



Russia probe sees new concerns

Manafort denies ever meeting with WikiLeaks' Assange

BY ERIC TUCKER AND CHAD DAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The breakdown of a plea deal with President Donald Trump's former campaign Chairman Paul Manafort, and an explosive British news report about alleged contacts Manafort may have had with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, threw a new element of uncertainty into the Trump-Russia investigation on Tuesday.

A day after prosecutors accused Manafort of repeatedly lying to them, trashing his agreement to tell all in return for a lighter sentence, he adamantly denied a report in the Guardian that he had met secretly with Assange in March 2016. That's the same month he joined Trump's presidential campaign and that Russian hackers began an effort to penetrate the email accounts of Hillary Clinton's campaign.

The developments thrust Manafort back into the investigation spotlight, raising new questions about what he knows and what prosecutors say he might be attempting to conceal as they probe Russian election interference and any possible coordination with Trump associates in the campaign that sent the celebrity businessman to the White House.

At the same time, other figures entangled in the investigation, including Trump, have been scrambling to escalate attacks and allegations against prosecutors who have spent weeks working behind the scenes.

Besides denying he'd ever met Assange, Manafort, who is in jail, said he'd told special counsel Robert Mueller's prosecutors the truth in weeks of questioning. And WikiLeaks said Manafort had never met with Assange.

Assange, whose organization published thousands of emails stolen from Clinton's campaign in 2016, is in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London under a claim of asylum.

It is unclear what prosecutors contend Manafort lied about, though they're expected to make a public filing ahead of sentencing that could offer answers.

Dissolution of the plea deal could be a devastating outcome for a defendant who suddenly admitted guilt last September after months of maintaining his innocence and who bet on his cooperation getting him a shorter sentence. But it's

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Shorter towers, more park space in revised plan

Developer Sterling Bay redrew its plans for the proposed \$5 billion-plus Lincoln Yards project along the Chicago River on the North Side. **Business**

Maddon plans to be more hands-on with players in '19

The Cubs manager will do so at the expense of his pregame media sessions. Say it ain't so, writes the Tribune's Paul Sullivan. **Chicago Sports**

Alleged police cover-up trial opens up with legal dust-up



Former Detective David March, left, and his attorney James McKay confer during testimony on Tuesday.

Attorneys for 3 cops charged in shooting aftermath rip evidence

BY MEGAN CREPEAU, STACY ST. CLAIR AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

The cramped Cook County courtroom had the look and feel of thousands of other criminal trials before it.

There was testimony about a fatal shooting and the ensuing investigation by Chicago police. A medical examiner's office inves-

tigator was called to the stand. Detectives' reports were examined in detail.

Only this time, there was one key difference: The defendants on trial were the cops themselves.

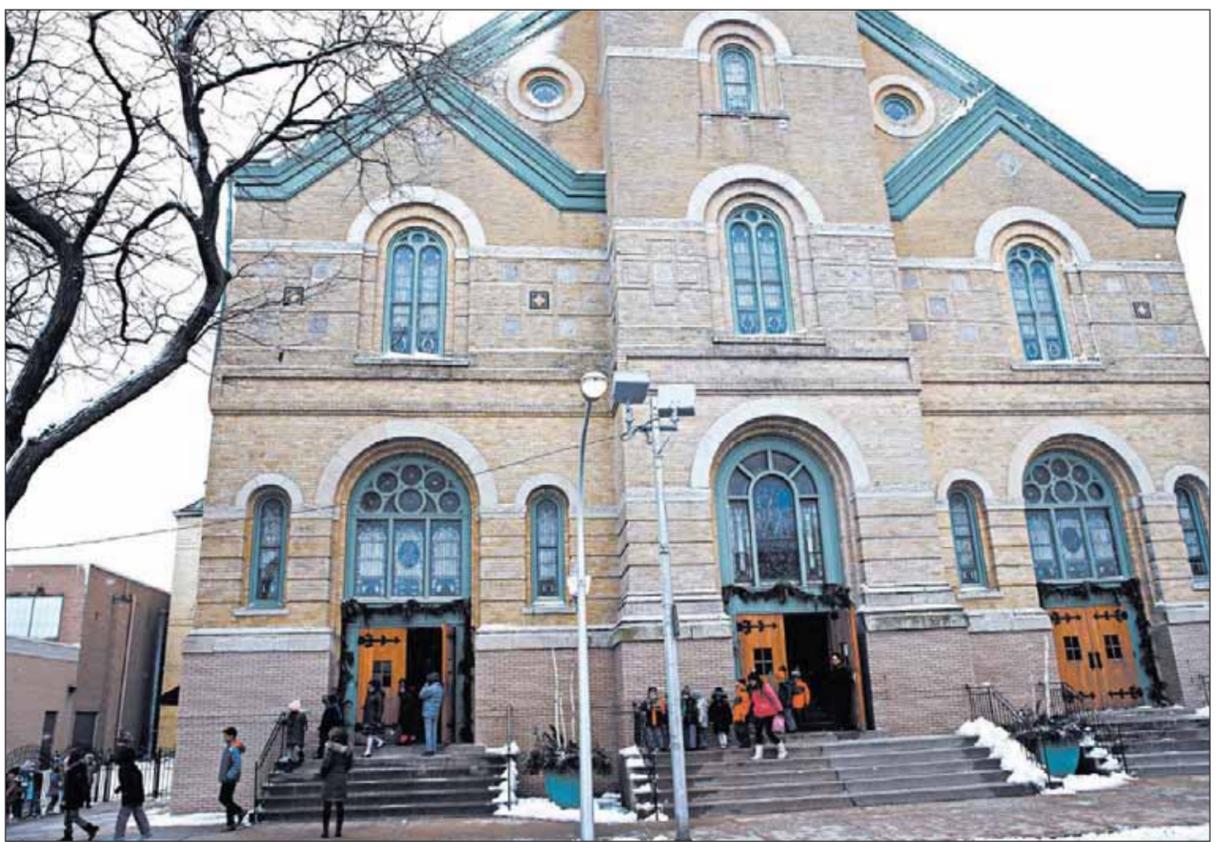
The tables were turned Tuesday as the unprecedented trial of three Chicago cops accused of covering up details of the controversial 2014 shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald got underway at

the Leighton Criminal Court Building as lawyers sparred in opening statements.

Before a packed courtroom, special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes said former Detective David March, ex-Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney violated the public trust by exaggerating the threat posed by McDonald to police.

A police dashboard camera video — publicly released by court order al-

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Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in the Bridgeport neighborhood is under consideration for closing or consolidation by the archdiocese.

Changes could darken church doors

Archdiocese reorganization set to affect Bridgeport-area parishes, schools

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

Parishioners from nine Catholic churches and schools in Bridgeport, Canaryville and Chinatown are expected to learn Wednesday the fate of their houses of worship.

A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Barbara Parish, 2859 S. Throop St., where parishioners are expected to

hear the details of the reorganization approved by Archdiocese of Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich. Cupich is not expected to attend the meeting, but representatives from the archdiocese will be leading the meeting, said Anne Maselli, a spokeswoman for the organization.

The reorganization includes St. Anthony Parish, Nativity of Our Lord Parish, St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish, Bridge-

port Catholic Academy, St. Barbara Parish and School, St. Gabriel Parish and School, St. Jerome Croatian Parish and School, Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Inconornata Parish and School, and St. Therese Chinese Parish and School.

It's the largest group that is part of the first wave in the archdiocese's Renew My Church plan, which calls for a reconfiguration of staff and parishes in the Chicago area. The Archdiocese of Chicago is the third largest Catholic diocese in the country, and includes an

estimated 2.2 million Catholics under its jurisdiction, in Cook and Lake counties, according to the church.

In September, the archdiocese announced that one west suburban Catholic school would close along with one southwest suburban church. Six parishes in the suburbs were slated to merge into three new parishes as part of the Renew My Church plan.

In a statement, the Archdiocese of Chicago stated no final decision had been made as of

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Powerless after the storm

As temperatures fell to the low 20s following a record-setting November snowstorm, about 16,000 customers were without power Tuesday evening, officials said. Among them was Carl Brauer, 74, of Arlington Heights, who used a generator and some space heaters to tough out a chilly night Monday. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

After Mercy shooting, hospitals review safety

Detectors eyed but others see pitfalls to hardening sites

BY KATE THAYER AND LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Following the mass shooting at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center last week, Chicago-area hospitals are reviewing their safety precautions and preparing to meet the requirements of a new law that mandates violence-prevention training and other security measures.

Some say the shooting that left three people and the gunman dead highlights how dangerous hospitals can be, and that steps should be taken to prevent such violence. To that end, two state legislators are

reviving a push for a law that would mandate metal detectors in hospitals.

But others say a one-size-fits-all approach, like metal detectors, isn't the answer, and that hospitals already engage in a number of protocols designed as safeguards, including security guards, active shooter drills and de-escalation training.

During the Nov. 19 shooting, gunman Juan Lopez, 32, started firing his gun outside the hospital, where he fatally shot his ex-fiancee Dr. Tamara O'Neal, 38, who worked at Mercy. Lopez then went inside the emergency department, where he shot and killed 24-year-old pharmacist Dayna Less and 28-year-old Chicago police Officer James Jimenez. Lopez later shot

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A migrant runs from tear gas launched by U.S. agents at the Chaparral crossing in Tijuana, Mexico, on Sunday.



JOHN KASS

Dems use tear gas image as sentimental weapon

If there is one thing worse than that photograph of a little Honduran boy breathing through an oxygen mask after being hit with tear gas on our Southern border, it's this:

Using that image as a sentimental weapon to fend off or obliterate clear-headed immigration policy.

But that's where we are now, aren't we? The caravan of thousands of Central American migrants is finally at the border. Mexico is keeping them back. The other day, after rocks were thrown at American border officials, several hundred migrants bolted through, trying to illegally rush their way into America, and some were hit with tear gas.

One was the little boy in the photo, receiving medical care in Tijuana. Mexico has made arrests and is in the process of deporting about 100 of the migrants back to Central America.

And now, the left has no answers to what's going on along the southern border. Instead, we're given shrieks of rage at President Donald Trump. They conveniently forget that under President Barack Obama, migrants who tried crashing the border and threatening border officials were hit with chemical agents.

Some journalists conveniently forgot this, or perhaps didn't even bother to look at what Obama had done. The American people who are concerned about their porous borders know this, which is one reason journalism is held in low regard.

The history of illegal immigration along the southern border has long been cynically bipartisan. Establishment Republicans didn't mind if business was the beneficiary of cheap labor. Republicans talked about border enforcement but repeatedly caved to supply agricultural and other workers important to political donors.

Democrats were once opposed to unfettered immigration, when they were the party of the working class. But Democrats now mock the working class and win elections in the richest counties in America. They've long taken the African-American vote for granted, and black voters are finally becoming increasingly dissatis-

fied. Democrats know they need a new crop of future voters. And they know where they can be found.

Most Americans are offended by this bipartisan cynicism. Trump understood, tapped into it, and became president.

Now I can't think of any responsible person who likes the idea of children suffering. I don't think you like it either. Parents brought the little ones into that chaos on the border. I wouldn't have done it, and perhaps you wouldn't subject your children to that danger. Yet still, it tears at the heart to see it.

But the heart is not the mind. And as liberal pundits wring their hands about the tear gas and bleat about Trump's stringent border enforcement, casually tossing words like "fascist" and "racist," something else is happening.

Millions of Americans who do not consider themselves to be hateful — Republicans and Democrats — are asking simple questions:

Is there anything wrong with mandating that immigrants legally apply for asylum rather than break into the U.S. and fade into America? I happen to think that's fair, and it's legal.

Yet where are the liberal Democratic solutions to address those in the migrant caravans determined to push illegally across the borders?

Political asylum is reserved under law for those who are threatened or attacked because of who or what they are. Asylum doesn't apply to the majority who'd like to come here for better paying jobs and social welfare benefits.

What we have in place of Democratic policy is a steady stream of wailing, anger and virtue signaling. If you want to know how extreme, how ridiculous it is becoming, consider that Democratic darling U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has compared the caravan to Jews fleeing the Holocaust.

Unlike what happened to the Jews in Europe, the Central American migrants are not being exterminated by their own government. In tweeting this nonsense, Ocasio-Cortez diminishes

the horrors of the Holocaust, and proves herself to be, of course, a fool.

Remember that for several weeks leading up to the midterm elections, as the migrant caravan formed in Central America and made its way north, Trump, in his typically heavy-handed and overstated Trumpian fashion, kept loudly insisting that the caravan was a danger, replete with "criminals" and "Middle Easterners."

Are there "Middle Easterners" among them? It sounds far-fetched. Are they all "criminals"? No. Some are thugs, but many want a better life.

Tony Hernandez, the brother of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez, is allegedly something of a narco kingpin. He was just arrested the other day in Miami on cocaine and weapons charges.

But if living in fear because violent narco kingpins are nearby is grounds for asylum, people in a few Chicago neighborhoods I can think of should apply.

The Democratic response to the caravan as it trudged north was also cynical. Democratic politicians insist they're not for open borders, but they don't support strict border enforcement. Theirs is a let-them-in-and-sort-it-out-later approach. This is a de facto open borders policy.

And just weeks ago, those who dared suggest that a country should have secure borders were subject to media shaming. Caravan? What caravan? They're just women and tiny children in strollers. How dare you say otherwise?

But that wasn't true either, was it? You read the pundits, you heard the snickers over the radio, and saw the smirks on TV. Americans got the point: Shut up about securing your own borders or be shamed.

And that's not sound policy, either, is it?

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Pritzker taps group to tackle education issues

By JUAN PEREZ JR.

Chicago Tribune

Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker tapped a new committee Tuesday to tackle some of Illinois' urgent issues in K-12 and higher education, leaning on Chicago and state officials to develop solutions to immense challenges worsened by long-standing budget problems.

The 35-member education committee is chaired by state Sen. Andy Manar of Bunker Hill, state Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch of Hillside, Illinois Education Association President Kathi Griffin and Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson.

That group of school administrators, union officials, think tank executives and higher education officials may have to address the billions of dollars still needed to fully finance the state's new K-12 education funding model, a teacher shortage that's left some

school districts struggling to staff classrooms and the ongoing loss of local high school graduates to out-of-state colleges.

"This committee truly is a sign of new hope for those vital institutions and for our children's futures," Welch said. "Together, all of us, we're going to take a deep dive and we're going to delve into the root issues and present possible solutions for this new administration."

Pritzker also did not provide new specifics on where money to help the state's education problems might come from, even as he acknowledged the lack of immediate answers.

"To provide a quality education for every child, one of the major components is funding equity around the state," Pritzker told reporters gathered at Melody Elementary School in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood. "But now, where are the dollars and

how do we accelerate so we get to where we're trying to get to as fast as possible?"

State officials estimate they need about \$7 billion more to adequately fund K-12 education in the coming years, for example. The governor-elect must deliver a state spending plan to lawmakers shortly after his January inauguration. Pritzker has favored legalizing marijuana and sports betting, and also offered mostly unspecified plans to implement a graduated income tax that would require extensive negotiations with state lawmakers and voter approval.

"The funding that helps build out what's planned as a result of the formula, it's the same challenge as every other aspect of the budget," Pritzker said.

"Where are we going to bring efficiencies in state government, what dollars can we bring into state government immediately, as well as over a near and medium



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Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker applauds CPS CEO Janice Jackson on Tuesday after she spoke at Melody Elementary School.

term? You can't solve all these problems immediately. It's not like electing a new governor, day one, everything is solved. You do have to turn the ship in the right direction and then propel it in that direction."

The education committee is expected to produce a report on its findings, though the timetable for its delivery is not certain.

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16K still powerless after snowstorm

November blizzard's effects linger in suburbs

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND KAREN ANN CULLOTTA
Chicago Tribune

As temperatures in the region bottomed out in the low 20s and street crews continued to clear roads in some areas following a record-setting November snowstorm, about 16,000 customers still were without power Tuesday evening, officials said.

Commonwealth Edison crews worked Tuesday to restore power that was lost during the storm that dumped as much as 13 inches of snow on some places. In total, about 350,000 customers lost electricity during the storm.

Among them were residents of Arlington Heights, Lake Zurich and Barrington — areas in the northwest or north suburbs that were among those hit by widespread power outages — who had to choose whether to stay in their darkened homes or go visit friends or family or pay for a night in a hotel.

Carl Brauer, 74, said his wife and daughter went to stay with relatives, but with a generator and some space heaters, he toughed out a chilly night Monday, sleeping on the couch.

Gesturing toward the slumping, snow-covered power lines draped across the 600 block of North Highland Avenue in Arlington Heights, Brauer said his neighborhood looked like “a third-world country” following the storm.

“The temperature is 47 degrees upstairs in our house, but I’m not going anywhere,” Brauer said.

Alison Groen, 40, a popular food blogger from Arlington Heights, met up with several neighbors outside about 7 a.m. Monday. Since Groen’s snowblower is electric and wouldn’t work, a neighbor helped Groen’s sister dig her car out, she said.

As a thank-you, her sister volunteered her to make breakfast for everyone who’d gathered around outside.

“I actually lit the stove myself by lighting a piece of spaghetti and then turning on the gas burner, which catches right away. ... I toasted bread in a pan on the stove and then made



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A downed wire hangs low over a driveway Tuesday in Arlington Heights after the Chicago-area snowstorm that caused some 350,000 to lose power.

eggs to go along with cheese and deli I had on hand,” she said in an email Tuesday.

Officials warned residents against staying in homes colder than 60 degrees and urged people to find alternative shelter, or at minimum, visit a warming center while they waited.

John Pfeiffer, 60, who also lives in Arlington Heights, did just that when

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— John Pfeiffer, 60, of Arlington Heights

he decided to spend his Tuesday morning at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. There he settled into a chair across from a fireplace and tackled a sudoku puzzle in the newspaper and made the best of what he described as a minor inconvenience.

“It’s a lot colder today, so we might spend the night at a friend’s house or a hotel,” Pfeiffer said, adding, “We’ve

lived in our house 30 years, and we lost power for two days once after a summer storm — but never after a snowstorm.”

Not everyone was as patient as Pfeiffer; many criticized the job ComEd was doing. As Brauer stood outside near his generator with a cigar in hand, he said he’d yet to see a single ComEd truck in the area.

only two two-person crews working in the village,” Recklaus said. “... Some residents have told us they saw more Comcast trucks out. It’s not that the crews are not working hard, but they needed to allocate more resources to respond to outages of this magnitude.”

John Schoen, a ComEd spokesman, said the utility was doing just that. Tuesday and Wednesday, the company is bringing in 262 crews from out of state to help restore power as fast as is possible, he said. The goal is to have all power restored by Wednesday.

“This outage is hitting areas harder than other storms because the damage that needs to be repaired is not just a matter of re-stringing cable,” Schoen said, adding: “I totally understand and sympathize with our customers, and we do appreciate their patience.”

The extended power outages weren’t the only thing unusual about the storm. With 8.4 inches recorded at O’Hare International Airport, the storm set the record for the fifth-deepest snowfall in November since

the National Weather Service started tracking storms in Chicago in 1884.

The blizzardlike conditions grounded more than 1,000 flights at Chicago airports and wreaked havoc with roads and Metra commuter lines. Although most of the troubles were over Tuesday, a few lingered, with about 70 flights canceled at O’Hare and some Metra delays and icy roads, especially in the north suburbs.

Schoen said that because the storm affected far suburbs many hours before downtown, the long duration of the storm’s path meant outages started hitting communities to the west and north of Chicago before the city itself.

“It was kind of a slow-moving storm that hit some of our customers early, and then it was affecting power lines near downtown eight hours later,” he said. “It’s really scattered around our whole system.”

Areas with large outages of more than 1,000 customers and buildings such as hospitals and schools are among the highest priority, so throughout the day the

number of large outages should be reduced dramatically, he said.

Such was the case with the schools in the city. At least 20 Chicago Public Schools sites dealt with full or partial power loss Monday, according to Michael Passman, a district spokesman.

At the time, he said nearly all schools affected by power loss had safe temperatures and partial power and were able to safely remain open.

Shields Elementary was among the schools that had a partial power loss, and on Monday students had to be relocated. By Tuesday, power was restored, but the school’s heating system was offline; with temperatures inside the building in the 60s, administrators were monitoring conditions to keep kids safe.

Hale Elementary on Tuesday was the only remaining CPS school site without power. Students and staff at Hale were relocated to nearby Hale Park Fieldhouse, Passman said.

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Suburban florist fights extradition, seeks asylum

Fears persecution if returned to native Lithuania

BY TED GREGORY
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The plight of a former Lithuanian judge who had been living in suburban Chicago and is seeking asylum in the U.S. remains uncertain after a brief hearing Tuesday in a federal appeals court.

An attorney for Neringa Venckiene said during the half-hour hearing in Chicago that the court has the power to decide if her extradition to Lithuania is an improper effort by officials there to prosecute her for political crimes.

A federal prosecutor countered that the U.S. State Department, which has approved Venckiene’s extradition, is the appropriate authority to make that decision. The prosecutor also contended that Venckiene has failed to prove that her extradition would be politically based.

Venckiene, who fled Lithuania in 2013 and

ended up working as a florist in the far northwest suburbs, claims authorities in her homeland intend to persecute her for trying to expose high-level government corruption there. Those claims stem from the alleged molestation of Venckiene’s niece in 2008 and set in motion events that included the suspicious deaths of four people in Lithuania.

Sparked by her effort to uncover what she claimed was a pedophile ring, Venckiene led a political opposition movement in her homeland and was elected to parliament there.

The charges against Venckiene stem from her refusal to relinquish custody of the girl, despite a court order. She also is charged with “humiliating” the court and failing to comply with a court order.

Her attorneys have said her alleged crimes are little more than misdemeanors and may have been cooked up. Federal prosecutors say an extradition treaty between the U.S. and Lithuania obligates the United



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Neringa Venckiene, shown in 2012, is an ex-Lithuanian judge who was jailed in Chicago at her homeland’s request.

States to return Venckiene to her homeland.

She and her attorneys said Venckiene was the subject of at least one assassination attempt, and she fears that she may be executed if she returns to Lithuania.

That fear for her safety prompted Venckiene to flee to America with her son. Lithuanian authorities sought her extradition early this year.

She has been in federal custody since surrendering in February.

Tuesday’s hearing came after Venckiene’s attorneys appealed a district court decision in July to extradite her.

Venckiene’s attorneys say they are hoping to delay her extradition until she

receives an asylum hearing next summer.

Meanwhile, her son, who attended Tuesday’s hearing, is attending college, working and living in their home in suburban Chicago.

“It’s good that it’s being figured out,” Karolis Venckus said after the hearing. “But at the same time, it’s kind of overwhelming.”

The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals has not set a date for issuing a decision.

The State Department approved her extradition in April. U.S. authorities could extradite her immediately but signaled they won’t until the appeals court makes a ruling.

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Ill. paid \$275M in late interest fees to lenders

State owes many millions more to private parties

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Third-party financiers have been paid at least \$275 million in late interest fees from the state under a program allowing them to buy claims for goods and services from state vendors who were not promptly paid due to the state’s financial problems, a new report showed Tuesday.

The report from state Comptroller Susana Mendoza said the private firms bought more than \$5 billion in state liabilities from providers of state goods and services. Those providers opted to take an up-front payment, usually 90 percent, in return for assigning the debt to the lender who also collects interest as high as 12 percent a year.

The vendor payment program was created in 2012 as a result of cash-flow problems in the state budget. But it was later accompanied by a companion program, the vendor support initiative, which was created during the state’s historic budget im-

passed that saw Illinois without authorized appropriations for two years.

The new report revealed that in addition to late payment interest penalties of \$275 million that already have been paid to private lenders, they are owed at least another \$327 million. Among the state-approved third-party lenders is a firm that lists former Gov. Jim Edgar as its chairman.

In issuing the report, Mendoza, now a candidate for Chicago mayor, touted its release as part of her transparency initiatives approved during her tenure as a statewide official.

“Lenders in this program are making hundreds of millions of dollars off the state’s fiscal calamity. Before my legislation was passed, this program wasn’t codified in state law or subject to even a basic level of transparency,” Mendoza said in a statement.

Mendoza credited the lenders for their help “in keeping vendors afloat, a challenge worsened during the two-year budget crisis suffered during the (Gov. Bruce) Rauner administration.”

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Ford says she'll donate to trauma survivors



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Christine Blasey Ford is shutting down the GoFundMe account started in her name and donating the remaining money to trauma survivors, according to a note she wrote on the fundraising site.

"With immense gratitude, I am closing this account to further contributions," Ford wrote on the "Help Christine Blasey Ford" site that was created in September. "All funds unused after completion of security expenditures will be donated to organizations that support trauma survivors. I am currently researching organizations where the funds can best be used. We will use this space to let you know when that process is complete."

You may recall the controversy over two GoFundMe accounts that raised more than \$600,000 for Ford shortly after she went public with allegations that Supreme Court nominee (now Supreme Court Justice) Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her in high school.

To many of her critics, the accounts were proof that her story was money-driven.

"She had nothing to gain?" a reader tweeted at me about the accounts. "Maybe to you Ms Stevens a million dollars is nothing but to most people a million in her go fund account is a lot of money."

"Has this GoFundMe created a new incentive for accusers?" Laura Ingraham asked on her Fox News

Ford's supporters wanted a concrete way to demonstrate their trust in her.

show at the time.

I find the argument that Ford would risk her salary, her future earning potential and the safety of herself, her husband and her children for some free GoFundMe money to be preposterous and pernicious, the sort of toxic absurdity that spreads among folks who view women, in general, with suspicion.

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I said as much in an earlier column, which I still get emails about. The Natasha Hall Show in Montreal called me earlier this month to discuss it.

I think we, as a culture, look for ways to back up our beliefs with our wallets, and crowd-funding sites are a byproduct of that. Ford's supporters wanted a concrete way to demonstrate their trust in her and their gratitude for her testimony, and for many, GoFundMe accounts provided that.

Kavanaugh's supporters also launched a GoFundMe page in September. It raised \$488,895, although a note on the page said Kavanaugh's family is unable to accept the donations "for judicial ethics reasons."

Now the accounts are all closed.

"Cover Dr. Blasey's security costs," the second of the two main fundraisers on her behalf, closed two months ago. "Help Christine Blasey Ford" closed the day before Thanksgiving.

"The funds you have sent through GoFundMe have been a godsend," Ford wrote in her most recent note. "Your donations have allowed us to take reasonable steps to protect ourselves against frightening

threats, including physical protection and security for me and my family, and to enhance the security for our home. We used your generous contributions to pay for a security service, which began on September 19 and has recently begun to taper off; a home security system; housing and security costs incurred in Washington DC, and local housing for part of the time we have been displaced."

"Although coming forward was terrifying, and

caused disruption to our lives, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to fulfill my civic duty," she wrote. "Having done so, I am in awe of the many women and men who have written me to share similar life experiences, and now have bravely shared their experience with friends and family, many for the first time. I send you my heartfelt love and support."

I don't expect her critics to be swayed by her note. But something tells me

they're not the people her words — or her funds — are directed to.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. This week she'll be joined by her husband, Tribune film critic Michael Phillips, to talk about keeping complicated schedules from harming a marriage.

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Debate heated over bill on Illinois House floor

Dem lawmaker said she wanted to pump a 'broth of Legionella' bacteria into GOP colleagues' water supply

By MIKE RIOPELL AND RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — A Democratic state lawmaker said she wanted to pump a lethal "broth of Legionella" bacteria into the water system of a Republican colleague's family, during heated remarks on the Illinois House floor over a bill aimed at helping families of more than a dozen residents at the Downstate Quincy veterans home who died of Legionnaires'.

The bill would raise limits on damages in some state Court of Claims cases from \$100,000 to \$2 million, which could affect the victims' families, who allege the state was negligent in the deaths that resulted from outbreaks at the veterans home over the past

three years. Gov. Bruce Rauner rewrote the proposal over the summer to reduce such caps on damage awards to \$300,000, but lawmakers voted Tuesday to override him.

During the House floor debate over the proposal, Republican state Rep. Peter Breen of Lombard questioned some of the plan's details, contending the state doesn't know how much it will cost. Breen, the outgoing House GOP floor leader, noted that multiple tort claims could be paid out for the same incident.

"And, yes, we know the personal injury lawyers are going to make out like bandits, which they tend to do anytime they come to the General Assembly," Breen said.

Minutes later, Democratic state Rep. Stephanie

Kifowit of Oswego, a co-sponsor of the legislation, stood up to attack Breen.

"I would like to make him a broth of Legionella and pump it into the water system of his loved one, so that they can be infected, they can be mistreated, they can sit and suffer by getting aspirin instead of being properly treated and ultimately die. And we are talking about our nation's heroes," said Kifowit, a Marine veteran.

Kifowit recounted questions over the Rauner administration's handling of repeated outbreaks at the home, which are the subject of a grand jury investigation by Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and, in closing, said, "I respectfully ask for you to support this bill."

Lawmakers voted 71-36 to raise the cap on lawsuit

damages, the bare minimum number of votes they needed to override Rauner. The bill passed in May with 79 House votes. The Senate voted two weeks ago to override Rauner.

Breen yelled off microphone after Kifowit's speech and Republican state Rep. Keith Wheeler of Oswego urged the chamber to reflect on the scale of the rhetoric.

"We lost our way today. I cannot fathom the idea that any one of us would ever publicly make a statement that is effectively a wish for a family member of one of our colleagues to die. That is what was said today. I think that's despicable," Wheeler said. "We shouldn't stand for that."

Later, after the vote, Kifowit said her words were misheard, misrepresented, misinterpreted and mischaracterized.

"Quite clearly what I said was 'imagine if it was your

family,' " she said, though she didn't use those words. "So if it was misheard, I'll apologize for the misheard, but my words were clearly, 'Imagine if it was your family.'" Kifowit acknowledged that her remarks "are all transcribed, and my words will be clear."

On Twitter, she later said, "My words were twisted and misrepresented." She added in another tweet, "I never stated anything to wish his family death."

The deaths at the Quincy veterans home dogged Rauner's re-election campaign. The post-Civil War era facility is where 14 people have died and nearly 70 others have been sickened by Legionnaires' disease outbreaks since 2015. At least a dozen lawsuits have been filed since the initial outbreak, claiming negligence by the state.

In its legal filings, the state has denied any negligence and Rauner has said

the state has followed all recommendations of federal experts at the Quincy home. In April, Rauner's veterans affairs director resigned.

In his amendatory veto, Rauner wrote that raising the \$100,000 cap on damages to \$2 million through the state Court of Claims was "effectively ignoring the impact of vastly expanded future litigation on the fiscal position of the state and its taxpayers."

The vote to override Rauner's veto on Tuesday came as lawmakers returned to Springfield for what could be their last clash with him, as they consider overriding dozens of the governor's vetoes less than two months before he leaves office.

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Domestic violence advocate changeover

U. of C. to bring in new group to Ingalls Memorial Hospital

By MIKE NOLAN
Daily Southtown

University of Chicago Medicine has ended a nearly 20-year agreement with South Suburban Family Shelter to provide advocacy services to victims of domestic violence at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey and at Ingalls' urgent care centers, according to U. of C. Medicine and the shelter.

The Homewood-based shelter has about a dozen domestic violence advocates working at the hospital and urgent care centers, according to Dawn Peloso, development director for South Suburban Family Shelter.

U. of C. Medicine said that Ingalls has instead turned to the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago to support patients in need of domestic violence services.

South Suburban Family Shelter received a letter dated Nov. 2 from U. of C. giving 30-day notice that it was ending its contract, according to Kimberly Garrison, a spokeswoman for Ingalls. Peloso said the letter did not explain why U. of C. was ending its relationship with the shelter.

Ingalls didn't give a specific reason for ending the contract, but thanked South Suburban "for our long-standing relationship."

The shelter received \$16,750 a year from U. of C. to provide advocacy services, Peloso said Tuesday. The shelter, in a news release announcing the termination of the contract with U. of C., said it is working to offset the revenue loss.

Peloso said shelter staffers will remain at the hospital and urgent care centers through this coming weekend.

Last year, South Suburban said, it served nearly 11,700 people at the emergency department at Ingalls Memorial and urgent care centers, providing domestic violence screenings and assessments.

South Suburban provides services, including counseling and legal and medical advocacy, emergency shelter and transitional housing.

Ingalls said that its relationship with the YWCA will provide Ingalls' patients with access to emergency shelters and resources, including support groups.

SSFS also has advocates working at other locations in the south suburbs, including Franciscan Health Olympia Fields and a health clinic in Ford Heights, Peloso said.

She said the shelter is "scrambling" to place the staffers in new positions.

"We are looking for other locations we can partner with," Peloso said.

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Principal Tom Smyth's St. Jerome Croatian Parish and School is among the Bridgeport-area parishes weighed by the archdiocese for reorganization.

Bridgeport Catholics braced

Bridgeport, from Page 1

Tuesday regarding the structures in the Bridgeport-area community, though the meeting for parishioners was scheduled to take place the next day.

"While difficult decisions will be made, we believe these changes are necessary to achieve the goal of having a vibrant, life-giving faith community accessible to all Catholics in the Bridgeport area and across the Archdiocese of Chicago," the statement read.

In a letter posted on St. Barbara Parish and School's website, the Rev. W. Artur Marat and Principal Nicole Nolazco stated that meetings were continuing regarding Renew My Church. The letter urged parishioners to work together during the period of transition.

"I know that many of you are concerned about the existence of St. Barbara School and Parish," the letter stated. "At the meeting that took place last week with the Archdiocese representatives, some proposals were made — not final decisions. The final decision will be made by Cardinal Cupich and announced on November 28th."

The Rev. Peter McQuinn, of St. Anthony Parish, said he expects his parish will be among those merged.

"I know I'll be looking for a new parish," McQuinn said. "No way this parish is going to stay by itself."

McQuinn said the changes expected to be announced Wednesday shouldn't come as a surprise to St. Anthony members because the reorganization process started a year ago. Church leaders, who have been meeting every other week, submitted proposals to Cupich



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Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in the Bridgeport neighborhood, the home church for Mayor Richard J. Daley's family, is under consideration for closing or consolidation.



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Archbishop John Cardinal Cody consoles Eleanor Daley and her son Richard at the funeral for Mayor Richard J. Daley at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church.

earlier this year, he said.

The changes to parishes are expected to go into effect by July, but changes at the schools might take

longer to go into effect, McQuinn said.

The church leaders came up with the proposals by examining everything

from the structure of church buildings to data about ceremonies for religious sacraments. For example, McQuinn said they

learned that the churches collectively were performing more funerals than baptisms.

Nationally, the Catholic Church experienced a significant loss — 13 percent — of its members who were raised as Catholic but later changed their religious identity between 2007 and 2014, according to the Pew Research Center.

The Bridgeport-area church leaders also tried to look ahead to see if there was potential for population growth such as in areas near where the Barack Obama Presidential Center will be built that could bring in development, McQuinn said.

The area once had as many as 13 Catholic churches, but many have closed in the past decades, McQuinn said. The neighborhoods have changed, and the Catholic community long knew changes would have to be made, he said. For example, he noted many neighborhoods in the area are now predominantly Asian.

"People are anxious and wondering what will happen," McQuinn said about his congregation. "Certainly, people will recognize that there has been tremendous demographic change. ... The age of the Catholic population has gotten older, and (there are) fewer younger families with children."

Late Tuesday, the archdiocese announced that two South Side parishes, Saint Michael the Archangel in the Bush neighborhood and Immaculate Conception in South Chicago, will be consolidated into a new parish by July 2019, according to a news release. The move was also part of the archdiocese's Renew My Church plan.

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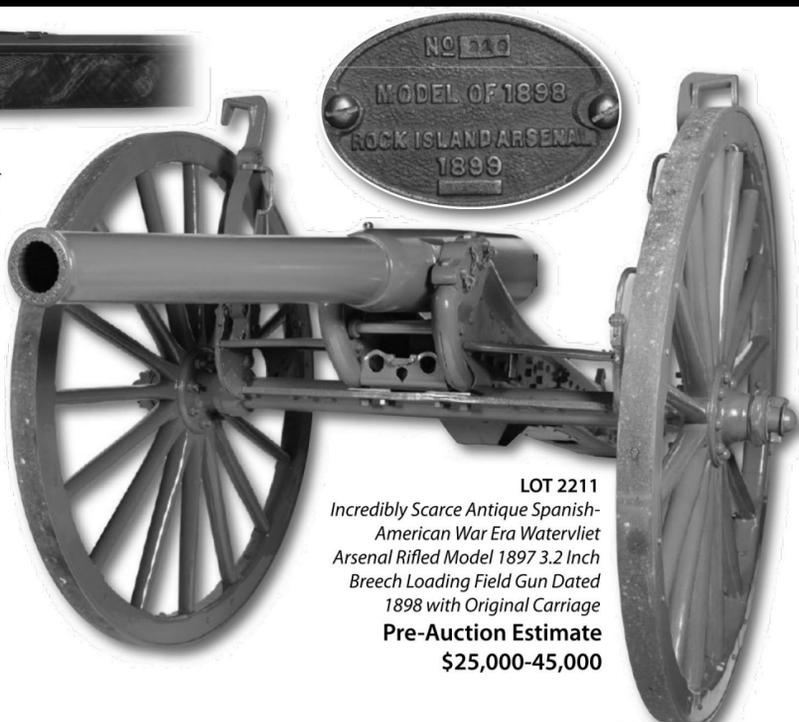
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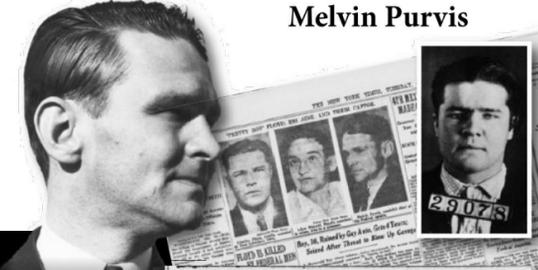
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Calumet Park outsources fire dept. to contractor

Attorney: 'Historic' decision could trigger 'chain reaction' of privatizations

By ZAK KOESKE
Daily Southtown

In a "historic" move that could trigger a transformation in how small suburban municipalities deliver emergency services, Calumet Park has outsourced its fire department to a private contractor in an effort to cut costs, village attorney Burt Odelson said.

The board voted unanimously Nov. 8 to approve a separation agreement with its firefighters union and to enter into a five-year contract with Kurtz Ambulance Service to provide fire suppression and ambulance services to the village, he said.

"This will be the wave of the future," said Odelson, who previously spearheaded a push to privatize fire services in North Riverside that was overturned by the Illinois Labor Relations Board.

He said he wasn't aware of another municipality in Cook County that had contracted with a private company to provide fire suppression services, but believed others would soon follow Calumet Park's lead.

"It's going to cause a chain reaction in the south suburbs with the communities that just can't afford to pay the high salaries, the overtime and the equipment," said Odelson, noting that he was in discussions with three other south suburban communities about outsourcing their fire departments.

Kurtz, which will assume control of Calumet Park's fire department on Dec. 1, did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

As part of the arrangement, the company will supply 12 full-time firefighter/paramedics to staff Calumet Park's department in four-person shifts, replacing the village's 30-plus part-time firefighters, officials said. Four of the 12 will be current village firefight-

ers who have signed on to work full-time for Kurtz, Odelson said.

The private force, he said, would provide Calumet Park with "the exact level of service" as the village has currently.

Calumet Park will pay Kurtz \$825,000 in the first year of the contract, with progressive increases each year up to a maximum of \$925,000 in the final year of the five-year deal, he said.

That price tag does not include the salary of the fire chief, who will remain a village employee, and costs for building and apparatus maintenance and utilities, he said.

Odelson said he expects the village, which appropriated nearly \$1.5 million for its fire department budget in fiscal year 2019, to save at least a half-million dollars per year by contracting with Kurtz.

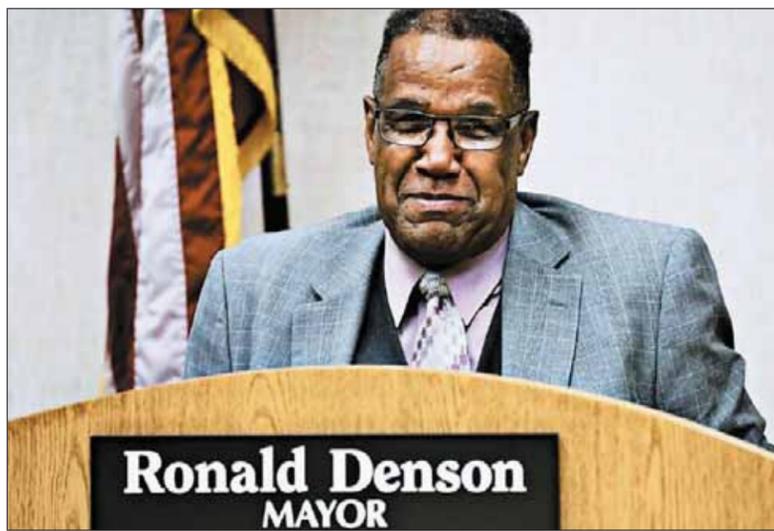
He said the village's separation agreement with its unionized firefighters — which will pay them \$1,000 per year for every year they've worked for Calumet Park — will cut into that savings in the first year of the contract.

Per the separation agreement, the union members will receive half of their severance on Nov. 30 and the other half in spring 2019, with a total village outlay of around \$240,000, Odelson said.

Martin Rita, a 12-year member of the department who serves as union president, said the union had proposed various concessions but had been unable to reach an agreement to keep services in house.

"It's an unfortunate situation," he said. "We tried to bargain to the best of our ability as a union, tried to come to some agreement with the village, and we just couldn't get to that bottom line. The private contractor is offering services for way too cheap."

"As a union we have to



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Calumet Park Mayor Ronald Denson praised village firefighters, but insisted that privatizing the department was necessary given the village's dire financial state.

draw a line and say we're also skilled labor," Rita said. "We truly believe that at some point you can't bargain away all the things that your predecessors fought for in the past."

He said he was glad that four current Calumet Park firefighters would be sticking around to ease the transition for Kurtz, but that he still had concerns about the quality of service a private company could provide.

"There's a lot that goes into this job," Rita said, adding that he'd made clear to village officials that union members were willing to return if Kurtz didn't work out.

"I think there will be a time in the future where they may have to come and ask for our services again," he said. "And we'll be there."

Mayor Ronald Denson praised village firefighters and said he'd never questioned the quality of service they were providing, but insisted that privatizing the department was necessary given the village's dire financial state.

"We have to make some changes if we're going to survive," he said, adding that money has been especially tight since Ultra Foods, the village's only

traditional grocery store, closed last year.

Another factor in his decision to privatize fire services, Denson said, was the recent realization that 18 part-time firefighters were pension eligible, and that the village could be on the hook for years of past pension payments.

That, in addition to growing workers' compensation and health care benefits for the department's part-time workers, convinced village officials it was necessary to make the move.

"It was just accelerating to the point that it was not going to save the village anything by keeping part-timers," Village Administrator Mary Ryan said. "It would have been better served hiring a privatized firm to do it for much less and they carry the burden of all the insurances."

Denson and Ryan were more conservative than Odelson in their estimates of the village's potential savings from outsourcing, but said that even a couple hundred thousand dollars saved per year represented a "home run" for the village.

"In a poor village like this, \$200,000 changes things. It makes a big difference," Denson said. "It may not say

much to Tinley Park or some other town, but \$200,000 to Cal Park changes things, and makes us in a much stronger position that we can go out and ... really do things for the community."

Calumet Park officials said they eventually intend to expand their private fire and paramedic services beyond village boundaries in hopes of generating revenue for the community's coffers.

If all goes as planned, Calumet Park expects to enter intergovernmental firefighting and EMS agreements with surrounding communities, much like the ones it already has to provide 911 dispatch services for a handful of neighbors through its emergency communications center — also operated by Kurtz.

"We're going to be leaders again in having the communities join us for firefighting and paramedic services," Odelson said. "We're on the verge of a big change in the way fire services are delivered."

Joe Richert, the secretary-treasurer of Service Employees International Union Local 73, which represented the Calumet Park firefighters, said this was the first time he'd seen a

private firm supplant a unionized department.

"We fought very hard; we fought for about two years to stop this from happening," he said. But unlike full-time departments like North Riverside, where privatization efforts ran into legal hurdles, part-time departments lack the legal standing to stave off privatization efforts, he said.

Richert said he was "very concerned" about the possibility that a wave of part-time fire department privatizations could strip protections from workers and hoped to address the matter via legal means.

"We're looking to work on legislation to stop this from happening," he said. "It kind of caught us off guard, and we're going to try to remedy it through the legislative process."

Pat Devaney, president of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, which represents 224 affiliate departments and more than 15,000 professional firefighters across the state, said the threat of fire department privatization in Illinois is nothing new, but that outside of North Riverside — where privatization attempts were stymied by the courts — he was not aware of another example of a municipality making good on its threat to outsource services.

Devaney, whose union only represents full-time departments and was not directly involved in Calumet Park's case, said he didn't believe a private firm could offer comparable service to a public department and expressed skepticism that the promised cost savings would be realized.

"Despite how this thing is marketed, not only do you get a lesser level of service, but it can also cost more for receiving it," he said, adding, "It really gets down to the public policy discussion of, should we be making emergency services a for-profit business and at what expense?"

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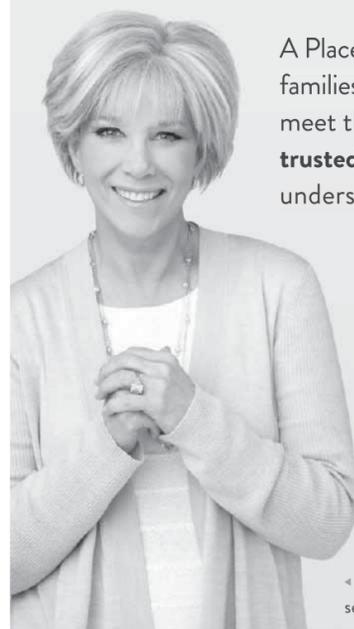
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Trial related to McDonald shooting begins

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most three years ago to the day — showed Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting McDonald 16 times as the teen walked away from officers as he held a knife in his right hand.

“The case is clear, the case is straightforward, and it is concise,” Holmes said. “It boils down to what the defendants wrote on paper versus what is shown on video.”

Attorneys for the three cops, however, blasted their indictment on conspiracy, obstruction of justice and official misconduct charges as a farce, saying their clients were honorable men doing their duty in the face of an armed and violent criminal.

Much like Van Dyke’s trial on murder charges earlier this fall, the defense homed in on the fact that McDonald had popped a squad car tire with the small knife and repeatedly ignored police commands before he was shot.

James McKay, who represents March, also chastised Holmes for mentioning in her opening remarks that McDonald was black — something Van Dyke’s attorney also raised. Van Dyke and the three defendants are white.

“Race has nothing to do with this case. This case is about law and order,” McKay said. “It’s about Laquan McDonald not following any laws that night. There must be some individual responsibility attached to McDonald.”

The tactic of blaming the victim of a shooting clearly did not sit well with the jury in Van Dyke’s case in which Van Dyke was convicted of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery.

Van Dyke’s three colleagues, though, have waived their right to a jury trial, opting instead to have Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson — a former Cook County prosecutor — decide their fate.

While the trial promises to open an intriguing window into how Chicago police investigate a shooting by one of their own, much of the evidence is contained in dry reports and other documents. And the testimony is not expected to have the fireworks or drama of Van Dyke’s case.

That difference was evident in the first witness called by prosecutors Tuesday. Joseph Perfetti, director of the Chicago Police Department’s record services division, testified for nearly three hours about some of the numerous reports created by officers in response to McDonald’s shooting, often reading from pages in a thick binder handed to him by prosecutors.

The drawn-out examination introduced the crux of the prosecution’s case — that officers worked to protect Van Dyke by sullying McDonald even in perfunctory police records.

The case was not initially classified as a homicide, testified Perfetti, a civilian Police Department employee. Instead, police listed it as an aggravated assault in which McDonald was the offender and Van Dyke, Gaffney and Walsh were listed as his victims.

In their own reports, the three officers wrote that McDonald battered them — alleging he physically touched or injured them.

McDonald, however, did not make physical contact



Chicago police Officer Thomas Gaffney, second from left, and ex-Officer Joseph Walsh, second from right, listen to opening statements on Tuesday.



Joseph Perfetti, director of the Chicago Police Department’s record services division, is cross-examined by attorney James McKay on the first day of the trial on Tuesday.

with any officers that night, according to the infamous dashcam video of the shooting.

And, according to the reports read aloud by Perfetti, March ruled the shooting a justifiable homicide about a week after the incident, saying Van Dyke shot in defense of his life.

“Criminal attacked officer,” March wrote. “Then that officer killed criminal.”

In her opening remarks, Holmes recounted the blow-by-blow of McDonald’s shooting, starting with Gaffney and his partner, Officer Joseph McElligott, responding to a burglary call in a trucking yard near 41st Street and Kildare Avenue on the city’s Southwest Side.

After encountering McDonald walking away with the knife, McElligott followed the teen on foot east on 41st Street while Gaffney trailed in their squad car, Holmes said.

After Gaffney tried to block McDonald with the vehicle, the teen popped a tire with a small knife and struck the windshield before running off toward Pulaski Road, Holmes said. McElligott never felt McDonald was a threat to his life, she said.

Officer Dora Fontaine, who is expected to be a key prosecution witness, was close enough to watch McDonald get shot by Van

Dyke as he walked away from police down Pulaski, Holmes said.

“She saw him twitching, she saw the smoke coming from his body,” Holmes said.

But Fontaine never saw the teen threaten an attack, she said.

Holmes told the judge that Fontaine became “furious” on learning that March had attributed false statements to her in a supplemental report.

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—James McKay, defense attorney for former Det. David March

“She immediately contacted her lawyer. She wanted to set the record straight, but her reward for telling the truth was to be called a rat and to be told that she would not be safe on street duty,” Holmes said.

McKay, a former Cook County prosecutor known for his fiery arguments at trial, reserved some of his harshest rhetoric for Fontaine, accusing her of changing her story only to keep her job.

“The inspector general wanted her fired, too. She

did change her story to save her ass,” McKay said. “She is a liar. And all (her) prior under-oath statements, your honor, will prove that.”

In a loud voice that at times cracked with emotion, McKay told the judge that McDonald was stealing truck radios, a forcible felony, though no radios or truck parts were found on his body when he was shot. McKay also accused the teen of attempted murder for swinging a knife at a

Chicago man after he confronted McDonald in the truck yard.

Calling McDonald a “crazed individual,” McKay listed several other ways McDonald broke the law that night, including jaywalking when he walked down Pulaski Road ignoring police commands.

“McDonald doesn’t comply with orders. What are these human beings supposed to think?” McKay said of the officers.

For all the prosecutors’ talk of the shooting video belying the police reports,

March’s investigation went much deeper than just the video, including interviewing witnesses and securing the evidence, McKay said.

He also hinted that the charges against the three officers were brought only because of political pressure in the fallout over McDonald’s shooting.

“Everything Dave March wrote is absolute truth,” said McKay, his voice rising. “Not a theory supported by politics on the outside of this building.”

In his opening remarks, Walsh’s attorney, Todd Pugh, said the case simply boils down to different perspectives.

“Human beings, depending on who they are, perceive things differently,” Pugh said.

Walsh, who was partnered with Van Dyke for only the second time that night, gave his statement and filled out police reports according to his best recollection, Pugh said. The suggestion that Walsh would have engaged in a conspiracy is far-fetched, Pugh said, because he barely knew Van Dyke and had no role in the investigation after he gave his statement.

“Judge, he did his level best,” Pugh said. “By the morning after this incident, his involvement was officially over.”

Gaffney’s attorney, William Fahy, seemed incredulous that Gaffney had ever been charged.

“What is Tom Gaffney doing here?” he asked.

Fahy said prosecutors had seemingly lauded Gaffney’s restraint that night — particularly for requesting a Taser and trying to block McDonald from entering a nearby Burger King.

In response, Fahy said, McDonald slashed the tire of the squad car, then made eye contact with Gaffney and smashed the knife into the windshield.

“That was an assault,” he said.

And since it was an assault, Gaffney had to generate the report that prosecutors are now using as proof of a cover-up, according to Fahy.

“Make no mistake, the evidence will show Laquan McDonald looked him in

the eye, raised that knife,” he said. “My client readied himself, he readied himself to use lethal force, and he made a split-second decision not to use force.”

Fahy echoed the other defense attorneys, saying that even though prosecutors view some of the paperwork as wrong, that doesn’t rise to the level of a criminal act.

“The fact that you may disagree with the way a portion of that report is written doesn’t make that a false report,” said Fahy, urging the judge to render a not-guilty verdict and “end this madness.”

Late Tuesday afternoon, prosecutors called Earl Briggs, an investigator with the Cook County medical examiner’s office who testified that March called him from the scene on the night of the shooting and reported McDonald was shot after he “lunged” at police officers with the knife. The language attributed to March directly contradicted what could be seen on video.

In a contentious cross-examination, McKay, who had unsuccessfully sought earlier Tuesday to exclude Briggs’ testimony altogether, hinted that it may not have been March at all who made the phone call to the medical examiner’s office.

“You can’t say with any certainty that the person who called you was indeed Detective David March,” McKay said. “The voice you heard on the other line, you had never heard that voice before, correct?”

Briggs couldn’t even remember meeting March before, so he conceded he wouldn’t have recognized his voice.

“And the phone call — whoever truly made it,” McKay said on more than one occasion — was not audio-recorded.

But prosecutors brought out that the caller identifying himself as March gave the detective’s assignment and badge number.

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Defense lawyer: Client not receiving proper attorney access

Kamen, charged in wife’s death, held on suicide watch

BY JIM NEWTON
News-Sun

A combination of factors is preventing a Deerfield man charged with killing his wife in September from properly being able to assist in his defense, his attorney said Tuesday.

Defense attorney James Schwarzbach said that Gary Kamen, charged with murder in the stabbing death of his wife, Karyn, is being held on suicide watch in jail,

which has hampered Schwarzbach’s ability to work confidentially with his client.

Schwarzbach said suicide watch has had a “debilitating effect” on Gary Kamen, 55, and requires a level of near-constant supervision that has made it hard to speak with Kamen about his case.

“It’s an extremely restrictive environment,” Schwarzbach said. “This is a murder case. I need time to speak with him confidentially.”

Schwarzbach said ongoing renovations at the Lake County Jail are affect-

ing overall visitation opportunities, compounding the problem in Gary Kamen’s case.

He said jail officials “are trying” to accommodate his situation and that he was able to meet Gary Kamen privately for a brief period over the weekend.

At a status hearing Tuesday morning before Judge Daniel Shanes, Schwarzbach said he has hired a mental health “consultant” to evaluate his client.

He said the consultant has met once with Gary



Kamen

Kamen and is seeking one more meeting for continued evaluation before a hearing is held on a motion by Schwarzbach from the court.

Schwarzbach said he would need two to three weeks before a hearing on his motion, and Shanes set a date of Dec. 13.

Gary Kamen, 55, has pleaded not guilty to multiple counts of first-degree murder, aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping with regard to a Sept. 21 incident at the

couple’s home that police and prosecutors said resulted in Karyn Kamen’s death.

He is being held in the custody of Lake County Jail without bail.

A trial date has not yet been scheduled.

If convicted of the charges against him, Gary Kamen could face up to life in prison, officials said.

Deerfield police said they were originally called to the Kamen home at 3:40 p.m. on Sept. 21. According to police and prosecutors, Gary Kamen handcuffed his wife and held her hostage in the couple’s home for hours,

sexually assaulting her before eventually stabbing her 15 times.

Authorities said 53-year-old Karyn Kamen was found unresponsive on the floor of an upstairs bedroom, handcuffed.

She was transported to Highland Park Hospital, where she died the next day following surgical attempts to save her life.

The Lake County Major Crime Task Force was called in to investigate the case along with Deerfield police.

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Safety being reviewed after Mercy shooting

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himself in the head, police said. "A hospital is supposed to be a place of healing and recovery ... and we're seeing that it's now a place where a mass shooting can take place," said Alice Johnson, executive director of the Illinois Nurses Association. The group helped draft legislation approved earlier this year that increases violence-prevention efforts at hospitals, including risk assessments of their facilities. The new law takes effect

Jan. 1 and was written in response to an incident in far west suburban Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in Geneva, where nurses were taken hostage and assaulted by an inmate who was a patient.

Johnson said that while there are no solutions that would prevent all violence in hospitals, "obviously there's a lot of work left to be done here."

Hospitals throughout the state are working to comply with the new law, said Danny Chun, spokesman for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

At some hospitals, the Mercy shooting heightened efforts to address safety and security.

At Amita Health's 19 hospitals, officials are planning more in-person training for staff and reviewing policies, including ensuring that employees know what to do if an armed intruder enters their buildings, said Melissa Granato, associate vice president of security.

"Unfortunately, there's no one solution that's going to prevent these types of incidents, which is why we find it's so important to routinely assess all of our locations and train all of our associates," she said. "Violence in health care is something that's become incredibly common and something we deal with on an ongoing basis, which is why we're trying so hard to make sure we're putting all these measures in place to provide that safe environment."

Advocate Aurora Health also is accelerating its safety training and refresher training at all its inpatient and outpatient facilities, including its 27 hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin. And, in coming weeks, it plans to require all employees to complete an active shooter response class online, spokesman Adam Mesirov said in an email. Efforts to meet the requirements of the upcoming violence prevention law have already been in the works, he said.

The Mercy shooting led



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Visitors to Mount Sinai's emergency room have their bags checked before going through a metal detector.

"Hospitals have always been what's known in the medical community as safe zones. Unfortunately, our world is changing."

— Michele Mazurek, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services at Mount Sinai Hospital in Douglas Park

something that's probably going to become the norm for public spaces. We should be on the forefront of this."

Like many hospitals throughout the state, the Amita facilities do not have metal detectors. "We've made the determination that other combinations of options are more effective than the metal detectors would be in our facilities," Granato said.

University of Chicago Medical Center also doesn't have them.

"Hospitals have the delicate balance of being welcoming for patients and visitors while providing a safe and secure environment," spokeswoman Ashley Heher said in an email. She noted the center does have a number of other security measures in place, including cameras, security officers and a badge access system.

Murphy, whose bill would only require metal detectors in hospitals, acknowledged that it wouldn't "solve all the problems. There's still a bigger discussion that needs to be had."

Chun, of the hospital association, said the group opposes the bills, because a blanket requirement for metal detectors at all hospitals, regardless of their setting, is not the best approach to security.

"There are multiple ap-

proaches hospitals take," he said. Security "is a priority. They prepare for it, they drill on it. They have procedures and protocols in place."

Hospitals also worry metal detectors could compromise access for critical patients, he said. "If you're having a heart attack or stroke and you have to wait in line for a metal detector, that could make a difference in the outcome."

But at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago's Douglas Park neighborhood, administrators decided metal detectors were needed. Last year, after a threat assessment, the devices were placed at the emergency department entrance, said Raymond Martinez, director of security.

Since then, security staff members have confiscated "a number of items," he said. "Anything from cigarette lighters to box cutters."

It takes seconds for someone to walk through the detectors; critical patients coming in on stretchers bypass the devices, and instead their belongings are checked if deemed necessary, said Michele Mazurek, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services.

Mazurek said metal detectors are becoming the norm for most public places but remain "newer to the hospital system."

