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Emanuel sees a need for legal weed

Mayor pushes state gas tax hike to fund major transportation bill

BY BILL RUTHHART AND MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and a group of suburban leaders on Tuesday called for a 20 to 30 cent per gallon increase in the state's gas tax to fund a major state-wide transportation bill.

Emanuel spearheaded the push during a City Hall news conference in which he was joined by a handful of suburban mayors and regional planners. The mayor's office also released a list

of 26 suburban mayors and village presidents who supported the tax increase.

"We are facing a historic moment, and I stand with a group of bipartisan mayors on behalf of a new transportation bill that should happen in Springfield," Emanuel said alongside the mayors of Park Forest, Hazel Crest, Oswego, Fox River Grove, Joliet, Batavia, Broadview and Ford Heights.

"Our state can't wait any

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel will give a speech to the City Council outlining challenges ahead as he prepares to leave office.

Plans to also push constitutional amendment to fund pensions

BY BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday will call for state lawmakers to legalize marijuana, allow a Chicago casino and approve a state constitutional amendment to help the city address a looming pension crisis that will require nearly \$1 billion in new annual retirement payments by 2023, according to sources familiar with the mayor's plans.

Emanuel is scheduled to give a speech to the City

Council outlining the challenges that remain to properly fund the city's pensions and offering recommendations on how to tackle the problem, even though he won't be in office beyond next May to do so.

The mayor will propose that any tax money the city receives from the legalization of recreational marijuana be dedicated entirely to pensions and he'll do the same for any taxes generated by a long-sought Chicago

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Some may whine, but city top in breweries

Chicago metro region is hailed as U.S. brewing capital

BY JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

Bottoms up, Chicago. You're the nation's brewing capital.

The metro region has surged past several long-time stalwarts to become home to more breweries than any other city in the nation — 167 — according to statistics published this week by the Brewers Association.

Behind it are the metro areas that for years Chicago beer drinkers could only envy: Denver (158), Seattle (153) and San Diego (150).

In fifth and sixth places are two other large cities whose brewing scenes have surged in recent years: Los Angeles (146) and New York (141).

Brewers Association's chief economist, Bart Watson, who published his findings Monday on the Brewers Association website, derived the numbers using brewery ZIP codes and

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Clash in Oval Office over border wall

President Donald Trump threatened to shut down the federal government Tuesday as he and Democratic leaders bickered over funding for a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. Trump, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer argued for more than 15 minutes in the televised encounter. The clash marked the first meeting between the president and the newly empowered Democrats, laying bare the tensions on both sides and suggesting how divided government might work — or not — as the 2020 presidential election nears. **Nation & World, Page 11**

CTA training sights on approving key contracts

This will pave way for Red-Purple Line upgrading

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The CTA board on Wednesday is expected to approve contracts for the largest and costliest construction project in CTA history: the massive \$2.1 billion Red and Purple Line modernization.

The board also is expected to approve a contract for preliminary work on an even larger project: the proposed \$2.3 billion extension of the Red Line from 95th Street to 130th Street.

The Red and Purple Line project will rebuild

stations, bridges and track along a century-old corridor between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr avenues on the Red Line, the agency's busiest line, CTA officials said. The construction also will include a controversial bypass that will take Brown Line trains above Red and Purple Line trains north of the busy Belmont station, CTA officials said.

Construction is expected to start in the fall of 2019, with the entire project to be completed in 2025, CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said.

"Picture what we did at Wilson (station) and multiply that by four — that's what we're going to be

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Red and Purple Line project will rebuild stations, bridges and track along a corridor between the Lawrence, above, and Bryn Mawr avenues on the Red Line.

Even a Daley says Boss Madigan has gone too far

The saga of a 19-year-old DePaul University freshman being crushed by the powerful Michael Madigan has gone national. Even Bill Daley, son of a boss, brother of another boss and running himself for mayor, says Madigan's 13th Ward organization may have gone too far.

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Some of those reviews were published by the Chicago Tribune and RedEye.

Here is more information from the Star Tribune: <http://www.startribune.com/from-the-editors-star-tribune-film-critic-resigns-after-ethics-breach/502410192/>

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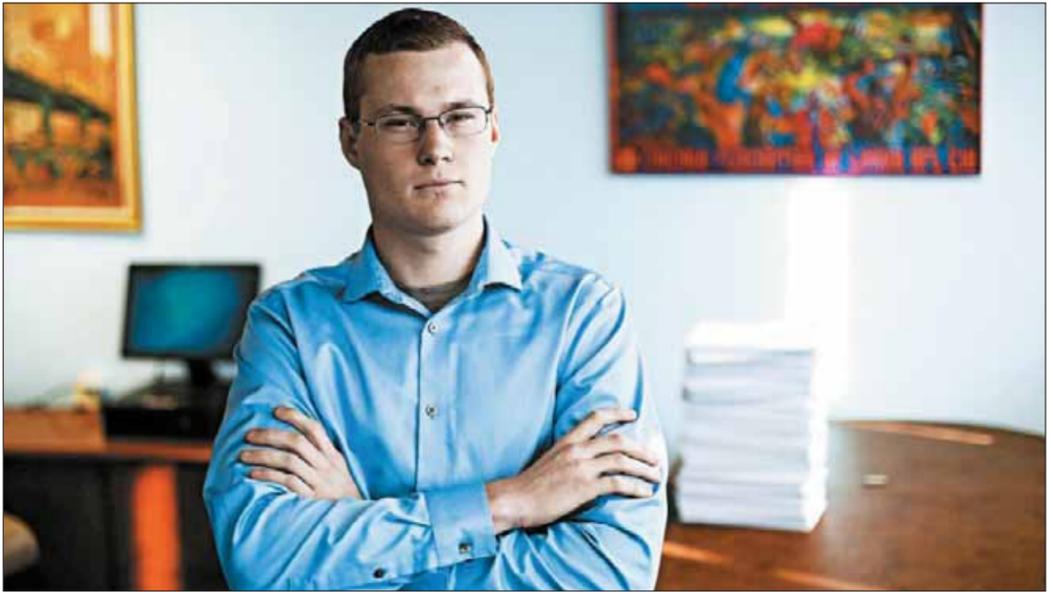
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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

David Krupa, 19, is running for 13th Ward alderman, daring to enter the turf of Democratic boss Michael Madigan.



JOHN KASS

Even a Daley says Boss Madigan has gone too far

Chicago is known worldwide for its fine steakhouses, bone-breaking politics and ravenous political bosses.

But now that the saga of a 19-year-old DePaul University freshman being crushed by powerful Boss Madigan has gone national, Chicago is also known for devouring its young.

Even Chicago Democrat Bill Daley, son of a boss, brother of another boss and running himself for mayor, says Boss Madigan's 13th Ward organization may have gone too far in trying to eliminate young David Krupa.

"I saw your story on the 19-year-old in the 13th Ward. I mean, really? Really?" Bill Daley said in an interview on my podcast, "The Chicago Way" on WGN Plus.

Yeah, really, Bill Daley. What is happening to Krupa is the essence of the Chicago Way, distilled to its elemental form.

Krupa is running for alderman in the 13th Ward. He has dared to challenge the most powerful big-city Democratic ward organization in the country: the 13th Ward Democrats run by Boss Madigan, who as Illinois House speaker has controlled the state legislature for four decades and is chairman of the state's Democratic Party.

Legend has it that Boss Madigan has mashed political opponents with a mere sigh, as he meticulously chews his lunch of sliced apples.

"All due respect to whoever decided to challenge him (Krupa), but did they really fear that this kid's going to win the aldermanic race?" Bill Daley asked sarcastically. "Maybe he would. Obviously, he is showing interest, many young people don't have that desire to actually run for office."

We don't know exactly who led the organized anti-Krupa effort in Boss Madigan's 13th Ward. It could have been a bunch of Quakers from Pennsylvania.

Or it might even have been a pack of purple unicorns accompanied by notary publics as they walked door to door among the bungalows of the Southwest Side.

But I'll guess they were Boss Madigan's precinct captains.

Bill Daley's father, the legendary Mayor Richard J. Daley, ran Chicago with an iron fist for decades. His brother, Richard M. Daley, used an iron fist, too, but smashed the city's finances beyond repair. Daley family members have made millions of dollars leveraging political control in Chicago, as has Boss Madigan in his lucrative property-tax-reduction private legal practice.

But when a Daley says you've gone too far, you've really gone too far.

This saga of the teenager vs. the boss says a lot about how far the powerful will go to crush dissent.

Some background: To get on the ballot, Krupa was required to file 473 valid signatures of ward residents. He filed 1,703 signatures to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

Amazingly, an organized crew — of Quakers or unicorns — walked door to door in the 13th Ward and turned in 2,796 affidavits from residents asking that their signatures for Krupa be revoked.

Do the math. That organized crew got far more affidavits of revocation of signature than were needed. Affidavits are legal documents, and notarized.

It appears many residents of Boss Madigan's ward have left themselves open to felony perjury charges. Madigan's ward is chock-full of workers on one government payroll or another. Felony perjury convictions would cause them to lose their government jobs.

Krupa's lawyer, Michael Dorf, explained that he initially thought that at least a thousand false affidavits had been filed with the elections board.

In defending its candidate — the frightened Ald. Marty Quinn — the 13th Ward attached only 187 affidavits of revocation that matched the Krupa petition signatures.

Since 2,796 revocation petitions were filed, that means 2,609 false affidavits may also have been filed.

"Filing false affidavits is a felony," Dorf said on "The Chicago Way"

podcast. "To prevent anyone from supporting a candidate (intimidation) is also a felony. I've never seen anything like it. We're asking that the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners refer this to the Cook County state's attorney. This is clearly two felonious violations of the elections code."

The elections board is scheduled to take up the matter Saturday.

At City Hall the other day, reporters asked Madigan's pet, Ald. Quinn, about it.

"I guess the better question is: A self-described 'day one Trump supporter' gets 1,700 signatures in the 13th Ward, without being disingenuous?" Quinn snipped. "That's the question that comes to my mind. Have a good day."

Quinn then ran off, refusing to answer questions about the mysterious affidavits. He ran with his head bobbing, offering a perfect impression of frightened live poultry.

If I'd been there, I'd have tossed Marty a handful of dry corn, just to see him dance.

While some in the national media have picked up on my column, most local Democrats — including those who often cry about voter suppression elsewhere — have stayed silent on Krupa.

The politics of the candidates are irrelevant in this scenario. What is relevant is the overwhelming use of political power to crush dissent.

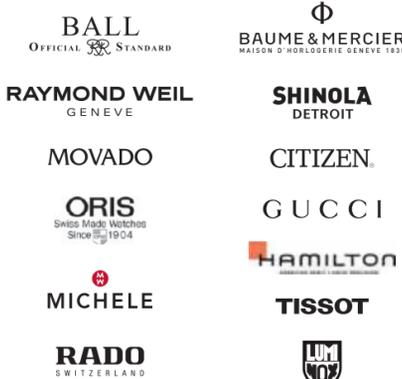
"With everything going on, with Madigan trying to crush me and everything, it's just crazy," Krupa told me. "But it's also obvious that I live in a unique American political system."

Yes, you do. It's called Chicago, where the people pay taxes and bow their heads to their lords, and the bosses make out just fine.

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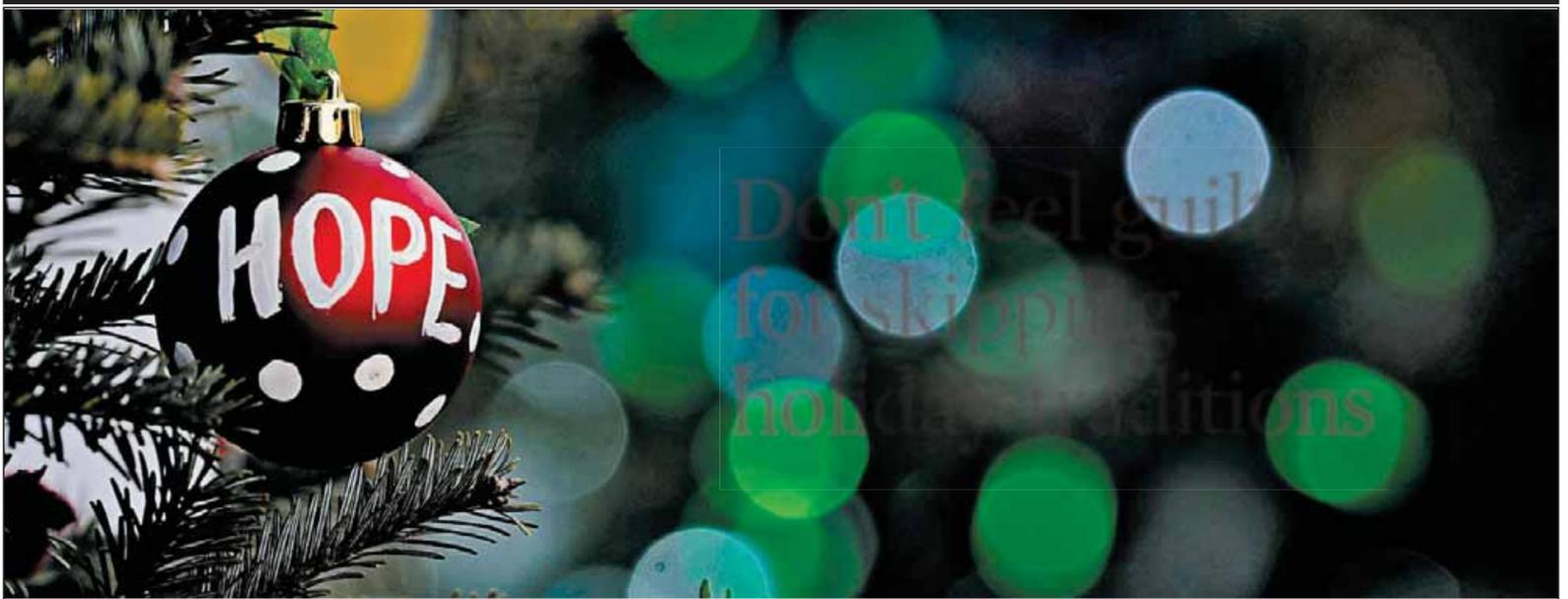
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MARY SCHMICH

I have never baked holiday cookies.

There. I've said it. Never, not once, as best I can recall, have I participated in one of the greatest of our nation's traditions, a dereliction of tradition that feels as un-American as Vladimir Putin.

It's my holiday shame.

What's yours? The thing you think you should do to show that you're in happy sync with the season? The thing other people would be astonished to know you've never done?

Or to put it another way: What's the holiday thing you've never done that other people imagine your holiday is incomplete without because theirs would be incomplete without it?

I'm no holiday Grinch. I like

the season and believe in traditions. They're a way of connecting us to each other and to the past, and if the festivity sometimes feels forced, that's not necessarily a bad thing. When holiday traditions work right, they give us a nudge to pause in the frenzy and savor the little things, like — just guessing — cookie dough and green frosting.

Because I believe in holiday rituals, I usually put up a Christmas tree. It's a small one, shorter than I am. Although I like seeing the towering trees that I glimpse through the windows of strangers, I don't want a Christmas tree that takes more work to erect than a skyscraper.

My holiday philosophy: If you love it, do it. If you don't, don't feel obligated.

And if you haven't done it, don't feel ashamed, no matter how many people give you a look soggy with pity and say, "Really? You've never done that? But it's so much fun!"

On Tuesday, I asked my Facebook friends for the

holiday "fun" they've never had and may feel a little embarrassed to admit. The answers, from people of various ages, genders and family status, covered a wide field:

Never hung stockings.

Never been to the Walnut Room.

Never been to an ugly-sweater party.

Never made a gingerbread house.

Never ate chestnuts or watched "Miracle on 34th Street."

Never watched "It's a Wonderful Life" in its entirety.

Never been caroling.

Never made a standing rib roast, or any fancy cut of meat.

Forgot to have my kids (twins so it would be at the same time) sit on Santa's lap to get that photo of them sitting on a strange, old man's lap while sobbing.

Never saw "Messiah" or "The Nutcracker."

Being of Swedish descent, I've never had lutefisk. Nor do I want to.

A friend who is Jewish an-

swered my query by noting that she never "hankered much for the trappings of Christmas," but, she added, "just between you and me, I always wondered about that waking-up-Christmas-morning feeling. Never had that experience."

Some respondents said they wouldn't mind doing the thing they hadn't done. Others were proud of having resisted the call to conformity. A few felt the pressure of not having met holiday muster.

"I think the shame is related to a feeling of obligation," says the woman quoted above, mother of two young daughters, who has never prepared a fancy cut of meat at Christmas.

"You feel like you're supposed to be doing all these things because the culture says you are. But you simply don't want to do some of them, which runs afoul of your deeply ingrained need as a human to be a part of things."

I trace my holiday cookie dereliction, like all my culinary deficiencies, back to my mother. A few years ago, in-

spired by the relentless media stories on memorable holiday meals, I wrote a column on her forgettable holiday meals.

She was with me when I wrote it, visiting in Chicago, and I can still see how hard she laughed as we recalled the marvelously mediocre Christmas meals she cooked for our family of 10. Sitting down together at the table mattered; what was on the plates not so much. We had fun anyway.

And my mother did not bake cookies, which may explain why I didn't inherit the sense of cookie-baking as a vital part of the holidays.

As we proceed through December, let's be free of what other people think we should be doing to make the season bright, though if there's something on your "never done" list that you'd like to do, there's still time to do it.

I'd recommend the Jeffrey Ballet's version of "The Nutcracker." Hold the lutefisk.

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EPA finds another source of toxic manganese on Southeast Side

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

Air monitors recorded dangerous levels of brain-damaging manganese this fall near another storage facility on Chicago's Southeast Side, federal officials announced Tuesday as part of a widening probe of companies supplying raw materials to steel mills in Northwest Indiana.

Watco Transloading, 2926 E. 126th Place, is the latest company forced to install equipment that measures heavy metals like manganese and lung-damaging particulate matter, commonly known as soot. During September and October, average concentrations of manganese near the facility exceeded the federal safety limit of 0.3 micrograms per cubic meter of air and spiked nearly five times higher, according to spread-

sheets posted online by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA declined to explain why it stopped short of accusing Watco of violating the federal Clean Air Act. Average manganese levels near the company's Calumet River storage terminal were higher than concentrations detected in the air last year at S.H. Bell Co., another steelmaking supplier 10 blocks north that is negotiating a legal settlement with federal authorities.

About 3,800 people, including 234 children age 5 and younger, live within a mile of Watco. The facility is across Torrence Avenue from a sprawling Ford Motor Co. assembly plant and just north of the city's Hegewisch neighborhood.

The new findings come four years after federal investigators detected worrisome concentrations of

manganese while taking a closer look at two nearby sites that stored dusty piles of petroleum coke along the river.

Monitors at one of the sites owned by KCBX Terminals picked up high levels of manganese on days when winds blew across the river from the vicinity of S.H. Bell's facility between 101st and 103rd streets.

S.H. Bell fought federal and city orders to install additional monitors around its facility, but a court-ordered legal settlement required the equipment to be up and running by March 2017.

Watco officials could not be reached for comment. The company spent less time than S.H. Bell resisting edicts to install air quality monitors, the most recent of which was filed by the EPA in May.

Like S.H. Bell, Watco has told federal and city officials

it already has taken steps to tamp down manganese dust.

The Tribune reported last month that there are signs S.H. Bell's pollution-fighting efforts aren't as effective as the company has claimed.

Manganese levels exceeded the EPA's safety limit on five of the 19 days in August and September when the agency measured heavy metals in the air, according to results posted on the EPA website.

Soil contamination is another concern.

An interactive map recently posted online by the EPA shows manganese levels near S.H. Bell exceeded the Illinois standard for cleaning up former industrial sites at nearly half of the 73 residential properties analyzed during the past six months.

The agency also found that nearly two-thirds of the

residential yards are contaminated with high levels of lead, another brain-damaging metal used by steel-making corporations that abandoned the city more than three decades ago.

Studies of children living near S.H. Bell's facility in East Liverpool, Ohio, linked manganese exposure to lower IQ scores and problems with learning and remembering.

Regular exposure also can cause manganism, a condition with symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease.

University of Illinois at Chicago researchers told community groups this year that they have found higher manganese levels in East Side children compared with kids from other parts of the city. The UIC researchers have not published their results, but the ongoing study has heightened concerns among resi-

dents pushing to ban the toxic metal in densely populated neighborhoods.

The river between Lake Michigan and Lake Calumet once was lined with steel mills. Only the ruins of a once-thriving Chicago industry remain, interspersed with S.H. Bell, Watco and other storage companies with quick barge and train access to steelmakers still operating across the state border.

"A growing list of dirty industry has placed a disproportionate burden on our community, and the city and our mayor must put an end to this injustice," said Gina Ramirez, co-chair of the Southeast Side Coalition to Ban Petcoke. "The city has an absolute duty to ensure the health of its residents and must preference people over profits."

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Passengers stand in the vestibule area of a car on a Metra BNSF train to Aurora out of Union Station in Chicago on Tuesday.

Frustrated BNSF riders air gripes about delays and overcrowding

Metra officials say they'll take another look at schedules

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

BNSF will host a series of town halls to hear from riders frustrated with delays, cancellations, schedule changes, and other problems on its busy Metra passenger rail line, vice president of passenger operations DJ Mitchell told a public forum of more than 100 people on the night of Dec. 10.

Mitchell and Metra CEO Jim Derwinski also said they would take another look at rail schedules and do a better job of communicating with passengers. Both officials took questions at a forum convened by Rep. Dan Lipinski, an Illinois Democrat, at McClure Junior High in Western Springs.

The BNSF line to Aurora, which is operated by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, is Metra's busiest route, making up about 21 percent of its total ridership. Metra owns the equipment.

Rhonda Ziembra, a resident of Stickney who commutes from the Berwyn station, told the crowd Dec. 10 that on her trains "there's standing room only ... it's a big safety hazard." Ziembra said some trains are known as the "freebie express" because they are so crowded conductors can't get through to collect tickets.

Mitch Johnson, of Western Springs, admitted he has started getting 10-ride tickets, rather than monthly passes, to save money because conductors cannot always check fares. "Do you guys realize how bad it is?" he asked.

Cheryl Cianelli, who boards at the Downers Grove stop, said she's

been riding the BNSF line for 36 years and "it's never been as challenging as it is right now." She said boarding at Union Station in the evening rush hour is hazardous because of crowding, and said some passengers have to cross tracks.

Other passengers also complained of crowded conditions at the Amtrak-owned station. Amtrak wants Metra to join it in seeking federal money to change the station's concourse to improve conditions, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said.

Metra and BNSF officials cited several factors for the problems on the BNSF line, including the age of the cars, which average more than 30 years old, the amount of traffic on the line and freight interference problems. Implementation of new train safety technology, which required a major schedule change, also contributed to some delays.

The federally mandated technology, known as positive train control, is costing Metra \$400 million.

Metra and other transit agencies have asked state lawmakers to pass a capital bill to help pay for needed infrastructure, such as new rail cars and making other repairs. There hasn't been a capital bill since 2009, and the Metra board has warned of the possibility of service cuts if the agency does not get money for repairs.

"We have 65-year-old cars," said Derwinski. "They're just getting older. We have half of our 800 bridges are over a century old. There's just no money to replace all of this stuff."

Lipinski said that Metra owed riders "reliable service" and he hoped the forum helped show what the problems are.

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Vote to save mansion a triumph of people power



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Historic preservation victories are rarely any sweeter — or more democratic, small "d" — than this one.

Five months after Evanston took the first steps toward demolishing the Harley Clarke Mansion, with funds provided by a group of mostly well-heeled residents, the suburb's City Council effectively reversed itself Monday night and cut off further discussion of the plan to tear down the city-owned Tudor Revival mansion.

The action was a triumph of people power. It followed a November advisory referendum in which a stunning 80 percent of voters signaled that they wanted the city to pursue refurbishment and reuse of the vacant lakefront structure, which previously had been Evanston's arts center.

The 91-year-old mansion, an official city landmark designed by architect Richard Powers for a utilities magnate, now has a future, albeit an uncertain one. The same goes for its gardens, which were designed by the renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen.

"We are all looking forward to getting sleep and going back to our lives, but it will be rewarding to formulate an exciting adaptive reuse plan," Kiera Kelly, a member of the grassroots group, Save Harley Clarke, wrote in an email Tuesday.

The group's yard signs, which were planted on front lawns throughout Evanston, were a symbol, and enabler, of its victory — a suburban version of the picket signs that protesters carried in the 1960s and 1970s as they un-

successfully battled the demolition of New York's Pennsylvania Station and the Chicago Stock Exchange Building.

Since then, historic preservation, at its best, has been a bottom-up movement carried out by ordinary citizens who vehemently disagreed with architects, developers and public officials who wanted to wipe the slate clean.

And so it was in Evanston, though this time the threat came from a group of local residents, some of them wealthy neighbors of the mansion.

They portrayed the home as a fiscal albatross for the financially struggling city. They had a "solution": Tear down the mansion, including its spectacular stair hall and conservatory, and replace it with dunes and parkland that would open views of the neighboring Grosse Point Lighthouse.

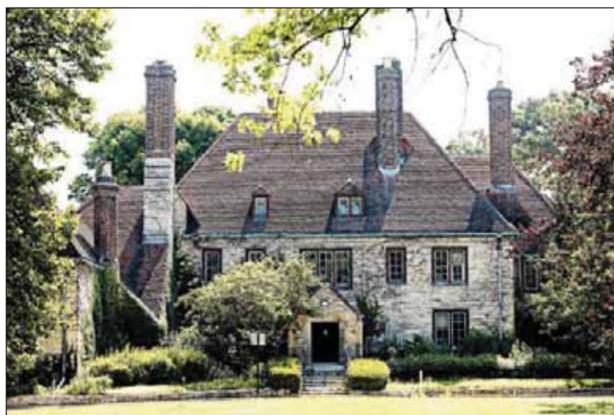
The group, which called itself Evanston Lighthouse Dunes, raised a sizable chunk of change for its "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" — more than \$400,000 — and offered the funds to the city.

Something was very wrong with this picture. A small group of residents had grabbed the steering wheel of public policy and was determining the future of an official city landmark that's part of a district listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

There was this irony, too: The residents, some of whom live in lakefront mansions, wanted to do away with a people's mansion, which the Save Harley Clarke group, in a clever counterattack, labeled "Evanston's only public lakefront home."

Demolition looked inevitable in July when the City Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the pro-demolition group. But the populist thunder-clap of the advisory referendum proved impossible to ignore.

In Monday's vote, the council declined to appeal the October



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The 91-year-old Harley Clarke Mansion is an official Evanston landmark that was designed by architect Richard Powers.

decision of the Evanston Preservation Commission — a 10-0 vote that denied the city's request to tear down the mansion.

The money raised by the Lighthouse Dunes group will be returned, a city official told Pioneer Press reporter Genevieve Bookwalter.

In the wake of the reversal, some will accuse Evanston of not being able to make up its mind about the house. After all, the City Council in 2013 rejected a plan by billionaire Jennifer Pritzker to convert the mansion into a boutique hotel, following residents' objections that the move would place a key chunk of the city's public lakefront in private hands.

Then last April, the council turned down a proposal from the nonprofit Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens to turn the mansion into an environmental education center after aldermen expressed doubt that the group could reach its multimillion-dollar fundraising goals.

What now? There could be renewed pressure to convert the building to a private use, given that the cost of restoration has been estimated at \$5 million.

"The city has received unsolicited offers to purchase the building from numerous companies and individuals throughout

the Midwest," Evanston's assistant city manager, Erika Storlie, wrote in an email Tuesday.

"Some want to purchase the house for use as a single family home. Others want to develop it into a for-profit event space for weddings/corporate events/bar mitzvahs. Lastly, I have had several real estate developers interested in turning it into a retirement facility, an assisted living center, a co-working space and a school. We have also been approached by folks who want to film movies in the house, as well as another inquiry to deconstruct it for a television show on DIY network."

But with the threat of demolition removed, preservationists and their supporters have a chance to sketch out a range of reuse alternatives for the mansion and how to fund them. The preservationists say they have raised a total of \$332,000 that eventually can be used to revamp the house.

In the meantime, they deserve a moment to savor their sweet victory. On the Save Harley Clarke Facebook page Tuesday, a picture showed a Cubs "W" (for win) flag hanging over the mansion's front door.

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Ill. Marine among those missing after Japan crash

Made heartfelt phone calls to family, friends day before incident

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
Chicago Tribune

Just the day before he disappeared, Daniel Baker, a young Marine corporal stationed in Iwakuni, Japan, made a batch of heartfelt phone calls back home to his family and friends in a Peoria suburb.

Baker was among five people who American, Australian and Japanese forces were searching for in the sea south of Japan's Shikoku island following a Thursday collision of two planes, one an aerial fuel tanker and the other a combat jet. The U.S. Marine Corps announced Tuesday that additional search and rescue missions would be suspended and declared dead all five remaining crew members.

Baker had made a series of calls the day before the crash between a KC-130 Hercules refueling aircraft and an F/A-18 Hornet, said lifelong family friend Matt Miller.

"Most of the conversations were long and detailed. The family and friends consider this communication from Daniel, a day before the accident, a gift from God. Daniel was quiet and, while he called home occasionally, this was a more in-depth communication than the normal phone call," Miller said in an email.

The following day, a routine training exercise involving an aerial fuel tanker and a combat jet went awry when the two collided, according to a statement from Marine Capt. Christopher Harrison. Five people on board the fuel plane and two people in the jet disappeared. Rescuers located two people from the F/A-18 combat jet, one who was recovering, and the pilot who later died as a result of his injuries and was identified as Capt. Jahmar Resilard, 28, of Miramar, Fla.

Although family members identified Baker and the Marines in a Tuesday statement that said the families of the dead had been notified, the Marines also said the identities of those declared dead would not be officially released until 24 hours after family-member notification.

But the family members of Baker, 21, have said the 2015 Tremont High School graduate was among the missing. Family members asked that Miller speak on their behalf.

"Daniel had a strong faith in God, and his family is being supported and encouraged by that same shared faith. Please pray for all of the service members and families involved in this accident," the Bakers, who still live in Tremont, wrote in a statement.

Miller said he knew the Bakers from their nondenominational church, Northfield Christian Fellowship, before Daniel was even born.

"He was a believer; he was a Christian," Miller said. "He was a young man of deep faith, as are his parents."

His family compiled some of the messages they've gotten from friends and had Miller pass them along, but the friends' names were not listed. One of them shared a letter written to Daniel — who joined the military straight out of high school — before Daniel left for basic training, thanking Daniel for teaching him so many different things about life.

Another friend summed up Baker's traits: "kind, compassionate, adventuresome, reliable, sincere."

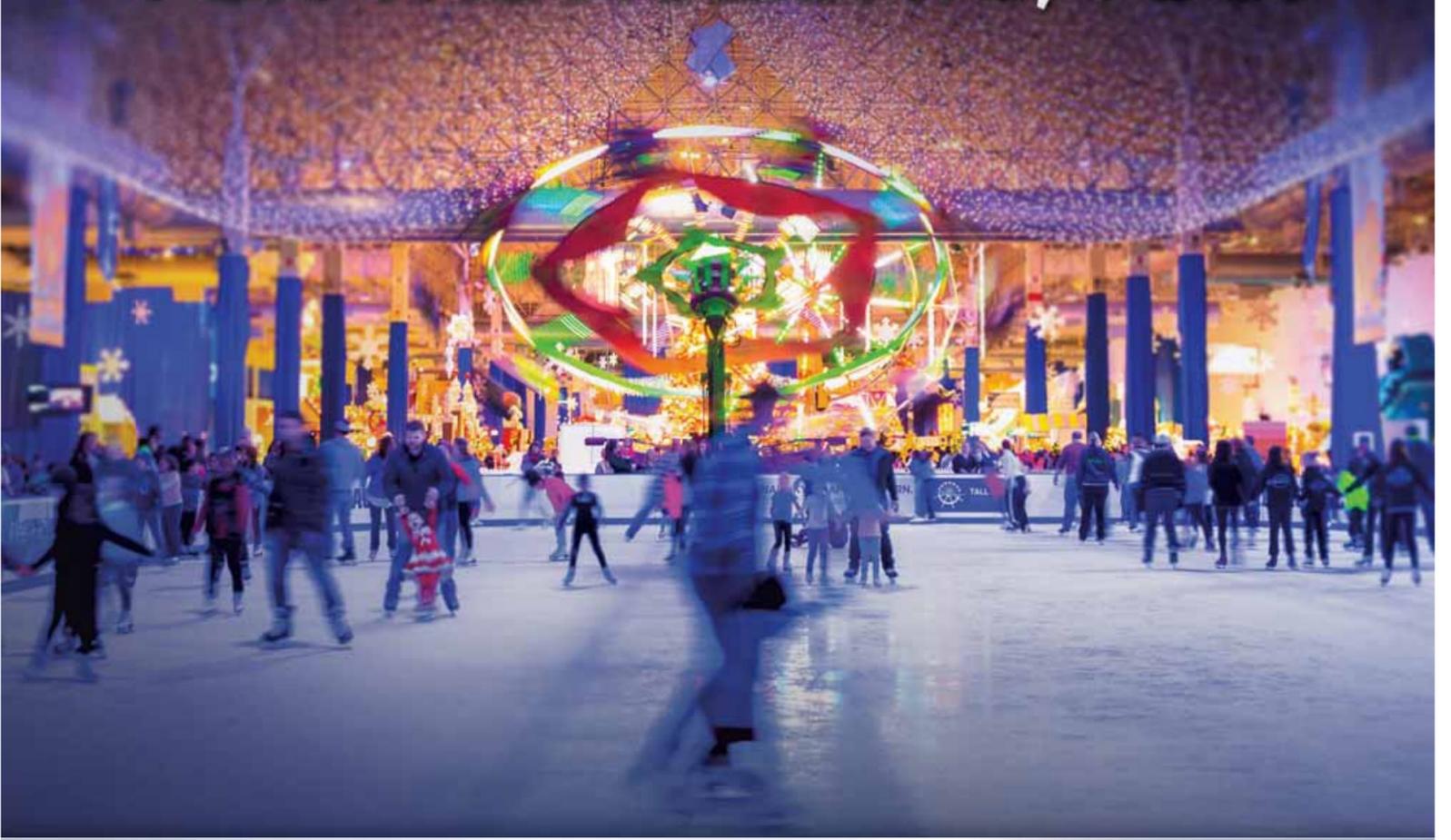
In their written statement, the Bakers mention the upcoming holidays. Baker had been home most recently this year to attend the wedding of a friend, Miller said, and that was the last time he visited his family.

A detailed list of Baker's survivors wasn't released.

"Please also pray for Daniel, and us, as we navigate this extremely difficult trial during this holiday season," his family wrote.

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Ex-Evanston cop charged in drug conspiracy

Prosecutors say he joined DEA to aid Puerto Rican gang

BY JASON MEISNER
AND JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

A former Evanston police detective has been accused in a sweeping federal indictment of joining the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration so he could protect a vicious Puerto Rico-based drug organization responsible for numerous killings and other violence.

Fernando Gomez, 41, was arrested Tuesday morning at the DEA's Chicago field office, authorities said.

Hours later, he was led into U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Cox's courtroom in a T-shirt and blue jeans and shackled at the ankles. As prosecutors began to detail the allegations, several of Gomez's fellow agents seated in the gallery exchanged stunned glances and one appeared to cry.

Prosecutors asked that Gomez be held in custody as a risk to flee pending his transfer to face the charges in New York. Cox set a detention hearing for

Thursday in Chicago.

Gomez was charged in a superseding indictment unsealed in New York with racketeering conspiracy for his alleged decade-long affiliation with the Organizacion de Narcotraficantes Unidos, a conglomeration of drug traffickers based in Puerto Rico responsible for importing vast shipments of cocaine into New York and elsewhere.

The 40-page indictment alleged the gang participated in at least eight drug-related killings in New York and Puerto Rico dating to 2005.

One of Gomez's co-defendants, William Vasquez-Baez, was a police officer in Puerto Rico when he and another alleged gang member killed a rival in San Juan in 2007, prosecutors charged in court records filed in the case.

Gomez began working for the gang when he was a detective for Evanston police, according to the charges. He obtained firearms from drug dealers and provided them to gang leader Jose Martinez-Diaz, also known as "Tony Zinc," in Puerto Rico, according to the indictment.

"Gomez then joined the DEA so that he could help members of the narcotics conspiracy, including Martinez-Diaz, evade prosecution by law enforcement," the indictment alleged.

The charges do not allege Gomez personally participated in any of the killings. One of the counts he faces, however, accused him of carrying firearms — "some of which were brandished and discharged" — in relation to a drug-trafficking crime.

Gomez faces a mandatory minimum 20-year sentence and up to life in prison if convicted, Assistant U.S. Attorney Abigail Peluso said in court Tuesday.

Gomez kept his hands clasped behind his back and answered in a soft voice when the judge asked him if he understood the charges. He shook his head slightly as Peluso read aloud a passage of the indictment accusing him of illegally trafficking guns while he was an Evanston cop.

Evanston police Cmdr. Ryan Glew said Tuesday that Gomez joined the force in 2004 as a patrolman and ended up as a detective assigned to the tactical unit,

assisting with drug and gang investigations. He left in 2011 to join the DEA, Glew said.

Glew said there's no indication the guns Gomez allegedly sent to Puerto Rico came from the department's evidence locker or otherwise were connected with Gomez's police work.

He declined to comment on Gomez's disciplinary record, deferring to federal prosecutors.

After court, Gomez's attorney, Robert Rascia, said Gomez had "a distinguished career" with the U.S. Marines before going into law enforcement. He would not comment specifically on the charges.

In 2016, the Chicago Crime Commission gave Gomez a Law Enforcement Excellence Award for his work for the DEA's violent gang conspiracy unit in a case against a group of drug traffickers affiliated with Mexico-based cartels such as Jalisco New Generation and Zetas.

The operation "yielded the successful seizure of vast amounts of bulk cash and narcotics in transit between Mexico and Chicago," as well as the arrest of

12 defendants, including a high-ranking member of the Chicago-based Spanish Cobras street gang, the Crime Commission said at the time.

Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, where the charges were filed, said in a written statement Tuesday the DEA is an organization committed to upholding the nation's drug laws and conducting a "relentless pursuit of narcotics traffickers."

"But as alleged, Gomez joined the DEA to betray those laws, and to help narcotics traffickers evade detection by law enforcement," Berman said. "He will now be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

In an emailed statement, the Chicago DEA said the agency "takes all allegations of misconduct and wrongdoing very seriously."

"Particularly, when criminal allegations come forward, DEA aggressively pursues those allegations and fully cooperates with all investigating agencies," the statement read.

A spokeswoman would not provide more details of Gomez's career, referring a

reporter to prosecutors in New York.

Prosecutors in New York have alleged the Organizacion de Narcotraficantes Unidos, which translates to the United Organization of Drug Traffickers, was formed in Puerto Rico in 2004 as part of an alliance among gangs aimed at increasing drug profits while avoiding attention from law enforcement.

The organization quickly became known for its ruthlessness, including shooting rivals on sight and killing or threatening to kill any member caught cooperating with law enforcement — as well as their relatives, prosecutors have said.

The organization gained notoriety in May 2010 when members used assault rifles to shoot up a police helicopter in San Juan that had been chasing a drug suspect, according to court records. The co-pilot was killed and two other officers were wounded as the helicopter made an emergency landing on a baseball field.

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A walk of faith

Attendees pray at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday in Des Plaines. Hundreds of thousands of Catholics from around the country are expected to gather at the shrine for the annual celebration that began Tuesday with a Mass. The Des Plaines shrine is revered as the only place in the world other than the Basilica in Mexico City that believers can satisfy what is known as the manda or promises to the Virgin Mary.

Old Town School teachers seek union

Instructors file for representation after sale is paused

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

Days after the Old Town School of Folk Music announced it was delaying the controversial sale of its longtime Lincoln Park location, teachers at the school have filed for union representation.

On Tuesday morning, teachers rallied outside the Lincoln Square location of the school to announce their union organizing drive.

"Fighting for our school, we shall not be moved," a group of supporters sang out, according to video from the scene.

Old Town School teachers, who began organizing with support from the local workers' rights group Arise Chicago in November 2017, filed Monday for a union election with the Illinois Federation of Teachers. The teachers announced majority support for the union Tuesday and requested voluntary recognition from the Old Town School administration.

"It is the teachers who are in the trenches every single day," said longtime student Anita Nothdurft on

Tuesday, according to a live broadcast of the rally. "As a student I totally support and am happy to see the teachers coming together as a united voice to improve conditions at this school."

Ald. Ameya Pawar, 47th, also appeared at the rally.

"I am honored and proud to stand here in solidarity with the people who make the programming and the Old Town School what it is — the artists the musicians, the performers," said Pawar.

"I am asking leadership to sit down with their incredible staff and their employees ... to recognize the union today and work together to build a future together."

Old Town School spokesman Dave Zibell said in a statement that the school received the petition filed with the National Labor Relations Board and is in the process of reviewing it.

"Once we have reviewed it, we will coordinate with the NLRB and union attorney to try and reach an agreement on the scope of the unit and election details," said Zibell. "We recognize the teachers' right to organize and are committed to staying neutral as we move through the process set forth by the NLRB."

Lyn Cole, a teacher at the



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Instructors and supporters of the Old Town School of Folk Music sing following a news conference and rally to announce a union organizing drive in Chicago on Tuesday.

school for 18 years, said Tuesday's rally gave her a sense of hope she has not had in a long time.

"We've been upset for longer than the sale," said Cole in a phone interview. "The sale is an example of them making decisions without consulting us."

"We're on the front lines," said Cole. "We talk to students, we talk to parents and we take it back to administration and they say, 'Yes, we hear you,' and nothing changes."

The effort to unionize follows months of pushback from school supporters over the sale of its 909 W. Armitage Ave. location. After thousands signed a

petition to save the school, more than a hundred staged a rally and dozens formally organized under the Save Old Town School group, listing the Lincoln Park building was delayed until March 31.

Executive Director Bau Graves previously said the sale was meant to partially fund a \$10 million endowment. The school's Lincoln Square location was expected to remain open but the school plans to close its music store in the Lincoln Park location next month. The board also said there could be "other possible costs reductions" to balance the budget.

The school has lost more

than 2,000 students from 2010 to 2017 and has seen about 8,000 fewer class registrations. Students say class prices have shot up over the years, without comparable raises for teachers.

Last month, Graves unexpectedly took a medical leave of absence and the school administration offered buyouts to nonfaculty staff.

Rashida Phillips, the deputy appointed, was recently appointed by the board of directors to serve as the acting executive director.

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Mendoza rips foe's challenge to petitions

Calls Preckwinkle's move 'shoddy,' will file motion to dismiss

BY JOHN BYRNE
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State Comptroller Susana Mendoza on Tuesday ripped fellow mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle, who chairs the Cook County Democratic Party, for challenging her campaign petitions and those of four African-American women in the race.

Mendoza's campaign also said she has more than enough names to get on the Feb. 26 ballot and called Preckwinkle's challenge of her petition signatures "shoddy." The Mendoza campaign is planning to file a motion Wednesday seeking to dismiss the challenge filed by Preckwinkle, who also is the Cook County Board president.

"It's ironic that in the year of the woman, in Trump's America, the highest-ranking woman in Cook County government, who happens to be the boss of the party bosses, thinks it's a good idea to challenge five women of color and no one else, by the way," Mendoza said.

The Mendoza campaign said she will beat Preckwinkle's challenge.

"After multiple reviews of Mendoza's petitions, it is clear that she meets the requirements necessary to be on the February 2019 ballot and that fact further underscores that Preckwinkle's sole motive in challenging her petitions was to deny voters their rights and stop Susana from making the ballot," the Mendoza campaign said in a statement.

Mendoza's motion comes after Preckwinkle challenged more than 14,000 of her signatures, saying many addresses don't match voter registration records, that other petition lines are incomplete and that some appear to be forgeries.

The Preckwinkle campaign argues the problematic petitions leave Mendoza with only around 10,400 signatures, too few to get on the ballot. Candidates for citywide office need 12,500 valid signatures of registered Chicago voters.

Mendoza is one of 12 candidates facing challenges, as mayoral contenders try to clear some of the competition out of the 21-person field seeking to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Preckwinkle alone is challenging the petitions of five female candidates.

The next hearing in the Preckwinkle challenge is set for Friday morning, according to the Board of Elections.

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CTA board expected to approve key contracts

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doing between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr," Chase said. The Wilson Red Line station and track reconstruction took a little over three years.

Currently, Brown Line trains have to cross the tracks of other lines before they can proceed north, forcing Red and Purple Line trains to wait. The CTA says the flyover will allow more trains to run per hour on the three lines, cutting delays and overcrowding up and down the line.

The construction is being paid for by federal funds and tax increment financing in growing, populous and affluent North Side communities.

The biggest contract to be voted on Wednesday is a \$1.27 billion design and construction contract for the Red and Purple Line modernization, according to the CTA finance committee agenda. Invited to bid on the project were Walsh Fluor Design-Build Team, Chicago Rail Constructors and Kiewit Infrastructure Co., though the CTA could not identify



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A system map is seen as a train arrives at the Bryn Mawr CTA Red Line station Tuesday.

who submitted bids. The winning bidder will be revealed at Wednesday's board meeting.

The program management contract for the Red Line extension to 130th Street is for almost \$21 million, according to the agenda. The winning bidder on that three-year contract also will be announced Wednesday.

The agency already has demolished 10 buildings in Lakeview to make way for the flyover, and another four will be demolished by the end of the year.

Chase said that by the end of 2019, the CTA expects to start advance work to prepare for later phases

of the project. This work will include building temporary stations to replace the Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations, which will be rebuilt. The CTA also will do track work to prepare for further repairs.

Exact timing for the work will depend on the contractor.

Chase said the bypass work will start in 2020. The agency will start building new stations from Lawrence to Bryn Mawr in about two or three years, she said.

The management contract for the proposed 5.3-mile Red Line extension from 95th Street to 130th

Street is to do environmental reviews and preliminary engineering work, CTA spokesman Brian Steele said. The proposed line would run on both the west and east sides of Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

The CTA does not, at this point, know how it will pay for the extension. Transit agency heads are pushing for a state capital bill in Springfield to help pay for new rail cars and other infrastructure improvements. The CTA also is expected to seek federal funding for the project.

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Police escorts provide safe travel for Bears players

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

The Bears are one win away from the NFC North division title after beating the Rams Sunday night. And although the team is busy preparing for their shot at Super Bowl LIII, they saved some time last week by avoiding traffic.

Tribune columnist Brad Biggs reported Monday that practices at Soldier Field for kicker Cody Parkey were easier and faster last week because Bears specialists got a police escort for the drive from Lake Forest to the stadium.

The NFL has long used police escorts, but a few years ago, the Bears were not receiving escorts to Soldier Field. The team has occasionally paid to have four Lake County sheriff's deputies lead buses from Halas Hall in Lake Forest to O'Hare. At the time, a Bears spokesman said the team gets the service "for public safety reasons and to maintain a secure environment."

There is not currently a policy specific to the Bears regarding escorts, according to Illinois State Police, but the agency provides escort services for sports teams' travel between airports, hotels, practice venues and game venues.

State police did not comment specifically on the frequency of the Bears' escorts, but said escorts such as those for Parkey's practices are done on a contractual basis. NFL teams requesting an escort are required to prepay \$110 per officer, per hour for escort services and \$40 per vehicle for fuel and maintenance, according to state police. The actual rate is determined after the escort is completed.

"The main purpose of an escort is to provide safety and security for all those involved in the motorcade as well as for the motoring public," said state police Sgt. Jacqueline Cepeda in an email. "Professional sports teams traveling in identifiable groups pose a target risk for criminal activity. Additionally, the movement of groups of multiple large vehicles (such as team buses and equipment trucks) pose a greater traffic hazard without proper traffic controls."

"All officers working escort details are outside their regular scheduled shifts and are earning overtime," she said in the email.

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Harvard women's soccer player show us how toxicity lingers



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Hannah Natanson, managing editor of The Crimson, Harvard University's student newspaper, has written a gut punch of an essay about the voices that find their way into our

heads and derail our dreams.

"The Way Things Linger" revisits fall 2016, when Natanson and her fellow Harvard women's varsity soccer teammates learned that the Harvard men's soccer team was producing sexually explicit scouting reports, ranking the women players by appearance and ideal sexual position.

"The story hit like a slap, but the after-burn lasted for days," Natanson writes. "I

didn't talk about it. None of us did."

In private, though, she read and reread the Crimson report that detailed the men's players' words.

"I couldn't help trying to pair each description with one of the women I knew in the 2012 recruiting class, all of whom were seniors when I was a freshman," she writes. "I hated myself for trying."

The October 2016 Crimson story focused on a "scouting report" written

in 2012, but a Harvard General Counsel review found the men's team continued to produce such garbage well past 2012, which prompted Harvard to cancel the rest of the men's soccer season.

"I called my coach to say I was leaving the team in July 2017," Natanson writes. "I explained I wanted to quit for a lot of reasons — for one thing, I wanted to commit more time to The Crimson."

She applied for the pa-

per's managing editor spot and got it.

She told herself she hadn't quit because of the men's team. She tried to point her life back to normal.

"I tried to keep working out," she writes. "I tried using a stationary bike, then I tried weight lifting, then running."

"But the joy I used to find in exercise leached out," she continued. "Every time I stepped outside in tight-fitting athletic clothes,

I became hyper-conscious of my body. I curated a catalog of faults: my ankles (spindly), my thighs (fleshy), my stomach (protruding), my shoulders (broad and manly).

"I found myself constantly wondering whether passers-by were watching me run."

"One day midway through junior year, I stopped running entirely. I started avoiding mirrors. I stopped looking down in the shower. I went on sudden, absurd diets, vowing to alternate fasting with all-vegetable meals — before breaking all my own rules and ordering Falafel Corner to The Crimson at 2 or 3 or 4 a.m."

Over the past year, she writes, she's returned to running.

"Week by week, I'm able to run faster and longer," she writes. "Sometimes — feet slapping concrete, knees rising to the beat in my headphones, Boston stretching before me — I forget I have a body."

"Other days, though, it's all I think about."

Here's how I read that: A clearly bright, athletically gifted, intellectually rigorous young woman spent her first two decades of life filling her mind with the sort of learning and mental training that gets a person into an Ivy League school, that earns a person a spot on a Division 1 athletic team.

And sometimes, despite that lifetime of worthy voices, the only ones she can hear are the toxic critics — the ones that tell her she's little more than her body, her looks, her sex appeal or lack thereof.

We have the power to insert an imaginary, hypercritical audience into a person's head.

That's enraging.

It's also worth remembering when we're in the position to be one of the voices that weaves its way into a person's psyche, when we have the ability to influence a person's sense of self.

When we have the power to insert an imaginary, hypercritical audience into a person's head — an audience that finds fault, an audience that diminishes, an audience that never shuts up. We shouldn't.

I'm thinking about our kids, especially.

Not the sexually degrading stuff, which is obviously a special level of demoralizing for Natanson and her teammates and, frankly, so much of the female population. (You've probably heard about the world's best women's soccer player being asked to twerk onstage after accepting the Ballon d'Or.)

But the way the men's team turned a judgmental, belittling eye toward the women's team — and taught Natanson to do the same — got me thinking about the ways people who hold power in a relationship — parent/child, an imbalanced marriage — can, and too often do, do the same.

It's toxic. Natanson's essay does a fabulous job of reminding us why and how, and how long that toxicity lingers.

Better to be a different sort of audience. The kind that values the whole person and all that she or he has to offer and hopes to accomplish.

Natanson's essay wasn't meant to be prescriptive. It certainly wasn't written as parenting or relationship advice. But I think her experience and her brave telling of it are worth ruminating on as we determine how to wield our own power.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. This week, author Linda Gartz will discuss her book, "Redlined: A Memoir of Race, Change, and Fractured Community in 1960s Chicago."

