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The Ricketts family, which owns the Chicago Cubs, says it has been "painful" negotiating with Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th.

Wanted: Alderman to play ball.

Tunney says Rickettses seek to back opponent to not oppose them

By JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Baseball and cold beer were distant dreams on a recent icy afternoon as Ald. Tom Tunney hustled past Wrigley Field, pointing out the several restaurants and bars in the new hotel and office building the Ricketts

family, which owns the Chicago Cubs, put up around the stadium's west side.

Workers on cherry pickers rose up along the facade of the ballpark itself, carrying out the latest renovations in a yearslong modernization.

"When they say I'm standing in their way, all I

can say is 'Are you kidding?'" Tunney asked, raising his arms to take in the new construction.

Since the billionaire owners bought the team in 2009, they set out to spend about \$1 billion on the Friendly Confines and developments around the park, Ricketts family spokesman Dennis Culloton says. Through it all, Culloton says, Tunney's stood in the team's way.

Now, Tunney says the Ricketts family is looking to help finance somebody's election campaign to take him out. Culloton acknowledges the family is thinking about backing a challenger.

Welcome to the 44th Ward City Council race, an aldermanic joust for the future of the Lakeview neighborhood, the old ballpark and surrounding tav-

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Senators: Crown prince complicit

CIA meeting solidifies thoughts on Khashoggi death

By SHANE HARRIS AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senators emerged from a closed-door briefing with the CIA director Tuesday and accused the Saudi crown prince of complicity in the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

In some of their strongest statements to date, lawmakers said evidence presented by the U.S. spy agency overwhelmingly pointed to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's involvement in the assassination.

"There's not a smoking gun, there's a smoking saw," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., referring to the bone saw that investigators believe was used to dismember Khashoggi after he was killed by a team of Saudi agents inside the country's consulate in Istanbul in October.

Graham made clear that the crown prince's involvement in the killing had caused a breach in the U.S.-Saudi relationship, and said the United States should come down on the government in Riyadh like "a ton of bricks."

He said he could no longer support arms sales to the Saudis as long as Mohammed was in charge.

"Saudi Arabia's a strategic ally, and the relationship is worth saving — but not at all costs," Graham said.

The Senate overwhelmingly voted last week to move forward on a resolu-

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Teacher Caroline Hoff, left, encourages her fellow charter school teachers and their supporters rallying in downtown Chicago on Tuesday.

Little progress in new strike

First-such action of charter teachers heads into 2nd day

By JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

After a day of loud demonstrations outside schools across the city, the nation's first charter school teachers' strike was set to enter a second day on Wednesday with labor

leaders reporting little progress in contract talks.

Hundreds of teachers with the Acero Schools charter network walked off the job Tuesday morning, just hours after talks broke off shortly after midnight. Picket lines blocked entrances of the network's

15 privately operated Chicago Public Schools campuses, and classes were canceled for 7,500 predominantly Latino students.

Teachers said the contract talks remain divided over class sizes, pay, and the extended length of Acero's school day and school year.

"We're making some progress, but there's a long

way between the two sides," said Andy Crooks, an Acero staffer and one of the bargaining unit's lead negotiators, while picketing outside the charter operator's downtown offices.

"It's a philosophical difference. What we are arguing is that we have students in our classrooms, and what Acero is telling us is those students are

dollar signs. And they need the dollars, and we need the time with our students," he said.

In addition to canceling classes, Acero called off all athletic events and extracurricular activities because of the strike. School buildings were to remain open for group activities supervised by nonunion

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Paying respects to former president

Former Sen. Bob Dole, a compatriot of George H.W. Bush in war, peace and political struggle, died himself out of his wheelchair and saluted his old friend and onetime rival on Tuesday. **Nation & World**, Page 13

Sent packing by Bears, Packers fan tries end run

Green Bay backer wants judge to sideline his ban

By CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
Chicago Tribune

There are many perks to being a Chicago Bears season ticket holder, including an invitation to be on the team's sidelines for pregame warmups.

Ticket holder Russell Beckman has been waging a yearslong fight in court for what he says is his right to stand on those sidelines at Soldier Field decked out like the die-hard Green

Bay Packers fan he is. In June 2017, Beckman filed a federal lawsuit in Chicago against the Bears, alleging that in 2016 the team barred him from the pregame event at the Bears-Packers game because of his Packers gear; he sought to prevent that from happening again. The suit also named the National Football League as a defendant.

The lawsuit is pending. But with another Bears-Packers showdown on Dec. 16, less than two weeks away, Beckman is trying to ensure he'll make

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JOHN KASS

Movement progressive or boss of new machine?

When federal investigators raided the offices of longtime Chicago alderman Ed Burke last week, U.S. Rep.-elect Jesus "Chuy" Garcia had this to say:

"Make no mistake. Ald. Burke is the last bastion of Chicago machine politics."

But you're the new machine, Chuy, I wrote then.

And after spending the last week or so talking to politicians across the Latino South Side, I'm convinced there is a Chuy machine.

"A rose by any other name is still a rose, no?" Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, who is being targeted by Chuy forces, told me Tuesday.

Does the Chuy machine smell like roses? I have bad allergies, so I can't say.

Garcia isn't an old-time ward boss, like the Daleys, Madigans and Burkes. He's not Irish. He's Mexican. And he's progressive, unlike bosses of old.

But a boss selects candidates in other races across the city and backs them. A boss makes endorsements, selecting candidates based on loyalty and bypassing quality. A boss seeds party organization with loyalists.

And when loyalists stop thinking for themselves and defer to the boss, guess what? The boss is the boss.

And with Garcia candidates running in the 14th, 15th, 22nd and 25th wards on the Southwest Side of Chicago — and he's reaching to the North Side too — you might ask: Is Chuy a boss?

"No," he told me Tuesday. "This is no machine. I'm not a boss. We have no patronage, there is no corruption, there is no exclusion from our ranks based on gender and race."

"Our wins over the last few years are due to our sticking to the principles of independent progressive politics and issues," Garcia said. "People have come around after 35 years of embracing them."

Accountability, Garcia says, is a key. But those who define what accountability means always do the accounting.

Is accountability about meat-and-potatoes issues like streetlights and potholes fixed, murderous street gangs quelled?

Or is accountability a word from some Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez hyperbole salad, tossed with progressive political philosophy and hot-take rhetoric?

It depends on what voters want, and what political organizations can deliver.

The evolution of Latino politics in Chicago is remarkable indeed and Chuy has been part of it from the beginning.

Years ago, black political power brokers treated Latinos — even favored progressives — as compliant junior partners, to be seen in photo ops but not listened to all that much.

And years later, Chuy's surprising 2015 mayoral campaign against the now outgoing incumbent Mayor Rahm Emanuel highlighted long-standing black-brown ethnic tensions.

The Latino mayoral candidate, Garcia needed African-American votes. He got a few, but not nearly enough. And black-Latino tensions grew, with the beneficiary being



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U.S. Rep.-elect Jesus "Chuy" Garcia attends a meeting of the Cook County Board in Chicago in September. Garcia is progressive, unlike political bosses of old.

Emanuel.

It turns out that I gave Garcia more support in his mayoral race than many African-American politicians. Chicago needed a runoff mayoral election. I like Chuy.

And if Emanuel hadn't sat on the infamous Laquan McDonald police shooting video until after the mayoral runoff, black voters would have abandoned him in the 2015 mayoral election and Garcia would be mayor today.

But that was then. These are the realities now: Chuy's organization has had several recent victories, taking out Burke's brother in a state representative race earlier this year.

And now Chuy seems to have reached an accommodation with Boss Mike Madigan, something often overlooked.

The financial arm to fund the new Chuy machine — or keep it in check — is the Latino Leadership Council LLC, coordinated by old Hispanic Democratic Organization (Daley Hispanic Organization) types like outgoing Ald. Dan Solis, 25th, and Juan Ochoa, outgoing U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez's guy.

How much cash will incoming Gov. J.B. Pritzker pump into the organization? Who can say when enough is enough?

In the 25th Ward, for example, when incumbent Solis decided not to run for re-election, Chuy endorsed Hilario Dominguez, a young and inexperienced political worker.

If Dominguez hadn't done political work for Chuy, would he have been endorsed in the 25th?

No way. Aida Flores is also a candidate in the 25th. She is Pilsen born and raised, and her grandfather is known along 18th Street as "the man who sells churros."

When she was in eighth grade, Flores became a mother, giving birth

to her daughter on Christmas Day.

But she was determined to succeed. She refused to stop getting her education. She raised her daughter and won scholarships, and her campaign literature has her earning degrees at Georgetown and Harvard. Flores' story is an inspiring one, the kind the old Chuy would have liked.

I stopped by Flores' 18th Street offices on Tuesday. She's progressive, clearly, yet wouldn't criticize Garcia or even concede he's a boss.

"But it is true that I haven't spent time building political relationships," she told me. "I'm not into these groups. I'm an educator."

In Chuy's home 22nd Ward, he has installed his candidate to replace outgoing Ald. Ricardo Munoz, Michael Rodriguez, in the No. 2 post of the Cook County Democratic Party.

In the 15th Ward, Chuy has loyalist Rafael "Rafa" Yanez to take on Lopez.

And in Burke's 14th Ward, there are several Chuy loyalists running, including Jose Torrez, a counselor, and Tanya Patino, campaign treasurer for Chuy-backed State Rep.-elect Aaron Ortiz.

It was Ortiz who took out Burke's brother, Dan, with considerable help from Garcia.

Burke's time may be ending. Chuy's time is now.

"What we're seeing is no different from the old established white machine Chuy would rail against when he was younger," Ald. Lopez said. "Democratic machine or progressive Democratic socialists, the result is the same. It's about power."

Yes, it's all about power. And then you have to deliver.

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Story behind Brubeck's jazz Christmas album



MARY SCHMICH

My all-time favorite holiday album is a solo piano collection, joyful yet with a tinge of melancholy, performed by the late Dave Brubeck. In a world cursed with treacherous, bombastic Christmas music, this album stands out for its heart and clarity.

I like it so much that I've often given it as a gift. A couple of times, I've recommended it in my column, which I did again recently, prompting a reply from a reader that brings me to today's story.

The email started like this: "I read with interest, and with tears in my eyes, your article '9 things to like right now.' What was especially meaningful to me was #8 — Good Holiday Music, which included, 'A Dave Brubeck Christmas.'"

The writer's name was Russell Gloyd. He lives in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka and for decades, he explained, he worked as Brubeck's producer, conductor and manager. He was also the guy who wrangled Brubeck into the Christmas album.

"One of my chief responsibilities," he wrote, "was to talk Dave into doing this in the first place."

Dave. It was strange to hear Brubeck referred to so casually. He was a legend. After his death, on Dec. 5, 2012, his obituary appeared on the front page of The New York Times and the Chicago Tribune.

"Dave Brubeck," wrote the Tribune's Howard Reich, "changed the sound of jazz in profound ways, unexpectedly becoming something of a pop star in the process."

Brubeck's life story has been widely told, but the back story of his hit Christmas album hasn't.

"Our record company, Telarc, said this would be the perfect album," Gloyd said when I called Tuesday. "Dave said, 'No, I'm not going to do it.' I said, 'Here's the deal. We'll go in the studio. If you don't like it, we just dump it and no one will be the wiser.'"

Brubeck never got along well with studios, Gloyd said, and always resisted studio recording.



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"A Dave Brubeck Christmas" was one of the best-selling jazz albums of 1997, and even Brubeck came to like it once his family told him they did.

"Listen to Dave's Joy to the World. You hear the church bells. It's not Dave improvising, it's Dave painting a picture."

— Russell Gloyd

"The deal I always had to make with him was that there only would be one take on any tune," he said.

So on a June day in 1996, at the age of 75, Brubeck appeared at a studio in Connecticut, wearing his summer clothes, and sat down alone at a 9-foot concert grand. Gloyd was in the control room, with the piano tuner and a couple of others, waiting to see what Brubeck would play. Sometimes it

took a few bars to tell.

"For the most part we were playing name that tune," Gloyd said. "If you listen to the opening of 'O Tannenbaum,' he starts playing a Bach chorale. We're listening to this, thinking, OK, where's this going?"

With Brubeck, you could never be sure. For one thing, though he wrote music, he didn't read it.

"It's the damndest thing," Gloyd said.

One explanation is that printed notes slowed Brubeck's mind down: "Dave looks at the page and he's already figuring out the one to two thousand variations this could be."

On that June day, Brubeck recorded three versions of "Jingle Bells." One was jaunty and it appears early on the album as "Homecoming" Jingle Bells, evoking the mood and image of guests arriving at a party. The second one, "Farewell" Jingle Bells is more subdued, the sense of a party ending.

The songs in between change mood, each one not just a song but a portrait.

"Listen to Dave's Joy to the World," Gloyd said. "You hear the church bells. It's not Dave improvising, it's Dave painting a picture."

When the session was over, Gloyd called Telarc headquarters in Cleveland.

"Everyone was on pins and needles because they knew Dave was reluctant to do this," he said. "I called the president and before I said anything, he said, 'How is it?' I said, 'It's everything you could have wanted and more.'"

Almost the entire album was done in a day. Almost every track, as promised, was done in a single take, and every take was used.

Every take except one. Brubeck recorded a third version of "Jingle Bells" on that June day.

"It was the most depressing Jingle Bells," Gloyd said, the kind

you might hear in a bar at 3 a.m. "No way was that going on the album."

But "Jingle Bells #3," which Gloyd dubbed "Jingle (Expletive) Bells," was saved, and he recalls that it was eventually included in an NPR Christmas compilation.

"A Dave Brubeck Christmas" was one of the best-selling jazz albums of 1997, and even Brubeck came to like it once his family told him they did.

I've never been able to articulate exactly why I like it so much. Gloyd said it for me: "Listen to any track and it is Dave playing directly to you."

It's Dave, he said, speaking with his memories.

In doing that, the Christmas album Dave Brubeck didn't want to make helps his listeners touch their own pasts, a good thing to remember on the anniversary of his death.

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Berrios' sister, friend don't tumble very far

Two go to work for secretary of state, albeit at big pay cut

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

It didn't take long for former Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' sister and one of his close friends to land new government jobs, though they did have to take a major pay cut.

Carmen Berrios and Victoria LaCalamita started work Monday with the Illinois secretary of state. That office is led by Jesse White, who cut a campaign radio ad for Berrios, the former chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party and an unabashed defender of old-school patronage politics.

The secretary of state's office, which has around 3,700 jobs, has long been known as a patronage haven

under both Democrats and Republicans. The two women will each make \$37,992 a year as public service supervisors in the Vehicle Services Department, said Dave Druker, White's spokesman.

Druker said the two were hired to fill open positions after going through an application process and were "graded based on experience and training."

Carmen Berrios and LaCalamita both resigned their executive jobs in the assessor's office last weekend, before newly elected Assessor Fritz Kaegi took over Monday.

Carmen Berrios was being paid \$126,000 as deputy assessor in charge of tax services and outreach, and LaCalamita was being paid \$139,000 in her role as deputy assessor of financial operations.

Joseph Berrios and LaCalamita did not return

calls seeking comment Tuesday, and attempts to reach Carmen Berrios were unsuccessful.

The assessor's decision to put his sister, Carmen, and his son, Joseph, on the payroll in the early days of his tenure drew the attention of the county Board of Ethics, which sought to fine the elder Joseph Berrios \$10,000 in 2012.

A court battle ensued that cost county taxpayers about \$300,000 in legal fees. A judge later found that the ethics panel had the authority to investigate the assessor but not to impose fines. The son later left the office.

In addition, the county ended up shelling out more than \$500,000 to 11 people Berrios fired for unlawful political reasons after his election in 2010 as he hired family and friends.

Also departing the office over the weekend was

Vanessa Berrios, the former assessor's daughter, who was being paid \$139,000 a year as director of industrial and commercial valuations. According to a Kaegi spokesman, she was fired on Friday when Berrios was still in charge. The spokesman said he did not know why.

Many of Berrios' top staff left before Kaegi was sworn in Monday morning. When Kaegi did take office, he quickly fired several remaining policymaking employees who aren't protected by rules that bar political considerations in personnel decisions.

"We ended the employment of anyone in our office who received his or her job purely due to patronage or nepotism," Kaegi said after a ceremonial swearing-in on Monday.

During his speech, Kaegi took several digs at Berrios, who during his eight years

in office was criticized on several fronts, including his hiring of relatives and friends.

Kaegi, a 47-year-old former asset manager from Oak Park, struck a lighter note in one of those digs.

"I'd also like to recognize my family members for being here today, too," Kaegi said after recognizing his father in the audience. "Sorry to say I won't be offering you any jobs."

Kaegi defeated Berrios in the March Democratic primary and coasted to victory against token Republican opposition in last month's general election.

Kaegi's momentum in the primary was fueled in part by "The Tax Divide," a series published by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois that documented flaws in the property tax assessment system under Berrios that tended to favor wealthy homeowners and

large commercial property owners at the expense of less-affluent homeowners and owners of smaller commercial properties.

On Monday, Kaegi put in place new ethics rules aimed at eliminating any favoritism in assessments, promised to make improvements to start making the system fairer and more transparent, and said he was inviting an outside audit of the office.

"Some of the reforms that we have planned will be immediate, and others will take time before their full effect can be seen in people's bills and felt in their pockets," he said. "That's the nature of this work. But as we move forward, we're doing so with urgency. ... The system has been broken for decades, but it can be fixed."

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Old Town School: No sale till new year

Delays disposing of Lincoln Park site; aims to cut budget

BY ELVIA MALAGON
AND MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

The Old Town School of Folk Music is delaying offering its longtime Lincoln Park location for sale at least until the spring, according to a news release.

The school plans to delay listing its 909 W. Armitage Ave. location until March 31, to continue discussions with the community, according to the news release from the nonprofit. The announcement comes after weeks of pushback from school supporters who oppose the sale. The sale's opponents have garnered thousands of signatures for a petition, staged a rally and formed the Save Old Town School group.

"We heard from our community that it wants more time to bring forward other possible options to selling 909 W. Armitage, so last Thursday, the Board elected to extend the time to listen to and engage our community. Working groups and meetings are being scheduled now," said Kish Khemani, board chairman, in the release. "Perhaps we can find creative solutions through these discussions. The Board is open to ideas that help improve communications and address long and short-term challenges."



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Old Town School of Folk Music teachers, students and supporters rally last month outside the Lincoln Park location at 909 W. Armitage Ave.

Within the school, there's been a staff shuffle as controversy swirled around the sale. Last month, the executive director, Bau Graves, unexpectedly took a medical leave of absence, and the school administration offered buyouts to nonfaculty staff. Rashida Phillips, the deputy director, was recently appointed by the board of directors to serve as the acting executive director.

And while the sale has been temporarily put on hold, the school adminis-

tration is pressing forward with other efforts to cut its budget. The school plans to close its music store in the Lincoln Park location next month, according to the news release. And the board also said there were "other possible costs reductions" to balance the budget.

Rich Gordon, a member of Save Old Town School, said the group learned about the board's decision Monday and sees it as a small but significant step. Gordon, who is married to Tribune Deputy Editorial

Page Editor Marie Dillon, said the three-month sale delay is a sign that the board is listening to the community's concerns.

"For some people, the No. 1 issue is keeping it as a school," Gordon said. "But I think all of us, as we have gotten deeper into this, (see) that the proposed sale of the building is a symptom of larger problems."

Gordon said students want to help the school increase its enrollment and want to share their expertise in areas such as digital

marketing. If enrollment doesn't increase, the group fears the school could be in jeopardy.

"We continue to believe that the decline in student enrollment that is driving these expense reductions can be turned around with sufficient attention to marketing and pricing strategies," the group stated in a release. "We hope any other cost-cutting initiatives will be limited and temporary, and will not include staff layoffs."

Graves previously said

the sale was meant to bring in \$10 million for an endowment fund for general operations. The school's Lincoln Square location was expected to remain open.

The changes come as the school has faced a decline in enrollment from 17,325 students making up 33,544 class registrations in 2010 to about 15,000 students making up 25,300 registrations in 2017, according to tax filings.

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Teachers strike after late-night negotiations fail

No classes for 5,800 Geneva students

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO
The Courier-News

Teachers in Geneva School District walked the picket line outside Geneva High School on Tuesday morning, just hours after their union declared a deadlock in contract negotiations with Geneva School District 304.

The strike means no classes for about 5,800 students who attend District 304 schools.

"This is a sacrifice, a short-term sacrifice so that in the long term we can hire and retain the highest quality teachers for their children," said Kevin Gannon, president of the Geneva Education Association.

Gannon said he expected all 450 union members would walk the line in shifts Tuesday in support of the union's position that it

would not accept a contract in which a step-and-lane salary schedule was not included.

No bargaining sessions have been scheduled, but the union stands ready to meet whenever the district is ready, he said.

Both sides exchanged multiple proposals throughout the lengthy bargaining session that began at 6 p.m. Monday but by 2 a.m., discussions were at a deadlock and the union made the decision to strike, Gannon said.

The district proposed salary increases of 17 percent for new teachers over four years and 1.2 percent increases over four years for veteran teachers. The union team has proposed narrowing that gap, creating a new salary, increasing stipends and summer pay, and reducing insurance premiums.

The main sticking point is the district's desire to eliminate the traditional step-and-lane salary sched-

ule — which rewards teachers based on highest education attained and years of experience — and replace it with a new, untried salary model that no other district in the area is using, Gannon said.

District 304 School Board President Mark Grosso defended the proposal, calling it simpler to understand and more transparent than the current system.

Gannon disagreed. "The current model we are proposing is something we've used before in the district and are familiar with," Gannon said. "We're on the same page (with the district on increasing pay for new teachers), but at the same time we want to retain those new, young teachers. We don't want to become a farm team for other districts."

Kate Woodruff, an English teacher at the high school, said she accepted a job out of college at the Geneva district two years

ago because of the pride she felt in the community for its schools. Abby Griffin, also a second-year English teacher at the school, grew up in neighboring St. Charles and knew of the district's well-regarded reputation, calling it "a dream" to get a job at the school.

The two called it difficult to have to strike so soon after starting their careers. Griffin said she had been saving money since the beginning of the school year out of fear a strike was possible.

"I am drowning in student loan debt — basically one of my full paychecks goes to student loans alone," Griffin said. "To make ends meet, I will have to make some tough phone calls today to my student loan company, putting my situation out there. It's extremely stressful."

While classes, after-school activities, athletics and field trips have been canceled, the strike does not



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Science teacher Pat Sweeney leads a line of striking teachers outside of Geneva High School on Tuesday.

affect students who attend the Fox Valley Career Center or a Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative program or who are enrolled in a therapeutic day placement, according to the district. Preschool at the Park District-run Friendship Station program in Geneva Middle School South will not be canceled.

District spokeswoman Laura Sprague issued a statement on behalf of the school board.

"The board of education

is grateful for the many calls and emails urging both parties to resolve their differences and to put the needs of our students first by reaching agreement on a fair and fiscally responsible multiyear contract," the statement said in part.

While Geneva teachers came close to a strike in 2012, this is the first walk-out in at least 30 years, Gannon said.

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Prosecution wraps case in alleged cover-up

Judge declines to toss charges in McDonald case

BY MEGAN CREPEAU,
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Chicago Tribune

Accusations that Chicago police officers conspired to cover up the 2014 shooting of Laquan McDonald were ridiculed Tuesday by defense attorneys who lobbied unsuccessfully for a Cook County judge to throw out the charges before they put on any evidence.

The impassioned arguments for a rare directed finding injected a fervent pitch into what for the most part has been a dry trial centered on police reports and other documents produced in the investigation of McDonald's controversial killing.

In the end, though, after nearly three hours, Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson denied the effort in a perfunctory ruling from the bench. The landmark trial is set to resume Thursday when the defense will begin to present its own evidence.

While the arguments for a directed finding failed, they offered a preview of what promises to be a heated conclusion to a case that has been cast as a referendum on the so-called code of silence, an unwritten policy within the Chicago Police Department designed to protect fellow officers from allegations of wrongdoing.

Leading the theatrics Tuesday was attorney James McKay, who strode around Stephenson's tiny courtroom using a tone equal parts outrage and disbelief. Peppering his argument with words like "cockamamie" and "ridiculous," McKay, who represents former Detective David March, said the prosecution's case "stinks" — and they know it.

"The state wants you to criminalize police reports!" McKay yelled at one point as he stood just a few feet from the judge. "They want to criminalize the opinion of an experienced police detective who can only garner information by doing interviews."

Assistant special prosecutor Ronald Safer fought back, saying in strong — albeit more subdued — language that the now-infamous police dashboard camera video of Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting McDonald 16 times was all the evidence needed to show that the officers' police reports were "patently false."

"This should have been a homicide investigation," Safer said. "Instead, Detective March shaped it from the first minute as an aggravated battery investigation with the soon-to-be deceased as the perpetrator ... and the officers — including the officer who killed him — as the victims."

The lengthy and emotional arguments were at odds with most such requests for directed finding, which are made as a matter of routine in criminal cases in Cook County but almost never granted. In considering the dismissal of all charges at this stage, Stephenson by law had to view the evidence in "a light most favorable" to prosecutors, making it an extremely difficult legal hurdle to overcome for the defense.

McKay was more suc-



Former Detective David March listens as his attorney, James McKay, asks the judge to throw out charges after the prosecution rested its case Tuesday.



Thomas Breen, right, consults with his client Joseph Walsh, who is on trial along with Officer Thomas Gaffney and former Detective David March, in Chicago on Tuesday.

cessful before a different judge in October when he won a directed finding in the case of a former Chicago police dispatcher charged with shooting another woman in a road-rage incident. In that case, McKay successfully argued that the dispatcher fired in self-defense, winning an acquittal at the close of the prosecution case.

But Tuesday's hearing raised the stakes, coming in a closely watched trial that is believed to be the first time Chicago police officers have been charged with covering up aspects of an on-duty shooting.

March, former Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney are each charged with official misconduct, obstructing justice and conspiracy for allegedly lying in police reports to exaggerate the threat posed by McDonald, who had refused police commands to drop a small knife he was holding as he walked away from officers. Prosecutors allege the three defendants conspired to conceal what happened the night of the shooting in order to shield Van Dyke from scrutiny. Judge Stephenson is deciding their fate in a bench trial.

Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder in November 2015, on the same day the dashcam video was released to the public. He was convicted by a jury in October of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated bat-

tery and is awaiting sentencing.

Earlier Tuesday, prosecutors rested their case after presenting seven witnesses over four days. Among the last evidence entered was a series of emails exchanged by Chicago police supervisors in the days and months after the McDonald shooting that allegedly showed the effort to justify Van Dyke's actions ran deep and wide.

The first email, dated two weeks after the Oct. 20,

"This should have been a homicide investigation. Instead, Detective March shaped it from the first minute as an aggravated battery investigation with the soon-to-be deceased as the perpetrator."

— Assistant special prosecutor Ronald Safer

2014, shooting, came from a sergeant who supervised March and wrote to his superior a lengthy explanation for why McDonald posed a deadly threat.

"Offender takes aggressive stance, hikes pants, whips knife open, starts hopping continues advancing toward officers," Sgt. Daniel Gallagher wrote from his personal email account to Lt. Anthony Wojcik, according to the exhibit submitted into evidence by prosecutors.

Several portions of Galla-

gher's email misstated facts about the shooting, including that Van Dyke was aware that a 911 caller had reported McDonald attacked him with a knife in a truck yard before police arrived. In fact, Van Dyke and other officers at the scene had been informed only that the teen had been caught trying to break into trucks and "popped" the tire on a squad car with the knife.

In an apparent justification for the number of shots

applauding him, not second-guessing him."

In March 2015, Ron Hosko, a former FBI boss who now runs a legal defense fund for police, wrote an email to Wojcik in which he attached a PDF of an article titled "Police Officer Reaction Time to Start and Stop Shooting."

Wojcik, in turn, forwarded the email to Gallagher, who sent it from his official Police Department address to his personal address.

To assist in his review of the case, Hosko was provided police reports as well as the dashcam video — even though it had been held tightly under wraps by the city, according to the email exchange. Later, as the criminal investigation into the shooting heated up, Hosko emailed Wojcik again.

"Tony, any luck making the case go away?" Hosko asked.

In his cross-examination, McKay, attempted to distance his client from the emails, repeatedly pointed out that only one of the messages involved March at all — an email from Wojcik to which March never responded.

McKay, a former Cook County prosecutor known as "Mad Dog" for his impassioned arguments, seized on that theme in his request for a directed finding. While reasonable people can disagree about what the shooting video shows, March should not be held criminally responsible for his opinion or conclusions about the incident, McKay said.

He also attacked the testimony of Jose Torres, a civilian eyewitness witness to the shooting who said a patrol officer with a flashlight waved him from the scene. Torres later called a police oversight agency to report that he never saw McDonald lunge at officers — as a police union spokesman told reporters after the shooting.

McKay also questioned what motive March would have to bury evidence in the case. If he wanted to cover for Van Dyke, he could have pocketed a few shell casings or tossed the shooting video in Lake Michigan, McKay said. He also played no role in the Police Department's fight to keep the video from

the public.

In a thinly veiled reference to alleged efforts by Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration to withhold the video until after Emanuel won a second term in 2015, McKay said the blame for delaying the video's release should be pointed elsewhere.

"Those decisions are made by people downtown in City Hall — people who might be running for election," he said.

McKay also took a swipe at Officer Dora Fontaine, who testified that March fabricated statements attributed to her. McKay said Fontaine has made several inconsistent statements over the years, but she only pointed the finger at March when she was threatened with her job.

Fontaine, who has two children and a summer home in Michigan, did not want to lose the best job she has ever had, McKay said.

"Dora Fontaine lied to you," he said. "She's trying to save herself."

Safer blasted that tactic in his response.

Since it was a bench trial, the defense likely felt freer to launch unseemly attacks, he said.

"With no jury to offend, they unleashed an attack on Dora Fontaine that was beneath the extraordinary dignity with which you have conducted these proceedings," Safer told the judge.

After the trial recessed for the day, Kevin Graham, president of the union representing rank-and-file Chicago police officers, told reporters that the police reports submitted by the officers saying they were the victims of a battery by McDonald were a technical oversight brought on by bad computer software, not a criminal conspiracy or obstruction of justice.

"We were really hoping the judge was going to dismiss the charges today," Graham told reporters. "It was quite clear prosecutors don't understand how the computer system worked and how the report system work."

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Developer wants to build homes, church in unincorporated Naperville

BY ERIN HEGARTY
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Developers are proposing to build 312 single-family homes and a church on the 113 acres that had been the Wagner Farms property on Route 59 in unincorporated Naperville.

The Wagner family announced in March that the farm was being sold to Pulte Homes and its popular farm stand would not be reopening in the summer.

On Wednesday, Pulte will ask the Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission to recommend rezoning the property and, at a later date, to annex it into the city.

Single-family detached homes are proposed for about 105 acres of the site at Route 59 and 103rd Street, requiring the zoning be changed from agricultural to residential.

The remaining eight acres would be rezoned for office, commercial and institutional use to accommodate a new Compass Evangelical Free Church, which already has two Naperville locations and one each in Bolingbrook and Wheaton.

Houses ranging in size from 2,300 to 3,539 square feet would be built on lots ranging from 6,838 to 20,065 square feet, according to plans submitted to

the city. There would be multiple floor plans available, and Pulte plans on a "significant setback and buffer from Route 59 to lessen potential impacts on the properties," the proposal said.

The two-story 38,000-square-foot church would be built at the corner of Route 59 and 103rd Street. It would have a 600-seat worship center, a children's ministry space, a multipurpose room or gymnasium, second-floor offices, a 5,000-square-foot coffee shop and 307 parking spaces, according to plans.

If built, the new church building would replace the

church's current location on 95th Street in Naperville, said Russell Whitaker, local attorney for Pulte Homes.

The requested use deviates from the 2002 Southwest Community Area Plan, which identified the future land use as commercial, senior housing and mixed-density residential. That said, city staff found the Pulte development to be "well-suited and complementary" to the city's long-term plans, city documents said.

"At this point in time, the farm is completely surrounded by development," Whitaker said. "With mixed-density residential,

you could have still ended up with 800 units. We're at 312 so we're less than half of what could be done on the property."

Pulte sees the proposal as being market driven when it comes to an increased demand for single-family homes as opposed to trying to pack in as much as they can on the property, Whitaker said.

In addition to a landscaped entrance and Route 59 buffer, the development would include open space areas and a trail system, providing north-south connections for residents' use and access to Frontier Park. Wagner Farms was es-

established in 1961 when Robert and Evelyn Wagner and their daughters moved their Elk Grove vegetable farm to unincorporated Naperville land at 9937 S. Route 59. The family grew sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, squash and other vegetables. Its farm stand was typically open daily from mid-July through the end of October.

The Pulte proposal will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission at 7 p.m. Wednesday in council chambers in the Municipal Center.

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James Ragusa collects offerings during Sunday Mass at St. Ita Catholic Church in the Edgewater area of Chicago on Nov. 18.

Archdiocese proposes merging parishes in Uptown, Edgewater

Cupich weighs combining St. Ita, St. Thomas

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

The Archdiocese of Chicago is proposing to merge the North Side parishes of St. Ita and St. Thomas of Canterbury into one as part of its continued reorganization, according to a news release.

Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich is weighing a recommendation that calls for St. Ita in the Edgewater area and St. Thomas of Canterbury in Uptown to

merge as a new parish by May 31, though plans are to have the buildings stay open, according to a news release from the archdiocese. Both churches would remain open for worship services.

At the new consolidated parish of St. Ita and St. Thomas of Canterbury, the order of Franciscan Friars will continue leading services, according to an archdiocese spokeswoman. There are no proposed changes to St. Thomas of Canterbury School, which already is housed at St. Ita's campus.

It remains unclear what will happen to St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

and School in Buena Park, but the recommendation calls for it to be grouped with a different set of churches to the south or west, according to the release. The church will continue with its current programming and will have to undergo the Renew My Church evaluation when it's moved to a new group.

However, the proposed changes have not been finalized, and Cupich is expected to make a decision by next month. A meeting on the changes is expected to take place Jan. 15, before Cupich makes his final decision.

The announcement of

the proposed changes is the latest in a series of reshuffling happening in Catholic communities across the Chicago area. It's part of the Renew My Church plan, which calls for a reconfiguration of staff and parishes. Driven in part by a priest shortage, it aims to "achieve the goal of having vibrant, life-giving faith communities accessible to all Catholics," the archdiocese has stated. There are an estimated 2.2 million Catholics in the Chicago area, according to the archdiocese.

Last week, the archdiocese announced changes in the Bridgeport area, which include the closure of Santa

Lucia-Santa Maria Incoronata by June 2020. Farther south in the city, St. Michael the Archangel in the Bush neighborhood and Immaculate Conception in South Chicago will be consolidated into a new parish by next summer.

In the suburbs, six parishes are expected to merge into three, and one west suburban Catholic school will close.

An archdiocesan spokeswoman could not immediately respond to questions about details of the merger proposal.

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Political comity at bicentennial party for Ill.

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker on Monday thanked Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner for his service and tried to sound an optimistic tone at Illinois' 200th birthday party.

"On this occasion, I want to express all of our deep gratitude to Gov. Bruce Rauner, to Lt. Gov. (Evelyn) Sanguinetti and first lady Diana Rauner. Thank you," Pritzker said.

"We should all celebrate the 200 years of progress that we've made," Pritzker said. "But I want to say how important it is for us to look forward in this state. Our best days are yet to come in Illinois."

Pritzker spoke for a couple of minutes after Rauner helped open the state's bicentennial party at Navy Pier, an event that was moved from the United Center after weak ticket sales.

Rauner and Pritzker weren't on the stage at the same time. The Republican governor said last week that he was "very scared" for Illinois following big Democratic victories on Election Day that swept him and many fellow Republicans out of office.

On Monday night, Rauner acknowledged Pritzker from the birthday celebration's stage and said it's been a humbling honor to be governor.

"Never will we give up trying to serve the people and make our system work for all of us so our children and our grandchildren can have a better future," he said.

After both spoke, Rauner wielded a large knife to cut a birthday cake as "Happy Birthday" played, and he joked about losing 27 pounds during his term.

Pritzker will be inaugurated next month.

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DePaul and City Colleges team up

Aim to ease CPS students' transition to 4-year schools

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

A new partnership between DePaul University and City Colleges of Chicago will enable select Chicago Public Schools graduates to do associate's degree work at the DePaul campus, an arrangement that leaders of both institutions hope will ease students' transitions to four-year schools, officials announced Tuesday.

The DePaul Harold Washington Academy will bring a group of Harold Washington faculty members and new students a few blocks south to hold classes at DePaul's buildings in the Loop. Students can access DePaul resources such as libraries and tutoring services, and can join student organizations.

CPS alumni who qualify as Star Scholars, a program that helps cover City Colleges tuition and books, will be eligible. Students apply directly to DePaul and those who complete their associate's through the academy will be offered admission to DePaul to complete their bachelor's, officials said.

School leaders said they intend to enroll 100 Star Scholars into the program to start in fall 2019. City Colleges trustees are scheduled to formally vote on the proposal at their board meeting Thursday.

One objective, officials say, is to acclimate students to the environment and structure of a major university from the jump.

"If approved, this



MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Harold Washington College has partnered with DePaul University to create an academy that will allow select Chicago Public Schools graduates to attend classes through DePaul.

"We're starting fairly small with 100, so we'll know each one of them."

— City Colleges Chancellor Juan Salgado

blended college model will expose City Colleges students to the four-year college environment early and allow them to integrate into the university community, so when they are academically ready to transfer, the transition will be seamless," Ignacio Lopez, Harold Washington's president, said in a statement.

DePaul approached City Colleges with the idea in late 2017, according to City Colleges Chancellor Juan Salgado. The Higher Learning Commission, which accredits universities and academic programs throughout the Midwest, signed off on the academy in October.

"The creation of DePaul Harold Washington Academy is the result of a belief that Chicago Public School Star Scholars who excelled

in high school should be able to access high quality higher education at an affordable price," DePaul President A. Gabriel Esteban said in a statement. "We are proud to offer our facilities and resources to Harold Washington College and believe the academy will help serve students higher education might otherwise overlook."

Even though DePaul has pledged to admit those who finish the program, students are not required to attend any specific school. Salgado said the program could provide a lower-cost avenue to DePaul — or a similar institution — for students who may not be academically or financially prepared to jump directly from high school to a four-year university.

To qualify as a CPS Star Scholar, a student must have at least a 3.0 GPA and at least a 17 ACT in English and math, or SAT scores of 460 in writing and 440 in math. Salgado said he and his team will closely examine fall-to-spring retention as well as performance in introductory math and English classes to gauge how well students are progressing.

"We're starting fairly small with 100, so we'll

know each one of them," Salgado said. "We'll be able to make sure each one of them has the proper tutoring and career counseling, access to the financial aid office and all those things that are critical for a student to succeed."

With prodding from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, more universities in recent years have been partnering with City Colleges to help encourage local transfer students to successfully complete four-year degrees.

In 2015, the University of Illinois at Chicago became the first school to offer scholarships to CPS graduates who finished a degree at City Colleges. Since then, 20 other schools, including DePaul, have created similar scholarships and tuition discounts.

Salgado noted DePaul already is a popular destination for his graduates. Harold Washington was the fourth most popular feeder community college for DePaul in 2017, comprising about 12 percent of all its transfers.

"This takes the partnership and intensifies it," Salgado said.

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Video catches up to 4 men charged with street racing

A sex offender is among 4 charged in Plainfield

BY ALICIA FABBRE
Chicago Tribune

A video discovered online of a car in flames has led to street racing charges against four men, including a registered sex offender, Plainfield police said.

The arrests are the result of a four-month investigation that uncovered videos posted on YouTube and social media sites of street racing in Plainfield, police Chief John Konopek said.

Police said Paul R. Powell, 35, of Plainfield, was arrested Friday and charged with 15 misdemeanor counts of street racing and one count of child endangerment. The latter charge resulted from Powell using minors in some cases to shoot video of him racing, Konopek said.

Timothy Hagan, 47, of Darien, also was arrested Friday and charged with a single count of street racing, police said.

On Tuesday, Plainfield police announced street racing charges against two other men — Joseph Lukas and Steven Fredenhagen — stemming from the same investigation and said arrest warrants were issued for three more men who were not yet in custody.

Police said they started investigating after a video that showed Powell's car in flames. In all, police reviewed at least a dozen videos showing Powell racing and driving recklessly on village streets, Konopek

said. There's no indication anyone was injured, police said.

Lukas, 36, of Romeoville, turned himself in Saturday and was charged with two counts of street racing, according to a Plainfield police news release.

Fredenhagen, 41, of Plainfield, turned himself in Monday and faces four counts of street racing, police said.

The chief said the case remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Sgt. Eric Munson at 815-267-7238.

Konopek added that those who wish to race their cars can do so at specialized tracks designed for racing without putting the driving public or others at risk.

"If there's an interest to drive fast, there are venues out there that they can find to do that," Konopek said.

Will County court records for the new charges against Powell and Hagan were sealed, officials confirmed, though it wasn't immediately clear why. If the cases remain sealed, the public will presumably have no way to track them as they go through the court system or see how they are resolved.

Hagan appears on the Illinois sex offender registry as a result of a 2013 guilty plea to the sexual abuse of a student at Lockport High School in 2009, when Hagan was an information technology employee there, according to court records, the online offender registry and a previous Tribune report.

Alicia Fabbre is a freelance reporter.



Hagan



Powell

Bush trained at Naval Air Station Glenview in 1943

Learned to land planes on carrier in Lake Michigan

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA
Pioneer Press

Before the presidency, vice presidency and bombing missions in the Pacific, former President George Herbert Walker Bush was a teenager learning to land planes on Lake Michigan.

Bush, the 41st president of the United States, died Nov. 30 at age 94. His career spanned decades as he served as a congressman, ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of the Republican National Committee, director of the CIA and two-terms as vice president. In 1989, he assumed the presidency.

But before ascending to the country's highest office, Bush got his start as a pilot in the Navy.

For years it was believed that Bush was the youngest Navy pilot to serve in World War II. Later in life, Bush met with Chuck Downey who is believed to have been days younger than the former president when he served as a pilot.

The two Navy pilots did not cross paths during training, but they both completed the Carrier Qualification Training Unit program at Naval Air Station Glenview, said Beverly Dawson, president of the Glenview History Center.

Bush spent three days training at Naval Air Station Glenview in 1943, Dawson said.

Once a Navy pilot completed primary training and received his wings, virtually all of them would go on to advanced training, Dawson said. The Carrier Qualification Training Unit program required pilots to complete eight successful takeoffs

and landings on an airplane carrier in Lake Michigan, she said.

The program lasted a total of three days. The first day was ground school, the second saw pilots practicing on nearby fields and on the third day, pilots completed qualification flights on one of two training carriers, the USS Sable or the USS Wolverine, Dawson said.

Bush earned his wings in May 1943 when he was 18 years old, which means he completed his training in Glenview a short time after that, according to historians.

Naval Air Station Glenview closed in 1995, and in 1993 the Navy held its final annual air show at the facility, Dawson said. Navy officials approached the Glenview History Center to help tell the story of the base during the show. Dawson said center officials wanted to include the fact that Bush trained in Glenview.

The center reached out to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and received a response.

"(The family's spokesperson) got back to us and he said, 'Mr. Bush wants you to know that he was in Glenview three days and he was terrified the entire time,'" Dawson said. "Further, he said, 'Mr. Bush wants you to know that he has not vivid recollections because it was such a blur. There was so much happening during that time.'"

The library did send the Glenview History Center a copy of the page in Bush's log book that verified that he qualified on the USS Sable and documents with his orders from Glenview to his next duty station, Dawson said.

"It's a huge piece of American history and it's a very heartwarming story," Dawson said. "It has to do a lot with the man, just who



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The Naval Air Station Glenview Museum displays photos of George H.W. Bush from his career as a Navy pilot.

Fed offices, USPS to shut for Bush

President Donald Trump has called for a national day of mourning Wednesday as former President George H.W. Bush is buried, leading to the closure of federal offices and some businesses.

The U.S. Postal Service announced on its website that all retail locations will be closed and home delivery will be suspended for the day, with the exception of some package deliveries.

The New York Stock Exchange, as well as the NASDAQ, also will close Wednesday after Trump called for Americans to remember the vast contributions of the 41st president, who died Friday at age 94. Bond markets are also to close Wednesday. Many banks and other businesses also will shut

down, and government buildings are flying flags at half-staff until Dec. 30.

Social Security field offices and hearing offices will also be closed around the country Wednesday, according to a note on the Social Security Administration's website.

In Chicago, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois will be closed Wednesday. All matters scheduled for that day will be rescheduled pursuant to the direction from each judge, according to a news release on the court's website. The offices of the clerk of the court, pretrial services and probation will be closed, it said,

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he was and who he became."

Following his advanced training in Glenview, Bush was assigned to Torpedo Squadron 51 aboard the aircraft carrier San Jacinto, according to historical information at the Naval Air Station Glenview Museum. At 19, he flew a TBM Avenger bomber in combat

in the Central Pacific with his squadron, according to the museum.

Bush flew 58 combat missions and was forced down twice, according to the museum. The first time, during the first Battle of the Philippine Sea in June 1944, Bush was flying over the fleet when his engine failed and he had to ditch his

plane in the water.

When he was 20 years old, Bush participated in an attack on radio installations on Chichijima, an island 600 miles south of Japan. During the attack, his plane was hit and he was forced to parachute out.

Bush was rescued by a submarine, but his two crewmen died in the attack,

Dawson said.

"On several occasions, I read articles, that being the kind of person he was he felt responsible for the loss of his men although it was out of his control completely," Dawson said.

Bush is not the air station's only presidential connection. Former President Gerald Ford also trained at Naval Air Station Glenview, but he was a part of the surface Navy, Dawson said.

With two former presidents and other notable figures having ties to Naval Air Station Glenview, it is important for Glenview residents and citizens to honor the history of their hometowns and the country, said Bill Marquardt, the president of the Glenview Hangar One Foundation, which operates the Naval Air Station Glenview Museum.

"We think of this generation ... they came through Glenview in different capacities," Marquardt said. "These are people with real history in our country and who shaped the history of our country."

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You May Not Own Your Home

Did you know the FBI calls house stealing one of the fastest growing cyberthreats in America? When was the last time you checked the title on your home? We held a Q&A session about title fraud with Art Pfizenmayer, a retired FBI agent and an expert on the subject. Following is a compilation of the conversation to alert you on what can happen to you when you are unaware of the risk and what you need to do to protect yourself in what could be your largest investment.

Q: What exactly is Title Fraud?

A: Title Fraud occurs when criminals, foreign and domestic, transfer your home's title from YOU to THEM for financial gain. The criminal doesn't want your home; they want money and they get it by using your home's equity to take out loans. It's easier than you think. And the more equity you have, the bigger a target you become. Chances are you won't even know until you start receiving past-due loan notices from banks and online lenders. You might not even know you're a victim until you receive an eviction notice.

Q: Is stealing your home equity the most common type of Title Fraud?

A: Mostly, but another version of title fraud targets older, more vulnerable homeowners. In these cases, a criminal or perhaps somebody the homeowner knows and trusts will file a joint tenancy deed, adding their name on the title. They wait until the primary person on the title passes away to become the sole owner of the home and any rightful heir loses their interest in the property.

Q: Why has Title Fraud become so prevalent?

A: Two words: The Internet. Having access to information is great when searching for a new home, but this flow of data also allows information about you to be available online. Thieves love this and you become an easy target. Your info, your home's address, one forged signature and its done. You no longer own your home. They file with the county using a counterfeit notary stamp and no one is the wiser.

Q: Why would the County Recorder accept the document if the original owner isn't there?

A: If the documents appear legit and the fees are paid, the County recorder's job is done. They are legally required to accept the document. It is not their job to authenticate the documents.

Q: Who do title thieves target?

A: While all homeowners are at risk, the most vulnerable are elderly homeowners who have acquired substantial home equity

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over the years. They may more easily forget details so things like an unreceived tax bill would go unnoticed. Thieves also know elderly make for bad witnesses. And if it takes two years to prosecute, would they even still be around?

The more equity, the more money in their pocket, and the more likely you'll be a target. Rental properties, second homes and vacation homes are also key targets. You're more likely to notice you didn't get a property tax bill on your primary home vs. a second property in Colorado. But not just thieves have been known to do this! Renters and even estranged family members can forge their way onto your title and steal your home.

Q: What about my Identity theft prevention service? Won't that protect me from title fraud?

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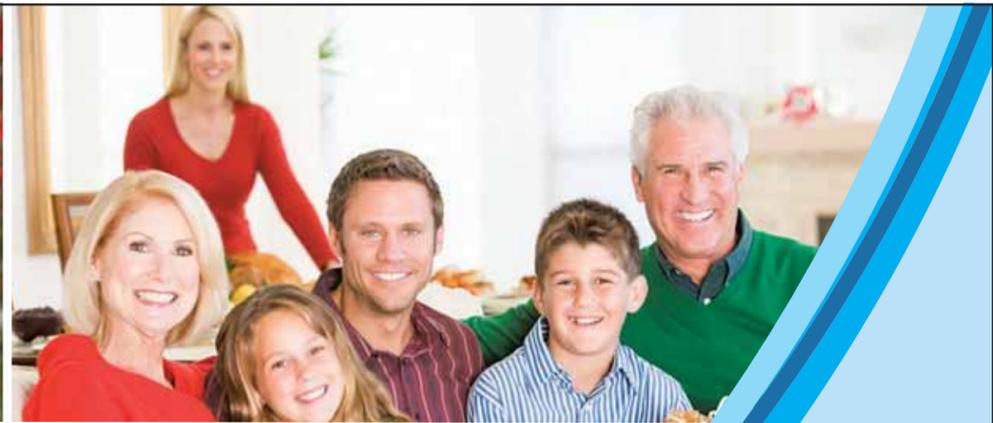
Q: What can a homeowner do to protect themselves?

A: Speaking personally, I slept a lot better the day I signed up for Home Title Lock protection. I signed my daughter's home up as well. They're the only company with access to over six billion title records. They set up a virtual perimeter around your home's title so the instant they detect anyone tampering with it — they're on it. And in the unlikely event that fraud occurs, Home Title Lock Resolution Department stays with you until the matter is fully resolved. I also appreciated that when I subscribed, I received a free proprietary Title Scan and Report. That would normally cost over \$100, but it's free and it's a great way to start off with the peace-of-mind that you're not already the victim of title fraud.

Q: Where can homeowners go to learn more about title fraud and how to protect themselves?

A: I would visit the Home Title Lock website at www.HomeTitleLock.com and sign up for a free scan today!

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In Wrigleyville, a pitched battle

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ern district that long have been famous for sun-drenched bacchanalia.

While the Cubs owners haven't officially backed a Tunney opponent, they were "among the funders" of a community organization called Neighbors for a Better Lakeview, which has sent out mailers ripping the alderman for high residential property taxes in the tony lakefront ward, Culloton said.

And Tunney contends they also are contributing to a political action committee that's hammering him.

Culloton won't talk about the PAC, but says, "it has been painful" negotiating with Tunney throughout the development process in and around the park.

"The Ricketts family has been extremely open about their aspirations, from the modernization of Wrigley Field to the development of properties near the park," Culloton said. "Oh, and a World Series championship for the Cubs."

The family has raised its political profile in recent years, particularly in the Republican Party. Team co-owner Pete Ricketts recently won a second term as the GOP governor of Nebraska. And co-owner Todd Ricketts took over early this year as the Republican National Committee's national finance chair.

Now, Tunney said they're turning their political focus to the local level, making a power play to consolidate their control over the ward by backing a new City Council representative. He said the Rickettses have been searching for more than a year for a candidate to support against him. But the alderman argued the move would be counterproductive for the billionaire Cubs owners.

"I don't know what more we can do for these guys," Tunney said. "They've gotten the OK for all these huge projects, and I just want to be sure I'm sticking up for the whole ward. I'm a pro-business alderman."

Countered Culloton: "If Ald. Tunney is a pro-business alderman, I'd hate to see him take an anti-business slant."

"All the Ricketts family has done is employ thousands of union men and women on projects they have paid for in and around Wrigley Field," Culloton said.

Among the clashes the alderman has had with the team over the years, he's argued over the size of the

left field video screen and right field ad board they wanted as among the first big changes inside Wrigley Field in order to bring in money to pay for other work.

Tunney also said outfield walls shouldn't be pushed back to allow for wider park concourses, saying the narrowing of sidewalks along Waveland and Sheffield avenues would create safety hazards.

He tried to hold down the number of night games the team would get and opposed a pedestrian bridge over Clark Street from the hotel to the park. He worked to limit the hours of the team-owned outdoor plaza to the west of Wrigley Field, saying it could turn into a massive beer garden that would lead to more neighborhood congestion and put longtime bars in Wrigleyville out of business.

Still, when the team got city approval in 2013 for a massive package of alterations in and around the park, Tunney praised the deal as "transformational for the city."

He has said he sometimes took tough stances in negotiations in order to look out for the interests of other businesses and residents in the congested neighborhood. And he said the modernization of much of Clark Street south of the park with a huge new apartment complex and massive retail development to make the neighborhood a year-round attraction started before the Ricketts family bought the team. "We had this vision for Wrigleyville," he said.

"Now they want to push out everything that isn't theirs," Tunney said. "They are extremely jealous about any money going outside their franchises, whether for a T-shirt or a beer."

Culloton acknowledged the Ricketts family is considering supporting at least one Tunney challenger. "I think it's definitely a possibility going forward that the family may back one or more candidates" for alderman, he said.

Adding to the antagonism, Culloton pointed to Tunney promising the Cubs owners on the City Council floor in 2013 that he would "be up your butt every day" if they didn't honor their commitments to Wrigleyville residents.

"(Tunney) has been disrespectful to a family that has been investing huge sums and trying to improve the neighborhood," Culloton said. "If that means they need to support someone to get a different voice in this



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Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts, second from right, joined Ald. Tom Tunney and others at Wrigley Field to hail its restoration.



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The new Hotel Zachary, which is owned by the Ricketts family, is across from Wrigley Field. The team got city approval in 2013 for many alterations in and around the park

process, that's a possibility."

Three people submitted petitions to get on the ballot to challenge Tunney in February's municipal election: Austin Baidas, Patrick Shine and Elizabeth Shydrowski.

Baidas said he has known Cubs co-owner and board member Laura Ricketts for years, since he was an official in Gov. Pat Quinn's administration and she was campaigning for marriage equality in Illinois. Among the Cubs-owning family, Laura Ricketts has stood out as a vocal supporter of progressive causes. "I spoke to her about my candidacy, and I think she supports me, but she has not done so financially," Baidas said. "I don't support the right-wing politics of her brothers."

Baidas manages manufactured home communities in Michigan and elsewhere, and said he got in the race because Tunney isn't

dealing proactively with problems of increasing crime, rising property taxes and empty storefronts in the ward. "He seems to be looking backward instead of forward," Baidas said. "These problems aren't going to fix themselves if we rely on ideas that may have worked in the past."

Baidas, who also worked at the federal Department of Transportation during the Obama administration, has sunk \$200,000 of his own money into the race. He has gotten contributions from family members and others totaling about \$130,000, plus \$20,000 from Chicagoan Lana Wachowski, one of the creators of "The Matrix" films, according to state campaign finance records.

Shydrowski is a consultant for the Jack Kemp Foundation and former administrator at nonprofits and government offices, including Cook County Chief

Judge Tim Evans and former U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk. Shydrowski, who also worked for the state as an administrator in the Department of Healthcare and Family Services during Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration, cited rising taxes and crime in the ward for prompting her to run.

"I don't get the sense (Tunney) has unified the entire ward," Shydrowski said, "and I think I have the background to bring together businesses, nonprofits and residents to tackle these issues."

Shydrowski said she hasn't received any support from the Ricketts family, though she would welcome it.

Shine could not be reached for comment.

In the 47th Ward just northwest of Wrigleyville, team officials already are putting in money to support Heather Way Kitzes, who works for the Cubs as man-

ager for government and neighborhood relations. Cubs CEO Tom Ricketts, his wife, Cecelia, and Laura Ricketts each contributed \$5,600 to Kitzes in the crowded race for the seat being vacated by Ald. Ameya Pawar.

And Chicago Cubs Baseball Club LLC contributed \$8,437 in food and drinks to a reception Kitzes held, campaign finance records state.

They may not yet be directly backing a candidate in the 44th Ward, but according to Tunney, the Ricketts family has targeted him in other ways. In addition to the contribution to Neighbors for a Better Lakeview, Tunney pointed to the creation of the "terribletunney.com" website, which focuses on escalating taxes and crime in the ward.

The site is funded by The Jobs PAC, the political action committee of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. Tunney said the Cubs owners contributed to the PAC, which then launched the site.

Culloton declined to discuss whether the family gave money to the PAC. He referred questions to Gregory Baise, the outgoing president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association who also serves as the PAC's treasurer.

Baise did not respond to messages asking whether the Ricketts family helped pay for the anti-Tunney website. Instead, he released a statement saying the manufacturers association has long supported "pro-business, pro-growth" candidates. "This is nothing new," Baise said.

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Fan asks judge to order Bears to let him wear Packers gear

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it onto the field this time.

Late last week, Beckman's legal team sought a temporary restraining order and injunction to prevent the Bears from keeping him off the sidelines. He's already got his go-to outfit planned — multiple strands of colored beads draped around his neck, green dye on his rugged beard, an emerald-green hat and of course, his Packers jersey.

"It's a ham-handed rule," said Beckman, 56, a social studies and special education teacher. "They (the Bears franchise) have put every franchise which operates in a public venue in a difficult spot. I wish we could go back in time and they said, 'You know Russ, you're right.' And we wouldn't have this (lawsuit)."

Meghan Bower, a spokeswoman for the Bears, declined to comment, citing the ongoing litigation.

In the lawsuit, Beckman refers to a program the Bears created for season ticket holders that allows them to cash in points earned through a loyalty program for fan experiences. In 2014 and 2015, Beckman participated in the pregame event wearing his Packers fan gear, according to the suit.

In August 2016, Beckman's lawsuit alleges, he used his points so three people would be allowed on the sideline before the Dec. 18 Bears-Packers game.