"Hospitals have always been what's known in the medical community as safe zones ... so you don't bring your gun into the safe zone," she said. "Unfortunately, our world is changing."

Mazurek also said high emotions and other factors surrounding hospitals make them ripe for conflict, and it's up to administrators to figure out how to best protect staff and patients.

"We need to make sure that environment is the most safe environment."

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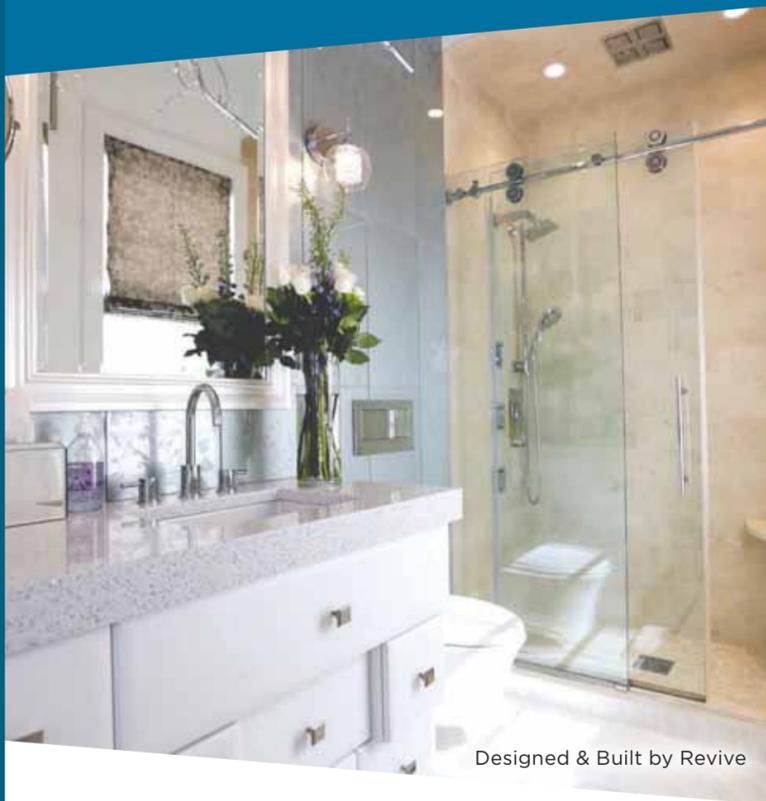
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Teen migrants swell Texas detention camp

2,300 in facility intended for 360; staff background checks a concern

BY GARANCE BURKE AND MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press

TORNILLO, Texas — The Trump administration announced in June it would open a temporary shelter for up to 360 migrant children in this isolated corner of the Texas desert. Less than six months later, the facility has expanded into a detention camp holding thousands of teenagers — and it shows every sign of becoming more permanent.

By Tuesday, 2,324 largely Central American boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17 were sleeping inside the highly guarded facility in rows of bunk beds in canvas tents, some of which once housed first responders to Hurricane Harvey. More than 1,300 teens have arrived since the end of October.

Rising from the cotton fields and dusty roads not far from the fence marking the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the camp has rows of beige tents and golf carts that ferry staffers carrying walkie-talkies. Teens with identical haircuts and government-issued shirts and pants can be seen walking single file from tent to tent, flanked by staff at the front and back.

More people are detained in Tornillo's tent city than in all but one of the nation's 204 federal prisons, yet construction continues.

None of the 2,100 staff are going through rigorous FBI fingerprint background checks, according to a gov-



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Teens get some exercise Sunday at the detention camp in Tornillo, Texas, which opened in June as a temporary shelter.

ernment watchdog memo obtained exclusively by the AP. "Instead, Tornillo is using checks conducted by a private contractor that has access to less comprehensive data, thereby heightening the risk that an individual with a criminal history could have direct access to children," the memo says.

Federal plans to close Tornillo by Dec. 31 may be impossible to meet. There aren't 2,300 extra beds in other facilities, and a contract obtained by the AP shows the project could continue into 2020. Planned closings have already been extended three times since this summer.

The teens at Tornillo were not separated from their families at the border.

Almost all came on their own hoping to join family members in the U.S.

The camp's population may grow if migrants in the caravans castigated by President Donald Trump enter the U.S. Federal officials have said they may fly caravan teens who arrive in San Diego directly to El Paso, then bus them to Tornillo, according to a nonprofit social service provider who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

As the population inside the camp swells, detainees' anguish has deepened.

"The few times they let me call my mom I would tell her that one day I would be free, but really I felt like I would be there for the rest of my life," a 17-year-old from Honduras who was

held at Tornillo earlier this year told AP. "I feel so bad for the kids who are still there. What if they have to spend Christmas there? They need a hug, and nobody is allowed to hug there."

He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal from immigration authorities.

The nonprofit agency contracted to run Tornillo says it is proud of its work. It says it is operating the facility with the same precision and care used for shelters put up after natural disasters.

"We don't have anything to hide. This is an exceptionally run operation," said Krista Piferer, a spokeswoman for BCFS Health and Human Services, a

faith-based organization that runs Tornillo.

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Mark Weber, said no decisions have been made about whether Tornillo will close by year's end as scheduled.

"Whatever it is we decide to do, in the very near future, we'll do a public notice about that," he said.

In June, as detention centers for migrant children overflowed, Scott Lloyd, director of HHS's Office of Refugee Resettlement, signed a memo granting a waiver to staff up Tornillo without the required child abuse and neglect checks, which flag any potential employee who has a record of hurting a child. There were two reasons,

according to a memo by HHS's inspector general's office: first, there was pressure to move quickly to open the detention camp, and second, Lloyd's agency assumed Tornillo staff had already undergone FBI fingerprint checks. They had not.

Lloyd, under fire for his handling of the migrant crisis, was transferred out of the refugee resettlement branch and to a different division of HHS last week.

Failing to properly check staffers' backgrounds "can lead to potential abuse and neglect of these kids," said Dr. Colleen Kraft, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Since the facility opened, BCFS has been checking job candidates' national and local criminal histories and doing multistate sex offender registry checks, the nonprofit's spokeswoman, Piferer, said.

BCFS has filed more than 30 reports on "significant incidents" at Tornillo since June, some involving interactions between children and staff, but none of a sexual nature, Piferer said.

Jeffrey Harp, a retired FBI assistant special agent in charge, said FBI fingerprint background checks can be completed in a few minutes and reveal much more information about job candidates than checks that simply run a person's name against criminal history databases.

"How do you know the person is who they say they are unless you do a fingerprint check? They can't lie about their fingerprints, but they can lie about their name or take on someone else's identity who has a crystal clean record," Harp said.

Trump hints at backup plan for border wall

BY PHILIP RUCKER, JOSH DAWSEY AND FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he is considering a backup plan if Congress rejects his demand for \$5 billion in funding for his border wall.

Trump's remarks, made Tuesday during an Oval Office interview with The Washington Post, are a sign that he could be softening his position on the issue ahead of a Dec. 7 deadline. Trump has previously declared that he is willing to force a partial government shutdown if lawmakers do not agree to the \$5 billion figure.

Republicans control both the House and Senate until the new Congress convenes in January.

"We need Democrat votes to have a wall," Trump said. "Now, if we don't get it, will I get it done another way? I might get it done another way. There are other potential ways that I can do it. You saw what we did with the military, with the barbed wire and the fencing, and various other things."

Trump has deployed

roughly 5,800 troops to the U.S. border with Mexico, and more than 12 miles of razor wire have been set up in recent weeks, including at the San Ysidro crossing, where U.S. border agents on Sunday fired tear gas at Central American migrants attempting to cross into the country from Tijuana.

Images of mothers and children fleeing the tear gas have prompted outrage in recent days. But Trump said he thought he had the political upper hand, suggesting that footage of crowds of migrants rushing the border would sway public opinion against Democrats.

"We desperately need a wall," Trump said. "I think that's been shown better than ever in the last short period of two weeks. I see the Democrats are going to want to do something. Those pictures are very bad for the Democrats."

While most of the federal government is funded through next fall, the Department of Homeland Security and several other agencies will shut down at the end of next week if Congress and the president do not act.

Democrats and a number

of Republicans have balked at the prospect of spending billions of taxpayer dollars on a border wall that Trump pledged during the 2016 campaign and in the early days of his presidency would be paid for by Mexico. He has since dropped that claim and said Congress should fund the barrier.

Earlier this year, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., agreed to \$25 billion for new border security measures in exchange for legal protections for immigrants enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. But Schumer rescinded the offer amid pushback from Democrats who urged him to take a harder line in negotiations with the president.

Trump said Tuesday that "we were very close to having a deal" and predicted that the fate of DACA, which his administration has unsuccessfully sought to end, would ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court.

"The Democrats never thought they were going to win that, and then you had another couple judges rule, and then you had judges



JABIN BOTSFORD/WASHINGTON POST

President Donald Trump spoke to The Washington Post from the Oval Office on Tuesday.

rule the other way," Trump said, referring to a series of rulings by courts around the country. "It's going to be settled I assume in the Supreme Court."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday that negotiations with Democrats as well as the administration on the issue of border wall funding were ongoing and that "we're trying to get the president the money he would like for the wall."

Senate Democrats, meanwhile, held to their support for a bipartisan \$1.6 billion deal agreed to earlier this year.

"We believe that is the right way to go," Schumer

said. "If there's any shutdown, it's on President Trump's back." He declined to say whether Democrats would agree to \$5 billion spread over two years, an option that has been under consideration.

House Republican leaders sought to increase the pressure on Democrats to agree to more funding, pointing to the recent clash between migrants and Border Patrol officers.

"The real question is, do Democrats want to shut the government down over whether or not to keep America safe? That's a serious question they're going to have to ask at a time when there are people attacking

our own law enforcement agents at the border," said House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., who met with Trump Tuesday along with other House Republican leaders.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., who also attended the meeting with Trump, said the president was "very solid with where he wants to go" on the funding.

"It's the way our government works that you have to find compromise," McCarthy said. "And I think what the president's saying (with) \$5 billion, he's finding compromise there. But we need that to secure the border."

Number of undocumented in U.S. is lowest in years, report shows

BY JAWEED KALEEM
Los Angeles Times

The number of immigrants in the United States illegally has dropped to the lowest in more than a decade, according to a new report.

Tuesday's report from the Pew Research Center analyzed census and immigration data to estimate that in 2016 there were 10.7 million immigrants in the U.S. illegally.

The number is 2.5 million less than its peak in 2007.

The center crunched its numbers by subtracting the number of foreign-born people living in the country illegally from the total foreign-born population and adjusting with estimated numbers for the many immigrants in the country illegally who do not respond to government surveys. It included more than 1 million immigrants who are temporarily in the country legally under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Temporary Protected Status pro-

grams, because the future of such protections is unclear under the Trump administration.

The decline comes from a sharp drop in the number of Mexicans residing in the country illegally, even as the population of Central Americans illegally crossing the border or overstaying visas has grown.

"Mexico is still the dominant birth country (for immigrants in the country illegally) but the explanation for the decline has a lot to do with Mexico," said

D'Vera Cohn, who co-wrote the report. "We think the decline in the number of unauthorized immigrants was almost entirely due to fewer Mexicans entering the country without authorization."

The number of Mexicans in the U.S. illegally dropped 1.5 million between 2007 and 2016, the report said, leaving Mexican nationals to make up about half of the immigrants in the U.S. without permission. In the same time period, the number of Central American immi-

grants in the U.S. illegally increased by 375,000. Pew found 1.85 million Central Americans to be residing in the country illegally, with a significant number from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Pew did not look at data from 2017 because the American Community Survey, the U.S. Census Bureau's ongoing population estimate, came out as the Pew report was close to completion. But Pew researchers said they expected the trend of de-

creases in the Mexican population to continue even as the Central American population increased.

Because the report does not look at 2017 or this year, researchers could not say what effect the Trump administration has had overall on the number of immigrants in the country illegally.

Border apprehensions dropped during the first year of Trump's presidency to the lowest number since 1971. Since then, they have increased.

Manafort back in Russia investigation spotlight

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also a potentially major setback for investigators given that Manafort steered the campaign during a vital stretch of 2016, including a time when prosecutors say Russian intelligence was working to sway the election in Trump's favor.

The prosecutors' filing underscored their exasperation not only at Manafort's alleged deception but also at the loss of an important witness present for key moments under investigation, including a Trump Tower meeting at which Trump's oldest son expected to receive "dirt" about Democrat Hillary Clinton from a Kremlin-connected lawyer.

"The fact is, they wanted his cooperation. They wanted him to truthfully reveal what he knew, so they're not getting what they wanted," said Washington defense lawyer Peter Zeidenberg. "This isn't like a good development where they're clapping their hands and saying, 'Now we get to crush this guy.'"

Manafort's motivation, if indeed he lied to Mueller's team, also was unclear.

Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani said in a telephone interview that Trump and his lawyers agree a presidential pardon should not be considered "now."

However, he added, "The



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Paul Manafort, left, says a Guardian report that he met with Julian Assange is "totally false and deliberately libelous."

president could consider it at an appropriate time as Manafort has the same rights as any American."

The Monday night revelation of the Mueller filing on Manafort came at a delicate time for investigators, who have gone months without any new charges and continue to probe possible links between Trump associates and WikiLeaks.

As Trump continues raging against the investigation

— he tweeted Tuesday that Mueller was doing "TREMENDOUS damage to our Criminal Justice system" — others in the crosshairs have filled the vacuum of Mueller's recent silence by publicly declaring their innocence, accusing prosecutors of coercing testimony or tempting fate by turning aside negotiations.

An associate of Trump confidant Roger Stone is



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contesting a grand jury subpoena in court. Jerome Corsi said Monday he was rejecting a plea offer and told CNN that being questioned was like being "interrogated as a POW in the Korean War."

A statement of offense that Corsi provided to The Washington Post on Tuesday alleges that Corsi told Stone in early August 2016 that WikiLeaks planned two more releases of emails

that could be damaging to Hillary Clinton's campaign and mentioned campaign Chairman John Podesta. WikiLeaks released a batch of Podesta's emails — which authorities have alleged were stolen by Russia — in October of that year.

The statement, a court document that would have described the wrongdoing to which Corsi was admitting, alleges that Corsi lied to investigators about his

WikiLeaks-related dealings with Stone — falsely saying he declined a request from Stone to get in touch with WikiLeaks in the summer of 2016 when in fact he had passed on the request to another person in London.

Corsi told The Washington Post on Tuesday that he had exaggerated his knowledge of WikiLeaks' plans. Stone and WikiLeaks have denied any coordination on the email release.

Stone has repeatedly disparaged Mueller's investigation and said Monday his friend Corsi was at risk for prosecution "not for lying but for refusing to lie."

Manafort, for his part, had been quiet in public since pleading guilty to conspiracy to obstruct justice and conspiracy against the United States. He has met repeatedly since then with investigators.

He remained in the spotlight Tuesday when the Guardian newspaper published a report saying he had secretly met Assange within days or weeks of being brought aboard the Trump campaign. The report suggested a direct connection between WikiLeaks and the Trump campaign.

Manafort called the story "totally false and deliberately libelous," saying in a statement that he had never met Assange or anyone close to him.

LGBT couples gaining legal path to parenthood

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — When Sara Watson's partner got pregnant with their son through in vitro fertilization, they were overjoyed. Then the fear came.

They weren't married, so Watson had no legal rights as Eli's parent even though her eggs were used to conceive him with donor sperm. If the worst happened, Watson wondered, would she even be able to bring their baby home from the hospital?

"There was this possibility that if something were to happen to Anna, my son could end up in foster care and I hadn't done anything wrong," Watson said from their home in Narragansett, R.I.

Three years after the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that gave same-sex couples the right to marry nationwide, a patchwork of outdated state laws governing who can be a legal parent presents obstacles for many LGBTQ couples who start a family, lawyers say.

But things are beginning to change. A simple hospital form that has long been off limits to same-sex couples because it only had room for the "mother" and "father" are now gender-neutral in some states. That means same-sex partners in Massachusetts, Vermont and Nevada — and soon in California and Washington state — can easily secure their parental rights with the form rather than having to spend thousands of dollars in court to get an adoption.

"Kids need to be secured to their parents, and we're not getting the job done right now," said Patience Crozier, an attorney with GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders. "Some states are and that's incredibly



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Anna Ford, left, and her partner, Sara Watson, play with their son Eli at home in Narragansett, R.I.

powerful, and we need to keep moving in that direction," Crozier said.

Since the 2015 gay marriage ruling, same-sex couples have won some big legal victories in the arena of parental rights, like when the high court ordered Arkansas to list both same-sex spouses on their children's birth certificates last year.

But differing state laws still means same-sex partners who didn't give birth can be a legal parent at home but a legal stranger to their child if they move or go on a trip, lawyers say. And the situation is even more complicated for unmarried LGBTQ couples who have children.

To guarantee their parental rights are protected across the country, many advocates encourage same-sex partners to go through with second-parent adoptions, even if they're married and both their names are on the birth certificate.

Without an adoption, the partner who didn't give birth to the child can find themselves in a lengthy and costly custody dispute if the couple breaks up or something happens to the biological mother, lawyers say.

Adoptions, however, can cost thousands of dollars and take months.

Many couples choose not

to because they view it as invasive and offensive that they would have to adopt their own child, said Cathy Sakimura, deputy director and family law director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

"For a lot of couples that are less well-off, they just don't bother to do it and if there is a breakup or a dispute or whatever, the non-biological partner can wind up completely out of luck," said Washington state Sen. Jamie Pedersen, a Democrat who pushed the bill to overhaul the state's parenting laws.

Now advocates hope that will be a thing of the past for many same-sex couples, thanks to the hospital form that has long been used by unmarried heterosexual couples to establish who the legal father is. When an unmarried woman gives birth, the man signs a "voluntary acknowledgment of paternity" form at the hospital and files it with the state to get on the child's birth certificate and obtain the equivalent of a court order declaring him the dad.

Now that the form will be gender-neutral in several states, same-sex partners can also establish their parental rights in certain cases.

Pence, Kushner press lighter drug sentencing

But bipartisan bill has failed to draw some conservatives

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence and President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, visited Capitol Hill on Tuesday as lawmakers from both parties push Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to hold a vote on a rewrite of the nation's criminal justice sentencing laws.

A rare bipartisan coalition — including Trump, lawmakers from both parties, liberal advocacy groups and major GOP donors — is advocating passage of the criminal justice bill. The legislation would revise 1980s and '90s-era federal "tough on crime" laws by boosting rehabilitation efforts for federal prisoners and giving judges more discretion when sentencing nonviolent offenders, particularly for drug offenses. Supporters say the changes would make the nation's criminal justice system more fair, reduce overcrowding in federal prisons and save taxpayer dollars.

Senators announced a bipartisan agreement on the legislation earlier this month, but McConnell has yet to say whether he will hold a vote on the bill. The No. 2 Republican in the Senate, Texas Sen. John Cornyn, said Tuesday that GOP leaders are counting votes to see if the legislation has enough support to pass.

Pence and Kushner were expected to push McConnell on the legislation at a private luncheon for Republican senators. The package has been a top priority for Kushner.

The legislation has created a rare split between



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White House adviser Jared Kushner and Vice President Mike Pence arrive at the Capitol for a GOP luncheon.

the White House and some of the most conservative Republican senators, who say the bill could reduce penalties for some serious drug offenders and let some violent offenders out of prison. Supporters of the measure, including many Republican lawmakers, say those concerns are overblown.

Trump endorsed the legislation this month, giving it a huge boost.

A bipartisan group of senators, including Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley and Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, has been pushing for action on criminal justice reforms since former President Barack Obama's administration. But McConnell's reluctance to hold a floor vote has come as some members of his caucus have strongly objected to the bill.

Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton has led that group, arguing that sentences for drug offenders shouldn't be given an earlier release in the middle of a national drug epidemic.

Other Republicans have also expressed concerns. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio tweeted Monday that "Sen. Cotton makes a compelling argument against sentencing reform part of the bill

before Senate." He said he'd discuss the legislation with other senators in the coming days.

Still, supporters insist they can get the needed 60 votes if McConnell would just put the legislation on the floor.

The House approved a prison reform bill in May, but the proposed Senate package makes additional changes and adds the sentencing component. That means the House would need to revote on anything the Senate passes.

The Senate approach would allow thousands of federal prisoners sentenced for crack cocaine offenses before August 2010 the opportunity to petition for a reduced penalty.

It would also lower mandatory minimum sentences for some drug offenses. The life sentence for some drug offenders with three convictions, or "three strikes," would be reduced to 25 years.

Roughly 90 percent of prison inmates are held in state facilities and would not be affected by the legislation.

Supporters say it's crucial to pass the bill now, before they would have to start over in a new Congress in January.

Roadside bomb kills 3 U.S. troops near Afghan city of Ghazni

BY PAMELA CONSTABLE
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Three U.S. service members were killed Tuesday when a roadside bomb detonated next to their vehicle in the embattled province of Ghazni, U.S. military officials said.

Three other U.S. service members were wounded along with a U.S. military contractor, they added. The survivors were evacuated and are receiving medical attention. Their names

were not immediately released.

U.S. military officials said Tuesday's fatal incident took place during a military patrol near Ghazni city, which has remained tense and unstable since it was overrun by Taliban forces in August in a four-day siege that left more than 100 people dead and parts of the city in ruins.

A spokesman for the Ghazni governor's office, Aref Noori, said a joint military operation by Afghan and NATO troops

According to the U.S. military, there are about 14,000 U.S. service members currently in Afghanistan.

had been underway in a village southeast of Ghazni city Tuesday morning when the bomb struck an armored military vehicle carrying foreign forces.

In the past several weeks, the insurgents have also launched a series of assaults on villages in rural districts of the province that are

populated by minority ethnic Hazara Shiites. The attacks sent thousands of residents fleeing to other nearby provinces.

The deaths marked the fourth U.S. military fatality in Afghanistan in the past week, and the fifth this month. Last Saturday, a U.S. Army Ranger, Sgt. Leandro

Jasso, was fatally wounded during a combat operation in Nimruz province. Officials said he was apparently killed by allied Afghan forces in a friendly fire incident.

Earlier in the month, U.S. Army Maj. Brent R. Taylor was shot dead in an insider attack in Kabul. Taylor was the mayor of Ogden, Utah.

According to the U.S. military, there are about 14,000 U.S. service members currently in Afghanistan as part of Resolute Support, the U.S.-led

NATO mission to train, advise and assist Afghan forces in fighting Taliban insurgents.

A separate counterterrorism mission involving U.S. special operations forces is working with Afghan forces to fight the Islamic State militia.

The total number of U.S. military casualties during the 17-year Afghan war has been more than 2,400, including 10 in 2018. The great majority of U.S. forces withdrew by the end of 2014.

'Cash' reward for civil rights hero

Black woman who spurred end of segregation in Nova Scotia now on Canada's \$10 bill

BY AMANDA COLETTA
The Washington Post

TORONTO — Nine years before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat for a white passenger on a city bus in Montgomery, Ala., Canada's Viola Desmond, a black businesswoman, defied an order to leave a whites-only section of a Nova Scotia movie theater, spurring a broader fight for racial equality that helped end segregation in the province.

This month, more than 53 years after her death, Desmond became the first black person and the first woman other than a royal to appear on the front of a regularly circulating Canadian bank note, replacing Sir John Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister, as the face of the new, vertically oriented \$10 bill.

"It's unbelievable to think that my sister — a black woman — is on the \$10 bill," Wanda Robson, 91, said during a ceremony for the bank note's unveiling. "The queen is in good company."

The bill also shows a map of Halifax's historic north end, where Desmond was raised in one of Canada's

oldest black communities.

Before her 1946 visit to the movie theater, Desmond, who briefly taught at a segregated school, was no stranger to systemic racism. When she left her teaching job to launch a career as a beautician, Desmond was forced to travel out of the province for training because beauty schools in Nova Scotia barred black people from enrolling.

Canada had no laws like the Jim Crow laws in the United States, but it did have policies that enforced segregation, said Constance Backhouse, a law professor at the University of Ottawa who has written extensively on Desmond.

The policies were "just as bad as Jim Crow," Backhouse said, but they were written in a way that "masked" their racist intent.

Black Nova Scotians often complained, "At least in the United States, you know where the segregated facilities are," she added.

Despite these obstacles, Desmond opened her own beauty studio. While on a business trip, her Dodge sedan broke down in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia,



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Civil rights activist Viola Desmond appears on Canada's new, vertically oriented \$10 banknote.

about 100 miles from Halifax. Desmond, then 32, decided to pass the time waiting for repairs by going to the Roseland Theatre for a screening of "The Dark Mirror."

She bought a ticket and headed to the ground floor, because she had trouble seeing. But she was called back and told that her ticket was for the balcony. When Desmond asked to exchange her ticket for a ground-floor seat, the white ticket-seller refused, telling her, "I'm not permitted to sell downstairs tickets to you people."

Realizing that her request was being refused because of her race, Desmond returned to the ground floor. She was arrested and spent 12 hours in jail, where she was never told of her legal right to counsel or to seek bail.

Desmond was charged with tax evasion for failing to pay 1 cent — the price difference between the floor and balcony seats. Despite the theater's refusal to sell her the more expensive floor seat, she was convicted and fined \$26.

She fought the conviction, and her lawyer asked

the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to overturn the lower court's decision, but this proved fruitless. Rather than arguing that the theater was using a racially neutral tax law to enforce segregation, her lawyer tried to get the decision overturned on a technicality.

Despite the court's decision, one of the justices did wonder "if the manager who laid the complaint was so zealous because of a bona fide belief that there had been an attempt to defraud the province of Nova Scotia of the sum of one cent, or

was it a surreptitious endeavor to force a Jim Crow-style rule by misuse of a public statute."

Desmond suffered personal and professional repercussions as a result of her fight for racial equality, which helped spark a movement that dismantled segregation in Nova Scotia in 1954, Backhouse said. Desmond was alone when she died of a gastrointestinal hemorrhage in 1965.

In 2010, the province of Nova Scotia offered an apology and granted Desmond a posthumous pardon.

Her journey to the front of the \$10 bill began two years ago when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau instructed the Bank of Canada to put a woman who wasn't a monarch on the front of a bank note. Desmond was selected after an open call for nominations and a public survey.

Robson played a large role in ensuring that her sister's story was more widely known outside of Nova Scotia. She said she plans to use her new \$10 bill to buy the book she co-authored about Desmond for her 12-year-old granddaughter.

Backhouse said many black Canadians in Nova Scotia plan to give the bank notes as gifts.



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Columbus, N.M., Mayor Esequiel Salas shows off a new banner that acknowledges Pancho Villa raided the town in 1916.

Border town invaded by Villa rejects wall, troops

BY RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, N.M. — A small New Mexico border town once attacked by Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa is rejecting talk of a wall and troops while embracing its legacy to draw tourists.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has cited Villa's 1916 raid of Columbus as an example of why President Donald Trump was deploying troops along the U.S.-Mexico border. The deployment comes as thousands of migrants fleeing gang violence and poverty in Central America head toward the U.S.

Columbus residents say those living on both sides of the border in the area have co-existed peacefully since the Villa invasion. They say the raid was a phenomenon of a different era, and that using it to justify tighter border security ignores more pressing

needs such as economic development and better roads.

"It's just an excuse," said Roberto Gutierrez, 63, who owns a grocery store in Columbus. "Ever since then, people on both sides go back and forth (between the U.S. and Mexico) with no problem."

The town is using the Villa assault to generate historical interest and try to pull in visitors rather than as a cautionary tale.

Columbus is set to launch a campaign called "Where Old Mexico Meets New Mexico" that spotlights Pancho Villa State Park as a place where visitors can explore the area near the scene of the attack and the spot where the military planned its unsuccessful bid to retrieve Villa from Mexico.

Residents mark the day of the raid every year to recall the Americans killed.

Sometimes there is a quiet moment with candles displayed in the middle of

the village. Other times there is a parade with volunteers dressed as Pancho Villa or U.S. General John J. Pershing.

Shouting "Viva Villa! Viva Mexico!" Villa's forces attacked Columbus in the early morning of March 6, 1916, looting and burning homes and businesses.

About a dozen residents and eight U.S. soldiers were killed before members of the U.S. 13th Cavalry Regiment drove the Villistas back across the border.

University of Houston history professor Jose Angel Hernandez said the raid came as Mexico was locked in violent civil war. Villa felt betrayed by President Woodrow Wilson, who Villa believed would recognize his rebel government, Hernandez said.

"The raid has to be understood in the context of U.S.-Mexico diplomatic relations and the Mexican Revolution, not immigration," Hernandez said.

The attack sparked out-

rage across the United States, and Wilson ordered the Punitive Expedition into Mexico led by Gen. Pershing to capture or kill Villa.

The U.S. Army didn't catch Villa and withdrew from Mexico amid diplomatic pressure ahead of World War I.

Columbus Mayor Esequiel Salas said the village long ago learned to accept its history.

"We've come to terms with it," he said. "I think we see it as an episode to learn from."

He said people in town rarely complain about border security or talk about a wall to replace its existing fence.

He said he hears more complaints about a lack of housing for seniors and the need for more high-paying jobs in the area than about the raid 102 years ago.

"A lot has changed since then, and we've learned from each other," Salas said.

Trial witness tells of El Chapo's private zoo, beach houses

BY TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was so rich, he had a private zoo where big cats roamed. So rich, he bought a \$10 million beach house. And so rich, he traveled to Switzerland for an anti-aging treatment.

Guzman's excesses were detailed at his U.S. trial Tuesday by former cartel crony-turned-government witness Miguel Angel Martinez, who told jurors that a "cocaine boom" in the early 1990s fueled the lavish spending spree.

"He had houses at every single beach," said Martinez, formerly a close friend and top assistant. "He had ranches in every single state."

Martinez described how the Sinaloa cartel was smuggling tons of cocaine into the United States — through tunnels dug under the border, in tanker trucks with secret compartments, even in fake chili pepper cans. What came back in the other direction, he said, was tens of millions of dollars in cash.

Much of it ended up in Tijuana, where Guzman would send his three private jets each month to pick it up, Martinez said. On average, each plane would carry up to \$10 million, he said.

The cartel used stash houses to hide much of the cash, Martinez said. Samsonite suitcases stuffed with U.S. currency also were taken to Mexican banks, where workers were bribed to exchange it for pesos, no questions asked, he said.

Guzman also used his jets to fly around Mexico, with armed bodyguards, to visit all his homes, including an Acapulco beach house featuring the zoo with a "little train" used to ride around and see lions, tigers and panthers, he said. There also was a yacht docked there

called "Chapito," he said.

Among his other expenses were "four to five" women in Guzman's life, Martinez said with the defendant's wife listening from the gallery. "We had to pay them all," he said.

Over time, the kingpin who grew up in poverty developed a taste for world travel, he said. His entourage visited Macau to gamble and Switzerland so he could get a "cellular youth treatment," he said.

The good times were spoiled by a bloody turf war with a rival cartel that grew so heated it sent a team of hit men to an airport in Guadalajara to try to take out Guzman, Martinez said. They instead killed a Roman Catholic cardinal, outraging the public enough to touch off a massive manhunt for Guzman, who was arrested before carrying out a plan to hide out in El Salvador, he said.

Guzman was extradited to the U.S. last year from Mexico. He has pleaded not guilty to drug-trafficking charges, with his lawyers claiming he's being framed by shady cooperators.

In opening statements, a defense attorney suggested Martinez couldn't be trusted as a witness, saying he had such a severe cocaine habit while he was working for Guzman that it damaged his nose. He admitted Tuesday that "unfortunately" he was using up to 4 grams of coke each day at the time, but hadn't touched it for 20 years.

Martinez testified in the third week in federal court in Brooklyn, where there has been a minor stir over prosecutors accusing defense lawyers of violating strict security measures by providing Guzman's wife, Emma Coronel, access to a cellphone in the courthouse.

The judge indicated Tuesday that any immediate concerns had been resolved.

With depleted reserves, road salt prices rise as winter looms

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Budget-busting road salt prices are leaving municipal officials in the Snow Belt hoping for a mild winter.

Salt supplies are tight on the heels of a harsh winter last year that depleted reserves, leaving many in the Northeast and Great Lakes to pay prices that range from about 5 percent higher to almost double.

"Everybody's got their fingers crossed for good

weather," said Rebecca Matsco, an official in western Pennsylvania's Beaver County, where one contract price came in at \$109 a ton, 95 percent higher than last year.

The increases are frustrating to local officials who are locked into tight budgets. Some say they could choose to make their salt supplies last by mixing in more sand, which is cheaper.

Others say it could force them to defer other road projects. But they can't stop

salting slick roads.

"It doesn't mean that we're going to stop salting, it just means that it's going to be more expensive to get these materials," said Jack Cunningham, public works commissioner in the Colonie, N.Y., which is getting a relative bargain through a state contract of \$62 a ton, a mere 5 percent increase from last year.

Ohio's Lake Township, which is paying about \$90 a ton, says the good news is that it started the snow season with about 85 per-

cent of what it needed in storage. That town's road superintendent, Daniel Kameron, says he also employs a technique to make the salt go further — moistening the salt with brine or other liquids to make it stick to the road rather than bouncing off.

Orders can cover thousands of tons, and the prices now per ton vary widely based on the supplier, volume, shipping costs and other factors.

Officials in snowy Syracuse, N.Y., report flat costs

after extending a contract from last year.

Production issues at two major North American salt mines have contributed to tight supplies.

Cargill is addressing a leak in a salt mine 1,800 feet under Lake Erie off Cleveland, one of three U.S. mines the company operates. Company spokesman Justin Barber said it is working to fix leakage, but "it's lowering our salt production capacity for this winter season."

There also was an 11-

week strike at the largest underground operating salt mine in the world, the Goderich mine under Lake Huron, off Ontario. Production slowed due to the strike but is now back up, said Tara Hefner, a spokeswoman for Compass Minerals.

Snow belt towns might get their wish for an easier winter. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued an outlook last month that said conditions could be warmer and drier this winter in parts of the North.

U.S. sanctions take toll on ill in Iran

Medicine becomes scarce amid fewer imports, sanctions

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The first wave of U.S. sanctions against Iran was looming when doctors gave Aram Rawanshad the bad news.

It was early June when she learned she was suffering from endometriosis, a painful disease that occurs when tissue grows outside the uterus. It was too late for surgery, and doctors warned her to act fast before the disease spread.

Rawanshad, a 42-year-old writer from Karaj, Iran, was given a prescription and urged to stock up before supplies ran out.

She refused. "I told the pharmacist that if I buy more than one month's supply, other patients would be deprived," she said.

Though it was a kind gesture, it came at a cost.

The following month, when she returned to the pharmacy, the medicine was sold out.

Skyrocketing inflation, a shortage of raw materials and fewer imports have made medications in Iran both scarce and costly.

Although humanitarian goods, such as medicine and food, are exempt from U.S. sanctions, severe restrictions on Iran's financial institutions have forced the outside world to reconsider doing business with the Islamic Republic.

Experts fear the latest round of sanctions will make the situation even worse.

A month after the U.S. Treasury leveled sanctions against 20 Iranian financial institutions, the Trump administration reimposed sanctions against Iran's energy, banking and shipping industries.

Whereas previous administrations that slapped sanctions on Iran made it a point to encourage compa-



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A drugstore employee picks medicine from a shelf last week in Tehran, Iran, where skyrocketing inflation has hit.

nies to continue humanitarian trade, the Trump administration has not.

"Companies that are looking at potential customers will feel like it's a huge headache to sell to Iran," said Elizabeth Rosenberg, a senior fellow at the Center for New American Security and the former senior sanctions adviser at the U.S. Treasury.

Although Iran's Health Ministry provided domestic manufacturers with foreign currency at subsidized rates, the soaring costs of raw materials such as cardboard, aluminum and lactose, which is used to sweeten pills, have increased the price of domestic medicine by nearly 50 percent, according to Siavash Saadat, a 65-year-old manager of a pharmaceutical company in Tehran.

Analysts and Iranian pharmaceutical companies worry that patients with cancer and other serious diseases, such as Rawan-

shad, are most at risk.

After searching Tehran for medicine, Rawanshad finally found a pharmacy that had it in stock.

She bought three months' supply, but anticipates she'll have to turn to the black market in the future.

"Dealers and middle men are buying (medicines) and hoarding them. This also increases the prices," she said. "People are at the mercy of dealers in the black market who are profiting from the scarcity of imported medicine."

Iranian authorities, eager to reassure frustrated citizens, have denounced the U.S. sanctions, calling them illegal, and vow that they will survive the economic crisis.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said U.S. sanctions are meant to force the Iranian government to "abandon its destructive activities," adding that the sanctions will target the

government, not Iranian people.

But the reality is far more complex.

After years of fiscal mismanagement and corruption, global banks have been hesitant to do business with Iran's financial institutions.

Even when the Obama administration lifted the sanctions against two dozen Iranian banks as part of the landmark nuclear accord, it made little difference.

One of the bright spots had been Parsian Bank — a reputable private-sector bank that has been a vital conduit for European companies to conduct humanitarian trade with Iran. But it too was swept up in the new round of sanctions.

The U.S. Treasury said it hit Parsian Bank with the sanctions not because of any illicit activity but because of a firm that used its investments from Parsian Bank to provide money to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Richard Nephew, senior research professor at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy, said companies will see the restrictions against Parsian Bank as a warning to break off trade with Iran.

"The Trump administration is going after everyone at all levels of the food chain. It'll scare people you may not wish to scare, like humanitarian businesspeople," Nephew said.

Brian Hook, the U.S. special representative for Iran, said it falls on Tehran to make other countries and foreign institutions feel comfortable dealing with the Islamic Republic.

"The burden is not on the United States to identify safe channels. The burden is on the Iranian regime to create a financial system that complies with international banking standards to facilitate the sale and provision of humanitarian goods and assistance," Hook said.

Meanwhile, some of

'Dealers and middle men are buying (medicines) and hoarding them.'

— Aram Rawanshad, 42, a writer

Iran's poorest and most vulnerable citizens are bracing for what's next.

The price of most commodities in Iran — not just medicine — has increased after years of economic mismanagement, skyrocketing inflation and the collapse of Iran's currency, which has lost more than half its value since the start of 2018, according to Steve Hanke, professor of applied economics at Johns Hopkins University.

Hanke estimates that Iran's annual inflation rate is around 270 percent, compared with 13 percent in January before President Donald Trump pulled out of the nuclear deal and began hitting Iran with severe sanctions.

Sepideh Saadat, a pharmacist in Tehran, is in charge of buying medicine for her grandmother, who suffers from Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

In the coming months she anticipates that she'll have no other option but to buy it on the black market.

"Dealers in the black market are anticipating further devaluation of the rial and so they are buying medicine from Turkey and selling it sometimes for 10 times the cost," she said. "Those who cannot afford it are doomed to die painfully."

Experts say the next six months will be telling about whether Iranian authorities are able to withstand the latest round of sanctions.

"Will Iran be able to evade sanctions and is the Trump administration going to impose new ones?" Nephew said. "Those are the things we don't have an answer to."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Justices: Habitats protected under Endangered Species Act

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court in a unanimous decision on Tuesday limited the reach of the Endangered Species Act, ruling that a protected "habitat" can be designated only in areas where a threatened animal could currently live.

The justices set aside a ruling that restricted development in a wooded area in Louisiana where an endangered frog might live in the future if some trees were removed.

At present, the roughly 100 remaining dusky gopher frogs live in a pond nearby in Mississippi.

Chief Justice John Roberts said the "critical habitat" of an endangered species "must also be a habitat."

The 8-0 ruling is a victory for developers that challenged the broad habitat protections set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and sends the case back to a lower court for a decision.

McConnell: U.S. must respond to 'abhorrent' Khashoggi killing

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says "some kind of response" is needed from the United States for Saudi Arabia's role in the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

McConnell said Tuesday what happened to Khashoggi was "completely abhorrent to everything the United States holds dear and stands for."

Senators are increasingly uneasy with Presi-

dent Donald Trump's handling of Saudi Arabia after the Oct. 2 killing of the U.S.-educated journalist. They are prepared to grill top administration officials Wednesday in a closed-door briefing.

U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman must have at least known of the plot to kill Khashoggi inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Judge to utility: Explain any role in deadly California fire

SAN FRANCISCO — A U.S. judge overseeing a criminal case against Pacific Gas & Electric Co. asked the utility Tuesday to explain any role it may have played in a wildfire that destroyed a Northern California town and killed nearly 90 people.

Judge William Alsup in San Francisco directed PG&E in a court filing to respond to a series of questions about power line safety and wildfires.

He is overseeing a jury verdict and sentence against PG&E after a natural gas pipeline explosion killed eight people and destroyed 38 homes in the San Francisco Bay Area eight years ago.

Investigators have not determined the cause of the wildfire that began Nov. 8. Speculation, however, has centered on PG&E, which reported an outage around the time and place the fire ignited.



GETTY/AFP

Under guard: A Russian FSB security services officer escorts a Ukrainian sailor into a courthouse Tuesday in Simferopol, Crimea, as Russia began prosecuting some of the seamen detained after a confrontation between the two navies on Sunday.

California bar gunman stabbed 1 victim, fired over 50 rounds

LOS ANGELES — A former U.S. Marine machine gunner who opened fire inside a packed Thousand Oaks bar this month stabbed one of his victims in the neck during the rampage that left 12 people dead, authorities revealed Tuesday.

Authorities said Ian David Long, 28, was armed with a folding knife and a 45-caliber Glock handgun with a laser sight attached when he attacked the Borderline Bar and Grill on Nov. 7 about 11:20 p.m.

Long immediately tossed smoke bombs and fired two of his seven high-

capacity magazines that packed 30 shots each into the crowd as patrons tried to escape, said Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub as officials provided the most detailed account of the incident yet at a news conference Tuesday.

Ventura County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Helus and a California Highway Patrol officer were the first to run into the bar, minutes after the first 911 call. Long, who was set up in a tactical position to prepare for responding officers, ambushed them.

They exchanged gunfire, and Helus was shot multiple times. Neither the

sergeant nor the officer struck Long. The CHP officer dragged Helus out of the building.

An autopsy determined Long fatally shot himself, authorities said.

Ventura County Medical Examiner Christopher Young said 12 people who were struck by gunfire at close range died quickly. Only one person who was shot survived.

Authorities are still exploring possibilities in the search for a motive. Long did not have any connections to terrorist organizations, FBI Assistant Director Paul Delacourt said.

Kan. recalls plates over ethnic slur complaint

WICHITA, Kan. — Kansas is recalling hundreds of vehicle license plates on the streets containing the "JAP" lettering in the wake of complaints that they are offensive to Japanese-Americans.

The Kansas Department of Revenue said there are 731 active registrations con-

taining that random letter combination on standard license plates. Vehicle owners were sent a letter dated Tuesday asking them to return the plate to their county vehicle office within 30 days for replacement at no cost.

The issue arose last year when a motorist spotted a

car with the Kansas plate in traffic near his home in Culver City, Calif., and took a photo of it.

A Kansas woman of Japanese heritage contacted the state after seeing the picture and story in the newspaper put out by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Group backed by candidate challenges Ga. voting process

ATLANTA — A political organization backed by Democrat Stacey Abrams filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday challenging the way Georgia's elections are run, making good on a promise Abrams made as she ended her bid to become the state's governor.

State elections officials "grossly mismanaged" the 2018 election, the lawsuit says. It was filed by Fair Fight Action against interim Secretary of State Robyn Crittenden and state election board members.

More than 40,000 people called to report problems in trying to register or vote, said Lauren Groh-Wargo, Abrams' campaign manager who's now CEO of Fair Fight Action.

As secretary of state, Abrams' opponent, Republican Gov.-elect Brian Kemp, was the top elections official until he declared himself the winner and resigned two days after the election.

In Australia: A commercial pilot is under investigation after falling asleep in the cockpit of a freight plane and overflying his island destination by nearly 30 miles while on autopilot before awaking and landing safely, officials said Tuesday.

The pilot was the only person aboard the flight on Nov. 8, Vortex Air said.

In Washington: Newly released tax records show a nonprofit last year gave nearly \$15 million it received from anonymous donors to a conservative advocacy group that backed Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination. The Well-spring Committee made the contributions to the Judicial Crisis Network.

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EDITORIALS

Steady profits good for GM, its employees

If you've ever driven to the East Coast on I-80, you've gone right past the General Motors plant in Lordstown, Ohio. Wave goodbye on your next trip. GM plans to close the facility next year, part of another big downsizing in which the company expects to cut about 14,000 jobs and shut down several factories.

The news is disappointing, but the logic is sound. GM needs to invest in its future, and that means focusing on electric and self-driving vehicles. Both are coming to a driveway near you — quicker than you think. What isn't selling? Old-fashioned sedans. Well, that isn't entirely true. Japanese automakers still sell lots of Camrys, Civics and the like, but GM and Ford make their money on pickup trucks, SUVs and crossovers.

It's amazing how fast consumer preferences shift. Five years ago, passenger cars represented about half the U.S. market. Today it's around 30 percent. Ford plans to stop selling most cars in North America in the next few years. Fiat Chrysler made a similar decision two years ago. As for GM, it will end production of the Chevrolet Cruze, Volt and Impala, along with several other passenger vehicles. Lordstown makes the Cruze, which makes the Lordstown plant dispensable.

Ideally, every American manufacturer is a powerhouse, but GM lost that status decades ago. The company was in danger of collapse during the Great Recession, accepted a government bailout and then retooled as a profit-focused entity rather than one obsessed with market share. Staying big for pride's sake is a loser's game. Look at Sears, which failed to reinvent



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General Motors announced Monday it will shutter its Lordstown, Ohio, plant in 2019.

itself and now sits in bankruptcy court. GM CEO Mary Barra said she made the decision to revamp even though the company is profitable because waiting around to respond to a crisis means waiting too long. "The industry is changing very rapidly," Barra said. "We think it's appropriate to get in front of it while the business and the economy are strong."

The person who doesn't understand Barra's thinking is President Donald Trump. He's made a lot of promises about protecting and creating factory jobs in the U.S., and tossed in some threats as well. After pressing Barra to recon-

sider plant closings, he tweeted Tuesday that he'd consider cutting subsidies to GM for electric vehicles. "I am here to protect America's Workers!" he wrote. Trump obviously has Ohio voters on his mind, not free-market principles.

In a Wall Street Journal interview Monday, Trump said GM should stop making vehicles in China. "I think they forgot where they came from." Not true. What GM and every competitive American company does is follow the customers. Believe it or not, last quarter General Motors sold more vehicles in China than in the United States. Making cars in

America for export to China would render them "structurally unprofitable," an industry analyst told the Journal.

It would be helpful if Trump recognized that being president doesn't make him economy czar. He can levy tariffs or otherwise badger CEOs, but he can't force companies to continue to operate factories that aren't profitable. Employers will do what's best for their interests, because that's how they stay in business and, not incidentally, how they pay competitive salaries to their workers.

The old business adage is true: What's good for General Motors is good for the country.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Police accountability activist Ja'Mal Green smiles after submitting petitions Monday for his candidacy for mayor.

The trouble with a crowded mayoral field

Only in Chicago would the race for mayor include a former White House official, an 87-year-old volunteer and a community activist endorsed by Chance the Rapper. Only in Chicago would the race include one candidate who hands out cash at events and two who've landed on federal prosecutors' radar. Only in Chicago would the race include a police protester and a onetime police superintendent.

If Carl Sandburg waxed poetic on the 2019 mayoral race, he'd call this the City of Many Shoulders.

By Monday's deadline, 21 candidates had filed paperwork with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners to run for mayor. That's a modern-day record.

Some candidates will be swept off the ballot for failing to meet petition requirements. But the list is long. It includes former U.S. Commerce Secretary and White House chief of staff Bill Daley, former Chicago schools CEO Paul Vallas, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, businessman and philanthropist Willie Wilson, former Chicago school board President Gery Chico, and police reformer and former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot.

Also filing paperwork to run: Southwest Side attorney Jerry Joyce, Austin Chamber of Commerce Director Amara Enyia who has the support of Chance the Rapper, police accountability activist Ja'Mal Green, former Chicago Ald. Bob Fioretti, state Rep. LaShawn Ford, entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin, former aldermanic candidate John Kozlar, and a few lesser-known names including Conrien Hykes Clark, the 87-year-old school volunteer.

Phew. That's a bench. And while the enthusiasm to run is applause-worthy, a crowded field in politics comes with drawbacks. More choices, yes. But also, less vetting.

Media outlets and political organizations won't have the time or resources to conduct deep dives on all of the candidates, their platforms — and their baggage. Federal prosecutors, for example, have been probing corruption allegations within Brown's office for

several years. She has not been charged with wrongdoing. Meanwhile the feds indicted Ford in 2012 on bank fraud charges, only to drop most of them two years later. He pleaded guilty to a single misdemeanor tax count. Will voters get a fuller explanation of those cases? We hope so.

We also hope flashy messaging won't impress voters more than the candidates' command of substantive issues such as city finances, the future of Chicago Public Schools and crime reduction strategies. We worry that big money and big campaign ads will be even more influential in a crowded race. But buying the most air time should not be the single greatest qualifier. Leading on issues should.

The longer ballot also means it's unlikely any one candidate will win straight away on Feb. 26 with 50 percent or more of the vote as required to avoid a runoff election. So voters, be prepared for a longer election cycle with a likely mayoral runoff between the top two vote-getters on April 2.

Speaking of a runoff, the long list of mayoral hopefuls makes that race up for grabs. Someone could advance to the two-way runoff with a fraction of the vote, squeezing out a more qualified candidate. Popularity and name recognition could win over experience and ideas. Again, we hope we're wrong. But that's a concern.

That's why it will be important for Chicago voters to be hyperinformed this election cycle, paying less attention to campaign ads on television and more to organized debates, crowded as they'll be.

We're already adding chairs to our editorial board room. Look for candidates who think outside the box, who offer real solutions to tough problems and who aren't tied to machine politics. Support candidates who focus on the challenges facing Chicago and who are best equipped to lead on those issues: violent crime, neighborhood disinvestment, precarious finances, pension underfunding, a shrinking school system and dropping population.

Chicago has many strengths. It is the City of Big Shoulders, as Sandburg described in his 1914 poem. It is also delicate and divided. Someone in that crowded field will emerge as Chicago's next mayor. Whittle carefully.

SCOTT STANTIS



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

It's time to accept — at least privately within the administration, and begin shifting our guarantee — that yes, North Korea has a large nuclear weapons arsenal that, in its eyes, guarantees its security.

And unless we are prepared to wage a war of regime change that will see the use of not only nuclear weapons but likely chemical and biological weapons on an unthinkable scale, then we are forced to confront the situation as it is. That means shifting our goal from North Korea's nuclear disarmament to a focus on nuclear-arms control, working to cap and eventually reduce the size and scope of its arsenal.

Unless we change direction, what will happen next is clear: The U.S. foreign-policy

establishment will say we can try harder by pressuring China and others to implement the sanctions or they will pay the price. That price could even be sanctioning Chinese banks, or even going so far as kicking them out of the U.S. financial system altogether — possibly risking a financial crisis. ... But we all know none of that will work, or just push Moscow, Beijing and Pyongyang closer together. In fact, there is evidence that is already happening.

Now is the time for bold actions that could secure peace for all Northeast Asia, ensuring that there will never be a second Korean War. But such a future can only be based on admitting reality — and that might be happening before our eyes.

Harry Kazianis, *The National Interest*

Chicago Tribune

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People cheer the results at a midterm election night party hosted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in Washington.

Many happy returns: A blue wave swamped Trump after all



ERIC ZORN

Upon further review, no, the midterm elections did not give Republicans a “better than expected result,” and President Donald Trump was, in fact, being typically delusional when, in the hours after the polls closed, he tweeted about his party’s “tremendous success.”

The GOP got shellacked, as the expression goes. As more and more results have become final over the intervening three weeks, it’s become clearer and clearer that, despite what I and many others wrote in our bleary, hypercaffeinated, wee-hours election recaps, a blue wave *did* hit America Nov. 6.

According to the latest tally at the Cook Political Report, Democratic candidates for the U.S. House won the national popular vote by 8.1 percentage points over Republican candidates (53.2 percent to 45.1 percent) and are holding a 9.1 million overall vote advantage.

Compare that to the tea party wave of 2010, this century’s previous standard for a midterm shellacking, in which GOP candidates for the U.S. House won the national popular vote by 6.8 percentage points over Democratic candidates (51.7 percent to 44.9 percent) and won by 5.8 million votes overall.

Because of the vagaries of political mapmaking, Republicans won 63 seats in taking control of the House from the Democrats in 2010 and this year the Democrats, despite their superior numerical performance, won 39 seats (with one result still outstanding) in taking control of the House from the Republicans.

Yes, the Republicans managed to increase their Senate majority slightly, though a New York Times’ running tally shows Democrats with a 59 percent to 40 percent popular-vote lead in the 35 Senate races this cycle. And if you count the victories of two independent senators who caucus with the Democrats, the Democrats had a 24-10 win-loss record prior to Tuesday’s Senate runoff election in Mississippi.

(National Senate popular vote totals are somewhat misleading since so many of the races were in Democratic-leaning states and no Republican was on the ballot in vote-rich California)

Democrats added seven governorships nationwide, including J.B. Pritzker’s thumping of Gov. Bruce Rauner in Illinois. And according to an analysis by Stateline, a publication of the Pew Charitable Trusts, Democrats flipped more than 350 state legislative seats from red to blue, reclaiming control of seven chambers, while Republicans took back just one.

The overall outcome wasn’t more obvious in the immediate aftermath in part because, even hours after the polls had closed, the online and cable vote crunchers weren’t calling a number of tight races where Republicans

had at least a decent shot of preventing the Democrats from winning the 23 House seats they needed to gain control of that chamber. Apparent Democratic rising stars Beto O’Rourke, Stacy Abrams and Andrew Gillum were headed for defeat, and incumbent Democratic senators in Indiana, Missouri and Florida had either lost or had buzzards circling over them. Trump was end-zone dancing on Twitter.

Reality has gradually emerged to knock over the GOP glass that I initially thought looked a bit more than half full. Despite dramatically low unemployment and a strong stock market, voters issued a stern rebuke to the Party of Trump.

I regret the error but not the result.

And then there were 21...

It’s too early to predict which two candidates will get the most support in Chicago’s non-partisan Feb. 26 mayoral election, but it looks like a safe bet that no one candidate will win more than 50 percent of the vote — and so the top two will square off in an April 2 runoff election.

Twenty-one mayoral candidates filed nominating petitions before Monday’s deadline, but smart money says fewer than 10 will survive the inevitable signature challenges. Last time the seat was open, in 2011, 20 candidates filed petitions, but only six — including winner and still incumbent Rahm Emanuel — made the ballot.

A few stray preliminary thoughts:

■ Don’t bet on Amara Enyia, Willie Wilson, Garry McCarthy or Dorothy Brown to win in the end, but don’t discount their impact on the race either. Each has or is acquiring a significant following and will likely end up splitting key voting blocs.

■ I’ll be surprised if Chicagoans want to give another Daley a chance as mayor. Bill, son of former Mayor Richard J. Daley and brother of former Mayor Richard M. Daley looks like the Jeb Bush of this race — very well financed and arguably the most qualified member of the family, but the likely victim of dynasty fatigue in the electorate.

■ Charisma counts in politics, and Comptroller Susana Mendoza has more of it than any of the other establishment candidates in the race.

■ Organization counts in politics, and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has her hands on more levers of power than any other candidate in the race.

■ Solutions also count in politics, and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas has so far offered the most robust set of plans and proposals.

■ Debates among so many candidates are going to prove unwieldy and therefore uninformative and dull. All of us — journalists and interested citizens — are going to have to press these hopefuls for specifics on exactly how they will address the city’s staggering problems.

Good luck to all of us.

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Ocasio-Cortez, an anti-Trumper who is surprisingly Trump-like



CLARENCE PAGE

What do President Donald Trump and Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez have in common? For starters, they both have a gift for driving their critics crazy.

Add Ocasio-Cortez Derangement Syndrome, the point at which rage against a political figure causes one to lose all sense of reason, to the list of other “syndromes” that have spread like Ebola in the polarized political conversations of the past couple of decades, mostly in response to Presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Trump.

At 29, New York Democrat Ocasio-Cortez is the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. She also generated excitement in the political media by unseating seasoned 10-year incumbent Democrat Rep. Joe Crowley in the primary, then won the seat in the midterms.

A former Bronx bartender, self-avowed Democratic Socialist and an organizer for Sen. Bernie Sanders’ presidential campaign, Ocasio-Cortez immediately became a symbol among Democrats of where the party needs to go — young, female, Hispanic — and conservative commentators have made a pincushion out of her ever



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-AFP

Incoming U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., has effectively used social media to connect with her followers.

since.

That mainly has been because of her being green, which describes not only her environmental positions but also her lack of experience in the national news spotlight.

After she misspoke in one online video interview, for example, saying that Democrats need to win all “three chambers of Congress” in 2020, she immediately corrected herself to say, “all three chambers of government: the presidency, the Senate and the House,” which still didn’t get it quite right.

“Yikes,” tweeted Sarah Palin to her millions of followers. (The tweet was immediately rebuked by a flood of responses that recalled many Palin gaffes, including the former GOP vice presidential candidate’s use of the

nonexistent word “refudiate” so many times that the Oxford American Dictionary finally gave in and added it.

But Ocasio-Cortez has shown that she knows how to generate entertaining and informative social media messages to connect with her followers. During the orientation week for congressional freshmen, she took her Instagram viewers along on, among other events, a walking tour her new Capitol Hill environs and a how-to on her black bean recipe.

As a result, she demonstrated the value of social media by showing the world that she wasn’t all that easy to hate. Even the conservative blog RedState, which declared in one recent headline that “Mocking Alexandria Ocasio-

Cortez Is Not Only Fun But It Is The Right Thing To Do,” actually complimented her use of live video captions so that the hearing impaired could follow along.

But she also arrived on Capitol Hill with the same sort of norm-busting attitude with which Trump challenged his own party’s establishment. She shocked Washington Beltway culture by joining a protest pushing for a “Green New Deal” at Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi’s office while Pelosi is campaigning to be returned to speaker of the House by the new Democratic majority.

Pelosi deserves to be speaker as an architect of the Affordable Care Act that helped lead to her party’s recent midterm success. Democrats used its very popular patient protections to win seats and take control of the House. She also has a formidable reputation these days as the body’s best Democratic fundraiser and vote counter.

But she also represents the long-standing strategy of campaigning to the political center to peel off as many swing voters as possible to win elections. Trump shattered that tradition by continuing to campaign almost exclusively to his conservative base.

Ocasio-Cortez, who worked for Vermont Sen. Sanders’ 2016 Democratic presidential campaign, counts herself with the new generation of Democrats who put more importance on firing up the party’s left-wing base than wooing swing voters.

Yet she brought relief to many when she announced support for Pelosi on her social media platform. “Right now, out of the field,” she said, “I would say that she is the most progressive candidate.”

Elsewhere, other restless Pelosi critics on the Democratic side appeared to be folding one by one after receiving reassurances from Pelosi that she would work for their priorities. Trump, we are again reminded, is hardly the first transactional politician to come to Washington. Pelosi knows how to cut deals too.

What Trump’s election and Ocasio-Cortez’s popularity with young progressives show us is how unimportant Washington’s political norms appear to be at this moment in history. When people are desperate for change in their present conditions, the norms don’t matter all that much.

