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## Building up the mind

### 3rd-graders learn coding, programming and design through hands-on experience

BY JOHN DYKSTRA  
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The third-grader couldn't turn his eyes away as a Christmas ornament came out of the 3-D printer. The Thomas Edison Primary School student said: "It's incredible watching a thin piece of string turn into a snowflake."

**A 3-D WONDER:** Photos of the Thomas Edison Primary School students making snowflakes. A3

In a year when they learned how to fly drones, these grade schoolers are working on building them, too. "We are exposing kids to the kinds of experiences they will have in their future jobs," principal Cheryl O'Leary said. "The kids are really taking the lead with all of this."

"When I was in school, we had rows of desks and chairs. Our computer lab consisted of just one computer. Now, all these kids have school-issued technology. Computer labs are almost obsolete, and classrooms are becoming more and more like meeting places."

Next year, the school is branding itself an engineering school.

"The technology magnet was special because it gave students something they may not have at home," superintendent Genevra Walters said. "Now, technology is such an integral part of our lives, and we had to find another way to engage students for the future."

An engineering magnet means students learn coding, programming and design through hands-on experience.

"We are moving away from just delivering content," said Felice Hybert, the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. "We want to provide opportunities for our students to apply the skills they learn in real-world settings. We're designing for the future while honoring the past."

So, when you see a glow-in-the-dark snowflake Christmas tree ornament, just know it might have been made by a bunch of third-graders, preparing for jobs that do not exist. And, they're doing it here.

# Winter is here



Painting by former Daily Journal editorial cartoonist Ken Stark

Today is the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. The sun will set just before 4:30 p.m. But there are a few things to look forward to: 1. The days now are officially getting longer; 2. When it isn't minus 5 degrees, winter can be fun; and 3. Baseball is almost here again.

## Manteno graduate loves his Monster job

### Ryan LaCosse is following his passion

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As a kid growing up in Bourbonnais and Manteno, Ryan LaCosse played with his Hot Wheels Monster Jam toy trucks, and it's something he's never given up completely.

Though now, he gets to see the real Monster Jam trucks up close and personal. LaCosse is the TV host for the Monster Jam stadium events airing on Fox Sports 1 network.

"I'm now getting the chance to travel the world and do what I love," said LaCosse when reached by phone on Monday. "I'm a big kid now, and I get to play with my favorite things in the whole world."

LaCosse is a 10-year radio veteran, working for two Peoria stations. He's ORyan, the host of the Morning Grind on 92.3 from 6 to 10 a.m. and then walks down the hall and takes the airwaves as Ryan Black on 105.7 The X. Both are Cumulus Media stations.

"I do a morning show on a Top 40 station, and then I walk down the hall and work on a rock show," he said.

A couple years ago, he made a contact through his radio job with a representative with Monster Jams.

"She told me, 'We're looking for



Photo courtesy of Brett Moist

Ryan LaCosse will be hosting a Monster Jam Trucks preview show, that's already been recorded, for this season's stadium events that will be broadcast at 1 p.m. Saturday on FS1. LaCosse will be hosting with Todd Leduc, Metal Mulisha Monster Jam driver.

someone to do voice work, would you be interested?" LaCosse said. "I said, 'yes.'" That got him started on his dream job.

LaCosse started doing the opening work for the Monster Jam shows, which led to hosting the events broadcast on FS1 earlier this year. The upcoming preview show, that's already been recorded, for this season's Monster Jam stadium events will be broadcast at 1 p.m. Saturday on FS1 with LaCosse hosting with Todd Leduc, Metal Mulisha Monster Jam driver.

Also, a Monster Jam Marathon kicks off at 4 a.m. Saturday, and

LaCosse will make appearances in some of those episodes.

He just finished working two shows this past weekend at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn., that will be broadcast on Jan. 1. He's scheduled to do seven more Monster Jam stadium events that will take him to Atlanta, San Antonio, New Orleans, Arlington, (Texas), Indianapolis, Houston and Detroit during the next three months. In addition, he then will host 26 more episodes with Leduc in 2017, including the Jan. 1 show on FS1.

"I told my wife if she can make

it to the end of March, I'll take her anywhere she wants to go," LaCosse said.

His parents, Mark and Karen LaCosse, still live in Manteno. It was his dad who took him to auto racing events at the Kankakee County Speedway, in Wisconsin and throughout the Chicago area that spurred his passion. He went to Monster Jam events at Allstate Arena in Rosemont.

"Wherever the event was, we had to go," he said.

LaCosse graduated from Manteno High School in 2002 where he played soccer and was in show choir and all the plays. He also played club hockey with a team based out of Bourbonnais.

He graduated from Illinois State University in 2006 with a degree in mass communications and soon landed the radio gigs in Peoria.

"My first job was actually delivering papers for the (Daily) Journal in Manteno," LaCosse said.

Now the Monster Jam job takes him across the U.S. and even made a stop earlier this year in Cardiff, Wales, in the United Kingdom.

"I get to do this, and the work is surreal," he said.

He and his wife, Misty, are the parents of two sons, Cruz, 2, and Cash, 7 months. He said his boys will follow his passion for Monster Jam trucks.

"You better believe it. If they don't like Monster Trucks and hockey, they'll just have to move out," laughed LaCosse.

## CHRISTMAS KIDS

4 days till Christmas



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PARENTS: Trisha and Jose Gaytan

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## LOTTERY

**Jackpots**  
 Illinois Lotto \$5.5 million  
 Hoosier Lotto \$3.5 million  
 Mega Millions \$76 million  
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### Numbers drawn Tuesday, Dec. 20:

**Illinois**  
 Pick 3 Midday 4-3-4 1  
 Pick 3 Evening 6-2-5 3  
 Pick 4 Midday 0-5-7-4 8  
 Pick 4 Evening 2-2-2-9 7  
 Lucky Day Lotto  
 Midday 11-17-23-34-43  
 Evening 7-23-27-28-38

**Indiana**  
 Daily 3 Midday 1-7-3  
 Daily 3 Evening 6-0-9  
 Daily 4 Midday 7-3-3-4  
 Daily 4 Evening 2-1-3-3  
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 Evening 2-3-13-16-19-22-23-26-27-28-30-36-42-45-52-54-57-75-77-79  
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## THE BIG PICTURE: DRIFTING AWAY



Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

## Warmer temps headed this way

A track maintenance vehicle from the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway heads east toward Crescent City Sunday afternoon in the extreme cold. With temperatures above freezing forecast for the rest of the week, these snow drifts should be gone soon.

# 5 interesting facts about Christmas cards

There's a good chance a Christmas card or cards are in your mailbox today. It's one of the great traditions of the holiday. Here are a few interesting facts about Christmas cards you probably didn't know:

### The 1st card

The first commercial Christmas card was devised and sent by Henry Cole in 1843, who sold the cards for a shilling. Cole was an English inventor.

### In US, it began in 1881

In America, Louis Prang, a printer, produced the first commercially available Christmas cards. By 1881, more than 5 million cards were being produced every year in the U.S.

### A card majority

About 60 percent of all greeting card sales are Christmas cards. About 33 percent of all



Metro Creative Graphics

cards have religious themes, while snowmen, reindeer, Santa and shopping also are popular.

### Delivered by 'robins'

In the 19th century, the Post Office delivered cards on Christmas Day in the United Kingdom. Postmen often were known as robins because of

their bright red uniforms, and robins became a popular Christmas card motif.

### Ike liked Christmas

President Dwight Eisenhower sent the first White House Christmas card in 1953. The few cards signed by President John Kennedy before his assassination are some of the most valuable cards ever written.

Source: primaryfacts.com

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

## Events in history

- In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.
- In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman concluded their "March to the Sea" as they captured Savannah, Ga.
- In 1891, the first basketball game is believed to have been played at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Mass.; devised by James Naismith, "Basket Ball" involved the use of a soccer ball and two peach baskets, with nine players on each team. (The final score of this experimental game: 1-0.)
- In 1937, Walt Disney's first animated feature, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere in Los Angeles.
- In 1945, U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton, 60, died in Heidelberg, Germany, 12 days after being seriously injured in a car accident.
- In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

## Happy birthday!

- Actress Jane Fonda is 79.
- Actor Samuel L. Jackson is 68.
- Actor-comedian Ray Romano is 59.
- Actor-comedian Andy Dick is 51.
- Actor Kiefer Sutherland is 50.
- Actress Karri Turner is 50.
- World Golf Hall of Famer Karrie Webb is 42.

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# Online sites court procrastinators with speedy shipping

BY MAE ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

Forget ordering online weeks in advance or dashing out to the drug store for a gift card on Christmas Eve. Procrastinating holiday shoppers are finding a haven online as retailers ramp up expedited shipping and same-day delivery services.

Far from discouraging last-minute online shoppers, retailers actually are courting them. Amazon is offering a "Procrastinator's Delight" special. Clothing retailer Madewell proclaims on its website "procrastinators get the best deals" — 25 percent off everything, with orders as late as noon Thursday for holiday deliveries.

It's a far cry from 2013, when Amazon and package deliverers

misjudged demand and delivered some holiday packages after Christmas. Since then, the Seattle company has added warehouses to be closer to customers. It also has leased jets and trucks to get packages delivered on time — even last-minute orders. Package carriers, such as FedEx and UPS, also have increased staffing and hired outside contractors for the season.

"So many people are shopping online because it's easier," said Sucharita Mulpuru, chief retail strategist for the ShopTalk retail conference. "They're waiting for last minute because nobody is encouraging them to shop earlier."

#### TRUST IN RELIABILITY

If you're an online shopper in the days leading up to Christmas

and Hanukkah, be ready to forgo free shipping and shell out for expedited service. Look for sites that offer detailed shipping information. And check where the package is coming from — if it's shipping from China or the U.K., you won't get it in time.

But the extra cost and vigilance is worth it to those seeking to avoid the hassles of jam-packed stores, crowded parking lots and frenzied crowds.

Laura Curtis turned to expedited two-day shipping from Etsy and elsewhere when she realized she needed more gifts for her nieces and nephews.

"I'm usually way done by now," said the writer from Mt. Kisco, New York. But she said she has faith that she'll get her packages on

time. "Our FedEx guy is reliable."

Although a union warned that Amazon might not be able to retain enough pilots under contract to deliver packages through its new airline shipping service, Prime Air, Amazon said it doesn't expect any delays.

#### SPIRALING DEMAND, MORE SERVICES

The number of holiday packages has been rising each year as more people shop online. Research firm comScore predicts online shopping during the November and December holiday period will rise as much as 19 percent from last year to \$81 billion. That compares with an expected 3.6 percent rise in overall shopping during the same period to \$656 billion, according to

the National Retail Federation, an industry trade group.

That means more packages each year. UPS predicts global delivery volume during the holidays will rise 14 percent from last year to about 700 million packages. FedEx expects volume to rise 10 percent.

Meanwhile, the number of services for last-minute online orders keeps growing. Amazon has been expanding its Prime Now same-day delivery service, adding nine cities to reach 31 this year. It is using local delivery service providers and regular drivers as on-demand messengers. The service is catering to last-minute shoppers by offering a "Procrastinator's Delight" program that will deliver products up until 11:59 p.m. on Christmas Eve.



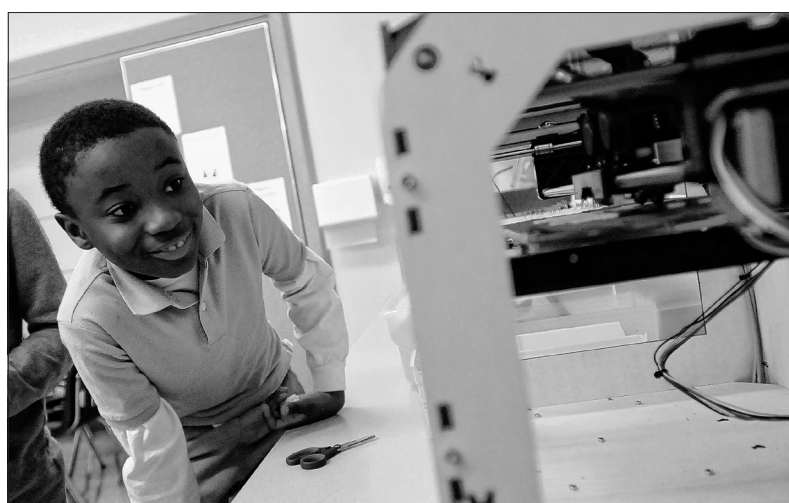
Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

## Remembering Sam Meyers

Despite the sub-freezing temperatures and a brisk wind, more than 100 people showed their support at Legacy Park in Manteno on Tuesday night for the family and friends of Sam Meyers during the candlelight vigil held for the late 19-year-old from Manteno, who took his own life last week.



Third-grader Jamon Barlow holds a snowflake made by a 3-D printer at Thomas Edison Primary School in Kankakee. The school is focusing on practical engineering.



## From string to snow

ABOVE: Third-grader Jamon Barlow watches the 3-D printer print snowflakes.

LEFT: Mariah Williams, a third-grader, prepares to reset the 3-D printer, a Flashforge Creator, as it finishes printing snowflakes on Tuesday.

Daily Journal photos by Tiffany Blanchette

## BRIEFS

HERSCHER

### Teen slides off road, isn't injured

A Herscher High School student driving to school was not seriously injured when her car crashed on Illinois Route 115 at South 8000W Road on Tuesday morning.

According to Illinois State Police, the 16-year-old girl was headed west on Route 115 when she lost control of her 2003 Kia on the snow-covered road at 7:11 a.m.

The vehicle went off the road, overturned one time and landed on its roof. Investigators said she was wearing her seat belt and suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

She was taken to Riverside Medical Center.

— JEFF BONTY

KANKAKEE

### Counterfeit money used for pizza

A pizza delivery man was out two pizzas, a liter of pop and \$15 after a man used a counterfeit \$100 to pay for the order on Dec. 17.

Kankakee police said the delivery was made to a house in the 100 block of South Evergreen Avenue.

The victim said he went back to his vehicle to get the rest of the customer's money. The customer and another individual got in a silver Nissan car and left before he could give him the change, the victim said.

The victim said he then looked at the \$100 bill and realized it said "prop money" on one side.

— JEFF BONTY

CHICAGO

### 4.5M to travel through O'Hare, Midway

CHICAGO — More than 4.5 million people are expected to travel through Chicago's two international airports during the holiday travel period.

The Chicago Department of Aviation said Tuesday that passenger volume at O'Hare and Midway international airports is expected to be higher than last year.

The department anticipates more than 3.4 million passengers will travel through O'Hare between Tuesday and Jan. 6. That's a 5 percent increase over a comparable time frame in 2015.

Airlines at Midway expect more than 1.1 million passengers, for a year-to-year increase of about 2 percent.

The busiest day at both airports is expected to be Friday.

Commissioner Ginger S. Evans said the city is "very excited to host so many guests during the Christmas and New Year's holidays."

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Thursday, Dec. 22**

**Soul Collections Book Discussion**, Kankakee Public Library, 201 E. Merchant St. 815-939-4564. 7 p.m. Monthly reading and discussion group. December's title is "Here and Now," by Kimberla Lawson Roby.

**Make-it and Take-it Craft**, Limestone Township Library District, 2701 W. Tower Road, Kankakee. 1 p.m. Free. Kids in kindergarten and older make a craft and take it home right away. There is no fee for this class. Register at 815-939-1696.

**Ramp Assistance Program**, Options Center for Independent Living, 22 Heritage Drive, Bourbonnais. 815-936-0100. For those in need of a ramp to safely exit/enter home. No charge for the ramp if qualified.

**Friday, Dec. 23**

**Transformed Life Recovery Group**, Redeeming Life Ministries basement, 1284 S. Jeffrey St., Kankakee. 6:45 p.m. 815-

408-1262. Reading inspiration, snacks, coffee and fellowship. Meets each Friday.

**Lego Building**, Limestone Township Library District, 2701 W. Tower Road, Kankakee. 1 p.m. Build with Lego blocks. Blocks provided. Register at 815-939-1696.

**Through Friday, Dec. 30**

**Gallery of Trees**, Kankakee County Museum, 801 S. Eighth Ave. 815-932-5279. \$2 admission. Christmas through the Decades includes 25 decorated trees by local organizations plus four decorated by museum staff and volunteers. Vote for your favorite. Prizes awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners. One set of winners from the children's votes and one set from the adult votes. Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Information at kankakeecounty-museum.com or 815-932-5279.

**Monday, Dec. 26**

**Old Courthouse Museum**, 103 W. Cherry St., Watseka. 815-432-2215. Open 1 to 4 p.m. Decorated trees and houses, along with other exhibits.

**Wednesday, Dec. 28**

**Overeaters Anonymous**, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee. 815-592-3012. Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

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**Thursday, Dec. 29**

**L'SOM Ministry Resale Shop**, has moved to 187 W. Court St. (corner of Court Street and Washington Avenue in Graham

Furniture Store), Kankakee. Low-cost and many free items daily. 815-549-1356. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. This is a local nonprofit organization helping the community.

**Friday, Dec. 30**

**Transformed Life Recovery Group**, Redeeming Life Ministries basement, 1284 S. Jeffrey St., Kankakee. 6:45 p.m. 815-408-1262. Reading inspiration, snacks, coffee and fellowship. Meets each Friday.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4**

**Overeaters Anonymous**, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee. 815-592-3012. Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

**Kankakee Valley Civil War Round Table**, Kankakee Public Library, 201 E. Merchant St. 815-939-4564. 6:30 p.m. Are you interested in the study, promotion and recognition of the American Civil War? Want to meet with others who share this interest? Consider attending a meeting of the Kankakee Valley Civil War Round Table. In this month's discussion, professor Steve DePasquate, from KCC, speaks on Abraham Lincoln's consideration of colonization for freed slaves.

**Thursday, Jan. 5**

**The Kankakee Chapter of Toastmasters International**, Key City, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Garden of Prayer Youth Center, 1432 S. Fourth Ave., Kankakee. Call 815-932-0564 or email sliver470@sbcglobal.net.

**Friday, Jan. 6**

**Transformed Life Recovery Group**, Redeeming Life Minis-

tries basement, 1284 S. Jeffrey St., Kankakee. 6:45 p.m. 815-408-1262. Reading inspiration, snacks, coffee and fellowship. Meets each Friday.

**Taize Prayer**, Maternity BVM Church, 308 E. Marsile Ave., Bourbonnais. 815-933-8285. 7 p.m. First Friday of month. A simple prayer service of chants, enhanced with the music of orchestral strings and a vocal quartet, Scripture, a service of light, an extended period of silence for meditation, concluding with prayers for the world.

**Saturday, Jan. 7**

**Prayer Breakfast**, One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. Illinois Route 113, Kankakee. 815-935-0800. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Program: An overview of community services programs that Catholic Charities provides, such as emergency services, homeless prevention, supportive services for veterans' families, Hispanic/Latino services, transitional housing for homeless families and disaster services. Info. 815-935-0800 or sscm-usa.org.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**

**LOSS (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide)**, Kankakee Public Library, 201 E. Merchant St. 815-939-4564. 6 p.m. Free, nondenominational program to support those grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide. A safe, nonjudgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. Place to find community, direction and resources for healing.