RUSSELL BECKMAN PHOTO

Russell Beckman is suing the Bears for the right to stand on Soldier Field sidelines in his Green Bay Packers gear.

Less than a week before the game, he received an email from the Bears stating that fans could not participate in the event while wearing opposing team gear, the suit says. Beckman asked the Bears to reconsider but they declined. He also sent a certified letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, but did not receive a response, according to the lawsuit.

So Beckman showed up at the game in his Packers apparel and accouterments, but was not allowed onto the field, he told the Tribune.

In his suit, Beckman seeks to be allowed to wear his Packers gear to the Bears-Packers pre-game event for season ticket holders. He is asking to recoup his legal fees but has not requested punitive or compensatory damages.

Beckman said he merely

wants to enjoy the game his way.

"I believe the ownership will lose in the courtroom since they operate in a taxpayer-owned stadium and this rule is contrary to the public interests," Beckman said. "I'm a fan of the NFL. I want the Bears-Packers rivalry to be exciting. I want Packers and Bears games to mean something. If you're a fan of something, you want to claim it."

Beckman holds five season tickets for Bears games at Soldier Field. He typically sells them but travels from his home in Green Bay to watch the Packers play the Bears in Chicago. He rarely misses a home game at Lambeau Field, where he also holds season tickets.

Beckman represented himself when he filed the suit in 2017. Two attorneys who have taken on his case, Duke University law professor Jeff Powell and Chicago-based lawyer Michael Lieber, argue that since Soldier Field is operated by the Chicago Park District, it is a public facility. The suit also alleges that denying Beckman access to parts of the facility is a violation of his First Amendment rights.

"Here, the Bears have engaged in, and continue to engage in, viewpoint discrimination by prohibiting Beckman from wearing his Packers jersey at the pregame experience event," the suit states.

Last year, the Bears asked the judge to dismiss the

case. The judge denied the motion; the Bears have asked for a reconsideration of that ruling. The NFL sought to be removed from the case, and the judge granted that request.

"At present the lawsuit is going on (and) the Bears are legally free to enforce their rule, which we regard as unconstitutional. We are

asking the court to order the Bears not to enforce the rule," said Powell, who works with a team of six at Duke Law School's First Amendment Law Clinic, which takes on cases for clients who demonstrate they can't afford representation at white-shoe law firms.

A hearing in the case is

scheduled for Friday.

If Beckman is denied access to the sidelines at the Dec. 16 game, he vowed not to back down. "Lord (George) McCaskey (Bears chairman) has picked a fight with the wrong peasant," he said.

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Felipa Viramontes, left, of Luke's Italian Beef, gives free pizza Tuesday to charter school teachers and supporters rallying in downtown Chicago.

Little progress in charter strike

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staff, though parents were encouraged to keep children at home or at nearby parks and community facilities.

Backed by affiliates at the Chicago Teachers Union and the American Federation of Teachers, Acero teachers said they would not return to work until they get what they consider a fair contract. Union members said they also want commitments on special education services and guaranteed protections for undocumented students and families.

Acero CEO Richard Rodriguez said the walkout was the product of an "anti-charter political agenda."

"There is absolutely no good reason to put students and parents through the upheaval of a strike," Rodriguez said in a statement issued shortly after teachers called for the walkout. "The sad fact is that interests from outside our community are using our students and our schools as a means to advance their national anti-charter platform."

Illinois Network of Charter Schools officials also criticized CTU's role in the negotiations, saying the strike would limit charter school autonomy and disrupt the community.

"If we accede to the idea that every unionized charter in Chicago has to have the exact same (working conditions), pretty soon we're going to lose what the movement has contributed to the city — which is a vibrancy, a



Chris Baehrend, right, chair of the Chicago Teachers Union charter division, rallies others outside Zizumbo Elementary on W. 47th Street.

differential approach," INCS President Andrew Broy said. "It would be a step backward for the city if we go down that path."

The strike garnered national attention, with American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten joining striking workers at picket lines on the Southwest Side and downtown Tuesday.

"Whether it is a public charter, whether it is a public school, whether we are in West Virginia or in Chicago, teachers want and need a voice in order for us to assure that children get what they need," Weingarten said. "That is why we are walking out for our kids today."

Acero is the rebranded name of a 15-school network formerly known as the UNO Charter School Network. The charter

management group split from its former umbrella organization, the United Neighborhood Organization, in 2013. The network narrowly averted a teachers strike in 2016.

In January, CTU members approved changes to the labor group's constitution and bylaws to merge with a division of unionized charter educators including about 500 unionized Acero educators. CTU President Jesse Sharkey joined picketers outside a Southwest Side Acero campus.

"We're going to stay on strike until we get educational justice for the people who work in Acero charter schools," Sharkey said. "We're going to stay on strike until the students at Acero charter schools get the resources into their classrooms that they need to

do their jobs."

The AFT says it represents educators at 238 charter schools in 15 states and the District of Columbia. About a quarter of Chicago's charter schools are AFT shops, one of the highest percentages of unionized charter schools in the country, according to the union.

With that expanded clout, the CTU has pressed to negotiate contracts and build on momentum from this year's teacher strikes in traditionally conservative states such as Arizona, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

"The significance isn't just for Chicago, but really nationally," UIC history professor Elizabeth Todd-Breland said of the walkout. "Part of the initial promise of charter schools was that the teaching force would not be unionized to allow for creativity, flexibility."

"These teachers and the communities that are backing them are actually fundamentally challenging the model of charter schools as they stand," she said.

Acero's teachers were set to continue demonstrations Wednesday with plans that include a protest outside the Chicago Board of Education's monthly meeting.

A CPS spokesman said the district was closely monitoring the strike, and urged both sides to come to an agreement that restarts classes as quickly as possible.

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Ex-county commissioner now recorder of deeds

By GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Cook County commissioners voted to appoint former colleague Edward Moody to serve as the recorder of deeds for the next two years before the office is folded into the county clerk's operation in what's been billed as a cost-saving measure.

Moody is a longtime political operative for Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan. The dissolution of the recorder's office was spurred by a November 2016 referendum in which voters opted to merge the office with the clerk's by the end of 2020. Karen Yarbrough was sworn in as clerk Monday after running to succeed David Orr, and Moody was appointed Tuesday to fill her vacancy.

With Moody as the new recorder and Yarbrough as the new clerk, Madigan allies are now in charge of streamlining the two offices and eliminating highly paid but duplicative administrative jobs. Yarbrough once served in the House under Madigan's leadership and is currently vice chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party that Madigan leads.

The recorder's office keeps property ownership and lien records and collects real estate transfer taxes. The clerk's office keeps birth, marriage and death records, oversees suburban elections, calculates property tax rates and maintains County Board records and government ethics filings.

Yarbrough previously has been accused of violating the Shalman decree, which bans public officials from making personnel decisions based on politics in nearly all cases. In April 2017, county Inspector General Patrick Blanchard accused Yarbrough of violating the decree, pointing to her hiring a congressman's relative who had volunteered for her Proviso Township Democratic Organization, but she disagreed with his findings.

Commissioner Larry Suffredin introduced the appointment and said Moody has "shown the ability to understand complex issues and to go forward and work with numbers of people to resolve issues."

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Campaigns see signatures challenged in treasurer's race

By JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

City treasurer candidate Ald. Ameya Pawar challenged state Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin's campaign petitions Monday and called for them to be invalidated because of what his complaint labeled "a systemic pattern of fraud by the campaign to make signatures that are invalid appear to be valid signatures."

According to the Pawar campaign challenge, 1,113 of Conyears-Ervin's petition sheets include examples of the address the signer put down — where nobody by that name is registered to vote — being crossed off and replaced with an address where someone by that name is registered.

Conyears-Ervin filed her own challenge against Pawar and two other treasurer candidates. Her complaint says Pawar's petitions contain signatures that are forgeries, incomplete addresses and other problems.

Pawar said in a statement that in past elections he hasn't challenged opponents' signatures. "But in this case, there appears to be serious evidence of fraud, and our entire democratic process depends on maintaining the integrity of the process to get on the ballot and a fair election," he said. And he said he is confident he has enough signatures to get on the ballot.

In a statement, Conyears-Ervin said she turned in about 42,000 signatures, "and verified well over the required 12,500 signatures needed to be placed on the ballot."

As for why Conyears-Ervin filed her own challenge against the other candidates, campaign spokesman Nicholas Wilbat said the campaign doesn't believe their signatures follow the rules. "If you want to run for office in Illinois, you need to follow the rules," Wilbat said in a statement.

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National Teachers Academy to remain elementary school

CPS won't convert it to high school after county judge blocks move

By JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Public Schools abandoned an ambitious but controversial plan to convert a largely African-American elementary school in the South Loop into a neighborhood high school, hours after a Cook County judge temporarily blocked the move and dealt a significant victory to parents who've argued the idea violates state civil rights laws.

The school district cited the "potential disruption" of further legal action for its blockbuster announcement, just as advocates were processing Judge Franklin Ulyses Valderrama's ruling to bar CPS from phasing out elementary grades at the National Teachers Academy until the fate of a lawsuit was decided at trial.

According to CPS, NTA will keep its status as an elementary school and its student body will not merge with the nearby South Loop Elementary School. A regional center for gifted students will stay at NTA and not transition to South Loop. The school district will also undo changes it made to surrounding school attendance boundaries as part of the planned merger.

"CPS is fully committed to providing students in the Near South community with a high quality neighborhood high school, and that will continue to be a top priority," CPS spokesman Michael Passman said in a statement.

"While we strongly disagree with today's ruling, we believe

appealing today's decision could create greater long-term uncertainty for students and we will not move forward with an appeal."

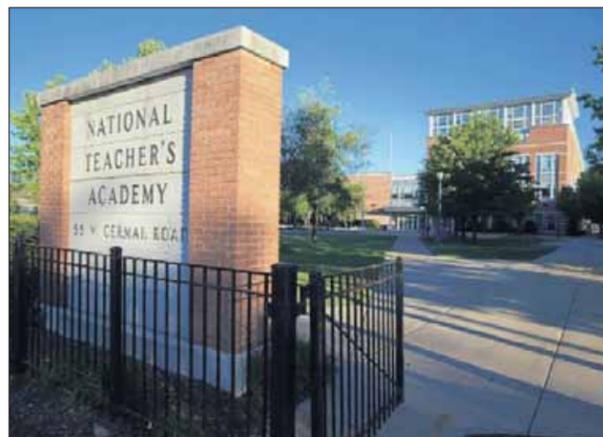
Advocates had already hailed the court's decision as a historic outcome that had — at least temporarily — blocked CPS from closing a school program. By Monday evening, it was clear the lawsuit forced the district into a rapid, dramatic and unexpected response.

"It is the first time someone has forced CPS to heed the voices of these parents and students and community that have been saying for so long that this decision to phase out and close NTA is unjust," Ashley Fretthold, part of a team of attorneys who have pursued the lawsuit, said to reporters gathered outside Valderrama's courtroom after his ruling.

The proposal started a new chapter in Chicago's persistent reckoning with race, inequality and the challenges of addressing the impact of the city's shifting population. While the merger drew intense condemnation from opponents, it also enjoyed influential support from South Loop and Chinatown residents who have clamored for a new high school that would also serve some of the city's fastest-growing and most diverse communities.

Starting in fall 2019, NTA's kindergarten through third-grade students would have transferred to a South Loop campus that is already receiving a new multimillion-dollar building to alleviate what the district describes as overcrowding.

NTA's campus was set to begin its gradual conversion into a high school that same year, starting



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Chicago Public Schools abandoned plans to convert the South Loop's National Teachers Academy into a neighborhood high school.

with a class of ninth-graders. CPS planned to spend as much as \$10 million to transform the NTA campus into a high school with capacity for about 1,000 students and earmarked \$3.5 million to help ease the transition.

CPS has said all that work was necessary to build a diverse school community on downtown's southern edge — and rectify how CPS redrew school boundary lines in 2005 in a way that sent primarily African-American students living south of 18th Street to what was a low-performing NTA campus.

Wealthier residents living north of that line were assigned to South Loop, near the intersection of Plymouth Court and Roosevelt Road.

Today, NTA is a high-performing school with an organized group of parents and advocates who mounted a savvy campaign to stop the district's plan. They even enlisted support from Chance the Rapper, as the performer develops his voice as a player in city politics.

"It feels like we've finally won

one, after being disappointed so often," NTA school council member Elisabeth Greer said after Monday's ruling. "We don't have to worry about the walls coming down around us while we continue to fight."

The lawsuit asked a judge to declare the merger violates state laws and order CPS to reverse its decision. At its core, the complaint argued the district used improper academic and legal criteria to justify carrying out its plan.

"Admittedly, this is a close call," Valderrama wrote near the end of a sweeping, 48-page opinion that halted the merger's progress.

"The Court finds, upon balancing the hardships and the public interests involved, that the balance of hardships does not outweigh the need for an injunction."

Families that had applied to attend the now-scrapped high school will have an opportunity to revisit their decision, a district spokesman said.

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No spotlight for Trump at Bush funeral

Family welcomes president to service, but not to participate

BY NOAH BIEMAN
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WASHINGTON — As America celebrates the life of President George H.W. Bush and the “kinder and gentler” era in politics he represents, the current president, who rose to power in open mockery of that style of democracy and who hates to surrender center stage, will have to endure the tributes from a pew in the audience.

President Donald Trump plans to attend Bush's state funeral Wednesday but is not scheduled to speak, according to the list of eulogizers released by the Bush family, marking the first time in nearly half a century — since President Richard Nixon failed to eulogize Lyndon B. Johnson — that a sitting president has been left out of the memorial of a predecessor.

The omission will put the cultural and personal gulf between Trump and Bush and what they represent in sharp relief. It will force the White House for the second time in a little over three months to deal with inevitable and unflattering comparisons to a well-liked predecessor.

Unlike Sen. John McCain, whose family kept Trump out of his funeral entirely and used the September service to highlight their differences, President Bush and his family chose not to make a loud statement with his funeral, even though Trump built his political brand in large part by mocking the Bushes and



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Donald Trump has been fighting the Bush family since he beat Jeb Bush in the 2016 presidential primary.

everything they stood for.

Presidential funerals are planned years in advance, with even the most mundane details accounted for. Bush, who believed in the dignity of the office, appears to have sided with history in welcoming Trump to attend, preserving decades of tradition when it comes to sitting presidents.

“His respect for the presidency meant that, just as he wanted President Trump invited to his funeral, he was always trying to figure out how to make it work,” said Sen. Rob Portman, an Ohio Republican who early in his career worked in Bush's administration and last visited him in September at Bush's family retreat in Maine.

Trump has been fighting the Bush family since he knocked off Jeb Bush, the former Florida governor and George H.W. Bush's second son, in the 2016 presidential primary.

Trump mocked him as “low energy,” and then built momentum by bashing older brother George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq as “the single worst decision ever made.”

Moreover, Trump's central economic policy is a repudiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada. The pact was negotiated by George H.W. Bush, and Trump has called it “stupid,” a “disaster,” “job-killing” and the “worst trade deal” ever made.

In choosing nominees for staff positions and judge-ships, Trump is known to look askance at people who served in the administration of either Bush, though Trump has found it impossible to blackball all of them given their prevalence in Republican politics.

Even as the eldest Bush grew older, frailer and more well-liked by the American public, Trump continued

his assault on the family, choosing a few months ago to mock Bush's signature slogan for volunteerism as the silliest form of “presidential” rhetoric and a contrast to his own nationalist branding.

“We are finally putting America first,” Trump said at a rally this summer in Great Falls, Mont. “And by the way, you know all the rhetoric you see, the ‘Thousands Points of Light? What the hell was that, by the way?’”

“Thousands Points of Light,” Trump said again, letting the ridicule sink in. “I know one thing,” he added, “‘Make America Great Again,’ we understand.”

Trump has kept such insults at bay since Bush's death Friday night, releasing a magnanimous statement and canceling a news conference in Argentina planned for Saturday, which he said was out of respect.

But as Bush remembrances dominated cable news, and the former president's casket lies in state at the Capitol, Trump has let off a slew of angry tweets about the special counsel investigation that has engulfed his presidency, displaying his reluctance to hold his own grievances on hold amid the mourning.

Trump's allies say he is likely to be on his best behavior during the tributes to Bush, however, in gratitude that he was at least invited to the funeral.

“That's all he ever wanted from the McCain family as well,” said Michael Caputo, a former political adviser, “and the McCain family did not feel the need or the desire to simply respect the office.”

Marc Short, a former legislative affairs director for Trump, predicts the media will make more of the comparisons with Bush than Trump will.

“Sometimes, I think, people assume that he's more thin-skinned,” Short said, “and I think the reality is he will honor that generation, and he will honor the life of President Bush too.”

Caputo, who worked for Bush as well, said the Bush family had arguably more reason to resent Trump than did the family of McCain, whose military service was mocked by Trump.

“Yet the entire Bush family has pushed that aside because that's the kind of people that they are,” he said. “That will have a remarkable effect on President Trump as it does on all of us.”

Former presidents tend to see their public approval rise as their tenure slips further into the rear view. And Bush is no exception. A February poll by Gallup showed his approval at 64 percent — higher than any living ex-president at the time and third highest among the last 10 presidents.

Trump, by contrast, has suffered some of the lowest approval numbers of any recent president through much of his tenure, usually at least 20 percentage points below Bush's. His allies say he is merely a casualty of a rougher moment in politics, rather than, as his critics charge, a symbol and cause of the nation's polarization.

“Nobody likes to be rebuked,” said Barry Bennett, a former campaign adviser, predicting Trump's reaction to the Bush tributes. “They're both products of their time, and certainly President Bush, who I personally love, was a product of a much kinder, gentler time. He certainly would not enjoy being in the White House today.”

Crowds pay respects to a ‘decent man’

Dole salutes old friend in poignant moment

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WASHINGTON — Soldiers, citizens in wheelchairs and long lines of others on foot wound through the hushed Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday to view George H.W. Bush's casket and remember a president whose legacy included World War military service and a landmark law affirming the rights of the disabled.

Bob Dole, a compatriot in war, peace and political struggle, steadied himself out of his wheelchair and saluted his old friend and one-time rival.

As at notable moments in his life, Bush brought together Republicans and Democrats in his death, and not only the VIPs.

Members of the public who never voted for the man waited in the same long lines as the rest, attesting that Bush possessed the dignity and grace that de-

served to be remembered by their presence on a cold overcast day in the capital.

“I'm just here to pay my respects,” said Jane Hernandez, a retired physician in the heavily Democratic city and suburbs. “I wasn't the biggest fan of his presidency, but all in all he was a good sincere guy doing a really hard job as best he could.”

The CIA also honored Bush, the only spy chief to become president, as three agency directors past and present joined the public in the viewing.

In the midst of the period of mourning, first lady Melania Trump gave Laura Bush, one of her predecessors, a tour of holiday decorations at the White House, a “sweet visit during this somber week,” as Mrs. Bush's Instagram account put it.

And the Trumps visited members of the Bush family at the Blair House presidential guesthouse, where they are staying. Former President George W. Bush



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Former Sen. Bob Dole is helped up to the flag-draped casket in the Capitol Rotunda.

and his wife greeted the Trumps outside before everyone went in for the private, 20-minute visit.

The Bushes later made a surprise visit to the Capitol Rotunda, shaking hands with visitors and tourists lined up to honor the family patriarch.

George W. and Laura Bush entered first, and the former president put his hand on the flag-draped casket holding the remains of his father. Their twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, followed. Jeb Bush and his wife joined along with about a dozen other members of the Bush family. They mingled for about 10 minutes, and at one point George W. Bush held up a

baby.

Although President Donald Trump will attend Bush's national funeral service Wednesday, he is not among the eulogists announced by the Bush family, a list that includes George W. Bush.

The others are Alan Simpson, the former senator and acerbic wit from Wyoming; Brian Mulroney, the former Canadian prime minister who also gave a eulogy for Ronald Reagan; and presidential historian Jon Meacham.

People lined up before dawn to pay respects to the 41st president, a son and father of privilege now celebrated by everyday citizens for his common courtesies

and depth of experience.

“He was so qualified, and I think he was just a decent man,” said Sharon Terry, touring Washington with friends from an Indianapolis garden club. Said her friend Sue Miller, also in line for the viewing: “I actually think I underestimated him when he was in office. My opinion of him went up seeing how he conducted himself as a statesman afterward.”

Fred Curry, one of the few African-Americans in line, is a registered Democrat from Hyattsville, Md., who voted for Bush in 1988, the election won by the one-term president. “He seemed like a sincere and decent man, and you

couldn't argue with his qualifications,” Curry said.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was just one point of intersection for Bush and Dole, now 95, who was one of its leading advocates in the Senate.

They were fellow World War II veterans, Republican Party leaders, fierce rivals for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination won by Bush (“Stop lying about my record,” Dole snapped at Bush) and skilled negotiators.

Dole, an Army veteran hit by German machine gunfire in Italy, has gone through life with a disabled right arm. Bush, a Navy pilot, survived a bail-out from his stricken aircraft over the Pacific and an earlier crash landing.

On Tuesday, Dole was helped out of his wheelchair by an aide, slowly steadied himself and saluted Bush with his left hand, his chin quivering.

Dignitaries had come forward Monday, too, to honor the Texan whose service to his country extended three quarters of a century, from World War II through his final years as an advocate for volunteerism and relief for people displaced by natural disaster.

Bush, 94, died Friday. President Trump ordered the federal government closed Wednesday for a day of mourning. Flags on public buildings are flying at half-staff for 30 days.

Loyal to the end, Sully visits Bush's casket

BY LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's often said that if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.

For the last six months, Sully the service dog was President George H.W. Bush's. The Labrador retriever visited the president's casket Tuesday in the Capitol Rotunda alongside people in wheelchairs who benefited from the Americans With Disabilities Act that Bush signed in 1990.

John Miller, the president and CEO of America's VetDogs, said the Bush family contacted Walter Reed National Military Medical Center after the late president's wife of 73 years, Barbara, died in April. America's VetDogs chose Sully in part for his calm temperament.

“After Mrs. Bush's death, general companionship was a big part of Sully's job,” Miller said. “One of the things that I think was important to the president was the rest command,

where Sully would rest his head on the president's lap.”

Sully is 2 years old. He was named for retired airline pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger III, who became famous for landing a damaged passenger jet on the Hudson River in 2009, saving everyone aboard.

Sully the dog achieved worldwide fame after a Bush family spokesman tweeted a photo of Sully laying by Bush's flag-draped casket with the caption: “Mission completed.”

The pup traveled to

Washington with the funeral retinue. And on Tuesday, officials issued a two-minute warning for Sully's arrival in the Rotunda. Sully padded in, his leash held by Valerie Cramer, America's VetDogs service dog program manager.

At her command, he lay down — and threw a glance over his shoulder at the photographers scrambling to get his photo. Cramer then led him around the casket to sit among the others. After a few minutes, the procession headed out.



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Sully, named for retired pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger III, visits the casket of the former president Tuesday.

Mueller filing: No prison for Flynn

Investigators cite 'substantial' help from former Trump aide in recommendation

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's former national security adviser provided so much information to the special counsel's Russia investigation that prosecutors say he shouldn't do any prison time, according to a court filing Tuesday that describes Michael Flynn's cooperation as "substantial."

The filing by special counsel Robert Mueller provides the first details of Flynn's assistance in the Russia investigation, including that he participated in 19 interviews with prosecutors. It was filed two weeks ahead of Flynn's sentencing and just over a year after he pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about conversations with the Russian ambassador on Trump's behalf.

Though prosecutors withheld specific details of Flynn's cooperation because of ongoing investigations, their filing underscores the breadth of how much information Mueller has obtained from people close to Trump as the president increasingly vents his anger at the probe — and

those who cooperate with it.

This week, Trump lashed out at his former legal fixer, Michael Cohen, saying he is making up "stories" to get a reduced prison sentence after his latest guilty plea to lying to Congress. Trump also praised longtime confidante Roger Stone for saying he would "never testify against Trump," adding in his tweet: "Nice to know some people still have 'guts'."

It's unclear if Trump will now turn his fury on Flynn, a retired Army lieutenant general whom Trump grew close to during the 2016 campaign and tried to protect by asking former FBI Director James Comey to let the investigation go. That episode is among those under scrutiny by Mueller as he probes whether Trump attempted to obstruct the Russia investigation.

Federal sentencing guidelines recommend between zero and six months in prison for Flynn, leaving open the possibility of probation.

Flynn's case has been a contrast to those of other Trump associates, who have criticized and tried to undermine the Russia



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Michael Flynn, former national security adviser to President Trump, was forced to resign his post Feb. 13, 2017.

probe. Most notably, Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, fought the investigation and is now facing the possibility of a lengthy prison sentence after his cooperation agreement recently fell apart over allegations that he had lied to investigators.

But Flynn has largely remained out of the public eye, appearing only a handful of times in media interviews or campaign events, and he has strictly avoided criticizing the Mueller probe despite widespread encouragement from his supporters to go on the offensive. He has instead spent considerable time with his family.

Flynn's false statements stemmed from a Jan. 24, 2017, interview with the FBI about his and others' interactions with Sergey Kislyak, Russia's then-ambassador to the U.S., as the Obama administration was levying sanctions on the Kremlin in response to election interference.

As part of his plea deal, Flynn said members of Trump's inner circle, including his son-in-law and White House aide Jared Kushner, were involved in — and at times directing — his actions in the weeks before Trump took office.

According to court papers, in mid-December 2016, Kushner directed

Flynn to reach out to several countries, including Russia, about a U.N. Security Council resolution regarding Israeli settlements. During those conversations with Kislyak, Flynn asked Russia to delay or vote against the resolution, a request the Kremlin ultimately rejected.

Flynn also admitted that later in December 2016 he asked Kislyak not to retaliate in response to the Obama administration sanctions, something he initially told FBI agents he didn't do. Flynn made the request after discussing it with deputy national security adviser K.T. McFarland, who was at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, and being told that Trump's transition team did not want Russia to escalate the situation.

Flynn was forced to resign his post on Feb. 13, 2017, after news reports revealed that Obama administration officials had warned the Trump White House about Flynn's false statements. The White House has said Flynn misled officials — including Vice President Mike Pence — about the content of his conversations.

Flynn also admitted to making false statements about unregistered foreign agent work he performed for the benefit of the Turkish government. Flynn was

under investigation by the Justice Department for the work when he became national security adviser.

Also Tuesday, Stone said he would not provide documents to the Senate Judiciary Committee or testify and will instead invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

In a letter to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the committee's top Democrat, a lawyer for Stone said the panel's requests for information about people with whom Stone has communicated in the last three years were "far too overbroad, far too overreaching" and "far too wide ranging."

"Mr. Stone's invocation of his Fifth Amendment privilege must be understood by all to be the assertion of a Constitutional right by an innocent citizen who denounces secrecy," wrote Stone's lawyer, Grant Smith.

Feinstein released the letter Tuesday on Twitter.

Stone has been entangled in investigations by Congress and Mueller into whether Trump aides had advance knowledge of Democratic emails published by WikiLeaks during the 2016 election. He was interviewed last year by the House intelligence committee.

Stone has not been charged.



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Yellow vest protesters barricade access to an oil depot Tuesday in northwestern France.

Protesters say 'too little too late' as France delays fuel tax hike

BY THOMAS ADAMSON
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PARIS — The French government caved in after the worst riots in decades and delayed an increase in energy taxes Tuesday — but it was seen as "too little, too late" by many protesters whose anger seems increasingly focused on embattled President Emmanuel Macron.

Demonstrators were back in the streets wearing their signature yellow vests. They blocked several fuel depots and, on a highway near the southern city of Aubagne, commandeered a toll booth to let motorists pass for free near a sign reading "Macron dictator."

The protests began Nov. 17 with motorists upset over the fuel tax increase, but have grown to encompass a range of complaints — the stagnant economy, social injustice and France's tax system, one of the highest in Europe — and some now call for the government to resign.

Last weekend, more than 130 people were injured and 412 arrested in rioting in the French capital. Shops were looted and cars torched in plush neighborhoods around the famed Champs-Elysees Avenue. The Arc de Triomphe was sprayed with graffiti

and vandalized.

Four people have been killed, officials said, and more protests are planned for this weekend.

One unifying complaint among the leaderless protesters, who come from across the political and social spectrum, has been the anger at Macron and the perceived elitism of France's aloof ruling class.

Since returning from the G20 summit in Argentina, Macron has either remained in his palace residence or shied away from speaking publicly about the protests that have created his biggest political crisis since taking office last May.

It was Prime Minister Edouard Philippe who announced a six-month delay in the fuel tax increase that was to have begun in January. Three weeks ago, Philippe had insisted the government would be steadfast in the tax plans aimed at weaning French consumers off fossil fuels. He also announced a freeze in electricity and natural gas prices until May.

"No tax is worth putting the nation's unity in danger," Philippe said in a live televised address.

Macron visited a regional government headquarters that was torched by protesters, but he did not speak to reporters.

The government U-turn appeared to appease few of the protesters, who wear the yellow vests that France requires motorists to have in their vehicles in case of roadside emergencies.

"It's a first step, but we will not settle for crumbs," said Benjamin Cauchy, a self-proclaimed protest leader.

Another self-proclaimed leader Thierry Paul Valette told The Associated Press that protesters now are unhappy not just about the price of fuel but general discontent with economic inequality.

"It's coming too late. I'm calling this government to resign," Valette said.

Damien Abad, a lawmaker from the center-right Les Republicains party, also called it "too little, too late."

"If your only response, Mr. Prime Minister, is the suspension of Macron's fuel taxes, then you still haven't realized the gravity of the situation," Abad said. "What we are asking of you Mr. Prime Minister, is not a postponement. It's a change of course."

Philippe held crisis talks with representatives of major political parties on Monday, and met with Macron, who canceled a two-day trip to Serbia.

"This violence must end," Philippe said.

Parliament delivers rebuke to government over Brexit

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LONDON — Britain's Parliament dealt Prime Minister Theresa May's government two bruising defeats Tuesday, and that was before lawmakers began an epic debate that will decide the fate of May's European Union divorce deal and her political career.

Opening five days of debate on the Brexit agreement, May said that since the British people voted in 2016 to leave the EU, it was the "duty of this Parliament to deliver on the result" of the referendum.

Despite her entreaties, the government appeared to be on a collision course with an increasingly assertive Parliament.

Minutes before May rose to speak, lawmakers delivered a historic rebuke, finding her Conservative government in contempt of Parliament for refusing to publish the advice it had received from the country's top law officer about the Brexit deal.

The reprimand, while largely symbolic, marks the first time a British government has been found in contempt of Parliament. The 311-293 vote demonstrated the fragility of May's government.

Labour Party Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer called the contempt finding "a badge of shame."

The government said that in light of the vote it would publish the advice from Attorney General Geoffrey Cox.

He and other ministers also could face reprimands or suspension from Parliament.

The main thrust of Cox's advice is already known — the government released a 43-page document about it Monday.

In another sign of the government's weakness, lawmakers also passed an



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An anti-Brexit campaigner waves an EU flag Tuesday in London. Parliament is starting to debate the exit deal.

amendment giving Parliament more say over the government's next steps if the assembly rejects the divorce deal in a vote set for Dec. 11.

Many lawmakers saw the government's defeats as developments of huge significance — a tipping point in the EU saga.

"This feels like the fall of the 'ancien regime,'" Stewart McDonald of the Scottish National Party said, using the French term once applied to the political system in pre-Revolution France.

The deal, endorsed last month by the 27 other EU leaders, lays out the terms of Britain's departure from the bloc on March 29 and sets the framework for future relations with the EU. Rejecting it would leave the U.K. facing the prospect of a chaotic "no-deal" Brexit, but May's chances of winning majority backing for the deal appear slim.

Politicians on both sides of Britain's EU membership debate oppose the agreement — pro-Brexit legislators because it keeps Britain bound closely to the EU, and pro-EU politicians because it erects barriers between the U.K. and its biggest trading partner.

"The numbers in the Houses of Parliament look pretty formidable for Theresa May," said Alan Wager,

a research associate at the U.K. in the Changing Europe think tank. "Over 100 Conservative MPs have said they are not going to back the deal, the Labour Party have said they are not going to back the deal. So it looks like the deal won't pass next week."

Pro-EU lawmakers said Tuesday they had made the prospect of a "no-deal" Brexit less likely by securing the amendment giving Parliament more power to guide the government's next steps if the deal is rejected.

If the agreement doesn't win approval, the government is required to come back within 21 days and say what it plans to do.

In a boost to campaigners seeking to stop Brexit, a top official at the European Union's highest court advised Tuesday that Britain can change its mind about leaving the European Union if it wants.

Advocate General Manuel Campos Sanchez-Bordona told the European Court of Justice that EU law "allows the unilateral revocation of the notification of the intention to withdraw."

The advice of the advocate general is often, but not always, followed by the full court, which is expected to issue a final verdict within weeks.

Avenatti cites family in deciding not to run for president in '20

BY MICHAEL FINNEGAN
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Celebrity lawyer Michael Avenatti, who was arrested three weeks ago on suspicion of domestic violence, announced Tuesday that he will not seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020.

In a statement on Twitter, the attorney for porn actress Stormy Daniels said it was at his family's request that he was declining to join the race.



Michael Avenatti

"But for their concerns," he said, "I would run."

Avenatti, who is in the midst of divorcing his second wife, has three children.

For months, Avenatti's personal, financial and po-

litical troubles have been mounting. In October, he was hit with a personal judgment of \$4.85 million for his failure to pay a debt to a former colleague at his longtime firm, Eagan Avenatti.

That same day, the California company won a court order evicting his law practice from its Newport Beach offices because Eagan Avenatti had skipped four months of rent. The Orange County Sheriff's Office enforced the eviction last week, and the landlord

locked out Avenatti and his staff.

Most politically damaging was Avenatti's arrest last month in an alleged domestic violence incident at his home in a Century City apartment tower. Actress Mareli Miniutti, 24, alleged that a fight over money led Avenatti to shove her, twist her arm and drag her out of the apartment.

Avenatti has denied wrongdoing. Los Angeles County prosecutors have sent the case to the L.A. city attorney for possible misde-

meanor charges.

"I will continue to represent Stormy Daniels and others against Donald Trump and his cronies and will not rest until Trump is removed from office, and our republic and its values are restored," Avenatti said.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, is suing President Donald Trump to void the confidentiality pact that bars her from talking about their alleged 2006 sexual encounter in Lake Tahoe.

Daniels also sued Trump

for defamation over a presidential tweet attacking her credibility, but Judge S. James Otero of U.S. District Court in Los Angeles dismissed the case. Otero is weighing a request by Trump that Daniels be ordered to pay nearly \$800,000 in legal fees and penalties.

Daniels said last week that Avenatti filed the defamation suit against her wishes. A few days later, Daniels tweeted that she and Avenatti had sorted out their differences.



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"There's not a smoking gun, there's a smoking saw," Sen. Lindsey Graham said.

Senators accuse Saudi prince of complicity

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tion curtailing U.S. backing for the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

It's unclear whether or how that resolution will move forward. The vote last week allowed the Senate to debate the measure, which could happen as soon as next week, but senators are still in negotiations on whether to amend it and what it should say.

The accusations by Graham and other lawmakers were all the more striking because they followed a briefing from CIA Director Gina Haspel, who had come to lay out the agency's classified assessment, based on multiple sources of intelligence, that Mohammed likely ordered the killing of Khashoggi, who was a Washington Post contributing columnist.

"This just confirmed what I thought all along: This all leads up to the crown prince," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. "It would defy logic to think" someone other than Mohammed was responsible, Shelby said, noting that members of the prince's own royal guard are believed to have been part of the team that killed Khashoggi.

President Donald Trump and senior members of his administration, including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, have insisted that no single piece of evidence irrefutably links Mohammed to the killing.

But the senators, in effect, said that doesn't matter, because the evidence they heard convinced them beyond the shadow of a doubt.

"If the crown prince went in front of a jury, he would be convicted in 30 minutes," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Graham leveled sharp criticism at Pompeo and Mattis.

"I think Secretary Pompeo and Mattis are following the lead of the president," Graham said, adding that one would "have to be willfully blind not to come to the conclusion" that Mohammed was "intricately involved in the demise of Mr. Khashoggi."

"It is zero chance, zero, that this happened in such an organized fashion without the crown prince," Graham continued, echoing one of the CIA's central conclusions that no operation so brazen as the killing of a prominent critic of the royal family on foreign soil could have happened without the knowledge of the crown prince, who is a

micromanager and exercises total control over the government.

"The reason they don't draw the conclusion that he's complicit is because the administration doesn't want to go down that road — not because there's not evidence to suggest it," Graham said.

"I would imagine if they were in a Democratic administration I would be all over them for being in the pocket of Saudi Arabia," Graham said of the secretaries, "but since I have such respect for them, I am going to assume that they are being good soldiers. ... I would really question somebody's judgment if they couldn't figure this out."

Trump has said the potential value of arms sales to the Saudis, as well as the country's strategic check on Iran, are too important to jeopardize over the

killing of a journalist, an act that he has condemned.

Haspel, who was absent last week from an all-senators briefing with Pompeo and Mattis, had faced mounting pressure to speak to lawmakers and more fully explain the CIA's findings. Lawmakers complained that the Trump administration was depriving Congress of key information about the killing by refusing to order Haspel to go to Capitol Hill and explain the CIA's assessment.

Her closed-door appearance Tuesday was for a select number of senior lawmakers, including Senate leaders and the heads of national security committees with an interest in Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen, which the United States supports, and the intelligence on Khashoggi's killing, according to multiple people familiar with the plans.

Associated Press contributed.

U.S. sets deadline for Russia over 1987 INF nuclear pact

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BRUSSELS — The United States warned Russia on Tuesday it has 60 days to start complying with a landmark missile treaty or Washington could abandon the pact, creating doubts about nuclear security in Europe.

At NATO talks in Brussels, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused Russia of "cheating at its arms control obligations" under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty. Pompeo warned that if Russia did not comply with the treaty's terms within 60 days, Washington could activate a six-month notice period for leaving the 1987 pact.

"Russia must return to full and verifiable compliance; Russia's failure to do so will result in the demise of the INF Treaty," Pompeo told reporters.

"Our nations have a choice. We either bury our head in the sand or we take common sense action in response to Russia's flagrant disregard for the expressed terms of the INF Treaty," he said.

The U.S. has shared intelligence evidence with its NATO allies that Russia's new SSC-8 ground-fired cruise missile could give Moscow the ability to launch a nuclear strike in Europe with little or no notice.

The bilateral treaty between Washington and Moscow banned all land-based cruise and ballistic missiles with a range from 310 to 3,410 miles. Russia says the range of the new system does not exceed 310 miles.

Pompeo said Washington "would welcome a Russian change of heart" but that he has seen no indication that Moscow is likely to comply.

U.S. allies in NATO said Tuesday they "strongly support the finding of the United States that Russia is in material breach of its obligations." They called on

Russia "to return urgently to full and verifiable compliance."

While Pompeo did not announce the end of the pact, its demise seems all but certain.

"I regret that we now most likely will see the end of the INF Treaty," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said, adding that "no arms control agreement will work if it is only respected by one party."

Stoltenberg said the 29 NATO allies will "collectively develop responses" should the treaty be abandoned, but he declined to say what they might be.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association, said he does not see the Russians returning to compliance under current conditions.

He said the U.S. needs to redouble diplomatic efforts with Russia to find a way to resolve the noncompliance issues, but he doubts this will happen.

In Moscow, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that "Russia strictly complies with the provisions of the treaty, and the American side is aware of that."

Russia's actions in Ukraine also came under the spotlight at Tuesday's

NATO meeting.

Stoltenberg accused Russia of using the Crimean Peninsula as a platform to take control of waters off eastern Ukraine, as allies struggled to find ways to dissuade Moscow from destabilizing the former Soviet republic.

Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, sparking NATO's biggest military buildup in Eastern Europe since the Cold War. On Nov. 25, Russian border guards fired on three Ukrainian navy vessels near Crimea, where Russia's Black Sea fleet is based. The vessels and the crews were captured.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin appealed for NATO support in the confrontation with Russia over the Black Sea and the adjacent Sea of Azov, a key commercial waterway for the country.

"Four years ago, Russia illegally annexed Crimea. Now Russia is attempting to use Crimea to expand its influence and control of the Sea of Azov," Stoltenberg said.

But as to what more NATO would do beyond its existing sea patrols and air policing, he said: "There is already a lot of NATO in the Black Sea."



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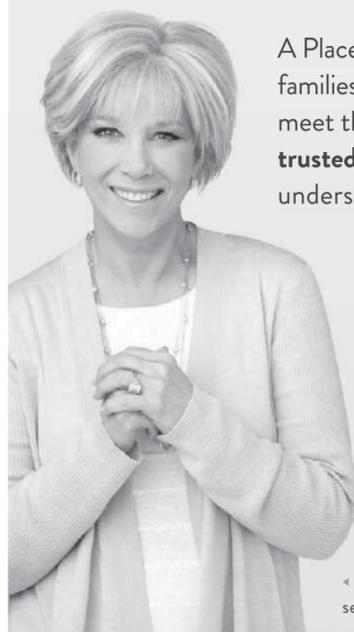
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A killer on 4 legs, a Utah town on edge

Dubbed The Dog, canine's bloodlust conflicted and terrified residents.

By DAVID MONTERO
Los Angeles Times

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Some took to calling him Cujo. Others dubbed him Zorro. At least one named him Jack. For most around these parts, however, he was simply known as The Dog.

His tan and dark fur coat was, for a German shepherd mix who hadn't had an owner in two or three years, remarkably well groomed. Early on, his presence was barely noted. He ran amid other dogs — including a small mob of yipping Chihuahuas — that roamed the streets and fields without leashes or cares.

But as summer peaked, something changed in The Dog.

Few were suspicious of him at first, when some chickens were found dead in the neighborhood. Could've been foxes or even an overly aggressive badger, local animal control thought. It wouldn't be the first time chickens fell prey to something wild, residents said.

Then Chandler Caldwell's goat, Buddy, was found dead on the farm at Roots Charter High School. And an 8-month-old goat was missing — the remains found later in a field. A mother goat that survived was found with a huge chunk of her hindquarters ripped out.

Soon, sheep were found dead. More chickens, too. Piglets. The carnage was costly. Students at Roots Charter take out loans to buy the animals and — with about 40 animals dead — The Dog's savagery had cost them more than \$7,000.

But more troubling for Tyler Bastian, the school's principal, was this: The dog wasn't killing for food. It seemed to be killing for fun.

"It was pretty nuts," Bastian said. "We're an urban farm in the middle of the city and to have a situation where a dog is aggressive enough to take down an alpaca — it was pretty mind-boggling. Not only taking it down, but ripping it to pieces. It was also disturbing for the students."

Nobody knew where The Dog came from, how old he was or how he ended up in this urban-rural community west of Salt Lake City.

There were rumors that it belonged to a homeless man who either died or was swept up when authorities broke up a nearby encampment. It could've been abandoned, some thought. Most agreed The Dog had been roaming the area for two years, gradually becoming more feral.

The Dog was smart and cunning, though, said Layne Morris, community preservation director at West Valley City. Not only had he found residents who would look out and occasionally hide him, he slowly learned to recognize the animal control trucks and personnel in uniform.

He proved to be increasingly difficult to nab.

Richard Horrocks, a 72-year-old resident who lived on a corner near where the dog could be seen trotting down the road, half-wheezed with laughter as he recalled the attempts to catch The Dog as the months wore on.

"You'd see seven dog catcher trucks all lined up trying to get him and it was like a cartoon," he said standing in his yard with two dogs running around a patch of squash and dried corn stalks. "Keystone Kops. That dog had them running in circles."

Morris said not all the neighbors were helping shelter the dog, however. He said the area where the school stands also happened to be a place where generations of cock fighting fowl were raised. The Dog had taken out some of those prized roosters and a few of the owners had formed hunting parties to track it down.

Other residents had placed a bounty on The Dog, and there were fears the hunting parties might get out of control.

Officials wanted to avoid something out of "Jaws," in which a flotilla of disorganized recreational boaters headed out to sea to catch the deadly shark. Morris said there were reports of cars trying to hit the dog as it ran in the streets. Eventually West Valley Animal Services brought in more manpower to help.

And still, The Dog kept killing. Students tried to protect their animals, showing up early and staying late to watch over the



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A group of alpacas stands around the Roots Charter High School farm in West Valley City, Utah, where a feral dog preyed on the animals.



Farm manager Libby Baum tends to turkeys at the Roots Charter High School farm.

livestock. The school's farm, located on the property of a country music radio station, was set up with surveillance cameras.

Sarah Hilton, a programmer at the station who worked overnight, remembered leaving her building at 2 a.m. and seeing "all these parked cars with their headlights on aimed at the animals" on the farm. She said the students would sit on the hoods of their cars, keeping watch.

Nate Cable took to camping in the fields around the farm. He and several other students had fashioned a dog catching snare made with PVC pipe and wire.

Nate, 17, said one night he encountered The Dog by accident.

It was dark and he heard a low growl as he walked to his parked car.

"He was close," Nate said. "I dropped everything, including my hat. Then he picked it up and started to walk away with it. Then he dropped it and disappeared."

One day The Dog killed Olivia Davis' sheep.

Olivia, 17, saw the sheep when it was born in December and named it Demeter — the Greek goddess of agriculture. She said she came to Roots Charter because she had struggled at the public high school after her mother died five years

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earlier.

She saw a chance at raising livestock and working with animals as a way to work through her grief, and it gave her a sense of purpose. Demeter was her first sheep, and she had big plans for her. There would be fairs and shows and a future.

Then she got a call.

"I was at home. I had been sick that day and my best friend called me and said The Dog had attacked," Olivia said. "My friend said, 'You have to get here.'"

When she arrived at the farm, Demeter was dead.

Olivia wept. "It was like my whole world crashed down," she said.

She said she hated The Dog with the kind of loathing reserved for an unrepentant killer.

Bastian said the school beefed up security and brought in a llama and a donkey — both known as guard animals that could kill the dog if it entered the pen.

The donkey in particular came highly regarded — boasting a resume that included a coyote it had killed in northern Utah. His name was Gus, and the reputation of his powerful kick preceded his arrival.

"One kick and that dog would be dead," Jake Winkler, 17, said of

Gus.

Jake, who owned a dairy cow named Carol, said the hired protection appeared to help. The Dog seemed to steer clear of the farm's new muscle.

But away from the farm, The Dog was even more brazen. There was a report he had gone after a child, who fended off the animal with his bike. Morris said that was a signal they needed to redouble their efforts.

Morris said cooperation among the neighbors wasn't always easy.

"There is a certain rebellious streak — a little bit of those on the edge and independent, the don't-tell-me-how-to-live-my-life flavor to that area," Morris said. "Which I respect and we try to respect that a little bit when it comes to ordinances, but there were some people who were deliberately sheltering that dog even though they knew full well the dog was a problem that needed to be resolved."

City officials made their move official in September: They intended to destroy The Dog.

In a memo Morris issued to West Valley City police Chief Colleen Jacobs and the city attorney, the animal services division requested permission to euthanize The Dog in accordance with American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines. Gunshot is listed as an appropriate method, according to the organization.

Morris said it wasn't an easy call, noting that West Valley City operates a no-kill shelter.

"We're not in the business of euthanizing animals," he said. "We're in the business of giving animals homes. It was a difficult for our staff."

On Oct. 11, Morris said a former law enforcement officer who used to train German shepherds with K-9 units reported The Dog ran past him into a field near a church about five minutes from where the school farm was. Officials said The Dog had been tracking sheep.

The officer, Morris said, used a shotgun. The Dog was dead in moments. "It was a humane way to go," Morris said. The officer's name was not made public. Morris said the officer felt conflicted, "but knew it had to be done."

While the students at Roots Charter were relieved, not everyone reveled in the news that The Dog was dead.

Had The Dog been killed the day after her lamb had been found dead, Olivia said she would've been "ecstatic." Now, she felt torn. "I was sad because a life had been taken. The dog was living its life," Olivia said. "But I was also happy because it means the dog won't kill anymore."

Bastian said some of the farm animals still remain a little skittish. Caldwell said the goat injured by the canine is allowing people to approach her now. Carol, the dairy cow, and a few of the alpacas are settling into old routines.

Flocks of chickens squawked in the early morning chill, and summer had given way to fall.

Nearby, Gus the Donkey munched on hay and Cuzco the Llama stood guard next to him, looking over a fence toward an open field with wild grass, twisting trees and hidden places where The Dog once lived.



Jake Winkler, left, and Nate Cable helped keep watch in the evenings while The Dog was on the loose.



NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

House GOP campaign arm targeted by 'unknown entity'

WASHINGTON — Thousands of emails were stolen from aides to the National Republican Congressional Committee during the 2018 midterm campaign, a major breach exposing vulnerabilities that have kept cybersecurity experts on edge since the 2016 presidential race.

The email accounts were compromised during a series of intrusions that had been spread over several months and discovered in April, a person

familiar with the matter told The Associated Press. At least four different party aides had their emails surveilled by hackers, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The committee said an "unknown entity" was behind the hack but provided few other details. A cybersecurity firm and the FBI have been investigating the matter, the committee said. The FBI declined to comment.

Attorneys general to subpoena Trump Organization, Treasury

WASHINGTON — The attorneys general of the District of Columbia and Maryland plan to file subpoenas Tuesday seeking records from the Trump Organization, the Treasury Department and dozens of other entities as part of a lawsuit accusing Donald Trump of profiting off the presidency.

The flurry of subpoenas came a day after U.S. District Court Judge Peter Messitte approved a brisk

schedule for discovery in the case alleging that foreign and domestic government spending at Trump's Washington, D.C., hotel amounts to gifts to the president in violation of the Constitution's emoluments clause.

The subpoenas target 37 entities, including 13 Trump-linked entities and the federal agency that oversees the lease for Trump's Washington hotel.

Police: Indiana girl, 4, dies after accidental shooting by brother

LEBANON, Ind. — Police say a 4-year-old central Indiana girl died Tuesday, five days after she was accidentally shot in the head by her 3-year-old brother.

Lebanon police say Izabella-Marie Helem died at an Indianapolis hospital. Her mother, Briana Helem, says eight children will benefit from organ donations. She says her daughter has "created miracles for other fam-

ilies."

The shooting occurred last Thursday while the children were at their grandparents' home in Lebanon. Police say the gun was not in a secure location.

Helem tells The Lebanon Reporter that her mother is "not reckless or careless."

Helem is on active duty with the Army and was driving to Fort Knox, Ky., at the time of the shooting.



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Activists say hundreds of dyed red shoes displayed Tuesday in a Tel Aviv square are meant to symbolize violence against women. Thousands of protesters marched in the Israeli city and called the Israeli government's response to the violence inadequate.

Israeli military on a mission to raze Hezbollah border tunnels

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military launched an open-ended operation Tuesday to destroy what it said was a network of attack tunnels built by Hezbollah, saying it had foiled a plot by the Iranian-backed militant group to carry out a deadly infiltration in northern Israel.

Israeli forces did not enter Lebanese territory. But the Israeli announcement threatened to push the bitter enemies closer to an open confrontation for the first time since a bruising 2006 war. The military said it had protectively increased forces along the

border and warned Hezbollah to keep its distance from the tunnels.

"Hezbollah knows well that whoever attacks the state of Israel will paid a very heavy price," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a nationally televised address. "What has been revealed to you now is but a small part of the bigger picture of our preparations and our activities and the activities we're planning."

The Israeli operation began shortly after Netanyahu returned from a surprise trip to Brussels to meet U.S. Secretary of State Mike

Pompeo.

Netanyahu said he had discussed the operation with Pompeo, and he planned to talk to other world leaders, including the U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Meanwhile, Palestinian officials say Israeli troops killed a Palestinian man during a military operation in the West Bank city of Tulkarem.

Tulkarem Gov. Isam Abu Baker said Mohammed Habali, 22, was shot in the head "without posing any threat to the soldiers." Hundreds attended Habali's funeral in Tulkarem.

Holocaust survivors mark Hanukkah ceremonies

BERLIN — Hundreds of Holocaust survivors around the world marked the third night of Hanukkah on Tuesday, with menorah-lighting ceremonies paying tribute to them and the 6 million other Jews who were killed by the Nazis.

Initiated last year by the

New York-based group that handles claims on behalf of Jews persecuted by the Nazis, International Holocaust Survivors Night was expanded this year to include Moscow, a nod to the number of survivors who live in Russia and other former Soviet countries.

At a gathering of more

than 100 survivors in South Orange, N.J., Hanna Keselman recalled being separated from her parents in Germany by the Nazis. Her mother survived; her father died.

"It is a miracle, after the horrors we faced, that we are celebrating Hanukkah today," Keselman, 87, said.

More U.S. beef recalled over fears from salmonella

NEW YORK — An Arizona company is expanding the scope of its recall of raw beef that could be contaminated with salmonella, federal officials said Tuesday.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service believes that an additional 5 million pounds of raw meat is contaminated, bringing the total recalled amount to more than 12 million pounds. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cases have been reported in at least 25 states.

Health officials say all the products up for recall have the USDA inspection number "EST. 267."

There were 246 illnesses reported from 25 states as of mid-November, according to the CDC. While 59 people have been hospitalized, no deaths have been reported from the beef from Arizona's JBS Tolleson.

U.S. guns: Firearms sales fell in November despite holiday shopping. There is no exact count of firearms sold in America, but a common barometer is the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Adjusted for permit checks, November's checks fell by 9.8 percent compared to 2017, totaling 1,314,193.

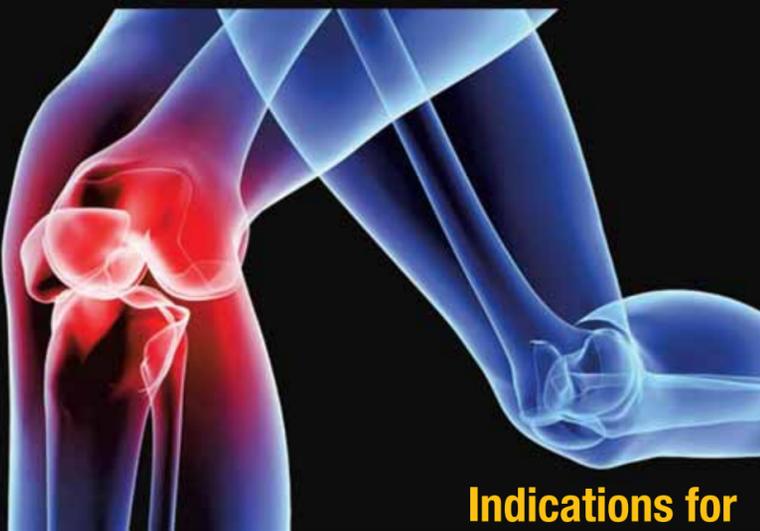
In Indonesia: Security forces tried to recover the bodies of 31 construction workers and a soldier who were killed Sunday and Monday in one of the worst separatist attacks in Indonesia's restive province of Papua, officials said Tuesday. Indonesia's government is trying to spur economic development to dampen the movement.

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EDITORIALS

Lincoln Yards: Growth or gridlock?

The downtown-bound rush-hour commute on the CTA Brown Line is its own stress test. North Siders on platforms restlessly watch jampacked trains come and go, as time ebbs and patience wanes.

Driving to work on North Side streets is just as mood-killing — a 10 mph crawl through stop-and-go suffering.

So what happens when you add 5,000 more households, 23,000 more jobs, a 20,000-seat soccer stadium, a gamut of new music venues and a cluster of buildings as tall as 650 feet? That's on the minds of the people who now live in Lincoln Park and Bucktown, where developer Sterling Bay and Mayor Rahm Emanuel envision the development supernova dubbed Lincoln Yards.

Those residents filled the seats of a Near North Side church last week to put Sterling Bay and City Hall on notice. As proposed now, Lincoln Yards is too big and too dense, they told Sterling Bay and the city.

It's understandable that Sterling Bay would like to maximize every last square inch of real estate it owns.

That's what developers do. More households, more office space, more stadium seats.

It falls on the shoulders of the mayor and aldermen to make sure the economic boon that Lincoln Yards is sure to bring the city is balanced with the mission to ensure livability — not just for Lincoln Yards' newcomers, but for the legions of Lincoln Park and Bucktown Chicagoans who live there now.

Finding that density vs. open space sweet spot isn't easy. Sterling Bay isn't there yet. To its credit, the developer has scaled back the height of the buildings it



STERLING BAY/JAMES CORNER FIELD

Developer Sterling Bay presented revised plans for its \$5 billion-plus Lincoln Yards mixed-use development in a public meeting last week.

plans, from a maximum of 800 feet to 650 feet. Mindful of bird lovers, the developer tweaked the reflective nature of sections of buildings so that swallows and swallows don't concuss themselves. Sterling Bay also has ramped up the open space, going from 25 percent to 37 percent of the project's footprint.

But even after paring down the height of high-rises, Lincoln Yards will still add a whopping 12.8 million square feet of building space. And Emanuel refuses to budge on the kind of open space North Siders have been seeking for nearly a year — the

North Branch Park Preserve, a 24-acre riverfront park with a scale and sweep that would be a draw for all Chicagoans, not just people in Lincoln Park and Bucktown.

Land acquisition for the park, estimated at as much as \$200 million, could be handled through the tax increment financing district that Emanuel is pushing to get approved for Lincoln Yards and the North Branch Industrial Corridor before he leaves office next May. Residents like that idea, and at last week's meeting, Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, suggested there's no reason the park's price

tag can't be part of the TIF. If Emanuel won't get behind that idea, the next mayor should.

Community hand-wringing about Lincoln Yards isn't just about traffic, density and open space. Locals say the planned entertainment district puts at risk independent music club mainstays near the site, including The Hideout, Schubas, Metro and Thalia Hall. Sterling Bay has partnered with entertainment giant Live Nation as the exclusive operator of the district's music venues. Clubs like The Hideout and Schubas are vital to the North Side's — and the city's — cultural

palette. They're worth preserving.

From the start, Sterling Bay has portrayed itself as part of the Lincoln Park/Bucktown community. Andy Gloor, a top Sterling Bay executive, told residents last week he's one of them and has been for 24 years. "My kids play in the same fields," Gloor said. His point: He and Sterling Bay want to be good neighbors.