But we also see a vast impatience on both political sides with a continuation of business as usual by an aging establishment. The challenge for Democrats is in how well they manage to reconcile that impatience in the approaching 2020 presidential race without snatching defeat out of the jaws of victory.

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President Donald Trump and Chief Justice John Roberts in Washington in 2017. Roberts recently publicly criticized a statement by Trump.

Roberts is wrong. We do have Obama judges and Trump judges

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

For someone trying to demonstrate that the judiciary is not political, getting into a political fight with the president sure is a funny way to do it.

After President Donald Trump called a judge who ruled against him an “Obama judge,” Chief Justice John Roberts issued an extraordinary public rebuke of the president, declaring in a statement “We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges.” Roberts was not only wrong to speak out, but also his claim that there are no Obama judges or Trump judges was wrong.

If we do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, then why did Senate Republicans block President Barack Obama’s nomination of Merrick Garland to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia in the final year of Obama’s term? And why did Democrats filibuster Trump’s nominee, Neil Gorsuch, to fill Scalia’s seat?

Even Roberts’ fellow justices know there is a difference. If there were no Obama judges or Trump judges, then why did Anthony Kennedy wait for Trump’s election to announce his retirement? And why doesn’t Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg just retire now and let Trump nominate her replacement? Because they both want a president who would appoint a successor who shares their judicial philosophy. (And, lo and behold, Trump picked a former Kennedy clerk, Brett Kavanaugh, to succeed him).

The American people know that Roberts is wrong. In the 2016 election, exit polls showed that 70 percent of voters said Supreme Court appointments were either the most important or an important factor

in deciding their vote. And polls show that Republicans expanded their Senate majority in 2018 in large part because conservative voters were angered over the left’s brutal campaign of character assassination against Kavanaugh.

Roberts is correct that we should not have “Trump judges” or “Obama judges.” It would be better for the country if every judge, regardless of which president nominated him or her, strictly interpreted our laws and the Constitution. But the reality is that not all do. While conservative presidents tend to nominate judges who exercise a philosophy of judicial restraint — follow our laws as written — liberal presidents tend to nominate judicial activists who legislate from the bench and shape the law to reach their preferred outcomes. The left believes in a “living Constitution,” which can be interpreted to mean whatever they want it to mean without being formally amended.

Democratic presidents have been much more successful than Republicans in nominating judges who hew to their judicial philosophy. Over the past three decades, nearly half of all Republican Supreme Court nominees have either become “swing votes” (Sandra Day O’Connor, Kennedy) or defected to the court’s liberal bloc entirely (David Souter). Even Roberts has joined the court’s liberal bloc at key times, abandoning his judicial philosophy that judges should not legislate from the bench to provide the swing vote to uphold Obamacare. By contrast, not one liberal justice during the past three decades has defected to the conservative bloc or turned into a regular swing vote.

What is true of the Supreme Court applies even more to the appellate courts.

Trump is right: the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit is a disgrace. This is the court that ruled that the phrase “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance was unconstitutional, that the Second Amendment doesn’t recognize an individual right to bear concealed arms and that bans on assisted suicide are unconstitutional.

This is why it is so important that Trump has nominated, and the Senate has confirmed, a record number of district and circuit court judges — and why liberals are aghast at the pace of Trump’s judicial confirmations. As former Hillary Clinton adviser Ronald Klain complained, “Trump’s judicial nominees will be deciding the scope of our civil liberties and the shape of civil rights laws in the year 2050 — and beyond.” Everyone, left and right, knows that Roberts is wrong.

We do have an independent judiciary. Judges are not beholden to any president, including the one who appoints them. The judiciary plays a key role in our system of checks and balances. “Trump judges” should rule against Trump when he is wrong. That is why it is so important for the chief justice to stay above politics. Roberts is right that our “independent judiciary is something we should all be thankful for.” Rolling around in the rhetorical mud with Trump is not just bad form, it also undermines the very judicial independence Roberts is seeking to uphold.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Police and politics

Your editorial on the dust-up between the Fraternal Order of Police and the parties to a Chicago police consent decree was right on target (“Consent decree: What’s in it for Chicago’s cops?” Nov. 25). Most cops, past and present, will agree with most of what the consent decree is calling for: better training, better supervision, better equipment, department guidelines that are clear and much more. All of that should be a no-brainer for a department that seems to have lost its way.

However in my opinion one glaring omission needs a serious look. We all know that leadership starts at the top, and that means the top cop. A strong superintendent of the Chicago Police Department would ensure that those concerns are addressed, and that is where Chicago might be lacking. When former Superintendent Garry McCarthy was fired by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, he let it be known that the mayor’s office was constantly meddling in police affairs. When asked by reporters why he didn’t resist, he’s on record as saying he loved his job and wanted to keep it. Human nature dictates that in order to keep your job and your lofty salary, it’s not wise to resist the person who selected you for the job.

If politics is going to be removed from the Chicago Police Department, it may be time to rethink the selection process and remove the politicians from it. The system of selecting the most important person to lead the department needs to be rinsed out and rethought. After all is said and done, no reform can stand up to leadership that has political agendas to advance.

Too much blame is heaped on the lower ranks who are at the point of action, while the supervision and command staff seem to be immune. Ask yourself: How many command and supervisors are on trial in the Laquan McDonald shooting?

— Bob Angone, retired lieutenant, Chicago Police Department, Miramar Beach, Fla.

For the taxpayers

The Chicago Police Union is fighting tooth and nail against the city’s consent decree. That is all well and good — the union doesn’t have to pay for officer misdeeds and abuse.

“In all, Chicago has paid a staggering sum — about \$662 million — on police misconduct since 2004, including judgments, settlements and outside legal fees, according to city records,” The Associated Press reported in 2016.

It’s the taxpayers that need the consent decree. The Police Department needs serious improvement, and the consent decree is but one part of what the city must do to improve policing services.

— Lee Knohl, Evanston

Biggest but not best

When someone tells me the U.S. is the world’s greatest economy, I offer a wry smile and dissenting opinion. Maybe the biggest, but certainly not the greatest.

A great economy does not squander nearly \$1 trillion yearly to wage senseless war in the Middle East and Africa.

A great economy doesn’t refuse to invest in rebuilding its crumbling bridges, roads and other infrastructure that keeps us safe while facilitating commerce.

A great economy doesn’t choose to promote climate threatening fossil fuel over green energy.

A great economy doesn’t allow the for-profit health insurance industry to maintain the worst health care delivery system in the industrialized world.

A great economy doesn’t worsen the largest income disparity since the Gilded Age by lavishing tax cuts on the American oligarchs.

A great economy doesn’t degrade workers’ unions to allow slave wages and rescinding of employee workplace protections.

A great economy doesn’t refuse to pay for basic post-secondary school training, college or trade school, so every young person gets an opportunity for economic success.

The U.S. economy: The largest, yes... and also possibly the worst.

— Walt Zlotow, Glen Ellyn

A risky dependence

This recent storm should be a warning to all. We depend on the internet to control everything: making phone calls, calling Uber, regulating the thermostat in our homes, adjusting our hearing aids, etc.

When that goes down — Comcast out for 36 hours — nothing. How do you call the fire department if your phone is not working?

Before we develop more apps, we need to develop a fail-safe internet.

— Jackie Nussbaum, Wilmette

Does it hurt you if your face is tracked by technology?

BY MATTHEW B. KUGLER

Would you care if a store used facial recognition to track you as you shopped? If it could link your face to your credit card and know not just what you bought, but also what you looked at? That you lingered around the baby section or the power tools?

Data I’ve gathered on consumer sentiment suggest that many people do mind being tracked through their biometrics. In one study I conducted, 77 percent of people expressed interest in a coffee shop customer loyalty program that worked by ID card, but only 47 percent were interested if the same program tracked people with fingerprints or facial recognition. Other data showed that many people would want to opt out of biometric time-keeping by their employers, and biometric check-ins at their gyms, in favor of ID cards. People meaningfully shifted their views when any of these programs worked via biometrics.

Illinois is one of the very few states that prohibits companies from collecting and using biometric information without permission. And last week, the Illinois Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that may decide how vigorously that legal protection will be enforced.

The case concerns Illinois’ Biometric Information Privacy Act. This 2008 law prohibits companies from collecting your biometric information without your informed consent.

As laws go, it is fairly simple. Companies need to get permission in writing before they can collect biometric identifiers like fingerprints, voiceprints or scans of facial geometry. They then must keep the biometric information safe, and, once it has served its purpose, they must destroy it. They’re also not allowed to sell or trade the biometric data while they have it.

The problem with the law is that compa-



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A screen shows the use of facial recognition technology while visitors are recorded by security cameras at a security exhibition in Beijing last month.

nies were sloppy about getting consent. Many employers used biometric timekeeping, making employees swipe into work with a fingerprint. They can do this under the law, but only if they have their employees sign consent forms. And many companies didn’t.

Other companies have scanned user-uploaded photos and created vast databases of facial recognition information. Not all those companies kept their paperwork in order either. So there has been a flood of lawsuits nationwide since 2015.

The first case from that flood has now reached the Illinois Supreme Court. In *Rosenbach v. Six Flags Entertainment Corp.*, plaintiff Stacy Rosenbach alleges that when she purchased a season pass for her son to attend Six Flags Great America in Gurnee in 2014, he had to get his thumb scanned to access the park. As is typical in these cases, Rosenbach is alleging that Six Flags didn’t provide the kind of information, and get the kind of consent, that it needed to under the law.

Last week, Kathleen O’Sullivan, the attorney for Six Flags, argued that many of these lawsuits are “no injury” suits. Sure, the information has been collected without appropriate permission, but no one has been hurt (yet). To be allowed to sue under the statute, a person must be “aggrieved,” and, in her view, the mere collection of biometric data without written and informed consent isn’t enough by itself. Better to make people wait to sue until some

further abuse has occurred.

What’s the harm right now? That depends. Do you mind if a store tracks you as you shop? If you do, then the harm is the collection of your biometric information. Full stop, that’s enough.

As Phillip Bock, attorney for the plaintiff explained, the legislature was “empowering people to make their own decisions about what happens with their biometrics.” It is easy to get biometric information — people don’t often wear masks when they walk down the street. So, absent the law, there is nothing to stop companies from obtaining this kind of biometric information and using it to track customers. Why wouldn’t they?

My data suggest that this kind of biometric tracking worries people, and that there is indeed harm just from having biometric information collected. And people aren’t crazy to be skeptical of biometric technology. Though the United States hasn’t yet pushed biometrics to its limits, the Chinese government has already linked facial recognition to its vast network of surveillance cameras. We’re unlikely to follow their example and use facial recognition to punish jaywalking in Chicago, but there is a lot of money to be made from targeted marketing.

Is that a future we want?

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A reassuring romaine scare

BY FAYE FLAM

Is nothing safe any more, now that the U.S. government is warning of the danger of leafy greens? The alert not to eat romaine lettuce came just in time to foil plans some Americans might have made for a light, healthy item to add to our traditionally heavy Thanksgiving dinners.

On Monday, federal health officials clarified that only romaine lettuce from certain areas of California is unsafe to eat and that romaine lettuce appearing in stores now will be labeled to give people information regarding when and where it was harvested.

While people should take seriously the recent outbreak of *E. coli* food poisoning that triggered the alert, the fact that it was flagged early shows that the agency once known as the CDC deserves its upgraded name as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This is the third romaine-related scare in two years. Is there something wrong with the way we're growing lettuce? I checked in last week with a food safety expert to find out why we're seeing so many outbreaks. He attributes the increase in outbreaks to better technology — now scientists can

quickly and easily identify the specific strains of bacteria infecting people, thus tying scattered cases to a single source.

At the time of the Nov. 20 warning, the outbreak had led to just 32 reported cases of illness, spread over 11 states, starting Oct. 6. As recently as 20 years ago, it would have been impossible for the CDC to identify an outbreak at all, let alone trace its source, from such a small scattering of people reporting gastrointestinal problems.

DNA testing can also detect unusually dangerous strains. While many forms of *E. coli* are harmless, this latest outbreak is caused by a strain called

O157:H7, which produces a toxin that in previous cases has led to kidney failure. So even though only a small fraction of U.S. lettuce is likely to be contaminated, CDC leaders made the judgment call to warn people to throw away any romaine they happen to have bought, and suggested restaurants stop serving it.

Romaine is still just a strong suspect in this case, Weidman said. Once the government scientists found a common DNA signature among the infections of those seeking medical help, they asked people to recall what they had eaten over the last week. More than half had eaten romaine lettuce, which is far from proof of its guilt, given that surveys done a decade ago showed that about half of Americans eat romaine in a given week.

But romaine is a likely suspect. Some foods are known to be more likely to harbor dangerous bacteria. Thorough cooking kills *E. coli*, so foods eaten raw are a more likely source of infection, and for reasons scientists are still trying to puzzle out, romaine seems to be unusually prone to picking up *E. coli* from contaminated soil, water or fertilizer.

The next step is to find the O157:H7 on romaine, which means sorting through a lot of uncontaminated lettuce in pursuit of some contaminated lettuce. That's reassuring for those of us who ate salads in the days before the warning. Earlier this year, CDC tied the previous outbreak to farms in Yuma, Ariz., where lettuce had been contaminated by irrigation water. In the latest news on the current outbreak, experts are zeroing in on a source in California.

It's a good thing that more Americans want to eat leafy green vegetables. It may be impossible to have perfect safety in a system that has to mass produce food in ever-increasing quantities. The fact that food safety experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can flag an outbreak early, before anyone has died, is something to be thankful for.

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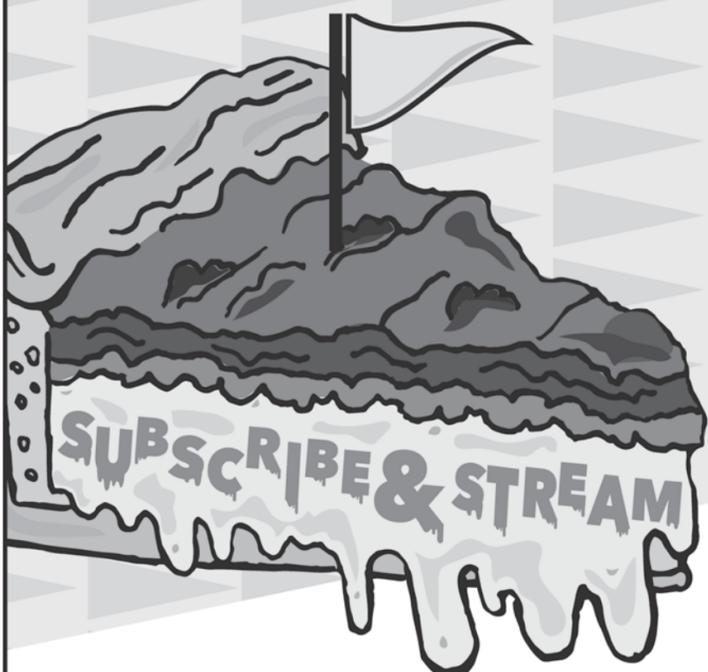
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7 ways to enjoy your baby bump

Want to make the most of your pregnancy? Here are seven doctor-approved tips that are guaranteed to help you enjoy every moment of your life-changing journey — in the healthiest way possible, of course.

1 Walk with a friend. Regular walking during pregnancy reduces the risks of miscarriage, congenital disabilities, gestational diabetes and even stillbirth. Sure, it's slow compared to other exercises, but if your doctor gives you the green light, walking is an excellent low-impact workout. Bonus: A walking routine can help you lose weight after childbirth.



2 Pamper yourself. A prenatal massage focuses on your body's special needs as it goes through the dramatic changes of pregnancy. Massage can enhance the function of muscles and joints, improve circulation and general body tone and relieve mental and physical fatigue. Even better? It usually feels amazing.

3 Sleep — a lot. When you're not pregnant, sleep helps boost human growth hormone (HGH), which helps you maintain an ideal body weight and shape. HGH is even more critical for moms-to-be. Why? Growth hormone is needed for proper growth of the uterus and placenta.



4 Drink water — 8 to 10 glasses. Hydration is very important to you and your growing baby. Some women say that drinking water helps reduce morning sickness, and it can help with headaches, swelling and overheating. Water also is the perfect vehicle for transporting prenatal vitamins and healthy nutrients from your diet to your baby. If you need your water to have some flavor, add a spritz of low-sugar juice, frozen fruit or fresh mint to add taste without sugar or sweeteners.

5 Splurge on protein. You need to eat daily protein while expecting: The amino acids that make up protein are the building blocks of your cells and your baby's. According to the American Pregnancy Association, protein positively affects the growth of fetal tissue, including the brain. Be sure to talk to your physician about your diet and any special dietary regimens that you may follow.



6 Load up on fruits and veggies. These contain so many important nutrients, especially vitamin C and folic acid. Doctors suggest pregnant women get at least 70 mg of vitamin C daily, which can be found in fruits (oranges, grapefruit and honeydew) and vegetables (broccoli, kale and Brussels sprouts) Sources of folic acid include leafy greens, citrus, beans and other legumes, eggs and broccoli.

7 Have a date night. After the baby arrives, you're not going to get a lot of sleep. Now is the time to enjoy some of your favorite activities with your partner — especially things you can't do with a newborn. Think movies, sporting events, even cooking classes.

—Korey Huyler for AMITA Health

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FACTS AND FIGURES:

Get to know your newborn

Want to know more about those cute and cuddly newborns? We've got the 411.

AVERAGE WEIGHT:

7.25 pounds (the range of normal is between 5.5 and 10 pounds)

AVERAGE LENGTH:

19.5 inches

AVERAGE HOURS ASLEEP

Newborns sleep a lot – typically up to 16 to 17 hours a day.

NAMES:

The most popular baby names so far in 2018? For girls: Emma, Olivia and Ava. For boys: Liam, Noah and Logan.

CRYING:

On average, newborns cry about 2 hours per day, but they don't begin to form tears until they are 2 weeks old.

EYESIGHT:

Newborns can only see clearly up close, about 8-12 inches from their faces.

HEARING:

Around the seventh or eighth month in utero, a fetus' heart rate slows slightly whenever mother speaks, indicating mom's voice has a calming effect. At birth, mother's voice is the first babies recognize.

HEART:

130-160 beats per minute, about twice your rate.

TUMMY:

Stomach is only the size of a grape.

WEIGHT:

Newborns double their birth weight by about four months old.

DIAPER CHANGES:

10 or more per day to start.

BONES:

About 300 bones at birth. Some bones eventually fuse. Adults have 206 bones.

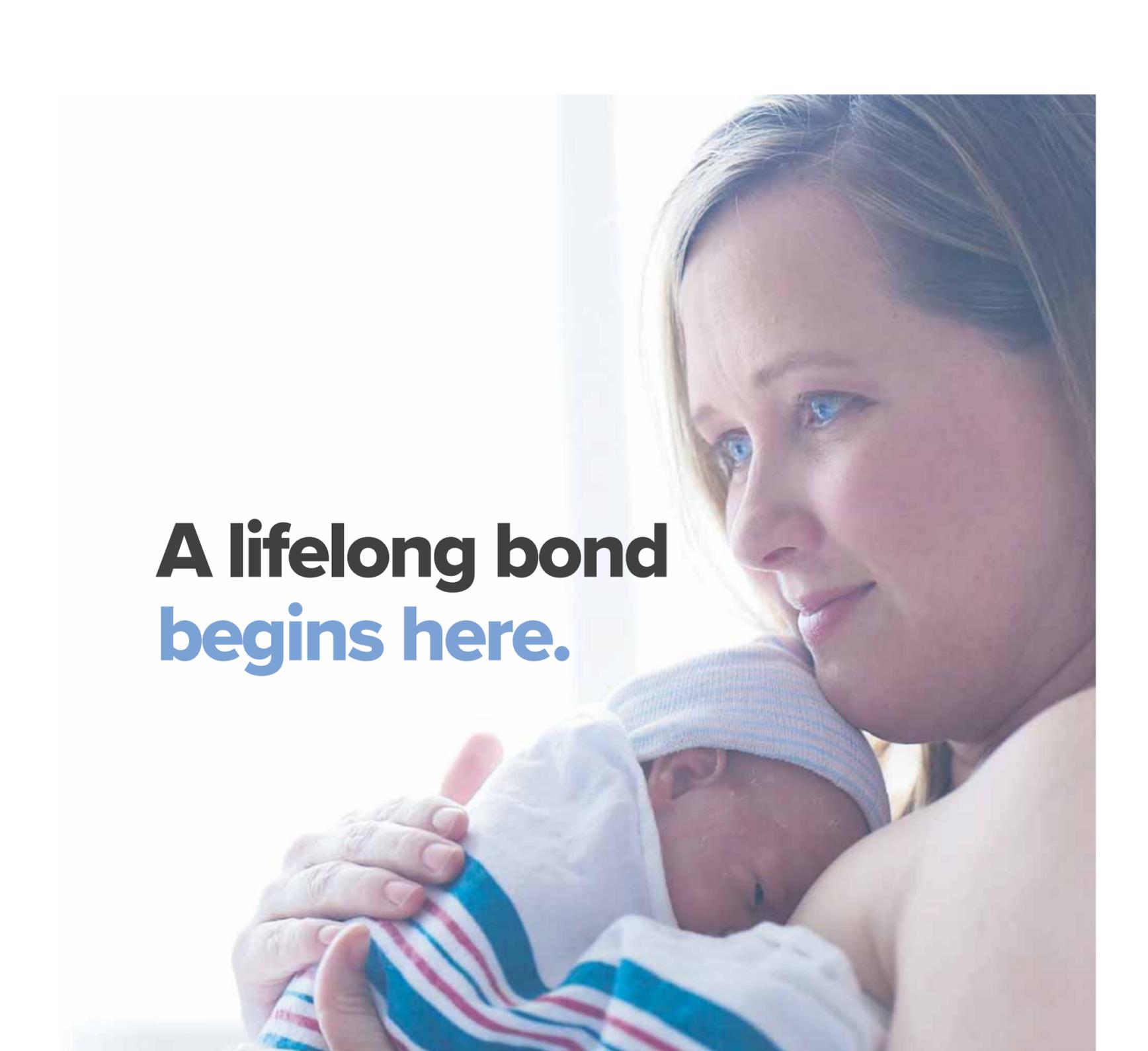
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Trump 'very disappointed' with GM

President angered by plant closings in U.S., not China, Mexico

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Tuesday he was “very disappointed” that General Motors was closing plants in the United States and warned that the White House was “now looking at cutting all GM subsidies,” including for its electric cars program.

Trump unleashed on Twitter a day after GM announced it would shutter five plants and slash 14,000 jobs in North America, with many of the job cuts coming from the Midwest, where the president has promised a manufacturing rebirth.

Trump wrote that he was “Very disappointed with General Motors and their CEO, Mary



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At a rally near GM's Lordstown, Ohio, plant last summer, President Trump told people not to sell their homes because the jobs are “all coming back.”

Barra, for closing plants in Ohio, Michigan and Maryland. Nothing being closed in Mexico & China.”

And, referring to the 2008 federal bailout of the auto industry, Trump angrily continued that “the U.S. saved General Motors, and this is the THANKS

we get! We are now looking at cutting all @GM subsidies, including for electric cars. General Motors made a big China bet years ago when they built plants there (and in Mexico) — don't think that bet is going to pay off. I

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CHICAGO FALLOUT

GM layoffs and closings could hurt local suppliers

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Fallout from General Motors' announcement Monday that it will cut up to 14,000 jobs and cease operations at five North American plants next year could trickle down to a number of Chicago-area suppliers who do business with the automaker.

The downsizing by GM, which is discontinuing many of its car models to focus on SUVs and the development of electric and autonomous vehicles, will idle assembly plants in Detroit, Ontario and Lordstown, Ohio, as well as transmission plants in Warren, Mich., and Baltimore.

The layoffs will not directly impact Illinois, GM spokeswoman Stephanie Rice said Tuesday.

But the reduction in manufacturing, including the end of six car models, will likely impact a long list of GM suppliers, including several in the Chicago area.

“There's certainly going to be an impact because as those products go away, some parts will go away,” said Michelle Krebs, a Detroit-based analyst for Autotrader.

Krebs said current suppliers may bid on new GM products in the pipeline, but it is too early to gauge the financial impact of the lost production.

Urbana-based auto parts manufacturer Flex-N-Gate, which was named a GM supplier of the year for 2017, is the 10th-largest original equipment

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A NEW LINCOLN YARDS

LOWER TOWERS, WIDER PARKS

Revised proposal sets aside 37% of space for outdoor use to address community concerns

RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Shorter skyscrapers — and fewer of them — along with more park space are key aspects of a revised plan for the proposed \$5 billion-plus Lincoln Yards development along the Chicago River on the city's North Side, which developer Sterling Bay will formally unveil at a public meeting Thursday.

The developer, among the busiest in the city, is redrawing its plans in an effort to secure city zoning approval for a project that, even pared down, would be among the most ambitious mixed-use developments in the city in decades.

Since its first public presentation in July, Sterling Bay has faced questions including how it will mitigate traffic, how much park space will be created for the public, and what impact Lincoln Yards could have on schools and smaller businesses such as The Hideout, the popular bar and music venue.

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Romaine lettuce was in full supply on Tuesday at the Pete's Fresh Market on Western Avenue and Madison Street in Chicago.

Romaine returns to grocery stores

Lettuce has new labels, but McDonald's still isn't serving salads

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Romaine is making its way back to Chicago grocery stores, armed with extra labeling to assure shoppers it didn't come from a contaminated batch that so far has sickened 43 people. But restaurants are slower to welcome back the lettuce after last week's scare.

The leafy green's return comes after the Food and Drug Adminis-

tration issued an updated warning Monday night specifying California's Central Coast as the source of a recent E. Coli outbreak. The FDA said consumers need not avoid using romaine that was harvested outside of that region, easing last week's sweeping recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advising people not to consume romaine at all.

“For example, romaine lettuce harvested from areas that include, but are not limited to the desert growing region near Yuma, the California desert growing region near Imperial County and Riv-

ers County, the state of Florida, and Mexico, does not appear to be related to the current outbreak,” the FDA said Monday. “Additionally, there is no evidence hydroponically- and greenhouse-grown romaine is related to the current outbreak.”

Romaine was back on the shelves at Pete's Fresh Market Tuesday, with new signage and stickers on packaging specifying the harvest location and date, said spokeswoman Vanessa Dremonas. Its romaine is procured from Yuma, Ariz., she said.

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President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are set to have dinner Saturday.

Kudlow: China must do more to end trade war with U.S.

By DAVID J. LYNCH
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow cast doubt Tuesday on hope that President Donald Trump will agree to a cease-fire in the U.S.-China trade war when he meets Chinese President Xi Jinping later this week, calling Beijing's response to Trump's demands "disappointing" and "unsatisfactory."

But Kudlow, the director of the National Economic Council, said the presidents' meeting offered a rare chance to break a deepening deadlock between the world's two largest economies, which account for roughly 40 percent of global output.

"President Xi has an opportunity to change the tone and the substance of these talks. It's a big opportunity," Kudlow said. He later added: "They have to do more."

Still, just days before the two men are set to meet over a working dinner Saturday, following the Group of 20 leaders' summit in Buenos Aires, plans remain fluid. The list of those attending — including the question of whether the presidents' spouses will join them — and the agenda are a work in progress.

"This is a big deal, this meeting, and the stakes are very high," Kudlow told reporters at the White House. "President Trump has a terrific track record as a negotiator and he will

know through facts and instincts how to handle this. And my suspicion is that President Xi, likewise."

"Later, at a White House press briefing, Kudlow said Trump believes there is "a good possibility" that a deal can be made, but that "certain conditions have to be met with respect to fairness and reciprocity."

"I think we are in far better shape to weather this than the Chinese are," Kudlow said, noting that Trump has said in recent days that "if things don't work out in this U.S.-China summit meeting, he will invoke another \$267-some-odd billion in tariffs."

The United States and China have been locked in an escalating trade conflict for much of this year. Trump has slapped tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese products, supported new limits on Chinese investment in the U.S. and taken steps to restrict of advanced technologies to China, saying Beijing has treated U.S. companies unfairly for decades.

Earlier this year, the office of the U.S. trade representative produced a voluminous study that assailed China for coercing U.S. companies into surrendering their trade secrets in return for access to the Chinese market, pilfering American technology via cybertheft and violating global trade rules.

Robert Lighthizer, the U.S. trade representative, said in an update this month that China "has not fundamentally altered its unfair,

unreasonable, and market-distorting practices" despite sustained U.S. complaints.

Chinese officials are hoping to convince Trump to pause his plans to increase tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods to 25 percent on Jan. 1 from 10 percent. The president earlier this week told the Wall Street Journal that it was "highly unlikely" he would refrain from the planned tariff increase.

The president also has threatened to impose tariffs on the remaining \$267 billion in products that the U.S. imports from China. Kudlow said those could take effect if the summit fails to make headway.

U.S. and Chinese officials have held frequent conversations "at all levels" in the run-up to the presidents' scheduled meeting, Kudlow said.

But apart from the dinner, there are no other planned meetings between the two sides during the two-day summit, he said.

Kudlow said he was "not so sure" whether the two governments would issue a joint statement after the dinner.

He left open the possibility that additional talks at the staff level could follow the presidents' meeting.

Chinese officials may be hesitating about offering concessions because they are flummoxed by Trump, Kudlow suggested. "Maybe China's not accustomed to dealing with a strong president who will not relent," he said.

Unclear what action, if any, will be taken

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am here to protect America's Workers!"

Trump's incendiary tweet came a short time after National Economic Council director Larry Kudlow said the White House's reaction was "a tremendous amount of disappointment maybe even spilling over into anger." Kudlow, who met with Barra on Monday, said that Trump felt betrayed by GM, which the government had been trying to help.

"Look, we made this deal, we've worked with you along the way, we've done other things with mileage standards, for example, and other related regulations," Kudlow said. "We've done this to help you and I think his disappointment is, it seems like that they kind of turned his back on him."

A White House rebuke to GM would fly in the face of long-held Republican opposition to picking winners in the marketplace. It's not clear precisely

what, or when, action may be taken. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said she did not have any additional information on the president's threat.

Buyers of electric vehicles made by GM and other automakers get federal tax credits of up to \$7,500, helping to reduce the price as an incentive to get more of the zero-emissions vehicles on the road.

Among the vehicles GM offers is the battery-powered Chevrolet Bolt, which can go 238 miles on a single charge. The company has pinned much of its future business plan on consumers switching to battery-powered vehicles, promising to roll out 20 new ones globally by 2023.

GM on Monday announced it would cut six gas-powered car models as part of a plan to close factories and cut costs so it can spend more on electric and autonomous vehicle development.

The reductions could amount to as much as 8 percent of GM's global

workforce of 180,000 employees.

The restructuring reflects changing North American auto markets as manufacturers continue to shift away from cars toward SUVs and trucks. In October, almost 65 percent of new vehicles sold in the U.S. were trucks or SUVs. That figure was about 50 percent cars just five years ago.

Trump has long promised to return manufacturing jobs to the United States and particularly the Midwest.

At a rally near GM's Lordstown, Ohio, plant last summer, Trump told people not to sell their homes because the jobs are "all coming back."

The layoffs come amid the backdrop of a trade war between the U.S., China and Europe that likely will lead to higher prices for imported vehicles and those exported from the U.S. Barra said the company faces challenges from tariffs but she did not directly link the layoffs to them.

Plant closings could hit close to home

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supplier in North America, according to Automotive News.

Flex-N-Gate is planning to open a new facility on Chicago's South Side early next year that will bring about 300 jobs to the city. The company is leasing a 288,000-square-foot warehouse on East 126th Street and will receive up to \$1.5 million from the city and Cook County to train employees.

GM's restructuring announcement won't derail those plans, a company spokesman said Tuesday, but there may be broader impact.

"GM is an important customer and we are focused on minimizing any potential effect on our employees," said Jim Woodcock, a Flex-N-Gate spokesman. "Monday's news has no effect, however, on our Illinois plants as well as plans to open and operate the new plant within the city limits of

Chicago."

Flex-N-Gate, which started as a small aftermarket parts supplier in 1956, began producing original equipment for automakers in 1968, supplying bumpers to Jeep. The company now employs more than 23,000 people at dozens of manufacturing facilities worldwide.

Other area suppliers include Barnes International, of Rockford; Brake Parts Inc. of McHenry; MacLean-Fogg, of Mundelein; and Dynamic Manufacturing, of Melrose Park; all of which were named to GM's Supplier of the Year list for 2017.

Representatives of those companies were not available Tuesday for comment.

GM's downsizing announcement may not be the last by a major automaker, with sales sliding and the industry scrambling to adapt to what some believe will be a radically different road ahead, one filled with electric and driverless cars.

"We just think there are some headwinds developing," Krebs said. "If the market softens, we certainly will see more layoffs, and not just from GM."

Krebs projects new vehicle sales in the U.S. will drop to about 16.6 million units next year, down from a record 17.5 million in 2016. She said higher interest rates are a "huge factor" in the downturn.

For now, automakers are shifting production to SUVs, which have eclipsed cars in popularity with consumers, while making investments in future technology.

Suppliers will have to adapt as well, Krebs said, if they want to keep producing parts for the evolving auto industry.

"A lot of them are doing that," she said. "They're doing a lot on the electrification side, but they're supplying for conventional cars too."

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New plan has 20.9 acres of open space

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The tallest buildings now would be about 650 feet tall, or a little over 50 stories, rather than the previously proposed maximum of about 800 feet. Sterling Bay also plans to create 20.9 acres of open and publicly accessible space, up from the 13.4 acres previously proposed.

Under the new plan, 37 percent of the site's land would be set aside for sports fields, playgrounds, meadows, riverwalk paths and other uses, the firm said. That compares with 25 percent previously.

"We've really stretched and pulled our plan to make sure we maximize the open space," Sterling Bay managing principal Andy Gloor said.

Lincoln Yards, a 70-acre parcel along Lincoln Park and Bucktown, would become the northernmost point of the city with 50-story towers. The project could become a centerpiece of an expected wave of commercial development on riverfront properties previously dominated by industrial uses before Mayor Rahm Emanuel in recent years pushed through sweeping land-use changes.

If approved and built, the project would bring 23,000 permanent jobs to office, retail, hotel and sports and entertainment buildings on the site, as well as 4,000 to 5,000 residences and a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and multiple music and entertainment venues.

The site was included in Chicago's pitch to Amazon for its second headquarters

location.

Sterling Bay's current proposal is for 54.5 acres of the more than 70 acres the firm owns or is in the process of buying on the east and west sides of the river between Webster and North avenues. Sterling Bay is expected to seek zoning approval later for other nearby parcels of land it owns or plans to buy, as it develops Lincoln Yards in several phases.

Changes to its plans come after an initial public meeting held by 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins in July, as well as follow-up meetings with neighbors and community groups.

Interest in the first meeting was so great that many spectators were unable to get in. Some attendees complained that Sterling Bay's presentation didn't show enough specific details, and that there was no public question-and-answer session afterward. Instead, Sterling Bay's development team answered questions in small groups at stations throughout the room.

Hopkins vowed to require public questions at the next meeting. He also objected when Sterling Bay formally filed zoning plans with the City Council, saying that he'd yet to give the project his approval.

Since the July meeting, Sterling Bay said it has met with more than two dozen community groups and 100 individuals to gain feedback.

Thursday's public meeting is at 6 p.m. at Renew Chicago Church, 1001 N. Crosby St.



SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL RENDERING

The proposed view from Webster Street has the existing C.H. Robinson building with additional buildings to its south.

The revised plan eliminates some proposed buildings entirely, and reduces the height of others. More than 100 stories of building height combined have been eliminated from the initial plan, according to Sterling Bay and the project's architecture firm, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

"I've made it clear and the community has made it clear that we need less density and more open space," Hopkins said ahead of Thursday's meeting.

Although Sterling Bay is decreasing the proposed height of some towers, the total square feet of buildings in the plan has increased to 12.8 million, up from 12 million previously. The increase is due, in part, to acres added in the overall site plan — which now

includes an already built office building occupied by logistics firm C.H. Robinson at 1515 W. Webster Ave.

Hopkins said he's reserving judgment on the plan until after the meeting, after which he'll conduct a second public survey to gauge public sentiment. Hopkins said he wants to see more specifics on many aspects of the plan — including much-needed infrastructure improvements in an area already plagued by traffic congestion.

One previously mentioned plan is to reconfigure the intersection of Elston, Ashland and Armitage avenues. The developer and the city also are looking at creating several new car and pedestrian

bridges going north-south and east-west.

Sterling Bay also wants to relocate a nearby Metra train station onto the site and add three water taxi stops. Its plan would add a 1,300-foot extension of The 606 elevated trail over the river and create a mile of new riverwalk, according to the developer.

Emanuel's outgoing administration recently said it wants to create sources of funding, including new tax increment financing districts to help pay for those projects.

Hopkins said he awaits more detailed information on all of those plans — and their funding — from Sterling Bay, the Chicago Department of Transportation and other city officials.

"Nobody, including me,

is satisfied with the amount of detail on the public infrastructure build-outs," Hopkins said. "Frankly, I thought we'd be farther along in the process than we are."

Lincoln Yards was one of five sites Amazon visited earlier this year as it considered North American locations for its proposed second headquarters, or HQ2. Amazon ultimately split it up into two planned new locations, in New York and Arlington, Va.

Gloor declined to comment on Amazon's search, but said Sterling Bay is in conversations with large office tenants to kick off construction of Lincoln Yards.

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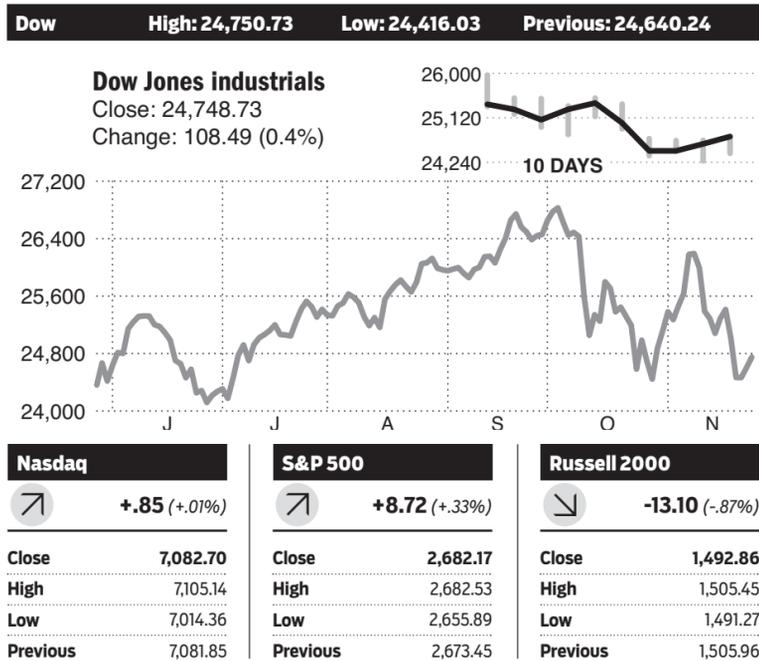
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.16	NASD +2.52	S&P +1.52	DOW -5.1	NASD -1.10	S&P -0.2	DOW +3.83	NASD +2.46	S&P +2.10

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	506.75	510	497.50	498	-9.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	356	358.50	355.50	356.50	+5.0
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	862.50	880	858.25	875.50	+13.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	26.99	27.35	26.95	27.16	+2.0
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	303.20	305.70	301.50	304.90	+1.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl	Jan 19	51.54	52.38	50.30	51.56	-2.00
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 18	4.224	4.325	4.104	4.262	+0.14
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 18	1.4406	1.4562	1.3992	1.4208	-0.0218

Sears gets new bankruptcy lender

Hedge fund won retailer's bidding war in courthouse hallway

By JOSH SAUL AND CLAIRE BOSTON
Bloomberg News

Cyrus Capital Partners will provide Sears Holdings Corp. a loan to keep the bankrupt retailer's stores open after the hedge fund won a bidding war in a courthouse hallway, according to a lawyer for Sears.

Sears had negotiated a \$350 million loan from specialty financing firm Great American Capital Partners

that would have cost 11.5 percentage points over a benchmark lending rate, according to a previous court filing. The new deal with Cyrus will cut the company's borrowing costs by 1.5 percentage points, company lawyer Sunny Singh said at a hearing in White Plains, N.Y., on Tuesday.

Judge Robert Drain said he'll approve the so-called junior debtor-in-possession financing, which ranks below earlier funding that the retailer lined up for its

Chapter 11 proceedings. "We had bidding for the junior DIP literally outside in the hallway for the last hour," Singh told the judge.

The new debt further ties Cyrus, already a major Sears creditor, to the fate of the Hoffman Estates-based retailer. Cyrus also won an auction for \$251 million of internal Sears debt that gives the retailer a jolt of cash while also helping the hedge fund protect the value of derivatives wagers it made on Sears, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

Cyrus is believed by market participants to be one of the largest sellers of such derivatives, known as credit default swaps, which insured against a Sears default. By purchasing the intercompany notes for \$82.5 million, it can now prevent them from being used by other derivatives traders to boost the payout required on the trades.

Sears has been liquidating unprofitable stores through the holiday shopping season as it seeks to emerge with a smaller chain of its namesake and Kmart outlets. The company is seeking bids by Dec. 5 for 505 stores, including 11 in Illinois, although it's also accepting bids to liquidate them. Sears Chairman Edward Lampert, the company's biggest shareholder and largest creditor, is expected to make a bid to keep a group of stores open.

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Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	69.71	+9.0	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	97.42	-0.3	Mondelez Intl	O	44.54	+5.9
AbbVie Inc	N	87.68	+1.44	Equity Residential	N	69.85	+4.0	Morningstar Inc	O	115.24	-6.3
Allstate Corp	N	87.50	-9.2	Exelon Corp	N	45.53	+3.3	Motorola Solutions	N	129.30	+1.93
Altigroup Inc	N	102.30	-1.39	First Indl RT	N	31.37	+0.4	NiSource Inc	N	25.98	-1.9
Arch Dan Mid	N	65.96	-0.2	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	76.93	+0.7	Nhrn Trust Cp	N	97.45	-3.3
Baxter Inc	N	318.03	+1.67	Gallagher AJ	N	304.47	-3.47	Old Republic	N	95.43	-1.34
Boeing Co	N	52.13	-2.78	GrubHub Inc	N	76.80	-4.41	RLI Corp	N	74.83	-2.8
Brunswick Corp	N	107.93	+6.6	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	93.44	-9.2	Stericycle Inc	O	46.37	+2.2
CBIO Global Markets	N	49.08	-1.19	IDEX Corp	N	131.83	-1.42	Teleph Data	N	35.42	+4.1
CDK Global Inc	O	88.77	-9.8	ITW	N	135.89	-0.1	TransUnion	N	61.65	-8.1
CF Industries	N	43.19	-8.7	Ingredion Inc	N	105.19	+3.6	Tribune Media Co A	N	39.09	+2.1
CFE Group	O	194.15	+2.63	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	141.66	-1.37	US Foods Holding	N	32.37	-5.2
CNA Financial	N	46.28	-7.3	Kemper Corp	N	72.87	-8.3	USG Corp	N	43.05	...
Caterpillar Inc	N	124.60	-2.0	Kraft Heinz Co	O	51.80	+7.3	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	296.83	-4.28
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.27	-3.3	LKQ Corporation	O	27.62	-1.7	United Contl Hldgs	O	93.38	+1.63
Deere Co	N	147.81	-1.11	Littelfuse Inc	O	177.85	-3.72	Ventas Inc	N	62.00	+5.5
Discover Fin Svcs	N	70.89	+2.4	MB Financial	O	44.61	-1.4	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	83.52	+1.82
Dover Corp	N	83.37	-5.9	McDonalds Corp	N	184.63	+7.4	Wintrust Financial	O	77.06	-1.8
Equity Commonwealth	N	31.10	+1.0	Middleby Corp	O	116.98	-9.5	Zebra Tech	O	168.58	-4.6

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.44	-1.4
Bank of America	27.74	+1.8
Ford Motor	9.28	-1.2
Chesapeake Engy	2.99	-1.6
AT&T Inc	30.44	+4.9
Oracle Corp	47.44	-8.2
Ambev S.A.	4.22	+1.6
Vale SA	12.89	+1.4
General Motors Co	36.69	-9.6
Petrobras	14.34	+6.2
AK Steel Hold	3.12	+1.5
Nabors Inds	3.65	-1.5
EnCana Corp	6.87	-1.7
Freeport McMoran	11.24	+1.5
US Steel Corp	22.92	-2.08
Lloyds Banking Grp	2.90	-0.5
Sthwstn Energy	4.84	-2.1
PG&E Corp	26.97	+1.85
Pfizer Inc	44.07	+7.3
Wells Fargo & Co	53.19	+3.1
Alibaba Group Hldg	156.46	+4.6
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.64	-0.2
Utd Technologies	122.68	-5.30
Brist Myr Sqb	51.15	-1.58

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	156.46	+4.5
Alphabet Inc C	1044.41	-4.21
Alphabet Inc A	1052.28	-3.66
Amazon.com Inc	1581.42	+0.9
Apple Inc	174.24	-3.8
Bank of America	27.74	+1.8
Berkshire Hath B	212.53	+1.90
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.05	+0.7
Facebook Inc	135.00	-1.38
JPMorgan Chase	109.72	+4.6
Johnson & Johnson	143.22	+1.85
Microsoft Corp	107.14	+6.7
Pfizer Inc	44.07	+7.3
Royal Dutch Shell B	61.32	-6.5
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.75	-6.0
Unitedhealth Group	271.15	+4.99
Verizon Comm	60.65	+1.48
WalMart Strs	95.04	-1.1
Wells Fargo & Co	53.19	+3.1

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	31.74	+0.6	+5.3
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.86	+0.4	+5.1
American Funds CptlWldGrnCA m	58.39	+1.2	+3.1
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	60.23	+0.8	+1.4
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.61	+0.7	+3.9
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.43	+0.3	+6.0
American Funds InvCAmCA m	38.79	+0.7	+2.0
American Funds NwPrsPctvA m	42.16	-0.4	-2.6
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	44.74	+1.2	+6.7
DFA IntlCorEqInls	12.48	-0.5	-10.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.24	-0.1	-1.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.33	-1.6	-11.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	203.34	+3.0	+7.5
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.32	...	+1.0
Fidelity 500ldxmsPrm	94.01	+3.0	+5.1
Fidelity Contrafund	12.31	+0.1	+2.5
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.31	+0.1	+2.6
Fidelity GroCo	17.98	-0.5	+7.8
Fidelity USBdldxmsPrm	11.08	-0.3	-1.9
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.23	...	-1.1
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.22	...	-1.7
PIMCO IncInslT	11.75	...	-2.0
PIMCO TtRetIns	9.86	...	-1.6
Schwab SP500ldx	42.03	+1.3	+5.0
T. Rowe Price BCGr	102.61	+2.4	+6.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	64.92	+0.3	+3.3
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	248.43	+8.1	+5.1
Vanguard DivGrlnv	27.64	+0.5	+1.1
Vanguard EqInCAmrl	77.04	+3.2	+4.4
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	73.21	+1.3	+3.2
Vanguard HCAmrl	90.88	+1.5	+9.4
Vanguard InTrnGrAdmrl	9.27	-0.1	-2.1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.74	+0.1	+5.0
Vanguard InslDxInsl	245.10	+8.0	+5.1
Vanguard InslDxInslPlus	245.12	+8.0	+5.1
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	59.40	+0.8	+4.5
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	186.73	-6.2	+1.3
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	140.62	+4.9	+7.5
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.39	...	+1.5
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	69.56	-5.7	+1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.72	+0.1	-8.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.05	+0.1	-9.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.75	+0.1	-9.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.10	...	-9.0
Vanguard TtBldxAdmrl	10.27	...	-1.9
Vanguard TtBldxInsl	10.27	...	-1.9
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	21.87	+0.1	+1.6
Vanguard TtInBldxInsl	32.82	+0.1	+1.6
Vanguard TtInBldxInv	10.94	+0.1	+1.6
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	26.69	-0.5	-9.1
Vanguard TtInSldxInsl	106.76	-1.8	-9.1
Vanguard TtInSldxInslPlus	106.78	-1.8	-9.1
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	15.96	-0.3	-9.2
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	66.87	+0.9	+4.4
Vanguard TtSMldxInsl	66.88	+0.9	+4.4
Vanguard TtSMldxInv	66.84	+0.9	+4.3
Vanguard WlntnAdmrl	71.27	+1.3	+2.9
Vanguard WlslvncAdmrl	63.08	+1.3	+4.0
Vanguard WndsrldAdmrl	65.77	+0.3	+3.5

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6-month disc	2.46	2.475
2-year	2.81	2.82
10-year	3.05	3.07
30-year	3.32	3.32

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1211.20	\$1220.20
Silver	\$14.062	\$14.183
Platinum	\$835.30	\$847.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	38.5475
Australia (Dollar)	1.3846
Brazil (Real)	3.8772
Britain (Pound)	.7853
Canada (Dollar)	1.3299
China (Yuan)	6.9517
Euro	.8852
India (Rupee)	70.862
Israel (Shekel)	3.7349
Japan (Yen)	113.79
Mexico (Peso)	20.4708
Poland (Zloty)	3.80
So. Korea (Won)	1129.78
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.91
Thailand (Baht)	33.04

Unclear why the outbreaks persist

Romaine, from Page 1

Packaged romaine lettuce is expected to be back in all Jewel-Osco locations early next week, also bearing harvest locations and dates, spokeswoman Mary Frances Trucco said.

But romaine remains non grata at some restaurants.

Though it has not been contacted about any connection to the recent outbreak, McDonald's continues to heed the CDC's advice from last week and has voluntarily stopped selling salads until it can switch to another lettuce blend without romaine, spokeswoman Andrea Abate said.

Just Salad has not returned romaine to its menu "out of an abundance of caution," but plans to carry Arizona-grown romaine beginning next week, said founder and CEO Nick Kenner. In the meantime in its Chicago and New York locations, Just Salad is working with hydroponic grower Gotham Greens to provide romaine. The fast casual chain is also working with vendors to ensure every case is clearly labeled with its harvest region and will update its digital menus to include the harvest region as well, he said.

B.GOOD, a burger and salad chain with locations in the Chicago suburbs, said the recent update has made it confident all 59 of its U.S. restaurants can source romaine from outside of the affected region, but the challenge is ensuring consumer comfort and confidence.

"For B.GOOD, this means it will likely be a slow introduction and we'll continue to offer the choice of kale, mixed greens or baby spinach in the near term for those who may remain wary," said Joe Cloud, director of supply chain for the company.

Last week's romaine alert, issued two days before Thanksgiving, was unusually broad and prompted the United Fresh Produce Association, an industry trade group, to urge its members to voluntarily withdraw romaine across the supply chain. That "clean break" purged the market of any

potentially contaminated romaine related to the current outbreak, the FDA said, and its investigation has since narrowed the origin of the contamination to romaine grown during the summer in the Central Coast growing regions of central and northern California, which has since ended its harvest season for the year.

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OBITUARIES

WAYNE STAYSKAL 1931-2018

Political cartoonist for Chicago, Tampa papers

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Wayne Stayskal spent 27 years as an editorial cartoonist for Chicago newspapers including the Tribune before joining the Tampa Tribune as its editorial cartoonist.

During his two decades in Tampa, his work was nationally syndicated and his cartoons appeared in the Tribune from time to time.

"Wayne was among the most underrated and innovative cartoonists of his generation," said Tribune editorial cartoonist Scott Stantis. "His drawing was like no one else. When you saw a Stayskal cartoon, you knew it was a Stayskal cartoon. Back in a day when most cartoonists' work looked very similar, Wayne had the creative courage to be unique."

Stayskal, 86, died of complications from Alzheimer's disease Nov. 20 at his home. He had been a Carol Stream resident and previously lived in St. Charles. Prior to his time in Tampa, he had resided in Elmhurst and Wayne.

A Chicago native, Stayskal was the son of Harold Stejskal, a railway mail supervisor for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific railroad. He grew up in Chicago and graduated in 1950 from Steinmetz High School. Stayskal, who changed the spelling of his surname in the late 1950s, had wanted to be a cartoonist since he was a boy sprawled on his living room floor, copying the characters in timeless comic strips like "Dick Tracy" and "Blondie," he told the Tribune in 1974.

"His obvious talent to draw ... was seen in him as a child by his parents, Mary and Harold (and) they encouraged him to take art classes in school and later attend art school," John Stayskal said. "His wife Helen ... also saw his talent and encouraged him to pursue a career drawing."

Stayskal served in the Air Force before enrolling in the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, where he received a degree in 1956. After first working in advertising art, Stayskal joined the Chicago American newspaper in 1957 as an artist for its Sunday magazine.

While working at the American, which was renamed Chicago's American in 1959, Stayskal drew illustrations for the magazine and occasional sketches to accompany feature stories. He found his real interest was in becoming an editorial cartoonist.



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Wayne Stayskal grew up in Chicago and graduated from Steinmetz High School.

"I decided to go up and talk to the editorial cartoonists at the newspaper, but I couldn't find their office," Stayskal told the Tribune in 1974. "I asked the art director and he told me they were syndicated out of other cities. We didn't even have an editorial cartoonist of our own."

Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Vaughn Shoemaker joined the American in 1961 and took on Stayskal as his assistant. "I learned at his side," Stayskal recalled in 1974.

Stayskal continued with the American after it was renamed Chicago Today and converted to a tabloid in 1969. His cartoons were produced from a conservative political perspective, including staunch opposition to abortion.

"Wayne Stayskal was a reliable, thoughtful conservative who was unafraid to state that which he believed. In a cartooning profession that was and remains overwhelmingly liberal, Wayne had the courage of his convictions," Stantis said.

Stayskal's views on abortion "cost him many clients but won him grudging admiration for taking such a strong moral stance in his work, especially at a time when many editorial cartoonists were going for laughs over substance," Stantis said.

In April 1970, Stayskal published a cartoon that drew significant response from readers, about the failed Apollo 13 mission to the moon. As the distressed Apollo 13 capsule was returning to Earth after its crippling accident near the moon, Stayskal drew a cartoon showing hands outstretched from the Earth to welcome the capsule.

In January 1973, Chicago Today discontinued its

weekend editions, and Stayskal's work began appearing on Sundays in the Tribune's Perspective section. After the Tribune absorbed Chicago Today in September 1974, Stayskal's editorial cartoons began appearing six days a week in the Tribune.

"Humor has that unique dimension to cut through the seriousness of what's happening today, though as James Thurber said, 'Humor is a very serious thing,'" Stayskal told the Tribune in 1974. "I don't draw humor for humor's sake. My cartoons, hopefully, clarify some very serious situations in the country — things people are thinking about and talking about, that are affecting them — and capture the humorous side of American life."

Stayskal left the Tribune in 1984 to move to Tampa to work as an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune. His work was syndicated nationwide by Tribune Media, and he also drew several comic strips for a time, including "Balderdash" and "Ralph," and under the pseudonym "Hal Trim" he drew the single-panel sports strip "Trim's Arena."

Stayskal also coauthored several books with columnist Cal Thomas, including the 1985 book "Liberals for Lunch."

Stayskal was honored by the Chicago Newspaper Guild in 1975 for service to journalism. He also was honored in 1970 by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge with an Honor Certificate Award for a 1969 cartoon depicting the moon landing.

After retiring from the Tampa Tribune in 2004, Stayskal continued to draw syndicated cartoons until retiring completely in 2010. Stayskal and his wife moved back to the Chicago area, settling first in St. Charles and then in a retirement community in Carol Stream.

"He was always smiling and always maintained his wit, sense of humor and laid-back personality," his son said. "Visits with him were full of laughter."

Survivors also include his wife of 67 years, Helen; three other sons, Robert, Bill and Dan; two sisters, Alice Sommerville and Janice Drechsel; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will take place at 10 a.m. Feb. 16 at the Windsor Park Retirement Community, 124 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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In Memoriam



Lea Raye Augustine

It's been six months since you passed, and we miss your cheerful "Hello-Hello!". We also miss the joyful and adventurous stories of younger years in the UP, Plymouth and Crown Point.

You always gave of yourself, whether to family, friends or the community. You inspired us with your humor, courage and modesty in facing life's challenges, and with your passionate advocacy for Nature and the less fortunate.

With love from your three sons, daughters-in-law, brother and sister-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.

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Adamski, Dr. Edwin J. "Buz"

Dr. Edwin J. "Buz" Adamski Jr., 69, of Kildeer for 40 years. He was born in Chicago on Aug. 20, 1949 and passed away Nov. 21, 2018 surrounded by his family. He graduated from Weber High School, Loyola University of Chicago, and Loyola Stritch School of Medicine before becoming a physician for over 40 years. Following in his father's footsteps, Buz became the President of the medical staff of Presence Resurrection Hospital, where he and his father were the first family physician duo of the hospital. He loved practicing medicine and took over his father's practice in Niles. His patients loved him and many would come in to the office to thank him for saving their lives. In addition to his love for his patients, Buz was an avid outdoorsman and a master of all trades. If something was broken, he could fix it, if not, he had a spare. He loved spending as much time as he could with family and friends at the family cabin in Stone Lake, WI. Buz had the best jokes and left everyone in laughter. He was the beloved husband of Sandra R. Adamski (nee LoSasso) for 43 years; loving father of Elizabeth A. (Justin) Leep, Edwin J. (Cara) Adamski III, and Sarah K. (Keith) Garner; cherished grandfather of Ellie M. Adamski; dear brother of Roberta J. (Ted) Mirski, Donna J. (the late Cas) Zgonina, and Susan C. (Tony) Stevens. Buz was preceded in death by his caring parents Dr. Edwin J. Adamski Sr. and Rosalie H. Adamski (nee Biba). He also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues, patients and friends. Buz left a profound impact on everyone that he met and will be greatly missed by all. Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 135 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich, IL. Please omit flowers. Arrangements were made by Grove Memorial Chapel. For Info 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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came the President of the medical staff of Presence Resurrection Hospital, where he and his father were the first family physician duo of the hospital. He loved practicing medicine and took over his father's practice in Niles. His patients loved him and many would come in to the office to thank him for saving their lives. In addition to his love for his patients, Buz was an avid outdoorsman and a master of all trades. If something was broken, he could fix it, if not, he had a spare. He loved spending as much time as he could with family and friends at the family cabin in Stone Lake, WI. Buz had the best jokes and left everyone in laughter. He was the beloved husband of Sandra R. Adamski (nee LoSasso) for 43 years; loving father of Elizabeth A. (Justin) Leep, Edwin J. (Cara) Adamski III, and Sarah K. (Keith) Garner; cherished grandfather of Ellie M. Adamski; dear brother of Roberta J. (Ted) Mirski, Donna J. (the late Cas) Zgonina, and Susan C. (Tony) Stevens. Buz was preceded in death by his caring parents Dr. Edwin J. Adamski Sr. and Rosalie H. Adamski (nee Biba). He also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues, patients and friends. Buz left a profound impact on everyone that he met and will be greatly missed by all. Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 135 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich, IL. Please omit flowers. Arrangements were made by Grove Memorial Chapel. For Info 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Ahrens, Ann Marie

Ann Marie Ahrens née Mutka, age 82, late of Vista, CA formerly of Dolton. Beloved wife for 50 years of the late Arthur J. Loving mother of Luann (Chi) Ahrens and the late Paul Ahrens. Proud grandma of Anna Paula and Lily. Dear sister of Eleanor (late Florian) Lukowski, Florence (late George) Mika and John (Nancy) Mutka. Kind aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 9:15 a.m. from **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)**, 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., four blocks North of 162nd St. (Rte. 6) Dolton/ South Holland to St. Jude the Apostle Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. 708-841-2300 or thornridgefuneralhomes.com

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Botich, Leon

Botich, Leon, 88, of Monee Illinois peacefully passed away on November 3, 2018. Loving father to Jennie, Guy, Barbara, George and Paul. Devoted brother to George and Mary as well as grandfather to 7 and great grandfather to 4. Funeral mass will be held on Saturday December 1, 2018 at 11:30 am at St George Church 6707 W. 175th St. Tinley Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

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Brzezicki, Marc H.