**Roper retirees**, Paul's Place, Kankakee. 8:15 a.m. Retirees and former employees breakfast gathering second Tuesday of each month.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

**Overeaters Anonymous**, Riverside Medical Center, 350

N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee. 815-592-3012. Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

**Friday, Jan. 13**

**Transformed Life Recovery Group**, Redeeming Life Ministries basement, 1284 S. Jeffrey St., Kankakee. 6:45 p.m. 815-408-1262. Reading inspiration, snacks, coffee and fellowship. Meets each Friday.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18**

**Overeaters Anonymous**, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee. 815-592-3012. Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

**MS Support Group**, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Kankakee. 7 p.m. third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 815-933-8594.

**Thursday, Jan. 19**

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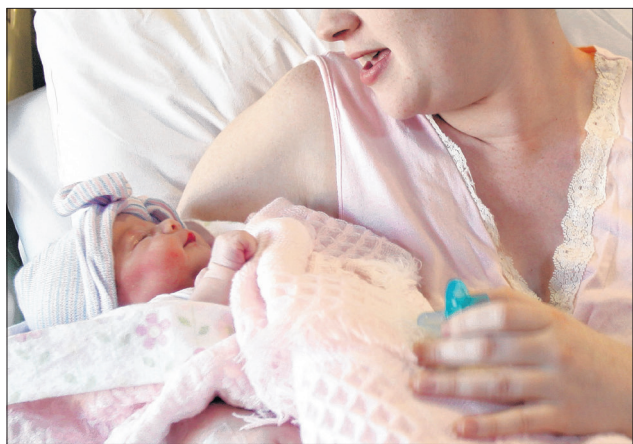


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# National news



The Associated Press

Researchers found alterations in female brains during pregnancy seemed to help women prepare for motherhood.

## Pregnancy changes the brain for as long as 2 years

BY AMY ELLIS NUTT  
The Washington Post

For the first time, scientists have found evidence of specific and long-lasting changes in the brains of pregnant women. The changes were measured in brain areas that are responsible for social cognition and the ability to understand the thoughts and intentions of others, suggesting they might intensify maternal bonding with a newborn.

The neuroimaging study, conducted in Spain, was prospective, looking at the brains of 25 first-time mothers before and after pregnancy, and again two years after the women gave birth. The researchers compared the brain images of these new mothers to those of 19 first-time fathers, as well as 17 men and 20 women without children. The pattern of structural changes the researchers observed in the new mothers were so distinct, it was possible to identify the mothers just from their brain scans. Those changes endured for at least two years, except for a partial return to its previous state in the hippocampus, a brain structure heavily

involved with memory.

The MRI study showed changes in gray matter, the outer layer of the brain that contains the cell bodies of neurons. The gray matter in certain areas shrunk in size after pregnancy, a phenomenon known as “gray matter pruning.” A similar shrinkage is seen in early childhood and during adolescence. The gray matter contains many interconnections among neurons, and during pruning, the most important connections are strengthened and the others are left to wither. Rather than indicating a loss of ability, pruning generally is taken to mean a brain region has become more specialized.

The researchers also found some women had more gray matter pruning than others, and those with the most pruning seemed to bond best with their babies. “The gray matter volume changes of pregnancy significantly predicted the quality of mother-to-infant attachment and the absence of hostility toward their newborns in the postpartum period,” the authors wrote in an study published Monday in *Nature Neuroscience*.

## Was Anne Frank’s family betrayed?

After 72 years, historians have a new theory

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.  
The Washington Post

For two years, Anne Frank’s family hid in secret rooms in Amsterdam, knowing a curtain left open by mistake, a wayward noise or a nervous conspirator’s phone call to the Nazis could land them all in concentration camps.

The worst happened on a summer day in 1944, when investigators discovered their secret world behind a movable bookcase and rounded them up.

Of the eight Jews hiding, seven died before the Holocaust was over, including Anne, whose diary was a testament to the horrors of the Nazi regime. She died of typhus at age 15 at Bergen-Belsen camp in Germany.

And for decades, her father, Otto, tried to figure out who tipped off the Nazis — a question historians have debated for 72 years.

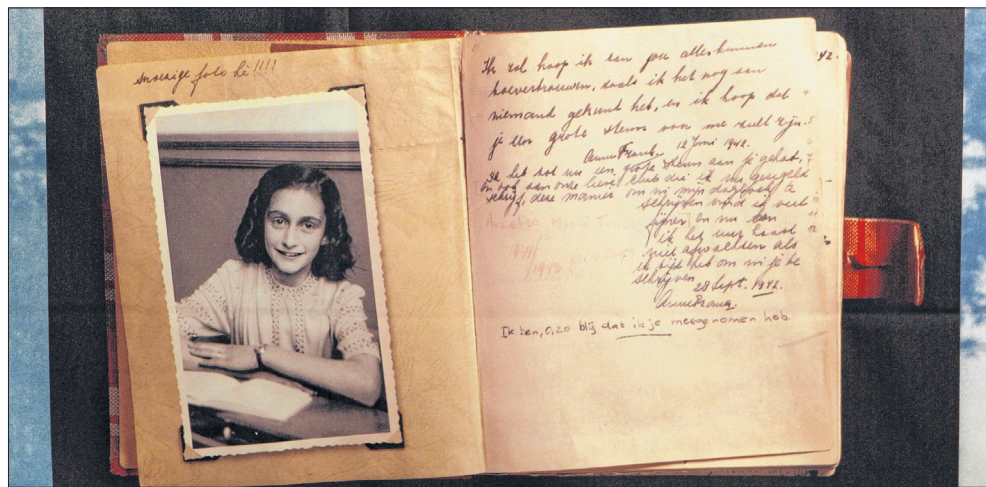
Now, the Anne Frank House museum in Amsterdam has put forth a new theory: Maybe it was all just a coincidence.

For decades, the common theory has been that Anne Frank’s family was betrayed, possibly by a new employee at her father’s business or a conspirator’s wife unsympathetic to the plight of the eight Jews hiding from Nazis in secret rooms.

But, according to a research paper published this month by the Anne Frank House museum in Amsterdam, “this explicit focus on betrayal, however, limits the perspective of the arrest ... other scenarios tend to be overshadowed.”

Historians’ theories were based on Otto Frank’s suspicions, which centered on Willem van Maaren, a new employee who hadn’t been let in on the secret about the hiding place.

“We suspected him all along,” Frank told a Dutch



The Associated Press

A new study by the Anne Frank House museum in Amsterdam said there is no conclusive evidence the Jewish diarist, Anne Frank, and her family were betrayed to the Netherlands’ German occupiers during World War II, leading to their arrest and deportation to Bergen-Belsen, where Anne died of typhus at age 15.

newspaper in 1963.

On its website, the museum says van Maaren was an inquisitive type who became suspicious and “laid a trap in the warehouse once: on the corners of the tables there are sheets of paper which fall off when you walk past.”

Still, no conclusive evidence has ever come to light of van Maaren alerting authorities, the paper says.

Through the decades, others have been identified as potential betrayers, including Dutch National Socialist Tonny Ahlers, as well as the wife of an employee who helped Anne’s family hide.

But no one has cast serious doubts about the betrayal theory — until now.

In part, that’s because historians believed the three investigators who found the Jews hiding in the Opekta building were members of the Sicherheitsdienst, which tracked down potential enemies of Hitler’s Nazi regime.

But new information uncovered by researchers showed the three men Otto Frank later identified as the investigators weren’t looking for enemies of Nazis, but likely were assigned to track down people committing ration card fraud or dodging service in the military — not hunting down Jews.

Gezinus Gringhuis, for example, previously had been assigned to track down

## A modern-day Anne

She has been described as “our era’s Anne Frank,” updating the world on the horrors of war in Syria’s Aleppo in real-time.

But the story of Bana al-Abed, whose Twitter account now has more than 320,000 followers, took a much more fortunate turn Monday. Several photos showed the 7-year-old girl among a crowd of residents evacuated from Aleppo.

According to Ahmad Tarakji, the president of the Syrian American Medical Society, NGO workers are providing assistance to her and others.

Set up and operated with the help of her mother, an English teacher, Bana’s Twitter account stood out among other sources of information in rebel-held east Aleppo. The descriptions of daily life under the siege moved many of her followers and fueled anger at the worsening humanitarian situation in Aleppo’s east.

— The Washington Post

Jews, but had a new assignment — “investigating economic violations,” according to the research paper.

In her diary, Anne repeatedly wrote about the arrests of men who had been caught dealing in illegal ration cards “so we have no coupons.”

Such arrests were often reported to authorities, who frequently came across hiding Jews as they tried to sniff out people with phony ration cards.

The research paper also highlights other circumstantial evidence that pokes holes in the betrayal theory. Many phone lines were cut off, for example, which would make it hard for civilians to call authorities

about Jews in hiding.

“This creates a real possibility that the call, if it actually took place, came from another government agency,” the paper says.

The paper stressed that there is no conclusive theory about how Anne’s family was discovered — including the paper’s own claims.

“In any case, the Anne Frank House’s investigative report indicates that more was going on in the building (than) only people being hidden there,” it says. “The possibility of betrayal has of course not been entirely ruled out by this. ... Clearly, the last word about that fateful summer day in 1944 has not yet been said.”

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# National news

## Passing on the spirit of St. Nick

How a mom told her kids the truth about Santa

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ  
The Washington Post

Adam Rush's son was ready. So, the Texas father sat his 9-year-old down and he let him in on the secret of Santa Claus.

A jolly man didn't traverse the globe in one night leaving gifts, he explained. But not because Santa doesn't exist. There just isn't only one Santa, he told the boy, but there are Santas everywhere. And when someone is ready to become a Santa, they'll receive the message and be activated, like a soldier.

This year, he told his son, Tristan, he was ready to be a Santa.

If the story sounds familiar, it has been shared all over social media this season. It begins decades ago when Adam's mother — rather than killing the spirit of Christmas by revealing to her children that Santa wasn't real — told her boys it was their turn to be Santas. She wrote:

"In our family, we have a special way of transitioning the kids from receiving from Santa, to becoming a Santa. This way, the Santa construct is not a lie that gets discovered, but an unfolding series of good deeds and Christmas spirit. When they are 6 or 7, whenever you see that dawning suspicion that Santa may not be a material being, that means the child is ready."

She goes on to tell the story of her 7-year-old son; how

she took him out for "coffee" and reminded him of ways that year he'd been empathetic or considerate of others' feelings. She told him his "heart has grown so much, that I think you are ready to become a Santa Claus."

That Christmas, it was his job to identify something a person, not their immediate family, might need and then surreptitiously leave it for them. Her son picked the "witch lady" down the street, who yelled at the neighborhood kids when they were playing too loudly near her house. He noticed she always got her morning newspaper in her bare feet, so he told his mom he wanted to buy her slippers. They purchased a warm pair, wrapped them with a note, "Merry Christmas from Santa" and her son



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"In our family, we have a special way of transitioning the kids from receiving from Santa, to becoming a Santa. This way, the Santa construct is not a lie that gets discovered, but an unfolding series of good deeds and Christmas spirit."

left them on her driveway. As the story goes, the next morning he watched as the

elderly woman came out to get her paper in her new slippers.

The woman who shared that story is Leslie Rush, 57, a high school history teacher, in El Paso, Texas. She wrote it 10 years ago in response to an online forum query about how to handle when kids begin asking whether Santa is real. The little boy in her story is her son, Adam, who now is 32 years old, and this year, passed along the gift of becoming Santa to his own son, Tristan.

It originated with her husband's mother, whose own grandfather turned her into a Santa during the Depression.

Rush can't say why her family's story suddenly went viral so many years later, but, perhaps, therein lies the magic of Christmas: Giving people what they need when they need it most. The idea that there are Santas living all around us feels especially comfort-

ing after this year.

"These days, everything is so fast, I feel like it's a way to make personal connections that get lost in this digital age. You have to look into people's eyes and use your eyes instead of looking at a screen," Leslie Rush said in an interview. "Making that personal connection, you learn something more about someone. ... It also teaches about doing for others without getting credit. You have to be thoughtful, put yourself outside of yourself."

Her decade-old post was rediscovered by a woman who shared it on her Facebook page and it was picked up by outlets such as Upworthy, the "Today Show" and The Huffington Post.

Even actor Ashton Kutcher shared it. But it wasn't until last week that a friend saw it going viral and remembered it as Rush's story. That's when Rush learned that likely millions of people all over the world

were reading her words.

It's also quite a coincidence that this would happen on the same year her adult son had planned to pass the Santa secret on to his own child.

For Adam Rush, the attention has made him reflect on what his mother's gift to him, and later to his younger brother, meant to them. It instilled in them the power of giving. No matter how small the gesture, generosity can have a profound impact. It's a simple act that transcends politics and religion and race and nationality. It's about being human.

"I believe it to be in the spirit of St. Nicolas. I don't believe he had supernatural powers, but the message within his actions, it supersedes religion, it supersedes a lot of the separations we encounter," he said. "Putting that into action, something as simple as to take the time to do something for someone. They call it the spirit of St. Nick, and it is."

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## EDITORIAL

# How badly does Obama's exit hurt Illinois?

Not much, as it seemingly didn't help in the first place

A recent story expressed regret about the fact Illinois no longer has special access to the federal government after President Barack Obama leaves office.

For the past eight years, the former senator from Illinois was president. How has the Prairie State fared dur-

ing this period?

- Illinois is 33rd among all states for business climate, according to Forbes. Among large states, only Pennsylvania is worse.

- Illinois is 42nd for business regulation, according to Forbes.

- The state is 40th in unemployment. Again, among large states, only Pennsylvania is worse.

- Illinois is 44th for government debt, according to

Crain's Chicago Business.

- In 2015, 67,500 more people left Illinois than moved in. An analysis by the Internal Revenue Service showed those moving out of Illinois were making \$76,824 per year. Those moving in were making \$56,690.

- Various ratings place Illinois' unfunded pension debt as either worst — or second worst — in the nation.

- Moody's Bond rating service sets the value of the

state's public bonds at the Baa2 level, the lowest in the nation.

- And, of course, we can-

not even pass a state budget.

As the saying goes, with friends like this, who needs enemies?

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Political leaders in Illinois kicked the can down the road, raised taxes and ignored fiscal realities. Now, they're realizing the consequences of their actions: credit downgrades and negative outlooks."

SCOTT WALKER

## COMMENTARY

# The right way to do infrastructure spending

In early 2015, oil and gas company ConocoPhillips requested a permit from the Obama administration to launch an oil-drilling project in Alaska. The energy project, called the Greater Mooses Tooth development, is located within the National Petroleum Reserve and would create thousands of jobs in an economically depressed area of the state. The project has the full approval of the local community and poses little threat to the environment in a sparsely populated region.

It is a multibillion-dollar jobs-and-infrastructure project with roads and housing and pipelines. It won't cost the federal taxpayers a penny to build. In fact, the royalties from the project likely will raise hundreds of millions of tax dollars for the federal government and the state.

A no-brainer, right? Not exactly. For years, the Obama administration has tangled up the project in regulatory red tape. "We are ready to break ground on day one after we get the permit," a frustrated ConocoPhillips Vice President John Dabbar told me. "We're going to employ nearly everyone up there," he adds. It still hasn't been approved because Obama hates fossil fuels.

If Donald Trump is smart, he will greenlight the drilling project the day he enters office.

Now, multiply this story by at least several hundred. The radical green agenda of the Obama regime has, for eight years, canceled, delayed, denounced and disrupted these types of smart energy, mineral and transportation projects all over the country. The value of these financially lucrative and job-creating initiatives — such as the Keystone XL pipeline — is in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

Think about that in connection with Donald Trump's promise of as much as \$1 trillion for new infrastructure spending. I am always asked, "Where will the money come from to pay for these projects, given that the government is already running near-trillion-dollar annual deficits?"

We've been looking at this the wrong. Smart infrastructure investment in America doesn't require one penny of new federal spending. In fact, these projects can substantially reduce government borrowing and increase revenue inflows.

All President-elect Trump must

do to unleash the mighty spending of private, for-profit enterprise is to give the companies and the localities the green light to build, to drill, to mine, to invest.

A new study by the Committee to Unleash Prosperity, written by former Interior Department energy expert Jackson Coleman, finds that the value of energy resources on federal lands could exceed \$50 trillion. The federal leasing revenues and income tax receipts from developing these resources could reach \$3 trillion.

The Obama administration has held up at least five transnational pipelines that could create tens of thousands of high-paying union jobs. In the mountain states such as Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, dozens of major mining projects for urgently needed rare minerals have been bottled up by the federal regulators. Apparently, Obama would rather import these from resources from China.

Then there are coal plants necessary to secure our electric power supply. America desperately needs to build clean-coal-fired plants to ensure reliable electricity for our homes and businesses.

Obama has shut them down while bankrupting the industry. We also need refineries and liquefied natural gas terminals to allow the U.S. to export more of our abundant shale oil and gas. Since we have the cleanest oil, gas and coal in the world, developing U.S. energy is positive for the environment and reducing greenhouse gases.

There is one key distinction between private and public infrastructure spending. For-profit projects, by definition, must have a positive return on investment. Public infrastructure projects often have negative returns because they generate so little revenue. Think of the \$70 billion bullet train in California that will carry very few passengers. Would any private company in its right mind ever build this rolling white elephant? Or recall the "bridge to nowhere" in Alaska or the Obama "investments" in green energy projects that have gone belly up.

Sure, we need road and bridge and airport improvements. But that isn't what's holding back growth.

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## COMMENTARY

# Ugliness in a season of joy

Trump vs. Obama in the alleged war on Christmas

BY PETULA DVORAK

The Washington Post

"Happy Holidays," the grocery clerk said to the customer in front of me the other day.

"You mean, Merry Christmas," the customer snapped back.

The clerk sighed.

A war on Christmas? Yes, please. Because Christmas — the way we play it — needs some help.

The season meant to celebrate joy, generosity, love and kindness now is an annual cultural battleground for our divided nation.

Think this isn't real? Just look at the White House.

The incoming president — a man not known for his religious devotion — trumpeted his Christmas bonafides during his "Merry Christmas USA Thank You Tour." Donald Trump's stages were decorated with Christmas trees — 16 of them in Orlando — and he made not a single mention of Hanukkah or any other faith Americans practice.

President Barack Obama and his family, on the other hand, were once again flambeed online for their take on the season.

Their crime? A family holiday card. Yup. Holiday card, not Christmas card. A subversive, rebel plan to overthrow the nation's \$465 billion December industry because they didn't put the words "Merry Christmas" on it, for the eighth year in a row!

"Merry Christ ... er ... scratch that. 'We Are the Obamas, and It's Some Random Holiday!'" Sarah Palin tweeted, when she saw the new Obama family card this year.

Oops. There are a few other holidays this time of year, and the folks who celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yule, Saturnalia, Festivus and Ramadan — which does fall in December occasionally — also are citizens of America.

But nevermind. More Christmas! Because the holiday that launches layaway plans in August and begins its relentless soundtracks in October is totally endangered.

"Shocker, Obama's final White House 'Christmas card' DOESN'T mention Christmas ... That's OK, Trump has Merry Christmas all over his podiums," tweeted another supposed Christian who somehow believes the spirit of Jesus Christ or St. Nicholas comes alive in podium slogans.

It was a little more than a year ago that Trump, in one of his many campaign promises, vowed to win the alleged war on Christmas.

Last year, he took on this pressing American crisis when Starbucks unveiled its holiday paper cup as an ombre red number, without snowflakes or reindeer or snowmen, the things that would've surely cemented a company's dedication to the only son of God.