The overriding sentiment from residents: Want to be a good neighbor? Don't wreck the neighborhood.

Student journalists get shut down

"It is a newspaper's duty to print the news and raise hell," Chicago Times publisher Wilbur Storey declared in 1861. Those functions are not guaranteed to please everyone. Either is bound to occasionally dismay or infuriate some readers, as every journalist learns. The ones at Har-Ber High School in Springdale, Ark., learned it earlier, and more painfully, than most.

In October, the Har-Ber Herald published a story based on months of investigation by student journalists after five varsity football players transferred to Springdale High School, in the same school district. Students are not allowed to make such moves to play on a different athletic team.

Parents of the students had written letters (obtained by The Herald staff through Freedom of Information Act requests) asking for the transfers for academic reasons. But the student paper interviewed two players who admitted on the record that they switched in pursuit of major college football offers.

"We just want to go over there because we have a better chance of getting scholarships and playing at D1," said one, referring to the top NCAA division. Another expressed the same hope and thought "going to Springdale would be the best like to kind of get there." That issue of the paper included an editorial criticizing the transfer system.

It was an expose worthy of

professional journalists, and it generated a flurry of attention for the newspaper. But, like exposes by professional journalists, it angered some people. The district's deputy superintendent ordered the faculty adviser to remove the story from the website.

Springdale Superintendent Jim Rollins, reported Buzzfeed News, said the story would remain banned because it was "intentionally negative, demeaning, derogatory, hurtful and potentially harmful to the students addressed in those articles," as well as "extremely divisive and disruptive" — adjectives that bear no resemblance to the careful, thorough case made by The Herald. Henceforth, all stories will have

to be reviewed in advance by administrators.

These were brilliant responses, if the intended lesson was that the truth can be told only if it doesn't upset anyone. The student reporters uncovered a story — you could even call it a scandal — that was important to the two high schools and the community. They appear to have done it in a careful, thorough way. And their reward was to be shut down.

Student journalists, of course, need the guidance of adults as they learn the craft, just as professional reporters work under editors and publishers. But they should be judged on whether their stories are accurate, relevant and important, not on whether they successfully avoid contro-

versy.

What the administrators did may not even be a legal response. Arkansas has a law protecting the free expression of public high school students, as long as their stories don't involve obscenity, libel, invasion of privacy or incitement to violate laws or school regulations.

The ultimate outcome is yet to be determined. A school district spokesman said the entire matter is still under review.

Good journalism assumes that knowing the truth, however uncomfortable it may be, is better than not knowing. The Har-Ber Herald staff seems to understand that premise, even if some adults don't.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The biggest factor (in many Americans' unhappiness) is the crisis of connection. People, especially in the middle- and working-class slices of society, are less likely to volunteer in their community, less likely to go to church, less likely to know their neighbors, less likely to be married than they were at any time over the past several decades. In short, they have fewer resources to help them ride the creative destruction that is ever-present in a market economy.

And they are dying. Last Thursday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that life expectancy in the United States declined for the third straight year. This is an absolutely stunning trend. In affluent, well-connected societies, life expectancies rise almost as a matter of course. The last time the American mortality rate fell for three straight years was 1915-1918, during World War I and the flu pandemic, which took 675,000 American lives.

And yet here we are — a straight-up social catastrophe.

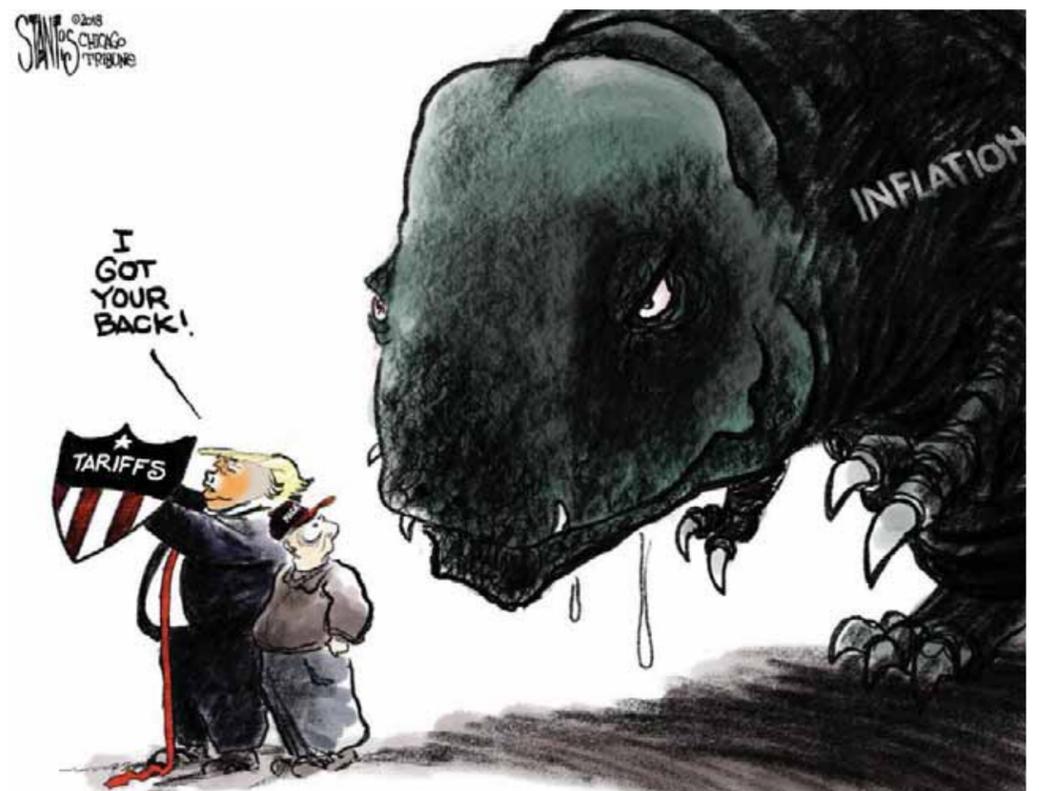
Economic anxiety is now downstream from and merged with sociological, psychological and spiritual decay. ...

There's an interesting debate going on in conservative circles over whether we have overvalued total GDP growth in our economic policy and undervalued programs that specifically foster dignity-enhancing work.

The way I see it is this: It's nonsense to have an economic policy — or any policy — that doesn't account for and address the social catastrophe happening all around us. Every single other issue exists under the shadow of this one.

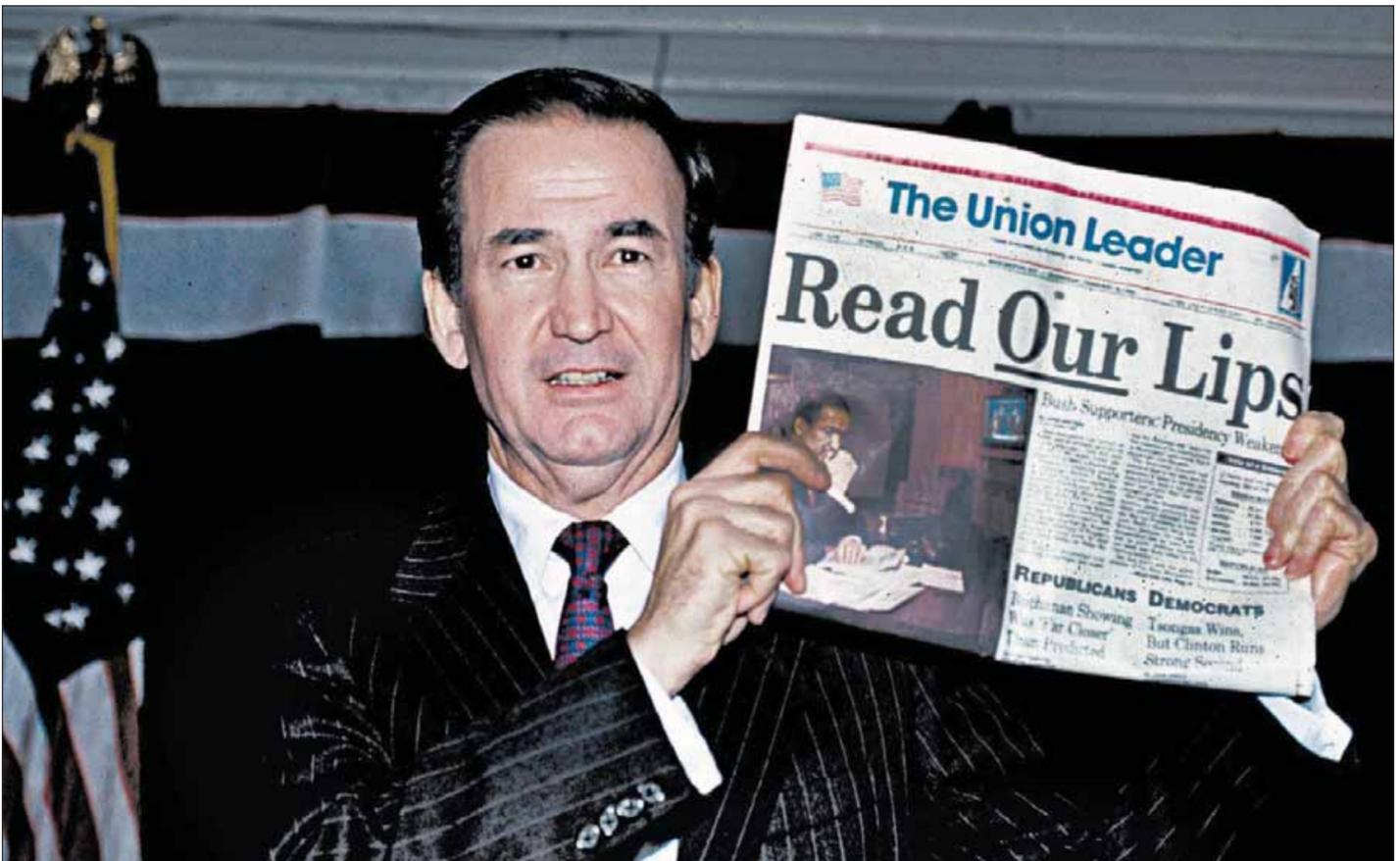
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PERSPECTIVE



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Pat Buchanan, running against George H.W. Bush for the 1992 Republican presidential nomination, used divisive talk like President Donald Trump.

‘AN AMERICAN CLOSER’

Bush praised by former Republican rival Buchanan for patriotism, service to country



CLARENCE PAGE

Could former President George H.W. Bush have defeated current President Donald Trump? In a way, it already happened — in 1992 — although nobody would have known it at the time.

Trump did not run in that year's Republican primaries, but his ideas did. You can hear them in the fiery speeches of Patrick J. Buchanan, the conservative author, columnist, television commentator and senior adviser to three Republican presidents who waged a primary challenge to Bush's re-election campaign from the far right.

Wordsmith Buchanan declared a “new nationalism” to enlist the “forgotten Americans” into the “Buchanan brigades” and rescue them from foreign meddling, rip-off trade deals and “open-border” immigration policies.

He called for a moratorium on immigration until the policy could be re-examined and, yes, a wall on the Mexican border, which he called “the Buchanan fence” in his effort to “Make

America First Again,” borrowing a phrase from his former boss Ronald Reagan's campaign slogan “Let's Make America Great Again,” which also was adopted later by you-know-who.

“The ideas made it,” Buchanan told Politico reporter Tim Alberta last year with a laugh, “but I didn't.”

With that in mind on the morning after President Bush died last week at age 94, I asked Buchanan for his reaction to the news after we taped the latest YouTube reboot of “The McLaughlin Group.” He showed no desire to speak ill of the dead.

“I'm sure he'll be extraordinarily well remembered by the entire country because he was a patriot” with “a great family,” Buchanan said. “He served his country his entire life, (including) some of the highest offices and the highest office in the land ... with distinction and honor.

“We had our differences,” he continued. “We had our serious differences. But from 1966 to 1991 we were good friends and I was proud to have him as a friend.”

Of course, after 1991 was a different story. During their campaign, he skewered Bush as a “globalist” who was helping “bureaucrats in Brussels” to pursue a “European super-state” and undermine national identity.

Now he praised Bush as “the American closer in the Cold War,” a

core issue for America's conservative movement.

Dictionaries define a “closer” as a person who is skilled at bringing a business transaction to a satisfactory conclusion. In baseball, a “closer” is a reliable relief pitcher who enters a game in the final innings, typically to preserve a slim lead.

Such was Bush's role when 1989 brought protests in China's Tiananmen Square, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the challenge of negotiating a peaceful transition to what Bush later would call a “new world order,” a phrase that alarmed nationalists like Buchanan.

“I think that President Bush belongs to another era,” he said, noting that Bush was the last American president to have served in World War II. “He's the Greatest Generation president, but that was the end of an era and I think — and it wouldn't be a criticism of him — but I think he was from another time and another place.”

Bush's son George W. Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton adopted more conservative approaches to key issues of “economic nationalism, economic patriotism and securing the border” that helped them to win but “were very new to President (George H.W.) Bush who came up from a different place and a different time.”

As much as I disagree with Buchan-

an's far-right positions, he correctly saw that the conservative movement that in 1964 nominated Barry Goldwater — who failed to win more than six states — was on the rise fast and big enough to lead to Trump's election in 2016.

After Buchanan's primary losses, discontent in the GOP led to Ross Perot's third-party bid, which helped Clinton win, and later a Republican House under conservative Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia and the era of polarization that we still wrestle today.

As much as I appreciate the progress this country has made in civil rights and respect for diversity, Buchanan sees only gloom in our drift away from the peaceful and prosperous America he remembers in the Elvis Presley era.

I, too, appreciate the positive aspects of the past that expanded social and economic opportunity and avoided our nuclear annihilation. But the fear and loathing of diversity and international alliances? I hope the next generation of leaders does better than ours.

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Fair maps? Fine. You too, then, Wisconsin



ERIC ZORN

Democrats have drawn the political map in Illinois to their advantage, clearly.

The final vote totals for the Nov. 6 midterm elections released Monday by the Illinois State Board of Elections show that Democrats won 61 percent of the votes cast in U.S. House races in the state, yet they won 72 percent of the seats — 13 out of 18, instead of the 11 out of 18 that would have almost exactly reflected the Democrats' share of the vote.

One reading of that result is that the way Democrats drew the congressional district boundaries gave the party two more seats than a “fair map” would have entitled them to.

All 118 seats in the Illinois House of Representatives were up for election this year (as they are every two years), and Democrats won 62 percent of those seats with 59.8 percent of the overall popular vote.

Though these overall totals are somewhat skewed because 42 Democrats and 12 Republicans ran unopposed or with just token opposition, they're very close to the percentage split seen in the aggregate vote for all statewide offices (governor, attorney general and so on) which went 59 percent for the Democratic candidates.

One reading of that result is that the way

Democrats drew the boundaries gave the party four more seats in the House than a “fair map” would have entitled them to.

And yes, these results at least slightly offend the ideals of representative democracy.

But, in context, are they outrageous?

In the Wisconsin midterm elections, Republicans won just 46 percent of the overall popular vote for the U.S. House, but 63 percent of the seats — 5 out of 8. The weekly Isthmus newspaper based in Madison reports that Democrats won 54 percent of the popular vote for Wisconsin State Assembly but, due to the Republican-friendly map, only 36 percent of the seats.

In the Ohio midterm elections, Republicans won 52 percent of the overall popular vote for the U.S. House, but 75 percent of the seats — 12 out of 16. The Cleveland Plain Dealer reports that Republicans won 50 percent of the popular vote in state House elections, but 63 percent of the seats.

In the North Carolina midterm elections, Republicans won 50 percent of the overall popular vote for the U.S. House, but 77 percent of the seats — 10 out of 13 — though one apparent Republican victory has yet to be certified due to allegations of fraud. The Washington Post reports that North Carolina Democrats won 51 percent of the popular vote in state House elections, but just 45 percent of the seats.

In the Texas midterm elections, Republicans won 50 percent of the overall popular vote for the U.S. House, but 64 percent of the seats — 23 out of 36.

Democrats in Maryland won 65 percent of the popular vote for U.S. House but 88



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Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker in Madison in 2017. Wisconsin was among states where the number of votes and the number of U.S. House seats didn't match up.

percent of the seats — 7 of 8, while California Democrats turned a 66 percent victory in the overall U.S. House vote into an 87 percent victory (46 to 7) in the races for seats.

I will not go through every state — where an analysis of the midterm results by the Washington-based Hill newspaper shows gerrymandering cost the Democrats a total of seven U.S. House seats — but the short answer is: No, Illinois' results aren't outrageously skewed, at least not by the low standards set by partisan mapmakers coast to coast.

Scott Kennedy, proprietor of the independent, numbers-rich Illinois Elections Data website and a Democratic operative, says the “impact of the map is overblown” by many political analysts in Illinois. “Other factors like candidate recruitment, candidate quality, campaign quality and financial means are far more relevant for explaining why the Democrats have significantly outperformed Republicans,” he said.

Majorities of voters routinely tell pollsters that they want bipartisan or nonpartisan control of political mapmaking in order

to diminish the impact of gerrymandering. And incoming Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, like outgoing Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, says he wants to implement just such a change.

My advice to Pritzker and other left-leaning self-styled reformers: Don't unilaterally disarm. Strike a deal to hold hands and jump together with Wisconsin, North Carolina or other states where Republicans have drawn district boundaries to their advantage.

Sure, it's noble to try to set a good example, but your foes have proven themselves ruthless, and if you don't cut a deal, you're likely simply to lose power in the long run.

Rather than go it alone, lead a crusade for a national overhaul of election laws to ban partisan considerations in political mapmaking and, while we're at it, to set uniform standards for registration, early and absentee voting, voter eligibility, ballot design, vote counting and poll access.

Think big. The “blue map” in Illinois is a small problem.

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PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump pay their respects to former President George H.W. Bush in Washington on Monday.

Bush resigned from the NRA.

Shouldn't decent Americans quit the GOP?

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

George H.W. Bush didn't resign as a member of the National Rifle Association in 1995 over its rigid position opposing virtually any gun legislation. Rather, in a memorable letter, he told the group that he resigned because the group refused to apologize for the scurrilous remarks of Wayne LaPierre, who still heads the organization. Instead, the NRA, Bush said, "defended his attack on federal agents as 'jack-booted thugs.'" Bush wrote: "To attack Secret Service agents or A.T.F. people or any government law enforcement people as 'wearing Nazi bucket helmets and black storm trooper uniforms' wanting to 'attack law abiding citizens' is a vicious slander on good people."

Bush defended by name several honorable men, some of whom were killed doing their job. Bush then explained that the NRA's "broadside against federal agents deeply offends my own sense of decency and honor; and it offends my concept of service to country. It indirectly slanders a wide array of government law enforcement officials, who are out there, day and night, laying their lives on the line for all of us."

LaPierre has still been at it, as when he declared at the Conservative Political Action Conference that Democrats were

nothing less than socialists who want to rob Americans of all their freedoms. He continued: "Our intelligence community shrouds everything in secrecy, driving into darkness every dirty memo and every dirty institutional secret and memory in the name of national security. But when the leaks come, as so often occurs, in the light of day, it reveals nothing about the security of our country and it reveals everything about the corruption of those in power." He raged on that "even the FBI is not free of its own corruption. And its own unethical agents."

Why anyone who can recognize Bush as an honorable and decent man would not be as offended by the Wayne LaPierre of 2018 as Bush was of the Wayne LaPierre of 1995 escapes me. Bush was right: The only response to those who persistently and falsely denigrate those who protect us is to disassociate from such slanderers.

And it's not just the NRA, of course, that is in the business of smearing honorable public servants. The GOP— from the president to his lawyer to members of Congress to President Donald Trump's parrots at Fox News — routinely insult, smear and simply lie about federal law enforcement, including the FBI and special counsel. The Republicans of 2018 refer to men and women who embody the phrase "law and

order" as "storm troopers," "Stalinists," "crooked" and "an embarrassment to our country."

Trump calls Robert Mueller, a decorated Marine, former FBI director and now special counsel, "disgraced and discredited," and his team of prosecutors "angry Democratic thugs." The baseless insults hurled by GOP House members at the Justice Department, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, the FBI, Mueller and the federal prosecutors who work with Mueller should make one's skin crawl.

This talk, as Bush 41 aptly said in 1995, should offend our own sense of decency and honor and our concept of service to country.

I understand the inclination of some Republicans to try to reform and rescue the GOP from the clutches of Trumpists. But this is nearly as fruitless as expecting LaPierre to talk sensibly and civilly. After one has tried for a decent interval to admonish and reform the GOP, isn't the only course, if one wishes to preserve one's own sense of decency and honor, to resign from and disassociate oneself from the GOP?

The Washington Post

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Sense of hope

As I watch the nation honor President George H.W. Bush, I feel a sense of hope for the future of America. Mr. President, thank you for serving our nation with such valor. Thank you for providing the example of living an exemplary life. Thank you for being a total class act and deserving of our utmost respect. Thank you for the Americans with Disabilities Act. Thank you for confronting Saddam Hussein. Thank you for presiding over the official end of the Cold War. Thank you for the Clean Air Act. Thank you for your personal fight against the horrors of Nazi Germany and imperial Japan. Regardless of our politics, we ought to come together to celebrate the life of a man whose principles, class, perseverance and love possess the power to help us heal our world today.

These are extraordinarily difficult days for our Union. Regardless, members of both parties, public servants of all stripes and citizens of all creeds should pay their utmost respect to a man that embodied the tenacity of the American spirit. Thank you, President Bush. My generation and all Americans salute you!

— Henry Wilson, Barrington

Bush and Trump

Regarding your editorial ("Humility and civility: More pols, please, like George H.W. Bush," Dec. 4) about the late President George H.W. Bush, I agree that he was as nice, polite and humble as they come. But you fail to understand the contribution to the lack of civility and ethics we see today in politics is primarily due to President Donald Trump. When you say "But it's not just Trump," well maybe not 100 percent entirely, but it's mainly Trump. The president sets the example and no other president we've had even comes close to the vitriol, lack of respect for others just plain meanness as Trump. Not former presidents Obama, George W. Bush, Clinton— as far back as you can go.

— Charles Gradle, Oak Park

Daley's commuter tax

Bill Daley is running for mayor of Chicago, and now wants to propose a tax on suburban commuters who work in the city. He forgets that suburbanites pay county taxes and state taxes that get eaten up by Chicago. If Chicago ever gets that tax in the books, more people will escape the tax burden by leaving Illinois for good. Then businesses will leave Chicago for lack of workers. Chicago, I love you, but not enough to go broke for your sake.

— Carl F. Rollberg, Calumet Park

Vietnamization of Afghanistan

Steve Chapman is "right on" with his Nov. 29 assessment of the war in Afghanistan ("Why are we still in Afghanistan?"). As a Vietnam War Marine, it is easy to see the same political machinations going on as in the 1960s. Does every generation have to learn the same lessons, written in blood, by the same numbskulls who should, but do not, know better? Bring them home, now.

— William R. Boyd, Summerville, S.C.

Witch hunt

President Donald Trump keeps claiming that special counsel Robert Mueller's probe is just a witch hunt, and he takes a lot of flak for it. But, let's be honest, our president is absolutely right. Mueller's probe is just that, a witch hunt. The problem for our president is that Mueller and his merry band of witch hunters are very good at what they do. They know exactly how and just where to look, and they will find that broomstick hidden in the president's closet ... you know, the one he rode in on, the one marked: "Made In Russia."

— Rich Carlucci, Chicago

A haunting memory

Chester Weger killed three women in Starved Rock State Park in 1960. It seems like it was only a few days later my 26-year-old sister drove my mother and me up from McLeansboro, Ill., to Starved Rock and Chicago. I was 13 at the time.

Since I was the "man" on the trip, I felt responsible for protecting them. I picked up a long stick and carried it the whole time we were there. My anxiety rose every time we came to what I thought might be a hiding spot.

I have been back to the park more than 20 times and a touch of that fear hits me every time.

— Chuck Johnson, Morris

Infectious diseases will spread as temperatures rise

BY FRED COHAN AND ISAAC KLIMSMITH

Nearly 50 years ago, in the summer of 1969, Time magazine published photos of Cleveland's Cuyahoga River in flames, searing the images into the national consciousness.

The Cuyahoga River on fire became a lasting symbol of environmental damage and pollution. It helped galvanize Americans to take action and Congress to enact landmark environmental legislation, including the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act. Together, these laws save hundreds of thousands of American lives every year.

The recent National Climate Assessment paints a clear picture of the much larger environmental crisis that the United States confronts today: global warming. According to the report by 13 federal agencies, global warming will harm our ecosystems and our economy.

Yet we continue to meet the rising temperatures, superstorms, drought and mega-fires brought about by climate change with relative inaction.

Although the environmental costs of global warming may still seem distant to some Americans, there is a growing threat that many may find harder to ignore: infectious disease.

As another new report, the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change, makes clear, warming poses a diversity of risks for human health.

More and more, hot summers will increase mortality and limit our capacity for outdoor labor. Superstorms in some re-

gions will cause flooding of sewage systems and thereby spread gastrointestinal disease, while severe droughts in other regions will increase rates of asthma. Food production will be severely reduced in many countries. Many regions will see increased risks of infection.

Although environmental destruction may not scare us in an immediate way, infectious diseases very well could. Indeed, the impacts on human health could become the burning river of the 21st century.

Let's begin with Lyme disease. Forest destruction in the Northeast creates small wooded habitats where mammals that consume a variety of food can thrive while the diversity of other more specialized species plummets.

The white-footed mouse is one such generalist that abounds in tiny forests. Unfortunately, this mouse is poor at removing ticks but excellent at infecting them with Lyme disease. Meanwhile, small forests are missing the Virginia opossum, the so-called vacuum cleaner of the forest, which is able to remove and kill almost all the ticks it picks up.

Destroying a forest can also spark a pandemic. In West Africa, deforestation displaced bats from their forest habitat into villages such as Meliandou in southern Guinea. There, in 2013, a 2-year-old boy encountered a colony of bats in a hollow tree and contracted Ebola, a disease that would go on to claim his life and the lives of more than 11,000 other people.

As the world warms, tropical diseases are inching their way toward the United States. One such disease, leishmaniasis,

marks its victims with crusty skin lesions and disfiguring scars. It has already spread north from Mexico, through southern Texas and into Oklahoma.

Other tropical diseases that are being unleashed along with a warmer climate include elephantiasis, which causes a grotesque swelling of the limbs; Chagas disease, which can lead to severe chronic heart problems; and the Zika virus, with its attendant fetal brain disorders. All of these diseases are likely to move north.

Infectious diseases will make visceral the toll that environmental destruction takes on human health, and in doing so may become a powerful motivator. In the past, humans have harnessed our fears of infection to improve public health - seeking cures, creating safe water supplies and discovering vaccines.

As a result of climate change, we will need to expand our concept of public health to include the broader environment. To protect the health of our own bodies, humans must also care for the natural world around us.

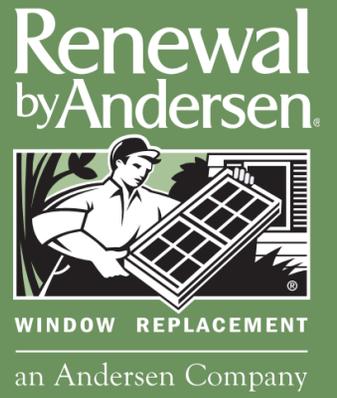
The fires on the Cuyahoga River were a watershed moment for environmental awareness in the United States. The leishmaniasis-scarred faces of Americans in the heartland may be next.

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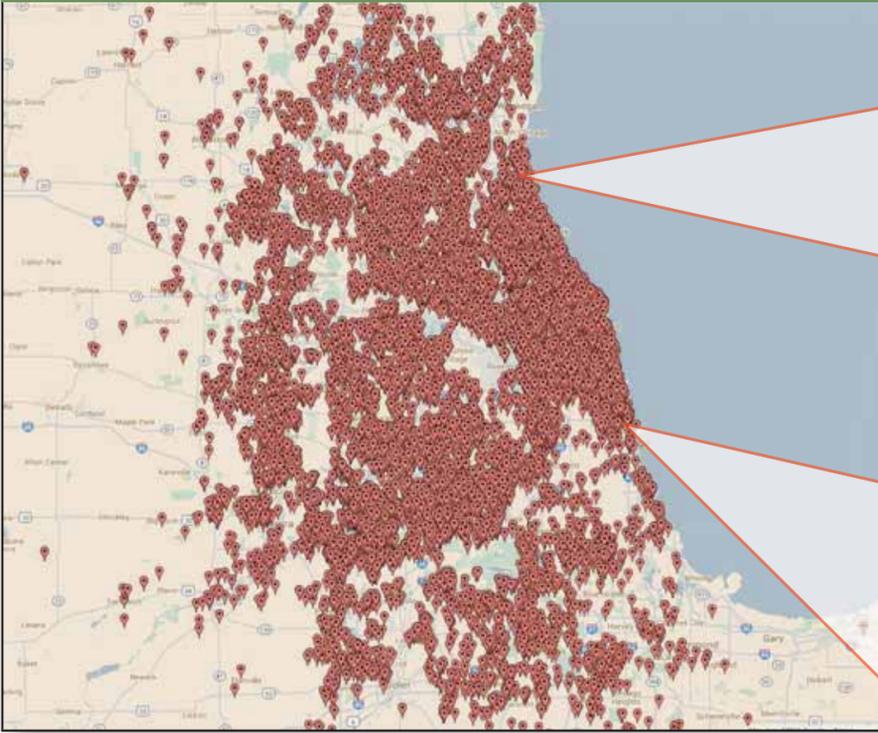
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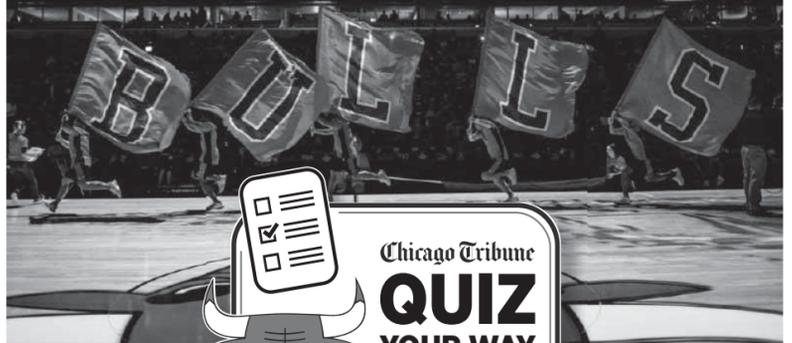


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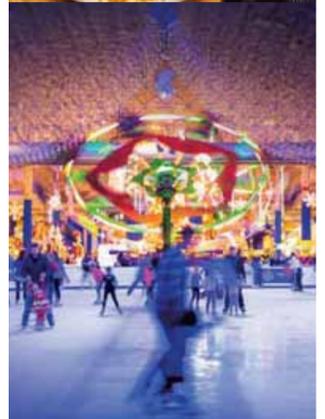
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The hotels affected by the breach were operated by Starwood before it was bought.

High risks from stolen hotel data

Expert: Espionage, identity theft, burglaries possible

BY MICHELLE CHAPMAN,
MAE ANDERSON AND FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The data stolen from the Marriott hotel empire in a massive breach is so rich and specific it could be used for espionage, identity theft, reputational attacks and even home burglaries, security experts say.

Hackers stole data on as many as 500 million guests of former Starwood chain properties over four years including credit card and passport numbers, birthdates, phone numbers and hotel arrival and departure dates.

It is one of the biggest data breaches on record. By comparison, last year's Equifax

hack affected more than 145 million people. A Target breach in 2013 affected more than 41 million payment card accounts and exposed contact information for more than 60 million customers.

But the target here — hotels where high-stakes business deals, romantic trysts and espionage are daily currency — makes the data gathered especially sensitive.

Jesse Varsalone, a University of Maryland cybersecurity expert, said the affected reservation system could be extremely enticing to nation-state spies interested in the travels of military and senior government officials.

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Trade dispute jitters stay, sinking stocks

BY ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Stocks slumped Tuesday as traders worried that the U.S. and China made less progress than originally thought on defusing their dispute over trade.

Investors had initially welcomed the truce that the administration said was reached over the weekend in Buenos Aires between Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping — and sent stocks soaring Monday. But on Tuesday, after a series of confusing and conflicting words from Trump and some senior officials, stocks tumbled, with the Dow Jones sinking as much as 800 points.

“This trade issue is the big overhang, the biggest ceiling, if you will, to keeping the markets from moving higher,” said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading & derivatives at Charles Schwab.

White House aides have struggled to explain the details of what the two countries actually agreed on. And China has not confirmed that it made most of the concessions that the Trump administration has claimed.

Bond prices surged, sending yields sharply lower as investors turned to lower-risk assets.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note also declined to its lowest level in three months.

Technology companies, banks and industrial stocks accounted for much of the broad sell-off. Utilities stocks rose. Smaller-company stocks fell more than the rest of the market.

Big losses for Boeing and Caterpillar, major exporters that would stand to lose

much if trade tensions persist, weighed on the Dow.

The bond market signaled its concerns as the gap between two-year and 10-year Treasuries reached its narrowest difference since 2007. The 10-year yield is still higher, but not by much.

The S&P 500 index slid 90.31 points, or 3.2 percent, to 2,700.06. The Dow plunged 799.36 points, or 3.1 percent, to 25,027.07, more than erasing its 488-point gain over the previous two trading days. It was down as much as 818 points earlier.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite lost 283.09 points, or 3.8 percent, to 7,158.43.

Small-company stocks, which investors see as more risky than large multinationals, fell more than the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 index gave up 68.21 points, or 4.4 percent, to 1,480.75.

The sell-off came ahead of Wednesday's closure of U.S. stock and bond markets in observance of a national day of mourning for former President George H.W. Bush.

Moody's Investors Service suggested in a report Tuesday that despite the latest U.S.-China talks, both countries remain far from resolving their dispute.

“Narrow agreements and modest concessions in their ongoing trade dispute will not bridge the wide gulf in their respective economic, political and strategic interests,” Moody's analysts wrote.

The trade dispute has rattled markets in recent months as signs emerged that it has begun affecting corporate profits. That's stoked traders' fears that if it drags much longer it could further weigh on global economic growth.

American Airlines' strategy: Apologize then investigate

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

After quickly issuing an apology, American Airlines is disputing reports that a 67-year-old passenger in a wheelchair was left unattended at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport for hours when a flight late Friday evening was canceled.

On Monday, American said it was still investigating how Olimpia Warsaw ended up waiting alone at the airport, but the airline had already apologized and refunded Warsaw's ticket. Hours later, American released information indicating she was on her own for far less time than initially reported, though the airline said the situation could have been handled better.

The incident highlights how rapidly airlines must respond when tales of passengers' woes can spread almost instantly on social media.

Getting to the bottom of situations like Warsaw's takes time airlines don't have, said Robert Mann, a New York-based airline industry consultant.

“Forget about right or wrong; the appearances often dictate the response,” Mann said. “To get in front of the viral wave, you have to do something. You can't



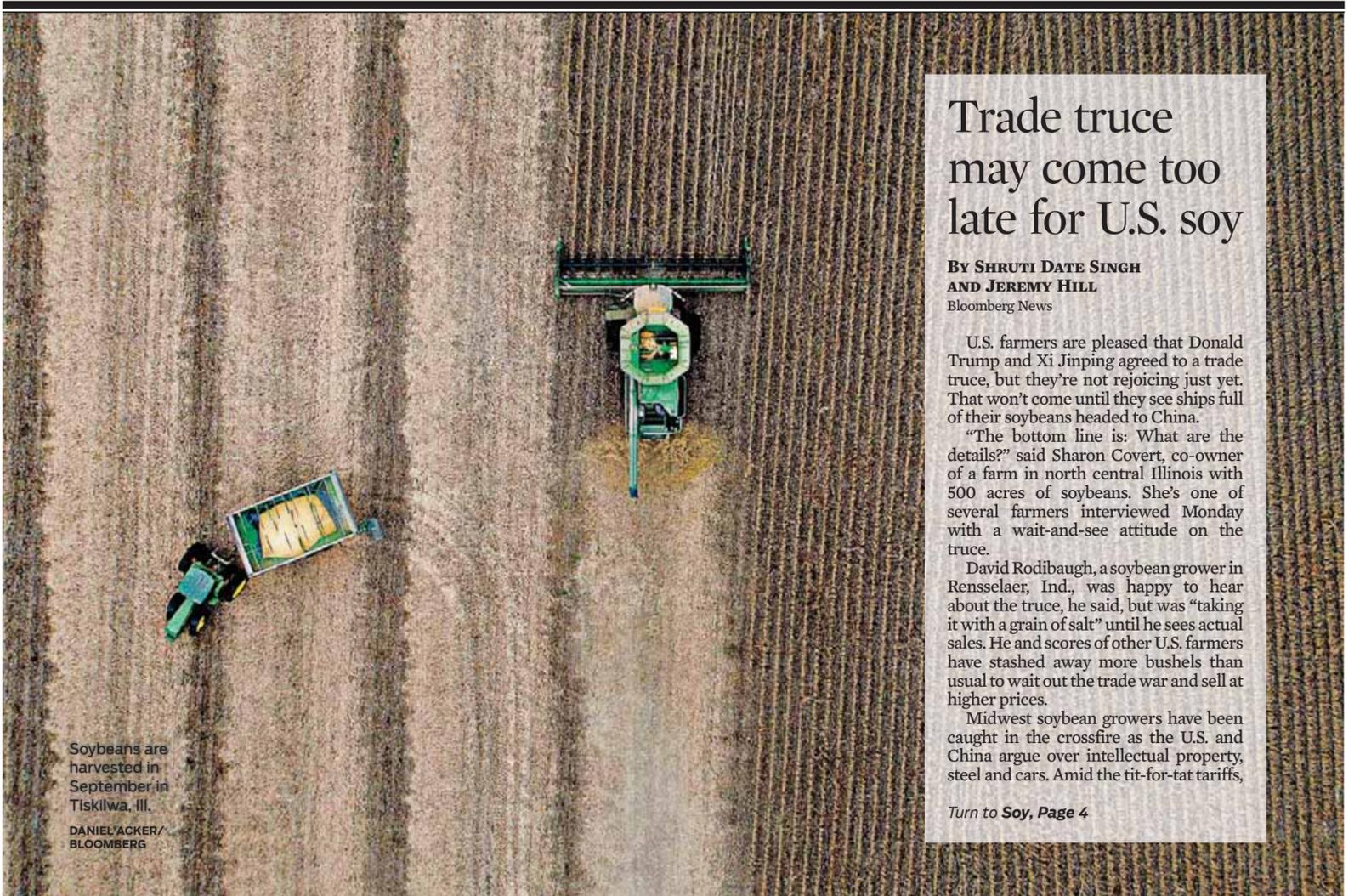
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Olimpia Warsaw's son, Claude Coltea, says a porter left her alone at O'Hare when his shift ended.

wait until all the facts are in because at that point it's too late.”

Warsaw was booked on a 10:15 p.m. American Airlines flight from Chicago to Detroit to return home from her ex-husband's funeral.

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Trade truce may come too late for U.S. soy

BY SHRUTI DATE SINGH
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Bloomberg News

U.S. farmers are pleased that Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed to a trade truce, but they're not rejoicing just yet. That won't come until they see ships full of their soybeans headed to China.

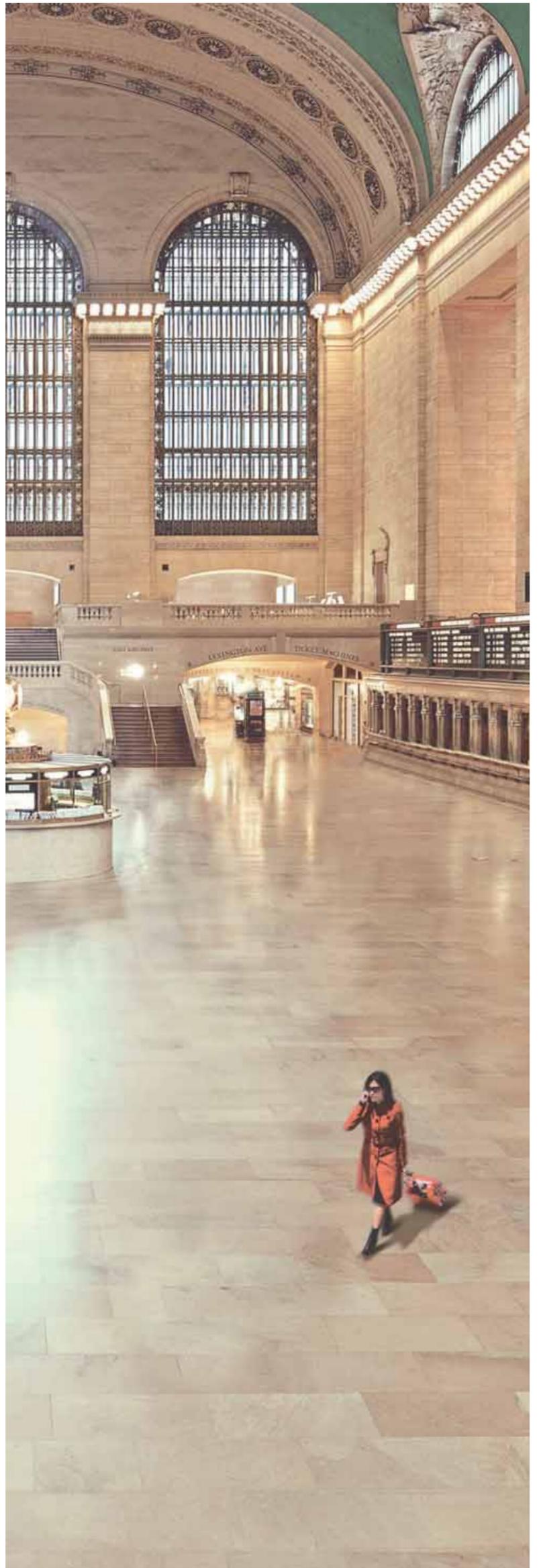
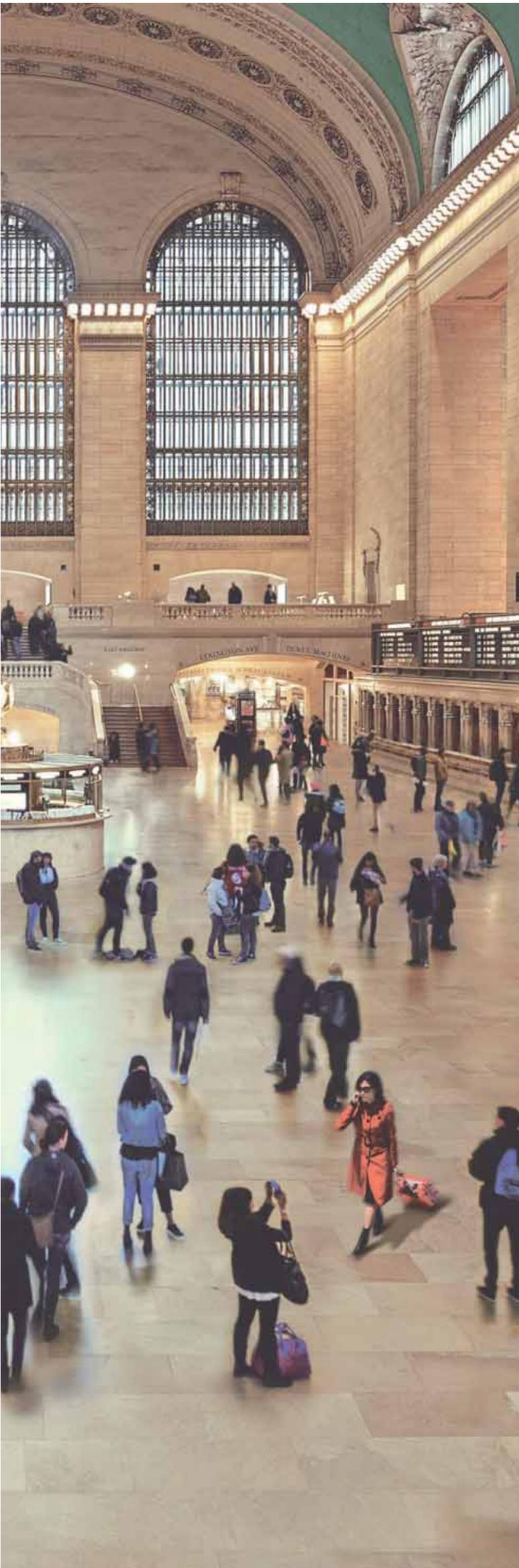
“The bottom line is: What are the details?” said Sharon Covert, co-owner of a farm in north central Illinois with 500 acres of soybeans. She's one of several farmers interviewed Monday with a wait-and-see attitude on the truce.

David Rodibaugh, a soybean grower in Rensselaer, Ind., was happy to hear about the truce, he said, but was “taking it with a grain of salt” until he sees actual sales. He and scores of other U.S. farmers have stashed away more bushels than usual to wait out the trade war and sell at higher prices.

Midwest soybean growers have been caught in the crossfire as the U.S. and China argue over intellectual property, steel and cars. Amid the tit-for-tat tariffs,

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Soybeans are harvested in September in Tiskilwa, Ill.
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Robot janitors will soon be mopping the floors at Walmart

BY PAVEL ALPEYEV
Bloomberg News

Robots are coming to a Walmart near you, and not just as a gimmick.

The world's largest retailer is rolling out 360 autonomous floor-scrubbing robots in some of its stores in the U.S. by the end of the January, it said in a joint statement with Brain Corp., which makes the machines.

The autonomous janitors

can clean floors on their own even when customers are around, according to the San Diego-based startup.

Walmart has already been experimenting with automating the scanning of shelves for out-of-stock items and hauling products from storage for online orders. Advances in computer vision are also making it possible to use retail floor data to better understand consumer behavior, improve inventory tracking

and even do away with checkout counters, as Amazon.com is trying to do with its cashierless stores.

Brain's robots are equipped with sensors that allow them to gather and upload data.

"We can take anything that has wheels and turn it into a fully autonomous robot, provided that it can go slow and stopping is never a safety concern," said Brain CEO Eugene Izhikevich. "And it's more than

just navigation. It is to robots what Android operating system is to smartphones."

Brain doesn't make its own hardware, focusing instead on developing software — BrainOS — that endows machines with autonomy in closed environments.

At first, the machines need to be operated by humans, who "teach" the layout of the space that needs cleaning. After that,



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the robots can perform the task autonomously.

The robots, which look like a cross between a miniature Zamboni and a motorized wheel chair, already scrub floors at airports in Seattle, San Diego, Boston and Miami, Izhikevich said. Brain last month un-

veiled a smaller version of the machine developed jointly with SoftBank Group Corp.'s robotics arm and aimed at the Japanese market. At that time, Izhikevich said he's looking to deploy the robots for security patrol and deliveries inside big-box stores.

A stern white-collar warning

Rapid tech shift a new challenge for professionals

BY TOM KRISHER
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Associated Press

DETROIT — For generations, the career path for smart kids around Detroit was to get an engineering or business degree and get hired by an automaker or parts supplier. If you worked hard and didn't screw up, you had a job for life with enough money to raise a family, take vacations and buy a weekend cottage in northern Michigan.

Now that once-reliable route to prosperity appears to be vanishing, as evidenced by General Motors' announcement this week that it plans to shed 8,000 white-collar jobs on top of 6,000 blue-collar ones.

It was a humbling warning that in this era of rapid and disruptive technological change, those with a college education are not necessarily insulated from the kind of layoffs factory workers know all too well.

The cutbacks reflect a transformation underway in both the auto industry and the broader U.S. economy, with nearly every type of business becoming oriented toward computers, software and automation.

"This is a big mega-trend pervading the whole economy," said Mark Muro, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who has researched changes being caused by the digital age.

Cities that suffered manufacturing job losses decades ago are now grappling with the problem of fewer opportunities for white-collar employees such as managers, lawyers, bankers and accountants. Since 2008, The Associated Press found, roughly a third of major U.S. metro areas have lost a greater percentage of white-collar jobs than blue-



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GM plans to shed 8,000 white-collar jobs, erasing the notion that if you have an education, you're immune from layoffs.

collar jobs. It's a phenomenon seen in such places as Wichita, Kan., with its downsized aircraft industry, and towns in Wisconsin that have lost auto, industrial machinery or furniture-making jobs.

In GM's case, the jobs that will be shed through buyouts and layoffs are held largely by people who are experts in the internal combustion engine — mechanical engineers and others who spent their careers working on fuel injectors, transmissions, exhaust systems and other components that won't be needed for the electric cars that eventually will drive themselves. GM, the nation's largest automaker, says those vehicles are its future.

"We're talking about high-skilled people who have made a substantial investment in their education," said Marina Whit-

man, a retired professor of business and public policy at the University of Michigan and a former GM chief economist. "The transitions can be extremely painful for a subset of people."

GM is still hiring white-collar employees, but the new jobs are for those who can write software code, design laser sensors or develop batteries and other devices for future vehicles.

Those who are being thrown out of work might have to learn new skills if they hope to find new jobs, underscoring what Whitman said is another truism about the new economy: "You've got to regard education as a lifetime process. You probably are going to have multiple jobs in your lifetime. You've got to stay flexible."

Whitman said mechanical engineers are smart people who could transfer their

skills to software or batteries, but they'll need training, and that takes time and money.

"In the past with these kinds of changes, eventually new jobs have been created," she said. "Will it happen this time, or is the change taking place too fast for everybody to be absorbed? I don't know."

Although the job cuts took him and co-workers by surprise, Tracy Lucas, 54, a GM engine quality manager, decided to take the buyout and change careers. His children are grown and on their own, and with 33 years in at GM, he will get a pension and health care.

He is leaving in part, he said, to save a job for younger co-workers. GM got 2,250 white-collar workers to take buyouts, and will have to complete the cutbacks by way of layoffs.

"I really hate that we have to go into the whole process of tapping people on the shoulder," Lucas said. "I don't think the second wave is going to be pretty at all. It's going to be brutal."

The white-collar cutbacks — combined with more to come at Ford, which is likewise making the transition from personal ownership of gasoline-burning vehicles to ride-sharing and self-driving electric cars — could hamper the renaissance underway in Detroit, which is emerging from bankruptcy and a long population decline.

Many of these automotive industry engineers and managers are pulling down six-figure salaries, and some may have to move out of the Detroit metro area for new jobs.

The Brookings Institu-

tion's Muro wonders whether auto companies will bring more electrical engineers and software developers to Michigan or put them in places where such jobs are already clustered, such as San Francisco, Seattle, Boston or near major research universities.

"This is how regions change and labor markets change," Muro said.

GM says it will hire in the Detroit area, but its autonomous-vehicle workforce has grown to over 1,000 at offices in San Francisco and Seattle.

Nearly all of the 8,000 white-collar cutbacks will be in metropolitan Detroit, largely at GM's technical center in Warren, a suburb north of the city. That's equal to about 4 percent of the managerial and engineering jobs in the Detroit-Warren area, according to the Labor Department. Managerial salaries in the area average \$124,000.

Ford, which is just beginning its salaried workforce downsizing, hasn't said how many will go. But even if it's half of GM's total, the white-collar losses around Detroit will approach those during the financial crisis of a decade ago, when the metro areas shed 14,450 managerial and engineering jobs. That was 8.9 percent of those types of jobs in the metro areas.

Layoffs are also likely to spread to auto parts suppliers, which won't need to design and build as many parts for gas-powered cars.

While GM says cutting these positions is necessary to save money to invest in the new technology, there are possible long-term costs to shedding so many experienced workers in one swoop, especially if the switch to electric vehicles stalls, said Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, a management professor at Brandeis University. If that were to happen, the cutbacks could leave GM without the vital expertise it needs.

Economic chill dulls Chinese appetite for some luxury brands

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — The designer boutiques of Manhattan and Paris are feeling the chill of a Chinese economic slowdown that has hammered automakers and other industries.

It's a rude awakening for such designer brands as Louis Vuitton and Burberry that increasingly rely on Chinese customers who spend \$90 billion a year on jewelry, clothes and other high-end goods. The industry already is facing pressure to keep up as China's big spenders, mainstays for American and European retailers, shift to buying more at the spreading networks of luxury outlets in their own country.

Last week, Tiffany & Co. showed how much well-heeled Chinese tourists matter to retailers abroad. Shares in the jeweler known for \$5,000 watches and \$400 silver baby spoons fell 12 percent after its CEO said they were spending less.

In Hong Kong, the top shopping destination for mainland travelers, only a dozen visitors were in Tiffany's flagship store one

afternoon last week. Many looked without buying.

"The name-brand goods are too pricey," said Zhou Jiqing, from the neighboring mainland city of Shenzhen. "I'm waiting for the Christmas sale."

Forecasters including Euromonitor International and Bain & Co. say Chinese customers will be the luxury industry's main growth engine over the next decade. But this year, shoppers are skittish amid cooling economic growth, trade tension with Washington and weak real estate and stock markets. The spending shift could have big implications for retailers who've been catering to them with various amenities but now will have to work even harder to get their dollars.

"Consumers are just not as excited about spending that kind of money right now," said Ben Cavender of China Market Research Group.

Demand for Tom Ford suits and Jimmy Choo shoes held up better than some other Chinese spending as economic activity slowed following a government clampdown on bank

lending to cool a debt boom.

China's economy, the world's second largest, is forecast to grow by a relatively robust 6.5 percent this year, easing from 2017's 6.7 percent. But that is propped up by higher government spending on public works construction that helps to mask weakness in other areas.

Auto sales in the global industry's biggest market plunged 13 percent in October from a year earlier. Housing sales are so weak that some developers are cutting prices. The main Chinese stock market index is down 22 percent from a year ago.

Even before the economy cooled, the industry was under pressure from shifts in Chinese tastes and buying habits.

Luxury brands, some of them centuries old, have raced to serve China as its consumers emerged as a powerhouse market.

Brands designed watches, clothes and other goods for Chinese tastes. Hermes created its first single-country brand, Shang Xia, for China. Department stores from London to Los Angeles hired Mandarin-speaking salespeople.



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Tiffany shares fell 12 percent after its CEO said Chinese customers were spending less.

Chinese traders fly home from Paris or Rome with stacks of designer bags and other goods to re-sell.

The incentive to shop abroad has eroded as major brands opened their China stores and prices fell closer to U.S. and European levels.

"Now, lots of world brands have shops in first-tier mainland cities," said Alex Bi, who was visiting Hong Kong from the mainland city of Guangzhou. He and his sister, Jessica, were window-shopping in the bustling Kowloon district.

At the same time, Beijing has stepped up efforts to reduce reliance on trade and encourage self-sustain-

ing economic growth based on consumer spending. Import taxes on luxury goods were cut to lure shoppers home.

Luxury spending abroad is forecast to keep rising, but not as fast as in China.

The share of spending that goes to retailers in China should rise from one-quarter of last year's \$90 billion to half of 2025's projected total of \$170-190 billion, according to a Bain report this month. Under that scenario, spending abroad would rise from \$67 billion to \$85-95 billion.

Meanwhile, the customs agency is cracking down on informal imports by search-

ing the luggage of travelers returning from Europe and other shopping destinations.

In November, a trader was sentenced to 10 years in prison for smuggling designer clothing from Hong Kong without paying the mainland's higher import duty, according to news reports.

"This shocked the whole industry. Nobody dares to continue to act as purchasing agents," said market researcher Li Chengdong of Donge Investment Management Co. in Beijing. "This has an immediate impact on the sales of the overseas retailers."

High risks from stolen hotel data

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"There are just so many things you can extrapolate from people staying at hotels," Varsalone said.

And because the data included reservations for future stays, along with home addresses, burglars could learn when someone wouldn't be home, said Scott Grissom of LegalShield, a provider of legal services.

The affected hotel brands were operated by Starwood before it was acquired by Marriott in 2016.

They include W Hotels, St. Regis, Sheraton, Westin, Element, Aloft, The Luxury Collection, Le Meridien and Four Points. Starwood-branded time-share properties were also affected. None of the Marriott-branded chains were threatened.

Email notifications for those who may have been affected begin rolling out Friday and the full scope of the breach was not immediately clear.

Marriott was trying to determine if the purloined records included duplicates, such as a single person staying multiple times.

Security analysts were especially alarmed to learn of the breach's undetected longevity.

Marriott said it first detected until Sept. 8 but was unable to determine until last week what data had possibly been exposed — because the thieves used encryption to remove it in order to avoid detection.

Marriott said it did not yet know how many credit card numbers might have been stolen. A spokeswoman said Saturday that it was not yet able to respond to questions such as whether the intrusion and data theft was committed by a single or multiple groups.

Cybersecurity expert Andrei Barysevich of Recorded Future said Saturday he believed the breach was financially motivated.

The cybercrime gang expert in credit card theft such as the Eastern European group known as Fin7 could be a suspect, he said, noting that a dark web credit card vendor recently announced that 2.6 million cards stolen from an unnamed hotel chain would soon be available to the online criminal underworld.

"We will have to wait until an official forensic report, although, Marriott may never share their findings openly," he said.

Marriott said the stolen credit card information was encrypted but the hackers may have obtained the "two components needed to decrypt the payment card numbers." It said it cannot "rule out the possibility that both were taken."

For as many as two-thirds of those affected, the exposed data could include mailing addresses,

phone numbers, email addresses and passport numbers. Also dates of birth, gender, reservation dates, arrival and departure times and Starwood Preferred Guest account information.

The breach of personal information could put Marriott in violation of new European privacy laws, as guests included European travelers.

Marriott set up a website and call center for customers who believe they are at risk.

The FBI said anyone contacted by Marriott should "take steps to monitor and safeguard their personally identifiable information and report any suspected instances of identity theft to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov."

Passport numbers have previously been part of a hack, though it's not common.

They were among records on 94 million passengers of Hong Kong-based airline Cathay Pacific obtained in a breach announced in October.

Combined with names, addresses and other personal information, passport numbers are a greater concern than stolen credit card numbers because thieves could use them to open fraudulent accounts, said analyst Ted Rossman of CreditCards.com.

The data purloining highlights just how dangerous hotels can be for people worried about their privacy.

"Hotels have long been important government sources of local information for tracking foreigners: reservation systems and loyalty programs took the surveillance global and made it easier for us to give up our privacy," said Colin Bastable, CEO of Lucy Security.