Marc H. Brzezicki Beloved son of Henri and Dorothy nee Niedbala; Loving brother of David (Karen) and Elizabeth (Brendan) Daly; Adoring uncle of Izak and Teddy Brzezicki and Charlotte, Penny and Fiona Daly; Fond nephew, cousin and friend of many. Longtime member of Butch O'Hare Model Club and Elmhurst Train Club. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral, 10:15 a.m. from **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca to Saint Walter Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Lurie Children's Hospital, UPS for Downs or Wounded Warrior Project would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

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Castronovo, John F.

John F. Castronovo, age 74, beloved husband of Barbara, nee Wallace and the late Sandra, nee Jackson; loving father of John W., Nanci (Michael) Ginsburg, Jessica (Andrew) Melshen, Anthony B. and Nikki Wottrich; cherished grandfather of Jordan and Mikel Ginsburg, Jackson and Alisandra Melshen; and Bear Castronovo; dear brother of Carol (Jerry)Zebell and Jack (Denise) Castronovo; also nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, to St. James at the Sag Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Private. In Lieu of flowers donations to Big Sky Bravery, www.big-skybravery.org are requested. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. For info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Chasseur, Mary G.

Mary G. Chasseur (nee Giammaro), age 97, beloved wife of the late Leno B. Chasseur; loving mother of Jack (Debra) Chasseur and Marilyn (Richard) Marinello; dearest grandmother of Michael (Erica) Marinello, Justin and Ryan Chasseur; cherished great-grandmother of Gemma and CeCe; devoted sister of Vincent (the late June) Giammaro and the late Lena (the late Ted) Wassel; fond aunt of John, James and Joseph (Karen) Wassel. Visitation Thursday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Friday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Julie Billiart Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Glenview Terrace in memory of Mary Chasseur, 1511 Greenwood Rd., Glenview, IL 60026 would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200.



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Costello, Charles F 'Chuck'

76, of Las Vegas, NV, passed away November 24, 2018. Born in Chicago, IL, resided in Bloomingdale, IL from 1968 - 2018. Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Rizzo), loving father of Scott (Heather) and Pam Costello, cherished grandfather of Kylie and Cori Costello, fond brother of Sarah (Nick) Castiglione and Charlotte (Dick) Madsen. Avid sailor and longtime member of Columbia Yacht Club. Retired from 40 year career in the baking industry, was active in the Baker's Club of Chicago. Private service 12/2/18, Las Vegas. Celebration of Life, Spring 2019, Chicago. In memoriam can be made to Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Las Vegas, NV.

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Cronin, Pat Somers

Pat Somers Cronin, Age 91, lifelong resident of Beverly and South Shore, Born into Eternal Life on November 14, 2018. Beloved wife of the late James R. Cronin, Sr. Loving mother of Patricia (the late Bertram Jr.) Snead, James R. Jr. (Suzanne), Sheila M., Emily (the late William) Chaveriat, Mary Ann, John (Joanne), the late Elyn Rose, Michael (Michelle), and Joseph (Maria) Cronin. Pat was also dearly loved by her 33 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Devoted sister of the late Nancy (the late Ed) Conway. Cherished aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Pat is fondly remembered by many friends and neighbors throughout the Chicagoland Area. Pat wrote the "View from the Hill" column for the Beverly Review for twenty years, and was a frequent contributor and book reviewer for America Magazine, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, The New World, and many local and national publications. Family and friends will meet at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643 on Saturday, December 1, 2018 for visitation 9:00am-10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Dominican University Scholarship Fund, 7900 West Division St., River Forest, IL 60305 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com

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Walter (Victoria), and Joseph (Maria) Cronin. Pat was also dearly loved by her 33 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Devoted sister of the late Nancy (the late Ed) Conway. Cherished aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Pat is fondly remembered by many friends and neighbors throughout the Chicagoland Area. Pat wrote the "View from the Hill" column for the Beverly Review for twenty years, and was a frequent contributor and book reviewer for America Magazine, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, The New World, and many local and national publications. Family and friends will meet at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643 on Saturday, December 1, 2018 for visitation 9:00am-10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Dominican University Scholarship Fund, 7900 West Division St., River Forest, IL 60305 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com

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Dando, Don

Don Dando, age 84. Beloved husband of Patricia Dando, nee Coffin; brother of J. Richard Dando; uncle to many nieces and nephews. Biggest Chicago Cubs fan known to man. Visitation Friday, November 30, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral Chapel (enter on Superior St.), 30 E. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60610 until the time of the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. In lieu of flowers donation to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, www.misericordia.com. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michaillfuneralhome.com.

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Davis, Paul M.

Paul M. Davis, age 47, suddenly, of McHenry formerly of Chicago for funeral information please visit skajafuneralhomes.com

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Desmond, Clinton J.

Clinton John Desmond, age 86, of Schererville, IN, passed away at home on Saturday, November 24, 2018. Clint is survived by his wife of 67 years: Lenore (nee Peters); a daughter: Laura (Marylyn) Grabosky; son: Clinton (Erin); two sisters: Lois Aguina and Sandra (Frank) Wolf; and many nieces and nephews. Clint was preceded in death by his parents: Edward and Lois Desmond. A selfless hard worker and big dreamer committed to education, Clint grew from humble roots to become a decorated US military veteran, accomplished and passionate educator, and dedicated family man. He served his country in the US Air Force where he was a weatherman and code-breaker during the Korean War. Clint graduated from Valparaiso University and began his teaching career at Oak Lawn High School. His life-long vocation included distinguished tenures as a high school teacher, educational consultant, principal and professor of education at Governors State University. Clint was an avid fan of Chicago sports, especially the Bears, Sox, Cubs, and the Bulls. He was a passionate reader of historical non fiction, and loved the music of Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, and Barbara Streisand. He cherished the simple pleasures of holidays and special meals with the family. Visitation will be Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 10 AM until the funeral service at 11 AM at **Smits Funeral Home**, 2121 Pleasant Springs Ln., Dyer, IN with services conducted by Rev. Dr. Frederick Niedner. Burial will be on Friday, November 30 at 10 AM at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W Hoff Rd., Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the American Cancer Society, Valparaiso University, or Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn, IL, a church Clinton's mother founded. For further information, please contact 219-322-7300 or visit our online guestbook and obituary at www.SMITSFH.com

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ON NOVEMBER 28 ...

In 1861 the Confederate Congress admitted Missouri as the 12th state of the Confederacy after Missouri's disputed secession from the Union.

In 1919 American-born Lady Nancy Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1925 the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1942 nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1958 the African nation Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1964 the U.S. launched the space probe Mariner IV on a course to Mars.

In 1979 an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

In 1985 the Irish Senate approved the Anglo-Irish accord concerning Northern Ireland.

In 1995 President Bill Clinton signed a \$6 billion road bill that ended the federal 55 mph speed limit.

In 2001 Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion deal to take it over.

In 2012 a Missouri couple and Arizona man split a \$587.5 million Powerball jackpot, then the second-largest lottery payout in U.S. history.

In 2014 Nadia Ezaldein, a seasonal worker at the Nordstrom department store on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago, was shot in the store on Black Friday by an ex-boyfriend, who then shot and killed himself. Ezaldein died the next day.

In 2016 the first commercial flight from the United States to Havana in more than 50 years landed in Cuba, arriving as the island began week-long memorial services for Fidel Castro.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Nov. 27	
Mega Millions	12 24 37 42 57 / 18
Mega Millions jackpot:	\$172M
Pick 3 midday	436 / 2
Pick 4 midday	1547 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	11 15 19 24 41
Pick 3 evening	689 / 5
Pick 4 evening	7493 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	02 11 21 36 45
Nov. 28 Powerball:	\$171M
Nov. 29 Lotto:	\$22.25M
WISCONSIN	
Nov. 27	
Pick 3	993
Pick 4	6841
Badger 5	04 12 15 16 19
SuperCash	02 19 23 27 30 36

INDIANA	
Nov. 27	
Daily 3 midday	523 / 3
Daily 4 midday	8900 / 3
Daily 3 evening	101 / 0
Daily 4 evening	5612 / 0
Cash 5	12 15 19 23 26
MICHIGAN	
Nov. 27	
Daily 3 midday	671
Daily 4 midday	8976
Daily 3 evening	019
Daily 4 evening	6499
Fantasy 5	08 11 12 13 23
Keno	01 08 09 16 29 32
	35 36 37 40 41 49 50 52
	53 55 62 63 67 69 71 78

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Dillon, Margaret M. 'Marge'

Margaret M. "Marge" Dillon (nee Kirchens), age 86, a resident of Aurora, IL since 2013, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at her home. She was born December 11, 1931 in Chicago.

Visitation Friday, November 30, 2018, 5:30-7:30 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL.** Funeral Services will follow Friday, 7:30 PM in the funeral home. Future inurnment: Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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DURBIN, JAMES JOSEPH

Col. James Joseph Durbin, USA Ret. Korea and Vietnam Veteran age 86 of Highland Park. At Rest June 14, 2018. Beloved husband of Diane Taslitz-Durbin and the late Jean M. Durbin. Loving father of Marcia Martak, Robert and Jim. Fond grandfather of five. Military honors and graveside service Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 11:00 AM at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC Info: SEGUIN & SYMONDS FUNERAL HOME 847-432-3878

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Hartenstein, Richard 'Dick'

Passed on September 19th at the age of 90. A stock broker at A.G. Edwards and Wells Fargo for 40+ years. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 40 years, Dr. Sharon Walsh. Memorial service at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. - Sunday, December 2nd at 10am.

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Hennessey, Mary T.

Mary T. Hennessey (nee Steffen) age 90. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Devoted mother of Richard (Barbara), Gerard (Helen), James and Sharon Kapp. Loving grandmother of Ann, Richard, Victoria, Joseph and Alexandra. Dear cousin of Marion Hayes. Mary spent many years as a teacher at Moraine Valley Community College and was involved with volunteer work and many organizations. Visitation Sunday 3-9 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Monday 9 AM from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th St. (Palos Hills) for 10 AM Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com 708 974 4410



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Hoffman, Walter 'Wally'

It's with great sadness the family of Walter "Wally" Hoffman from Mt. Prospect announces his passing on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at the age of 69. Wally will be forever remembered by his wife of 41 years, Cathy Hoffman (nee Czernia), daughter, Natalie Hoffman, parents, Florence "Beebe" Hoffman and the late Walter F. Hoffman, sister, Joanne Monaghan and nephew, Dan Monaghan. Wally's positive outlook on life, his sayings, and the years of comfort and support he provided to family, friends and co-workers will never be forgotten.

Friends and family are invited on Saturday, December 1st to Grace Lutheran Church (1624 E Euclid Ave, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056) for a memorial visitation from 1pm until the time of service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to US TOO (www.us-too.org), American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), Rainbow Hospice (rainbowhospice.org) or Felines & Canines (www.felinescanines.org).



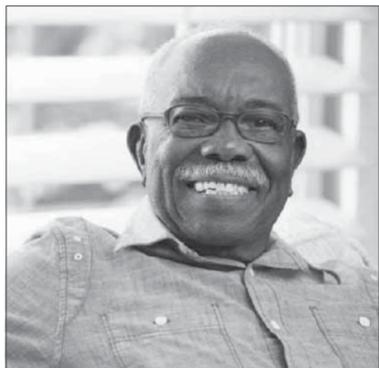
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Horwitz, Bernice

Bernice Horwitz, nee Levy, age 101, beloved wife for over 60 years of the late Allen; loving mother of Jaimee (Lawrence Wolf) Levin and the late Roger Horwitz; adored Grandma Bea of Woodrow (Gretchen) Levin and Jennie Levin; proud great grandmother of Avery; cherished sister of the late Rita Remez and the Sidney Levy. Service Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. Information: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Isham, Sally Ann Ogden McPherson

Sally Ann Ogden McPherson Isham, age 93, passed away at Lake Forest Place, Lake Forest IL on November 26, 2018.

Born on November 22, 1925 in Chicago IL to Donald F. and Frances Ogden West McPherson, Mrs. Isham grew up in Winnetka IL. She attended Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield MA and graduated from

Miss Porter's School in Farmington CT. Most of the summers of her youth were spent in Pittsfield at Court Hill, her maternal family homestead, where she became an avid rider and competed in many local horse shows.

Sally Ann McPherson married George Snow Isham at Court Hill on September 7, 1946. They spent their married life in Lake Forest IL, where she was active in numerous activities and organizations. She served on the Allendale Shelter Board and was involved in starting the Allendale Christmas Sale and Boutique. She was a member, president and honorary member of the Women's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Isham was also on an advisory committee of the National Cathedral in Washington DC and stitched two needlepoint kneelers which continue to be used in the Cathedral.

Sally Ann was an accomplished horticulturist who mastered the art of growing standards and topiaries. She nurtured many large topiaries which she called "her soldiers" and she entered them in numerous flower shows including "The Show of Summer" at the Chicago Botanic Garden, where she won the Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal for excellence in horticulture in 1994. Sally Ann was a long time member and honorary member of the Lake Forest Garden Club and the Johns Island Garden Club in Vero Beach FL.

She was an active and competitive golfer and enjoyed many years of playing and traveling with her husband. In their later years, they maintained a winter home in Vero Beach FL where she was a member of Johns Island Club and Riomar Country Club. She was a member of the United States Women's Golf Association and a longtime member of Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest IL.

Most of all, Sally Ann was a resilient woman with a wonderful wit, sense of humor and a generous spirit. She was a caring and thoughtful friend. These virtues helped her weather the many challenges she encountered throughout her life with courage and grace.

Mrs. Isham was a descendant of William B. Ogden, the first Mayor of Chicago. She is survived by her daughter, Janet Isham Field and her husband, H. James Field Jr. of Providence RI, two granddaughters, Elisabeth (Lisa) Mims (married to Andrew) of Dedham MA and Jennifer Whitman (married to Peter) of Wenham, MA and three great grandchildren: Adelaide Field Mims, Henry Walker Mims and Peter Field Whitman.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, November 30 at 10:30am at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Northwestern Memorial Hospital Foundation, 541 North Fairbanks Court, Chicago, IL 60611 and The Geneva Foundation of Presbyterian Homes, 3200 Grant Street, Evanston IL 60201. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Juco, Lenore

Lenore Juco, 83, of Frederick, Maryland, formerly of Peoria, Illinois, died on November 23, 2018. Born March 1, 1935 in Chicago, Illinois, she was the youngest of five daughters of Dominic and Josephine Nitti. A funeral mass will be held at 12 Noon on December 20th at St. Michael's Church, 310 S. Wheaton Ave, Wheaton, Illinois. (Visitation immediately prior: 11a.m.-12 p.m.) Friends and family are invited to join us in a celebration of Lenore's life at a luncheon immediately following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association: www.act.alz.org/donate.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.staufferfuneralhome.com, where the obituary is listed in its entirety.

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Komerska, William J.

William J. Komerska, beloved husband of Carol nee Roule. Loving father of William Jr. (Betsy), Brian (Kathy) and Brad (Robyn). Cherished grandpa of Jin, Ashton, AJ, Kara, Cal and Will. Dear brother of Linda Young. Fond uncle of Jason and Kristin. Devoted son of the late William and Vera (nee Skokan), Nephew, cousin and close friend to many. Visitation Thursday 3pm to 8pm at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL. Family will receive friends from 10:30am until time of Mass 11:30am at St. John The Baptist Church, OS233 Church St., Winfield, IL. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Fifty-year member of Local #56, United Masonry Union. 630-668-0016

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KOYS, JOHN

JOHN KOYS, 63, beloved husband & best friend of Patricia (nee Dignan); devoted son of Marianne (nee Skriba) & the late John N. Koys; dear brother of Dan (Mary), Rev. Thomas Koys, Mary Lou (late Morris) Lasky, Jim (Chris), Margie (Steve) Novotny & Bob (Sharon) Koys; fond uncle, great uncle, godfather & dear friend of many. Visitation Thurs., Nov. 29, 2018 at **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.**, 8999 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs from 3-9 p.m. Funeral Fri., Nov. 30, 2018, 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home to the Church of St. Scholastica, Woodridge. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Grand Knight 4th Degree Robert P. Connelly Knights of Columbus. www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com or (708) 839-8999.



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Lapinski, Mildred

Mildred Lapinski (nee Macek), 95, of Elk Grove Village for 55 years. Mildred was born in Czechoslovakia and was a long time employee of the Sunbeam Corporation. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank J. Lapinski (2014); loving aunt and great aunt of several nieces and nephews. She leaves behind many loving friends and family. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Emilia Macek (nee Fobel); brothers and sisters Joseph (Paula) Ciger, Pauline (Joseph) Kluck, Anna Ciger, Emil (Florence) Macek, Gustave Macek and Mary (Hans) Lehmann. Visitation Thursday Nov. 29th from 3-8 p.m. at **Grove Memorial Chapel** 1199 S. Arlington Heights Rd. Elk Grove Vil. Chapel prayers Friday at 9:15 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Itasca. Entombment will follow at All Saints Cemetery - Des Plaines. Info: 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Lojkutz, William J. "Bill"

William "Bill" J. Lojkutz, 59, at rest November 24, 2018. Beloved husband of Karen and the late Ala. Loving Dad of Jonathon and April. Cherished son of Florence and the late Leo. Dear brother of Gregory, Dan, Debbie (Mark) Eckert, and Lorrie (Dale) Johnson. Fond uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews. Caring friend to many. Chapel prayers Friday November 30, 2018, 8:45 AM to St. Isadore Parish 427 W. Army Trail Rd., Bloomingdale for 9:30 AM Mass. Visitation Thursday 3PM to 8PM at **Cypress Funeral Home** 1698 N. Bloomingdale Rd., Glendale Heights. Interment Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Justice. Info. (630) 653-7666 or www.cypressfuneralhome.com

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LoRusso, Maureen E.

Maureen E. LoRusso nee Taylor, passed away peacefully surrounded by her devoted family. Beloved wife of Joseph S. LoRusso for 54 years. Loving mother of Joseph A. LoRusso, Deborah A. Dupin, Vincent M. LoRusso, Victoria G. LoRusso & Cynthia J. McKinney. Cherished grandmother of Gregory, Mark, Christina, Jennifer, Joseph, Katelyn, Kelly, Vincent, Taylor, Carolyn, Emily, Jessica, Ryan, Sarah, Brett, Gina, David, Patrick & Michael. Proud great grandmother of Jace & Taylor. Devoted daughter of the late Nina nee Richards & Gerald Taylor. Dear sister of Edward Taylor & Patricia Ryan. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Friday 10:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 11:30 am. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Maureen loved her job as a secretary at Ridgeland School District 122 for 25 years and loved the children and her coworkers. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Lubert, Sr., Ronald S.

Ronald S. Lubert, Sr., age 84. Beloved husband of the late Valerie Lubert. Loving dad of Rhonda (Dawn Shepherd) Barbeau, Ronald Jr. (Gina) Lubert, and Robert (Greg Martin) Lubert. Proud grandpa of Bryce (Amber) Barbeau, Riley (Jonathan) Mendenhall, Cameryn Barbeau, Ryne Lubert, Tara (Ryan) Patterson, Brandin (Amanda) Lubert, and Tanya (Sean) Queoney. Proud great-grandpa of Logan, Reiker, Harper, and Blakeley. Cherished brother of Shirley and Jackie. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Longtime companion of Darlene Menke. A Visitation will be held on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 3-8pm at **Cypress Funeral Home** (1698 Bloomingdale Rd. Glendale Heights, IL 60139). A Funeral will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 9:15am prayers from **Cypress Funeral Home** to a 10am mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Interment Private. For more info call 630-653-7666.

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Lyons, Louise

Louise Lyons, 91, of Gurnee, IL, formerly of Niles, IL & Plainfield, WI, peacefully passed away at her home on November 24, 2018. Visitation will be on Saturday, December 1, from 9-11am at **Gurnee Salata Funeral Home**, 4190 Old Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL. Funeral Mass will follow at 12pm on Saturday, December 1 at Church of St. Patrick, 15000 Wadsworth Rd, Wadsworth, IL 60083. To read complete obituary please visit: www.gurneesalatafh.com

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Mansfield, Allen

Allen Barr Mansfield, 80, born November 18, 1938 in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, passed away on November 25, 2018. Son of the late Alfred and Marian; loving brother of Tom (Pam), Karla (Ken) Morgan, Steve, Jeff (Kathy) and Ron; uncle of 9; great uncle of 11. Allen worked at Washington National Insurance Company and National LTC Network. Visitation will be Thursday, November 29 from 3 - 7 PM at Leonard Memorial Home (565 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, IL). Service and interment will be private. Special thanks to Lexington Square Healthcare for the wonderful care they provided. For information please call 630-469-0032.

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Manzella, Sr., Thomas J.

Thomas John Manzella, Sr., age 72, passed away on November 19, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Helen, son Thomas John Jr. (Rebecca) and loving grandchildren Tommy III, Maria and Jack. Predeceased by the late Maria Pearl Manzella. Dearest son of Pearl E. Manzella (nee Holt) and the late Louis D. Manzella. Also surviving him are siblings Louis (Deb) Manzella, Linda (Bob) Portman, John (Grace) Manzella and Mary Lou Naugle, and special close cousin Joanne Kucinski. Visitation at Vandenberg Funeral Home (17248 S. Harlem Avenue, Tinley Park) on November 28, 2018 from 4pm to 8pm. Private family interment will take place on November 29, 2018 at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside.

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Martinsen, Eleanor

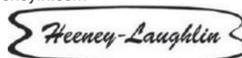
Eleanor Martinsen went home to be with the Lord, on November 23, at age 98 of Norridge. Dear sister of the late Dagny (late Donald) Griffith, the late Margaret Martinsen, the late Agnes Martinsen, and the late Martin Martinsen (late Betty Foss). Loving aunt of Judy (Javier) Nieves, David (Pat) Martinsen, Carol (Keith) Bergen, Donna (Gene) Smith and Marty (Sherri) Griffith, and the late Johan Griffith. Also loved by other relatives and friends. Visitation Friday November 30th at Central Baptist Village Chapel, 4747 N. Canfield Ave, Norridge, IL starting at 9:00 am followed by a Life Celebration at 10:00 AM. Private burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in memory of Eleanor Martinsen to: Central Baptist Village, 4747 N. Canfield Ave, Norridge, IL, 60706. For funeral information 847.537.6600 or www.funerals.pro or Facebook



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McCurdy, Otilie Rita

Otilie Rita McCurdy (nee Dunne), Age 97, Born into Eternal Life on November 26, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John T. McCurdy, Sr. Loving mother of Rita (Conrad) Bertz and the late John T. McCurdy, Jr. Proud grandma of Joseph and Monica Bertz. Devoted sister of the late John and the late Jerry (Therese) Dunne. Fond "Aunt Rita" of Susan Hoy, Kathy Bray, Peter, Jerry, Jack, and Patrick Dunne. Longtime Assistant Business Manager for Palos Community Hospital and former member of St. Rita of Cascia Parish in Chicago. Family and friends will meet at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 on Friday morning for visitation 10:00am-11:00am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 East Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI 49221-1793 or Augustinian Guild, 5401 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago, IL 60615-5664 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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McGee, Elizabeth

(nee Hickey). Dear wife of the late Patrick McSwiney and the late John McGee; loving mother of Ellen Renna and Rosaleen McSwiney; grandmother of Zachary, Neal, and Sara; fond sister of Kathleen (the late John) O'Connor, Thomas (the late Mary) Hickey of Ireland, the late Eileen (the late Tim) Fogarty, Maurice (the late Nora), William (the late May), Mary (the late William) Collins, David of Ireland, and Patrick (the late Mary Ann) Hickey. Visitation Friday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral to follow, 12:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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McGuinness, Patricia Foran

Patricia Ann McGuinness, nee Foran, loving mother of Mary (Paul) Kozub, John, Jr. (Meghan) and Margaret (Gino) DeCarne; proud grandmother of Meghan and Joseph Kozub, Bridget McGuinness (Peter Mittendorf), Jack and Ryan McGuinness, Conor Healy and Gianfranco DeCarne; great grandmother of Oscar Mittendorf; dear sister of the late Mary Ellen, Bill (Marilyn) and Bob (Carole) Foran and Marge Boehm; loving aunt to 12 nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, December 1, 2018, 10:00 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church of Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge, SD 57770. Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Michelson, Herb

Herb Michelson, 84, beloved husband and best friend of Judy nee Krasner; father of Lisa (Scott) Sonkin and Daniel (Kim) Michelson; grandfather of Emma & Ian Michelson and Jessica & Brooke Sonkin; father of Jill Hollister and Linda Dowling; grandfather of Sasha Hollister. His life and memory is our blessing. Service, Thursday, 11 AM at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in Herb's memory may be made to Am Shalom, www.amshalom.com/donate-to-amshalom or Kellogg Cancer Center (Immunology Program) via North Shore University Health System Foundation, foundation.northshore.org/donate. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Motsch, Helen H.

Helen H. Motsch, age 93, longtime resident of Lisle, IL passed away, November 26, 2018 in Naperville. Helen is survived by her two sisters, Irene Vidas and Pat Stucko. She is preceded in death by her husband Henry "Hank" Motsch. Visitation for Helen will be held Thursday, Nov. 29th from 2 until 8 p.m. at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Friday for an 11 a.m. burial at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, 17W201 E. Roosevelt Rd, Oakbrook, IL. Info 630-355-0264. www.beidelmankunschfh.com



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Nolan, Juleann 'Judy'

Juleann "Judy" Nolan nee Moylan of Glenview, passed away November 26, 2018; born September 21, 1931 to Martin and Margaret Moylan. Beloved wife of the late Jerry Francis Nolan, Sr., DDS; beloved mother of Eileen Henderson, Jerry F. Jr. (Katie), Mary Beth (Tony) Schirmang, Michael (Jody), Timothy (Monica), Patricia (Kelly) Udelhofen; cherished grandmother of 18; Neil, Danny, Margaret, Eleanor, Kathleen, Tony, Casey, Meghan, Molly, Patrick, Breghan, Keeley, Morgan, Viviana, David, Sam, Shaelyn, and Maeve; proud great grandmother of Olivia, Paige, and Tommy; dear sister of Marguerite Devereaux, the late Martin Moylan and the late Billie Long; fond aunt of numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Nolan was a graduate of St. Angela's Grammar School, Chicago, Trinity High School, River Forest and received her associate's degree from DePaul University. She was an active member of St. Catherine Labourer Church, Glenview where she was the co chairman of 'Port of Call' fundraisers. She loved to spend time in Lake Geneva playing golf, was an avid golfer and enjoyed organizing games with her girlfriends and grandchildren. She loved life and was dedicated to her family and friends. Visitation will be held Saturday, December 1 from 1pm until time of the Mass at 2:30pm at St. Catherine Labourer, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660 or El Nino Rey, C/O St. Norbert Parish, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062 are greatly appreciated. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Ostrow, Barbara Ruth

Mrs. Barbara Ruth (Hartstung) Ostrow, born April 24, 1931 in Chicago, passed away on November 23. Wife of the late Richard Ostrow and preceded in death by her twin sister, Harriet Spiesman, Barbara is survived by four children, James, Leonard, Jill and Joel, and eight grandchildren. An open house will be held at Joel's Oak Park home on Sunday. For details, contact Elegy at 847-368-1623. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Research Fund or March For Our Lives Foundation.

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Otto, Eileen Dwyer

(nee Hughes), ageless, was born into eternity on November 26th. Beloved wife of the late Jim Dwyer & the late Cliff Otto. Loving mother of Jim (Mary), Nancy (John) Hartrich, Ginger (Bob) Kelly, Lynn (Frank) Bernard, Bill (Sara) & Debi (John) Pope. Adoring grandmother of Brendan Dwyer, Erin (Dave) Paquette, Eileen (Dan) Simon, Nancy and Bob Kelly, Brian and Alexis Bernard, Kathryn (Mike) Giambra, Macklin & Margaret Dwyer. Special G.G. of Cameron, Halleigh, Connor, Avery & Falyn. Devoted daughter of the late; Matthew & Ellie Hughes. Kind sister of the late Mae Kelly. Fond aunt of Michael, Boots, Mary Eileen, John & Maureen. Dear friend of many. Visitation Thursday, November 29th from 4 until 9 p.m. Chapel prayers Friday, November 30th, 9:30 a.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Ovresat, Raymond C.

Raymond C. Ovresat, 92, of Wilmette, IL, at rest Friday, November 25, 2018. Beloved husband of Jane nee Wilkinson; father of David (Jaime) and Eric (Laura); grandfather of Alyssa, Dylan, Sarah and Samantha. Loving son of the late Raymond and Elizabeth Ovresat nee Nelson; dear brother of the late Elizabeth "Betty" (Wayne) Churchman and Jean (the late Lloyd) Churchman. Dear brother-in-law of the late Elizabeth (Richard) Fairgrieve. Fond uncle of Deborah, Calvin, the late John, Kathy, Scott, Nancy, Susan and the late Curt. Thank you to his caregivers, Mary & Kevin, Angelica, Mary Beth, Janine, Judy, Petra, Linda & Tara. Visitation Saturday, December 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m. until time of Funeral Service 5:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethesda Rehab & Senior Care, 2833 N. Nordica Ave., Chicago, IL 60634 or (773) 622-6144 or www.bethesdaseniorcare.org/donate. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Pagano, Roberto

Roberto Pagano of Westchester, formerly of La Grange Park, age 86. Beloved husband of the late Aurora, nee Carmignani; loving father of Robert (Anna); proud grandfather of Aubrie, Emilie, Julian and Emanuela; dear brother of Margherita and the late Franco, Rosa and Maria. Founding proprietor of Roberto's Ristorante & Pizzeria in Elmhurst. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. mass. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Scafidi, Richard Danca

Richard Danca Scafidi, age 77, of Forest Park; beloved husband of the late Anne Scafidi; loving father of Sarah (Jeff) Merkley and Katherine Scafidi; cherished grandpa of Henry; dear brother of Marisue (the late Mike) Hohnacki. Visitation Saturday December 1 from 10 a.m. until time of service 1 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Alliance for the Great Lakes (greatlakes.org) are appreciated. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Schnell, Gene W.

Gene W. Schnell, PhD, born January 27, 1924 in Wapakoneta, Ohio and passed away November 24, 2018. He was the beloved husband for 70 years of the late Janet Elizabeth Schnell nee Berg; loving father of Gary (Lorna), Bruce and Christine (John) Boyajian; cherished grandfather of Katie, Molly, the late John Andrew, Thomas, Kim, Eric, Kevin and Janie; proud great grandfather of Grace, Charlotte, Hunter and Blake. During WWII Gene was a pilot with the US Army Air Corps serving in the European Theater. This is where he met his wife, Janet and he proposed in Paris. They were married in Greenup, KY in 1946. They were members of Glenview United Methodist Church where he was active on various committees. Gene enjoyed golf and gardening. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Glenview United Methodist Church, Gene Schnell memorial fund, 727 Harlem Ave., Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Sophian, Leonard

Leonard Sophian, 92. Beloved husband of the late Loretta, nee Esador; devoted father of Jeff (Nancy) Sophian and Larry (Ardis) Sophian; cherished grandfather of Jason Sophian; dear brother of the late Lucille (late Jerry) Resnikoff; will be deeply missed by many nieces and nephews and special friend of the family Beverly (late Ted) Bakal. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org, or the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Taccogna, Kristin Wood

Kristin Wood Taccogna, age 39, the sweetest and most caring soul, passed away peacefully on November 25, 2018 surrounded by the love of her family. She is survived by her devoted husband and best friend, Dino Taccogna; her loving parents, Dan Wood and Patsy Miller Wood; her cherished brother, Justin (Bridget) Wood; her adored nieces and nephew, Ava Reese Wood, Gianluca and Giuliana DiStaola; her dear parents-in-law, Frank and Piera Taccogna; her special sisters-in-law, Anna (Alberto) DiStaola and Elisa Taccogna; her uncle, David (Joanne) Miller; cousins, Nicholas Miller and Jennifer Murdoch; uncles Allen Wood and Bruce Wood; as well as countless great friends. Visitation Thursday, November 29, 2:00 until 7:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. A celebration of Kristin's life will follow at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will be private. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Thoman, Pearl Mabel

Pearl Mabel Thoman (nee Hassert), age 99, a Naperville, IL resident for 75 years, passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Autumn Leaves Center, Bolingbrook, IL. Pearl was born on a farm in DuPage Township in Will County, IL, August 25, 1919. She served as Naperville Township Assessor from 1979-1986.

Visitation will take place Friday, November 30, 2018, 4:00-7:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL. Graveside services will be held Saturday, December 1, 10:00 AM at the family plot in Clarendon Hills Cemetery, 6900 Cass Ave, Darien, IL. Memorial Services will follow Saturday, 12:00 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, 21 E Franklin Ave., Naperville, IL 60540, (630) 355-1834.

For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Turnock, Colleen H.

Colleen H. Turnock (nee Hogan) age 70, Nov 25th. Beloved wife of Bernard J. Loving mother of Patrick (Brooke), Brian (Katherine), Kevin, Neil (Rose Mary), and Timothy (Katelyn). Dear grandmother of Caleb, Abigail, Nora, Maeve, Francis, Victoria, William, and Michael. Sister of Virginia (Peter) Woods, James, and Patrick (Mary) Hogan. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Member of Mount Carmel Mothers Club. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 South Western Ave to St. Barnabas Church 10134 South Longwood Dr. Chicago, for Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Kevin F. Kennelly Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Beverly Bank 10258 South Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60643. For info 773-238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Vicich, Irene M. "Bingo Irene"

Irene M. "Bingo Irene" Vicich, nee Maynerich, age 106. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Arleen (Glenn) Eisenhamer and the late Joseph Jr. (Leona); cherished grandmother of David and Anthony (Jennifer) Vicich and Jacqueline (Richard) Dwenger; dearest great-grandmother of Kaitlyn and Nicole; devoted daughter of the late Luke and Anna nee Sokach Maynerich; fond sister of Mary (the late James) O'Brien, the late Louis "Spider" (the late Hazel) Maynerich, Michael "Mish" Maynerich, Anne (the late Floyd) Schuster, Margaret (the late Clarence) Blauvelt, Frank (the late Agnes) Maynerich and Steve Maynerich; dear friend and Guardian Angel of Beverly Edson; also many nieces, nephews and many great friends. Member of St. Turibius Jolly Seniors, Spa, Golden Ages- St. Richards, Garden Club, AARP Chapter #4720, Civic Club, Lodge #32 Hrvatska Sloboda C.F.U., Heritage Benevolent and Pleasure Club, 23rd Ward Seniors, St. Anne's, Moose Lodge, Civic Seniors, Curie Seniors and Honorary Member of SAC. Funeral Saturday 8:30 a.m. from **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Turibius Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers masses appreciated. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. For info (773)767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com

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Voutes, Thomas

Thomas Voutes, age 93; WWII 140th Battalion U.S. Navy CB Carpenter's Mate 2nd Class served on Manus and Los Negros Islands in the South Pacific 1943-1946. Beloved husband of Eileen Mahoney; Loving father of Victoria Fielding and George (Lisa) Voutes; Proud grandpa of Vanessa, Emily and Kamryn; Great-grandpa of Kalea; Dear brother-in-law, uncle and a friend to many. Visitation Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Queen of Martyrs Church, 3600 West 103rd St., Evergreen Park, IL. Private Interment Abraham Lincoln Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to Wounded Warrior Project are most appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Walter Quinlan Funeral Directors**. Funeral info: 708-425-3700 or www.walterquinlanfuneraldirectors.com

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Wardynski, Matthew A.

Matthew A. Wardynski age 97; US Army Veteran WW II; Beloved husband of the late Martha nee Ydreo; Loving father of Edward, Thomas (Ellen) and the late Matthew (Jill); Proud grandpa of Jennie (Juan), Tim, Thomas, Michelle, Kim, Eddie, Matthew and Melina; Cherished great - grandpa of Steven "Jr", Timmy, Hailea, Jaiden, Ana, Alexis and Sawyer. Funeral Saturday 9:30am from the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. to St. Bernadette Church. Mass 10:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday 2-9pm. Member of Evergreen Park American Legion Post # 854 and Moose Lodge # 44. Matt was avid fisherman, gardener and reader. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Warfield, Mary Ruth

Mary Ruth Warfield, 91, of McHenry; loving daughter of the late George and Mayma Warfield; fond sister of the late Charles, Lucille, and Harold; dear aunt to the late George (the late Maria), Raymond (Alice) and Frances Bakst. Mary was a devoted Baptist who worked for Milwaukee Road Railroad for many years. Committal service will be held at 11am, Friday, at Glen Oaks Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Crystal Lake, 815-459-3411.



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Wick, Eileen R.

Eileen R. Wick, at rest October 28, 2018, devoted wife of Eugene E. Wick, beloved mother of Sharyon, Kathleen and Michael, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Memorial Visitation Saturday, December 1, 2018, 10:30 a.m. until Service 11:30 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park.

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Wojewocki, Leonard J.

Leonard J. Wojewocki, Age 95, passed away on Nov.11,2018. He was a Sgt. who served in the Marines during WWII--Marshall Islands and Okinawa. Survived by his loving wife Olga, nee Ivkovich, sons Leonard F. C.P.D.Ret.(Mary Ann), Kenneth(Carol), Grandson Tony Wojewocki, Granddaughters Carrie(Jake) Vidito, Sarah(Mike) Noble, and Great-grandson Easton Vidito, brother to Jean Nowobielski and his nieces.Retired Business Mgr. of UE Local 1114. A private memorial service was held at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Brenda Urbina Yecenia Urbina Javier Urbina

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ines Bacilio (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00855 18JA00853 18JA00854

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Camerino Urbina (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 30, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/12/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 28, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Carrion Clay Carriereale Clay Melanie Clay

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Crystal Smith (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00564 18JA00565 18JA00566

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 19, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/12/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 28, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Cleotha Shelton Jr.

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Taneisha Howard (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01009

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Cleotha Shelton Sr. (Father), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 15, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/18/2018, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **7 COURTROOM G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
E'Mon Dixon

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Miya Dixon (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00794

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Miya Dixon (Mother), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 17, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/18/2018, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **1 COURTROOM A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Gary Kamyshev

A MINOR
NO. 2018JD00588

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Unknown Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **April 11, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Steven Bernstein** in the Cook County 3rd Municipal Courthouse Located at 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows, Illinois on **12/11/2018 at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **73 COURTROOM 030**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
November 28, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
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ATTORNEY FOR:
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COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ja'Quana Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kiera Norwood (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00571

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 19, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/12/2018, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4 COURTROOM D**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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November 28, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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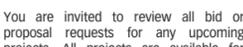
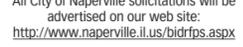
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PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

A local radio station once used the slogan "Less talk, more rock" in advertisements, an idea Cubs manager Joe Maddon seems willing to embrace in his walk year.

In an interview with the Tampa Bay Times, Maddon told Rays beat writer Marc Topkin he would be more hands-on with his players in 2019 at the expense of his pregame media sessions.

"I actually want to do less before the game — talking to the media and whatever — and try to get on the field more often," he said.

Less talk, more opposite-field hitting? Say it ain't so.

The new direction apparently is a response to what Theo Epstein said at the recent general manager meetings, where the Cubs president revealed there would be no contract extension talks with the manager until after the 2019 season and suggested Maddon would be more communicative with the "ultra-millennials" on the Cubs roster.

Turn to **Sullivan**, Page 2



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BULLS & BLACKHAWKS

Close to the Markk

Forward Lauri Markkanen practiced Tuesday for the first time since spraining his right elbow — and the Bulls sure could use him. **Page 3**

OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom

The Choice (and remember, death is not an option): Jimmy Butler calling his own play even though he knew interim coach Fred Hoiberg wanted something else or Zach LaVine calling his own play even though he knew interim coach Fred Hoiberg wanted something else? More, **Page 2**



GOLDEN KNIGHTS 8, BLACKHAWKS 3

Dylan Strome scores — but the Golden Knights score eight times in humiliating Hawks. **Page 3**

NU's Bowser is tough — just like his mom



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

Isaiah Bowser gets some of his toughness from his mother, Melissa, who played fast-pitch softball. He derives his confidence from her, too.

Asked about her son's rise from redshirt candidate to the focal point of Northwestern's offense, she replied: "I knew once he got a chance, there was no stopping him."

Bowser has keyed the revival of the Wildcats' rushing attack, which went into reverse after Jeremy Larkin had to medically retire after Week 3. Northwestern rushed for 28 yards against Michigan, eight versus Michigan State and a whopping 32 against Nebraska.

For the mathematically challenged, that's 68 yards over three games. Three inches and a cloud of dust.

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Northwestern vs. Ohio State

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- Another first: Fitzgerald named Big Ten Coach of the Year.
- Georgia, Oklahoma, Ohio State are 4-5-6 in rankings.
- Silver Football finalists revealed. Coverage, **Page 5**

BEARS AT GIANTS NOON SUNDAY, FOX-32



'THE LITTLE FELLA'

Slighted as he came up through the ranks, **Anthony Miller** sees big things with the Bears

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

Anthony Miller looks over the piece of paper, torn from a small notebook, and gives a quizzical look. The list is only three lines. But the names and numbers are unfamiliar to the Bears rookie.

- Johnny Morris: 356.
- Johnny Morris: 5,059.
- Ken Kavanaugh: 50.

Miller is told these are the Bears franchise records for catches, yards and touchdowns by a wide receiver, respectively.

Suddenly, this list has his full attention. Miller scans it over again. He lifts his head and nods.

"I can get that," he says. "I'm going to keep this actually."

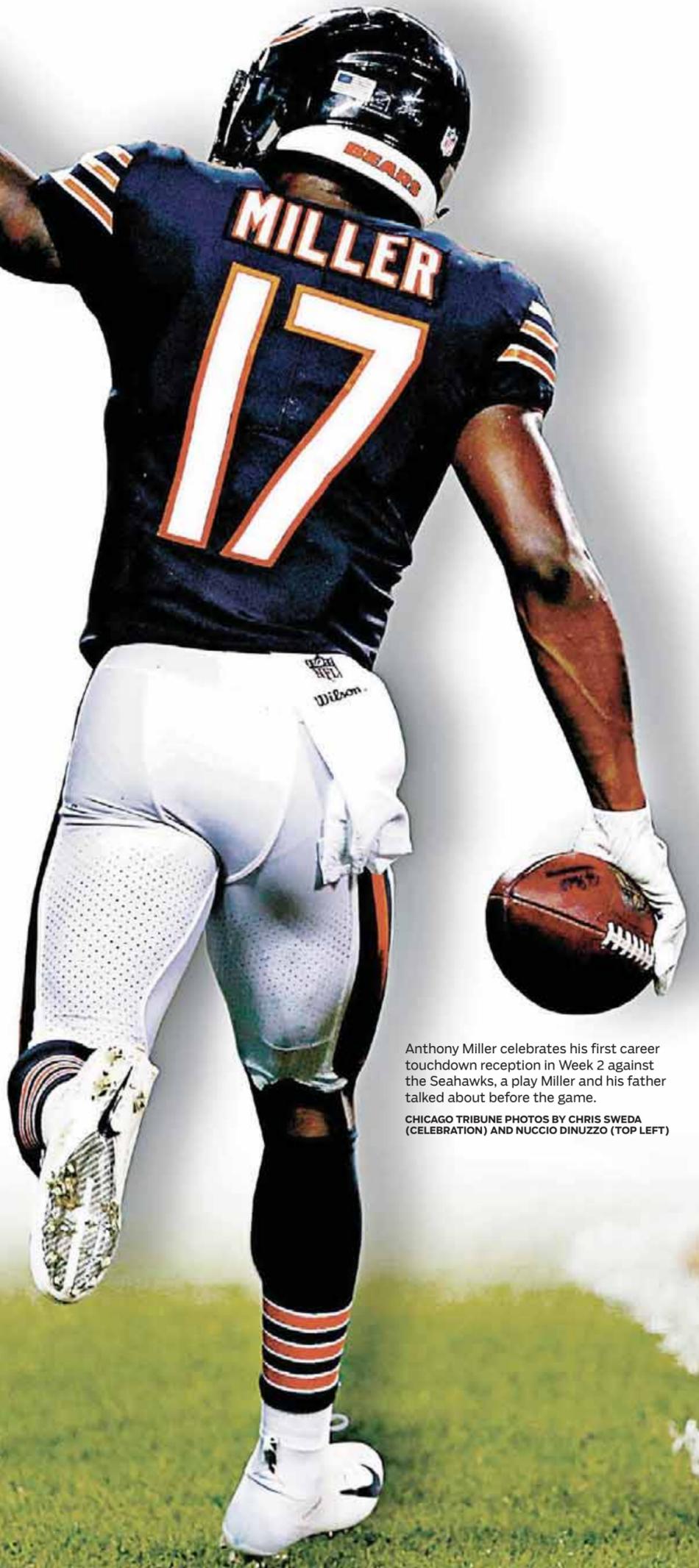
And with that he folds the paper in half and pushes it into his pants pocket.

"I can get all of these numbers," Miller repeats. "Honestly."

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BIG NUMBER

29 Receptions for Anthony Miller, fifth most on the Bears behind Taylor Gabriel (51), Tarik Cohen (47), Trey Burton (38) and Allen Robinson (36). Why is that number significant? It's the most receptions for the fifth-leading receiver on any of the league's division leaders. Matt Nagy's spread-it-around offense is working.



Anthony Miller celebrates his first career touchdown reception in Week 2 against the Seahawks, a play Miller and his father talked about before the game.

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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Bulls draw up another disaster

Let's play "What They Said," the new game that everybody's playing after the Bulls play a game.

OK, maybe not everybody's playing it. Maybe it's just us. Or maybe just me.

But whatever, playing "What They Said" works after the Bulls blow the game early or blow it late. So versatile, these bad and disrespectful Bulls.

After the loss to the Timberwolves last Friday — this new game always seems to begin with the phrase "After the loss to the ..." — Zach LaVine offered this after the Bulls scored just two points in the first 5:40 of the fourth quarter and shot 4-for-16 with five turnovers:

"We have stretches and do things out there that make you turn your head like, 'What the hell are we doing?' I wish we didn't do that."

Take a number, pal. We're all wishing that, but some of us have accepted the fate with undisciplined players and a neutered head coach protected by a failed front office.

Moving on, after the loss to the Heat last weekend in which the Bulls shot 2-for-19 in a wretched second quarter that also included nine turnovers and four blocked shots as they were outscored 32-13, Justin Holiday was asked if the Bulls were playing hard enough.

"No, we were not," Holiday said. "I don't know the reason."

One reason might be that there's no consequence for not playing hard — not from the front-office honchos whose inadequate talent evaluation is enabled, not from the coach who would draw a lot of blame if we thought anyone listened to him, not from the peer pressure of the apparently leaderless locker room, not from players' individual pride. Players get to hustle when they feel like it. Nice work if you can avoid it.

And then there was the loss to the Spurs on Monday night. LaVine had the ball in the closing seconds with the Bulls down a point, but he called off a screen ordered by his coach and chose not to attack the basket where he might have drawn a foul and earned free throws. Instead, he clanked a step-back 3-pointer.

"I think I can make it," LaVine said. "And I will make it in the future. It's on me. Coach put the confidence in me to make the right play. I appreciate that. I have to put the ball in the hoop."



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Zach LaVine and the Bulls are looking for answers after losing seven of their last eight games.

To recap, LaVine called off his coach's play, called off his teammate's screen and called off logic to take a bad shot, in case you had any questions about how a franchise regularly takes the bullet train to the lottery.

Lauri Markkanen was cleared for full practice, so, barring a setback to his right elbow, he will return next week and have a chance to say something lamentable after losses.

Tweet from Minnesota radio host Aaron Gleeman after the Timberwolves beat the Bulls on Saturday:
 "Timberwolves before and after the Jimmy Butler trade ...
 "Defensive Rating: Before — #28 After — #2

"Offensive Rating: Before — #17 After — #21
 "Net Rating: Before — #25 After — #8
 "Winning%: Before — .308 After — .714
 "You can't win without me."
 Yes, that was early in the Timberwolves' new incarnation, but around here we love a snark sample size.

Wizards guard John Wall verbally disrespected his coach and doesn't seem to work and play well with others. So, yeah, he would be a perfect trade replacement here for Butler.

What's up, Mark Olberding?

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ASK THE REPORTER MARK GONZALES

Markets watch: Cubs waiting for movement



When will the Cubs make a move?

Tom G.

The simple answer is when they feel the time is right. The market has been slow. If you look at some of their moves, they've been dictated by deadlines. Case in point was the decision to pick up the option on Cole Hamels on the fifth and final day after the World Series to negotiate with their own free agents. There was a huge sense of anticipation after Theo Epstein said it was time to value production over potential. There's still plenty of time to make moves. My sense is the trade market might move quicker than the free-agent market, although the Cubs signed free agents Brandon Morrow, Drew Smyly and Steve Cishek in a five-day span last December. And I wouldn't be surprised if they were to sign a reliever before making a trade.

What's your opinion of the least Joe Maddon needs to accomplish next season to be retained as manager beyond 2019? And if the Cubs are in trouble by midseason, do you think he'd be replaced before the season is over?

Garry W.

First, this team needs to remain in playoff contention. Maddon arguably did his best managing job in 2018, but he made some mistakes, such as the taxing of closer Brandon Morrow in the first half. Nevertheless, the standards are high — and should be. This is setting up to be a fascinating landscape. Maddon has plenty of mileage left as a manager, but I'd expect the roster to change dramatically if the Cubs don't at least reach the postseason in 2019. Maddon's plan, revealed in an interview with the Tampa Bay Times, is to coach more and talk less. One of Maddon's unheralded traits is his teaching, particularly when it comes to outfield play and batting techniques. Maddon's increased involvement should eliminate any private grumbling about him not talking to players. And the Cubs have many players with something to prove in 2019.

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 - 4 Plenty; more than enough
 - 9 Georgia ___; univ. in Atlanta
 - 13 ___ roast; cut of beef
 - 15 Hay bundles
 - 16 Sore
 - 17 Recipe verb
 - 18 Exhausted
 - 19 Actor Everett
 - 20 Arouse; stir up
 - 22 Ripped
 - 23 Deep mud
 - 24 Inventor Whitney
 - 26 Go higher
 - 29 The Mamas & the Papas member
 - 34 Knight's weapon
 - 35 Sulks
 - 36 Opening
 - 37 Afternoon socials
 - 38 Curtsied
 - 39 Skimpy skirt
 - 40 McMahon & Marinaro
 - 41 Disappeared
 - 42 Free-for-all
 - 43 Kept
 - 45 Cruise ships
 - 46 Floral wire service
 - 47 ___ belt; car safety feature
 - 48 Surgery memento
 - 51 Purse or hat
 - 56 "O ___, All Ye Faithful"
 - 57 Mealtimes
 - 58 Genuine
 - 60 King toppers
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 - 62 Indira's robe
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 - 65 Presidential monogram
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- 1 Fem. title
 - 2 Pitcher's delights
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 - 5 Sugar ___; New York's state tree
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- 39 Trusted counselors
- 41 In good shape
- 42 Hamm and Farrow
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- 48 Con game
- 49 ___-Cola
- 50 Singer and actor Ed ___
- 52 Weather forecast
- 53 Bedspring
- 54 ___ up on; study about
- 55 Linear measure
- 59 Be dishonest

A little less talk by Maddon a lot more boring

Sullivan, from Page 1

"I think he relishes this as a challenge and an opportunity to return to his roots where he's sort of in the middle of everything in the clubhouse that's going on," Epstein said. "And he's going to be re-energized by this challenge the way we all are."

Now that Maddon is entering what he called his "free agent" season, three years removed from ending the most famous drought in sports history, he'll be more involved with the ultra-millennials in the clubhouse while spending less time answering questions from the dinosaurs in the media.

That's certainly his prerogative, though we'll undoubtedly miss our time together.

Unlike most managerial press briefings, which veer from bland to blander, Maddon's pregame talks are must-attend affairs. After the Cubs clubhouse closes, while Maddon yaks in his office with the radio and TV broadcasters, a few dozen reporters typically wait for several minutes in a small, aseptic waiting room just for the 15-20 minutes of Maddonisms we'll eventually digest and spit out on the internet, over the air or in print.

The wait usually is worth it, but not because he's dispensing more information than his peers. Maddon can talk around player injuries or his pitching plans like any other manager. What separates him from the rest is his ability to give elaborate, interesting answers to relatively mundane questions, and sometimes go off on tangents that go straight to Twitter.

Here, for example, is Maddon's response late in the season to an innocuous question on Carl Edwards Jr.'s control issues:

"I think he's overthinking it again. The fact he was out (on the disabled list) for a little bit and came on back. ... The one thing I want him to really understand is to stop worrying about walking people and just go pitch. I think he's trying not to walk people so much he walks people. I've told him, 'Walk as many as you need to, I don't care.' But I think he's been too careful. The number is not too good on the board because he's too careful. Just go pitch. Don't overthink it. Make it simple. He has a natural cutter that plays against anybody and he has one of the best curveballs in the NL. Just do that. I just think he's overthinking it."

Whether telling his control-challenged reliever to "walk as many as you need to" was good advice is debatable, but the fact Maddon was willing to dispense that unconventional wisdom instead of keeping it under wraps is what makes him a media darling.



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Joe Maddon says he'll focus more on on-field coaching than talking to the media.

If Maddon is sincere about his plan to cut back on his pre-game media sessions, which generally last 15-20 minutes, we'll be missing out on gems like that, not to mention full-metal rants about "plastic" ESPN analyst Alex Rodriguez or the antiquated thinking of old school Pirates manager Clint Hurdle.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Would we still get to hear about the latest episode of "The Office" Maddon watched the previous night on his iPad, or some recollections of his old days in Hazleton, Pa.? Do we really want to live in a world where time constraints limit Maddon to discuss baseball and baseball only?

How boring would that be? Of course, the media is somewhat to blame for the lengthy press conferences. Some of us ask technical questions that never see that the light of day in print or on sports-talk radio. Some ask a handful of questions in one briefing, extending the press conference far longer than necessary, as everyone rolls their eyes. Maddon's biggest problem is he's willing to answer any and all questions, no matter how silly or repetitive.

Epstein once joked that the local media should pay part of his salary since he's so invaluable to our work. Alas, the end of the golden era seemingly is near, and we'll just have to make due with less Joe in 2019.

How much less is to be determined, but let's say he reduces the time by half, giving the media 7 to 10 minutes instead of 15 to 20 so he can teach Anthony Rizzo how to beat the shift. If the Cubs win the World Series, it will be time well spent. If not, maybe he'll be gone.

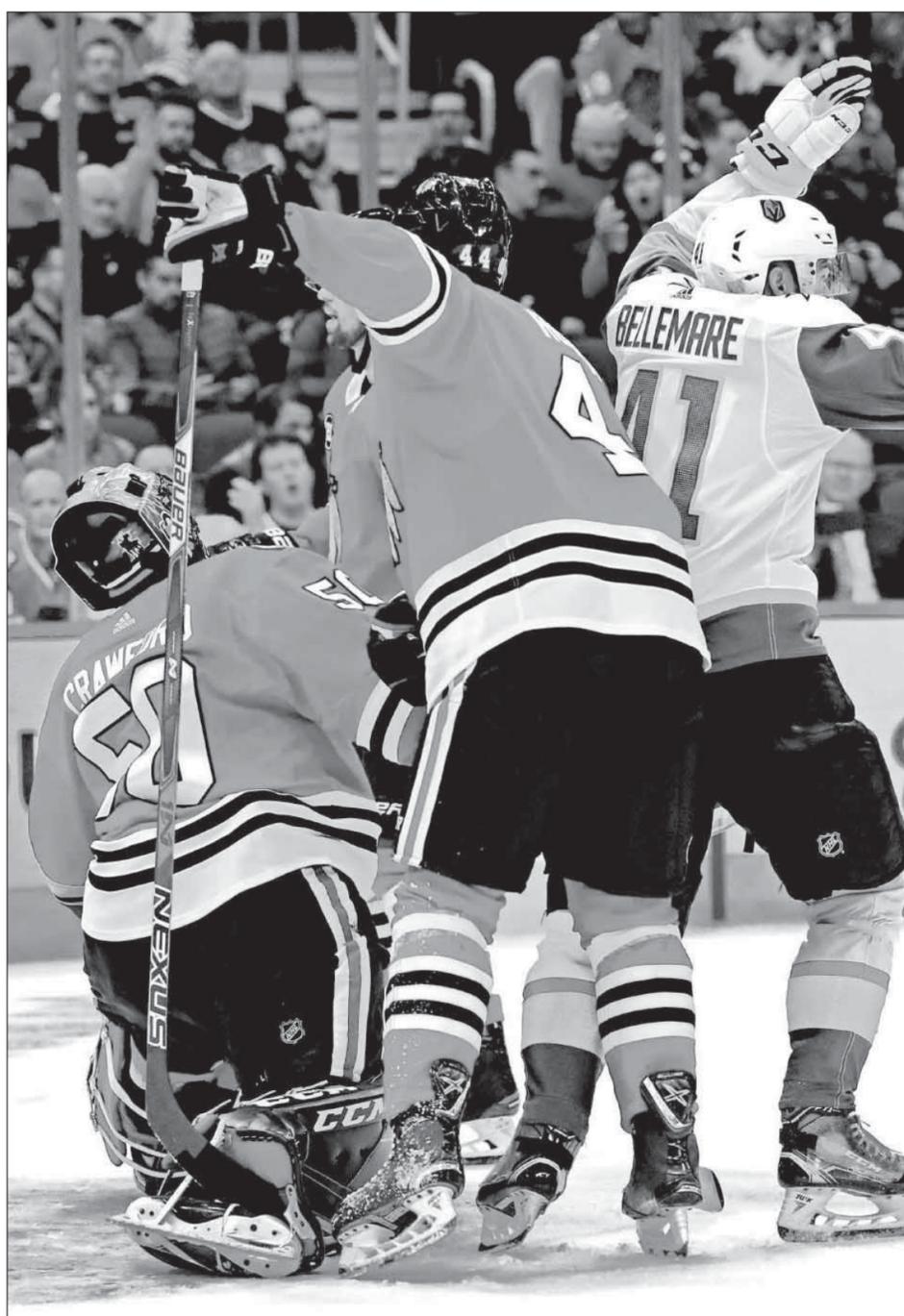
Near the end of the 2017 season, I asked Maddon if Chicago was his last stop, or could he envision managing elsewhere after his contract ended.

"Not really, no," he replied. "I hope not. I don't want to. We'll see how long everybody wants to stay together — keep the band together — and then I don't even know what the next thing (would be). I know my age indicates it should be, but hopefully keep it rolling right."

Will less talk lead to a longer stay for Maddon?
 Stay tuned.