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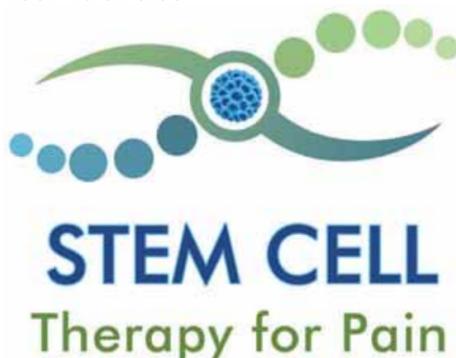
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Legalized pot among things mayor to push

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casino, according to sources familiar with Emanuel's speech who were not authorized to discuss his plans publicly. The mayor also will move forward with requesting that aldermen consider setting up the structure to issue pension obligation bonds to help reduce the amount of money the city owes the retirement funds in the near term, the sources said.

Emanuel has floated borrowing as much as \$10 billion in pension obligation bonds to infuse the retirement funds with more cash, with the hope being that investment returns on that money would outpace the interest rates tied to repaying the debt. Sources close to Emanuel said the mayor does not plan to borrow the money before leaving office, but set up the possibility for a successor to do so. Some financial experts have described the borrowing plan as risky, and it has drawn opposition and concerns from many of the 21 candidates running for mayor in the Feb. 26 election.

In his speech, Emanuel plans to lay out the gravity of the remaining pension problem, even after he has issued record property tax increases and other fee and fine hikes to help shore up the city's four pension funds, which were grossly underfunded when he took office.

"In 2020, just around the corner, the city will need another \$276 million in new revenue to pay for higher Police and Fire pension contributions. In 2022, (the need for) new revenue for the municipal and laborers' funds is projected to increase by \$310 million," Emanuel is expected to tell aldermen, according to a

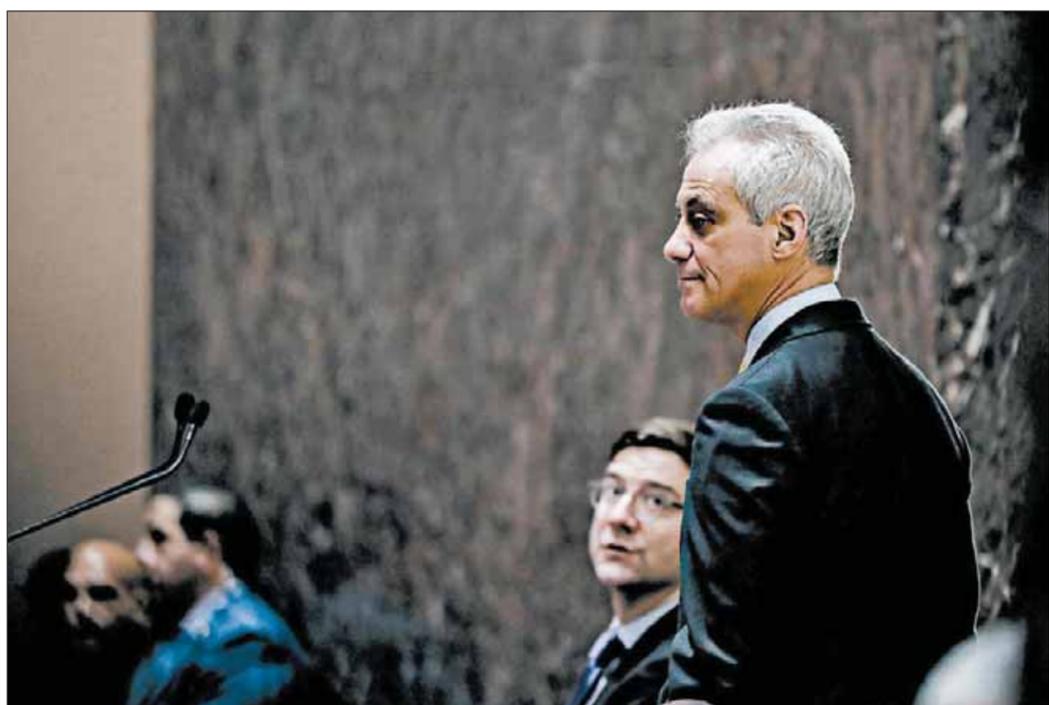
copy of his planned remarks released by his office Tuesday. "These contributions must be made. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it."

Emanuel also will call on lawmakers to amend the state's constitution to eliminate what's known as the pension protection clause that says public employee pension benefits are an enforceable contract that "shall not be diminished or impaired." The Illinois Supreme Court cited that clause when striking down agreements Emanuel made with some labor unions early in his tenure to better fund their pensions in exchange for reduced benefits.

"Too many people look at our pension obligation through green eyeshade — in terms of dollars and cents. That is just one way to see it, but it is not the whole picture. The other is in terms of our principles and priorities," according to Emanuel's prepared speech. "That is why I am also for amending the clause added to the constitution in 1970 that caused the Supreme Court to shoot down our initial agreements with labor."

Emanuel in particular will cite the 3 percent annual compounded cost-of-living adjustments, or COLAs, for retirees in the laborers fund.

"Think about it. What kind of progressive, sustainable system guarantees retirees 3 percent annual compounded pay increases when inflation has been at basically zero and current employees have at times been furloughed, laid off or received 1 percent raises?" Emanuel is expected to say. "There is nothing progressive about 3 percent compounded raises for retirees and furloughs for



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel is expected to address aldermen about many challenges remaining and to offer recommendations.

workers. The mantle of progressivity must not just be more taxes on the wealthy, it must be more respect for our workers' paychecks. I applaud our labor unions for being willing to fix this inequity in 2012 with me."

Many legal scholars have questioned whether changing the constitution would allow the city to reduce current city employees' retirement benefits, and changes already have been made to lower new city employees' benefits.

In May 2015, a unanimous Illinois Supreme Court declared that changes in public employee pensions contained in a 2013 state law, including a vast reduction in annual cost-of-living increases, were an unconstitutional diminishment of benefits under the constitution's pension protection clause.

The court, which later struck down similar benefit changes Emanuel proposed for city employees, restated that public worker retirement benefits promised on the first day of work cannot later be reduced during

their term of employment, only increased.

"Once an individual begins work and becomes a member of a public retirement system, any subsequent changes to the pension code that would diminish the benefits conferred by membership in the retirement system cannot be applied to that individual," Justice Lloyd Karmeier wrote.

To amend the constitution, three-fifths of the state Senate and House would have to vote to place the measure on the ballot, which then would have to be approved by voters. The earliest such a proposal could appear on the ballot is 2020.

Even if it were to pass, it is questionable whether a change in the constitution could be applied to benefits involving current public workers. Such a change is likely to spur years of litigation that could involve both state and federal courts.

In his 2015 decision, Karmeier even touched on the potential of the state or cities trying to abridge payment of promised pension

benefits as part of the "enforceable contractual relationship" created by the constitution. Karmeier noted the U.S. Supreme Court "has regularly held that the states are bound by their debt contracts."

Nonetheless, Emanuel is expected to cast the iron-clad constitutional provision on pensions as outdated.

"The fact is a 3 percent compounded COLA in an era of low inflation is not progressive and not sustainable. It made sense in 1970 when we had more workers than retirees and high inflation, but it does not make sense today," Emanuel said. "In fact, over the next 40 years, the city will contribute \$42 billion to our pension funds just to cover the cost of the 3 percent annual COLA. That works out to more than a billion dollars a year."

Several mayoral candidates have alluded to working with the state to address pensions, but few have proposed a constitutional amendment, which could bring opposition from some unions. Emanuel is ex-

pected to say that legalized marijuana, a casino, borrowing or a constitutional amendment alone is not enough to properly fund Chicago's pensions, the sources said.

Many of the top mayoral candidates have favored using revenue from legalized marijuana and a casino to help prop up the pensions, but most have not proposed specific plans complete with financial projections. Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas is an exception.

Vallas' plan for \$1.7 billion in new taxes and spending cuts relies heavily on the state legalizing weed and allowing a casino, estimating the two would produce \$771 million for Chicago over five years. His plan also called for \$250 million in property tax increases, \$330 million in spending cuts and \$100 million in contract savings over five years.

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Mayor pushes state gas tax hike to fund infrastructure work

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longer," Emanuel continued. "Over the last four years, we've been stuck in neutral and the states in the surrounding area — Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa just to name a few — have passed transportation bills with gas tax increases." The mayor noted all of the states were controlled by Republican governors and legislatures at the time of the tax increases.

Illinois last raised the gas tax from 16 cents per gallon to 19 cents in 1990. Emanuel said raising the tax by 20 cents would be about the equivalent to inflation over the past 28 years. He said the group of mayors settled on a range of 20 cents to 30 cents to serve as a guideline for state lawmakers when they take up debate on the issue next year.

"For over a century, this region has been America's crossroads for roads, rails and runways. The truth is it is a fundamental economic strength for the region and a job creator for the region," Emanuel said. "And over the last 28 years, we have not been investing in that strength and it is beginning to show the wear and tear. Chicago and the greater Chicago metro area is losing some of the jobs and economic opportunity that would come if you had a 21st century transportation system to back up a 21st century economy."

Emanuel's call to increase the gas tax could give some political cover for Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker, who has talked about the need for a state-wide infrastructure plan but hasn't said how he wants to pay for it beyond possibly using money from legalized marijuana and sports betting.

In a statement, Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayeh didn't directly address Emanuel's call to increase the gas tax. She pointed to a committee Pritzker set up to "look at how best to implement a capital plan that leverages as much federal money as possible to bring significant

investment to our surface, rail, water, broadband and community infrastructure."

Chicago Department of Transportation Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld said a 20 cent increase in the gas tax would produce an estimated \$320 million in additional transportation funding for the Chicago region. Emanuel's administration estimated the same 20 cent increase would bring the city an additional \$80 million per year.

In his news conference, Emanuel noted that the city likely would then borrow against its share of the new funding to maximize the number of projects it could address. Emanuel, however, departs office on May 20, and those decisions would be left to the city's next mayor.

Emanuel and the suburban leaders also called for state lawmakers to tie the gas tax to inflation so the

presents political perils and some potential benefits to Pritzker and lawmakers in Springfield.

For the new governor, a tax hike in his first year could draw criticism, but a big construction plan would allow him to travel the state cutting ribbons over the rest of his first term. State lawmakers would get the same benefits in their districts, but they face re-election in two years and a tax hike would be fodder for opponents.

The new legislature that takes over next month includes a batch of new Democrats, which could help Pritzker advance his agenda. But many of the new lawmakers hail from more conservative suburbs, where raising taxes on gasoline might be especially controversial.

Any increase in the gas tax would come as Pritzker and the Democrats who

of a tax hike, but said there are "lingering construction and transportation needs across the state" that he looks forward to prioritizing with the new governor.

House Republican leader Jim Durkin and Senate Republican leader Bill Brady both issued statements that did not dismiss the idea of a gas tax increase to bankroll infrastructure improvements.

"Leader Brady recognizes the need for a capital plan and that revenue will be part of any discussions," spokesman Jason Gerwig said.

Ill. gas tax lower than most nearby

In 2009, Madigan and Cullerton entertained the idea of raising the gas tax from 19 cents per gallon to 27 cents to pay for road construction, but it didn't end up as part of a deal 10 years ago.

Instead, then-Gov Pat Quinn signed a \$31 billion capital construction program that was paid for by legalizing video gambling, raising fees on motorists and boosting taxes on candy, beauty products and booze. Under the plan, the cost of a license plate sticker rose \$20 to \$99, and taxes went up 13 cents on a bottle of wine, 81 cents on a bottle of spirits and 2.6 cents on a six-pack of beer. More than 30,000 video gambling machines are now operating in more than 6,700 sites statewide.

Outgoing Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner has maintained that an infrastructure bill could be done largely with public-private partnerships with no need to raise taxes.

But earlier this month, his transportation secretary Randy Blankenhorn said a gas tax hike was needed along with an increase in registration fees though he did not specify the size of the increases. Blankenhorn told a panel in Springfield such an increase would provide "revenue necessary to maintain, enhance, modernize our system. That's the conversation that we

need to have," the State Journal-Register reported.

Illinois' 19 cents per gallon gasoline tax is lower than most neighboring states. Wisconsin charges nearly 31 cents, as does Iowa. Indiana levies 29 cents per gallon, up from 18 cents last year. Like Illinois, Indiana applies its sales taxes to gasoline.

Missouri charges 17 cents per gallon, and voters in November rejected a ballot question asking about raising the tax by 10 cents to pay for road and bridge construction.

The nationwide average tax rate on a gallon of gasoline in July was 52.61 cents per gallon, according to the American Petroleum Institute, and Illinois ranked 11th highest at an average of 55.91 cents per gallon including federal, state and local taxes and fees.

Illinois state gas taxes include the 19 cents per gallon motor fuel tax, the 18.4 cents per gallon federal gas tax as well as the state's 6.25 percent sales tax. In Chicago, residents also pay a city, county and Regional Transportation Authority sales tax as well as the state at a combined rate of 10.25 percent. Chicago residents also pay a city and county motor fuel tax of a combined 11 cents per gallon.

A solution for electric cars?

In his remarks, Emanuel said part of the state funding solution should be to find a way to make drivers of electric cars pony up, too, though he stopped short of a specific recommendation.

"Electric cars don't pay a gas tax, but they use the road. The user also gets a tax subsidy when they buy the car," Emanuel said. "They should be charged different so they can contribute to the maintenance and modernization of the transportation system."

One idea that has been kicked around is taxing the mileage people drive.

During the campaign, Rauner attacked Pritzker over a comment he made to the Daily Herald Editorial

Board about looking at such a tax as a way to pay for roads in an era of a shift to electric vehicles and hybrids and increased mileage from gas-powered vehicles.

Pritzker stopped short of proposing such a mileage tax. He told the Daily Herald in January that "some states, they have done tests recently for VMT (vehicle mileage tax)."

"I think it's something we should look at," Pritzker said at the time. "We have to be careful how it's implemented and that's why it should only be a test at this point."

Pritzker also will be careful about how he sells such a move to a public that has grown tax-weary, particularly in Chicago where Emanuel has pushed through record property tax increases and a wide range of other tax and fee hikes to shore up the city's finances and underfunded pension system.

Standing outside City Hall as Emanuel held his gas tax news conference upstairs, Michael Hernandez, a 27-year old who manages his father's grocery store in Rogers Park, called the proposed increase "excessive."

"They're really going about every possible angle to see what else we can get taxes on next," Hernandez said. "We already have too many taxes on too many things."

Lawrence Kennon, an 89-year old South Shore retiree, called the proposal "absurd" and lamented that taxes are already too high. And one government employee who declined to give his name couldn't help but allude to the fact that Emanuel will be out of office in May after dropping his bid for a third term in the Feb. 26 election.

"Yeah, he's not running again," the employee said.

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funding source remains sustainable in the future. The group also called for the bulk of the money to be spent in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, with Emanuel noting that "80 percent of the state's (gross domestic product) comes from the Chicago metro area economy."

"We seriously need the Illinois General Assembly to look at what we can do to pass a capital bill," said longtime Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke. "We have huge amounts of deferred maintenance on roads and highways. The suburbs are going to start shouting loud and clear that now is the moment to begin to have a strong transportation bill in the future of our region."

Pritzker favors a capital bill

Raising gasoline taxes to pay for roads and bridges



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tim Lange brews beer at Marz Community Brewing Company on Iron Street in Chicago.

Chicago hailed as U.S. brewing capital

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2010 U.S. Census data. He set out to find whether rural areas were experiencing the most growth in brewery openings, but instead found the opposite: Cities with populations of more than 5 million have seen the most openings during the past five years.

Watson last crunched the numbers in 2013, when the Chicago area had the nation's fifth-most breweries, at 62. At the time it trailed Seattle (87), Portland (77), San Diego (76) and Denver (63).

He counted breweries in metro areas as defined by the Census Bureau, which for Chicago extends from Northwest Indiana to Aurora, and Joliet to the Wisconsin border.

It's a broad area with a large, progressive population, plenty of affordable real estate and a fair bit of disposable income. So in a sense, Chicago's rise should be no surprise.



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Eris Brewery and Cider House, located in Old Irving Park, is part of Chicago's burgeoning craft brewery scene.

"We are thrilled to see Chicago recognized for its growing craft beer scene," said Danielle D'Alessandro, executive director for the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild. "But the numbers confirm what we already know: Our community of brewers, access to locally grown crops and fresh water from Lake Michigan, and the support from our

fans across the state make Chicago — and Illinois — a great place to operate a brewery, brewpub, or taproom."

But, Watson said, there's another simple factor also at work: "Breweries are showing up where the people are."

That reality is also echoed in the rise of brewing in Los Angeles and New York.

Chicago's number of breweries per capita lags behind many other top cities; Portland, Ore., is home to 139 breweries among 1.8 million people (in 2010 Census numbers), while Chicago's 167 breweries exist amid 8.2 million people.

But Chicago's move to the top spot accentuates its burgeoning reputation as a brewing destination, which included a particularly strong showing at this year's competition at the Great American Beer Festival.

Watson called Chicago "a very versatile beer city," with expertise in a number of styles.

"I don't think Chicago is thought of with places like Seattle or Portland," Watson said. "But certainly these numbers underscore a huge development in Chicago's brewing scene in the last few years."

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At odds with Obama

6 mayoral hopefuls say presidential center should guarantee community benefits

By BILL RUTHHART
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Six hopefuls for Chicago mayor who attended a South Side candidate forum Tuesday night said that unlike former President Barack Obama, they favor a plan that would protect residents living near his proposed presidential center from being priced out of their neighborhoods.

During the event, which drew a few hundred people to the University of Illinois at Chicago Pavilion, candidates were asked whether they would support a so-called community benefits agreement in connection with the Obama Presidential Center planned for Jackson Park. All six who attended the event responded that they would.

Activists have pushed for more than a year to secure such an agreement to guarantee local residents jobs and other provisions that would protect the makeup of nearby Woodlawn, South Shore and Washington Park, including possible rental assistance, a property tax freeze, elimination of a rule that allows developers to opt out of building affordable housing and programs for residents who use government subsidies to pay for housing. They've also pushed for a community trust fund and financial support for neighborhood schools.

Obama and outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel have opposed such a deal, saying it's not the right tool for this project and instead have asked the community to trust Obama's vision. Emanuel's administration has backed a plan to monitor property values and other indicators of demographic changes near the library site and to implement unspecified measures to keep residents in their homes if necessary. Emanuel is set to leave office in May.

On Tuesday night, Cook County Board President

Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, public policy consultant Amara Enyia, activist Ja'Mal Green and former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy all said Obama and the city should agree to protections for the nearby neighborhoods. It was a popular position in a room full of Chicagoans who have pushed for more equitable and affordable housing at an event hosted by the Chicago Housing Initiative.

Some of the strongest support for a benefits agreement came from Preckwinkle, a Hyde Park Democrat whose political career on the South Side coincided with Obama's rise from a state senator representing some of the same neighborhoods to president of the United States. "I don't know why the Obamas have decided they won't support a community benefits agreement, but my view is the city can do one anyway. This is a historic opportunity for us," said Preckwinkle.

Lightfoot said she favored an agreement to make sure residents aren't displaced and get the "benefits of this enormous investment." Green said Chicagoans can't let their love of Obama blind them to the need for the policy to protect them from gentrification. And Enyia lauded the activists who have pushed for such a deal, noting that she had been part of that effort "long before the election cycle, long before it became a hot topic." Brown also backed a community benefits agreement, saying, "Gentrification should not equal displacement." And McCarthy said not only does he support a benefits agreement, but also he called for an Obama-style "stimulus package" to create jobs nearby.

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Oval Office clash over wall

Shutdown looms as Trump, Democrats bicker about funding

By **MATTHEW DALY**
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an Oval Office confrontation, President Donald Trump heatedly threatened to shut down the federal government Tuesday as he and Democratic leaders bickered over funding for his promised border wall.

Trump and House and Senate Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer squabbled for more than 15 minutes in the televised encounter. Each of them interrupted the others to question facts, quibble over election results and lob insults.

Trump questioned Pelosi's ability to count votes in her own House. She questioned his manhood — after she left the building.

The public clash marked Trump's first meeting with the newly empowered Democrats since their midterm victories that put them in control of the House, laying bare the tensions on both sides and suggesting how divided government might work — or not — as the 2020 presidential election nears.

Neither the public nor the private face-to-face portion of the meeting appeared to resolve the wall-funding dispute with a partial shutdown looming on Dec. 21. However, Pelosi said Trump called her later in the afternoon and told her the White House was looking at options she and Schumer had laid out.



Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi speak outside the White House after a meeting with President Trump.

Trump sounded more determined than ever to allow a partial government shutdown unless he gets the billions he wants for his long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down," he declared.

Pelosi later said that she and Schumer had goaded the president to "fully own that the shutdown was his." She told Democratic lawmakers back at the Capitol, according to an aide who was in the room, that the wall was "like a manhood thing for him as if manhood could ever be associated with him. This wall thing."

The aide was not authorized to speak publicly and commented only on condition of anonymity.

While Trump has suggested he may be willing to trade with Democrats and has publicly praised Pelosi, he was focused Tuesday on

reinforcing his hard-line immigration promises, repeatedly stressing border security and the wall as a critical part. Democrats were in no mood to sympathize, emphasizing their newfound political strength.

"Elections have consequences, Mr. President," Schumer said.

Trump later called it a "friendly meeting," saying "I've actually liked them for a long period of time and I respect them both. And we made a lot of progress." The Democrats said they had given Trump two options to keep government open and the responsibility lay with him and Republicans who control Congress.

The wall remains the main sticking point in talks. Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan acknowledged Tuesday that the GOP-led House has yet to pass legislation that includes the \$5

billion in border wall funds that Trump has been requesting. Ryan likely lacks sufficient votes from Republicans who will lose their majority at the end of the month.

Trump is seeking far more for his long-stalled border wall than the \$1.6 billion the Senate has agreed to for border security, including physical barriers and technology along the border.

Should the two sides not make a deal by Dec. 21, about three-quarters of the government would continue to have enough money to operate. But departments affected absent a deal include Homeland Security, Transportation, Agriculture, State and Justice, as well as national parks.

Both sides came into the negotiating session primed for battle. After a few niceties, Trump dug into Democrats on the border wall,

prompting a stern rebuke from Schumer that the issue at hand was "called funding the government." Trump soon started scrapping with Pelosi, when she said there should not be a "Trump shutdown."

"Did you say Trump?" the president said, as the two argued over whether Trump had enough Republican votes in the House to support his border wall plan.

"The fact is that you do not have the votes in the House," Pelosi declared.

Trump shot back, "Nancy, I do."

Also in a fighting mood, Schumer accused Trump of threatening a shutdown "because you can't get your way."

Trump heckled Schumer over a previous shutdown, saying "the last time you shut it down you got killed" politically.

Pelosi and Schumer both

repeatedly asked to make the conversation private, without success, as Trump argued that the public meeting was a good thing: "It's called transparency."

Trump repeatedly returned to his argument that the border wall is needed for security reasons. He also argued that "tremendous" portions of the wall have already been built. In fact, some barrier renovation has happened, but little wall construction has been completed under Trump.

Vice President Mike Pence, a former House member, sat silently as Trump and the two Democrats bickered. He later called the meeting a "good discussion." Asked to describe the atmosphere in the private meeting that followed the public quarrel, Pence said, "candid."

Pelosi and Schumer have urged Trump to support a measure that includes a half-dozen government funding bills largely agreed upon by lawmakers, along with a separate measure that would fund the Department of Homeland Security at current levels through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year. The homeland bill includes \$1.3 billion for fencing and other security measures at the border.

If Trump rejects that, Democrats are urging a continuing resolution that would fund the remaining appropriations bills at current levels through Sept. 30.

"We gave the president two options that would keep the government open," Pelosi and Schumer said in a statement after the meeting. "It's his choice to accept one of those options or shut the government down."

Time lauds journalists as guardians of truth

By **AMY B WANG**
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Time magazine announced Tuesday that its 2018 Person of the Year is "The Guardians," four individuals and one group — all journalists — who this year helped expose "the manipulation and the abuse of truth" around the world.

They are the journalist Jamal Khashoggi, the Washington Post contributing columnist who was killed inside Saudi Arabia's Consulate in Istanbul in October; the staff of the Capital Gazette newspaper in Maryland; journalist Maria Ressa, the chief executive of the Rappler news website, who has been made a legal target for the outlet's coverage of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte; and journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, who have been jailed in Myanmar for nearly a year for their work exposing the mass killing of Rohingya Muslims.

"As we looked at the choices, it became clear that the manipulation and the abuse of truth is really the common thread in so many



of this year's major stories, from Russia to Riyadh to Silicon Valley," Time magazine editor Edward Felsenthal said on the "Today" show Tuesday.

Of Khashoggi's selection, Felsenthal said it was the first time the magazine had ever chosen someone no longer alive as Person of the Year. But it wasn't so much the brutal details about his death as the work he had done most of his life — holding Saudi Arabia's government accountable — that solidified his legacy.

"It's also very rare that a person's influence grows so immensely in death," Felsenthal said. "His murder has prompted a global reassessment of the Saudi crown prince and a really

long overdue look at the devastating war in Yemen."

Time also honored the staff of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, where five staff members were shot to death in June after a gunman opened fire in their newsroom. Despite the tragedy, the Capital's surviving staff persisted in their work in the hours, days and weeks afterward.

The Capital Gazette is owned by The Baltimore Sun, which, like the Chicago Tribune, The Morning Call of Lehigh Valley, Pa., New York Daily News, Hartford Courant, Virginia's Daily Press and The Virginian-Pilot, Orlando Sentinel and South Florida's Sun-Sentinel, among other publications, is a Tribune Publishing newspaper.

Time also recognized journalists across the world.

Felsenthal emphasized that the two Reuters reporters who were being honored, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, had been imprisoned in Myanmar for almost a year. The two had been covering the mass killing of 10 Rohingya Muslims in the country last September, and in their reporting had found Myanmar troops were complicit



Time magazine honored journalists Jamal Khashoggi, far left, the staff of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Md., above, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, top right, and Maria Ressa.



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in the executions — part of a wave of killings, rapes and arson internationally condemned as ethnic cleansing of minority Muslims in the majority Buddhist country.

Police learned of their investigation and gave the two men documents in a meeting three months after the massacre. Shortly afterward, the reporters were arrested for possessing the documents, which they had

not read, in a plot widely derided as a farce to punish them for their work. Their story was published in February. In September, they were sentenced to seven years in prison.

For her work in the Philippines, Felsenthal praised Ressa as an "extraordinary individual" who has exposed the thousands of extrajudicial killings taking place as part

of Duterte's war on drugs in the Philippines. Ressa's outlet, Rappler, has distinguished itself for coverage of Duterte's brutal drug war amid tightening access to news.

President Donald Trump was the magazine's runner-up, and special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election, was third, Felsenthal said.



BULLITT MARQUEZ/AP
Philippine personnel unload three church bells Tuesday seized as war trophies by U.S. troops in 1901.

U.S. returns disputed bells taken from Philippines in 1901

By **JIM GOMEZ**
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — For over a century, the Bells of Balangiga have not rung in the Philippines, a silence that the president last year called "painful."

Now, the revered bells will once again be heard in the country.

Hundreds of villagers in 1901, armed with bolos and disguised as women, used one of Balangiga town's church bells to signal the start of a massive attack that

wrought one of the bloodiest single-battle losses of American occupation forces in the Philippines. The U.S. Army brutally retaliated, reportedly killing thousands of villagers, as the Philippine-American War raged.

After the violence, the Americans took three church bells as spoils of war that Filipinos would demand for decades to be handed back.

On Tuesday, a giant U.S. Air Force cargo aircraft brought the Bells of

Balangiga back to the Philippine capital in a poignant ceremony that saw U.S. defense officials and the American ambassador to Manila return the war relics 117 years after they were seized. A military brass band played the Philippine national anthem, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner."

The treaty allies then swept aside a dark episode in their long relationship with joint photographs and handshakes.

"It is my great honor to be

here at this closing of a painful chapter in our history," U.S. Ambassador Sung Kim said. "Our relationship has withstood the tests of history and flourishes today."

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has said the handover is an important gesture of friendship and is in America's national security interest. Some U.S. veterans and officials had opposed the return of the bells, calling them memorials to American war dead.

At Tuesday's handover

ceremony at a Philippine air force base, the bronze bells stood atop a red platform like silent symbols of a bygone era of hostilities, as American and Philippine flags flapped in the wind. Officials from both sides called for a minute of silence for the war dead.

The bells are revered by Filipinos as symbols of national pride. Two of the bells had been displayed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., and the third was with the U.S. Army in South Korea.

Facing pressure, McConnell agrees to criminal justice vote

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under pressure from President Donald Trump and many of his Republican colleagues, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday that he will bring legislation to the floor to overhaul the nation's sentencing laws.

McConnell's decision comes after more than three years of overtures from a large, bipartisan group of senators who support the criminal justice bill, including Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley and House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Trump announced his support for the legislation last month, but McConnell treaded cautiously, as a handful of members in his caucus voiced concerns that it would be too soft on violent criminals.

Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican, said Trump's push for the legislation had been "critical to the outcome."

"Senator McConnell was always concerned about the small window of time that we have to do all these things we need to do, but the president was insistent that this be included," he said.

If the legislation passes, it could be a rare bipartisan policy achievement for this Congress and the largest sentencing overhaul in decades.

AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for Ryan, said "the House stands ready to act on the revised Senate criminal justice reform bill." Ryan has long supported sentencing reform and is retiring at the end of the session.

Most Democrats support the bill, which would revise 1980s and '90s-era "tough on crime" laws to boost rehabilitation efforts for federal prisoners and give



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he will bring legislation to the floor to overhaul sentencing laws.

judges more discretion when sentencing nonviolent offenders. It would attempt to focus the toughest sentences on the most violent offenders, lowering mandatory minimum sentences for some nonviolent drug offenses and reducing the life sentence for some drug offenders with three convictions, or "three strikes," to 25 years.

Supporters say the changes would make the nation's criminal justice system fairer, reduce overcrowding in federal prisons and save taxpayer dollars.

"It is an opportunity to correct manifest injustices in the system," said Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who signed on to the legislation last week after supporters agreed to make tweaks further ensuring that violent criminals were not released early. "There are far too many young black men who find themselves incarcerated for years or even decades based on nonviolent drug offenses."

Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, another supporter, said he thinks the legislation became "a more consensus product" after Cruz's tweaks were accepted and he announced his support.

"We're going to have a lot of people on board," Paul said. "And it's the right thing to do."

Most Democrats were also supportive, despite having wanted even broader changes.

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, a leading proponent of the bill, said if the legislation is passed, it will have "a profound effect on thousands of families who have been suffering as a result of this broken system." He estimated that 90 percent of the beneficiaries of the bill would be African-American.

Booker said the bill isn't "all the way there" in terms of what he would have liked, but it would "take a step in the right direction and correct the ills of the last 25, 30 years."

The bill has been a priority for Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who has worked behind the scenes with supportive Republican senators over the last two years and pushed Trump to support it. It was also a top issue for former President Barack Obama, who had hoped to see the bill become law before he left office.

Supporters have long said that the bill would pass if McConnell would just put it on the floor. But McConnell hesitated as some vocal members of his caucus said the bill would allow the release of violent felons — a charge GOP supporters denied.

Jury urges life in prison for driver in Charlottesville case

BY DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A jury Tuesday called for a sentence of life in prison plus 419 years for the Hitler admirer who killed a woman when he rammed his car into counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville two summers ago.

The decision capped a trial laced with survivors' anguished testimony and details of the driver's long history of mental illness.

James Alex Fields Jr., 21, stood stoically with his hands folded in front of him as he heard the jury's recommendation.

It will be up to Judge Richard Moore to decide on the punishment at Fields' sentencing, set for March 29. Judges in Virginia often go along with the jury's recommendation. Under state law, they can impose a shorter sentence but not a longer one.

The jury called for a life sentence for first-degree murder in the killing of Heather Heyer, 32, a paralegal and activist, and also asked for hundreds more years on nine counts involving injuries Fields caused to others and for leaving the scene of the crash.

Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, said she was satisfied with the decision.

"The bottom line is justice has him where he needs to be," Bro said. "My daughter is still not here and the other survivors still have their wounds to deal with, so we've all been damaged permanently, but we do survive. We do move forward. We don't stay in that dark place."

The jury deliberated for about four hours over two days before agreeing on a punishment.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Susan Bro, mother of Heather Heyer, talks to the media after the jury's recommendation in Charlottesville, Va.

Fields drove to Virginia from his home in Maumee, Ohio, to support the white nationalists at the "Unite the Right" rally Aug. 12, 2017.

After police forced the crowds to disband because of violent clashes between white nationalists and anti-racism demonstrators, Fields spotted a large group of protesters marching and singing. He stopped his car, backed up, then sped forward into the crowd, according to testimony from witnesses and video surveillance shown to jurors.

Fields' lawyer Denise Lunsford called him a "mentally compromised individual" and urged the jury to consider his history of mental problems.

University of Virginia professor and psychologist Daniel Murrie told the jury that while Fields was not legally insane at the time of the attack, he had inexplicable outbursts as a child and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at 6. He was later found to have schizoid personality disorder.

Murrie said Fields went off his psychiatric medication at 18 and built an isolated "lifestyle centered

around being alone." A video of Fields shown to the jury during the first phase of the trial showed him sobbing and hyperventilating after he was told a woman had died and others were injured.

The Unite the Right rally had been organized in part to protest the planned removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. Hundreds of Ku Klux Klan members, neo-Nazis and other white nationalists — emboldened by the election of President Donald Trump — streamed into the college town for one of the largest gatherings of white supremacists in a decade. Some dressed in battle gear.

Afterward, Trump inflamed tensions further when he said "both sides" were to blame for the violence.

According to one of his former teachers, Fields was known in high school for being fascinated with Nazism and idolizing Adolf Hitler. Jurors were shown a text message he sent to his mother days before the rally that included an image of the Nazi dictator. When his mother pleaded with him to be careful, he replied: "We're not the one who need to be careful."

Fields also faces federal hate-crime charges that could bring the death penalty.



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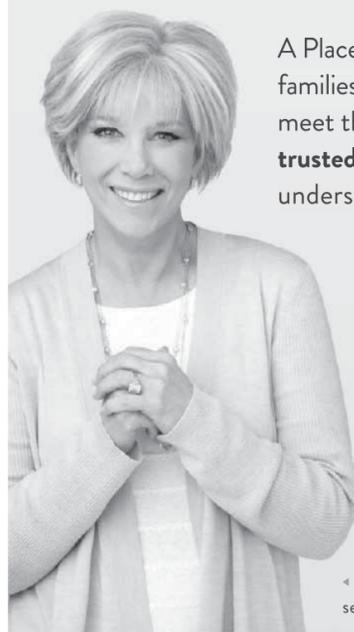
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Police officers stand guard near the scene of a shooting Tuesday in Strasbourg, France.

French police: Shooter on run after attack killed 3, injured 12

BY SYLVIE CORBET, LORI HINNANT AND ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS — Three people died and 12 others were wounded in France when a man flagged as a possible extremist sprayed gunfire near the city of Strasbourg's famous Christmas market Tuesday, sparking a search for the suspect. French officials later put the country on increased alert for terror attacks.

French prosecutors said a terrorism investigation was opened, though authorities did not say what they thought to be a motive. Strasbourg is home to the European Parliament, one of several places locked down after the shooting and those inside prevented from leaving.

It was unclear if the market — the nucleus of an al-Qaida-linked plot in 2000 — was the intended target. The alleged assailant got inside a security zone around the venue and opened fire from there, Mayor Roland Ries said on BFM television.

Two years ago, a Tunisian man drove a hijacked truck into a busy Berlin Christmas market, an attack that killed 12 people. Strasbourg, which promotes itself as the

"Capital of Christmas," is located on France's border with Germany, about 310 miles east of Paris.

Authorities said they identified the suspect in Tuesday's bloodshed and he had a criminal record. The prefect of the Strasbourg region said the alleged shooter also was on a watch list of potentially radicalized individuals.

Gendarmes went to the suspect's home to arrest him before the attack, but he wasn't there, Stephane Morisse of police union FGP said. They found explosive materials, he said.

France, where most of Europe's worst terror attacks of recent years took place, is raising its terror alert level and sending security reinforcements to Strasbourg, Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said early Wednesday.

Some 350 security forces and two helicopters were involved in the search for the alleged assailant, who had been radicalized for "several years" and confronted law enforcement officers twice while he "sowed terror" in Strasbourg, Castaner said.

The death toll stood at three Wednesday, he said. Two police union officials said earlier there were four victims.

A dozen more people

were wounded, half of them who were in "absolute emergency" critical condition, Castaner said.

The alleged shooter was shot and wounded as well, by soldiers guarding the Christmas market, according to Stephane Morisse of police union FGP.

Witnesses described hearing gunshots, screams and the shouts of police officers ordering people to stay indoors before the area fell silent and the officers fanned out.

"I heard two or three shots ... then I heard screams. I got close to the window. I saw people running. After that I closed the shutters. Then I heard more shots, closer this time," Yoann Bazard, 27, who lives in central Strasbourg.

"I thought maybe it's firecrackers," he said.

President Emmanuel Macron adjourned a meeting at the presidential palace Tuesday night to monitor the emergency.

The attack revived memories of a new millennium terror plot targeting Strasbourg's Christmas market. Ten suspected Islamic militants were convicted and sentenced to prison in December 2004 for their role in a plot to blow up the market on the New Year's Eve ushering in 2000.

Gunman kills 4, self, in Brazil church

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — A man opened fire in a cathedral in southern Brazil after Mass on Tuesday, killing four people and wounding four more before taking a bullet in the ribs in a firefight with police and then shooting himself in the head, authorities said.

The shooting happened right after the midday service had ended at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Campinas, a city about 60 miles north of Sao Paulo.

"It's so sad," said Wilson Cassante, a press officer with the archdiocese. "It's hard to imagine the pain this has caused."

Hours after paramedics were seen taking bodies and injured out of the church, authorities identified the shooter as Euler Fernando Grandolpho, 49, of Valinhos, a nearby city in the densely populated state of Sao Paulo.

Grandolpho, a systems

analyst, was not a member of the church, authorities said. According to public records, he had held various jobs with government entities, including a stint as an assistant to the prosecutor in the public ministry in Sao Paulo.

Authorities said they had not determined a motive. A backpack found near the dead gunman had his identification but no note or other clues, police investigator Jose Henrique Ventura told reporters outside the church.

"Thanks to the intervention of police, something much bigger was avoided," Ventura said, adding that the four injured were in stable condition.

Danielle Coutinho told EPTV that she was sitting in the church chatting after Mass when gunfire began. A man sitting close to her was shot as she and others ran.

"I saw people getting shot. I can't get it out of my

head," she said in tears. "It was horrible."

Brazil has long struggled with gun violence. Last year, nearly 64,000 people were killed.

President-elect Jair Bolsonaro, a former army captain, campaigned on promises to crack down on violence, in part by loosening gun laws so more civilians could arm themselves.

Hamilton Caviola Filho, a police investigator, said authorities had reviewed surveillance footage from inside the cathedral.

The shooter "came into the church, sat on a pew, with time to think, and then got up and starting shooting," Caviola Filho said.

Father Amaury Thomazi posted a video recounting the chaos.

"Nobody could do anything or help in any way" to stop the rampage, Thomazi said. He called on people to pray for the dead, the injured and the shooter.

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Seas threaten historic lighthouses

Rising water, beach erosion threaten to destroy structures

BY WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Rising seas and erosion are threatening lighthouses around the U.S. and the world. Volunteers and cash-strapped governments are doing what they can, but the level of concern, like the water, is rising.

New Jersey's East Point Lighthouse has been lighting up Delaware Bay for the better part of two centuries. But those same waters that the lighthouse helped illuminate might bring about its demise.

With even a moderate-term fix likely to cost \$3 million or more, New Jersey officials are considering what to do to save the lighthouse. Nancy Patterson, president of the Maurice River Historical Society, says something needs to be done now.

State and local governments routinely shore up the perimeter of the lighthouse property with 3,000-pound sand bags and hastily bulldozed earthen walls.

During normal conditions, the bay is about 40 yards from the lighthouse; aerial photos from 1940 show at least four times as much beach between the lighthouse and the bay as there is now.

And during storms, the surf pounds against an earthen wall just 10 yards from the lighthouse's front steps.

"This lighthouse is in incredible danger; it's getting worse and worse," Patterson said. "The water is right there, often within feet of the lighthouse."

She recently led a save-the-lighthouse rally to call attention to its plight and push the state Department of Environmental Protection to do something to save



WAYNE PARRY/AP

Volunteers rally near New Jersey's East Point Lighthouse, which has illuminated Delaware Bay for almost two centuries.

it before it falls into the bay.

It's a threat affecting lighthouses around the country and the world, including those in low-lying areas being inundated by water, as well as those on bluffs or cliffs being eroded by storms and rising sea levels.

"It's happening faster than anybody had predicted," said Jeff Gales, executive director of the U.S. Lighthouse Society in Hansville, Wash.

While some of the lighthouses continue to be relied upon for navigation, others have been supplanted by more modern technology, and are treasured more for historical and tourism purposes.

Climate change hastened by manmade greenhouse gases is not only melting polar ice, adding to sea

levels, but the warmer waters are expanding and some land formations sinking.

Globally, sea levels have been rising over the past century, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the rate has increased in recent decades.

In New Jersey, seas have risen by 1.3 feet over the last 100 years, said Benjamin Horton, a Rutgers University professor and leading expert on climate change and sea level rise. That is a faster pace than for the past 2,000 years combined, he said.

Horton and other Rutgers researchers project that by 2050, seas off New Jersey will rise by an additional 1.4 feet.

Tim Harrison is the editor of Lighthouse Digest, a

Maine-based publication that maintains a "Doomsday List" of 53 lighthouses around the U.S. deemed to be in danger of being lost because of storms, erosion or other causes.

"Lighthouses were built for one purpose: to save lives," he said. "Now it's our turn to step up save these lighthouses."

Rising seas have already forced the relocation of several lighthouses. In 1999, the National Park Service moved the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in Buxton, N.C., 2,900 feet inland, at a cost of \$11.8 million.

In 1993, the Southeast Lighthouse on Block Island, R.I., was moved 300 feet inland.

In 2014 the Cape San Blas Lighthouse was moved from the edge of a storm-prone peninsula on Flori-

da's Gulf Coast to a park in Port St. Joe. A year later, the Gay Head Lighthouse on Massachusetts' Martha's Vineyard was moved 129 feet back from an eroding cliff.

Others were not so lucky. The Galveston Jetty Lighthouse in Texas and the Sabine Bank Lighthouse in Louisiana were lost to storms or rising seas, and the Kauhola Point Lighthouse on Hawaii's Big Island was demolished after erosion nearby was deemed too severe to save it, Harrison said.

Lighthouses around the country considered to be in danger from rising seas include the Sand Island Lighthouse at the mouth of Mobile Bay in Alabama, the Morris Island Lighthouse near Charleston, S.C., and the New Point Comfort

Lighthouse in Virginia.

Around the world, encroaching seas are drawing nearer to the Orfordness Lighthouse in Suffolk, England; the Troubridge Island Lighthouse in South Australia; and the Kiipsaar Lighthouse in Estonia. In 2010, the Half Moon Caye Lighthouse in Belize was destroyed by a storm.

There are few easy answers, financially or scientifically. The East Point Lighthouse is already on the highest spit of land around, which is only a few inches above sea level, so moving it is not an option. Nor is constantly dumping and plowing more sand in front of it.

Patterson wants some sort of bulkhead or barrier erected between the bay and the lighthouse to blunt the force of the waves.

Larry Hajna, a spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, acknowledges the lighthouse has been "very vulnerable to storms due to erosion" for years. And he realizes the sandbags the state and local governments keep piling on the shoreline are a stop-gap measure at best.

But while affirming the state's interest in saving the lighthouse, he notes that moving or protecting it with rock-filled cages could cost several million dollars.

Because of the high cost of moving or protecting the lighthouses, volunteer preservation groups often partner with governments to maintain them; one has spent at least \$5 million on the Morris Island Lighthouse in South Carolina. And cash-strapped governments often can't spare funds to save lighthouses.

Patterson, the New Jersey lighthouse advocate, says a barrier needs to be built near the East Point Lighthouse immediately.

"This history matters," she said. "We need to do something — now — while there's still something to save."

Backpage died; sex ads didn't

Authorities report that online activity rebounding amid fight against trafficking

BY RYAN TARINELLI
Associated Press

DALLAS — Smaller escort websites are vying for the lucrative online sex-for-hire market Backpage.com dominated before U.S. authorities shut it down earlier this year, a move that fractured the industry and forced law enforcement to adapt their efforts combating sex trafficking.

Online sex ads plunged in April following Backpage's seizure and President Donald Trump's signing of legislation aimed at websites that facilitate sex trafficking. But a new analysis finds the drop in the number of ads may have been short-lived.

According to Pittsburgh-based software company Marinus Analytics, there were about 146,000 online sex ads posted per day in the U.S. on leading escort websites from mid-September to mid-October — and the company expected the total last month to be even higher.

In contrast, there were about 133,000 such ads posted on Backpage in the month before its shutdown,

Marinus Analytics found.

Instead of backing away amid the government crackdown on sex trafficking, some escort websites see the Backpage shutdown as an opportunity to expand, said Emily Kennedy, Marinus Analytics' president and co-founder.

"They're really competing with each other for that spot now and so we're seeing frequent activity at this point," she said, adding that as long as the business remains lucrative, "people are going to figure out a way to advertise it."

Some experts caution against correlating a rise in sex ads with an increase in sex trafficking. They say sex ads can be fake or duplicates from other websites and interest from sex buyers remains low compared to the Backpage era — a conclusion one expert tied to the lower number of responses garnered by fake sex ads posted on escort websites.

As for double counting ads, Kennedy said the company has a process to determine if a website has high number of ads that are not legitimate. Those aren't in-

backpage.com and affiliated websites have been seized

as part of an enforcement action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, with analytical assistance from the Joint Regional Intelligence Center.

Other agencies participating in and supporting the enforcement action include the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, the office of the California Attorney General, and the office of the Texas Attorney General.

Additional information will be provided at around 6:00 pm EST on Friday, April 6, by the U.S. Department of Justice, and all media inquiries should be directed to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007 and press@usdoj.gov.

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cluded in the tally, she said. Kennedy said the sex ads "implicitly or explicitly state the selling of sexual services," often through coded language.

To attract clients, experts say, escort websites want a large presence of sex ads to appear popular and robust.

Sex workers and their advocates have criticized the seizure of Backpage, saying the shutdown removed a tool that workers used to screen clients.

In Nevada, federal authorities have seen firsthand the impact of online sex ads in the post-Back-

page market. When police found a 15-year-old girl at a Las Vegas motel in September, she was hundreds of miles from her Texas home and had been sold for sex in numerous online ads, according to federal court records.

Later, talking with investigators, she reported having sex with about 40 clients and said she worked as a prostitute under the direction of a man who promised her safety, money and a place to live if she followed his rules.

Law enforcement and victim advocates are quick

to praise Backpage's shutdown, but some say the platform was also a key tool in arresting sexual predators. With a scattered marketplace, law enforcement and others say those fighting sex trafficking must adapt.

"Clearly, technology becomes more important than ever," said Rob Spectre, CEO and founder of a company that uses artificial intelligence to prevent online sex trafficking.

In the past, a rural law enforcement agency might take a family photo of a sex trafficking victim and comb

through ads posted on Backpage, searching for a match.

Now, he said, such an effort is going to be "very difficult."

Spectre said law enforcement must be a driving force behind the adoption of technologies such as Traffic Jam, software created by Marinus Analytics that collects online classifieds from top escort ad websites and allows law enforcement to search for specific information, such as a phone number.

A facial recognition tool has also been used to rescue underage sex trafficking victims, according to Kennedy.

To Tom Dart, sheriff of Cook County, Ill., law enforcement will have to throw out a wider net online to fight sex trafficking. He described the market as a "very chaotic mess," but the goal with the shutdown of Backpage was to disrupt a website that was normalizing an activity that was destroying lives.

There are also concerns of where the market might go next.

Marjorie Quin, an assistant professor at Cumberland University in Tennessee, said an escort website could start selling ads for the American market after setting up operations overseas in a country that does not work well with the U.S. Such a move could weaken the ability to extract evidence and prosecute a case, said Quin.

New atomic clock is so exact, it could detect dark matter

BY DEBORAH NETBURN
Los Angeles Times

Scientists have invented a new clock that keeps time more precisely than any that have come before.

The clock is so accurate that it won't gain or lose more than one second in 14 billion years — roughly the age of the cosmos. Its ticking rate is so stable that it varies by only 0.000000000000000032 percent over the course of a single day.

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not really necessary for those of us who rely on clocks to get us to a doctor's appointment on time, or to know when to meet up with friends.

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Indeed, these hyper-accurate clocks can help sci-

entists better probe the mysteries of the cosmos, experts said.

"It turns out that if you have all these digits of precision for making a measurement, it can give you a microscope onto our very universe," said physicist Andrew Ludlow of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colo. Ludlow led the work that produced the clock, which was described this week in the journal *Nature*.

Since the 1960s, time has been measured by so-called

atomic clocks that use the natural oscillations of a cesium atom as a pendulum. Think of it as a watch with a hand that ticks just over 9 billion times per second.

The optical lattice clock Ludlow and his colleagues developed measures the much faster oscillations of a ytterbium atom. Its atomic pendulum swings about 10,000 times faster, at a speed of 500 trillion times per second.

"Cesium is a beautiful atomic system, but we have reached the basic limits of

how good it can be," Ludlow said. "Ytterbium can break down time into much finer intervals, enhancing the precision with which you can measure it."

Optical lattice clocks have been around for only 15 years, and they are still in the development stage, Ludlow said. Scientists continue to tinker with them, gradually increasing their accuracy with each new adjustment.

With so many oscillations, the ytterbium clock can detect shifts in the

gravitational field of our planet with unprecedented precision, Ludlow and his coauthors wrote in *Nature*.

As Einstein's theory of general relativity predicts, time moves differently depending on where you are in a gravity field.