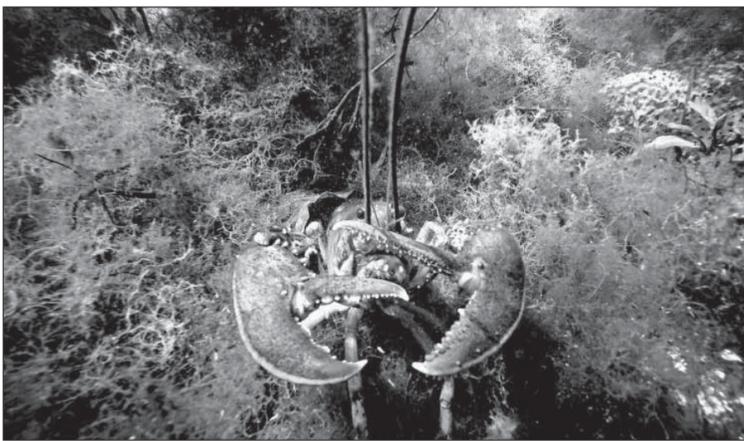
Intelligence agencies including U.S. national security are well plugged into the global travel industry "by fair means or foul," he said, non-government cybercriminals now have the same hacking tools.

When its acquisition by Marriott was first announced in 2015, Starwood had 21 million people in its loyalty program. The company manages more than 6,700 properties globally, most in North America.

Marriott, based in Bethesda, Maryland, said in a regulatory filing that it was too early to say what financial impact the breach might have on the company.

The New York attorney general opened an investigation.

Virginia Sen. Mark Warner said the U.S. needs laws that limit the data companies can collect on customers and ensure that companies account for security costs rather than making consumers "shoulder the burden and harms resulting from these lapses."



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U.S. fishermen are doing better than expected thanks to increased Canadian demand.

Canada takes up some slack in U.S exports of lobsters

By PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Trade hostility from across the ocean was supposed to take a nip out of the U.S. lobster business, but the industry is getting a lifeline from its northern neighbor.

Heavy demand from Canada is buoying American lobster as both countries head into the busy holiday export season, according to federal statistics and members of the industry. It's a positive sign for U.S. seafood dealers and fishermen, even as the industry struggles with Chinese tariffs.

China emerged as a major consumer of American lobster earlier this decade, but the country slapped heavy tariffs on imports in July amid its trade dispute with the Trump administration. Lobster exports slowed to a crawl.

Industry watchers forecast the move as a potential calamity for U.S. seafood, but Canada has boosted the value of its lobster imports from America by more than a third so far this year, up to more than \$180 million through September.

Canada has its own lobster fishing industry,

which harvests the same species as U.S. fishermen, and the country sells lobsters domestically as well as to Europe and Asia. The country's importing so many from the U.S. this year because it needs enough supply to send to China, said members of the lobster industry on both sides of the border.

"They go there to go to China, to avoid the tariffs," said Spiros Tourkakis, executive vice president of East Coast Seafood, a dealer in Topsfield, Mass.

The brisk sales to Canada are among a number of unexpectedly positive signs in a U.S. lobster fishery that had been primed for a difficult year. The lobster fishing business is based mostly in Maine, where the catch fell by about a sixth last year to a little less than 111 million pounds. The price to fishermen was also down slightly last year.

This year's catch total won't be available until early 2019, but it appears to have been a strong year, and prices to fishermen seemed to be a little bit better, said Beth Casoni, executive director of the

Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association. Lobsters have also been easy to find in stores for domestic consumers, and the retail and wholesale prices have been competitive with recent years.

"Most of the guys feel like they've had a pretty good year," Casoni said. "About a month ago everybody was really concerned about not going to China due to the tariffs. From what I've heard, there hasn't been much of an impact locally."

The Chinese tariffs remain a concern for New England's international seafood dealers, who have seen China grow from a tiny fraction of the international market to one of its biggest buyers. The country took about 5 million pounds of U.S. lobster, valued at \$40 million, from July to September last year, and saw those numbers about halved this year.

The loss of Chinese market share has come at a time when American lobster shippers have also lost ground in Europe, as Canada and the European Union reached a seafood trade deal that put the U.S. at a disadvantage.

Farmers waiting for truce to pay off

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China shunned U.S. soybeans, buying instead from Brazil and Argentina. That upset trade flows developed over decades, and dropped U.S. prices at a time when farmers were reaping a record crop.

"I want to see ships sent to China with U.S. beans on them so we can avoid losing market share," Rodibaugh said in a telephone interview.

The signs have been cryptic at best. After the dinner in Argentina, the White House said China will begin buying commodities immediately from the U.S. again without any details. Then, Trump followed up with a tweet saying that farmers would be "very BIG and FAST" beneficiaries.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said on Monday he expects Chinese crop purchases to resume around the first of the year, probably starting with the purchase of soy-

beans. But China has yet to formally respond, and there's still no sign of any easing in the 25 percent retaliatory tariff that China levies on imports of American soybeans.

"I see little incentive for Chinese commercial crushers to buy U.S. soybeans right now unless the 25 percent tariff is lifted, or U.S. farmers cut prices even more," said Monica Tu, an analyst at researcher Shanghai JC Intelligence Co. Any purchases made in the current conditions would probably be to supply state inventories, she said.

China has indicated it could reimburse the cost of the 25 percent tariff if the cargoes are imported for state reserves, according to people familiar with the matter.

The different statements issued by the U.S. and China on the outcome of the meeting between Trump and his counterpart highlight how much needs to be achieved in the next three months if the U.S. soybean farmer is to find any kind of solace from rising stockpiles.

Meanwhile, U.S. farmers remain cautiously hopeful. "It means a lot for North Dakota farmers if we can get trains rolling and ships out of the Pacific Northwest," said soybean grower Matt Gast, who was harvesting corn while keeping an eye on futures prices in his combine. "We've got beans. Let's get them rolling."

Gast and his family, which grows several thousand acres of corn and soybeans near Valley City, N.D., are storing about 60 percent of their soybean harvest this year compared to 10 to 15 percent in the past as the drop in exports drove prices lower.

Farmers such as Covert and Rodibaugh want to know if China's retaliatory tariffs on soybeans and other U.S. agricultural products will continue. What will China's biotech and phyto-sanitary regulations look like going forward? Most importantly, will the country start buying again from the U.S.?

Agricultural heavy-

weight Cargill said the U.S. may have missed a bulk of the window to sell soy to China. The country usually buys three months ahead, Dave Baudler, managing director of North America grain for Cargill, said at a conference in St. Louis on Monday. China usually buys heavily from the U.S. as it harvests crops between September and December and then shifts to South America starting in January and February.

It's hard to overstate how important China is for the soybean world including for the U.S. China is the biggest global consumer by far, using the oilseed as a protein in livestock feed as well as for cooking oil, and has been until this year the biggest buyer of U.S. supplies. U.S. soybean acreage in several parts of the country including North Dakota has grown to meet demand from China.

In September, as farmers began to rev up combines during the earliest part of the harvest, most-active soybean futures fell to \$8.12¼ a bushel, the lowest since December 2008. Cash prices in some parts of the country including North Dakota have been much worse, falling below \$8 a bushel as China stopped buying.

After the trade truce was announced after Trump and Xi met over dinner in Argentina, most-active soybean futures in Chicago spiked as much as 3.2 percent to \$9.23¾ a bushel when the market opened in Chicago on Sunday. That's the highest price for a most-active contract since June, before China's retaliatory tariffs went into effect in July, but the market has pared its gains on Monday.

Illinois soybean farmer Daryl Cates took advantage of the rally and sold some soybeans on Sunday but he's worried about next year.

"I wasn't as concerned with this year's crop as I was that this tariff would stay on for next year's crop," Cates said. "I'm hopeful that this is just the beginning to get everything taken care of."

Airline now disputes negligence

Response, from Page 1

Her son Claude Coltea said his mother has Parkinson's disease and diabetes and has trouble communicating. He escorted her to the gate and checked to see that her flight to Detroit was set to take off as scheduled before leaving to catch his own flight to Connecticut.

Warsaw's flight was canceled for a mechanical issue, so the airline rebooked her on a flight leaving the following morning and offered her a hotel room for the night. A porter was assigned to take care of her.

Coltea said he didn't know Warsaw's flight had been canceled until shortly after he landed, when he got a call from relatives at the airport in Detroit saying she had never arrived.

However, the airline said its records indicate the porter called Coltea at 12:10 a.m. Saturday, less than 10 minutes after his flight landed and that Coltea and the porter spoke again around 12:20.

In response to questions about the airline's account Tuesday, Coltea said that the porter told him Warsaw either needed to get to the hotel or arrange to have family pick her up because his shift was ending and he needed to leave.

The porter dropped Warsaw off at the wheelchair waiting area in the public part of the terminal at 12:30 a.m., according to American's records.

Coltea said he got in touch with family in Chicago, who went to the airport and needed help from security to find Warsaw.

According to American, Warsaw twice used her walker to go outside to smoke a cigarette. The second time, she went outside a minute before relatives arrived at the airport at 1:13 a.m. Warsaw and a relative met in the wheelchair area about half an hour later, around 1:46 a.m., and were met by a Chicago Police Department officer a few minutes later, the airline's records indicate.

On Tuesday morning, Coltea said he still doesn't think his mother should have been left unattended and that there was "no coordination" between the airline, the porter service and his family.

"The porter and American Airlines had a responsibility to work with us, and that's not what it felt like," he said.

American spokeswoman Leslie Scott said the airline apologized and issued the refund before completing the investigation because Warsaw's trip didn't go as planned even before the porter left her to wait.

The situation "could have been better handled" after the cancellation as well, Scott said.

"That's why we do investigations like this, so we can understand the accurate timeline, know the facts and learn," she said. The airline reviewed security camera footage, phone logs and other records to put together a timeline of the incident.

Gathering those facts takes time, especially when it comes to incidents involving people working not for the airline but for a vendor, like the porter assigned to assist Warsaw, Mann said.

Still, waiting can be costly, as Chicago-based United Airlines found out last year when a passenger who was involuntarily bumped from a flight was dragged from the aircraft at O'Hare after refusing to give up his seat. The flight was operated by one of United's regional partners, and city Aviation Department officers pulled the man from his seat.

But United's initial response struck many as tone-deaf. CEO Oscar Munoz publicly apologized for having to "re-accommodate passengers" but defended the airline's policies in a memo to employees, adding to the backlash.

"You're better off dealing with what's being presented now and figuring out what happened later, and you may learn something in the process," Mann said.

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Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
Close: -283.09 (-3.80%)	Close: -90.31 (-3.24%)	Close: -68.21 (-4.40%)
High: 7,421.11	High: 2,785.93	High: 1,548.11
Low: 7,150.11	Low: 2,697.18	Low: 1,479.91
Previous: 7,441.52	Previous: 2,790.37	Previous: 1,548.96

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
Close: -0.07 to 2.92%	Close: +7.20 to \$1,241.10	Close: -0.87 to 112.82/\$1	Close: (unch.) to .8817/\$1	Close: +0.30 to \$53.25

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.12	NASD +1.07	S&P +.67	DOW -2.37	NASD -2.95	S&P -2.01	DOW +3.50	NASD +5.86	S&P +2.68

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	514.75	520.75	514.75	519.25	+3.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	370	374.25	369.50	374.25	+3
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	903.25	913	899.50	911.75	+6
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	28.26	28.64	28.20	28.64	+3.3
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	311.10	313.70	311.10	312.70	+6.0
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	53.13	54.55	52.43	53.25	+3.0
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	4.392	4.574	4.358	4.457	+1.18
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.4392	1.4779	1.4215	1.4434	+0.120

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	71.50	-2.77	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	99.48	-1.39
AbbVie Inc	N	90.55	-3.11	Equity Residential	N	70.76	-1.12
Allstate Corp	N	86.40	-2.36	Exelon Corp	N	46.95	+4.7

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.28	-5.3
Bank of America	26.99	-1.55
Ford Motor	9.13	-4.2

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	158.34	-5.40
Alphabet Inc C	1050.82	-55.61
Alphabet Inc A	1062.47	-53.89

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.05	-1.10	+6.5
American Funds AMRNB m	27.04	-4.8	+2.3
American Funds AMRND m	130.08	-3.71	+1.5

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	21.12	-2.59
Microsoft Corp	108.52	-3.57
Apple Inc	176.69	-8.13

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.37	2.365
6-month disc	2.49	2.495
2-year	2.79	2.82

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1241.10	\$1233.90
Silver	\$14.521	\$14.381
Platinum	\$804.20	\$810.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.58

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	37.3727
Australia (Dollar)	1.3627
Brazil (Real)	3.8494
Britain (Pound)	.7864
Canada (Dollar)	1.3247
China (Yuan)	6.8371
Euro	.8817
India (Rupee)	70.646
Israel (Shekel)	3.7333
Japan (Yen)	112.82
Mexico (Peso)	20.5036
Poland (Zloty)	3.78
So. Korea (Won)	1110.69
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.77
Thailand (Baht)	32.75

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2665.96	+11.2/+4
Stoxx600	358.43	-2.8/-8
Nikkei	22036.05	-538.7/-2.4
MSCI-EAFE	1820.65	-18.1/-1.0
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FTSE 100	7022.76	-39.7/-6
CAC-40	5012.66	-41.3/-8

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OBITUARIES

TODD LILLETHUN 1972-2018

Chicago social worker, documentary maker

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Todd Lillethun was a social worker and award-winning film maker whose documentary "Night Bus" followed members of The Night Ministry as they traveled the city offering "housing, health care and human connection" to people in need.

"A lot of his film work, particularly early on, involved documentaries related to mental health and social issues," said Joe Steiff, a professor in cinema and television arts at Columbia College in Chicago.

Lillethun's work wasn't limited to documentaries. Two recent narrative films, 2014's "Safe Word" and 2018's "The Quit," were both selected for several film festivals, including Reeling: the Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival. Lillethun's spouse, Brandon Fogel, described them as relationship comedic thrillers with "a wicked and dark sense of humor."

Lillethun, 46, died of glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer, in his Edgewater home Nov. 14, according to Fogel. The couple, together since 2006, were married in 2017.

Lillethun grew up in Oconomowoc, Wis. After receiving a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee in 1994, he came to Chicago looking for big city culture and nightlife. He later studied film and video at Columbia College in Chicago, starting part time and completing another bachelor's degree in the field there in 2001.

He took a job as a child welfare specialist for Catholic Charities, working with children in foster care and advocating for children in



Brandon Fogel photo
Todd Lillethun's recent narrative films, "Safe Word" and "The Quit," were both selected for film festivals.

court. He later became a child abuse investigator for the agency, where he remained until 2000. He went on to work as a case worker, case manager and supervisor with Chicago agencies that included St. Pauls House, Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House and the Inspiration Cafe.

In 2003, he joined Renaissance Social Services in Chicago, initially as a case manager counseling once homeless people as they transitioned to permanent housing. In 2006, he became the agency's program director, managing a housing stability program for people formerly homeless and assisting with grant writing.

"Todd started out doing direct case management work with the people we serve who are formerly homeless and have a disability, helping them find affordable housing and get their lives back on track," said Michael Banghart, the organization's executive director, who hired Lillethun.

Banghart said Lillethun was a big part of helping the then-fledgling organization develop and grow. "He was so bright and caring. He

understood social work so well," Banghart said.

Banghart said clients who worked with Lillethun remembered him well — "he had a profound effect on their lives for the better."

Lillethun joined Chicago Filmmakers in 2008 as program director, a position he held until 2012, said Executive Director Brenda Webb. He had a hand in the adult education program, weekly screening series, equipment rentals, financial sponsorships, and kids summer camps. He also developed new programs, including bimonthly networking events with guest speakers.

In 2012, Lillethun started Flicker Effects, his own media production company, making documentaries, promotional videos and narrative short films. He listed several Chicago-area clients, including YMCA of Metro Chicago, the Howard Brown Health Center and the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance.

His most successful film was "Safe Word," which played at 44 festivals around the world and won several awards. "The Quit," his most recent film has played in six festivals so far, including at Reeling 2018 in September.

Webb remembered how excited and happy Lillethun was at the screening. "He was extremely passionate and committed and driven toward excellence," Webb said. "Very social justice minded, always striving to make things better."

"He was just fully engaged with the world," Steiff said.

Survivors also include his parents, John and Donna Lillethun; and a brother, Chad.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 5 ...

In 1791 composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna; he was 35.

In 1901 filmmaker Walt Disney was born in Chicago.

In 1933 national prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

In 1955 the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1978 the American space probe Pioneer Venus 1, orbiting Venus, began beaming back its first information and picture of the planet.

In 1988 a federal grand jury in North Carolina indicted PTL founder Jim Bakker and former aide Richard Dortch on fraud and conspiracy charges. (Bakker was convicted of all counts; Dortch pleaded guilty to four counts and cooperated with prosecutors in exchange for a lighter sentence.)

In 1989 East Germany's former leaders, including ousted Communist Party chief Erich Honecker, were placed under house arrest.

In 1991 Richard Speck, who murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966, died in prison a day short of his 50th birthday.

In 1992 Russian President Boris Yeltsin narrowly kept the power to appoint Cabinet ministers, defeating a constitutional amendment that would have put his team of reformers under the control of Russia's Congress.

In 1993 a Palestinian boarded a bus and opened fire with an assault rifle in the first major attack in Israel since the signing of a peace pact with the PLO; the gunman killed a reservist before being gunned down.

In 1994 Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP House speaker in four decades.

In 1996 President Bill Clinton announced the foreign policy team for his second term, including Madeleine Albright as the first female secretary of state; William Cohen as defense secretary; and Anthony Lake as CIA director.

In 1997 the World Trade Organization rejected American claims that the Fuji film company had conspired with the Japanese government to keep East-

man Kodak products out of Japan.

In 1998 James P. Hoffa claimed the Teamsters presidency after challenger Tom Leedham conceded defeat in the union's presidential election.

In 1999 Cuban President Fidel Castro demanded that the United States return 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez, who was rescued at sea, to his father in Cuba within 72 hours.

In 2001 Afghan leaders signed a pact in Germany to create an interim government.

In 2002 Gen. Ne Win, former dictator of Myanmar, died in Yangon; he was 91. Also in 2002 ABC executive Roone Arledge died in New York; he was 71.

In 2003 the two makers of flu shots in the United States, Chiron and Aventis Pasteur, announced they had run out of vaccine and would not be able to meet a surge in demand. Also in 2003 a suicide bombing on a commuter train in southern Russia killed 44 people, two days before the nation's parliamentary elections. Also in 2003 a federal judge in Utah threw out the case against two civic leaders accused of bribery in their efforts to bring the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake City.

In 2005 Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice denied the United States engaged in torture or lesser forms of cruel treatment against terror suspects.

In 2017 the International Olympic Committee banned Russia from the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, due to Russia's "systematic manipulation of the anti-doping rules." Also in 2017 U.S. Rep. John Conyers, a Michigan Democrat, resigned from Congress after allegations of sexual harassment.

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Death Notices

Albers, Lois H.

Lois H. Albers, nee Schneeweis, age 92; of Elmhurst. Beloved wife of the late John H. Albers; loving mother of Steven Albers and Linda (Dr. Arthur) Fischer II; proud grandmother of Laura (Nicholas) Hopkins and Sarah Fischer; honored great grandmother of Lily Kate Hopkins; dear sister of Marion (the late Elwood) LaRoche and the late Ilene (the late Thomas) Downey. Lifetime member of the Alumni of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, member of Redeemer Lutheran Church since 1952 and member of the Redeemer Women's Guild. Lois was the Director of Nursing for Westlake Hospital, Melrose Park, IL for 42 years. Visitation at the **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 and from 10:30 a.m. until time of service at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2018. Interment Glen Oak Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for Redeemer Lutheran Church, 345 S. Kenilworth Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com



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Beatty, Sari Jo

Sari Jo Beatty, RN, nee Schiffman, age 60, of Buffalo Grove; Sari was a good friend to her colleagues, known for being a kind and a sweet soul that would never say anything bad about anyone; beloved wife for 13 years of Philip Beatty; devoted daughter of Merrill and Sandy Schiffman and the late Susan Schiffman; cherished sister of Penny (Joel) Field and Jimmy (Kim) Schiffman; loving step-sister of Caren (John Fetzik) Linn and Robin (David) Cohen; dear aunt of Rachel (Mike) Haug, Joshua and Amy Field, Samantha, Emily and Zachary Schiffman; Alexis and Ashley Fritkin; proud great aunt of Parker Haug; sister-in-law of Mike Beatty. Sari was an avid Cubs fan. Service Thursday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation, www.rizzo44.com. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Bloom, Sandra

Sandra Bloom nee Dinken, age 73. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Aliza) Bloom. Proud grandmother of Avigayil, Yehuda, Shoshana, and Moshe. Dear brother of Stuart (Emma) Dinken of Indiana. Service Wednesday 1PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 North Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Waldheim. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Bochenek, Michael Peter

Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek, 75, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Loving husband Donna Bochenek, nee Giles; devoted father to Kristie Vargo and Tracy Moore; cherished grandfather to Reese and Vann Vargo and Griffin Moore.

Visitation Thursday at **Morizzo Funeral Home**, 2550 Hassell Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 from 3 to 7 P.M. Family and friends will meet Friday at 9:30 A.M. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2515 West Palatine Rd, Inverness, IL 60067 for a visitation till time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 A.M. Interment St. Michael Cemetery, Palatine. Memorials to the American Cancer Soc. would be appreciated. The family also invites you to visit www.morizzofuneralhome.com to sign his guest book; to share your memories, photos and videos. For information (847) 752-6444.



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Calderon Sr., Rafael N. 'Ralph'

Rafael N. Calderon Sr. "Ralph" of Elmwood Park, Age 81. Proud U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Veteran and retired Cook County Sheriff. Beloved husband of 55 years to Marcella (nee Bell); loving father of Laura (Armensue), Karen (David) Zeller and Rafael N. II (Heather); cherished grandpa of Taylor and Breanna; dear brother of Fernando (Elena). Will be missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation Thursday from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral prayers Friday 9:15 a.m. at **The Elms Funeral Home**, 7600 W. Grand Ave. Elmwood Park. Procession to St. Celestine for 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Abraham Lincoln national Cemetery. Elwood, IL. for info www.elmsfh.com or (708) 453-1234.



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Canning, Rosemary

Rosemary Canning nee Calderaro, 81, born on August 8, 1937, passed on December 3, 2018. Rosemary was the beloved wife of the late James P. Canning; loving mother of the late Eugene (Ann), Timothy (Kathryn), Kevin (Penny) Canning; adoring Nana of James, Erin, Sean, Patrick, Thomas, Mary, Kayla M., Kayla J., and Kelly; loving sister, aunt, and friend to many. Visitation Thursday, 3-9 PM; Friday 9:30AM, Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago; to Queen of All Saints Basilica for 11:30 AM Mass; Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove; info 773-622-9300 or www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com.

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Dow, Daniel Charles

Daniel Charles Dow, age 77, of Woodridge, IL, formerly of Shorewood, IL passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2018. Dan is survived by his loving wife, Bernadette (nee Giancarlo) Dow; step-children: Joyce (Larry) Snyder, Jennifer (Jeffrey) Bernier and Joseph (Lisa) Ellis; 6 grandchildren; brother, James (Kay) Dow. Visitation Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Church, 95200 Route 59, Naperville. Interment Naperville Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Info: 630-922-9630 and www.beidelmankunsch.com



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Duffy, James E.

James E. Duffy; Devoted husband of Mariann, for 52 years; Loving father of Jim (Chris), Colleen (Tom) Murrphy, and Steven; Proud grandpa "Pa" of Mary Kate, Annie, and Allie Duffy; Molly and Thomas Murrphy; Ryan and Gracie Duffy; Beloved brother of the late Margaret "Dolly" (late Jim) Creedon, the late Kathleen (late Bob) Breslin, and the late Mary (late Don) Griffin; Dear brother-in-law of Jim (Gerri) Gilbert; Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; Longtime member of Knights of Columbus #1444; Visitation Wednesday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN, or www.stjude.org/memorial.com would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Esler, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Esler, age 70, passed away on December 2nd. Loving husband of Lois Esler nee Pennie. Son of the late Marion and Walter J. Sr. Dear brother of Walter J. Jr (the late Virginia), Michael (Patricia Mcleod), Robert, William (Beth), Mary Ann, and Peter Esler. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Thomas was a respected attorney for 45 years in Chicago. He spent 50 wonderful and devoted years married to his wife, Lois. He was an avid reader, an accomplished home craftsman, and he dedicated his life to the service of others, especially juvenile justice. Funeral services Friday December 7th, 9:15 am from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Avenue, to St. Joan of Arc Church, 9248 Lawndale Avenue, Evanston, for Mass at 10 am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3 pm to 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Austin Special Chicago, 5318 N. Elston Ave. Chicago, IL 60630 in memory of Thomas would be appreciated. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Thomas' memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.



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Ferris, William Frederick

It is with love in our hearts that we announce the passing of CMDR William (Bill) Frederick Ferris, beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. He passed peacefully on December 1st surrounded by loved ones. Bill Ferris was born to Frederick Donald Ferris and Lura Mae Ferris (nee Holland) in Oak Park, IL on June 30th 1953. He was the oldest of 6 boys. He graduated from Lyons Township High School in La Grange Park, IL in 1971 with letters in both track and field and football. CMDR Ferris is a 1975 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he was part of the collegiate track and field team. He had an incredibly illustrious Naval career that spanned 26 years. He was a pilot, catapult officer, student, and professor that was stationed in Florida, Hawaii, Mississippi, California, Maryland, and Virginia. Upon his retirement in 1997 he began his second career flying cargo planes, most recently retiring from FedEx after 20 years of service with the title of Captain Ferris. He is survived by his wife, Janice Simmons of Annapolis MD, his daughters, Jenni Braught and her husband Chuck Braught of Lancaster, PA and Kate Bill and her husband Thaddeus Bill of Chicago, IL. His beloved stepchildren, Alexander Vatis, Ashleigh Abtoul, Jack Gardiner, Alison Shires, and Mary Beth Miller as well as his 11 grandchildren that affectionately call him "Pop Pop" or "Mister Bill". His Father, Frederick Donald Ferris and his brothers: Jim, Joe, John, Greg, and David. He is predeceased by his first wife, Patti Jo Ferris (nee Thomas), his second wife, Kimberly Vatis, and his mother, Lura Mae Ferris (nee Holland). Memorial services for Commander Ferris will be held at the United States Naval Academy, St. Andrews Chapel on Thursday December 6, 2018 at 10:00 am, followed by a Committal at the Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society or the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. [donate3.cancer.org https://action.nmcrs.org/page/contribute/donate2015](https://action.nmcrs.org/page/contribute/donate2015)

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Fretland, Janet L.

Janet L. Fretland, 68, of Highland Park, born October 9, 1950, passed away unexpectedly on December 2, 2018 at Highland Park Hospital surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late Donald; loving mother of Christopher and Katherine; loving daughter of the late Richard Van Arsdale Sr. and the late Vera Van Arsdale nee Bonardi; cherished sister of Joan Newmark of Plymouth, MA, Laura Jacobson of Libertyville, IL, Doug of Chicago, IL and the late Richard Jr.; dear aunt to many. A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 3-6 pm at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL. A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Lake Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Immaculate Conception Parish. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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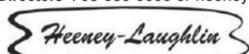
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Geary, Ret. CFD, James M.

James M. Geary, Age 88, Ret. Capt., CFD, U.S. Army Veteran of Korean War, Paratrooper, 82nd Airborne Division, Born into Eternal Life on December 2, 2018. Preceded in death by his parents, Patrick Joseph and Ellen (Sammon) Geary. Beloved husband of the late Marie T. "Terry" Geary. Loving father of Deborah Geary, Patricia (William) Morrell, Michael, Kathleen Geary, the late James M., Jr., and the late infant Maureen Geary. "Grandpa" was dearly loved by his 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Devoted brother of John (Joan) Geary and the late Patrick Joseph "Joe" Geary, Mary (William) O'Brien, and Thomas (Adrienne) O'Brien. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Loved by many friends along the way. Member of Chicago Fire Officers Association. Family and friends will gather at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Saturday morning for visitation 10:00am-11:00am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am. Private Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630, or Children's Burn Foundation, 5000 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 210, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors** 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com



Kathleen Geary, the late James M., Jr., and the late infant Maureen Geary. "Grandpa" was dearly loved by his 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Devoted brother of John (Joan) Geary and the late Patrick Joseph "Joe" Geary, Mary (William) O'Brien, and Thomas (Adrienne) O'Brien. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Loved by many friends along the way. Member of Chicago Fire Officers Association. Family and friends will gather at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Saturday morning for visitation 10:00am-11:00am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am. Private Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630, or Children's Burn Foundation, 5000 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 210, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors** 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com



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Grurzynski, Betty Ann

Betty Ann Grurzynski, nee Cabala, age 93, worked for Watra's Church Goods Company for 40 years. Beloved wife of the late Casimir; loving mother of Dale (Diana); cherished grandmother of Chuck; great-grandmother of Zachary and Kaylee; dear sister of Patrick (Sarah) Cabala and Agnes (Hank) Kowal; also, nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien, to St. Alphonsus Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m. for info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Hoar, Elizabeth F.

Elizabeth F. Hoar, nee Tooth, of Westchester. Beloved wife of the late Richard; loving mother of Shirley Meadows (David Walhovd), Richard F. Jr. (Therese) Hoar and the late Barbara (Tom) Parkinson; dear grandmother of Vincent (Karen), Brian, Julie (Chris), Tom, Greg, Eric (Jill), Nicole (Charlie), Ryan, Christopher and Michelle; great-grandmother of Huntley, Gabriella, Jordan, Adam, Izabella, Anthony and Alex; fond sister of the late William (Jan) and the late Richard (Helen) Tooth; aunt of many. Devoted lifelong parishioner of St. Simeon Church in Bellwood. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Saturday 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Simeon Church, Bellwood. Mass 10:45 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Houle, Richard

Richard Houle, age 87, died peacefully on December 3rd surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 2, 1931 in Chicago, the youngest child of Jerome and Geraldine Houle. He graduated from Loyola University of Chicago, served in the Marine Corps for two years, and worked as an accountant at AT&T for thirty years. He met the love of his life, Patricia Brausch, when they lived across the alley from each other. They married, raised 4 children, and remained sweethearts throughout their 63 years of marriage. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Patricia, dear son Larry, and many loving siblings and in-laws. He is survived by his son Rich (Nancy), daughter-in-law Katie (the late Larry), son Steve (Jane), and daughter Anne. He is also survived by his grandchildren Sarah, Kristen, Jen (Jake) Stinger, Dan (Dorea Martin), Tom (Corey Kasten), Rachel, and Catie; two great grandchildren Luke and Wyatt Stinger; sister-in-law Lollie Sullivan; and many wonderful nieces and nephews. He lived in Wheaton for 55 years and was very involved in his church and community. He was a great friend to many, and enjoyed traveling, golfing, playing bridge, and reading. To the end, he had a sharp mind and a keen interest in current events. He was a man of grace, always dedicated to his faith, family, and friends. Visitation Wednesday from 9:00 AM until time of Mass 10:30 AM at St Michael Catholic Church, 310 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187. In lieu of flowers, donations to either St. Michael Catholic Church in Wheaton <http://www.stmichael-community.org/> or the Les Turner ALS Foundation <http://lesturnerals.org/> would be appreciated. Info @ www.williams-kamp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Klonowski, Laurice J.

age 88, Loving wife of the late Leonard S., Sr. Beloved mother of Gary (Gail), Thomas (Janet), Richard, David (Linda), Leonard S., Jr., Donald (Debbie), Janice (Edward) Nieman and Keith (Donna). Dear grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 7. Fond Sister of Marge (Don) Feil, Barbara (late Harold) Mahlum, John (late Linda), Jim (Pat), Annie (late William) McGovern, Carol (Henry) Winkler, late Lawrence (late Mary), Herbert, USN, Louie, Dorothy, Donald (Marianne) and Joan (Chuck) Scholtens. Aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Former parishioner of St. Augustine Church. Visitation Friday, December 7th 2:00-9:00 p.m. at Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 SW Hwy, Palos Hills, Funeral Prayer Service Saturday, December 8th 9:45 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn Mass 10:30 a.m. Inurnment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials to American Heart Association, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60606 or your favorite charity. Express your thoughts in the online guestbook at www.palosgaidasfh.com.

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Konlon, Brian M.

Brian M. Konlon, 54, beloved husband of Lynda, nee Jutovsky, for 10 wonderful years; loving and devoted father of Sayde Maxwell Konlon; adored son of Lynne Davis, the late Barry Konlon and son-in-law of Judy and the late Larry Jutovsky; dear brother of Lisa Weiss (Rick, fiancé), Wendy (Jeffery) Goldman and brother-in-law of Michael (Mary) Jutovsky and David (Laura) Jutovsky; caring uncle of Alyssa, Danny, Sydney, Morgan, Ben, Katey, Sarah and Haley; fond nephew of Howard (Susan) Lazar and Susan (Michael) Katz; treasured cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Thursday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an education fund that has been created for Sayde Konlon. For inquiries please email: saydekonloneducation@gmail.com. the charity of your choice. For information, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Kornafel, Elaine M.

Elaine M. Kornafel. Beloved mother of Father Deacon John "Kenneth"; dear mother-in-law of Matushka Julie; loving grandmother of Katelyn and Megan; dearest sister of the late Robert (Olga) Kornafel; fond aunt of James and Kathryn. Visitation Thursday 3-8 p.m. with Panikhida Service 7 p.m. at St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 South County Line Road, Burr Ridge. Visitation Friday 9 a.m. until time of service 10 a.m. at the Church. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements by **Otto V. Stransky & Son Directors** 773-778-0700.

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Kronebusch, Rita Dorothy

Rita Dorothy Kronebusch, 85 years of age, passed away on Thursday November 8, 2018. Rita was born on July 5th, 1933 in Chicago Illinois to the late Lottie and Joseph Kania. Rita was educated in the Chicago school system and went on to graduate from the Oak Park Hospital School of Nursing. After graduation Rita found herself out west in California where she married the late Robert Kronebusch in 1961 and had four children. Rita lived an incredibly full life raising 4 sons and enjoying 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was incredibly involved in her church, the kid's schools and her own career, retiring after 50 years of nursing. Rita relished in cooking and entertaining. She was a true believer in the Catholic faith and participated a great deal in her Polish-Catholic Heritage where she went on to co-author two cookbooks for the church as well as start and participate in numerous committees. Rita loved people and she loved helping people, everywhere she went people were touched by her kindness. She was the youngest of 10 children, all preceded her in death.

Rita is survived by her greatest legacy, her four sons and their spouses; Thomas (Katherine) Kronebusch, Philip (Julie) Kronebusch, Steven (Heather) Kronebusch, and David (Tiffany) Kronebusch, Her 16 grandchildren; Cory, Dylan, Jordan, Kylie, Matthew, Lauren, Colleen, Carolyn, Ryan, Robbie, Brady, Morgan, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Andrew, Dagny, and her 5 great grandchildren; Whitney-Parker, Pierson, Archer, Jillian, and Greyson.

A Memorial Mass and service will be held on December 7th, 2018, 10:45am at St. Michaels Catholic Church 14327 Highland Ave, Orland Park IL 60462.

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Lindemulder, Richard 'Dick'

Richard (Dick) Lindemulder, age 67, of West Olive, MI died Friday, November 16, 2018. Beloved husband of Lisa Lindemulder, nee Bedrosian; Loving father of Britta and Ben Lindemulder; Fond brother of Cheryl (Jay) Stob, Jim (Kathy) Lindemulder, and Ruth (Tim) Brinks. Cherished brother in law to Marc and Marilyn Bedrosian; Uncle of Heather, Jason, Adam, Lauren, Mary, Derek, Linden, Paige; Marc Peter, Rebecca, Courtney and Buster. Dick enjoyed fishing, eating, traveling, and spending time with family, who he was close to. Memorial at 11am on December 8, 2018 at Faith CRC, 1070 S. Prospect Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Reverend Dr. Greg Schuringa will be officiating. Lunch to follow at 1pm at Angelo's Ristorante; 247 N. York St, Elmhurst, IL 60126. In lieu of flowers send donations to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; www.lls.org

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Lubeck, Robert J.

Robert J. Lubeck, 92 of Arlington Heights, a Navy veteran who served during WWII, was born February 26, 1926 in Chicago to Edward and Elizabeth (nee Kuhr) Lubeck and passed away December 1, 2018. Robert was the beloved husband of the late Jeanette E. (nee Kirchwehm) Lubeck; loving father of Kathleen M. (Kent) Krenak and Thomas R. Lubeck; cherished grandfather of Jennifer (Jason) Glickley; great-grandfather Evan, Clara and Owen; dear brother of the late Loretta Lubeck and the late Edward Lubeck and fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 AM at **Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home**, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Heartland Hospice, 2100 Sanders Road, Suite 100, Northbrook, IL 60062 appreciated. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or lauterburgoehler.com

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Malicki, Sylvia Dolores

Sylvia Dolores Malicki, age 97, of Darien. Predeceased by her parents Joseph Malicki and Apolonia Malicki, nee Wielondek; her siblings Alfred (Mary Jane) Malicki, Monica (Joseph) Voldan, Hillard (Virginia, Helen) Malicki, Helen (Charles) Purcell, Elinor (Carl) Whiting, Chester (Dorothy) Malicki, Richard (Florence) Malicki, Marvin (Claudia) Malicki and Donald (Marilynne) Malicki. Sylvia has 22 nieces and nephews and many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Monday, December 10, 2018 from 9:30 A.M. to time of Mass 10 A.M. at St. Louise de Marillac Church, Corner of Raymond and 30th, La Grange Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Contributions in Sylvia's memory can be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, NH 03086 or The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532. Arrangements entrusted to **Hitzeman Funeral Home and Cremation Services**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Maragos, Cleo

Cleo Maragos (nee Mavrick); beloved wife of the late Honorable Illinois State Senator and Anastasia Maragos; loving mother of Judge Samuel Maragos; loving mother of Dean T. (Antonia, nee Vasselopoulos), John, Dr. James (Mary, nee Kasimatis) and George (Dana, nee Dejanovich) Maragos; loving grandmother of Nicholas S. (Dawn), Michael, Alex, Andrew, Samuel, Nicholas G., and Anastasia Maragos; loving sister of Patricia Mavrick. Cleo was born in Peru, Indiana and graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Cleo was an active member of many Hellenic organizations, including President of the Philoptochos at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, active member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral and the Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Center in Wheeling, IL. Visitation at Conboy's Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blocks west of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to meet on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester IL 60154. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, located at 9100 Archer Ave., Willow Springs, IL 60480. Memorials to: Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Center, 220 N. First St., Wheeling, IL 60090, or International Orthodox Christian Charities, 110 West Road, Suite 360 Baltimore, MD 21204, are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Chris J. Balodimas, Funeral Director**. Info: 708-F.U.N.E.R.A.L.

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McParland, Dr. Robert V.

Dr. Robert V. McParland. Age 92, formerly of Park Ridge. Retired Chicago Dentist. Beloved husband of Jane and the late Ruth and Sadie. Loving father of James, Brian, Richard, Sean, Colin, Alana and the late Maureen and Robert. Devoted grandfather of 15 and great-grandfather of 3. Dear brother of Dr. Nathaniel McParland. Also survived by the Christ and Schuessler families. Visitation Friday, December 7, 10 a.m. at the **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge until time of prayers, 11:45 a.m. Funeral to follow at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 12 noon. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.msillinois.org. Funeral Information, www.ryan-parke.com.



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Milligan, Thomas E.

Thomas E. Milligan, Army Veteran Infantry Big Red One, age 85. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Green). Loving father of Timothy (Kathleen) and Catherine Mary Milligan. Devoted grandfather of Ryan (Kiera), Caitlin (Sean) Howes, Ceara and Sean (Carla) Milligan. Dear brother of Colleen "Tootsie" (Jerry) Andrews and James Milligan. Great-grandfather of Hannah and Nora Milligan. Brother-in-law of Robert (the late Joyce) Green. Also many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 10am at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3pm to 8pm. Tom was a community leader, coach and scout leader in the Clearing Neighborhood. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Moro, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Moro, 49, passed away suddenly on Nov. 30th. Tom will be forever remembered by his wife and best friend of 22 years, Lisa Patterson Moro. Tom was a devoted and loving father to his children; Ben, 16, and Kate, 13. Tom was preceded in death by his parents John P. Moro and Jeanne (DesForges) Moro. He is survived by his siblings, Michael A. Moro,

John A. Moro and Margie (Keith) Jostes; father-in-law J.R. (Sherry) Patterson, mother-in-law Janice (Dave) Housman and sister-in-law, Holli (Tim) Washburn. He adored each of his nieces and nephews: Jennifer, Michael, Steven, Rhiannon, Kevin, Logan, Danielle and William. He was honored to be the Godfather to Logan and Danielle. Additionally, he is survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Tom grew up in Homewood, IL. He attended Mankato State University where he played hockey before graduating from Eastern Illinois University with a Master's of Economics. After meeting in college, Tom and Lisa made their home in Chicago. Tom worked as a research analyst in investment banking. During that time, he played goaltender in a men's hockey league at Johnny's IceHouse in the West Loop. Tom followed his lifelong passion for hockey 15 years ago when he purchased Johnny's IceHouse. Tom became the heart and soul of Johnny's. Using his keen business acumen, Tom significantly expanded the business. He built a second, larger facility just a few blocks west of the original rink, eventually tripling the number of men's league teams and Jets players. Because of Tom, Johnny's is more than just a place to skate in the city. It is a place where friendships are created and business deals are made. It is a place where people of all ages find their passion for the game. Tom loved bringing people together and connecting them over their shared love of hockey and gave selflessly to grow the sport in Chicago. Tom enjoyed supporting his favorite Chicago sports teams, golfing with friends and traveling with his family. He was most happy watching Ben play hockey and watching Kate run cross country. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 6th from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service will take place Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private at Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Tom's memory to the Chicago Cubs Charities <https://www.mlb.com/cubs/community/cubs-charities> or the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation <https://www.nhl.com/blackhawks/community>. For info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Mrizek, Ruth Ann

Ruth Ann Mrizek, nee Livesey, age 76, of Brookfield. Beloved wife of John R. Mrizek; loving mother of Richard Mrizek and Stephen (Brandi) Mrizek; dear grandmother of Zetta, Mira, Evelyn, Magdalyn and Addison; sister of the late Harry, Robert, Donald and John Livesey; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Friday, December 7, 2018 10:30 A.M. to time of Service 11 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513.

Interment Private Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago. Memorials appreciated to Palacky Odd Fellows Lodge Kids R Essential Program, 9234 Broadway Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com Ruth was born in Madison, WI and moved to Oak Ridge, TN with her family at the age of 2 for her father's work on the Manhattan Project, then to Hinsdale, IL where she graduated from Hinsdale Central High School. Ruth graduated from Mt. Sinai Hospital Nursing School in Chicago and worked as a registered nurse for over 25 years at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago and at LaGrange Memorial Hospital.

Ruth was a longtime member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving in a variety of leadership positions for Palacky Lodge #630 and Cicero Rebekah Lodge #44. She was also active at the state level, serving as Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Illinois and Grand Scribe for over 30 years. She was involved in numerous programs with the Odd Fellows over the years, but was extremely proud of her work with the Autistic project. Her lifelong involvement with the Odd Fellows gave her the opportunity to travel throughout the country and the world with her husband, John.

Ruth was a dedicated and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who always was there for her family. Ruth was an active member of the Congress Park PTA, Cub and Boy Scouts, and a team mom of Brookfield American Little League. Ruth loved being a grandmother. She was generous with her time and attention and made sure her granddaughters always saw her face in the crowd, regardless of time or distance. She particularly loved having them all together in Lake Wisconsin every summer. She will always be loved and will be greatly missed.



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O'Connell, Patrick

Patrick O'Connell, age 58 of LaGrange; beloved husband of Kimberly (nee Weiss); loving father of Kelly, Megan, & the late Kyle; dear brother of Michael (Kara), Maggie (Paul) Stepuszek, the late Donald, Bridget (Brian) Garvey, Molly O'Malley, Colleen (Dan) Brooks, & Nora (Brian) Driscoll; fond brother-in-law of the late Sandra DeNuici, the late William Weiss, & Nancy (Stuart) Teschke; predeceased by loving parents George & Mary Clare; also predeceased by loving mother-in-law & father-in-law, Charles & Miriam Weiss; dear uncle & friend of many. Visitation 4 to 8 pm Thursday, December 6 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers on Friday, December 7 at 9:15 am from the funeral home to St. Cleatus Church, LaGrange for 10 am Mass. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip. In lieu of flowers, donations in Patrick's name to the American Heart Association are appreciated. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Phelps III, Robert D

Robert D. Phelps III 79, of Western Springs passed away peacefully on November 19, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert D Phelps Jr and Virginia Eddington Phelps. Beloved husband of Lois (Johnson) and father of Suzy Phelps and Wendy Phelps Neale (David). Grandfather to Keegan, Lindsey, and Bode Neale. A brother to Bill (Lynn) and Peter (Kris) and a sister to Beats Rivers (Lou).

He was a former president of the Francis & Nygren Foundry and very active in foundry organizations. Later he was president of the Industrial Gear Works. Bob was an avid sailor with his yacht Wind Quest. He was a member of the Chicago Yacht Club and sailed 30 Chicago Mackinac races.

A memorial service will be held on January 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Western Springs.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of Western Springs or the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation.

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Rice, David G.

David G. Rice; beloved father of James Allgood & Karl Paar; loving uncle of Kameron & Hannah Fezekas; proud papa of Alice. A visitation will be held from 3 to 9 pm on Saturday, December 8 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Richards, Agnes W.

Agnes Richards (nee Wilson), age 88 of Naperville, Illinois died Wednesday, November 28th. Funeral services for Agnes are set for a memorial visitation at 10:00 -12:00 pm on Saturday, December 8th at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services 44 S Mill St Naperville, IL 60540**. Interment will follow at Naperville Cemetery. For full obituary please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630)355-0213.



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Ruopp, William H.

William H. Ruopp, age 89; beloved husband of Margaret M. Ruopp, nee Eichholz; loving father of Gerald W. (Marcia) Ruopp, Patricia A. (Adam) Gonzales, Thomas D. Ruopp, and Deborah M. (Steven) Chika; dear grandfather of Marc and Michal Ruopp, and Sarah (Todd) Zoeteman, Julie and Jenna Gonzales, and Helen (Sean) Daly, Colleen, Thomas S. and Mitchell P. Ruopp, and Christopher (Anna), Kevin and Jessica Chika; great-grandfather of Ethan Daly; fond brother of Helen (Lyle) Sykora; uncle to many. Visitation Thursday, December 6th, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service Friday, December 7th, 10:00 a.m. at **Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main Street (1 Blk. So. of Ogden Ave.), Downers Grove, IL 60515. Interment, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. 630-968-1000 or www.adams-winterfieldsullivan.com.



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Saele, Joseph P.
Age 83. Beloved husband of Carol (nee Consola). Devoted father of Joseph (Crissy) Saele, Michael (Laura) West, and Christine West. Proud Papa of Julia, Anna, Alyssa, Sarah, Emily, and Patrick. Cherished son of the late Philip and late Lena (nee Massaro). Loving brother of Angie (Christopher) Nevins. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud employee of 37 years at Peoples Gas and even more proud of his 26 years of retirement. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 10:30 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Mass 11:15 a.m. Interment private. Please omit flowers. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Sandberg, Donald
Donald Sandberg, 59, of Morton Grove, died peacefully after a long struggle with cancer, beloved son of Robert and the late Arlene; loving brother of Lori (Allen) Balk and the late Gary; fond uncle of Dana Balk. Visitation at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Saturday from 12:00 noon until time of funeral service at 3:30 p.m. Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, donations to The American Cancer Society 225 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 1200 Chicago, IL 60601 appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500



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Skodowski, Helen
Helen Skodowski, age 83, late of Alsip, IL. Beloved wife of the late Edward R. Skodowski. Loving mother of Kim and Linda. Proud grandmother of Owen, Nick (Sarah), Adam (Lauren), Jeff (Lindsey), Danielle (Ryan), Zac and great grandmother of Hunter, Caleb, Maya, Arabella, Hailey and Zoe. Caring neighbor and friend to all. Funeral Monday, December 10, 2018 10:00 AM at **Vandenberg Funeral Home**, 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL. Interment to follow in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Sunday December 9, 2018, 2:00-8:00 PM. For information on services 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Stephen, W. Zucker
Stephen W. Zucker, age 78, loving, caring, and devoted husband for 48 years of Shelly Zucker, nee Young; devoted son of the late Mildred and Herbert Zucker; beloved son-in-law of the late Naomi and Herb Young; caring and stunning father of Neal (Marko Iglenda) Zucker, Herbie Zucker, Jennifer Healy, and Tony (Randy) Boyer; loving Papa of DJ, Ally, Cassidy, Sammy, Daniel and Lizzie; dear brother of Patti (Howard) Penner; cherished brother-in-law of Alan (Cara) Young; treasured uncle and friend to many. Member of Tamarisk Country Club, Rancho Mirage, CA; attended DePaul University LLB 1966 and DePaul University JD 1969; Member of the Illinois State Bar, ABA, Northern District of Illinois, Federal Court, Illinois Supreme Court and member of the Florida Bar; former member of the DePaul University Deans Advisory Council School of Law; former member of the Presidents' Council of Roosevelt University; former member of the NFL Player Association, MLB Players Association, and the NBA Players Association. In 2011, Steve was the first agent to be inducted into the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame. In 1994, recipient of the Ed Kelly's Giants Award Dinner. In 1997, recipient of the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative. Sustaining board member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and founding member of the Juvenile Diabetes Metropolitan Chicago. Service Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60602, www.jdrf.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



Sammy, Daniel and Lizzie; dear brother of Patti (Howard) Penner; cherished brother-in-law of Alan (Cara) Young; treasured uncle and friend to many.



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Szabo, Elizabeth
Elizabeth Karthan Szabo (Betsy), age 96, passed away peacefully at home on December 3, 2018. Born in Minneapolis, Betsy and her parents, Stanley and Julia Karthan, brother George, and sister Mary, moved to Chicago in 1924. Betsy was orphaned at age 11 and lived at the Park Ridge School for Girls. She attended junior college at Maine Township and then went on to St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. After college, Betsy joined the U.S. Navy, working in the Naval Intelligence Department in New York City. Betsy married Joseph F. Szabo in 1946 and had 4 children. In 1965, Betsy went back to college for her teaching degree and taught first grade for 19 years at Frost Elementary School in Mount Prospect. She was an active member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Des Plaines. For the last 23 years, she lived in Mount Prospect sharing a home with her daughter Joan and granddaughter Mary Elizabeth. Betsy was the loving mother of Julia (Philip) Mears, Joseph (Lynn) Joan, and James (Jane), grandmother to Maggie Mears, Katie Mears (Elizabeth Snell), Anna Szabo (Bryce Meredith), Alex Szabo (Darlene Gonzalez), Peter Szabo, Lisa (Tim) Sanders Szabo, Mary Szabo, and great grandmother to Christopher Phillip. The family is appreciative of the compassionate care provided to Betsy by Doreen Bzikadze over the past few years. Betsy was known for her passion for education, jazz music, art, and Chicago sports. The family has many fond memories of trips to Chicago museums, theaters and Cubs games with Betsy. Memorials in Elizabeth's name may be made to St. Martin's Episcopal Church or the charity of your choice. A celebration of life service will be held in the spring. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com



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Taucher, Marianne Tilly
Marianne Tilly (Kucz) Taucher passed away peacefully Oct. 19th. 2018. Preceded in death by her husband Harold "Mike" Taucher and her brother Robert Kucz. Loving mother of Michael (Robin) Taucher, David Taucher, Julie (Bill Lewallen) White, Gregory (Julie) Taucher and Jennifer (John) Lambie. Cherished grandmother of Joe, Alexanna, Luke, Nicholas and Taylor. Along with many cherished in-laws, nephews and nieces. An avid reader and writer, Marianne spent much of her working career in the medical field. A memorial celebration of her life will be in the Assembly Hall at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, Dec. 8th, 2018 at Friendship Village of Schaumburg 350 West Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Friends of Children in Therapy Arlington Heights, IL. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Webber, Barbara
Barbara A. Webber (nee Bukowski) age 76. Beloved wife of William. Loving sister of Douglas (Michele) Bukowski and the late Betty Bukowski. Fond aunt of Clare Kirkpatrick. Cherished daughter of the late Edwin and Mary Ann Bukowski. Barbara worked for many years as a pharmacist at Walgreens (Oak Park, River Forest, Berwyn and Chicago) and was a member of the Argo-Summit Lions Club and Irish Terrier Club of America and Chicago. Visitation Sunday, Dec. 9th, 4-8 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Monday, Dec. 10th, 9 AM from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church for 10 AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Please make donations to National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org/support. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410



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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

NOTICE OF LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., the Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on the following matters in the Council Chambers Room of Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois:
Case #PC-15-18 7015 North Central Park Avenue - Special Use and Variations for the Construction of a Temporary Telecommunications Tower in the M-B Zoning District
Consideration of a request by the Village of Lincolnwood, property owner, to approve:
1) a Special Use for a utility in the M-B Manufacturing and Business Zoning District; 2) a Variation to allow for a structure with a height of 150 feet; and 3) Side and Rear Yard Setback Variations to allow the temporary tower to be approximately 31 feet from the Rear Lot line and 26 feet from the Side Lot line at 7015 North Central Park Avenue. At this Hearing, the Plan Commission may also consider any additional zoning relief that is discovered during the review of this case.
At these Public Hearings, the Plan Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to these requests. Persons desiring to comment or present evidence or testimony on any of these matters should appear at this Public Hearing or submit written comments in advance for consideration at the Hearing. Written comments, addressed to the Village Zoning Officer in the Community Development Department of Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Hearing. Information concerning these requests is available for inspection in the Community Development Department during normal business hours.
Dated: December 3, 2018
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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
Esauiana Fishersuggs

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Deloris Harris (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01060

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Esau Fishersuggs (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 30, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/21/2018, at 11:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 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
Jamel Henton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Aisha Barton (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01061

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, David Henton (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 30, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/19/2018, at 11:00 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 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
Karli Deangela Coleman AKA Carlie Coleman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Qushona Harris (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00362

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 27, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/20/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 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
Leylah Payton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Vanessa Payton (Mother) AKA Vanessa Wiedmyer-Payton AKA Vanessa Wiedmyer-Payton

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00904

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 13, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX 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 12/20/2018, at 11:00 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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Richard J. Monocchio, Executive Director

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
Robert Downey

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00357

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Robert McPherson (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 30, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/19/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
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TO: Robert Baldassari; 10261 Franklin LLC, c/o Peter Masi, Reg. Agent; 10261 Franklin LLC, c/o Peter Masi, Reg. Agent; 10261 Franklin LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Alliance Services Group, LLC, c/o Travis P. Clem, Reg. Agent; Alliance Services Group, LLC, c/o Daniel Wilson, Reg. Agent; Alliance Services Group, LLC; Snow Viper Patents, LLC, c/o Jeff Lyon, Reg. Agent; Snow Viper Patents, LLC; Ari Ability Roofing, Inc.; Occupant, 10261 Franklin Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007986 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0001093 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 10261 FRANKLIN AVE., FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 12-21-316-047-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015185

TO: Mark Hawkins; Windy City Metals Restoration, Inc., a/k/a Windy City Metal Restoration, Inc., c/o Paulina Sylwia Tylika, Reg. Agent; Windy City Metals Restoration, Inc., a/k/a Windy City Metal Restoration, Inc., c/o Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Brown Commercial Group, Inc., c/o Joseph D. Faloutsos, Reg. Agent; Ability Cabinet Co., Inc., c/o Teresa A. Vasquez, Reg. Agent; Ability Cabinet Co., Inc.; Creative Cabinet and Top Company, Inc., c/o Mark Hawkins, Reg. Agent; Creative Cabinet and Top Company, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Creative Cabinet and Top Company, Inc.; Occupant, 9401 Schiller Blvd., Unit B, Franklin Park, IL 60131; Occupant, 9401 Schiller Blvd., Unit C, Franklin Park, IL 60131; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007987 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0001135 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 9401 SCHILLER BLVD., FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 12-27-116-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015193

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TO: Nicholas H. Stimac; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to National Bank of Commerce, as Trustee u/r/a dated 06/03/2003 and known as trust hearing; CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Stimac Enterprises, Inc., c/o Nicholas Stimac, Reg. Agent; Nicholas H. Stimac; Republic Bank of Chicago; Bank of America, N.A., as Successor to National Bank of Commerce; At World Properties, LLC, c/o Nicholas H. Stimac; Burklelaw Agents, Inc., Reg. Agent; Stimac's; Occupant, 4843 Butterfield Rd., Hillside, IL 60162; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007989 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0002275 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 4843 BUTTERFIELD RD., HILLSIDE, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 15-10-030-000-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015204

TO: Hector Vela; Bijan Mehdian; Anne K. Mehdian; First Financial Bank; La Bendicion, Inc., c/o Hector Vela, Reg. Agent; La Bendicion, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; La Bendicion Truck Sales; Occupant, 1233 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; Occupant, 1231 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; Occupant, 1239 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007984 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0000674 & 15-0000678 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1231 & 1239 S. CICERO AVE., CICERO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 16-22-102-002-0000 & 16-22-102-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015174

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TO: Leticia Jenkins; Lezette Milton; Antwonnie Strong; Bourama Therra; City of Chicago, City Clerk; Tata Africa Hair Braiding, a/k/a Tata Professional African Hair Braiding; Leron's Best of Both Worlds, a/k/a Leron's Restaurant; Leron's Best of Both Worlds LLC, c/o Leron Pennil, Reg. Agent; Occupant, 12253 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60628; Occupant, 12255 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60628; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007991 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0008735 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 12253-12255 S. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 25-28-124-044-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015228

TO: Simborg Cal Pk 2; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, as Trustee u/r/a dated 06/01/1978 and known as trust no. 43153-05, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Bcz28, LLC, c/o Nicholas S. Coburn, Reg. Agent; Hammi Bank, as Successor to Mutual Bank; Bank of America, N.A., as Successor to Talman Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago; Sheldon F. Simborg; Beverly's Pet Wash & Boarding Facility; Occupant, 1740 W. 124th St., Calumet Park, IL 60627; Ari W. Krigel, Freeborn & Peters LLP; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007993 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0000549 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1740 W. 124TH ST., CALUMET PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 25-30-40-033-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015169

TO: Quad Plus 1; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to Suburban Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee u/r/a dated 02/05/2010 and known as trust no. 74-4301, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Quad Plus 1 Investments and Construction, Inc., c/o Kirby Miles, Reg. Agent; Golden Eagle Community Bank; Liah's Restaurant Grill & Banquets, Inc., c/o Greg Goldstein, Reg. Agent; Liah's Restaurant Grill & Banquets, Inc.; Liah's Sports Bar & Grill; Occupant, 14908 Chicago Rd., Dolton, IL 60419; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007992 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0003285 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 14908 CHICAGO RD., DOLTON, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 29-10-108-011-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015210

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TO: Wentworth 2 LLC; Wentworth 2 LLC, c/o Mitchell H. Simborg, Reg. Agent; BC28, LLC, c/o Nicholas S. Coburn, Reg. Agent; Diaz Tire Services; Occupant, 15460 Wentworth Ave., South Holland, IL 60473; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007990 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0003485 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 15460 WENTWORTH AVE., SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 29-16-205-164-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015221

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Legendary coach cites "cumulative events," putting health "number one." He'll turn the program over to offensive coordinator Ryan Day after the Rose Bowl. Story, plus Teddy Greenstein on why Meyer is misunderstood, **Page 2**



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THE JIM BOYLEN ERA BEGINS

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BEARS

Running game is starting to awaken

But Nagy fesses up: 'My confidence is not where it needs to be'

By **RICH CAMPBELL**
Chicago Tribune

Coach Matt Nagy's confidence in the Bears running game and commitment to it once again had a shelf life in Sunday's 30-27 overtime loss to the Giants.