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BLACKHAWKS



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Pierre-Edouard Bellemare celebrates the Golden Knights' fifth goal against Corey Crawford (50).

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 8, BLACKHAWKS 3

It's getting old

New faces step in, but same script leads to familiar outcome

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Want the good news first? Dylan Strome scored a goal in his first game with the Blackhawks.

Now look away, because it's all downhill from here.

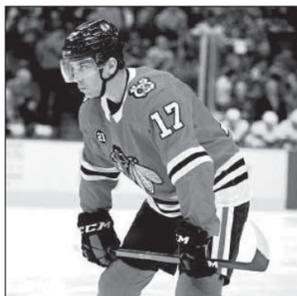
The Hawks once again got off to a bad start but instead of keeping things close they were battered, bruised and embarrassed Tuesday night in an 8-3 loss to the Golden Knights at the United Center.

"It's tough to stay positive and have the right body language when you're getting spanked in your own building," Jonathan Toews said.

Corey Crawford was chased for the first time this season after giving up six goals on 30 shots through two periods. Cam Ward saw 13 shots and gave up the final two goals. The Hawks were outshot 43-24 for the game.

"We share this right from the coaches to the players to the goaltenders," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "We're all in this together. And no one's satisfied."

Alex DeBrincat and Strome played on a line together in Strome's first game since coming over in the trade with Brendan Perlini that sent Nick Schmaltz to



Dylan Strome, who later scored, sets up for play at a faceoff in the first period Tuesday night.

the Coyotes. Patrick Kane played alongside the old Erie Otters teammates and the new linemates looked comfortable together.

They created several scoring chances in the first period, and in the second Strome scored his first goal with the Hawks off assists from Kane and DeBrincat. Strome also had an assist on Erik Gustafsson's third-period goal.

"I should have had a couple more goals in the first period," Strome said. "But that's the way it goes and just have to find a way to put some more in the net next game."

The Hawks (9-11-5) now have been outscored 11-1 in the first period over their last four games.

"We have to be better from the puck drop," Brent Seabrook said. "We just have to be better. It's just not acceptable to be playing the

way we're playing. Starting off games (like that), obviously that puts us behind and we're fighting back the rest of the game."

The Golden Knights' Daniel Carr got things started 2 minutes, 10 seconds into the game. The Hawks thought they tied it three minutes later on a Dominik Kahun rebound but the Knights challenged and Kahun was ruled to have been offside, wiping out the goal.

Things went south fast from there.

The Knights went up 2-0 on an unassisted goal, though Toews and Crawford could have been credited with helpers. Toews sent a pass to the point but with no defenseman there it went all the way back into the Hawks' zone. Crawford retrieved it behind his net and tried to clear it but it went right to Alex Tuch, who took a few strides in before scoring his eighth goal of the season.

Cody Eakin made it 3-0 with 3:46 left in the first and the Hawks closed out the period with possibly their worst power play of the season. They were never able to get set up, didn't get a shot on goal and iced it once.

"We'll be pissed off about it, we'll be angry and we have to be better," Toews said.

"We can just focus on the next one."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Spreading scoring boosts confidence

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
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There's no question that the two points the Blackhawks picked up was the best thing to come out of their 5-4, come-from-behind overtime victory over the Panthers on Saturday.

The fact five different players scored in the game was a close second.

The stars (Patrick Kane, Alex DeBrincat) scored, the depth guys (David Kampf, Alexandre Fortin) scored and the offensive defenseman (Erik Gustafsson) scored.

Kane, DeBrincat, Brandon Saad and Jonathan Toews have combined for 41 of the Hawks' 65 goals entering Tuesday's game against the Golden Knights, so there's still work to do. But it's a start.

"I don't care who you are, if you're a stay-at-home D-man or whatever, if you score a goal and get in on the offense it gives you confidence to play well through the rest of your game," Toews said. "It was nice to get a bunch of our guys feeling good. As a team it makes you feel like, hey, we all play the right way. Every line can contribute."

Bowman on Boqvist: Adam Boqvist, the eighth overall pick in the 2018 draft, has been on fire for the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights. The 18-year-old defenseman had five goals in three games last week and is up to 19 points (six goals, 13 assists) in 19 games.

"The biggest thing with Adam is just getting acclimated to the game in North America and the

rink and the lifestyle, you know, the culture, speaking English every day," Hawks general manager Stan Bowman said. "Hockey-wise, his talent level is so noticeable. If you go watch a game and didn't know who is a good player, and you were just a casual fan, you would say, 'That guy there, watch him, he does something every shift.' He stands out."

One-timers: Defenseman Brandon Davidson underwent surgery on his right knee Tuesday and is expected to be out for six to eight weeks. ... Henri Jokiharju missed Tuesday's game because of an illness. Chris Kunitz and Andreas Martinsen were healthy scratches. ... Hawks head coach Jeremy Colliton said his contract runs through the 2020-21 season.

BULLS

Markkanen can ease the pain

Finally back at practice, star forward nearing a return date but admits 'it has been tough'

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Markkanen

Lauri Markkanen said it's "impossible to say" how long it will take for him to find his game rhythm when he makes his season debut, which, barring a setback, is nearing.

The versatile power forward practiced Tuesday for the first time since spraining his right elbow in September.

It's quite possible, though, to say how much the Bulls offense misses Markkanen, who added 16 pounds of muscle with designs to improve upon a banner rookie season. The 7-foot Finnish forward averaged 15.2 points and 36.2 percent 3-point shooting while earning first-team All-Rookie honors.

Even with rookie Wendell Carter Jr. making an impact and Zach LaVine averaging a career-high 25.7 points, the Bulls offense ranks last in the NBA with an offensive rating of 101 points per 100 possessions.

"It has been tough," Markkanen said of watching the losing and widespread injuries that also have claimed Kris Dunn, Bobby Portis and Denzel Valentine. "But I've been trying to just learn as much as I can. You definitely learn more about what the team needs when you're out of the game."

"Hopefully, I can help the team a lot. Just doing the basics — get the pace up, stuff like that. Trying my best."

Markkanen said he has lost only "a couple pounds" of the muscle he added during the offseason and is confident in his shot. Watching film, he even has noticed a difference in his form from when he started shooting in the rehabilitation process to now.

"Couple weeks back, I couldn't shoot 3s," he said. "It was just short range. But it didn't feel normal then. So I kept doing it and got movement back. Day by day, it feels better. When I first started, I thought I was extending my arm like normal. But I kind of automatically cut it short a little bit so it wouldn't

hurt. But now I've been getting to my normal shot. And it feels normal."

Which should, in turn, make the Bulls offense more normal. In particular, the Bulls can lessen their reliance on LaVine, who consistently has been

drawing double teams.

Markkanen isn't worried about his fit with LaVine.

"Obviously, I see how Zach plays," Markkanen said. "Everyone on the team isn't worried about their own shots. And that's how I feel. I'm just looking forward to getting back out there."

The plan for when Markkanen makes his debut is simple. Integrate him fully in each practice and shootaround and, if he feels any pain, scale back. Hoiberg said Markkanen will need "at least a week" to get "multiple practices" under his belt.

Counting Tuesday, the Bulls have three practices scheduled before the Dec. 4 road game against the Pacers, which has been discussed internally for Markkanen's return.

Hoiberg is confident Markkanen will be honest in his assessment of how he feels physically.

"He has had moments where he has gone to the trainers and said, 'I felt a little something,'" Hoiberg said. "We all have to have some patience throughout this process as he works himself back after missing as much time as he has."

Markkanen wore an elbow sleeve as he addressed reporters. But that's a far cry from the bulky brace he sported after suffering the injury on the third day of training camp.

"It's kind of hard to explain, but there is good pain and bad pain," Markkanen said. "So I can tell by myself if it actually hurts or if it's just soreness. I know it by myself whether it's good or not."

Markkanen's return can help ease the pain of the Bulls' offensive struggles.

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BULLS NOTES

Shooting star: Holiday knocking down records

BY K.C. JOHNSON
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In Monday's game against the Spurs, Justin Holiday broke Kirk Hinrich's Bulls record by making at least one 3-pointer in his 32nd straight game.

Holiday also tied the franchise record shared by Craig Hodges and Lauri Markkanen with his sixth straight game of at least three 3-pointers. And he can tie Nikola Mirotic's franchise record Wednesday in Milwaukee if he makes at least four 3-pointers for the fourth straight time.

Surely, Holiday wants to hear about all these shooting streaks.

"No, no, I don't want to know," Holiday pleaded. "Don't tell me. Please don't. Ignorance is bliss."

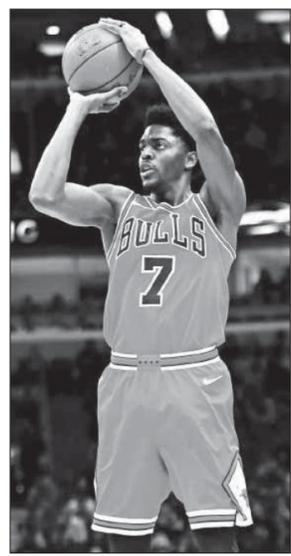
Holiday wasn't joking either. He didn't want to know.

Holiday is shooting 41.4 percent on 77 attempts per game, both career highs. He is 11th in the league in 3-point attempts per game, and of the 10 players ahead of him, only the Warriors' Stephen Curry — at 49.2 — has a better percentage.

So this is serious stuff.

"To be honest, this summer I worked a lot more on putting the ball on the floor and finishing around the basket than shooting the 3-ball," Holiday said. "I have found that getting myself comfortable doing those other things have freed me. I know I can shoot."

"I want to be even more consistent. I've shot the ball well. But I feel I should've made more than I did. That's how I'm always thinking. I guess that's the way I've become more consistent is to always have that thought: 'You have to be better than this.'"

Mind over matter: Ryan Arcidiacono scored the Bulls' only six points over the final 5 minutes, 58 seconds of Monday's loss. He did so after asking seeking attention from the trainers during a fourth-quarter rest.NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Justin Holiday has made at least one 3-pointer in a Bulls-record 32 consecutive games.UP NEXT | Bulls at Bucks
7 p.m. Wednesday, WGN-9

"I had a heat pack on because I took a knee to the thigh," Arcidiacono said. "But I got up because I don't want to show any signs of weakness. I got hit pretty good, but I felt pretty good afterward."

Of course, Arcidiacono also missed the game-winning baseline jumper at the buzzer, an off-balance fallaway after he stole the inbound pass. He focused more on that than his career-high 22 points.

"I'm tough on myself," Arcidiacono said. "I should've made that. I thought it was good."

Layups: Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis participated in the non-contact portions of practice. ... Wednesday marks the Bulls' third — and final — trip to Milwaukee already, which also featured one preseason game.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEVADA 79, LOYOLA 65

Ramblers can't find the magic

Wolf Pack simply too much for Loyola in Sweet 16 rematch

By SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

In a shootaround before Tuesday night's Sweet 16 rematch, Nevada coach Eric Musselman pointed out Loyola's Final Four banner hanging from the Gentile Arena rafters. He even included it as a long still shot in a pregame video that played off a projector in the visiting locker room as the Wolf Pack dressed for the game.

After the game, Loyola coach Porter Moser told his players to take a long look at Nevada.

"That's where we want to be," Moser told each player as he checked out of the game.

The March Madness upset of Nevada — a string of many en route to the Final Four — was a distant memory Tuesday night at Gentile Arena.

While Loyola's Marques Townes hit a flurry of shots as the Ramblers flirted with the idea of a comeback in the closing minutes, they could not replicate last season's magic in a rematch against No. 5 Nevada, falling 79-65 before a hopeful sellout crowd that cheered until the final buzzer.

Last season, the Ramblers knocked off the Wolf Pack with a stunning 69-68 victory when Townes sealed the NCAA tournament victory with a timely 3-pointer. But Nevada (7-0) is, according to Moser, "bigger, older, stronger" and was out for blood against the Ramblers.

"We had a chip on our shoulders," said Caleb Martin, who led the Wolf Pack with 21 points. "We had something to prove."

The Ramblers (4-3) aren't the same team as last season — a fact they willingly acknowledge. Gone are stars such as Donte Ingram, Aundre Jackson and Ben Richardson. Instead they are working on developing depth with young players around their core four returnees — meaning some misfired passes, off-the-mark shooting and a lack of defensive awareness.

Moser said he plays Townes (24 points in 37 minutes) and point guard Clayton Custer (10 points, 37 minutes) far too much. Loyola may have more issues if the X-ray on Lucas Williamson's hand shows a break from an injury during the game.



Nevada's Cody Martin, above, grabs the ball over the Ramblers' Clayton Custer in the first half after Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, left, received a Final Four ring.

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beat him for a layup only to extend his reach to block the shot.

"If you do get to the rim, there are three sets of arms to block you," Moser said, describing the Wolf Pack's six blocks.

Townes, who scored 18 points in last season's game, tried to will the Ramblers back on Tuesday night, shooting 9 of 19 and grabbing nine rebounds to go with his game-high 24 points. He led the way in cutting the Wolf Pack's 20-point lead to 71-60 with 2 minutes, 23 seconds left.

Moser's postgame message was about the future.

"Keep being obsessed with getting better," Moser said. "In the locker room we talked about that. We just saw (in Nevada) where we want to go."

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NOTRE DAME 76, ILLINOIS 74

Last shot rims out as Illini fall to Irish

By LAMOND POPE | Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Illinois guard Trent Frazier's shot went up.

As the ball was in the air, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey thought, "If that goes in and we lose, I've got a lot of psyches to deal with."

The Irish led by two points in the closing seconds of Tuesday night's Big Ten/ACC Challenge game at Purcell Pavilion. Frazier raced up the court and launched a potential winning 3-pointer from about 25 feet.

"I thought that shot was three-quarters of the way down," Illini coach Brad Underwood said. "I had a pretty good line on it and I thought it was in."

The ball rimmed in, then fell out, and Notre Dame survived for a 76-74 victory in their first time hosting the Illini since 1955.

"To escape," Brey said, "we'll take it."

T.J. Gibbs and D.J. Harvey each scored 19 points for the Irish (6-1). Juwan Durham had a breakout game off the bench with 10 points and five blocked shots.

"You just know that you've always got to stay ready, no matter what," Durham said. "If you let sitting on the bench get to you, then you'll never be ready. You've just got to stay ready and motivated."

Durham, a 6-foot-11 junior who sat out last season after transferring from Connecticut, established a career high in points.

"For him to come in and do that, he deserves it," Brey said. "And in the midst of it, as I'm watching it, we're up double digits and then here they come making a run. I'm thinking, 'Don't spoil this kid's coming out party with us getting beat.' He was fabulous. Hopefully we can build on that."

The Illini (2-5) did all they could to make a game of it.

"All in all, I'm a bad loser and I don't feel great about it, but this young team is continuing to grow," Underwood said.

Aaron Jordan led Illinois with 23 points and Giorgi Bezhanishvili added 22 before both fouled out. Notre Dame made 24 of 39 free throws while the Illini were 13 of 15.

■ Illinois freshman guard Tevian Jones did not dress and has been suspended indefinitely from game competition due to a violation of team rules, Underwood said.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

Buckeyes still playing from behind

Ohio State jumps to No. 6 but needs help with Georgia (4) and Oklahoma (5) ahead

BY MATT MURSCHER | Orlando Sentinel

Georgia moved a step closer to returning to the College Football Playoff, moving into the top four in the rankings released Tuesday.

Alabama (12-0) continued its hold on the top spot for the fifth consecutive week, followed by No. 2 Clemson (12-0) and No. 3 Notre Dame (12-0).

The No. 4 spot opened after Michigan lost to Ohio State on Saturday.

Georgia (11-1), which was ranked fifth last

week, moved up after an impressive 45-21 win over rival Georgia Tech. Whether the Bulldogs remain a factor in the playoff race remains to be seen, with the team facing Alabama on Saturday in the SEC championship game in Atlanta.

Oklahoma (11-1) sits at No. 5 after knocking off West Virginia to earn a spot in this week's Big 12 championship game, a highly anticipated rematch against Texas.

Ohio State (11-1) leaped four spots to No. 6 following its 62-39 win over the Wolverines. The Buckeyes will try to make their case for a semifinal bid with a win over Northwestern in the Big Ten title game Saturday.

Playoff selection committee chairman Rob Mullens said there was the typical

discussion among the selection committee members about spots four, five and six.

"There was a lot of discussion about Georgia, about Oklahoma and about Ohio State, and in the end the committee voted Georgia four, Oklahoma five and Ohio State six," Mullens said.

Michigan (10-2), which dropped to No. 7 this week, saw its playoff hopes dashed and must wait for a spot in a New Year's Six access bowl game.

Central Florida (11-0) moved up to No. 8 after extending its nation-leading winning streak to 24 games with a victory over South Florida on Friday. The Knights, however, lost star quarterback McKenzie Milton, who suffered a catastrophic leg injury.

Mullens confirmed the committee discussed the injury and the play of backup Darriel Mack Jr.

"UCF outscored South Florida 28-10 with the backup quarterback in there, and we're also aware that UCF played with the backup quarterback in the East Carolina game," Mullens said.

"While they may have had to change their approach, it was still effective and they won a game 38-10."

This is the fifth of the six weekly rankings released by the committee, with the final standings to be revealed Dec. 2. Those rankings will determine the four semifinalists along with the teams participating in the remainder of the New Year's Six bowl games.

Bowser shows toughness, confidence

Greenstein, from Page 1

Bowser became the featured back the following Saturday, at Rutgers. The 18-15 win was no work of art, but the Wildcats rushed for 128 yards, including 108 and two touchdowns for Bowser.

Over the last six weeks, Bowser has chewed up 734 rushing yards (122.3 per game), 12th most in the nation during that span. He averaged 9.2 yards per carry Saturday against Illinois, the most for any NU rusher since Noah Herron's 9.6 in against the Illini in 2003.

"He's a house," NU linebacker Blake Gallagher said. "He runs hard. He puts his head down and finishes runs."

Bowser is 6-foot-1 and a rugged 216 pounds. They don't make freshmen like they used to.

"I saw it in spring ball," receiver Ben Skowronek said. "Zay" come in, he runs hard. He's a physical back. Instead of running around you, he will run through you. He gets us pumped up.

"I was blocking on one run, I turned my head and Zay lowered his shoulder right into this dude and he flew back. That's the mindset he has, the mentality he brings. And I really think it helps our offense get going."

Bowser's maternal grandfather played catcher on the diamond. So did Melissa, who said: "Nobody could steal a base on me because I could throw them out."

Bowser began doing pushups and situps at age 5. Then he started wrestling.

"He probably weighed 125-130 as a freshman (in high school)," Melissa said. "He was this tiny little turd, and in the gym he couldn't do anything. Then he got massive. Everyone was like, Wow."

Bowser hails from Ohio State country: Sidney, Ohio, about 80 miles west of Columbus.

So how perfect is it that Northwestern will face the Buckeyes on Saturday in the Big Ten title game?

"Growing up, everybody is a huge Ohio State fan," Bowser said. "It will be cool to play them and, hopefully, to beat them."

Ohio State recruiters were interested enough in Bowser to invite him to some camps. But that was it.

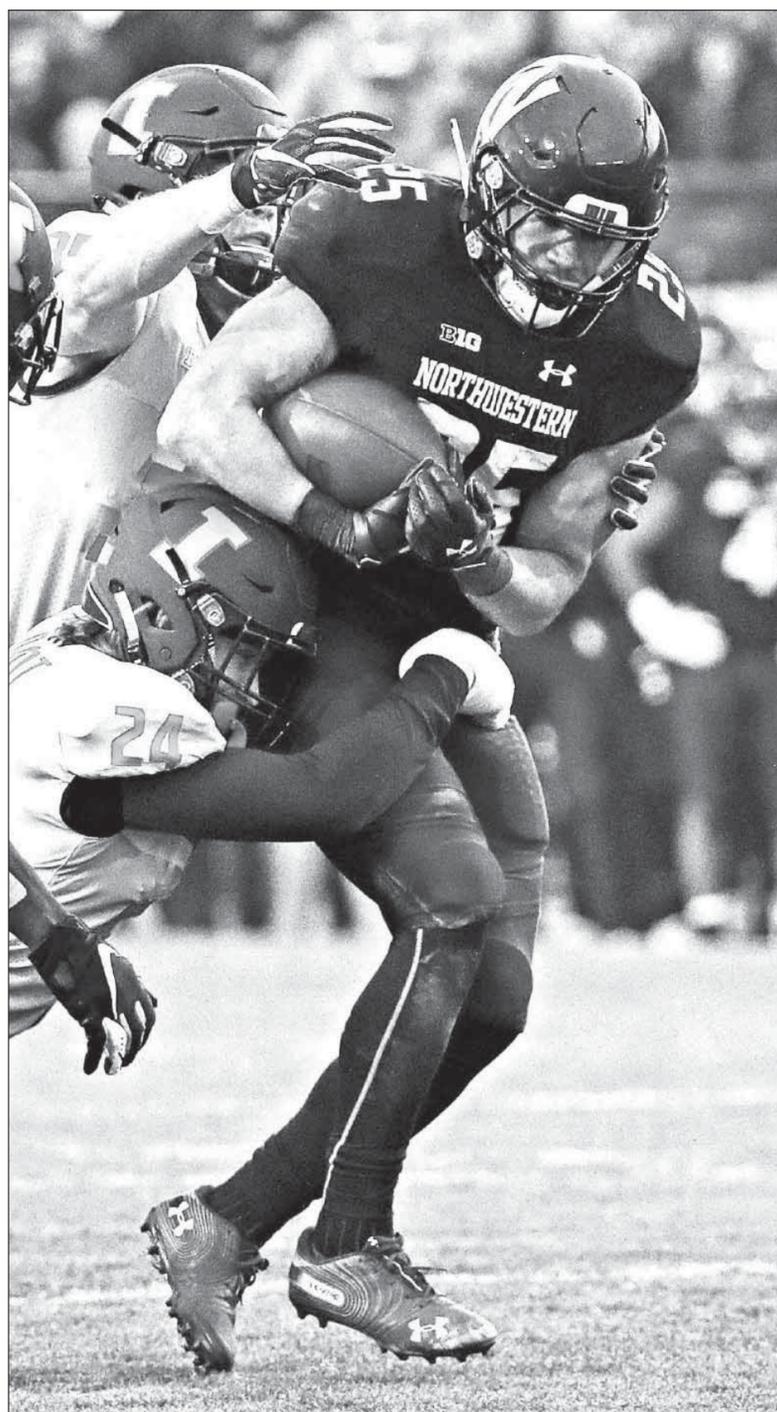
Despite his size and productivity (2,695 rushing yards as a senior), nearly every Power Five school shunned him. The honor roll student considered Harvard and Yale along with Cincinnati, Navy, Air Force and several MAC schools.

He visited several schools and, as Melissa put it, "when he got to Northwestern, he loved it."

Now Northwestern loves him. And needs him.

Gary Barnett, who coached Northwestern to the 1996 Rose Bowl, said Bowser runs like a Weeble — an egg-shaped children's toy from the 1970s that does not tip over.

"You can't knock him off his feet," Barnett said. "He's a tough kid with good



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY-APP

Isaiah Bowser is being compared favorably with former Northwestern star Darnell Autry.

balance. He won't outrun many, but he can get the tough yards. And that's what offensive linemen appreciate. Darnell (Autry) ran as hard as they blocked."

Autry, of course, is the NU legend who rushed for 1,785 yards in 1995.

You want to quantify toughness? Autry carried it 387 times that season in 12 games.

Asked if he sees parallels between Autry and Bowser, Fitzgerald replied: "I don't know about that (but) Bowser is tough. And, man, D.A. was tough. Tough as nails. I don't remember D.A. practicing a lot

during the week. I.B. is still a young pup. He goes every rep every day. He doesn't get a choice; that's a mandate from the head coach.

"I think that's a cool angle, but Darnell Autry was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy. This kid has started four games. No statues yet. D.A. doesn't even have a statue. He should, but he doesn't. We don't do that around here."

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Fitzgerald receives top honors

Northwestern coach wins his 1st Big Ten award

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Chicago Tribune

Having never been named Big Ten Coach of the Year, Pat Fitzgerald was in fine company. Jim Tressel, Lloyd Carr and Urban Meyer also never received that recognition.

But it's more fun to win, right?

Fitzgerald on Tuesday was named the league's top coach by the league's coaches and media, winning unanimously. Michigan's Jim Harbaugh also had a great case until Ohio State drilled his team.

Fitzgerald's crew won the Big Ten West, going 8-1 in league play with a three-point loss to Michigan. That Michigan loss came just days after the Wildcats lost the services of Jeremy Larkin, who had to medically retire. Larkin was the team's top rusher, top pass-catcher and its option quarterback on the goal line.

Fitzgerald kept the team together after a 1-3 start. He dealt with an unusual situation at quarterback early in the season when Clayton Thorson had to sit out certain series to ease the workload on his reconstructed knee.

Northwestern never has the most talent, having signed just two four-star recruits (via the 247sports.com composite) over the last four seasons. (Larkin, a three-star, was the highest-rated member of the 2016 class.)

Fitzgerald also had to pull out some motivational tricks to get his players up for the Minnesota game after the Wildcats had clinched the West at Iowa. Fitzgerald played the no-respect card, insisting they should be ticked off about being listed as underdogs.

"I very rarely use external motivators," Fitzgerald said. "I threw the guys a curveball. It worked."

With Saturday's Big Ten title game looming, Fitzgerald rested his starters for much of the game against Illinois. The Wildcats gutted out a 24-16 victory.

Last year Northwestern announced it had extended the contract of Fitzgerald, a former Wildcats All-America linebacker, for 10 seasons.

Needless to say, the school has no buyer's remorse.

Athletic director Jim Phillips called Fitzgerald winning the award a "huge deal. No question he is deserving of it. He always deflects the recognition. But he is the leader of this operation."

Northwestern coaches have been voted coach of the year four times previously since the award was first given in 1972. Randy Walker won in 2000, Gary Barnett in 1995 and '96 and Dennis Green in 1982.

SILVER FOOTBALL

Tribune reveals Final 5 — also, it was a tight battle at the top

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Chicago Tribune

The winner of the 2018 Chicago Tribune Silver Football was not determined until the 14th and final vote was cast Sunday. That's how close it was.

An unusually high nine players were named on ballots. Six received first-place votes. Big Ten head coaches do the voting, selecting a first- and second-place choice for the conference's best player.

The finalists represent five schools. All received at least two first-place votes.

They are, in alphabetical order, Michigan linebacker Devin Bush Jr., Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins, Penn State quarterback Trace McSorley, Purdue receiver Rondale Moore and Wisconsin tailback Jonathan Taylor.

Haskins and Taylor dominated statistically. Haskins leads the nation with 42 touchdown passes, and Taylor is tops in the FBS with 1,989 rushing yards.

The slippery Moore leads the nation with 103 catches, but the freshman's greatness is better measured in the number of times people watched him and wondered, "How did he do that?"

SILVER FOOTBALL FINALISTS

- Devin Bush Jr., Michigan
- Dwayne Haskins, Ohio State
- Trace McSorley, Penn State
- Rondale Moore, Purdue
- Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin

McSorley's passing numbers fell in 2018 (from a 66.5 completion percentage and 3,570 yards to 53.4 percent and 2,284), but coaches realized his cast of pass catchers dropped in quality after the departures of DaeSean Hamilton, Mike Gesicki and Saquon Barkley.

Bush was the heart of the Big Ten's best defense, an all-around force who registered 79 tackles and five sacks.

Three other Wolverines received votes: defensive linemen Rashaan Gary and Chase Winovich and quarterback Shea Patterson. Michigan State linebacker Joe Bachie was named on one ballot.

The Silver Football, first won by Red Grange, dates to 1924.

The Tribune will reveal this year's winner Friday, on the eve of the conference title game in Indianapolis between Ohio State and Northwestern.

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NBA							
6 p.m.	Knicks at 76ers						NBA TV
7 p.m.	Bulls at Bucks		WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670				
9 p.m.	Magic at Trail Blazers						NBA TV
5:30 p.m.	Miami (Ohio) at Xavier						FS1
6 p.m.	UIC at St. Joseph's						NBCSCH
6 p.m.	Richmond at Georgetown						CBSSN
6:15 p.m.	Syracuse at Ohio State						ESPN2
6:15 p.m.	Rutgers at Miami						ESPNU
6:15 p.m.	Virginia at Maryland						ESPN
7 p.m.	Cleveland State at DePaul						FS2, WYLL-AM 1160
7:30 p.m.	Montana at Creighton						FS1
8:15 p.m.	Ga. Tech at Northwestern						ESPN, WGN-AM 720
8:15 p.m.	Purdue at Florida State						ESPN2
8:30 p.m.	North Carolina at Michigan						ESPN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL							
6 p.m.	Virginia at Michigan State						BTN
8 p.m.	Duke at Wisconsin						BTN
GOLF							
8:30 p.m.	Australian Championship						Golf Channel
2:30 a.m.	Mauritius Open						Golf Channel
NHL							
6 p.m.	Blues at Red Wings						NBCSN
8:30 p.m.	Penguins at Avalanche						NBCSN
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER							
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NHL

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Tampa Bay	25	17	7	1	35	93	71	10-4-0	7-3-1	5-2-0		
Toronto	25	17	8	0	34	88	64	8-5-0	9-3-0	3-2-0		
Boston	24	13	7	4	30	67	59	8-2-0	5-5-4	6-2-1		
Montreal	25	11	9	5	27	77	83	6-5-2	5-4-3	2-3-4		
Detroit	24	10	11	3	23	68	80	6-5-2	4-6-1	2-5-1		
Ottawa	25	10	12	3	23	89	107	7-4-2	3-8-1	5-5-1		
Florida	22	9	9	4	22	73	81	4-3-2	5-6-2	2-1-2		
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Washington	24	14	7	3	31	84	74	7-3-2	7-4-1	4-2-1		
Columbus	24	14	8	2	30	84	78	6-4-1	8-4-1	3-2-1		
N.Y. Rangers	25	13	10	2	28	75	76	10-4-0	3-6-2	2-4-1		
Carolina	24	12	9	3	27	65	67	7-4-2	5-5-1	3-3-1		
N.Y. Islanders	23	12	9	2	26	72	68	6-3-2	6-6-0	9-2-0		
Pittsburgh	23	10	8	5	25	78	74	5-5-2	5-3-3	2-4-1		
New Jersey	22	9	10	4	22	69	80	7-1-3	2-9-1	4-9-1		
Philadelphia	24	10	12	2	22	72	86	5-7-1	5-5-1	2-3-0		

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CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV		
Nashville	25	17	7	1	35	83	61	9-2-0	8-3-1	5-2-0		
Colorado	24	14	6	4	32	89	67	5-4-0	9-4-2	3-3-0		
Minnesota	24	14	8	2	30	78	67	8-3-2	6-5-0	6-3-0		
Winnipeg	23	14	8	2	28	77	66	8-3-2	5-5-0	4-3-0		
Dallas	25	12	10	3	27	68	67	8-3-1	4-7-2	1-2-1		
Chicago	22	9	11	2	19	69	89	5-4-3	4-7-2	4-1-1		
St. Louis	22	8	11	3	19	67	73	6-7-1	2-4-2			

BEARS

'Little fella' — big goals

Miller, from Page 1

There's something in the rookie's tone that affirms what the Bears have been saying since last spring. There's a magnetic combination of self-confidence and drive, a competitive spirit that seems to be ever-present.

Miller doesn't need lists like this. He is adamant that the biggest goals he sets are always team-first and championship-centric.

"Everything I do, honestly, is because I want to win," he says.

Still, when the 24-year-old receiver is offered a challenge, shown an elevated bar he might want to clear, he's all-in.

"I just know what I'm capable of," he says.

Obviously, in Week 13 of his rookie season, it's a tad premature to start tracking Miller's pursuit of franchise career records. To this point, he has all of 29 catches, 398 yards and five touchdowns.

But that's the fun of having a player with Miller's upside and ambition. When others might roll their eyes at the grandest of goals, the intense receiver sharpens his stare.

Six years ago, Miller was an undersized high school receiver in Memphis, Tenn., with zero scholarship offers.

So what? Eventually, he walked on at Memphis, turned on his nasty side and rewrote the program's record book.

All-time leader in catches. All-time leader in receiving yards. All-time leader in receiving touchdowns. Oh, plus four bowl appearances for a program that had made only six bowl trips in its history before he arrived.

Naturally, then, Miller is confident something similar can happen in the NFL. Why shouldn't the rookie believe he not only is climbing toward Johnny Morris and Ken Kavanaugh but he's also in the early stages of a career in which his own rise will help fuel the Bears toward a long run of postseason appearances?

One small step

Of the 29 catches Miller has made this season, perhaps none better represents his DNA than a 7-yarder he made in the fourth quarter against the Vikings on Nov. 18.

There wasn't anything particularly notable about the route — just a backyard slant over the middle against zone coverage. But Mitch Trubisky's pass, linebacker Eric Kendricks and Miller all arrived at the 44-yard line at the same moment.

Kendricks flattened Miller, the linebacker's helmet opening up a cherry-sized gash on the rookie's chin. The sight of the collision and the sound of the impact sent a loud groan across Soldier Field.

Miller, though, with the catch secure and Kendricks hovering above him, sprung up and maniacally began wheeling his arms in a hyperspeed "feed-me" gesture.

"I was just showing them I ate that hit!" Miller said immediately after the game. "He just thought he smacked me. He was trying to stand over me? I just popped right up and let him now I was still there and that he was going to have to bring it again the next play."

Moments like those are no surprise to Miller's parents, Andrea and Tony, who take immense pride in their son's wiring. Anthony always has played with fearlessness and a "bring-it-on" intensity for every doubter, for every challenge, for every defender who tries to get in his way.

"He has been that way his whole life," Andrea says.

In the summer before Miller's senior year of high school, as he worked to attract attention from college programs, he traveled all over to camps to showcase his skills. Middle Tennessee State. Vanderbilt. Mississippi State. Southern Illinois.

Andrea recalls one particularly notable stop at Ole Miss where a Rebels assistant unknowingly lit Miller's wick while taking his measurements.

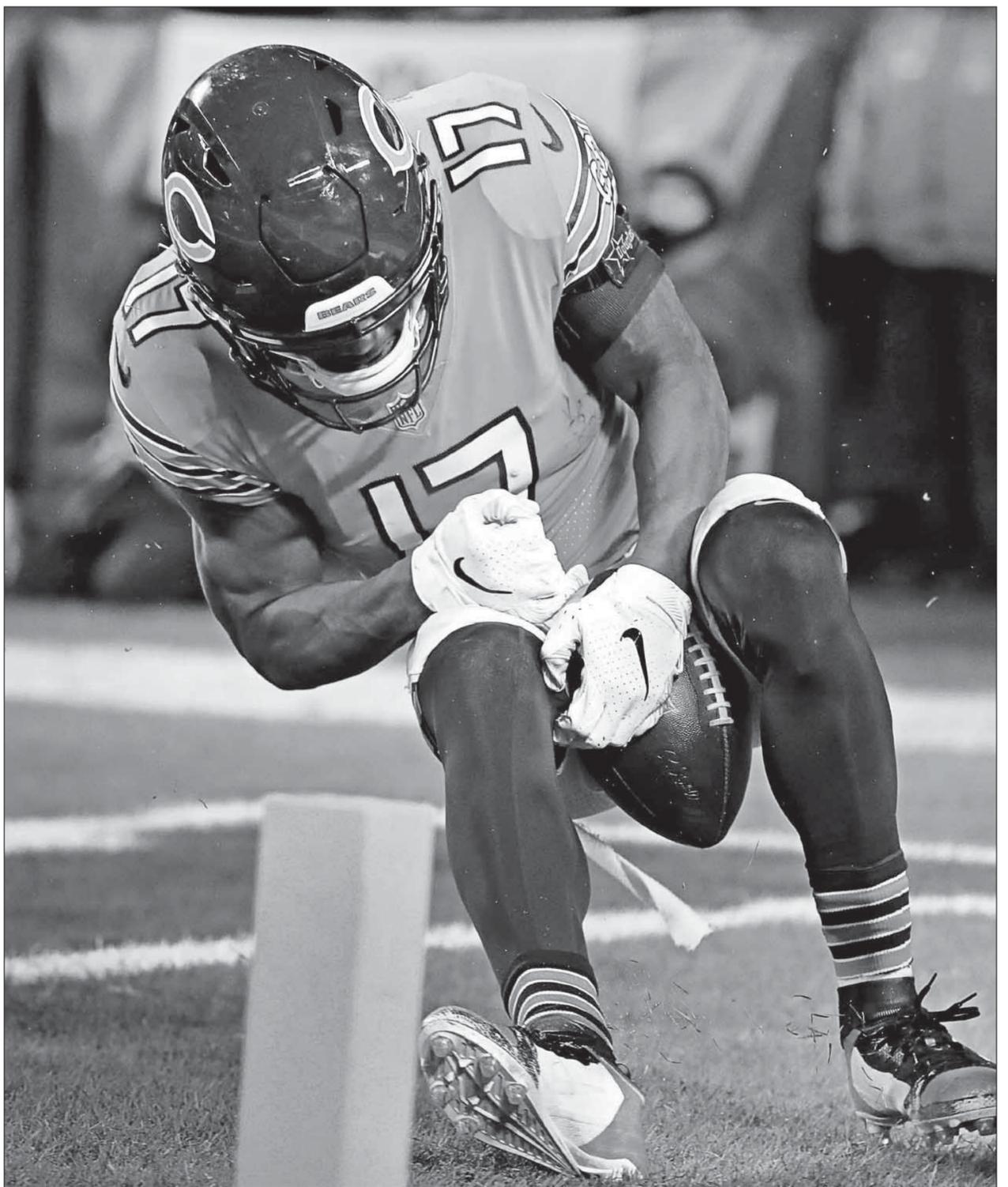
Andrea still can hear the coach's voice.

"Well, you're a little fella, aren't you?"

Says Andrea: "I was wanting to slap him. But I'm thinking, 'I don't need to be going to jail in Mississippi.'"

Anthony always remembered that subtle slight. And he later let Ole Miss see what they missed out on. Memphis played the Rebels during Miller's sophomore and junior seasons. Twice the Tigers receiver delivered the same statistical production: 10 catches, 132 yards.

"Now," Andrea says, "they remember him too. The little fella."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Anthony Miller strains to catch a touchdown pass against the Vikings in the second quarter of the Bears' victory Nov. 18 at Soldier Field.

'Give me something'

For the record, the large "Grind City" tattoo emblazoned on Miller's left biceps wasn't pre-approved by his mom and dad. But Andrea and Tony understand better now why it means so much to Anthony, why he takes such pride in representing Memphis, a blue-collar city where success must be earned.

Johnson's parents always showed Anthony what hard work looked like. Tony has worked for FedEx for 34 years, the last 24 in a management position in hub operations. Andrea, meanwhile, is coming up on 15 years as a senior project manager in information and technology for Memphis Health Care.

The Millers worked long hours and taxing weeks in an effort to send Anthony and his younger sister, Alaine, to private school.

"We're not independently wealthy," Andrea says. "So that was a huge sacrifice for us to do something that we felt would be in their best interest. And they saw how hard we worked to pay their tuition, how hard we worked to better them. No matter how we felt, no matter what, they saw us get up every day and go to work."

Tony, who played at Memphis State in the mid-1980s, taught Anthony the game and doubled as a demanding critic and a reliable support system. Miller learned so many nuances of being a receiver from his dad. With Tony's push, Miller developed a mentality, he says, that even if opponents didn't respect his athleticism, they would darn sure learn he was a great football player.

And from the time he was 5, he always was seeking that postgame approval.

This season, before the Bears' Monday night clash with the Seahawks in Week 2, Tony made his standard pregame request: "OK, man, give me something."

Tony wanted Anthony to detail one play that was designed for him in that week's game plan, something to keep an eye out for. In the fourth quarter, on first-and-goal from the Seahawks 10, Tony recognized the formation with Anthony to the left, on the outside of a bunch alignment.

Tony knew what was coming. After the snap, Trubisky faked a handoff to Jordan Howard and

Andrea recalls one particularly notable stop at Ole Miss where a Rebels assistant unknowingly lit Miller's wick while taking his measurements. Andrea still can hear the coach's voice. "Well, you're a little fella, aren't you?" Says Andrea: "I was wanting to slap him. But I'm thinking, 'I don't need to be going to jail in Mississippi.'" Anthony always remembered that subtle slight.

rolled left. Miller ran right at cornerback Akeem King, hesitated at the 5, then made a sharp cut left toward the pylon.

The easy pitch-and-catch gave the rookie his first NFL touchdown, another arrival moment.

After the game, Miller drove to a parking lot near the Field Museum and cruised up behind the bus his parents' church group had ridden to the game. With his car still running, he went right for his dad.

"He ran toward me like we hadn't seen each other in 20 years," Tony says. "We were hugging and jumping around. It was incredible. We were both just that happy."

The fire within

When wishing won't, work will.

Miller's favorite mantra was adopted from David Johnson, his receivers coach for his final two seasons at Memphis. Johnson was the perfect coach for Miller, a mentor who believed in the young receiver but used that to push him. Johnson was there to witness the denouement of Miller's impressive college rise, experiencing a two-season run in 2016 and '17 during which the receiver made 191 catches for 2,896 yards and 32 touchdowns.

With that kind of prolific production, it would be easy for Johnson to detail the greatest grabs on Miller's highlight tape. Instead, the coach rewinds first to an August 2017 game — against Louisiana-Monroe, in a near-monsoon.

Miller caught only two passes that afternoon — one for no gain, another for 23 yards. Memphis wound up rushing for more than three times as many yards (319) as they threw for (97).

So how in the world is this one

of Johnson's lasting memories? Because he still pictures Miller repeatedly turning to the sideline and yelling to Tigers coach Mike Norvell.

"Just keep running the ball! And run it right behind me! Toss right here. And I'm telling you this guy's not going to make the tackle."

Johnson laughs. "On the last drive of that game," he says, "right before we scored our last touchdown, (Anthony) had three or four flat-back blocks. Like a lineman. In his mind, it was like catching the winning touchdown. He was that excited."

Fair enough. But what about a game in which Miller was far more productive?

In October 2016 against Tulsa, Miller set the single-game school record for receiving yards with 250.

Still, the receiver was back in the football building before dawn the next morning — and fully agitated. The Tigers had lost 59-30. And while Miller may have caught 12 passes, eight others were thrown his way and fell incomplete. Four, he believed, were drops.

The young receiver kept repeating how the 250 yards should have been 350.

"I'm still thinking back to a post (route) I dropped," Miller says. "There was also an out I dropped. That's the thing. I never forget drops. They stick with me. I'm supposed to catch every ball."

Johnson loved the mentality. "I was looking at that like, 'OK, this kid wants to be great,'" Johnson says. "And he allows you to coach him hard. He wants you to coach him hard."

Learning curves

These are qualities the Bears are working with now, eager to see

Miller evolve from a raw rookie into a consistent standout.

Still, for a kid who describes himself as "a full-go receiver," Miller continues to be tutored on the sophistication of NFL route running, beginning to understand better the importance of precision and pace to every pattern he runs.

Each play in coach Matt Nagy's offense has a specific rhythm to it. There's also the matter of adapting to Trubisky's timing.

That's why a glowing training-camp endorsement from receivers coach Mike Furrey not only highlighted Miller's toughness, competitive fire and strong hands but came with a reminder that there's still a lot of growth ahead.

"He's like a jackrabbit running around," Furrey said in August. "I don't even know where he's going half the time. So we remind him, 'You have to be patient. Understand the concepts. Understand the speed. Understand what you're supposed to do. And understand the big picture why of what we're doing.'"

Miller continues growing in those areas and has won over coaches and teammates with his desire to improve.

"He's just hungry every day," Trubisky says. "He has a lot of charisma about him. He just has that dog mentality that nobody can guard him. He tells me he's open every play."

Whether it was a back-shoulder touchdown grab against the Jets or a key, leaping, third-down catch in the first quarter against the Bills, Miller keeps earning Trubisky's trust.

Both players recognize their collective room for growth and appreciate the time they will be given to develop. Together. Both are 24 with a thirst to get on the same page as quickly as possible and then stay connected. For years.

Says Miller: "I want to make this thing official, man."

For whatever it's worth, Miller now also has at least one set of official numbers to keep in the back of his mind. He's still 327 catches and 4,661 yards behind Johnny Morris, still 45 touchdowns behind Ken Kavanaugh.

There's so much work still ahead. The grind has just begun.

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BEARS



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BEARS NOTES

Reunion weekend

Amukamara faces old team as Bears close in on playoffs

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Prince Amukamara hasn't played at MetLife Stadium since he was in his fifth and final season with the Giants in 2015. As the Bears returned to Halas Hall on Tuesday to prepare for Sunday's game in East Rutherford, N.J., the Bears cornerback downplayed what it means to him to play against a Giants team that drafted him in the first round in 2011.

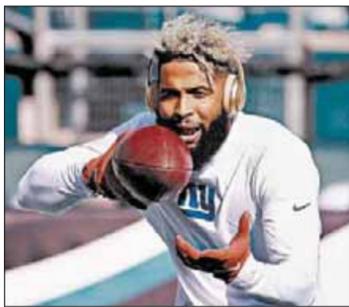
"It has been like three years, so I wouldn't say it's going to be special," Amukamara said.

But surely Amukamara wouldn't mind demonstrating how well he's doing now. And he probably wouldn't complain if he could lead another choreographed celebration like the Motown-themed dance the Bears defense performed after Kyle Fuller's interception against the Lions on Thursday.

After all, Amukamara is looking to help a team to a playoff berth for the first time since his rookie season, when he was a reserve for the Giants on their way to a second Super Bowl title under quarterback Eli Manning.

"That first year was huge," Amukamara said. "Definitely a year I'm not going to forget. And yeah, I was spoiled. I thought every year was going to be like that, and it wasn't."

After leaving New York, he played one season with the Jaguars before joining the Bears last year. In his second season in Chicago, he's playing his part on one of the NFL's top defenses, with two interceptions — one returned for a touchdown — two forced fumbles, six passes defensed and 46 tackles.



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Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara, above, is looking forward to facing Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr.

"One thing that was huge for us when we were with the Giants was we had a great defensive line that attacked the quarterback," Amukamara said. "It's obvious that we have that here. That made my job easier when I played with the Giants, and it's making my job a lot easier here."

The Giants may be 3-8, but Amukamara noted they still have some dangerous pieces on offense to help Manning.

That includes rookie running back Saquon Barkley, who has amassed 829 rushing yards and 581 receiving yards, and wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr., with whom Amukamara played for two seasons. He said they had their "battles" in New York, and he's looking forward to another one Sunday.

"Odell's easily a top-five, top-three, top-two receiver in the league," Amukamara said. "He's definitely a competitor. He's as good as advertised. He really doesn't have a lot of weaknesses because he's fast as heck and he can jump out the gym."

"A true pro": The Bears will return to practice Wednesday, and the public then will learn more about quarterback Mitch Trubisky's status for Sunday's game as he recovers from a right shoulder injury.

Wide receiver Allen Robinson said Tuesday backup quarterback Chase Daniel's ability to step in Thursday in the victory against the Lions despite limited preparation time showed he's a "true pro." If Trubisky is limited in practice this week, they could find out how a full week of practice would help Daniel's game.

"Just his command of the huddle, the communication (stood out)," Robinson said. "Everybody stayed on the same page during the course of the game, and that's a big thing on offense. It only takes one person to mess up a play."

Don't stop now: As the Bears look to extend a five-game winning streak this weekend, their new challenge is staying sharp in the face of mounting success and praise.

"For a while people were saying that we weren't a very good football team," defensive end Akiem Hicks said. "And now on this side you have people hopping on the bandwagon and saying, 'Oh, man, I've been a Bears fan since I was 12.' It's awesome. And there are people who have been riding with us through the whole thing."

"You have to remember what got you here. You have to remember the work and the time that you invested to get to this point. And I guess why stop now? Why stop now? When you're on the top of the division, why pull back?"

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NFL NOTES

Redskins are willing to give Foster a shot

Associated Press

The Redskins claimed Reuben Foster off waivers Tuesday after the 49ers released the linebacker following a domestic violence arrest.

The team announced the move in a statement from senior vice president of player personnel Doug Williams acknowledging the circumstances surrounding Foster.

"The Redskins fully understand the severity of the recent allegations made against Reuben," Williams said. "If true, you can be sure these allegations are nothing our organization would ever condone."

"Let me be clear, Reuben will have to go through numerous steps including the full legal process, an investigation and potential discipline from the NFL, as well as meetings with counselors associated with the team before he will ever have the opportunity to wear the burgundy and gold as a player."

The team says conversations with former Alabama teammates led to the decision to claim Foster. There are seven other Alabama products on the team.

Foster was arrested Saturday night for an incident at the 49ers' team hotel in Tampa, Fla., and he was released the next morning.

Colts' injuries an issue: Andrew Luck might be playing the best football of his career. He's still going to need help reaching the playoffs with mounting injuries threatening to derail the Colts' postseason push.

One week after starting center Ryan Kelly went down with a left knee injury and one day after coach Frank Reich announced tight end Jack Doyle would miss the rest of the season with an injured kidney, Luck and his teammates started preparing for the closing five-game stretch that will determine whether they end a three-year playoff drought.

"We've done it before," tight end Eric Ebron said when asked about adjustments. "Everybody has to take on a heavier workload."

The adaptations start with Ebron, the lone remaining healthy tight end among the five listed on last week's depth chart. He's already caught 11 touchdown

passes this season, matching his previous four-year total and tying Dallas Clark's single-season franchise record by a tight end.

It's unclear whether Mo Alie-Cox, Ryan Hewitt or Erik Swoope could return from injuries this week. All three were inactive last weekend.

"We are hopeful and optimistic that some of those guys will be ready," Reich said. "They have been making good progress."

Extra points: The Vikings placed S Andrew Sendejo on injured reserve, ending his season after a groin injury limited him to only five games. ... Temarrick Hemingway is the latest tight end to get his shot with the Broncos, who have lost three tight ends to season-ending injuries. The Broncos promoted Hemingway from their practice squad when they placed Jeff Heuerman on injured reserve. ... The Bills are shuffling punters, signing Matt Darr and releasing Colton Schmidt for the second time in three months. Schmidt struggled during three games in which he averaged 42.3 yards per punt.

Power rankings

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



Last week's ranking in parentheses

-  **1. Saints 10-1 (1).** They haven't finished in the top 10 in run defense since 1992 but are No. 1 in the NFL as we speak.
-  **2. Rams 10-1 (2).** As they stalk the Saints for the No. 1 seed, they take an NFC North tour the next two weeks at the Lions and Bears.
-  **3. Chiefs 9-2 (3).** No team has dominated its division since the start of the 2015 season like the Chiefs (19-2 vs. AFC West in that span).
-  **4. Patriots 8-3 (5).** After missing nearly a month, Rob Gronkowski caught his first touchdown pass since Week 1 in a win over the Jets.
-  **5. Bears 8-3 (6).** When the Bears can win on the road in a short week with their backup QB, it's a testament to the strength of their roster.
-  **6. Steelers 7-3-1 (4).** Will a bad loss in Denver haunt the Steelers when it comes to seeding? It was a rough way to end a six-game winning streak.
-  **7. Chargers 8-3 (8).** Their blowout victory over the Cardinals was marred by the loss of running back Melvin Gordon to an MCL sprain.
-  **8. Texans 8-3 (7).** They put away the Titans without much trouble to win their eighth straight. It's impressive, but the Texans lack a signature win.
-  **9. Vikings 6-4-1 (9).** Mike Zimmer is going to think twice about using his kicker, Dan Bailey, but kicking woes are nothing new to the Vikings coach.
-  **10. Seahawks 6-5 (11).** They're in the playoff hunt, especially when you consider they have two games with the 49ers and one with the Cardinals.
-  **11. Cowboys 6-5 (12).** Ezekiel Elliott is rolling, and the addition of wide receiver Amari Cooper has really brought life to the offense.
-  **12. Panthers 6-5 (10).** Time for a little soul searching as they have lost three straight. They're on the outside looking in if the playoffs began now.
-  **13. Colts 6-5 (15).** All Eric Ebron does is catch touchdown passes.
-  **14. Broncos 5-6 (18).** Wins over the Steelers and Chargers have given them life, but Vance Joseph may need to make the playoffs to keep his job.
-  **15. Titans 5-6 (14).** Marcus Mariota completed his first 19 passes Monday night in Houston, but the Titans still got whipped.
-  **16. Ravens 6-5 (16).** They have won two straight games with rookie Lamar Jackson at QB, so John Harbaugh will have a decision soon.
-  **17. Eagles 5-6 (20).** They trailed the Giants 19-3 before rallying to win to keep their season alive. In the NFC East, anything is possible.
-  **18. Redskins 6-5 (17).** They are clinging to the sixth spot in the NFC, but how long do they stay there with Colt McCoy at quarterback?
-  **19. Packers 4-6-1 (13).** Sunday night's loss in Minnesota was their eighth straight road defeat, their longest such streak since 1978-79.
-  **20. Browns 4-6-1 (24).** Baker Mayfield is on fire. He tore up the Bengals, then was chilly in an encounter with Hue Jackson.
-  **21. Lions 4-7 (19).** Matthew Stafford is catching a lot of heat for the Lions' woes this season, but the parts around him haven't been very good.
-  **22. Bengals 5-6 (21).** Longtime Bengals head man Marvin Lewis appears to be on borrowed time. For real this time.
-  **23. Dolphins 5-6 (22).** They led in the fourth quarter in Indianapolis but couldn't close the deal with Ryan Tannehill, a familiar refrain.
-  **24. Falcons 4-7 (23).** One thing that stands out: Vic Beasley hasn't been playing very well. The outside linebacker has only three sacks.
-  **25. Bills 4-7 (27).** Josh Allen returned for the win over the Jaguars, but evaluating the rookie is tough with a lack of skill-position talent.
-  **26. Buccaneers 4-7 (29).** The final five games will be the Bucs' chance to evaluate the future of quarterback Jameis Winston.
-  **27. Giants 3-8 (26).** Eli Manning will start against the Bears, but Pat Shurmur hasn't ruled out turning to rookie Kyle Lauletta later this season.
-  **28. Jaguars 3-8 (25).** They fired the offensive coordinator, benched Blake Bortles and running back Leonard Fournette has been suspended. Yikes.
-  **29. Jets. 3-8 (28).** They've lost five straight, and the focus for Gang Green has turned to an offseason that will surely usher in major changes.
-  **30. 49ers 2-9 (30).** Reuben Foster's time in S.F. is up, so it's time for defensive end Solomon Thomas to step up to save their 2017 draft class.
-  **31. Raiders 2-9 (31).** Believe it or not, the Raiders have been solid in the first half of many games this season, including Sunday. "Just finish, baby."
- **32. Cardinals 2-9 (32).** After a drubbing by the Chargers, they cut two starters: right tackle Andre Smith and cornerback Bene Benwikere.



ADELINE WOHLWEND

Annika Marks wrote, produced and stars in "Killing Eleanor."

Chicago suburbs an 'epic' film setting

Behind the scenes of star-studded indie 'Killing Eleanor'

By **TRACY SWARTZ**
 Chicago Tribune

"Waco" actress Annika Marks initially set her "Killing Eleanor" film in the Pacific Northwest because her parents live in the Seattle area, and she wanted the location to feel like home. She ended up changing the setting to the Midwest and shooting the dark comedy here after hooking up with the Chicago Media Angels, a group that invests in feature films, TV shows and new media.

"I've said from the beginning, I actually think it makes it a better film. Washington and Oregon, where I originally had it set, are both right-to-die states so the movie was pretty different there. And in re-imagining it for the Midwest, I loved that element that not only is Illinois not a right-to-die state, but there aren't any (states that allow terminally ill people to obtain a lethal prescription) surrounding it," Marks recently told the Tribune on set in a Glen Ellyn home.

Marks, who spent a few years of her childhood in Oak Park and shot two indies here, wrote the script, serves as a producer and plays the lead role of Natalie Grillo, a self-destructive addict who agrees to help kill a terminally ill old woman ("Transparent" alum Jenny O'Hara) in exchange for clean urine.

The movie is being described as a "right-to-die 'Thelma and Louise.'" Production took place over 17 days in October in areas here including Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Cicero, McCook, Lyons and Brookfield before road trip footage was shot in Michigan.

"I think the landscapes are so epic around here," said Marks, who is based in the Los Angeles area. "And there's such a variety of landscapes, and I think that's the thing that was probably most exciting to us was that we could get small-town industrial, small farming towns, upper-crust suburban communities. We could get all of that within the 30-mile radius."

The cast and crew also filmed and stayed at the Sonesta extended-stay suites in Lombard, which Marks called an "absolutely wonderful" experience. The indie attracted big names to the area, including Jane Kaczmarek ("Malcolm in the Middle"); Betsy Brandt ("Breaking Bad"); Sharon Lawrence ("NYPD Blue"); Thomas Sadoski ("The Newsroom"); and Camryn Manheim ("The Practice"). Marks said she had worked with this cast on various projects and got them to sign on.

Kaczmarek, who plays Natalie's mom, performed with Marks last year in a Pasadena, Calif., production of "Our Town" that paired deaf and hearing actors. Kaczmarek said she got into Marks' script during a plane ride.

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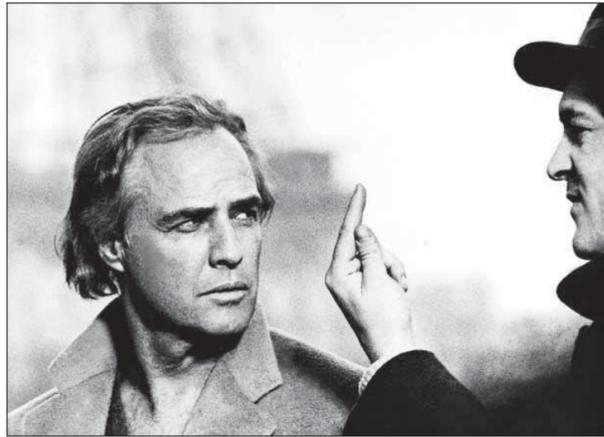
Bernardo Bertolucci and the male gaze

Discussing how his frames lingered over the female body

By **ANN HORNADAY**
 The Washington Post

The last time I spoke with Bernardo Bertolucci was almost 20 years ago. Recovering in Rome after surgery for a herniated disc, the director and I spoke on the phone about his 1999 film "Besieged," a small-scale interpersonal drama starring Thandie Newton and David Thewlis that represented a marked departure from the lavish epics he was best known for.

Noting that the spontaneous style and spartan production of "Besieged" reminded him of the way he had made movies "a long time ago," Bertolucci pronounced himself liberated from the encumbrances of astronomical budgets, weighty dialogue and conventional structure. "Because I did 'The Last Emperor' and those big movies, I don't have that kind of need anymore,"



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Actor Marlon Brando is directed in Paris during the filming of "Last Tango in Paris" by Italian writer-director Bernardo Bertolucci.

the former poet said with obvious delight. "I can float on the liquid surface of low budget with great joy."

As an examination of a relationship that traversed class and cultural differences between its protagonists — one an African

medical student, the other her white British landlord — "Besieged" was very much in keeping with the themes that had consumed Bertolucci throughout his career, which began when he was an apprentice to the radical Italian director Pier

Paolo Pasolini. An abiding passion for politics and pure cinematic language suffused the film, which, like so many of his previous movies, featured two people navigating conflict and attraction within a confined space. Two decades before tribalism and xenophobia would engulf the European continent, Bertolucci conceived of "Besieged" as a deeply personal rebuke "at a moment when people are killing themselves in a kind of mad nationalism ... Because nationalism is not accepting the difference. This film is about not only accepting but loving the difference."