Plenty of self-described holy folks were outraged at the design aesthetic and Trump suggested a Starbucks boycott to a crowd in Springfield, promising, "If I become president, we're all going to be saying 'Merry Christmas' again. That I can tell you."

Because he's going to repeal HB 666, the bill that makes it a crime to say "Merry Christmas"? I missed that one.

Never fear, Trump's launched a Merry Christmas victory tour so the Christmasers can keep winning.

There isn't and never was a war on this thing we think is Christmas. You can't swing a cat anywhere in America today and not hit a piece of tinsel. Don't worry, you're covered if that's what Christmas means to you.

Even most of the folks who described themselves as deeply religious told the Public Religion Research Institute in their 2013 survey that they don't mind hearing "Happy Holidays" or "Seasons Greetings" this time of year.

This isn't about religion. It's about politics. Again. I said it last year, and I'll say it again this year. Yes, there is a war on Christmas. The real Christmas.

If real Christmas is about honoring the birth of an impoverished child to a homeless couple who must eventually flee a tyrant to keep their baby safe, then, yes, there is a war on Christmas.

If Christmas is about peace, joy, generosity, thankfulness and goodwill among people, then yes, there is a war on Christmas.

If Christmas is about honoring the spirit of Saint Nicholas — Nikolaos the Greek Bishop of Myra — the young man born into wealth who gave all his riches to the poor by tossing bags of gold coins through windows of struggling, impoverished families in his hometown, which now is part of Turkey, then yes, there is a war on Christmas.

The tragedies of that time that spurred men such as St. Nicholas and Jesus into action? They're with us today.

There is a realtime, gruesome massacre underway in Aleppo, recorded on video and shared on social media every day. In our country, 21 percent of American children live in poverty and half a million Americans are homeless.

Nicholas rescued children from slavery, death and poverty. Jesus Christ fed the hungry, cured the sick and comforted the afflicted.

But our answer to the contemporary suffering we see before us?

We're going to fight over whether we say Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas. St. Nick and Jesus would be horrified.

Come on, America. We've got to be better than this.

Petula Dvorak is a Washington Post columnist.

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Stressed over the holidays? Your pooch might be too. Watch out for these things to keep man's best friend (or feline) happy and healthy this holiday season.

# 10 holiday items to keep away from pets

BY LORI KRECIOCH  
Special to the Daily Journal

Love the holidays, but feel tense with a houseful of guests? You might not be alone. Holiday houseguests come in at number 5 on the following top 10 list of things that can sicken your pets, especially this time of year.

"During the holidays, pet owners are often busy with guests and things like that, and they don't notice that their pets have gotten into anything harmful until after they have done so," said Kaylle Dodds, Hospital Manager at VCA County West Animal Hospital in Kankakee. She added the hospital usually sees an uptick in appointments the day after a holiday.

Stay vigilant and keep harmful items away from pets this holiday season — whether gift wrap or your Uncle Larry — with this top 10 list.

## GIFT WRAP AND DECORATIONS

**10** Gift wrapping can be as much a tradition as the gifts themselves, but once gifts are open, pet owners need to dispose of wrapping and accessories as soon as possible. "Cats often get into bows and ribbons that, once ingested ... can cause a great deal of damage in the intestines," said Dodds.

Similarly, holiday decorations add to the holiday spirit, but they also can be harmful to pets, said Dr. Debbie Wagner of the Bradley Animal Hospital. Watch out especially for tinsel, which can damage the intestines and cause stomach blockage.

## MUNCHIES

**9** Whether creating special holiday menus or gifting food items, eating, well, overeating, is a part of the holiday season. Many holiday food are dangerous to animals. "Be on the lookout for dips with onion or garlic because both ingredients in pure or powder forms can be toxic to your pets," Wagner said.

And while it's OK to feed your pets some plain white meat turkey from your holiday meal, "be sure to keep the turkey free of fat and gravy — because salt in large quantities can cause excessive thirst and increased sodium levels," Wagner added.

Likewise, dessert items like fruitcake should be kept away from pets, as fruitcake often contains currants, nuts and raisins, which all are toxic to pets. And, while many pet owners are aware that they shouldn't feed sugar to their pets, many mistakenly believe that sugar-free products are okay.

"Xylitol, which can be found in many sugar-free items, circulates in animals' bodies and can cause sugar levels to drop, liver disease, seizures and even death," Wagner said.

## PLANTS

**8** Poinsettias and Christmas lilies are two of the most popular holiday plants. Poinsettias often are used for decoration, but the plant can cause upper gastrointestinal issues in your pets, and the sap can cause a rash. The Christmas lily can be very toxic and even cause kidney failure in kittens.

## SCARF SETS

**7** While both scarves and mittens might seem like large objects that pets would not attempt to consume, the yarn from scarves and mittens can be ingested by your pet and become a linear foreign body, which can seriously harm your pet's intestines and risk surgery to remove the object.

## MAIL

**6** It's not just the envelopes, but what's in them: lottery tickets, money, gift cards or Christmas cards. While many paper products are relatively safe if accidentally ingested, envelopes can possibly cause harm.

## HOUSEGUESTS

**5** The holidays wouldn't be complete without friends and family, but remember that your pets are used to a routine that can be disrupted with the addition of even just a few houseguests.

"Pet personalities come into play. Some pets, like a big golden retriever, may enjoy a houseful of guests, whereas the same company can be a cat's worst nightmare," Dodds said. The advice here is know your pets and their personalities and plan accordingly. "There is also a line of aromatherapy products that can help calm pets," she added. These items usually can be found

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## Do you have Christmas Eve dinner plans?

Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote: "Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime."

As a child, I remember the magic of Christmas Eve, the smell of a fresh pine tree with a hint of cinnamon that came from the kitchen. My dad would be in the kitchen singing, dancing and aggravating my mom as she prepared dinner. My parents made it a magical time for my brothers and me, just as they did for my children.

Christmas Eve was a production. Dad insisted his grandchildren had the full Santa experience. After dinner, he would yell, "I think I hear Santa's sleigh! Everyone, run to the window!"

In the meantime, my brothers would climb up on the roof. With sleigh bells in hand, they stomped around imitating reindeer landing, not to mention their occasional ho-ho-ho filled with giggles. It was a miracle that not one reindeer fell off the roof or crashed through it.

No matter how families spend Christmas, it's the time together we will remember. Here are a few restaurants for you to consider for Christmas Eve with your family.

How does Christmas Eve at **Tom's Tavern and Restaurant** sound to you? They will have an all-you-can-eat Christmas Eve dinner buffet featuring fried cod, baked mostaccioli, roast beef, stuffed pork chops, signature fried chicken, ham, au gratin potatoes, chicken Marsala with mushrooms, homemade mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans with onions and bacon, not to mention loaded baked potato soup, along with a full salad bar.

If that's not enough, Tom's will have a mouthwatering assortment of desserts just waiting for you. Prices are very reasonable, too: \$13.95 for adults; 10 and younger are half-price; 5 and younger are free.

There are three seatings for the buffet at 4; 5:45 and 7:30 p.m. Make reservations to reserve your seat by calling 815-253-6407. Tom's Tavern is located at 221 Main St., Kempton. Make sure you check them out on Facebook.

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Five Christmas trees adorn the beautifully decorated **Bennett-Curtis House** in Grant Park. They will be open Christmas Eve featuring the full dinner menu. Reservations are required. Hours for Christmas Eve dinner are from 5 to 9 p.m. They will have a special holiday five-course menu available. The restaurant will be fully decorated for Christmas through January.

The Bennett-Curtis House is located at 302 W. Taylor St., Grant Park. Call 815-465-2288 for reservations.

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**Coyote Canyon**, Bourbonnais, will be open on Christmas Eve for breakfast from 7:30 to 11 a.m.; dinner begins at 4 p.m. They will be closed Christmas Day.

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**Jimmy Jo's BBQ** will be open for lunch on Christmas Eve until 4 p.m. They will be open on Christmas Day for

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Maggie May hit the jackpot in her new home. Submitted photo

## PET OF THE WEEK

# Maggie May loves the tree

**NAME:** Maggie May

**PERSON AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE:** Tonya Murray, of Bradley

**ABOUT ME:** I was found in the middle of 45 the day before Thanksgiving in the cold and pouring rain by a nice lady and my new mommy. My new Mommy took me to the doctor to make sure I was OK. When I was there, there was another kitty there that looked just like me. My mommy asked the young girl where she got her kitty, and she said in front of Bill's Diner. Mommy thinks someone dumped us

off because we are both very lovely and aren't scared of anything.

**FAVORITE TOY:** I love this new thing they call a Christmas tree. And I have a big brother that I love to death because he always plays with me. His name is Oliver and he is a Yorkie.

**IF I COULD TALK I WOULD SAY:** I think I hit the jackpot on my new home. Whoever didn't want me gave up the best thing because I'm such a sweetie.

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## The Dish

# Celebs reveal holiday gifts that got away

BY LEANNE ITALIE  
The Associated Press

Sometimes, Santa leaves scars, by way of kid-coveted gifts that never landed under the tree.

And sometimes, the big guy in the red suit just gets it wrong. Ask Will Smith.

"My sister got the Easy-Bake Oven instead of me," he said promoting his movie "Collateral Beauty."

"I don't know why they don't give boys Easy-Bake Ovens, you know? Boys should be able to cook stuff, so that was actually a tragedy from my youth, that my sister got the Easy-Bake Oven and I didn't," Smith joked.

For Jennifer Aniston, who co-stars in "Office Christmas Party," the elusive holiday gift of Christmas Past amounted to Barbie denied. Or at least part of Barbie.

"The Barbie head," to be exact, to which co-star Jason Bateman wondered on a red carpet: "Just the head?"

Aniston: "Yeah, the bust. Remember? The hair could grow. You could pull out the hair and then you could cut it. Paint makeup on it."

The still-not-sure Bateman: "So a life-sized bust?"

"Yeah," she replied.

Actress Lily Collins was in the Barbie struggle: "I wanted a Barbie Jeep. I never got my Barbie Jeep."

It was personal for country-pop star Kelsea Ballerini.

"I swear, every year, me and my mom went to go see 'The Nutcracker,' she recalled.

"I've never told this story before. Every year, I wanted one of the big tutus, like the big straight-out sequined tutus, and so one year, I wrote a letter to Santa very seriously and very well-spoken, and I said: 'Santa, I'm gonna reason with you,'" she explained.

"I need a tutu because I've gone to 'The Nutcracker' like seven years in a row, my last name is Ballerini, I'm basically a ballerina and I need a tutu.' And I didn't get one."

That's not the saddest story ever told for the pet-obsessed, including the younger self of Naomi Harris, who co-stars in "Moonlight."

"I really wanted a dog and I never got a dog and my mom got me a rabbit instead, but a rabbit is not a dog and that was really disappointing," she said.

For funnyman Keegan-Michael Key, it was more like the big fish that got away.

"Oh, God. I wanted a Great Dane so bad but we lived in a small house," he recalled. "They would have had to feed that thing more than me and my brother."

Composer and music producer Hans Zimmer found a silver lining.

"From a really early age, being a geeky kid who wanted to make music



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Kelsea Ballerini performs "Peter Pan" at the 50th annual CMA Awards at the Bridgestone Arena on in Nashville. In recent interviews Ballerini, along with a host of our celebrities, revealed their elusive Christmas gifts that never materialized. For the country pop star it was a tutu.

with technology, I wanted a synthesizer, of course. And there's no way any parent would go and give that to their child because these are expensive things," he said.

"And so, when I finally was able to earn the money to give it to myself, that was still in those moments where everybody was saying to me, 'When are you going to get a real job?' I think the greatest thing about not getting the gift was to be able to earn the gift myself and doing something with it," Zimmer said.

Aniston's "Office Christmas Party" co-star T.J. Miller had it easy.

"Mine is the Technodrome, which is where the villain Krang from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles was with Bebop and Rocksteady, which was this very large — it opened up and ooze would come down and there were little torture places for the turtles," he said.

"For some reason I wanted that more than anything," Miller added. "And then, when Santa brought it, I just lost my mind."

### ADAM WEST TO SELL BATMAN-THEMED PAINTINGS

KETCHUM, Idaho — The actor who portrayed the tights-clad Batman in the 1960s TV series is selling paintings he has created of villains from the show at an art gallery in the central Idaho resort town of Ketchum, near where he now lives.

The opening of "Criminals on Canvas" is today at the Gilman Contemporary art gallery; West is to attend.

The 88-year-old West says his paintings capture the humor, zaniness and depth of Batman villains, as well as the Freudian motivations of Batman.

West's deadpan portrayal of the comic hero in the campy 1960s series brought the Capped Crusader into the national consciousness as he battled Catwoman, the Joker, the Riddler and the Penguin.

The Sun Valley and Ketchum area typically attracts many wealthy visitors during the holidays.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Woman abused as child needs counseling now

PTSD interfering with relationship

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 46-year-old woman with PTSD because of a history of physical abuse, mental abuse and incest that I experienced as a child. I'm proud to say it has not been repeated with my four children.

My childhood history has made me want sex only if I am in control or if I am role-playing rape.

It has caused a big problem with my fiancé. I want this scenario all the time, and, unfortunately, it's unhealthy. I'm not sure how to go about healthy sex with him.

He is 10 years older than I am and not interested in "different" sex practices.

I love him very much and don't want to mess up this relationship because of my sex issues. Can you advise me how to handle this? — **Role-playing in St. Paul**

**DEAR ROLE-PLAYING:** If you haven't discussed the reason for your sexual issues with your fiancé, you need to explain the reason for them. From your letter, I am guessing you never had counseling to help you resolve the abuse to which you were subjected.

If that's correct, I am advising you to contact RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network; rainn.org) or a local rape crisis organization, and ask for some help now.

The counselors are specially trained to help victims of various kinds of abuse, and the place to start resolving your issues would be there.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a woman in my 30s. My father has been in prison since I was a tot. I was raised by my mother who, in my opinion, did a great job.

My relationship with my father has been damaged for as long as I can remember. He will never get out, and part of me is angry at him for making such poor life choices.

When I was a teenager, he struck me once during a visit. He also is manipu-

lative and sometimes does hurtful things. For example, a few years ago, he wrote me letters to which I never responded. When I finally got around to writing him back, he mailed my letters back to me (unopened) and said I deserved to see how it felt to have letters go unanswered.

He has said he's convinced he will die within five years because he's nearing the ages when his parents died. I think there's something wrong with him, and I'm afraid that after he passes on, I'll feel like I didn't make enough of an effort. How do I proceed with my relationship with my father?

— **Cautious In The South**



DEAR ABBY

**DEAR CAUTIOUS:** Your father made terrible life choices, and he's spending the rest of his life paying for them. I don't blame you for feeling anger at his inability to parent you. However, before advising you to write him off, I would need to know why he lashed out at you during your prison visit, even though hitting is unacceptable.

When people are incarcerated, their ability to reach out is severely limited, as I am sure you know all too well. I don't think the way your father handled your ignoring his letters was bad or wrong. If his silence stung you, imagine how yours affected him.

Whether or not your father is dying is beside the point. I think on some level you know you have to treat him with more compassion than you have, or you wouldn't have written to me.

I don't know anyone who hasn't made mistakes. Your father made a doozy. But, you say your mother raised you right, and, if that's true, it couldn't hurt to treat him with some compassion.

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## Pets

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at your veterinarian's office, local pet store or purchased online.

### HOT COCOA

Both coffee and hot cocoa pose a threat to your pets. Many gift givers buy the expensive coffees and hot chocolate for holiday gifts, and these can be more harmful to your pets than your regular store-bought items.

"Real cocoa and dark cocoa are a lot more dangerous than artificial chocolate," Dodds said.

"A real Godiva chocolate is going to be more toxic to your pet than a few store-bought packaged cookies because of the pure cocoa contained in the Godiva chocolate."

### BUBBLE BATH

Gift sets containing bath products, including bubble bath and lotions, can contain a variety of

**3** ingredients that can be poisonous to your pet and even cause death. It is best to keep your pets away from any bath products you might receive this holiday season.

### CANDY AND BOXED CHOCOLATES

Sometimes the easiest gift to buy is a box of candy, but both sugar and sugar-free candies can be toxic to animals, as can be chocolate and real cocoa products.

### SOCKS

Socks can be ingested and become lodged in your pet's intestines. When that happens, your pet will require surgery to remove the item. To avoid putting your pet through surgery, keep your laundry baskets behind closed doors.

# 'Mystery' biscuits make simple treat during the busy Christmas season

A snowy Tuesday December evening! We received about 7 inches of snow during the weekend. It makes for good sledding.

Daughters Susan and Verena mixed up some biscuits and then went out sledding with son Joseph, 14, and daughter Lovina, 12. I'm making sausage gravy and watch the gravy at the same time. The biscuits are baking, and son Kevin, 11, is frying the eggs. He learned how to fry eggs in cooking class at school, so he is glad to try his skills at cooking here at home.

Son-in-law Mose is hunting tonight. Son Benjamin just came home from work. Husband Joe is taking a shower.

Daughter Loretta, 16, went with her special friend, Dustin's, family to their school Christmas program. Dustin's youngest sister, Rebecca, is in the program. She is in kindergarten. She was born nine years after the youngest of her six siblings, so she is the only one still in school from their family.

It sure is different now we don't have any children in elementary school who have a Christmas program. Our youngest child, Kevin, enjoys middle school, where he switches classes every hour. He said the day goes much faster.

This is now after supper. Some of the children are playing Poppa's Pizza Topple. It's a game where you have to balance the pizza toppings on the pizza, which the pizza guy is holding.

Susan still comes over to our house to read a chapter from the Bible every day with the rest of her siblings. They each take turns reading a verse. I feel

so thankful they read the Bible every day. Life is so busy, and it is so often pushed aside. How comforting to read the words written by God! As parents, we have a great responsibility, and I realize this more and more as the

children get older. We can't say enough prayers for them as they grow up in a world filled with so much hate and sin. May God give us the strength to stay faithful to his will.

Daughter Verena turned 19 on Sunday. Our married daughters and family and Dustin were here Sunday evening in honor of her birthday. On the menu were chili soup, hot wings, jalapeno poppers, macaroni salad, cheese, cake and ice cream.

The men fixed the hot food out in the kettle and on the grill. The girls and I enjoyed the break and took turns holding dear little Abigail. She giggled out loud for the first time. All those "firsts" are so precious.

I want to thank all of the readers who have sent cards and money since



## Mystery Biscuits

YIELD: 12 biscuits

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a baking sheet or 12 muffin cups and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Blend in the mayonnaise, milk and sugar until the mixture is creamy. Drop by the tablespoon onto the baking sheet or fill the muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake until golden brown, 18-20 minutes.

'Real cocoa and dark cocoa are a lot more dangerous than artificial chocolate.'

KAYLLE DODDS, HOSPITAL MANAGER AT VCA COUNTY WEST ANIMAL HOSPITAL

# Buy a tropical houseplant in winter

**Q:** I have never owned a houseplant and would like to change that. I have no idea, though, where to start. — *Tips please*

**A:** Too often, houseplant decisions are made by impulse purchase. We spot a fine plant at the supermarket and say, "That's so pretty. I want it." So we bring home a lush, healthy, tropical plant only to find it, weeks later, languishing on death's doorstep.