The Bears' three running backs — Jordan Howard, Tarik Cohen and Taquan Mizzell — combined for 105 yards on 24 carries in the first half (4.4 yards per carry). Only 10 of those 24 rushes, though, gained 4 yards or more. And only five of those carries gained at least 5 yards.

In other words, the first-half rushing total was inflated by Howard's carries of 22 and 25 yards. Of the Bears' 12 first-down rushes in the first half, nine gained 3 yards or fewer. All those second-and-longs had a heavy effect on the play-caller.

"I would've loved to be able to call more runs, but they did a pretty good job getting into our backfield and stopping the run," Nagy said Monday. "It's hard when it's second-and-14 after a run call on first-and-10."

For what it's worth, the Bears never actually lost 4 yards on a first-and-10 run Sunday. But that's a helpful window into Nagy's mindset. Apparently, to him it *feels like* second-and-14.

In his defense, the Bears either lost yardage or gained only 1 on each of their first four first-down runs. That ended up weighing on Nagy, especially as they chased a 10-point deficit in the second half.

"I'm good with a 4-yard run," he said. "Give me a 4-yard run all day long. But when you're not getting that at certain times in the game, and then before you know it the clock becomes your enemy, so when you're running the ball, that's 40 seconds every time."

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Bulls will take on different look under Boylen's guidance

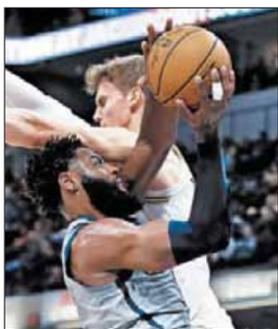
By **K.C. JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — Zach LaVine scored on the Bulls' opening possession just 15 seconds after tipoff and Jim Boylen jumped from his seat clapping, walking down the bench to try to get players to do the same.

On another possession, he pumped his fist. He patted former Bull Doug McDermott on his rear as McDermott ran past. Boylen dropped into a crouched defensive stance on multiple occasions.

For a basketball lifer who has toiled for two decades for his first NBA head coaching opportunity, Boylen at least made sure he followed through on his vow to be a passionate — and demonstrative — in-game presence.

As for wins and losses, well, the Bulls endured more of the same, falling for the seventh



ANDY LYONS/GETTY PHOTOS

The Pacers' Tyreke Evans slips underneath the Bulls' Lauri Markkanen in the first game — and loss — of the Jim Boylen era.

straight time — and 11th time in 12 games — even with a more spirited effort. Despite playing without All-Star guard Victor Oladipo, the Pacers prevailed 96-90 behind Darren Collison's 23 points and eight rebounds. Myles Turner added 18 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks.

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STEVE ROSENBLUM

John%#?!?

Hoiberg served as the fall guy, but Paxson is more responsible for the mess that is the Bulls



John Paxson, whose official title, I believe, is Bulls Hoops Honcho Forever No Matter How Many Bad Moves He Makes, came before the media Monday to explain that the once-proud local NBA franchise had fired coach Fred Hoiberg because the team wasn't playing with spirit and energy.

It should be noted that Paxson was one of the wonks responsible for bringing in big-money free agent Jabari Parker, a guy whose energy and spirit involves blowing his nose on playing defense. Parker not only blows his nose on the idea of playing defense publicly and during games but also was in the starting lineup. That attitude was rewarded by the Bulls.

If you're a player and a big-money free agent comes to your team and blows his nose on playing both ends of the court and gets promoted to the starting lineup, ask yourself how much energy and spirit you'd bring.

Hoiberg got fired for that kind of idiocy.

This is the same Paxson who foisted on Hoiberg free agents Dwyane Wade and Rajan Rondo, who joined Jimmy Butler to form the "Three Alphas," a trio who didn't fit the coach's philosophy and didn't execute the coach's vision but also effectively neutered the coach.

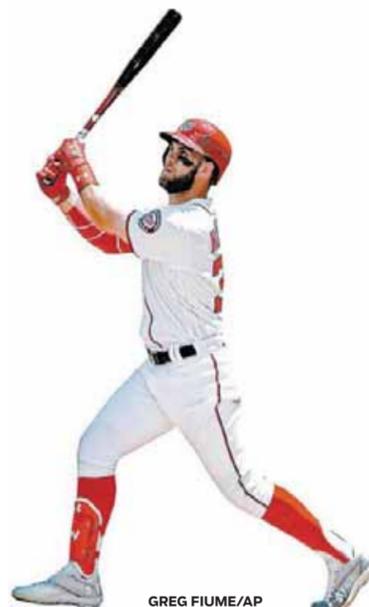
Just in case you wondered whether stupid remains one of the Bulls' four major food groups.

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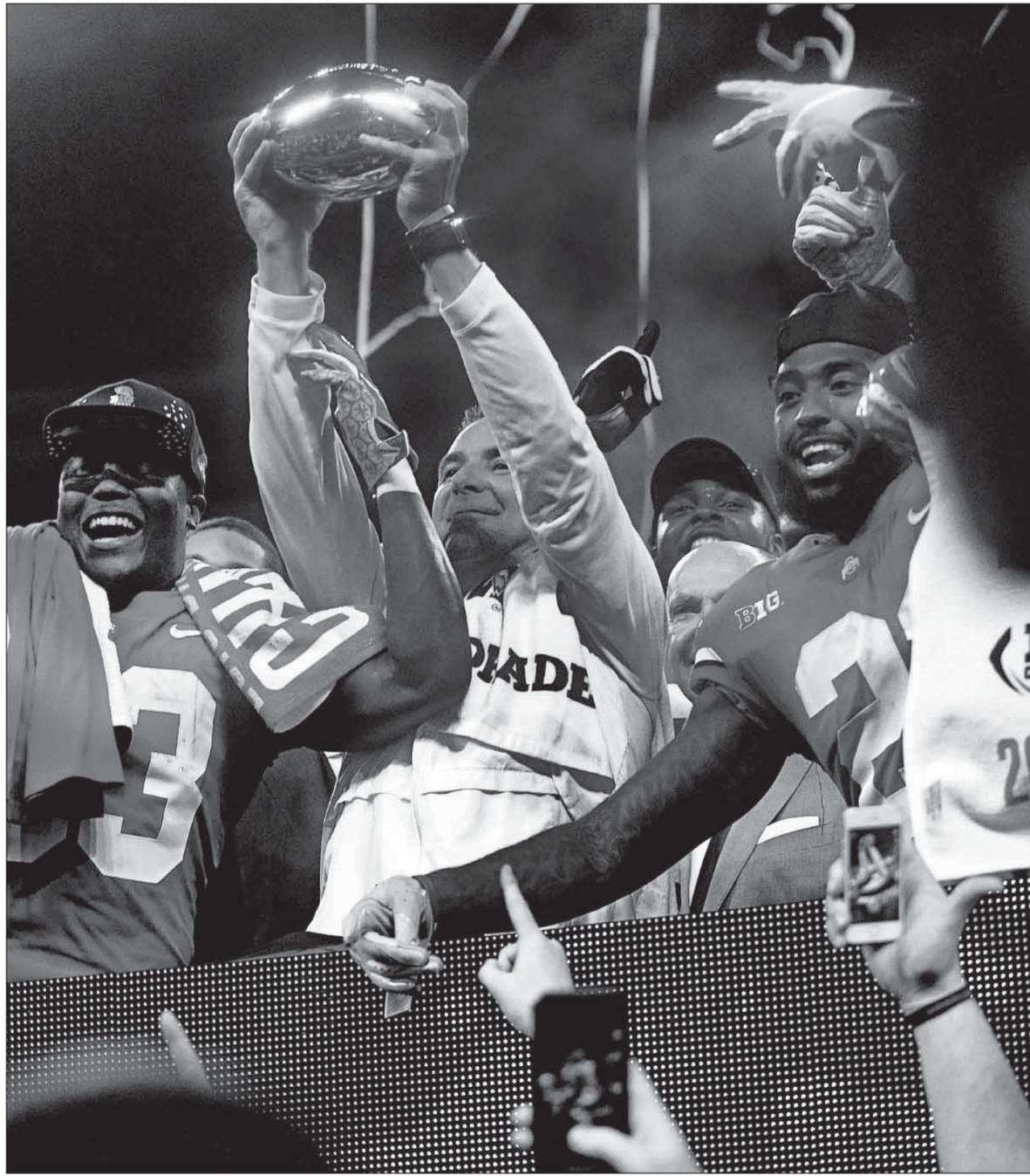
It's not exactly Benny the Bull goes to O'Hare, but it's in the ballpark

The White Sox sent Hall of Fame slugger Jim Thome on a recruiting mission to Las Vegas last month to try to convince Bryce Harper to come to the South Side. **Page 4**



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Urban Meyer holds aloft the championship trophy after his Ohio State Buckeyes beat Northwestern to win the Big Ten title.



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Urban Meyer, right, greets Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald after the Big Ten championship game Saturday.

'Cumulative events' drive Meyer's exit

Coach, 82-9 at Ohio State, retiring after Rose Bowl

MITCH STACY | Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — As Urban Meyer walked off the field after Ohio State routed Michigan, he was pondering his future.

The 54-year-old Meyer, in fact, had been thinking about retiring since the middle of last season.

The pain from headaches caused by a cyst in his brain had grown worse this season. Off-the-field issues, including a three-game suspension for mismanagement of an assistant coach accused of domestic violence, had worn on him. And an ideal successor just happened to already be in place in the person of Ryan Day, his offensive coordinator.

On Tuesday, two days after the Buckeyes beat Northwestern to earn a second consecutive Big Ten championship, Meyer announced he was stepping down after the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 and likely would never coach again.

"The decision was a result of cumulative events," Meyer said. "And health number one. The fact that we have an elite coach on our staff. The fact that our program is very healthy. We've recruited very well. All played a significant role."

Meyer is leaving at the top of his profession after three national championships in a career spanning three decades, the last seven years at Ohio State, where he has an 82-9 record.

He had shown obvious effects of being in pain on the sideline this season. Meyer said the headaches became severe last season during Ohio State's game at Penn State and have become a persistent problem this season.

Meyer said he believed he could no longer coach the way he has from the early days at Bowling Green to Utah, Florida and, finally, with the Buckeyes.

"The style of coaching I've done for 33 years is very intense, very demanding. I tried to delegate more and CEO more and the product started to feel," he said, not finishing his thought. "I didn't feel I was doing right by our players and by Gene (Smith, the athletic director)."

Meyer said leaving would have been more difficult if the program wasn't healthy. The Buckeyes are 12-1 and Meyer said he felt good about his replacement. Day, 39, will take over as the 25th coach of the storied program where Meyer won a national title in 2014 after two at Florida (2006, 2008).

"You want to hand it off to someone who could make it stronger," Meyer said.

Day led Ohio State when Meyer was suspended before the opener over his role in the handling of now-fired assistant Zach Smith, whose ex-wife accused him of domestic abuse. Meyer acknowledged the incident will affect his legacy.

"I'm sure it will," he said. "I can lie to you and say it is not important to me."

TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Meyer's departure a true loss

The news of Urban Meyer's pending retirement — in a scoop delivered by Yahoo's Pete Thamel and confirmed by Ohio State — will elicit strong reactions around college football.

Will people offer their honest take? Probably not. So I will hazard a guess.

Michigan fans: *Hallelujah. Now we have a chance.*

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany: *Oh, great. The Big Ten whiffed on the playoff the last two seasons. And now we'll be without the coach who won it all in 2014 and got back in the final four two seasons later.*

ESPN's Paul Finebaum: *I was right! I predicted 2018 would be Meyer's last season.*

Stadium Network's Brett McMurphy: *My reporting on Zach Smith, which was shredded by the Ohio State mob, will never be forgotten.*

New Ohio State coach Ryan Day: *Yea, I'm getting my chance!*

Also Ryan Day: *Oh, man, I have no chance to be as good as my predecessor. He went — gasp — 54-4 in Big Ten games, 82-9 overall and 7-0 against Michigan.*

Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh: *Where do I send the thank-you note?*

Buckeyes players: *Morning, Coach Day.*

The perception is that Meyer is dour and unpleasant to be around. That's not so at all.

Can I get the door for you?

Buckeyes recruits: *Hmmm ... should I look around?*

Washington coach Chris Petersen: *Ugh. The Buckeyes might have sleepwalked into the Rose Bowl. Now they'll be pumped to send Urban off right.*

Meyer's doctor: *Smart move, sir.*

Meyer's family: *Thank you.*

Guys like me: *Bummer.*

No joke. The perception is that Meyer is dour and unpleasant to be around. That's not so at all.

I've known him since 1996, when I was a rookie on the Notre Dame beat and he was the receivers coach under Lou Holtz. First time I met him I stuck out my hand and introduced myself. His reply: "Are you for us or against us?"

Eight years later I visited him at Utah, a lengthy trip from Chicago. His first words: "How much time do you need?"

But he became more human over the years.

We've joked about Donald Trump's desire to get his endorsement. (Meyer publicly backed Ohio Gov. John Kasich. You can imagine how Trump responded.)

When I asked him last week about how Dwayne Haskins' family has helped him develop as a quarterback and as a man, Meyer replied: "Boy, are they great parents. They have a beautiful daughter, Tamia. She's awesome with what he does. She's an actress. ... My conversations with his mother and father have always been about academics and about how some time this football gig is going to be over. I can't say enough about those people. I love them. They are family."

After Ohio State beat Northwestern in the Big Ten title game Saturday, Meyer was asked about his future.

"I plan on coaching and enjoying this championship," he replied.

And then, trying to steer the conversation away from himself: "Chase (Young) had three sacks."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MICHIGAN 62, NORTHWESTERN 60

Near Mich.

Cats erase 15-point deficit but fall to No. 5 Wolverines

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Michigan-versus-Northwestern will always conjure one memory for NU basketball fans: Taphorn-to-Pardon. Layup. Buzzer. And to quote Gus Johnson: Earthquake!

The new Welsh-Ryan Arena came alive Tuesday night for the first time in the brief history of the building. Northwestern rallied from 15 down to take the lead against the undefeated Wolverines on back-to-back Vic Law 3s.

"The environment was everything we dreamed it could be," NU coach Chris Collins said.

But NU's final possession was a mess, and it resulted in Ryan Taylor taking a long, contested 3 at the buzzer. It clanked off the glass, hit the rim and refused to go down.

Fifth-ranked Michigan escaped with a 62-60 win.

"Our guys kept fighting against what a lot of you feel is the best team in the country," Collins said. "I'm proud of our effort, our fight, but I'm not a moral victory guy, so please don't ask me if I'm happy because I'm not."

The loss means that the 1978-79 Wildcats can breathe easy. Their achievement stands.

This would have marked NU's first victory over a top-5 team since 1979, when Magic Johnson was running the show for Michigan State and the home venue was named McGaw Hall.

Northwestern (6-3, 0-2 Big Ten) came close, getting 20 points from Dererk Pardon and 19 from Law, along with seven rebounds. Pardon shot 9-for-10 from the



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Northwestern's Ryan Taylor reacts after his desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer didn't fall. Michigan's Jordan Poole dunks over Taylor, top.

floor but made just one of five from the line.

Law outplayed former St. Rita teammate Charles Matthews, who shot 1-for-7.

Law drained 4 of 8 three-point attempts, including one that beat the halftime buzzer.

"He played a hell of a game," Matthews said. "Proud of him."

Michigan coach John Beilein said some of Law's 3s reminded him of Tim Hardaway — the elder Tim Hardaway, not the current Knicks swingman who lit up the scoreboards for Beilein.

"They were tough shots," Beilein said. "He created all those NBA, old Tim Hardaway (shots) where you fake like you're going to dribble and you rise up. The one he hit at the end of the first half, we can't play better defense that."

Northwestern, meanwhile, had trouble guarding freshman forward Ignas Brazdeikis. The Lithuanian-born Canadian went for a

game-high 23 points, hitting half of his 18 field-goal tries for Michigan (9-0, 2-0).

"We grew a lot in this game," Brazdeikis said. "They punched us in the face in the second half. We got knocked down but I think this game shows how tough we are."

In the end, Northwestern fell one bucket short. Maybe the Wildcats needed a long pass from Nate Taphorn.

On NU's final play, Michigan switched on NU's screens and pushed the Wildcats far from the 3-point line, making life rough for the intended shooters — Law or Taylor.

"Michigan guarded it well, talked well," Collins said. "Even though it wasn't the shot we wanted, credit Ryan for getting something up on the glass."

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OKLAHOMA 85, NOTRE DAME 80

Irish's 4-game winning streak ends

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Christian James scored a game-high 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Oklahoma to an 85-80 victory over Notre Dame in the first game of the Jimmy V Classic on Tuesday at Madison Square Garden.

Despite an 18-point performance from TJ Gibbs, Notre Dame (6-2) was dealt its first loss since Nov. 14, ending a four-game winning streak. Juwan Durham and John Mooney had 15 each, and DJ Harvey finished with 11.

Oklahoma improved to 7-1 with its third straight win. Brady Manek chipped in with 17. Aaron Calixte finished with 12 and Matt Freeman had 11.

The first meeting between the programs was a back-and-forth affair throughout.

Leading by seven at the start of the second half, Oklahoma extended its lead to 47-36 after Calixte knocked down a jumper.

The Irish replied with a 21-9 run, capped by a Juwan Durham dunk to close within 57-56.

Seconds after Durham's jam, a

James layup allowed Oklahoma to push its lead to three, and the Sooners would lead by as much as seven following a Freeman 3. But the Irish would not go away, cutting the deficit to 78-77 after Prentiss Hubb's layup with 2:26 left.

That was as close as Notre Dame would come.

James' jumper pushed the lead back to three, and he drilled a 3 to give the Sooners an 83-78 lead.

Oklahoma outscored Notre Dame 12-6 in the final 4:26 of the first half and led 43-36 at halftime. The Irish had won four straight.

BLACKHAWKS

Slumping Hawks showing some fight

They're turning toward physical element to try to bust out of doldrums

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

It's no coincidence the last two times Brandon Manning got into a fight the Blackhawks were trailing.

On Nov. 24, they had just fallen behind the Panthers 1-0 in the first period when he and Troy Brouwer threw down the gloves before heading off for five minutes apiece.

On Sunday, the Flames' Garnet Hathaway made it clear he wanted to get into it with Manning early in the third. The Hawks were down 3-2 at the time, which Manning considered before deciding to honor Hathaway's request.

"There's a time and a place," Manning said. "You're down by a goal in the third, a guy asks me to fight then no problem."

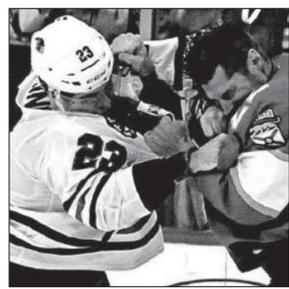
The last month has been perhaps the most difficult stretch in recent memory for the Hawks. In addition to firing longtime coach Joel Quenneville, they've endured an eight-game losing streak while going 3-12-3 over their last 18 games.

Losing so much will take its toll, and sometimes it takes a physical response to try to turn things around.

"I think a few guys don't think (fighting) belongs in the game," Manning said. "But if half your team gets motivated or sees that you're willing to go out there and do something like that and gets them going, then it's a bonus."

The Hawks were one of the least physical teams in the NHL during their championship seasons. Their overwhelming talent was more than enough to make up for what they lacked in physicality. This season's team seems to be realizing they need to start pushing back.

A moment that served as a flashpoint during their recent struggles came last week against the Predators. Duncan Keith had just been hit with a blind-side check into the boards when Alex



JOE SKIPPER/AP

The Blackhawks' Brandon Manning (23) mixes it up with Panthers right wing Troy Brouwer last month.

DeBrincat flew in and got into a fight with the Predators' Matt Irwin.

It wasn't about the fighting as much as it was about supporting a teammate.

"Nobody should be by themselves," Hawks forward Chris Kunitz said. "Doesn't matter if it's (Corey Crawford) grabbing one of their guys pushing (Patrick Kane) around. Whatever it may be. We have to find the rally point to be able to engage ourselves in games and bring that energy and emotion. All those things boil over into playing better hockey."

"We're going to learn the systems, it'll come clearer to us and everyone will do it systematically but we still have to fight for those 50-50 battles. If you lose that 50-50 battle then maybe you have to skate twice as hard back and try to pick somebody else up. Your shift's not over every time you have a battle. You have to help teammates all over the ice."

Manning and DeBrincat have received the most attention but every player has to play with an extra level of toughness.

"It's not just one or two guys," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "Everyone can be harder to play against. We're not expecting everyone to be running people over out there, but we do need to get through hands and take a confrontation sometimes and that's how you win the puck back."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Kunitz contends injury to Hamonic accidental

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Blackhawks forward Chris Kunitz was grateful Flames defenseman Travis Hamonic wasn't seriously injured Sunday after Kunitz inadvertently elbowed him during the second period.

Kunitz was ejected and the Flames scored twice on the ensuing five-minute power play in a 3-2 win over the Hawks.

Kunitz said he went back watched the play several times and described it as being a "weird play" with no intent to injure Hamonic.

"It looks bad," Kunitz said. "It looks unorthodox on both sides of it. Someone's hurt and bleeding on the ice you never know what's going to happen. I was happy to see him come back and play but disappointed that I put our team down."

UP NEXT
Hawks at Ducks

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, NBCSCH

Road to recovery: Defenseman Connor Murphy nearing a return from back problems that cost him the first two months of the season. He will go on the Hawks' two-game road trip to Anaheim and Las Vegas, but coach Jeremy Colliton said he didn't expect Murphy to play in either game.

Still, this is an improvement on last week when the Hawks hit the road without Murphy. The wait is frustrating but not as bad as it was at the beginning.

"The highest (frustration level) is when you can't skate and you're sitting there in a back brace and not being able to do anything," Murphy said. "That's the worst."

Expansion franchise goes to Seattle — but not until 2021

Associated Press

Seattle is getting a NHL team. It will just have to wait a little bit longer to drop the puck.

The NHL Board of Governors unanimously approved adding Seattle as the league's 32nd franchise on Tuesday, with play set to begin in 2021 instead of 2020 to allow enough time for arena renovations. The as-yet unnamed franchise will be the Emerald City's first major winter sports team since the NBA's SuperSonics left town in 2008.

"Today is a day for celebration in a great city that adores and avidly supports its sports teams and for our 101-year-old sports league," Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "Expanding to Seattle makes the National Hockey League more balanced, even more whole and even more vibrant. A team in Seattle evens the number of teams in our two conferences, brings our geographic footprint into greater equilibrium and creates instant new

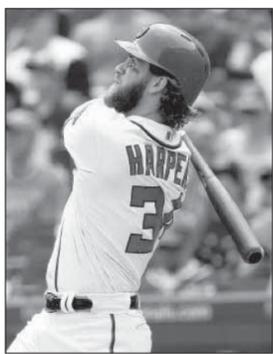
rivalries out west, particularly between Seattle and Vancouver."

The announcement came a few moments after Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan let the news slip at a watch party in Seattle, prompting cheers: "I got a call from a mole in the room and it was a unanimous vote. We're getting hockey!"

The decision was widely expected after the Seattle Hockey Partners group impressed the board's executive committee in October with a plan that had all the ingredients the NHL was looking for: strong ownership led by billionaire David Bonderman and producer Jerry Bruckheimer, a downtown arena in a sports-crazed city and a season-ticket drive that drummed up 10,000 orders in 12 minutes.

The NHL will also realign its two divisions in the West for the 2021-22 season: Seattle will play the Pacific, home to its closest geographic rivals, and the Coyotes will move to the Central Division.

WHITE SOX



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

Could Bryce Harper wind up with the White Sox? Jim Thome has tried to sell him on the idea of joining the team.

Thome sends Harper Sox's love

Hall of Famer tries to recruit slugger for rebuilding team

By **MARK GONZALES**
Chicago Tribune

The White Sox aren't letting the state of their rebuild stand in the way of having lofty ambitions.

Hall of Fame slugger Jim Thome flew to Las Vegas last month as part of the organization's sales pitch to marquee free-agent slugger Bryce Harper, a source confirmed Tuesday.

While the Sox rebuild is far from complete, the need is great for Harper, a six-time All-Star right fielder who has averaged 33 home runs over the last four seasons and could command a lengthy contract in excess of \$33 million annually.

Harper would fit in nicely in a currently unoccupied right field and emerge as the centerpiece of a franchise loaded with high-level prospects destined to reach in the majors in the next two seasons. He has seven full seasons of major-league experience but just turned 26 in October.

The left-handed hitting Harper also would balance a lineup that has been right-handed heavy in recent years.

What the Sox currently lack in recent success is offset by their available money. They have only \$17 million earmarked for four players, and four arbitration-eligible players are scheduled to earn \$31 million.

The Sox, of course, face stiff competition with the Yankees, Phillies and Nationals emerging as strong suitors for Harper.

Earlier this month, Harper's name was posted with his No. 34 and the Sox logo on a board at the United Center.

The participation of Thome, who serves as a special assistant to general manager Rick Hahn, was first reported by Jeff Passan of Yahoo Sports. Bruce Levine of WSCR-AM 670 detailed the Sox's visit was on Nov. 19, during which officials stressed the organization's youth and long-term mission.

The Cubs, who have been linked to Harper for several seasons, haven't revealed if they have interest in him. But they would need to clear some salary space to sign Harper.

Speculation regarding the Cubs' interest has been heightened by social media photos of Cubs slugger Kris Bryant, Harper and their wives — all Las Vegas natives.

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BULLS

'Everybody respected Fred'

LaVine, other Bulls speak well of Hoiberg as Boylen takes over

By **K.C. JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — Of all people, the laid-back and mild-mannered Lauri Markkanen seemed the most telling.

After the Tuesday morning shootaround, Jim Boylen's first as Bulls head coach after replacing the fired Fred Hoiberg on Monday, Markkanen fielded a question about whether he thought Hoiberg still had control of the locker room.

After a pause, Markkanen said: "It's hard to say. It's so different. I don't know. That's a hard question to ask."

Told that it's an important one to answer, though, Markkanen

tried again.

"Like you said, sometimes he did, sometimes he ... nah," Markkanen said before cutting his attempt at a lighthearted exit short and laughing. "Obviously, players take care of themselves. We talked about different stuff in the locker room. But I don't think we talked about coaches' decisions and stuff like that."

So did players respect Hoiberg? "Yes, I think so," Markkanen said. "But of course it's different (because) I'm used to a more laid-back coach. I don't know if there's one right type to coach."

Did Markkanen feel players took advantage of Hoiberg's non-confrontational style?

"I don't know how it went in the past," he said. "But I think last year, we had a pretty good group of guys and we didn't do it."

Markkanen added he loved playing for Hoiberg and had "love

(for) him as a person."

Even while admitting to the obvious differences in personality between Hoiberg and Boylen, Zach LaVine at least publicly disputed management's assertion that Hoiberg's loosening grip had led to a lifeless and dispassionate team.

"I didn't feel that way because even with our record, we still had energy, still had dudes talking, guys trying to be leaders and represent the Bulls," LaVine said. "I can't speak on behalf of everybody. But I know for myself, I play with passion every game and I play with drive."

LaVine texted a note to Hoiberg, thanking him for his hard work.

"Everybody respected Fred. We all listened to him," LaVine said. "Obviously with everybody, there's certain things he didn't like about me or certain things that we

didn't see eye-to-eye on. But we all respected him. He was the head coach and we followed that."

Now, Boylen is the head coach. And between moving Jabari Parker to a bench role behind Markkanen instead of starting him over Justin Holiday at small forward, Boylen is trying to make his mark. He met with each player individually Monday night in his hotel room.

"He has a different personality, and you have to understand it's not going to be the same," LaVine said. "He's going to do things the way he thinks is best. You have to respect that. I think he's more of a tough-minded dude. He wants to instill that hard work. He's an old-school coach as well, and I've played for a couple of those old-school coaches already. It's a different vibe. You have to be used to it. So I'm trying to let everybody know that."



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Jim Boylen instructs his players Tuesday night during his first game as head coach of the Bulls.

Boylen will remold Bulls

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"I really like this team," an intense Boylen said after the game. "I thought we competed. I thought we battled. That's a big, physical team."

"We got a lot of mistakes to clean up. I'm disappointed we didn't win, but I'm not discouraged. I'm kind of excited. We showed grit."

Boylen didn't mince words with his first postgame assessment:

■ "I'm really disappointed in our conditioning. It's going to change."

■ "We have to respond better when we have in-game failure."

■ "We got to get tougher. When you get tougher, you get those calls."

The last comment came after a question about the Bulls' mere five free-throw attempts, none in the second half.

Then again, get ready for more double-digit final scores. Boylen's desire for more toughness and physicality will shovel dirt on Fred Hoiberg's pace-and-space philosophy.

"That's my mentality, road-dog mentality," Boylen said. "We'll run when we can, but we're going to set up, make people guard us through the clock. That's a Coach Pop (Gregg Popovich) thing and I believe in it."

In his second game after his lengthy absence with a sprained right elbow, Lauri Markkanen took a bump on his quad that slowed him a bit, but he still led six Bulls in double figures with 21 points and 10 rebounds. He shot just 8-for-24, including 5-for-13 from 3-point range.

"I think it's better to have time to think about it a little bit and not just go 100 mph, so I like it,"

Markkanen said of Boylen's style. "I felt good. I don't think I had too many bad shots; they all felt good. I just have to get my timing back."

Zach LaVine scored 13 points on 15 shots but tied his season high with nine assists.

"The first thing I noticed was the score," LaVine said. "It reminded me of the '90s. (Boylen is) a fighter — that's what we respect about him. We know how much he cares. He brings intensity to the game."

"I think we had good energy. We just didn't make enough plays. We missed some easy shots, but we fought and a lot was thrown at us — new coach, new system, new rotation."

Boylen's Monday night and Tuesday were busy. He met with his coaching staff and changed roles. He met with players individually in his hotel room and detailed roles, including moving Jabari Parker back to reserve status and removing Robin Lopez from the rotation. He returned some of his 384 text messages.

Then Boylen got over his butterflies — "If you don't (have them), I don't know who you are," he said — hugged his family and went to work.

"I think you have to be you," Boylen said. "I've always tried to operate like a head coach — in my preparation, my commitment to the team, my conversations with the head coach. This whole thing is going to be an interactive experience. As much as I'm the leader, I understand a guy needs a say in his role and what he can do. I'm open to that, but when we get on this floor we got to do what I ask them to do."

Upon landing the job Boylen

identified and articulated defensive rebounding, transition defense and offensive execution as the biggest issues facing the Bulls.

In his first game, here's how the Bulls fared: They limited the Pacers to six offensive rebounds and 12 second-chance points. The transition defense, even from Parker, was noticeably improved.

"He understands," Boylen said. "Jabari wants to make it about helping the team win. And that's what I've asked him to do."

But the Bulls managed to shoot just 39.4 percent with 19 turnovers.

Boylen said he kept Justin Holiday as a starter instead of trying Parker at small forward because Holiday is "a 'D-and-3' guy that understands how I want to play. I have a great relationship with him and he's committed to the team."

At least publicly, Parker, who had posted four double-doubles in his last seven games, took his demotion in stride.

"I just have to trust his decisions. It shouldn't be a distraction," Parker said. "He wants me to do what I can to put as much pressure on the basket and keep on playing the way I've been playing."

Boylen's more forceful personality always contrasted with that of the calmer Hoiberg.

"Fred wanted me to assume the role to help him win and help him grow this group," Boylen said. "The role he gave me I did to the best of my ability. You can ask the guys. I've been honest and direct since the first day I was here. And that's not going to change."

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Brown declines new role, resigns

Longtime assistant won't settle for lesser position under Boylen

By **K.C. JOHNSON**
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INDIANAPOLIS — In a surprise, longtime organizational fixture and assistant coach Randy Brown resigned in between Tuesday's morning shootaround and the game against the Pacers after new Bulls coach Jim Boylen asked Brown to take a lesser role on the staff.

On Monday, Boylen said only Dean Cooper, an assistant coach with Windy City of the G-League, would be added to his staff. But the Bulls announced promotions for current assistants Nate Loenser and Shawn Respert, who moved from behind the bench to sitting alongside Boylen. Pete Myers remains on staff.

"I'm disappointed Randy won't be with us," Boylen said. "He's going to move on and we're going to move on. We've got games to play and we've got players to develop. We've got a franchise to uphold. ... The train is moving out, so we gotta get going."

Boylen met with his staff on Monday night to detail the new roles, which also will include more responsibility for associate coach Karen Stack Umlauf and video coordinator Paul Miller. Boylen confirmed Brown was asked to sit behind the bench.

"Right behind me, in my ear," Boylen said.

Brown played on the Bulls' second three-peat teams and has been in basketball operations since 2011.

Asked if ego came into play, Boylen said he didn't know. Calls to Brown weren't immediately returned.

"All I've been preaching for the last, what is it 24 hours, 36 hours, whatever, is that we are going to uphold the concept of team, and we were going to have a commitment to everything we do," Boylen said. "I think Coach Brown felt from his position that it was something he couldn't do, so I give him credit for that."

"And he'll always be a special guy to me."

Boylen recruited Respert and coached him at Michigan State. Loenser was hired by Fred Hoiberg but promoted from the G League two seasons ago.

Stack Umlauf was Jerry Krause's longtime assistant and has been with the organization since 1985 after a standout career at Northwestern.

This is her first season coaching. Boylen said she'll be involved in game prep and game planning.

"She's going to be on the floor coaching. They're going to hear her voice. And she's earned this opportunity," Boylen said.

"She's a lifer, she's a junkie, and she's sharp. To me we're not looking at women or men. It's, 'Who can teach? Who can coach? Who can make people better?'"

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Flawed Bulls are property of Paxson

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But wait. It gets worse. Rookie Wendell Carter Jr. voiced concern earlier this season about the lack of player leadership in developing a close-knit feeling. It took him, what, 15 games to indict his teammates. Who picked and signed all those players, Pax?

I'll hang up and listen for the hummna-hummna-hummna.

But wait. It gets worse still. Paxson added Monday that he didn't feel this season's lottery team exuded energy and spirit the way last season's lottery team did.

Let me repeat that: Paxson said he didn't feel the energy and spirit of this season's five-win team matched last season's team that was on a similar pace.

Yes, Bulls season ticket holders, the team to which you pay thousands and thousands of dollars is so professional that it

can parse energy and spirit among the worst teams in the league year over year.

Your money, Bulls merchandise buyers, is going to a franchise that has honed its sensitivity to the degrees of energy and spirit among teams that annually draft among the league's gutter balls.

Don't let me tell you how to spend your disposable income, but nyuk, nyuk, nyuk.

You continue to pay money and you continue to show up, so Paxson and Gar Forman, inexplicably still the general manager, continue to show up and continue to get paid. Connect the dots, people.

And after you connect the dots, let me know how your energy and spirit are these days.

"You can have a team that plays hard every night," Paxson said, "no matter the talent you have out there."

Well, sure. If Paxson had said

the problem was anything other than spirit and energy, then he'd have to point to the lack of talent and fire himself.

Or some random Reinsdorf in ownership would have to fire him, and if you think that's happening, you'd better put the bong down now.

Just for yuks, let's compare and contrast: Jerry Krause lasted 18 seasons before getting canned but won six titles, while Paxson reigns in his 16th season with a big, fat nothing.

That's what you're paying for, Bulls fans. Happy holidays. See you in a couple of Decembers, when Paxson and Forman produce yet another episode of the seasonal special known as "Rudolph the Red-Faced Coach and the Island of Misfit Toys."

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CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
					LAR 7:20 NBC-5, AM-780		
			OKC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670	BOS 9 WGN-9, AM-670		SAC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670	
	@ANA 9:30 WGN-9, AM-720	@VGK 9 NBCSCH, AM-720			MTL 5 NBCSCH, AM-720		@WPG 7 NBCSCH, AM-720

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	5 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	GOLF	4 a.m.	NHL	7 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	1 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
Raptors	Spurs at Lakers	Lafayette at UConn	Ohio at Xavier	Mount St. Mary's at St. John's	Ohio State vs. Illinois	Illinois State at UIC	Hartford at Duke	VCU at Texas	Oklahoma State at Tulsa	Temple at Villanova	Ball State at Loyola	Nebraska at Minnesota	UNC-Wilmington at North Carolina	TCU at SMU	Arkansas at Colorado State	Washington at Gonzaga	La Salle at Penn	South African Open	Oilers at Blues	Blackhawks at Ducks	Manchester United vs. Arsenal		
ESPN	ESPN	ESPNU	FS1	FS2	BTN, WSCR-AM 670	NBCSCH	ESPN2	ESPN	CBSSN	FS1	NBCSCH	BTN	ESPN2	CBSSN	ESPN2	NBCSCH+	Golf Channel	NBCSN	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720	NBCSN			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)	11*	
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. Alabama (7-6)	12:30	
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah (10-2)	1	
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St (7-5)	2:30	
D15	Camella	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. So. (9-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)	4:30	
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	MTSU (8-5) vs. Appalachian St (10-2)	8	
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB (10-3) vs. North Illinois (8-5)	6	
D18	Frisco	Frisco, Tex.	San Diego St (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4)	7	
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)	7	
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)	11:30*	
D21	Idaho Potato	Boise	W. Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)	3	
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Mehphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11*	
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (9-2)	2:30	
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)	6	
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9:30	
D26	SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. (7-5) vs. Boise St (10-3)	12:30	
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4:15	
D26	Cheez-It	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8	
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30	
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15	
D31	Holiday	Houston	BYU (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8	
D28	Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30	
D28	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15	
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St (8-4) vs. Wash. St (10-2)	8	
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*	
D29	Beik	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*	
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15	
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3	
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Oklahoma (12-2) vs. Alabama (13-0)	7	
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Ole Miss (6-6)	11*	
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1	
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	11*	
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Wash. St (8-4) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2:45	
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6:30	
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6:30	
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*	
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St (9-3)	noon	
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon	
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. St (8-4) vs. Oregon (8-4)	11*	
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-1)	7:45	
J7	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7	

OTHER SHRINE	J19	J19	J26
Shrines	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	TBA
Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

FCS PLAYOFFS	FBS WEEK 15
FRIDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	Saturday: Army (9-2) vs. Navy (3-9), 2
SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	MAINE (9-3) at Weber State (10-2), 7
Colgate (10-1) at North Dakota State (12-0), 11*	DIV. III PLAYOFFS
South Dakota State (9-2) at Kennesaw State (11-1), 1	SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS
UC Dennis (10-2) at Eastern Washington (10-2), 3	at Mount Union (13-0), 11*
	Mary Hardin-Baylor (13-0) vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater (12-0), 2:30

DIV. II PLAYOFFS	CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS	Saturday, Dec. 15
Notre Dame (Ohio) (13-0) at Valdosta State (12-0), 11*	at Municipal Stadium
Ferris State (14-0) at Minnesota State-Mankato (13-0), 2	Morningside (14-0) vs. Benedictine (Kan.) (13-1), 6

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY
1. Gonzaga (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Wednesday.
2. Kansas (7-0) beat Wofford 72-47. Next: vs. New Mexico State, Saturday.
3. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Hartford, Wednesday.
4. Virginia (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. VCU, Sunday.
5. Michigan (9-0) beat Northwestern 62-60. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.
6. Nevada (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Arizona State, Friday.
7. Tennessee (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Gonzaga, Sunday.
8. Auburn (7-1) beat UNC Asheville 67-41. Next: vs. Dayton, Saturday.
9. Kentucky (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
10. Michigan State (7-2) did not play. Next: at Florida, Saturday.
11. Florida State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.
12. Wisconsin (8-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
13. Texas Tech (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Wednesday.
14. North Carolina (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.
15. Virginia Tech (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. VMI, Wednesday.
16. Kansas State (6-1) did not play. Next: at Tulsa, Saturday.
17. Buffalo (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Le Moyne, Wednesday.
18. Iowa (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
19. Ohio State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Wednesday.
20. Arizona State (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Nevada, Friday.
21. Villanova (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Wednesday.
22. Mississippi State (7-1) beat Missouri 90-78. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday.
23. Maryland (7-1) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Thursday.
24. Nebraska (7-1) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
25. Furman (9-0) beat Elon 98-77. Next: at South Carolina Upstate, Saturday.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY
1. UConn (8-0) beat Saint Louis 98-42. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (7-1) did not play. Next: at Toledo, Saturday.
3. Oregon (7-0) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Sunday.
4. Baylor (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Wednesday, Dec. 12.
5. Louisville (9-0) beat UT Martin 102-62. Next: vs. No. 19 Kentucky, Sunday.
6. Mississippi State (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Marquette, Thursday.
7. Maryland (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. James Madison, Saturday.
8. Oregon State (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
9. Tennessee (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stetson, Wednesday.
10. N.C. State (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hampton, Wednesday.
11. Stanford (6-1) did not play. Next: No. 4 Baylor, Saturday, Dec. 15.
12. Texas (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Tennessee, Sunday.
13. California (7-0) did not play. Next: at Saint Mary's, Saturday.
14. Minnesota (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Incarnate Word, Wednesday.
15. Syracuse (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, Wednesday.
16. Iowa (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
17. Arizona State (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern University, Friday.
18. Marquette (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Mississippi State, Thursday.
19. Kentucky (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Rhode Island, Thursday.
20. DePaul (6-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
21. Drake (8-1) beat Clarke 51-43. Next: at South Dakota State, Saturday.
22. South Carolina (4-4) did not play. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Wednesday.
23. Missouri (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. UMKC, Thursday.
24. Gonzaga (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Sunday.
25. Miami (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. New Orleans, Sunday.

TENNIS RESULTS	USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25
MIDWEST	RK. TEAM
Cent. Michigan 100, Youngstown St. 94, 30T	1. UConn (31)
Cincinnati 78, N. Kentucky 65	2. Notre Dame
Dayton 98, Detroit 59	3. Oregon
Illinois 90, Fontbonne 37	4. Louisville
High Point 55, Valparaiso 53	5. Baylor
Marquette 76, UTEP 69	6. Mississippi State
Missouri 65, Texas-Arlington 45	7. Maryland
Oklahoma 85, Notre Dame 80	8. Oregon State
EAST	9. Tennessee
American U. 95, St. Francis (Pa.) 82	10. N.C. State
Boston U. 79, Mass.-Lowell 60	11. Stanford
Bucknell 92, La Salle 79	12. Texas
Holy Cross 82, UMass 78	13. California
Indiana 64, Penn St. 62	14. Syracuse
Maine 75, Fordham 68, 20T	15. Marquette
NJIT 77, Army 72	16. Iowa
Penn 89, Miami 75	17. DePaul
Providence 100, Boston College 95, OT	18. Minnesota
Seton Hall 77, Northeastern 59	19. Arizona State
SOUTH	20. Kentucky
Appalachian St. 100, Howard 86	21. Drake
Belmont 76, Lipscomb 74	22. Gonzaga
Clemson 65, St. Peter's 60	23. Miami
Davidson 99, Winthrop 81	24. South Carolina
Georgia St. 83, Alabama 80	25. Missouri
Grambling St. 81, Centenary (La.) 57	Others: Iowa State 54, USC 45, Texas A&M 45, Florida State 34, USF 31, West Virginia 25, Virginia Tech 16, Kansas 12, Michigan 8, South Dakota 5, UAB 4, UCF 2, New Mexico 2, South Alabama 2, Indiana 2, Michigan State 1, Tulane 1.
James Madison 72, Radford 66	Yale 72, St. Peter's 56
Louisiana Tech 82, Prairie View 68	SOUTH
Mississippi St. 90, McNeese St. 77	Georgia 61, Furman 38
SE Missouri 77, MVSU 57	Liberty 89, ETSU 86
South Carolina 67, Marshall 49	Middle Tennessee 67, Troy 64
EAST	New Orleans 66, Memphis 59
Maine 67, Harvard 60	Tulane 71, Nicholls 46
	Virginia Tech 55, Radford 44
	SOUTHWEST
	Arkansas 65, Tennessee Tech 42
	WEST
	S. Utah 60, Utah Valley 59
	EAST
	Wyoming 78, Denver 74

LATEST LINE

NBA	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
pregame.com									
Golden State	11	4	.731	—	10	10-0	7-3	6-6	8-5
Denver	5	11	.310	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Washington	5 1/2	10 1/2	.297	2 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Oklahoma City	7 1/2	11 1/2	.250	3 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Minnesota	5	11	.310	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Milwaukee	6	10	.375	1	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at New Orleans	off	off	off	off	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Memphis	PK	PK	PK	PK	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at LA Lakers	11	4	.731	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
at Xavier	11	4	.731	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Butler	17	0	1.000	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Marshall	1 1/2	10 1/2	.297	2 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Gene Wash.	6	10	.375	1	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Ohio State	6	10	.375	1	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Indiana St.	3	11	.214	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at N. Carolina	26 1/2	13 1/2	.660	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Oklahoma	5	11	.310	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at St. Joseph's	5	11	.310	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Toledo	14 1/2	10 1/2	.586	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Wright St.	6 1/2	10 1/2	.385	1	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Bowling Green	1 1/2	10 1/2	.297	2 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Vanderbilt	13	4	.769	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Illinois St.	1 1/2	10 1/2	.297	2 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Ball St.	5	11	.310	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
W. Kentucky	8 1/2	10 1/2	.448	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at N. Indiana	8 1/2	10 1/2	.448	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at S. Illinois	2 1/2	10 1/2	.385	1	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Texas	9 1/2	10 1/2	.476	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Oklahoma St.	2	11	.273	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Villanova	11	4	.731	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at BYU	2	11	.273	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
Nebraska	2	11	.273	1 1/2	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
S. Carolina	5 1/2	10 1/2	.385	1	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
New Orleans	9 1/2	10 1/2	.448	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at Cal St.-Ful.	2 1/2	10 1/2	.385	1	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7
at San Diego St.	7	10	.409	—	10	6-4	4-6	4-7	7-7

BEARS



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Mitch Trubisky suffered a shoulder injury on this play against the Vikings on Nov. 18 when safety Harrison Smith hit him late.

FIVE OBSERVATIONS

Trubisky will keep running, won't hide

BY COLLEEN KANE AND DAN WIEDERER
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Bears assistant coaches spoke this week at Halas Hall as the team prepares to host the Rams on Sunday night at Soldier Field.

Here are five things we heard at those sessions.

1. Quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone said he doesn't think Mitch Trubisky will be more hesitant as a runner when he returns from his right shoulder injury.

Trubisky, whose status will become clearer Wednesday when the Bears resume full practice, was injured Nov. 18 after a running play when he landed awkwardly and then took a late hit with his shoulder buried in the ground. He has 363 rushing yards this season, which Ragone said "adds a different variable to this offense that makes us hard to defend." Ragone doesn't want him to lose that tool.

"He tries to be smart when he takes off," Ragone said. "He's done a really good job of knowing when to get down, when to cut back and when to go out of bounds. Unfortunately, (his injury) happened on a play that he broke the line of scrimmage and took off, but that injury could have happened in the pocket as well."

"I don't feel (after) talking to him (that) there will be any type of hesitation for him to play like he was playing before he got injured."

2. Defensive backs coach Ed Donatell credited Kyle Fuller's preparation and Eddie Jackson's processing ability for their success.

Fuller grabbed his sixth interception Sunday against the Giants. That's tied for second in the NFL behind only Dolphins cornerback Xavien Howard's seven.

"He's in his playbook and studies film about as much as anybody in the building," Donatell said of Fuller. "He has those laptops they issue us and we can get a lot of different cut-ups to him, and he painfully studies people. When he goes out, he's prepared."

Donatell also believes Fuller felt compelled to give the Bears what they paid for when they gave him a four-year, \$56 million contract in the offseason.

"He knew when the organization made a commitment to him he was going to see it through and deliver," Donatell said. "It starts with the kind of person he is. He's the highest character



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Bears linebacker coach Brandon Staley says Leonard Floyd's "game is peaking."

guy you would want on your team, and he's a hard worker."

Meanwhile, Jackson has four interceptions and three defensive touchdowns this year. Donatell said Jackson's preparation is improving, but a lot of his production comes from a specific innate ability.

"Rapid cognition," Donatell said. "That means when everything is going, when the quarterback is looking (and) the receivers are making their routes, he can see everything. That's what gets him close to the ball. He can process it all. That's what makes him have that production."

3. Of the five catches Allen Robinson made Sunday for 79 yards, three were highlight-reel material.

His toe-dragging 12-yard grab near the sideline in the second quarter showcased his athletic grace. A 10-yard catch on fourth-and-7 in overtime showed his competitive tenacity.

Still, neither was as attention-grabbing as his 30-yard reception down the right sideline in the second quarter, a ball Robinson snared on the top of cornerback B.W. Webb's helmet as he reached across the Giants defender, somehow churning out 9 more yards after first touching it.

"It was not just the catch, but the desire he had," wide receivers coach Mike Furrey said. "And the awareness to catch the ball on the helmet and then try to stay in bounds. That's the first thing he came over to me with. I said, 'I don't care about the catch. I was more impressed that you were trying to stay in bounds and score a touchdown.'"

"That's where he's at right now. And we need to continue to grow on that. ... He's back to doing what he can do."

4. Leonard Floyd recorded his second sack of the season against the Giants and has been much more active as he moves past the broken hand that had sidelined him.

"He has strung together a bunch of great weeks of practice," outside linebackers coach Brandon Staley said. "He has spent a lot of time working on his game. I think he and Khalil (Mack) are developing really good chemistry together. And I think he's finding that rhythm and gaining a lot of confidence every time he goes out there."

"We've seen his activity around the quarterback the last four or five weeks, and that's a sign that he's been able to finish a lot of these rushes. The thing I like about Leonard is that his game is peaking as we move on this season."

5. Defensive line coach Jay Rodgers said he took "big-time" satisfaction in seeing Akiem Hicks bat down Eli Manning's third-quarter pass.

"We've been practicing all year," Rodgers said. "I think it was the Minnesota game where I felt like as a team we saw the benefits of doing it. We know (Kirk Cousins) is a guy who gets the ball out very quickly and low, so that was an emphasis that week. You saw the success we had at that. Every game since then we've had somebody bat the ball down. To me, it's just as huge as a sack in some cases."

Rodgers said the Bears do a drill on Fridays to practice batting balls into the air to potentially come up with an even bigger play.

"The next step is to get one up in the air, pick it up and take it to the house."

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Bears' running game beginning to awaken

Bears, from Page 1

Nagy was asked Monday how he would characterize his overall confidence in the running game, and it sparked an insightful discussion with the Bears play-caller.

"I felt like (Sunday) it was better," he said. "It was better than the week before. Again, Detroit has a really good run defense. We got better, but we have a ways to go. As we go here, you can't be one-dimensional, and we're going to keep plugging away. My confidence is not where it needs to be, but I feel like I'm in a good spot right now — we are at a good spot as coaches and we know that we've got to get better."

Of course, Nagy is going to call whatever plays he believes are most

likely to gain yards. If those aren't running plays, the commitment to it will fade. But one could make the case that it's a chicken-or-the-egg deal — that a commitment to the running game is needed in order to help blockers and the ball carrier get in rhythm attacking the defense and eventually wear it down.

So how does Nagy balance that? How does he balance the potential benefits of committing more to the run with actually needing to gain yards to validate that commitment?

"That can be the hard part — trying to do something because you feel like you need to when you don't really need to," he said. "And what's the need-to part? Who is that coming from and how does that work?"

"And so, to me, if you step back and

you think about it: What gives us the best chance each week to be successful? And then you go with it.

"So I don't know when it is going to hit to where you ask me that question again and I say, 'Yeah, I'm at an all-time confidence right now in the run game.' But we're going to always work at it, and I'm going to do and call whatever I think us the best chance — matchup-wise by player, by scheme and then by the game. If we think we have a great run matchup going into a game and they're shutting it down, we need to figure out other avenues. What is it? Is it screens? Is it draws? What is it?"

"And so it kind of changes."

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Power rankings

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



Last week's ranking in parentheses

- 1. Rams 11-1 (2):** Aaron Donald is steamrolling his way toward a second consecutive Defensive Player of the Year award.
- 2. Saints 10-2 (1):** The road loss to the Cowboys should be viewed as a chance for the Saints to tighten up a few things on offense.
- 3. Chiefs 10-2 (3):** Kareem Hunt's ugly exit should be overcome from a football standpoint. Patrick Mahomes is enjoying an amazing season.
- 4. Patriots 9-3 (4):** Receiver Josh Gordon is starting to really fit in with the offense, and that makes them more potent heading to January.
- 5. Chargers 9-3 (7):** Did they finally solve their long-running kicking woes after Michael Badgley hit the winner Sunday night in Pittsburgh?
- 6. Texans 9-3 (8):** After a ninth straight win and the Colts, Jets, Eagles and Jaguars to close out the schedule, they have to be aiming for a bye.
- 7. Bears 8-4 (5):** Faced the Giants (21st-ranked offense), Lions (23rd), Vikings (16th), Bills (31st) and Jets (30th) in recent weeks. Next: Rams.
- 8. Steelers 7-4-1 (6):** Sunday's loss to the Chargers was historic as they blew a 16-point lead at home for the first time in franchise history.
- 9. Cowboys 7-5 (11):** Rod Marinelli remains one of the very best defensive masterminds. Defensive football can still thrive in the NFL.
- 10. Seahawks 7-5 (10):** Russell Wilson has thrown at least two touchdown passes in eight consecutive games.
- 11. Ravens 7-5 (16):** A three-game winning streak with rookie Lamar Jackson at quarterback has them squarely in AFC playoff picture.
- 12. Vikings 6-5-1 (9):** They've lost two of three, making Monday's trip to Seattle crucial for their playoff — and NFC North — hopes.
- 13. Broncos 6-6 (14):** They are thinking playoffs, so they won't place cornerback Chris Harris Jr. on injured reserve with a broken leg.
- 14. Eagles 6-6 (17):** Carson Wentz was on point in Monday night's win over the Redskins, setting up an NFC East showdown at the Cowboys.
- 15. Titans 6-6 (15):** Marcus Mariota had his eighth game-winning drive in the fourth quarter or overtime in the last two seasons.
- 16. Panthers 6-6 (12):** Their fourth straight loss has prompted a staff shakeup, with Ron Rivera back calling the defense.
- 17. Colts 6-6 (13):** They lost without allowing a touchdown for the first time since 1997 in Sunday's miserable 6-0 shutout in Jacksonville.
- 18. Dolphins 6-6 (23):** They start their final playoff push by hosting the Patriots, whom they've defeated four of the last five times in Miami.
- 19. Buccaneers 5-7 (26):** Their maligned secondary picked off Cam Newton four times in an upset.
- 20. Redskins 6-6 (18):** A broken leg for Colt McCoy puts the offense in the hands of the Sanchez, Mark Sanchez, for the stretch run.
- 21. Giants 4-8 (27):** Odell Beckham Jr. won't have to worry about playing on the hands team again — and that's no judgment on the quality of his hands.
- 22. Bengals 5-7 (22):** With injuries piling up — QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green are done for the season — the losses are as well.
- 23. Packers 4-7-1 (19):** Firing Mike McCarthy early gives him a chance to survey the landscape, and the Packers get a head start in lining up a coach.
- 24. Browns 4-7-1 (20):** Rookie growing pains hit Baker Mayfield in Houston. The Texans defense can do that to young quarterbacks.
- 25. Jaguars 4-8 (28):** Their seven-game losing streak ended with a 6-0 win over the Colts, proving the 'D' can still put together a stout effort.
- 26. Lions 4-8 (21):** They had back-to-back winning seasons in Jim Caldwell's final two years but will be .500 tops in Year 1 with Matt Patricia.
- 27. Bills 4-8 (25):** Rookie QB Josh Allen produced 366 yards of offense and they outgained the Dolphins by 240 yards but still managed to lose.
- 28. Falcons 4-8 (24):** Injuries crippled the defense at the start of the season, but that doesn't explain how this offense has turned to mush.
- 29. Cardinals 3-9 (32):** It has been a forgettable first season for coach Steve Wilks, but they will remember their first win in Green Bay since 1949.
- 30. Jets 3-9 (29):** Tabloid buzz will tie McCarthy to this job for the next month, but the former Super Bowl champ can be pickier if he chooses.
- 31. 49ers 2-10 (30):** It's a Bay Area race for the No. 1 pick, and the 49ers don't face a team with a losing record in the final four weeks.
- 32. Raiders 2-10 (31):** The offense is starting to show some signs of life, but have they really reached the basement yet with Jon Gruden?