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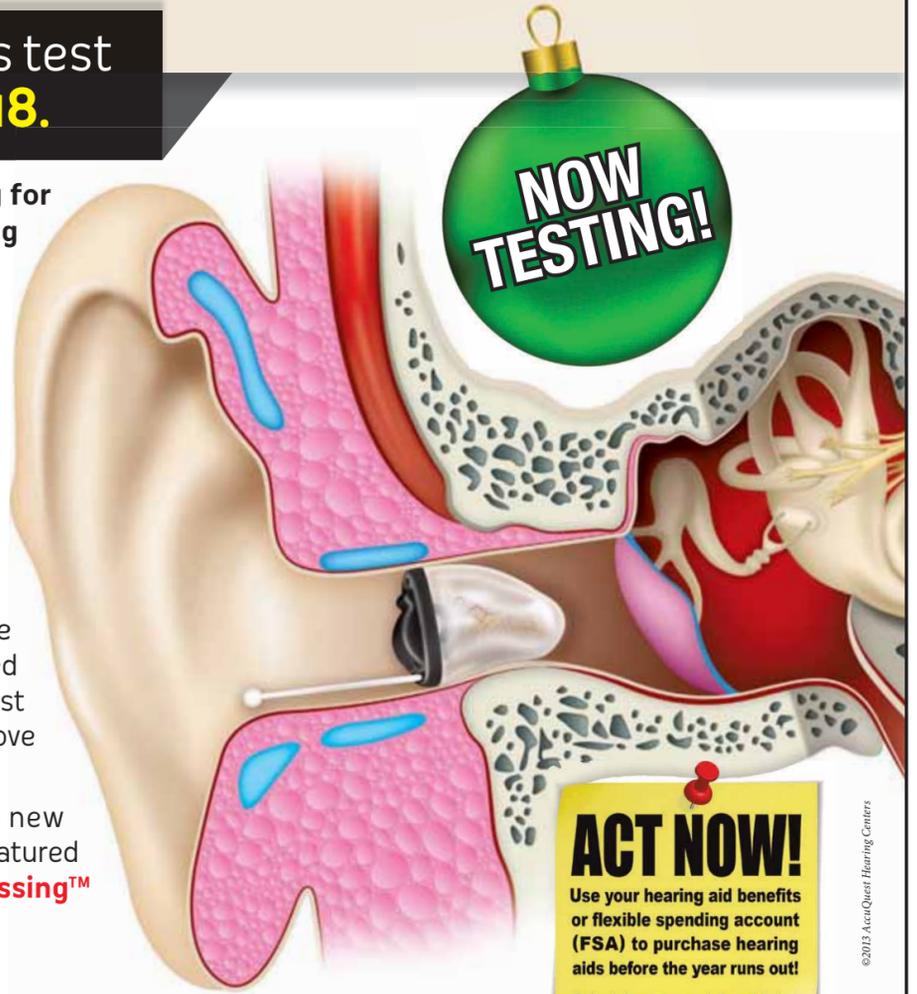
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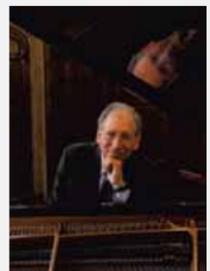
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Big Brother is hovering in China

Communist Party agents infiltrate Uighur households in 'Become Family' program

BY DAKE KANG
AND YANAN WANG
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — The two women in the photograph were smiling, but Halmurat Idris knew something was terribly wrong.

One was his 39-year-old sister; standing at her side was an elderly woman Idris did not know. Their grins were tight-lipped, mirthless. His sister had posted the picture on a social media account along with a caption punctuated by a smiley-face.

"Look, I have a Han Chinese mother now!" his sister wrote.

Idris knew instantly: The old woman was a spy, sent by the Chinese government to infiltrate his family.

There are many like her. According to the ruling Communist Party's official newspaper, as of the end of September, 1.1 million local government workers have been deployed to ethnic minorities' living rooms, dining areas and Muslim prayer spaces, not to mention at weddings, funerals and other occasions once considered intimate and

private.

All this is taking place in China's far west region of Xinjiang, home to the predominantly Muslim, Turkic-speaking Uighurs, who have long reported discrimination at the hands of the country's majority Han Chinese.

While government notices about the "Pair Up and Become Family" program portray it as an affectionate cultural exchange, Uighurs living in exile in Turkey said their loved ones saw the campaign as a chilling intrusion into the only place that they once felt safe.

They believe the program is aimed at coercing Uighurs into living secular lives like the Han majority. Anything diverging from the party's prescribed lifestyle can be viewed by authorities as a sign of potential extremism.

Under Chinese President Xi Jinping, the Uighur homeland has been blanketed with stifling surveillance, from armed checkpoints on street corners to facial-recognition-equipped CCTV cameras steadily surveying passersby. Now, Uighurs say, they must live



DAKE KANG/AP

Halmurat Idris holds up a picture of his sister, who he says was monitored in government homestay program in China.

under the watchful eye of the ruling Communist Party even inside their own homes.

"The government is trying to destroy that last protected space in which Uighurs have been able to maintain their identity," said Joanne Smith Finley, an ethnographer at Eng-

land's Newcastle University.

The Associated Press spoke to five Uighurs living in Istanbul who shared the experiences of their family members in Xinjiang who have had to host Han Chinese civil servants. These accounts are based on prior communications with their family members, the major-

ity of whom have since cut off contact because Uighurs can be punished for speaking to people abroad.

Uighurs abroad said their loved ones were constantly on edge in their own homes, knowing that any misstep — a misplaced Quran, a carelessly spoken word — could lead to detention or worse. In the presence of these faux relatives, their family members could not pray or wear religious clothing.

The thought of it made Idris queasy.

"I wanted to throw up," said the 49-year-old petroleum engineer, shaking his head in disgust. "The moment I saw the old woman, I thought, 'Ugh, this person is our enemy.' If your enemy became your mother, think about it — how would you feel?"

Tensions between Muslim minorities and Han Chinese have bubbled over in recent years, resulting in violent attacks pegged to Uighur separatists and a fierce government crackdown on broadly defined "extremism" that has placed as many as 1 million Muslims in internment camps, according to estimates by experts and a human rights group.

Uighurs say the omnipresent threat of being sent

to one of these centers, which are described as political indoctrination camps by former detainees, looms large in their relatives' minds when they are forced to welcome party members into their homes.

Last December, Xinjiang authorities organized a "Becoming Family Week" which placed more than 1 million cadres in minority households. Government reports on the program gushed about the warm "family reunions" as public servants and Uighurs shared meals and even beds.

Becoming Family Week turned out to be a test run for a standardized homestay program. The Xinjiang United Front Work Department said in February that government workers should live with their assigned families every two months, for five days at a time.

Not all "Become Family" pairings involve Han Chinese visitors. A Uighur cadre named Gu Li said she regularly pays visits to a Uighur household, staying three to five days at a time.

"We've already started calling each other family," she said in a telephone interview from Xinjiang. "China's 56 ethnic groups are all one family."

City frogs act sexier than ones in country

BY CHRISTINA LARSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — City frogs and rainforest frogs don't sing the same tune, researchers have found.

A study released this week examined why Panama's tiny tungara frogs adapt their mating calls in urban areas — an unexpected example of how animals change communication strategies when cities encroach on forests.

These frogs take advantage of the relative absence of eavesdropping predators in cities to belt out longer love songs, which are more alluring to female frogs.

Tungara frogs don't croak like American bullfrogs. To human ears, their distinctive call sounds like a low-pitched, video-game beep. To female frogs, it sounds like pillow talk.

Every evening at sunset, the 1-inch male brown frogs crawl into puddles to serenade prospective mates. The lady frog selects a mate largely based on his love song.

Researchers found that the urban frogs call faster, more frequently and add more embellishments — a series of staccato "chucks" on the end of the initial

whine — compared with those in the forest.

Those fancy urban love songs are three times more likely to attract the ladies, as scientists learned by playing back recordings of both city and forest frog calls to an audience of female frogs in a laboratory. Thirty of 40 female frogs hopped over to the speaker playing the urban frog calls, the researchers report in the journal *Nature Ecology & Evolution*.

Whether the female frogs hailed from the city or forest themselves, they showed the same preference for fast-paced, complex crooning that combines high and low tones in quick arrangements.

Study co-author Michael J. Ryan, a biologist at the University of Texas who has studied tungara frogs for more than 30 years, said that the high and low notes likely stimulated the inner and outer ear chambers of female frogs in a pleasurable or interesting way.

So why don't rainforest frogs sing the same way?

The scientists set out to confirm their hypothesis that frogs that added extra high-pitched "chucks" attracted not only more mates, but also more trou-



ADAM DUNN/AP

A male tungara frog in Panama uses his vocal sac to call out in Gamboa, Panama.

ble from frog-eating bats and parasitic midges. With the help of camera traps and sticky paper, the researchers demonstrated that extended frog calls significantly increased the risk of attracting predators.

In the rainforest, the frogs must balance two goals: attracting a mate and staying safe. In the city, there are no frog-eating bats, and far fewer snakes and midges. The frogs are freer to belt their hearts out.

"An urban male can take greater risks," said lead author Wouter Halfwerk, an ecologist at Vrije University in Amsterdam.

A town frog also has to work harder to find a mate because lady frogs are rarer

in the city. "Competition for females increases," said Halfwerk. "The best adaptation is to be the most attractive, with an elaborate love song."

Corinne Lee Zawacki, a biologist at the University of Pittsburgh who was not involved in the study, said the researchers' methodology confirmed that urbanization is the reason for the call changes.

"I love the choice of study system," she said. "A lot of background research has already been done on this frog. So we can see clearly how urbanization changes the interplay of natural and sexual selection" — or the trade-offs between survival and courtship goals.

New lunchroom edict eats away at Conn. parents

BY MICHAEL MELIA
Associated Press

DARIEN, Conn. — One mother shed tears when she read the superintendent's announcement. Another said it felt like a body blow.

After struggling with growing numbers of parents in school cafeterias, the Darien school system said parents and guardians would no longer be welcome to visit with their children during lunch at the town's elementary schools.

The decision has stirred strong emotions in Darien, a wealthy shoreline community that prides itself on its high-performing public schools. While some parents said it was time to stop a disruptive practice, others have protested at town meetings and in online forums that the change has deprived them of cherished time to check in on their children and model good social behavior.

"It feels like a punch in the gut," said parent Jessica Xu, whose oldest child is in first grade. "I chose the town for the schools. I'm so frustrated the schools don't want me there."

Elementary schools generally set their own rules for parent visits, and policies vary widely. Some allow it on children's birthdays or

other special occasions. In some areas districts say it's not an issue because parents do not or cannot visit because of work or other obligations.

In Darien, a town of Colonial-style homes behind stone fences where the median household income exceeds \$200,000, so many parents had begun attending lunch that principals felt they were affecting the day-to-day running of the elementary schools, according to Tara Ochman, chairman of the Darien Board of Education. On a typical day, Xu said, six or seven parents were in the cafeteria of her child's school.

"We believe that schools exist for children, and we work to develop the skills necessary for students to grow into engaged members of society," Ochman said in a written statement.

The Darien superintendent and elementary school principals declined to comment.

One Darien mother, Beth Lane, said at an education board meeting last month that she welcomed the change. "Kids have to be able to learn how to work with each other and socialize with each other, and putting a parent in changes the dynamic dramatically," she said.

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U.K.'s May hits narrowing road for help rescuing Brexit deal

BRUSSELS — Prime Minister Theresa May said she found “a shared determination” among some European leaders Tuesday to persuade the British Parliament to accept a proposed Brexit deal, but her continental counterparts insisted any room for revisions was small.

So many British lawmakers oppose the deal that May postponed a vote instead of seeing it rejected.

While EU officials ruled out renegotiating the divorce, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said “room enough” might exist for “clarifications and further interpretations” to be made at a summit Thursday.

Some pro-Brexit members of May’s Conservatives said Tuesday they had the 48 letters from party lawmakers needed to trigger a no-confidence vote in their leader.

Daniels ordered to pay Trump’s legal fees in defamation case

WASHINGTON — A federal judge ruled Tuesday that Stormy Daniels must pay President Donald Trump more than \$293,000 in legal fees in her failed defamation lawsuit, a decision that the president’s team hailed as a “total victory” but that Daniels’ attorney vowed would “never hold up on appeal.”

U.S. District Judge James Otero ruled that Daniels must pay Trump

\$293,052.33 in “attorneys’ fees, costs and sanctions,” a figure representing 75 percent of the amount Trump had been seeking.

Daniels claimed in the lawsuit that Trump defamed her when he suggested that she lied about being threatened to keep quiet about their alleged past relationship. Otero dismissed the suit in October, ruling that Trump’s “rhetorical hyperbole” was political in nature.

U.S. sued over sonic search for resources that harms sea life

WASHINGTON — A coalition of environmental groups is suing the Trump administration for granting permits to seismic-mapping companies that allow them to harass and harm marine animals while blasting deafening sounds under the Atlantic Ocean in search of oil and gas deposits.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in a federal court in Charleston, S.C., claims that the National Marine

Fisheries Services, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, violated several federal laws that protect animals when it issued “incidental take” permits to five companies that submitted applications to carry out the seismic surveys.

Every Eastern governor south of Maine has opposed the proposal, part of an offshore energy resource management plan.



Space mystery: In this image from video, Oleg Kononenko of Russia inspects a capsule docked to the International Space Station on Tuesday. Crew members are seeking clues to a mysterious hole that leaked cabin air four months ago before it was patched.

Trump administration offers major rollback of water rules

WASHINGTON — Cabinet chiefs and GOP lawmakers celebrated alongside farm and business leaders Tuesday as the Trump administration made good on one of its biggest promised environmental rollbacks, proposing to lift federal protections for thousands of waterways and wetlands nationwide.

Environmental groups called the proposed overhaul a grave assault on the aims of the 1972 Clean Water Act, the foundational U.S. water protection law. Administration supporters praised President

Donald Trump for knocking back what they said was federal overreach.

Environmental groups said the Trump administration proposal would have a sweeping impact on how the country safeguards the nation’s waterways, scaling back not just a 2015 Obama administration interpretation of federal jurisdiction but also how federal agencies enforce the Clean Water Act.

The Trump administration would withdraw federal protections for wetlands nationally unless they are connected to another federally protected water-

way, and generally for streams, creeks, washes, ditches and ponds that exist only during and immediately after a rain.

Environmental groups say the kind of isolated wetlands, rain-fed streams and often dry washes that would lose federal protections also help buffer communities from the worsening impact of drought, floods and hurricanes under climate change.

The rules now go up for public comment, ahead of any final adoption by the Trump administration. Environmental groups promise legal challenges.

Yemen’s warring sides said to OK prisoner swap

RIMBO, Sweden — Both sides in Yemen’s civil war agreed Tuesday to exchange more than 15,000 prisoners by Jan. 20, a member of the rebel delegation said, in what could be the first major breakthrough in the 4-year-old conflict that has killed thousands of people.

Delegations from the internationally recognized government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and Iran-backed Shiite rebels said at news conferences in Sweden that they have exchanged prisoner lists.

The move is a crucial step in implementing an agreement reached earlier

this month on the exchange of all prisoners.

The government said it has provided U.N. mediators with an initial list of 8,200 prisoners allegedly held by the rebels, known as Houthis. The rebel delegation said it provided a list of 7,400 prisoners held by the government.

Judge: U.S. needs to give more details on Manafort

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Tuesday said prosecutors working for special counsel Robert Mueller must offer more details about the lies they claim former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort has told them, even as defense attorneys said they might not contest that Manafort broke his plea deal.

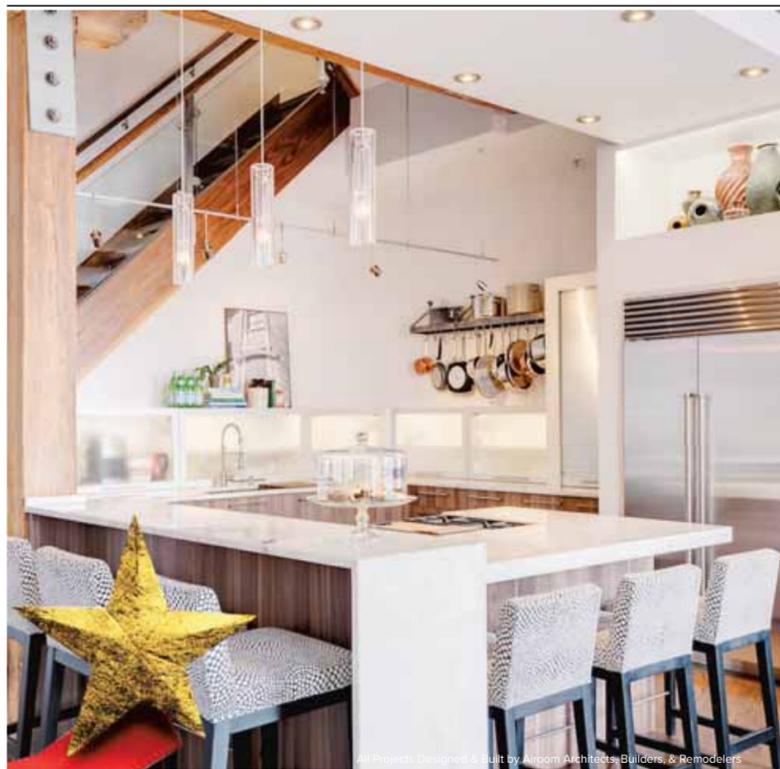
Prosecutors redacted much of a court filing Friday from public view. U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson told prosecutors Tuesday that the filing did not provide enough information for her to determine that Manafort has breached the plea deal that requires him to fully cooperate with prosecutors.

Meanwhile, lawyers for Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump’s former national security adviser, asked a judge to spare him prison time in a sentencing memorandum.

U.S.-Pakistan: The Trump administration on Tuesday placed Pakistan on its annual list of worst offenders for nations that it says infringe on religious freedom.

Pakistan had previously been on a special watch list for religious freedom. The downgrade means that Pakistan could be hit with U.S. sanctions.

Ex-USC gynecologist: Detectives were trying to determine whether nude photographs linked to Dr. George Tyndall show any of the hundreds of women who allege he sexually harassed or abused them during exams. Police found the photos, apparently taken in a medical exam room, in a storage facility Tyndall rented.



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EDITORIALS

Time's salute to tellers of truth under attack

All journalists enjoy getting recognition for their work. But by nature and tradition, they'd much rather *tell* the story than *be* the story.

What motivates reporters, from Maryland to Myanmar, is not the desire for fame. It's the hunger to break news, explain the world and hold the powerful accountable. A savvy reporter, if asked theoretically to choose between writing a Time magazine cover story and appearing on the cover, would surely pick the former. Why would a journalist ever get that spotlight? More likely than not due to some kind of bad news.

Alas, it is so. Time's 2018 Person of the Year, revealed Tuesday, is a small group of intrepid journalists from around the world lauded in a cover story titled "The Guardians and the War on Truth." Six of the guardians are dead. Two are in jail in Myanmar. One faces charges in the Philippines.

Journalists in many countries without guaranteed press freedom must take risks to report news that is critical

of the government. In America, where the Constitution provides protections, anger and disdain toward the news media permeate hyperpartisan discourse. President Donald Trump has deemed pesky reporter types to be enemies of the people. Such inflammatory rhetoric, if taken to an extreme here or abroad, is dangerous.

Yet as much as Time's story is focused on tragedy and injustice, it's also a defiant, affirming tale that shows reporters are tenacious souls. Their commitment to news is an occupational trait and occupational hazard. Journalists chase the truth the way first responders chase fires. A few hours after the shooting massacre at Maryland's Capital Gazette last June in which five people were killed, colleague Chase Cook, a reporter, declared in a tweet: "I can tell you this: We are putting out a damn paper tomorrow." Journalists in any country would recognize that call to arms. And yes, the

Gazette did publish the next morning.

Time gave the staff of the Gazette its Person of the Year honor along with murdered Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi; Philippine journalist Maria Ressa, who faces tax fraud charges after her aggressive reporting on the government; and Reuters journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, who were imprisoned in Myanmar after reporting on alleged genocide against the Rohingya Muslims. The inclusion of the Gazette staff is personal to us because it's a sister publication to the Chicago Tribune. The five Gazette employees killed by a gunman who allegedly held a grudge against the newspaper were Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiasen, Wendi Winters, Rebecca Smith and John McNamara.

Part of Time's purpose in honoring journalists is to highlight the jarring irony of assaults on the truth in the age of information: "This ought to be a time when democracy leaps forward, an informed citizenry being essential to

self-government. Instead it's in retreat."

A true though rather dour assessment of the digital age. Social media can be a great equalizer between the public and the powerful. Tweets from the streets can galvanize opposition to a dictator overnight. But the dictatorial don't give up without fighting back, and the internet doesn't take sides. Facebook and the like are merely tools available to all, for better and worse, in pursuit of facts or fictions.

What can make a difference, Time submits, is the work of journalists dedicated to fair, diligently reported news and analysis. For journalists to be recognized, and remembered, is an honor. Many people in our profession were pleased to get the support, humbled by a moment in the limelight. Employees of our parent company, Tribune Publishing, paused Tuesday to reflect anew on the loss of our Gazette colleagues.

And then we all went back to work.



TIME

It only seems like you got all 5.1 billion robocalls

"Two years from now, spam will be solved."

— *Bill Gates, then chairman of Microsoft Corp., assuring World Economic Forum participants in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan. 23, 2004, that software engineers would find ways to eliminate spam emails by 2006.*

Bill Gates' unfulfilled promise pops to mind with each day's emailed offers of a deal on diodes from Taiwan, or a share of an inheritance in Ghana.

Fifteen years after the software wunderkind violated what should have been Machiavelli's rule of prophecy — Predict only that which already has occurred — the robocall menace stalks virtually every one of us. So we were alarmed if not surprised

to read the Tribune's Business story reporting that during November, 5.1 billion robocalls were sprayed at Americans. That's nearly 2,000 per second. Some 164 million of those calls targeted Chicagoans, and no, you didn't receive all or even half of them.

The news story reported efforts by Illinois' Lisa Madigan and 37 other attorneys general to give Americans "simple ways to avoid annoying and invasive robocalls." The AGs' coalition has met with several major telecom companies and pushed the carriers to "quickly develop and implement technology" that would identify and block robocalls.

Attorney General Madigan, our heart bleeds for you and the well-intentioned 37. For as many years as you've been attorney

general (almost 16), we've been cataloging pledges that this or that initiative would diminish annoying and invasive contacts from scammers, spammers, cold callers, robocallers and pretend widows in London who want to share the loot with an accomplice in Chicago.

So far, we've seen nothing from these efforts but failure, failure, failure. And no wonder. The ingenuity of those who annoy and invade is thus far boundless. The number of fraudulent calls has skyrocketed with the perfection of spoofing, in which robocallers hijack your area code or local prefix so you'll think this might be the pharmacist calling, when in fact it's Andrei in Budapest.

The worst of the robocallers prey on people, particularly older people, with special avarice at this time of year: *In the spirit of (insert holiday here), surely you'll want to help the little ones by making a donation to our cause ...*

The Federal Trade Commission calculates that the average victim of phone frauds last year lost an average of \$700. The Federal Communications Commission keeps threatening to make a difference. Yet the number of robocalls continues to rise.

We hope the attorneys general succeed where other public officials have failed. Much as we hope that the humans behind robocalling will reform and stop phoning.

In each case we'll applaud success when we hear it. Or rather, when we don't.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Multiple American states and five major countries — Denmark, France, Hungary, Mexico and Chile — have experimented with taxes on soft drinks or sugar. Not one of them has seen a material impact on their rate of obesity, which continues to climb across the Western world. Soft drink consumption in France was 4.2 percent higher in 2015 than it was right before its tax was introduced, a significant increase even when adjusted for changes in France's population. In Mexico, Nielsen sales data showed that over a two-year period since the introduction of a sugar tax, soda consumption fell by just 182 liters in the entire country, across a population of over 120 million people. ... We now know that the soft drink industry in Mexico has rebounded, and the regressive tax has only served to take money out of the pockets of poorer Mexicans to line the state's coffers. So much for a tax "out of love." ...

Perversely, we also know that taxing sugary foods and drink only pushes comfort food seekers to non-sugary alternatives that are just as bad or worse, including savory fatty foods and alcoholic beverages. All sugar taxes do is punish working consumers seeking a treat or some relief at the end of a long week. But that isn't going to stop the international public health bureaucracy from demanding them.
Satya Marar, RealClearPolicy

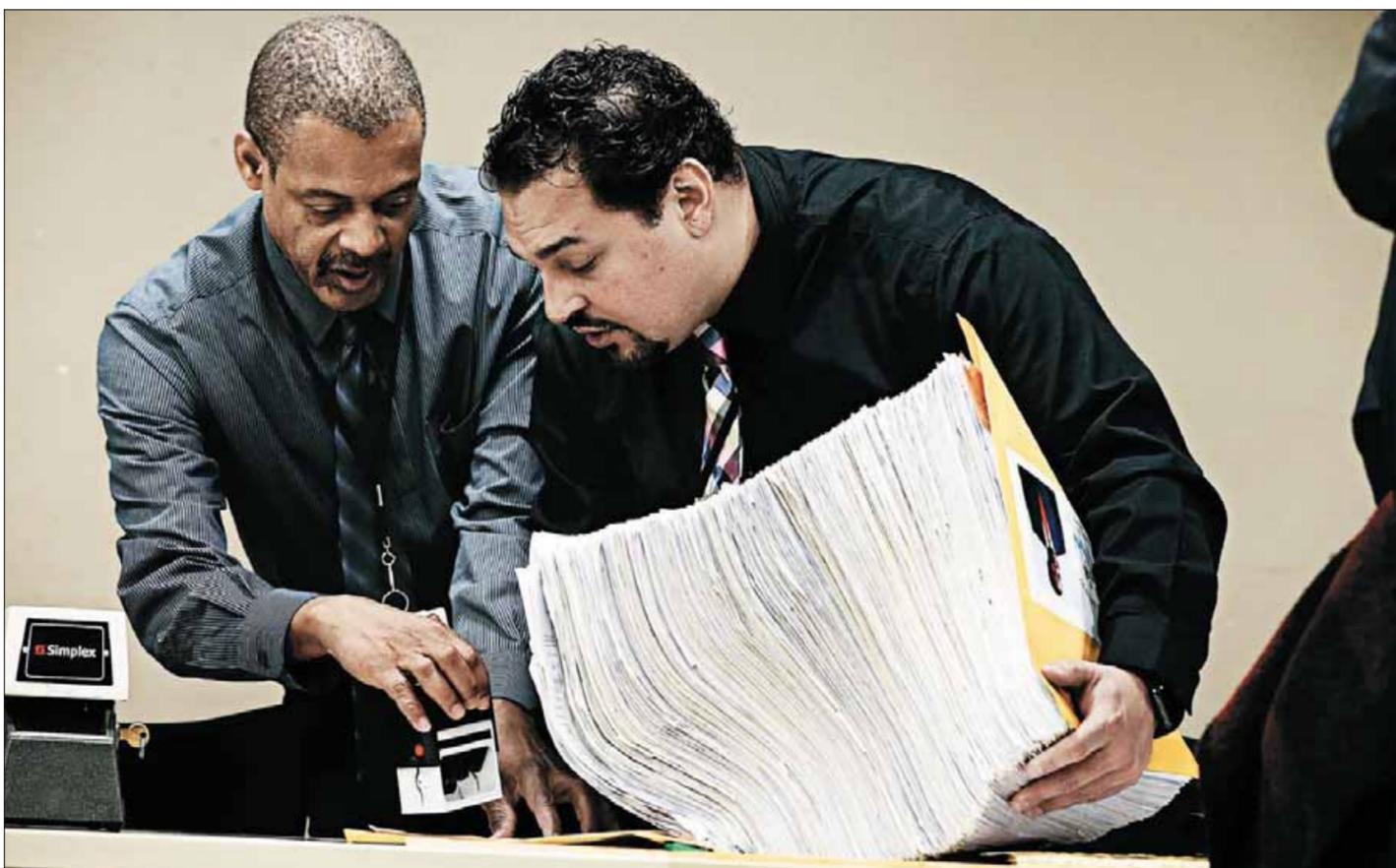
In an effort to cope with the stressful task of fetching coffee for demanding staffers, Fox News intern Hattie Butler reportedly told herself Friday that this would all pay off when she was named President Trump's secretary of state one day. ... "Not just anyone can keep a cool head while trying to remember who takes their coffee half-caff and who gets three pumps of vanilla syrup with just a splash of soy milk," said the 23-year-old college graduate, "but if I keep at it, I can really see this unpaid internship helping me get my foot in the door at the U.S. State Department."
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PERSPECTIVE



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Workers process a stack of petitions turned in by mayoral candidate Willie Wilson last month at the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

Limiting our right to sign candidate petitions is beyond ridiculous



ERIC ZORN

It's ridiculous that Illinois law says a registered Chicago voter has only one valid signature to affix to a mayoral nominating petition.

During the signature-gathering period, when more than 20 mayoral hopefuls and their representatives were out trying to gather the necessary 12,500 valid signatures needed to earn a spot on the Feb. 26 ballot, many Chicagoans were approached multiple times by operatives bearing clipboards.

My sense is that most people who aren't in a terrible hurry (or who, like me, don't sign political petitions for professional reasons) go ahead and sign. Maybe because they know the candidate's reputation and positions on the issues and wish to lend their support; maybe because they're of a the-more-the-merrier mindset when it comes to names on the ballot;

or maybe because they don't want to be rude.

And in talking to people, I find that most of those who signed mayoral petitions this last time around had no idea that they were supposed to sign for only one candidate.

That limit is ridiculous because a signature on a nominating petition is not a vote. Candidates acquire them before the serious campaign has begun, before debates have been held and even before the field of candidates is set.

In this cycle, hopefuls started collecting signatures in late August, before incumbent Rahm Emanuel announced he would not seek re-election; before Toni Preckwinkle, Susana Mendoza, Gery Chico, Bill Daley and other political heavyweights had announced their mayoral bids; and while Chuy Garcia, Lisa Madigan and Chance the Rapper were still rumored to be considering running. Then two weeks before the Nov. 26 filing deadline, Chicago principals association President Troy LaRaviere dropped out, saying he'd been unable to muster enough signatures.

The limit, which does not

apply in party primary races, is ridiculous because the vast majority of us want to have choices when the precinct worker hands us our ballot on Election Day. Most of us want to see more than one candidate for mayor — we want to hear a variety of serious voices offering serious proposals to deal with the serious problems the city faces.

The clash of ideas is integral to the functioning of democracy, and a one-signature limit for signing nominating petitions serves to thwart and avert that clash.

A signature on a nominating petition says, "I honor the effort that you're putting out to run for this office, and accordingly I'd like to hear more from and about you during campaign season."

It does not say "You, and only you, are the candidate for me."

Election officials are right to have a process that filters whimsical, deluded narcissists off the ballot while reserving spots for legitimate candidates who will actually campaign. Demanding that candidates mount successful petition drives and follow the per-

snickety rules about how to submit such petitions, as we do, is one way to have such a filter.

But charging filing fees instead — sometimes prorated as a percentage of a prospective candidate's annual income — as allowed in more than half of states is another way. And if we use our imaginations we can think of other ways, perhaps using modern technology, for making sure ballots are of manageable length.

The goal ought to be avoiding the cynical frenzy we're now seeing as lawyers and hearing officers use increasingly sophisticated technology to pore over the filings of 11 of the 21 candidates who submitted petitions. The process could theoretically knock perfectly viable, robust, well-known candidates off the ballot.

And here's what's really ridiculous: That only-the-first-signature-counts rule? The one that probably constrained some voters from signing second and third petitions? The one that might have you worried that the signature you want most to count won't be

counted?

It turns out there's no easy way to enforce it!

Nominating petitions are not required to have a box for the voter to enter the date, and the date that petition sheets are notarized does not necessarily reflect the date on which the signatures were collected.

Therefore, said Chicago Board of Election Commissioners spokesman James Allen, the only way to determine which petition an individual voter signed first is to track down that voter, put him or her under oath and secure either testimony or a signed affidavit declaring whose petition he or she signed first. And, really, who honestly remembers such things in chronological order?

The time and expense necessary to attempt to eliminate just one voter's duplicate signatures is prohibitive given the scale of the overall task.

So we're left having our election processes infected by an unenforceable affront to democracy. How very Illinois of us.

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Law vs. morality in the Trump campaign-finance flap



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Let's imagine that President Donald Trump gave a White House news conference in the nude. "As you can see," he might say, paraphrasing the semi-apocryphal quip Winston Churchill made when President Franklin Roosevelt accidentally encountered him emerging from a hot bath in the White House, disrobed. "I have nothing to hide from the American people."

In the District of Columbia, public indecency of this sort is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 and up to 90 days in jail. Yet few people would immediately defend the president's behavior as nothing more than a minor legal faux pas. (Save, perhaps, the vice president, who might applaud such presidential transparency.)

This kind of violation of norms and decency would have the Cabinet scrambling to invoke the 25th Amendment. Even the Republican House Freedom Caucus would talk openly about impeachment, because the public would have lost faith and confi-



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President Donald Trump is facing intense legal scrutiny.

dence in the president almost as quickly as it would if he had stood in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shot someone.

Meanwhile, in the real world, the president stands credibly accused of violating far more serious laws than misdemeanor public indecency. In filings last week, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York told a judge that the president abetted campaign finance violations — felonies that come with a maximum prison sentence of five years.

But the reaction to these accusations, from both his defenders and his critics, is a fog of legalisms. The only difference between the two sides is whether

or not the alleged illegalities are grave or trivial.

The real issue should be whether or not the president has violated the public trust, a concept that covers far more than squabbling between lawyers.

In Alexander Solzhenitsyn's legendary 1978 commencement address at Harvard, he lamented how in the West, law had replaced higher notions of morality.

"Any conflict is solved according to the letter of the law and this is considered to be the supreme solution," he observed. "If one is right from a legal point of view, nothing more is required. Nobody will mention that one could still not be entirely right, and urge self-restraint, a willingness to

renounce such legal rights, sacrifice and selfless risk. It would sound simply absurd."

This is a point that conservatives once understood. Here is Franklin Graham, the son of Billy Graham, writing about Bill Clinton in *The Wall Street Journal* in 1998: "If he will lie to or mislead his wife and daughter, those with whom he is most intimate, what will prevent him from doing the same to the American public?"

Graham added: "The private acts of any person are never done in secret. God sees and judges all sin, and while he seeks to restore the offender with love and grace, he does not necessarily remove all the consequences of our sin."

In May, when weighing in on the allegations of infidelity against Trump, Graham completely reversed his stance on the topic of private versus public behavior. "That's for him and his wife to deal with," he told *The Associated Press*. "And I think this thing with Stormy Daniels and so forth is nobody's business."

The point here isn't hypocrisy, though there's plenty of that going around. Before the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Clinton's defenders considered his past sexual behavior "old news." After the revelations, they insisted that perjury about sex was no big deal. Now, many of those same people are arguing that illegal cover-ups

of affairs are grounds for impeachment.

It's not quite an apples-to-apples comparison, but that's irrelevant. The point is that we've lost the ability to speak clearly across partisan lines about basic notions of decency and morality.

The debate over impeachment highlights the problem. A president can be impeached for any reason Congress sees fit. It's a political tool for sanctioning a president who violates the public trust. The rules of criminal procedure are only relevant, if at all, procedurally. Instead, they are used as a substitute for moral or civic judgment.

I am not arguing for impeaching Trump based on what we know now. The precedent of Clinton's impeachment (but acquittal in the Senate) demonstrates, among other things, that politically you need more than this for a binding national consensus.

I am arguing that we've lost anything remotely like a moral consensus in this country because legalism has crowded out morality. That's the naked truth.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey's failure to note the plight of Rohingya Muslims has not gone over well with more globally aware observers.

Why did Twitter's CEO ignore genocide on trip to Myanmar?

BY MOLLY ROBERTS

The aim of the vipassana meditation practice, according to Twitter Chief Executive Jack Dorsey, is to “know thyself.” There’s no telling whether he succeeded during his 10 days of silence in Myanmar — but even if Dorsey knows himself, he appears to know far less about what’s going on around him.

Dorsey on Saturday told his followers about his birthday retreat in the “absolutely beautiful country,” where he spent every day meditating from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. with “breaks for breakfast, lunch and walking.”

He mentioned variations in his heart rate, which he monitored throughout on his Apple Watch. He mentioned turning to the music of his “favorite poet,” Kendrick Lamar, after his silence ended. He even mentioned exactly how many times he was bitten by mosquitoes during a 10-minute period (17, apparently).

He did not mention the hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims who have fled from Myanmar in the past year amid a state-sponsored ethnic cleansing campaign.

Dorsey’s omission hasn’t gone over well with more internationally aware observers. But it shouldn’t take any expertise in global affairs to be aware of a modern-day genocide — especially if you’re traveling to the country where that genocide has occurred, and especially if you run one of the world’s largest social media companies.

That last point is important: Facebook’s failure to properly police its platform as members of the Myanmar military systematically spread hatred from page to page, mobilizing the country’s citizenry against

the Rohingya minority, is a lesson in what can happen when companies with immense power fail to take responsibility.

A person familiar with the trip says Dorsey was in Myanmar for a personal holiday, not for business. And Twitter is no Facebook in Myanmar — or anywhere else where Mark Zuckerberg’s platform essentially functions as the entire internet. But Dorsey faces the same challenges as his Menlo Park, Calif., counterpart when it comes to thinking through the ways the online world spills over into offline life.

That task is tough from a distance. When Recode’s Kara Swisher asked Zuckerberg — in an interview that became infamous for the CEO’s insistence that Holocaust deniers weren’t intentionally getting the facts wrong — whether he felt responsible for the deaths in Myanmar, he didn’t answer the question directly. When she pushed, saying she wanted to “know how you felt,” Zuckerberg deflected again.

Zuckerberg was able to discuss scaling up investment in employees who speak Burmese, and building AI tools, and making “sure that the good is amplified” while doing “everything we can to mitigate the bad.” He was not, at least as far as any reasonable listener could tell, able really to feel for those whose towns were burned and whose loved ones were killed. At least he might plead that he was 7,000 miles away.

Dorsey, on the other hand, was literally on the ground in Myanmar — and still he missed what, at this point in history, is the single most pressing reality about the country. He and Zuckerberg are two very different people with two very different approaches. But, one way or another, they both managed to maintain a distance from real people. For Zuckerberg, Myanmar

was a systems engineering problem. For Dorsey, it was a vehicle for self-exploration.

Of course, stepping back from a multi-billion-dollar company to take a wider view isn’t easy. Zuckerberg’s great American “listening tour” of 2017, which involved questionably candid photos of him sitting in diners or on big red tractors, was roundly criticized as a self-serving stunt from a presidential hopeful determined to look a little less robotic. And while Zuckerberg was petting livestock, his company was slow-walking a response to Russian election interference and hiring PR firms to smear George Soros.

It’s probably almost impossible for one man, or woman, to understand what’s going on inside a company of Facebook’s scale — while also fully understanding what’s going on outside. Perhaps that’s an indictment of the founder-driven model most Silicon Valley success stories have followed. But the Zuckerbergs and Dorseys of the world still seem to believe they can do it all.

“How do I stop suffering?” Dorsey says it is this question that, “through rigorous scientific self-experimentation,” Gautama Buddha sought to answer 2,500 years ago. You can parse this two ways. One: I am suffering. How do I stop? And two: There is suffering. How do I stop it? Dorsey has every right to examine the first of these quandaries, but given his role in society, there is no excuse for him to be so obtuse about the second.

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Jane Byrne interchange

Mary Wisniewski’s column in the Tribune, (“Jane Byrne Project: Four Years to Go,” Dec. 10) is distressing for the tens of thousands of people who use this interchange on a daily basis. The column states the projected completion date has moved from 2019 to 2022. In the private sector, a targeted completion missed by that much would result in high-level terminations. Who is accountable and what is being done to shorten the remaining time involved? There seems to be so little sense of urgency!

Drivers have plenty of time to view the lack of activity as they sit in long lines of traffic. Why not more work being done simultaneously? Why not more people working on this project, and more shifts? The easy answer for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is just to extend the projects total time to completion by 60 percent. Well, it’s not for the people who use this interchange on a daily basis. New IDOT leadership is needed on this project to assure a much earlier completion than now projected, and the Tribune should continue to follow this story to help assure that happens.

— Jack Higgins, Oak Brook

Stop suburban sprawl

Erin Hegarty’s article (“New homes, church proposed for Wagner Farms land get initial OK from Naperville plan commission,” Dec. 6) in the Naperville Sun raises concerns about the planned Naperville development that are broadly relevant for the entire region. At issue: how do we build resilient communities that promote health and reduce our contribution to climate change? In short, the answer is not to continue the suburban sprawl that has dominated for the last 70 years. We need to shift to developments that minimize energy and water use, enhance walkability and public transit, eliminate chemical-intensive landscaping, support the electrification of transportation, and preserve natural areas that provide habitat for wildlife.

The planned development for Wagner Farms appears to entirely miss the mark. There is no plan for parkland, despite an opportunity to link parks north and south of the property. There also appears to be insufficient attention given to potential flooding from storms that are expected to increase in intensity in the coming years. Finally, concerns expressed by the community about worsening of traffic are not adequately addressed because this plan merely creates more sprawl.

We have to do better. As a city and as a region, we need to reinvent suburban development to build the resilient, health-promoting neighborhoods of the future.

— Robert M. Sargis, Naperville

Assessing the Sterigenics risk

I know nothing about the pros and cons regarding the emissions from the Sterigenics operation and the possible effects on the surrounding Willowbrook area. But worries about health threats are running very high. If the facility has been operating there for many years, wouldn’t it be possible to survey actual cancer rates among current and former employees to discover what present-day and future risks are likely to be?

— William Murray, Palatine

Action needed on climate change

Thanks for printing the excellent article by Katherine Hayhoe, (“Five Myths about Climate Change” Dec. 9). She does a good job of showing how really urgent the problem is.

Tonight I am reading about how President Donald Trump is allying with Saudi Arabia and Russia to do everything they can to ruin our planet. Of all Trump’s crimes, his climate policy is the one that will do the most damage.

We desperately need strong action on climate. This could begin with the bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act introduced in the House this month by both Democrats and Republicans.

— Doug Burke, Oak Park

Partisan power plays

Democracy in America appears to be on life support these days. After Donald Trump won the 2016 presidential election with nearly 3 million fewer votes than Hillary Clinton, he and his fellow Republicans threw that “victory” back in the faces of Democrats, taunting them by saying, “You lost, get over it!” Now in Wisconsin, and maybe in two other states, during the lame duck period, Republican legislatures are limiting the powers of incoming Democratic governors. Wow ... how democratic of the GOP! Republicans will stop at nothing to grab and maintain power over this country regardless of what the people want.

— Judy Weik, Oak Park

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The centrists are alive and kicking — and ready for 2020

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

“During an appearance on ABC’s ‘The View,’” *The Washington Post* reported Monday, “(former New York Mayor Michael) Bloomberg offered nothing definite about whether he plans to run, saying he will think more seriously about it early in the new year. But his comments appeared to be an effort to distinguish himself from some of the more-liberal members of his party eyeing a presidential bid. “I think most Democrats want a middle-of-the-road strategy,” Bloomberg said, after being asked whether he could navigate the Democratic nominating contests, which tend to draw the party’s more-liberal members. “They want to make progress, but they’re not willing to go and to push something that has no chance of ever getting done and wasting all their energy on that.”

Well, if you believe it is essential for President Donald Trump to be defeated in 2020 (if he is still in office) and further believe that a far-left Democratic nominee would make that task infinitely harder, you should hope Bloomberg is right.

Conventional wisdom has said for years now that progressives are in the dominant position in the party, pointing to the energy behind the presidential campaign of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., the emergence of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., as a major force in the party and the move by a batch of Democrats in the Senate to embrace single-payer or Medicare-for-all health care.

Still, Sanders didn’t win, Warren has come in for her share of criticism and many Democrats didn’t follow Sanders in embracing Medicare-for-all, which is expensive (just how expensive is a matter

of some fierce debate) and, at this point, not politically viable.

It was a rough election for progressives, after losses in the Georgia and Florida gubernatorial races and failing to flip a single Republican-held seat with a Sanders-approved super-progressive. Moderate Democrats, meanwhile, flipped a slew of Republican-held seats in the suburbs, picked up Senate seats in Nevada and Arizona, and won governor races in Michigan and Kansas.

Moreover, when you look at foreign policy, most Democrats these days don’t sound like left-wing doves. They want to get tough on Russia, stand up for human rights, bolster NATO and re-establish U.S. leadership in the world.

Contrary to Trump’s specious claim, no elected Democrat is advocating “open borders”; they are begging the president to accept more than a billion dollars for border security in exchange for relief for beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

It’s mainstream Democrats these days who are defending the integrity of law enforcement and the professionalism of our intelligence community. It’s Democrats who are manning the barricades in defense of the rule of law and imploring courts to enforce the plain meaning of the Constitution when it comes to appointments and emoluments. The party as a whole sounds more originalist than the self-proclaimed originalists on the right.

Now, you say, this might all be a temporary tactic simply to defeat Trump. That’s entirely possible, but for now, the most successful candidates in 2018 generally chose a centrist message.

Don’t get me wrong: There’s a lot of energy on the left of the Democratic Party,

but if Bloomberg runs, he likely won’t be the only middle-of-the-road contender. Former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and other pragmatic Democrats are just a few of the moderates getting attention as potential candidates.

It’s noteworthy, if not downright amusing, that progressives have taken to attacking Rep. Beto O’Rourke, D-Texas, as insufficiently progressive because, among other things, he didn’t want to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement or embrace Medicare-for-all. O’Rourke is plenty liberal but should send the Sanders troops a fruit basket for casting him as something other than a doctrinaire progressive.

The New York Times reports, “Like Mr. Obama as he entered the 2008 campaign, Mr. O’Rourke can be difficult to place on an ideological spectrum, allowing supporters to project their own politics onto a messaging palette of national unity and common ground — and concerning some activists on the left who worry that voters are valuing the wrong qualities.”

Whether O’Rourke is the Goldilocks candidate — not too progressive, but progressive enough — remains to be seen. Democrats, however, would be wise to heed former FBI Director James Comey, who conceded that Democrats will have plenty of ideological arguments, but “they have to win.” If that means picking a less dreamy candidate over a darling of the party’s far left, there shouldn’t be much question as to which way to go.

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RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

National Louis buys property downtown

Michigan Avenue building will be used for culinary, hospitality classes

National Louis University has paid more than \$15 million for a Michigan Avenue building where it will move its culinary and hospitality students, after buying Kendall College earlier this year.

National Louis last week bought the Gage Building, at 18-28 S. Michigan Ave., from Roosevelt University, the schools said.

They did not provide a purchase price, which also could not be determined from Cook County property records.

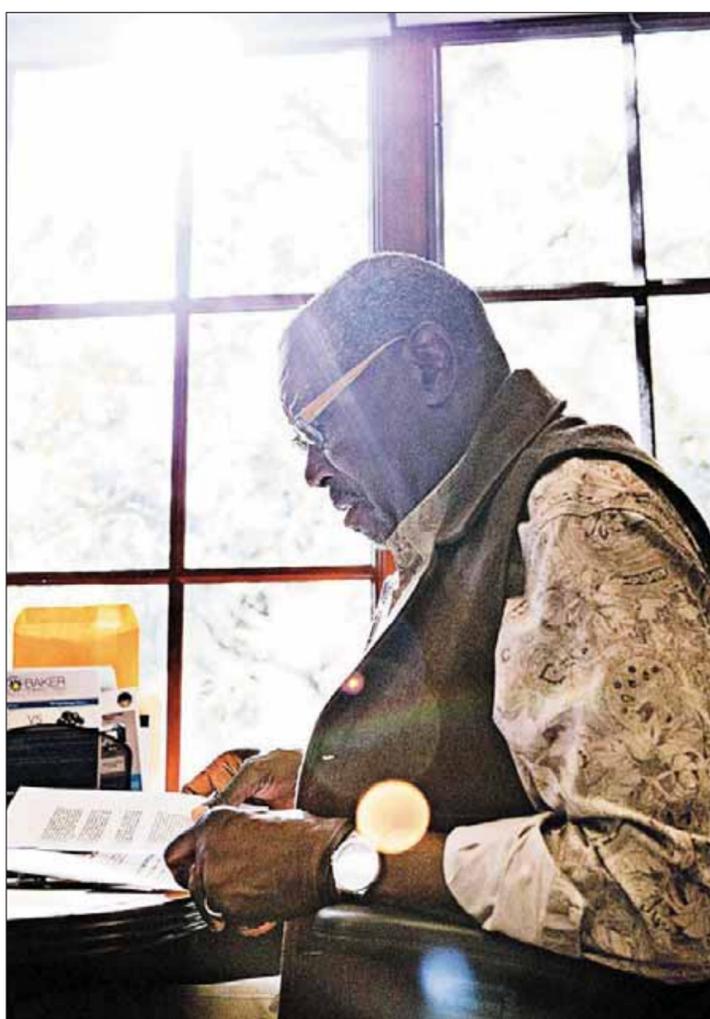
The price was more than \$15 million, according to someone familiar with the deal.

National Louis acquired about 126,000 of the Gage Building's total 207,000 square feet. Other portions of the 12-story building, including ground-floor restaurants The Gage and Acanto, are owned separately. National Louis' space will be on the first through eighth floors.

The deal comes about five months after National Louis completed its \$1 acquisition of Kendall College from previous parent company Laureate Education.

National Louis will move its Kendall College of Culinary Arts and Hospitality program to the Gage Building, from

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MICHAEL SHORT/BLOOMBERG

'If they don't want me on their team, I'll create my own.'

I can put a team together.'

Former Cubs manager Dusty Baker isn't at MLB's Winter Meetings this week in Las Vegas. Instead he's pursuing a very different prospect: solar power.

He founded Baker Energy Team four years ago, between managerial stints with the Reds and Nationals. "You don't see people like Dusty Baker, period, not just in the solar industry," says Germaine Nicole Gurr, a lawyer at Holland & Knight who works with him. Baker, she says, is looking at mentorships with historically black colleges, such as internships for engineering students. **Story, Page 3**

McDonald's vows to cut drugs in cows

Fast food giant wants to reduce antibiotics in beef supply by 2020

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

McDonald's on Tuesday announced steps to reduce the use of antibiotics in its global beef supply, a major commitment from the nation's largest beef purchaser to address concerns about a rise in drug-resistant infections.

The Chicago-based fast-food giant said it is partnering with beef producers in its top 10 beef-sourcing markets to measure current antibiotic use, and by the end of 2020 will establish reduction targets in those markets. The markets, which represent 85 percent of McDonald's beef supply

chain, will report progress starting in 2022, the company said.

"We believe this is an ambitious, industry-leading commitment that will help to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics for human and animal health in the future," spokeswoman Lauren Altman said.

Public health advocates hailed the announcement from McDonald's, whose size and influence have the potential to spark change across the beef industry.

"I think it's a promising step forward to preserve antibiotics," said Matthew Wellington, Antibiotics

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The practice of adding color to cheddar cheese started in England, says Elizabeth Chubbuck of Murray's Cheese.

Artificial dyes fading, but food to still have colors brightened

BY CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Many companies including McDonald's and Kellogg are purging artificial colors from their foods, but don't expect your cheeseburgers or cereal to look much different.

Colors send important signals about food, and companies aren't going to stop playing into those perceptions.

What's accepted as normal can change, too, and vary by region. Up until the 1980s, Americans expected pistachios to be red because they were mostly imported from places where the nuts were dyed to cover imperfections.

"People used to get all the coloring all over their fingers. We now kind of laugh at that," said Richard Matoian, executive director of the American Pistachio Growers, a trade association.

Now most pistachios sold in the U.S. are grown domestically and come in their naturally pale shells.

Americans, however, apparently aren't entirely ready to part with the technicolor pieces that float around in milk. After removing artificial colors from Trix, General Mills poured them back in last year to bring back a "classic" version in response to customer demand.

But it's not just processed and packaged foods that create illusions with colors.

Cheese: Boar's Head, Cabot, Kraft, Tillamook. Check the packages of most cheddar cheeses, and they'll likely list an ingredient called annatto, a plant extract commonly used for color.

The practice reaches back to when cheesemakers in England skimmed the butterfat from milk to make butter, according to Elizabeth Chubbuck of Murray's Cheese in New

York. The leftover milk was whiter, so cheesemakers added pigments to recreate butterfat's golden hue, she said.

Another cheese that sometimes gets cosmetic help: mozzarella.

Sara Burnett, director of food policy at Panera Bread, said mozzarella sometimes gets its bright white from titanium dioxide, a common ingredient derived from natural sources.

The whitening is done because most U.S.-made mozzarella starts with cow's milk, which can have yellow hues, said Cathy Strange, global cheese buyer at Whole Foods.

Egg yolks: Many home cooks think darker egg yolks are fresher or more nutritious. But the color may be the result of marigold petals, alfalfa or coloring products in chicken feed. Yolk color is primarily determined by the carotenoids — naturally occurring pigments in plants — that hens eat, according to Elizabeth Bobeck, a poultry nutrition professor at Iowa State University. It's easy to change yolk colors by simply altering hens' diet, she said.