That Bertolucci, who died Monday, couched an essentially humanist critique within a movie consumed with romantic desire was also very much in keeping with an oeuvre that proved as confounding as it was essential. A few years before I spoke with Bertolucci about "Besieged," I had written about "Stealing Beauty," in which he cast a colt-

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The cast of "Familiar" at Steppenwolf Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Familiar' ★★★

FAMILY DIVIDED EMBRACES COMEDY

Danai Gurira's immigrant family reconciles self-expression and duty

By **CHRIS JONES** | Chicago Tribune

The aptly named "Familiar," now at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company under the skilled direction of Danya Taymor, is a fine example of the kind of play that many well-educated children of immigrants to these United States come to write — the work paying tribute to their parents, the generation that worked and struggled so that opportunities might flow to their kids, offspring who then in turn worry that they've paid too great an assimilative price for their own Stateside success.

Successful doesn't fully do justice to Danai Gurira, a Zimbabwean-American actress and playwright who first came to the attention of Chicago theater audiences when she wrote and starred in a superb play at the Goodman Theatre called "In the Continuum," a truly unforgettable piece that was co-created with Nikkole Salter and dealt with HIV/AIDS through the twin perspectives of two women, one in South Central Los Angeles, the other in Zimbabwe.

But to the rest of the world, Gurira now is best known for playing Michonne on the hugely popular TV show "Walking Dead," and for appearing as General Okoye in the Marvel megahit "Black Panther."

It is a wonder she has any time left to write.

Taking place during a Minnesota winter and originally commissioned by

the Yale Repertory Theatre, "Familiar" is (I believe) the first of Gurira's plays not to be at least partially set in Africa, although Zimbabwe and its proud citizens are a constant presence in the work. The catalyst for the events in this family drama is the marriage of a young lawyer named Tendikayi (Lanise Antoine Shelley) to a young American named Chris (Erik Hellman). That provokes discussion as to how much homage the pending interracial nuptials should pay to Zimbabwean traditions, including the Rooro ceremony, requiring the payment of a so-called bride price.

On one side are Marvelous Chinyaramwira (Ora Jones) and (maybe) her easygoing husband Donald (Cedric Young), Zimbabwe-born parents who've worked hard to achieve Stateside success for their two daughters, a pair that also includes Nyasha (Celeste M. Cooper), a



Ora Jones as Marvelous Chinyaramwira and Lanise Antoine Shelley as Tendikayi.

free artistic spirit and most likely a stand-in for the author, although I imagine Gurira sees herself in both sisters. On the other is Anne (Cheryl Lynn Bruce), a fearsome African matriarch who has arrived from Zimbabwe. Another family member, Margaret Munyewa (Jacqueline Williams) works to find a middle-ground, as does Eric's sidekick younger brother, Brad (Luigi Sottile).

Along the way, all kinds of other family issues get an airing as Gurira details the kinds of parental pressures to follow a well-paid but conformist career path that

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CELEBRITIES

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Actress Amanda Bynes told Paper magazine she hopes to return to acting after four years of sobriety.

Amanda Bynes opens up about being sober

Amanda Bynes is four years sober and hinting at a return to showbiz, years after ducking out of the spotlight following a very public breakdown.

The “She’s the Man” star, 32, opened up for the first time about her mental health struggles and drug abuse in an interview with Paper magazine.

“I know that my behavior was so strange that people were just trying to grasp at straws for what was wrong,” Bynes told the outlet. “Truly, for me, (my behavior) was drug-induced, and whenever I got off (drugs), I was always back to normal.”

The actress and comedian was arrested for a DUI in 2012 and was hit with reckless endangerment and marijuana possession charges a year later after she was caught smoking in her Manhattan apartment lobby and tossing a bong out her window. Later that year, Bynes was hospitalized and placed on a mental health hold after she set a small fire in the driveway of a California home.

The actress has now been sober for four years. Bynes is enrolled at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, where she’ll get an associate’s degree this month, and plans to start working toward a bachelor’s degree in January.

The star says she hopes to return to the silver screen and is excited about what’s to come.

— New York Daily News



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Jackson’s new global representation deal:

Janet Jackson has partnered with Paradigm Talent Agency for global representation in all areas, including touring, theatrical, film and branding. “Jackson is one of the most iconic and culturally significant artists of all time, and we are thrilled to partner with her,” said Sam Gores, chairman and CEO of Paradigm. Her latest single, “Made for Now,” debuted at No. 1 on iTunes, and an album is expected in the coming months.

McLachlan cast as FDR:

“Twin Peaks” star Kyle MacLachlan has signed on to play President Franklin D. Roosevelt in “Atlantic Crossing,” the World War II drama series. MacLachlan will star in the eight-part series, based on the true story of Norwegian Crown Princess Martha, who fled the Nazis and lived in the White House. Her relationship with Roosevelt will be central to the show.

Sedaris joins “Lion King”:

Comedian Amy Sedaris has joined the cast of Disney’s live-action “The Lion King” remake. She will voice an animal brand new to the kingdom that was established in the 1994 animated classic. Sedaris joins an impressive ensemble that includes Donald Glover, Beyoncé, James Earl Jones, Seth Rogen and Billy Eichner.

Nov. 28 birthdays: Singer Randy Newman is 75. Actor Ed Harris is 68. Actor Judd Nelson is 59. Comedian Jon Stewart is 56. Rapper Chamillionaire is 39.



ASK AMY

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How can parents encourage actress?

Dear Amy: I am a lucky dad to have three great kids: ages 26, 24 and 22. They are dealing with life’s curveballs as we all do, and they are all doing very well.

Our youngest daughter began competitive dance at 4, started acting and singing at 14, and graduated from college with a degree in musical theater. Her goal is to be on Broadway. She is so alive onstage!

Because this field is so competitive, we are trying to keep her focused and positive. She is talented and hardworking. She is also sensitive. It is hard on her when she doesn’t get hired after an audition. She has gotten some roles and not gotten others.

My wife and I support her decision to work in this field, but how should we help her deal with success and failures throughout her career? Do you have any suggestions for how to help her stay encouraged in a healthy way?

— Supportive Parents

Dear Parents: My advice is that you insist that your daughter should work. She should look for temp or restaurant jobs that will accommodate her acting classes and auditions. Working will keep her grounded and busy — and connected to other young actors and artists.

She will need to learn to manage her reactions to rejection. All artists face rejection. And you will have to do the tough parenting job of letting go.

For further wisdom, especially for your daughter, I shared your question with Quinn Cummings, former actress and current author of the memoir “Notes from the Under-

wire: Adventures from My Awkward and Lovely Life” (2009, Hyperion).

She responds: “The life of the artist is hard. The life of the actor is harder still. You love to paint, you can always paint, whether anyone wants your work. Acting requires an audience.

“The only way to prevail over this kind of life — which can easily exhaust and destroy shining, sensitive souls — is to find ways to create that kind of joy on your own. Create a character, write minute-long scenes, and put them on Instagram. Get a group of like-minded people together, decide to act out old episodes of your favorite sitcom in the back room of a bar.

“Think up something demented and joyful, and bring it to the world for no other reason than it makes you happy. That way, if the casting director is hateful, or no one even looks up during your audition, you can walk out thinking not about the pain, but about the hilarious character you are going to create from this. Bad events can make for great comedy. ... if you’re creating material for yourself, you are more likely to give yourself great material and look really appealing while creating it. It’s working out pretty well for Rachel Bloom and Lin-Manuel Miranda.”

Dear Amy: Our son and his wife are soon to divorce after 10 years of marriage.

Our daughter-in-law has a child by a previous marriage, and they had another child together. We have a good relationship with his wife but are only fairly close to our stepgrand-

child, because we’ve lived far apart.

Christmas is coming, and my husband and I are not sure how to handle presents now and in the future regarding the mother and her child. What do you think?

— Unsure Grandparents

Dear Unsure: Future holidays will never be tougher than this one.

This year especially, you should treat all of these family members as you always have — with warmth and kindness. Yes, include a gift for her child (ask your son for ideas about what his stepchild might like to receive).

By next year, both domestic situations might have changed dramatically, and you might want to make a different choice.

Dear Amy: “Unsure” complained that her boyfriend refused to let her drink alcohol. In your answer, you focused on the possibility that she had a drinking problem, but you never mentioned the problem with her boyfriend trying to control her! That was obviously the most urgent issue.

— Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: I agree that his attempt to control her was unacceptable. But because she didn’t note him trying to control her in other ways, I asked her to do a private inventory to see if perhaps her drinking really was a problem.

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Makers hope ‘Boy Erased’ won’t just preach to the converted

By MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

In 2004, a 19-year-old aspiring writer from Arkansas named Garrard Conley found himself in an uncomfortable situation. Inadvertently outed to his Baptist parents after being sexually assaulted by a male student while at college, he was sent to a gay-conversion facility in Memphis with an ironic name: Love in Action.

Unsurprisingly, the “cure” didn’t take.

Years later, Conley wrote a book about that experience. Titled “Boy Erased,” Conley’s 2016 memoir has now been adapted as a film starring Lucas Hedges (“Manchester by the Sea”) as the fictionalized Jared and Russell Crowe and Nicole Kidman as Jared’s parents. Now 33, Conley spoke with us by phone about the film and his related advocacy work. We also checked in with Joel Edgerton, 44, the film’s writer and director, who plays a character based on the former director of the Love in Action ministry.

(This interview has been condensed from two conversations.)

Q: Joel, your directorial debut, “The Gift,” is a psychological thriller — also coincidentally about someone who was mistreated by his father, who assumed, wrongly in that case, that his son was gay. Were there any thriller-ish elements that drew you to Garrard’s story?

Edgerton: Funnily enough, yes. The reason I opened the book in the first place was my childhood fear of institutions, of being locked up, of being taken away from my family. I remember kneeling by my bed as a child and praying that I would never ever have to go to prison. If I misbehaved, my father would sometimes joke that he could always exchange me with another kid, and that made me so upset. As for gay conversion, I had this morbid curiosity about it as this very different sort of prison. Imagine that the people who sent you to prison — the ones who are telling you that you’re broken — are your own family.

Q: Is that when you realized that the story is as much about family as it is about gay conversion?



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Joel Edgerton takes a break from writing and starring in “Boy Erased” to get some directing done.

Edgerton: Absolutely. The family story just seemed to take over. It’s why I decided to make it into a movie. Jared’s parents are the ones who have to undergo their own conversion.

Q: Garrard, what is your relationship like with your parents today?

Conley: What they did put a strain on all of us. My dad and I still argue. He’s a Baptist minister. He still has a church. It was only a couple of weeks ago that my dad finally said to my mom, “I don’t think any of that therapy worked.” Ya think? There can be pervasive bigotry in small towns. Although I’m the one who came out, my mother also had a coming out, in a sense. After all, she’s the one who ultimately saved me. She’s a member of this secret Facebook group, the Mama Bears: It’s largely Christian mothers who can’t be open about their support for their gay kids but who try to come up with strategies to change the church from the inside out.

It was also just a couple of weeks ago that my dad’s church held a vote to see if my dad should be kicked out — all because my mom was joining me on the promotional tour for the movie. In the end, they didn’t kick him out, but I think that they would be happy if he were to divorce my mom.

Q: Is your mother - or Nicole Kidman’s character - the real hero of this story?

Conley: While Joel and I were still going back and forth about the script, I was very firm about the fact that whatever ending he wrote, it has to be on Jared’s terms. The conversion has to be the parents’, not Jared’s.

Before I wrote the second half of the book, I sat down with my mom and recorded four hours of interviews. She was married at 16, always super smart, but she gave up part of herself to raise a family. Now she’s getting standing ovations at the Toronto Film Festival. She’s spoken at the Clinton Center. The audience was riveted. This is who she is meant to be. She’s now getting to live this second life.

Q: Joel, your character is based on John Smid, the former director of the Love in Action ministry who eventually left that gay-conversion program and who now lives as an out gay man. Did you meet him?

Edgerton: Yes, I visited him in Texas. But I also watched a lot of footage from when he still believed he was right, from back in 2005. He’s very charismatic, very beguiling, like a politician. That made me realize how dangerous his casual rhetoric was. Even though, on the surface, he’s like a big brother, he would use infor-

mation that he coaxed out of young men and women to shame them.

We could make much more money with this film if we did the “heroes and villains” version of Garrard’s story, if we made Love in Action out to be this torture chamber. But that is not the truth. Garrard calls the book a “document” of something that will soon be in the past. The irony is that people like Garrard don’t need help; it’s the others who need converting.

Q: It takes a while for Jared to come around to seeing the pernicious effects of Love in Action, which he initially seems to embrace, if only half-heartedly. Why is that part of his journey important?

Edgerton: It’s important for kids, especially kids from conservative Christian families like Jared’s, to be able to identify with him. These kids are just eating the meal that they’re fed.

Q: What, if anything, was changed from the book?

Conley: Anytime you adapt a book, there’s a loss. I wrote it with a slightly campy voice — very Southern Gothic. But film, even a piece of advocacy, needs to be more objective.

Before now — and before this year’s other gay-conversion drama, “The Miseducation of

Cameron Post,” which I was a consultant on — every other portrayal of conversion therapy treated such programs as a joke, as in the satirical 1999 film “But I’m a Cheerleader.” We’ve all seen that story before. I wanted this to be a form of advocacy, for people both inside and outside the LGBTQ community.

Q: What’s your hope for the film, which has been earning accolades?

Conley: The accolades are great, because they serve to keep the conversation going. My eye is very much on making the topic of conversion therapy — and the bigotry that creates it — a household topic. People are always incredulous when I say that there are 700,000 Americans who have undergone conversion therapy. I want that shock to be something that I never have to encounter again.

Q: If the film is a form of advocacy, how do you reach the audience who most needs to see it, and who is that audience?

Edgerton: That’s the frustrating dilemma. We have this conversation all the time. I talked to one young man who saw it at the Telluride Film Festival. He said, “I wish this film had existed when I was 15 years old.” But how do you not just preach to the converted, so to speak? We don’t want to throw God under the bus.

One hope I have is that once the film finds its way to a streaming platform, there will be people who will watch — one half of a couple who are parents of a gay child, maybe — who are too scared to see it in the cinema. If there is someone who has figured out how to get the right “wrong” people to see this film, I would love to speak to them.

Q: Do you consider yourself a role model, Garrard?

Conley: I definitely didn’t choose to be that. I only ever wanted to be a writer, not in the public eye. I find it taxing. But every once in a while, I find emails in my inbox that are cries of terror from people who are reaching out in pain. It’s impossible not to feel a sense of responsibility. I actually got an email from a man the other day who said he was contemplating suicide, and then he saw the “Boy Erased” trailer, and it made him want to keep going.

COMMENTARY

Propaganda, our current media state

BY LORRAINE ALI
Los Angeles Times

The “P” word is a pivotal part of the story on Donald Trump’s camera-lit path to the White House. The media, of course, rarely if ever uttered the taboo term on air, even as demonstrators shouted it at cameras during women’s marches and scrawled it across protest signs they brandished outside the White House.

Let’s just call it what it is: Propaganda.

The state-sponsored spread of deliberate misinformation is not a “half-truth,” “distortion of reality” or “the president’s loose relationship with the facts,” as many a mainstream news correspondent and pundit have said.

The doctored “karate-chop” video of CNN’s Jim Acosta allegedly manhandling a White House intern at a press conference, posted by press secretary Sarah Sanders last week, was not a matter of differing perspectives, dueling truths or conflicting political beliefs. Nor were the White House transcripts of public meetings where Trump’s flubs were mysteriously omitted, altered presidential approval ratings posted by Don Jr. before the midterms or the cropped photo that Sean Spicer insisted was proof of the biggest inaugural crowd ever. “Period!”

They were all cases of purposefully manufactured narratives, disseminated from the highest levels of government, sometimes with the help of adversary nations, to sway public

opinion, quash dissenting voices and consolidate power.

I know, it’s not half as fun as Kellyanne Conway’s wacky spiel on alternative facts or just Trump being Trump. In fact, it’s associated with some of the uglier chapters of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Propaganda is something most of us read about in history class and wondered how people were so easily duped. Certainly they saw through such obvious attempts to manipulate? Its use dates back well before Nazi Germany and Cold War Russia and stretches up to present-day China, Saudi Arabia and North Korea. It arrives in the form of fake Facebook accounts created abroad and meant to influence our elections, or surveillance video from a Turkish embassy where Saudi operatives sought to cover up a murder by posing as their victim.

It’s the mark of a country we never wanted to be: a nation that divides its own people and pits them against one another. And it never ends well.

“On page one of any political science textbook it will say that democracy relies on people being informed about the issues so they can have a debate and make a decision,” Stephan Lewandowsky, a cognitive scientist who studies the persistence and spread of misinformation, told the BBC shortly after Trump’s inauguration. “Having a large number of people in a society who are misinformed and have their own set of facts is absolutely devastating and extremely

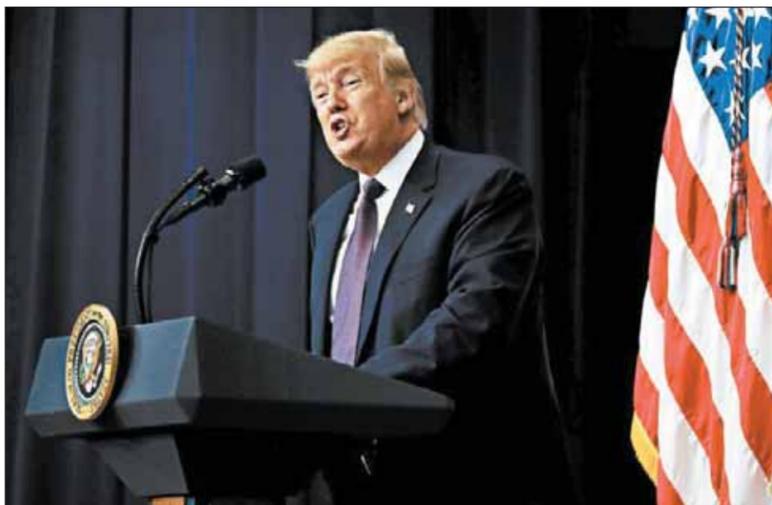
difficult to cope with.” No wonder fabrications from the Oval Office are often viewed as singular events or anomalies caused by an outsider who crashed Washington rather than age-old propaganda. It’s too frightening to admit the calls are coming from inside the house.

Orwellian state messaging has even permeated the TV series we binge for entertainment. Shall we be terrified by “The Man in the High Castle” or “The Handmaid’s Tale” tonight, honey? We’ve also been desensitized by reality TV, the modern-day answer to the documentary, where scripted moments of drama are an acceptable and almost expected part of serialized “reality.”

Take Trump’s old show “The Apprentice,” where the bankruptcy-prone son of a real estate mogul was reimagined into a self-made billionaire. The lines between fantasy and reality weren’t just blurred by “Survivor” producer Mark Burnett, they were erased entirely and redrawn by some of television’s best alchemists.

It was all fun and games and great ratings until someone got elected to office.

With such deep cultural references as “You’re Fired!” permeating Ameri-



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

President Donald Trump speaks at the White House complex in Washington.

can society, it’s no wonder the idea of propaganda seems like a relic from the paranoid 1950s or a cruel fate meant for other countries with fist-shaking Ayatollahs or military strongmen. We’ll stick with Rosie the Riveter, thanks, a nostalgic symbol of the domestic war effort. She smiled on the factory floor while assembling deadly munitions. What could be cuter? And please don’t say Flo, the perky Progressive Insurance lady.

There’s of course nothing new about politicians evangelizing their version of events or extolling their successes. George W. Bush gave the “mission accomplished” thumbs up shortly after the U.S. invaded Baghdad, though the mission was predicated on faulty intel and the war would drag on for over a decade. Barack Obama graciously accepted the Noble Peace Prize as the drone strikes he ordered killed civilians in Pakistan.

War propaganda is as old as, well, war. And hard spin is used just as frequently to influence in diplomatic times. Leaders must always look like leaders. But perhaps you’ve heard: This presidency isn’t like the others.

In July when speaking to a group of veterans in Kansas City about his distrust

of the media, Trump said it plainly: “Just remember, what you’re seeing and what you’re reading is not what’s happening.” He couldn’t have been more truthful, at least in that instance.

The altered Acosta video, which appeared to have been uploaded by Sanders from the conspiracy-minded website InfoWars to her Twitter feed, was used to justify banning the CNN correspondent from future press briefings, and now CNN is suing. No word yet if Final Cut Pro will be hired as the next press secretary.

That wasn’t the only clumsy attempt at recasting a moment already witnessed by millions. Recently released government documents acquired through a Freedom of Information request confirmed what many suspected following Trump’s first days in the White House. The Guardian reported that “a government photographer edited official pictures of the inauguration to make the crowd appear bigger” after a request by Trump “who was angered by images showing his audience was smaller than Barack Obama’s in 2009.”

He called the correction “fake news,” a phrase that Trump seems to have

brought into the lexicon to muddy the waters.

Trump propaganda is of course reflected and fed by his unofficial media wing, Fox News. It’s a back-and-forth feeding frenzy that’s become so acceptable at the network that even two of its star hosts campaigned on stage alongside the president at political rallies.

So many ethical lines have been crossed in the past two years, it’s doubtful anyone — let alone Sean Hannity — can locate where the defining boundaries of “normal” used to be.

There are a few who can see through the gentle euphemisms — namely, the old guard who remember a time when Russia was the enemy, presidents showed their tax returns and Gold Star families were honored by their country’s Commander in Chief. Military analyst Ralph Peters, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, left Fox News but not before stating: “With the rise of Donald Trump, Fox did become a destructive propaganda machine. And I don’t do propaganda for anyone.”

Still, the slow drip of repeated terms like “fake news” wears a groove that’s hard to get out of, even when the real fake news is coming from the White House and undermining democratic institutions critical to our nation’s health. And let’s not forget the sharpest tool of all: fear. Beware of caravans, Nancy Pelosi, transgender bathrooms, black women journalists, yadda, yadda.

Many in the media must have expected Trump to develop from a reality-show ringleader to a world leader when they used non-corrosive terms like “distortions” and “half-truths” while correcting his 2017-era falsehoods.

But by his second year in office, even the euphemisms got tired. Now several mainstream journalists use the L-word: lie.

Perhaps the “P-word” is next.

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Cheryl Lynn Bruce, Erik Hellman, Lanise Antoine Shelley and Ora Jones in “Familiar.”

Familiar

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will be familiar to many children of immigrants, first-generation Americans who have to reconcile their own desires for self-expression with the worries of parents raised in circumstances where the achievement of financial security was the first order of business in life.

Happily, Gurira embraces the comedy that you find in most rambunctious but loving families, filled with strong personalities. The work is often funny — Kristen Robinson’s set even includes an ample number of doors so that overhearings can take place or characters can appear unannounced. And, at times, the tricky blend of comedy and intense drama sometimes challenges this production, which sometimes sacrifices truth for laughs.

“Familiar” is no “August: Osage County” in its dissection of familial conflict. But what makes this much gentler play distinctive is its celebration of the extended African family, with its determination that parenting should be shared among all of those who can contribute to the well-

being of the young. Comedy always requires contrasts — and Gurira makes much of having this powerful Zimbabwean collective come to terms not only with the frugidity of a Minnesotan winter and the snow falling outside their door, but with their daughters becoming involved with a couple of genial Midwestern characters you might find in “ Fargo.” (Both Hellman and Sottile approach their work with relish.)

Taymor’s production embraces Gurira’s exploration of how the same matriarchal family can produce utterly different people — different takes on strength, you might say — and I found some of these performances quite moving, especially Jones’ take on a proud mother who is forced to reconsider her long-standing determination to ground her family in the tradition of its new land.

“Familiar” is, without question, written from the perspective of the children of immigrants, not the parents. Gurira is writing what she knows, but she also shows great empathy for her elders.

Most of these kinds of plays (Lauren Yee’s “King of the Yees” is another

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recent example) end with some kind of reconciliation of tradition and change, and “Familiar” is no exception there, even if there is a genuine surprise waiting in Act 2. It’s notable, I think, that the play does not involve death — at which point the optimistic idea that you can combine old and new worlds without losing your own sense of identity often collides with the pain of loss. But that would be no comedy.

I think Gurira is at her best as a writer when probing the terrifyingly unfamiliar, which she did so brilliantly in this city, earlier in her extraordinary career. But this is a play that surely was too close to home not to write. And this is a Hollywood star who has forgotten nothing.

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STEPHEN HILLENBURG 1961-2018

‘SpongeBob SquarePants’ creator dies of ALS at 57

BY JOE OTTERSON
Variety

Stephen Hillenburg, the creator of the megahit Nickelodeon cartoon series “SpongeBob SquarePants,” died on Monday. He was 57.

The cause of death was ALS, which Hillenburg revealed he had been diagnosed with in March of last year.

“We are incredibly saddened by the news that Steve Hillenburg has passed away following a battle with ALS,” Nickelodeon said in a statement. “He was a beloved friend and longtime creative partner to everyone at Nickelodeon, and our hearts go out to his entire family. Steve imbued ‘SpongeBob SquarePants’ with a unique sense of humor and innocence that has brought joy to generations of kids and families everywhere. His utterly original characters and the world of Bikini Bottom will long stand as a reminder of the value of optimism, friendship and the limitless power of imagination.”

A musical based on the cartoon had its pre-Broadway tryout in Chicago in 2016, with original songs by the Plain White Ts, Panic! At the Disco, The Flaming Lips, Cyndi Lauper, Sara Bareilles, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry, Yolanda Adams and They Might Be Giants. There was also an existing song, “No Control,” especially authorized for the show by David Bowie and Brian Eno.

The show was directed by Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Tina Landau and opened on Broadway in December 2017.

Hillenburg graduated from Humboldt State University in 1984 with a bachelor’s degree in Natural Resource Planning and Interpretation, with an emphasis on marine re-



CHARLES SYKES/INVISION

Stephen Hillenburg created “SpongeBob SquarePants.”

sources. He then became a marine biology teacher at the Orange County Marine Institute (now the Ocean Institute) in Dana Point, Calif. This interest, combined with his artistic talent and love of the sea and its creatures, led him to write and illustrate stories as teaching tools with characters that would later become the denizens of SpongeBob’s home, Bikini Bottom.

He began his animation career in 1987, pursuing a degree in Experimental Animation at the California Institute of Arts in Valencia and earning his Master of Fine Arts in 1992.

That same year he won an award for Best Animated Concept at the Ottawa International Animation Festival for his animated short “Wormholes,” which went on to be shown at various international animation festivals. From 1993 to 1996 he would pursue work in television as a director and writer on Nickelodeon’s series “Rocko’s Modern Life.”

From there, he began to work full-time on writing, producing and directing the animated series that would eventually become “SpongeBob SquarePants.” The first episode aired on Nickelodeon on May 1, 1999 and the series commenced its full run on July

17 that year. The series has aired nearly 250 episodes to date. It appealed not only to children but older viewers as well, with college students even organizing viewing parties for the show.

The series has won both U.S. and British Emmy Awards, Annie Awards, and ASCAP Awards and has been dubbed or subtitled in more than 60 languages, including Urdu, Azerbaijani and Maori.

Hillenburg also wrote, produced and directed “The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie,” which was released in 2004 and grossed over \$140 million worldwide. In 2015 Hillenburg wrote the story for and was the executive producer of the sequel, “The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water.”

Hillenburg — or Steve, as he was known to family, friends and fans — was born August 21, 1961, at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma. After leaving the military, his father, Kelly N. Hillenburg, Jr., became a draftsman and designer for aerospace companies. His mother Nancy taught visually impaired students.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Karen Hillenburg, son Clay, mother Nancy Hillenburg (nee Dufour) and brother Brian Kelly Hillenburg, his wife Isabel and nieces Emma and Hazel.



ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA/FOX SEARCHLIGHT FILMS

Olivia Colman portrays Queen Anne in "The Favourite," a tale of royal intrigue set in the 18th century, directed by Yorgos Lanthimos.

Why do royal dramas reign?

Queens in particular make for fascinating, complex stories

BY HUGH HART
Los Angeles Times

It's good to be queen. Or to be more precise, it's good to play a queen in the type of sumptuous royal drama that often reigns supreme during awards season.

Consider: Helen Mirren won an Oscar as "The Queen." Judi Dench portrayed Queen Victoria twice, in her Oscar-nominated "Mrs. Brown" and last year in the Golden Globe-nominated "Victoria & Abdul." Cate Blanchett got nominated for "Elizabeth: The Golden Age." Kirsten Dunst wore Oscar-winning costumes in Sofia Coppola's "Marie Antoinette." Danish Queen Caroline biopic "A Royal Affair" picked up a foreign language film Oscar nomination. And flashing back to the '60s, "Anne of the Thousand Days" delivered Genevieve Bujold a lead actress statuette for playing King Henry II's wife one year after "Lion in Winter" star Katharine Hepburn won an Oscar for portraying Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine.

Hollywood's fascination with female monarchs continues this fall. "Mary Queen of Scots" features Saoirse Ronan in the title role opposite Margot Robbie's Elizabeth I, while "The Favourite" casts Olivia Colman as royal eccentric Queen Anne. Why do women in thrones continue to ring a bell for 21st century moviegoers?

"Queens not only manage all the complexities of wielding power, but they also do it against the backdrop of a society that's uncomfortable with the very notion of a woman ruling," observes "Mary Queen of Scots" writer Beau Willimon.

"When you take someone who's both on the fringe and in the inner circle at the same time, it adds a layer to the dramatic complexity of the story. When you put these conflicts against a grand canvas with extraordinarily high stakes, it makes queens more interesting and attractive than their male counterparts."

Willimon, who created the "House of Cards" series



Saoirse Ronan, left, as Mary Stuart, and Margot Robbie as her cousin, Elizabeth I in "Mary Queen of Scots."



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about backstabbing Washington, D.C., power brokers, pictures the 16th century history between Catholic Mary and Protestant Elizabeth as a potentially potent friendship gone horribly awry.

"Elizabeth and Mary both understood what it was like to be surrounded by men doing everything they could to manipulate, steer or diminish their reign, so there's a certain camaraderie on that level," he says. "But they also pose a threat to one another. How do you navigate the desire to coexist with this contradictory desire to dominate the other? That question is at the heart of this version of 'Mary Queen of Scots.'"

Mary Stuart, daughter of

King of Scotland James V, exuded imperial confidence from childhood.

"Her mother, Mary de Guise, was a supreme operator and Mary was groomed to become queen," says Willimon, who based his script on John Guy's "Mary, Queen of Scots" biography.

"Oftentimes through the ages Mary has been portrayed as an impetuous, overly emotional young woman who made blunder after blunder, but Guy proposes that she was actually quite savvy, sure-footed and decisive, although I doubt that she ever felt too secure in her power. This was a time when people didn't get impeached; they got murdered. They weren't voted

out of office; they were jetted off to the Tower."

Rival Elizabeth began her reign crippled with uncertainty.

"She was born a bastard child and probably grew up worried about getting shipped off to a nunnery or being executed," says Willimon. "When Elizabeth became Queen of England, there was great strife between Protestants and Catholics, not all that different between what you see today between conservatives and liberals. At the start of our story, Elizabeth has not yet become the stalwart, strong and fierce person we've seen dramatized before. She was much more insecure."

Unlike the steely Queen of Scots and increasingly shrewd Elizabeth I, Colman's Queen Anne in the 18th century-set tragicomedy "The Favourite" comes across as a needy, gout-afflicted monarch surrounded by 17 bunnies representing the children she lost through miscarriages or stillborn births. "That level of loss was very important to understanding Queen Anne's character," says "The Favourite" co-writer Tony McNamara. "We wanted to honor that

part of her history and the rabbits showed this in a way that was tonally consistent with this woman who was a bit of a child."

Teamed with director Yorgos Lanthimos, McNamara, who previously dramatized royal temperament in his 2008 Catherine the Great play "The Great," kept England's disastrous War of the Spanish Succession off-screen in order to focus on Queen Anne's relationships with close advisor Sarah Churchill (Rachel Weisz) and Sarah's seductive cousin Abigail (Emma Stone).

"Yorgos and I were drawn to the idea of these personalities being much bigger than the political story," McNamara says. "We're accustomed to thinking of politics as a much more rational pursuit, but in this film we wanted to show how the personal relationships between these three women changed the course of history. Queen Anne and Sarah and Abigail have everyday problems just like regular people. Apart from the fact that they've got pretty dresses and carriages, there's a downside as well."

IN PERFORMANCE 'HeLa' ★★★ 1/2

The cosmic wheels of Henrietta Lacks

BY KERRY REID
Chicago Tribune

In January 1951, a 30-year-old black woman with five children was diagnosed with cervical cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital. After enduring a horrific series of radiation treatments for months, she died in October of that year. But her legacy lives on through cells taken from the tumors in her body that proved to be "immortal" — that is, capable of multiplying and thriving in cultures outside the human body.

Her story first came to widespread public attention in Rebecca Skloot's 2010 book, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks." Skloot finally gave a name and back story to the source of the "HeLa" cell lines, which have been used for everything from developing the polio vaccine to mapping the human genome. Subsequently, HBO released a film starring Oprah Winfrey as Lacks' daughter, Deborah.

J. Nicole Brooks' "HeLa," now in a world premiere at Sideshow Theatre (in association with Greenhouse Productions) takes a different and wholly imaginative

approach to Lacks' story. But Brooks' play is as rooted in the desire for connection and healing as Skloot's book, which traces how Lacks' early death affected her children along with exploring the scientific legacy of her cells. Loss and isolation are among the themes Brooks illuminates here. But so is belief in a cosmos that continues to contain multitudes.

Directed by Jonathan L. Green, the story unfolds in three different timelines that ultimately intersect — or at least nuzzle up against each other. We see the diagnosis and decline of Lacks, who is identified in the program only as "Woman" and whose name is deliberately drowned out by feedback each time a Hopkins researcher mentions it — much as Lacks' own name was erased for decades. We meet a family on Chicago's West Side in the early 1980s, where a young girl being raised by her aunt after her mother's death from cancer shows strong interest in science and astronomy.

And we meet an intergalactic being, Jata, who, in Deanna Reed-Foster's endearing performance,



JONATHAN L. GREEN PHOTO

Deanna Reed-Foster as Jata in "HeLa."

feels like a mix between Sun Ra and a stand-up comic. Jata tells us stories of the stars, from African myths to Br'er Rabbit, and moves between all at not being involved with all the "lies and disappointments" on Earth and still missing it. "I don't want to be there, but I don't want to forget," she tells us, and then recites a list of all the things she misses (including "the bleating of a goat" and Chuck Berry) that echoes Emily Webb's farewell to

life in "Our Town."

The great strength in Brooks' supple writing is how she moves from the everyday dialogue to poetic meditation without losing her grasp on the tonal qualities of her story. In particular, the family story moves with deep-rooted empathy and humor. As the aunt, known as Bird, Nicole Michelle Haskins is a captivating blend of tough and tender. Whether she's coaching her young niece, Suhaila (Ayah Sol Masai

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Where: Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$20-\$35 at 773-404-7336 or www.sideshowtheatre.org

Hall) on how to deliver a presentation on astronomy with confidence, or feebly fending off the attentions of Steve (David Lawrence Hamilton), the thoroughly charming man who will eventually be her husband, Haskins' Bird provides a sold fulcrum to her family and to Brooks' play.

Haskins also plays the Lacks stand-in, who in 1951 Baltimore is still treated as a second-class citizen by the medical staff, including Ann James' sharp-tongued nurse. Matt Fletcher plays an assortment of doctors and researchers, and also pops up in Jata's timeline as the embodiment of David Bowie's "Major Tom," on his own last voyage into space.

Hall's performance as Suhaila nails the young girl's precocity without becoming precious. A trip to the Adler Planetarium she makes with Bird, Steve, and their always-up-for-a-good-time friend, Pat (Carolyn Nelson) — whose nickname is a bit blunt — is a highlight. As she watches

the solar eclipse, we see how much joy she takes in learning about the universe, even as her personal life contains untimely grief. And we see how much she depends on the love and encouragement of her family and the Adler scientists to make her dreams come true.

Not everything gels smoothly in Brooks' play, and there are places where the script could probably be tightened up, especially around the cosmic metaphors, which feel like they're a bit overlaid by the end. A scene where a young woman (Haskins) gets a cervical exam from a sympathetic nurse practitioner (James) shows us how medical practice has improved since the brusque treatment Lacks received, but otherwise doesn't do much to move the story forward.

But the risks Brooks takes here in reimagining and expanding Lacks' story make up for the occasional raw edges with a rich and emotionally satisfying conclusion. It's both a worthy complement to what we learned from Skloot's book and a complex stand-alone meditation on what makes our lives matter — even after we've ceased to be.

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Alex Hagh Andersen

"Vikings" (8 p.m., 10:01 p.m., 12:03 a.m., 2:02 a.m., History): Fans of Shakespeare's history play about Richard III of England may pick up resonances of that saga as this drama resumes Season 5 with the new episode "The Revelation," which opens with the coronation of pathologically cruel Ivar the Boneless (Alex Hagh Andersen) as king of Kattegat. That occasion is closely followed by the return of Ivar's uncle Rollo (Clive Standen), the Duke of Normandy.

"86th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center" (7 p.m., NBC): Hot off their recent congenial coverage of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, not to mention their regular morning duties on "Today," Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb join NBC colleagues Al Roker and Craig Melvin for the traditional lighting of this year's enormous Christmas tree in midtown Manhattan, a 72-foot-tall Norway Spruce from Wallkill, N.Y. Musical performances by John Legend, Tony Bennett, Diana Krall, Kellie Pickler and Pentatonix, among others, precede the moment of illumination.

"Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., ANIM): They may not play for the same team, but NBA icons DeMarcus Cousins and Dwight Howard are giants in more than one respect. A new episode called "NBA Big Men Snake Tanks" highlights something else both men have in common as well: hiring the ATM team to create custom-built tanks that feature some truly intimidating snakes.

"Star" (8 p.m., FOX): Upon her return to Gravity Records, Carlotta (Queen Latifah) discovers that much has changed, while Star (Jude Demorest) makes a startling discovery when she meets Jackson's (Matthew Noszka) mother, Becky (guest star Kelly Sullivan) in the new episode "Roots and Wings." Elsewhere, Simone (Brittany O'Grady) turns to Nina (guest star Camila Banus) when Angel (guest star Evan Ross) returns unexpectedly. Ben Vereen and Chad Michael Murray also guest star.

"A Legendary Christmas With John and Chrissy" (9 p.m., NBC): Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award winner John Legend and his wife, model-author Chrissy Teigen, welcome friends, family members and assorted celebrity guests for this new holiday music special, which features songs from Legend's latest release, "A Legendary Christmas." Guest performers include Stevie Wonder and Esperanza Spalding; other guests include Jane Lynch, Darren Criss, Meghan Trainor, Awkwafina, Zach Galifianakis, Derek Hough, Kris Jenner, Retta, Ben Schwartz and Kim Kardashian West.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m., TBS): Celebrity guests, music acts and comics.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Ice-T; actress Mariska Hargitay; actor Macaulay Culkin; J.I.D., BJ the Chicago Kid and Thundercat perform.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Eric McCormack; actor David Alan Grier; Sara Bareilles performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Kurt Russell; actress Tessa Thompson; Jake Owen performs.*

* Subject to change

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Bertolucci

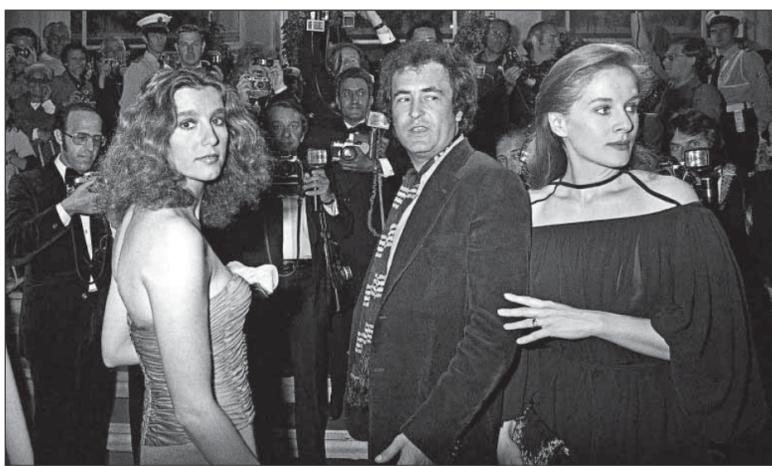
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ish, teenage Liv Tyler as a virgin who works out issues of absent fathers and her own sexual awakening amid a cosmopolitan group of expatriates in Tuscany, Italy. As both an example and occasional critique of what is commonly called the male gaze, "Stealing Beauty" aptly summed up Bertolucci's effect on modern cinema and how our agreed-upon notions of pictorial beauty, formal perfectionism and sensuality have been conditioned by the preoccupations of the male auteur — which in Bertolucci's case could be prurient and fetishistic one moment, discreetly observational the next.

So much of my informal film education was conducted by way of his films. I was transported by the richly extravagant production values of epics such as "The Sheltering Sky" and

"The Last Emperor," the latter of which won nine Oscars in 1988. Even more memorably, I learned to appreciate compositional precision by watching Bertolucci's stunning 1970 political thriller "The Conformist," which features one of cinema's greatest tracking shots, as well as a delicate latticework of shadow and light that pushes cinematography to its gorgeously expressive heights. ("The Conformist" was the first of Bertolucci's exquisite collaborations with cinematographer Vittorio Storaro, who would become his long-time director of photography.)

But as a woman and filmmaker, I felt increasingly uncomfortable within Bertolucci's imaginative frame, or locked out of it altogether, whether it had to do with the way he lingered over the female body or reduced the watchwords "the personal is political" to questions of seduction and erotic entanglement.



LEVY/AP 1976

Italian actress Stefania Sandrelli, Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci and French actress Dominique Sanda attend the 30th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France.

In 1972, when Bertolucci released "Last Tango in Paris," it might have been possible to see it, as Pauline Kael did, as a transgressive masterpiece on a par with Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring."

A generation later, the spectacle of Marlon

Brando and Maria Schneider portraying strangers embarking on a series of violent sexual encounters looked far more problematic, especially with Schneider's recollection of feeling "humiliated ... and a little raped" by Brando and Bertolucci, who were sev-

eral years her senior when she made the film as a 19-year-old. As much as he prided himself on his leftist, anti-fascist ideals, Bertolucci — who based the film on one of his daydreams about anonymous sex — was supremely uninterested in exploring the

gender politics embedded within his films, dismissing Schneider's accusations as a "ridiculous misunderstanding."

Like so many of his contemporaries — the auteurs who built the canon — Bertolucci refused to countenance how his own fantasies and impulses became part of film's fundamental grammar, internalized by men and women alike as what counts as beautiful, desirable and worth aestheticizing in the first place. Unwilling to interrogate his own work, now Bertolucci has left it to audiences to reconcile its contradictions — or at least allow them to coexist in an uneasy standoff. Bertolucci's contributions to cinema are enduring and undebatable, not least because they add up to so many opposing ideas being true at the same time. His gaze demands that we create one of our own, capable of perceiving pleasure and pain in equal and disquieting measure.

Eleanor

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"I emailed her from the plane, and it was in my outbox until we landed, saying, 'Is it possible for me to still get into that movie?'" Kaczmarek told the Tribune. "That is the most amazing script. I couldn't believe a first-time writer who is such an incredible actress wrote this, but then also financed it. One place she went to. They gave her all the money, here in Chicago. People read this script and think, 'I want a piece of that.' I mean, that doesn't happen."

Marks is eyeing an early 2020 release. The film is directed by Rich Newey, a TV show and commercial director and Marks' husband; produced by Richard Kahan ("Lucky") and Chicago-based producer Angie Gaffney ("Signature Move"); and executive produced by Chicago Media Angels' Kelly Waller and Ted Reilly.



FOX

Jane Kaczmarek of "Malcolm in the Middle" fame plays Natalie's mom in "Killing Eleanor."

Waller, a partner and managing director of the Chicago Media Angels, told the Tribune that her team combs through thousands of projects and pitches three of them quarterly to 65-plus accredited investors. The group, which is about 2 1/2 years old, has invested in 12 projects including "When Jeff Tried to Save the

World," an indie starring "Napoleon Dynamite" actor Jon Heder that filmed in the Chicago area last year and is set to screen at the Music Box Theatre in December.

The "Killing Eleanor" budget was not revealed, but Waller said Chicago Media Angels has committed a minimum of \$50,000 for individual projects. Waller said it wasn't a requirement that Marks shoot the film in the Chicago area, but that's how the group was able to fund the entire project. Filming it here meant taking advantage of local resources and the state's 30 percent film production tax credit, Waller said.

"We loved the story, we loved the team, both for their experience and their passion," Waller said. The partnership turned out to be "a great team effort between the Chicago community and the L.A. community."

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 28

	PM	MOVIES						
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "Tribal Lines Are Blurred." (N) ©			Magnum P.I.: "Death Is Only Temporary." ©		News (N) ♦	
	NBC 5	86th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center (N) (Live) ©						NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Am Housewife (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	A Million Little Things: "Fight or Flight." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee Bucks. From Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. (N) (Live) ©				WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Alvarez Kelly (NR,'66) *** William Holden. ©			Mackenna's Gold (M,'69) ** © ♦			
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Nature: "Snow Bears." (N) ©			Joe Bonamassa -- British Blues Explosion Live (N) ©		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©		Fire With Fire (R,'12) Josh Duhamel, Rosario Dawson.		Phone Bth ♦			
FOX 32	Empire: "Master of What Is Mine Own." (N) ©		Star: "Roots and Wings." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)			
Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Cursed."		Blue Blood ♦	
Telem 44	La sultana (N) ©		Falsa identidad (N) ©		(9:05) Señora Acero (N)		Chicago (N)	
CW 50	Riverdale (N) ©		All American (N) ©		Dateline		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema						Rosario Tijeras ♦	
WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
Univ 66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte			
CABLE	AE	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage (N)	Storage ♦	
	AMC	National Lamp. Christmas (8:15) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13,'89) ***			Tanked ©			Tanked ♦
	ANIM	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)						Hunt ♦
	BBCA	The Hunt for Red October (PG,'90) *** Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. ©			Hunt ♦			
	BET	Barbershop: The Next Cut		blackish	blackish	blackish	blackish ©	Browns ♦
	BIGTEN	Wm. Basketball (N)		Women's College Basketball: Duke at Wisconsin. (N)			Big Ten	
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ (N)		Real House. (Season Finale) (N)			Watch (N)	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©						Shark ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Pk (N) BoJack (N)	Daily (N) ♦	
	DISC	Expedition Unknown ©						Lewis-Cl. ♦
	DISN	Raven	Raven	Coop	Coop	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven
	E!	Total Divas ©						Fifty Shades of Grey *** ♦
	ESPN	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N)			College Basketball: North Carolina at Michigan. (N)			
	ESPN2	College Basketball (N)			(8:15) College Basketball: Purdue at Florida State. (N)			
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		
	FREE	(5:40) Despicable Me		(7:50) Disney's A Christmas Carol (PG,'09) *** ©		700 Club ♦		
	FX	Jason Bourne (PG-13,'16) ** Matt Damon, Tommy Lee Jones. ©						Jason Bourne ('16) ** ♦
HALL	Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa (NR,'18)						A Shoe Addict's Christmas (NR,'18) ♦	
HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N) Property ♦			
HIST	Vikings (N) ©						(9:02) Brothers in Arms Vikings ♦	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	We're the Millers (R,'13) ** Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis. ©						Pineapple Express *** ♦	
LIFE	The Christmas Contract (NR,'18) Hilarie Burton. ©						One Tree Hill Christmas ♦	
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Catfish ©			
NBCSCH	College Basketball (N)		Inside Look Beer Money		Chicago Bulls Postgame			
NICK	Henry	SpongeBob	Legally Blonde (PG-13,'01) ** Reese Witherspoon. ©				Friends ©	
OVATION	Overboard (PG,'87) ** Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.						Michael Jackson: Life (N) Selena ♦	
OWN	Greenleaf		Greenleaf ©		Greenleaf ©			
OXY	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦	
PARMT	The Wedding Singer *** The Waterboy (PG-13,'98) * Adam Sandler. ©						Wedding ©	
SYFY	Sorcerer's Apprentice		Bruce Almighty (PG-13,'03) ** Jim Carrey. ©		Family Mn ♦			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) ©		Conan © ♦	
TCM	The Outlaw (G,'43) ** Jane Russell, Jack Buetel. ©						(9:15) His Kind of Woman ('51) *** ♦	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "James K's Story." ©						Family by the Ton © My 600-Lb ♦	
TLN	Camp Meeting		Diane		The Three			
TNT	(7:15) The Fifth Element (PG-13,'97) *** Bruce Willis. ©						Mission: Impossible III ♦	
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Cities of the Underworld						Mysteries-Museum (N) Monsters ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley (N)	Chrisley (N)	Real Country (N) © Chrisley ♦			
VH1	Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew (N) © Black Ink ♦			
WE	CSI: Miami ©						CSI: Miami ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Four Christmases (PG-13,'08) **		Camping ©	My Bril. (Subtitled-English) My Bril. (Sub			
	HBO2	My Bril. (Subtitled-English) My Bril. (Subtitled-English)		Sally4Ever	Camping ©	Axios © ♦		
	MAX	The Italian Job (G,'69) ** Michael Caine. ©		Mike Judge	Me, Myself & Irene (R) ** ♦			
	SHO	(6:15) The Patriot (R,'00) *** Mel Gibson. ©		Escape at Dannemora The Firm ♦				
	STARZ	(6:25) Easy A ('10) ***		Into the Woods (PG,'14) *** Meryl Streep. ©		Spider ♦		
STZNC	(6:12) The Odd Couple		The Transporter (PG-13,'02) **			Aliens vs. Predator ♦		

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Nov. 28): Listen to your heart this year. Maintain cash flow momentum with steady input. Discover insights into your work, purpose and health. A lucrative bonus this winter comes before an exploration shifts focus. A fat shared harvest this summer helps with a financial challenge. Share thanks.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Talk about love and passion. Express your heart. Practice your arts and talents. Action gets farther than anticipated. Listen and learn.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Family conversations lead to practical ideas for home upgrades. A renovation provides lasting value. Research options, and get outside perspectives. Try something new.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Monitor channels of communication. Listen, and provide someone a valuable service. The more supportive you are, the more you gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Count your winnings. Your income rises with positive conditions. Take advantage of rising sales or business. Fix something before it breaks. Quick action pays off.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Consider long-range personal plans. You're getting stronger. Practice for a powerful performance. Get help with any heavy lifting. Share acknowledgment and gratitude.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Find an answer in a dream. Insight strikes unbidden. A stroke of genius reveals new options. An elder has great advice. Consider what worked before.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Talk with friends to advance a group project. Community efforts can take big ground. You're especially persuasive. Work out a powerful plan.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Conversation can lead to a career opportunity. Put in extra effort, and continue earning respect. There's more work available. Stick to the plan, and make your deadlines.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. An exploration takes flight. All your connections are coming together. Find ways to economize. Keep your eye on the road. Discover new tricks.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Take care of business with shared accounts. Keep your part of the bargain. Complete a job early and under budget. Accept nice extra benefits.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Together, you and a partner can advance beyond expectation. Avoid misunderstandings by staying in close communication. Follow rules rigorously.

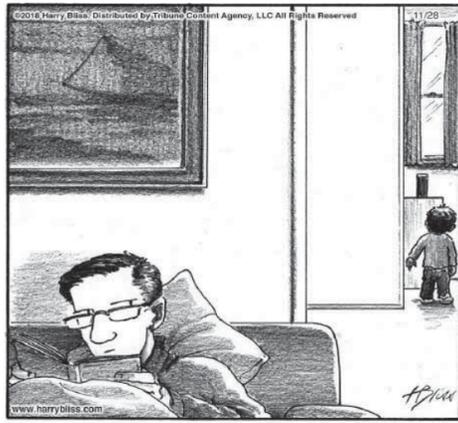
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Demand for your work is rising. Guard your physical energy. Restore it with exercise, good food and sleep. Slow down to avoid accidents.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



"Alexa, what removes chocolate and magic marker from Dad's comic books he said never to touch?"

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

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

Today's deal is from a youth competition earlier this year. It is from a match between a team from China and a team from France. North could not have been faulted for passing three spades, as the auction told him that his heart suit might not be very useful. Blame it on the "exuberance of youth."

The opening heart lead went to dummy's 10 and East's King. What would you return from the East hand at trick two? A diamond seems reasonable, but it wouldn't defeat the contract. Declarer would win with the queen and lead a spade to the 10 — the correct percentage play. The best West could do would be to rise with his ace and lead another diamond. Dummy's ace would win and the queen of hearts would be led for a ruffing finesse. Assume East covers with the ace, although it wouldn't matter. South would ruff and lead another spade, drawing West's trumps, and then discard a minor suit loser on the jack of hearts. Making four.

Young Leo Rombaut of France found the winning defense. He returned the eight of hearts at trick two. South discarded a club as dummy's jack took the trick. The ace of clubs and a club ruff got him back to his hand to lead a spade, but West rose with his ace to lead a diamond. This set up a diamond trick for East and there was no way to prevent West from scoring a heart ruff with the queen of spades. Down one. Nice play!

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Dilbert



Baby Blues



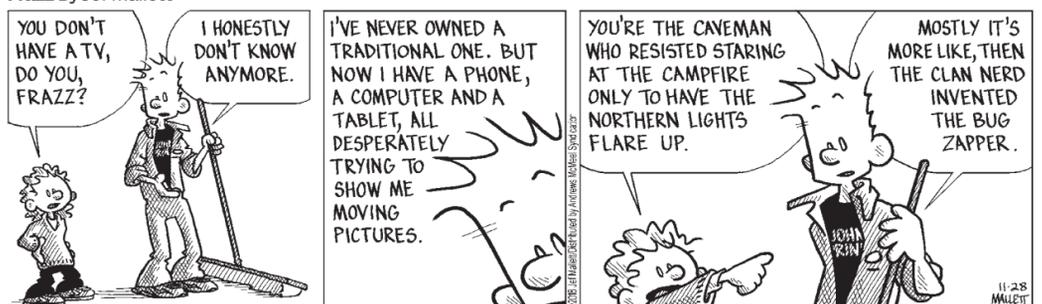
Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28 NORMAL HIGH: 41° NORMAL LOW: 27° RECORD HIGH: 69° (1905) RECORD LOW: 0° (1887)

A frigid morning — the coldest since February

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 27 **LOW** 24

■ High pressure overhead during the daytime hours slips off to the east at night as a warm front approaches from the west.

■ Despite sunshine, a frigid start to the day with temperatures in single digits away from much of the area away from the city and in the teens in Chicago.

■ Clouds increase in the afternoon and thicken with a chance of light snow or flurries overnight.

■ Westerly winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



With an Arctic-source high pressure overhead, clearing skies and diminishing winds overnight along with a fresh, thick snowpack, temperatures were expected to take a nosedive into the single digits away from the city early Wednesday morning. The last time it was this cold here was February.

Despite cold temperatures, the morning sunshine will brighten our day. Veteran Chicago weather observer Frank Wachowski has measured only 26 percent of possible sunshine this month — November hasn't been this cloudy here in over 20 years.

Clouds will increase ahead of an approaching cold front in the afternoon with some light snow possible later at night, into Thursday morning. Milder temperatures are expected by the weekend, but they will be accompanied by rain.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

HIGH 36 **LOW** 33

Cloudy and not quite so cold. A few periods of very light rain or snow possible. Highs in the middle 30s. A chance of rain overnight, as winds shift from southwest to the northwest.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

HIGH 39 **LOW** 35

Rain ends early and moves off to the east, becoming partly sunny. Increasing clouds during the afternoon with highs closing in on 40 degrees. Clouds lower and rain spreads over the area at night. SE winds.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

HIGH 45 **LOW** 37

Cloudy with a steady rain — highs in the middle 40s. A chance of rain overnight. Southerly winds shift to the west and eventually to the northeast overnight.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

HIGH 42 **LOW** 31

Mostly cloudy and turning colder with a chance of light rain possibly mixed with wet snow later in the day. Highs in the lower 40s. Clouds and a chance of flurries overnight. Northerly winds.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

HIGH 38 **LOW** 27

A few breaks in the clouds but overcast for the most part with a slight chance of flurries. Clouds and a chance of snow overnight. Northeast winds.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

HIGH 36 **LOW** 24

Mostly cloudy with a good chance of light snow. Afternoon highs in the middle 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northerly winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Is it possible for a tornado to form during the winter?
— Paul Brody

Dear Paul,
Yes, the likelihood of a winter tornado here in the Midwest, while remote, is nonetheless a distinct possibility. Winter tornadoes (defined as December, January and February occurrences) occur most frequently in the Gulf states: Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and south Texas. They are relatively infrequent, however, with those states averaging about three or four tornadoes per month during those months. With the arrival of spring, the area of peak tornado occurrence moves northwest into the southern and central Great Plains, and then north to the northern Great Plains in the late summer and fall. Tornado Alley, the area of greatest tornado frequency, extends from central Texas into Nebraska.

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Windy, wet Friday night into Saturday; t-storms lay south

STORM SYSTEM

REACHES CHICAGO BEGINNING FRIDAY NIGHT

System's multiday precipitation

PREDICTED TEMPERATURES

SUNDAY (DEC. 2) - WEDNESDAY (DEC. 5)

MUCH BELOW -12°

-10° BELOW

-6° NORMAL

-4°

FORECAST DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL

CHANCE OF MEASURABLE PRECIPITATION

THURSDAY (DEC. 6) - SUNDAY (DEC. 9)

20%

60%

70%

80%

90%

PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK

DAY/NIGHT CHICAGO PROBABILITIES

Potential for measurable precip in each 12 hour period

	WED. NOV. 28	THUR. NOV. 29	FRI. NOV. 30	SAT. DEC. 1	SUN. DEC. 2	MON. DEC. 3
6 A.M.	10%	15%	5%	85%	15%	20%
6 P.M.	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT
6 A.M.	30%	22%	35%	40%	20%	60%

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	22	18	Midway	25	21
Gary	27	21	O'Hare	25	21
Kankakee	24	19	Romeoville	24	18
Lakefront	26	22	Valparaiso	28	23
Lansing	24	19	Waukegan	24	20

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.11"
Season to date	3.19"	2.84"
Year to date	45.86"	34.33"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	Trace
Season to date	12.0"	9.80"
Normal to date	1.1"	1.1"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	WSW 5-15 kts.	S 10-22 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	38°/39°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	29.7%	4.0%
Average snow depth	1.3"	0.3"

TRACKING THE COLD

	SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	2 days	2 days	2 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading: Good
Wednesday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particulates

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

	Sun	6:56 a.m.	4:22 p.m.
Moon	10:20 p.m.	11:53 a.m.	

