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# Urlacher's exit will leave hole in middle for Bears

Urlacher calls Bears' \$2 million contract offer a "slap in the face." **Chicago Sports**

Over the last several weeks Bears quarterback Jay Cutler made it known to new coach Marc Trestman and others in the organization that he sought to assert himself even more entering his fifth season in Chicago.

According to two sources familiar with those conversations, Cutler wanted control he never felt comfortable assuming in a locker room full of players loyal



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

to Lovie Smith. To be Cutler's team, it couldn't be Brian Urlacher's anymore.

Be careful what you wish for, Halas Hall.

The Bears created a leadership void Wednesday that Cutler will be expected to fill when they parted ways with Urlacher,

a college safety at New Mexico who made himself into a Hall of

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## THEY FAILED YOU

State senators reject pension reform, go on vacation

Don't worry about that \$17 million a day, General Assembly. The unpaid bills, withering credit rating and dangerously underfunded pension system will be here — and bigger, in fact — when you get back. **Page 28**

## Leaders of U.S., Israel search for solidarity on Iran

President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attempted to set aside past differences and project a united front over how to tackle the threat of Iran's disputed nuclear weapons program. **Nation & World, Page 14**

## 50 grade schools expected to be on CPS' closing list

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration plans to close about 50 elementary schools, sources said. Aldermen and community leaders in the affected areas on the South and West sides quickly fired back. **Chicagoland, Page 5**

David Rudofski wanted more than money to settle his case against the Joliet Diocese. He wanted the records of how the church shielded abusive priests for decades.



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David Rudofski, 38, photographed in the office of his attorney, was abused by the Rev. James Burnett as an 8-year-old boy, left, in the early 1980s at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mokena. He fought to get the Joliet Diocese to release more than 7,000 documents related to abusive priests.

# Sex abuse files revealed



Burnett

**BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI, STACY ST. CLAIR AND DAVID HEINZMANN**  
Tribune reporters

The Joliet Diocese readily admitted that David Rudofski was sexually abused during his first confession at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mokena. It offered him an in-person apology from the

bishop and more than six times his annual salary in the hope of putting a quick, quiet end to yet another ugly incident involving a priest.

But Rudofski wanted more than money.

The south suburban electrician wanted the diocese to truly pay for its repeated and, oftentimes, willful mishandling of sexual abuse

cases involving clergy — and he insisted on a currency far more precious to the church than money. He demanded that the diocese settle its debt by turning over the secret archives it maintained on abusive priests and making them available for public consumption.

"What was I supposed to do? Take the money and

run?" Rudofski said. "How would that help anybody else? If people don't know how this was allowed to happen for decades, they can't prevent it from happening again."

The diocese, however, fought Rudofski's efforts for more than a year before

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# The young and the creditless

Shunning plastic could have ripple effect on economy

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Samantha Henderson has heard the horror stories of young people buried by too much debt. That's why the Edgewater student doesn't have a Visa or MasterCard, limiting herself to a debit card that she uses to withdraw cash for purchases.

"It terrifies me to be in that position," says the 20-year-old. "I don't want to be paying for my money."

Like Henderson, a growing number of young adults say they are reluctant to



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Michigan Avenue shoppers Kailey Cortez, 18, from left, Tanya Lemmer and Crystal Schutta, both 19, all of Milwaukee, say they use debit cards, not credit.

apply for and use credit cards. Thirty-nine percent of undergraduates ages 18 to 24 owned a credit card in 2012, down from 49 per-

cent in 2010, a Sallie Mae and Ipsos Public Affairs survey found.

Even young adults who do have credit cards are

carrying smaller balances: A median of \$1,700 in 2010 compared with \$2,500 in 2001 for under-35 households, according to Federal Reserve data.

The trend, rooted in stricter lending rules and weaker job outlooks for young Americans since the 2008-09 recession, has implications for the strength of the economy. As people in Henderson's age group eschew plastic, fewer are building the credit histories that would help them get financing for purchases of the homes and cars that are critical to economic growth.

"You could say that they're not going to get mortgages, and that could have dire economic consequences," said Ann

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