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

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—Packers President Mark Murphy after Sunday's 20-17 loss to the Cardinals



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Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, the NFL's highest paid player, has played in every game this season, even if hobbled for most of it after suffering a knee injury in Week 1.

HOW THE PACKERS CAN TURN THINGS AROUND

Franchise will have to work quickly to find coach, identity that capitalizes on Rodgers

BY ADAM KILGORE
The Washington Post

The Green Bay Packers left no uncertainty Sunday afternoon about the kind of team they are, or about what the final month of their season will be about. They are a broken team, and December will be about sorting through the wreckage.

The Packers started immediately, announcing within hours of their ghastly, 20-17 loss in Lambeau Field to the dreadful Arizona Cardinals that they had fired Coach Mike McCarthy after 13 seasons. McCarthy led the Packers to a Super Bowl in January 2011, and his tenure in Green Bay ends with the second-most wins (125) and fourth-highest winning percentage (.618) in franchise history. But his stale game management and clearly soured relationship with quarterback Aaron Rodgers necessitated a change.

That the Packers acted so quickly and so decisively underscored the depths the Packers found themselves Sunday afternoon.

At 35, Rodgers is in his prime and the highest-paid player in the NFL. He played every game this season, even if hobbled for most of it after suffering a knee injury in Week 1. And the Packers are effectively eliminated from playoff contention with four games to go. They've won as many games as the Buffalo Bills.

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dent Mark Murphy said. “As a result, I made the difficult decision to relieve Mike McCarthy of his role as head coach, effective immediately.”

Sunday was a low point, and nearly unprecedented for the Packers during the tenure of McCarthy and Rodgers. The Packers could always be counted on for simple competence, to handle the dregs like they were supposed to, especially at Lambeau. The Cardinals had lost to the Oakland Raiders at home two weeks ago. They had been outscored by 138 points this season. They had a rookie quarterback in Josh Rosen. They had no reason to compete with a Packers team led by Rodgers desperate to remain in playoff contention.

“This was a game we had won in the past, had expected to win,” Rodgers said. “Teams that want to have any shot of having postseason success have to win these games. Dome team, 35 degrees, snow, wind. It's playing right into our hands. We came out flat.”

The Packers had gone 18-3 in December home games since Rodgers took over as the full-time starter in 2008, and one of those losses came last year when backup Brett Hundley quarterbacked a team officially eliminated from the playoffs. The Packers will play meaningless football for a month, a position they have not been in since Rodgers' first season as starter 10 years ago.

“I've never been in this spot,” McCarthy said in his postgame news conference, before he knew his fate. “I'm not going to act like I know what the hell I'm going to do when they get in here tomorrow.”

Joe Philbin will take over as interim coach. But the Packers will immediately begin their search to rediscover an identity. This past off-season, they moved



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

Packers head coach Mike McCarthy leaves the field after a 20-17 loss to the Cardinals on Sunday at Lambeau Field. McCarthy was fired after the game.

longtime football czar Ted Thompson into an advisory role and hired Brian Gutekunst as general manager. The Packers are undergoing wholesale change, and it's clear they need it.

Green Bay's challenge now is to implement the overhaul on the fly. Rodgers' age and salary — he signed a four-year, \$134 million extension this off-season — demands they attempt to contend for Super Bowls. Their roster is better than their 4-7-1 record indicates. This season was undone by a combination of injury (particularly on the offensive line and at wide receiver), discontent (particularly between Rodgers and McCarthy) and underperformance (including by Rodgers, who admitted his missed throws contributed to crucial third-down failures in recent weeks).

The Packers can become a Super Bowl contender again. Rodgers makes that a possibility every year, although the advantage he gives the Packers over the rest of the NFL has been mitigated by rules that make it easier to play quarterback.

The first thing the Packers must do is find a coach who jives with Rodgers. Despite his brilliance, he's not easy to coach. McCarthy will lament how he and Rodgers fell off the same page, as Rodgers' improvisational genius prevented McCarthy from establishing a routine as a playcaller. But Rodgers' ability to extend plays shouldn't have to be an obstacle. The Packers' next coach needs to be able to utilize and embrace it, not view it as a frustration.

For his part, Rodgers needs to understand how to blend his talent with the modern game. Schematic innovation and new rules inhibiting defensive contact means every quarterback has access to more easy completions. Rodgers tends

to make the game harder than it needs to be, relying on his incredible escape acts in the pocket. He can still be brilliant, but be more willing to settle for the mundane.

The Packers must build around Rodgers, not only rely on him to prop them up. Rodgers lamented the loss of Geronimo Allison this season, which surely hurt. But what does it say when an offense has a hard time withstanding the loss of a third-year wide receiver who went undrafted? The Packers need to help let aging Jordy Nelson go, but they never replaced him. They may have finally found a running back in Aaron Jones, but McCarthy too often split carries or played Jamaal Williams over him.

Gutekunst got off to a strong start in his first draft. First-round cornerback Jaire Alexander could become one of the best defensive backs in the NFL. He needs to raise the level talent around Rodgers.

In recent years, Rodgers pasted over the Packers' dearth of wide receiving ability — Davante Adams excepted — with his otherworldly talent. As he ages, the Packers need to help him. His one-man show will not last forever, and this season already exposed the folly of believing it will.

They started Sunday night with a move that was not surprising in its outcome, but stunning in its timing.

McCarthy hewed to outdated game-management choices, most strikingly his ill-fated punt late in a critical loss in Seattle. McCarthy and Rodgers had a great run in Green Bay, and Rodgers can have success with his next coach.

The Packers need to be honest with themselves about how to go about it.

The Washington Post's Jake Russell contributed to this story.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Gregg Berhalter, a former defender for the U.S. men's national team and head coach of the Columbus Crew, won't electrify soccer fans, but he could be just what Team USA needs

The new face

BY STEVEN GOFF
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — If U.S. soccer fans were hoping for a swashbuckling coach to shake up the damaged men's national program, an outsider to introduce a magic formula tested overseas and immediately exorcise the post-traumatic stress of missing the World Cup, Gregg Berhalter is not their man.

He doesn't have Jurgen Klinsmann's gung-ho personality or Bruce Arena's aura. He hasn't coached in the Premier League or World Cup. He won't electrify the masses.

He won't pilot a helicopter to practice, like Klinsmann did.

Berhalter, introduced Tuesday at a news conference a little down the Hudson from his hometown of Tenafly, New Jersey, is intense and meticulous. His coaching style emphasizes ball possession, organization and tactical acumen, not highflying attacks.

At this low point in U.S. soccer, however, maybe this is exactly what the program needs: back to basics, foundation-building, simple starting points. Maybe, dare we say, a tad dull.

In describing how he will implement his plans, Berhalter said: "My job is to make it as simple as possible. Our game is based on very simple principles. They're not complicated principles. To execute it on a very high level does take some time, but it's based on simple principles."

Perhaps it was that simplicity, along with familiarity and comfort, that led the U.S. Soccer Federation to Berhalter, 45, a former national team defender who has guided MLS' Columbus Crew for five seasons.

Soccer is a global sport and, despite the team's shortfalls of late, the U.S. job is a coveted position. Federation officials said they compiled a list of 33 candidates, domestically and internationally, before narrowing the search to 11, then two. (We don't know for sure who the other was; it might've been FC Dallas' Oscar Pareja, who took the Tijuana post in Liga MX, or maybe 2018 Mexican World Cup boss Juan Carlos Osorio, who is now leading Paraguay.)

There was an overriding feeling for months, though, that Berhalter was going to get the job, sooner or later. Although he has never worked for the USSF, he is an insider in the sense he has coached in the top-flight domestic league and been tied to MLS since joining the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2009 after a 15-year European career.

He played for youth national teams some 25 years ago and is the first former U.S. World Cup player to guide the senior squad.

Earnie Stewart, the general manager who oversaw the coaching hunt, was Berhalter's teammate on the Americans' run to the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals. Berhalter has coached — and coached against — many of those in the current player pool.

In other words, Berhalter knows American soccer: the players, the power structure, the pathway to the World Cup, which, until this year, the United States had not missed since 1986.



"We want to see progress. With each and every camp, you should expect to see development," said new U.S. men's national team coach Gregg Berhalter. "That's my job."

"Gregg isn't just the right choice," USSF President Carlos Cordeiro said. "Gregg is the best choice."

Cordeiro should have elaborated: Berhalter was probably the right and best choice given the situation and given the federation's hiring philosophy. More

precisely, he was the right fit.

Over the years, the USSF has been insular in its selections. Since Bora Milutinovic, a quirky man of many countries and languages, oversaw the 1994 World Cup squad, the federation has hired indi-

viduals with American backgrounds and portfolios, men with deep ties to the U.S. system.

The sort-of exception was Klinsmann, a native of Germany but a beach-loving free spirit with an American family who lived in Southern California and

worked at times in U.S. circles.

Berhalter's deep ties did create perception issues. His brother, Jay, is a top business executive at the Chicago-based USSF.

Jay Berhalter had a say in Stewart's hiring but, Cordeiro reiterated Tues-

day, had no role in the coaching decision.

"The process and selection of the coach was incredibly thorough, very honest, very fair," Cordeiro said. "Jay had nothing to do with that. ... We wanted to keep things very separate and we were incredibly careful about that. ... Gregg comes out on top [in the search]. Why would we discriminate against Gregg because his brother happens to work at the federation?"

That said, at no time has the USSF taken a chance on an accomplished European or South American coach with no prior connections to the U.S. game. The argument against such a selection has always been that American soccer is uniquely different from the sport found around the world, one requiring special insight and understanding into its complexities and diversity.

Some would argue that's narrow-minded, that an esteemed coach, regardless of background and native tongue, would take the program to new heights.

Another argument, though, is that MLS coaches have become more sophisticated and shouldn't be discounted just because the league remains inferior to the top circuits abroad.

Gerardo Martino was already well-respected after guiding FC Barcelona and the Argentine national team, but after two terrific seasons at Atlanta United, he is expected to become the Mexican national team coach soon.

Pareja's move to Tijuana was facilitated by his work in Dallas. Jesse Marsch moved midseason from the New York Red Bulls' top spot to an assistant's gig with Bundesliga side RB Leipzig. Bob Bradley has gone from MLS to the U.S. national team to Egypt, Norway, France, the Premier League and back to MLS this year.

In forging a coaching style, Berhalter drew not just from his American experiences but from his playing days in the Netherlands, a country renowned for possession and style. That undoubtedly appealed to Stewart, a Dutch American who spent the bulk of his playing career — and part of his executive work — in the Netherlands.

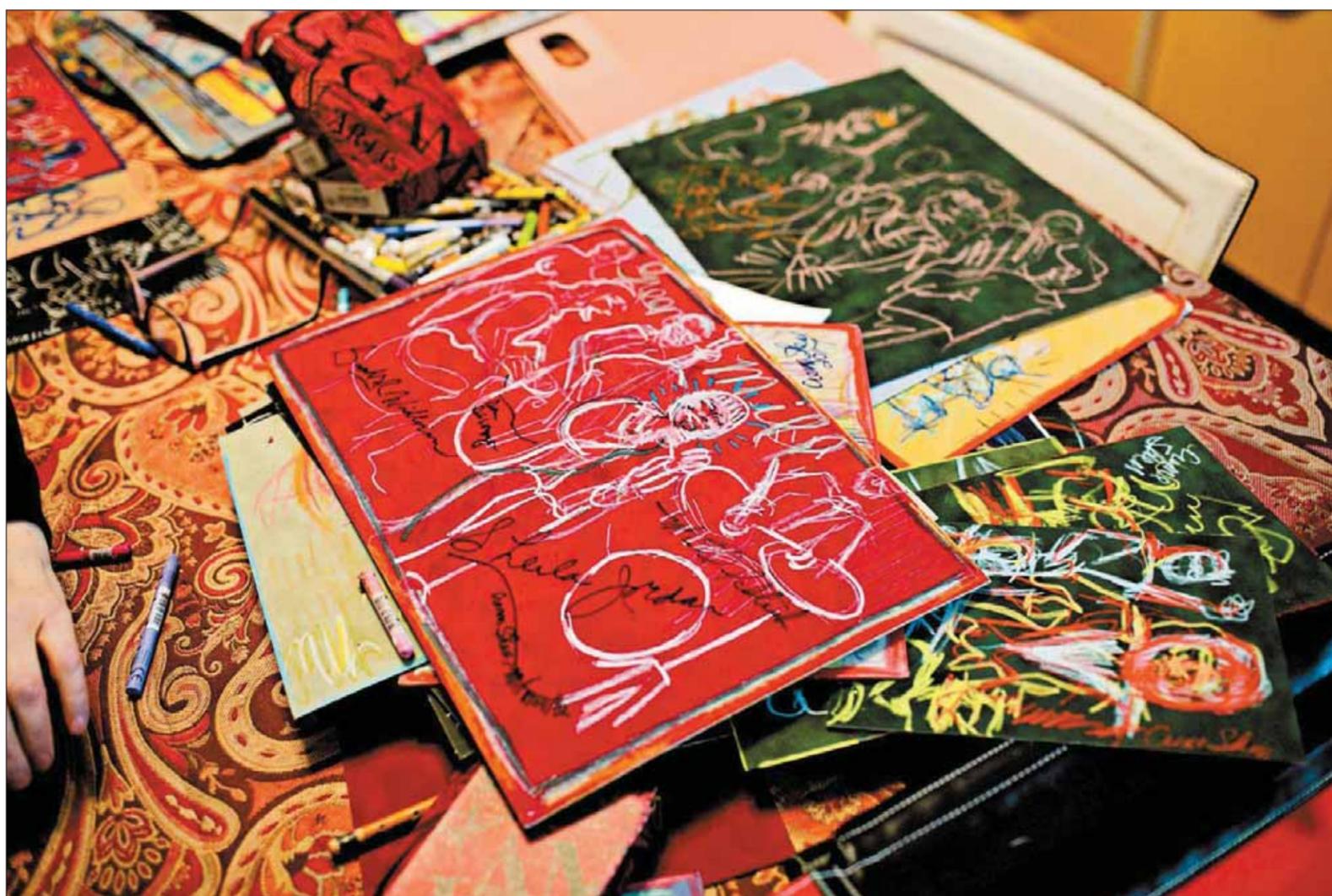
Also, Nico Romeijn, a key figure in the USSF's coaching education department, came from the Dutch federation three years ago.

Berhalter's work will begin by reaching out to the talent pool; he'll attend MLS Cup this weekend and visit players in Europe soon. Training camp, featuring mostly MLS players because most candidates are unavailable, will open Jan. 7 in Chula Vista, California. That's a few hours south from the usual winter site in Carson. The reason for the move, he said, is a more isolated and concentrated experience for the purpose of team-building.

"It's a process," he said when asked about his message to fans. "I don't want to use that as an excuse and say eight years from now we're going to be good. The process has to accelerate and, when you have quality players, when you have players that have the ability to learn, you can accelerate that process a little bit. We want to see progress. With each and every camp, you should expect to see development. That's my job."

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Some of visual artist Sheri Smith's art is seen at her home, which also functions as a studio and gallery for her colorful drawings of local jazz musicians.

PERFORMANCE ART

Hidden in the audience at the Green Mill you might find artist Sheri Smith sketching musicians



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

It is night and she sits in the dark in a large room filled with people and with music and, on the best of those nights, a certain kind of magic.

"It is just the best," says the woman who sits in the dark. "The music, the performers. I can't say exactly what happens to me. It is like automatic writing, I think. Something moves through my mind and my heart into the crayon in my hand and the artistic choices are made."

The woman is Sheri Smith, who was for two decades a public school teacher and for the last 15 years has been spending much of her time at such places as the Jazz Showcase, Green Mill and other jazz joints.

She feels the music in a special way and she continues in her sincere and passionate attempt to explain: "I am totally taken over. I sit in the dark and



Sheri Smith poses for a portrait in her home.

hear the beat and I am electrified. I make marks from what I am hearing. Sometimes it is sensitive and sometimes it is raucous and I take my hand back and forth and that crayon just moves across the page. It is so visceral."

There is her art on the walls of the Rogers Park home that also function as

her studio and gallery, on her website sherismithart.com and at absolutearts.com. Her works hang in the homes of musicians and singers and fans.

She believes she might have been born to this career, saying, "Art is in my family's blood," before telling of her

mother, "a very talented artist," and of a great aunt who was "the spiritual muse of the family who died much too young. She had taught sculpture at the School of the Art Institute."

Sheri followed their examples, "because I really had no option." She obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the SAIC. She was married to an artist for a time. She is a mother. She was a fine art teacher, spending 20 years at three Chicago Public Schools. Like many CPS teachers — former and current — she laments such impediments to learning as over-testing, lack of materials and overcrowding.

"At Manierre Elementary in the Cabrini-Green neighborhood I was teaching 1,200 students a week," she says. "For my last class on Fridays I had 50 eighth-graders in my classroom. All teachers really have to sacrifice some of themselves to do the good job that most are doing."

After leaving the classroom seven years ago, she remains a fixture on the jazz scene that she jumped into 15 years ago, unsure where it might take her.

The first performer she captured on

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MY WORST MOMENT

Picking battles in showbiz

Nico Santos on how he handled an offensive joke early in his career

BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

Before shooting the pilot for the NBC comedy "Superstore," now in its fourth season, Nico Santos decided some research was in order.

"I have experience in retail, but it was high-end clothing boutiques. We had three months before we were going to start filming and Nichole Bloom, who plays Cheyenne, had this idea of, 'Maybe I'll apply at Target.' And I was like, 'Oh my God, there's a Target right near me, I'm going to do the same thing.' So I sat down on the computer and I filled out the application for a good 45 minutes — and then I got an email two weeks later saying that they were not interested in hiring me. I guess I'm just not Target material."

Santos also co-stars in the rom-com, "Crazy Rich Asians," which came with some added



SANJA BUCKO/WARNER BROS.

Awkwafina, Nico Santos and Constance Wu in "Crazy Rich Asians."

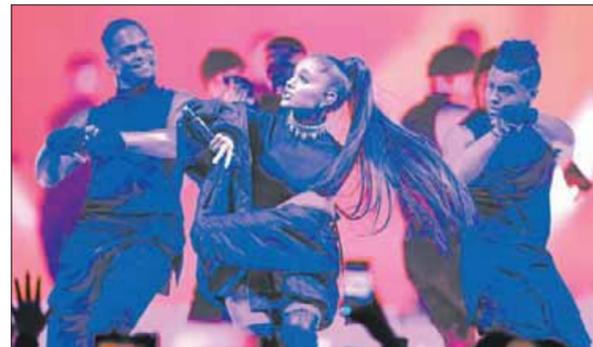
benefits.

"I come from Oregon, which is this super-white state, so I didn't really have a lot of Asian friends in high school and college. And my background's in comedy, and your friends are just your peers in comedy, which is a whole mix of people. It wasn't until I worked on 'Crazy Rich

Asians' that I all of a sudden have this Asian crew of friends that I became super close with.

"Especially when you're queer and you're a person of color, you're so used to being the token on set. Inevitably you have to answer dumb questions from

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Ariana Grande performs at the United Center in March 2017.

ANALYSIS

Ariana Grande's newest hit peels back the curtain

BY CHRIS RICHARDS
 The Washington Post

So where does "Thank U, Next" rank on the list of things that made you feel insane this year?

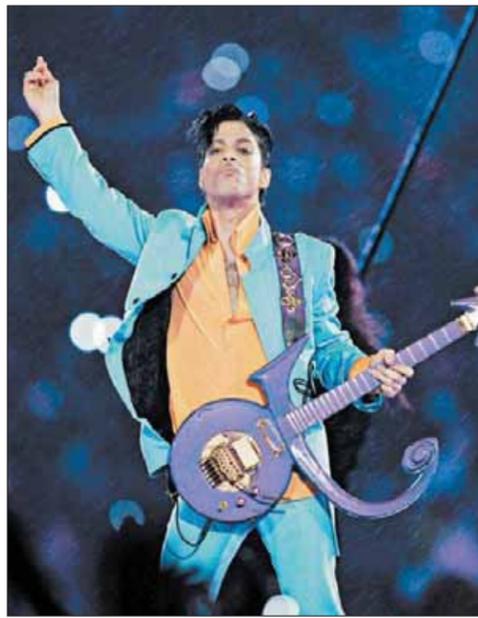
Since perching on our planet's scorched crust last month, this massive Ariana Grande hit has been difficult to escape, making all kinds of people feel

all kinds of ways. It's a pop song about finding enrichment through heartbreak, and in the opening verse, Grande cites four of her exes by name — one of whom recently became her ex-fiance ("Saturday Night Live" star Pete Davidson), and another who recently died of an accidental drug overdose (rapper Mac

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CELEBRITIES

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CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

The vast musical catalog of Prince, shown at the Super Bowl in 2007, will drive the plot of an upcoming movie.

Music of Prince inspiration for film

Universal Pictures has acquired the rights to a number of classic songs from Prince's catalog and is developing an original film musical inspired by his music, using the songs to drive a fictional narrative.

Insiders stress that the film is not a biopic but an original story with Prince's classic songs driving the plotline. The Prince estate has been inquiring with studios about such a film, and Universal Chairman Donna Langley worked aggressively to acquire the rights.

Meetings have begun with potential writers and producers, and execs are hoping the film can be something like Universal's "Mamma Mia," with a completely original story where Prince's music helps drive that narrative.

Atom Factory's Troy Carter, the entertainment adviser of Prince's estate will executive-produce alongside Jody Gerson, chairman and CEO of Universal Music Publishing Group, the exclusive worldwide publishing administrator for Prince's catalog.

Prince sold more than 100 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling music artists of all time. He won eight Grammy Awards, six American Music Awards, a Golden Globe Award and an Academy Award for the 1984 film "Purple Rain." He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004. Though the film isn't a biopic, studios have been on the lookout for the next great musical after the success of Fox's "Bohemian Rhapsody."

— Variety



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Davidson addresses bullying after breakup:

Pete Davidson broke his silence in an Instagram post following his short-lived engagement with Ariana Grande. Davidson said he's been getting bullied for nine months. But Davidson says he's spoken about being suicidal publicly "only in the hopes that it will bring awareness and help kids like myself who don't want to be on this earth." Davidson wrote, "No matter how hard the internet or anyone tries to make me kill myself, I won't."

West apologizes for using phone:

Kanye West has apologized for his lack of phone etiquette while he and his wife, Kim Kardashian West, attended opening night of "The Cher Show" on Broadway. Jarrod Spector plays Sonny Bono in the musical and tweeted: "If you look up from your cell phone you'll see we're doing a show up here." West later apologized in a reply on Twitter for his "lack of etiquette."

Queen, Lambert to tour:

Queen and Adam Lambert are launching a six-week North American tour following the release of the Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody." Live Nation announced the 23-date tour Monday. It will feature original band members Brian May and Roger Taylor with Adam Lambert singing lead. Lambert first shared the stage with Queen during the 2009 "American Idol" final.

Dec. 5 birthdays: Singer-guitarist John Rzeznik is 53. Comedian Margaret Cho is 50. Actress Paula Patton is 43. Singer Keri Hilson is 36. Actor Frankie Muniz is 33.



ASK AMY

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Sometimes a 'thank you' is a great gift

Dear Amy: My young-adult daughter and her partner have lived together for four years. They live 300 miles away. I am very fond of my daughter's partner and send her a birthday gift each year.

I have never received a thank-you. I'm flexible on the format — a text would be fine with me, however ... nothing. This year I asked my daughter if her girlfriend had received the gift, but that didn't feel right, either. In the future, should I text her girlfriend and ask her directly? Should I give up on this expectation and assume the gifts are received?

The tracking number lets me know it arrived on their front porch. Of course, I'd like to hear that I selected a gift that was appreciated, but I really want to know if she got it.

I've sent gifts to children knowing it was up to their parents as to whether I received a thank-you.

When sending a gift to an adult, my expectations are that there'd be some acknowledgment. Amy, are thank-yous and/or acknowledgments passé? — *Did You Get It?*

Dear Did You: A "thank you" never goes out of style. And I would say that over four years' time, a texted acknowledgment from an adult that a gift was received should be considered the minimum investment toward receiving a gift the next year.

Her behavior is embarrassing to you, because now you have to face the prospect of proactively chasing down this gift. Let's set aside the idea of saying "thank you." Packages get nabbed off of

porches. Even with accurate tracking, senders know that someone received a package only if the recipient tells them.

And, here's a holiday bonus for all of you clueless or awkward recipients: Let's say you receive a gift (even if you don't like it). Oh no! What should you do? At the least, you should send a text or call, saying, "Hi, I got the gift you sent! You are so thoughtful to think of me. I really appreciate it. Thank you!"

A slightly more clever (and more fun) version of this is to take a selfie or a video selfie of yourself holding the gift, and deliver this message to the sender's phone. It takes 30 seconds and is much appreciated. Polite and high-functioning people often also follow up with a note.

Given this woman's behavior, I think it's time for you to transition toward birthday cards. Then all of you can stop worrying about it.

Dear Amy: How would I know if my nephews who reside outside of the USA really love me for who I am, or rather care more about my money and possibly thinking that they'll inherit some of it, because I am a gay man and have no children of my own?

My contact with them is via WhatsApp on birthdays and the occasional exchange of photos. — *American Uncle*

Dear Uncle: If I had a litmus test to determine if love was sincere, I would have patented it (and used it on my ex-husband). I imagine urine test strips, marketed with the motto "If the strip turns blue,

your love is true!"

Many generational relationships are basically exchanges: I give you this (affection, attention, material goods) and I receive that (gratitude, affection, recognition). When the exchange feels balanced, the relationship proceeds with mutual satisfaction.

But here is the maddening mystery about love. Love is something you simply have to give away, with brave and honest intentions — and with no guarantee that it will be returned. My suggestion is that you love abundantly and take satisfaction in your ability to be emotionally generous. Even if you don't leave these young people any money, consider your attention and affection a lasting legacy.

Dear Amy: In your answer to "Standards Too High," you wrote: "Too often, women ignore or override their own instincts, and then later wonder why they didn't pay attention to their own good sense."

This is a true statement, but why leave out men? I get so sick of men being ignored in your column. — *Upset Man*

Dear Man: This question was posed by a woman, and I directed my answer to other women. But think of it this way: Women, and people across the gender spectrum, have been pretty tolerant of being referred to as "mankind" for hundreds of years. Welcome to your insight.

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Miller). Supporters have called it "brave," "empowered," a glint of "feel-good honesty," and all of the other nice things that nice people say on social media whenever we prioritize cheering for music over experiencing it.

Yes, this song might be biggest brave-empowering-honest-pure-unapologetic-lit-YASSS-etc., hit of 2018, but it's also profoundly atypical and disconcertingly weird. Grande isn't just calling her glass half-full. She's doing a new kind of alchemy, transmuted trauma into Bubble Yum. And without blinking. It's as if a singer at the height of her fame accidentally wandered into pop's uncanny valley — a disconcerting gray zone between a superstar's glazed image and the sentient being behind it.

Shouldn't we want all of our American idols be this real? Yes, but no. Over the course of our strange new century, we've been given reality shows that follow a script, and more recently, a reality show president who doesn't. We crave what's real, but sometimes we actually get it. But it's different with pop music. The space between what's real and what isn't is where our imaginations get to play, and we start to lose something whenever that gap begins to close.

With "Thank U, Next," Grande practically seals it shut. She and Davidson began dating in May, had gotten engaged by June, then went poof in October — with the media monitoring every 15 minutes of it. When Grande dropped her fourth album, "Sweetener," in August, the only way to truly hear it was to break out a reliable measuring stick: How much would we care about this artist's music without their celebrity, and how much would we care about their celebrity without their music? Grande's music has always been softly mag-



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Pete Davidson, left, and Ariana Grande arrive at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York earlier this year.

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netic, even when it wasn't all that great. It usually comes down to her voice, which remains as plush, clean, smothering and anonymous as a luxury hotel room pillow. And like any nameless coo that permeates so much of our communal airspace, hers sounds more and more human year after year. Maybe the blunt-force candor of "Thank U, Next" was an attempt to speed

the process along. The song's music video, however, taps the brakes, pushing away from reality by re-creating various scenes from an array of aughties coming-of-age movies — "Mean Girls," "Bring It On," "13 Going on 30" and "Legally Blonde." Yes, this cozy nostalgia mash-up earned a record-setting 50 million views within its first 24 hours online, but the video ultimately feels drab and unimaginative, stepping out of the uncanny valley and back into fantasy-land. As the writer Tobi Haslett aptly pointed out, Grande's makeup has her looking like a Pixar cartoon.

Watch closely, and you'll notice Grande moving her mouth in weird ways, too. During that first verse, she isn't actually singing, or even syncing. She doesn't want her glossed lips to touch as she rattles off the names of those ex-flames. This is the kind of pop artifice we're comfortable with. She's only keeping it as real as she has to.



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Visual artist Sheri Smith stands amid her artwork at home, which also serves as her gallery and studio.

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the page was the inimitable Kurt Elling, who was singing at the Green Mill. “I said to myself, ‘What’s the worst thing that could happen?’ The worst thing is that I wouldn’t like the drawing,” she says. “But I did and I just kept at it, drawing and drawing.”

She has so far captured some 500 performers in her work. Many of them you would know because they are famous: Sonny Rollins, Von Freeman, Willie Pickens, Dee Alexander ... the list is a long

one. Though some of her subjects have died, they are vibrant enough in her work as to seem immortal and she gets that.

“I have a deep love of history and what I am doing, I realize, is making a historical record. I would like to see some of my working hanging in the Chicago History Museum,” she says. “I would give them as a donation. I just want the work to be out there.”

The performers know her and admire her. Pianist/singer Judy Roberts and her husband, saxophonist and educator Greg Fishman, have been the subjects of Smith’s work. “I have always viewed her art

as the drawing version of a very modern jazz player,” says Roberts. “She gets really far out and makes it fun. I have fantasized about improvising stuff on the piano while she’s doing a sketch, like some kind of audio/visual jazz improv.”

Singer Spider Saloff says, “Sheri is delight as an artist and a person. She has attended so many jazz performances of mine and countless others. You see her at a table fairly close to the stage, dressed in something fun and fabulous, using whatever tiny space she has at a cocktail table to observe and capture not only the musicians, but the colors and mood of the whole event.”

The club owners know her too. The Green Mill’s Dave Jemilo gave her a nickname she adores, Creme Sheri. She arrives at the clubs an hour before every show. She does not drink alcohol during performances. Her lap is her easel, where she sets a suede board on which she draws in the dark with a special brand of crayons called Caran d’Ache. Sometimes she employs a black and white scratch board.

She will produce as many as seven drawings during a performance and has all the work signed by the performers. “I usually only have 30 seconds or a minute after a performance to get up to the stage and

get the autographs,” she says. “All have signed. Well, one or two refused. But they have been very gracious. And I have given each of them a drawing of their choosing at that moment.”

In the light of the next day at her home studio, she completes the image. “I am not sure of the full extent of my work until I see them under bright lights,” she says. “Once I pick the one that I most like, I’ll rework and complete the image. Then it’s scanned into a computer and becomes a fine-art digital print which makes the colors so vivid.”

And vibrant, colorful and an altogether impor-

tant body of work, more than 100 of which were given a spectacular exhibition — “Jazz Portraits: A Chicago Jazz Artist Captures Their Culture” — during October at the Ken Hirte Gallery on Milwaukee Avenue.

Those who saw it were bowled over or, as Saloff puts it, in a particularly jazzy fashion, “I was blown away by the immense body of work that she has created. The opening was an event to remember. So many jazzers in one room ... hanging, eating, drinking and enjoying Sheri and her work. She is the cat’s!”

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Moment

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someone. You’re the ‘other.’ So it was really nice to be on a set, filming in Asia, and not only were we surrounded by our Asian peers in front of the camera, but it was also behind the camera. And because we shot it in Singapore, everybody around us was Asian. So it was kind of amazing to work on this Hollywood movie and not have to navigate through that white Hollywood filter.

“Five years ago I was hosting at a restaurant and could barely afford to feed myself because I was only making 11 bucks an hour,” Santos added. “And now to be part of this movie that’s a cultural phenomenon that’s left its mark, I’m like, how did I end up here?”

“Superstore” and “Crazy Rich Asians” have been career highlights. When asked to share a low point, Santos prefaced his recollection with a disclaimer: “This is a story where, it’s not necessarily a worst moment but it’s more like: ‘What the (flip) is happening?’”

My worst moment ...

“I auditioned for a guest role on ‘Two Broke Girls’ on CBS and it was a very stereotypical gay role. The character was the manager of a retail boutique. So I get the sides (the lines of dialogue) for it ahead of time and one of the lines that I had to say was basically implying that I was a pedophile. It was something like: ‘As much as I love a caftan and underage boys, we’re not in Morocco.’ That was the line.

“And I was like, really? Is this the line you want me to say? You’re implying that I sleep with underage boys? This is for a network multicam sitcom? What is happening?!”

“So I was like, that’s weird and totally tone deaf. I don’t understand why this was even a joke. And I emailed my friend who works at CBS, just venting to her: ‘Ugh, God, I have



ADAM ROSE/NBC

Nico Santos stars as Mateo on NBC’s “Superstore.”

this audition for the show and I can’t believe I have to say this line. This was in 2013 or 2014. It was just so frustrating that, as queer people and people of color, these are the things we keep running into at auditions. It reinforces this idea that we’re predators. So I was venting and complaining to my friend and she emailed back and said: ‘I hope you don’t mind but I forwarded your email to the head of diversity at CBS.’

“And I said: ‘You did what?’”

“And then, very soon after that, I got an email from the head of diversity saying: ‘Hey, your concerns are being heard and we’ve forwarded them to Peter Golden’ — the head of programming at the time — ‘and Nina Tassler’ — who was the head of CBS Entertainment at the time.

“And I was just walking into the audition when I read this email and I was like: Well, I just blacklisted myself from Hollywood. Because you don’t want to be seen as a person who is — these games that get into your head about being a person of color and being LGBTQ in Hollywood, you better not piss anybody off or you’re not going to work. And I thought, oh my God, that’s it for me. It’s gone all the way to the top. A) There’s no way I’m going to book this role, and B) I’m probably never going to work again.

“But I did the audition

and I got through it — and I ended up booking the job.

“And to this day I don’t know if it was because they actually liked what I did, or if it was: This kid is raising a stink, give him the job. I’d like to think it had something to do with my talent.

“They switched the line by the time we shot the episode from ‘underage boys’ to ‘teenage boys,’ which ... is still the same issue.”

Did anyone from the show talk with Santos about his concerns in the audition or later on when he shot the episode?

“Nobody did. And I wasn’t going to say anything when I was on set. I wasn’t going to bring it up.

“It was only the second or third professional acting job that I had booked so I was like, I better not screw this up. Acting jobs are so hard to come by to begin with, but it also feels so different when you’re already marginalized — it feels like you’re not invited to the table. So I felt like I better be on my best behavior. This job was a big deal for me. Also it was a decent paycheck and I was like, ‘Oh my God, I can pay my rent for at least two or three months off of one week of work.’ I was so ecstatic to even have the opportunity.

“And the experience on-set was amazing. They were such a lovely cast and welcoming. But I definitely

not. I won’t do anything like that.’ But because I was starting out and trying to get my foot in the door and I knew it could lead to better things, it was kind of a calculated business decision for my career.

“And everything else about the part was fine, apart from that line! It was a really funny, kooky character that I played. It was a high-end, snobby retail store, and since I have a background in high-end retail I knew exactly who this person was — and if it wasn’t for this line, I would have been like, this is perfect! The two stars come shopping in my boutique and I just throw them so much shade and attitude. It was a really fun day on set. But I just couldn’t believe how tone deaf that one line was.”

The takeaway ...

“I said my piece and did everything I could — I mean, there was only so much I could do at that

time, anyway. I knew exactly where my power stopped.

“I have more clout to voice my concerns in these types of situations now, but I’m still learning how to navigate this delicate landscape we have here in Hollywood and picking your battles — knowing when to stand your ground and when to bend a little.

“This was only four or five years ago — it’s really not that long ago — I would not have felt comfortable saying ‘This is messed up’ to the casting director or the producers during the audition.

“But the Time’s Up movement has really helped change the way things are perceived. People are so much more cognizant about things like representation. So now I would feel more than empowered to be like: No, we’re not doing this.”

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Zoe Kravitz makes a name for herself

Actress happy to break free from shadow of her famous parents

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Los Angeles Times

When J.K. Rowling set out to cast the latest installment in the “Harry Potter” film franchise, she instructed the producers to make the project racially diverse. Since its inception in 2001, the big-screen adaptations of the author’s best-selling books have been filled with mostly white actors. So for “Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald,” the author-turned-screenwriter decided to give one of the film’s biggest roles to a person of color.

Zoe Kravitz, 29, was cast as Leta Lestrange, a pure-blood witch who found solace at Hogwarts alongside a fellow outsider, the creature-loving Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne).

The actress, daughter of “The Cosby Show” star Lisa Bonet and musician Lenny Kravitz, has steadily made a name for herself in Hollywood over the past decade. She’s played supporting roles in big action franchises “X-Men” and “Divergent,” and last year she landed a major gig opposite Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman on HBO’s “Big Little Lies.” She recently wrapped the second season of the Emmy-winning program and is working on a television adaptation of “High Fidelity” for Disney’s new streaming service, in which she will play the lead.

In other words: Why are we still bringing up her parents?

“I feel like I’ve proven I’m here to stay, and I’ve worked hard to be here,” she says. “For a very long time, I felt like I had to avoid talking about them because I wanted people to see me as an individual. It’s nice that I don’t feel like I have to stray away from that now, because it’s nice to talk about them. I love them.”

The following is an edited transcript.

Q: How important was it to you that as Leta Lestrange you have the biggest role for a person of color in the history of the “Harry Potter” franchise?

A: I thought it was really important. And this takes place in the 1920s, so what was it like to be a person of color in this world at this time? She might have been one of the only children of color in Hogwarts at that time. She’s an outcast and whether it’s spoken about or not, I associate that, of course, partly with what she looks like.

I think they were mostly only auditioning women of color for this role. I know it was an important thing for Jo (Rowling). She was very aware of what she was doing.



Zoe Kravitz has one of her biggest roles yet as Leta Lestrange in “Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald.”

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— Zoe Kravitz, on coming from a famous family

Q: This is the next big action franchise you’ve done after the “Divergent” series. Does it feel different?

A: I think these movies are better. So that makes a difference. What’s so great is I don’t have to pretend that it’s good. What Jo does is she’s created this fantastical world, but her characters really are based in truth and they’re interesting and they’re complicated.

Q: Some fans see the villainous Grindelwald — who is played by Johnny Depp — as a metaphor for President Donald Trump. Do you buy that?

A: I think it could be Trump. I think it could be Hitler. ... I think this film is incredibly timely and relevant, and what’s so interesting to me about Grindelwald and how Johnny plays him is there’s something seductive about what he’s saying. It’s not just, “OK, that’s the bad guy.” You want to lean in and listen to him, and everyone you’re meeting in the film has to make a choice about who they are and what they believe in. I think we are in that time right now in the world where people need to make a choice. Show up, vote, speak to your family members about white supremacy. I hope that people will leave the film feeling encouraged to make the decisions to take that leap.

Q: You campaigned for Bernie Sanders in 2016. Do you consider yourself

a political activist?

A: I don’t really think I’m an activist. I think there are real activists out there who dedicate their lives and are out there on the ground. I try to use my platform to talk about the things that I care about, but I don’t want to act like posting things on Instagram makes me an activist. ...

I don’t know why I wouldn’t (share my beliefs). I guess the reason to not do that is to appeal to everybody, but I don’t have that desire. That’s not what I’m here for. I’m not here to be liked by everybody. I’m not here to be a poster child for a pleasant woman.

Q: You just finished filming the second season of “Big Little Lies.” Did you have more input on your character this time around?

A: The one thing that didn’t make it into the show, which I wanted to talk about more, was being a woman of color living in a white community. The fact that no one mentions she’s black or gossips about a white guy being married to someone black — I wanted to explore that a little bit more, but no one listened to me. The powers that be didn’t understand why it was so important. I think some people can’t relate to why those details matter, and so they just don’t get it.

Q: There’s been a huge push for diversity in film across the industry over the past few years. Have

you seen that reflected in the work you’re offered?

A: Now people are so conscious about diversity, and I don’t want a movie set to look like a United Colors of Benetton ad. You want it to look legitimate. You don’t want it to look calculated, and you also don’t want to feel like, “OK, we need an Asian guy here” — you don’t want to feel like a token person or you’re checking a box, so it is difficult to make it feel authentic and real. My biggest pet peeve is that most scripts put the nationality or the color of the person’s skin — except for the Caucasian characters. So they’ll put, like, “Jessica, 24, attitude,” and two pages down you’ll read “Simon, African-American.” And I’ll be like, “So I am supposed to know that the story is about a white person and then we put people of color in certain places to create accents?” It’s upsetting.

Q: Did you have any feelings about being in a film with Depp?

A: Yeah, I was stoked. I’m a fan.

Q: There was some backlash when he was cast in this film because his ex-wife, Amber Heard, accused him of domestic abuse — charges he has denied. Did that concern you?

A: I don’t think that’s any of my business. And I also believe in second chances for certain people, depending on what we’re talking about. But I’m not the head of casting at Warner Bros. I’m here to do my job; he’s here to do his job. I wouldn’t work with Woody Allen, but I also don’t think Woody Allen would want to have me in his films because he doesn’t put people of color in his films and they’re all set in New York City. The melting pot of the

world, and there’s no black people.

Q: As an artist, how do you vet who you’ll work with?

I think it’s a case by case thing, and I think it should be a case by case thing. Forgiveness should be a part of this movement, depending again on who we’re talking about. Someone like Harvey Weinstein, I think he’s past the point of forgiveness.

Q: Have you attended any Time’s Up meetings?

A: Yes. It was cool to see people be active, and to sit down with people who I’ve seen in a room at a party and never had an actual conversation with. ... It’s hard to figure out, “OK, is this just a place for us to vent, or are we going to do something here?” But every big movement does start with conversation. And I was there to listen, observe and say something if I felt that I needed to. It’s just nice to check in with people who share the same experiences as you — so you don’t feel alone. I think a lot of women felt like they were the only person experiencing this thing.

Q: You recently revealed you were sexually harassed by a director on set when you were around 19. Why did you choose not to disclose the filmmaker’s name?

A: It’s not gonna do anything for me. That person knows who they are, I would hope. I just don’t feel the need. They have a family. The greatest thing about this movement is we’re talking about it, so I hope that other young actresses know they have the support and they can say “no.” If this movement had been going on then, I would have had the strength to be vocal, call

my agent — do all the things I didn’t do. I hope that people hear these stories, even if they don’t know who we’re talking about specifically, and know that they have a support system.

Q: You recently posed nude on the cover of Rolling Stone as an homage to a cover your mother did in 1988. You’ve talked about how you struggled with eating disorders as a teenager. How did you learn to love your body?

A: I’ve been trying to take care of myself and eat when I want to eat and work out and not obsess about my weight. We also live in a time when we see a lot of examples of fake boobs, fake butts, fake everything — and this is what I look like. It’s nice to be comfortable in my own skin. At some point, I just realized that (eating disorders) were taking a toll on my physical body. And it takes a lot of energy, that self-hatred. I would physically get tired or get sick. I could be putting this energy into something so much better than hating myself. The truth is, I do have my health, and I should embrace that.

Q: You’ve played many supporting roles, are you itching to be cast as the lead in a movie?

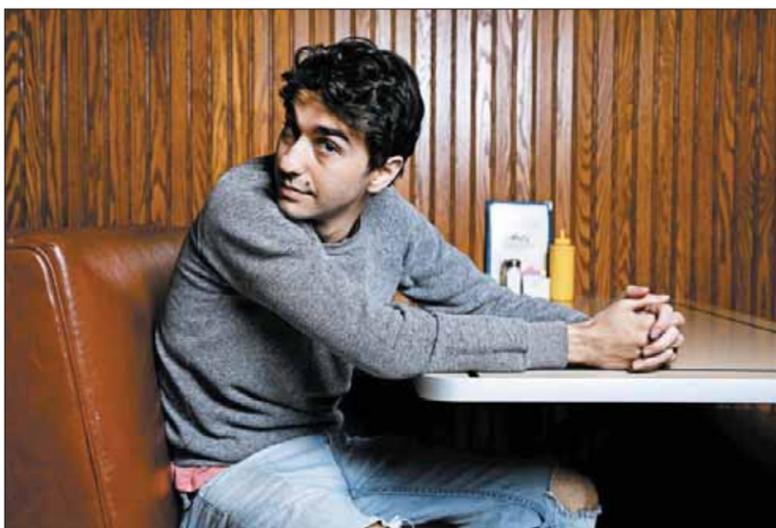
A: It’s gonna happen when it’s supposed to happen. I feel myself growing as an actor every job I do. I think about where I was 10 years ago, I don’t think I was ready to carry a film then. I think I’m getting to that place, and it’ll be exciting when it does happen. Feeling comfortable in my own skin is going to help me carry my own film, and it’s been a journey to get to that place.

Alex Wolff took the dare for ‘Hereditary’

BY HUGH HART
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Alex Wolff slides into a booth at his favorite Studio City deli, sets down his black-framed glasses and within minutes casually quotes Irish poet William Butler Yeats, whose “Cat and the Moon” provides the title for the 20-year-old actor’s recently wrapped directorial debut. He’s not your typical Valley dude.

Wolff grew up in New York City. At age 6, he starred with his brother Nat in the Nickelodeon series “The Naked Brothers Band,” created by their actress mom Polly Draper and featuring songs written by the two boys. More recently, he portrayed Boston bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in the Mark



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“I think what makes ‘Hereditary’ sing is sadness.”

— Actor Alex Wolff

Wahlberg film “Patriot’s Day” and a serial killer’s high school mate in “My Friend Dahmer.”

Taking a break in LA before returning east to finish “Bad Education”

opposite Hugh Jackman, the bicoastal Wolff cheerfully revisited the making of writer-director Ari Aster’s angst-ridden horror film “Hereditary.” In the summer release, Wolff

played tormented teenager Peter, mired in a supernaturally charged family tragedy involving his ferociously unforgiving mother (Toni Collette), grieving father (Gabriel Byrne) and

peculiar sister (Milly Shapiro). The following is an edited transcript.

Q: What was it like reading the “Hereditary” script for the first time?

A: The first 10 to 15 pages I’m thinking, “This script is well-written, I love the way the characters are — Oh, my God, what the ... is going on!” Because you don’t see it coming, at all. I remember at the end, when all that crazy is going down, my mom walked into my room and I shrieked out loud because I was so overtaken by the intensity of the script.

Q: Toni Collette plays your mother Annie with such frightening intensity, especially when she’s screaming at you. How did that feel?

A: It was a blast. The whole movie is a game of chicken where she’s daring me to explode, both of us are daring each other, like in the dinner scene where I go, “Is there something you want to say, Mom?” And throughout, Ari’s basically going “OK, ex-

plode. OK, explode. Tear yourself open and I’ll figure it out later.” That can be scary unless you’re ready to throw out your sanity. But it’s also really fun.

Q: So how did you research the occult aspects of the story?

A: I saw a documentary about this girl who’d been kidnapped by a satanic cult and watched this woman talking about how Paimon (a king of the underworld) was like a mischievous, nervous teenager. It fit in perfectly with what family means, what anxiety means, what tragedy means.

Q: What was your personal entry point for telling the “Hereditary” story?

A: I think what makes “Hereditary” sing is sadness, even more than the scary (stuff). To me, it’s about a boy who wants his mom to love him after he messes up, but there’s a faulty screw in the relationship. That’s what makes it so heartbreaking.

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Bill Weir

"Border Live" (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Discovery): The border between the United States and Mexico has become a dividing line in more than one respect, fueled by partisan politics and politicians. This new six-part weekly series will provide live coverage along that border, following events and personal stories as they develop. New York-based host Bill Weir engages with experts on this and related topics who can provide insight and perspective.

"Chicago Med" (7 p.m., NBC): As he and Natalie (Torrey DeVitto) prepare for their wedding day, Will (Nick Gehlfuss) unwillingly allows himself to get sidetracked in the new episode "Death Do Us Part." Elsewhere, Dr. Charles (Oliver Platt) clashes with Goodwin (S. Epatha Merkerson) over a patient's care, while Dr. Choi and April (Brian Tee, Yaya DaCosta) find themselves with no backup as a pregnant woman unexpectedly goes into labor. Dr. Rhodes (Colin Donnell) treats a patient who's very important to Detective Halstead (guest star Jesse Lee Sofer).

"A Gift to Remember" (9 p.m., Hallmark): While biking to her job at a Manhattan bookstore, Darcy (Ali Liebert, "Chesapeake Shores") crashes into Aidan (Peter Porte, "The Young and the Restless"), who is out walking his dog. Knocked unconscious, Aidan is rushed to a hospital, where he falls into a coma, while the distraught Darcy takes his dog home to care for him until Aidan recovers. As she waits for developments, Darcy can't help trying to piece together a personal history of this handsome stranger.

"My Christmas Prince" (9:03 p.m., 1:04 a.m., Lifetime): Samantha (Alexis Knapp) has a holiday bombshell waiting for her when she makes her annual Christmas trip home to Wyoming: Her boyfriend Alex (Callum Alexander), a European diplomat, actually is a prince who is next in line to the throne of his tiny country. Suddenly, their relationship becomes far more complicated, because staying with him means giving up her beloved teaching job in Manhattan in favor of living in the relentless spotlight. Parker Stevenson and Pamela Sue Martin also star.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Journalist Anderson Cooper; TV host Andy Cohen; John Legend talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Jeff Daniels; actress Emily Mortimer.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Jennifer Aniston; actor Chris Elliott; Rita Ora performs.*

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	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "Death Do Us Part." (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "Always a Catch." (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Descent." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Am Housewife (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	A Million Little Things: "perspective." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	blackish: "THE Word." ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Ducks (N) ♦	
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BIGTEN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Nebraska at Minnesota. (N) ©				The B1G	
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CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
CNBC	Deal or No Deal (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No ♦	
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HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N) Property ♦			
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MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Revolutionists' ★★ 1/2

Art in age of upheaval: Powerful moments, groan-worthy lines

BY KERRY REID
Chicago Tribune

The opening moments of Strawdog Theatre's "The Revolutionists" feel like they might be perfectly at home at Trap Door. Four women, garbed in deconstructed variants of 18th century garb, stand in half-light at microphones, their breathing and vocalizations distorted and looped — and then cut off with a looming shadow of a guillotine descending at the rear of the stage. It suggests that this is a world where the verbal loses to the short sharp shock of violence and where life ends in an instant. It also suggests a commitment to the kind of stylized gestural stage language that Trap Door has mastered.

But playwright Lauren Gunderson doesn't keep us in this imagistic world long. She's written a play about a playwright writing a play, so of course the verbal comes roaring back — sometimes poetic, sometimes self-conscious. By choosing the story of Olympe de Gouges, a French playwright and feminist who lost her life during the Reign of Terror in 1793, one senses that Gunderson is looking for her own avatar of the artist in an age of upheaval.

What good is art — what should it be doing — when the walls are tumbling down? But throughout Denise Yvette Serna's production, that search for meaning bogs down from time to time in unnecessary look-at-how-meta-I'm-being moments in the script.

Undoubtedly, the story of de Gouges is well worth telling. Her 1791 "Declaration of the Rights of Woman and the Female Citizen" followed her earlier calls for abolition of slavery in the French colonies of the Caribbean. She even devised a "social contract" (inspired by Jean-Jacques Rousseau) outlining gender equality in marriage. But her support for constitu-



COLLIN QUINN RICE PHOTO

Kamille Dawkins, Izis Mollinedo and Kat McDonnell in "The Revolutionists."

tional monarchy meant she ran afoul of the Jacobins. An unfinished play by de Gouges, in which Marie Antoinette faces revolutionaries and tries to figure out how to transform the monarchy, ended up as evidence against her and led her to the guillotine.

This is heady stuff (no pun intended), and the women who surround Kat McDonnell's Olympe all provide different points of view on how to negotiate an age of unrest. There's Charlotte Corday (Izis Mollinedo), the woman of action and assassin of Jacobin journalist Jean-Paul Marat. There's Marie Antoinette (Sarah Goeden), the gadfly trying to figure out how to survive another day. And there's Marianne Angelle (Kamille Dawkins), a fictional character based on the national symbol of the French Republic. Here, she's an abolitionist friend of Olympe's from the Caribbean who shows up on her doorstep, asking for help in creating political pamphlets.

The push-pull between playwright and pamphleteer too often devolves into navel-gazing in Gunderson's script. There's also quite a bit of narrative throat-clearing in the first act, as if the writer's block de Gouges experiences is a stand-in for Gunderson's

own struggle with being a playwright (and one of the most-produced playwrights in the United States, to boot) during the current administration. "I'm not blocked," she protests to Marianne. "I'm just mentally hibernating. There's a lot of pressure to write something profound these days. And then I keep thinking if I come up with a good title it'll get me started. Something like 'The Revolutionists.'"

There are several such groan-worthy lines scattered throughout, which feel creaky more than clever. But when Gunderson's play ditches the cutesy flourishes and goes for the throat, so to speak, it finds many moments of resonance. The same is true of Serna's production, which generally uses Alex Casillas' spare set (Olympe's desk is the only major set piece), Spencer Meeks' electronic sound looping, and Claire Chrzan's chiaroscuro lighting effects to create a clammy sense of impending doom for the women. The aforementioned costumes by Leah Hummel, all in white, also provide a contrast of clean purity with the bloody tangled politics of the French Revolution.

At its best, Gunderson's blend of contemporary vernacular and political

argument brings to mind the opening of Caryl Churchill's "Top Girls," in which women from history join a modern business-woman as she tries to suss out what it means to be

When: Through Dec. 29

Where: Strawdog Theatre Company, 1802 W. Berenice Ave.

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$35-\$40 at 773-644-1380 or www.strawdog.org

successful. Here, Olympe and the others are trying to figure out what it means for a woman to be revolutionary. The four actors each find resonant — even transcendent — moments as they face their fates with varying degrees of defiance. (Spoiler alert: three of them die. The fourth, being fictional, does not.)

Goeden's Marie Antoinette is particularly good as she peels back the onion of the embattled queen, making us really see and hear the mournful flesh-

and-bones woman behind the towering wig and vocal fry. Interestingly enough, Dawkins' Marianne feels the most relatable, as she is wholly the product of Gunderson's imagination. One wishes she had trusted herself to give voice to the real-life women without the meta-theatrical clutter.

"A story is more alive than a fact. A story is what lives," declares Gunderson's Olympe as she faces death." Gunderson has found the bones of a good story in Olympe's life. When the narrative furlowels are stripped away, we're left with some striking images and lingering questions about how we create change in a time of nihilism.

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Horoscopes



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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Make plans and reservations. The next two weeks favor travel, research and higher education. Reinforce long-distance connections. The road ahead looks clear.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Monitor budgets and expenses. Cut risk and speculation. Don't fall for a trick. Review your reserves, and strategize for growth over the next few weeks.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Join forces with a clever partner. Communication and cooperation flow with ease. You're surrounded by love. Cook up something fun and interesting.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Stick to reliable routines, especially with physical efforts. Guard your energy and health. Balance a busy work schedule with self-care, exercise and rest.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. New romance blossoms. Plan for some fun today and tomorrow, especially. Consider all options. Go for substance over symbolism. Avoid expensive extras. Simple ingredients satisfy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Home comforts draw you in. Enjoy a domestic renewal phase. Clean closets and drawers. Renovate and beautify your space. Make repairs and upgrades.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're especially brilliant. Write, sketch and express your views. Make practical modifications. Resist the temptation to overspend. Accept another's ideas. Listen to your muses.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Get into a profitable groove. Have faith in your own imagination and talents. Keep your promises and deadlines. You have more options than you thought.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You're especially strong, confident and creative over the next few weeks. Try not to break anything. Outdoor recreation is in the realm of possibility.

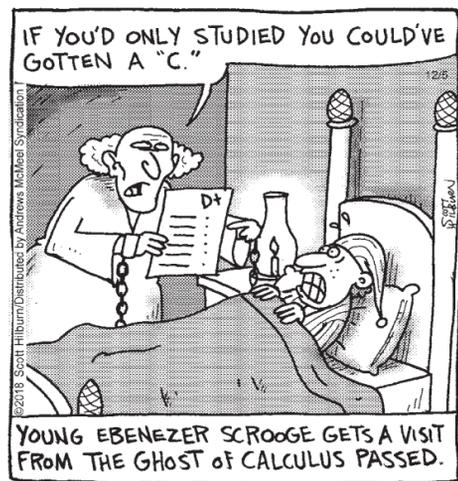
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Rest and recharge. Plan your next moves in advance. Meditate on how you'd like things to go. Envision perfection, and determine your strategies.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Solutions come from friends and social connections. Dive into a community effort or cause. Creative efforts take a leap forward. Sign papers, post and publish.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Your career is taking off. Don't ignore your fears; use them for motivation. Crazy dreams seem possible. Talks move forward now. A barrier dissolves.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ Void	♥ AKQ7532	♠ KQ832	♥ 8
♣ A1053	♦ K7	♦ K2	♠ 86532
South		West	
♠ A1075	♥ 106	♠ 86532	♥ 8
♦ QJ	♣ A Q J 10 9	♦ K2	♠ 86532

In a time when artificial gadgetry seems to dominate most expert auctions, it's a pleasure to see an auction based purely on bridge logic. North in today's deal was the late Sydney Lazard, a Hall of Famer, playing with his regular partner, Bart Bramley.