Before buying a tropical foliage plant or indoor flowering plant, look around your house and decide where you would like to see a tropical plant. It is not necessary to choose the brightest spot, as there are great houseplants for nearly all light conditions. But, do look for a spot that's reasonably well-lit, accessible for watering and where a plant will add to the decor of the room. If the spot is over a heat duct, as many windows seem to be, add a plastic deflector to your shopping list, so your plant will not be subjected to direct dry heat.

After determining where new plants are needed, decide what shape the plants

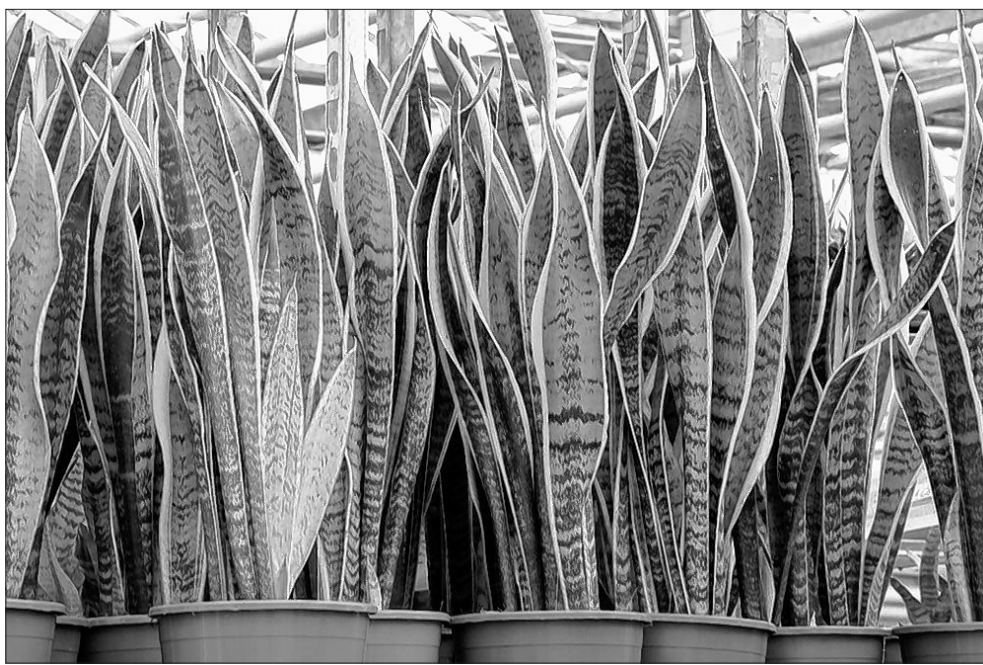
should be. Do you want a cascade of foliage to drape a window? Perhaps you need something tall and upright to fill an empty corner or soften a blank wall.



**DEB TERRILL**  
IN THE GARDEN WITH DEB

Don't be shy about choosing large plants for small spaces; some of the most dramatic bang for your decorating buck can be had by placing oversized plants on pedestals, in unexpected vessels like birdcages and old chairs, or on the floor. One example is massive, Victorian plant pedestals, which cry out for an upright palm in a large cache-pot, but are too often topped by an uninteresting Boston fern.

Once you have a list of the spaces you need to fill and the plant forms you would like to try, visit the garden center or greenhouse and look at the offerings. Mid-winter is the optimum time for tropical plant shopping since most stores fill the gap between gardening seasons with tropical orders. Ordered in large



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A snake plant would be a good choice for someone beginning with houseplants.

quantity, they are cheaper in the winter as well. Check the hang tags for information about sunlight requirements. Typically, a south window gives the most light, followed by west, then east. The most filtered light will be in north windows.

Ask the sales help which plants are easiest to grow; this list should include cast

iron plant, parlor palms, snake plants, grape ivy, peace lilies, creeping fig and wax hoyas. All are nearly indestructible if not overwatered. Flowering plants present the biggest challenge and should be avoided if you are new at indoor plants. If you must have one, look for Jasmine Sambac, a fragrant and easy plant.

Don't get discouraged if you buy something and it doesn't survive. Tropical plants are suited to a warm, moist, protected atmosphere where their rampant roots can twine, climb and slither along the soil surface. They are not suited to china pots in overheated northern homes. Unless you are very lucky, your plants will die

eventually, or at least get old and ugly. Remind yourself that a lovely fern or palm that looks good in your living room for only a year is still a better investment than last night's pizza.

Most houseplant failures are due to overwatering, so make sure your drainage is good. Use a spacer between the bottom of the pot and the surface it rests upon to allow water to run out. I like to water smaller plants in the sink, and I use plastic trays under large plants to collect extra water.

The soil should almost always be allowed to dry out some before re-watering. This does not mean feeling the soil surface! Stick your finger way down, past the second knuckle, and wiggle it around to check for moisture. I use a gallon milk jug filled with water, laced with a bit of plant food and stored under the kitchen sink, so chlorine and fluoride can dissipate, to water my plants once every two weeks to a month.

Deb Terrill is a local horticulturist with more than 30 years of hands-on gardening experience. Email her at dterrill@daily-journal.com.

## Holiday variety tonight on TBS, IFC

TBS puts a new twist on the star-studded holiday musical special. Rashida Jones and Charles Barkley host "Surprise! Instant Xmas Carol!" (9 p.m., TV-PG), in which an onslaught of celebrity guests appear to just show up for "impromptu" bouts of caroling in stores and neighborhoods that look like they could use some cheering up.



**KEVIN McDONOUGH**  
TUNE IN TONIGHT

Christmas specials always have been extraordinarily fake. And that's why we love them. Often shot in sunny California, often in September or earlier, they are festivals of ersatz snow, glitz and tinsel. In the days of yore, fans of specials starring Mitzi Gaynor, Robert Goulet and Kathie Lee Gif-

ford had no problems suspending disbelief.

We now live in an era of reality TV, where we have to swallow the appearance of the genuine. So, we're shown cast members of "The Sopranos" (Tony Sirico, Vincent Curatola, Joseph Gannascoli) as they order specialties from an Italian deli before breaking into "Silent Night." It isn't realistic for a second, so you have to wonder why they bothered and didn't just present it as a variety-show comedy sketch.

• Filmed on the opposite coast, IFC takes a different approach with "Joe's Pub Presents: A Holiday Special" (9 p.m.). "Arrested Development" and "Veep" star Tony Hale hosts

the variety performances from a venue inside the historic Public Theater in downtown Manhattan.

The funk and soul group the Dap-Kings will serve as the house band for the evening. Sharon Jones, the singer for the Dap-Kings, died on Nov. 18 after a long battle with cancer. She was 60.

• The real and the fake meet the old and the new in the 2014 animated special "Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas" (7 p.m., NBC, TV-G). Based on the 2003 live-action comedy starring Will Ferrell, this cartoon special features stop-motion animation and minimalist sets heavily inspired by 1960s cartoons, specials and set design. But, while the look is vintage, the musical numbers are pure contemporary Broadway. The voice of Jim Parsons "stars" in the title role.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• A toy company CEO and city mayor blend with employees to better learn how to manage them on the two-hour season premiere of "Undercover Boss" (7 p.m., CBS, TV-PG).

• "Terry Crews Saves Christmas" (7 p.m., CW, TV-PG) helps a family celebrate the holidays and their Mexican heritage.

• Sisters break out of foster care intent on becoming divas on the repeat pilot episode of "Star" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

• A power failure leaves the wards in the dark on "Code Black" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

• A car crashes into a crowd of concert revelers on "Chicago P.D." (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

• "TIME Presents: Milestones 2016 — A Tribute to the Stars



IFC.com

Tony Hale hosts "Joe's Pub Presents: A Holiday Special" tonight on IFC.

We've Lost" (8 p.m., Reelz) is a perfect fit for a network increasingly dedicated to celebrity necrology.

• Robin Roberts showcases people who proved influential during the past year, including Lin-Manuel Miranda, Michael Phelps, Chance the Rapper, Dr. Mona Hanna-

Attisha and Ashley Graham on "Game Changers With Robin Roberts" (9 p.m., ABC).

• Ragnar negotiates Ecbert into concessions on "Vikings" (8 p.m., History, TV-14).

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## 'Perfume' a pop culture guide

BY OLIVE H. COGDILL  
The Associated Press

"PERFUME: A Century of Scents" (Pegasus Books), by Lizzie Ostrom

Fragrance always has been wrapped in social and economic issues, controversy, memories and history, as Lizzie Ostrom so persuasively shows in the lively "Perfume: A Century of Scents."

The 10 chapters — each devoted to a single decade — examine 10 different perfumes that influenced that decade. A sharply focused introduction to each chapter further puts the decade — and its fragrance fashion — in perspective.

While "Perfume" is by no means an encyclopedia about scents, it is a solid pop culture guide that incorporates fragrance fashion into the

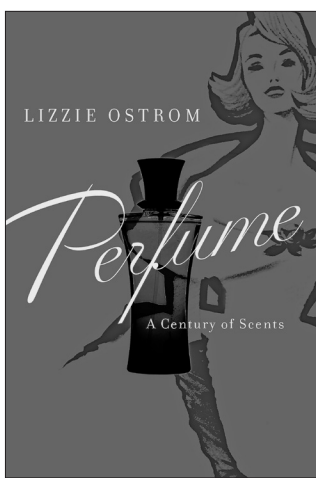
shifting tides of society. Many of the perfumes mentioned through the decades have disappeared — a mere whiff of a memory — no matter how popular at the time. This is true not just of those from the 1920s, but also those manufactured in the 1990s. Others, such as Chanel No. 5, have been classics from the first day and remain favorites of all generations.

Advertising fragrances isn't a new idea. In 1908, the British firm Gosnell's launched a hot air balloon shaped like the bottle of its Cherry Blossom to fling out fliers over crowds — an idea that seems modest next to perfume fountains that threw fragrance into the air during the Victorian Era in England. What has changed is the rise of the internet and certain sites that curate myriad scents in one-stop shop-

ping, making exotic perfumes even more accessible.

Celebrities' influence on fragrance also goes back decades. Compare the Gibson Girls of the 1900s mentioning the "utterly obscure" Poinsettia with the avalanche of current pop stars such as Taylor Swift or Justin Bieber hawking their scents.

Technology and chemistry gave companies new ways to produce scents, taking it away from the rich and elite of society and making it available to the masses. Ostrom shows that each decade had certain scents that define it. During the global depression of the 1930s, Joy by Jean Patou, "the most expensive scent ever released," was introduced and still is available today. World War II brought a new challenge as many perfumeries urged their customers



Pegasus Books via AP

to "treasure your last pinch" of fragrance as advertisers urged against buying until after the war. As a result, France ceased being the epicenter of fragrance production as more began to be manufactured in America. The return of fragrance during the 1940s was seen as a symbol of hope.

## Best Bites

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Laura Emme, the owner of Uptown Grille, told me they will be closed both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They will have their annual Customer Appreciation Day from 2 to 11 p.m. Friday.

...

New Year's Eve is right around the corner. I have several recommendations for you to ring in the New Year beginning this week and continuing into next week.

Hoppy Pig is having Pairing Dinner featuring a five-course meal with beer or wine pairings from 7 to 9 p.m. The first course is a beautiful roasted tomato

bruschetta; the second course is poached pear and arugula salad; third course is filet of beef with red potatoes, green beans and a bourbon demi-glace; fourth course is fettuccine Romesco with roasted tomato, red pepper, almonds, cream and Parmesan; fifth course is bacon Bailey's Irish cream and peanut butter and dark chocolate cheesecake.

Afterward, stay for the "Get Lit Up Party" beginning at 9 p.m. This includes a premium bar, Champagne toast, DJ and party favors. Tickets for the dinner are \$50; tickets for the dinner and party are \$75; the party alone is \$35. Make those reservations soon as tickets are going fast!

Hoppy Pig is located at 135 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley. Call 815-614-3134. Follow them on Facebook or visit

hoppypig.com for specials and menus.

My review of Hoppy Pig will be in a future column. Foodie friend Gwen Hopkins, of Bourbonnais, and I spent some quality time over a delicious lunch and talking with the owner, Tom Spellman. I will share this — fantastic food and drinks.

Next week, I'll also feature Anthony's Pizzeria in Manteno, which will have a fantastic New Year's Eve dinner.

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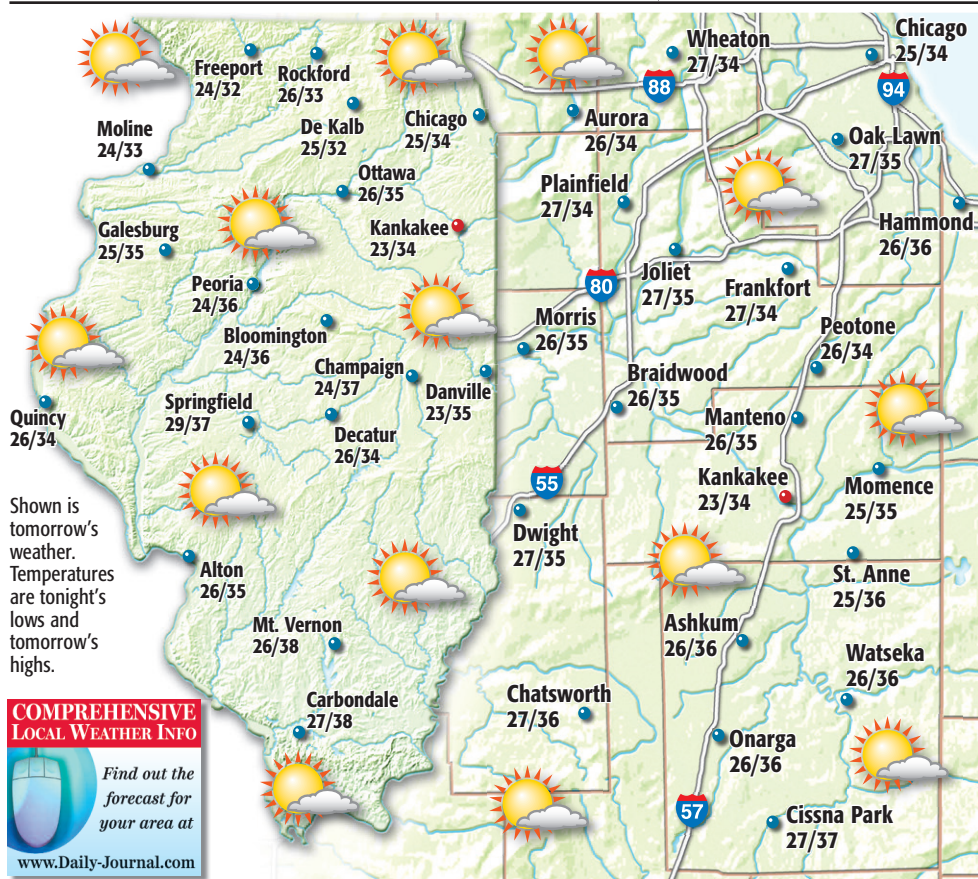
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LOW 23	34 19	34 29	37 28	48 46
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Statistics for Kankakee for 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Temperature**  
 High ..... 29  
 Low ..... 12  
 Normal High ..... 34  
 Normal Low ..... 19

**Precipitation**  
 Yesterday ..... 0.00"  
 Total month to date ..... 0.88"  
 Normal month to date ..... 1.80"  
 Year to date ..... 36.36"  
 Normal year to date ..... 38.45"

**Heating Degree Days**  
 Yesterday ..... 44  
 Month to date ..... 845  
 Season to date ..... 1641  
 Normal season to date ..... 1880

**FARM REPORT**

Partly cloudy tonight. Winds west 7-14 mph. Average relative humidity 85%. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow. Winds west-northwest 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 80%.

**Growing Degree Days**

Yesterday ..... 0  
 Season to date ..... 3731  
 Normal season to date ..... 2992

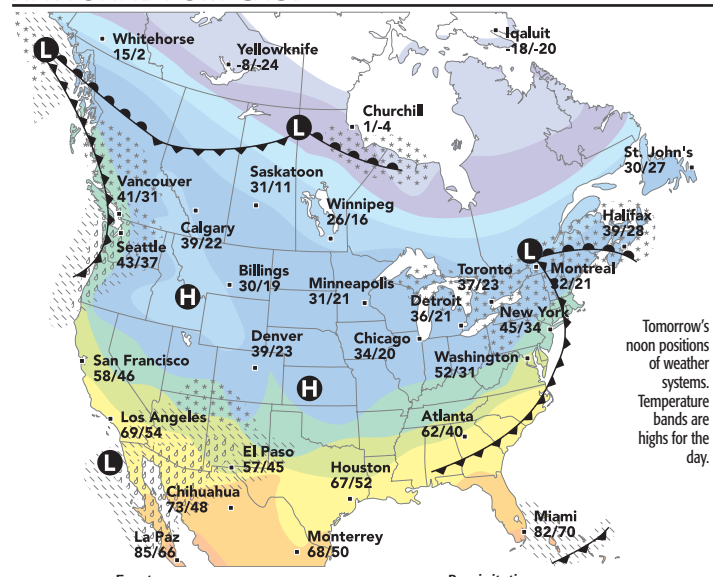
**SUN AND MOON**

**Thursday**  
 Sunrise ..... 7:14 a.m.  
 Sunset ..... 4:27 p.m.  
 Moonrise ..... 12:54 a.m.  
 Moonset ..... 12:48 p.m.

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City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	62/40/pc	56/42/s	Los Angeles	69/54/c	62/52/pc	Portland, Ore.	43/38/r	45/33/c
Boston	41/30/c	42/32/s	Memphis	48/35/pc	51/47/c	St. Louis	38/26/s	38/31/c
Cincinnati	37/25/pc	40/35/pc	Miami	82/70/s	80/72/sh	Salt Lake City	37/27/pc	44/36/sm
Dallas	53/39/pc	57/47/pc	Milwaukee	35/23/pc	35/27/c	San Diego	67/56/sh	65/53/pc
Denver	39/23/s	50/25/pc	New Orleans	65/52/pc	68/58/pc	San Francisco	58/46/s	55/45/r
Indianapolis	35/22/pc	37/33/pc	New York	45/34/c	44/35/s	Seattle	43/37/r	43/33/pc
Kansas City	37/28/s	38/25/pc	Philadelphia	47/31/pc	46/33/s	Wash., D.C.	52/31/pc	47/37/pc

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City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/74/pc	87/73/s	Geneva	43/34/pc	41/34/pc	Paris	50/35/r	48/43/pc
Baghdad	57/40/pc	64/46/pc	Hong Kong	76/62/s	74/66/pc	Singapore	88/77/c	90/77/c
Amsterdam	48/37/r	45/41/pc	London	47/39/pc	52/42/c	Sydney	74/68/pc	78/68/pc
Athens	48/42/sh	50/44/sh	Madrid	53/38/pc	56/37/pc	Tokyo	67/59/r	63/45/s
Bangkok	95/76/s	91/76/s	Mexico City	72/44/pc	72/45/s	Toronto	37/23/sf	34/27/pc
Beijing	44/20/s	40/21/s	Moscow	33/28/c	29/26/sn	Vancouver	41/31/r	39/30/pc
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**Wandering the wonders at Winter Market**



Daily Journal photos by Amy Smith  
 Jake Collins, of Kankakee, sells his handcrafted jewelry to Linda St. Germaine, of Bonfield, at the Winter Market held at the Kankakee Public Library.