Darker yolks aren't necessarily healthier, Bobeck said. The belief that they are is likely rooted in the idea that yolks are darker when hens are fed a diet of fresh plants, which contain the pigments.

Salmon: Bright pink flesh may signal freshness to shoppers eyeing salmon filets, which is why farmed salmon may have been fed synthetic astaxanthin, a version of a naturally occurring compound. The Food and Drug Administration notes that manufacturers have to declare on labeling if color additives were used for salmon. At Costco, farmed salmon is labeled with the disclosure "color added through feed."

House panel grills Google CEO on bias

Political views, plus breach and China dominate hearing

BY MARCY GORDON AND BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Questions on privacy, data collection, China, Russia — and especially political bias — dominated Google CEO Sundar Pichai's grilling before Congress Tuesday.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy opened the House Judiciary Committee hearing by noting a "widening gap of distrust" between tech companies and the American people. He asked whether tech companies are "serving as instruments of freedom or instruments of control" in the U.S. and beyond.

He also expressed concerns that Google's business practices may have been influenced by employees' political bias against conservatives.

The question of bias has dogged tech companies for years, but there has been no credible evidence that political leanings factor into Google's search algorithm.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York, the committee's top Democrat, called the notion of bias a "delusion" and a "right-wing conspiracy theory."

Nadler said Tuesday's hearing is the committee's fourth one to address political bias. Hinting at a new agenda under Democratic control next year, Nadler said lawmakers should instead examine issues such as the spread of misinformation and Russia's efforts



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Google CEO Sundar Pichai appears before a House committee to answer security and data collection questions.

to influence U.S. elections online.

Pichai reiterated the company's position that it has no plans "right now" to launch a censored search engine in China. If that changes,

Pichai promised to be "fully transparent" about the move. Pichai, who became CEO in 2015, has said that he wants Google to be in China

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Hertz using biometric scans to rent cars

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

Biometric screening is expanding to the rental car industry.

Hertz said Tuesday that it is teaming up with Clear, the maker of biometric screening kiosks found at many airports, in an effort to slash the time it takes to pick up a rental car. Clear hopes it will lead more travelers to its platform, which has 3 million members in the U.S.

It's the latest place con-

sumers will find biometric technology, which has migrated over the last 50 years from secure government facilities and banks to airports, stadiums and even smartphones that unlock with the touch a fingerprint. Hertz is the first rental car company to use the technology.

Improvements in cameras and other technology have made it cheaper to install scanners that can read fingerprints, faces and irises. More than 100 airports worldwide use bio-

metric readers from Clear, Vision-Box and other companies to scan passengers.

And the advancements will likely keep coming.

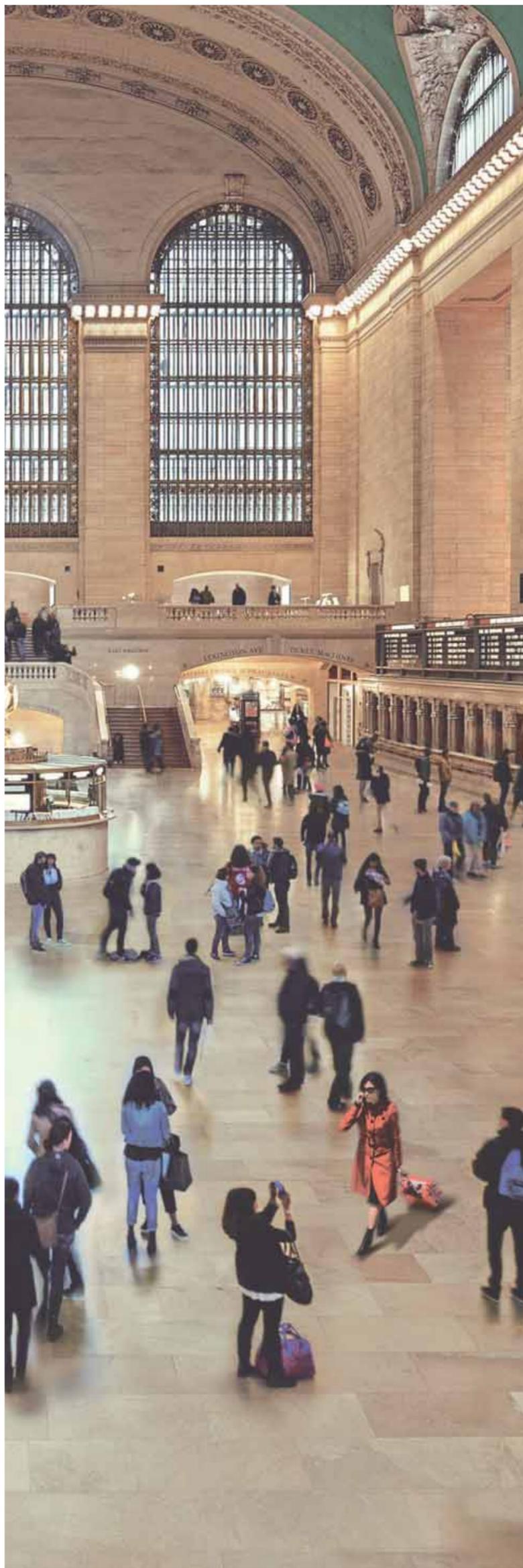
Microsoft is working with Australia's national bank on cardless ATM machines that would let people withdraw cash using a facial scan and personal identification number. Universities in London and Copenhagen have on-campus groceries that let students pay with their finger. Some laptops can now be unlocked with a fingerprint

scan.

Hertz with Clear launched their biometrics scans this week at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

It will be rolled out to 40 more U.S. Hertz locations next year, including John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.

The service is free for members of the Gold Plus Rewards program, which also has no fee.



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China detains former Canadian diplomat in apparent retaliation

By **JIM MORRIS, ROB GILLIES AND PAUL WISEMAN**
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — China has detained a former Canadian diplomat in Beijing in apparent retaliation for the jailing of a top Chinese executive at the request of the United States, escalating a legal and diplomatic wrangle between the three countries.

Relations were shaken by Canada's arrest of Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei and daughter of its founder. Canadian authorities detained Meng on Dec. 1 during a layover at the Vancouver airport. The U.S. accuses Huawei of violating American economic sanctions against Iran.

The Huawei case has threatened to complicate U.S.-China efforts to resolve

a trade dispute — though the two countries signaled Tuesday they are preparing to resume talks.

Heightening tension between China and Canada, Canadian Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale confirmed Tuesday that a former Canadian diplomat had been detained in Beijing. The detention came after China warned Canada of consequences for Meng's arrest.

"We're deeply concerned," Goodale said. "A Canadian is obviously in difficulty in China. We are sparing no effort to do everything we possibly can to look after his safety."

Michael Kovrig, who previously worked as a diplomat in Beijing, Hong Kong and the United Nations, was taken into custody Monday night during one of his regular visits to Beijing, according to a spokesman for International Crisis Group, where

Kovrig now works.

Canada had been bracing for retaliation for Meng's arrest. The Canadian province of British Columbia canceled a trade mission to China amid fears China could detain Canadians to put pressure on Ottawa over Meng's detention.

Former Canadian Liberal leader Bob Rae said it's clear why Kovrig was detained, declaring in a tweet: "It's called repression and retaliation."

In Vancouver, meanwhile, Meng appeared in court for a third day Tuesday as she sought release on bail.

Meng's lawyer, David Martin, said his team had worked through the night to satisfy concerns about the Chinese executive's potential release.

Martin said they contacted four people willing to put up money to guarantee that Meng won't flee. One is a real estate agent who met Meng in 2009 and sold two

properties to her and her husband. The man has pledged his home, valued at \$1.3 million, and says he understands he would lose it if Meng violated the conditions of her release.

Meng has denied the U.S. allegations through her lawyer in court, promising to fight them if she is extradited to face charges in the United States.

The U.S. and China have tried to keep Meng's case separate from their wider trade dispute and suggested Tuesday that talks to resolve their differences may resume.

The Chinese government said that its economy czar had discussed plans with U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer for talks aimed at settling the two countries' differences. Lighthizer's office confirmed that he had spoken by phone with Chinese Vice Premier Liu He.

FINDING ENERGY AWAY FROM THE FIELD

Dusty Baker — yes, that Dusty Baker — wants to harness the power of the sun

By **BRIAN ECKHOUSE**
Bloomberg News

It's a familiar sight for baseball fans: a grinning Dusty Baker leaning back in his office chair, a box of toothpicks within arm's reach, chewing over lineups and pitching changes.

But Baker isn't plotting double switches anymore, and he didn't plan to join the wheeling and dealing at Major League Baseball's Winter Meetings this week in Las Vegas. He's about 400 miles away pursuing a very different prospect: solar power.

The avuncular baseball legend, who played with Hank Aaron and managed the San Francisco Giants, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati Reds and Washington Nationals, now is competing in a new arena. His Baker Energy Team, a startup based outside Sacramento, Calif., is developing, pitching and working on large projects for historically black universities, cannabis growing operations, tribal reservations and commercial businesses. He's just come back from touring the site of a 15,000-square-foot estate in development that needs an energy plan.

Baker, 69, has been a major league Zelig. He was on deck when Aaron became baseball's all-time home-run leader, eclipsing Babe Ruth. He won a World Series in 1981 as an outfielder with the Dodgers and then managed four franchises to the postseason. The last two teams he managed, the Reds and the Nationals, fired him after playoff appearances.

"I figured if they don't want me on their team, I'll create my own," he says. "I can put a team together. That's why I named it the Baker Energy Team."

His business has thus far taken a different path than that of many industry stalwarts. Early solar innovators pursued vertical integration: They found residential customers, arranged financing and installed the panels. Big developers seek power-supply contracts with utilities and tech giants. But the Baker Energy Team is prioritizing large projects and partners that spring from a unique Rolodex — its founder's.

"You don't see people like Dusty Baker, period, not just in the solar industry," says Germaine Nicole Gurr, a lawyer at Holland & Knight who works with him. "In order to tap into the solar industry, it does require access to capital and contacts. Those tend to be areas where there are glass ceilings for minorities and women."

Baker, she says, is looking at mentorships with historically black colleges, such as internships for engineering students. He's also working to start a similar business in electricity-hungry parts of Africa.

So far, his U.S. company has completed about 2 megawatts of solar projects, equivalent to powering about 1,500 homes. But it has several hundred megawatts of projects in development and about \$200 million of proposed projects with one of its partners, Salt Energy Group. The Baker-Salt model: designing, owning and operating systems for companies under energy service agreements.

Baker Energy Team's products aren't limited to solar. Since he left the Nationals last year, he's expanded its offerings, which now include microgrids, battery and electric-vehicle charging stations and energy-management systems. "We don't assume solar makes sense," says Dustin O'Dell, the company's vice president of business development and strategic partners.



MICHAEL SHORT/BLOOMBERG

Baseball fixture Dusty Baker stands next to one of his solar panel arrays at his home in Roseville, Calif.

The company leases space in a stone and Spanish-tiled office building in Roseville, after initially being based out of Baker's home nearby ("I was like, 'Shoot, I'm never leaving my office.' I could be in my underwear until 4 p.m."). Today, it has five employees, five strategic advisers and about 10 independent sales representatives. Baker is aiming to turn a profit next year.

He founded Baker Energy Team four years ago, between managerial stints with the Reds and Nationals. He wasn't considering a second act in solar; he already had an upstart wine business. But he took up a longstanding offer to go pheasant hunting with an investment banker he had met in a Chicago hotel bar, which led him to clean-tech conferences in Newport Beach and Las Vegas. "There were no minorities, very few women," Baker says. "This is an opening for me."

Suddenly, he needed to learn about things like payroll taxes and workers' compensation. Baker came with some business experience. He had been a car salesman and did insurance at times. He lost some money in real estate. In the late 1980s, after his playing career, he was briefly a stockbroker before returning to baseball as a coach.

While with the Nationals, he juggled baseball and his energy business. "We got text messages at 2:30 a.m. from the tarmac and during rain delays," says John Ryan, a strategic adviser for Baker Energy Team.

As a coach and manager, Baker was in the middle of the organization chart. With his businesses, he's the boss. "The firings helped me see how tenacious it all is and how temporary it all is," he says.

So why is a man approaching 70 juggling wine and energy businesses? Baker says he can't wait around for a full-time baseball job to materialize: "That's definitely something I learned about losing these jobs: You still got to live."

Part of it is that he literally lives solar and wine. He designed his 4.75-acre home outside Sacramento with solar in mind. Panels flank "the barn" (a garage building with an adjoining carport) and he also mounted some behind his vineyard. In the evenings, he pinches and prunes his Syrah grapes and tends a garden that features elephant garlic, collard greens and kale.

But there may be something else. Inside Baker's house, he reminisces about mentors and friends, music and culture. He walks past uniforms from his career, photos of himself and the legends who preceded him and framed letters from baseball icons including George Steinbrenner and Tommy Lasorda. "My best life might have been when I was playing," Baker says. "But this is close."



FELIPE DANA/AP

A nurse stands outside the room as Paulina Balazova prepares to dress her newborn at a hospital in Trebisov, Slovakia.

Moms: Slovak hospital prisons

Four-day stays enforced to get more money

By **MARIA CHENG**
Associated Press

KEZMAROK, Slovakia — Monika Krcova did not want to follow the official guidelines and remain in the hospital in Slovakia for four days after her third baby's birth. And so she escaped.

Like many other Roma, she tells horror stories about giving birth in the hospital: How doctors at the Kezmarok hospital in eastern Slovakia slapped her face and legs repeatedly during the delivery of her first two children, screaming that she didn't know how to push properly.

How in the following days, she was subjected to racist taunts, and her postpartum pain was not treated.

Krcova knew that hospital staffers would stop her and her baby if she tried to leave after two days. So she waited until visiting hours, when the doors of the maternity ward were unlocked, and slipped away, alone.

Slovakia's Ministry of Health strongly recommends four-day stays for mothers and babies, regardless of their health.

But many hospitals — seeking insurance reimbursements — have turned

that guidance into a mandate. An investigation by The Associated Press has found that women and their newborns in Slovakia are routinely, unjustifiably and illegally detained in hospitals across the European Union country.

Women from the country's Roma minority, vulnerable to racist abuse and physical violence, suffer particularly. They're also often poor, and mothers who leave hospitals before doctors grant permission forfeit their right to a significant government childbirth allowance of several hundred euros.

When Krcova returned to pick up her infant a couple of days after she left, the hospital charged her \$23 — an illegal fine. "It felt like punishment," she said. "If you and your baby are healthy and you have to stay there, it's like prison."

In October, the AP reported that hospitals in more than 30 countries illegally hold patients when they cannot pay their bills, including in Kenya, Congo, India, the Philippines and Bolivia. While there are some differences, some experts say the situation in Slovakia — which also is seen to some extent in other eastern European countries like Bulgaria and the Czech Republic — amounts to hospital imprisonment.

"Detention in African

hospitals is about money, but in Slovakia, it's about power," said Zuzana Kriskova, a maternal rights activist. "Women are having their fundamental human rights violated when they have no freedom of movement and cannot decide how their child is to be treated."

In the U.S., the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says women with no delivery problems can be discharged with their babies after one to two days.

Britain recommends women and their infants stay for at least six hours after an uncomplicated birth, but they are free to leave at any time.

International human rights law prohibits the forced detention of a woman or her baby after she has given birth, as long as there is no imminent danger to anyone.

Slovak doctors, however, say babies must be kept in the hospital because numerous screening tests are needed. The Ministry of Health said they are considering shortening the required period of post-birth hospitalization to three days, but that new mothers "should follow the instructions of the attending physician" on issues including when they and their newborns are allowed to go home.

"I know of no medical evidence to justify what's

being done to women and their newborns in Slovakia," said Mindy Roseman, a global health and human rights expert at Yale Law School. "They're basically being kidnapped and unlawfully detained."

Hospitals and insurance play a central role. Several hospital staffers said institutions often only get reimbursed if mothers and babies stay for at least four days after delivery.

Dovera, Slovakia's biggest private health insurance provider, said it reimburses hospitals separately for mothers and newborns and that the minimum length of stay after childbirth for both is four days. It said mothers can leave earlier if they have a signed application approved by the hospital.

The situation weighs most heavily on Roma — also known, pejoratively, as Gypsies. Having suffered from discrimination across Europe for generations, they say they are treated abysmally by hospitals.

Numerous Roma women who fled hospitals told the AP they were tied up and beaten, shouted at, or ignored when they needed medical attention, including during birth. Some said there were often two women and babies squeezed into a single bed; others said the health care staff laughed at them, saying they were dirty and had too many children.

Citadel among firms fined over trading errors

By **MATT ROBINSON**
Bloomberg News

Citadel Securities and two other brokerages agreed to pay fines to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission claims that they filed incomplete and inaccurate securities trading information to the agency.

Chicago-based Citadel will pay \$3.5 million over violations stemming from incorrect reporting for nearly 80 million trades

from 2012 to 2016, the SEC said in a statement Monday. The deficiencies largely stemmed from an undetected coding error, the agency said.

MUFG Securities Americas separately agreed to pay \$1.4 million over deficiencies in reporting from 2015 to 2018. Natixis Securities Americas agreed to a \$1.25 million fine over violations from 2012 to 2017.

Banks are required to report data to the SEC on

time of trades, types of trades, volume traded and other customer-identifying information.

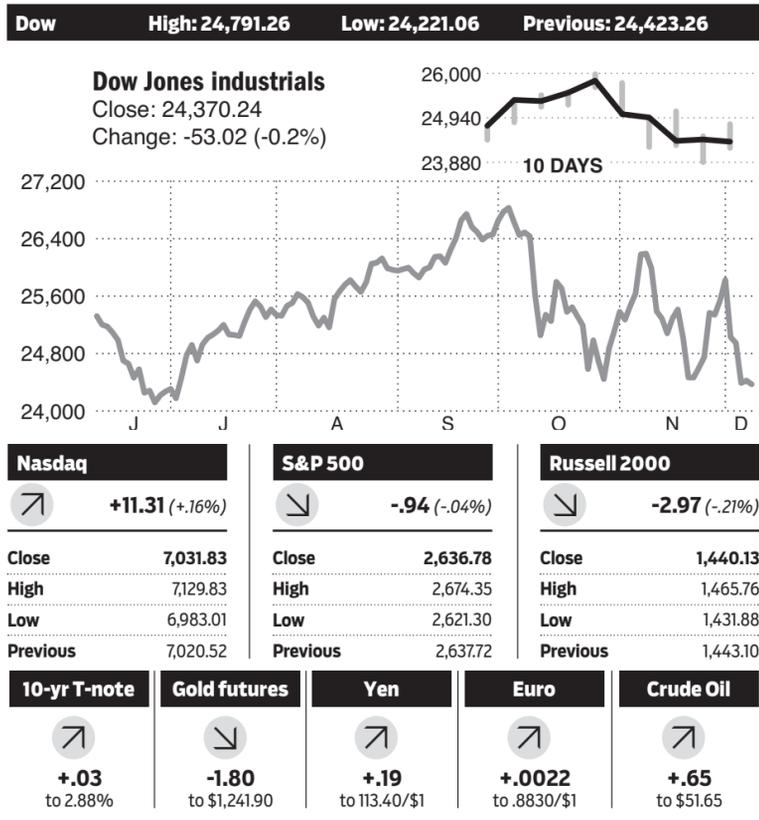
The SEC requires brokerages to submit complete and accurate trading data to help the agency carry out its regulatory and enforcement responsibilities. The data can help the regulator ferret out misconduct such as insider trading.

"Firms must be diligent and take seriously their obligations to provide accurate

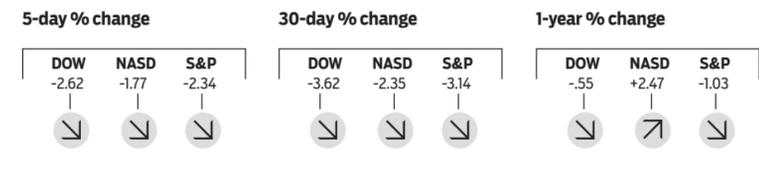
and complete data in response to our requests," the SEC said in its statement.

A spokesperson for MUFG Securities Americas said in an emailed statement that the company "has instituted new reporting controls and is fully committed to complying with regulatory requirements in every jurisdiction in which we operate." Attorneys for Citadel and Natixis didn't respond to messages seeking comment.

MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	511	511	509.75	509.75	-5
		Mar 19	525	529	517.50	521	-4.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	373.75	376.50	372.75	375	+7.5
		Mar 19	383.25	386	381.25	384.75	+7.5
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	907.75	917.25	906	915	+5.25
		Mar 19	921	930.25	919	928.25	+5.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	28.50	28.72	28.50	28.71	+1.9
		Jan 19	28.76	29.03	28.52	28.96	+2.0
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	307.90	309.70	307.20	308.90	+1.00
		Jan 19	309.70	312.90	309.00	310.90	+9.0
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	50.89	52.43	50.70	51.65	+6.5
		Feb 19	51.10	52.61	50.89	51.84	+6.4
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	4.507	4.587	4.348	4.407	-1.38
		Feb 19	4.313	4.395	4.210	4.258	-1.02
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.4232	1.4566	1.4158	1.4398	+0.209
		Feb 19	1.4239	1.4550	1.4149	1.4379	+0.189

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	71.84	+9.2	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	102.55	-0.7	Mondelez Intl	O	44.21	+2.8
AbbVie Inc	N	88.17	+5.6	Equity Residential	N	71.42	-0.9	Morningstar Inc	O	112.21	+6.3
Allstate Corp	N	82.49	-7.9	Exelon Corp	N	46.89	-1.1	Motorola Solutions	N	129.46	-1.4
Artgroup Inc	N	98.67	-0.4	First Indl RT	N	31.91	+2.7	NiSource Inc	N	27.50	+2.4
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.55	-0.4	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	41.75	-1.08	Nhrn Trust Cp	O	87.20	-1.00
Baxter Intl	N	66.19	+7.1	Gallagher AJ	N	74.92	+3.8	Old Republic	N	21.61	+1.8
Boeing Co	N	322.03	-4.32	Grainger WW	N	286.73	+1.42	Packaging Corp Am	N	93.14	+6.4
Brunswick Corp	N	49.15	+6.3	GrubHub Inc	N	80.92	+1.1	Paylocity Hldg	O	63.09	+3.5
CBOE Global Markets	N	103.38	-2.08	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	93.98	+1.5	Stericycle Inc	O	42.11	-2.0
CDK Global Inc	O	47.68	-3.3	IDEX Corp	N	133.54	-8.4	Teleph Data	N	34.40	+0.2
CDW Corp	O	90.79	+1.7	ITW	N	131.13	+4.7	TransUnion	N	60.93	-8.4
CF Industries	N	41.35	+0.2	Ingredion Inc	N	95.44	-1.02	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.21	+0.6
CME Group	O	189.51	-8.4	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	130.77	+6.7	US Foods Holding	N	31.82	+0.4
CNA Financial	N	43.64	-5.4	Kemper Corp	N	66.74	-9.9	USG Corp	N	43.04	+0.3
Caterpillar Inc	N	123.24	-1.5	Kraft Heinz Co	O	48.38	+1.1	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	247.86	-3.24
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.61	+2.0	LKQ Corporation	O	25.31	-3.2	United Contl Hldgs	O	88.14	-4.1
Deere Co	N	147.00	-0.3	Littelfuse Inc	O	170.62	-2.05	Ventas Inc	N	64.85	+0.6
Discover Fin Svcs	N	63.67	-1.07	MB Financial	O	41.05	-3.0	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	81.81	+6.5
Dover Corp	N	78.37	+1.7	McDonalds Corp	N	183.59	-1.06	Waltrust Financial	O	69.76	-1.08
Equity Commonwealth	N	31.43	+1.7	Middleby Corp	O	109.39	+3.0	Zebra Tech	O	169.97	+2.10

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	6.76	-1.17
Bank of America	24.58	-1.8
Chesapeake Energy	2.57	-0.08
Weatherford Intl Ltd	4.45	+0.16
Nokia Corp	5.84	+1.16
AT&T Inc	29.70	-2.1
Ford Motor	8.54	+0.2
Lloyds Banking Grp	2.53	-1.1
Wells Fargo & Co	47.76	-1.04
Twitter Inc	34.45	+1.02
Vale SA	13.01	+1.15
Citigroup	56.22	-8.5
Ambev S.A.	4.02	...
Pfizer Inc	44.01	-3.9
Oracle Corp	46.46	-2.1
Barrick Gold	13.60	-2.4
Marathon Oil	15.33	+0.3
Sthwstn Energy	4.24	+0.2
Petrobras	13.44	-0.9
Schlumberger Ltd	41.24	-7.3
Freeport McMoran	10.76	+0.7
Nabors Inds	2.88	+1.1
Square Inc	61.78	-1.60
Yelp Inc	35.94	+3.0

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	151.83	+4.0
Alphabet Inc C	1051.75	+12.20
Alphabet Inc A	1061.65	+8.47
Amazon.com Inc	1643.24	+2.21
Apple Inc	168.63	-9.7
Bank of America	24.58	-1.8
Berkshire Hath B	202.28	-9.8
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.68	-1.4
Facebook Inc	142.08	+2.3
JPMorgan Chase	100.37	-9.9
Johnson & Johnson	146.50	+1.24
Microsoft Corp	108.59	+1.00
Pfizer Inc	44.01	-3.9
Royal Dutch Shell B	59.72	-3.6
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.49	-3.6
Unitedhealth Group	267.22	+6.9
Verizon Comm	58.85	+5.8
Visa Inc	136.81	-1.07
WalMart Strs	93.85	-0.9

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.41	+0.4	+3.2
American Funds AmnrcBAlA m	26.71	-0.1	+6
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	846.22	+1.3	+6.8
American Funds CptlncBlldrA m	57.92	+1.1	+8
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	59.44	+0.4	-1.5
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.14	+0.4	+2.3
American Funds InAmrcA m	22.16	+0.1	-2.1
American Funds InvCmrcA m	38.41	+0.8	+1.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	41.71	+1.0	-2.7
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	44.06	-0.5	+2.0
DFA IntlCorEqIn	11.95	-0.3	-14.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.32	...	-7.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	38.66	+0.4	-14.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	194.73	-5.8	-9
DoubleLine TtRtBdl	10.37	-0.1	+1.1
Fidelity 500ldxInPrm	92.52	-0.3	+1.0
Fidelity Contrafund	11.46	...	+2.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	11.47	+0.1	+2.2
Fidelity TlMktldxInPrm	75.81	-0.6	+3
Fidelity US8ldxInPrm	11.18	-0.1	-8
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.20	...	-1.8
Metropolitan West TtRtBdl	10.31	-0.1	-6
PIMCO Incstl	11.78	-0.1	+1
PIMCO TtRtInvs	9.91	-0.2	-6.1
Schwab SP500ldx	41.37	-0.1	+1.0
T. Rowe Price BCGr	103.01	+1.3	+7.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.20	+0.5	+3.9
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	244.49	-0.8	+1.0
Vanguard DivGrIn	27.42	-0.1	+6.2
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	75.54	-1.3	-5.5
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	72.96	+0.2	+2.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	89.85	+0.7	+6.7
Vanguard InTrnGAdmrl	9.31	-0.1	-1.4
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.85	...	+9
Vanguard InsdIxIn	241.21	-0.8	+1.0
Vanguard InsdIxInPlus	241.23	-0.8	+1.0
Vanguard InTSMInPls	58.37	-0.4	+5
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Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.78	-0.2	-3.3
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Vanguard TtBldxIn	13.26	-0.1	-9
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	22.00	-0.1	+2.0
Vanguard TtInBldxIn	33.02	-0.1	+2.1
Vanguard TtInBldxIn	11.00	-0.1	+2.0
Vanguard TtInBldxIn	25.86	-0.1	-11.6
Vanguard TtInBldxIn	103.42	-0.5	-11.6
Vanguard TtInBldxInPlus	103.43	-0.6	-11.6
Vanguard TtInBldxIn	15.46	-0.1	-11.7
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	65.71	-0.4	+5
Vanguard TtSMldxIn	65.72	-0.5	+5
Vanguard TtSMldxIn	65.67	-0.5	+4
Vanguard WngtNAdmrl	70.29	-0.9	-5
Vanguard WlsyInAdmrl	62.99	-0.5	-8
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3-month disc	2.35	2.375
6-month disc	2.48	2.48
2-year	2.76	2.73
10-year	2.88	2.85
30-year	3.13	3.13

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1241.90	\$1243.70
Silver	\$14.499	\$14.478
Platinum	\$785.50	\$782.10

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.60

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Australia (Dollar)	1.3880
Brazil (Real)	3.8999
Britain (Pound)	.7983
Canada (Dollar)	1.3394
China (Yuan)	6.8994
Euro	.8830
India (Rupee)	72.312
Israel (Shekel)	3.7514
Japan (Yen)	113.40
Mexico (Peso)	20.2037
Poland (Zloty)	3.80
So. Korea (Won)	1129.08
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.85
Thailand (Baht)	32.83

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McDonald's aims to reduce antibiotic use to counter resistance

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Program Director of U.S. PIRG and U.S. PIRG Education Fund, a public interest research group. "We urge them to move quickly to accomplish the goals they lay out in this policy."

Use of antibiotics in livestock to not only treat sick animals but also prevent disease has raised concerns that overuse is causing more drug-resistant disease in humans.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated, conservatively, that 23,000 Americans die each year from antibiotic resistance, but other research puts the number much higher. A recent study from researchers at Washington University Medical School in St. Louis found 150,000 deaths from antibiotic-resistant infections in the U.S. in 2010.

About 70 percent of antibiotics in the U.S. are used in animal agriculture, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association in a statement said its farmers and ranchers are "continuously improving the way antibiotics are used in animals, because they care about how their practices impact cattle health as well as antibiotic safety and efficiency."

"Our industry promotes the judicious use of antibiotics to minimize the potential risk of developing antibiotic-resistant bacteria," the Colorado-based organization said.

While many fast-food companies have reduced antibiotic use in chicken, far fewer have done so for beef, Wellington said. U.S. PIRG and several other public interest groups co-authored

a report in October that graded 25 burger chains on their antibiotic use practices, and only Shake Shack and BurgerFi got A's for serving antibiotic-free beef.

McDonald's and most of its competitors got F's. Wendy's, which got a D-, this year began sourcing about 15 percent of its beef from producers that have pledged to reduce antibiotic use in their cattle by 20 percent, the company says on its website.

Chipotle, which was not included in the recent report because it's not a burger chain, also doesn't use beef treated routinely with antibiotics.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration prohibits antibiotic use to make food-producing animals grow fatter, faster, but it allows the routine use of antibiotics to prevent disease that can be common in unsani-

tary, overcrowded conditions, Wellington said.

McDonald's new policy forbids the use of antibiotics that are medically important to humans in promoting growth or preventing disease in animals. If there is a high risk of contraction of a particular disease, antibiotics must be selected according to a tiered system that starts with those of least importance to human health. Animals can still be treated when they're sick.

To protect against disease, McDonald's encourages "progressive farming practices," including farm hygiene and animal husbandry and vaccination programs.

The policy will apply to beef producers in the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Brazil, Canada and the U.K.

Increased sanitation, giv-

ing animals more space and giving them more time on pasture are ways to cut the risk of disease without involving antibiotics, Wellington said.

McDonald's, which has 37,000 restaurants worldwide and 14,000 in the U.S., said it has been developing its policy over the past year and a half in consultation with public health

OBITUARIES

BILL SIEGEL 1962-2018

Oscar-nominated
Chicago filmmaker

Chicago Tribune

Bill Siegel, one of Chicago's most celebrated documentary filmmakers, has died.

Siegel won an Emmy for his 2013 documentary, "The Trials of Muhammad Ali," and received an Oscar nomination in the best documentary category for "The Weather Underground," which he made with Sam Green.

Siegel's death was reported by Chicago-based Kartemquin Films.

"Bill was an erudite, passionate and intelligent activist and independent thinker as well as being a gifted filmmaker and cherished friend," a statement on Kartemquin's website reads, adding that the news was shared "with great sadness and shock."

Siegel also worked for the Chicago-based Great Books Foundation for more than 20 years.

A cause of death was not available. Siegel, who was in his mid-50s, is survived by two children, the statement said.

"The Weather Underground" documented the radical left-wing revolutionary group by the same name, also known as the Weathermen, which formed in the late 1960s, rioted in Chicago during the Chicago Seven trial and conducted a series of anti-government bombings in the 1970s.

The film was nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary.

Siegel's later film on Ali focused on the legendary boxer's battle to overturn a prison sentence he received after refusing to serve in the military during the Vietnam War. He was forced to give up boxing during his prime, had converted to Islam and had changed his name from



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Documentary film director Bill Siegel, shown in 2013 in an editing studio with monitors showing a still from his movie "The Trials of Muhammad Ali," won an Emmy for that project and also was an Oscar nominee.

Cassius Clay, prompting hostile reactions from detractors. The film was nominated for an Emmy for best documentary and won for outstanding long-form historical programming, along with receiving many other honors.

"The Trials of Muhammad Ali" debuted at the Tribeca Film Festival and later aired on PBS.

Its executive producer, Gordon Quinn, said on the Kartemquin site that Siegel was working on another project about the U.S. Information Agency.

"Bill was an exceptional filmmaker. And we were proud to work with him on his masterpiece, 'The Trials of Muhammad Ali.' He took on important stories that no one else was telling, and even his current project about the United States Information Agency and the Voice of America was about to become of critical importance to issues coming to the surface today," Quinn said. "This is a huge loss to our community."

In a 2013 interview with the Tribune, Siegel noted

there's "a lot of Chicago" in the Ali story, noting that the boxer and his family lived in the Kenwood neighborhood at the time and that the Nation of Islam is based in Chicago.

At the Great Books Foundation, Siegel worked as a training instructor for teachers across the country, created the foundation's digital media department and appears in many of its webinars, said CEO Valentina Parissi.

"He was really an amazing teacher and inspired people," Parissi said. "He could start a conversation with anyone, had amazing ideas, was truly curious about the world."

Siegel's involvement with Kartemquin Films began as a researcher on the acclaimed Chicago documentary "Hoop Dreams" in 1994, the studio said in its online statement.

A Minnesota native, Siegel moved to Chicago in part because "I felt like I could do anything I wanted in my life here," he told the Tribune in 2013. "And it's proven to be true."

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 12 ...

In 1889 George Grant patented the golf tee.

In 1925 the first motel — the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

In 1937 Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$ 2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1946 a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller Jr. to be the headquarters.

In 1947 the United Mine Workers union withdrew from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1963 Kenya gained its independence from Britain.

In 1974 Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter announced his candidacy for president. (He was the second formally declared candidate for the 1976 Democratic nomination; Rep. Morris Udall, of Arizona, was the first.)

In 1975 Sara Jane Moore pleaded guilty to a charge of trying to kill President Gerald Ford in San Francisco the previous September.

In 1979 NATO decided to counter the Soviet military threat by placing hundreds of U.S.-made nuclear missiles in Western Europe by 1983, linked to a proposal for new talks on arms control with the Soviet bloc.

In 1982 Poland's premier, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, announced in a nationally televised speech that the "basic rigors" of martial law would be suspended before the end of the year.

In 1984, in a telephone conversation with President Ronald Reagan, artificial heart recipient William Schroeder complained of a delay in his Social Security benefits. (He received a check the following day.)

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland. merican soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

In 1989 amid international criticism, Britain forcibly removed 51 Vietnamese from Hong Kong and returned them to their homeland. Also in 1989, in New

York, hotel queen Leona Helmsley was sentenced to four years in prison for tax evasion. (Helmsley served 18 months behind bars, plus a month at a halfway house and two months of house arrest.)

In 1991 Russian President Boris Yeltsin won landslide approval in the Russian legislature for his new commonwealth; Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev edged closer to resigning, saying, "The main work of my life is done."

In 1995, by only three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory.

In 2000 a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect. Also in 2000 General Motors announced it would phase out its Oldsmobile division.

In 2002 President George W. Bush publicly rebuked Senate Republican leader Trent Lott for his statement that appeared to embrace half-century-old segregationist politics, calling it "offensive" and "wrong."

In 2003, Keiko, the killer whale made famous by the "Free Willy" movies, died in the Norwegian fjord that he had made his home.

In 2005 California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger refused to block the imminent execution of Stanley "Tookie" Williams, rejecting the notion that the founder of the Crips gang had atoned for his crimes and found redemption on death row.

In 2012 North Korea launched its first satellite into space in what Western critics called a disguised ballistic missile test.

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Albano

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Altwater, Barbara Jean "Bebe"

Barbara Jean "Bebe" Altwater, of Clarendon Hills, passed away on Sunday, December 9. Beloved wife of Phil, loving mother of Peter (Tracy) Scheffler, Mark (Gisele Regatao) Scheffler and Mimi (Ben) Stockton. Fond grandmother of Andrew, Skylar, James, Finn, Julia and Summer. Dear sister of William (the late Virginia) Gordon, Philip (Jean) Gordon, Mary Beth (the late John) Dove, and Kathy (Stephen) Kula. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Bebe led a very active life: Teacher, real estate agent and champion home decorator, who saw every holiday as an opportunity to tap her creativity and sense of celebration. She had a passion for the Chicago Bears and White Sox, and loved playing tennis and golf - she even once shot a hole in one. She enjoyed the card table - Bridge was her game of choice. An avid traveler, Bebe was a passenger on a transatlantic cruise ship as a girl and later made stops throughout Europe, the Caribbean, India, Hawaii, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Puerto Rico and many other places. She was equally at home on the savannas of Africa as she was on the streets of Soho in New York. Visitation Wednesday, December 12, 9 am until time of funeral mass, 10 am at Notre Dame Parish, 64 Norfolk, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. A reception to continue celebrating Bebe's life will be held at Hinsdale Golf 140 Chicago Ave, Clarendon Hills IL following the interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com

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Anderl, Robert R.

Robert R. Anderl, age 63, of Midlothian. Loving husband of Susan Anderl nee Mc Manus. Proud father of Bobby and Ryan Anderl. Caring brother of Glenn (Carol) Anderl, Gail Anhart, and the late Terry (Chris) Anderl. Cherished son of the late Robert F. Anderl and Joyce Wood. Loved by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday December 13, 2018 from 3-7pm at **Hickey Memorial Chapels** 4201 W. 147th St Midlothian, IL 60445. Funeral Friday 10:30am at the funeral home going to St Christopher Church for 11am Mass. For more information and online register www.hickeyfuneral.com or (708) 385-4478.

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Antoon, George Peter

George Peter Antoon, age 85, resident of Naperville, IL, formerly Elmhurst, passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. He was born in Uniontown, PA on April 23, 1933. George is a veteran of the United States Army. Beloved husband of Alvera (nee Abood); cherished father of Rosemarie (John) Overholt, George (Janet) Antoon, Patricia Antoon, Cheryl (Paul) Ghassan, and Robert (Rima) Antoon; proud grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, dear brother, uncle and friend to many. Visitation Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 3 to 8 p.m. at **Beideman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr., Naperville. Liturgy of Resurrection Monday, December 17th, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic, 950 North Grace, Lombard. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. Info: 630-922-9630, www.beidemankunsch.com

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Asta, Mary

96, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2018. She was the daughter of the late William and Lucy Docimo. In addition to her parents, Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Michael F. Asta, her son, Michael F. Asta, Jr., her grandson, Jeremy Irish, her brother, Anthony Docimo (Mary) and her sister, Millie Sieja (Leo, dec.). She is survived by her daughter, Angela Durkin (the late John), her sons John Asta (Barbara), Richard Asta (Laura), and David Asta (Hilda), her daughter-in-law, Karen Asta (the late Michael), her grandchildren, Ami Greene (David), Jason Asta (Jenny), Alicia Haynes (Billy), Jena Ertel (Chris), John Asta, Jr., Jennifer Algard (Kurtis), Richard Asta, Jr., Michael Asta, Nicolas Asta, and Alexander Asta, great-grandchildren William, Annabelle and Elizabeth Greene, Emmitt Ertel, Brinley and Abby Algard, and her brother, John Docimo. Visitation Thursday, Dec 13, 2018, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 9568 Belmont Ave, Franklin Park. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home on Friday, Dec 14, 2018 for prayers at 9:30 am. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Gertrude Catholic Church, 9613 Schiller Boulevard, Franklin Park at 10:00 am. Interment St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, River Grove. For information please call the funeral home at (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com

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Barr, Gerald 'Jerry'

Gerald 'Jerry' Barr, beloved husband of the late Carole Barr nee Davis; loving father of Michelle (Paul) Verstrate, Kristen Barr & Anthony Barr; dear grandfather of Silas, Aidan "Zeke" & Milo Barr and Nick & Anna Verstrate; son of the late Anthony & Emily Barr; brother of Thomas (Jeanne) Barr. Jerry was an active member of Hickory Hills Sertoma. Visitation Friday from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Funeral Service Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home to St. Patricia Church for 12:00 Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Hickory Hills Sertoma would be appreciated. For info 708-430-5700.

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Berardi, Clara

Clara Berardi (nee Caputo), beloved wife of the late Rocco Berardi; loving mother of James Berardi, Mary Jo (John) Mielnik, and Linda (Joseph) Guzolek; cherished grandmother of Joseph (Jeannine) Guzolek and Michael (Tracie) Guzolek, and great grandmother of Brianna, Nicholas, Grace, and Joey Guzolek; dear sister of Joseph (Mary Lou) Caputo, the late Mario (the late Camille) Caputo, and the late Mary "Babe" Caputo; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday beginning with Visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Giles Church, 1045 N. Columbian Ave., Oak Park, 60302 followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements by **Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**. For information call (773) 889-1700.

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Blaschek, John "Jack"

John "Jack" Blaschek, Jr.; beloved father of Karen and John (Kristina); cherished grandfather of Tanner and Zoey; loving brother of Cassie March (Chuck Oswald); devoted uncle of Liz Fanning, Sue March, Dave (Cathy) March and the late Mary Kay Miller; great uncle of Casey, Sean, Brian and Kayla; also loving friend of many. A Memorial Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Burial of Jack's cremated remains will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Arrangements entrusted to **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME**. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Brame, James David

James David Brame, 90, longtime resident of Glenview, passed away December 10, 2018. Beloved husband for 67 years of Janet Brame nee Cassibry; loving father of Christopher, Daniel (Judith) and Jared (Julie) Brame; cherished grandfather of Jocelyn, Micah, Jonah, Natalie, Nina and Genevieve; dear brother of Doris Arnold, Michael (Nancy), the late

Donald and Elwood Brame; fond uncle of several nieces and nephews. James was a veteran of the US Air Force serving as a weather observer in Japan from 1947-49. He was also very active in the local Glenview schools. Memorial visitation will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 1 pm until time of the service 3 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Dr. Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 (www.lung.org). Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Breagel, Brian Fredrick

Brian Fredrick Breagel, age 42; loving son of Michael and Linda Breagel; dear brother of Ray (Dawn) Breagel; cherished uncle of Aslynn and Josey Breagel. Brian was a 3rd generation graduate of Downers Grove North High School class of 1994, a member of the football, swimming, track and field teams during his Downers Grove North years. Brian was a friend to everyone he ever met especially to the dogs he rescued and supported throughout his life. Visitation Sunday, December 16th, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Monday, December 17th, 9:30 AM until time of Funeral Service 10:30 AM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden) Downers Grove, Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Best Friends Animal Society, <https://suport.bestfriends.org> or PAWS Chicago <http://www.pawschicago.org> are appreciated. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Cape, Norma Lee

Norma Lee Cape, age 91, died December 8, 2018. Beloved wife of Dr. William Edwards Cape, cherished mother of Thomas (Jeffrie), Robert (Amy) and Janet. Loving grandmother of seven. Memorial services will be at Lake Forest Place, 1100 Pembridge Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045, at 11 AM, Saturday December 15, 2018. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, www.hppcil.org, or Erie HealthReach Waukegan Health Center, www.eriefamilyhealth.org/donate. For more information, please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at (847) 831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com.

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Cifonie, Jan

Jan Cifonie, age 76, Navy Veteran, beloved husband of Cynthia (nee Trapp); loving father of Denise (Ryan) Hobbs, Tammy Schofield, Tim Hills, Daniel (Diane) Peterson, Robert Peterson, Christopher (Renee) Cifonie, J.M. (Cen) Cifonie and Dina Cifonie. Also many grandchildren. Funeral Friday 9am from **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Romeoville, Mass 10am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3-8pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Pick 4 midday 1549 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday
26 30 32 39 42

Pick 3 evening 116 / 2
Pick 4 evening 6311 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening
09 14 20 36 41

Dec. 12 Powerball: \$230M
Dec. 13 Lotto: \$3M

WISCONSIN

Dec. 11
Pick 3 450
Pick 4 1496
Badger 5 09 15 17 18 24
SuperCash 06 09 15 20 31 32

INDIANA

Dec. 11
Daily 3 midday 541 / 9
Daily 4 midday 8147 / 9
Daily 3 evening 505 / 2
Daily 4 evening 1534 / 2
Cash 5 04 07 10 30 37

MICHIGAN

Dec. 11
Daily 3 midday 029
Daily 4 midday 4188
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Cox, Robert T. 'Bob'

Robert T. Cox passed away at home on December 7, 2018, after a brief illness, at age 65. Bob was born in Centralia, Illinois, the son of Roy and Jane. Bob graduated from the International School of Manila, Philippines when the family lived there while his father was on assignment as an executive with Gulf Oil. Bob earned a B.A. in economics from Northwestern University. He was a Director-at-Large with the Northwestern University Alumni Association, chaired the Day With Northwestern Board and was an avid fan of Northwestern football. He had a long career in financial markets, most recently as a vice president in the financial markets group at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He advised the Bank's senior management, and presented to international organizations, on matters involving central counterparty risk and derivatives. Previously, he held executive positions at HSBC in the Americas, and Goldman Sachs in East Asia, with assignments in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore. He served as a board member at the Hong Kong Clearing Corporation and the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (SIMEX), and he was a member of the Hong Kong Exchange Group's Clearing Consultative Panel. In addition, he was a member of the board of the Futures Industry Association. In his early career he was a member of the Mid America Commodity Exchange in Chicago, where he was Chairman of the Rules Committee and the Membership Committee. Bob's interests were wide. He was a supernumerary at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, traveled extensively and had a strong interest in history, Vikings, Abraham Lincoln and Pearl Harbor (the anniversary on which day Bob passed). He is survived by his loving wife Gail, children Julia and Elliott; brother William (Gail) and their children Emma and Dewey. A memorial celebration will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with memory sharing at 4:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie IL 60077. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bob's name to HOPE c/o Northwestern Memorial Foundation, 251 East Huron Street Suite 3-200, Chicago, IL 60611 to support the work of Dr. Pat Garcia and the women's HIV clinic at Northwestern Memorial Hospital Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990



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Dolan, Michael John

Michael John Dolan, of Glenview, passed away at the age of 57. Those of us lucky enough to know Michael saw that he lived life to its fullest, continually reaching out to touch the hearts and minds of countless family members, friends, and business associates. First and foremost, he was a family man. He was the beloved father and best friend of Jack



Dolan; the always devoted son of Sally Dolan nee Strom and the late Richard Dolan, M.D. He was the loving fiancé of Elizabeth Long and endearing friend to her daughters Lily and Maddie. Michael was the outgoing middle child of a tight-knit group of siblings; He was a close friend and cherished brother of Patricia (Les) Boudwin, Kevin (Megan) Dolan, Peggy (Bob) Morrison and Nancy (Jeff) Oak. He leaves behind nine nieces and nephews. Michael also had cast a wide net of loyal friendships that crossed the country and spanned decades; friendships that he continually kept up to date. Very devoted to charitable activities, Michael played important roles in Make a Wish Foundation, Between Friends Chicago, and recently Brain Up. Michael was also very active in the Catholic church working at one point for the Chicago Archdiocese and recently supporting Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview. Well respected in his industry, Michael spent his entire career in real estate and for the last 20 years focused on industrial real estate. He was the Midwest Regional Partner at Dermody Properties, where he was responsible for the company's Midwestern U.S. industrial portfolio. Michael received his MBA from Loyola University Chicago and his undergraduate degree from University of Utah. Visitation: Friday, December 14, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass: Saturday, December 15, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Brain Up P.O. Box 244 or Between Friends Chicago P.O. Box 608548 Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Flynn, Kathleen T.

Kathleen T. Flynn (nee Kuhle), of Westchester, passed away December 8th, 2018 at the age of 90. Full obituary and funeral details are at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside via website hjfunerals.com or by telephone 708-352-6500.



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Gniewek, Helen

Helen Gniewek, age 95, loving sister of Erwin and the late Leonard Gniewek. Visitation Thursday 8:30 A.M. until time of Prayers at 9:30 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Julie Billiard Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200.

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Gundersen, Deborah Price

Deborah Price Gundersen, 87, of Lake Forest, IL, passed away Sunday, December 9, at home surrounded by her children, A lifelong learner and optimist, Deb had a fine sense of humor and strong Christian faith. Deb had lived in Newton and Wellesley, MA, and Winnetka and Northbrook, IL. Her favorite retreat was her Michigan lake home.



Deb attended Colby Jr. College, National College of Education, and Loyola University. She led Bible studies and was lay chaplain at Swedish Covenant Hospital. She served on the boards of Good News Partners Chicago, Langham Foundation, Youth for Christ, and Bjorklund House. She was also a CDFS college counselor. Deb was a Life Master in tournament duplicate bridge.

Survived by brother James (Julia) Price; sister-in-law Ann (the late Burton Scott Price, Jr.) Price; children: Judith (Mark) Wall, Allen Nickerson Clapp, Jr., Jeffrey (Beth Malloy) Clapp, Lindsey (Joseph) Ramsak, and David (Mary Anne) Clapp, Joan (the late Mark) Johnson, Jeanne (Wallace) Lunden, and Barbara (the late Judith Gundersen) Cederberg; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by husband Kenneth, parents Burton Price and Martha Price, brother Scott, stepdaughter Judith, and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia (MFA# 1723B), 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660. Memorial service: Saturday, December 15, at 3 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, IL.

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Hillenbrand, Thomas Jerome

Thomas Jerome Hillenbrand, age 80 of Chicago, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, December 4, at Beacon Place Hospice & Palliative Care of Greensboro. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 15, at 10:30 AM at **Forbis & Dick N. Elm Chapel** in Greensboro, NC.

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Humenik, Barbara A.