Many non-expert players would open the North hand with a bid of two clubs. It's a way to "start the party" and

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♠	2♣	3♠*
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♥	Pass	7NT	All pass

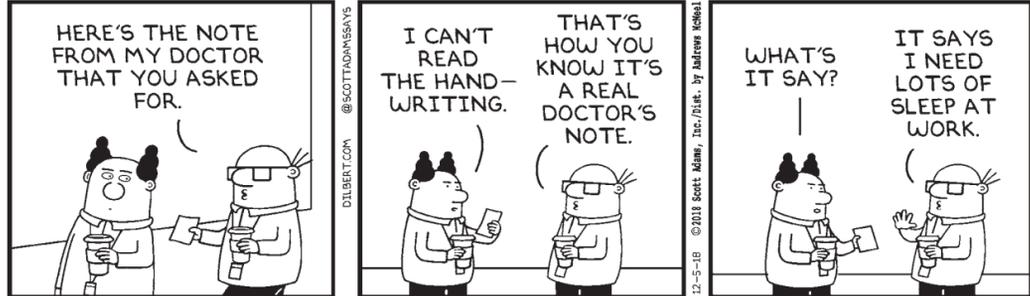
*Pre-emptive
Opening lead: Four of ♠

when you start with an artificial bid at the two level.

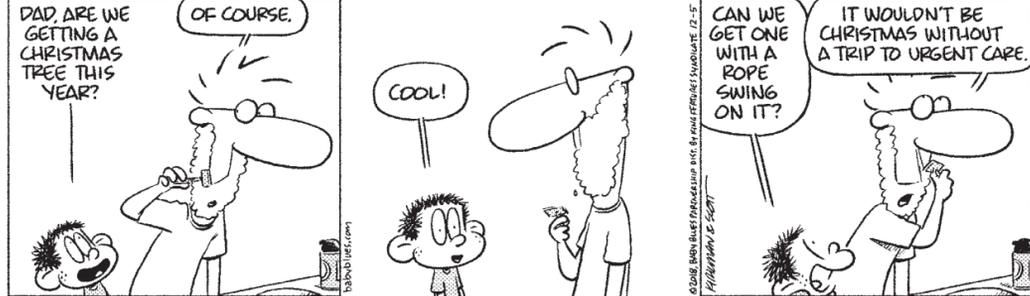
Lazard might have bid four hearts at his second turn, but he thought he was too strong for that bid after Bramley's two-level response. Slam chances were significant. The delicate four-diamond bid brought a somewhat timid preference from Bramley, but Bramley couldn't know that his side had an eight-card fit, much less nine. The four-heart bid gave Lazard confidence that his heart suit was solid, and he tried a four-spade cue bid. Bramley wanted to accept the slam try, but he didn't know which suit to play in. He jumped to six clubs to emphasize his club strength, and recognized that his king of clubs was golden, so he lured to the grand slam in hearts. Bramley was certain that his partner held long, solid hearts, plus a minor suit king, so he converted to seven no trump and the top spot was reached. A well-bid hand!

— Bob Jones
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Baby Blues



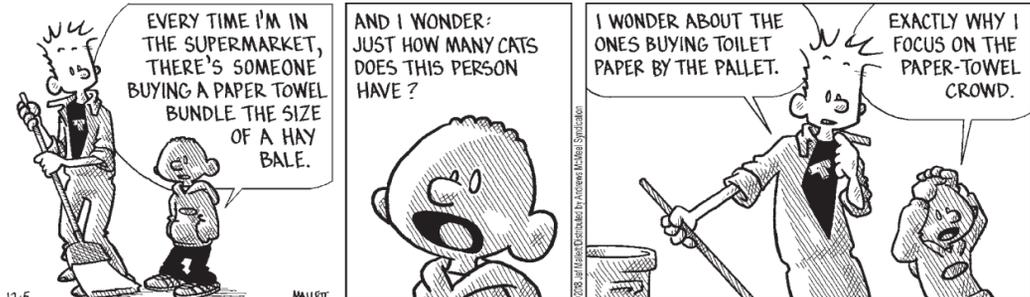
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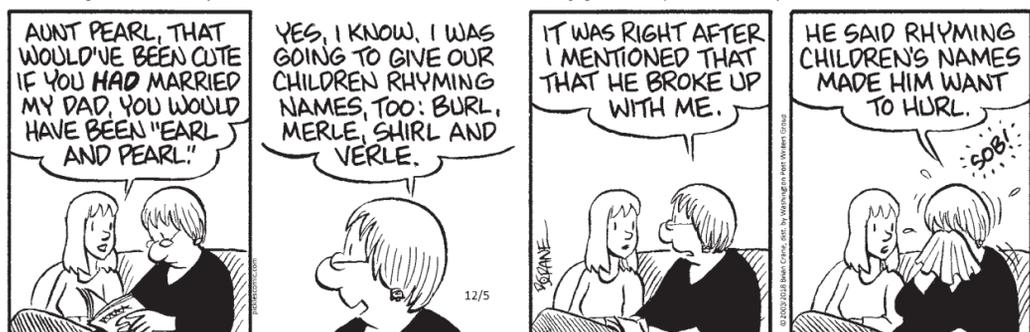
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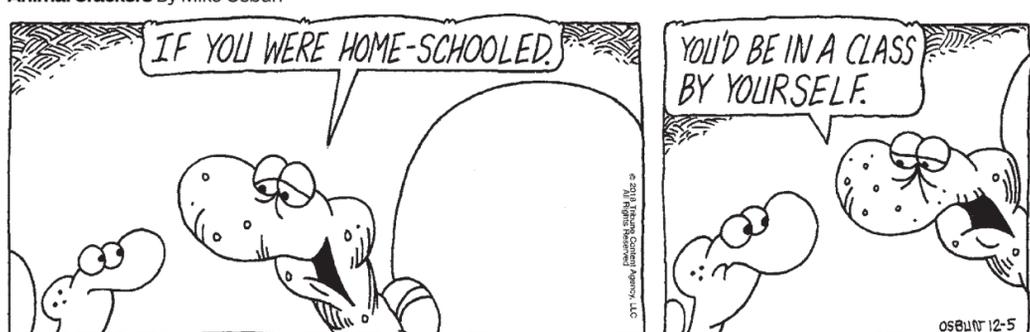
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5 NORMAL HIGH: 38° NORMAL LOW: 24° RECORD HIGH: 68° (2001) RECORD LOW: -8° (1871)

After cloudy start to month, sunshine's ahead

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 33 **LOW** 28

■ A "dirty" high pressure overhead – a narrow band of moisture trapped in low-layers maintains a stratus cloud deck.

■ Cold front approaches from the northwest overnight.

■ Mostly cloudy skies with a few slight snow flurries possible during the day.

■ Clouds could break with a period of sunshine early afternoon.

■ Cold with afternoon highs in the lower 30s.

■ Thickening clouds overnight with some light snow likely by morning.

Westerly winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Tuesday was the second straight day in our area with 100 percent cloudy conditions. According to Chicago's veteran weather observer Frank Wachowski, we have experienced only 80 minutes of sunshine so far this month – 50 minutes this past Saturday and 30 minutes on Sunday for a grand total of 3 percent possible sunshine.

We may see a little sun Wednesday afternoon, and after some snow early Thursday, the sun could come out a little later in the day. It will be cold, but starting Friday we look to be in for an extended period of sunny days. Near stationary high pressure should prevail overhead here, as a low-pressure system moves out of Texas through the Gulf Coast states over the weekend, turning up the Southeast coast early next week.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

HIGH 31 **LOW** 16

Gusty northwest winds. Clouds early – some light snow likely during the forenoon – best chance south. Becoming partly sunny – highs in the lower 30s. Clearing and cold overnight; lows dropping into the teens.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

HIGH 25 **LOW** 15

Pearl Harbor Day. Mostly sunny and cold – afternoon highs in the middle 20s. Clear skies and cold overnight. Northwest winds 8 to 15 miles per hour.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

HIGH 30 **LOW** 23

Mostly sunny and continued cold – afternoon highs in the upper 20s to around 30 degrees. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light northerly winds.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

HIGH 34 **LOW** 25

Sunny and not quite as cold. Afternoon highs in the middle 30s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light winds.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

HIGH 36 **LOW** 26

Sunny with highs in the middle to upper 30s. Clear skies at night. Light westerly winds.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

HIGH 38 **LOW** 29

Sunny again. Temperatures continue to slowly moderate – highs in the upper 30s to around 40 degrees. Clear skies overnight. Light southwest winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
A couple of days ago I received an email saying Mars will pass so close to the Earth this coming Dec. 23 that it will appear to the naked eye to be as large as the full moon. How often does this happen?

— Jimmy Wattersick

Dear Jimmy,
You received an email hoax. Versions of the hoax contain phrases like "The Red Planet is about to be spectacular," "On (date), Mars will look as large as the full moon" and "No one alive will ever see this again," but it's just not true.

It all started when Mars orbited within 35 million miles of Earth on Aug. 27, 2003, its closest approach in just under 60,000 years. Then, Mars appeared as large as the full moon, but only when viewed through a telescope at 75-power magnification. Mars made another close approach to Earth in December 2007: at 55 million miles. Those approaches had no effect on the Earth.

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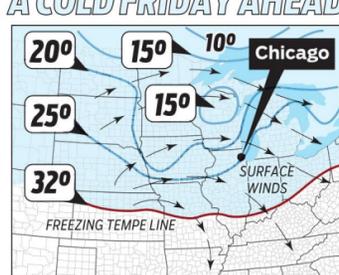
A gloomy December to date; a shot of cold Thursday/Friday

WEEKEND STORM TO SWEEP ACROSS THE SOUTH

Projected storm track and precipitation



A COLD FRIDAY AHEAD

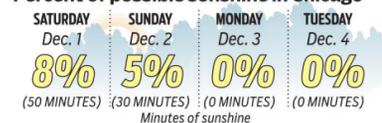


TRACKING THE LEADING EDGE OF THE CHILL



ABYSMAL LACK OF DECEMBER SUNSHINE

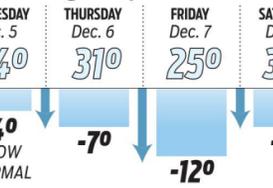
Percent of possible sunshine in Chicago



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

Predicted high temps: How much below normal?



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MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	42	30	sh	42	24
Carbondale	pc	36	29	ss	33	18
Champaign	pc	37	30	ss	34	18
Decatur	pc	37	30	ss	34	18
Moline	pc	38	25	pc	28	13
Peoria	pc	39	29	ss	31	18
Quincy	su	44	29	pc	32	17
Rockford	pc	40	31	ss	34	18
Springfield	pc	40	31	ss	34	18
Sterling	pc	36	25	ss	28	12
Indiana	pc	32	27	rs	39	20
Bloomington	pc	37	29	sh	43	24
Evansville	pc	37	29	sh	43	24
Fort Wayne	sh	31	28	ss	20	1
Indianapolis	sh	31	27	ss	38	20
Lafayette	pc	32	28	ss	33	18
Lafayette	pc	32	28	ss	33	18
Wausau	sh	30	27	sh	31	22
Wisconsin	cl	29	18	pc	24	5
Green Bay	cl	29	18	pc	24	5
Kenosha	pc	33	23	pc	20	1
Madison	cl	32	19	pc	22	6
Milwaukee	pc	32	22	pc	26	12
Wausau	sh	25	14	pc	19	-1
Michigan	sh	34	28	sh	34	20
Detroit	sh	34	28	sh	34	20
Grand Rapids	ss	31	29	sh	32	22
Marquette	pc	30	22	ss	24	11
St. Ste. Marie	sh	29	24	pc	27	6
Traverse City	ss	30	28	ss	30	18
Iowa	su	33	17	su	20	4
Ames	su	33	17	su	20	4
Cedar Rapids	su	33	19	su	23	7
Des Moines	su	33	19	su	23	7
Dubuque	pc	35	21	pc	24	9

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	34	24	cl	38	27
Albuquerque	su	49	29	cl	51	35
Amarillo	pc	52	25	cl	37	25
Anchorage	pc	33	30	rs	32	30
Asheville	pc	35	20	pc	46	30
Aspen	sh	36	21	ss	35	22
Atlanta	su	43	26	pc	49	33
Atlantic City	rs	37	27	cl	42	32
Austin	pc	59	47	sh	63	55
Baltimore	sh	39	30	pc	41	32
Billings	pc	30	11	su	30	16
Birmingham	su	46	26	pc	52	37
Bismarck	sh	26	11	pc	19	9
Boise	su	31	15	su	30	14
Boston	pc	34	26	pc	39	31
Brownsville	sh	70	63	sh	74	70
Buffalo	sh	33	29	ss	34	21
Burlington	pc	31	22	sh	34	21
Charlotte	pc	47	26	pc	49	33
Charltn SC	su	53	34	pc	53	39
Charltn WV	su	53	34	pc	53	39
Chattanooga	pc	40	24	pc	48	35
Cheyenne	ss	35	11	pc	24	15
Cincinnati	sh	32	25	sh	41	22
Cleveland	sh	33	28	ss	36	26
Colo. Spgs	pc	46	15	pc	28	17
Columbia MO	su	46	33	ss	36	20
Columbia SC	pc	51	29	pc	51	33
Columbus	sh	33	26	ss	38	22
Corpus Christi	pc	31	15	pc	36	23
Crps Christi	pc	64	59	sh	72	66
Dallas	pc	57	45	sh	52	46
Daytona Bch.	su	61	43	pc	66	51
Denver	pc	45	18	pc	33	23
Duluth	sh	25	14	pc	16	5
El Paso	cl	63	45	pc	67	47
Fairbanks	pc	22	15	sh	18	15
Fargo	cl	21	2	pc	9	8
Flagstaff	pc	46	25	sh	38	27
Fort Myers	su	67	45	su	73	53
Fort Smith	su	53	34	sh	46	38
Fresno	sh	55	45	sh	58	45
Grand Junc.	sh	36	23	pc	39	27
Great Falls	sh	23	10	pc	31	15
Harrisburg	sh	37	27	cl	40	28
Hartford	pc	36	22	pc	39	27
Helena	pc	24	5	su	21	6
Honolulu	pc	81	71	pc	80	71
Houston	su	62	50	sh	69	62
Int'l Falls	sh	19	0	pc	6	-2
Jackson	su	52	40	pc	57	43
Jacksonville	su	56	38	su	60	44
Jameau	su	35	32	sh	37	32
Kansas City	pc	49	29	pc	33	20
Las Vegas	sh	59	54	sh	63	49
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THE FERTILITY ISSUE

Fertility and accountability

Donor fraud, other issues challenging the legal system

BY ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA
The Washington Post

Jacoba Ballard was conceived in a brick office building in Indianapolis when fertility doctor Donald Cline inseminated her mother with his own sperm instead of the donor sperm he had promised.

To Ballard, it was an offense akin to rape — one that Cline is suspected of repeating with as many as 50 other women. But the law in Indiana, as in most other states, was not written to account for such a crime. So Cline was charged with obstruction of justice and accused of false advertising and “immoral conduct” in the delivery of services. He lost his medical license, was fined \$500 and received a year’s probation.

“My mother was violated. He took advantage of her in one of the most vulnerable moments of her life,” Ballard said. The sentence, she said, was “not enough to send a message.”

Now Ballard, 38, is part of a growing movement pushing for stronger safeguards on assisted reproduction and tougher penalties when things go wrong. Led by donor-conceived people who have discovered that their very existence was marred by fraud or mistakes, this movement is raising tough questions about the responsibility of the fertility industry that the legal system is ill-equipped to answer.

In Ottawa, for example, donor offspring are lobbying for a ban on anonymous sales of reproductive material following revelations that a fertility doctor there used his sperm to impregnate 11 women. In Utah, the state legislature has expanded the definition of incest to include a person who knowingly provides sperm or a human egg to a related person for in vitro fertilization.

And in Indiana, Ballard and other people sired by Cline are lobbying state legislators to create a new category of crime known as fertility fraud that would punish the intentional misuse of reproductive material with up to 2½ years in prison.

Sean Tipton, chief policy officer for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, said errors and fraud in the industry are rare and are easily addressed under existing laws. Clinics maintain rigorous safety protocols to ensure that the correct genetic material is transferred, that donors are properly screened and that medical workers adhere to stringent ethical standards, he said.

Still, many families who have borne children through assisted reproduction — especially using donor sperm or eggs — have struggled to recover from serious lapses, including embryos switched before birth, babies sired by the “wrong” father, and children who inherit serious, undisclosed medical issues.

Justice is difficult to find, or



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Matthew White helps his kids with homework in Carmel, Ind. At center is his mom, Liz, who was inseminated with her fertility doctor's sperm to conceive her son 35-plus years ago. As accusations against Dr. Donald Cline increased, he faced criminal charges and lost his medical license.



White and some of his half-siblings also fathered by Cline have lobbied Indiana lawmakers to introduce a fertility fraud bill.

even define, in such situations. Prosecutors and the courts have been reluctant to weigh in, especially when a child is healthy. Taking sides, in their view, could label a child “damaged” and make an implicit judgment about the relative worth of one life over another.

Many of the children, meanwhile, are left grappling with a lifetime of trauma, knowing their existence is not what their parents intended.

Payton Zinkon was 3 when her name made headlines around the world. Because of a lab mix-up, she was conceived with sperm from Midwest Sperm Bank Donor No. 330, who is African-American, instead of Donor No.

380, who is white.

Her story came to light in 2014, when her mother, Jennifer Cramblett, and her partner, Amanda Zinkon, sued the sperm bank under Ohio’s “wrongful birth” statute, arguing that while they loved their daughter dearly, they were ill-equipped to raise a biracial child.

The “wrongful birth” law typically applies when a medical provider fails to provide adequate information or counseling about the risks of having a child with a serious illness.

In her lawsuit, Cramblett — who grew up in an all-white environment — described “numerous challenges and external pressures associated with an

unplanned transracial parent-child relationship.”

After the Illinois sperm bank apologized and issued a partial refund, Cramblett’s lawsuit was thrown out by a DuPage County judge in 2016. The Illinois Appellate Court upheld that decision in June 2017.

Midwest Sperm Bank declined to comment on the case. The company sent Cramblett a refund check for the six vials of sperm she had purchased and a letter of apology in 2011, while Cramblett was still pregnant with Payton.

Now 6, Payton is by all accounts adored by her family. She is unaware of the controversy, and her family hopes to shield her from it for as long as possible.

Cramblett said she is disheartened that stories about the case have focused on race rather than the fertility industry’s failures.

“All I wanted was accountability,” she said. “They made a mistake and refused to acknowledge their mistake.”

The prosecution of Cline, the Indiana fertility doctor, is one in a string of recent scandals involving doctors using their own sperm to father children with their patients.

Ballard, an emergency medical worker, first came to suspect Cline was her biological father in 2015 after she took a mail-away test and found that some of his relatives were her relatives too. She took her concerns to a few half-siblings she had met online.

Cline’s attorney declined to comment on the case.

Along with several half-siblings, Ballard has since filed com-

plaints with the Marion County prosecutor and the Indiana attorney general. She has found roughly 50 people born between 1974 and 1987 who believe Cline is their father.

Among them is Matthew White, 35, an environmental consultant who learned he was donor-conceived when he was 15. Growing up, he said, he and his mother would often pass the building where Cline’s clinic was located, and she would tell him how happy she was the day she found out she was pregnant with him.

Because his family, which includes both a mother and a father, always felt complete, White said he never sought out information about his donor. But then, while browsing the Internet in 2016, he spotted a news story about Cline and noticed that an accompanying picture of the doctor looked strikingly like him.

“I was thinking, ‘What is going on? This can’t be true,’” he recalled, adding that the discovery left his happy childhood memories marred by a “black scar” of deception.

Together, Ballard, White and other half-siblings lobbied members of the Indiana state Senate to introduce the fertility fraud bill. The measure died in committee earlier this year, but the group is pressing legislators to introduce it again when the legislature convenes in January.

Cline “knew what he was doing,” White said. “It was calculated, and he got away with it. We can’t let this continue to happen again.”

Holiday activities tailored for children with autism

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

At a recent tree-lighting celebration in Lake Forest, 6-year-old Max Brown kept trying to run off and pet strangers’ dogs. Max, who has autism spectrum disorder, loves dogs, said his mother, and there were a lot of them at the

outdoor event, each one more irresistible than the last.

Max’s parents struggled to keep him in the Santa line, and the noise and excitement left him overstimulated and cranky.

“That was one of those unfortunate experiences of us trying to do a holiday event, and it kind of went downhill quickly,” said his

mother, Tanya Brown, 49, of Kenilworth.

The holidays present multiple challenges for the estimated 1 in 40 U.S. children with autism, but this year, local chapters of the Boston-based organization Autism Eats have stepped into the breach with two Chicago-area holiday dinners — featuring Santa

— that are specifically designed for kids with autism and their families. (One was scheduled to be held Dec. 1 in Glenview.)

The second event, set for Dec. 16 in Chicago, also will be held in a private room at a family-friendly restaurant, with participants eating buffet-style, so no one waits for food. Santa will be at-

tuned to the needs of children who may have trouble making eye contact, waiting in line, interpreting social cues or cozying up to even the jolliest old elf.

“Santa’s going to get prepped,” Autism Eats founder Lenard Zohn said with a chuckle.

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Gut bacterium getting a closer look

Evidence indicates it may offer health benefits as we age

By MELISSA HEALY
Los Angeles Times

Move over *Bifidobacterium* and *Lactobacillus*. There's a new health-promoting gut bacterium in town, and it's called *Akkermansia muciniphila*.

You will not find its benefits at the bottom of a yogurt cup. But a new study has identified more than one way to nurture its growth in the gut, and offered evidence that it may maintain — and even restore — health as we age.

Published recently in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*, the new research found that in mice and monkeys whose metabolisms had grown cranky with age, taking steps to boost *A. muciniphila* in the gut reduced the animals' insulin resistance.

Insulin resistance is the gradual impairment of the body's ability to efficiently use food for fuel. It is best known as a way station on a patient's path to developing type 2 diabetes.

But insulin resistance is also linked to a rogue's gallery of ills, from obesity and inflammation to the sagging immunity and frailty that comes with advancing age. If a readily available means of slowing or reversing insulin resistance could be identified, it might have broad and powerful anti-aging effects (in addition to protecting some of the world's 650 million adults who are obese against developing type 2 diabetes).

First identified in 2004, *Akkermansia muciniphila* inhabits the large intestine and is thought to account for between 1 percent and 5 percent of all intestinal bacteria in adults.

Scientists suspect it helps preserve the coat of mucus that lines the walls of our intestines. It may also play a role in making



GETTY

Research suggests a decline in *Akkermansia muciniphila* in the gut could be responsible for the rise in insulin resistance associated with aging.

the polyphenols we eat in plant-based foods more available to our cells. Evidence is mounting that *A. muciniphila* is involved in obesity, glucose metabolism and intestinal immunity.

In the new research, a team from the National Institute on Aging examined the molecular chain of events that appears to result from *A. muciniphila*'s depletion in mice and macaque monkeys. And they assessed the effects of restoring this gut microbe to elderly animals.

First, they documented that the guts of older animals had markedly smaller populations of *A. muciniphila* than the guts of young animals, and that as *A. muciniphila* became more scarce, so did butyrate, one

of the gut's key protectors.

The deficiency of these two substances caused the mucous walls of the aged animals' intestines to thin and grow leaky. That corrosive process unleashed a chain of events that touched off inflammation, prompted an immune response and, in a final step, increased insulin resistance.

Key to that final step was the accumulation in the gut of a specific kind of immune cell called 4BL cells. If the detrimental chain of events was to be disrupted, the accumulation of those 4BL cells probably had to be stopped, the researchers surmised.

The researchers also documented what appeared to be a role for *A.*

*mucini-phil*a in fostering healthy diversity among the garden of other microbes that colonize the gut. In animals with scant populations of *A. muciniphila*, a host of other common gut bacteria — as well as their beneficial byproducts, particularly butyrate — also suffered.

When the researchers gave aged mice butyrate, the result was higher *A. muciniphila* levels and levels of insulin resistance that approached those seen in the younger animals.

They got the same results when they gave aged mice and macaque monkeys the antibiotic enrofloxacin, a broad-spectrum antibiotic used in veterinary medicine. In both animals, enrofloxacin

— which is not considered safe for use in humans — routinely wiped out the 4BL cells that were thought to be a key link in the chain leading to insulin resistance. With them out of the picture, *A. muciniphila* levels rose and insulin resistance largely disappeared, demonstrating their pivotal role.

The results suggest “that the insulin resistance and other pathologies associated with aging and even frailty can be ameliorated by targeting” the cascade of events that flow from the depletion of *Akkermansia muciniphila*, the study authors wrote.

Belgian researcher Patrice Cani, who is exploring a probiotic form of *Akkermansia* that could

increase its presence in the human gut, said the new findings are “perfectly in line” with studies that have shown the bacteria's impact on insulin sensitivity.

Finding the power of this gut bacteria in macaque monkeys is a particularly important step forward that supports “even more the need for future research in humans,” added Cani, who is based at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium.

Cani and his colleagues have just finished a small study in humans to investigate the safety and the feasibility of taking *Akkermansia* in a form that will boost its populations in the gut — a first.

The results to date have been encouraging, he said.

Group facilitates Santa visits for kids with autism

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“Santa's going to know that some of the kids might be nonverbal and not be able to express themselves if he asks, ‘What would you like for Christmas?’ Santa will engage them or make some suggestions or lead the conversation. Some kids might not want to sit on Santa's lap, and that's OK. Santa will know that he can kneel down next to them.”

Tanya Brown, organizer of the Glenview holiday dinner at Hackney's on Lake restaurant, said a representative from sensory-friendly Spectrum Toy Store was to bring playthings, such as squeeze toys, and food choices for the kids would include sliders, mac 'n' cheese and chicken fingers.

The Dec. 16 dinner will be held at Edison Park Inn in Chicago. Reservations are required. The cost per person ranges from \$5 to \$26.

Autism Eats hosts restaurant brunches and dinners in private rooms, so

kids with autism and their families can enjoy the experience of eating out without feeling they have to explain unusual behaviors, such as arm-flapping, chattering in nonsense words or leaving the table to wander around immediately after eating. By the end of the December, Autism Eats will have hosted close to 100 events in about 20 states, according to Zohn. The first Chicago holiday dinner was held last year.

Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental disability that affects communication, social interaction and behavior. An estimated 1 in 40 U.S. children have the disorder, according to a study published recently in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Max sometimes finds it hard to read nonverbal cues, and he's a very active kid, his mother said.

“(These kids) tend to fixate on a certain thing, so in the case of my son, it's the alphabet, for as long as he can remember,” she said. “So he has the ability to spell words way beyond



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Santa Claus waves to the crowds at the Thanksgiving Day Parade down State Street in Chicago on Nov. 22. Two Chicago-area dinners hosted by Autism Eats, a Boston-based organization, aim to make Santa visits easier for kids with autism.

what many of his peers are doing. These children are very highly intelligent; their needs are just different from a neurotypical child — how they take in information.”

The Lake Forest tree-lighting outing was successful in some ways; Max did get to see Santa, and he was happy about that. But Brown sees the Autism Eats event as a better fit.

“We're very much looking forward to it,” she said.

Information about the holiday dinners is at www.autismmeats.org/events.html. Some schol-

arships are available; if you're interested ask for financial help via the contact form at the website.

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'Panic parenting' fear drives women to freeze eggs

HealthDay

Trying to avoid “panic parenting” is the reason why many single women freeze their eggs for non-medical reasons, a small new study suggests.

Panic parenting refers to having a relationship just to have a baby.

“Whilst the number of women freezing their eggs remains small, many more are now considering this option as a way of extending the window of time

they have to pursue genetic motherhood,” said researcher Kylie Baldwin, from the Center for Reproduction Research at De Montfort University in Leicester, England.

“Clinics providing this technology have a responsibility to support informed decision-making by providing women who inquire about egg freezing with detailed information about the likelihood of achieving a live birth specific to their age at

freezing,” Baldwin added.

In the study, Baldwin's team interviewed 31 women, 84 percent of whom were single, who had their eggs frozen for “social” reasons. The women's average age was 37. The group included 23 women from the United Kingdom, seven from the U.S., and one from Norway.

The most common reason for egg freezing was not having a partner or having a partner who wouldn't commit to father-

hood, the findings showed.

Some of the women said they wanted to relieve the pressure of trying to find a suitable partner. Many said they hoped never to have to use their frozen eggs because they would conceive naturally with a future partner. Several said that freezing their eggs was emotionally difficult because they wanted to become mothers with a committed partner.

The researchers also found that the information

available to women considering freezing their eggs was inadequate. For example, nearly all of the women said the clinics they talked with couldn't provide an estimate of the chances of a live birth with the frozen eggs. There was also little in-depth discussion with doctors about processes and outcomes after egg freezing.

The study was published online in November in the journal *Human Fertility*.

Growing numbers of women are considering egg freezing, so more needs to be done to fully inform and support those who have the procedure, according to the researchers.

“Furthermore, women should be informed of the costs and risks, as well as the physical and emotional demands of egg freezing and any future (in vitro fertilization) treatment,” Baldwin added in a journal news release.

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Pregnancy after 40:

Having healthy babies later in life



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According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the provisional birth rate in 2016 for women 40 to 44 was 11.4 births per 1,000 women, up 4 percent from 2015 and the highest rate for this age group since 1966. The rate for women 45 and older was 0.9 births per 1,000 women, the highest since 1963.

There are many benefits to having a baby after the age of 40, including financial security, more job freedom, and more stable and secure relationships. Even better? Older moms are more confident in themselves and their decisions.

Yet, there are many issues to consider before deciding to have a baby after 40, according to Donna Hemphill, M.D., obstetrician and gynecologist at AMITA Health. "If a woman already has a pre-existing medical condition, such as high blood pressure or diabetes, or if an age-related medical condition develops during pregnancy, she may need to have special tests or more frequent prenatal care visits," explains Dr. Hemphill. In addition, she says women over 40 may need special care during labor and delivery.

These are some simple ways to increase the chances of a healthy baby — at any age.

- 1 Start prenatal care early.
- 2 Eat a healthy diet (ask your physician for specific advice).
- 3 Take prenatal vitamins with 400 micrograms of folic acid. "Folic acid helps prevent birth defects of baby's brain and spine," explains Dr. Hemphill.
- 4 Exercise regularly.
- 5 Get enough sleep that you feel rested.
- 6 Avoid alcohol.
- 7 Don't take illicit drugs.
- 8 Stop smoking.



Pregnancy after 40 is a common (yet still incredible) experience. Women are more confident, more secure in their decisions and know how to listen to their own bodies. If you want to try for a baby, that's great. Just make sure to see a healthcare provider for a health assessment before embarking on this life-changing journey.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Juice may ease arthritis, but it's also high in sugar

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I've read in your column that grape juice and pectin may help relieve arthritis pain. I would like to try it, but I have diabetes. Grape juice has a lot of sugar. Does any lower-sugar liquid seem to work?

A: Other readers also have shared your concern about the sugar in grape juice. One recommended low-sugar grape juice. Others have suggested pomegranate juice or tart cherry juice as alternatives. Neither is low in sugar, but they do have fewer calories than Concord grape juice.

You may be interested in other arthritis remedies that are less likely to affect your blood sugar. They include unflavored Knox gelatin, bromelain, boswellia, curcumin, ginger, ashwagandha and stinging nettle.

Q: I have osteoarthritis of the hips. My doctor prescribed meloxicam, which only works a little bit, so I don't take it regularly. I recently switched to another orthopedic surgeon, who told me meloxicam is a narcotic. Internet searches have not substantiated this claim, so I was hoping you could tell me. I do not want to take an opioid for my arthritis.

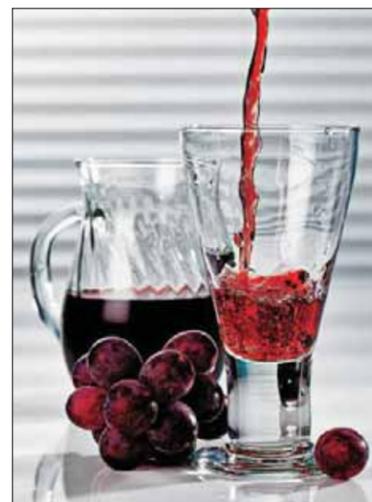
A: Meloxicam (Mobic) is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). That means it is similar in its action to celecoxib, diclofenac, ibuprofen or naproxen. It is definitely not a narcotic.

Q: Whenever I feel a cold sore coming on, I take L-lysine tablets. When I take 1,000 milligrams a day, often the cold sore will never develop. If it got a head start, it disappears several days sooner than it would otherwise.

I read your article about herpes and cold sores being linked to Alzheimer disease. Is there anything in L-lysine that could be helpful in preventing dementia?

A: There are few well-controlled long-term studies of using the amino acid L-lysine to prevent or treat cold sores (HSV-1 or *Herpes labialis*). A review in the dermatology journal *Cutis* (July 2005) concluded that L-lysine benefits are unclear. It might help prevent recurrences in selected patients. That said, many readers report success like yours.

There is growing evidence to suggest a link between herpes infection and the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease (*Frontiers in Genetics*, Sept. 10, 2018). A study



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from Taiwan found that people taking antiviral medicines for herpes were significantly less likely to develop dementia (*Neurotherapeutics*, April 2018). Whether L-lysine would be beneficial remains to be determined.

Q: I recently learned of a 2005 Danish study that showed a correlation between atrial fibrillation and fish oil. My wife stopped taking 1.2 grams of fish oil daily and stopped fibrillating. She no longer has to take a drug for this problem. Do you have any information that you can add to support a correlation between fish oil and fibrillation?

A: Your question intrigued us because research so far has looked at fish oil for preventing rather than causing atrial fibrillation. Most of the fish oil trials have been either inconclusive or shown no benefit for this dangerous heart rhythm abnormality.

The Danish study you cited (*American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, January 2005) concluded that fish consumption did not reduce the risk of atrial fibrillation. A more recent Danish study reported that people getting a moderate amount of fish oil from their diets were less likely to experience atrial fibrillation than those eating more or less fish (*Europace*, November 2014). The best dose provided about half as much omega-3 fats as your wife was taking.

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Heat waves could impair male fertility

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER
The Washington Post

One way that heat kills is by increasing pressure in the skull, constricting blood flow to the brain. Damaged tissue can also enter the bloodstream and cause kidney failure. At a certain point, an elevated internal temperature simply incinerates cells in the body.

In contrast to extreme weather events so visible and violent that they hardly escape public notice, such as hurricanes and tornadoes, heat waves are more of a “silent killer,” as the National Weather Service has called the prolonged periods of hot weather.

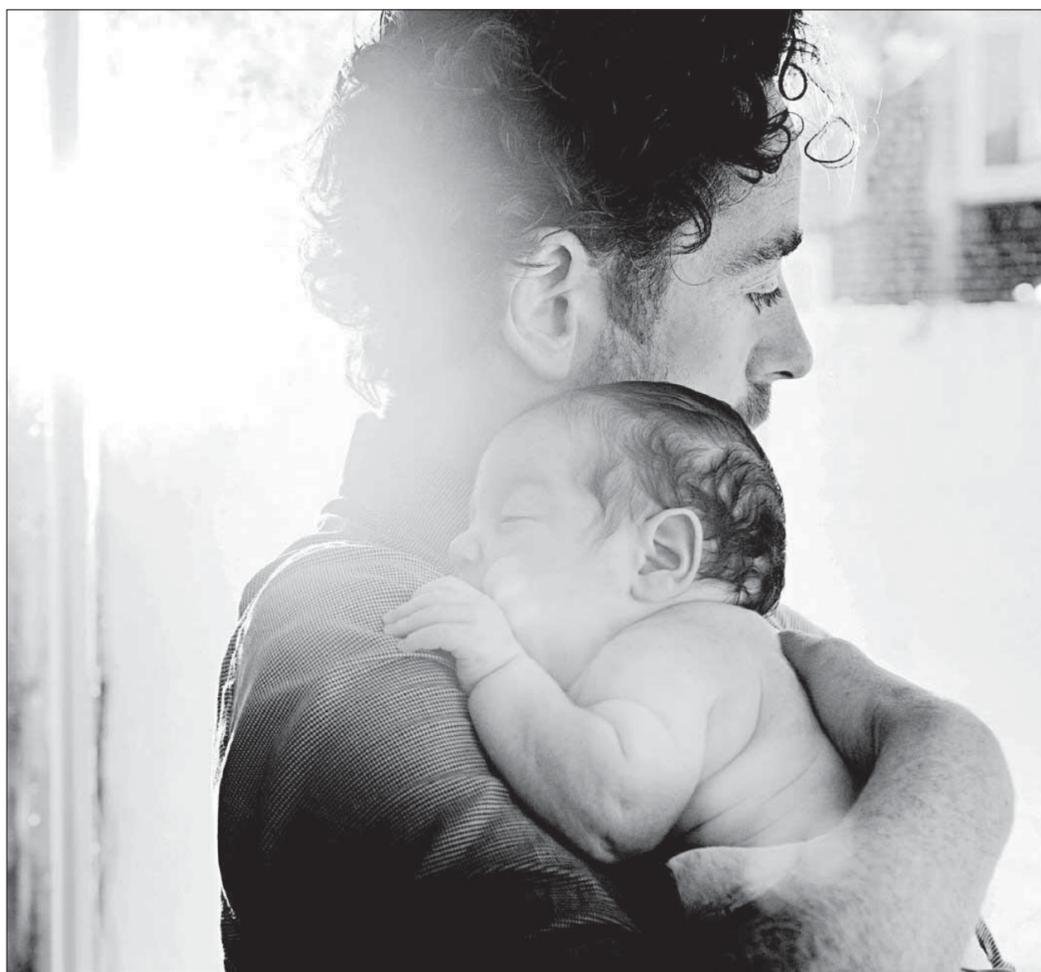
But kill they certainly do. Heat fatalities in the United States exceed all other weather-related deaths in the 30 years since such data have been available. In Britain, Parliament’s Environmental Audit Committee recently warned of 7,000 annual deaths by heat by 2050 unless quick action is taken, the need for which was underscored by October’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report.

Heat doesn’t just kill. It also diminishes the vitality of sperm, curtailing the capacity to reproduce, as scientists have documented.

“Heatwaves reduce male fertility and sperm competitiveness, and successive heatwaves almost sterilise males,” wrote the authors of a study published in November in the peer-reviewed *Nature Communications*.

But the research points newly to an even longer-lasting effect. Ecologists and evolutionary biologists at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, found that heat stress appears to be associated with transgenerational fertility problems.

That means organisms



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Scientists have documented that heat diminishes the vitality of sperm, curtailing the capacity to reproduce.

may bear the effects of elevated temperatures long after the initial exposure — in the form of reduced life spans, reproductive challenges and other defects passed to offspring.

The scientists found that heat waves undermine sperm production and viability, and also interfere with movement through the female. They further discovered that extreme heat “reduced reproductive potential and lifespan of offspring when fathered by males, or sperm, that had experienced heatwaves.”

The researchers used red flour beetles to test sensi-

tivity to temperature in coldblooded ectotherms, species that don’t regulate their own body temperature, in contrast to endotherms, such as humans. Warmblooded mammals have been the primary focus of existing research on warming and sperm quality, their paper noted.

They set out to fill this gap while finding applications to the human case. Most terrestrial species are insects, and most life on Earth is coldblooded, making the findings especially relevant to the question of climate change’s effect on biodiversity.

As the lead author, Matthew Gage, observed in an accompanying blog post on the study, “we know that insect numbers are crashing, but we understand remarkably little about the particular mechanisms driving population declines.”

To examine one possible mechanism, reproduction, the scientists exposed mature adult beetles to experimental heat waves lasting five days at 104 to 107.5 degrees Fahrenheit — above their optimum by about 10 degrees. “It’s worth noting that these temperatures have been

exceeded in the natural environment in half the world’s countries over recent years,” Gage wrote. Each male was paired with a female for 15 minutes before being transferred to the next mate.

Male reproductive performance halved after a first heat wave. After a second, males became almost completely sterile — contradicting theories of acclimation or hardening as a response to environmental stress.

Female potential was unchanged, however, inseminated sperm already within the female tract

were vulnerable to elevated heat and caused a reduction in female fertility by one-third.

Most surprising, Gage said, was the effect they observed across generations.

“It suggests there could be problems for sons,” he said. “We know that in humans, heat can damage sperm DNA, and we know that men with damaged DNA in their sperm have problems with fertility, but you can’t really do an experiment to heat males up and look at whether that damages human offspring performance, so this is one way to get at that.”

The results, he said, primarily indicate problems with fertility — with the clearest implications for insect biodiversity — but there is also evidence of an “underlying, longer-term damage as a result of damaged sperm DNA.”

“In much the same way that radiation causes damage, and that can lead to offspring problems, there could be that kind of damage operating as a consequence of heat conditions,” Gage said. “You’re looking at possible population viability problems, which need to be studied more.”

When it comes to humans, not all populations will be equally affected, studies have shown. The elderly, low-income people and those who are immobile or have pre-existing health issues are especially vulnerable.

While the results of the experiment don’t offer conclusions about population viability, they offer insight into how a particularly sensitive trait, sperm function, reacts to heat waves, which scientists say will continue to be among the severe effects of global climate change.

“If sperm function goes down, reproduction goes down,” Gage said. “If reproduction goes down, you’re looking at population viability problems.”

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Seniors planning move should consider single-level housing

By ELLEN JAMES MARTIN
Andrews McMeel Syndication

Under pressure from her grown daughters, a Baltimore woman in her early 70s suddenly sold her huge Tudor house. Once widowed, living alone in the property wasn't a viable long-term option.

But what followed was a hurried and ill-conceived property purchase recommended by the daughters: a three-level townhouse in the same neighborhood. This proved a mistake because the new place requires the woman to climb stairs — a painful ordeal given the arthritis that afflicts her knees.

For seniors, protecting the knees is a key health and safety priority, says Dr. Michael Nevitt, an expert on osteoarthritis at the University of California at San Francisco.

Nevitt says every year an increasing number of seniors suffer from a dangerous fall due to knee buckling and poor balance linked to weak muscles or osteoarthritis. Such falls are especially likely when older people descend stairs.

Of course, moving to a high-rise with an elevator solves the problem of stair use for numerous seniors. But many homeowners fear the loss of autonomy that comes with apartment living. They'd rather move to a smaller, one-level detached property if they can find one in their price range.

Unfortunately, in communities where one-level homes are scarce, those seeking to downsize pay more per square foot than they would for a multistory property.

Sandy Jurich, a long-time real estate agent in Michigan, says that soaring land costs explain why multistory homes are generally less expensive than similarly sized single-



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For seniors, protecting the knees is a key health and safety priority, and stairs can exacerbate osteoarthritis.

level homes.

For those who can afford it, there are a number of advantages to a single-story house. Chief among these is efficiency of movement. You can go from room to room without climbing stairs, sparing yourself time and exertion.

"There's a lot to be said for convenience. For instance, it's a lot easier to clean a single-level house," Jurich says.

Mark Nash, a real estate broker and author of "1001 Tips for Buying and Selling a Home," says seniors should think seriously about a multilevel place before they commit.

Here are a few pointers for older buyers:

Plan for the future.

No matter your age, projecting into the future is important. Nash recommends that buyers look at least three to five years ahead.

"Planning for the future is especially important if you're approaching your late 50s and anticipate retiring in the next few years. In this age range, health or mobility problems can start to develop at any time," Nash says.

However, not all seniors find stairs to be problematic. Some who are especially physically fit may prefer to remain in a multistory house because stair climbing gives them a form of

daily exercise.

Factor in the advantages of a second-floor "hideaway."

During your retirement years, do you intend to launch a home-based business or start writing that romance novel you've planned for years?

If so, Nash recommends you consider the advantages of a second-story office where you can concentrate with few interruptions.

"Sometimes, it's nice to have a getaway place in your home, where you can leave a project all spread out and go back into that 'cave' when you want to. For example, this would be good for someone embarking on a family genealogy project," he says.

Rule out a property that would require an addition.

Some budget-minded seniors consider purchasing a traditional two-story place with the intention of building on a first-floor master suite later. That's usually a poor idea, Nash says.

"Sometimes, real estate agents encourage clients to buy a house that needs an addition. But getting an addition done is expensive and can take six months or longer. And remember, it's not your agent's time or money at stake," he says.

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Contestants submitted 48 recipes to this year's Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest, with thousands of votes cast online. These are the winners.

HOLIDAY COOKIE CONTEST

Sweet masterpieces

Chocolate, pumpkin, more chocolate and a hint of basil figure in this year's cookie winners

BY LOUISA CHU | Chicago Tribune

Colorful language, disappearing containers and chocolate-fueled aggression marked the Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest this year, but in the sweetest ways possible.

Sarah McLoud, 17, a three-time cookie contest veteran, clinched first place with her pumpkin caramel-filled cookie, which elicited ecstatically explicit comments from judges.

Lauren Baud, 29, secured second place for her COB (chocolate, orange, basil) cookie, so coveted by her co-workers that someone may have taken a container.

A three-way tie during the

tasting required a bonus round of judging — ending in a unanimous decision making Danielle Pacini, 35, the third-place champ for her chocolate cream cheese cookie, which she knew was a winner

when it evoked aggressive feedback at work.

This year, contestants submitted a total of 48 recipes, for which thousands of votes were cast during online voting. The top 15 vote-getters qualified to make their cookies for judging. Food & Dining Editor Joe Gray exercised his option to choose a recipe low in votes but high in promise — a pick known as the “Joe Gray Save” — Mexican gingerbread cookies by Maruca Helguera-Bednarek of Mount Prospect. So early in No-

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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Sarah McLoud, a high school senior from Gurnee, took first place with her pumpkin caramel-filled cookies.



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Faroe Island salmon tartare is served with apple, cucumber, pistachios and bonito flakes.

REVIEW Two Lights Seafood & Oyster ★★

Two Lights brings a bit of New England to Old Town

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

Keene and Megan Addington don't rush into things. After creating Flat Top Grill and operating it for 15 years, they sold the 14-unit chain in 2009 and waited three more years before getting back into the business, when they opened Tortoise Supper Club, a sultry steak-and-seafooder in River North.

A scant six years later, the husband-wife team created a second restaurant, Two Lights Seafood & Oyster, which opened in

mid-June in Old Town, just a couple of blocks away from their first Flat Top Grill location.

The name refers to Two Lights State Park in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, which explains the restaurant's seafood focus.

Two Lights is a virtual reverse-image of its elder sibling. Tortoise Club is dark, formal and clubby, wrapped in mahogany and warmed by a roaring fireplace. Two Lights has a white-on-white summer-home vibe (the Addingtons spend every

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Cheeseburger soup, which mimics every flavor point in that popular American sandwich, is inexpensive and easy to prepare.

CRAVING: Cheese

Fast and easy cheese soups

BY ROBIN MATHER
Chicago Tribune

Every time I hear that Christmas carol bleating that “it’s the most wonderful time of the year,” I want to scream.

Early winter’s long nights, frequent bad weather, concomitant vile driving conditions and biting winds make me — and, I suspect, many of us — miserable. The weeks between the turning back of the clocks at the end of daylight saving time and the winter solstice (Dec. 21 this year) just feel like one long, dark, bleak tunnel.

I know what I need in those weeks to prevent my spirits from sagging.

I want bright colors: red, yellow, green, orange, anything that offsets gray skies. I want those colors to brighten my life. Winter is definitely the season for bright tights and silly socks. It’s no surprise that my winter wardrobe is much more vivid than my summer one because in the summer, I wear as much white as I can. I want those colors to brighten my life, and I want the same from my food.

I want big, deep flavors. No light citrus or the sweet acidity of my favorite fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes for me. Gone is the gazpacho I sought all summer. I want the intensity of a meaty fond at the bottom of the stew pot, the perfect balance of a beefy carbonade served over a bed of buttered noodles, the complexity of a chile-rich red pork posole garnished with shredded cabbage, radishes and cilantro.

I want lots of fat and lots of protein — the fat to satisfy me, and the protein to hold me over until the next meal. Now that we no longer demonize fat and cholesterol is no longer the bad guy, we can afford the luxury of something rich and filling on a cold night. Cheese fills the bill here, because as everyone knows, cheese makes everything better. Americans ate nearly 40 pounds of cheese per person last year, so a lot of people must agree with me.

“Comfort food” often means it’s going to be relatively bland, filling and familiar, something that we loved as children. We may well love exotic flavors and unexplored cuisines as adults today, but when it comes to comfort food, we want something we find completely commonplace.

But comfort food can’t comfort the cook if he or she has spent all day laboring in the kitchen. So, in my book, comfort food should be relatively quick and easy to prepare, one-pot prep if possible, and from kitchen to table in under 30 minutes — or be able to cook quickly in an electric pressure cooker or all day in a slow cooker.

Here’s a trio of soups

Better than baked potato soup

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

Peeling potatoes is probably low on your list of fun chores. We’re going to cheat by using mashed-potato flakes to thicken this warming, satisfying soup. Doing so lets this soup come together in about 20 minutes, and cooking the bacon and onion take up the lion’s share of prep time.

- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature, cubed
- 1½ cups instant mashed-potato flakes
- ½ cup sour cream, plus additional for garnish
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Sliced green onion
- Crumbled blue cheese or shredded cheddar

1. In a large, heavy pot over medium heat, cook the chopped bacon, stirring frequently, until it is crisp and well-browned, about 10 minutes. Transfer bacon to paper towels to drain; set aside. Drain all but 2 tablespoons of bacon drippings from pot.

2. Add onion and garlic to the pot. Cook, stirring frequently, until onion is translucent, 5 to 10 minutes.

3. Add chicken stock and cream cheese. Heat to a simmer, whisking until cream cheese melts and blends into stock. Stir in mashed-potato flakes. If the soup is too thick for your taste, add more chicken stock. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

4. To serve, ladle the soup into bowls; top with bacon, additional sour cream, green onion and blue cheese or cheddar. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 244 calories, 17 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 47 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 7 g protein, 305 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Craving: Cheese

We kick off our month of cheese with this dive into soups. Follow along all month here and online at chicagotribune.com/food.

made with cheese that hits every one of those needs for me. All are fast, easy, reasonably inexpensive and provide sustenance when the wind howls ‘round the eaves.

Cauliflower is having a moment, for sure. That’s a good thing. It has some of almost all the vitamins and minerals you need every day; it’s high in antioxidants and fiber, and low in calories. It’s also a bargain. Those are all major selling points for me.

The cauliflower chowder is bright orange and rich with cheddar cheese. It adapts easily to an electric pressure cooker but is so fast and easy to make that there’s no reason to haul out the slow cooker. You’ll want to cook the cauliflower until it is extremely tender, so it will puree easily. A splash of half-and-half makes this soup even creamier, and it’s especially friendly to low-carb diets. Just leave out the croutons, and garnish the bowls with more cheese.

Potato soup is a perennial pleaser, and a version garnished with the typical toppings of a loaded baked potato brings the color I

want to my meal. If you’re cooking for a family, we’ve got a secret ingredient that will save you a lot of time and trouble and will get this soup to the table before anyone has a chance to get hungry. Leftovers make a great lunch the next day.

Cheeseburger soup certainly sounds plebeian. Food snobs may sniff at the pasteurized processed cheese food we used in it, but nothing melts like American cheese, which is one reason that it makes incredible macaroni and cheese. Nothing tastes more authentic on a cheeseburger than American cheese, and this soup, garnished with the traditional trimmings, mimics every flavor point in our national favorite. If you have some crumbled bacon, it goes well as a garnish on this soup.

Moreover, it’s inexpensive to make — certainly a virtue in the runup to the holidays, when people are watching their budgets. Serving soup for supper one night a week was the best tip I gleaned years ago when I interviewed budgeting pros on how they manage their grocery dollars. I’ve tried to do so ever since.

Now, armed with these recipes, maybe you’ll want to try that too.

Robin Mather is author of “The Feast Nearby,” a collection of essays and recipes from a year of eating locally on a very tight budget.



Cauli-chowder with cheddar croutons

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 25 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

Orange cauliflower has as much as 25 percent more beta carotene (the precursor of vitamin A) than the white kind. If you can’t find an orange cauliflower, use a white one (or 1½ pounds frozen florets), and add ½ teaspoon turmeric with the half-and-half to deepen the chowder’s color. This will serve four as a hearty main-course soup, and six as an appetizer-size bowl.

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| Chowder: | 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard |
| 1 tablespoon each: butter, olive oil | 3 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar, divided use |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | Salt and pepper |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced | Croutons: |
| 1 medium head orange cauliflower, about 2 pounds, trimmed, chopped | 1 tablespoon olive oil |
| 6 cups chicken broth | 4 to 6 slices baguette or other sturdy bread |
| 1 cup half-and-half | |

1. For the chowder, combine the butter and olive oil in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. When it becomes fragrant, add the onion and garlic; cook, stirring frequently, until the onion is translucent, 5 to 10 minutes.

2. Add the cauliflower and chicken broth; bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until the cauliflower is extremely tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Working in batches, puree the cauliflower in a blender or food processor, then return the puree to the pot. (Or puree in the pot with an immersion blender.)

3. Stir in half-and-half and Dijon mustard, then add 2½ cups shredded cheddar. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Adjust thickness of the soup with more broth, if you like. Reduce heat to low while you prepare the croutons.

4. For the croutons, heat the oven to 450 degrees. Brush the slices of baguette with olive oil on both sides and place them on a rimmed baking sheet. Put in the oven to toast, turning as needed to brown both sides, about 5 minutes.

5. Divide remaining ½ cup cheese among the toast slices; return them to the oven until the cheese is melty and beginning to brown, 3 to 5 minutes.

6. To serve, divide the soup among 4 to 6 bowls. Place a crouton atop each serving. Serve piping hot.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 540 calories, 32 g fat, 16 g saturated fat, 81 mg cholesterol, 39 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 24 g protein, 892 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Cheeseburger soup

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

You can’t get much humbler than this soup, but it’s inexpensive and quick to prepare, and immensely satisfying. We’re using Velveeta for its ability to melt and thicken the soup, but you could substitute shredded colby or Monterey Jack if you prefer.

- Soup:
- 1 pound ground beef (chuck is OK)
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 6 cups beef broth
- 1 pound Velveeta, diced
- Garnishes:
- Shredded iceberg lettuce
- Diced tomato (canned is OK, just drain well)
- Diced kosher dill pickles
- Diced onion
- Chopped jalapenos

1. In a large, heavy pot over medium heat, brown the ground beef, breaking it into chunks as it cooks, until no pinkness remains, 6 to 8 minutes. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons drippings. Season the ground beef with salt and pepper; then sprinkle the flour over the beef. Cook, stirring continuously, until the flour colors slightly, 2 to 4 minutes.

2. Stir in the beef broth. Bring to a boil, and cook, stirring constantly, until the soup thickens. Reduce heat to low. Stir in Velveeta. Keep the soup warm while you prepare the garnishes, stirring the soup from time to time.

3. To serve, divide the soup among serving bowls. Top each bowl with the lettuce, tomatoes, onions and pickles, and jalapenos if you want them. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 481 calories, 36 g fat, 19 g saturated fat, 123 mg cholesterol, 8 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 33 g protein, 1,405 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

A toast to readers and wine drinkers



MICHAEL AUSTIN
The Pour Man

My goodness, friends — let's pull a cork and celebrate what we've had here, together, for the past three-plus years. This is my final column for Tribune Publishing, and before we settle in for one last wine story, I wanted to offer my thanks.

Thank you: readers, wine drinkers, seekers, poets, warriors and everyone else who has convened regularly in this space. Thank you also to Tribune Publishing for affording me such a singular opportunity and privilege. It has been my honor to write this column. I still plan to write about wine (among other things), but just not in this space and not every week.

So, one last time, imagine this:

I'm a young fellow in my 20s, and my girlfriend gets invited to a wedding in a posh suburb with a vague air of horse culture and lots of people with traditional last names as first names. The wedding is black-tie-optional, and I opt out, choosing to wear my only suit, a college graduation gift from my parents.

Early in the cocktail hour, I'm still fuzzy from a routine Saturday afternoon hangover, and across the room a server is making the rounds with a tray of flutes. Champagne is not my go-to, but OK — when in Rome. I lift two flutes from the tray and hand one to my date. I don't initiate a glass-clink or even acknowledge the sublime affair I've been dropped into because, after all, I'm just a kid with a hangover, in a pair of stiff dress shoes that will soon be killing my feet. I won't go so far as to say that I'm clueless, but you've always been good at



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reading between the lines.

I take a sip, and something happens. For the first time in my life, I have true clarity about wine. Zero knowledge, but full clarity. I say to my date, "I don't know anything about Champagne, but this is really good Champagne." I'm not saying, "I really like this Champagne," though I do. I'm saying, "Even I can tell that this Champagne is really good."

I have no idea why the Champagne is really good, and I can't say anything more about it than I already have. I just know it's really good the same way I'd know the Grand Canyon is awe-inspiring, despite not being a trained geologist. When the server comes back around, I tap his shoulder.

"Excuse me," I say. "Can you tell me what kind of Champagne this is?"

"Dom Perignon, sir," he says, also mentioning the vintage year, which I soon forget.

I thank him, pulsing with validation, and trade in my empty glass for a fresh, full one, probably saying something like, "Let's get this party started!" either to myself or out loud.

The fact that a complete novice was able to identify a high-quality wine is not the point. The point is that a wine can be so obviously good that just about anyone can notice. Even more noteworthy is that countless wines fall miles short of Dom Perignon's prestige, mystique and cost, and still have the potential to deliver such experiences.

That experience of mine, as surprising and satisfying as it was, did not change my life on the spot. Wine professionals and serious wine

buffs will tell you about "the" bottle that changed them, the single drinking experience that set them on a new path in life. I've never had that — not even with that wondrous taste of Dom. You could draw a line from there to here, but it would be a very crooked line with lots of loops and knots in it.

Regardless of your wine journey's route, if you travel it with joy and genuine wonder, it will lead you to a beautiful place. A single sip could bring you a few moments of happiness during a weeknight dinner or convince you to drop everything and devote your life to wine. It could help you understand why you like a certain wine style or a particular kind of food. Something in a wine's aroma could motivate you to reconnect with an old friend or remember your

parents in a new way. Or finally take that trip you've been thinking about for so long.

I'm in my 20s again — in the uncomfortable shoes at the wedding cocktail hour, probably in need of a haircut. I'm still celebrating my taste discovery, my victory, but now I'm wondering what I am going to do with the rest of my life. Where it might lead. I'm wondering what life is like for all of these people in tuxedos and ballgowns. I'm scanning the room for the server, trying to score one more glass of Dom before we sit down to dinner.