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:39 a.m.	4:14 p.m.
Venus	3:39 a.m.	2:33 p.m.
Mars	12:33 p.m.	11:28 p.m.
Jupiter	6:46 a.m.	4:16 p.m.
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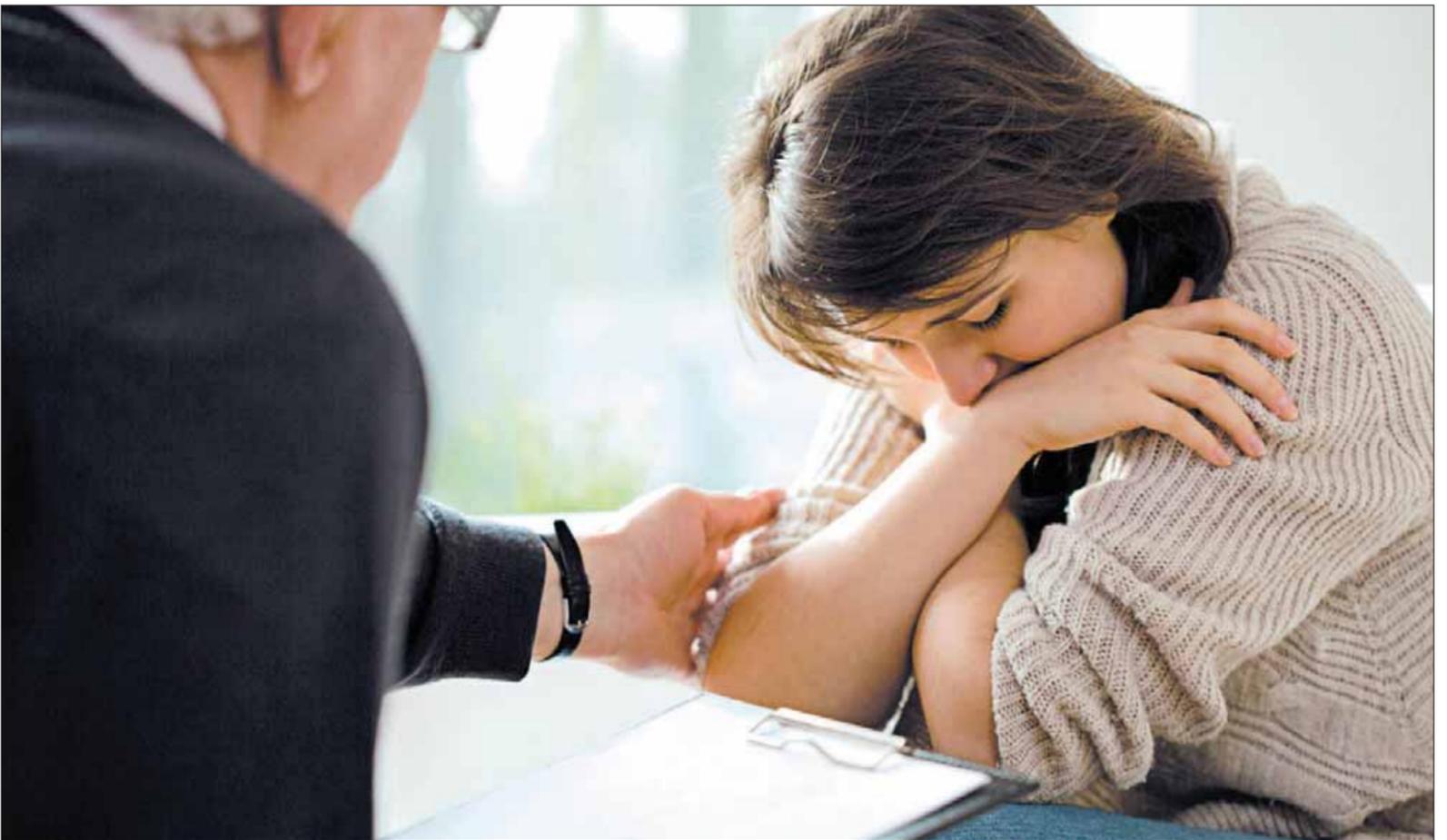
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Coping with long waits

BY CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

Delays are major barrier for mental health care appointments

Sometimes, life seems like one long waiting game — waiting in traffic (where the average American commuter spends 42 hours each year), waiting in line, waiting for a raise, waiting for the weather to change. All that waiting adds up to one more cause of stress, which might cause your anxiety level to rise or your depressive tendencies to blossom into something more full-blown. You'll need care for that — in fact, if your depression or anxiety is intransigent enough, you might want to see a mental health professional.

And for that, you'll have to wait.

Wait times for mental health treatment in the U.S. are long and getting longer. In fact, though the stigma around seeking care is fading, wait times for treatment remain one of the most substantial barriers to receiving care.

Sounds like a small stumbling block? It's not, experts say. "This is an important problem, a large problem, and it's a problem nationally," says Mark Reinecke, chief of psychology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. A recent study, co-sponsored by the National Council for Behavioral Health and the Cohen Veterans Network, and conducted by research firm Ketchum Analytics, showed that 94 million Americans have had to wait longer than one week for mental

health services.

Those wait times have a very real impact. "For every one day of wait time," says NCBH President and CEO Linda Rosenberg, "you lose 1 percent of the patients — so if you have a 21-day wait, 21 percent of the patients seeking care just will give up and not show up."

It's a problem with perfect storm potential: Demand for mental health care is higher than ever, with 6 in 10 Americans saying they have sought or wanted to seek treatment for themselves or a loved one. But a workforce shortage in the mental health professions means there are not enough care providers to meet the need. And there are even fewer providers who accept insurance, further limiting the providers available to most patients. In spite of legislation aimed at preventing cost barriers to mental health care, insurers often reimburse mental health care services at lower rates than other medical services, meaning fewer psychologists and psychiatrists can afford to accept insurance plans. "Unfortunately," says Rosenberg, "mental health care, and health care in general, is still very much a privilege, not a right, in our country."

The result, for those seeking treatment, is a whole lot of waiting. "If I'm an average patient with an insurance plan," says University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign sociology professor Christopher R. Larrison, who studies community mental health agencies, "I'm probably going to wait at least three weeks for an appointment."

That time frame can shift dramatically if you are hoping to see a psychiatrist or a specialist. "I know of clinics where the wait time for a new patient is one year," says Reinecke, who works in child psychology.

One large analysis that looked at U.S. graduate students — a population in which diagnosable depression and anxiety are believed to affect between 50 and 75 percent — found average wait times for care of more than 10 weeks. "Imagine if you are a college student struggling to finish out the semester, and the wait time is 10 weeks," says Larrison. "That's three-quarters of the semester."

Effects of long wait times can be devastating. In the U.K., where wait times for mental health services are considered a major public health crisis, patients have reported divorce, job loss and other serious consequences as a result of long delays in treatment. "The wait is too long," says Rosenberg, even for a common issue such as depression. "Depression is a very serious illness. People can't get out of bed, they can't work. So people wait, and suffer"

For now, there is no easy solu-

tion for those waiting for care. The NCBH and others are looking to ideas such as telemedicine (in which patients can seek help for mental health issues via an app or website) or adding mental health services to immediate care centers as measures to alleviate wait times. "It's a good match between technology and what our society wants," says Rosenberg. "Now we just have to wait for our health care system to catch up."

Experts say there are a few important things to know if you're faced with a wait for care.

Work the system from all angles. "If a wait time just seems too long," says Larrison, "go back to your primary care provider." Though returning to a primary care practice might seem counterintuitive, some primary care practices are part of a collaborative system in which psychiatrists are available to consult with your doctor. That can mean access to medication for issues such as depression and anxiety, even before you have seen a mental health professional. Rosenberg suggests that you also look at other sources of care, such as community health centers and, for children, the child's school or university. Navigating the health care system can be tough to handle on your own, so partner with a friend or family member.

Do a little research. Compiling facts and strategies, Reinecke says, can help alleviate the anxiety that can come with waiting, giving you back a measure of control over the situation. "Make sure you're using evidence-based sources" of information, he says, but don't hesitate to dig into websites or books to learn more about mental health and your symptoms. He points to websites such as the American Psychological Association or effectivechildtherapy.org. "It's good to problem-solve and find things that might help you while you are waiting," he says. "This is not a small thing: When a person has a sense of hope and a sense that things can be done, their mood will improve."

Know a crisis when you see it. As with any ongoing illness, it's important that you practice "watchful waiting," says Reinecke. "Be patient, but take action if you see something that gives you pause."

If you are a parent, he says, take the same approach you would with a fever or infection. "Parents know their kids, and if you see them deteriorating or you have a bad feeling about something, you should call the doctor."

Call the office of the mental health care provider you're scheduled to see, or your primary care doctor, and in urgent cases, don't hesitate to go to the emergency room.

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Can organic food help you reduce cancer risk?

More research needed, but study suggests answer may be yes

BY KAREN KAPLAN
Los Angeles Times

A study of nearly 70,000 French adults who were tracked for an average of 4.5 years found that those who ate the most organic foods were less likely to develop certain kinds of cancer than the people who ate the fewest.

It is impossible to say that the organic foods people ate were the reason why they had fewer cases of cancer. But the results are significant enough to warrant follow-up studies, the researchers

wrote.

"Further research is required to identify which specific factors are responsible for potential protective effects of organic food consumption on cancer risk," they wrote in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine.

The researchers have an idea about what factors those may be: pesticides. At least three of them — glyphosate, malathion and diazinon — probably cause cancer, and others may be carcinogenic as well, according to the International Agency for Re-

search on Cancer.

"Organic products are less likely to contain pesticide residues than conventional foods," they wrote. That's because the rules farmers must follow in order to use the organic label generally prohibit the use of synthetic pesticides (although pesticides based on natural compounds like hydrogen peroxide and soaps are allowed).

Previous studies have found that pesticide residue is more prevalent on conventionally grown produce than on its orga-

nic counterparts. For instance, a report out this year from the European Food Safety Authority found residue from one or more pesticides on 44 percent of the conventionally produced food samples that were tested. Meanwhile, 6.5 percent of the organic food samples tested had detectable pesticide residues.

And there's evidence that those pesticides are metabolized in the body. The urine of people who eat few (if any) organic foods contains higher concentrations of chemicals derived from pesticides than the urine of people who eat organic food regularly. Consuming fewer pesticide-

related chemicals certainly seems like a good idea. But whether that's associated with an actual health benefit is unclear.

So a team from Inserm, the French equivalent of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, went looking for data.

In an ideal world, they would recruit thousands of volunteers and randomly divide them into two groups: one that follows an organic diet and one that doesn't. They would monitor these volunteers to make sure they were keeping to their assigned diets and observe the other things they

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do that could influence their cancer risk. Then, after many years, they would count up the number of cancers diagnosed in each of the groups and see if there was a difference that could be explained only by the amount of organic food they ate.

But this is not an ideal world, so the researchers focused on people who joined a large, ongoing health and nutrition study starting in 2009. They were questioned about 16 categories of foods and how often they ate organic versions of them. Once a year, they provided health updates, including whether they had been diagnosed with cancer.

By the end of 2016, there were 68,946 French adults who met all of these criteria and were included in the analysis. Their average age when they joined the study was 44, and 78 percent of them were women.

Between 2009 and 2016, cancer was diagnosed in 1,340 of the volunteers. The most common type was breast cancer (459 cases), followed by prostate cancer (180 cases), skin cancer (135 cases), colorectal cancer (99 cases), non-Hodgkin lymphoma (47) and other types of lymphomas (15 cases).

The study authors ranked the volunteers according to how frequently they ate organic foods and divided them into four equally sized groups. This revealed that the people who ate organic food most often had higher incomes, more education and higher-status jobs. They were more likely to exercise, to have quit smoking and to eat higher amounts of healthful foods such as fruits and vegetables. All of these things are associated with a lower risk of cancer.

After they took these and other demographic factors into account, they found that the people who ate organic food most frequently were 25 percent



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less likely to develop any kind of cancer than the people who ate organic food the least. The overall effect of choosing lots of organic foods was similar in magnitude to having a family history of cancer.

When they considered each type of cancer separately, they found that only three had a statistically significant association with organic food consumption.

One of them was postmenopausal breast cancer: The women who ate organic foods most often were 34 percent less likely to receive this diagnosis than women who ate organic foods the least.

Another was non-Hodgkin lymphoma: The most frequent eaters of organic foods were 86 percent less likely to get this form of cancer than their counterparts on the other end of the spectrum. The difference between the two groups was just barely big enough to be statistically significant.

The last category was all lymphomas: People who ate organic food most often were 76 percent less likely to get cancers of the lymph system than people who ate organic foods the least.

Some of these findings were in line with past studies, and some were not. In particular, the French researchers compared their results with data from the Million Women Study in the United Kingdom. In the Million Women Study, participants who ate orga-

nic food regularly had a 21 percent lower risk of non-Hodgkin lymphoma than participants who didn't eat organic food at all. However, there was no reduction in overall cancer risk, and the risk of breast cancer was slightly higher among women who ate organic food routinely than for women who didn't eat it at all.

"It now seems important to evaluate chronic effects of low-dose pesticide residue exposure from the diet," the French researchers concluded.

A team from the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health noted strengths of the new report in a commentary that was also published recently.

Glyphosate, malathion and diazinon have all been associated with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, so the researchers may be on to something, the Harvard authors wrote. But there are also shortcomings that limit the strength of the study's results, they added.

For instance, no attempt was made to confirm people's claims about the amount of organic food they ate. The French researchers also assumed that the more organic foods a person ate, the lower their exposure to pesticide residue would be.

"At the current stage of research, the relationship between organic food consumption and cancer risk is still unclear," the Harvard researchers wrote.

Relentless sunshine defines California



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

The sun comes up big and orange, like a harvest moon. The angry grit from the recent fires sends bloody beams of sunlight through the oaks and the chaparral. I can hardly sleep lately, for a variety of reasons, but if I could sleep, this alone would keep me up.

What a place to put a state.

Even when the fires are out, it's orange here in the fall and winter. The rusty sunrises, the cherry pie sunsets. In between, the air tastes like sour milk.

The Great American Novel, the one they say ain't been writ, will probably be set here in California one day. We live in a place that is complex and elegant, simple and casual; it smells of sage, campfires and cowboys, with traces of curry powder and tequila.

Sometimes California feels like a dirty trick. A land of perfect weather, it boasts a relentless sun that burnishes our dispositions and crisps the land. Before you know it, it's all on fire again.

Nearby, the world's deepest ocean glistens like a giant martini. All that fire, all that surf. If only we could introduce them. If only they could "meet cute."

Yeah, California is a feverish, maddening, magnificent piece of property. I can't think of a more interesting place, but then I don't travel much anymore, content to wander the local canyons and noodle emporiums in search of surprise.

Plus, I can't get out of LAX.

Trust me, I try and try. At LAX, one line leads to another, which leads to an exit or a checkpoint lined with dogs. Eventually, I just give up, which is what I think they want us to do. LAX is not so much an airport as it is some sort of loyalty test, and a metaphor for a city that's outgrown its own shoes.

So here I sit, waiting for others to come to me, to move here from the East and Midwest, and all over the globe really. LA is a shimmering mirage. LA is their harvest moon.

We are paradise the way Sophocles would write it. Paradise with issues.

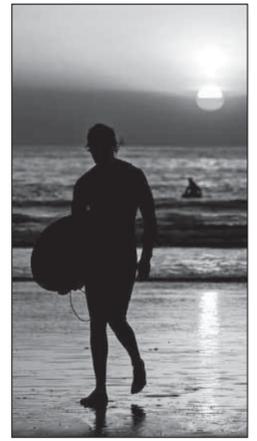
And despite it all, newcomers keep arriving. Despite the fact that everything is overpriced, and you'll never afford two bedrooms, two baths. Even if you did, you would never make it home. The freeway system resembles a giant skeleton, for it's a mode of transportation that's mostly dead.

Don't worry, Musk is building tunnels, did you hear? And sometime in the next 500 years, we'll have that high-speed train up and running. It is being built by the same sort of dreamers and schemers who gave us LAX, so I predict only good things.

A deeper reason for this semi-rant is that the younger daughter moved out the other day, the one with the horse-tail hair. Rapunzel's college boyfriend is moving here! And the two of them are setting up house on the Westside, which is an excellent and affordable place to begin a long life together.

The Westside is LA's Manhattan, in that it draws the urban sophisticates who insist they could never live anywhere else.

I like the Westsiders, for they are excellent



JAY L. CLENDENIN/
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Southern California seems defined by the sun, which brightens dispositions but also dries the land right to the water's edge.

newspaper readers and interesting souls.

Did a little gig at one of the giant libraries out there recently. Swear, I've spoken at every library and laundromat in LA lately, just trying to get to know the locals a little bit.

Before I knew it, I'd hit rock bottom: Santa Monica, where the 85-year-olds look 30 and the 30-year-olds look 10. It is America's fountain of goof. (All kidding aside, I adore Santa Monica. It's where both daughters now live, and if you see two gingers screaming at each other on the sidewalk, it's probably them. Say hello for me.)

At the main Santa Monica Library the other day, the locals and I chatted about the paradox of a paradise that seems coated in kerosene.

No one voiced any interest in moving away, probably for fear of LAX but also because, for all its flaws, California is such a remarkable place to live and love.

Besides, they were typical Westsiders, joyous at having found a parking space and quick to share their own stories and hear all about mine.

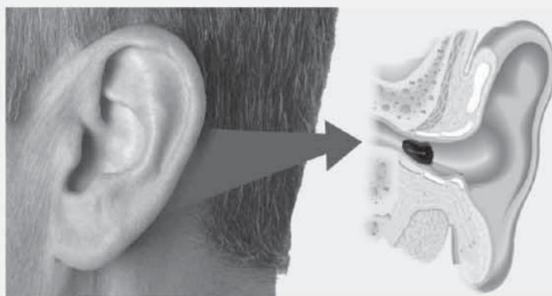
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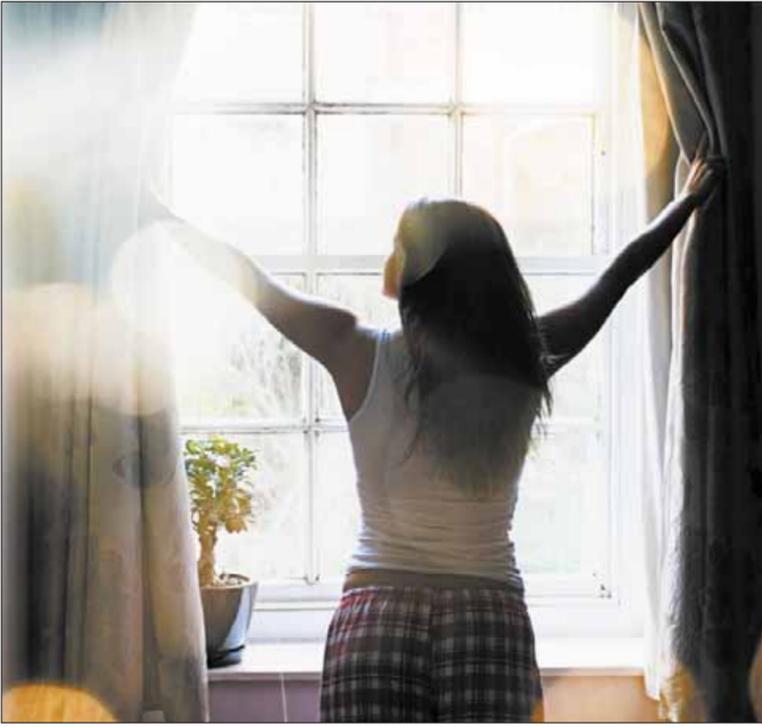
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Compared with night owls, women who are early risers had a 40 percent lower risk of breast cancer, a study found.

Breast cancer less likely for early birds

HealthDay

Women who love the early hours of the day are less likely to develop breast cancer, a new study suggests.

British researchers analyzed two data banks that included more than 409,000 women to investigate the link between sleep traits and breast cancer risk.

Compared with night owls, women who are early risers had a 40 percent lower risk of breast cancer, the study found.

The data also showed that women who slept longer than the recommended seven to eight hours a night had a 20 percent increased risk of breast cancer for each

additional hour slept.

“We would like to do further work to investigate the mechanisms underpinning these results, as the estimates obtained are based on questions related to morning or evening preference, rather than actually whether people get up earlier or later in the day,” said Rebecca Richmond. She is a research fellow in the Cancer Research U.K. Integrative Cancer Epidemiology Program at the University of Bristol.

“In other words, it may not be the case that changing your habits changes your risk of breast cancer; it may be more complex than that,” she said.

“However, the findings of a protective effect of

morning preference on breast cancer risk in our study are consistent with previous research,” Richmond noted.

The study was presented in early November at the U.K.’s National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) annual cancer conference.

The study did not prove a cause-and-effect relationship between sleeping patterns and breast cancer risk.

“These are interesting findings that provide further evidence of how our body clock and our natural sleep preference is implicated in the onset of breast cancer,” said Cliona Clare Kirwan, a member of the NCRI Breast Clinical Studies Group. She was not involved in this research.

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ADJUST YOUR DIET



ADD MORE CALCIUM

Your developing baby needs calcium to build strong bones and teeth, and to grow a healthy heart, nerves and muscles. Calcium also helps your baby develop a normal heart rhythm and blood-clotting abilities.



EAT MORE FOLATE

Legumes like chickpeas, lentils and black beans are great sources of folate, fiber and many other nutrients. Folate (often called "folic acid") may reduce the risk of some birth defects and diseases.



LOOK FOR FOODS WITH VITAMIN A

Nosh on some potatoes, carrots, squash and greens. They're a great source of beta carotene, which your body transforms into vitamin A — important for the growth and differentiation of cells in your growing fetus.



STOCK UP ON VITAMIN D

Inadequate vitamin D can lead to abnormal bone growth in newborns. Some studies link a deficiency to a higher risk of pregnancy complications such as pre-eclampsia, preterm birth and low birth weight. Choose foods such as salmon, cheese and eggs, which are good sources of vitamin D.



GO GREEK

Greek yogurt has significantly more calcium and protein than most other dairy options. Pair with berries or almonds for a tasty treat.



WATCH FOR FORBIDDEN FOODS

Talk to your doctor about which foods to avoid while pregnant, such as raw fish, unpasteurized cheese and undercooked or raw eggs.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY



DO LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE

Aim for 30 minutes or more of moderate exercise per day. Swimming and walking are some of the best workouts for pregnant women.



WATCH YOUR BACK

Most pregnant women experience back pain in pregnancy due to weight gain and a change in their center of gravity. Sleeping with a pillow between your legs or putting your feet up during the day can help.



PRACTICE KEGELS

Studies show that pregnant women who perform Kegels (exercises that strengthen the pelvic floor muscles) often find they have an easier birth. These exercises also minimize problems with hemorrhoids and decreased bladder control.



HYDRATE

Drink at least ten 8-ounce glasses of water each day. It's especially important to stay hydrated during the last trimester, when dehydration can cause contractions that might trigger preterm labor.

MAKE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY



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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Pumpkin seed oil reduces night trips to the bathroom

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: My husband uses roasted pumpkin seed oil on his salads. He learned to love it growing up in Austria, where it is very popular.

A: One evening I read that it is good for urological issues. I've been plagued with urinary tract infections and often have to get up in the middle of the night to trek to the bathroom. I decided to give it a try.

Q: Even though I was VERY skeptical, I am thrilled. I've taken pumpkin seed oil capsules for probably two years or more, and I haven't had a UTI in more than a year. Also, I do not get up at night any longer. UTIs are a nightmare, so this is a real benefit.

A: Pumpkin seed oil has been used to treat symptoms such as nocturia (frequent nighttime urination) and overactive bladder (Journal of Traditional and Complementary Medicine, January-March 2014). We could find no studies demonstrating that pumpkin seed oil can prevent urinary tract infections.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q: I recently spent \$4.50 for a 1.75-ounce tub of Vicks VapoRub (brand name). When I read the ingredients, I noticed that after "camphor" it says (synthetic). I wrote to the company, and the response was, "We have used synthetic camphor since 2004/2005."

A: I have found house-brand chest rub for just \$0.99, and the ingredients don't list anything synthetic. I don't see why we should pay so much more for synthetic.

Q: I recently was in Germany and had a nasty cough. It responded immediately to Klosterfrau chest rub, which contains camphor, menthol and eucalyptus oils — nothing synthetic in it!

A: The manufacturer of Vicks VapoRub stated in response to your query: "VapoRub's formulation has natural ingredients as well as synthetic ingredients to more reliably ensure our ability to source our raw materials. The synthetic camphor was tested and proven to deliver the same product benefits as the natural camphor for VapoRub."

The active ingredients in Vicks VapoRub are camphor, eucalyptus oil and menthol. They have been staples in this product for over 100 years. Other "inactive" ingredients include cedarleaf oil, nutmeg oil, petrolatum, thymol and turpentine oil.

Q: After reading that cinnamon can

help control blood sugar, I decided to try it. I eat a little bit of ground cinnamon when I eat sweets or anything like white bread that quickly turns to sugar.

A: Before, if I ate dessert at night or even French toast for breakfast, I felt terrible after about 45 minutes or so. Now if I want something like that, I eat a little cinnamon before or during my meal. I do not feel bad at all.

Q: I had my blood sugar tested and was told it was normal, but I still felt crummy if I ate anything sweet. This cinnamon trick has been a help.

A: Cinnamon can help reduce the rapid rise in blood sugar that happens after eating something that is quickly digested, like sugar or white bread (Journal of Diabetes Research, online, July 14, 2015). Cinnamon can be taken as powder or tea, but we think tea is better. The components of cinnamon that lower blood sugar are water-soluble, so they are carried safely in tea. Coumarin is a toxic compound that is found in some cinnamon. It is not water-soluble but you could get some in ground cinnamon.

Not all cinnamon in the supermarket is the same. Cinnamomum cassia, the most common type, has more coumarin than Cinnamomum vera, Ceylon cinnamon.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.



Experts say most cases of tennis elbow will clear up on their own, but 5 percent of people will need surgery.

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Study finds tennis elbow 'treatments' bring little relief

BY STEVEN REINBERG
HealthDay

Treatments for "tennis elbow" are generally ineffective, researchers say, but don't despair: The painful condition will usually clear up on its own.

Each year, approximately 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with tennis elbow — inflammation caused by overuse of the tendons in the forearm. The condition can affect anyone who uses their hands and wrists for hours each day, such as carpenters, food workers, manufacturers and office workers.

Patients can choose from a host of treatments, including steroid injections, physical therapy, acupuncture, anti-inflammatory, Botox injections, ultrasound and laser therapy. But significant pain relief from these options is unlikely, a new study found.

"We evaluated almost all of the nonsurgical treatments available for tennis elbow and showed that they provide only minimal effect over placebo," said study author Dr. Amin Mohamadi, a research fellow at Harvard Medical School.

For example, corticosteroids were more effective than a placebo within the first four weeks, but they lost their advantage after that, he said.

So what can someone with a bum elbow do?

Doctors can opt for a pain reliever to manage symptoms on a patient-to-patient basis, Mohamadi said. His team suggested this be limited to four weeks.

"Our results imply that for most patients, tennis elbow is a self-limiting condition," he said. "Based on these findings, the overall recommendation is wait and see."

Dr. Steven Beldner is co-director of the New York Hand and Wrist Center at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Beldner, who was not involved with the study, agreed that for most patients, tennis elbow gets better by itself.

"The question is, do people really want to suffer with this condition for six or seven months?" he said. The pain can be

so great that some people may have to avoid using their arm, he noted.

And not every case of tennis elbow will improve unaided, Beldner added.

"Five percent of people who have this, no matter what treatment they undergo, will not get better and will eventually need surgery," Beldner said.

For the study, Mohamadi's team reviewed 36 previously published studies that included more than 2,700 patients. The papers evaluated 11 nonsurgical treatments for tennis elbow.

The researchers looked at the effects of treatment on pain and grip strength at four weeks after diagnosis, between five and 26 weeks after diagnosis and after more than 26 weeks.

None of the treatments showed any significant benefit within four weeks of diagnosis, according to the study.

After 26 weeks, the researchers found that 99 percent of patients who received placebos such as saline injections or sugar pills had little to no pain.

At five to 26 weeks, those who had laser therapy or Botox injections said they had a small but statistically significant reduction in pain, compared with those who had other treatments.

After 26 weeks, only those treated with shock wave therapy reported any long-term benefit, compared with other treatments. Patients who had steroid injections complained of worse pain than those given placebo injections, the researchers noted.

Regarding grip strength, only laser therapy outperformed placebos, the researchers said.

The study also found that reported side effects were more prevalent among those given a real treatment than those given sham treatment.

But for manual laborers who can't "wait and see," earlier treatment might help, the researchers said. However, that needs to be proved in randomized trials, they added.

The report was published in November in the American Journal of Sports Medicine.



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Feeling better after going gluten-free?

Fructans may actually be the underlying issue

BY CARRIE DENNETT
The Washington Post

Americans love to designate dietary devils. MSG. Fat. Carbs. Gluten. The latest food to be nominated for devilhood is fructans. And the focus on them came about, in part, because of our obsession with gluten.

Here's how: We know that many people who follow a gluten-free diet don't need to for medical reasons, such as having celiac disease. Yet some insist they aren't going gluten-free because it's trendy — they're going gluten-free because it makes them feel better. Many researchers believe these people who think they can't tolerate gluten are actually sensitive to fructans.

Fructans are a type of carbohydrate composed of chains of fructose, the simple sugar found in honey and fruit. Americans encounter fructans most commonly in wheat and onions, but they are also found in rye, oats, barley, artichokes, asparagus, leeks, garlic and lettuce.

Humans have limited ability to digest fructans in the small intestine. That means they're still intact when they reach the large intestine (colon), where gut bacteria break them down. In some people, this fermentation creates excessive gas and bloating, and sometimes diarrhea. Avoiding these symptoms means limiting daily intake of fructans, although the answer to "how much is too much" varies from person to person.

Just as we don't all need to avoid gluten, we don't all need to avoid fructans. Still, some people try to do just that, reasoning that if some people react badly to fructans, perhaps everyone



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Fructans are a type of carbohydrate commonly found in wheat and onions as well as lettuce, asparagus, leeks and garlic.

should avoid them. And then there are those who confuse fructose, a different carbohydrate, with fructans.

For most people, fructans have benefits for gut health and general health. Three major types of fructans — inulin, oligofructose and fructo-oligosaccharides — are prebiotics, food components that nourish the beneficial bacteria in our gut microbiota. Researchers are also finding that fructans may have antioxidant benefits, and contribute to healthy blood-sugar levels and immune system function.

When you consider that wheat is a major source of gluten (a protein that helps make dough elastic), and also contributes about 70 percent of the fructans in the American diet, it's easy to understand why someone who feels better after eliminating wheat might

conclude that they've identified a gluten intolerance. However, avoiding wheat and other gluten sources when fructans are the culprit is an incomplete solution, because symptoms will probably occur when other fructan-rich foods are eaten.

One difficulty with diagnosing food sensitivities is that the food components that provoke them don't exist in isolation. They are part of a complex matrix with numerous other food components that could potentially cause an adverse reaction in some individuals. For most people, wheat is a nutritious food. But for the minority who react to wheat, any one or more of the grain's many components — not just fructans and gluten, for example, but nongluten proteins — could be the culprit. A second difficulty is that, unlike with celiac

disease and wheat allergies, there is no scientifically valid way to test for most food sensitivities.

People with celiac disease need to avoid gluten, which is also found in rye and barley, and people with wheat allergies need to avoid wheat, but people with what is termed as nonceliac gluten/wheat sensitivity are in a dietary gray area. A group of researchers from Norway randomly assigned 59 people, who did not have celiac disease but were avoiding gluten because they thought they had a gluten sensitivity, to eat baked muesli bars containing gluten, fructans or neither — the placebo bar — for seven days. The study was double-blind, so neither the participants nor the researchers knew which bars were which during the active portion of the study. The results, published in

February in the journal *Gastroenterology*, showed fructans were actually more likely to produce symptoms than gluten: Thirteen participants experienced the worst symptoms after eating the bars with gluten, while 24 reported feeling worse after eating the fructan-rich bars. Interestingly, 22 said the placebo bars bothered them most.

So how can someone find out if they're fructan-intolerant? Breath testing is one possible option, but its reliability is uncertain. Some people have luck with eliminating all dietary fructans for a few weeks, then, if symptoms go away, adding back nonwheat sources of fructans. If symptoms return, it's likely the fructans, not wheat.

This is where seeking the guidance of a dietitian who is experienced with food intolerances is helpful, especially because fructans

are one of many types of dietary carbohydrates that may cause symptoms in people with irritable bowel syndrome. Like fructans, fructose, lactose and sugar alcohols such as sorbitol and xylitol, are highly fermentable in the large intestine, leading to gas, painful bloating and diarrhea, constipation or both. These carbs are collectively known under the acronym FODMAPs — fermentable oligo-, di- and monosaccharides and polyols (fructans fall into the oligosaccharide camp).

Rather than avoiding a whole class of food, it's better to determine exactly which food components — and their hidden sources — you need to eliminate to stay symptom-free. The ultimate goal is to enjoy as varied a diet as possible.

Carrie Dennett is a registered dietitian nutritionist.



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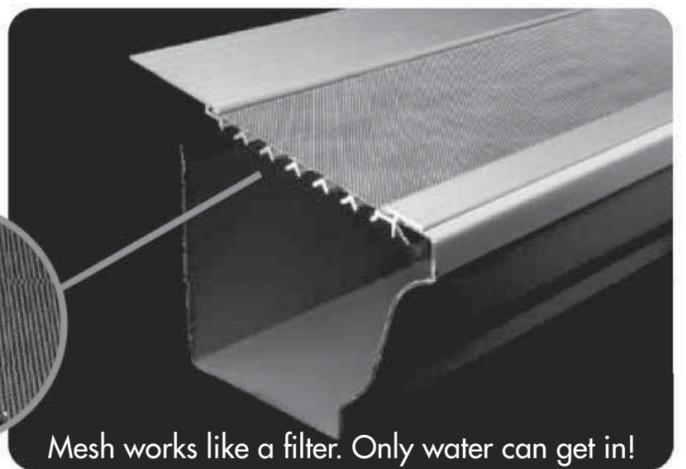
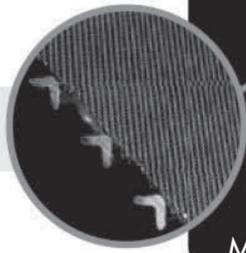


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Your baby isn't sleeping through the night? Relax

Focus on healthy sleep habits as child is developing

By **CAROLE TANZER MILLER**
HealthDay

If your 6-month-old still wakes up at 2 a.m., a new study suggests you don't lose any additional sleep worrying about it.

Even if she's still not getting six to eight hours of uninterrupted shut-eye at night by her first birthday, it doesn't mean your baby isn't developing normally.

And, rest assured, it probably won't hurt your child's thinking, language or motor skills later on, Canadian researchers report.

"If you've been told by your nurse or a friend that your baby should be sleeping through, on top of being tired, you probably feel like a failure," said study author Marie-Helene Pennestri, an assistant professor of psychology at McGill University in Montreal.

"Sleeping through the night is a developmental process, like walking or talking — it's not straight-forward," she added. "There's a wide variation when an infant will sleep through."

Though new parents often expect baby to sleep through the night by 6 months of age, a large percentage do not, the study revealed. In fact, many healthy, typically developing babies still don't at 12 months of age.

At 6 months old, 38 percent of babies in the study weren't yet sleeping at least six straight hours at night and 57 percent weren't staying asleep eight hours, according to their mothers' reports.

At 12 months, 28 percent still weren't sleeping six hours straight, and 43 percent weren't sleeping eight hours.

Though babies who slept through the night were less likely to be breast-fed, the study does not prove a cause-and-effect relationship, Pennestri said.

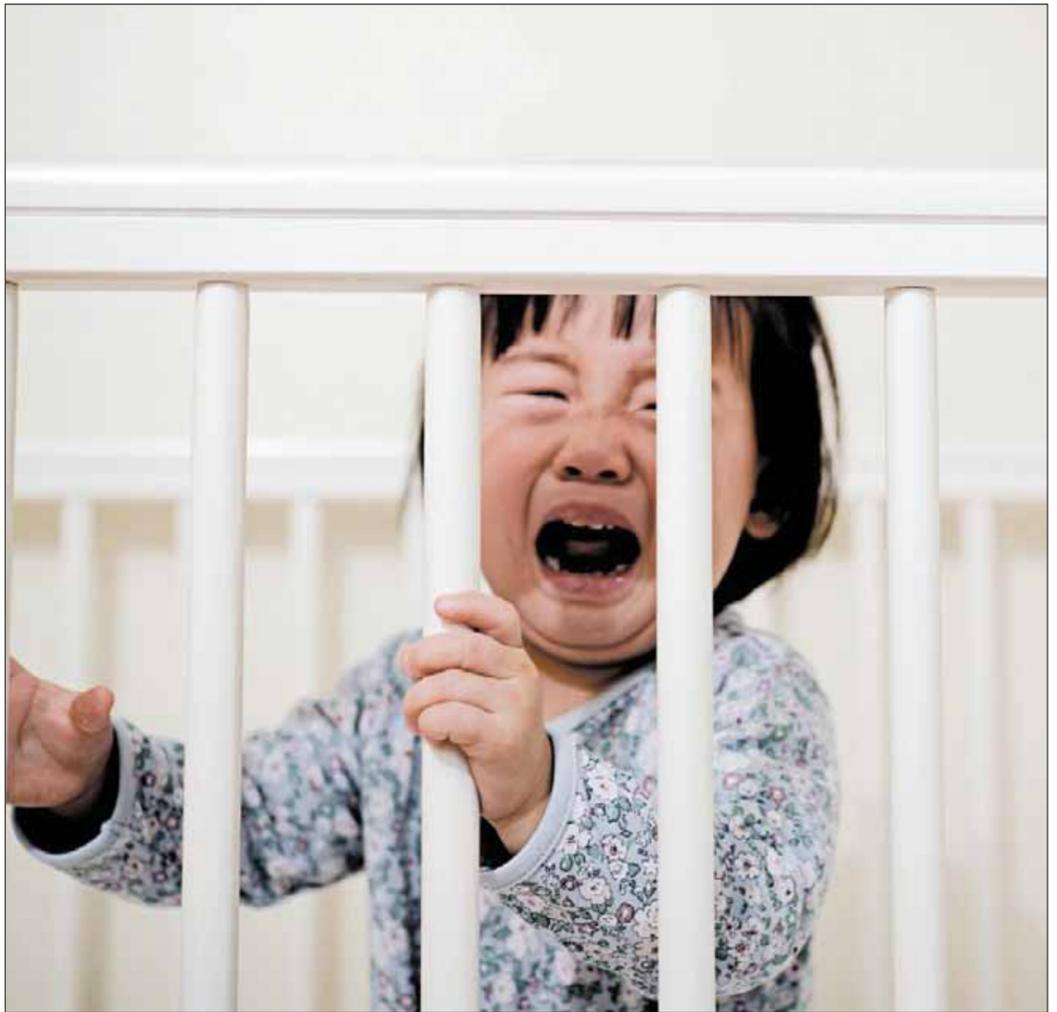
The researchers also found no evidence of later developmental lags in babies who woke at night — and no increased risk for depression among their mothers.

"Sleeping enough is important — everybody knows that," Pennestri said. "But there's a clear distinction between sleeping through the night and total sleep duration, which is total sleep during the night and the day. It's important to talk about sleep so parents can have more realistic expectations."

Between 4 and 11 months of age, babies need 12 to 15 hours of shut-eye, according to the National Sleep Foundation. For most, that includes two to three naps a day.

The report was published online in November in the journal *Pediatrics*.

The findings should be a wake-up call for parents who may have the wrong idea about what it means to "sleep like a baby," an Oregon pediatric sleep special-



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Though new parents often expect their baby to sleep through the night by 6 months of age, a large percentage do not, according to a new study. In fact, many healthy, typically developing babies still don't at 12 months of age.

ist said.

"The positive for me is it really validated that night awakenings are normal in healthy infants at age 6 and 12 months," said Dr. Elizabeth Super of OHSU-Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland. "It normalizes that some kids are sleeping through, but not most of them."

But the study has limitations, Super said.

For one thing, the findings are based on reports from mothers, not on objective measures of sleep such as brain waves, she pointed out.

Plus, the sample was small — 388 6-month-olds and 369 12-month-olds —

and Super said researchers didn't look at how their sleep habits affected their day-to-day alertness, mood or language acquisition.

Pennestri said a follow-up is underway. Among other things, it will look at breastfeeding and nighttime sleep, as well as how much sleep overall babies and mothers are getting.

Meanwhile, both Pennestri and Super urged bleary-eyed parents to relax.

Those who for personal reasons — such as returning to work outside the home — need their babies to sleep longer at night can ask a professional about behavioral sleep training. It in-

cludes strategies like letting baby fuss instead of responding immediately to his cries, which can help him learn to self-soothe and fall back asleep on his own.

"We can always work on healthy sleep habits," Super said.

She suggests a consistent routine for babies — starting with a bath, massage, story or song, and a bedtime before 9 p.m. every night. For safety, always put babies on their back to sleep. Use a firm mattress and keep it free of pillows, soft bedding and stuffed toys, Super said. Light clothing is best.

The American Academy

of Pediatrics recommends infants sleep in the same room — but not the same bed — with parents for the first 12 months of life.

Jodi Mindell, a clinical psychologist at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, is co-author of an editorial that accompanied Pennestri's study.

It noted that research yields no consistent answers to the question: Does sleep matter to infants?

"The answers likely depend on targeted questions that involve complex relationships and assess day-to-day functioning in young children and their families," she wrote. "Thus, the jury is still out."



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Shoestring latkes, left, feature smoked salmon with creme fraiche and fresh chives. A watercress sauce, second from right, completes the dish. Root vegetable latkes, second from left, feature four vegetables, plus a fifth in the applesauce and beet topping, far right.

How to build a Hanukkah latke bar

Celebrate traditions, but invite variety and some adventurous sides too

BY PEGGY WOLFF | Chicago Tribune

On Hanukkah, beginning at sundown Dec. 2, when the potato latke moves to center stage, wouldn't it be fun to have a parade of different ones, each with enough character to stand on its own and its own side sauce?

What goes on the latke bar?

First, the tablescapes. Traditions surrounding the holiday have not shifted, so pull out the chanukiah (I grew up calling it a menorah too); buy those little fishnet bags of gold-wrapped chocolate coins or gelt, and scatter them; ask your musical-scholar-in-residence-child to make a playlist.

Moving on to the food.

We're offering a lineup of three very different latkes and four sides. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is a holiday that ends up returning to old priorities. Unless you have Sephardic guests, there's an emphasis on the strikingly similar Ashkenazic recipe of grated potato, some onion (or not) and salt. The mixture fries in

hot oil to a crisp goodness.

On the table, put a large platter of your nana's latkes first. Celebrate your own traditions; they do keep the family together. Make them the spotlight. Don't use restraint. Go for abundance! And offer heaping bowls of sour cream and applesauce.

If you're thinking, why would anyone need more? Aren't nana's latkes enough? Why "break the bloodline," so to speak? It's no stretch to say that if I had escaped the antisemitic Russian pogroms of my shtetl in Poland, as my mother-in-law Rebecca Bazilan did, those potato latkes sweetened with applesauce would've

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REVIEW: Bar Ramone ★★

Rich Melman plays it small with intimate wine bar

BY PHIL VETTEL AND JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune

The 400 block of North Clark Street is becoming quite the little drinking destination. At 435 North, there's Three Dots and a Dash, the subterranean Tiki hide-away; at 445 North, the just-opened Bar Sotano features Lanie Bayless' Mexico-inspired cocktails.

And in between, at 441 North, sits Bar Ramone, a wine bar by Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. It's a cozy, oenophilic playground for partners Ryan Arnold and Richard Hanauer, two Lettuce veterans who have created wine programs for more than a dozen Lettuce properties.

Bar Ramone is the company's first wine bar, which is surprising when you consider that LEYE founder Rich Melman has been launching concepts since 1971. Perhaps not surprising is that Lettuce isn't diving headfirst into the wine-bar pool.

Lettuce committed to a very tiny space — a narrow sliver, really, compared with Frontera Grill and Bub City, and about the size of the vestibule of Aba, the Fulton Market restaurant Lettuce opened earlier this year. The 80-seat dining room leaves almost no room for wine storage (thus no investment in collector wines), forcing Arnold and Hanauer to be focused and nimble in their choices; indeed, as Arnold said prior to the opening, "we have only one of" some of the bottles making up Bar Ramone's 100-label list.

I'll leave it to my colleague (and Food & Dining deputy editor) Joseph Hernandez to analyze the vino, while I focus on the menu, a collection of Spanish tapas and Basque pintxos created by Lettuce chefs Doug Psaltis and Hisanobu Osaka.

It's a pretty straightforward mix, and most of the usual suspects are present and accounted

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Clam ceviche is a quintet of in-shell littlenecks coddled in yuzu kosho.

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Chicago's best birds on bun

15 fried-chicken sandwiches you must experience

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

A great fried-chicken sandwich isn't clever. It has no use for nuance or subtlety. It attacks from the front, overwhelming any defenses with grease and crunch, leaving you to deal with the residual damage.

That's what I found as I hunted through Chicago for the best fried-chicken sandwich. It took me much longer than I imagined. What was once relegated to fast-food restaurants is now everywhere, including some of the fanciest new restaurants in Chicago. That explains how I found myself sitting in the gleaming new dining rooms of Bellemore and Somerset, two-fisting a massive fried-chicken sandwich, sauce running down my chin.

Let's stop and appreciate just how much better fried-chicken sandwiches are than their grilled-chicken counterparts. The difference is astronomical. It's akin to experiencing Little Richard's immortal, throat-shredding take of "Tutti Frutti" and then subjecting yourself to a buttoned-up Pat Boone (the white recording artist who recorded tame versions of early rock 'n' roll songs) bumble "A-wop-bop-a-loo-bop-a-lop-bam-boom" like he's afraid of startling a librarian. The song may be the same, but one gets your blood pumping, and the other sounds like someone tripping over his own feet.

The only reason for grilled-chicken sandwiches has to be that people think they are healthy. No reliable human would accuse fried-chicken sandwiches of the same. Still, I wasn't quite ready for the toll that trying 34 fried-chicken sandwiches would take on my body. My veins feel as if they now pump more grease than blood. I had to leave work twice because I felt dizzy from all the fat. Maybe learn from my mistake, and don't try all 15 in the same week, OK?

I feel as if I've earned the right to declare some preferences. Buns are almost always better than biscuits, which tend to self-destruct after a few bites. A toasted bun is best of all, because it adds another layer of crunch. Something acidic or spicy helps cut through the fat. But success mostly comes down to great fried chicken. Is it juicy? Does the crunchy coating become one with the meat, or does it fall off easily?

Though I tried, I wasn't able to try every fried-chicken sandwich in Chicago. I realized early on that I also had to exclude chicken Parmesan sandwiches and the tortas de milanesa. While both can be fantastic, the meat is often pounded thin before frying, resulting in a totally different experience.

My 15 favorites come from all over the city and range in price from \$4.99 to \$16. That's quite a spread. All delivered the goods, though some demand a good nap afterward.

No. 1: Roister

No fried-chicken sandwich nails the combination of a shatteringly crisp crust with a wildly juicy interior as thrillingly as Roister. How do they do it? "There are no secrets," says executive chef Andrew Brochu. Instead, it's just an old-fashioned "pain in the (butt)" to make. Chicken thighs are brined in buttermilk for 24 hours before being breaded in a flour and cornstarch mixture. To make sure the breading sticks, staff members use their hands to work the mixture into all the nooks and crannies of the meat. The frying process requires constant attention, as chefs drizzle more of the batter over the chicken, which creates the crisp crust. "Every new person has to work at the fry station for months and months to get it right," says Brochu. The chicken is topped with a chamomile mayonnaise, which has a wild mouthwatering effect on your tongue. That's thanks to a special seasoning the kitchen uses containing salt, sugar, citric acid and vinegar powder. The sunchoke hot sauce gets its warm glow from habanero chiles that are briefly added to a pot of vinegar and the root vegetables. I hate to call anything perfect, but this is as close to art as a fried-chicken sandwich can get. Only bad part? It's available only for brunch, Friday through Sunday. *Roister*, \$13, 951 W. Fulton Market, www.roisterrestaurant.com



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1. Roister's fried-chicken sandwich (\$13) thrillingly nails the combination of a shatteringly crisp crust with a wildly juicy interior like no other.



2. The outrageously spicy Nashville fried chicken sandwich at Fry the Coop (\$8.50) has an extra crunchy crust coating a moist interior.



3. Somerset's crispy chicken sandwich (\$15) has a crackly coating that becomes one with the flavorful meat spiked with a slightly spicy aioli.



4. "The OG" sandwich at Honey Butter Fried Chicken (\$9) uses chicken strips — a risky move that in this case pans out beautifully.



5. Bellemore's "Fire-Bird" sandwich (\$14) houses crackly fried chicken that's succulent and well-seasoned in a grand pillowlike bun.

No. 2: Fry the Coop

As its name suggests, Nashville hot chicken is a style of fried chicken that a) originated in Nashville and b) is outrageously spicy. A number of places around town have tried to replicate the dish up here, but none has come as close as Fry the Coop, a suburban spot with two locations (Oak Lawn and Elmhurst). The crust is extra-crunchy, even though it's coated in the incendiary chile mixture, while the interior stays moist. Coleslaw and pickles add a much-needed cooling counterpoint. My only complaint is that I wish they'd open a location within the city limits. *Fry the Coop*, \$8.50, 623 W. North Ave., Elmhurst, 630-359-5223; www.frythecoop.com

No. 3: Somerset

Best known for his beloved roast chicken preparations, chef Lee Wolen knows his way around a fryer, as this flawless offering proves. The chicken sports a crackly coating that becomes one with the flavorful meat. It's then set upon an enormous bed of crunchy pickles and spiked with a slightly spicy aioli. It does feel strange to manhandle this sandwich in such a beautiful room, but you'll get over it. *Somerset*, \$15, 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150, www.somersetchicago.com

No. 4: Honey Butter Fried Chicken

Instead of a whole piece of chicken, this Avondale shop uses fried chicken strips — a risky move. A number of other places tried this method, and I didn't like any of them. So how'd Honey Butter get it to work? It's probably because the strips are cooked carefully until golden brown on the outside, but not dry within. Using strips also means that the spicy and sweet candied jalapeno mayo seeps in and among all the pieces. Of course, it helps that the bun is soft and the crunchy slaw adds a serious pop of texture. *Honey Butter Fried Chicken*, \$9, 3361 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-4000, www.honeybutter.com

No. 5: Bellmore

At first glance, the bun looks wildly oversized, but poke it with your pinky and it compresses with ease. It's the softest, most pillowlike bun that I've encountered, housing crackly fried chicken that's succulent and well-seasoned. Given its name and the many warnings from the waitstaff, you'd think it'd be the spiciest bird in town, but don't worry. It's really more of a mellow, tongue-tingling kind of heat. "Fire-Bird" chicken sandwich at *Bellemore*, \$14, 564 W. Randolph St., 312-667-0104

No. 6: Big Jones

Big Jones serves excellent Southern-style fried chicken, so it makes sense that it dishes out a stellar fried-chicken sandwich. Each component, from the soft egg bun to the freshly made creamy mayonnaise, supports the impressively juicy fried chicken thigh. Chef Paul Fehribach also understands the importance of acid, topping the bird with chow chow, a pickled pepper mix that adds a sting of spice. *Big Jones*, \$14, 5347 N. Clark St., 773-275-5725, www.bigjoneschicago.com

No. 7: Beacon Tavern

Pimento cheese sounds like a no-brainer on a fried chicken sandwich, but add too much and it overwhelms each bite. Beacon Tavern understands the importance of balance, adding just a thin layer of the salty spreadable cheese. The extra-crunchy chicken is topped with a cider slaw and placed on a well-toasted bun. *Beacon Tavern*, \$16, 405 N. Wabash Ave., 312-955-4226, www.becontavern.com

No. 8: The Roost's

The Roost's buttermilk-brined chicken gushes with juice, while also sporting an extra-crunchy, dark brown exterior. The crust has a tinge of heat, just enough to get you salivating. It's topped with some crisp dill pickles, a fresh cucumber slaw and a slice of sharp cheddar cheese. *The*

Roost, \$7, 1467 W. Irving Park Road, 312-261-5564, www.theroostcarolinakitchen.com

No. 9: Harold's Chicken #62

Most outlets of Harold's, Chicago's popular no-frills fried chicken chain, don't serve fried chicken sandwiches. This downtown location does. Not only that, you can get this sucker drenched in mild sauce, the tangy and slightly sweet sauce most commonly found on the South and West sides. It's so good, it makes me hope the other Harold's locations get in the game. *Harold's Chicken #62*, \$6.49, 612 S. Wabash Ave., 312-362-0442, www.haroldschickendowntown.com

No. 10: Chicken and Farm Shop

It's the biggest, most ridiculous fried chicken sandwich I tried. You might wonder how I even fit it in my mouth. Let's just say that it wasn't pretty. The chicken itself is extraordinarily crunchy, as is the well-toasted bun. But it's also plenty tender, and it's topped with some much-appreciated pickled chiles. *Chicken and Farm Shop*, located inside *Soho House Chicago*, \$14, 113-125 N. Green St., 312-521-8000, www.chickenshop.com/en/chicago

No. 11: The Budlong at Revival Food Hall

While it's not quite as crunchy or spicy as Fry the Coop's, The Budlong still serves a fantastic Nashville hot sandwich. The spice blend brushed on the chicken is particularly good, adding a fascinating complexity to each bite. The thick pickle slices and crunchy slaw are also top-notch. *The Budlong*, located at *Revival Food Hall*, \$11, 125 S. Clark St., www.thebudlong.com

No. 12: Lucy's

Lucy's bills itself as a burger joint, but I'd go all-in on the spicy fried chicken sandwich. It's a monster, with the edges of the chicken spilling out every side.

But it's also crispy and juicy, with a ringing heat that helps cut through the fat. *Lucy's*, \$8.95, 1043 N. California Ave., 312-675-8385, www.lucyschicago.com

No. 13: RU Hungry

This tiny stand in the Back of the Yards neighborhood marinates its chicken in a fascinating spice blend, and then breads and fries to order. This results in a sandwich with a crackly golden crust and an interior that's succulent and slightly spicy. *RU Hungry*, \$5.50, 1724 W. 51st St., 773-434-4800, www.facebook.com/Ruhungrychicago

No. 14: Parson's Chicken & Fish

There is nothing subtle or balanced about this offering from Parson's. It's just a big, fat slab of crunchy fried chicken topped with a mountain of slaw, American cheese and pickles. Sometimes, that's the kind of fried-chicken sandwich I crave. A hefty squirt of vinegary hot sauce adds a much-needed shot of acidity and spice. *Parson's Chicken & Fish*, \$11, 2952 W. Armitage Ave., 773-384-3333, www.parsonschickenandfish.com

No. 15: Do-Rite Donuts & Chicken

The fried-chicken sandwich here is a thing of simple beauty. The manageable fillet is nicely seasoned and served on a soft bun with just the basics — pickles, mayo and lettuce. Consider this a fast-food fried-chicken sandwich done right. Oh, and if you order the sandwich with doughnuts in place of buns, which you totally can, forget everything nice I just said. *Do-Rite Donuts & Chicken*, \$4.99, 233 E. Erie St., 312-344-1374, www.doritedonuts.com

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20 sparkling wines to fuel the holidays



MICHAEL AUSTIN
The Pour Man

You can never have enough sparkling wine — in any month, let alone December.

Besides New Year's Eve, you also have Christmas, Christmas Eve, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice, Bette Midler's birthday, the 200th anniversary of Illinois statehood, and probably a bunch of other important events I am leaving out. Plus, think of all those dinners you're going to have in December. You're going to need some bubbles.

Wineries all around the world turn out versions of sparkling wine, using various methods to achieve their bubbles and all varieties of grape.

We all know the French place that is the gold standard for this wine style, but yes, there's also room for other styles. If you have Champagne tastes and a prosecco budget, you'll find wines for you in the bottle suggestions that follow.

For what it's worth, I don't think it's a cliché to drink sparkling wine on New Year's Eve. It is appropriate that night and at any other holiday or celebration you can think of. Bubbles are made for celebrating. Do it right. Make sure your sparkling wine is appropriately chilled. Smell it, drink it, let it tickle your nose and fill your mouth with energizing fizz.

A great Iowan I once knew used to make a point of reminding guests at his table to be grateful for their good fortune — for the food, for the fellowship and for the moment, which will be gone in a flash. He lamented all of the people not fortunate enough to be with him and his people in that very moment, among stained paper plates, folding lawn chairs and Tup-



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With all the holidays coming up, you're going to need some sparkling wines. There are many options, from easily affordable to indulgently extravagant.

perware containers of food, all in the presence of the setting Midwestern sun bringing to a close yet another fine day. Hallelujah, Herman — well said, again and again.

For me, it's hard not to wonder what other people are doing every time I have a glass of sparkling wine in my hand. I made bubbles a regular part of my life years ago, and I urge you to do the same. You don't have to be rich to live richly. Sparkling wine helps, though — and so does gratefulness.

Next are at-a-glance notes from a recent tasting of sparkling wines in various styles, including some rosés. All of them are dry and would go well with a wide array of foods. The 20 bottles are listed in ascending order according to price, from easily affordable to indulgently extravagant.

Zonin Prosecco "Cuvee 1821." Fresh citrus, apricot, almond and a creamy texture, made of 100 percent glera from the Veneto region. \$12

Da Luca Sparkling Rosé. Extra dry, floral, sweet fresh strawberry, nectarine, a touch of salinity and lively zapping bubbles, from Sicily. \$14

2013 Juve & Camps Reserva de la Familia Cava Brut Nature Cava. Toasted nuts and red apple skin, creamy and mouth-filling, but also crisp. \$20

Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs. Ripe cherry, bread crust, strawberry and lime, from the Sonoma side of Carneros. \$22

Lucien Albrecht Cremant d'Alsace Brut. Crisp, clean, floral and stony with tangerine, baked apple and active, expansive bubbles. \$24

Roederer Estate Brut. From California's Ander-

son Valley, with pear, lightly toasted brioche, fresh lime and zingy acidity. \$25

Meiomi Sparkling Wine Methode Champenoise. Pear, bread crust, apricot and nuts, from the North Coast of California. \$27

Jansz Tasmania Rosé. From the island of Tasmania off Australia's southern coast, with lime, strawberry, tropical fruit and a clean finish. \$29

2014 Le Marchesine Brut Saten Millesimato Franciacorta. Creamy and floral with roasted nuts, lemon, stone fruits, honey and a briny kiss, from Italy. \$33

Ca' del Bosco Cuvee Prestige Franciacorta Brut. Another traditional method ("metodo classico") Italian wine, with lime, apple, almond, herbs and wet-stone minerality. \$37

J Vineyards & Winery "Cuvee 20." Fresh citrus, nectarine, chalky minerality and lime zest, from Sonoma's Russian River Valley. \$38

2013 Balletto Brut Rosé. Also from Russian River Valley, with tangy cherry, anise, almond paste and bright acidity. \$42

Champagne Bruno Paillard Premiere Cuvee Extra Brut. Stone, lemon-lime, tangerine and cream, all of it clean and refreshing. \$50

Champagne Billecart-Salmon Brut Sous Bois. Lemon, rich hazelnut and caraway, with a tangy zap of cleansing acidity. \$65

Veuve Clicquot Rosé. Champagne that is floral and fresh, with ripe cherry, raspberry, brioche and mouth-watering acidity. \$65

Champagne Palmer & Co. Blanc de Blancs. Bright citrus and subtle

toffee, with floral notes, bread crust and delightful silky elegance. \$85

Ruinart Rosé. Toasted nuts, violets, strawberry, satisfying sour cherry, softness and a clean, dry finish, from Champagne. \$89

2006 Nicolas Feuillatte Palmes d'Or Brut. Vintage Champagne with notes of fresh toast, dried fruit and honey, and a slow, nutty finish. \$136

2008 Louis Roederer Champagne Cristal. A wine shrouded in legend and full of green apple, lemon, fennel, wet stones and warm toast. \$265

Moët & Chandon MCHII. A sublime and innovative wine that is creamy, smoky and soft with citrus, nuts and spice. \$280 for 750 milliliters, \$650 for a magnum

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Emily Nejad, owner of boutique cake-design business Bon Vivant Cakes, works in her new creative space, Maven, in Albany Park.