Barbara A. Humenik, age 82, longtime Northbrook resident, passed away December 7, 2018. Beloved and cherished wife of 56 years to the late Dr. Joseph, and devoted mother of Mary Beth (Scott) Kilrea, Annie (Michael) Maslowski and Dr. Mark (Mary Beth) Humenik. Treasured "Nana" of John (Andrea) Maslowski and Megan (Mike) Bartz, Katie, Sean, Maggie and Emily Kilrea. Loving "Nana" of grandchildren Charlie & Max Bartz and Harper Maslowski. Dear sister of the late Walter Koziol (Carol) and Chet Bialek, and sister-in-law of Ann (the late Dr. Jerome) Slovick, the late Mary (the late Ray) Nosik and Susan (Kenneth) Lambert. Fond aunt and friend of many. She was born to the late Walter and Bernice Koziol on July 29, 1936. Bared attended St. Stanislaus Kostka Elementary School, Notre Dame High School for Girls and Loyola University. She was employed as the personal assistant to the president of Cragin Bank. An active member of St. Norbert Parish Woman's Council, she was a dedicated volunteer at both church and school. In addition to providing her family with a loving and happy home, Barbara enthusiastically supported their interests, activities and professional pursuits. Kind and generous, family and friends knew her to be a welcoming and gracious host. She had a spirited sense of humor, and enjoyed reading, travel, cooking, music and dancing with Joe. She truly will be missed. Visitation will be Saturday, December 15 from 12 pm to 1 pm at St. Norbert Catholic Church, 1809 Walters Avenue, Northbrook, IL. A Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow at 1:00 pm. A private family burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 or Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607 appreciated. Funeral info: 773-764-1617

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Jabusch, Fr. Willard F. 'Bill'

Fr. Willard F. "Bill" Jabusch, 88, passed on December 8th. Beloved son of the late A. Elmer and Frances Jabusch. Dear brother of Donna (the late Barry) Rankin. Uncle of Christi (Ryan) Swier. Great-uncle of Samuel. Fr. Bill was a Catholic priest, educated at Mundelein Seminary, Loyola University and Northwestern University. His education was enhanced at the University



of London, and as a composer, at the Chicago Conservatory. He was ordained in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1956. Fr. Jabusch served as priest at Old St. James parish and has taught at several institutions including the Chicago-area schools Quigley Preparatory Seminary, Niles College, and Mundelein Seminary, as well as Notre Dame University and the American College at the University of Louvain in Belgium. More recently he served as chaplain and director of Calvert House at the University of Chicago. Fr. Bill was the author of several books including City on the Tiber, Walk Where Jesus Walked, The Person in the Pulpit and The Spoken Christ. He has contributed many articles to Commonweal, America and The Tablet. Fr. Jabusch has also written plays including Francesco, Vincent and the Kingdom and No Other Gods. Fr. Jabusch is also known for singable hymns. The two most popular, "The King of Glory" and "Whatever You Do," have been translated into many languages. He will be remembered and missed by all. Visitation Thursday, December 13th, 6 PM, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1012 Lake Street, Evanston, until time of Funeral Mass at 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Malachy School Chicago, 2252 W Washington, Blvd, Chicago or University of St. Mary of the Lake in Fr. Willard F. Jabusch's name would be appreciated. Interment Friday, December 14th, 11am at University of St. Mary of the Lake, 1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Fr. Bill's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Jackson, Anthony Tony 'P.'

Anthony P. Jackson "Tony" born June 4, 1957 passed away with dignity at home on Sunday December 9, 2018 after a two year battle with cancer. He is survived by his grammar school sweetheart Patricia M. Jackson to whom he was married to for 40 years. He is an adoring father to his only child whom he called his angel on earth Stephanie Phillips (Joshua). He is a proud Papa to his only two grandchildren, Ashlyn and Colton Phillips whom he cherished deeply. He is the oldest son of Josephine Shanahan and of the late Anthony P. Jackson Sr. He is the dearest brother of the late Sandy Jackson, Darlene Stegner (Dwayne), and Daniel Jackson. He is also survived by his nephew and godson Troy Jackson. He is retired from the Sheet Metal Workers Local 73 where he was known as the "Tin Knocker Legend", some may even say he had the best hair in the local. Visitation Friday December 14, 2018, 3:00-9:00 PM at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL. 60477. Interment is private. For information on services, 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Kierbs, Mildred Emelia

Mildred Emelia Kierbs, nee Trimay, 98, of Glenview, passed away December 9, 2018. Loving wife for 50 years of the late Edward P. Kierbs; cherished sister of the late Zelmira, John, and George; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Graveside service Friday, December 14, 2018 at 10:30 am at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, 1850 Chestnut, Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski, Chicago, IL 60630. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Koch, Jean Marian

Jean Marian Koch, nee Jeuck, of Marco Island, FL and formerly of Mt. Prospect, IL. Beloved wife of the late Robert E. Koch; loving mother of Cheryl (Thomas) Hovany, Robert A. Koch and Phyllis Koch; devoted daughter of the late Wilhelmina and Philip R. Jeuck; treasured sister, aunt, cousin and friend to many. Jean was born on June 30, 1926 and grew up on the northwest side of Chicago, moving with her family to Mt. Prospect following graduation from high school. She had a passion for learning, receiving her Bachelors of Arts degree from the Art Institute of Chicago with a concentration in dress design and continued to receive her Master's Degree in Education from Elmhurst College. After college Jean worked at Mt. Prospect State Bank, and became a member of Alpha Eta Sorority. Following the birth of her children she worked as an Art and Home Economics teacher at Holmes Junior High in Mt. Prospect and later worked at Woodfield Bank. After moving to Marco Island in 1982, Jean enjoyed crafts and began to work at the Artisan. She later went back to banking and became the head teller at SunTrust Bank on Marco Island. Jean's hobbies included cooking, entertaining family and friends, sewing and crafts. Her greatest joy in life was her family. A visitation will be held for Jean on Friday from 9 AM until the time of the funeral service at 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment immediately to follow at Randhill Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Avow Hospice in Naples, FL, www.avowcares.org. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Koziol, Jean

Jean Koziol (nee Mielnicki), beloved wife for 57 years of the late John. Loving mother of Carl (Deborah) Koziol and Cynthia (Mark) Beissmann. Dear grandmother of Michael and Ashley Koziol, Jessica and John Beissmann. Sister-in-law of Mary Mielnicki. Preceded in death by her 15 siblings. Jean will be missed by her many relatives. In Jean's memory share a moment with your family. Visitation Thursday 9am until time of Mass 10am at St. Mary Church, 19515 115th Avenue, Mokena. Interment Resurrection Cem. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellf.com.

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Krueger, William R.

William R. Krueger, age 72, of Plainfield, formerly of Chicago, Sunday, December 9, 2018. Beloved husband of Terri L. (Castle) Krueger; loving father of Joe Jones and Jennifer (Jeremiah) Reitz; adored grandfather of Emily and Joshua; dear son of the late Raymond and Clara (Weimer) Krueger; fond brother of David R. Krueger and Patricia (Gary) Garsee; and a caring uncle. Proud Marine Corps veteran. Services Saturday, December 15, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. at the **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home**, 3200 Black at Essington Roads, Joliet, with visitation from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Interment private. For more information and to read his complete obituary, please visit www.fredcdames.com or call (815) 741-5500.



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Lorenz, Richard D.

Richard D. Lorenz, 50, of Schaumburg died on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Richard is survived by his parents, Dennis and Sharon Lorenz, daughter, Leah Jean Lorenz, fiancé, Colleen McCauley, siblings, Dennis (Denise) Lorenz Jr., Jennifer (James) Christensen, grandmother, Jean Matusiak Lorenz, and is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack Lorenz, Donald and Rose Kohl. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 4 to 8pm at DeFiore Funeral Home, 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL. Visitation will continue Saturday, December 15, 2018 at DeFiore Funeral Home from 10 until time of funeral service at 11am. Interment will follow at Huntley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Richard's name to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), 498 Halley Parkway #102, Collierville TN 38017. For more information please call 847-515-8772 or online condolences can be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com.

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Magnuson, Rev. Dr. George Peter

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A service will be held at Winnetka Covenant Church, Sunday 12/16, 2pm. www.monarchsociety.com/obituary/george-magnuson

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McDonough, Martin Thomas

Loving father of Teresa, Shannon and Connor. Cherished son of Bridie (nee Lee) and the late Coleman. Beloved brother of Coleman, Maureen (James) Gannon, Bridie (Anthony) Pullia and Ellen (Simon) Small. Dear uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend to many. Memorial Visitation Saturday December 15 from 12-4 PM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL. Interment Private. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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McGinn III, John Joseph 'Jack'

John Joseph "Jack" McGinn III, 84, of Poplar Grove, IL passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2018. **Belvidere Funeral Home & Cremation Service** is assisting the family.

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Moscato, Wilma E.

(nee Richerson) of Orland Park IL (formerly Wilma E. Moran of Zeigler, IL), died peacefully in her home on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. See the complete obituary at www.strangfh.com

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Newell, Jr, Robert Allen 'Bob'

Robert Allen Newell, Jr, age 61 died on December 8th, 2018 from complications of the flu and pneumonia. Bob, as he was known, was born in Chicago on August 18, 1957 to Robert Allen Newell, Sr and Patricia Ann (Thomas) Newell. He married Linda (Gawlik) Newell in 1988 and they had one child, a son named Thomas Robert Newell (spouse Jenny). He



also leaves behind his stepmother Roberta, his siblings Alan (spouse Sue), David (spouse Denise) and Kathleen (companion John Zelisko) his step siblings, Brian Lang, Donna Schabinger (spouse David) and Bruce Lang (spouse Kelly), his mother's companion James Jackowski as well as many loved aunts, uncle, brother and sister in-laws, cousins, nephews, nieces, great niece & great nephew. Bob was preceded in death by both his parents, his sister Carolyn O'Toole (surviving spouse Joe), and step sister Debi Jones-Lang. Bob was proud of his military service as a marine from 1975 to 1979. A memorial service with military honors will be held on January 12th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm at the VFW Post located at 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave in Niles, IL., for his family and friends to celebrate his life.

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Paley, Janet C.

Janet Carol Paley, 75. Beloved daughter of the late Morris and Gertrude (nee Lapinsky) Paley; caring sister of the late Robert Max Paley. Graveside service Weds, Dec. 12, 1 PM, at Menorah Gardens Cemetery, 2630 S. 17th Ave, Broadview. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Ark, www.arkchicago.org.



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Peters, Stanley P.

Stanley P. Peters. Beloved husband of the late Josephine Peters nee Barglik. Loving father of Bruce, Gregory, Roberta (Anthony) Lipp and Carol (Joseph) Reisenbuckler. Devoted grandfather of Bradley, Eric, and Kurt Reisenbuckler and Jack and Katie Lipp. Dear brother of Al Piorkowski. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 9:00 am to 10:30 am at **COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME** 7508 S. County Line Road (one block south of I55/Stevenson) Burr Ridge. Prayers at 10:30 am at funeral home to St. John of The Cross Church. Mass 11:15 AM. Burial private. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to www.ismpromect.org. Info 630 654 8484 or www.coglianese.com

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Popelka, Mary Ann

The story of Mary Ann began on May 9, 1927, as the daughter of John E. and Marie Busch in Palos Hills, Illinois. She had a younger brother (Jack) who is deceased. As a young girl she enjoyed nature especially the old Palos Toboggan Slide. Other activities that she enjoyed were taking both piano as well as baton lessons. She attended Lyons Township High School



and graduated from University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. Upon graduation, she began her career as a primary school teacher in School District 111, Burbank, Illinois. There she met her future husband George to whom she married and spent sixty-seven (67) wonderful years together. They had one (1) son, George, Jr. After taking a six (6) year absence to take care of her young son, she returned to teaching in School District 111 until her retirement. While she was working she cared for her family, parents and in-laws who loved her as a daughter. Mary Ann had many interests which included going to garage sales, quilting, travel, decorating the house for the holidays, dancing, cooking, meeting her fellow co-workers for lunch and going to McDonalds. A special highlight of George and Mary Ann's life was a renewal of their vows after fifty (50) years of marriage aboard the Paul Gauguin off the coast of Bora Bora. As a teacher, she prided herself upon the fact that no child ever left her classroom without knowing how to read. Nancy Hughes was her special friend and Mary Ann would smile in her last days when she heard her voice. Her story ended on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 3:00 am. Mary Ann will be missed by her caregivers (Alice, Izabella and Renee), Sister Juanita Ujick, OSF as well as all of her former students and colleagues. Mary Ann was the rock of our family and she brought joy into our lives that will be treasured forever. Visitation Thursday, December 13th from 3 pm until 9 pm. Chapel prayers Friday, December 14th, 9:15 a.m. at the Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Procido, Frieda

Frieda Procido nee Albano, age 94 of Downers Grove. Formerly of Elmwood Park. Retired owner of Albano's Bakery in Elmwood Park. Beloved wife of the late Louis. Loving mother of Louis (Josephine) Bombacino, Carmella (Fred, Sr.) Purpura, Emily (fiancé Bryan Estes and the late Robert) Kelly and the late Joseph Bombacino. Beloved daughter of the late Emilia and Joseph Albano. Proud grandmother of Frank, Charise, Erin, Lisa (Rob), Anthony (Shannon) and the late Anthony. Great grandmother of 6. Dear sister of Frank, the late Eugene and the late Angie. Fond aunt and friend of many. Visitation Friday, Dec 14th 3-9PM at Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home 17W201 Roosevelt Rd. Oakbrook Terrace. Funeral Saturday, Dec. 15th 9AM from the funeral home to Ascension Catholic Church-Oakbrook Terrace for 10AM Mass. Interment Private. 630-941-5860

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Reven, Lois

Lois Reven, nee Zezulak, age 85 of LaGrange Park. Beloved wife of the late Lewis E. Reven; fond mother of Lewis Reven, Leon (Connie) Reven, Linda (Ken) Johnson, Lawrence Reven and Laura (Dave) Sherman; dear grandmother of Nicole (Andy) Miele, Megan (Pat) Keesling, Melanie Sherman, Daniel Sherman, Grace Reven and Julia Reven; great grandmother of Maddie Miele; sister of Wesley Zezulak. Lois graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and was a Registered Nurse for many years. Visitation Friday, December 14, 2018 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 9 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Saturday 9:30 A.M. to St. Louise de Marillac Church, La Grange Park. Mass 10 A.M. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Rosenthal, Jodi

Jodi Rosenthal, nee Pearlman, 45, beloved wife and best friend of Marty for 17 wonderful years; loving and devoted mother of Levi and Lexi; cherished daughter of the late Louise and the late Steven Pearlman; treasured sister, aunt, 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 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Schaaf, Andrew

Andrew Barton Schaaf, 36, of Billings, MT, formerly of St. Anne, took his own life Saturday, December 1. Born April 5, 1982, Kankakee, son of Barton and Tari Hammond Schaaf. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 4-7pm at **Schreffler Funeral Home** in Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tumbleweed Runaway Program for at-risk youths or Oxford House Inc. Sign guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

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Schweisthal, Elaine M.

Elaine M. Schweisthal, 91, of Elmhurst, IL. An amazing woman of faith and beautiful example of sacrificial love. Preceded in death by her beloved and devoted husband Vernon. Married to Vernon for 67 years, they had nine children, the late James (Bonnie), Tom (Sue), the late Edward, Peggy DeRose, Therese Foran, Robert (Brenda), Donald, Joan (William) Byerley, and Ken. Cherished grandmother of 19 and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at **Ahlgim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Road, Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 13, 2018. Friends are asked to gather at Visitation Church, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 14, 2018. Interment to follow will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Catholic Charities, 203 N. Ottawa St., Joliet, IL 60432. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgim.com.



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Sims, David K.

David K. Sims of Lakeville CT and Vero Beach FL died peacefully on November 10 with Jennifer, beloved wife of 49 years, by his side. Born in Chicago in 1935, he attended Chicago Latin and graduated from The Choate School and Williams College. David began his business career as a broker in Chicago. He was active physically, mentally, and socially, and enjoyed singing with The Great Lakes Dredge and Philharmonic Society. The family moved to New York in 1972, but David retained his loyalty to the Chicago Bears and Cubs. In 2001 he completed a 41 year career in the financial industry, retiring from a senior position with Merrill Lynch. He was a people person and remained active with family, travel and charitable interests, always providing friendship and thoughtful leadership. He is survived by sons Russell Sims (Cincinnati) and Alex Johnson (Fort Lauderdale), and daughters Casey Sims (Fort Lauderdale) and Victoria Sanborn (Seattle). Donations may be sent to United Against Poverty (a501C3) 2746 US History 1, Vero Beach FL 32960.

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Siudut, Walter R.

Walter R. Siudut, age 71 of Chicago; passed away on December 9, 2018; Walter was a Chicago Police Officer for over 38 years; Walter is preceded in death by his loving wife Angie, darling daughter Jenny Rose, parents Martin and Lottie Siudut, brother Robert Siudut, in - laws Stanley and Jean Zajack and nephew Joseph Siudut; Walter is survived by his brother Leonard (Carole), nephew Steven Siudut and his best friend Molly May.

Visitation Friday, December 14, 2018 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. with a St. Jude service at 7:00 p.m. at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers, donations to Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Spear, Sarah 'Surkie'

Sarah "Sharon" Spear, nee Dorfenkel, passed peacefully in Santa Barbara, CA on Dec. 1, 2018. Born in Chicago to Max and Pearl Dorfenkel on Nov. 7, 1928, she was a graduate of Marshall High School. Sharon's greatest joy was entertaining family and friends, cooking and baking up a storm. The consummate homemaker and "Jewish mother," she was devoted to her children, parents and extended family. Sharon is predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Melvin Spear, and survived by her children and grandchildren: Michelle (Jeff), Max and Raisa Bruner, and Lauren (Jack), Danae and Marni Greenfield. Our memories of Sharon will be in our hearts forever.

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Steiner, Thomas F.

Thomas F. Steiner, 73, died peacefully in his home in Inverness, IL, on December 6, 2018, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Tom was born in Dayton, OH, to Edward and Julia (Hollenkamp) Steiner. He graduated from Marquette University with a degree in Journalism in 1967 and married his wife Linda (Schlicher) shortly thereafter. He received a master's degree in Journalism from Northwestern University. During the Vietnam War, he served as a naval officer on an admiral's staff. After working at J. Walter Thompson, Kraft and Sara Lee, Tom spent 35 years as a marketing executive in the optical industry with Wesley Jessen and CIBA Vision, and later started a business as a marketing consultant. Tom was a voracious reader of history, including multiple biographies of every president of the United States. His love of art was displayed as an avid landscaper and skilled woodworker, making detailed furniture and carvings in his workshop for 40 years. Tom is survived by his wife of 51 years, Linda; his son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Monica; three grandchildren, Grace, Isaiah and Lauren; his brothers, Steve (Patty), Peter (Lisa), John (Kathy); and sister, Mary (Vic) Lauterbach. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Ed (Mary). Visitation is Friday, December 14 from 6-8 pm at **Davenport Funeral Home**, 941 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich. The funeral is at 1:00 pm, December 15 at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 Ela St., Barrington, with an hour of visitation at the church before Mass. Burial will follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research or JourneyCare Hospice Foundation. For information, please call 847-550-4221 or visit www.davenportfamily.com to leave an online condolence.



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Tamraz, Marc A.

Marc A. Tamraz, 61, passed on December 8th surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Gina, nee Cassettari for 34 years. Dear father of Michelle (Michael) Severns, Michael Tamraz, and Alexandra (Chris Severin) Tamraz. Loving son of the late Edward and Marion Tamraz. Fond brother of the late Alison and Matthew Tamraz. Cousin and friend to many. Marc was a hardworking business owner, a car fanatic- better known to his friends as "Formula", and had an eye for photography. He will be missed deeply by all who knew him. Visitation Thursday, December 13th, 3-9 PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Funeral Service Friday, December 14th, 10 AM, St. John Church, 1421 W Lawrence, Chicago. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Marc's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Vinkler, Lee R.

Lee R. Vinkler, age 64, of Darien. Loving father of Tricia and Christopher. Cherished son of Anna and the late Jerome. Devoted brother of Greg, Christine (Dominic) Colantuono, Jerry, James and Donna (Phil) Jackson. Dear uncle to many. Visitation 3-9 p.m. Thursday at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Family and friends will meet Friday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8404 Cass Ave., Darien, for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Susan G. Komen Chicago would be appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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Wallace, Beverly Waxburg

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BULLS

Truce: Bulls seek unity

Boylen fine with leadership group

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

On multiple occasions in his eventful first week on the job, Jim Boylen has insisted what he says as coach "isn't a negotiation."

Nevertheless, Boylen will take input to inform his decision-making, a process made more formal by his idea to form a leadership committee composed of "a sparkling of the layers of our team."

"I want the leadership group because they will have input on what we do and how we operate," Boylen said Tuesday at the Advocate Center. "It doesn't mean that I'm not the head coach and they're the players. But they're going to be respected as men at this level."

"We had a situation over the weekend that could've been handled by a leadership group walking into my office and saying, 'You know what, Coach? This is how we feel today. What do you think?' That was the teaching moment and the moment we built on (Tuesday) morning. We got a good group of guys and a good leadership group. I'm juiced, man. I'm

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Coach Jim Boylen will now deal with a players leadership committee.

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Reinsdorf having a real crazy week



PAUL SULLIVAN

Jerry Reinsdorf's to-do list this week was one for the books.

Get your favorite White Sox player into the Hall of Fame? Check. Renew dealings with longtime arch-enemy Scott Boras? Check.

Monitor your Bulls players' near-mutiny against their new coach? Check.

It's all part of life's rich pageant for Chicago's two-team chairman, who doesn't seem to be slowing down at age 82 despite two rebuilds that may not come to fruition any time soon.

With "The Chairman" in Las Vegas for baseball's winter meetings, here are the three storylines that have put him in the spotlight this week:

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MORE BASEBALL

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Jiggetts followed dad into media, not sports

The daughter of a professional athlete, Lauren Jiggetts realized at a young age that she wasn't going to be the great athlete many assumed she would be. She didn't follow her father, Dan, the former Bears offensive lineman, into college or pro sports, but she made her way into his post-football field: broadcasting. After earning her stripes as a news reporter, she's now an anchor on the WGN Morning News. "I learned from my dad you have to make decisions that make sense for your family." **Back Page**

BEARS

Trubisky gladly reaps benefits of the Bears' dynamic defense

Nasty, dominant 'D' amazing safety net for a struggling QB



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

The true power of the Bears defense could be seen in the expressions of two young quarterbacks late Sunday night, two leaders processing a hard-to-believe result. Bears 15, Rams 6.

Jared Goff stepped to a lectern not far from the visitors' locker room at Soldier Field looking as if he were about to recap a colonoscopy.

Goff had arrived in Chicago on Sunday as the pyrotechnist of one of the league's most explosive offenses. He had 27 touchdown passes and just seven interceptions and was charging toward the franchise record for passing yards in a season — a mark set by Hall of Famer Kurt Warner in 2001 with "The Greatest Show on Turf."

Now? As Goff thawed out after being hurried and harassed and totally flummoxed by the Bears defense? He was being interrogated on his worst performance of the season.

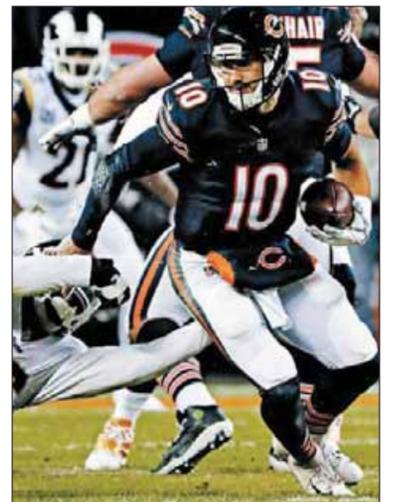
He threw four interceptions, a career worst.

He posted a 19.1 rating, a career worst. The Rams managed only 214 total yards, less than half of the season average.

For the first time since the 2016 finale, the Rams failed to score a touchdown. Just two field goals. Six points.

Three weeks ago, Goff threw for 413 yards and four touchdowns against the

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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky had one of his worst games Sunday night but came out a winner thanks to the Bears defense.

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PLAYOFF PICTURE

Bears clinch NFC North with a win or a Vikings (6-6-1) loss to the Dolphins (7-6).

TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Bears out to restore rivalry

Not only do the Bears have a chance to clinch the NFC North with a victory this weekend, they have a chance to revive their onetime rivalry with the Packers.

Revive? What's to revive? They play each other twice a season, you say. These two teams have played each other since 1921. It's a historic grudge match. The fans despise each other. The teams go along with it.

Well, a rivalry requires genuine give and take. For the last decade, the Packers have given the Bears a pounding and the Bears have only taken it.

A bug doesn't have a rivalry with your shoe. Resentment, anger and dread, probably. But rivalry? No. No matter how much history they share and tough talk about upholding some glorious tradition, the ending is usually the same.

They have met 20 times going back to 2009, and the Bears are 3-17. Their last victory over the Packers was Thanksgiving 2015.

Bears rookie guard James Daniels turned 13 just two weeks before the Packers' last loss at Soldier Field in 2010.

Maybe the Packers consider that a rivalry. To the victor goes the thesaurus.

For the Bears, though, it's more like a pre-existing condition.

That can change Sunday. The 5-7-1 Packers are vulnerable.

The 9-4 Bears are flexing their muscle. As far as Bears fans are concerned, the stars should be aligned to restore order to the world and this series — and those stars would be the Bears' Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks and Roquan Smith getting a line on Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Until the Bears manage a few victories, it's not really a rivalry. It's just an unhealthy relationship burnished with time so the dysfunction and imbalance of power come to seem normal.

It's not, no matter how times you hear the stories about the gamesmanship between George Halas and Curly Lambeau.

Or how the Packers loaned Halas cash to help keep him in business in the Great Depression.

Or how Halas campaigned in Green Bay in 1956 to gain passage of a stadium referendum that kept the NFL from uprooting the team.

It's customary to celebrate the legendary confrontations on the field — and some



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A lot has changed since Aaron Rodgers' Packers beat Khalil Mack and the Bears in Week 1.

intense confrontations in the stands, parking lots and nearby bars over the years — like it's "The Iliad." But the recent one-sidedness ought to give pause.

When the Bears led the series 50-26-6 after downing the Packers in the 1960 opener, that all was fine — at least on this side of the Illinois-Wisconsin border.

Maybe it still felt like a rivalry to Packers fans, with the little brother taking lumps from the bigger sibling. That it stretched over nearly 40 years, however, might lead a therapist to see something more sinister.

The balance has shifted since then with Packers going 71-44 in the interim to take the series lead at 97-94-6.

If that has the ring of parity, just know things have been utterly out of whack since Brett Favre led the Packers to a 33-6 victory in throwback uniforms and a horrific rainstorm that dumped more than two inches of rain with 40 mph winds gusting to 54 mph on Halloween 1994.

That muddy mess of a loss on the night the Bears retired the numbers of Gale

Sayers and Dick Butkus kicked off a 38-12 run for the Packers, despite a brief 2004-08 return to competitiveness by the Bears in which they won seven of 10 meetings.

It's time for another stretch like that for the Bears, who already could have started it if they had held a 20-0 third-quarter lead in the season opener at Lambeau Field.

Since then, things have gone sideways for the Packers, who dumped coach Mike McCarthy after a Week 13 loss. Now coached by Joe Philbin, they beat the Falcons 34-20 on Sunday, the most points they've scored in a game all season.

But coach Matt Nagy's Bears and more specifically coordinator Vic Fangio's defensive unit of Week 1 are not the Bears and defense of Week 15.

There's an NFC North crown in sight, along with the gold and green of the Packers, a chance to restore glory and a rivalry all at once.

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BEARS

Report: Callahan has broken foot



Bears slot cornerback Bryce Callahan has a broken bone in his left foot, NFL Network reported Tuesday.

Callahan left Sunday's game against the Rams in the second quarter and didn't return.

Bears coach Matt Nagy said Monday that Callahan was undergoing tests on his foot and he'd know more within a couple of days. Nagy speaks to the media next on Wednesday morning.

A company called Elite Icons Framing and Memorabilia first broke the news of Callahan's injury on Twitter, announcing Callahan couldn't participate in an autograph signing Tuesday night because of a broken foot.

The company has since deleted the tweet.

But NFL Network confirmed the report shortly thereafter, noting it was Callahan's fifth metatarsal that is broken and that a timeline for recovery is to be determined.

Callahan has played a key part in the Bears defense this season. He has a career-high 45 tackles and two sacks, with two interceptions and six passes defended.

He had made more of an impact this season, his fourth with the Bears, because he was able to stay healthy and on the field. The Bears brought him back this season on a one-year restricted free-agent tender worth about \$1.9 million. He will be a free agent this offseason.

"There are a lot of little things that he's mastered and can go to the next level as far as reading and dissecting routes and knowing how to play them, maybe playing them a half-second quicker than he did two years ago," Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said earlier this season. "Those things start to add up."

In his absence, Sherrick McManis played 56 percent of the Bears' snaps on Sunday. McManis, 30, has 19 tackles, a sack, an interception and a pass defended in 12 games this season.

—Colleen Kane

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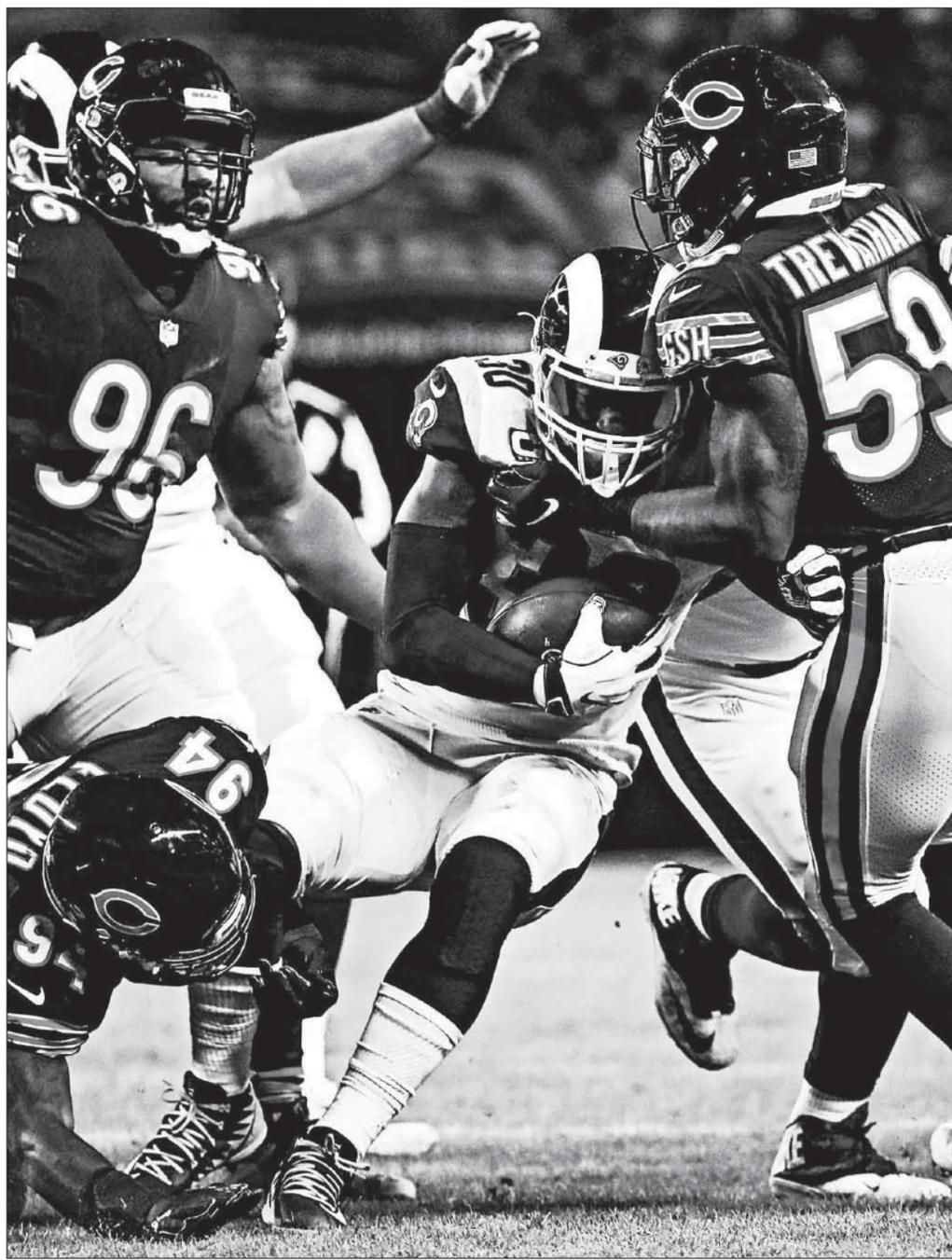
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BEARS



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Rams running back Todd Gurley is gang-tackled by the Bears defense, which held him to 28 yards on 11 carries Sunday.

Run 'D' is a wall

Bottling up Gurley proves Bears can deliver best performance against best opponent

The Bears' 15-6 victory over the Rams on Sunday night was their most emphatic stamp on this season's turnaround. Holding the Rams without a touchdown for the first time in coach Sean McVay's 30 games was a signature performance, and now the Bears are one win from their first NFC North Division title since 2010.

Here are three observations from rewatching the game on a combination of the NBC telecast and the coaches' video available through the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

The Bears defense contained running back Todd Gurley with great gap integrity and by getting extension against blocks.

The Rams' zone-rushing attack is designed to exploit cutback lanes created by a lateral blocking scheme. But the Bears were terrific walling off Gurley's options to cut back.

It started with defensive lineman Akiem Hicks, whose upper-body strength at the point of attack helped him control blocks and, for the most part, be where he needed to be in the team concept.

That enabled the Bears to string out a few runs, where players such as Leonard Floyd, Bryce Callahan and Sherrick McManis took turns making tackles on the perimeter. In that regard, it truly was a collective effort.

Gurley carried 11 times for only 28 yards, his lowest single-game total since his rookie year in 2015. Only three of his carries gained more than 2 yards. That's incredible team defense against a back who entered the game leading the NFL in rushing.

On Gurley's 5-yard loss in the first half, for example, Khalil Mack worked through right tackle Rob Havenstein's outside shoulder, getting upfield to set the edge. That prevented Gurley from hitting his landmark and making his cut. Instead, he had to widen his track, and Floyd was there to clean up the play.

This performance was no fluke. It was this season's best showcase of the Bears' talent and depth in the front seven. They have really talented, well-coached players. Strong, fast guys who play with good technique to get extension on blocks and control the guy trying to block them. And it's not just headliners such as Hicks and Mack. It's reserves such as Roy Robertson-Harris.

At Soldier Field, when the opponent is slowed by crowd noise and a silent count, the edge is clearly the Bears'. If they can contain Gurley and the Rams, they can contain anyone.



RICH CAMPBELL
Bears
Observations

Mitch Trubisky was inaccurate on various throws in his return from a two-game absence.

I've always found the "Good QB, Bad QB" (Rex, Jay, etc.) labels to be a bit cliché, but they truly have applied to Trubisky in his second season. Sometimes he'll make you say "Wow!" for the right reasons, but on Sunday, it was for his misfires.

With his inconsistency comes unreliability. Every time he drops back, you don't know if he's going to hit the bull's-eye 20 yards downfield or overthrow an open receiver and have it picked off. The importance of this will only increase as the Bears push toward the playoffs and into January.

It probably won't click before the end of this season, but next year the Bears must be able to count on Trubisky on a much greater percentage of his dropbacks. That applies to his throwing fundamentals, field vision and decision-making, each of which betrayed him at times against the Rams.

Two of his interceptions were overthrows of open receivers. The other, within two minutes of half-time, was a bad decision — he either didn't see or didn't properly gauge nickel cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman buzzing to the flat underneath Taylor Gabriel.

All three interceptions occurred on throws from clean pockets (or clean enough). Unforced errors like that require a defensive performance for the ages to overcome, and, fortunately for Trubisky, the Bears got that.

But it wasn't just throws from the pocket that Trubisky struggled to execute. On the Bears' second possession, he threw behind Gabriel while rolling to his right. He usually hits throws on the move in both directions, but that one was way off.

He threw a run-pass option into the ground on second-and-2 in the second quarter when he didn't get a proper grip on the laces. The Bears ended up punting. It all amounted to an unsightly performance.

On the plus side — and there always is a plus side with Trubisky — he was good with his RPO reads on the nine-play, 81-yard touchdown drive to begin the third quarter. He exploited off coverage with good ball-handling and accurate short throws.

His touchdown pass to offensive tackle Bradley Sowell was not the easiest throw. He faded from the target because the play needed time

to develop, but the back-footed throw was right where Sowell needed it. Sowell wasn't wide open, but he was open enough to pluck the ball. Credit Trubisky with delivering a catchable ball.

Afterward, coach Matt Nagy acknowledged Trubisky was hard on himself, as usual. And the coach's message to his quarterback, as he told media, was: "Who cares? We're about winning games."

Here's guessing that apathy yields to great determination during the film study and practice this week. The Bears defense has proved it can carry the team, but that's not a high-percentage play in January.

Nagy got Jordan Howard going with RPO carries and carries with the quarterback under center.

Each of Howard's 19 attempts fell into one of those two categories. There were no straight runs out of the shotgun. Howard carried 11 times for 57 yards on what appeared to be RPOs and eight times for 44 yards with Trubisky under center.

Did those alignments make so much of a difference that Howard set a season high for rushing yards? Hard to say. But given how RPOs are designed to exploit the defensive alignment, it's logical to conclude those calls — and Trubisky's decisions to hand off — got the Bears in favorable blocking matchups from a numbers standpoint.

Howard ran with good vision and a good feel for the defense, at times adjusting his track when he sensed a gap being filled. He has been inconsistent in this regard in 2018, but Sunday was one of his best games. None of his carries lost yardage, and 16 of 19 gained at least 3 yards.

He also rediscovered the power in his game, gaining 53 yards after contact. He took advantage of the fact that the Rams linebackers didn't really come downhill like those on some of the defenses that have more effectively bottled him up (Lions and Giants, recently).

Howard's blockers did well creating lanes for him. Veteran guard Bryan Witzmann held his own against Aaron Donald one week after struggling against a lesser Giants line. Rookie James Daniels was superb overall in blocking Donald. The Bears took the fight to Donald and didn't sit back to be beaten by his quickness.

It all added up to validate what Nagy has said about the running game problems being multifaceted: scheme/plays-calling, the ball carrier and the blocking. It came together nicely against a defense that entered Week 14 ranked 30th in the NFL in yards allowed per carry.

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Power rankings

By BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune

Last week's ranking in parentheses



- 1. Chiefs 11-2 (3).** Left-handed passes. No-look passes. What's next for Patrick Mahomes?
- 2. Saints 11-2 (2).** Their slump after the loss to the Cowboys carried through the first half in Tampa before the offense picked it up. Is it a mini-skid or a sign the offense has a weakness?
- 3. Rams 11-2 (1).** Coach Sean McVay repeatedly called their punchless loss to the Bears "humbling." It will be great theater if they meet again in the postseason.
- 4. Bears 9-4 (7).** Defense is en vogue, and it resides at Soldier Field.
- 5. Chargers 10-3 (5).** They were not sharp in a win over the Bengals. RB a question with Melvin Gordon (knee) iffy for Thursday night's game vs. Chiefs and Austin Ekeler banged up.
- 6. Patriots 9-4 (4).** It's time to rethink Rob Gronkowski in the Hail Mary defense.
- 7. Cowboys 8-5 (9).** The Amari Cooper factor: Cowboys are 5-1 since acquiring the WR, Dak Prescott is throwing for 83 more yards per game and his passer rating is 18 points higher.
- 8. Seahawks 8-5 (10).** The defense looked playoff-ready in a dominating performance against the Vikings.
- 9. Texans 9-4 (6).** Nine-game winning streak ends, but the Texans still two up in AFC South. TEs Ryan Griffin and Jordan Akins combined for 11 catches for 151 yards in loss to Colts.
- 10. Ravens 7-6 (11).** Relentless pressure on Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes nearly produced a heck of an upset for the Ravens, who fell in OT in Kansas City but look like a playoff team.
- 11. Titans 7-6 (15).** Winners of two straight with a road game at the Giants followed by home games against the Redskins and Colts, the Titans could make a strong wild-card push.
- 12. Steelers 7-5-1 (8).** It's fair to wonder if the Steelers' slide has become a free fall. They've lost three straight and have one win over an opponent that currently has a winning record.
- 13. Vikings 6-6-1 (12).** Offensive struggles, which continued Monday night in a road loss to the Seahawks, cost first-year coordinator John DeFilippo his job.
- 14. Colts 7-6 (17).** It was the Colts defense that put an end to the Texans' nine-game winning streak. The run defense has improved and they sacked Deshaun Watson five times.
- 15. Dolphins 7-6 (18).** Kenyan Drake scored on a wild lateral play to upset the Patriots and tossed the ball into the stands. Now Drake would kindly like the ball back as a keepsake.
- 16. Eagles 6-7 (14).** Wonky officiating didn't help the Eagles, and safety Malcolm Jenkins took notice as he said, "Whoever's watching that in New York should stay off the bottle."
- 17. Giants 5-8 (21).** Perhaps faith has been restored in first-year coach Pat Shurmur as they have won four of their last five.
- 18. Broncos 6-7 (13).** John Fox was fired after four straight division titles in Denver, so the chances of Vance Joseph surviving another losing season are probably slim.
- 19. Panthers 6-7 (16).** They dominated most of the key stats in a loss in Cleveland, but big plays did in the Panthers as they allowed three plays of more than 50 yards.
- 20. Packers 5-7-1 (23).** They showed a little fight in their first game since Mike McCarthy's exit, thumping the Falcons, who have been thumped a lot lately.
- 21. Browns 5-7-1 (24).** They have won three of their last five games under Gregg Williams. They won three times in 40 games under Hue Jackson.
- 22. Lions 5-8 (26).** Time to wonder if DE Ziggy Ansah is approaching the end of the line in Detroit. He reinjured his shoulder in the win in Arizona and is playing on the franchise tag.
- 23. Buccaneers 5-8 (19).** The offensive line issues were on display as Jameis Winston was under duress most of the game as the Bucs blew an 11-point lead to the Saints.
- 24. Jets 4-9 (30).** The final three games will help determine how attractive Sam Darnold can make what is expected to be a job opening as coach of the Jets.
- 25. Bills 4-9 (27).** They moved into first place in the NFL in total defense, allowing 290.6 yards per game. It's evidence that yardage totals don't tell the entire story.
- 26. Bengals 5-8 (22).** One of the few bright spots in a season gone awry has been RB Joe Mixon, who had 111 yards against the Chargers, even if it was the Bengals' fifth straight loss.
- 27. Falcons 4-9 (28).** Dan Quinn might not be on the hot seat this season, but his offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian could be in grave danger.
- 28. Jaguars 4-9 (25).** An uninspired effort in Nashville continues a downward trend. If there is a coaching change, could Tom Coughlin move from the front office to the sideline?
- 29. Redskins 6-7 (20).** Mark Sanchez played so poorly the Redskins turned to recently signed Josh Johnson. Yes, this season is spinning out of control.
- 30. 49ers 3-10 (31).** No. 3 QB Nick Mullens has five starts now and his 93.5 passer rating with nine touchdown passes and six interceptions is intriguing.
- 31. Raiders 3-10 (32).** It seemed just a matter of time before coach Jon Gruden would begin seeking a new personnel man, and that time is now. GM Reggie McKenzie was fired Monday.
- 32. Cardinals 3-10 (29).** They had a chance to win back-to-back games. Instead, they put up little fight and fewer big plays in losing to the Lions at home for the first time since 1993.

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NFL NOTES

Vikings part ways with O-coordinator

News services

The Vikings, still seeking to salvage a season that started with Super Bowl designs, made a last-ditch move to capture a mid-December spark by firing offensive coordinator John DeFilippo.

Coach Mike Zimmer made what he called an "extremely difficult decision" Tuesday morning, following a 21-7 loss to the Seahawks on Monday night in Seattle.

DeFilippo's first season on the job ended after just 13 games, amid a sharp decline in production by the offense over the last six weeks.

"I went round and round and round and round about it because I feel like, 'I hired him. It's my job to try to help him to continue to get better,'" Zimmer said. "I obviously didn't do a good enough job there. I've always felt like if you hire a guy, you should stick with him and try to help him and help him mature as a coach."

The Vikings (6-6-1) have been held to under 300 total yards in four of their last five games. They've scored an average of 12.8 points in those four games. Thanks to the struggles of several of their NFC competitors, though, they're still in control of the second wild-card spot with three games to go.

"I don't want the season to be wasted. Now, maybe it will. Maybe it won't," Zimmer said. "But these three games, to me, are very, very critical."

Quarterbacks coach Kevin Stefanski was made interim offensive coordinator, taking over the play-calling duty. Stefanski has been an assistant with the Vikings since 2006, surviving two head coaching

changes. Having coached quarterbacks, running backs and tight ends under Zimmer, Stefanski has a firm grasp of the scheme and the personnel.

"We've got a lot of smart guys in that room, and I'll try to help him best I can," Zimmer said.

Oakland files suit: The city of Oakland filed a federal antitrust lawsuit trying to recover damages for the Raiders' move to Las Vegas in 2020.

The suit filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California against the Raiders, the NFL and the other 31 clubs seeks lost revenue, money Oakland taxpayers invested in the Raiders and other costs. The suit doesn't ask the court to prevent the Raiders' move to Las Vegas but asks for damages that will help pay off the approximately \$80 million in debt remaining from renovations on the Coliseum.

The city says the defendants violated federal antitrust laws and the league violated its own relocation policies when the teams voted in March 2017 to approve the Raiders' decision to move to Las Vegas.

Extra points: Chargers RB Melvin Gordon practiced on a limited basis for the first time since spraining the MCL in his right knee Nov. 26, but he will be a game-time decision for the team's AFC West showdown against the Chiefs on Thursday night in Kansas City, Mo. ... The Lions placed DE Ezekiel Ansah on IR with a shoulder injury, ending his season and potentially his time with the franchise that drafted him in the first round in 2013.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Kyle Fuller (23) and his teammates celebrate his interception Sunday against the Rams.

Dominant 'D' lifts Bears

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Chiefs, igniting a 54-51 Rams win. In that Week 11 pinball game, the Rams seemed to score every time they breathed. On Sunday against the Bears, they ran only three of their 61 offensive plays from inside the red zone.

"I expect to respond from this," Goff said with the tone of a man explaining a car accident. "We have a lot of resilient players. And I know myself and a lot of those guys have been in much worse situations than 11-2 with three weeks left. A lot of stuff to learn from."

This was, no doubt, a frazzled quarterback grasping for silver linings.

Not far away, in a different pocket of Soldier Field's underbelly, Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky found himself in good spirits. After experiencing what may have been the franchise's biggest win since beating the Seahawks in the 2011 playoffs, Trubisky had every reason to be grinning ear to ear. Thus, as he recapped the game's only touchdown — his 2-yard pass to reserve offensive lineman Bradley Sowell — Trubisky had free rein to joke around.

He was asked the name of that gadget play.

"Santa's Sleigh," Trubisky said, smiling. "Ho, ho, ho. Merry Christmas. Presents down the chimney."

Still, during his eight-minute news conference, Trubisky also delivered his most heartfelt thanks to his defense, a verbal Christmas card that served as recognition of what the beasts on the other side of the ball had done for him.

Had it not been for another dominant defensive performance, Trubisky would have faced an intense barrage of questions after a night in which he completed only 16 of 30 passes for 110 yards with three interceptions.

Rather than offer an itemized recap of his turnovers, Trubisky was allowed to spend time praising the defense. Just as he had moments earlier in the locker room.

"I've come to appreciate how smart they are and how they all play together," Trubisky said. "We've got guys in every single spot on defense who can make game-changing plays. They play hard. They play together. And they play smart. You couldn't ask for more on defense with what they're doing."

Trubisky's performance Sunday — a season low in passing yards, a career-low 33.3 rating — had been reminiscent of that old cartoon, the one with the infant naively wandering to the top of a high-rise construction project. Yet every time that

poor kiddo crawled off a ledge, seemingly certain to plummet to a horrific ending, here came another beam or concrete tube at just the right moment to prevent the free fall.

That, in many weeks, has been the story of the 2018 Bears.

Late in the third quarter, Trubisky sailed a pass on a crossing route to Trey Burton, a wild miss on which the Rams capitalized with safety John Johnson returning the pick past the Bears 30-yard line.

With a far-from-comfortable nine-point lead, setting the Rams up with possession that close seemed like an ill-advised game of chicken. But it only seemed that way for six seconds. On Goff's next pass, Kyle Fuller took the ball back with his league-leading seventh interception.

Those three Trubisky turnovers? The Rams turned them into only three points.

In fact, after eight of Trubisky's 14 turnovers this season, the defense has responded by either getting a takeaway or preventing the opponent from picking up a first down. Consequently, opponents have managed only 28 points off Trubisky's 14 turnovers. What an amazing and reliable safety net.

On a big stage Sunday night under a bright spotlight, Trubisky's struggles were pronounced.

If the Bears had lost, anxiety inside the locker room would have spiked. The frustration in the fan base would have become fevered.

Instead, as coach Matt Nagy worked to reassure his quarterback, he uttered a message rarely delivered after a three-turnover convulsion. "I told him 'Who cares?'" Nagy said. "We're about winning the games."

Meanwhile, down that other corridor in the other end of Soldier Field's underbelly, Rams coach Sean McVay tried to shield his quarterback.

"I've got to be better for our football team," McVay said. "This loss is on me. I didn't do nearly a good enough job for us today."

With that, the team with the best record in the NFC stumbled out of Chicago with an experience McVay repeatedly called "humbling."

The home team, meanwhile, received further evidence that it can compete with anybody, that it can win any game it plays.

This was all because of that nasty Bears defense.

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Blackhawks goalie Cam Ward watches as a shot by Mathieu Perreault gets by him to put the Jets up 5-3.

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Eight's enough

Hawks cough up 3 quick goals, drop 8th straight game

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — As the losses have piled up one after another, Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton admitted it has often been too painful to look at the standings.

"It doesn't help," he said before Tuesday night's game against the Jets.

It might be time to put on blinders during the games as well. At least during the first period.

The Hawks fell behind 3-0 and didn't get a shot on goal until nearly 18 minutes had elapsed during another dreadful first as they fell to the Jets 6-3 at Bell MTS Place for their eighth consecutive loss.

"What, we didn't have a shot for the first 15-16 minutes maybe even more?" Patrick Kane said. "It's a pretty embarrassing start."

Just as they've done nearly every game during this losing streak, the Hawks mounted a comeback that fell short.

Alex DeBrincat's 12th goal of the season with 13:52 left in the third pulled the Hawks within one.

But after Jan Rutta took his second penalty of the game, Mathieu Perreault scored a

power-play goal to restore the two-goal lead. The Jets' Brandon Tanev added an empty-netter with 4.8 seconds left.

Ready for some difficult numbers? Brace yourself.

■ This was the 11th straight time the Hawks allowed the first goal of the game.

■ It marked the 10th time in 11 games they allowed at least two goals in the first period.

■ The Hawks were outshot 14-0 and trailed 3-0 before their first shot on goal with 2 minutes, 24 seconds remaining in the first.

■ The Hawks have an eight-game losing streak for the second time this season, and have lost 19 of their last 22.

It could have been even worse in the first as Tyler Myers hit a post and Hawks goalie Cam Ward's giveaway nearly led to an open net.

But Mark Scheifele's power-play goal at the 12:11 mark got the Jets on the board, and Myers and Kyle Connor also scored over the next six minutes, while the Hawks seemed to be content to watch the Jets skate circles around them.

"When bad stuff happens to us right now we stop playing for a little bit," Colliton said after the game. "And so then the hole gets a little deeper. So we've got to fix it."

As awful and inexplicable as their start was, the Hawks followed their recent trend and came out with a strong second period to get back in the game.

The Jets went up 4-0 on

Connor's second goal of the game less than two minutes into the period, but the Hawks outshot the Jets 17-10 and got goals from Dylan Strome and Dominik Kahun to cut the lead in half.

Strome has four goals in eight games since joining the Hawks in a trade for Nick Schmaltz but with the Hawks winless since his arrival, he takes no solace in his personal success.

"No, no, not at all," Strome said. "We haven't won a game since I've been here. So I've got to be better. I've got to be better and everyone has to be better, and then we're going to start winning."

Ward made several huge saves in the second, including a diving glove save to deny Connor a hat trick.

Despite their efforts, however, this was another game that was all but decided in the first period.

"It's a waste because we can play well and we just, for whatever reason, we're not turning it on until we're behind," Colliton said. "It's possible they let off the gas a little bit. We shouldn't fall in love with our play too much."

"We did at least start playing and competed and won some 50-50s and then the game changed a little bit. But we've got to find a way to play early on."

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BULLS

NOTES

Mexico City visit 'a business trip'

BY K.C. JOHNSON
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The Bulls flew to Mexico City on Tuesday afternoon, where they'll face the Magic on Thursday as part of the NBA Global Games initiative.