We've all been in that spot. In the uncomfortable shoes, wondering what comes next. And then wine comes into our lives, first in small ways and then in larger ones — and the colors get brighter, the memories seem more vivid, the

aspirations become more believable.

And finally here we are, you and I. Good wine is at our disposal. The stuff is everywhere, and it's affordable. Even the occasional great-wine splurge, while not exactly affordable, is at least possible. It's an affordable luxury — like tux rental. Nothing wrong with a nice gray suit, though.

We know what wine can do for us. We are well acquainted with its heady and seductive charms, its ability to elevate the dining experience, its knack for summoning our hope and goodwill. We still have our aspirations, but we understand how good we have it. The way we gather now with family and friends to enjoy food and wine — and to share the stories of our lives? Honestly, what more could any of us ever have imagined?

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Winning holiday cookies

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ember, 16 bakers made at least two dozen each of their cookies, then personally delivered them to the new Tribune tower. Fourteen judges included the whole Food & Dining team, a few fellow Tribune journalists, plus one very special guest judge.

For the first time in cookie contest history we invited a previous winner to serve as a judge. You may remember Alica Andry for her pie-inspired sweet potato cookie, which won second place last year and launched her side business Tida's Treats. We try to invite a professional pastry chef to join us as a judge. While Andry still works primarily as a physical therapist, we thought her perspective would be helpful. "I felt like I won something else," said Andry. "It's the contest that keeps on giving."

Much to our relief her experience was more "Great British Baking Show" than "Chopped." "Everyone was so friendly, like a family, but the judging was so thorough," she said. "You don't even realize all the things you're rated on until you get there."

"But baking is sharing so it's not really about winning but the experience."

After careful scoring, we chose the three winners. As part of their prize package, they and their guests toured not only our new test kitchen but the newsroom too. They had a chance to taste all the finalist cookies, along with the test kitchen's versions of their cookies — 19 in all. Winners also received cash prizes, copies of our book "Holiday Cookies: Prize-Winning Family Recipes From the Chicago Tribune for Cookies, Bars, Brownies and More," but perhaps most important, boxes of cookies to take home.

Here are your three winners of our 2018 Holiday Cookie Contest with their stories and recipes.

First place: Sarah McCloud

Pumpkin caramel-filled cookies

"It's a cookie sandwich," said McCloud, a high school senior from Gurnee. "The cookie itself is pumpkin with spices in it. The filling is a caramel cream cheese sandwiched between two cookies."

One judge wrote in his tasting notes an exclamatory phrase that started with "holy" and ended with a word that sounds like "fudge."

McCloud, who said she always bakes with her grandmother, Georgia McCloud, 78, was especially excited to hear she'd won because this may be her last year entering the contest.

"I like to bake in my grandmother's kitchen because I have a lot of siblings, so it's a way to get out of the house," she said laughing. "I'm not positive how college breaks will work out. Depending on when I'll be home, we might have another one, but maybe not."

"We've actually entered since I was a freshman," she added. "Every year we've done it, we've switched up our flavors. We started with chocolate peanut butter, then we went to snicker-doodles." Her peanut butter buttons won second place in 2015. The top three winners must sit the next year out, so she had to skip the contest as a sophomore. Junior year, her dulce de leche bars placed in the top 15.

"I've always loved pumpkin, and my grandmother has always loved caramel, so it was a natural fit," said McCloud. "But we were trying to come up with a unique way to do it. We played with white chocolate and other chocolates, but ended up simplifying it down to the base flavors to let them both shine through."

"I was trying to think of other ways to think of a cookie, so that's how I got to a whoopie pie idea," she

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First place in the Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest's went to Sarah McCloud's pumpkin caramel-filled cookies.

FIRST PLACE

Pumpkin caramel-filled cookies

Prep: 20 minutes

Chill: 3-4 hours

Bake: 9-10 minutes

Makes: 21-24 cookie sandwiches

Sarah McCloud said she likes to flatten the dough balls right before they bake, then roll them in extra powdered sugar because the resulting crackle is prettier. The dough may be made up to a week ahead and kept, covered, in the refrigerator. The baked and filled cookies keep 4 to 5 days in the refrigerator.

For the cookies:

2 ½ cups flour

1 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

½ cup unsalted butter, softened

1 cup light brown sugar

½ cup granulated sugar

1 cup pure pumpkin puree

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup powdered sugar, sifted

For the frosting:

4 ounces cream cheese, softened

½ stick (¼ cup) unsalted butter, softened

1 pound powdered sugar, sifted

1 teaspoon vanilla

4 to 6 tablespoons caramel sauce

Pinch of salt

1. For the cookies: Combine flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl.

2. In a separate bowl, beat butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar with a mixer on high until the mixture begins to come away from sides of the bowl, about 2 minutes. Beat in the pumpkin, egg and vanilla until thoroughly mixed. Slowly beat in the dry ingredients.

3. Split dough in half, placing each in a bowl and covering the bowl with plastic wrap. Refrigerate, 3 to 4 hours.

4. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

5. Remove half the dough from the refrigerator, leaving the remainder to chill while you work. Scoop dough into 1-inch-diameter balls. If the dough is sticky, lightly sprinkle dough and hands with powdered sugar. Roll dough in powdered sugar; place on prepared baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.

6. Bake until fully baked but still soft, 9 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool on pan, 3 to 5 minutes; then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely.

7. For the frosting: Mix together cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer until creamy. With beaters running, slowly add powdered sugar, allowing it to fully incorporate before adding more. Scrape down sides of bowl as needed. Mix in vanilla, caramel and salt. If needed, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of water to thin frosting to desired consistency.

8. Assembly: Transfer frosting to a piping bag with large star tip, and pipe frosting onto the bottom of one cookie, then place another cookie on top of the frosting, creating a cookie sandwich. If desired, sift a light layer of powdered sugar onto the top of the now-assembled sandwich. Twist: Instead of using a piping bag to fill cookies, a knife or offset spatula can be used to spread the filling between the cookies. Continue with remaining cookies and filling.

Nutrition information per cookie: 262 calories, 8 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 28 mg cholesterol, 48 g carbohydrates, 35 g sugar, 2 g protein, 161 mg sodium, 1 g fiber



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Lauren Baud won second place with her COB (chocolate, orange, basil) cookies.

SECOND PLACE

COB cookies

Prep: 30 minutes **Bake:** 8 minutes **Makes:** 27 cookies

Lauren Baud said she wanted a fluffy cookie, so make sure to use a heaping tablespoon of dough.

1 stick (½ cup) butter, plus more for greasing baking sheets

½ cup granulated sugar (plus ¼ cup for the candied orange peel)

¼ cup packed brown sugar

2 teaspoons orange extract (plus ¼ teaspoon for the chocolate glaze)

1 large egg

1 ¾ cups flour

½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

2 fresh basil leaves, finely chopped (do not use dried basil), about 1 teaspoon

1 large orange

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips



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1. Heat oven to 350 degrees; grease two baking sheets with butter or line them with parchment paper.

2. Microwave the 1 stick butter until partially melted (when some is melted but most of the stick is intact, though softened), about 30 seconds.

3. In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, mix together the butter, ½ cup of the granulated sugar and the brown sugar on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. (Alternatively, use electric beaters or a wooden spoon.) Mix in 2 teaspoons orange extract and the egg until well-blended.

4. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture to the wet ingredients in batches, making sure each batch is thoroughly mixed in before adding the next. Mix until well-combined and the dough pulls away from the sides of the mixing bowl.

5. Spoon out a heaping tablespoon of dough, flatten it in your hand and add 5 to 6 chocolate chips to the center. Top chocolate with a pinch of basil. Roll dough around chocolate and basil, creating a ball that completely encases them. Place dough ball on baking sheets, about an inch apart; press down lightly in the center with a spoon to flatten slightly. Repeat with remaining dough. (Save remaining chocolate chips for the drizzle.)

6. Bake cookies, rotating halfway through, 9 to 10 minutes. Remove cookies from baking sheets; cool on wire racks.

7. For the candied orange peel: Remove the peel of the orange with a vegetable peeler, being careful to leave the bitter white pith behind. (Juice the orange, setting the juice aside.) Slice peel into 1/8-inch wide pieces; cook in a small saucepan of boiling water, 5 minutes. Drain the peels; repeat the boiling one more time.

8. Heat ¼ cup water and remaining ¼ cup granulated sugar in the saucepan. Add orange strips; cook, covered, 3 minutes. Remove orange strips from the syrup with a slotted spoon; spread on parchment paper to cool at room temperature.

9. Meanwhile, make the chocolate drizzle. Melt ½ cup chocolate chips with 2 tablespoons of the reserved orange juice and remaining ¼ teaspoon orange extract in the microwave, in 15-second intervals. Watch closely to make sure it does not burn. (Save the remaining orange juice for another use.) Add ½ teaspoon of the basil to mixture. With a spoon, drizzle chocolate over cooled cookies in a zigzag pattern. Top cookies with orange peel.

10. Allow the cookies to sit 4 hours to overnight to let the chocolate drizzle set. Cookies keep in an airtight container for several days and freeze well.

Nutrition information per cookie: 122 calories, 6 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 16 mg cholesterol, 18 g carbohydrates, 11 g sugar, 1 g protein, 73 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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added. "It definitely is more of a cakey cookie, but it does still hold the integrity of a cookie."

"I want to become a baker," said McLoud. "I want to own my own bakery. So I might go to business school and then go pastry. That's been an end goal for me as of, like, a long time."

For culinary school, she's considering the Culinary Institute of America in New York. "For four-year, I'm not entirely positive," she said, laughing.

Second place:
Lauren Baud

COB cookie

"It's short for chocolate, orange, basil cookie," said Baud from Lincoln Park, who works in customer service for a mental health insurance company. "My favorite comment was from a co-worker who said it tasted exactly like a chocolate orange that you get at Christmas."

A chocolate orange is the Terry's Chocolate Orange, a chocolate ball, shaped and flavored like an orange that breaks into fruitlike segments when it's whacked.

But Baud's grandmother was also an influence. "My mom and brother and I moved in with my grandmother when I was about 5 years old," said Baud. "My grandmother loved chocolate oranges and would always get those at Christmas to give to me and my brother. So I grew up eating those and love them too."

"My inspiration was to make a fluffy cookie that was fresher and more aromatic, because we eat a lot of heavy things around the holidays," she added. "I've been cooking a lot with herbs, and I really love basil, so I thought it would add a good accent."

While Baud studied history, and even has a blog about historic recipes, this was a new one that she tried out on co-workers.

"I bake for them almost on a weekly basis," she said. "I bring in cookies for everybody. They usually disappear by the end of the day. These disappeared in about an hour and a half."

"One of my containers disappeared, and there was nearly a controversy because we thought someone stole it," she added. "We think it was actually our boss's boss who accidentally took it."

"It was empty, by that time, so it was really funny."

Third place:
Danielle Pacini

Chocolate cream cheese cookies

"It has flavors that I



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Danielle Pacini of East Dundee took third place with her chocolate cream cheese cookies.

THIRD PLACE

Chocolate cream cheese cookies

Prep: 20 minutes **Bake:** 16-18 minutes **Makes:** 42-48 cookies

Danielle Pacini said she just presses the chocolate chips in enough so they don't fall out. The salt sprinkled on after baking is meant to look like snow.

- 1 ¾ cups flour
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 cups semisweet or dark chocolate chips, divided
- Coarse sea salt or fleur de sel, for sprinkling



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- 1. Heat** oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, cocoa powder, cinnamon and salt. Set aside.
- 2. In a separate bowl,** cream together butter, cream cheese and sugar with an electric mixer until smooth. While beating, slowly add flour mixture. Mix in 1 ½ cups chocolate chips.
- 3. Using** a 1 ½ tablespoon cookie scoop, drop dough onto cookie sheets lined with parchment paper. Using the remaining ½ cup chocolate chips, press 3 to 4 chocolate chips into the top of each cookie. As you press the chocolate chips into the dough, it is OK to flatten the mounds of dough, as the cookies will not spread much during baking.
- 4. Bake,** 16 to 18 minutes. When the cookie sheets come out of the oven, sprinkle cookies with the salt. Let cool on cookie sheets, 10 minutes. Transfer cookies to a cooling rack; allow to cool completely.

Nutrition information per cookie: 127 calories, 8 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 1 g protein, 65 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

think are really comforting," said Pacini, a librarian from East Dundee. "There's cocoa powder and chocolate chips, plus cinnamon and cream cheese. All together, it makes a wonderful combination in your mouth. And it makes your house smell amazing."

After our first round of judging, we had a three-way tie for third place: Pacini's chocolate cream cheese cookies, dark chocolate sea salt cookies by Megan Pietz and white chocolate chai cups by Christina Ostrowski.

Our second round (as laid out in the official rules,

judges must re-taste cookies in any tie) ruled unanimously for Pacini's. And they turned out to have an easier recipe.

"Initially, I wanted to do chopped chocolate, so it might be melty, but I didn't really have time to go all out, so I just used what I had," said Pacini. "I had to just use regular chocolate chips to make it easier."

While the librarian does reference cookbooks, she also turns to some blogs and social media for ideas.

"Things look so good on Pinterest and Instagram," she said. "But it has to be a blogger I've followed and

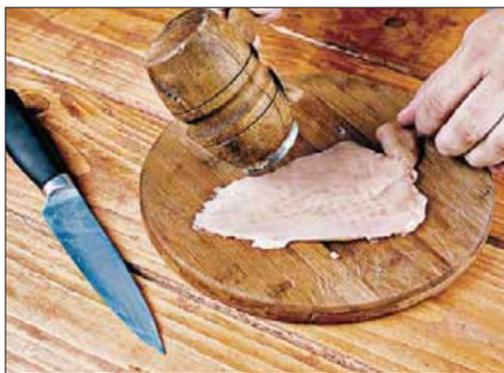
made their things before, so I can trust them."

Pacini's co-workers also benefit from her baking, with holiday treat boxes, no less, but they make it known when they really like something.

"Whenever people get aggressive with their feedback, I know it's a good cookie," she said.

"With these cookies, they were getting so worked up about it they were kind of yelling at me down the hall. It's not like they're going to hit me, but they were just more vocal."

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The key to preparing chicken paillard is to pound the meat to an even thickness. The chicken can be sauteed quickly.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

A quick trick to keep in your back pocket

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON
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Holiday craziness getting to you? Do you still have to put dinner on the table for your family and maybe even some relatives who are visiting for the holidays? It can be a daunting task, putting together a simple holiday meal for a small group in just a few short minutes. This is the recipe to make.

Chicken paillard is nothing more than flattened meat. In this case, skinned and boned

chicken breasts are pounded, quickly sauteed and then finished with a tangy, slightly sweet cranberry port sauce. This main course lends itself to last-minute preparation with minimal fuss.

The cranberry port sauce enlivens the simple chicken flavor and tastes like the holidays in a bite. Serve this with roasted yams and simple braised spinach for a memorable meal.

What to drink with the dish? The sauce's sweet and tart flavors call for a wine that can balance the

Chicken paillard with cranberry port sauce

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

The chicken may be made 6 hours ahead through Step 1, covered and refrigerated.

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, about 6 ounces each
- Seasoning salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ¾ cup chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons tawny port
- ½ cup cranberry sauce
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

- 1. Place** a chicken breast half between two pieces of plastic wrap on a wooden cutting board. Using a mallet or the bottom of a saucepan, evenly pound it ¼-inch thick. Season with salt and pepper. Repeat with remaining chicken pieces, replacing the plastic wrap as needed.
- 2. Heat** a large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat; add the olive oil. When oil shimmers, cook the paillards, working in batches and adding oil as needed, 2-3 minutes per side or until no pinkness remains. Transfer the paillards to a side platter, overlapping them for a pretty presentation. Cover with foil, and keep warm.
- 3. Add** the stock and port to the skillet; stir to deglaze the pan by scraping up the brown bits. Add the cranberry sauce; whisk together until slightly reduced and a sauce forms, about 2 minutes. Spoon the sauce over the chicken, garnish with parsley and serve immediately.

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Nutrition information per serving: 241 calories, 6 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 94 mg cholesterol, 10 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 35 g protein, 101 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

yin and yang. A smooth and fruit-lifted pinot noir will be superb, as well as this season's Beaujolais

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Red radicchio tastes as delicious as it is beautiful in this holiday Caesar salad. Top it off with a homemade dressing spiked with lemongrass and fresh thyme.

Break from decadence

Scrumptious veggie dishes will make you feel better about splurging during holidays



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

My spinning instructor says we're squarely in the eating season; she hounds us to pedal faster. She's right, of course. From Thanksgiving through New Year's, temptations abound — from the sharing tables at the office to dinners with visiting friends and relatives. And let's not talk about my penchant for eating all the richest items at holiday dinners first.

How to counteract the gravy, buttered rolls, rich stuffings, scalloped potatoes, creamed spinach and candied yams? I arm myself with an arsenal of lighter, delicious and beautiful vegetable preparations that shake up the buffet.

Instead of a typical green salad, I offer a holiday Caesar made with stunning ruby red radicchio and a homemade dressing spiked with lemongrass and fresh thyme. This gorgeous salad, inspired by Cathy Whims' version at Nostana in Portland, Ore., proves worthy of any party. The dressing and other components of the salad can be made several days in advance.

To help eliminate any excuse for not eating salad, I trim, clean and spin-dry a couple of days' worth of interesting, super-fresh salad greens. Then I put the greens into a plastic container (or

Holiday thyme Caesar salad

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 15 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

- 2 large heads (8 ounces each) red radicchio
- 3 to 4** cups (about 8 ounces total) 1-inch cubes of hearty bread
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup Caesar dressing, see recipe
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, plus several thyme sprigs
- ½ cup large shreds of Parmesan cheese
- Freshly ground black pepper

1. Remove the cores from the radicchio. Tear the leaves into large pieces; place in a colander. Rinse under cool water; spin dry in a salad spinner or pat dry with kitchen towels. Place the radicchio in a food-safe plastic bag or container lined with paper toweling. Refrigerate covered for 1 hour or up to several days.

2. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place bread cubes on a large baking sheet. Add olive oil; toss to coat. Bake, stirring often, until croutons are nicely golden on all sides, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool completely; store in a covered container at room temperature for up to several days.

3. To serve, place the radicchio in a large bowl; drizzle on the dressing. Toss to coat. Transfer to a large platter or serving bowl. Sprinkle with the thyme leaves, croutons, cheese and pepper to taste. Garnish with thyme sprigs; serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 224 calories, 14 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 28 mg cholesterol, 21 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 7 g protein, 174 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

zip-close bag) lined with a paper towel. Covered, and refrigerated, the greens will last several days. Sturdy salad greens, such as romaine, frisée and radicchio will keep nicely even longer.

Homemade croutons will make any salad a standout. For a Caesar salad, I use a cheesy bread, such

as the three cheese semolina from La Brea Bakery. Cut into evenly sized cubes and tossed with a little olive oil, the bread crisps in about 10 minutes. Pack the croutons into a container when completely cool, and they'll keep several days.

For the dressing, I employ the

Caesar dressing with lemongrass and thyme

1. Use half a 2-ounce can of anchovies, drained of oil. (Save remaining anchovies for another use.) Drop 4 cloves garlic through the feed tube of a blender, with the motor running. Add ¼ cup lemon juice, the anchovies, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce and 1 teaspoon refrigerated lemongrass puree. Blend until smooth.

2. Coddle 2 large eggs in the microwave: Break eggs into a small bowl leaving the yolks whole. Microwave on medium power (50 percent), 30 to 40 seconds. Watch closely to prevent eggs from overcooking; the white should be barely opaque and the yolk still runny.

3. Add eggs to the blender. With blender running, slowly pour in ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil. Add ¼ teaspoon salt; blend, then taste and adjust salt as needed.

4. Transfer to a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Add ½ teaspoon lemon zest and ¼ teaspoon fresh or dried thyme leaves. Close the jar and shake well. Store in the refrigerator up to several days. Use at room temperature. **Makes:** about 1 cup

I think the best salad combination is room-temperature dressing and chilled, crisp greens. Just before serving, place the bottle of dressing in a large mug full of hot water and let it stand until the solidified oils liquefy and the flavors peak.

To properly dress a salad, measure out 1 tablespoon of dressing for every 2 loosely packed cups of torn, cleaned salad greens. Use a little bit extra for a more indulgently dressed salad, but refrain from adding too much, or the salad can get unpleasantly soggy. Always serve the salad within a few minutes of dressing it; a chilled salad bowl will buy you a little more time.

Roasting vegetables yields an infinitely more luxurious dish than steaming or blanching them. Adding a full-flavored seasoning gives them extraordinary flavor.

My niece swears by a combination of soy sauce, sugar, rice vinegar and garlic for her addictive roast broccoli. I keep a bottle of the mixture on hand to use on just about any cut-up vegetable destined for a sheet pan.

Sugar might sound odd on vegetables, but here it acts to boost flavors and mellow out bitterness.

For holiday meals, I combine root vegetables, such as zesty parsnips, sweet carrots and sturdy turnips, before coating them with the seasoning sauce. Broccoli and cauliflower likewise look and taste great when roasted and combined. Make a double batch of the seasoning sauce for roasting all season long.

Bring on the eating season. We are ready.

Sweet and spicy roasted root vegetables

Prep: 25 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: 8 servings

5 medium-size turnips, about 1 ¼ pounds

3 medium parsnips, about 13 ounces

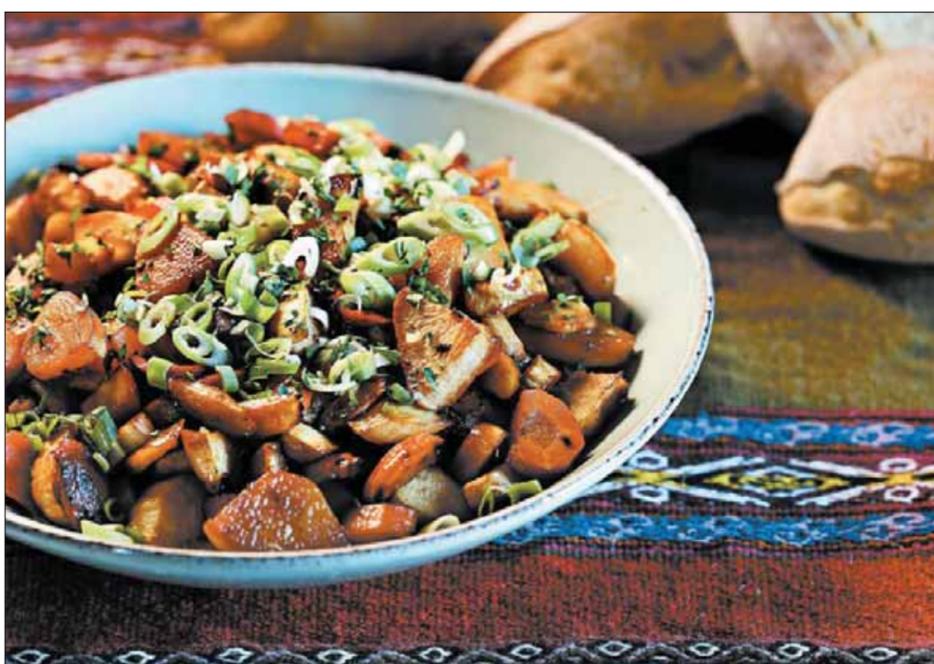
4 large carrots, about 1 pound

Garlic-and-soy vegetable roasting sauce, see recipe

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

1 teaspoon dark toasted sesame oil

¼ cup mix of chopped chives and parsley, or mix of chopped green onions and parsley



A garlic-and-soy roasting sauce adds salty-sweet depth to root vegetables.

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Have 2 large oiled baking sheets ready.

2. Peel all the vegetables; trim off tough ends. Cut the turnips into quarters through the stem end. Cut each quarter into ½-inch-thick slices. Cut the skinny stem ends of the parsnips and carrots into ½-inch-thick coins. Cut the fatter top section of the parsnips and carrots in half; cut those halves into ½-inch-thick half-moons.

3. Mix all vegetables in a large bowl; you'll have about 10 cups. Add the roasting sauce and toss to coat everything well.

4. Divide the vegetables and sauce between the two baking sheets. Roast, stirring every 10 minutes, until vegetables are tender when pierced with the tip of a knife and nicely glazed, about 25 minutes.

5. Sprinkle vegetables with rice vinegar and sesame oil; toss to coat. Serve hot, sprinkled with chives and parsley.

Nutrition information per serving: 165 calories, 10 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 18 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 3 g protein, 622 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

Garlic-and-soy vegetable roasting sauce

In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, mix together ½ cup grapeseed or sunflower oil; ¼ cup tamari soy sauce; 2 tablespoons coconut aminos or Worcestershire sauce; 2 teaspoons sugar; 1 teaspoon garlic powder; ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional). Refrigerate covered up to a week.

Sweet and spicy roasted broccoli

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 20 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

I double the recipe for a holiday meal and use both broccoli and cauliflower.

2 pounds broccoli crowns (or a large head cauliflower)

½ recipe Garlic-and-soy vegetable roasting sauce, see recipe

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

1 teaspoon dark toasted sesame oil

2 to 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro or green onions

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Use a paring knife to lightly peel the stems of the broccoli. Use the knife to cut the florets into small bite-sized pieces. Cut the stems into ½-inch-thick pieces. Place on an oiled baking sheet. Add the roasting sauce and toss to coat.

2. Roast in the middle of the oven, stirring often, until broccoli is tender when a knife is inserted, about 20 minutes.

3. Put into a serving bowl and add vinegar and sesame oil. Toss to coat. Sprinkle with cilantro and per serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 167 calories, 11 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 8 g protein, 606 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

A taste of New England in Old Town

Vettel, from Page 1

July on the Maine coast); the simple decor includes globe lights, exposed mechanicals and seating via wooden chairs and wood-topped metal barstools.

And while Tortoise Club deals in full-size portions of steaks, chops and seafood, Two Lights is devoted to small plates and sandwiches.

The chef is Aaron Browning, who began his career at the storied Le Vichyssois before subsequent gigs at Everest, Brasserie Jo, Koda (a well-regarded restaurant in Beverly) and Tortoise Supper Club, where he's been executive chef for four years (and remains so).

On a typical day, there will be two oyster varieties on offer, one from each coast, though availability occasionally alters the mix. A large shucking station sits in the middle of the long bar; grab a seat close by, and you can watch your order being prepped. The oysters are treated lovingly, served pristinely clean and icy-cold with a choice of sauces. The cucumber-gin granita is especially good, as many oysters possess faint cucumber flavor, and I liked the lightly tart rhubarb mignonette. The Old Bay cocktail sauce is available for those who insist on doing that to oysters.

The 14 small plates are equally divided among cold and hot preparations. Best bets include salmon tartare, which looks nothing like a tartare, because the chunks of Faroe Island salmon are torched just before leaving the kitchen, giving them a cooked appearance that, trust me, is about 1/32 of an inch deep. Presented with a jumble of diced apple, cucumber, pistachios and bonito flakes, surrounded by yuzu vinaigrette, this is a dish you'll very much enjoy, though you still won't think "tartare" when you're done.

Make room for the octopus, which comes from Spain but acquires a Greek accent from the accompanying cucumber-tomato-feta salad; the Calabrian chile oil beneath suggests a day trip to Italy, but just enjoy. A honey-Sriracha sauce adds oomph to the crusty shrimp fritters, just as a lively Sriracha aioli enlivens the tuna poke tacos, wrapped in crisped wonton shells.

Scallop crudo arrives as thin horizontal slices in a "gin bloody mary" sauce of tomato, olive, celery and, naturally, gin. Even better is the raw hamachi, in a tiradito-inspired preparation that includes passion fruit puree, finger chiles, avocado crema and crushed macadamia nuts.



Chef Aaron Browning has worked at Le Vichyssois, Everest, Brasserie Jo, Koda and Tortoise Supper Club, where he will remain executive chef.

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Cucumber-tomato-feta salad tops grilled octopus with Calabrian chile oil underneath.

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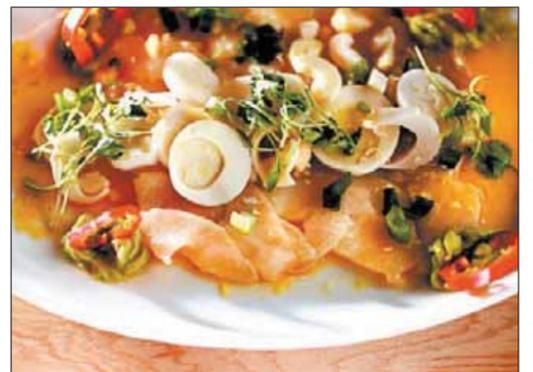
By contrast, the lobster bisque sounds downright pedestrian, but it's a very good bisque with no shortage of lobster meat. There's also a lobster roll, the menu's priciest option at \$19 but well worth the cost; it's made with brown butter, not mayo (for those for whom this distinction

matters), and the meat is piled high in a traditional split-top, toasted roll. The scallop roll has a similar look, but the fried scallops are bathed in sweet-chile sauce and topped with julienned vegetables.

The half-dozen land-based dishes include a very good steak tartare, given an

umami touch with oyster-enhanced aioli, and an improbable-sounding spicy beef salad, with cilantro and peanuts and a blanket of fried shallots. (Browning swears that this Thai-inspired dish appears in numerous Portland restaurants and therefore fits with the concept.) Among the "buns and rolls" is an East-meets-West sandwich of fried chicken nuggets with a tamari-ginger glaze, and of course (because these days, everybody has one) there's a griddled cheeseburger, presented here with pimiento cheese on a brioche bun. It's very rich and very good and, be still my heart, available medium-rare.

The small kitchen leaves no spare room for pastry work, so the menu's sole dessert is a blueberry-



Hamachi with passion fruit puree and avocado crema.



Blueberry-studded butter cake comes in a tiny skillet and is topped with whipped cream and lemon zest.

studded butter cake, served in a tiny iron skillet and topped with whipped cream and lemon zest. It's a dessert Browning has been making for years, and blueberries give the dish a wicked-good accent.

Service is impressive in its food and beverage knowledge and general affability; when I dined with a few guests, waiters eagerly offered to divide certain dishes into easily shareable portions, and one visit, we were quickly informed that we had 10

minutes to take advantage of the happy hour discount (\$4 glasses of wine, available 5-6:30 p.m. every day but Sunday).

Speaking of beverages, the wine list is brief but full of fun, affordable pours, the beer selection includes craft brews from Maine (of course) and more far-flung regions, and the house cocktails include a signature Negroni accented with grapefruit and mezcal.

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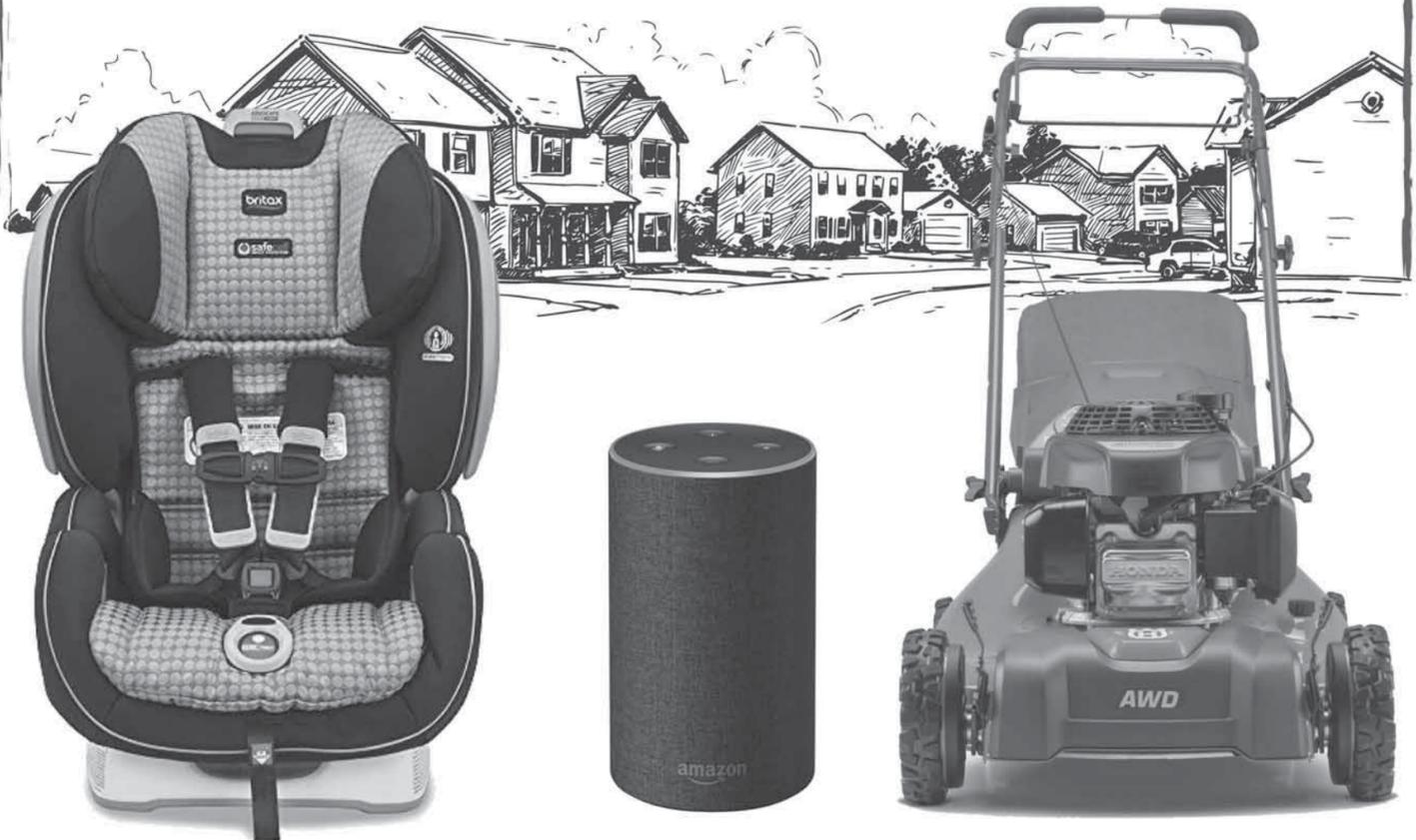
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\$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Beef Varieties **\$9.98** Lb.
Gluten Free
\$4.99 1/2 Lb.

Norwegian Farm Raised
Salmon Side Fillet **\$5.99**
Product of Norway 2 - 3 Lb. Average
Lb. Salmon Fillet Portions \$6.49 Lb.

American Chef 31 - 40 Ct. Large
Cooked Tail-On Shrimp **\$7.99**
1 Lb. Bag

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef" Boneless
Round Steak **\$3.59**
Sold as Steak Only
Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef" Boneless
New York Strip Steak **\$6.99**
Any Size Package
Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh
Chicken **88¢** Lb.
• Drumsticks
• Thighs
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
No Added Hormones

Walt's Premium
"All Natural" Pork Boneless
Pork Combo Pack Value Pack **\$1.59** Lb.
Roast & Chops

Dean's DairyPure
Half & Half **\$2.79**
Quart

Dean's DairyPure
Whipping Cream **3/\$5**
1/2 Pint

Dean's
Egg Nog **\$3.99**
1/2 Gallon

Cool Whip
Whipped Topping **99¢**
8 Oz.

Prairie Farms
Premium
Ice Cream **2/\$6**
56 Oz. *MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP*

Dutch Farms
Cream Cheese **99¢**
• Regular • 1/3 Less Fat
• Fat Free
8 Oz. Box

Dutch Farms
• **Sour Cream**
• **Cottage Cheese** **3/\$5**
16 Oz.

Campbell's
Soup **2/\$3**
• Chunky • Well Yes!
15.25 - 19 Oz.

Campbell's
• **Condensed Soup**
• **Spaghetti** **10/\$10**
10.5 - 15.4 Oz.

• Heinz Homestyle
Gravy **2/\$4**
12 Oz.
• Stove Top
Stuffing **2/\$4**
12 Oz. Bag
Sale Price **2/\$4**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1.00**
Final Price 2/\$3
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Best Choice
Vegetables **39¢**
• Cut or French Style Green Beans
• Whole Kernel or Cream Style Corn
• Sweet Peas
14.5 - 15.25 Oz.
Limit 12

Classico
Pasta Sauce **2/\$4**
15 - 24 Oz.
Sale Price **2/\$4**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1.00**
Final Price 2/\$3
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Wesson
Oil **2/\$5**
• Canola
• Vegetable
48 Oz.
Sale Price **2/\$5**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1.00**
Final Price 2/\$4
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Fiora
• **Paper Towels** **\$3.99**
6 Pk. Rolls
• **Bath Tissue** **\$3.99**
12 Pk. Double Rolls or
6 Pk. Mega Rolls
Your Choice

Maxwell House
Coffee **\$5.99**
22 - 31 Oz.
Sale Price **\$5.99**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1.00**
Final Price \$4.99
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

WALT'S FOOD CENTERS

Nestle Pure Life
Water **4/\$10**
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.

Available on the Walt's mobile app or at www.waltsfoods.com

W Digital Rewards DEAL of the Week

\$2.49 Limit 1
Indiana Kitchen
Sliced Bacon
16 Oz.

PRODUCE

Fancy Green Beans
79¢ Lb.
 Young N Tender

Medium Fancy Yellow Onions
 3 Lb. Bag
99¢

US No. 1
 "High Color" Red Potatoes
2/\$4
 5 Lb. Bags

US No. 1
 Fancy Sweet Potatoes
49¢ Lb.

California Sweet Baby Carrots
 1 Lb. Pkg.
99¢

"Hass" Avocados
99¢ Ea.
 Extra Large

"In the Husk" Fresh Picked Bi-Color Sweet Corn
2/\$1

Fresh Large "Tart" Limes
5/\$1

Fresh Flavorful Asparagus
\$1.99 Lb.

Jumbo Fresh Blueberries
2/\$4
 6 Oz. Pkgs.

Driscoll's Sweet Red Raspberries
\$2.99
 6 Oz. Pkgs.

Fresh Sweet Blackberries
2/\$3
 6 Oz. Pkgs.

Super Flavor
 Michigan Honeycrisp Apples
\$1.39 Lb.
 MICHIGAN APPLES

US No. 1
 "Buttery" Yukon Gold Potatoes
2/\$5
 5 Lb. Bags

Super Select Premium Cucumbers
2/\$1

Florida "Star Ruby" Red Grapefruit
99¢ Lb.

"On the Vine" Premium Tomatoes
\$1.39 Lb.

Fancy Eggplant
\$1.39 Lb.
 New Crop

Tropical Sweet Mangos
99¢ Ea.

Mexican Fancy Zucchini Squash
99¢ Lb.

"Kid's Choice" California Navel Oranges
2/\$5
 3 Lb. Bags

Walt's Has A Large Selection Of Beautiful Poinsettias

Many Sizes And Colors To Choose From

Fresh Cut Decorated Wreath
\$16.99

While Supplies Last, No Rainchecks.

Mexican Fancy Yellow Squash
99¢ Lb.

COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own Fresh Baked Vienna Bread
 1 Lb. Loaf
\$1.49

Walt's Own Cream Cheese Iced Cinnamon Rolls
 4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.99

Walt's Own Chocolate Iced Brownies
 1/4 Foil Pan
\$4.99

Walt's Own Fresh Baked Hoagie Buns
 •6 Pk. Regular
 •12 Pk. Mini
\$1.49

Walt's Own Cranberry Nut Muffins
 4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.99

Walt's Own Fruit Topped Crumb Coffee Cake
\$3.49

Walt's Own Signature Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
 10 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.99

Walt's Own Cranberry Nut Cream Cake
 1/2 Ring
\$4.99

Walt's Own Cake Donuts
 •Plain •Powdered Sugared
 •Granulated Sugared
 •Cinnamon Sugared
 6 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.99
 Made Fresh in our Store
 Best Donuts in Town

Walt's Own Peach Cobbler
\$3.49

BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh
Chicken
 • Drumsticks
 • Thighs
 3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
88¢ Lb.

Miller Amish Country
 "100% Natural"
Split Chicken Breasts
\$1.89 Lb.

Honeysuckle Fresh
Turkey Sausage
 • Italian • Bratwurst
 1.25 Lb.
\$3.99
 99% Lean Ground Turkey 16 Oz. \$3.99

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
 "Natural Beef"
Boneless Round Steak
 Sold As Steak Only
\$3.59 Lb.

Oscar Mayer
Beef Franks
Smoked Sausage
 Selected Varieties
 13 - 16 Oz.
\$2.99

Ditka's
Italian Beef
 36 Oz.
\$9.99
 Ditka's Giardiniera • Hot • Mild 16 Oz. \$3.99

Devanco
Gyros Kit
 3 Pack
 20.64 Oz.
\$4.99

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
 "Natural Beef"
Boneless New York Strip Steak
 Any Size Package
\$6.99 Lb.

Banquet
Brown N' Serve
 (Excludes Beef)
 6.4 Oz.
89¢

Indiana Kitchen
Sliced Bacon
 16 Oz.
\$3.99

Oscar Mayer
Turkey Bacon
 11 - 12 Oz.
2/\$5

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
 "Natural Beef"
Sirloin Tip Roast
 Sold As Roast Only
\$3.79 Lb.

Oscar Mayer
Economy Lunchmeats
 Selected Varieties
 14 - 16 Oz.
2/\$5

Carl Buddig
Lunchmeat Tubs
 Selected Varieties
 7 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5

Greenfield
Lunchmeats
 Assorted Varieties
 7 Oz.
\$3.49
 Greenfield Bacon 12 Oz. \$4.29

Walt's Premium 85% Lean
 "All Natural" Fresh
Ground Round
 Value Pack
\$2.99 Lb.

Eckrich
Smoked Sausage
 Selected Varieties
 8.3 - 14 Oz.
2/\$5

Tyson Bagged Breaded
Chicken
 Selected Varieties
 20 - 32 Oz.
\$4.99

Armour
Meatballs
 Selected Varieties
 14 Oz.
2/\$4

Taste Choice
Skillet Meals
 Assorted Varieties
 22 - 24 Oz.
\$4.99

Simply
Mashed Potatoes
 Assorted Varieties
 24 Oz.
2/\$5

On-Cor
 Bagged Breaded
Chicken
 • Nibblers
 • Strips
 • Patties
 26 - 27.5 Oz.
2/\$7

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 New York Strip Steak **\$8.99** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Porterhouse Steak **\$9.99** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Boneless Rib Eye Steak **\$13.99** Lb.

Seafood Specials

CATCH! THE SAVINGS

Norwegian Farm Raised
Salmon Side Fillets 2 - 3 Lb. **\$5.99** Lb.
 Avg. Product of Norway Salmon Fillet Portions \$6.49 Lb.

Sea Best
Cod Fillets 16 Oz. **\$5.79**

Sea Best
Tilapia Fillets 16 Oz. **\$4.29**

Sea Best
Catfish Fillets 16 Oz. **\$6.79**

American Chef 31 - 40 Ct. Large
Cooked Tail-On Shrimp **\$7.99** 1 Lb. Bag

Smithfield Seasoned
Pork Tenderloin
Pork Loin Fillets
 Selected Varieties
 18 - 32 Oz.
\$4.99

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Combo Pack
 Value Pack
\$1.59 Lb.
 Boneless Pork Chops Value Pack \$1.99 Lb.

Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Turkey Breast
\$7.98 Lb.
 \$3.99 1/2 Lb. **Gluten Free**

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Chicken Breast
\$6.98 Lb.
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb. **Gluten Free**

Grandpa's
Potato Salad **\$3.79** Lb.

Garden Fresh
Rotini Pasta Salad **\$4.29** Lb.

Garden Fresh
Taco Pasta Salad **\$4.29** Lb.

Garden Fresh
Vinegar & Oil Cole Slaw **\$2.59** Lb.

Grandpa's
Baked Beans **\$2.99** Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Ham
\$6.98 Lb.
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb. **Gluten Free**

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Beef
\$9.98 Lb.
 \$4.99 1/2 Lb. **Gluten Free**

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium
Ham off the Bone
\$4.98 Lb.
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb. **Gluten Free**

Kentucky Legend
Deli Ham
 Selected Varieties
\$4.98 Lb.
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Grandpa's
Baked Beans **\$2.99** Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Scott Pete
Veal Bologna
\$3.98 Lb.
 \$1.99 1/2 Lb.

Scott Pete
Liver Sausage
\$3.49 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Hoffmann's
Super Sharp Cheese
\$6.98 Lb.
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Delallo Pre-Pack
Olives
 Selected Varieties
 7 - 8 Oz.
\$4.99

Walt's Deli Hut
Whole Rotisserie Chicken
\$5.99 Ea.

King's Command
 Homestyle
Beef Meatloaf
 18 Oz.
\$7.99

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Deli Hut
Rice Pudding
Tapioca Pudding
\$2.99 Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut
Pineapple Walnut Salad
\$4.99 Lb.

DAIRY

Pillsbury Rolls

- Crescent 4 Oz.
- Cinnamon 7.3 Oz.
- Grands! Biscuits 10.2 Oz.
- Flaky Biscuits 12 Oz.

10/\$10



Coffeemate Natural Bliss Creamer

16 Oz.

2/\$5



Dannon Yogurt

- Danimals 6 Pk.
- Activia 4 Pk.
- Regular 32 Oz. Tub

\$1.99



Dean's DairyPure Whipping Cream

1/2 Pint

3/\$5

Dean's DairyPure Half & Half

Quart

\$2.79

Dean's TruMoo Chocolate Milk

•Whole •1%

1/2 Gallon

Dean's Egg Nog

1/2 Gallon

\$3.99

Whipped Topping

7 Oz. Can

\$1.99

Reddi Wip Whipped Topping

•Coconut

•Almond

6.5 Oz. Can

Reddi Wip Whipped Topping

6.5 Oz. Can

\$3.49

Parkay Soft Spread

41 Oz.

\$3.49

Dutch Farms Cage Free Grade "A" Egg Land's Best Grade "A" Large Eggs

Dozen

\$2.39



Dutch Farms Butter

- Regular
- No Salt

1 Lb. Qtrs.

2/\$6



Dutch Farms Cheese Spread

8 Oz.

2/\$4



Chobani Yogurt

- 0% •2% •Flips

Selected Varieties

5.3 Oz.

10/\$10



Dutch Farms Cheese

- Variety Pack Tray 1 Lb. Pkg.
- Cheese Melt 2 Lb. Loaf

\$4.99



Dutch Farms Cheese

- Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
- Regular or Fancy Shredded Selected Varieties 6 - 8 Oz.
- Natural Slices Selected Varieties 6 - 7.6 Oz.
- Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.

3/\$6



Dutch Farms Cream Cheese

- Regular •1/3 Less Fat
- Fat Free

8 Oz. Box

99¢



Dutch Farms Sour Cream

- Cottage Cheese

16 Oz.

3/\$5

Dutch Farms Whipped Topping

- Gelatin or Pudding 4 Pk.
- Gelatin Rings 19.5 - 22 Oz.

2/\$3



Dutch Farms Premium Dips

11.5 - 12 Oz.

\$2.19



Dutch Farms Ricotta Cheese

15 Oz.

2/\$4



Oberweis Milk

- Whole •2% Reduced Fat
- Skim Fat Free •Chocolate

1/2 Gallon

2/\$6



Win Schuler's Cheese Spread

8 Oz.

2/\$6



Kraft Jar Cheese

5 Oz. Jar

\$2.99



Kraft Philadelphia Original Cream Cheese

2 Pk.

\$2.99



Noon Hour Herring

•Wine

•Cream

12 Oz.

\$3.99



Dutch Farms Orange Juice

Gallon

\$3.99



Dutch Farms Orange Juice

Gallon

\$3.99



Oberweis Fruit Punch

1/2 Gallon

2/\$4



Tropicana Probiotics Juice

32 Oz.

2/\$6



Florida's Natural Premium Orange Juice

89 Oz.

\$5.49



FROZEN

Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream

56 Oz.

2/\$6



Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns

24 - 32 Oz.

2/\$5



Cinnabon Goopy Bites

14 - 17 Oz.

\$3.99



DeWafelbakkers Pancakes

18 - 60 Ct.

2/\$5



Sara Lee Oven Fresh Pies

34 Oz.

2/\$6



Sara Lee Coffee Cake

11.5 Oz.

\$3.99



Sara Lee Regular Cheesecake

17 - 19 Oz.

\$4.99



Mrs. Smith's Fruit Pie

35 - 37 Oz.

\$3.99



Pillsbury Frozen Pie Crusts

•Regular

•Deep Dish

2 Pk.

2/\$5



Cool Whip Whipped Topping

8 Oz.

99¢



Oberweis Ice Cream

Pint

3/\$10



North Star Sundae Cups

6 Pk.

2/\$4



Chillycow Ice Cream

•8 Oz. •5 Pk.

\$3.99



Pepperidge Farm Regular 3-Layer Cake

19 - 19.6 Oz.

2/\$5



Cole's

- Garlic Bread 16 Oz. •Garlic Toast 14 Oz.
- Big Texan Garlic Toast 15.75 Oz. •Cheesesticks 11.5 Oz.
- Cheese Garlic Toast 14 Oz. •Five Cheese Garlic Bread 12 Oz.
- Italian Garlic Bread 16 Oz. •Garlic Breadsticks 10.5 Oz.
- Pretzel Sticks with Pub Cheese 12 Oz.
- Asiago Mozzarella Sticks 11.5 Oz.
- Hidden Valley Ranch Cheesesticks 11.5 Oz.

2/\$5



Pictsweet Polybag Vegetables

- Farm Favorites
- Southern Classics

Selected Varieties

10 - 14 Oz.

\$1.19



Flav-R-Pac Polybag Premium Vegetables

- Baby Lima Beans •Whole Green Beans
- Brussel Sprouts and More

Selected Varieties

12 Oz.

3/\$5



Alexia Potatoes

13.5 - 24 Oz.

2/\$6



Gino's East Thin Crust Pizza

12 Inch

4/\$10



Banquet Chicken

- Nuggets
- Patties
- Tenders

12 - 15 Oz.

\$2.99



Ore Ida Bagel Bites

7 Oz.

2/\$4



Simek's Meatballs

17 - 22 Oz.

\$4.99



Cafe Steamers

9 - 10 Oz.

\$2.99



Healthy Choice Power Bowls

- Selected Varieties

9 - 9.9 Oz.

\$3.49



Healthy Choice Power Bowls

9 - 9.9 Oz.

\$3.49



Rosetto Pasta

19 - 25 Oz.

\$4.99



Hart Chicken Meal Kit

2 Lb.

\$4.99



Connie's Pizza

- Home Run Inn Classic
- Gino's East Tavern Style

12 Inch

\$4.88



Pizza

12 Inch

\$5.99



Simek's Lasagna

2 Lb.

\$5.99



DiGiorno Pizza

12 Inch

2/\$10



GROCERY

Duke's Real Mayonnaise
32 Oz.
\$2.99

Kraft Mac & Cheese
5.5 - 7.25 Oz.
88¢

Campbell's Condensed Soup Sale
• SpaghettiOs
10.5 - 15.4 Oz.
10/\$10

Progresso Broth
32 Oz.
2/\$3

Best Choice Vegetables
• Cut or French Style Green Beans
• Whole Kernel or Cream Style Corn
• Sweet Peas
14.5 - 15.25 Oz.
39¢
Limit 12 Please

Red Gold Tomatoes with Chiles Sloppy Joe Sauce
10 - 15.5 Oz.
79¢

Classico Pasta Sauce
15 - 24 Oz.
Sale Price **2/\$4**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1**
Final Price **2/\$3**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Wesson Oil
• Canola
• Vegetable
48 Oz.
Sale Price **2/\$5**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1**
Final Price **2/\$4**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Clearly Organic Vegetables
• Cut Green Beans
• Whole Kernel Corn
• Sweet Peas
14.5 - 15.25 Oz.
79¢

Campbell's Soup
• Chunky
• Well Yes!
15.25 - 19 Oz.
2/\$3

Hormel Chili with Beans Beef Tamales
15 Oz.
2/\$3

Bush's Best Beans
• Black
• Kidney
• Pinto
• Great Northern
15 - 16 Oz.
79¢

Heinz Home Style Gravy
12 Oz. Bag
• Stove Top Stuffing
12 Oz. Bag
Sale Price **2/\$4**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1**
Final Price **2/\$3**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Maruchan Bowl
• Ramen
• Yakisoba Noodles
3.31 - 4 Oz.
2/\$1

Maxwell House Coffee
22 - 31 Oz.
Sale Price **\$5.99**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 1 **-\$1**
Final Price **\$4.99**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Kraft Velveeta Shells & Cheese Deluxe Mac & Cheese
3 Pk.
\$6.49

SPAM Luncheon Meat
12 Oz.
\$2.99

Mt. Olive Pickles
16 - 24 Oz.
2/\$5

Pam Spray
5 - 6 Oz.
\$2.99

Nabisco Family Size Oreo Cookies
19.1 - 20 Oz.
\$2.88

Hershey's Baking Chips
8 - 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Pillsbury Mixes
• Cake
• Family Brownie
15.25 - 18.4 Oz.
4/\$5
Pillsbury Frosting 12 - 16 Oz. \$1.69

Always Save Granulated Sugar
4 Lb.
\$1.59

M&M's Christmas Candies
8 - 11.4 Oz.
2/\$5

Nestle Pure Life Water
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
4/\$10

McCafé Coffee
Bag 12 Oz. or K-Cups 6 - 12 Ct.
Sale Price **\$5.99**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 1 **-\$1**
Final Price **\$4.99**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Carnation Evaporated Milk
12 Oz.
99¢

Keebler Graham Cracker Crumbs
13.5 Oz.
• Deep Dish Pie Shell
9 Oz.
\$2.39

Baker's Chocolate Chips or Chunks
11 - 12 Oz.
2/\$5

Nestle Pure Life Splash Water
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
• Propel
24 Oz.
10/\$10

Kibbles n' Bits Dog Food
3.5 Lb.
• Meow Mix Cat Food
3 - 3.15 Lb.
\$3.99

Pup-Peroni Dog Treats
5 - 5.6 Oz.
2/\$6

Milk-Bone Dog Biscuits
24 Oz.
\$3.99

Fresh Step Cat Litter
• Regular
• Lightweight
15.4 - 25 Lb.
\$11.99

Glad Bags
• Trash
• Tall Kitchen
25 - 80 Ct.
\$7.49

Glad Ware Containers
2 - 5 Ct.
• Press'n Seal Wrap
70 Ft.
2/\$5

Clorox Toilet Bowl Cleaner
24 Oz.
2/\$4

Clorox Bathroom Foamer with Bleach Spray
20 - 30 Oz.
2/\$6

Quilted Northern Bath Tissue
6 Pk. Mega Rolls or 12 Pk. Double Rolls
• Brawny Paper Towels
6 Pk. Large Rolls
\$6.99

Fiora Paper Towels
6 Pk. Regular Rolls
• Bath Tissue
12 Pk. Double Rolls or 6 Pk. Mega Rolls
\$3.99

GROCERY GOLD VALUES

•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.
3/\$12

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Mtn. Dew
•Crush •7Up
•Dr. Pepper •A&W
•RC •Canada Dry
2 Ltr.
4/\$5

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Mtn. Dew
•Crush
•Coke •Sprite
•Coke Zero Sugar
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
\$6.99

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi
•Mtn. Dew
•Crush
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.
4/\$10

•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls. or
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
4/\$10

Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
10 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
2/\$7

•Vitaminwater
•Coke
De Mexico
•Smartwater
20 Oz.
12 Oz.
700 ML
5/\$5

•Deja Blue Water
24 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.
•Vita Coco
Coconut Water
1 Ltr.
\$3.99

Snapple
Tea
6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls.
\$4.99

Rockstar
Energy
Drink
16 Oz.
5/\$5

•Lipton Tea
6 Pk. 18.5 Oz. Btls. or
12 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.
•Starbucks
Frappuccino
4 Pk.
\$4.99

V8
Splash
64 Oz.
2/\$4

•Cheetos
•Fritos
7.5 - 8.5 Oz.
2/\$5

Doritos
Tortilla
Chips
9 - 9.5 Oz.
2/\$5

Vitner's
Potato
Chips
8.5 Oz.
2/\$4

Krunchers
Potato
Chips
8 - 8.5 Oz.
2/\$4

•Chex Mix
•Bugles
•Gardetto's
7 - 8.75 Oz.
10/\$10

Planters
Crispy Coated
Crunchers
Peanuts
7 Oz.
Buy One, Get One
FREE

Aunt Millie's
•Giant Bread
White, Wheat or Italian
24 Oz.
•Deluxe Buns
Hamburger or Hot Dog
8 Ct.
\$1.69

Mother's
Bread
•White •Wheat
24 Oz.
\$2.49

General Mills
Cereals
•Honey Nut Cheerios 11.8 Oz.
•Cheerios 12 Oz.
•Cinnamon Toast Crunch 12 Oz.
•Apple Cinnamon Cheerios 11 Oz.
•Chocolate Cheerios 11.25 Oz.
•Reese's Puffs 11.5 Oz.
4/\$10

Nabisco
•Newtons
•Nilla Wafers
10 - 11 Oz.
\$2.99
50¢ Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 1

Entenmann's
Donuts
15 @ 17.5 Oz.
\$2.99

Hills Bros.
Coffee
•Medium Roast
•Mild Roast
30.5 Oz.
\$6.99

G M / H B C

Christmas
•Gift Bags •Tissue Paper
•Bows •Name Tags
•Roll Wrap
•More
\$1

Popcorn
Tins
Assorted Varieties
\$4.99

Christmas
Gift Boxes
•Robe 2 Ct.
•Lingerie 4 Ct.
•Shirt 3 Ct.
\$1

Round
Christmas
Cookie Containers
Assorted Varieties
\$1.49

Scope
Mouthwash 33.8 Oz.
•Original Mint •Outlast Green Mint
\$3.49

Prilosec
OTC 14 Ct. Tablets
\$9.99

Suave Professional
Shampoo or
Conditioner 12.6 Oz.
•Keratin Infusion •Coconut Oil Infusion
•Rose Oil Infusion •Moroccan Infusion Shine
\$2.99

Best Choice
Coffee
Filters 200 Ct.
\$1.29

Oral B Indicator
Toothbrush 1 Ct.
•Soft •Medium
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