CRAVING: Dessert

Running the ‘sugar hustle’

Emily Nejad quits pop duo to create cakes, community

By **JESSI ROTI**
Chicago Tribune

Emily Nejad is in the kitchen of Maven, her recently opened creative space in Albany Park, by 7:30 a.m. every day — except Mondays. On Mondays, the owner and one-woman show behind boutique cake design business Bon Vivant Cakes allows herself some time to rest, which she defines as doing laundry, prepping meals, running errands and “buying like ... 10,000 eggs.”

“Work-life balance? I’ve really had to let go of that idea,” she says matter-of-factly. The 32-year-old, best known for her boldly designed confections and robust online presence, spends most days in her Albany Park-based Maven. There, she operates Bon Vivant while plotting how to grow her community-focused operations, from nurturing fellow small business owners to planning creative classes.

“These days, I’m just like, ‘Do I feel good about what I’m doing? Does this feel good?’ I’m such a mean boss to myself. But a lot of times, most of the time, the answer is yes.”

Walking into Maven is like walking into one of Nejad’s confections, each a marriage of the “more is more” on-screen fashions of Fran Fine from “The Nanny,” Clarissa from “Clarissa Explains it All” and Claudia Kishi from “The Baby-Sitters Club,” with the bold colors associated with designer Lisa Frank. She has cornered the market on celebratory whimsy, her desserts appealing to everyone from her fellow Instagram-happy millennials to corporate clients.

When the Tribune caught up with Nejad, she was finishing her final wedding order of the year before leaving for a trip to Iran, her ancestral country, for the first time. The coffee was already dripping, Michael Jackson’s “Rock With You” was dancing out of the speakers and the warm smell of vanilla filled the air.

Nejad was making music as part of local electro-pop duo Celine Neon (alongside BFF-now-Bon Vivant administrator Maggie Kubley) when she was gifted a KitchenAid mixer for Christmas. What started out as baking for fun and sharing with friends quickly revealed itself as a true passion for Nejad. It was then that she decided to trade performing onstage for the “sugar hustle,” launching Bon Vivant’s website in October 2016 and a



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Nejad was part of local electro-pop duo Celine Neon before she took up baking.

new name for herself in Chicago. With her physical location now up and running, Nejad aims to further foster a sense of community across the city’s baking and craft scenes while embracing — and elevating — her own journey as a first generation Iranian-American entrepreneur fluent in the ways of online branding and the gig economy.

Now that Nejad has seen her business grow, she’s working to cultivate a wider mentoring network of other Chicago “bakers and shakers” — predominantly comprised of women and queer men — through a feminist lens.

“Chicago’s food laws are such that they keep a lot of very talented people out. In order to legally operate a kitchen in Chicago, it is against the law to sell anything you make in your home,” Nejad says.

She emphasizes that the food industry’s strict guidelines around liability insurance, health inspections, education, resources and cost of actual product and licensed production spaces create a barrier to entry that impacts marginalized folks at higher rates. “A lot of people who are coming up with entrepreneurial food businesses are women, but if you’re caught selling cakes or cookies or casseroles or whatever out of your house, you can be fined up to \$10,000,” she explains.

“For people who have talent and a dream, but don’t have the branding or marketing savvy, what are they supposed to do? You should be able to cook food out of your home and sell it to people. You should be able to bake cookies,” Nejad says. “If you’re in a shared kitchen space,

you’re paying at minimum \$25/\$35 an hour, unless you want to go in the dead of night. You wanna go 1:30-4:30 a.m.? They’ll cut you a deal: \$20 an hour.”

“And are shared kitchens even a viable option when in one day they can be like ‘Get your stuff out by 6 p.m. tonight?’” she continues, citing the recently shuttered Pilotworks kitchens that closed with little explanation in October. “Just disrupting and displacing thousands of businesses? There’s gotta be a better way.”

While she admits operating a for-profit, feminist business in capitalist America (let alone a luxury-yet-affordable cake business) comes with its own difficulties, Maven allows her to provide a space where those conversations can be open and honest.

“There’s no union for us, you know? It’s an effort to unionize in a way,” Nejad explains. “There’s a group of six or seven of us, and I try to gather that community together and talk about our finances, our health, the future of our businesses and support each other. Maybe that support is just like, ‘Hey, how much should I charge for this wedding cake?’ and sometimes it’s, ‘I just ran out of silver leaf, can I borrow some from you?’ or ‘Do you have a good recommendation for a therapist because I’ve been working myself to death?’ Peer mentoring is huge. If the only thing holding you back from charging what you’re worth is this weird sense of guilt — no, charge more, you’re worth it.” She’s also finally taking the time to celebrate what she’s built in an arguably short amount of time, still finding herself surprised by the ways in which her path con-

tinues to reveal new parts of passions and identity.

“A lot of people, when I was starting out, were like, ‘Oh this looks like a Celine Neon cake,’” she recalls. “It comes from the same brain, hello! The aesthetic is the same sort of hyper-femme, bold, kind of punk in its sensibilities. Where I really saw overlap was because of Celine Neon: I knew how to make a brand.”

Equipped with a tenacious DIY spirit she credits her parents for (especially her restaurant-owner mother), Nejad prefers to just do and learn from the flops as well as the successes. She’s drawn a connection between her experience as a musician in the digital age and how she’s been able to create a buzz around Bon Vivant.

“I knew how to be a person on the internet. So many people in the culinary space don’t know how,” she says. “When you’re a musician, you do everything. You’re your own PR, you’re your own content creator, you are the bank, you’re your own producer. I knew I needed quality content, my photos have to be really good — people are going to eat it with their eyes first. Because I had produced photo shoots with Celine Neon and we had done so many music video shoots, all of that was a no-brainer to me.”

But where the music industry felt like an unsolvable puzzle, baking gave Nejad something she could grab a hold of and make hers. She chose to trust her instinct, hearing her mother’s call to stop marinating in the “anxiety, guilt, stress and terror” of not knowing what she wanted and really dive in.

“Age 23 and 24, I was just like

‘OK, I don’t know what I want, but if I just keep going and keep trying things, whatever it is you’ll do will reveal itself to you.’ I clung to that as a lost, early 20-something,” she says. “The things that I am doing in my early 20s, very unlikely will be what I’m doing that in my 40s or 50s, but when I started making cakes, I kind of knew like, ‘Oh, maybe this is a thing. Maybe this is it.’”

Nejad hopes for Maven to become a place where those who aren’t as in-touch with their playful side can feel safe to express their “inner kooky.” She’s starting to roll out classes including the recent “Bagels & Beers,” teaching attendees how to bake Montreal-style rounds and pair them with various brews. Nejad eventually hopes to offer everything from intro-level courses in doughnut decorating to French macarons, plus pie making, kids’ demonstrations and intensive offerings on cake structuring and design.

“I want Maven to be a space where people who are maybe not as in-tune with their creativity can have an incredible, fulfilling tactile experience to just take a little break from the pressures of being a very serious grown-up,” she says. “It’s easy to lose touch with the part of you that plays.”

After returning from Iran, Nejad spoke about the way her relationship to baking and her design aesthetic has made her feel connected to, and more proud of, her Persian heritage in a way she had never felt while growing up in Evansville, Ind.

“When I was in Iran, visiting all these beautiful, ancient sites and incredible mosques and Persian art and architecture, I (discovered) my maximalist, very over-done style is very Persian,” she laughs. “It’s covered in gold, with a lot of colors. I thought, ‘This tracks, this makes sense.’”

“There will definitely be a cake that goes on my menu this winter that has (traditional Persian flavors) cardamom, rose water, pistachio and apricot in it.

“I’m hoping the next trip I can actually be in the kitchen with my family. But this time, I was their guest. It would’ve been rude, but I really want to bake for them next time. I thought, ‘I could come here and impress the hell out of these people,’” Nejad muses. “I’m dying to learn to cook from my aunts.”

“(Iran) was really perspective-shifting and very wonderful,” Nejad says. “The only thing I had to do every day was enter the day with an open heart, an open mind and an empty belly.”

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How to build a latke bar

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come with me to America. By adding other choices, I am not demeaning their importance: as sanctuary, as profound connection to a once-happy life.

But they're not reflective of the breadth of even the most basic winter farmers market or grocery.

In a climate where culinary diversity is honored, there is hardly a new idea that I am not open to, except an overwhelming abstraction of the food.

Which is why I was delighted to unearth Marlene Sorosky Gray's combination of four root vegetables, and then a fifth, the beet, stirred into the classic sweet applesauce. Americans like Sorosky Gray, gifted at innovation, are forging ahead with an agenda of healthier choices. Maybe you have Yukon or Red Bliss potatoes on hand, but rutabaga? Parsnips, celeriac, beets? These ingredients truly add flavor to the classic potato latke.

The final latke contrib-

ution, from Mauro Mafri, chef/owner of Pelago Ristorante in Chicago's Raffaello Hotel, keeps the foundation of the latke's classic Ashkenazic ingredients, but Mafri felt the urge to change things up. He cut the potatoes in shoestrings, swished them around an iced water bath to remove the starch, let them dry out, then combined them with eggs, salt and flour, or cornstarch for the gluten intolerant. After they are fried, he re-engineers them by stacking

each one with smoked fish, creme fraiche, a pinch of fresh chives and a watercress sauce that makes it a standout dish.

This year, the eight-day Hanukkah celebration falls over two weekends, which gives you more time to plan, cook and freeze. And stake your claim on hosting the holiday. What you will be offering besides your grandma's delicious latkes are simply the limits of your own appetite.

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Potatoes are sliced into shoestring shapes, then mixed with a simple onion, egg and flour coating before frying. They're topped with smoked salmon, creme fraiche, chives and a watercress sauce.

Shoestring latkes with smoked salmon and creme fraiche

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 6-8 minutes per batch

Makes: about 20 latkes

Adapted from Mauro Mafri, chef/owner of Pelago Ristorante, who tops the latkes with a dollop of creme fraiche, smoked salmon and chopped chives, and serves a creamy watercress sauce on the side. Mafri found a vintage cookbook, "something like Journal of the Kitchen in Italian," while wandering the secondhand bookstores in the ghetto ebraica, the old Jewish ghetto in Trieste, Italy, his hometown. The original recipe listed flour, but Mafri substituted cornstarch, which works fine, for gluten-free diets. If you're curious about washing off the potato starch but then adding starch back, Mafri says that "the starch from the potato is no good. That's why I took it away." The fried latkes can be refrigerated overnight, then warmed on an ungreased cookie sheet for about 5 minutes at 325 degrees.

Watercress sauce:

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 medium onion, finely chopped

1 pound watercress, washed, stemmed, chopped

½ cup heavy cream

½ teaspoon kosher salt

Freshly ground pepper

Latkes:

4 large potatoes, peeled, about 2 ½ pounds

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 medium onion, finely chopped

2 tablespoons flour

2 cups canola oil

Topping:

¾ pound smoked salmon or nova, sliced

1/2 cup creme fraiche

2 tablespoons finely chopped chives

1. For the watercress sauce, heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the onion; cook until softened, 5-7 minutes. Add the watercress; cook until wilted. Transfer mixture to a blender. Add the cream; puree to a creamy consistency. Add the salt and the pepper to taste.

2. For the latkes, cut the potatoes in long, thin matchsticks about ¼-inch thick and 4 inches wide. As you cut, add pieces to a large bowl of iced water. Swish them around to remove the starch; let them dry on a towel, covered with a second towel, 1 hour.

3. Transfer the potatoes to a large bowl. Add the eggs, onions and flour; stir until well combined.

4. Heat ½ cup oil to 350 degrees in a large, heavy-bottom skillet on medium-high heat. Working in batches, slip 3 mounds (each about 4 inches wide) of the potato mixture into the oil. Fry, 3 to 4 minutes. If latkes begin to fall apart, push loose shoestrings back together with a spatula. Carefully flip the latkes, using 2 spatulas. Fry second side until golden brown, about 3 minutes. (If latkes are not staying together while frying, add another egg and 1 teaspoon flour to the bowl, mixing well.) Transfer finished latkes to a baking sheet covered with paper towels to drain; season with salt to taste. Keep warm as you continue frying the remaining latkes. Keep stirring the mixture to make sure the batter coats the potatoes.

5. To serve, garnish each latke with smoked salmon, 1 to 2 teaspoons creme fraiche and a sprinkle of chives. Serve watercress sauce on the side.

Nutrition information per latke: 169 calories, 11 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 32 mg cholesterol, 12 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 6 g protein, 185 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Root vegetable latkes with beet applesauce

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 9-11 minutes per batch

Makes: 16 latkes (each 3 to 4 inches wide)

This recipe is adapted from one by celebrated culinary instructor and award-winning author Marlene Sorosky Gray. It is vegetable-rich with five root veggies, uncommon but healthy. All five are easy to find at this time of the year. Use a good knife — not a vegetable peeler — for the outer skin of the rutabaga.

1 ½ cups peeled, shredded boiling potatoes, such as Yukon Gold

1 cup peeled, shredded rutabaga, about ½ pound

1 cup peeled, shredded parsnips, about 4 parsnips

1 cup peeled, shredded celery root, about medium 1 bulb

1 cup shredded onion, about 1 medium onion

2 eggs, lightly beaten

½ cup flour

1 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste

4 to 6 tablespoons vegetable oil

Flaky salt

Beet applesauce, see recipe

1. Stir together potatoes, rutabaga, parsnips, celery root and onion in a large bowl. Add eggs, flour and salt; mix well until thoroughly combined.

2. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Form patties by lightly packing the mixture into a ¼ cup measure; drop 4 to 5 mounds of the mixture into the hot oil. Flatten them into 3-inch rounds with a spatula. Cook until the bottoms are deeply browned, 5 to 6 minutes. Flip and cook on the other side, about 4 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a baking sheet lined with paper towels. If you're serving immediately, keep your first batch warm in a single layer in a 200-degree oven while you cook the rest.

3. Remove any veggie shreds from oil left in skillet. If skillet is dry, add 1 to 2 more tablespoons of oil, and when hot, continue making latkes. (Latkes may be refrigerated overnight or frozen. Reheat in a single layer at 425 until sizzling and crisp, 6 to 10 minutes.)

4. Before serving, sprinkle with the flaky salt. Serve with the beet applesauce.

Nutrition information per latke: 84 calories, 4 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 23 mg cholesterol, 10 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 2 g protein, 174 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Beet applesauce

Prep: 10 minutes

Makes: 2 cups sauce

This is a wonderful complement to the root veggie latkes because it uses yet another root vegetable — beets — and the eye-catching color combo of beets and apples is an exciting alternative to sour cream. If you're going to prepare the beets from scratch, why not double it, using two large beets or 12 ounces? The finished sauce will keep for a week in the fridge.

1 beet, about 6 ounces, scrubbed, stem trimmed to ½ inch

1 ½ cups jarred applesauce

1. Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Put beet in a shallow baking dish with ½ inch of water; cover with a lid or aluminum foil. Bake until a paring knife easily pierces the center, 30-60 minutes. You may need to add a little more water toward the end. Do not let the pan become dry.

2. Remove from the oven, uncover and allow to cool. When cooled, cut the top and tail off of the beet. Rub under running water to slip off the skin. Or hold beet in a paper towel and use it to remove the skin. Finely chop the beet; mix in a bowl with the applesauce.

Nutrition information per ¼ cup serving: 28 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 7 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 0 g protein, 17 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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for. There are cheese and ham boards, separately and in combination; a few crudo and vegetable dishes; and other plates divided among “classic” and “modern” tapas, as well as fish and meat sub-categories. Prices are modest — most items are less than \$10, and nothing rises higher than \$19.95 — but those \$7 to \$13 bites add up in a hurry if you get carried away, which is easy to do.

There aren't a lot of notable misses, just a few dishes that fall flat. In that undistinguished group, I'd put the beef katsu pintxos (if you deep-fry panko-crusted brisket, why place it over bread?), the bland brandade and muddy-looking tuna tartare left me shrugging, and the bloody-mary shrimp — a nice idea, with curled celery ribbons and tomato sauce — needed more of a kick.

But on the whole, the pluses far outnumber the minuses. Crispy artichoke pieces made for a fine pintxo, stacked precariously (but safely skewered) and topped with a bit of piquillo pepper; and the kitchen reimagines patatas bravas as long, thick fries, served upright alongside some smoky paprika aioli. Crisp outside and soft as custard within, these fries are addictive.

I was also impressed by the Spanish tortilla, its blackish crust masking an egg-potato interior that had structure without being overly firm, and the tablespoon of hot sauce on the plate added zing. Clam ceviche, a quintet of in-shell littlenecks coddled in yuzu kosho, and well-seared scallops over salsa verde and slivered jalapenos, are dishes I'd reorder every time.

Osaka manages a clever play on angulas a la Bilbaina, a dish of baby eels in garlic, olive oil and peppers. Osaka substitutes Japanese icefish (the wholesale price of baby eels is mind-boggling), also known as noodlefish, and the thin pieces float, ramenlike, in a dashi broth fortified with garlic oil and chile de arbol.

Among the heavier options, duck poutine might offend purists (assuming poutine purists exist), but the mix of crisped confit duck, with hash brown-like potatoes in a Mahon cheese sauce, topped with an espelette-dusted fried egg, is very satisfying. Crisp pork belly, mingling with cauliflower (roasted florets and puree) and Marcona almonds, is a textural delight; coriander-seasoned lamb meatballs, substantial and shareable, benefit from a harissa-enlivened tomato ragu. Even the prosaic-sounding beef tenderloin medallions are impressive, thanks to a delicious anchovy butter melted on top.



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Bar Ramone, with 80 seats, doesn't accept reservations. It opens at 4 p.m. and is already a magnet for the after-work crowd.



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Service was fine. My waiter the first visit was clearly nervous, bumping into my porron (a wine pitcher; more on that in Joseph's piece) without, fortunately, spilling a drop. From that point on, Arnold attended to my table, which meant that service was everything one could hope for. I did notice that he visited many other tables, however.

Bar Ramone doesn't accept reservations, and it's already a magnet for the after-work crowd. (The place opens at 4 p.m., which is a genius move.) I showed up on two weeknights, both times before 6:30, and both times got the last available table, the four-top closest to the front door. Apparently it's the least-desirable table in the room, but I don't know why; I'd sit here even if I had a choice. The sightlines are good, other tables aren't too close and it's a fine people-watching perch. Ask for Phil's table. They'll probably know.

The wine

The first time I read Bar Ramone's big book of a wine list, I laughed out loud. Underneath the section

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Open: Dinner daily

Prices: Small plates \$5.95-\$19.95

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Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

titled “Other French Reds” was the list's sole Bordeaux, a 1989 vintage from Chateau Leoville-Poyferre, one of the most storied producers in that world-famous region. Relegated to Other French Reds, at \$450 a pop.

It seems Bar Ramone's Arnold and Hanauer have a sense of humor, and more importantly, a point of view.

As Phil notes, Bar Ramone is a tiny slip of a place, and the wine list reflects that. With no physical space to store cases of wine, the wine list is a blink-and-you'll-miss-it



The Spanish tortilla has a blackish crust masking an egg-potato interior. A spoonful of hot sauce adds zing.

collection of the wine team's obsessions.

Let's start with the by-the-glass list, a taut selection of 20 or so wines thoughtfully chosen with food in mind.

Believe me when I say there's no need to fuss over the “perfect” pairing here — many selections balance acidity with gulpability, a good sign if you care about matching your food to wine.

For a quaff that can take you from beginning of the meal to the end, you could do worse than Vina Cartin's Val do Salnes Albarino (\$13) from the Rias Baixas region of northwest Spain. Lively and minerally, this offering is also weightier than some of its lighter-bodied counterparts, a complement to vegetable and fried dishes alike. Or California's Lieu Dit winery, in the Santa Ynez Valley, here repped by the winery's chenin blanc, a luscious-yet-fresh alternative to that state's cliched buttery, over-oaked chardonnay.

This last choice hints a little at the globe-spanning list's ambitions: To get you out of your comfort zone. Sure, you'll find cabernet sauvignon represented here, but have you had Oddero's, from Italy's Langhe region (\$24)? Or what about Austria's native grape, St. Laurent, produced by one of the country's top producers, Erich Sattler? This \$12 by-the-glass wine is heady with

aromas, and on the palate, meaty and herbaceous, a complex surprise for a wine fermented in steel.

As noted, the wine selection is ever-changing. Arnold says that they reprint pages of the menu daily as a result of the physical demands of the space. (The restaurant only orders a handful of bottles of each wine, instead of the usual cases.)

If dining with a party, peruse the list, and don't be afraid to tap team members for their current favorites — their enthusiasm for the wines is apparent, and they know off the top of their heads what is drinking well, what they have on hand and (almost oracelike) what you may like that evening.

The strongest sections on the list happen to be the classics — Champagne and Burgundy, anyone? Bereche & Fils may not be a household name like Dom Perignon or Cristal, but this producer's Reflet d'Antan (\$115/bottle) is a knockout. “Reflections of the past” in English, this wine is made from the producers' deep reserves of wine, a blend of pinot noir and meunier with chardonnay, at once nutty and sherrylike but also creamy, with enticing tiny bubbles. You may not be dropping the \$995 required to purchase the otherworldly Domaine de la Romanee-Conti, but Domaine Serol's 2016 Les Blondins, a lush gamay

from the Loire Valley's Cote Roannaise is a value, at \$85/bottle.

Well-represented, too, are Italy's Piedmont and Tuscany regions. Zooming in, you'll find selections from Barbaresco, Brunello and Chianti — classics in their own right — ranging from \$70 to \$600, though one hopes that one day the Italian selections will expand to some of the country's rising regions, like Sicily. Of course, Spain, the United States, Austria and Germany also are represented with thoughtful bottles, with some real values in the \$60 range.

“We certainly favor smaller, well-educated distributors who are understanding of the program's vision,” wrote Hanauer in an email. For the uninitiated, distributors and importers are the sommelier's gatekeeping counterpart: You can't sell wine (let alone wine you're into) until you establish a relationship with these quiet movers of the industry. At Bar Ramone, the guys shuffle among names like Tenzing, Heritage and Cream, but also Ventoux Fine Wine, Maverick and Vinifera Assist for older, vintage bottles.

Not yet ready to geek out on vintage and hillside orientation? While team members can certainly hold court, they'll also point you to the porron offerings. This traditional northern Spanish wine vessel is a decanter that does double duty as a party device. Filled with your choice of txakolina (also seen spelled “txakoli”), the porron is passed around the table as friends pour it from on high into your gaping maw. Priced at \$37 to \$42, it's an economical option when you're channeling your inner tapas-loving Spaniard.

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A holiday snack that has a kick

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
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These scrumptious nuts, glazed with maple syrup and seasoned lightly with warming hints of cinnamon and cayenne, are practically effortless to make. They have the seemingly magical power of elevating any number of dishes you might be serving this Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season.

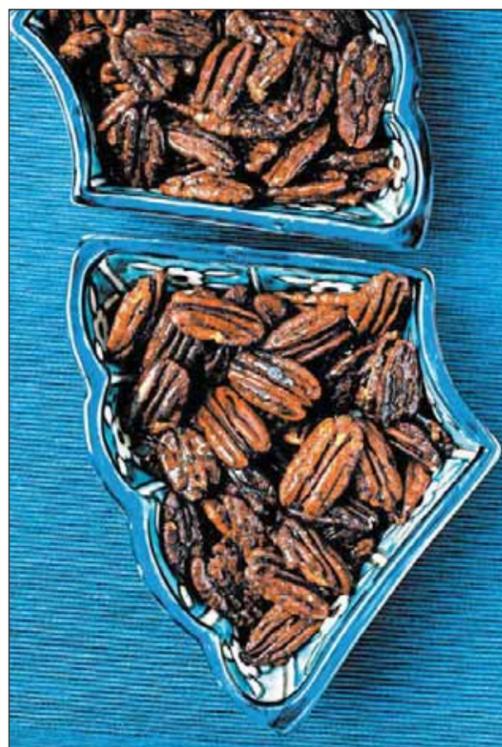
For starters (pun intended), pile them onto your cheese platter along with fresh and dried fruits, which will upgrade it instantly, both flavorwise and healthwise. Or sprinkle them on salad and atop creamy squash soup for a compelling, crunchy contrast.

Even for the main course

they can lend some pizzazz as a garnish for mashed sweet potatoes, cooked green beans and roasted Brussels sprouts. And, of course, at meal's end they can be chopped and tumbled onto roasted fruit or scattered over pumpkin pie. I recommend making a double batch so you have some left over, because they are nice for everyday eating, too — unbeatable in oatmeal, on yogurt and simply nibbled on their own.

While you are at it, you might want to make several batches because, packed in a glass jar and tied with a ribbon, they make a lovely holiday hostess gift.

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Maple spiced glazed nuts

Prep: 10 minutes, plus cooling time

Bake: 8 to 10 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

The nuts can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

3 tablespoons maple syrup

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 1/2 cups unsalted walnut or pecan halves

1. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Stir together the maple syrup, salt, cayenne pepper and cinnamon in a medium bowl until well blended, then stir in the nuts so they are evenly coated. Spread the nuts on the baking sheet in a single layer, drizzling over them anything that's left in the bowl.

3. Roast (middle rack) for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring them every 2 to 3 minutes, until browned, shiny and fragrant. (If you don't stir them, they will burn.) Remove from oven. Allow the nuts to cool completely on the baking sheet; they will crisp up as they cool. Store, covered, at room temperature.

Nutrition information per serving (using pecans): 150 calories, 13 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 8 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 2 g protein, 75 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

How BuckleDown IPA got odd name

Brewery takes a shot, scores with Xavier McDaniel

By JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

Appropriating the name and likeness of a former NBA all-star for its new India pale ale was akin to BuckleDown Brewing attempting a full-court, buzzer-beating shot — it was an endeavor quite likely to fail.

But, for the moment, BuckleDown's shot has fallen through the hoop, as its fruity, robust winter seasonal IPA, Xavier McDaniel, has returned to taps and beer stores after surviving the involvement of lawyers and one of the most powerful agents in modern sports.

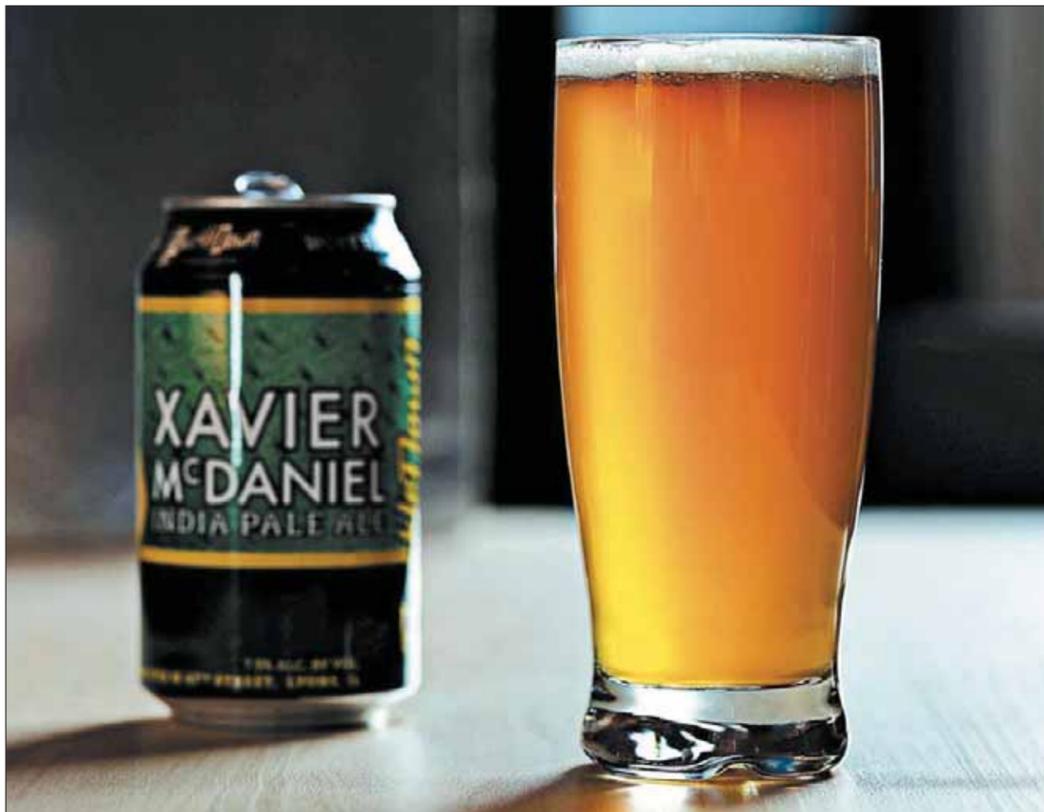
The Xavier McDaniel 12-ounce can bears the brawny silhouette of — you guessed it — Xavier McDaniel, who starred during the 1980s as a nimble scorer and bruising defender (some would say “dirty”) with the now-defunct Seattle SuperSonics. The can, not coincidentally, is arrayed in green and yellow: the SuperSonics' colors.

How long Xavier McDaniel — the beer — will continue to be made is unclear after the Lyons brewery agreed to pay Xavier McDaniel — the 6-foot, 7-inch baller who lives in South Carolina — a portion of sales after months of negotiating.

Neither side would discuss details of the arrangement.

BuckleDown's homage will remain on shelves at least through spring, featuring one of the least likely names in Chicago craft beer — never a bad thing amid ever-growing competition. The beer may even wind up generating a promotional appearance from Xavier McDaniel himself.

“We talked about putting the kibosh on the whole



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Xavier McDaniel beer bears the name of the former NBA player and the green and yellow of the defunct SuperSonics.

thing, but it's just fun,” BuckleDown co-founder Sean Mahoney said. “I don't mind telling the story of how and why it happened, and it added some life to the brewery. We embraced it.”

So, how did a suburban Chicago brewery come to name a beer for a long-retired basketball star who played for five teams during a 12-year career, none of which was the hometown Chicago Bulls?

It began last spring with BuckleDown brewer and co-founder Ike Orcutt toying with an experimental hop that's now called Strata, but at the time was known only as X331.

Orcutt was taken with the hop's “tropical, grapefruit character.”

“Not so much grapefruit rind, much fruitier,” he

said. Melding it with the popular and versatile Simcoe hop, Orcutt was able to concoct a fruity IPA balanced by notes of pine and resin and evenhanded bitterness.

Orcutt and Mahoney began calling the unnamed beer “X-man” — which just so happened to be McDaniel's nickname from his playing days. A few days later, Orcutt announced they would name the beer Xavier McDaniel.

Orcutt and Mahoney aren't the biggest basketball fans, but they came of age at a time when the NBA was ascendant in Chicago, thanks mostly to Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls. One of the teams the Bulls vanquished amid its six NBA titles between 1991 and 1998? McDaniel's SuperSonics, in 1996.

“We looked at each other and said, ‘Should we really do it?’” Mahoney said. “I said if we're going to make a thing out of it, maybe something really comes out of it; maybe Xavier loves the beer and says something positive about it.”

Instead, BuckleDown heard nothing. It began pouring the beer as a draft-only offering in its taproom in April 2017, where it garnered positive reviews and sparked many conversations about the odd name.

Emboldened by nary a peep from McDaniel's camp, BuckleDown doubled down six months later, releasing Xavier McDaniel in six packs of 12-ounce cans.

That did the trick. This summer, when sitting in a restaurant, Mahoney got a call from a

Maryland phone number he didn't recognize. It was David Falk, McDaniel's former agent, who also happens to be Michael Jordan's agent. It was the call Mahoney was half dreading, half expecting.

“He was very direct and said, ‘You can't do this,’” Mahoney said. “You know you can't do this.”

Though he did indeed know he couldn't do it, Mahoney argued the beer was “a homage” to McDaniel. Also, he said, BuckleDown was “not making a ton of money on it.”

Falk said it didn't matter. BuckleDown couldn't use McDaniel's name or likeness. He mentioned a similar case he'd worked through in recent years: the \$8.9 million judgment awarded to Jordan after the defunct Dominick's food

chain used His Airness' image without permission in a 2009 steak ad.

“They didn't put up much of a fight,” Falk said in an interview. “There wasn't a fight. This was an automatic loser.”

Falk said McDaniel came across the beer himself this summer, in a grocery store while visiting Chicago. (BuckleDown doesn't distribute beer beyond Illinois, mostly in the Chicago area.)

Though initially upset at the use of his name and likeness, Falk said, “Once he got into it and learned the facts, he thought it could be a fun project.”

And that's why Xavier McDaniel (the beer) continues to exist. Xavier McDaniel (the person) was open to it.

“Xavier is a very engaging guy, and he does a lot of appearances,” Falk said.

Plus, BuckleDown is paying him.

“Obviously, he didn't do it for free,” Falk said.

Falk said McDaniel could be open to doing a promotional event or two on behalf of the beer but isn't obligated to under terms of the deal.

Would BuckleDown welcome a visit?

“Hell, yes,” Mahoney said.

Then he added, “I don't even know if he drinks beer.”

(McDaniel does drink beer, Falk said, though he “isn't a beer aficionado.”)

Mahoney said it's “50-50” whether BuckleDown will continue to sell the beer as Xavier McDaniel after this winter; it's not easy for a small business to surrender so much profit. But the saga has largely been worth the effort.

“Guys our age get it and kind of crack a half smile,” he said. “Then there's the younger drinkers who are like, ‘Who is this Xavier guy? I don't get it.’”

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•Crumbles
Selected Varieties
5 - 8 Oz.
\$2.99

Kraft
Natural Cheese Slices
Selected Varieties
7 - 8 Oz.
\$2.99
Kraft Shredded Cheese 24 Oz. \$4.29

Jell-O
•Pudding
•Gelatin
4 Pk.
\$1.99

Kraft
Cheez Whiz
15 Oz. Jar
\$4.99
Kraft Old English Jar Cheese 5 Oz. \$2.99

Kraft
Velveeta Cheese
2 Lb. Loaf
\$7.49

White Castle
Breakfast Sandwiches
4 Pk.
\$3.99

Mrs. Smith's
Fruit Pie
•Apple •Dutch Apple
•Peach •Cherry
•Pumpkin •Sweet Potato
35 - 37 Oz.
\$3.99

Best Choice
Whipped Topping
8 Oz.
99¢

Pillsbury
Grands! Frozen Biscuits
12 Pk.
\$2.99

Mrs. T's
Pierogies
12.84 - 16 Oz.
2/\$5

TGI Fridays
Appetizers
7.6 - 11 Oz.
\$3.69

Kid Cuisine
Dinner
7.45 - 10.6 Oz.
\$2.29

White Castle
Hamburgers
•Regular •Cheese
6 Pk.
\$3.99

Kraft
Mac & Cheese Entree
8.5 Oz.
\$3.29

Kraft
Velveeta Cheesy Bites
6 Oz.
\$1.99

Vito & Nick's
Pizza
12 Inch
\$8.99

Stouffer's
•Regular or Italiano
Lasagna 90 Oz.
•Chicken Enchilada 57 Oz.
\$13.99

Gino's East
Deep Dish Pizza
9 Inch
2/\$10

OnCor
Entree
24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$6

Edwardo's
Pizza
24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$10

WALT'S

FOOD CENTERS

SALE DATES:
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28th THRU
TUESDAY, DEC. 4th, 2018

STORE HOURS:
 Mon.-Sat. 7 am to 9 pm
 Sun. 7 am to 7 pm



View Our Ad & Current Values
 at www.waltsfoods.com

From Our Country Bakery

Walt's Own Fresh Baked **Cookies** \$2.99
 12 Pk. Pre-Packaged

Walt's Own Glazed Sour Cream **Cake Donuts** \$2.99
 6 Pk. Pre-Packaged

Walt's Own Magnificent **Muffin Sale** \$3.99
 4 Pk. Pre-Packaged

California Sweet **Baby Carrots** 99¢
 1 Lb. Pkg.

Fancy **Green Beans** \$1.49
 Lb.

Fresh Sweet **Blueberries** 2/\$4
 • **Blackberries** 6 Oz. Pkgs.

Fresh Sweet Red **Raspberries** 2/\$5
 6 Oz. Pkgs.

Premium **Seedless Grapes** \$1.99
 Lb.

Fresh Flavorful **Asparagus** \$2.99
 Lb.

From Our Deli Hut

Walt's Signature Premium Polish Style **Ham** \$4.98
 Lb. \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium Oven Roasted **Turkey Breast** \$6.98
 Lb. \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium **Italian Beef** \$9.98
 Lb. \$4.99 1/2 Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef" **Boneless Chuck Roast** \$3.99
 Sold as Roast Only Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef" **Steak** \$7.99
 • Porterhouse • New York Strip Any Size Package Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork Lean & Meaty **Pork Shoulder Blade Steaks** \$1.79
 Value Pack Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork **Center Cut Pork Chops** \$1.99
 Value Pack Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh **Boneless Chicken Breasts** \$1.29
 3 Lb. Pkgs. or More Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork **Baby Back Pork Ribs** \$2.99
 Sold Whole in the Bag Lb.

10/\$10

Banquet **Basic Dinners** Selected Varieties 4.85 - 7 Oz.

Pot Pies 7 Oz.

Betty Crocker **Helpers** 4.7 - 12.2 Oz.

Family Brownie or Cake Mix 15.25 - 18.4 Oz.

10/\$10

10/\$10

Pillsbury **Crescent Rolls** 4 Oz.

Cinnamon Rolls 7 Oz.

Grands! Biscuits 10.2 Oz.

Totino's **Party Pizza** 9.8 - 10.9 Oz.

Pizza Rolls 6.9 - 7.5 Oz. Box

10/\$10

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WALT'S
FOOD CENTERS

• Wonder **White Bread**
 • Home Pride **Wheat Bread** \$1.49
 20 Oz.

CRAZY 88¢ SALE!

Barilla **Pasta** 88¢
 • Spaghetti • Angel Hair • Penne • Rotini • Elbows 16 Oz.

Nestle **Hot Cocoa Mix** 88¢
 6 Ct.

• **Rice A Roni** 88¢
 • **Pasta Roni** 88¢
 4.2 - 7.2 Oz.

Chefboyardee Canned **Pasta Meals** 88¢
 7.5 - 15 Oz.

Other Crazy 88¢ Items In Store

Vitner's **Potato Chips** \$1.48
 8.5 Oz.

Florida's Natural Premium **Orange Juice** 2/\$5
 52 Oz.

Sale Price **2/\$5**
 Digital Reward Coupon - \$1.00

When You Buy 2 **Final Price 2/\$4**
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

When You Buy Any 8 and Save \$8

Puffs Family Size **Facial Tissue** \$1.49
 88 - 180 Ct.

Nabisco Chips Ahoy **Cookies** \$1.49
 7 - 13 Oz.

Kellogg's Cereals \$1.99
 • Frosted Flakes 13.2 - 15 Oz.
 • Rice Krispies 12 Oz. • Corn Flakes 18 Oz.
 • Cocoa Krispies 15.5 Oz.

Nabisco Honey Maid **Graham Crackers** \$1.99
 12 - 14.4 Oz.

Other Buy 8 Save \$8 Items In Store

Available on the Walt's mobile app or at www.waltsfoods.com

Dutch Farms Regular American Cheese Singles \$0.49
 12 Oz. Limit 1

Digital Rewards DEAL of the Week

PRODUCE

California Sweet
Baby Carrots
1 Lb. Pkg.
99¢



Fresh Fancy
Zucchini Squash
99¢ Lb.



Fresh Sweet Red
Raspberries
2/\$5 **6 Oz. Pkgs.**



Fresh Sweet
Blueberries
2/\$4 **6 Oz. Pkgs.**



Fancy
Green Beans
\$1.49 Lb. **Young N Tender**



Nut Meats
•16 Oz. Walnuts
•16 Oz. Almonds
•7 Oz. Pecans
Pkg.
\$5.99 **Fresh for Baking**



Fresh Sweet
Blackberries
2/\$4 **6 Oz. Pkgs.**



Fresh Crisp
Celery
Large Stalk
\$1.39



Premium
Seedless Grapes
\$1.99 Lb. **•Red •Green**



“Seedless”
Halos
3 Lb. Bag **\$3.99** **Sweet N Juicy**



“Affy Tapple”
Caramel Apples
•Plain •Peanut
3 Pack
2/\$5



MICHIGAN APPLES
Michigan
Apples
•Red Delicious •Golden Delicious
•Jonathan
\$1.99 3 Lb. Bag



Fresh Flavorful
Asparagus
\$2.99 Lb.



Sweet Premium
Cut Up Watermelon
99¢ Lb.



Litehouse
Caramel Dips
•16 Oz. Tub •6 Pk. 2 Oz.
\$2.99



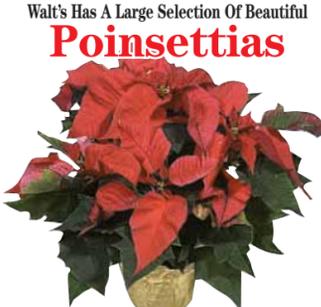
Super Select Premium
Cucumbers
2/\$1



“The Finest”
Fancy
Sweet Potatoes
49¢ Lb.



Walt's Has A Large Selection Of Beautiful
Poinsettias
Many Sizes And Colors To Choose From



Fresh Cut
Decorated Wreath
\$16.99



“In the Shell”
Tree
Nuts
•Almonds •Filberts
•Mixed Nuts •Walnuts
\$3.99 Lb.



COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Honey Cracked Wheat Bread
1 Lb. Loaf
\$1.49



Jessie Lord
Pecan Pie
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Magnificent Muffin Sale
4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.99 **Assorted Varieties**



Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Kaiser Rolls
8 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.49



Walt's Own
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
6 Inch
\$3.99



Walt's Own
Pan Style
Strudel
•Apple •Cherry •Cheese
\$3.49



Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Cookies
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.99 **Assorted Varieties**



Walt's Own
White or Chocolate Buttercream Iced Half Cake
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own Glazed
Sour Cream Cake Donuts
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.99 **Best Donuts in Town** **Made Fresh in our Store**



BUTCHER SHOP

Miller Amish Country
"100% Natural"
Chicken
• Drumsticks • Thighs
Jumbo Pack
\$169
Lb.

Honeysuckle
85% Lean
Ground Turkey
16 Oz.
\$279
• Turkey Breakfast Sausage Links
• Turkey Meatballs 12 - 16 Oz. \$2.79

Dutch Farms
Sliced Bacon
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.
\$399

Walt's "All Natural"
Fresh
Boneless Chicken Breasts
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
\$129
Lb. **No Hormones Added**

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Porterhouse Steak
Any Size Package
\$799
Lb.
T-Bone Steak Any Size Package \$7.79 Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Boneless New York Strip Steak
Any Size Package
\$799
Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Top Round London Broil
Any Size Package
\$429
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Center Cut Pork Chops
Value Pack
\$199
Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Top Round Roast
Sold as Roast Only
\$399
Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Premium 80% Lean
Ground Chuck
Value Pack
\$329
Lb. **Ground fresh in store many times daily.**

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef" Lean
Boneless Beef Stew
Value Pack
\$429
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Assorted Pork Chops
Value Pack
\$149
Lb.

Oscar Mayer
• Bologna
• Cotto Salami
Selected Varieties
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Oscar Mayer
Wieners
(Excludes Beef, Cheese)
Selected Varieties
14 - 16 Oz.
2/\$3

Oscar Mayer
Fun Pack Lunchables
Assorted Varieties
8 - 10.7 Oz.
2/\$4

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Boneless Chuck Roast
Sold as Roast Only
\$399
Lb.

Scott Pete
Beef Franks
14 Oz.
\$299

Curly's
Pulled BBQ
• Pork • Beef • Chicken
16 Oz.
\$449

Walt's "All Natural" Ground Beef & Pork
Meat Loaf Mix
16 Oz.
\$349
Lb.

Cooked Perfect
Meatballs
Assorted Varieties
20 - 32 Oz.
\$499

Dutch Farms
Bagged Breaded Chicken
• Nuggets • Tenders • Rings • Patties
3 Lb. Bag
\$579

Ditka's
Italian Beef Tub
36 Oz.
\$999

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Baby Back Pork Ribs
Sold Whole in the Bag
\$299
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Lean & Meaty Pork Shoulder Blade Steaks
Value Pack
\$179
Lb.

Specialty Shoppe

"Reward Yourself With Quality"

Chairman's Reserve Certified Premium Black Angus Beef
"Don't Settle for Less"

Chairman's Reserve Certified Premium Beef is Graded USDA Choice selecting only the upper two thirds within that grade. We hand trim and cut the thickness to your specifications. When serving Chairman's Reserve Premium Beef, you can always count on beef that is tender, juicy and flavorful.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Boneless Strip Steak **\$899** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Porterhouse Steak **\$899** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Boneless Rib Eye Steak . . **\$1399** Lb.

Seafood Specials

CATCH! THE SAVINGS

Chatka Breaded Butterfly Shrimp 1.5 Lb. Box **\$799**

Sea Best Salmon Fillets 16 Oz. **\$699**

Sea Best Flounder Fillets 16 Oz. **\$599**

Sea Best Pollock Fillets 16 Oz. **\$299**

CenSea Cooked Salad Shrimp 16 Oz. **\$679**

Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium Polish Style Ham **\$498** Lb. **Gluten Free**

Walt's Signature Premium Italian Beef **\$998** Lb. **Gluten Free**

Garden Fresh Broccoli Raisin Salad **\$799** Lb.

Garden Fresh Creamy Egg Salad **\$429** Lb.

Garden Fresh Creamy Cucumber Salad **\$499** Lb.

Garden Fresh Sour Cream Cheddar Macaroni Salad **\$359** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut Cookies & Cream **\$599** Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium Oven Roasted Turkey Breast **\$698** Lb. **Gluten Free**

Essenhaus Noodles Selected Varieties 16 Oz. **\$299**

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Sabra Hummus Selected Varieties 10 Oz. **\$349**

Kangaroo Pita Chips Assorted Varieties 9 Oz. **\$299**

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Alouette Spreads Selected Varieties 6.5 Oz. **\$549**

Stella Cheese Wedges Selected Varieties 7 - 8 Oz. **\$479**

Dietz & Watson Buffalo Chicken Breast **\$798** Lb. **Gluten Free**

Dietz & Watson Hard Salami **\$798** Lb. **Gluten Free**

Walt's Deli Hut Breaded Bone-In Chicken Wings **\$499** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut Breaded Chicken Breast Tenders **\$499** Lb.

Dietz & Watson Provolone Cheese **\$658** Lb. **Gluten Free**

Dietz & Watson Lacey Swiss Cheese **\$758** Lb. **Gluten Free**

DAIRY

Dannon
Greek Yogurt

•Oikos
•Light & Fit
Selected Varieties
5.3 Oz.

88¢



Pillsbury
Cookies

16 - 16.5 Oz.

2/\$5



Pillsbury
Grands! Crescent Rolls

12 Oz.

2/\$5



Blue Bonnet
Margarine

1 Lb. Qtrs.

99¢



Phil's
Cage Free Grade "A" Large Eggs

Dozen

2/\$6



Dean's TruMoo
Chocolate Milk

•Whole •1%
Gallon

\$3.99



10/\$10 SALE! 10/\$10 SALE!

Pillsbury

•Crescent Rolls

4 Oz.

•Cinnamon Rolls

7 Oz.

•Grands! Biscuits

10.2 Oz.

Dutch Farms

•Bagels

14 Oz.

•English Muffins

6 Pk.

10/\$10



Dutch Farms
Cream Cheese

•Soft •Whipped
8 Oz. Tub

3/\$5

Simply
Potatoes

20 Oz.

\$2.29



Dutch Farms
Cheese Spread

8 Oz.

\$2.39



Dutch Farms
Cream Cheese

•Regular •1/3 Less Fat
•Fat Free
8 Oz. Box

3/\$4



Coffeemate
Flavored Creamer

Selected Varieties
32 Oz.

2/\$6



Nesquik
Milk

14 Oz.

\$1.39



Dutch Farms Cheese

•Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shredded
Selected Varieties 7-8 Oz.
•Natural Slices
Selected Varieties 6 - 7.6 Oz.
•Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.
•Regular American Singles 12 Oz.

3/\$6

•Dutch Farms
•Dean's DairyPure

Sour Cream

16 Oz.

3/\$5



Dean's
Cottage Cheese

16 Oz.

Your Choice!

Challenge
Butter

1 Lb. Qtrs.

\$2.99



Dutch Farms
Premium Dips

11.5 - 12 Oz.

2/\$4



Frigo
Cheese

•Ricotta 32 Oz.
•Mozzarella Ball 16 Oz.

\$3.99



Kraft
Trios Snacks

2.25 Oz.

10/\$10



Win Schuler's
Cheese Spread

8 Oz.

2/\$6



Dean's Orchard Pure
Orange Juice

1/2 Gallon

2/\$6



Dean's
Egg Nog

Quart

Your Choice!

Sunny D
Tea

Gallon

2/\$5



Dutch Farms
Gelatin

19.5 - 22 Oz. Rings or 4 Pk.

3/\$5



Arizona
Tea

59 Oz.

3/\$5



Dutch Farms
Whipped Topping

6.5 Oz. Can

\$1.69



Tropicana
Pure Premium Orange Juice

89 Oz.

\$5.49



Dutch Farms
Family Pack String Cheese

24 Oz.

\$5.99



Minute Maid
Punch Lemonade

59 Oz.

3/\$4



FROZEN

Kemp's
Premium Ice Cream

48 Oz.

3/\$10



Pillsbury
Toaster Strudel

11.7 Oz.

2/\$4



DeWafelbakkers
Pancakes

18 - 60 Ct.

2/\$5



Mr. Dell's
"All Natural" Hash Browns

24 - 32 Oz.

2/\$6



Jimmy Dean
Breakfast Bowls

7 - 9 Oz.

\$2.59



10/\$10 SALE! 10/\$10 SALE!

Totino's

•Party Pizza

9.8 - 10.9 Oz.

•Pizza Rolls

6.9 - 7.5 Oz. Box

10/\$10



Sara Lee
Coffee Cake

11.5 Oz.

\$3.99



Sara Lee Regular
Cheesecake

17 - 19 Oz.

\$4.99



Pillsbury Frozen
Pie Crust

•Regular •Deep Dish
2 Pk.

\$2.59



Marie Callender's
Cream Pie

Selected Varieties
25.6 - 39 Oz.

\$5.99



Green Giant
Boxed Vegetables

Selected Varieties
7 - 10 Oz.

2/\$3



Flav-R-Pac
Polybag Classic Regular Vegetables

Selected Varieties
12 Oz.

2/\$3

Green Giant
Polybag Regular Vegetables

Selected Varieties
11 - 12 Oz.

2/\$3



Campione's
Garlic Toast

•Garlic Bread 16 Oz.
•Five Cheese Garlic Bread 11.75 Oz.
•Garlic Breadsticks 10 Oz.
•Garlic Dinner Rolls 8 Oz.

2/\$5



Outshine
Fruit Juice Bars

6 Pk.

2/\$7



Chillycow
Ice Cream

•8 Oz. •5 Pk.

\$3.99



Grown In Idaho
Potatoes

28 Oz.

\$2.79



Banquet
Basic Dinner

Selected Varieties
4.85 - 7 Oz.

10/\$10



Banquet
Meat Pot Pie

7 Oz.

Your Choice!

Weight Watchers
Smart Ones Entrees

4.4 - 10.5 Oz.

5/\$9



Farm Rich
Appetizers

Selected Varieties
16 - 26 Oz.

\$4.99



Banquet Classic
Dinners

3.2 - 11.88 Oz.

4/\$5



Banquet
Mega

•Bowls •Meals •Pot Pies
12 - 16.95 Oz.

2/\$5



Reames
Egg Noodles

12 Oz.

\$2.39



Palermo's
Thin Crust Pizza

12 Inch

5/\$11



Home Run Inn
Ultra Thin Crust Pizza

12 Inch

2/\$10



Simek's
Lasagna

2 Lb.

\$5.99



Louisa
Pasta

Selected Varieties
16 - 22 Oz.

\$3.99



Tombstone
Pizza

12 Inch

3/\$10



GROCERY

CRAZY 88¢ SALE!

Hunt's
Tomatoes
14.5 Oz.
88¢

Hunt's
Tomato
Sauce
15 Oz.
88¢

Hunt's
Pasta
Sauce
24 Oz.
88¢

Barilla
Pasta
•Spaghetti
•Angel Hair
•Penne
•Rotini
•Elbows
16 Oz.
88¢

Chef Boyardee
Mini
Canned Ravioli
Pasta
7.5 - 15 Oz.
88¢

Hunt's
Snack Pack
Pudding
4 Pk.
88¢

Hunt's
Manwich
Sauce
15 Oz.
88¢

•Rice A-Roni
•Pasta Roni
4.2 - 7.2 Oz.
88¢

M&M's
Candy
Theater
Boxes
3 - 3.1 Oz.
88¢

Nestle
Hot Cocoa
Mix
6 Ct.
88¢

Sparkling Ice
Drinks
17 Oz.
88¢

Kool Aid
Bursts
Drinks
6 Ct.
88¢

Best Choice
Granulated
Sugar
4 Lb.
\$1.59

•Wonder
White Bread
•Home Pride
Wheat Bread
20 Oz.
\$1.29

Hills Bros.
Coffee
•High Yield
•Colombian
•Medium Roast Perfect Balance
23 - 26 Oz.
\$5.99

Betty Crocker
Helpers
4.7 - 12.2 Oz.
10/\$10

Betty Crocker
Mixes
•Family Brownie
•Cake
15.25 - 18.4 Oz.
10/\$10

Betty Crocker
Cake
Frosting
12 - 16 Oz.
\$1.69

Hershey's
Syrup
18.5 - 24 Oz.
\$2.29

•Hunt's
Seasoned Diced
Tomatoes
in Sauce
for Chili
15 Oz.
•Tabasco
Hot Sauce
2 Oz.
\$1.19

Carroll Shelby's
Chili Kit
3.65 Oz.
\$2.39

Campbell's
Soup
•Tomato
•Chicken Noodle
•Cream of Chicken
•Cream of Mushroom
22.2 - 23.2 Oz.
2/\$4

Best Choice
Saltines
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Powerade
32 Oz.
79¢

Wishbone or
Western
Salad
Dressing
15 Oz.
2/\$4

Kraft
Mac &
Cheese
5 Pk.
\$4.79

Barilla
Pasta
Sauce
14.5 - 24 Oz.
2/\$4

Barilla
•Lasagna
•Stuffing Shells
•Manicotti
8 - 16 Oz.
•Gluten Free
Pasta
12 Oz.
2/\$4

Xtra
Liquid
Laundry
Detergent
75 Oz.
\$1.99

FoodNetwork
•Sauces
•Salad
Dressings
•Meal Kits
4 - 15 Oz.
\$2.99

Always Save
•Mayonnaise
•Salad Dressing
30 Oz.
\$1.69

Meow Mix
Cat Food
13.5 - 16 Lb.
\$10.99

Kibbles 'n Bits
Dog Food
16 - 17.6 Lb.
Sale Price **\$9.99**
Digital Reward
Coupon **-\$1.00**
Final Price **\$8.99**
Must use Wal-Mart's App to redeem.

Scott
•Comfort Plus
Bath Tissue
12 Pk. Double Rolls
•Paper Towels
6 Pk. Mega Rolls
\$4.99
Your Choice

Ziploc
•Containers
2 - 8 Ct.
•Bags
Storage or Freezer
14 - 24 Ct.
\$2.99

Windex
Window
Cleaner
23 Oz.
\$3.49

Pledge
Furniture
Polish
9.7 Oz.
\$3.99

Scrubbing Bubbles
Toilet Bowl
Cleaner
24 Oz.
2/\$3

Hinckley Springs
Water
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btl.
2/\$5

GROCERY GOLD VALUES

Regular, Diet
 •Pepsi •Mtn. Dew •Crush
 •Schweppes •7Up •Dr. Pepper
 •A&W •RC •Canada Dry •Sprite
 •Coke •Coke Zero Sugar
 2 Ltr.
4/\$5



Regular, Diet
 •Coke
 •Coke Zero Sugar
 •Sprite
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
2/\$5



•7Up •Dr. Pepper
 •A&W •RC
 •Canada Dry
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btl.
3/\$12



Regular, Diet
 •Pepsi •Crush
 •Mtn. Dew
 •Schweppes
 24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
\$6.99



•Lipton Tea
 6 Pk. 18.5 Oz. Btl. or
 12 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btl.
 •Starbucks
 Frappuccino
 4 Pk.
\$4.99



Vita Ice
 17 Oz.
79¢



Evian Imported
 Spring Water
 6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btl.
\$4.99



Indian Summer
 Apple Juice
 64 Oz.
2/\$3



Old Orchard
 100% Juice
 •Grape
 •Blends
 64 Oz.
2/\$4



V8
 Juice
 •Fusion •Energy
 •Vegetable
 6 Pk. or 46 Oz.
2/\$6



Best Choice
 Soda
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
2/\$5



Ruffles
 Potato Chips
 8.5 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5



•Fritos
 •Cheetos
 7.5 - 8.5 Oz.
2/\$5



•Chex Mix
 •Bugles
 •Garden of Eatin'
 14.5 - 15 Oz.
2/\$5



Cape Cod
 Potato Chips
 7 - 8 Oz.
2/\$5



Cousin Willie's
 Popcorn
 3 Pk.
2/\$3



•Herr's
 Snack Barrels
 Cheese Balls or Party Mix
 •HK Anderson
 Peanut Butter Pretzels
 18 - 26 Oz.
\$4.99



Brownberry
 Bread
 24 Oz.
\$2.99



Thomas
 Bagels
 •Regular •Mini
 10.5 - 20 Oz.
\$2.99



Skippy
 Peanut Butter
 15 - 16.3 Oz.
2/\$4



Bonne Maman
 Imported
 Preserves
 13 Oz.
2/\$6



Buy Any 4 of these General Mills items Save \$2 Instantly
 When You Buy 4 Nature Valley or Fiber One Bars (Excluding Protein Bars) 5 - 6 Ct. **4/\$8**
 When You Buy 4 General Mills Cereals: Honey Nut Cheerios 10.8 Oz., Chocolate Peanut Butter Cheerios 11.3 Oz., Multigrain Cheerios 9 Oz., Lucky Charms 10.5 Oz., Cocoa Puffs 11.8 Oz., Trix 10.7 Oz. **4/\$8**
 Must Buy 4. Single Item Price 4/\$10



GM/HBC

Christmas
 •Plates •Napkins
 •54x108 Tablecovers
 Assorted Varieties
\$1



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