Ellen Stringer, of Bourbonnais, shops at the Winter Market.



Diane Desmarteau and Rich Olmstead, of Kankakee, browse a vendor's stand at the Winter Market.

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## BRIEFCASE

### HEALTH CARE

#### Presence Heritage Village earns recognition

Presence Heritage Village, 901 N. Entrance Ave., Kankakee, announced it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Nursing Care Center Accreditation. Presence Heritage Village is in compliance with The Joint Commission's performance standards to provide patient and resident care.

In addition, it's the first time Presence Heritage Village received The Joint Commission's Post-Acute Care certification. This recognition is given to nursing centers that provide effective care transitions with the goal of minimizing the risk of unnecessary hospitalizations.

During early December, Presence Heritage Village underwent an on-site survey by Joint Commission surveyors. The surveyors evaluated compliance with nursing care center standards related to several areas, including assistance with activities of daily living, coordination of care and staff education and training. On-site observations and interviews with Presence Heritage leaders and staff also were conducted.

### RETAIL

#### New owners take over PJ's in Manteno

PJ's Ice Cream & Coffee held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday in honor of its recent new ownership and joining the Manteno Chamber of Commerce at its store at 41 W. Second St. in Manteno.

Manteno Mayor Timothy Nugent, along with Chamber board members and ambassadors, were on hand to welcome PJ's newest owners, Michelle Furlan and Nick Carlson. They were presented with a certificate of recognition from both the village and Chamber. Furlan and Carlson took over ownership on Sept. 30. PJ's Ice Cream has been a staple in Manteno since 2001 when Paula and Rick Shelton first opened the shop. PJ's specializes in hand-dipped Ashby's ice cream, shakes, smoothies, malts, floats and fresh-brewed coffee. The new owners are going to keep mostly everything the same.



The Associated Press photo

Amazon.com employees organize outbound packages at an Amazon.com Fulfillment Center in Phoenix, Ariz. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 75 percent of the civilian workforce, or about 116 million people, receive paid holidays.

# At work on Christmas?

You are not alone

BY MARK BELKO  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It's the most wonderful time of the year — unless you happen to be working for an employer with a Scrooge-like heart and disdain for holiday pay. You just might find yourself working Christmas without so much as an extra candy cane to show for it.

The bad news is there's not much you can do about it. Generally speaking, employers are not required to offer paid holidays to their workers — whether it's Christmas, the Fourth of July or any other federally recognized holiday. Nor do they have to pay overtime if you work a holiday, unless the time you put in is beyond your normal 40-hour work week.

The good news is many employers apparently don't want to play

the role of a Grinch.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 75 percent of the civilian workforce, or about 116 million people, receive paid holidays. In private industry, 77 percent of workers receive the benefit, while 67 percent do in state and local government.

The chances are not nearly as good if you are among the lowest paid workers. Only 40 percent of people in the lowest 10 percent of the workforce based on average wage receive paid holidays. It's 53 percent for those in the lowest 25 percent.

Overall, the split is not that different between union and non-union workforces, with 79 percent of union members receiving paid holidays and 75 percent of non-union, according to the bureau.

Kyra Kudick, an associate editor at J.J. Keller & Associates, a compliance resource company, said being of good cheer can help in both recruiting and

retaining employees.

"Workers who feel valued and have a work-life balance want to stay with their employers," she said.

But Kudick, who specializes in employment law and human resource issues, including employee relations, hiring and recruiting, said, for the most part, employers can be as generous or as stingy as they want to be.

"They really can set their own requirements," she said. "With very, very few exceptions, an employer does not need to provide holiday pay on federally recognized holidays."

Exceptions include union contracts. Some states also can restrict the number of hours an employee can work on a holiday, Kudick said.

No federal law requires an employer to offer paid holidays or overtime to those forced to work a holiday as long as they are not working more than 40 hours that

week, said Sam Cordes, a local employment attorney.

Typically, federal and state laws come into play only when employees are required to work more than 40 hours per week, he said.

For those who offer paid holidays, the means can vary.

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays this season, for example, so some employers will offer the Monday following both as a paid holiday. Others might offer a "floating" holiday that the worker can use at another time.

Employers also have the right to decide whether to close or stay open on a holiday, meaning that for some workers, "I'll be home for Christmas" will be more wistful refrain than fact. And employers can treat a holiday just like any other workday if they want.

In some cases, they do so at the risk of alienating their employees.

"For a lot of people, holidays are very important," Kudick said.

## MAINSTREET: MANAGING CHANGE

# Change is the one constant you can count on

The holiday season is upon us. The election is over, and hopefully our country can get back to some sort of normalcy. We have weathered a contentious and spirited "changing of the guard," and, as such, we should respect the office of the presidency.

Transitions are one of the most difficult things to comprehend in change management. Change, however, is the only constant in the universe; we are always in a state of change, like it or not. At the cellular level, our bodies are in a continual state of death and renewal. Our environment changes because of our actions or inactions. Homeostasis is the death knoll of our universe. In leadership literature, this signals death of the organization, if we do not evolve, adapt and apply.

Given the narrative above, how do we as change agents effect meaningful and dynamic change in the organization? If, indeed, leadership is more of an art than a science, it becomes a creative mix of ingenuity, speculation and reasoning, while monitoring the forces of the external environment and,

of course, employing psychology, sociology and emotional intelligence. Organizations and people who do not acclimate to change certainly will face the wave of inertia that will destroy the essence of personal and organizational excellence.



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From this perspective, Anna Mar wrote a compelling article titled "10 Types of Organizational Change." I would like to highlight some of her salient points, then offer my commentary in parentheses regarding how to implement these strategies into your daily leadership practice.

**1. Mission and strategy:** (The organization is tied to the organizational vision [where we are going] coupled with the mission [how will we get there], and then embedded in the strategy — which must be allowed to deal with the forces of change that exert themselves in the organization.)

**2. Organizational structure:** Organizational structure refers to the objectives, roles and responsibilities of departments, teams and individuals. (However, most internal changes relate to the formation of work teams, attitudes, culture and pursuing inter-

personal excellence.)

**3. People:** Hiring, turnover, roles and responsibilities, training and other individual changes. People changes may seem minor but, taken as a whole, they represent a critical focus for change management. For example, training is critical to the acceptance of change. (People are the most apt to change in the organization. Therefore, a concerted effort must be pursued to align organizational purpose with the employees' passion, thus, syncing organizational values with intrinsic motivation.)

**4. Culture:** Changes to the principles, expectations, norms, working habits and symbols of an organization. Culture is important to strategic objectives such as productivity, innovation and compliance. (In essence, culture is defined as what we do around here, and we value what we reward. Make sure we are valuing the purpose of the organization and the people, so the culture does not shift out of orbit and devolve into one of chaos.)

**5. Knowledge:** Changes to the knowledge assets of an organization. Knowledge supports every program, project, initiative, process and product. Organizations increas-

ingly identify knowledge as an important asset and target for change. (Knowledge is the one thing that should be in a constant state of change. The quest for knowledge and its application should be reinforced in the organization, so it evolves and centers on organizational and interpersonal excellence.)

**6. Policies and legal agreements:** A change as minor as a new rule or policy can have a big impact on an organization. New rules [or changes to legal agreements] aren't always popular with employees and customers — implementation and acceptance can be a change management challenge. (Have weekly meetings explaining new policies and legal requirements. How can we pursue organizational excellence if the rules are changing and we do not disseminate the information to our staff?)

**7. Processes:** Changes to business processes and tasks represent among the most common types of change. Many organizations have implemented continuous improvement programs that change processes on a regular basis. Processes also need to change to

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## Dave gives his take on layaway plans

**DEAR DAVE:** How do you feel about using layaway programs? — Jay

**DEAR JAY:** I'm not a huge fan of layaway plans because they're not really the solution to a problem. What's wrong with just saving up and buying stuff when you have the cash? I mean, Christmas comes at the same time every year, you know? It's not like it snuck up on you.

I know there are rare instances when particular items are on sale, and you

can take advantage of it through layaway if you don't have the cash at the

moment. I don't really have a problem with that kind of thing in rare instances. But I would not, under any circumstances, use a layaway plan that has fees attached. You might as well borrow the money if you're going that route.

Here's a good rule of thumb: If you don't have the money, you can't afford it. And, make sure you don't get into the habit of lusting after things you don't own because that

lack of contentment always is tied to people being broke. Just don't make plans like this a way of life, Jay. If you do, you're liable to stay chained to layaway programs just like you'd be chained to debt. — Dave

### CREDIT CARDS ARE NOT AN EMERGENCY FUND

**DEAR DAVE:** My husband and I are trying to follow your plan. We've paid off all of our credit cards, but he still doesn't want to close the accounts and cut up the cards. Instead, he wants to keep them in a drawer and use them as an emergency fund. He grew up really

poor; and I think he's afraid of being poor again. We both know that's not what you recommend, so what can I do to convince him to follow your advice? — Lynn

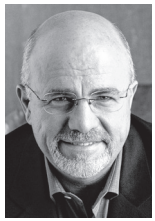
**DEAR LYNN:** I think rather than trying to convince him, it might be a better idea to gently ask questions and talk things through. You said he grew up in poverty. What I'm hearing is the cards represent a kind of security blanket for him. I can understand that. But, if you had \$10,000 set aside for emergencies, you'd have the security of knowing that a transmission repair on the car or a new water heater

for the house would only be a minor inconvenience — and you wouldn't have to go back into debt to make things right again.

Explain to him what you'd like to do is replace the credit cards with your own money. You also would be replacing what they do with a debit card. Ask him if there's a reasonable amount you two could have in the bank that would take away his worry and stress. Talk it out, agree on the amount and then agree that when you've saved up and hit that number, the cards get cut up and the accounts are closed. Just be patient and under-

standing. Above all, make sure you work together. If he's recognized the wisdom of getting out of debt and taking control of your finances, he's moving in the right direction. — Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including "The Total Money Makeover." "The Dave Ramsey Show" is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter @DaveRamsey.



**DAVE RAMSEY**

## Need a holiday gift idea? Try this spa in a jar

If you are familiar with a wonderful yet pricey personal care product called Salt Rub by Origins, you might know that for some very odd reason, it has been discontinued. I know. How could they do this?

In its place, Origins now offers some kind of ginger scrub concoction that contains sugar and spice. I think it is just awful, which makes me even happier I know how to make my own version of the salt rub. Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

This might be the perfect gift you've been searching for — one you can make yourself for many people on your holiday gift list, or your any-time-of-year gift list, for that matter. It is so easy you could make it today and gift it tomorrow.

Authentic salt rub is a mixture of salt and oil that resembles wet, slushy snow. Unlike bath salts that are used in a bathtub, salt scrubs are used in the shower. So you have a better idea, here is an example of the instruction you would print on a tag for a finished salt scrub:

"After cleansing the skin, turn off the shower water. Scoop a small handful of salt scrub, and rub in a circular motion all over your skin. Rinse with water. You can wash again if you desire, but you will enjoy the greatest benefit if you simply towel dry without soaping up again. If used every time you take a shower, dry skin will be a distant memory. The salt helps get rid of all those dead skin cells, and the oil seals in the moisture."

It is so easy to make your own version of the Origins Salt Rub. The main ingredient is Epsom salt, which is available online and in any

drugstore or supermarket. It's cheap! Another option, because of its healing properties, is nonfood grade sea salt.

The other ingredient is oil. You can use sweet almond oil to emulate our favorite Origins product, or unscented baby oil.

Both Epsom salt and sweet almond oil have natural relaxing and soothing properties, so this is not just about exfoliation and fragrance.

Pour Epsom salt into a bowl or large container. Slowly pour in your oil of choice while stirring. Keep adding oil until it looks and feels like very wet snow. While it's not necessary, you can stir in a few drops of an essential oil, such as lavender, eucalyptus, peppermint or spearmint, to add fragrance and aroma. Want to color your product to match its fragrance or add a unique signature? Add several drops of soap colorant, which is available online or in craft stores.

As you select your containers for presentation, keep in mind this gift is meant to be used in the shower, so glass might not be the wisest choice! There are plenty of plastic and acrylic options.

For links to the ingredients I used for this recipe, visit everydaycheapskate.com/spainajar. It's a gift you can give with confidence because it is so excellent.

Mary invites questions, comments and tips at mary@everydaycheapskate.com, or c/o Everyday Cheapskate, 12340 Seal Beach Blvd., Suite B-416, Seal Beach, CA 90740. This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually.



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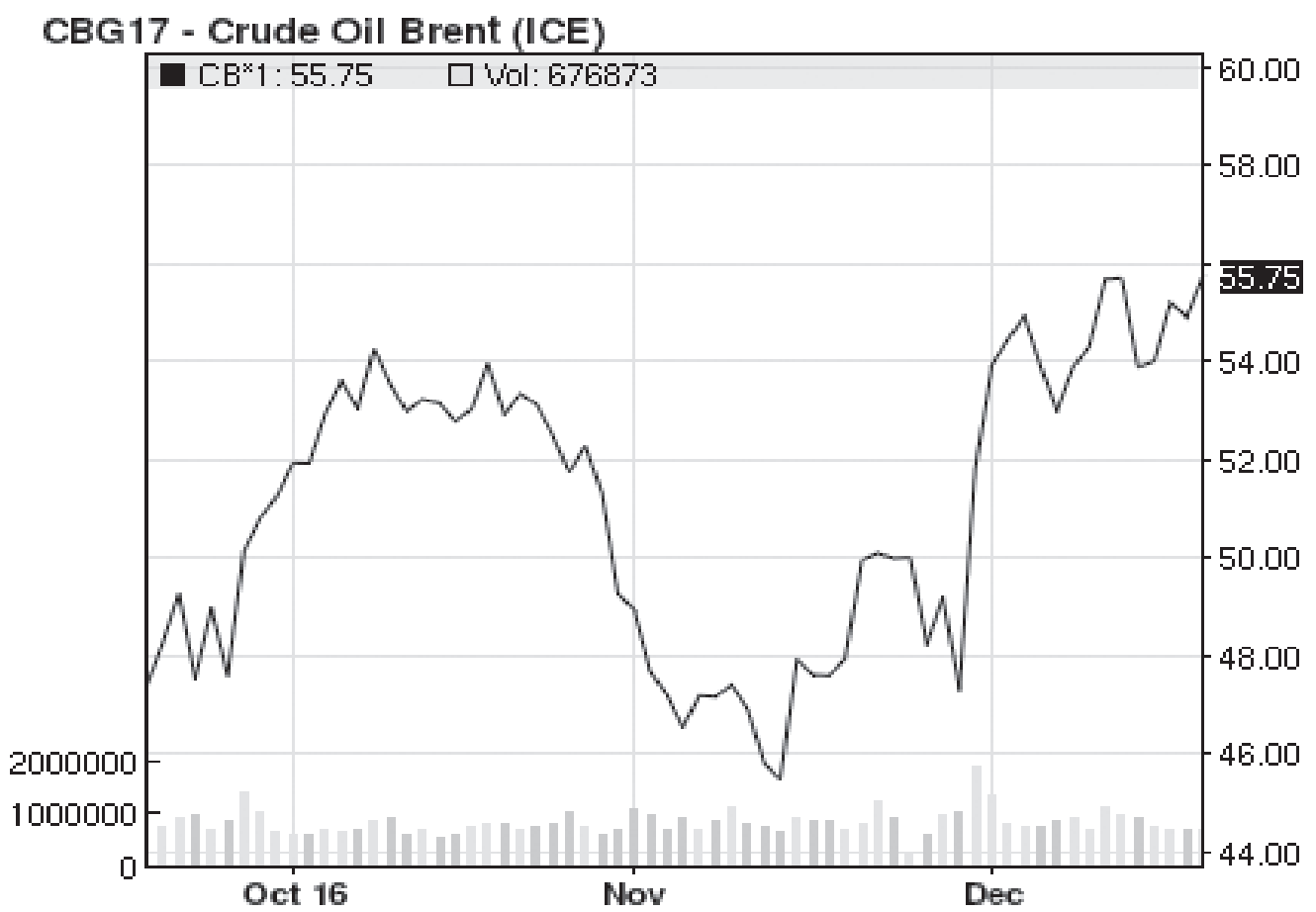


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## Main Street

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support new strategies or to leverage new technologies. (Train your staff on new technologies that advance the mission of the organization — to serve your customer and offer the best customer experience, combined with the evolving knowledge of what your customer needs to maintain your loyal customer base.)

**8. Technology:** Changes to technology infrastructure, systems, automation and tools. Some firms focus on

technology change — letting it drive other change within the organization. It's common for change management to be highly focused on technology changes. (If change is the only constant, then technology is certainly at the forefront of change. Leaders need to keep their pulse on the components of change and adapt it to their needs in the organization.)

**9. Products, marketing and customer relations:** Changes to products, marketing and sales are a critical focus

for many organizations. For example, new product development is often the key to strategy execution. (Organizations need to ascertain the internal as well as external forces that exert themselves on the organization. Staying on top of changing dynamics in the marketplace, customer tastes and expectations, and how to market to a changing economy, become the central focus for attaining customer excellence.)

**10. Integration:** Processes

need to work with technology. People need to work with processes. Rules apply to processes. Rules align with cultures. (People, processes and profits become the rally cry to the organization. How do we meet the needs of the customer; how do we regulate the nascent changing environment; and how do we achieve a profit so we can serve others as well as those who work in the organization.)

Consequently, and as advanced by Mar, most changes require integration.

Integration is the process of aligning things so they support, complement and add value to each other. It's often the most complex type of change. So, as we integrate these essential elements into our organization, let's strive for excellence, pursue it with passion and invigorate and infuse the concept of change to make everyone's life a bit better.

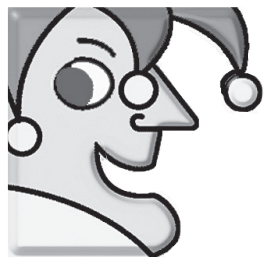
Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May this season be filled with hope, love and a

regenerative spirit of personal excellence.

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## THE MOTLEY FOOL: TO EDUCATE, AMUSE &amp; ENRICH

## MY DUMBEST INVESTMENT



## ASK THE FOOL

## Puzzling prices

**Q:** Can you explain how a stock can start trading in the morning at more than its previous closing price? I placed a buy order for a stock before the market opened. The stock had closed at \$55 the previous day, so I bid that. But it opened at \$58. What's the deal? — A.S., Grand Rapids, Mich.

**A:** If there's good news released about a stock, demand for it can build up, especially overnight. Buyers will be willing to pay more for it, so sellers will sell it for more. A stock's price reflects the last price at which someone was willing to buy it and someone was willing to sell it.

**Q:** I'm new to the game of investing and have made some money in penny stocks. Do you recommend any low-priced stocks? — P.N., Batavia, N.Y.

**A:** Investing shouldn't be a game, as it involves your hard-won dollars and your financial future. (It still can be fun and thrilling, though.) You're very lucky if you haven't yet lost a lot of money in penny stocks. They're notoriously risky and have cost many people many dollars.