These trips are grow-the-game galas, complete with an appearance from NBA commissioner Adam Silver and plenty of NBA Cares community service events.

All of that, plus a Wednesday afternoon practice, will happen. It just will happen at a time the Bulls are the focus of the league for all the wrong reasons.

"We're going as a family on a business trip," coach Jim Boylen said. "And we're excited."

Boylen has coached in Mexico City before and planned a "team bonding" dinner on Tuesday night.

"It's a really unique and cool place," Boylen said. "I told the team that just the trip down there, it's like 20 million people live in that city. Just flying in there is an experience when you look out your window."

"When (flight attendants) hit the bell for the 20-minute (descent), you're flying over the city. Then you land and you're still in the city. We don't have many cities like that here."

"I told them to look out their window and absorb the culture. It's one of the oldest cities in the world. There's a lot of history there. It's a real cool place. Food will be great. And hopefully we can play some hoops."

Zach LaVine played in the NBA Global Games initiative during his rookie season with the Timberwolves.

"I look forward to going back," LaVine said. "It's a great trip and it's good for our team to be together. They have great fans and will fill the arena."

Layups: Boylen said Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis had no setbacks after playing in Monday's loss, their first games since suffering sprained MCLs just two days apart in late October. ... In October 2013, the Bulls traveled to Rio de Janeiro to beat the Wizards in an exhibition.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Bulls coach Jim Boylen on the leadership group: "What I expect the leadership group to do is respect and honor the soul of the team."

Bulls smooth out rift

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jacked up about it."

The Bulls endured a tumultuous 24 hours in which they lost to the Celtics by a franchise-record 56 points and then had two or three players suggest in a group text exchange to boycott Boylen's scheduled Sunday practice — which came after a back-to-back set of games and with three games in four days — before two hours of team meetings. An emotional meeting with players, Boylen and management followed a players-only meeting.

Boylen also has talked about having open lines of communication for all players. So what's the difference with a leadership committee?

"A guy isn't going to go to the leadership committee when he doesn't understand his role," Boylen said. "These are about the soul and spirit of the team. What I expect the leadership group to do is respect and honor the soul of the team. If they have any issues, they present them in the right way."

"What I'm hoping is the leadership group takes ownership of Bulls across their chest. We haven't taken enough ownership of that. And that bothers me, man, because that's what we can control."

Leadership committees aren't associated much with 15-man NBA rosters. In the NFL, Giants coach Tom Coughlin established one after almost getting fired, and that franchise later won a Super Bowl. Boylen said he came to his decision because he reads a lot about coaching and leadership.

"We're just trying to figure out the right dudes to lead the team who will be with us moving forward," Zach LaVine said. "But I think it's a great thing, especially with a young team. It's not a dictatorship. We don't have a straight-up old-school vet on the team, like a Kevin Garnett, to where you know he's the exact leader. Even at the time, Kevin Garnett wasn't the best player on the team, but it's K.G."

"There are teams that have it where their best player isn't their leader, but he was 100 percent leader on the team. With a young team, I feel like we can all have a voice, especially the ones that are

going to be on the team (moving forward) and dudes that's voices are respected."

LaVine's words are important here. He served as one of the most powerful voices at Sunday's meetings and also publicly revealed the crux of one of the players' main issues with Boylen's tactics when he said: "I don't think the players' toughness should ever be questioned."

LaVine, who met with Boylen separately, doubled down on that sentiment Tuesday.

"You can't ever question how hard I work and how much the game means to me," LaVine said.

So what did LaVine and Boylen learn about each other during Sunday's lay-it-all-out talks, which also featured players voicing frustration over Boylen's second five-man substitution after just 2 minutes, 58 seconds of the second half on Saturday?

"That we both care a lot," LaVine said. "He knows how competitive I am, and I put a lot of hard work into this. I know how much he cares as well. I can see his emotion and actually how much he cares, and that's something we both have in common. And you can go from there, but we both want what's best for the team."

Answered Boylen: "What I've learned is he has a big heart. He wants to be great. He wants to lead. He wants to take ownership. He wants to make plays at the end of the game. He wants to make his teammates better. And I have to help him do that. And I have to help him in those teachable moments to grow in those areas. He's done it at times and done it well. We've also had times we can do it better. That's what my job is. I'm glad he's here."

The Bulls have landed squarely in national headlines over the last few days, their daily transpirings playing out like some soap opera. Boylen remains resolute.

"I've never been clearer in my life about where we're going, what we need to do and how we're going to do it," he said. "I expect the bumps in the road. I prepared for it. You can't run from it. It had to happen and we're growing from here. It's exciting."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

World juniors may beckon Jokiharju

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — The Blackhawks are reportedly considering allowing rookie defenseman Henri Jokiharju to leave the team at the end of the month to participate in the World Junior Championships.

Jokiharju, 19, would miss at least four games if he plays for his native Finland at the tournament, which takes place Dec. 26-Jan. 5 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"That's not something we've talked about," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "Obviously, I know that it's an option but we haven't gone down that road yet."

Jokiharju's playing time has steadily decreased since Colliton took over from Joel Quenneville

and, in addition to missing two games with an illness, was a healthy scratch for one game last month.

Prior to Tuesday's game against the Jets, Jokiharju's previous three games were the least amount of ice time he has played this season. Colliton was asked if letting Jokiharju leave for a few games could work to his benefit.

"There could be," Colliton said. "But that's something we'll have to discuss."

A grand old time: Brent Seabrook and Duncan Keith are set to play in their 1,000th career game as teammates Tuesday, the sixth-most games played by any duo and most ever by a pair of defensemen. Red Wings teammates Gordie Howe and Alex Delvecchio hold the record with

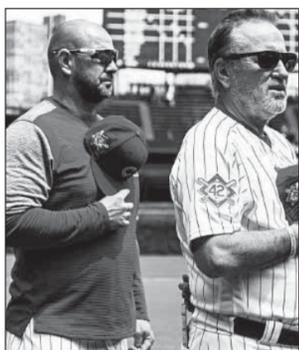
1,353 games.

"That's some kind of dysfunctional, or functional, marriage right there," Hawks captain Jonathan Toews joked. "They've played a lot of hockey together, obviously they're good friends and great teammates. That's a big one."

Forward Chris Kunitz is closing in on the 1,000th game of his career but as a frequent healthy scratch this season, it's not certain he'll reach that milestone. Kunitz is scheduled to be in the lineup against the Jets for what would be his 988th career game.

"The more it's right there and you're so many games away I think it means more and more," Kunitz said. "Who knows if it will come or not. But I think it's not a number you ever set out for or think it would come to you."

CUBS



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Brandon Hyde, left, with manager Joe Maddon, will take over as manager of the Orioles.

Hyde leaves for O's, Ross could move to dugout

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — The Cubs are playing catch-up in their plan to improve communication with players after losing another coach.

The latest loss occurred late Tuesday night when Cubs bench coach Brandon Hyde became the new manager of the Orioles.

Hyde, 45, a Cubs coach for the last five seasons, is the fourth member of manager Joe Maddon's staff to depart since their loss in the NL wild-card game.

A source confirmed Hyde's appointment, which occurred less than a week after the Cubs formally announced him as part of their 2019 staff.

Neither the Cubs nor the Orioles made a formal announcement on the hiring.

Hyde takes over an Orioles team that lost 115 games while competing against the heavy-weight Red Sox and Yankees in the AL East.

And it means special assistant and former Cubs player David Ross could be in line to take over as bench coach, although Ross, 41, has firm family obligations that may prevent him from taking the job.

Ross had a reputation as a strong communicator and assertive leader during his two seasons as a player with the Cubs (2015-16), and the team is looking for ways to improve how information is shared with players.

Maddon revealed during his media session at the winter meetings that he has been looking at ways to better understand his players, even to the point of reading "Managing Millennials for Dummies" as he plans to spend more time on the field with his coaches and players.

"With all the new coaches this year and still a lot of young players being developed, I think it's more important that I get more involved on the field a little more often," Maddon said.

"It's not going to be a dramatic difference. But I do like to coach. Having this opportunity to get back on the field more in a coaching role more often, I'm looking forward to it."

Team President Theo Epstein, Maddon and the coaching staff are examining ways to improve how their message and instruction are conveyed to the young players who are vital to the team's fortunes this season.

"It represents a real competitive advantage," Epstein said. "And this generation of players doesn't necessarily want to know what and when and where and how, but they definitely want to know why. And you have to have your rationale and your evidence, your data and you have to be accurate."

"If you're not prepared and lose trust even once, that can damage your relationship for a long time. Communication methods are different."

One are the days when hitters would have to adjust to a hitting coach's style. Epstein mentioned that professional golfers have their private swing coaches.

"Hitting the baseball is harder than a golf ball," Epstein said. "That might be where things end up 10 years from now. You might have guys with all their swing coaches. We're not there yet, but certainly the hitting coach job is a lot different now."

In regards to a tweet that stated that a "mystery owner" flew to Las Vegas to meet free-agent slugger Bryce Harper, Epstein said that Chairman Tom Ricketts wasn't in town.

"We had some good conversations with clubs," Epstein said. "I thought it was as productive as it could get without getting anything done."

"We're closer to some realistic things than we had been, but nothing close."

WHITE SOX

Nova a building block

Hahn cultivating plans for free agency after deal for Pirates starter

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — The next step in the White Sox's attempt to become a contender could be more significant than their acquisition Tuesday of pitcher Ivan Nova from the Pirates for minor-league pitcher Yordi Rosario and international signing bonus pool money.

For now, Nova, 31, provides the Sox with an innings-eating starter who can take the load off Reynaldo Lopez, Lucas Giolito and Carlos Rodon at only \$8.5 million. Adding him also buys time for prospects Dylan Cease, Dane Dunning and Kodi Medeiros.

Mega free agents Bryce Harper and Manny Machado remain in play, but the acquisition of Nova — nearly two weeks after acquiring closer Alex Colome — displays the Sox's intent to upgrade their roster significantly after their 100-loss season in 2018.

Even if the Sox fail to land Harper or Machado, they're showing an intent to substantially improve. They're still looking for another starting pitcher and a catcher — perhaps to do more than just aid their young pitchers and catchers.

"We got Wely (Wellington Castillo) coming back, and he's capable of being the everyday catcher, whether in this day and age it means 100 games, 110 games," general manager Rick Hahn said. "He's capable of doing that."

"At the same time, let's see what else we financially can end up bringing in. If we find a way to make ourselves better and the new catcher takes up more of the playing time over the course of the season, that's fine."

A few reports have linked the Sox to free-agent Yasmani Grandal, but "in the end, the most logical one is on paper is more of a backup type, catch-and-throw (catcher), can handle a staff, complement Wely and give Zack Collins more time (to develop)," Hahn said.

"But we're not ruling anything else out."

Manager Rick Renteria endorsed buying more time for the prospects.

"And once they start understanding and being confident and learning what it is that they can really do, and they come together as a team, I think there's potentially a lot of exciting times coming on the South Side," Renteria said.



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New Sox starter Ivan Nova threw at least 160 innings for the Pirates in each of the last three seasons.

Top-notch relievers are on the Sox's shopping list, but they may wait.

"Let the market unfold if you don't like the price," Hahn said.

Adding Nova, who has thrown at least 160 innings in each of the last three seasons and has allowed an average of only 1.75 walks per nine innings, doesn't restrain the Sox's attempts to acquire a big-name free agent, such as Harper or Machado.

"In the interim, you are going to see moves that round out this roster that helps make us better in the short term and potentially has

a longer-lasting impact on some of the other players."

Nova, 31, was 9-9 with a 4.19 ERA in 29 starts with the Pirates last season. He didn't allow more than three walks in any of his 20 starts, and he has a 78-64 lifetime record in nine seasons with the Yankees (2010-16) and Pirates (2016-18).

The Sox believe Nova's flaws can be corrected. Nova has allowed 55 homers in 348 innings over the last two seasons. Of the 26 home runs allowed by Nova in 2018, 18 were hit away from spacious PNC Park.

Left-handed batters hit .288 against Nova, compared with right-handers' .250 mark.

"There are a couple of flaws that might need to be cleaned up here, which is not shocking," Hahn said. "At the same time, it's mostly stuff we've had success with in the past and stuff we can manage."

Rosario, 19, was 1-4 with a 2.57 ERA in 14 games in the Dominican Summer League and rookie Arizona League.

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Reinsdorf having crazy week with his Bulls, Sox

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Harold Baines controversy

No one complained when former Cubs great Ron Santo was voted into the Hall of Fame by a veterans committee in 2011 after some persuasion by committee member Billy Williams, Santo's friend and former teammate.

But the selection of former Sox DH Harold Baines on Sunday by a veterans committee that included Reinsdorf drew widespread criticism because of a debate over Baines' career stats.

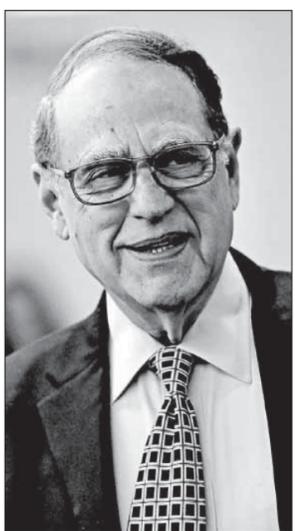
Some of those critics pointed the finger at Reinsdorf for getting Baines in and allegedly diminishing the Hall. One of the most vocal, veteran sportscaster Keith Olbermann, tweeted: "Only 1 guy had Baines anywhere near the top of the list of 'unfairly overlooked' — and that was Jerry Reinsdorf, who has spent 35 years running an unproductive, boring team in the #3 market as if it were based in Oshkosh WI (no offense, Oshkosh)."

Reinsdorf had nothing to do with Baines getting on the ballot, one committee member confirmed, but was placed on the voting committee by the Hall of Fame.

And while Reinsdorf was one of Baines' biggest boosters in the meeting, he had only one vote. Eleven other members on the 16-man committee agreed with his assessment of Baines' qualifications, though they decline to reveal their votes.

Either way, it's a controversy that won't die down anytime soon. Committee member Joe Torre added to the confusion Monday when MLB Network asked him about the selection process. "Sometimes numbers don't tell you the whole story," Torre said of Baines.

Torre did not elaborate.



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Jerry Reinsdorf's rebuilding White Sox and Bulls teams have been in the spotlight this week.

Battling Scott Boras

Bryce Harper reportedly is seeking the biggest contract in baseball history, which is one reason to believe he won't wind up on the South Side.

Reinsdorf has yet to hand out a nine-figure contract, much less a \$300-million to \$400-million deal.

Another reason is the Sox are coming off a 100-loss season and probably won't be competitive for at least a couple of years.

But the biggest impediment may be that Harper's agent is the notorious Boras, who has a long history of battling Reinsdorf over money, dating to first-round draft pick Bobby Seay in the summer of 1996.

Later that year, Reinsdorf called negotiations with Boras over impending Sox free agent Alex Fernandez "one of the more bizarre meetings I've ever had." Fernandez wound up signing

with the Marlins.

Things came to a head in the winter of 2004 when the Sox bowed out of the free-agent bidding for their outfielder, Magglio Ordonez, along with several other Boras clients, including Omar Vizquel, Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, J.D. Drew, Jason Varitek, Derek Lowe and Kevin Millwood.

"I do not expect to sign any Scott Boras clients," then-Sox general manager Ken Williams declared.

The next year, the Sox declined to consider any draft prospects Boras "advised." "In my past 15 years of doing this, we haven't had much success with Scott Boras," senior director of player personnel Duane Shaffer explained. Williams added: "I'd be lying if I told you (Boras' involvement) wasn't a consideration."

The Sox ultimately made TCU pitcher Lance Broadway their first-round pick and watched him quickly flame out in a career that lasted only 27 games.

Williams relented by the winter of 2009, and unsuccessfully pursued another Boras client, free-agent outfielder Johnny Damon. And after replacing Williams as general manager, Rick Hahn selected college pitcher Carlos Rodon, another Boras guy, with the No. 3 pick in the 2014 draft, continuing the thaw.

"Quite frankly, I always got along with Kenny OK," Boras told me in '15. "I don't expect teams to agree with me on values or performance evaluations or whatever. ... Rick did a great job in getting (Rodon) under wraps. We both agreed on who he was and we both agreed he was going to be a major-leaguer this year. That allowed us to get a deal done."

Rodon now is a major part of the Sox rebuild, which apparently is entering a new phase.

Williams said at the winter meetings they're all tired of losing and need to be aggressive on the market.

"It's building, but ultimately you got to prove it to White Sox fans," Williams said. "And we know that. And that's what we're setting out to do. We're trying to earn their patience and attention."

Signing Harper certainly would get everyone's attention. But it also might say something about Reinsdorf's patience with the rebuild. He turns 83 in February.

Bulls rebellion

While Reinsdorf's primary focus is on the Sox, his other rebuild is headed in the wrong direction, as evidenced by a 6-22 record and a player revolt against new coach Jim Boylen.

After a few players suggested a boycott of practice that led to what Tribune reporter K.C. Johnson termed "intense team meetings," Boylen claimed he was only trying to push the players out of their so-called "comfort zone."

"That's what the Reinsdorfs are paying me for," Boylen said.

This unfolding saga has all the earmarks of another Reinsdorfian debacle: the hiring of crazy Sox coach Terry Bevington to replace low-key manager Gene Lamont early in the 1995 season.

The Sox players had no respect for Bevington and were upfront about it with the media. But Reinsdorf rehired Bevington anyway after a late-season collapse in 1996.

When they finally admitted it wasn't working, the Sox fired Bevington after '97 and started a rebuild.

What goes around, comes around.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
					GB Noon FOX-32, AM-780		
				@SA 7:30 WGN-9, AM-670		@OKC 7 WGN-9, AM-670	
	PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720		WPG 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		SJ 6 WGN-9, AM-720		NSH 6 NBCSCH, AM-720

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA							
7 p.m.	Thunder at Pelicans						ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Raptors at Warriors						ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL							
7 p.m.	Chicago State at DePaul						FS1, WSCR-AM 670
8 p.m.	LSU at Houston						ESPN2
GOLF							
11 p.m.	Indonesian Masters						Golf Channel
NHL							
7 p.m.	Penguins at Blackhawks						NBCSN, WGN-AM 720
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER							
11:55 a.m.	Real Madrid vs. CSKA Moscow						TNT
2 p.m.	Valencia vs. Manchester United						TNT
FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP SOCCER							
9:20 a.m.	Al-Ain vs. Team Wellington						FS2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
Sat	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)	11*	
Sat	Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. La-Lafay. (7-6)	12:30	
Sat	New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah St (10-2)	11*	
Sat	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St (7-5)	2:30	
Sat	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. So. (9-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)	4:30	
Sat	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	
D19	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.	Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11*	
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (10-2)	2:30	
D23	Dollar General	Holmdel, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)	6	
D23	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9:30	
D26	SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. (7-5) vs. Boise St (10-3)	12:15	
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4:15	
D26	Chez-IT	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8	
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30	
D27	Pinstripes	Bronx, N.Y.	Wisconsin (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15	
D27	Texas	Houston	Baylor (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	
D29	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	Belk	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 (12-1) vs. Alabama (10-4)	7	
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11*	
D31	Sun	El Paso, Texas	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1	
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2	
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St (6-6)	2:45	
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6	
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6:30	
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*	
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St (9-3)	noon	
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon	
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St (12-1)	4	
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2)	7:45	
J1	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7	

OTHER BOWLS

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Amesbury, Calif.	Amesbury vs. National	1:30
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

FCS PLAYOFFS

Friday's semifinal	North Dakota State (13-0)	vs. South Dakota State (10-2), 7
Saturday's semifinal	Maine (10-3) vs. E. Washington (11-2), 1	

DIV. II CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday in McKinney, Texas	Valdosta St. (13-0) vs. Ferris St. (15-0), 3
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NFL

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	9	4	0	.692	359	247
Minnesota	6	6	1	.500	282	291
Green Bay	5	7	1	.423	315	307
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	271	319

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	276	246
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	281	295
Washington	6	7	0	.462	249	297
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	307	319

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	11	2	0	.846	447	283
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	324	332
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	323	383
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	316	367

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-L.A. Rams	11	2	0	.846	425	313
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	340	266
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	178	327
San Francisco	3	10	0	.231	275	350

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	367	306
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	321	241
Cleveland	5	7	1	.423	292	332
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	307	397

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	364	293
Miami	7	6	0	.538	278	333
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	201	330
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	270	330

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	9	4	0	.692	323	259
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	349	300
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	251	254
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	212	273

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	11	2	0	.846	471	351
L.A. Chargers	10	3	0	.769	367	270
Denver	6	7	0	.462	290	330
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	244	388

*clined playoff spot; y-division

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 7:20
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 7:30
Cleveland at Denver, 7:30
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Green Bay at Bears, noon
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, noon
Detroit at Buffalo, noon
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, noon
Arizona at Atlanta, noon
Oakland at Cincinnati, noon
Dallas at Indianapolis, noon
Miami at Minnesota, noon
Washington at Jacksonville, noon
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05
New England at Pittsburgh, 3:25
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 7:20
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
New Orleans at Carolina, 7:15

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City: Signed OF Billy Hamilton to a one-year contract.
Texas: Acquired 3B Patrick Wisdom from St. Louis for INF/OF Drew Robinson.
Toronto: Released SS Troy Tulowitzki.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Miami: Assigned RHP Brett Graves and 3B Yadier Rivera outright to New Orleans (PCL).
Milwaukee: Signed RHP Deolis Guerra and C Tuffy Gosselin to minor league contracts.
Pittsburgh: Traded RHP Ivan Nova to the White Sox for RHP Yordy Rosario and international signing bonus money.
BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
NBA: Named Shareef Abdur-Rahim president of the NBA G League.
Atlanta: Recalled G/F Daniel Hamilton from Erie (NBAGL).
Washington: Recalled F Troy Brown Jr. from Capital City (NBAGL).
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Arizona: Placed LB Thurston Armbrister and DT Robert Nkemdiche on injured reserve.
Atlanta: Signed DT Vincent Valentine from Seattle's practice squad and LB Jonathan Anderson. Signed OL Justin Evans to the practice squad.
Buffalo: Placed LB Matt Milano and CB Taron Johnson on injured reserve.
Detroit: Placed DE Ziggy Ansah and TE Michael Robertson on injured reserve.
San Diego: Signed TE Jerome Cunningham and OL Leo Kolomaatangi from the practice squad.
LA Rams: Placed RB Malcolm Brown and DE Dominique Hatfield on injured reserve. Signed LB Trevon Young from the practice squad.
Minnesota: Fired offensive coordinator Zech Dirlikov. Promoted quarterbacks coach Kevin Stefanski to interim offensive coordinator.
Oakland: Signed G Cameron Hunt and G/OT Denver Kirkland. Waived RB C.J. Anderson. Placed G/C Jon Feliciano on injured reserve.
Tennessee: Placed OT Jack Conklin and TE Jonnu Smith on injured reserve.
Signed: OL Austin Pasztor. Signed TE Cole Wick from San Francisco's practice squad.
Washington: Signed G Kyle Fuller. Waived C Demetrius Rhoney.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Anaheim: Claimed G Chad Johnson off waivers from St. Louis.
Buffalo: Sent D Matt Hunwick to Rochester for a rehab assignment.
Detroit: Recalled D Brian Lashoff from Grand Rapids (AHL).
N.Y. Rangers: Assigned F Cole Schneider and Steven Fogarty to Hartford (AHL).
Tampa Bay: Reassigned G Eddie Pasquale to Syracuse (AHL).
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
AHL: Suspended Rochester F Dalton Smith and Washington F Eric Tangredi one game.
Stockton D: Josh Healey three games and Leigh Valley F David Kase, Hershey F Beck Malenstyn and Binghamton F Ryan Schreiber two games.
OLYMPIC SPORTS
US Anti-Doping Agency: Announced American weightlifter Nicholas Saccente accepted an additional four-month sanction for violating his period of ineligibility.
SOCCER
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Atlanta United: Traded D Greg Garza to FC Cincinnati for targeted and general allocation money.
Columbus: Reached agreement to transfer G Zack Steffen to Manchester City (Premier League).
LA Galaxy: Named Dennis to Kliese general manager.
Los Angeles FC: Traded D Joao Moutinho to Orlando City FC of D Mohamed El-Munir.
Orlando City SC: Traded D Arno Theas to the N.Y. Red Bulls for a 2019 fourth-round draft pick.
COLLEGE
North Carolina: Named Phil Longo offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Lonnie Galloway wide receivers coach and Brandon Jones offensive line coach.
USC: Named Mike Jinks running back coach and Chad Kauhaha'a defensive backs coach.
Utah State: Named Gary Andersen football coach.
Vanderbilt: Named Malcolm Turner athletic director.
Wisconsin: Announced junior men's basketball F Mitch Potter will transfer from Ohio State.

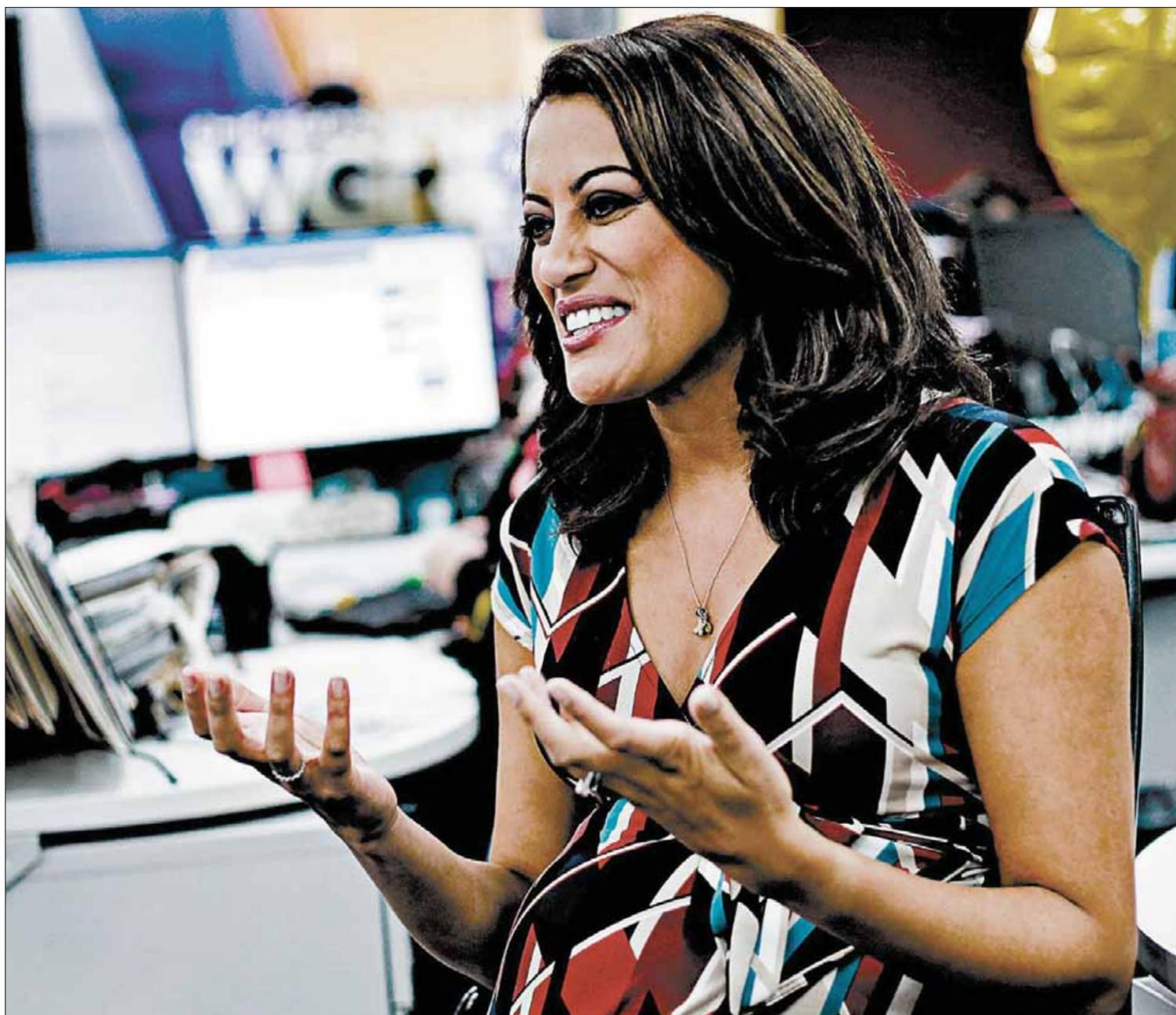
NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE												
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV		
Tampa Bay	32	24	7	1	49	130	91	14-4-0	10-3-1	9-2-0		
Toronto	31	21	9	1	43	113	85	9-5-1	12-4-0	4-3-1		
Buffalo	31	18	9	4	40	95	91	10-3-2	8-6-2	6-3-2		
Boston	31	17	10	4	38	85	79	11-3-0	6-7-4	8-5-1		
Montreal	31	15	11	5	35	97	101	8-6-2	7-5-3	4-3-4		
Detroit	32	14	14	4	32	93	107	8-7-3	6-7-1	4-5-2		
N.Y. Rangers	32	12	13	3	31	88	98	10-4-3	3-10-1	5-7-2		
Florida	29	11	12	6	28	96	105	6-5-4	5-7-2	4-1-3		

METRO.												
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV			
Washington	30	18	9	3	39	112	92	9-4-2	9-5-1	6-2-1		
Columbus	30	16	12	2	34	102	102	7-7-1	9-5-1	4-4-1		
N.Y. Islanders	29	14	11	4	32	83	85	7-4-3	7-7-1	10-3-1		
Pittsburgh	29	13	10	6	32	98	92	7-6-2	6-4-4	4-5-1		
N.Y. Rangers	30	11	13	3	35	83	88	10-3-1	6-2-2	1-2-1		
Minnesota	30	16	12	2	34	95	88	9-4-2	7-8-0	6-3-0		
St. Louis	29	11	14	4	26	82	97	7-8-2	4-6-2	4-6-3		
Chicago	32	9	18	5	23	87	121	5-6-3	4-12-2	4-4-1		

WESTERN CONFERENCE												
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV		
Nashville	31	20	10	1	41	98	78	12-5-0	8-5-1	6-2-0		
Winnipeg	30	19	9	2	40	107	83	11-4-2	8-5-0	6-4-0		
Colorado	31	17	9	2	39	112	92	9-4-5	11-6-2	3-3-1		
Colorado	30	11	13	3	35	83	88	10-3-1	6-2-2	1-2-1		
Minnesota	30	16	12	2	34	95	88	9-4-2	7-8-0	6-3-0		
St. Louis	29	11	14	4	26	82	97	7-8-2				

MEDIA



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Lauren Jiggetts, a morning anchor at WGN-9, who gave birth last month, says she learned from her father to make decisions that make sense for your family.

Life lessons — up close

WGN-TV's Jiggetts learned from ex-Bear dad's hard knocks the value of hard work, family ties

By PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

"At forward for the Chicago Sky, from Harvard University, 6-1, Lauren Jiggetts..."

Or something like that.

For the daughter of retired Bears offensive tackle Dan Jiggetts and Karen Jiggetts, a high-school swimmer, Lauren's future as a professional athlete seemed to be ordained.

So she thought.

"My coach would say, 'You can't jump higher than a credit card,'" Lauren said.

By her senior year at Stevenson High School, Jiggetts had a choice: Continue to follow in the footsteps of her basketball predecessors at Stevenson, the celebrated Catchings sisters, Tamika and Tauja, each of whom were voted Ms. Basketball of Illinois, or spend her afternoons in the school's broadcast journalism program.

Since then, Jiggetts, 37, has earned her stripes as a news reporter. She's been a morning anchor at WGN-9 since July 2017, but she grew up playing sports in a Bears family. Perhaps the most guidance has come from her dad, who carved out his own career in TV on FOX-32 and on the radio at WSCR-AM 670 and gave her a glimpse of the "thick skin" it requires.

"I'm really blessed in the sense that social media wasn't where it is now, but I was not aware of a lot of the things that were going on at The Score at that time," Lauren said. "And my dad was really, really good at shielding us from the internal politics that were going on at that station."

When Lauren was born in 1981, her father's football career was winding down. He was released from the Bears before the 1983 season and retired from football after two years in the USFL. She was too young to appreciate the Bears' 1985 Super Bowl run.

Dan Jiggetts downplayed his sports connections at home. That was work, and he wanted his girls focused on education, not athletics.

Still, Lauren dived into sports: swimming, volleyball and, of course, basketball. She was 5-foot-11 as a sixth-grader, so there was no escaping expectations.

"I was 6-1 my freshman year in high school, and I think the assumption was made that I was going to be a great athlete. I think I tried," she laughed. "But it was just not quite the prowess that everyone had hoped I would show."

Lauren said she was miscast as a center (she said she should've been a forward), but by her junior year she figured out that players such as Fenwick's Claudette Towers and Young's

Tasha Pointer were on another level.

"You think you're pretty good or you think, 'I can hold my own against this person,' and then you're like, 'Whoa, you're really good!'"

"I could block some shots. I could try," she said with a laugh. "The center position is such a physical position. I got a little beat up in the paint."

Dan was the opposite of the sports dad stereotype. He didn't yell at coaches. He wanted both daughters, Lauren and Kristan, to try a range of interests instead of focusing on sports, although Kristan was a dedicated swimmer.

Lauren tapped into a new interest with the journalism program.

"I had to make a decision. ... I'm either going to keep doing basketball or I'm going to do this after-school TV news program," she said. "And I couldn't do both because there was practice after school. So I ended up doing that instead my senior year, and I think in the end it was the right decision."

After high school, Lauren briefly contemplated medical school.

"I wanted her to go to law school," Dan said.

But she stuck with broadcast news.

She went to Harvard (like dad), graduated in 2003, and got her first broadcast job as a news reporter and anchor for "Channel One News" in Los Angeles.

Lauren spent two years with Boston's CW affiliate and returned to Chicago in 2007 as a general assignment reporter for NBC-5.

She covered a range of subjects, some of which put her in harm's way. While covering crime, she has had doors slammed in her face, and she and a cameraman once were chased off someone's property.

"The story that probably still haunts me to this day is the little girl that went missing in Indiana," she said. The little girl was 2-year-old Jada Justice, who was beaten and killed in 2009. Her cousin, 18-year-old Engelica Castillo, and Castillo's boyfriend, Timothy Tkachik, were convicted for her murder.

"I had gone to the home of the people that had been taking care of her. (Tkachik) answered the door and his face was all burned, and I thought, 'Well, that's weird,'" Lauren said.

Tkachik and Castillo unsuccessfully tried to burn the toddler's body before encasing her in concrete and dumping her in a swamp.

At the house, "there were dirty diapers in the front yard. I just got the



CHICAGO TRIBUNE (1998)

Ex-Bear Dan Jiggetts helped build WSCR into a ratings winner in the '90s.

feeling that this was something that was not going to be right. He was very angry that we were there."

Dan remembers when Lauren was in Volo in Lake County covering the story of Fox Lake police Lt. Joe Gliniewicz, who, it was learned later, had staged his suicide to look like a murder.

"They're driving around the bogs trying to look for this guy and that was the night she went into labor with Brendan (now 3)," Dan said.

"What are you doing?" he said with an exasperated laugh. "I wasn't as mad as my wife, she was going berserk. ... There's doing your job and then overdoing your job. Sometimes you have to show a little more common sense and good judgement."

Sports never have been too far away, though. Lauren covered local athletes at the London Olympics in 2012.

She missed out on what would've been a Super Bowl assignment when the Bears came up short against the Packers in the NFC championship in the 2010 season, though she did get a previous Super Bowl assignment — of sorts — in 2007. As Rex Grossman's Bears played the Colts at Dolphin Stadium in Miami Gardens, the closest Lauren got to the action was a place about 1,175 miles away and about 70 degrees colder.

"It (felt like it) was a negative 40-degree wind chill (at Soldier Field). I was there with four or five fans who had put beer cans on a grill to try and defrost their beer. It was a long night and at one point I called back and said can we please get back in the truck," she said. "At that point I couldn't feel my feet anymore, my whole body was literally shaking because I was so cold."

Father and daughter got the chance to work a couple of Harvard games together when Lauren worked in Boston.

For several years, Dan would call the Harvard-Yale football game for WGN America, but the two years with Lauren

in 2005 and 2006 were special.

"I was up in the booth and she was down on the field, so she's tossing it back and she goes, 'Dad!'" said Dan, who let out a big laugh. "I said, 'Thanks, sweetheart.'"

At one time people assumed Lauren would follow her father's path in sports journalism, she said.

"I saw how much he enjoyed ... talking to different types of people. I just thought, 'Oh, that is such a neat job,' but I knew sports wasn't my niche."

Growing up, her family spent a lot of time discussing politics and current events — sparking her interest — though, admittedly, Dan's simultaneous gigs in TV and radio often took him away from his girls.

And work as a sports radio jock came with politics and internal jockeying, and Lauren watched as her dad suffered various slights, such as The Score deciding against renewing his contract in 2003 after he and fellow original Mike North helped build the station into a ratings winner in its early days.

"The whole time I worked there I don't think I ever took a sick day," Dan said. "I was battling congestive heart failure. Sometimes I walked down the halls and couldn't breathe, but I never stopped working. And I almost worked myself to death."

Lauren said she learned from her father's tribulations.

"It taught me why he wanted me to have a thick skin and why he wanted me to know my value," she said. "My dad had worked so hard. He worked seven days a week, at The Score, at Fox. You have to put your family first no matter what."

"No matter how much you enjoy working at a place, they're not your family. And their loyalty will be to their business, which I understand."

Those life lessons factored into a difficult decision to leave NBC after 10 years for WGN. The schedule was more conducive to a home life, and it's no secret the new role on WGN's top-rated morning program carried more cachet than her slot as a night and weekend anchor.

Dan, 64, hasn't worked since last year's Bears coverage for NBC Sports Chicago — before the team shifted its in-house programming to Fox this season — but he's concentrating on a new role: grandfather to Lauren's second son with her husband, Patrick Donovan. Theodore Jiggetts Donovan was born Nov. 30.

"It is outstanding, man," Dan said about having grandchildren. "The great thing is you can have them over, spoil them up real nice and send them back home. And I do a great job of spoiling them."

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



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Brooks Koepka celebrates with the championship trophy in front of the final leaderboard after winning the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y.

Calling the shots

Reviewing 2018 based on all 14 clubs in the bag

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Brooks Koepka used a 9-iron on consecutive full swings in the final round at Shinnecock Hills. One led to birdie, the other led to par. Both were crucial in making him the first back-to-back U.S. Open champion in 29 years.

Tiger Woods showed glimpses of being back on his game with a long iron and a short one. Tony Finau hit one of the luckiest shots in Ryder Cup history.

They were among the memorable shots using all 14 clubs in the bag, from driver to putter, that helped shape 2018 on the PGA Tour.

Driver

Dustin Johnson hit the best shot he never saw. His driver on the 433-yard 12th hole at Kapalua disappeared over a steep slope and finally stopped rolling 6 inches in front of the cup. It didn't factor in the outcome — Johnson won by eight shots — but it sparked a new round of debate on distance, even though the wind was at his back and the last 120 yards are downhill with the grain. It didn't help that Johnson said he caught it a little thin. He was joking.

3-wood

Hideki Matsuyama might have hit an even longer shot with his 3-wood, except the Barry Burn got in the way. Matsuyama's tee shot on the 10th hole at Carnoustie in the first round of the British Open went an estimated 405 yards before it dropped over the edge and into the water. "I couldn't believe it," Matsuyama said. It was an example of how tough an Open can play when players have to guess how far the ball will roll on a fast links.

5-wood

Justin Thomas was 259 yards from the hole on the par-5 18th in a playoff at the Honda Classic.

He went with 5-wood, which he thought was enough until he started farther right than he wanted. It was getting dark, and Thomas couldn't see. "All I was looking at was the water to see if it splashed," he said. It didn't. He saw a tiny white dot on the green, and the two-putt birdie on the par-5 18th gave Thomas the win.



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Dustin Johnson plays his shot from the 13th tee during the third round of the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua Plantation Course in Kapalua, Hawaii in January. Johnson won the event by eight shots, but had a signature showing on the 433-yard 12th hole.

3-iron

Just about every tournament brought a moment that indicated Woods was back to being Woods. One of those moments was the opening round of the BMW Championship at rain-softened Aronimink. From 242 yards on the par-5 16th, Woods hit a 3-iron high and straight. It landed 8 feet in front of the hole and stopped 5 feet next to the pin for an eagle on his way to a 62. It was the first time he had at least a share of the lead after any round in five years.

4-iron

Koepka had a one-shot lead with three holes to play in the PGA Championship when he came to the 248-yard 16th hole at Bellerive. He hit a laser of a 4-iron to 6 feet for a birdie that sent him to his second major of the year. "That will probably go down as one of the best shots I've ever hit under pressure," he said.

5-iron

"We're not here to lay up. It's a major. You're going to have to take some chances at some point during the week," Marc Leishman said. And that's what he did on the par-5 15th hole at Augusta National in the second round at the Masters. His tee shot was too far left, leaving trees between him and the flag. Leishman hooded his 5-iron and hit a 40-yard hook that just

caught the front of the green, bounced up and rolled out to 6 feet for eagle.

6-iron

Francesco Molinari started the back nine of his flawless finish in the Quicken Loans National with a 50-foot eagle putt. But his best shot was on the next hole, where his 6-iron to a back right pin settled just under 2 feet for birdie. The 11th hole at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm yielded only one other birdie in the final round. Molinari shot 62 and won by eight.

7-iron

Jason Day had a one-shot lead at the Wells Fargo Championship when he came to the par-3 17th hole, with a back pin on a peninsula green that was running hard and fast. On one of the most daunting holes at Quail Hollow, his 7-iron from 230 yards hit the pin and settled 3 feet away for birdie that sent him to his second victory of the year.

8-iron

Finau had a Ryder Cup debut to remember, especially on the par-3 16th hole. Finau and Koepka were 1 down when Finau's 8-iron was headed for the water. Instead, it struck a 12-inch wide board framing the green, soared into the air and plopped down 3

feet away to square the match, which the Americans won on the 18th. It was as lucky as any shot in the Ryder Cup. And it still didn't help the Americans end 25 years of losing on European soil.

9-iron

Koepka is most proud of his 9-iron into the par-3 17th for par because it was such a hard green to hold. But it was his 9-iron to a back pin on the par-5 16th hole at Shinnecock that settled 3 feet away. The birdie gave him a two-shot lead in the U.S. Open with two holes to play.

Pitching wedge

Woods thought it was the moment that would lead to victory in the British Open. He was in a bunker on the 10th fairway and looked almost certain to lay up short of the burn. Instead, Woods generated enormous speed with a pitching wedge for a shot that narrowly cleared the vetted face of the bunker and came up a few feet short of the green. It would have been the signature moment, except that he made double bogey two holes later and slid from contention. He still called it his best of the year.

Gap wedge

Justin Thomas knew he needed a birdie on the 18th

hole of the Mexico Championship to have even a remote chance. He did one better. His gap wedge from 119 yards spun back into the cup for an eagle and a 64, and it was good enough to get into a playoff. He wound up losing to Phil Mickelson on the first extra hole.

Lob wedge

Molinari played bogey-free in the final round at Carnoustie while all of his challengers made mistakes over the final few holes of the British Open. He wasn't in the last group. The Open wasn't over. After a clutch drive that avoided a bunker on the 18th, the Italian hit lob wedge to 5 feet and holed the birdie putt, effectively clinching his first major championship.

Putter

The most memorable shot with the putter didn't go in the hole. Phil Mickelson only wanted to make sure it didn't go off the front of the 13th green on Saturday at the U.S. Open. So he trotted over and slapped at the ball as it was still moving, an egregious rules violation. Mickelson says he knew the penalty (two shots) and liked that better than having to play from off the green. He also knew his U.S. Open was over. He made a 10 and shot 81, matching his worst score in the only major he hasn't won.

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Schauffele thrilled to get past 2 rookie seasons

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Xander Schauffele feels he has gone through 2 rookie seasons on PGA Tour; Zach Johnson parts with only caddie he's had on tour

Xander Schauffele was No. 352 in the world and No. 135 in the FedEx Cup when he tied for fifth in the 2017 U.S. Open at Erin Hills, the start of a strong second half that led to two victories and PGA Tour rookie of the year honors.

He was excited about 2018. He's even more excited about next year, and not just because of a third victory in the HSBC Champions.

Schauffele finally knows what to expect.

Winning in July (Greenbrier) and September (Tour Championship) as a rookie meant he felt like a rookie all over again to start this year. He played nine tournaments before the U.S. Open that he wasn't in the previous year — Kapalua, Phoenix, Riviera, the Mexico Championship, Match Play, the Masters, Hilton Head, The Players Championship and the Memorial.

"It's comforting to know next year I'll know wherever I'm going," he said.

The new events weren't a big struggle. He made the cut in all of them except the Memorial. Schauffele was a distant runner-up to Webb Simpson in The Players, and he had a top-10 finish in the Genesis Open at Riviera.

The only concern now is staying fresh. His plan was to take off the last two months of the year and start on the West Coast.

"And then China happened," he said.

His victory in the World Golf Championships event in Shanghai moved him to No. 5 in Europe, so he went over to the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai. It also got him into the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas and the Sentry Tournament of Champions in Kapalua.

"So it split up my offseason into bits and pieces," he said. "Which is all right. I'll take it."

End of era: Damon Green faced an awkward introduction and handled it like a pro. He had decided to leave Scott Hoch and caddie for Zach Johnson. Green's final time with Hoch was at the Sony Open, and it was there he introduced Hoch to the 27-year-old Johnson, who was fresh off winning the 2003 Nationwide Tour money list.

Hoch looked the kid over, offered a handshake and went back to putting.

It proved to be the right move. Johnson won as a rookie. Three years later, he was a Masters champion. He won a claret jug at St. Andrews in 2015.

And now that relationship has run its course.

Green told The Caddie Network that Johnson will have a new caddie next year. They worked together for 15 years, 12 victories, two majors and more than \$44 million in PGA Tour earnings.

"Zach said I think we need to take a break. It's not a firing. We're too good friends for that," Green said. "I just think he didn't want to say the word 'fire.'"

Johnson hasn't won since the 2015 British Open and hasn't made it to the Tour Championship since that season. Green said while he was shocked by the split, he says he was able to work alongside a player who could wind up in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Next up for Green? He's not sure.

"I'm thankful I don't have work again if I don't want to," he said. "But there's a part of me that loves caddying. I'd say it's probably 80 percent I'll caddie again. But it has to be the right situation."

New target: Bubba Watson once hinted that he might retire if he ever reached 10 wins on the PGA Tour. He was joking, for now he's at 12, and Watson has a new target with a goal that is out of his hands.

He wants to get to 15 victories, which might be enough for the Hall of Fame.

"Am I Hall of Fame worthy? I'm going to be dead honest with you — it would be the most joyous occasion in my life when it came to the game of golf," Watson said. "I can't tell you if that's in or not. But my new goal is three more, see



Xander Schauffele hits a shot during the Hero World Challenge on Dec. 2 in Nassau, Bahamas.

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Damon Green, caddie for Zach Johnson, looks on during the Mayakoba Golf Classic last month in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

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if I can get to 15."

But he's not going to retire.

"They keep giving me money," Watson said. "So I'm going to keep playing."

Women's development: The Symetra Tour and the new Women's All Pro Tour have formed a partnership that gives an extra layer of competition for women.

The Women's All Pro Tour will host five tournament series, each with two 72-hole events. The top two players in each of the five series will receive an exemption into select Symetra Tour events.

Mike Nichols, the chief business officer of the Symetra Tour, says some members don't get into tournaments because the tour

doesn't host weekly qualifiers. He said alternates often lack a steady diet of competition to be sharp when they do get into events.

That's where the WAPT comes in.

"Our hope is that Symetra Tour members will take advantage of this alliance, which provides them an avenue for tournament entry and consistent, high-level competition against their peers," Nichols said.

The top 10 on the Symetra Tour money list earn LPGA Tour cards.

K&G Sports runs the WAPT. For the last decade, it has expanded the All Pro Tour to hold up to 15 events a year. Among its players who have won on the PGA Tour are Andrew Landry, Brice



Bubba Watson hits from the tee during the Hero World Challenge on Dec. 2 in Nassau, Bahamas.

DANTE CARRER/AP

Garnett and Austin Cook.

Divots: This is the final week of tournaments that could have a bearing on the top 50 in the world ranking. Branden Grace is in good shape to finish in the top 50 and earn a Masters exemption. Shugo Imahira of Japan is playing the Indonesia Masters and would likely need to be a runner-up to crack the top 50. He is at No. 55. ... PGA Tour Champions has a new title sponsor for its first full-field event of the year. Oasis Outsourcing has signed a three-year agreement for the Oasis Championship in Boca Raton, Florida. Mark Calavecchia is the defending champion. ... The U.S. Senior Open is expanding two exemption categories starting next year. The

Staysure Tour, the senior circuit of the European Tour, will get exemptions for the top 10 on the money list (up from six). The top four players from the Japan Senior Tour will be exempt, up from two. The Senior Open will be June 27-30 at The Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame.

Stat of week: Four players who started the year outside the top 100 in the world ranking will finish inside the top 50 — Tiger Woods (656), Eddie Pepperell (133), Matt Wallace (127) and Lucas Bjerregaard (188).

Final word: "My whole life is a party, so why mess it up with a party for that?" — Bubba Watson on turning 40.

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Chicago theater producer Gitta Jacobs at a fundraiser in March.

APPRECIATION

Gitta Jacobs championed city's small theatres

Few knew of the 85-year-old's childhood flight from Nazi Austria

By **CHRIS JONES**
 Chicago Tribune

Gitta Jacobs, who her son Clay Jacobs said died peacefully in her Gold Coast home Friday at the age of 85, probably served as a director of more small Chicago theaters than any other single individual. At various times during the past several decades, she sat on the board of (among others) Shattered Globe Theatre Company, BDI 361 Theatre Company, Roadworks Productions, American Theater Company and her late-in-life favorite, the American Blues Theater Company, where Jacobs was both feted and beloved.

Many arts lovers covet the prestige of the largest institutions. But not Jacobs. "I feel that the bigger theaters don't need me so much," Jacobs told the Tribune in 2001. "If I give a small theater company \$500, that really makes a difference. And those guys aren't working for salaries but for the love of performing."

That preference didn't stop Jacobs from playing in the theater's bigger leagues — she was an associate producer of the first national tour of "Angels in America," as well as the entrepreneur behind several other commercial productions in Chicago, including the big hit "Pump Boys and Dinettes." But few of the artists with whom she worked, few of her fellow judges on the Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee, knew her fascinating life story.

Born to a prominent Jewish family in Vienna in 1933 — her parents Franz and Paula Kaperl

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Chris Hayes says political reporting in Chicago is filled with "outsized stories and outsized characters and scandal and intrigue."

PASSIONATE INQUIRY

MSNBC host Chris Hayes sees echoes of the Chicago Way in Trump's brazenness

By **STEVE JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

Chris Hayes, right now, is in the thick of some very thick things. His nightly show on MSNBC, "All in with Chris Hayes," wrestles with questions of political ethics and foreign-power collusion and all the other storms swirling around President Donald Trump and jolting Americans out of years of civic apathy. Hayes' ratings, preceding Rachel Maddow nightly at 7 p.m. CST, are the strongest they've ever been, which means his profile is probably as high as it's been.

What many Chicagoans might not know is that formative years for Hayes, now 39, were spent here. He came to Chicago in 2001, a freshly minted Brown University graduate looking to make his mark in theater. Instead he gravitated to journalism, working for journals with a progressive bent. And he stayed until 2007, when his wife, Kate Shaw, the daughter of longtime Chicago TV journalist Andy, got a clerkship with Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

We caught up with Hayes late last

week, amid his show's coverage of new revelations from Special Counsel Robert Mueller and credible allegations of vote fraud in North Carolina. What follows is an edited transcript.

