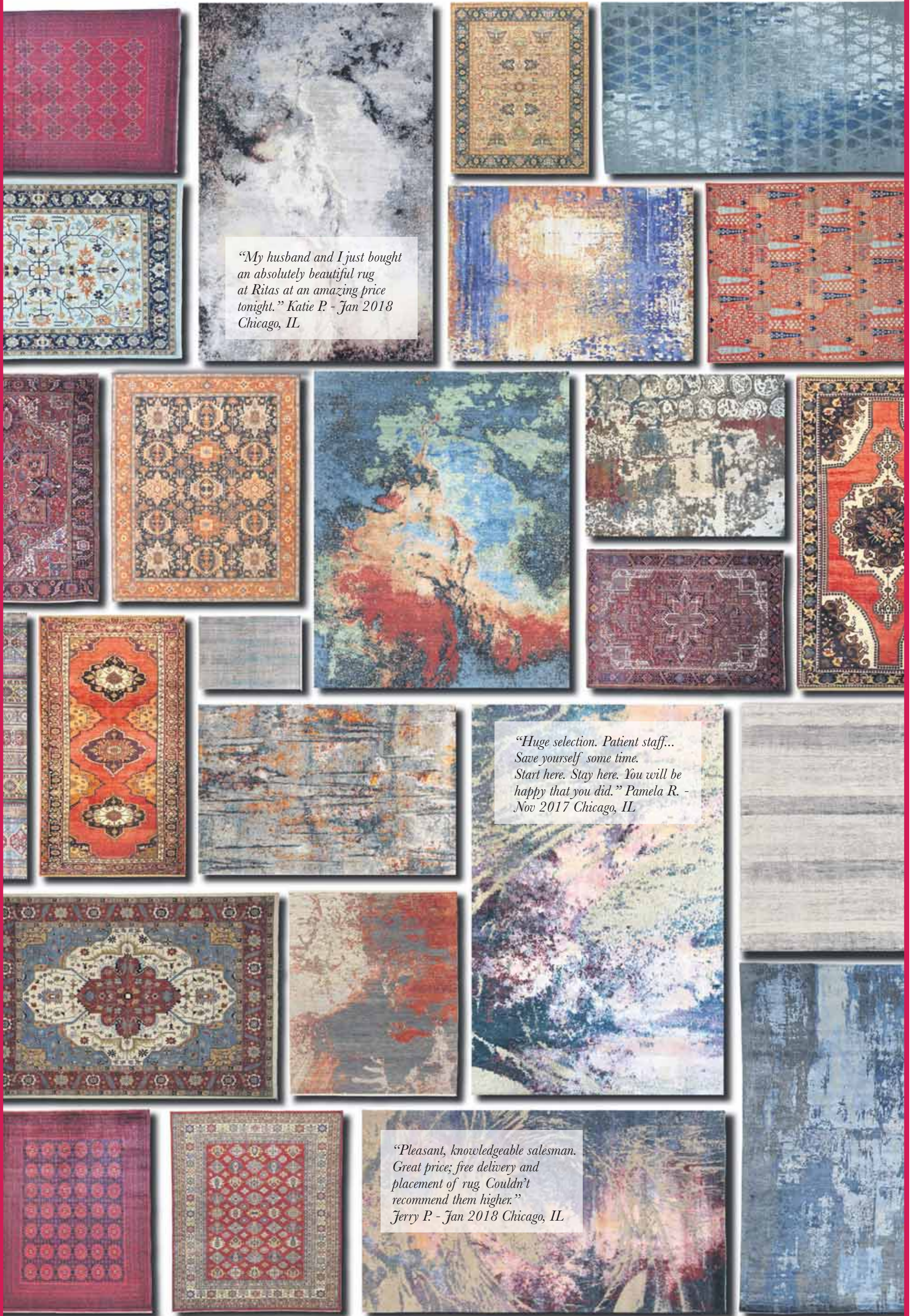


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