Many naive investors assume if they don't have a lot of money, they should focus on stocks with low prices. That's not the case. Yes, you can buy 200 shares of a \$3 stock for just \$600. But it stands a good chance of becoming a \$2 or \$1 stock. Instead, you could buy 30 shares of a healthy and

## A small Madoff

**M**y dumbest investment decision was to take advice from a family member who was trying to get anyone with money into his no-lose investments — stocks, gold, etc. Luckily, through time I likely broke even. He is in jail. It turned out he eventually got into cons similar to those of Bernie Madoff, but on a smaller scale. I was fortunate my naivete didn't bankrupt me, as his scheming did to so many others. Do your own due diligence. Pick a diverse set of proven winners based on evidence of integrity, and stay with them. We own our decisions. — S.Y., Chicago

You were lucky indeed. Ponzi schemers such as Bernie Madoff lure naive investors with promises that are too good to be true, such as you'll never lose money or will earn a certain guaranteed return in stocks. There are savvy investors and financial advisers out there who can steer you into good investments, but there also are well-meaning friends who don't know as much as they should — as well as advisers with conflicts of interest and out-

right scam artists looking for naive people.

Carefully vet any adviser. You can learn how here: [guidevine.com/newsroom/how-to-conduct-due-diligence-on-a-financial-advisor](http://guidevine.com/newsroom/how-to-conduct-due-diligence-on-a-financial-advisor). Or, consider taking control of your own money. Investing isn't rocket science. You can do well in the long run simply by sticking with inexpensive broad-market index funds, such as ones based on the S&P 500.

growing company's \$20 stock or 3 shares of a \$200 stock.

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## FOOL'S SCHOOL

## Save for college with 529 plans

A 529 plan lets you prepay tuition for qualified in-state public colleges or save money for higher education costs at most kinds of colleges. You can do this for any child in your life — your kid, your grandkid or the kid down the street. (You even can set up a 529 plan for yourself.) You needn't live in the state of the plan that you choose, either. You can live in South Dakota but use Nevada's plan.

These 529 plans feature much more generous contribution limits — often \$200,000 or more — versus the maximum annual Coverdell Education Savings Account contribution of \$2,000. (Coverdell ESAs, offering tax-deferred earnings growth and tax-free

withdrawals for qualified educational expenses, also are worth considering.)

You might face gift taxes, though, if you contribute more than \$14,000 to a beneficiary in a year. Most 529 plans have no age or income limitations, allowing higher-bracket taxpayers to participate. Another plus is whoever establishes the account decides when distributions can be taken.

There are no taxes on earnings in a 529 plan, so you can build a big war chest much faster than if you had to pay taxes on investment gains and income every year. Though your contributions are not tax-deductible, when withdrawals (including earnings) are used to pay for qualified college expenses, they're free of federal taxes.

There are some drawbacks to 529 plans, though. If the student doesn't go to college, there may be a 10 percent penalty on withdrawn earnings, depending on the circumstances (though you also can change the beneficiary if that happens). Additionally, the funds in the 529 plan account are managed by plan administrators, not by you. That can be a very good thing if you choose a top plan.

Still, 529 plans are many people's best bets. Some are much better than others, though, with lower fees and better performances. Learn more about many college-financing topics at [savingsforcollege.com](http://savingsforcollege.com) and [finra.org/investors](http://finra.org/investors).

## FOOLISH TRIVIA

## Name that company

I trace my roots back to 1897, when two fellows created a medical device import partnership. Their first sale was reportedly a \$2.50 glass syringe. I acquired many companies through the years and began making surgical instruments in the early 1900s. I later developed the "all cotton elastic" (ACE) bandage. Today, based in Franklin Lakes, N.J., I'm a \$35 billion medical technology giant, focused on improving medical discovery, diagnostics and the delivery of care. I bought hospital supply and services specialist CareFusion for about \$12 billion last year and employ more than 40,000 people in 50 countries. Who am I?

## Last week's trivia answer

I began in 1995 as a subsidiary of American Radio and grew by acquiring



other businesses. I was spun off as a separate company in 1998. Today, based in Boston, I'm a top independent owner, operator and developer of wireless and broadcast communications real estate, with more than 144,000 owned or managed sites. My sites house cellular and wireless, radio and television broadcast, microwave and two-way radio communications equipment. In 2012, I became a real estate investment trust, bound to pay out most of my earnings as dividends. In 2015, I bought the right to 11,448 wireless communications sites from Verizon. Who am I? (Answer: American Tower)

## Why coupon misuse matters

## Losing your favorite store is not worth the savings

I've tackled the topic of coupon misuse in my column before, and it always seems to generate heated discussion on both the consumer side and the industry side. Here are some recent emails from my inbox:

**DEAR JILL:** I've read your column and blog off and on and have to say I'm not thrilled with your take on "peelie" coupons on products. You say those are part of the packaging, and people shouldn't take them off. I disagree and think this is kind of a goody-two-shoes attitude, actually. It is not against the law to take them. You have to get that some people will push the limits. — Shelie P.

An activity or behavior does not have to be against the law in order to be wrong. To me, this crosses an ethical line I'm not comfortable with. I believe coupons that are attached to a product's packaging should not be removed until that product is purchased. Stores do suffer when people see product packaging with remnants of removed coupons. I've even featured emails from stores regarding how difficult it is for them to sell these products, as shoppers will gravitate toward damage-free packages. (Wouldn't you?)

Here are a couple more emails sharing store perspectives:

**DEAR JILL:** Misuse of IRC (peelie) coupons and FSI (insert) coupons is a huge retail problem, very similar to shoplifting. When "entitled to steal" people inhibit a store from maintaining itself, much less making a profit, the stores also have a choice: They close.

Our state lost six Shaw's and six Stop & Shops in the same month because of performing "under expectations." I am familiar with all these stores. The "entitled to steal" closed them. Now, 1,200 employees are out of work.

Unless more customers step up to the plate and help their local stores prevent losses, whether because of misuse of coupons or other means, your local store just very well might close because of under-performance because of those who are entitled to steal. — Anne C.

**DEAR JILL:** I would like to share some of what happens behind the scenes when stores don't get credit for all of the coupons they accept. Sometimes, it is hard enough to get the clearinghouse to accept legitimate coupons, let alone large numbers of the ones that don't quite add up. Our store is in New Mexico, and sometimes, we are denied from redeeming coupons because a company says we're trying to redeem from outside the United States. It might seem funny, but it's not when there are thousands of dollars on the line. We recently got audited for a large number of coupons that an extreme couponer used at our store. When a store gets audited, I have to pay an employee to go through all the records the redemption center requests to show we actually sold the product. This costs us money in the long run, too. Now, a lot of coupons are limited to four per person, and we really are telling the cashiers to be careful not to take more than that because I can

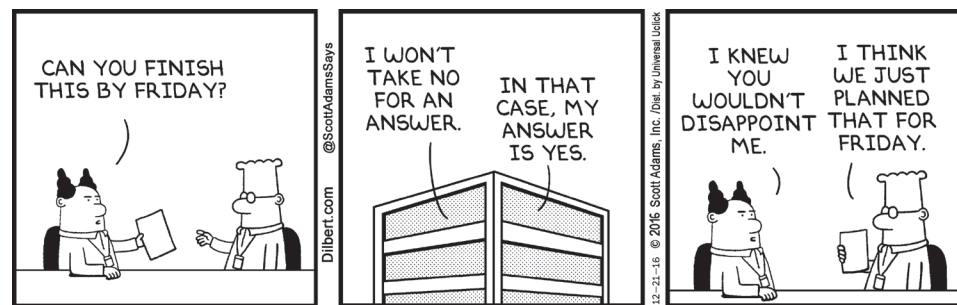
see it causing more headaches and time lost if we have to pull records for another audit. — Mark M.

As a shopper, I am very grateful for the savings my coupons provide to me. I don't want to engage in actions that, at best, skate an ethical line and, at worst, harm the stores I patronize. Is it worth getting a "great deal" if your store suffers for your actions later down the line? I've never been a "take all I can get" kind of couponer, and I'm perfectly happy with that.

**SMART LIVING TIP:** Coupon misuse is a quiet problem that starts with a quarter here and a dollar there. Shoppers using coupons for one item to buy another might be "lucky" enough to slip these coupons through at the register, but this also is a form of coupon fraud. Inaccurate redemption can add up to a large issue for stores, especially when stores aren't reimbursed for coupons they've accepted. Don't be a part of this problem.

Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about Super-Couponing at her website, [jillcataldo.com](http://jillcataldo.com). Email your own couponing victories and questions to [jill@ctwfeatures.com](mailto:jill@ctwfeatures.com).

## DILBERT BY SCOTT ADAMS



## GM to idle 5 factories

## Car inventory too high on lots

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**DETROIT** — General Motors will close five factories temporarily next month as it tries to reduce a growing inventory of cars on dealer lots.

The factories will close anywhere from one to three weeks because of the ongoing U.S. market shift toward trucks and SUVs, spokeswoman Dayna Hart said Monday. Just more than 10,000 workers will be idled.

The company's Detroit-Hamtramck factory and Fairfax Assembly plant in Kansas City, Kan., each will be shut down for three weeks, while a plant in Lansing, Mich., will be down for two weeks. Factories in Lordstown, Ohio, and Bowling Green, Ky., each will be

idled for one week.

The factories make most cars in the General Motors lineup including the Chevrolet Cruze, Camaro, Corvette, Malibu, Volt and Impala; the Cadillac CT6, CTS and ATS; and the Buick Lacrosse.

At the current sales pace, GM dealers have enough Malibus to last for 84 days and enough Camaros to last for 177 days, according to Ward's Automotive. Normally, automakers like to have a 60-day supply on lots.

Last month, trucks and SUVs made up almost 62 percent of all vehicles sold in the U.S., a record level.

GM, similar to other automakers, was caught with too many cars on dealer lots as the shift continued, said Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting for the LMC Automotive consulting firm. Automakers have started discounting cars, but they need to cut

production as the shift continues, he said.

"There's nothing that suggests a move back to cars," Schuster said.

He predicted strong December sales but said it won't be enough "to overcome some of this bloating of inventory."

Buyers are snapping up SUVs largely because they like the high seating position and the ability to haul things. Gasoline prices around \$2 per gallon have helped the sales, but SUVs also have become more fuel-efficient in the past five years.

GM's inventory of vehicles on dealer lots at the end of November stood at 874,162, up 26.5 percent from the same time a year ago.

Workers at the plants will get company supplemental pay and unemployment benefits that add up to most of their pay.

## INTEREST RATE: 10-YEAR T-NOTE



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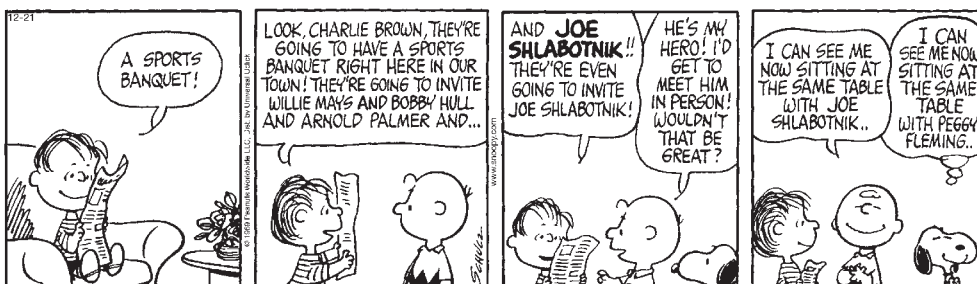
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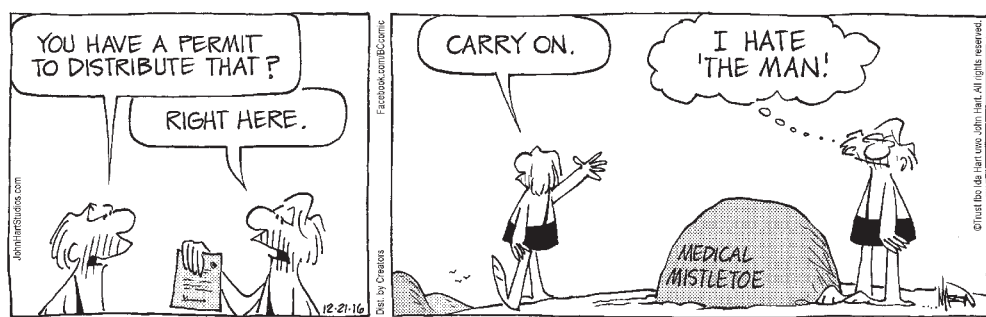
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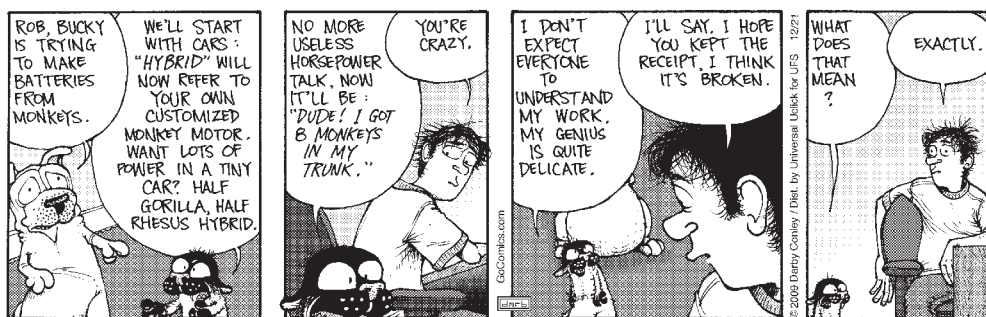
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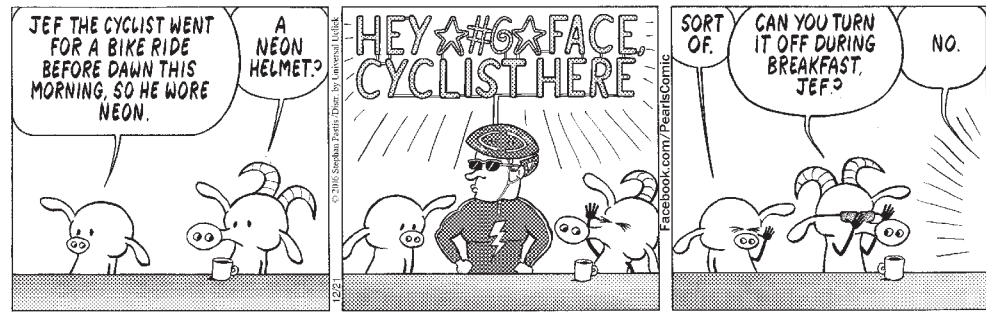
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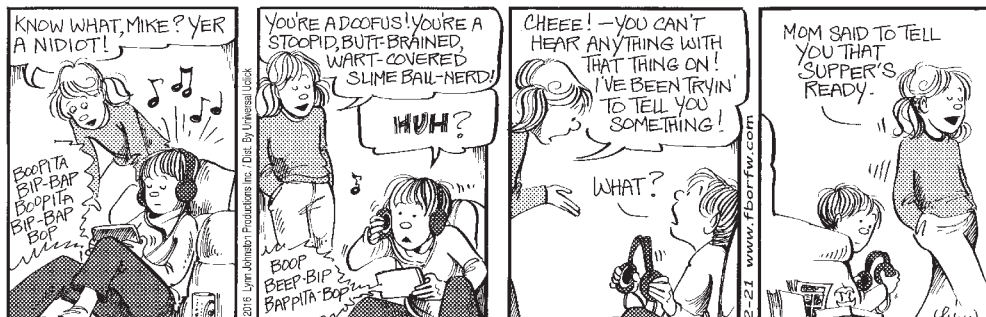
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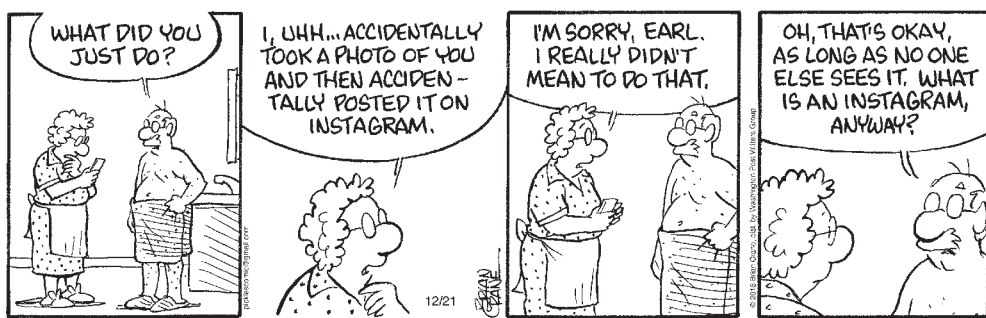
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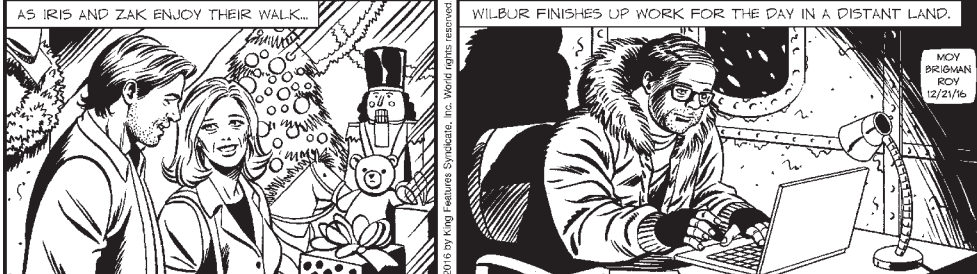
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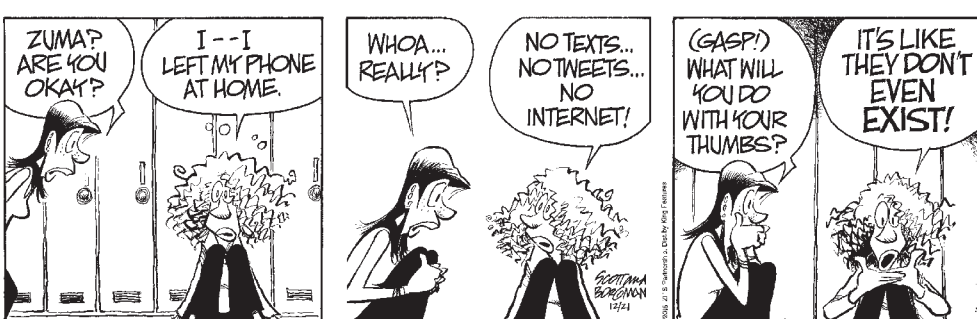
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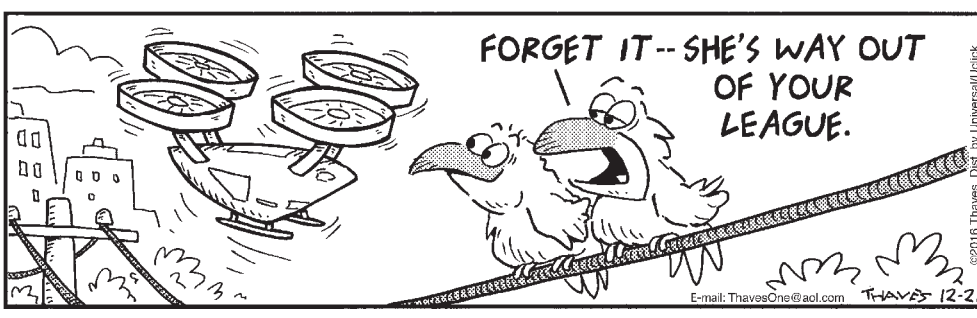
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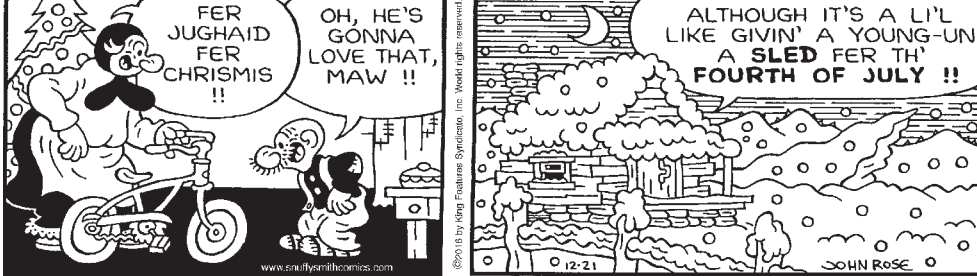
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# OUR WORLD

## Officials face charges over Flint's water

Special prosecutor: 'This case is a classic bait-and-switch'

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLINT, Mich. — A criminal investigation of Flint's lead-contaminated water turned to former key officials at City Hall on Tuesday as Michigan's attorney general announced charges against four people accused of keeping residents on a contaminated system that caused the crisis.