Q. Greetings, and let me get the provincial stuff taken care of right away. Does your experience here still resonate with you, the exposure to this city and its politics?

A. 100 percent. Last night I made a joke on air about the North Carolina ballot scheme, that it made me blush

even as someone who came up covering Chicago politics. No question, the editors of *The Reader* and *In These Times*, they really formed me — just, even the most basic blocking and tackling, you know: "Oh, you're curious about a thing? Go, show up at someone's door. Give them a call. Ask them some questions. Find out some stuff! What a great place for, you know, political reporting and outsized stories and outsized characters and scandal and intrigue."

Q. All of which has been transferred to the national stage now.

A. Yeah, there's a certain kind of shamelessness that comes with machine politics that I think there's some connection to. You know the Richard Daley, the father, quote about nepotism, like, "I can't hire that person just because I know his mom?" Like, how outrageous.

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ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

Natalie Portman (left) and Raffey Cassidy in a scene from "Vox Lux."

'Vox Lux' a complex portrait of celebrity

By **MARK OLSEN**
 Los Angeles Times

"Vox Lux" is a movie full of big ideas. So big and so full, in fact, that the movie requires a secondary title, "A 21st Century Portrait."

Meaning, it is both a portrait of a character from the era and, in many ways, a portrait of our no longer quite so young century.

Written and directed by Brady Corbet, the movie opens in 1999 with a mass school shooting. A teenage girl wounded in the attack, Celeste (Raffey Cassidy), sings a song at a vigil that puts her on the path to fame. Jumping ahead to 2017, adult Celeste (Natalie Portman) is a turbulent global pop star shaken by news of a terrorist attack in Europe in which the assailants wore masks

similar to those in one of her music videos. With her longtime manager (Jude Law), sister/minder Eleanor (Stacy Martin) and teenage daughter Albertine (also played by Cassidy) all in tow, Celeste attempts to relaunch her career with a big show in her hometown.

In taking on pop stardom, gun violence and world events, "Vox Lux" looks to bring together untethered strands of culture and politics. It's a film aiming for the heart of right now.

"I think this film certainly has a lot of echoes in terms of the time we're living in," said Portman, sitting with Corbet for a recent interview in a hotel suite in Beverly Hills.

"It is a very unstable time with rapidly changing technology,

rapidly changing media and culture and it definitely affects us," she said. "This has that aura of the moment we live in, in a way that I don't feel like I've ever worked on before in a film."

Celeste's music in the film is co-written by pop songstress Sia, including the plaintive ballad "Wrapped Up," which launches Celeste to her first acclaim, and the glam-pop disclosures of "Private Girl," with its chorus of "I'm a private girl in a public world." The movie's score was composed by Scott Walker, a pop star in his own right in the '60s and '70s before he turned to more rigorous, avant-garde work.

Corbet, 30, has one of the more curious resumes in contemporary

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Carol Burnett will be the recipient of the first Carol Burnett Award at the Golden Globes on Jan. 6.

Burnett to accept namesake award

The Golden Globe Awards will introduce a new TV special achievement trophy at next month's telecast and name it after its first recipient — comedic icon Carol Burnett.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association said Tuesday the Carol Burnett Award — the small-screen version of the group's film counterpart, the Cecil B. DeMille Award — will annually honor someone "who has made outstanding contributions to television on or off the screen."

The first Carol Burnett Award will, fittingly, go to Burnett, a five-time Golden Globe winner who was the first woman to host a variety sketch show, "The Carol Burnett Show," which ran for 11 years and received 25 Emmy Awards.

The 85-year-old Burnett will be on hand to accept her namesake award during the Jan. 6 ceremony, live on NBC.

In a statement, association President Meher Tatna hailed Burnett for breaking barriers while making us laugh. "We are profoundly grateful for her contributions to the entertainment industry and honored to celebrate her legacy forever at the Golden Globes," she said.

— Associated Press



RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Gifford to leave 'Today': Kathie Lee Gifford will be putting aside her morning glass of wine and will step away from the NBC's "Today" show in April. NBC News chief Noah Oppenheim told staffers Tuesday morning that Gifford will leave after 11 years on the show. In a memo to staff, Oppenheim said Gifford said she was leaving "with a grateful heart but I'm truly excited for this new creative season in my life."

Hyland reveals second kidney transplant: "Modern Family" star Sarah Hyland says she had a second kidney transplant last year, replacing a kidney from her father with another from her brother. Hyland tweeted Monday that she hopes it "spreads awareness of organ donation." The 28-year old was born with kidney dysplasia and had the second transplant in September 2017 and is recovering well.

Mel B cancels event after injury: Spice Girl Melanie Brown has suffered an unexplained injury in New York that required surgery to prevent her from losing her hand. Brown said online Monday she needed three hours of surgery to repair damage to her hand. She also said she suffered two broken ribs. Brown canceled a book signing event in New York and apologized to fans who had bought tickets.

Dec. 12 birthdays: Actress Jennifer Connelly is 48. Actress Madchen Amick is 48. Actress Regina Hall is 48. Actress Mayim Bialik is 43. Actor Lucas Hedges is 22.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Kids want to nudge dad to be happier

Dear Amy: My sister and I recently found out our father has been seeing a woman who is not our mother. Our parents' marriage over the last 15 years has not been much of a relationship. They are more like roommates. They each go about their own business and come together only at family functions that we kids arrange. They don't seem to fight, but we observe a total disinterest in each other. I remember my mother saying years ago that "we are not a family who divorces."

We would like to tell our father that we know about his lady friend. We would like to encourage him to pursue a life with someone who has made an obvious improvement in his life.

He has seemed happier in the last year, and we support any change he might make. We love our mother, of course, but she does nothing to be a couple with our father anymore. Couples therapy did not help because she did not want to change anything. She prefers the company of her friends to him.

We also think our father would not make any move to separate or divorce without our input, as we are sure he would think that we would think less of him, which is not true.

How can we convey our feelings to him? Is it our place or responsibility to encourage at least one of our parents to be happier?
— *Sympathetic Son and Daughter*

Dear Sympathetic: Thank you for offering a somewhat refreshing take on a very old story. I appreciate that you, as adult

children, can see that your parents are individuals who have needs, desires and paths to happiness that extend beyond their roles as parents. All the same, aren't you a shred disappointed that your father has chosen this path out of marriage?

You hold a distinctly negative view of your mother's role in this drama. I don't know how you can know what happened during their couples counseling, but I take your word for it that she has not shown an interest in maintaining a thriving marriage.

Yes, you should communicate with your father. Meet with him privately and tell him everything you say above. Tell him you are aware of his extramarital relationship and say that you want him to be happy. Say that you will support whatever choice he and your mother make — and that includes staying together. Be loving and supportive, but don't involve yourself further.

Understand that your parents have created a life together that might not look ideal to you but which is a consequence of their choices over the years.

Even though you cast your mother as the villain here, if the marriage breaks up, she will likely require — and deserve — some empathy and understanding from her children.

Dear Amy: My husband has very poor hygiene. He brushes his teeth only at the end of the day and showers once a week, in spite of the fact that he exercises daily. Often both his breath and body odor are very unpleasant. I have been upfront with

him on countless occasions, gently explaining both the health benefits, as well as the "social" problem when he is in public. However, if he can't smell the odors, he doesn't believe they exist and that the problem is in my head. I'm only hoping that he and others like him will see this letter and make an effort to improve their hygiene.
— *Nose-Plugged Wife*

Dear Nose-Plugged: Does your husband like to have sex? Does he want a morning kiss from you? Does he want to spend time with you in closed quarters?

You have some leverage here, and you should use it. If your husband is able-bodied and there are no obvious impediments to bathing, then he should clean himself every day, whether or not he has body odor, or regardless of whether he can detect it.

Dear Amy: "Still Here" described my exact frustration! Like Still Here, I am in my 30s and single with no children. I have spent thousands of dollars celebrating the life choices of my friends and family members, with nothing in return.

It's not like I want total equality here, but honestly, I love your idea of a "singleton shower."
— *Thinking About It*

Dear Thinking: Whether or not there are gifts involved, each of us deserves to be celebrated.

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Teaser trailers keep fans hyped, looking for clues

By TRAVIS M. ANDREWS
The Washington Post

If you're a die-hard fan of the Netflix smash "Stranger Things," you might have ridden a roller coaster of emotions on Monday.

It probably went like this: You saw there was a YouTube clip going around about the third season of the show, so you excitedly clicked on it. Rather than see any footage — or even learn the season's release date — you instead watched several phrases such as "Suzie, Do You Copy?" and "The Battle of Starcourt" appear over the show's title page while its theme music played. These are likely episode titles, which might excite some fans. But over-

all, this was no trailer.

No, it was a teaser trailer — a method of getting fans hyped for the trailer, an ad for the ad for the movie. Teasers — generally in video clip or poster form — have become far more popular in social media age, and they're changing how fans consume media.

Nowadays, being interested in an upcoming television show or movie can be a multiyear investment. With the rise of teaser trailers, teaser posters and teaser tweets, a project can enter our lives years before we see one second of actual footage.

Arriving on the same day as the "Stranger Things" teaser trailer was, for example, a teaser poster for an



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Noah Schnapp, left, Finn Wolfhard, Gaten Matarazzo and Caleb McLaughlin in "Stranger Things."

upcoming film centered around the old Sega video game character Sonic the Hedgehog.

The purpose, of course, is to keep the project in an audience's mind as a means of building anticipation. Whenever these teasers are released, publicists breathlessly email pop culture journalists who often write

pieces about said teasers. Those get shared on social media and the whole thing perpetuates itself endlessly. (We are deeply aware of the irony of this piece.)

Things have reached the point that the trailer for every massive project is preceded by a lengthy, drawn-out teaser campaign.

Take "Game of Thrones," for example. The show's final season will air in April 2019. So, naturally, we already have a teaser trailer that simply shows ... a dragon, some fire and some ice. Meanwhile, promotional posters for the new season just show notable scenes from the program's seven-season run.

"We live in a trailer economy," cultural critic Andy Greenwald said on a recent episode "The Watch" podcast. "The fact that they are releasing this much non-footage now speaks to how much HBO is aware of how culture works in 2018, going into 2019."

"This is biggest show on television," he added. "They don't need to be blanketing major metropolises of the United States with very expensive billboards reminding us of moments that happened on 'Game of Thrones' in other years, as they are doing right now. They don't need any of it, but they understand that it's not just what you've done before. You have to stay at the forefront of people's minds. You have to get people excited. You have to be fueling the con-

versation, and that conversation cannot begin in April, when the final season begins."

That's just how things work these days. And sometimes, when crafted with specific intention, they work exceedingly well.

Take Disney's live-action remake of "The Lion King" that's coming out at the end of next September. The company dropped a teaser trailer showing a nearly shot-for-shot remake of the iconic opening from the original, animated film.

Twitter was alight with excitement, and some users immediately began comparing the new film to the old one. The ability to make the comparisons, using stills from both, so quickly — not to mention the ability to disseminate it immediately — did not exist when the original film came out. And it shows just how powerful teasers have become.

Of course, that ability also means a poorly-made teaser has equal opportunity to go viral. And, boy, have they.

Probably the most recent example was the first look at "Venom," the superhero movie featuring Tom Hardy's bizarre accent. While the short clip included plenty of Hardy (and his accent), it didn't include the actual character of Venom. Fans quickly picked up on this fact.

"If it's too early to even show a single shot of the title character in your

trailer ... maybe just don't release a trailer?" tweeted one user.

Make no mistake: Teaser trailers aren't new. Some of film's most iconic moments were first captured in quick teasers shown on television or before the movies.

One of the most famous teaser trailers belongs to "The Shining," Stanley Kubrick's 1980 imagining of the Stephen King classic. Credits languidly scroll over a pair of red hotel elevators. The moment the words "Directed by Stanley Kubrick" disappear from the screen, a tidal wave of blood gushes through the cracks in the doors. It remains a masterpiece of the form, a brief clip that perfectly explains the tone and vibe of the film.

But while teasers have always existed, it wasn't possible — at least, it wasn't easy — to watch them on repeat in a desperate search for clues, for some bit of foreshadowing. Now, spending absurd amount of time with teasers has become as much a part of the normal fan experience as actually watching the movie or the show — one that's not going anywhere.

Whether this trend is exciting or distressing depends on your personal constitution (and on how much you like arguing about movies on Twitter, Facebook and Reddit). It's also merely another example of how pop culture permeates our lives in the digital era.

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'Dr. Pimple Popper' talks Illinois roots, holiday special

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Dr. Sandra Lee has kind of a weird holiday wish. "Bring on the blackheads. We'd like more blackheads," Lee told the Tribune by phone. "I'm going to ask Santa for blackheads, actually, a big dilated pore of Winer, which is a giant blackhead. Those are good."

The California dermatologist — also known as "Dr. Pimple Popper" — tackles a very memorable pore of Winer on her new holiday special, "The 12 Pops of Christmas." The 90-minute episode, which is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Thursday on the TLC network, caps a very busy 2018 for Lee.

The alumna of Southern Illinois University's dermatology residency program was already popular online, thanks to years of posting YouTube videos of herself extracting her patients' large and small bumps. She gained even more fans — ahem, "popaholics" — over the summer with the premiere of her TLC series, "Dr. Pimple Popper."

Season 2 is scheduled to premiere Jan. 3. Lee's book, "Put Your Best Face Forward: The Ultimate Guide to Skincare from Acne to Anti-Aging," is due out Dec. 31.

Here are highlights from our conversation, which has been edited for space and clarity.

Q: Talk to me about your Illinois roots.

A: I did my dermatology residency in Springfield, Ill., at SIU, so I lived there for three years. It was actually a great experience, even though I didn't have any family (there), I didn't know anybody. It was a very different climate than I'm used to. It was just wonderful people, and it



Dr. Sandra Lee performs a procedure on her TLC series "Dr. Pimple Popper."

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was like a family. I got a great training, and I had a really great overall experience.

I'm also from the West Coast. I usually wear a T-shirt and a sport coat over it and so I didn't realize that you have to layer some things in. It was bad in the beginning. I would go shopping in the snow, and I would open the door to my car and just shut it and say, "I'm just not going to buy anything." I didn't even want to go outside.

Q: You have a holiday special coming up and a new season of your show.

A: I've got those two things going on mainly, and I have a book coming out actually too, so they're all coming together to a head — I guess no pun intended there — for the end of the year. It's so exciting, actually. "The 12 Pops of Christmas" is kind of tongue in cheek. So in a way, it's entertaining and you kind of see how it relates to Christmas and Christmas pops.

It's still such a feel-good sort of thing.

I think people who watched Season 1 are going to like it particularly because they see a little bit more of us here in the office and how it works. You see a little of my family a little more, the people that we work with, so I think that it's a lot of fun. It was a lot of fun to make.

Q: You were popular before the show came out, thanks to your presence on YouTube, but how many requests do you get from people who want to be your patients now that you're on TLC?

A: We have a pretty long wait for, certainly pops, anything that I need to do that would be removing like a large lipoma or cysts or blackheads, things like that, and for regular consults. What's amazing is people travel from different continents to see us or they drive for hours from northern California or Utah or Nevada. That's just sort of

mind-boggling to me.

The power of social media, the power of TV, people feel like they know you and sometimes, even though there's thousands of dermatologists between you and them, they want to see you because they already feel like they trust you and they know you, so it's a lot of responsibility for me. I don't really want people to come from far, I mean, I'm very flattered by it, but I don't want them to travel that distance when somebody else could potentially take care of them, so it's just crazy. It's crazy to me.

Q: And for holidays, when you're with family, do they put a moratorium on you talking about your work? Does it gross out your family?

A: No, because you know my dad's a dermatologist, my mom's an (operating room) nurse, my husband's a dermatologist. My kids, they're just on their phones or something. They don't

listen to us. They are both so sweet, but my older boy, he'll give me a kiss and say, "Mom, I'm going upstairs. I can't watch this." I know he loves me and he loves it. He'll see me on my computer editing a video. He will just divert his eyes.

That was like my life when I grew up, and that's probably why I'm here. My dad had textbooks everywhere, dermatology textbooks. I saw crazy things in these textbooks. The thing about dermatology is it's more relatable to us because many of us don't really know what a heart looks like or whether it's diseased or healthy, but we definitely know what skin looks like. We oftentimes know when something's going wrong on the skin.

Q: What can fans expect from this holiday special and this new season? Do you give a variety that will make every fan happy?

A: I think that we're settling in. The first season,

it was very stressful for me because I didn't know how to navigate this new world that I was in and just dealing with patients in this way. I'm getting my bearings a little bit, and I'm starting to enjoy it, really a lot more. So we're starting to relax a little bit. I think we were a little more pent up in the beginning.

I think you're going to see a lot more of our personalities and how much we enjoy what we do, and the patients are always going to be there, and the patients are always going to bring the drama and the big pops and the big oohs and aahs, but also they're going to bring the tears. They're really going to pull on those strings.

The thing about the show, which has been so nice for me, is the fact that I don't get to see that in my real world. Most of us don't as doctors. You don't get to see what positive effect you've had on somebody. (Production goes) back and they interview these people afterwards, and you see them deal with their life after some big growth maybe was removed. To see how it has changed their life, sometimes tremendously, it's such a treat for me to see that.

You don't really think about it because you go on to your next patient, you go on to the next thing. You don't really step back and think about what you're actually doing, that something that you do that's just your job actually can change somebody's life so tremendously. I like to say TLC just makes me look really good. I feel like they do. It really makes me feel proud of what I do, and that's really nice.

So I think you're going to see so much more of that. You're going to see even bigger pops. I don't how they find these people, but we're finding some amazing patients.

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Daphne Maxwell Reid and Richard Brooks in "Jacqueline and Jilly."

'Fresh Prince' star Reid feeds a life of creative persuasions

BY LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

When Daphne Maxwell Reid filmed a scene that required her to dash through woods and across streams, the younger actors scrambling alongside her were surprised.

"You're keeping up with us?" was the sentiment, said Reid, 70, who played Aunt Vivian opposite Will Smith on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and starred with her husband, Tim Reid, in "Frank's Place."

"I stay ready in this business," said the actress, who taped the action scene for an upcoming film. She's currently on the small screen in "Jacqueline and Jilly," as grandmother to a young woman struggling with a prescription drug addiction. The miniseries is streaming through Jan. 10 on the Urban Movie Channel.

Reid has shown before she's capable of meeting challenges. As a model, she was one of the first African-American women featured on the cover of Glamour and was the first elected as homecoming queen at Northwestern University.

The magazine coup was a breeze for Reid, who dabbled in modeling in college after impressing powerhouse agency head Eileen Ford. But even Reid was surprised when a brief photo session resulted in a shot of the smiling, fresh-faced beauty on Glamour's cover in October 1969.

Her experience at her alma mater was less comfortable. She entered the Northwestern contest as a lark only to encounter a stinging backlash.

After she won, she said, the school "just ignored me. They didn't put it in the yearbook, it wasn't that 'important,' although the year before the girl had gotten a three-page spread." In response, she cut ties with Northwestern after graduating until, decades later, she got an apology and an invitation to crown the new queen.

For "Fresh Prince," she had to persuade viewers to accept her as Vivian after replacing original cast member Janet Hubert in the role.

Reid, who's settled with her filmmaker-actor husband in his native Virginia, had the luxury of staying close to home when

"Jacqueline and Jilly" shot in the state. The miniseries, starring Nikko Austen Smith ("Queen Sugar"), was written and directed by Victoria Rowell, who's also in the cast.

Reid doesn't rely on acting as her only creative outlet. After a lifetime of taking photos, including on her travels, friends encouraged her to consider a gallery showing.

"I thought you have to be an artist to do that," she replied. "They said, 'Why don't you be an artist?'"

On her 60th birthday, she decided to take them up on the suggestion.

"I had to figure out what that encompasses, and the journey was the joy," said Reid, who had produced books, calendars and more with her photos. "I think it's a metaphor for life for me. Every decision you make is basically opening a new door."

An avid cook, Reid has published "Grace + Soul & Motherwit," which combines her favorite recipes along with stories from her life and trips.

Tim Reid said that his wife "exemplifies the definition of a Renaissance woman."

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Hayes

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Q. So is the parallel you're drawing between the Cook County Democratic machine here and the contemporary GOP?

A. I don't want to oversell that parallel, but here's what I would say: There was a shamelessness about the Daley machine, in versions 1.0 and 2.0, that was kind of like, 'We don't have anything to apologize for.' They could never be caught because they were never really trying to hide it, you know? And there's something similar now I think at the national level. 'Hey, we got you. You're busted. The Saudis got 500 rooms at your hotel. You're caught.' It's like, 'Yeah, what's wrong with that?' To me, there's some similarity there.

Q. Any holdovers from your days in Chicago theater? I mean, that's a pretty cutthroat world.

A. My theater training I think is with me everyday because I perform for a living at some level, making a show. There's lights and a call time and a collaborative entity, there's a stage manager. So all of that I think is both Chicago theater and my theater upbringing in high school and then in college.

I think Production Workshop (theater company at Brown) is genuinely one of the most formative and important experiences in my life. It was probably the most important education I got in college, in terms of a practical sense for adult life. A huge amount of it was getting together with other people in a room to have a meeting to make a decision — which basically is what all adult life ends up being.

Q. And getting along with other people.

A. I literally have that meeting every morning in my life. We have an editorial meeting and instead of being 19 and being, like, 'What shows should we choose?' It's, 'What story should we do?' There's 20 stories in six slots in what order and we've got to make an affirmative decision. Some things we will do, some things we will not and how do we collectively reason through that?

Q. How do you keep 'All In' distinct from the MSNBC shows hosted by Chris Matthews and Rachel Maddow and Lawrence O'Donnell? Do you all fight it out for topics and guests in the middle of the day?

A. 'All In' is a show that loves learning and exploring and exchange. My favorite show is where I walk off and I had an interview, and I'm like, 'No, I didn't know that. That was not the answer I thought I was going to get.' And I think that's what the audience really craves. There's this kind of, I think, passionate inquiry, like I'm genuinely trying to figure things out. We're all trying to figure things out and our desire to figure things out is informed by a set of values about what a just society looks like.

And I hope there's a kind of lightness to it, even in the darkest, most serious times. This is life-or-death stuff. The fate of the planet in, you know, literal and non-hyperbolic senses is hanging in the balance. You need light in the darkness. You need light and lightness and a sense of self-deprecation and humor. And I think that's also part of how we distinguish ourselves.

Q. Can you think of one of those moments recently where a guest taught you something or told you a new way of thinking about something?

A. Just last night, the (absentee ballot diversion) story in North Carolina, which I've been trying to get my head around. We had a great local reporter on who explained how the scheme worked. I kind of understood it before, but he sort of walked through it, and it clicked for the first time: 'Oh, wow. That really is shameless, illegal.'



VIRGINIA SHERWOOD/MSNBC

"All In" host Chris Hayes says the show is part of the "seamless fabric" of an increasingly engaged public.



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Hayes throws out a ceremonial first pitch before a Cubs game.

Q. A nightly hour seems to the outsider like a lot to program. Given what's been going on in the past couple of years, and the past couple of weeks in particular, it probably goes by pretty quickly. What's your theory of the show? What promise are you making to viewers?

A. We're separating the wheat from the chaff in terms of what's important and what's not important. And clarifying the sort of spine of facts. And, like I said before, to sort of explore and engage while we're doing that. It's not a sermon.

Q. You want people to be carried along while you're exploring.

A. Yeah. And learn from the people that we have on and sort of discover together. It's a very polluted environment. The air quality is bad from an informational perspective. And what we're promising is fresh air. Clean, clean air. Oxygen to breathe.

Q. I imagine you're something like the 'Simpsons' writers. You have too much material to deal with. You have too many jokes.

A. Oh, every day, basically. And there's an entertainment and

attentional imperative. I always say to people, yes, we're competing against, you know, Anderson Cooper and Tucker Carlson or whoever. But we're also competing against everything that's on TV and everything that's ever been on recorded TV at any time. It's 8 o'clock. You can watch a basketball game, which is probably what I would be inclined to do. You can watch 'The Sopranos.' You can watch 'Friends.' There's a show about pimple popping that I just learned about the other day. So there's a degree to which it has to be an enjoyable thing to do.

Q. You might not want to tell too many people about the pimple popping show. But, yeah, these have been good ratings years for you, the Trump years.

A. Yes. In the sense that they've been good for New York Times subscriptions and The Washington Post. They've been good for the traffic of websites. They've been good for cable news. They've been good for late-night talk shows. They've been good for, like, donations to the ACLU, and they've been good for voter turnout and volunteerism and the general level of civic engagement. To me, it's all a seamless fabric. That's all connected.

A direct correlation is that in 2014 ratings were low. We probably had, I think, a quarter as many viewers as we do now — maybe a third — and the 2014 midterms were the lowest turnout midterm elections in recent memory. And I think those two things are just different sides of the same coin.

Q. I was writing about Stephen Colbert a little while back and said something to the effect of, 'Yes, Trump has boosted his ratings, but I get the genuine sense he would be willing to trade those in if it would mean a president who isn't threatening so many norms.' Do you have a bit of that conflict yourself?

A. It's not even a question about whether I would wish for a

healthier American democracy and political situation and lower ratings. The one thing, though, that I think is important, the thing that I wouldn't want to wish away, is the degree to which people are paying attention. The question is, how do you transfer that even in periods that don't feel like constant crisis? But, yeah, that's not really a close call for me.

Q. It's also got to be kind of thrilling in a way to be telling this absolutely vital story at a time when, you know, people are paying attention at unprecedented levels.

A. Yeah, it is. Although I have to say, my personal experiences is that I feel the weight of it more than I feel the exhilaration. When I step back, it's like, wow, this is amazing that I'm here in this moment. You look at old footage of the news anchors on the day that Nixon resigned and stuff like that — not that Trump is going to resign — but just that it's such an important moment. I feel the weight of it, and I want to do right by it.

Q. There's got to be a kind of trial-and-error process in figuring out how to handle this moment. Can you think of a significant, or minor, course correction you've had to make?

A. One thing I think that we've evolved on is, I don't care about palace intrigue. We would do 'so and so is about to be fired' early on. That is actually genuinely a story and it does matter who has the president's ear, perhaps this president more than any other, actually. Whether it's North Korea or trade or immigration, who's the last person to talk to him makes a difference.

But on a certain level I've been led astray too many times by John Kelly's on the way out. Or, you know, there's this certain genre of story about the craziness behind the scenes of the Trump White House that I think we quickly learned, that's just the background equilibrium. And I'm not going to cover that.

Q. You have said the closest analog to Trump, you think, was in Italy. What does the Berlusconi in Italy story tell us about what we might expect here, if anything?

A. It's pretty depressing. I mean, he never really was held to account. An economic downturn ultimately spelled his political end, but I don't think he ever faced the level of judicial or legal accountability that he deserved. And I think there's a degree to which, if you look at Italian politics right now, which are a mess and in which really dangerous, right-wing forces are ascendant, he helped to break Italian politics.

Q. So do you see those kinds of aftershocks happening here, whatever the resolution is with 45?

A. I really worry about that. I worry about a sort of permanent constituency for basically blood-and-soil, white ethno-nationalist politics that looks like the Lega Nord (Italy) or, you know, the AfD (Germany), or UKIP (United Kingdom). I don't worry about that. It's here. It exists. I think that that'll probably be a durable part of American politics, you know, whatever happens to Trump.

Q. I want to be sure to ask about the whole MSNBC-Fox News equivalency thing. The standard for people to say is, 'Things are so polarized, with Fox News on one side and MSNBC on the other.' Do you think drawing that equivalency is fair or accurate?

A. It's a ridiculous comparison. First of all, Fox News is the product of Roger Ailes, may he rest in peace. And Roger Ailes was two things: He was a right-wing political operative and a TV guy. Fox News was expressly a political project. That is not true of MSNBC. Bill Gates was part of the founding. It's not a political project of anyone. The other thing about Fox is it's a monopoly enterprise. Monopolies lead to all kinds of excesses, and Fox is a good example.

Q. How significant is what is happening right now, with regards to Trump and the Mueller investigation material coming out in a more concentrated, detailed fashion.

A. I pendulate between different ways of thinking about all this. There's some sense in which it always feels like the precipice. It always feels like a meltdown. It always feels like he's cooked. And then he's not. And every day you get up and he's still the president of the United States, the most powerful man in the world.

At the same time, the facts are incredibly damning. And I'm now at the point where I think the facts are likely to show serious wrongdoing and criminal activity. They already have. But I think more. I think we will probably learn most of what they did, because I don't think they're that careful. And it's a totally open question how the political system deals with it.

People forget that it was the Nixon tapes that brought him down, even though one of the Nixon burglars basically blew the whistle, you know, a year before he has to resign. And then John Dean gets up under oath and basically exposed the whole thing. And it's like, 'Well John Dean says this, the President says that.' Then ultimately it's the tapes that bring him down.

Q. It took that much, and that was in a much more chivalrous era in politics. So what is coming down the pike?

A. We will be tested. The trains may be coming at each other slowly, but it's going to happen. The facts are going to be damning. The facts are going to come out. And there's going to be a question about whether the rule of law is going to hold. And on top of that we have 12 years to cut carbon emissions by 50 percent.

Q. But keep that show light, Chris.

A. I try.

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Jacobs

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owned a distillery — Jacobs survived the annexation of Austria by Nazi Germany first by being hidden away with her nanny in her garden apartment, unable to see her parents and never allowed to venture outside. "Her nanny," Clay Jacobs said, "was not Jewish every day."

Gitta Jacobs described the boots of storm troopers often being visible in her window.

Thereafter Franz Kaperl came up with a plan to sell ownership of the distillery to his foreman, in return for forged documents that

would allow the family to escape to the United States via Italy, albeit with only the clothes on their backs. Given that the train to Italy was stopped by the Nazis several times, with men removed, this proved a wise decision. By 1941, after sailing across the Atlantic in steerage, the Kaperls had landed first on Ellis Island and then were taken to an apartment complex in Kansas City, Mo., for Jewish refugees. They were former Austrian socialites forced to start over with nothing. "Hitler took everything from me but my mind," Franz Kaperl would tell his daughter.

But Kaperl proved as resourceful Stateside as he had in Austria, soon finding his way to Chicago to secure the Missouri distribu-

tion rights to Jim Beam bourbon whisky. Before long, the Kaperls had a successful liquor business in their adopted country, becoming rich all over again.

The transition was tough on their bright but lonely young daughter, who spoke only German. Bullied at school, where she was assumed by other children to be sympathetic to the German side in the war, Jacobs eventually would be home-schooled. "I learned English," she told a Tribune reporter last year, "just by watching soap operas."

There was enough money to send Gitta, the only child, to school at Northwestern University, where she would meet her husband, the late Anthony Jacobs, whom she would then

divorce in 1979. While married, Jacobs lived in Glencoe, but after her divorce, she moved to Chicago's Gold Coast and took up her lifelong interest in the thriving Chicago theater.

"My mother was just as proud of the boards she was kicked off as the ones on which she remained," Clay Jacobs said, reflecting his mother's belief that board members should be closely involved with their organizations. "Gitta was quick with opinions and even faster to offer solutions," said Gwendolyn Whiteside, the artistic director of American Blues.

Jacobs was, indeed, fiercely competitive, especially when it came to the online game Words With Friends, at which she was a

prolific expert. A reporter was especially surprised to hear of her death, having just been soundly defeated several times within, it seemed, mere hours of its occurrence.

Survivors include six children — Clay, Tracy, Zachary, Billy, Christopher and Jennifer (Geis). Clay Jacobs, who said the cause of his mother's death was yet to be formally determined but was due to one of several ongoing ailments, said that the family plans a memorial service at 11 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., where Billy Jacobs is a longtime resident.

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Katy Mixon

"American Housewife" (7:30 p.m., ABC): When her father, Marty (guest star Patrick Duffy), surprises the Otto family with a Christmas visit, Katie (Katy Mixon) desperately tries to keep him away from her mother (guest star Wendie Malick) in the new yuletide-themed episode "Saving Christmas." Elsewhere, Anna-Kat (Julia Butters) tries to help heart-sick Trip (Peyton Meyer) woo back Taylor (Meg Donnelly).

"Modern Family" (8 p.m., ABC): Logistical issues keep complicating Haley's (Sarah Hyland) efforts to give the family an unforgettable Christmas gift in the new episode "Stuck in a Moment." Meanwhile, Claire (Julie Bowen) is livid that Phil (Ty Burrell) has borrowed the painstakingly decorated Dunphy Christmas tree to dress up a house showing. Jay and Gloria (Ed O'Neill, Sofia Vergara) must deal with some unwelcome visitors over the holidays.

"Susan Powell: An ID Murder Mystery" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., ID): The residents of West Valley City, Utah, were stunned when Susan Powell, a 28-year-old mother of two, abruptly vanished without a trace in 2009. Suspicion quickly fell on her husband, Josh, especially after his behavior during the investigation led police to suspect he knew more than he was letting on. Now, nine years later, this two-hour special looks back at the tragedy.

"Paris to Pittsburgh" (8 p.m., 9:23 p.m., NGE0): Rachel Brosnahan narrates this new documentary on climate change, which explores the passionate efforts of individuals committed to battling some of the most severe threats posed by climate change in their own backyard. These stories are juxtaposed against the ongoing national debate about the energy future of the United States.

"Agnostic Front: The Godfathers of Hardcore" (9 p.m., Showtime): Ian McFarland's 2017 documentary charts the rise and fall — and unlikely subsequent rebirth — of a band that is widely regarded as the "founding fathers" of the New York hardcore music scene. Founded in the early 1980s, the group personified the violence, drugs and tragedy of the Lower East Side community that spawned them.

"BoJack Horseman" (9:30 p.m., 12:02 a.m., Comedy Central): "Later" opens in typically surreal fashion with a flashback to 1973 involving the Triple Crown winner Secretariat (guest voice John Krasinski), whose victory is tarnished by his conviction for cheating and betting on his own races. The ensuing scandal drives the guilt-stricken steed to commit suicide by jumping off a bridge. As the action shifts to the present, BoJack (voice of Will Arnett) decides to exploit the success of his memoir to star in a movie about his ill-fated equine role model.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Natalie Portman; comic Dennis Miller; Braison Cyrus performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Leslie Mann; actor Brandon Micheal Hall; Lil' Wayne performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actors Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly; TV host Matty Matheson; Rita Wilson performs.*

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	BET	卐 (6:59) Soul Plane (R,'04) **	Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold.		(9:01) The Wash (R,'01) *	Dr. Dre. © 卐		
	BIGTEN	Purdue Football Classic	BTN Live ©		Big Ten Elite ©		BTN Live 卐	
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives: Last Supper		Real House. (N)		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No 卐
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) 卐
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	BoJack (Sea-	Daily (N) 卐
	DISC	Border Live ©		Border Live: "12.12.18." (N) (Live) ©				Expedition 卐
	DISN	Raven	Raven	Raven	Stuck	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven
	E!	Bride Wars (PG,'09) *	Kate Hudson. ©			Busy (N)	Bride Wars (PG,'09) **	
	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at New Orleans Pelicans. (N)	NBA Basketball (N)					NBA Basketball (N) 卐
	ESPN2	SportsCenter Special (N)		College Basketball: LSU at Houston. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery 卐
	FREE	卐 (5:30) Finding Nemo ('03)		Disney's A Christmas Carol		(PG,'09) ** © (SAP)		700 Club 卐
	FX	Trolls (PG,'16) ***	Voices of Anna Kendrick. ©			Trolls (PG,'16) *** © 卐		
	HALL	Christmas Under Wraps (NR,'14) ©				Snow Bride (NR,'13) Katrina Law. © 卐		
	HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)		Property 卐
	HIST	Vikings ©		Vikings: "A New God." (N)		(9:01) Forged in Fire		Forged 卐
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13,'11) **	Robert Downey Jr. ©			Abraham L 卐		
	LIFE	Every Day Is Christmas (NR,'18) Toni Braxton. ©				(9:03) Wrapped Up in Christmas ©		
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		(9:01) The Challenge ©		Catfish 卐
	NBCSCH	Premier League Soccer (Tape)				Beer Money	Postgame	Ski (Tape) 卐
	NICK	Nicky, Ricky	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION	卐 (6) Space Cowboys (PG-13,'00) ***	Clint Eastwood.			Happy-Go-Lucky (N)		Darjeeling 卐
	OWN	Four Weddings ©		Four Weddings ©		Four Weddings ©		Weddings 卐
ORX	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA 卐	
PARTY	Friends ©	Friends ©			Creed (PG-13,'15) ***	Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. © 卐		
SYFY	卐 (6:15) Fast Five (PG-13,'11) **	Vin Diesel. ©			Nightflyers: "Icarus." (N)		Tron Lgcy 卐	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Full Frontal	
TCM	Movie 卐							
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Diana's Story." ©				Family by the Ton ©		My 600-Lb 卐	
TLN	Camp Meeting	Diane	The Three		Life Today	Exalted	Humanit 卐	
TNT	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13,'16) **	Ben Affleck. ©					Godzilla 卐	
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum (N)		UFOs: The Lost Evidence ©				Monsters 卐	
TVL	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	(7:01) NCIS ©		(8:02) NCIS: "Scope."		(9:02) NCIS ©		Mod Fam 卐	
VH1	Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Black Ink 卐	
WE	National Lampoon's Vacation (R,'83) **				National Lampoon's Vacation ('83) ***			
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Brilliant Friend (N)		(8:15) Icebox (NR,'18) ©			Ghosts-Girfrnd 卐	
	HBO2	卐 (6:40) Rampage (PG-13,'18) **			Momentum Generation (NR,'18)		VICE © 卐	
	MAX	Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13,'10) **	Steve Carell. ©			Mike Judge	(9:25) Girls Trip *** 卐	
	SHO	卐 (6) Braveheart (R,'95) ***	Mel Gibson. ©				Agnostic Front: Godfathers (N) 卐	
	STARZ	卐 Always at the Carlyle ('18)	Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself ('09) **				How Do 卐	
	STZNC	Big Hero 6 (PG,'14) ***				(8:44) Race to Witch Mountain (PG,'09) **		

Vox Lux

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cinema. As a teenager, he appeared as an actor in Catherine Hardwick's "Thirteen," Jonathan Frakes' "Thunderbirds" and Gregg Araki's "Mysterious Skin." Among his other acting credits are Michael Haneke's English language remake of his own "Funny Games," Antonio Campos' "Simon Killer," which Corbet co-wrote, Olivier Assayas' "Clouds of Sils Maria" and Ruben Ostlund's "Force Majeur."

Corbet's debut as a feature filmmaker was 2015's "The Childhood of a Leader," another fictionalized take on history that examined the rise of fascism between the two world wars. He says the essayistic bold takes of his movies are in some way their purpose.

"I actually am finding it more and more difficult to write drama because I don't know how to make audiences invested in literally anything," Corbet said, "And maybe that's a bit dramatic, but it's not too far off because I do find that nothing shocks us anymore."

"And I think that we actually have to reach for bigger ideas in order to move anyone, because we're all just so accustomed to seeing the same thing over and over and over again," said Corbet. "It's rare that something really shoots for the moon. And since things are so tough right now, we should really attempt to try and make stories better and be bolder."

"Vox Lux," which features a droll voiceover narration from Willem Dafoe, often feels as if it should come with an attached syllabus or some form of map for the dense thicket of allusions and references created by Corbet and his collaborators.

Portman noted that the way she exaggeratedly works a lozenge in her mouth during a contentious press interview was inspired by Madonna in her tour documentary "Madonna: Truth or Dare." Corbet in a single answer managed to use both Robert Musil's 1940s modernist novel "A Man Without Qualities" and Jonathan Demme's 2016 concert film "Justin Timberlake + the Tennessee Kids" to illustrate a point.

Production began in February of this year and the movie was shot in 22 days, with Portman shooting for 10 days. The film's



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Natalie Portman and "Vox Lux" director Brady Corbet at the Toronto International Film Festival.

climactic concert sequence was shot in only a day-and-a-half. The full-scale stage set for Celeste's homecoming show was created just for the film on a soundstage in Portman's own hometown of Syosset, N.Y.

Law, playing a character known simply as "The Manager," shepherds young Celeste on her way up the ladder of stardom only to become trapped by the machinery of the industrial-celebrity complex just as she does. Law's performance might be two-parts sleazy and besotted, one-part sympathetic and protective. (Or maybe the other way around.)

"He's committed and he's loyal and I think he's decent early on," Law said recently, on the phone while stuck in London traffic. "And then by the time you jump forward, when Celeste has become a brand, he's as much a part of that as she is, as the sister is, and there's a co-dependency. He's the pimp, he's the prostitute, he's the dealer and the junkie all rolled into one. And weirdly I also think he's the only one left who's got her back and understands her."

"So it's convoluted, it's complicated and I don't know that I understand it all myself," he said of the dynamic.

While the screwball sass of



ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

Jude Law is Celeste's manager in "Vox Lux."

Portman's performance as the older, superstar Celeste gives the movie some necessary fizz, it is Cassidy's turn as young, wounded Celeste that provides it with much of its initial heart and sense of emotional grounding.

For Cassidy, switching from young Celeste to playing Celeste's daughter Albertine made an odd sort of sense.

"I think Albertine and Celeste

have a connection, I think it's important that they feel the same things when they're younger," Cassidy during a recent phone call while in Los Angeles, where she attended the motion picture academy's Governors Awards. "Celeste, her innocence is taken away from her, and that also happens with Albertine. She's forced to grow up."

For Martin, who along with

Law had to go from performing opposite Cassidy as young Celeste to opposite Cassidy as Albertine, it was Cassidy's performance that made the transition easier.

"The physical manifestation of what Raffey did was so so strong, it was almost like a different actress and I was really shocked," said Martin on the phone from Budapest, where she was shooting a movie. "I sort of had my vision of Raffey and what she was playing and then had to reassess everything because she metamorphosed herself completely. It made sense and it was really strange because she suddenly became Albertine."

"Vox Lux" first premiered in Venice and then went on to the Toronto International Film Festival, just like another 2018 release dealing with contemporary pop stardom and its repercussions: "A Star Is Born." While the Lady Gaga-Bradley Cooper drama became a surprise box office mega-hit and "Vox Lux" is only now entering arthouse theaters, comparisons in film circles have been inevitable.

Both Portman and Corbet said they had seen (and liked) "A Star Is Born" and welcome the connection. The two films even share small details, such as scenes of a rising ingenue learning how to sing and perform dance choreography or a bit of business about not knowing who has the key to a star's luxurious hotel suite.

"They're obviously such different films," said Portman. "There are probably more differences than similarities dealing with the same subject matter."

Also at Toronto was Alex Ross Perry's "Her Smile," in which Elisabeth Moss played a '90s alt-rock star; Max Minghella's "Teen Spirit," with Elle Fanning as a singing-competition contestant; and Tom Harper's "Wild Rose," starring Jesse Buckley as an aspiring country singer. Not to mention the subsequent box office success of "Bohemian Rhapsody," in which Rami Malek portrays Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury.

"I'm happy that all of these music-driven films have come out at the same time," said Corbet. "I think it's interesting and everybody has a very, very different story to tell. I mean we use those clichés and sort of subvert them and [A Star Is Born] plays with them but in a very self-aware way. I understand why people like it so much."

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 12): Visions articulated this year guide for a decade. The seemingly impossible gets realized with persistence. Surprising health, service and fitness circumstances arise. Winter rains silver into your pockets, before an exploration engages.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Energy builds for a community project. Long-distance communications improve over about three weeks, with Mercury in Sagittarius, so expand your territory. Travel beckons.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Professional opportunities arise. Building a savings plan is easier over three weeks, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Set long-range financial targets, plans and budgets.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Support your team, and rely on each other. Over three weeks, with Mercury in Sagittarius, the competition is extraordinarily fierce.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Handle financial responsibilities. Professional solutions abound, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Your work gets more interesting. Creativity flowers over the next several weeks. Profit through communication.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. A partnership blossoms. It's easier to share your love, with Mercury in Sagittarius for three weeks. You're especially persuasive and charming.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Physical action gets results. Renovate your place, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Uncover forgotten treasures, and discover new purpose for old stuff.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Romance is in the air. Creative projects flower, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Write, sketch and improvise. Words come easily. Express what's in your heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Domestic matters hold your heart. Cash flow velocity increases over three weeks, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Profit from communications, networking and collaboration.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Advance a creative project. You have an intellectual advantage, with Mercury in your sign. Strengthen your communications infrastructure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Capture extra profits. Enter a three-week philosophical and spiritual phase, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Learn from your dreams.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Enjoy the spotlight. Get social for three weeks, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Teamwork produces satisfying results. Friends offer good advice and shared resources.

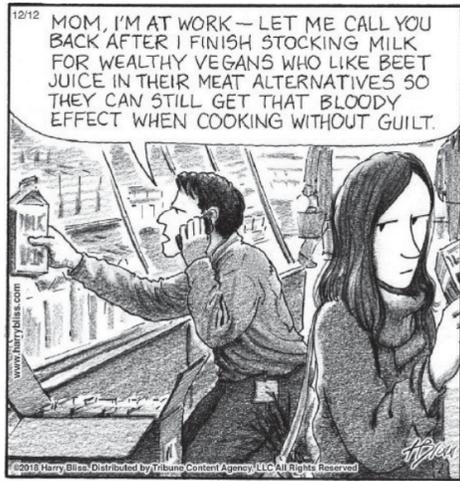
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Relax, and consider what's next. Professional opportunities abound, with Mercury in Sagittarius. Advance through networking and connection.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ K 8 7
 ♥ Q 10
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ A 10 4 3 2

East
 ♠ Void
 ♥ K 8 6 5 2
 ♦ A 10 8 6
 ♣ Q J 6 5

South
 ♠ A Q 9 6 5 3
 ♥ A 9 7
 ♦ K 5 3
 ♣ 9

ACBL Hall-of-Fame member David Berkowitz tells this story on himself. He was West in today's deal. Suzi Subeck was South.

East won the diamond opening lead and returned a diamond to declarer's king as Berkowitz played low. South led a club to dummy's ace and ruffed a club, then led a low spade. Berkowitz split his honors and dummy's king won the trick. Another club ruff stripped Berkowitz of his last club and left him feeling uneasy.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Dbl
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

A low diamond put Berkowitz on lead with the jack and he had the choice of leading a trump, giving away his trump trick, or leading a heart. Declarer could have prevailed on either lead. Berkowitz chose to lead a low heart, 10-king-ace. A heart back to the queen, a spade to the ace, and a heart ruff gave declarer 10 tricks and she doubled contract. This was very well played by Suzi Subeck.

Was this just another bad double, or could the defense have defeated the contract? The early defense could have been sharper. East could have ducked his ace of diamonds at trick one, possibly losing to an unlikely singleton king in the South hand, but keeping defensive communications open otherwise. Also, Berkowitz could have unblocked the jack of diamonds under the king at trick two. That would have been a very risky play.

— Bob Jones
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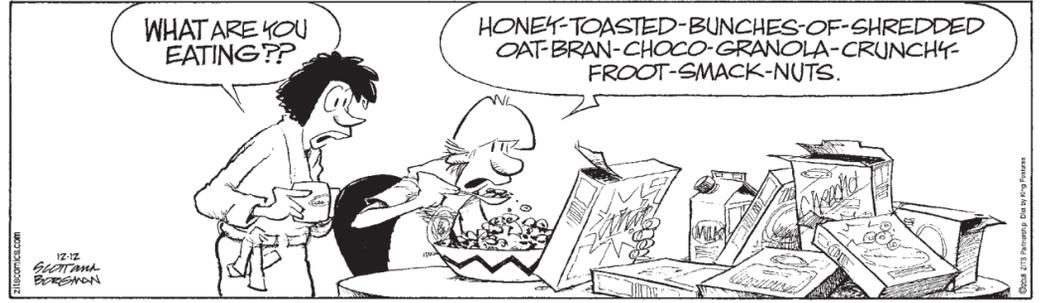
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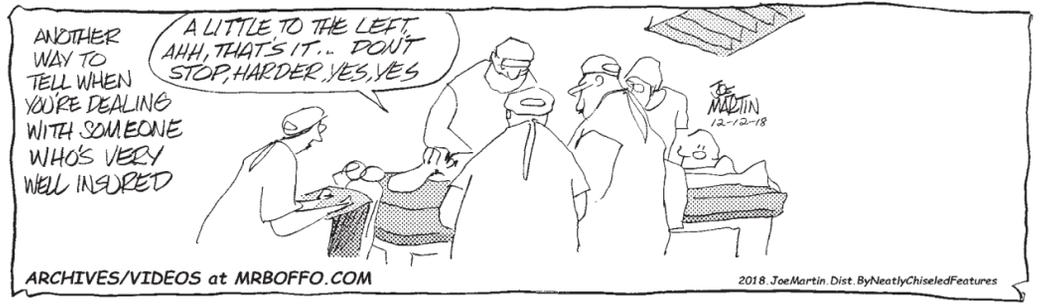
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Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



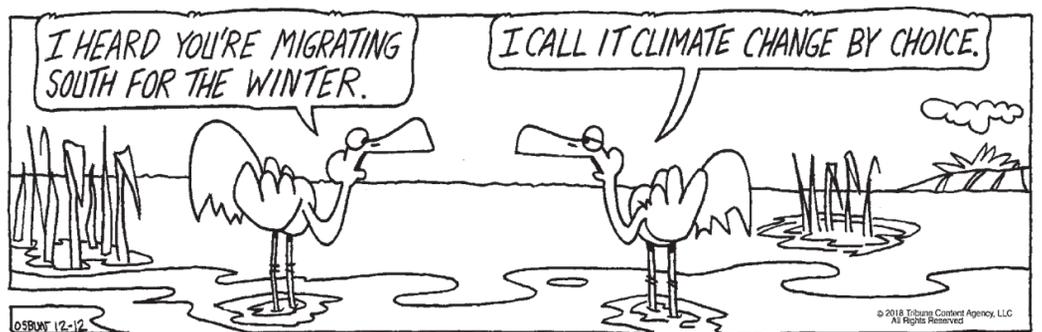
Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



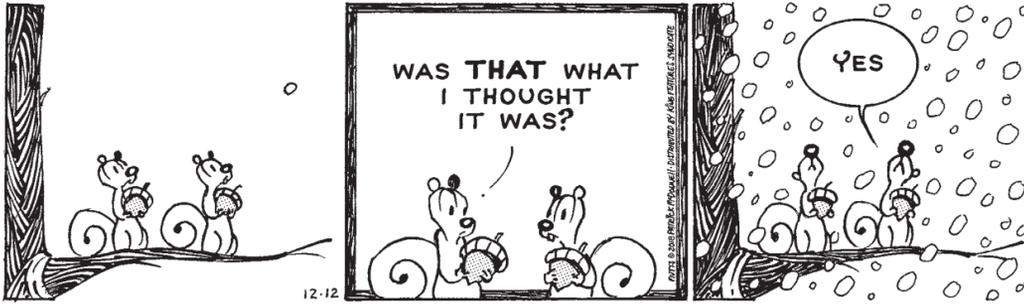
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Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



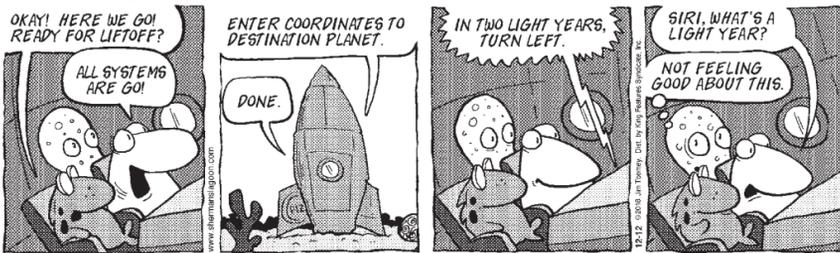
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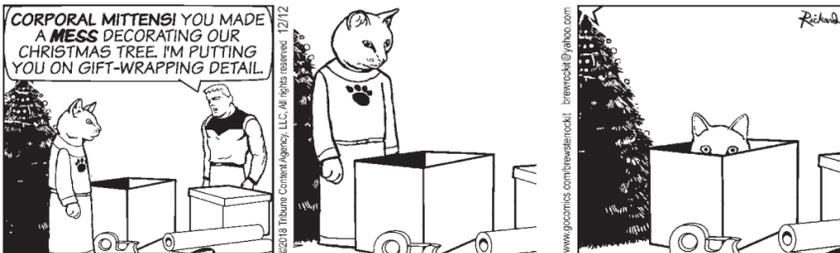
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Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

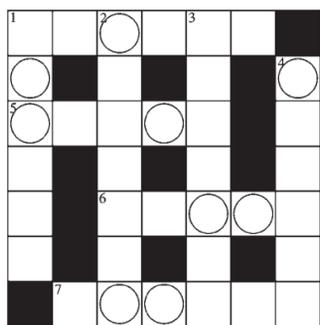


Trivia Bits

Speaking of foods with Q: The quahog (or quahaug) clam is the official state shell of which state?
 A) Connecticut
 B) Massachusetts
 C) Rhode Island
 D) Vermont

Tuesday's answer: That very old tree is named for the very old biblical figure Methuselah.