Darnell Earley and Gerald Ambrose separately were state-appointed emergency managers in Flint in 2014-15 when the city was using the Flint River as a source of drinking water. Ambrose also served earlier as a financial adviser to the troubled town.

They were charged with four crimes, including conspiracy and misconduct in office. Howard Croft, Flint's former public works director, and Daugherty Johnson, the former utilities director, were charged with conspiracy and false pretenses.

Attorney General Bill Schuette said Earley and Ambrose committed Flint to \$85 million in bonds to join a new regional water pipeline to Lake Huron while at the same time using a city water plant that was not equipped to properly treat the river water before it went to roughly 100,000 residents.

They claimed that debt-burdened Flint needed to

sell bonds to clean up a lagoon, Schuette said, but the money went as the city's share to Karegnondi Water Authority to build the pipeline, which still is under construction.

"This case is a classic bait-and-switch. ... The lime sludge lagoon was not an emergency," said special prosecutor Todd Flood.

Flint's water system became contaminated with lead because water from the river wasn't treated for corrosion for 18 months, from April 2014 to October 2015. The water ate away at a protective coating inside old pipes and fixtures, releasing lead.

Schuette said the investigation has revealed a "fixation on finances and balance sheets" in Flint during that period.

"This fixation has cost lives," he said, noting that 12 people died from Legionnaires' disease, which has been linked by experts to the river water. "This fixation came at the expense of protecting the health and safety of Flint. It's all about numbers over people, money over health."

Not-guilty pleas were entered for Ambrose, Croft and Johnson.

Meanwhile, tests show Flint's water quality is improving, although residents are urged to drink tap water only if it's first run through a filter.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette addresses a news conference on Tuesday in Flint, Mich., where he charged two former emergency managers, Darnell Earley and Gerald Ambrose, with multiple 20-year felonies.

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## WORLD



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Firefighters and rescue workers walk through the scorched ground of Mexico's best-known fireworks market in Tultepec after an explosion ripped through it on Tuesday. At least 26 people were killed and 70 injured. Authorities have not determined a cause.

### Police: 26 dead, 70 hurt in chain of explosions at Mexican fireworks market

A powerful chain-reaction explosion ripped through Mexico's best-known fireworks market on the northern outskirts of the capital Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, injuring scores more and sending a huge plume of charcoal-gray smoke billowing into the sky.

The blast leveled the open-air San Pablo Market in Tultepec in the middle of the afternoon as it bustled with shoppers stocking up on fireworks to celebrate Christmas and New Year's, reducing vendors' stands to piles of rubble, ash and charred metal. It was the third devastating explosion and fire to ravage the market since 2005.

Sirens wailed and a heavy scent of gunpowder lingered in the air after the afternoon blast at the market, where most of the fireworks stalls were completely leveled. The smoking, burned out shells of vehicles ringed the perimeter, and first responders and local residents wearing blue masks over their mouths combed through the rubble and ash. Firefighters hosed down still-smoldering hotspots.

Alejandro Gomez, chief prosecutor of the state of Mexico, raised the death toll from nine to 26 in comments broadcast on Mexican television. At least 70 injuries were reported. Authorities have not yet said what caused the explosion.

### Islamic State claims Berlin Christmas market attack

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Tuesday for a truck attack on a crowded Berlin Christmas market that German authorities said came right out of the extremist group's playbook, inflicting mass casualties on a soft target fraught with symbolic meaning.

The Monday night attack on the popular market by the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church in the heart of former West Berlin left 12 dead and 48 injured — the first mass casualty attack by Islamic extremists carried out on German soil. German security forces were still hunting for the perpetrator after releasing a man from custody for lack of evidence.

### Police detain suspect, seize weapons in Brussels raid

Belgian authorities say they have detained one person and seized weapons and computer materials in a raid in Brussels.

The Brussels prosecutor's office said Tuesday that the search "was aimed at a person suspected of being in possession of arms and explosives and who was thought to have made threats of a terrorist nature."

The raid was launched Monday in the Schaarbeek neighborhood of the Belgian capital. An explosives team was called into to handle a suspect package, but no explosives were found.

The person, identified only as A.B. and who is known to police, was due to face a judge Tuesday.

### Uber looks to dominate in Brazil; taxis push to ban app

After ceding to the competition in China earlier this year, ride-hailing company Uber is shifting focus to Brazil, Latin America's most populous nation.

Introduced in Brazil just over two years ago, use of the app has increased so quickly here that the South American giant now represents Uber's third largest business worldwide, after the United States and India. The rocketing growth, however, is also a race against time: Local governments are moving toward regulating and taxing the company in ways that may hurt its competitive advantage while taxi unions are pushing to ban it entirely.

The U.S.-based company is operating in 37 Brazilian cities, including Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brasilia and economic powerhouse Sao Paulo. The company boasts 8 million "active users" and more than 50,000 Uber drivers in Brazil. It has benefited from a confluence of factors.

Brazil's economy is mired in its worst recession in decades, with many riders looking to save money and a ready supply of potential drivers who are otherwise unemployed or underemployed.

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## NATION

### North Carolina lawmakers considering HB2 repeal

North Carolina's legislature is reconvening to see if enough lawmakers are willing to repeal a 9-month-old law that limited LGBT rights, including which bathrooms transgender people can use in public schools and government buildings.

House and Senate members planned to meet in the capital today for a special session two days after the Charlotte City Council gutted an ordinance that, in March, led the Republican-controlled General Assembly to pass House Bill 2, known by some as the "bathroom bill."

For months, the state's Republican leaders had said they were willing to consider repealing the law if Charlotte acted first to undo its expanded antidiscrimination ordinance. But the mayor and most council members, with the support of gay rights groups, had been unwilling to do so in the name of equality.

### Kuwait moves annual D.C. party to Trump's hotel

One of the Middle East's richest nations said Tuesday it would host its annual Washington party at Donald Trump's new hotel, underscoring the president-elect's unusual status as the owner of a major venue for events in the U.S. capital.

Salem Al Sabah, Kuwait's ambassador to the U.S., said the party would take place Feb. 25, adding that he hopes guests like the "new hotel in town." He said no one pressed him to move the Kuwaiti National Day event from its regular venue at the Four Seasons. Although Kuwait did not have a contract with the Four Seasons for the party, the date had been set aside for it to possibly take place there.

### Bridge damaged by pipeline protesters set for inspection

The North Dakota Transportation Department will inspect a damaged bridge near the main Dakota Access pipeline protest encampment.

The Blackwater Bridge on Highway 1806 has been closed since October,



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### Arctic oil rig has no place to go

The oil drilling rig Polar Pioneer, shown in this 2015 photo, was the first outfitted for Arctic oil exploration by Royal Dutch Shell. However, President Barack Obama on Tuesday designated the bulk of U.S.-owned waters in the Arctic Ocean and certain areas in the Atlantic Ocean as indefinitely off limits to future oil and gas leasing. The White House announced the actions in conjunction with the government of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, which also placed a moratorium on new oil and gas leasing in its Arctic waters, subject to periodic review.

when protesters blocked it with burning vehicles, damaging the structure. It's been the site of several other clashes, including on Nov. 20, when authorities used tear gas, rubber bullets and water sprays on protesters who they say assaulted officers with rocks and burning logs.

The Transportation Department plans to inspect the bridge on Thursday. Results of testing will be sent to a lab. That could take a month to complete. It's unknown how long repairs might take or how much they'll cost.

### Trump hosts candidates for key Veterans Affairs post

President-elect Donald Trump met Tuesday with candidates for his unfilled Cabinet positions, including

prospective hires to run the Department of Veterans Affairs, a beleaguered agency that the Republican businessman has vowed to overhaul.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence met with members of his incoming national security team a day after acts of violence rocked the world.

At Mar-a-Lago, Trump's palatial Florida estate, the president-elect met with Luis Quinonez, who runs a company with military and health care ties and is said to be under consideration for VA secretary. He also interviewed Toby Cosgrove, the CEO of the Cleveland Clinic, who was a top contender to replace Eric Shinseki when he resigned at the VA in 2014. Cosgrove later withdrew from consideration.

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## ILLINOIS

### Nuns can pursue lawsuit to close strip club neighbors

A group of suburban Chicago nuns can continue their lawsuit aimed at permanently shutting down a strip club that opened next to their convent several years ago.

Owners of Club Allure in Stone Park wanted the case dismissed. Cook County Judge Peter Flynn ruled Tuesday it can continue, but he won't take further action until questions over the club's liquor license are answered.

The club closed last month when liquor commissioner and Mayor Beniamino Mazzulla revoked the license. He says the club violates an ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor near churches and schools.

### McDonald's sued over 'value meal' pricing

A suburban Chicago man is suing McDonald's restaurants in two Illinois counties, arguing cheeseburger "Extra Value Meals" are actually more expensive than when the items are purchased separately.

James Gertie, of Des Plaines, tells The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald that bundling two cheeseburgers, medium french fries and a drink at \$5.99 is 41 cents more than when individual items are purchased.

Gertie, a bus driver, says his lawsuit filed this month is about principle, not 41 cents. He seeks class-action status for a consumer fraud and deceptive practices lawsuit against McDonald's operator Karis Management Co.

### Amazon to open pair of new fulfillment centers

Online retailer Amazon.com plans to open new fulfillment centers in Illinois. The announcement came Tuesday about the online retailer's plans. The company and Illinois officials said in a statement Amazon plans to open two fulfillment centers in Aurora and the project is expected to add more than 1,000 full-time jobs.

The company currently has Illinois fulfillment centers operating in Edwardsville, Joliet and Romeoville with another under construction in Monee.

### License plate renewal notices to continue for now

The Illinois secretary of state's office will continue mailing license plate renewal notices for now, even if Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Legislature's Democratic leaders don't reach a new budget deal.

The office plans to maintain the mailed notices next year said Dave Druker, a spokesman for Secretary of State Jesse White's office. But he said the office won't be able to do so indefinitely without additional funding from a budget for the remainder of the state's fiscal year, which runs through June.

The stopgap spending plan that's funding most state agencies' operations is set to expire Dec. 31.

If the secretary of state's office has to stop sending notices because of a lack of funding, a new state law will protect vehicle owners from late fees.

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# SPORTS



## GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Peotone coasts past Manteno

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Peotone picked up its eighth win of the season against Interstate 8 conference rival Manteno, limiting the Panthers to just 27 points in a 55-27 win.

Leading the Blue Devils in nearly every statistical category was Josie Graffeo, who earned 15 points, eight rebounds, five assists and six steals in the win. Also contributing was Cameron Hunter, who finished the game with 10 points and five rebounds, and Elizabeth Coffey, who had nine points in the win.

Amber Daly led Manteno in the loss, picking up seven points and three rebounds and sinking three free throw shots.

### Reed-Custer 57, Somonauk 36

After a heartbreaking loss to Herscher, Reed-Custer rebounded against Somonauk, firing on all cylinders offensively in the win.

Reed-Custer's Kenna Wilkey dominated in the offensive zone, picking up a double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds and adding five steals for good measure. Teammate Val Guzman picked up nine points and eight steals, and Antoinette Hill snagged five rebounds and finished with eight points.

## BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Dwight's Graham beats the buzzer

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Dwight's Blake Graham sank a buzzer-beater in the paint to give Dwight their sixth win of the year in dramatic fashion, beating Gardner-South Wilmington 54-52.

Graham finished with 19 points and was perfect at the foul line, and teammate Justin Fox sank 11 free throws en route to a 24-point performance.

The Panthers still had balanced scoring in the loss, with Austin Kavanaugh (11), Junior Schultz (12) and Walker Eutsey (10) each reaching double digits in the scoring column.

The Trojans and Panthers both play next at the Marseilles Holiday Tournament.

### BBCHS 43, Coal City 21

BBCHS topped Coal City thanks to a strong defensive effort and another strong performance by J Thomas.

Thomas was excellent beyond the arc, sinking three 3-pointers and finishing with 13 points on the night. Christian Straw and Jason Henning each finished with seven points each for the Boilers.

Coal City's Christian Johnson and Zack Nolan each put up five points for the Coalers.

BBCHS now sits at 5-3 on the year.

## PEOTONE 52, MANTENO 31



Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

A gritty Peotone defense made life hard for Manteno on Tuesday evening. Here, Peotone's Toby Bottoms and Jack O'Boyle shut off the path to the basket for Manteno's Eric DeRossett. DeRossett, Manteno's leading scorer, was held to five points in a 52-31 Peotone victory.

# Challenge accepted

## Fill-in Koehn leads Peotone to victory

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With two Peotone regulars sidelined on Tuesday night, the Blue Devils were going to need someone to step up and fill a void in a matchup with Interstate Eight Conference rival Manteno.

The two players in question, Alex Panning and Trevor Mahood, were required to sit out one game because of their roles in an altercation in last Friday's overtime victory over Herscher.

So, Peotone coach Bryce Shafer looked to his reserve ranks and tabbed Riley Koehn to fill one of the voids left in his starting lineup, commenting before the game he thought Koehn "could be a beast" for us.

Shafer proved to be prophetic as Koehn led Peotone with 13 points and energized the entire team with his boisterous energy as Peotone collected its eighth straight win in a 52-31 victory.

"After I made those first two shots, the flow of the game was just going right to me."

PEOTONE'S RILEY KOEHN

"At first, the nerves were flowing," Koehn said. "But after I made those first two shots, the flow of the game was just going right to me."

Koehn's arsenal didn't include just scoring; he unleashed a series of war cries, exuberant claps and a general energy on the floor that seemed to energize his entire team.

"I knew he could do some things for us, but I gotta be honest, I didn't expect that much out of him. He came out there and hit those two shots, I was like, 'OK, maybe we got something here,'" Shafer said. "The pure energy that he brought, too; that was huge for us."

### SHARING THE WEALTH

Peotone demonstrated offensive balance throughout the game and a willingness to share the basketball, almost to a fault.

Six different players scored at least six points, and with Koehn demonstrating he likely needs more minutes in the rotation, Peotone's depth should be a potent weapon for the Blue Devils moving forward.

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## OTTAWA 4, BLACKHAWKS 3



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A fight breaks out between Ottawa Senators' Marc Methot and Richard Panik during the third period. The Senators beat the Blackhawks 4-3.

# Blackhawks take a beating

BY JAY COHEN  
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Mike Condon was 10 years old the last time Ottawa got a win in Chicago. Yup, it had been that long.

Condon made 23 saves, Derick Brassard and Tom Pyatt scored 10 seconds apart during Ottawa's three-goal second period, and the Senators beat the Blackhawks 4-3 on Tuesday night for their third consecutive victory.

Bobby Ryan added a goal and an assist as Ottawa held on for its first win at the United Center since March 28, 2001, stopping a seven-game road losing streak against Chicago. Dion Phaneuf scored a power-play goal, and Kyle Turris had two assists.

"The organization hadn't won here in 15 years," coach Guy Boucher said. "So, I think it's something good to celebrate, but we don't want to celebrate too long. Stay humble and keep working hard and battling."

Artem Panarin, Tyler Motte and Richard Panik scored for the Blackhawks, who had won five in a row and six of seven. Scott Darling made 26 saves while dropping to 6-3-1 in 10

starts since Corey Crawford had an emergency appendectomy on Dec. 3.

"They worked hard," said captain Jonathan Toews, who had a good look in the closing seconds but was unable to get his stick on the puck. "They kept us in our zone more than we wanted to. I think we were too focused on getting on our rush. I think we're getting ahead of ourselves."

Chicago played without center Artem Anisimov for the second straight game due to an upper-body injury, and forward Marian Hossa left in the first period with an upper-body injury. Coach Joel Quenneville said Hossa is questionable for Friday's game against Colorado.

Panik's ninth of the season on a delayed penalty made it 4-3 just 1:42 into the third, but the Blackhawks couldn't come up with the tying score despite putting heavy pressure on Condon in the final minutes of the goaltender's first career game in Chicago. Panik had a shot go off the left post, and the 26-year-old Condon stopped a penalty shot by Marcus Kruger with 4:52 left.

"I was just trying to play him honest and not go down too early.

I was lucky; I got a piece of it and it trickled wide," Condon said. "Very thankful for that save."

Condon got the win in relief of Andrew Hammond in Sunday's 6-2 victory against the Islanders. Hammond departed in the first period at New York with an ankle injury, but Boucher said he doesn't think it's a long-term thing.

"He should be fine in the next (few) days," Boucher said.

Panarin's one-timer — a laser from just outside the faceoff dot in the left circle — tied it at 1 at 11:17 of the first. It was Panarin's fifth goal and 12th point in his last six games.

It was still tied in the second when Brassard drove a pass from Chris Wideman past Darling for his seventh of the season just one second after a hooking penalty on Toews ran out.

Moments after the ensuing faceoff, Ottawa drove right back down the ice and Pyatt showed off some nifty stickwork on the right side of the net for his fourth goal of the season at 7:41.

### UP NEXT

The Blackhawks host Colorado on Friday night.



# Barkley continues to impress Bears coaches

BY GENE CHAMBERLAIN  
The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST — Chicago Bears coach John Fox has seen starting NFL quarterbacks come from stranger places than the waiver wire.

The production of quarterback Matt Barkley in place of the injured Jay Cutler and Brian Hoyer has Fox's attention with two games to play in a miserable 3-11 season.

"It hasn't resulted in a lot of wins, but I think he's turned a lot of people's heads," Fox said.

Signed to the Bears practice squad Sept. 5 after being cut by Arizona, Barkley has achieved a passer rating slightly below Cutler's in four starts. He has thrown several key interceptions.

Barkley also displayed an ability in several games to rally the team heading into Saturday's final home game at Soldier Field against the Washington Redskins.

"I'd go all the way back to my second year as head coach," Fox said, recalling his time coaching the Carolina Panthers. "We signed a guy in free agency, wasn't a big name, was a backup on the New Orleans Saints roster: Jake Delhomme.

"He came in and took us to within three points of winning a Super Bowl in his first year as a starter. A lot of it is what kind of supporting cast you have and what kind of football team you have, and hopefully we'll get better in both of those areas."

Barkley appreciates the sentiments, but believes he has barely begun to display his potential.

"I feel like I'm capable of a lot more," Barkley said Tuesday at Halas Hall. "And the glaring plays of the last couple weeks, the negative glaring plays are eating me up."

Barkley threw three interceptions in the first three quarters of Sunday's 30-27 loss to Green Bay, and then led the Bears to 17 fourth-quarter points. It matched their



Chicago Bears quarterback Matt Barkley avoids a tackle by Green Bay Packers linebacker Joe Thomas. The production of Barkley in place of the injured Jay Cutler and Brian Hoyer has coach John Fox's attention with two games to play in a miserable 3-11 season.

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most points ever in a fourth quarter.

Barkley finished 30 of 43 for 362 yards with two touchdown passes. His yardage total was the most by a Bears quarterback against the Packers.

"He's definitely grown in his time as a starter," Fox said. "We still have two games left to evaluate that further: I think the young man has responded well, and I'd like to

think he would improve."

The Bears are trying to decide a course of action at quarterback for next year.

Almost all of Cutler's bonus money has been applied against the team's salary cap already, and such a situation makes the possibility he could be cut or traded more likely — although no one with the team has confirmed it a

greater possibility.

Hoyer and Barkley have no contracts for next year. Reserve Connor Shaw, who suffered a broken leg in preseason, will be an exclusive rights free agent.

"There's always speculation in this league and especially at my position, especially with the way this season has turned out for us," Barkley said. "And so, I'm not even

going to go there, though — not my job right now."

What Barkley is looking closely at is getting his second victory since taking over as starter after Cutler's season-ending shoulder injury.

Hoyer had six TD passes and no interceptions in 200 attempts for a 98.0 passer rating, but the Bears had trouble getting into the end zone when he played. Cutler had four TD passes and five interceptions and a passer rating of 78.1.

Barkley's rating is 75.2, but in each of the past two games he guided the Bears to their most points this season on Sunday in bitter cold, and did the same earlier in the snow during a 26-6 win over San Francisco. His performance came without top receiver Alshon Jeffery until last week due to suspension.

Barkley did not benefit from organized team activities or even preseason with his receivers.

"So, I think a full offseason and whatever that's going to look like next year, where you get just timing down — you get, obviously, a cohesiveness in the huddle with guys and snap counts and all the calls.

"There's a lot of room for growth with this team."

Fox is thinking about the future, even if he doesn't want to go into detail.

"We still have two more opportunities, and we'll evaluate the body of work and move forward from that," Fox said. "I don't know how many people would have thought he was going to have the kind of success he's had to this point."

**NOTES:** The Bears could have a decision Wednesday on whether to activate CB Kyle Fuller from injured reserve. Fuller underwent knee surgery in August and has not yet returned. ... WR Eddie Royal officially went on injured reserve and the Bears replaced him on the roster by signing running back Bralon Addison. ... OL Cornelius Edison was waived.

## Short week adds to Redskins' urgency

BY STEPHEN WHYNO  
AP Sports Writer

As much as a short week might throw off preparation for Chicago Bears quarterback Matt Barkley, he knows it's nothing compared to what the Washington Redskins are dealing with before their matchup.

The Redskins visit the Bears on Saturday afternoon coming off a lackluster loss to the Carolina Panthers on Monday night, a quick turnaround that presents plenty of challenges for a banged-up team trying to keep its playoff hopes alive. Washington now needs help to make the postseason and could be without tight end Jordan Reed and others in Chicago.

Injuries to linebackers Will Compton and Su'a Cravens, Reed's sprained left shoulder and the general health of the team is coach Jay Gruden's biggest worry.

"The biggest challenge is getting your team healthy," Gruden said. "The mental part of it I'm not too concerned about it. The physical part of it is what concerns me. These big guys, they take a beating on a Sunday or Monday Night Football game and you need your rest, you need to recover. ... It's hard on these guys, especially late in the year."

The Redskins will adjust their schedule to compensate for the lost recovery time, prioritizing film study and walkthroughs over practice time. Even though the running game sputtered and Kirk Cousins committed two turnovers, there's more concern about mentally and physically resetting than dissecting what went wrong against Carolina.

"Short weeks are always tough," left tackle Trent Williams said. "It's already a physical game. It takes 72, 48 hours to recover from one game. It's no point in complaining. It's not going to stop. The game's on the schedule. We got to go play it."

In addition to having to beat the Bears and then the New York Giants in Week 17, the Redskins need the Green Bay Packers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers to lose to have a shot at the playoffs. Gruden said he's aware of the playoff scenarios but will try to keep his players' focus on Chicago.

## 7 Raiders, 6 Falcons selected to Pro Bowl

BY SIMMI BUTTAR  
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NEW YORK — After more than a decade as the NFL's black hole, the Oakland Raiders are back in the playoffs and filling up the Pro Bowl.

The resurgent Raiders, enjoying their first winning season in 14 years, lead the league with seven players selected for next month's all-star game.

Quarterback Derek Carr, wide receiver Amari Cooper, center Rodney Hudson, defensive end Khalil Mack, safety Reggie Nelson, guard Kelechi Osemele and tackle Donald Penn were picked from the Raiders, who occupy first place in the AFC West going into Week 16.

The Raiders (11-3) had three players selected from their sturdy offensive line, a big reason the team has finally clinched its first playoff berth since losing the 2003 Super Bowl.

"It means a lot. It's a great honor to be recognized for what you do," Hudson said. "It's very humbling. I give a lot of thanks to our teammates because you can't do any of it by yourself."

Six members of the Atlanta Falcons (9-5) were selected, most among NFC teams. Outside linebacker Vic Beasley, kicker Matt Bryant, running back Devonta Freeman, wide receiver Julio Jones, center Alex Mack and quarterback Matt Ryan were chosen from the NFC South leaders.

Despite missing the first four games of the season because of his "Deflategate" suspension, New England quarterback Tom Brady was picked for the 12th time in his career. Cleveland tackle Joe Thomas and Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald were honored for the 10th



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Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott was selected to his first Pro Bowl.



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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was selected to his 12th Pro Bowl.

time. Fitzgerald's 10 Pro Bowl selections are the second-most in NFL history by a wide receiver. Only Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (13) has more.

Twenty-six of the 32 teams had at least one player

picked. Twenty players were chosen for the first time, including three rookies: Ezekiel Elliott and Dak Prescott from Dallas, and Kansas City's Tyreek Hill.

Among the notable omissions was Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford. The

first-place Lions, who lead the NFC North at 9-5, did not have a single representative.

Carolina's Cam Newton, last season's NFL MVP, was not picked, either. Other star quarterbacks left out were New Orleans' Drew Brees, Indianapolis' Andrew Luck and Seattle's Russell Wilson.

After the Raiders and Falcons, the Cowboys, Steelers and Titans were next with five players selected.

In addition to Prescott and Elliott, offensive linemen Travis Frederick, Zack Martin and Tyron Smith were picked from Dallas.

For the Steelers, running back Le'Veon Bell, wide receiver Antonio Brown, guard David DeCastro, center Maurkice Pouncey and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger were selected. Roethlisberger, Pouncey and Brown were all chosen for the fifth time.

For the surprising Titans, tied with Houston for first

place in the AFC South, it's their most players picked for the Pro Bowl since they had six in 2008.

Running back DeMarco Murray leads the group. He has 1,224 yards rushing, second in the NFL behind Elliott. Left tackle Taylor Lewan earned his first Pro Bowl honor in his third season, while linebacker Brian Orakpo earned his fourth Pro Bowl trip overall and first since signing with Tennessee in March 2015. Tight end Delanie Walker and defensive lineman Jurrell Casey also were selected.

Another high-profile player chosen was wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr., one of four New York Giants picked along with safety Landon Collins, cornerback Janoris Jenkins and special teams player Dwayne Harris.

Beckham is tied for third in the NFL with 85 receptions and 10 touchdown catches, and is fourth with 1,173 yards receiving. He became the first Giants player to be voted to three consecutive Pro Bowls since guard Chris Snee from 2008-10.

"It is exciting," Beckham said. "It is cool to be on a team with multiple Pro Bowlers, so it is a huge accomplishment for myself and my teammates."

The Pro Bowl will be played on Sunday, Jan. 29, in Orlando, Fla. The game will return to the NFC vs. AFC format after three years. Former stars Jerome Bettis, Tony Gonzalez, Ray Lewis and Charles Woodson will serve as "Legends Captains."

The Pro Bowl players were determined by the consensus votes of fans, players and coaches. Each group's vote counted one-third toward determining the selections.

## Falcons keep up pace even without Jones

BY CHARLES ODUM  
AP Sports Writer

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons can afford to be patient with Julio Jones' return from a sprained toe.

After all, there's no need to rush Jones' recovery after Atlanta topped 40 points in two straight lopsided wins without the star wide receiver.

Atlanta is the NFL's top-scoring team, and the race isn't even close. The Falcons (9-5) have 469 points, 63 more than the second-place Saints' 406.

Atlanta's players aren't saying much about the scoring record. They're focused on the more important race for the NFC South title. Atlanta is one game ahead of

Tampa Bay in the division.

"If we have to score three points or we have to score a lot of points, we just want to do our part in winning," right guard Chris Chester said Tuesday.

Chester watched from the sideline as the Falcons beat San Francisco 41-13 on Sunday to shatter the mark of 442 points set by the 1998 Super Bowl team. He also missed the previous week's 42-14 win at the Rams.

The Falcons' success has placed quarterback Matt Ryan in the MVP discussion. He has 32 touchdowns passes with only seven interceptions.

Ryan has distributed his passes consistently to a large number of targets. Depth at receiver helped keep the offense moving even without Jones.

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## Basketball

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"We knew coming in that we wanted to be a balanced scoring team," Shafer said. "They are just a very unselfish group, sometimes a little too unselfish. They've always kind of been that way, and now we're finding the guys who can score it, and it is all coming together."

## PUTTING DOWN THE CLAMPS

The Peotone defense did an excellent job of taking away the paint from Manteno and allowed just one two-point field goal to Manteno in the first three quarters of the basketball game.

The Panthers did have some early game success from the 3-point line, but as the game developed, Peotone also did an excellent job of providing harassment to shooters behind the arc.

"Our goal was to make them uncomfortable and make them kick it out and take shots they didn't want to take," Shafer said.

Manteno's Eric DeRossett, who has been a dynamic scorer as of late, was limited to just five points in the game and was unable to maneuver his way to the basket without finding several Peotone defenders blocking his path.

Skyler Schulteis led Manteno (3-7, 1-4) with six points.

## WHAT'S NEXT

Both Manteno and Peotone are part of the Kankakee Holiday Tournament that begins Tuesday.

Peotone will play in a pool alongside St. Anne, Central and Grant Park, and Manteno will play in a pool with Momence, Illiana Christian and Herscher.

## Peotone 52, Manteno 31

**Peotone (15-15-12-10):** O'Boyle 1-2-2 5, C. Mahood 3-0-6, Bottoms 1-0-0-3, Marganski 4-0-0-9, Amaskane 0-0-0-0, Merigold 1-4-4-6, Halverson 2-6-11 10, Hunter 0-0-0-0, Koehn 5-3-4-13. Totals 17 15-21-52.

**Manteno (12-5-2-12):** Zimbelman 1-0-0-3, Schulteis 2-0-0-6, Burgeson 0-1-2-1, Trepanier 1-0-0-3, Campbell 1-0-0-2, Cooper 1-0-2-2, DeRossett 1-2-5, Mrz 1-0-0-3, Crawford 1-0-0-2, Lacer 0-2-2-2, Meyer 1-0-0-2. Totals 10 5-8-31.

**Team records:** Peotone (8-3, 5-0), Manteno (3-7, 1-4), 3-point goals: Peotone 3 (O'Boyle, Bottoms, Marganski), Manteno 6 (Zimbelman, Schulteis 2, Trepanier, DeRossett, Mrz).

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## No one is beating Saban and the Tide

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Everyone says they want Alabama. Then, they get the Crimson Tide, and reality sets in: These guys are almost impossible to beat.

Alabama is in the College Football Playoff for the first time in decades, the only school that can make that claim. And as good as Alabama has been through an unprecedented run of four national titles in seven seasons, this version of the top-ranked Tide might be the best of all.

The Huskies are a resurgent bunch, in contention for a national title for the first time in decades, with a coach who has a reputation for pulling off upsets. Ohio State fans have every reason to believe the Buckeyes can take down the Tide — Urban Meyer's team did just that in the first playoff semifinals.

Deshawn Watson and the Tigers went toe-to-toe with the Tide in last season's championship game.

Coach Nick Saban's crew of former blue-chip recruits and future NFL players is unbeaten, but are they unbeatable? A case for each of the teams in the playoff:

## Washington

**WHAT IT NEEDS TO DO:** Play the perfect game.

Sounds impossible, right? It seems the only chance Washington has against the Crimson Tide is to play flawlessly and hope Alabama is already looking forward to hanging out on the beaches of Tampa ahead of the championship game.

But perfection for the Huskies doesn't mean going outside of what got them to the national semifinals, especially on the offensive side.

"You don't want to get too far away from what got you to this point," Washington offensive coordinator Jonathan Smith said. "At the same time, you've got some time to put in some wrinkles or do things differently."

**POSSIBLE DIFFERENCE-MAKER:** Coach Chris Petersen. He has a track record during his time at Boise State of beating long odds. The ultimate example happened 10 years ago when his first Boise State team knocked off Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. Petersen loves his tricky plays and has a good feel for when to break out the gadgets.

"We've played in a lot of big games over the years," Petersen said. "We've played in some big games this year. I know usually when we play in games like that, our guys may be a little more on point and you feel a different energy and those type of things. So that's nice to be



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Alabama head coach Nick Saban celebrates with players after defeating Florida for the SEC Championship. "I think we have the mindset that we can only beat ourselves. I'll just leave it at that," guard Ross Pierschbacher said of the team being in the playoffs for the third straight season.

involved with that."

**CHANCES TO BEAT 'BAMA:** Poor. No team truly matches up with Alabama, but the Huskies' relatively inexperienced offensive line and stationary quarterback is a recipe for disaster.

## Ohio State

**WHAT IT NEEDS TO DO:** Beat Alabama at its own game, turning turnovers into touchdowns.

The Crimson Tide has 14 non-offensive touchdowns, including 11 on defense. Ohio State has seven defensive touchdowns.

Ohio State will have a hard time recreating the offensive success it had against Alabama in the 2014 semifinals if it does face the Tide in the championship game in Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 9.

The Buckeyes struggled this season against good defenses, such as Michigan, Wisconsin and Penn State. The Buckeyes have proved resilient, though, coming from behind to win overtime games against the Badgers and Wolverines.

**POSSIBLE DIFFERENCE-MAKER:** J.T. Barrett has not been much of a down-field passer for Ohio State, but he is mobile (847 yards rushing) and one of the best in the country at protecting the ball with only five interceptions. Ohio State is a team that

could — maybe — force Alabama's offense to do all the scoring.

**CHANCES TO BEAT 'BAMA:** Better than Washington's, but still not great with an offense that does not stretch the field.

## Clemson

**WHAT IT NEEDS TO DO:** Start with what it did in last year's championship game.

"You take a carbon copy of that game plan," former Clemson coach Tommy Bowden said. "Pare back the things that didn't work and bring it in to face Alabama."

Alabama's stunning on-side pop kick in a 24-all game turned things in the Tide's favor against Clemson in a 45-40 thriller.

"If they had just played someone 2 yards back to catch that kick," Bowden said with a chuckle.

**POSSIBLE DIFFERENCE-MAKER:** Mike Williams, who has 84 catches for 1,171 yards and 10 touchdowns, did not play in last season's game as he was recovering from a neck injury. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound Williams is a matchup nightmare.

**CHANCES TO BEAT 'BAMA:** "Of the three teams, I think Clemson has the best chance," Bowden said.

Bowden is probably a bit biased, but he is also right.

## Alabama

**WHAT IT NEEDS TO DO:** Implode. The Crimson Tide is not perfect. You do have to dig deep to find the flaws.

Alabama has fallen behind — OK, by one score — in each of its past three games against Florida (7-0), Auburn (3-0) and even Chattanooga (3-0). But none of those teams really mounted much of a challenge.

The defense must replace inside linebacker Shaun Dion Hamilton (knee), but it is loaded with potential first-round draft picks and All-Americans Jonathan Allen, Reuben Foster and Minkah Fitzpatrick.

**POSSIBLE-DIFFERENCE MAKER:** Jalen Hurts has made some mistakes early in games and is not the most accurate passer.

If opponents are going to make Alabama pay for any freshman mistakes, they'd better jump on them early. Hurts has been intercepted only twice in the second half while throwing 14 touchdown passes.

**CHANCES TO BEAT 'BAMA:** Straight up, nobody is outplaying Alabama. "We don't think about really what has to happen for us to lose," guard Ross Pierschbacher said. "I think we have the mindset that we can only beat ourselves. I'll just leave it at that."

## YOUTH SPORTS

## Strict rest might not be best medicine for kids' concussions

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CHICAGO — Strict rest may not be the best medicine for kids with concussions, a Canadian study found, challenging the idea that physical activity should be avoided until symptoms disappear.

A month after their concussions, ongoing or worse symptoms were more common in children and teens who were inactive during the week following injury, compared with those who engaged in physical activity during that first week. Activity was mostly light exercise including walking and swimming.

The results were similar even among those who early on had three or more concussion symptoms, which can include nausea, headaches and confusion. Physi-

cal activity still seemed to reduce chances for lingering symptoms a month after the concussion.

"It's still important to have caution in the immediate post-injury period," said lead author Dr. Roger Zemek, an emergency medicine specialist at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. After a sports-related concussion, kids "should always be removed from play and not return that day."

To avoid re-injury, kids should generally be sidelined from the sport or activity that led to the concussion until a doctor clears them to return, he said. But the study results suggest they can resume sports or other physical activities sooner than previously thought, he said.

The researchers surveyed about 2,400 kids aged 5 to 18 treated for

concussions in nine emergency departments in Canada. Most were sports-related injuries and most kids had at least one concussion symptom in the first week.

Results from the 2013-2015 study were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Current guidelines recommend rest until symptoms disappear to avoid additional concussions, which can increase chances for permanent brain damage. But an editorial published with the study says that advice "has resulted in some athletes resting for weeks or months, at which point rest may be less helpful and perhaps even harmful."

The study authors say resuming physical activity may increase blood flow to the brain, while inac-

tivity may deprive patients of not only that benefit but also the psychological benefits of activities they enjoy.

Patients in the study and their parents were asked about symptoms and physical activity at seven and 28 days after the concussion.

In the early-activity group, 29 percent reported ongoing or worsening symptoms 28 days after concussions versus 40 percent of the group reporting no extra physical activity beyond daily living activities.

Among kids who reported having three or more symptoms in that first week, those who engaged in early physical activity, regardless of intensity, were 25 percent less likely to have ongoing or worse symptoms at 28 days than the no-activity group.

## ONLINE

**CONCUSSION RECOMMENDATIONS:** <http://tinyurl.com/zh8y5yl>

Zemek said more research is needed to determine the ideal timing and intensity of physical activity to recommend after a concussion "to provide the best balance between symptom resolution and safety."

Until there are clear answers, the editorial says doctors and parents "should use common sense about allowing limited physical activity as tolerated and be cautious about resting a previously active athlete for prolonged periods."

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