Jumble Crossword



12-12-18

CLUE: This film, which was directed by Ron Howard, received Academy Award nominations.

BONUS

- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Squirm
 - Without money
 - Splice
 - Gulf _____
- ANSWER**
- DTEGFI
 KEROB
 FARGT
 MSREAT
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Material
 - Dry spell
 - Raise
 - Ritual
- ANSWER**
- UACBRF
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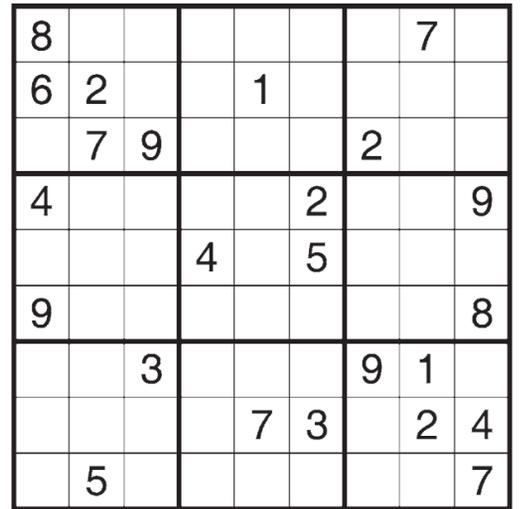
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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ANSWERS: 1-A-Fidget 5-A-Broke 6-A-Craft 7-A-Stream 10-Fabric 20-Brought 30-Florets 40-Custom B-Backdraft By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

12/12



2	6	3	7	9	1	8	5	4
1	5	9	4	8	2	6	7	3
8	7	4	3	5	6	9	1	2
9	3	1	5	2	4	7	6	8
7	4	6	8	1	9	2	3	5
5	8	2	6	7	3	4	9	1
6	1	5	2	4	7	3	8	9
4	9	7	1	3	8	5	2	6
3	2	8	9	6	5	1	4	7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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OPYROL

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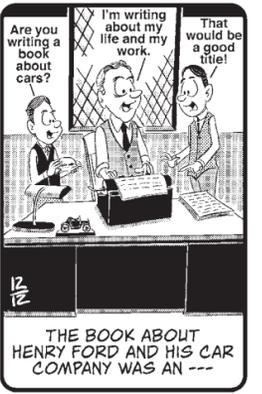
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Tuesday's answers

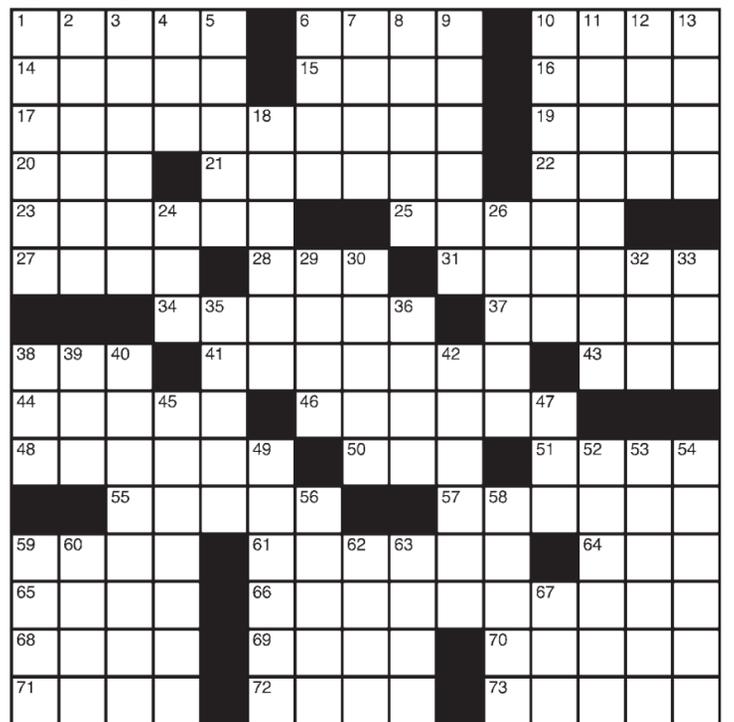
Jumbles: WHEAT OUNCE FEMALE PERMIT
 Answer: The skier gave exact instructions and expected the speedboat driver to — TOW THE LINE

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Crossword

12/12



Across

- Israel Philharmonic music director Zubin
- Hook-shaped ski lift
- Calculator button
- Common Era starting date
- Hebrides language
- Low-tech leaf-blower alternative
- Indian town in the Himalayas
- "Best Song ___": One Direction hit
- Flow's partner
- The "P" of rock's ELP
- Badlands landform
- Angles
- Spring singer
- Prefix with graph
- Glass of public radio
- Dug up dandelions, say
- Scout's discovery
- There's always a hole in one

- Hot state
- Spy film poison
- Record label for Pink
- Facebook option
- Surfer's gadget
- Gourmet mushrooms
- D.C. bigwig
- "Unique everything" website
- Peruvian pack animal
- Not quite spherical
- Hence
- Divination
- Med. centers for former soldiers
- Actress Sorvino
- Pay attention to detail ... and, homophonically, what three pairs of puzzle answers do
- Treated, as a sprain
- Some jewelry stores, informally
- Chill-causing
- Small dogs
- Lightly burn
- Brings into harmony

- Massage therapy oil type
- Luau strings
- Blood bank fluids
- How a cinch is done
- After-tax amount
- Give rise to
- Stern
- Two of Henry VIII's wives
- Common Market initials
- Genetic matter
- Big name in fast trains
- Empire's cry
- Dogma
- Greek consonant
- William IV's prime minister
- Certain angels
- Winds new film into
- Ribbonlike fish
- Slaps sharply
- Bar
- Harsh criticism
- Toadies' answers
- Subtle glows
- Hard-drive units
- Put forth
- P.R. part
- "La maja desnuda" painter
- Cold War letters
- "Hold it!"

Tuesday's solution



Down

- Disinclined to brag
- Provide power to
- Like some shampoos
- Mahal
- Highly skilled
- Take shape
- Fedora feature
- Ed with Emmys
- Sprout anew
- English football's League

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12 NORMAL HIGH: 35° NORMAL LOW: 21° RECORD HIGH: 61° (1877) RECORD LOW: -8° (2000)

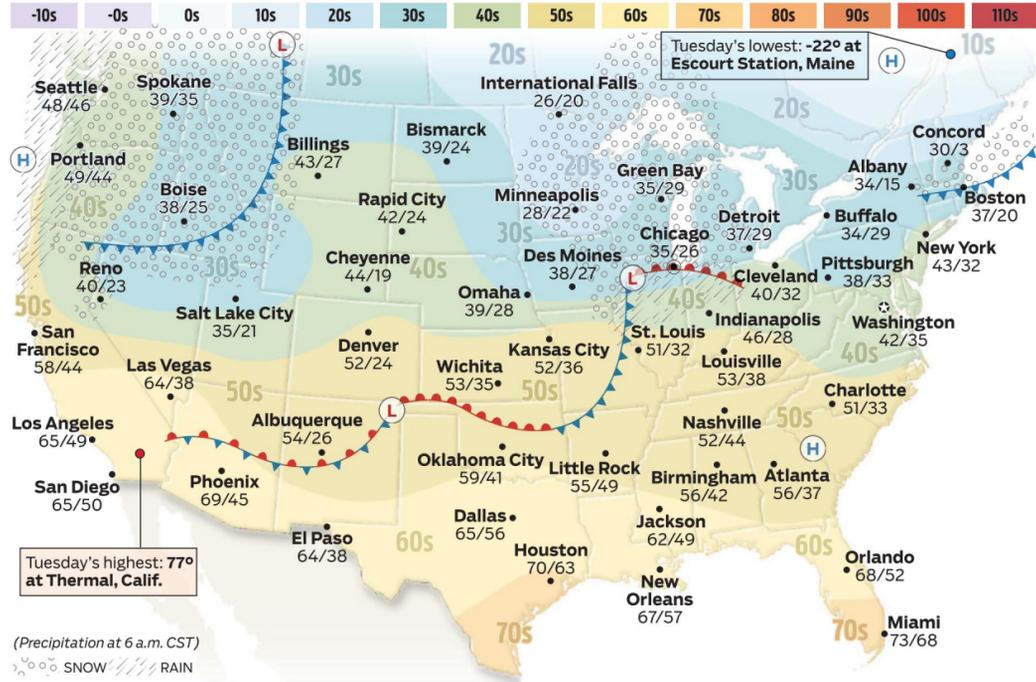
Slow, slick Wednesday morning commute likely

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 35 **LOW** 26

- A center of low pressure tracks east along the IL-WI border bringing a mixture of rain, freezing rain and wet snow.
- A Winter Weather Advisory in effect for counties north of I-80 to the north and west of Chicago until noon CST.
- A slow dangerous morning commute generally north of I-80 and outside of Chicago.
- The wintry mix will gradually diminish/end later in the morning and early afternoon.
- A little sunshine possible later in the day
- Mostly cloudy overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A winter weather advisory was forecast for a good portion of the Chicago area, generally north of Interstate 80 and west and north of Chicago, until noon Wednesday. A wintry mix of rain, freezing drizzle and wet snow was expected to fall on western portions of the area during the early morning hours and spread over the rest of the area by daybreak.

Temperatures were forecast to be at or below freezing in the advisory area where roads as well as sidewalks were expected to be slick and dangerous. For the most part south of Interstate 80, readings at or above 32 degrees were expected to result in rain. All precipitation was forecast to end during the late morning and afternoon.

Another band of all rain is forecast to spread across the Chicago area from the south later Thursday and continue off and on Friday.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

HIGH 42 **LOW** 33

Partial sun early, gives way to thickening clouds as the next weather system approaches. Rain possible later afternoon, becoming likely at night. Temperatures stay above freezing. Southerly winds 10-20 mph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH 43 **LOW** 31

Cloudy with a chance of light showers - best chance south and east of Chicago. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Mostly cloudy overnight - rain still possible in the immediate Chicago area, south and east. NE winds.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH 40 **LOW** 30

Remnant showers in the morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. High temperatures upper 30s to lower 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. North winds during the day shift to the southwest at night.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

HIGH 41 **LOW** 29

Partly cloudy with afternoon highs again in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Clear skies overnight. Southwest winds shift northwest.

MONDAY, DEC. 17

HIGH 39 **LOW** 25

Partly sunny - highs in the upper 30s. Clear skies at night. Northwest winds.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

HIGH 44 **LOW** 26

Mostly sunny - high temperatures 40 to 45. Clear skies at night. Westerly winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
It appears Chicago skipped Indian summer in 2018, or did I just blink and miss it?

- Chuck Sebaski

Dear Chuck,
"Indian summer" is a period of at least a few days of quiet, sunny, hazy and warm weather in the autumn that occurs after a frost or freeze. It is a "weather singularity," a weather event that recurs (autumn, in this case) at about the same time of year. Indian summer occurs in the Midwest, Great Lakes region and north-eastern portion of the United States.

We did not experience an Indian summer this past autumn. It is only an occasional visitor, occurring on average every few years. It happens when a large, sprawling high pressure system becomes stationary, or nearly so, over the eastern portion of the country. The associated weather is fair and dry, usually cool initially, then gradually warmer.

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'Warming' on a huge scale late weekend and next week

CHICAGO RECORDS

ITS MILDEST TEMP IN 9 DAYS

Tuesday's high temperatures

O'HARE MIDWAY LAKEFRONT

38° 40° 40°

WARMER CHICAGO AREA HIGHS TUESDAY:

Glenview 43° Downers Grove 41° Forest Park 40°

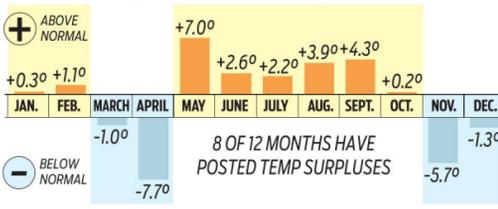
Univ. of Chi. 42° Harwood Heights 40° Glenview 40°

Marseilles 42° Lincoln Park 41° Dyer, Ind. 40°

Schererville 41° Sandwich 41° Merrillville, Ind. 40°

WARMTH HAS DOMINATED THIS YEAR

2018's monthly temperatures at a glance



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

Calumet City 40°

East Chicago 40°

Phoenix, Ill. 40°

Alsip 40°

Joliet 40°

River Forest 40°

Elmhurst 40°

Forest Park 40°

Glenview 40°

Dyer, Ind. 40°

Merrillville, Ind. 40°

MILDER AIR HAVING AN IMPACT

Lower 48 snow coverage slips

DOWN 4.6%

N 24 HOURS

MONDAY DEC. 10

46.7%

TUESDAY DEC. 11

41.8%

DAILY CHICAGO TEMPS IN 2018 THROUGH DEC. 11

ABOVE NORMAL: 51%

ABOVE NORMAL: 43%

"NORMAL": 6%

MODEST WEDNESDAY PRECIPITATION SYSTEM

CHICAGO AREA: Sporadic or little drizzle/freezing drizzle either side of this area of light snow

9 A.M. WED.

NOON WED.

MAJOR UPPER PATTERN SHIFT SEVERS ACCESS TO ARCTIC CHILL

Next week's predicted upper air pattern

MILD PACIFIC AIR

Tuesday's jet stream

WARMING COVERS MOST OF NORTH AMERICA

Sunday Dec. 16 through Friday Dec. 21 forecast

HOW MUCH ABOVE NORMAL?

+16°

+12°

+8°

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CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

Aurora 38 23 Midway 39 26

Gary 41 26 O'Hare 38 25

Kankakee 41 22 Romeoville 39 23

Lakefront 40 27 Valparaiso 40 20

Lansing 39 20 Waukegan 37 25

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD 2018 NORMAL

Tue. (through 4 p.m.) 0.00" 0.09"

December to date 1.24" 0.97"

Year to date 47.15" 35.61"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD O'HARE MIDWAY

Tue. (through 4 p.m.) 0.0" 0.0"

Season to date 13.0" 9.4"

Normal to date 3.8" 3.8"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

Wind SE/SW 12-22 kts. S 10-20 kts.

Waves 3-6 feet 2-4 feet

Tue. shore/crib water temps 35°/34°

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 11 2018 2017

Area covered by snow 41.6% 25.9%

Average snow depth 2.0" 1.1"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15 O'HARE MIDWAY

Sun-32° highs 4 days 5 days

Subzero lows 0 days 0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading Moderate

Wednesday's forecast Moderate

Critical pollutant Particulates

TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun 7:09 a.m. 4:20 p.m.

Moon 11:02 a.m. 9:20 p.m.

PLANET WATCH

Mercury 5:21 a.m. 3:14 p.m.

Venus 3:23 a.m. 2:08 p.m.

Mars 11:57 p.m. 11:21 p.m.

Jupiter 6:06 a.m. 3:31 p.m.

Chicago Tribune

HEALTH & FAMILY



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Leo Anderson works out at Slammers Training Academy in Libertyville. After breaking his arm near his elbow, the Highland Park teen is trying to avoid another overuse injury.

Arthritis at 30?

Youth sports injuries can turn into chronic problems, doctors are warning

BY KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

Leo Anderson was in the middle of a baseball game when he threw a ball he had just caught, heard a crunch in his elbow and fell to the ground.

That sound was a growth plate in his elbow breaking, and it ended the now-15-year-old's season last spring.

Doctors soon said the break was caused by overuse, and the Highland Park teen underwent surgery to place a pin in his elbow to stabilize it. Anderson, a catcher who had been trying out pitching, wore a cast for 12 weeks before his comeback this fall, playing for the Slammers club team in Lake County. The freshman at Lake Forest High School also underwent physical therapy until November and says he hopes to play for his high school team in the upcoming spring season, in addition to his other team.

But his father, Bill Anderson, said he now closely monitors his son's play, and that the injury was a wake-up call. Leo, like many youth athletes, plays baseball 10 months out of the year. "Quite honestly, it just didn't occur to me that he was overusing his arm."

Doctors say overuse injuries in youth sports have increased dramatically in the past decade. They blame it on kids focusing on one sport early on and playing it year-round, sometimes on multiple teams at once.

"Sports specialization has led to almost an epidemic in sports injuries," agreed Dr. Elizabeth Matzkin, surgical director of women's musculoskeletal health at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at Harvard Medical School. "Kids are fatigued, and they're not



LISA OLDHAM PHOTO

Doctors soon said Leo Anderson's broken arm was caused by overuse. The 15-year-old plays baseball 10 months out of the year.

strengthening the way they should be."

Matzkin said that, in the past decade, she's seen overuse injuries in young athletes that she used to see mainly in adults.

"Over the past 10 years, you'd maybe see the occasional high school ACL tear. Now you're seeing it in 12-, 13-year-olds," she said. With such injuries at 13, "are you going to have arthritis when you're 30?"

While doctors and physical therapists say they can treat the injuries, some worry what will happen as these young athletes grow into adults — when old injuries could turn into chronic problems.

"We can get you back playing your sport ... but what we can't do is prevent your arthritis in your knee," Matzkin said. Then "you're seeing young women in their 30s who can't keep up with their kids in the backyard."

Doctors say it's largely up to parents and coaches to try to prevent these injuries through cross-training and rest.

But that message can be hard to follow in the increasingly competitive landscape of youth sports, where more parents seem to have their sights set on college scholarships and even professional play for their kids, said Dr. Andrea Kramer, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at north suburban-based

Illinois Bone and Joint Institute.

Kramer, who treated Leo Anderson, said she's seen more overuse injuries in recent years, and at younger ages.

"I'm seeing kids from 7 on up for overuse injuries," she said. The injuries come in the form of sprains, breaks, stress fractures and other problems that cause "much more increased pain at a much younger age" than she used to see, and span many sports, from baseball to gymnastics.

Kramer said children are at risk for these injuries because they are still growing and growth plates are shifting. She said she advises these young athletes and their parents to try more variety in sports or cross-conditioning, and stresses the importance of rest. Societal pressures seem to play into the desire for high achievement in sports, often leading to overplay, Kramer said.

"If we could convince people to not specialize in one sport at a young age, it would help a lot," she said.

For Leo Anderson's arm injury, the tipping point seemed to be when Leo, a catcher since childhood, started to try out pitching with private lessons, plus his regular team practices, which begin in October and last through July. His dad said rainout dates last spring also caused more back-to-back games, which he thinks also contributed to his son's over-throwing.

"Looking back it was pretty obvious," Bill Anderson said. "As a parent, I'm (now) much more hypersensitive to Leo having a sore arm."

Anderson said he is monitoring Leo's play — with help from Leo's coaches, doctor and physical therapist — to make sure the injury is healed and to prevent another overuse injury.

Ed Tolzien, co-owner of the Slammers, said he and his staff "strongly encourage our kids to cross-train and play multiple sports" to prevent overuse injuries. About 70 to 75 percent play a sport other than baseball, he said.

Many baseball leagues and the Illinois High School Association limit the number of pitches players can throw in a game and a season to prevent injuries. Tolzien said his youth players abide by such guidelines, and though there aren't official limits on high school-level club teams, his coaches keep a close eye on players, who are also given strength and conditioning exercises. The team also partners with Illinois Bone and Joint to make sure players get proper treatment and to learn more about injury prevention, he said.

Matzkin, who also serves on the board of directors at the Rosemont-based American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, said education of coaches and parents is necessary to prevent overuse injuries in kids.

The academy teamed up with the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine earlier this year to launch the OneSport Injury campaign, which focuses on just that. The slogan is, "Doctors can treat them. Parents and coaches can prevent them."

The campaign offers materials geared toward coaches, parents and young athletes, providing prevention tips, statistics on injuries and guidelines for specific sports.

"Sports are beneficial, but playing the same sport more than eight months out of the year can be detrimental," Matzkin said.

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Uncle Sam wants you to sit less and move more

BY MELISSA HEALY
Los Angeles Times

Listen up, Americans. The government has been recommending you get 150 minutes of exercise a week for a decade now. That's just 20 minutes a day — and not even 1 in 4 of you can handle it.

But the Department of Health and Human Services, armed with some new research on the benefits of exercise — no, not even exercise, merely "physical activity" — is prepared to offer you couch potatoes a few more inducements and a shot at redemption.

On the inducement side, getting regular physical activity has now been linked to lower rates of eight different kinds of cancer, including those of the lung, kidneys and stomach. In 2008, when

the first "Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans" were released, government scientists could assert only that adequate levels of physical activity helped reduce the risk for breast and colon cancer.

And that's on top of its ability to prevent heart attacks and strokes, decrease arthritis pain, improve brain health and academic performance, and generally lift your spirits.

The new guidelines were released this fall at the annual meeting of the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology. They were also published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

All told, people who are physically active for approximately 150 minutes a week cut their risk of dying at any given age by one-third, compared with those who

don't exercise at all. In preventing disease and improving a person's function across the lifespan, "only a few lifestyle choices have as large an effect on mortality as physical activity," the JAMA report says.

Still not convinced? The government scientists warn that being a couch potato is downright dangerous, accounting for 10 percent of all premature deaths among Americans. It's expensive too: About \$117 billion in annual health care costs are incurred because of Americans' sedentary habits.

As powerful a message goes, "this is cheap," said Adm. Brett P. Giroir, the assistant secretary of health who unveiled the new guidelines. After all, "the best way to reduce the cost of drugs is not to need drugs."

The federal government's

exercise gurus are now making it easier for couch potatoes to satisfy the recommendations for minimal levels of physical activity, which remain unchanged at 150 minutes of "moderate-to-vigorous aerobic activity" each week, with muscle strengthening activities on two days during the week.

It used to be that you had to get up and move around vigorously for at least 10 minutes at a time for it to count as exercise. In many minds, that's a requirement that conjures up images of sneakers, spandex and sweat.

No worries. "All activities count," the new federal guidelines say. "Bouts of any length contribute to the health benefits associated with the accumulated volume of physical activity."

That means that if, during a two-hour stretch in front of the television, you were to get up

from your couch during every commercial break and march up and down the stairs until your show returned, on average, you would have racked up an impressive 22 minutes of, let's say, moderate physical activity per day.

In a week, that adds up to 154 minutes. Take a victory lap. Dancing, gardening, walking the dog, marching briskly across a sprawling parking lot — all these count toward the weekly total. The new guidelines enshrine this idea in a soon-to-be-launched campaign called "Move Your Way."

Just remember that, at its minimum, moderate-intensity activity is defined as reaching a rate of oxygen consumption (a rough surrogate for calories expended called METs, short for metabolic

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Even marching up and down stairs during TV commercial breaks can count toward the government's recommended 150 minutes of "moderate-to-vigorous aerobic activity" each week.

New shot at exercise targets

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equivalents) that might be achieved by walking at a pace at which it would take you 20 minutes to cover a mile.

Ideally, the writers of the guidelines would like you to get in — or try to work up to — some "vigorous-intensity" activity, for which the intensity of your exercise would have to reach 6 METS or more. That includes running a mile in 10 minutes, which is a 10-MET activity and therefore easily qualifies as a vigorous-intensity activity. Stair-climbing — assuming you're doing it at a pretty rapid clip — is generally considered an activity at which you could reach 9 METS.

But you could just start by picking up the pace of your walking, jogging, swimming or stair-climbing.

And here's an added bonus for the reluctant exerciser: If all the physical activity you engage in were vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, you could meet the guidelines' minimum goals in just 75 minutes a week.

Now, you'd still need to do some "muscle strengthening activities" twice a week. That's easier than you think. You can go to a strength-training class at your local community center or gym, where they might use stretchy resistance bands, squishy balls or light free weights to build strength in your legs, arms and midsection.

But if you were to stand in front of your easy chair and lift some small weights during a half-hour show — and to practice getting up from and down to your chair without touching the armrest (these are called "squats" for you exercise newbies, and, no, you can't sit after each one), you could easily satisfy that requirement. Throw in a few push-ups to strengthen the muscles of the chest, shoulders and upper arms and you're really ticking off the boxes.

The new guideline state that, to stay their healthiest, older adults should also aim to meet the 150-minute per week targets if chronic conditions like arthritis, diabetes or heart disease don't make that impossible. They "should

be as physically active as their abilities and conditions allow," the guidelines say. And their exercise should include balance training as well as aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities.

Did the Department of Health and Human Services tailor the new guidelines for a chief executive who seems to prefer driving a golf cart to walking? No, they got it from science.

And from science also comes some pretty encouraging news for those who haven't been exercising but are keen to start: The benefits of boosting physical activity are greatest for those who currently aren't getting any at all.

Sure, a dedicated exerciser can increase the health benefits he gets by putting more minutes, or greater vigor, into his exercise regimen. But the person who gets the biggest bang for her buck is the person who's starting from a habit of little-to-no exercise, Giroir said.

"Humans were evolved to move, and when you move, all your physiology works better."

In all the fun of the tailgate party, who cares who's No. 1?



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

Stacking logs and fattening the calves for the onset of winter. Harsh conditions are certain to prevail. On LA freeways, 1 in 10 drivers is a complete idiot, which can sometimes make for pretty rough sledding.

At this time of year, we appreciate a little rain. Not too much, because that's when the hills start to slip and the goo flows like pancake batter. As you've noticed, there is no stopping Mother Nature. When she sobs, she sobs.

The last of the autumn traditions is playing out. Things are tough at home, so my sick wife, desperate for a dose of normalcy, sent me off to the Rose Bowl for one last tailgate of the season, in thanks for taking care of her these last few weeks. It was like sending an eager child off to kindergarten.

Thanks, baby, I needed that. For half a day, the world seemed a bit brighter.

You know, I've been thinking lately how this is the most interesting food era in human history. Dining has never been more intriguing than now, particularly on the West Coast, but really everywhere.

There are strange spices and farm-to-table ingredients. Fusions. Mad-inventive chefs. Craft beer. Aged manchego. Glazes. Dips. Sauces. Smoked quail eggs. Food trucks. Fried chicken. Kimchi.

They've even found a way to make Brussels sprouts taste good.

And why did it take so long to smear avocado onto



SOPIA HUSTON PHOTO

In the shadow of the Rose Bowl, Ezra Blake Fischer, 4, helps celebrate the college football season.

a simple piece of toast?

Absolutely none of that creativity was in evidence at our tailgate.

Like Thanksgiving, we stuck to the classics. Fat sandwiches and a big, silver keg of beer, which one young lady thrust over her head in triumph once it was empty.

For a moment, it wasn't just a tailgate party. It was "Game of Thrones."

"Let's love each other today," her neck tattoo said. "For we don't know what tomorrow will bring?"

Yikes.

These autumn celebrations are important on some spiritual level that eludes me. Maybe it's the silly party games, maybe it's the way the Chardon-nay Moms all wiggle when Elvis sings "Blue Suede Shoes."

Most likely, it was the simple conviviality of it all.

A perfect party has a range of ages, tastes and temperaments.

I am never more bored than when standing around with a bunch of people who look almost like me. Mix it up a little. A good party resembles Times Square on New Year's Eve, as if a bunch of strangers got off the bus and suddenly became war

buddies.

But the real magic, for my co-hosts and me, was that many of our grown children came by the tailgate.

Here we were in a generational fall festus that wasn't the usual celebration of football or conquest or belittlement, which is what sports has become lately.

Honestly, this whole "We're No. 1!" stuff has bored me since high school. It's in our nature, sure, and preys on our insecurities. But this need to be No. 1 is fool's gold. It's tribal in the worst ways and creates enemies and battle lines when kinship is way more fun.

You're No. 1? Wow, so what. How many rules did you break to get there? When do the sanctions kick in?

On this day, neither team was battling for a national title or even a major bowl berth. Still, there was spectacle — a flyover, great marching bands and robust bloody marys that nipped you on the lips.

In the background, as if in some Thornton Wilder play, was the Rose Bowl, in the beery glow of a California fall.

Mostly, there was camaraderie, a few laughs and some major memories.

The youngest tailgater was 3; the oldest, Mike Michael, was 97 — a year older than the stadium itself.

"Know who my favorite tailgater was?" my daughter Rapunzel asked when it was over.

"Me?"

"No."

"Brian Ulf?"

"Mike Michael," she said. "He always remembers my name."

Goodbye, autumn. Hello, holidays.

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7 ways to enjoy your baby bump



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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

—Korey Huyler for AMITA Health



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What you should know about the new flu drug

BY MARIE McCULLOUGH
Philly.com

The first new influenza drug in 20 years was approved in October, and maker Genentech says Xofluza began reaching pharmacies recently — good timing for flu season.

With a single pill, Xofluza can shorten the fevers, chills, sore throat, and other symptoms that make a bout of the flu so miserable.

That's not to suggest Xofluza is magical. It has limitations, just like Tamiflu, the well-known antiviral that has been around for 20 years. Experts still urge that you get the flu vaccine to reduce your chance of infection.

But as U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in announcing its approval, Xofluza "provides an important, additional treatment option."

Here are things to consider about that option — and the flu.

A mutating target

Last flu season was the worst in decades, sickening 49 million people and killing 79,000. The dominant virus strain mutated and undercut the effectiveness of the vaccine, which is made each year to try to match circulating strains. On top of that, far fewer people got flu shots.

It isn't yet clear how bad this season will be, but as of late November, federal surveillance showed little or no flu activity in most states.

The window of opportunity

Xofluza (baloxavir marboxil) works by preventing the virus from copying itself, while Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate) and two similar drugs keep the virus from spreading within the body. Either way, antivirals should be given within 48 hours of the first symptoms to be effective.

Ebbing Lautenbach, chief of infectious diseases at the University of Pennsylvania, said the flu usually hits hard and suddenly — unlike, say, a cold.

"But it still requires a patient to feel lousy and then fairly quickly contact their provider," he said. "If you're outside the 48-hour window, there's not much to be gained" from an antiviral.



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Xofluza prevents the flu virus from copying itself, unlike other drugs that keep the virus from spreading.

Suffering less

Flu symptoms typically last from five to seven days. In the two clinical trials that led to approval, Xofluza provided relief more quickly than a placebo — by 26 hours.

Xofluza and Tamiflu were similar in shortening suffering. As for side effects, Xofluza had no more than a placebo, while Tamiflu may sometimes cause nausea and vomiting.

Simpler to use

Xofluza is a single dose, unlike Tamiflu, which is taken twice a day for five days.

In theory, Xofluza could reduce the problem of drug-resistant viruses emerging when patients don't finish their antiviral prescription. But studies of Xofluza have shown that the virus may develop resistance after just one dose.

Not for everyone

Tamiflu is recommended for people at high risk of flu complications such as pneumonia, including children and older adults with chronic illnesses. Xofluza, in contrast, is currently approved for people 12 and older.

Genentech continues to study the pill with an eye toward expanded approval. It has already been shown to shorten the flu in people at high risk of complications.

Cost

Xofluza costs \$150, but Genentech offers coupons to cut the out-of-pocket cost for insured and uninsured patients.

Tamiflu, which is made by Roche, the parent company of Genentech, also costs about \$150. But generic oseltamivir is available for less than \$50, according to GoodRX.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Coca-Cola can ease down food stuck in esophagus

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: During a meal at home, I tried to swallow a piece of stew meat that was a little too large. It lodged in my esophagus about halfway down and would not budge. It didn't impair my breathing, so I wasn't choking, but it definitely was a problem.

My son went online and found a suggestion: Take a drink of ice-cold Coca-Cola to move the obstruction. I did so, and the meat moved instantly with no more problems.

A: Your story intrigued us. We went searching the medical literature for confirmation and were surprised to discover that this remedy has been utilized by health care practitioners for decades (Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, March 1993).

Norwegian gastroenterologists studied 100 patients who had gotten food stuck in their food tubes (Gastroenterology Research and Practice, online, Nov. 18, 2013). They concluded: "The treatment of choice of impacted food in the esophagus is endoscopic removal. In cases where this is difficult, we recommend treatment with Coca-Cola and Creon for 2-3 days before complications occur." Creon is pancreatic enzymes that can help digest food.

If food blocks the airway, though, it is a medical emergency. In such a case, call 911 immediately and try the Heimlich maneuver.

Q: I have a question about Ambien. I took it and ended up sleepwalking. In fact, I was driving my car and was slapped with a DUI citation. I don't remember a thing. Can you help me?

A: Sleepwalking, sleep-eating and even sleep-driving are potential hazards of taking zolpidem (Ambien). We have heard from other readers who have gotten into accidents while sleep-driving because of zolpidem.

Legal cases involving "sleep-related, complex behaviors such as sleep-walking and sleep-driving" have been brought before the courts, but the legal decisions have been inconsistent (Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, 2011; Journal of Law and Medicine, 2016).

Q: I've taken statins for high cholesterol, but I have horrible side effects. Red yeast rice doesn't work for me.

I eat oatmeal for breakfast and before bed with cinnamon, flaxseed and



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Health care practitioners have used Coca-Cola on impacted food in the esophagus.

lecithin. I also take 12 flaxseed oil capsules daily and eat a low-fat diet. My two daily tablespoons of olive oil push my HDL over 60, but no matter what I do, I can't get my cholesterol below 279. Any other ideas?

A: One approach you might add to your regimen is psyllium. This soluble fiber, found in Metamucil, Konsyl and certain other bulk-forming laxatives, can lower LDL cholesterol effectively (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, online, Sept. 15, 2018).

You may find that adding nuts to your low-fat diet could be helpful. Also consider adding some grape or pomegranate juice and possibly even red grapefruit.

Q: I recall an old story that people started using black pepper to stop bleeding because the Confederacy used gunpowder for the same purpose.

At my son's wedding, I used black pepper on a groomsman's shaving cut when the styptic pen would not work. This young "MD to be" was amazed. I was amused. It saved the white shirt collar.

A: We couldn't find any confirmation of the Confederate war story, though we also didn't find authoritative debunking. There don't appear to be any studies of black pepper to stop bleeding, but many other readers have found it helpful.

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Could chemicals in soaps cause early puberty?

BY ALAN MOZES
HealthDay

Exposure to chemicals found in a wide array of personal care products has been linked to early puberty among girls, a new investigation warns.

The issue centers on specific chemicals including phthalates, parabens and phenols. They're found in an array of products, including perfumes, soaps, shampoos, nail polish, cosmetics, toothpaste, lipstick, hairsprays and skin lotions — to name just a few.

These chemicals “get into our bodies either by absorption through the skin, by being inhaled, or being ingested (like lipstick),” explained study author Kim Harley. “Once they are in the body, they are quite quickly metabolized and (then) excreted in urine.”

Harley is associate director of the Center for Environmental Research and Children's Health at the University of California at Berkeley.

As to how routine exposure to the chemicals might affect puberty, she said they've “been shown to mimic estrogen in certain laboratory conditions.”

In fact, prior animal studies have suggested that exposure can throw puberty timing out of whack, Harley said.

Now, her team found that “the higher the levels of the chemicals in mothers' or daughters' bodies, the earlier the puberty” among girls. No such link was found for the timing of male puberty, however.

“We were a little surprised that the associations were only with girls and we didn't see much with boys,” Harley said. “But since these tend to be estrogenic chemicals, it makes sense that they might impact girls.”

To explore the issue, investigators analyzed data collected in a study that enrolled pregnant women between 1999 and 2000.



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Certain chemicals found in shampoo and other products have been linked to early puberty in girls, a recent study found.

The women had blood tests twice throughout their pregnancy, and interviews were also conducted to gauge exposure to the chemicals in question.

Nine in 10 of all the urine samples taken from the expectant moms tested positive for chemicals that fall into one of the three chemical classes of concern, with slightly lower percentages (about seven in 10) with respect to a chemical called triclosan. An antimicrobial, triclosan was banned for use in soap by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2017, but it can still be found in some toothpastes, the research-

ers noted.

In the study, the scientists tracked 338 of the women's offspring through adolescence, with urine samples analyzed at the age of 9. Onset of puberty was then checked regularly between the ages of 9 and 13.

The researchers determined that for every doubling of a woman's blood level of phthalates, the development of her daughter's pubic hair started 1.3 months earlier than usual.

A doubling of a mother's triclosan levels was also linked to a one-month earlier start of her daughter's first period, the study

found.

Blood tests were also taken of the children themselves. Harley's group found that a doubling of paraben levels in girls was linked to the one-month earlier onset of both breast and pubic hair development.

Harley stressed that the findings are “definitely not” absolute proof that such chemical exposure actually causes early puberty among girls. “There is always the possibility that there were confounding factors that we were not able to control, or that our findings were due to chance,” she explained.

“That said, our findings are consistent with what we know about the endocrine-disrupting properties of these chemicals,” said Harley. “So, although we are not ready to say that early life exposure to these chemicals causes earlier puberty in girls, we have enough evidence to be concerned.”

The findings were published in early December in the journal *Human Reproduction*.

An industry group said the study had limitations. “Levels were determined in the mothers' urine by measurement of a single sample at each of two time

points during pregnancy. In the children, levels were determined in a single sample taken at age 9,” noted Linda Loretz, chief toxicologist at the Personal Care Products Council.

“Patterns of exposure may have varied greatly over the course of pregnancy in the mothers, and between the ages of 9 and 13 in the boys and girls, so the representativeness of the exposure levels is unknown,” she added.

“Furthermore, as phthalates, parabens and phenols are all rapidly excreted from the body, measured levels will change not just over months and years, but over the course of a single day, so that any given measurement reflects only a specific moment in time,” she added.

Last but not least, “the researchers also acknowledge exposure to other environmental chemicals, such as pesticides encountered during farm working, might also affect the results,” Loretz concluded.

Another expert said the findings aren't so surprising.

Dr. Margaret Cuomo is a board-certified radiologist who formerly served as an attending physician in diagnostic radiology at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y. She said “many previous studies have reported the association between the chemicals that are called ‘endocrine disruptors’ and human health.”

As to what consumers can do, Cuomo suggested checking out the website of the watchdog organization Environmental Working Group. There you can “find a list of those products that are relatively safe to use,” meaning products that are free of parabens, phthalates, triclosan and similar chemicals.

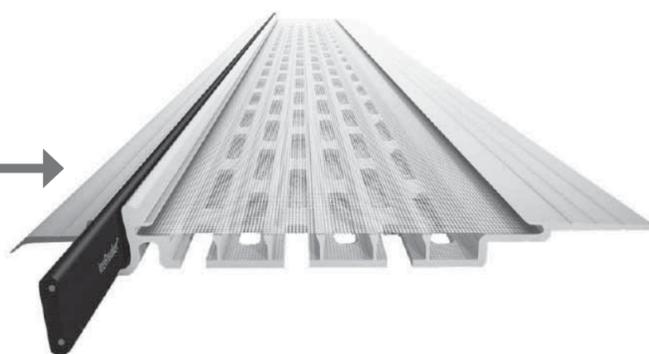
Cuomo also advised picking household cleaners and detergents that are “environmentally safe,” and opting for organic foods when possible.

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Screening vs. diagnostic mammograms

Difference between 2 tests can result in unexpected bills

By SARAH GANTZ
The Philadelphia Inquirer

It had been a few years since Deanie Gauntlett's last mammogram, so when the X-ray showed a few unusual spots, her doctor ordered a follow-up diagnostic scan.

The diagnostic test had that same uncomfortable, is-this-over-yet squish, but was different in one discernible way: its price tag.

Though Gauntlett's screening mammogram was covered in full by her health-insurance plan, she owed a \$65 co-pay for the diagnostic version.

The scan's fee wasn't a big deal for the 45-year-old Exton, Pa., mom, who does her best to follow doctor's orders. But when the doctor suggested she come back every six months for diagnostic mammograms to keep an eye on the cysts it showed, she balked.

"Do I really need to do this every six months?" she recalled asking.

Most insurance plans cover screening mammograms in full. They're among the basic, preventive services that the Affordable Care Act mandated its marketplace plans cover without a co-pay or co-insurance, even if the member's deductible hasn't been met yet.

Diagnostic mammograms, however, are not covered the same way. Patients who have them may owe co-pays at their doctors' offices and receive bills if the scans are subject to their plans' cost-sharing terms and they haven't yet met their plans' deductibles.

The nuance is confusing and can result in unexpected bills.

"They all say, 'Well, I thought mammograms were free,'" said Pat Halpin-Murphy, president



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Most insurance plans cover screening mammograms in full. Diagnostic mammograms, however, are covered differently.

of the PA Breast Cancer Coalition, who says confusion about mammogram costs is a common question the patient group receives. "The words screening mammogram and diagnostic mammogram don't have meaning to the average person."

Screening mammograms are X-rays of breast tissue recommended for women to have annually beginning in their 40s.

Diagnostic mammograms use X-ray imaging to show different angles and are ordered if a doctor notices abnormalities on a routine scan.

Most women who go to

the doctor for the routine test will have a screening mammogram, but not always. Women who have a history of breast cancer or who have breast implants may receive diagnostic mammograms instead of screening mammograms, said Debra Somers Copit, an independent radiologist and former director of breast imaging at Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia.

"There's a gray area," Somers Copit said of the standards for ordering a screening or diagnostic mammogram for some patients.

Even a patient who

knows she is having a diagnostic mammogram may not have realized it would be covered differently from a routine mammogram.

Insurance companies commonly negotiate "allowed rates" for diagnostic mammograms that are lower than the amount the imaging center billed for, but you may be responsible for part of the cost.

Insurers often require members to pay a greater share of the cost for diagnostic scans to combat overuse of such tests and steer patients to preventive services whenever possible, said Beth Virnig, a professor and senior associate

dean of academic affairs and research at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health.

"What it probably means is no one has considered the barriers to actually following up on a screening, and that's this push-me-pull-you that happens in health care," she said. "We have overuse, we're going to curtail it, but something curtailing overuse puts barriers in other parts of the process."

Some plans have separate deductibles for imaging services, meaning you may still owe money, even if you've hit your plan's overall deductible, she said.

Though Gauntlett wasn't too worried about her \$65 co-pay this year, she's concerned about how much she'll spend on her diagnostic mammogram next time.

The family has insurance through her husband's employer, and next year, the plan will require members to pay a greater share of imaging costs.

The imaging center billed Gauntlett's insurance \$459 for her screening mammogram, which the plan negotiated down to \$353 and paid in full.

The diagnostic test was more expensive — it was billed at \$651, and her plan reduced the rate to \$471. Gauntlett owed a \$65 co-pay for that scan.

Her doctor had also ordered a breast ultrasound, for which the imaging center charged \$4,468. Gauntlett's insurance negotiated a rate of \$248 for the scan and paid it in full.

Gauntlett doesn't know exactly how much of that the family's health plan would require her to pay in the future, but she's expecting to owe more than the \$65 co-pay.

"I'm really frustrated, yet as a consumer, I don't have a lot of options," she said.

Though her doctor urged her to have the scan every six months, Gauntlett plans to go just once a year. It's the most she's able to stretch the carefully planned budget she maintains for her family, and she's also concerned about over-testing.

Next year, the family's premium is going up, though the deductible will go down, and it's unclear how big a deal the new cost-sharing for imaging services will be.

She plans to budget less for family vacations and summer camp, instead padding out their emergency fund for any unexpected health costs that may arise.

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Our 10 favorite cookbooks for the holiday season

Chicago Tribune staff

Great cookbooks are more than just a collection of recipes, though of course they're that too. No, a great cookbook is an exhortation to cook, to eat, to live.

Before I bought my first cookbook with my own money — a used copy of “The Barefoot Contessa” by Ina Garten — I cooked back-label recipes from packaged goods. Jiffy cornbread, Ham-

burger Helper, Bisquick pancake mix: I was not sophisticated, and cooking was rote. But then a magical thing happened: A writer (in this case, Garten) spoke to me through the page, invited me into

her kitchen — no, her world — and step by step, showed me how to eat, and eat well. Like Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmund passing through the wardrobe, or Oz fading into Technicolor brilliance, I felt a seismic shift as I discovered my place in the world, without ever leaving my kitchen.

Just in time for holiday giving, we have gathered our favorite 10 cookbooks published this year. Spanning the globe (“Season,”

“Korean BBQ,” “I Am a Filipino”) to the practical (“Flavor Matrix,” “Joe Beef: Surviving the Apocalypse,” “Sister Pie”), these books reflect our love of exploration and the personal — besides great recipes, each of these books shine with personality. We hope these cookbooks transport you and, more important, get you cooking in Technicolor.

— Joseph Hernandez

‘SEASON: BIG FOOD, BEAUTIFUL FLAVORS’
 By Nik Sharma
 Chronicle Books, \$35

It's no coincidence that the most impactful cookbooks tend to also be the most personal. This is the case of first-time author Nik Sharma's “Season: Big Food, Beautiful Flavors.” In his introduction, Sharma writes his “is the story of a gay immigrant, told through food,” but his recipes and striking photography tell a deeper personal story of innovation juxtaposed with tradition. Marrying flavors of his native India with Western preparations (think dishes like roasted chicken with hot green chutney, apple masala chai cake or fluffy “potato chops,” craveable patties stuffed with spiced lamb) to clever pantry-building tips featuring various spice blends and other DIY ingredients, Sharma has created a modern classic worth returning to again and again. — J.H.

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REVIEW: Twain ★★

A celebration of women's-club cookbooks full of modern twists

BY PHIL VETTEL
 Chicago Tribune

Chef Tim Graham was raised in Missouri, a background referenced in numerous and beautiful ways at Twain, the Logan Square restaurant he opened in August with his wife, sommelier Rebekah Graham.

The name refers to the Gramams themselves (twain is an archaic name for “two,” and this is the husband-wife team's first project together) and author/

humorist Mark Twain (real name Samuel Clemens), favorite son of Hannibal, Mo.

Jordan Mozer's fascinating, pastoral design includes a quilt-inspired, naive-art wall of layered-fabric images from nature — quail and owls, sheep and cows, squirrels, trees and water. “The quilt represents 24 hours along the Mississippi,” Rebekah Graham said. “It starts in the early morning, and the owl at the end is the middle of the night; a blue-suede Mississippi River.”

The hammered-copper wall behind the bar is embossed with jewel-toned, literary homages to Twain works; a frog suggests the “Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County,” and two tall figures represent the Duke and Dauphin from “Huckleberry Finn.” The front area of raised-height tables and bar stools is illuminated by fabric-wrapped lights representing Halley's comet; die-hard fans know that Twain

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Pigs in a Blanquette features a dry-aged pork chop with tongue and cheek meat, bound together in a creamy blanquette sauce.

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A modern take on Indian cooking

Instant Pot helps connect daughter to immigrant dad

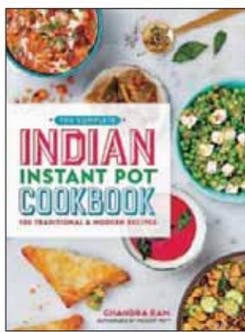
By NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

Like a lot of people, Chandra Ram got an Instant Pot because of peer pressure. "I'm not a gadget person by any stretch of the imagination," says Ram. "I live in Chicago, so I don't have room for a bunch of things." But friends kept telling her how useful the device was, and she eventually relented.

Ram already knew how to cook. She graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, worked as a restaurant consultant and currently serves as the editor of the food magazine *Plate*. She even recently co-authored the cookbook "Korean BBQ" with chef Bill Kim. But because she was so busy all the time, she felt her home cooking had slacked off a bit. "I would often come home from work, and I felt like I was half-a---- it," Ram says. "I was just throwing canned things together."

When she got the Instant Pot, the first recipe she tried was the butter chicken recipe from Urvashi Pitre's extremely popular, and Tribune-approved, "Indian Instant Pot Cookbook." "I took one bite and said, 'This really does taste like it has been cooking all day,'" Ram says. She was hooked.

What she wasn't expecting was that the Instant Pot would help her connect with the food of her father. Ram is a first-generation American, born to an Indian father and an Irish mother. She was raised in



Lexington, Ky., where she felt slightly out of step. "We didn't grow up in a 100 percent Indian household," Ram says. "So I couldn't hang out with all the Indian kids, because I didn't speak the language. But I wasn't white enough to hang with the other kids."

Though her mother learned to cook Indian food at home, including making her own yogurt, Ram didn't learn that much. "I never felt like I had the handle on Indian food that I should have," she says. While she would visit India

yearly for a couple of weeks at a time, she was an outsider there too. "We were the American cousins," she says. "Everything was different and unfamiliar."

The Instant Pot gave her the ability to finally explore. Dishes that would have taken many hours or day-long soaks were suddenly within reach. "The Instant Pot makes Indian food so approachable," says Ram, "so I thought, 'Oh wait, I can do this!' Once I jumped in, I went all in."

The result is "The Complete Indian Instant Pot Cookbook." Despite what the name implies, don't expect an introduction to Indian cuisine. "I'm not the person to write the super-

traditional Indian cookbook," says Ram. "Instead, I wanted to expand the idea of what Indian food is."

That means including some dishes that initially look more Middle Eastern than Indian. As Ram explains, Bombay, now Mumbai, was a main port during the spice trade, so a lot of influence came from other cultures. "I have a lot of memories in Bombay, and I could see the port where the Indian spice ships came in," says Ram.

Sure, you can find recipes for classics like saag paneer and chana masala, but you'll also find many nontraditional ones, including aloo gobi chowder.

And yes, that means a butter chicken recipe with chipotle chiles in it. "I was never a huge butter chicken person," admits Ram. "My mother never made it."

When a friend asked her to make a version, she looked for a way to add more depth to each bite. "I did the most Indian thing," says Ram. "I nosed around the fridge until I found some leftover jar of chipotle chiles." While not traditional, the chiles add a fascinating smokiness and a subdued spiciness to each bite.

You might need to look beyond your local grocery store for some of the ingredients. "There's always a push to make everything as accessible as possible," says Ram, but she felt some dishes would lose their identity without certain ingredients. "There's no substitute for curry leaves," she says. Fortunately, it's easier to find many of the ingredients at international markets and on Amazon.

Thanks to books like Ram's "The Complete Indian Instant Pot Cookbook," it's never been easier to immerse yourself in Indian food at home.

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Butter chicken with spiced cashews

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 35 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

2 tablespoons ghee or vegetable oil
2 cups finely diced onions
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon minced ginger
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
3 teaspoons Kashmiri chili powder, divided
1 teaspoon garam masala
2 tablespoon tomato paste

2 tablespoons chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, pureed or finely chopped
1 cup of water
1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes (with juice)
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 2-inch pieces
1/2 cup raw cashew pieces
3/4 cup heavy or whipping cream
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1. Using the saute function on high, heat the ghee in the inner pot for about 1 minute, until shimmering. Add the onions and salt; cook, stirring occasionally, for about 4 minutes, until the onions are softened.

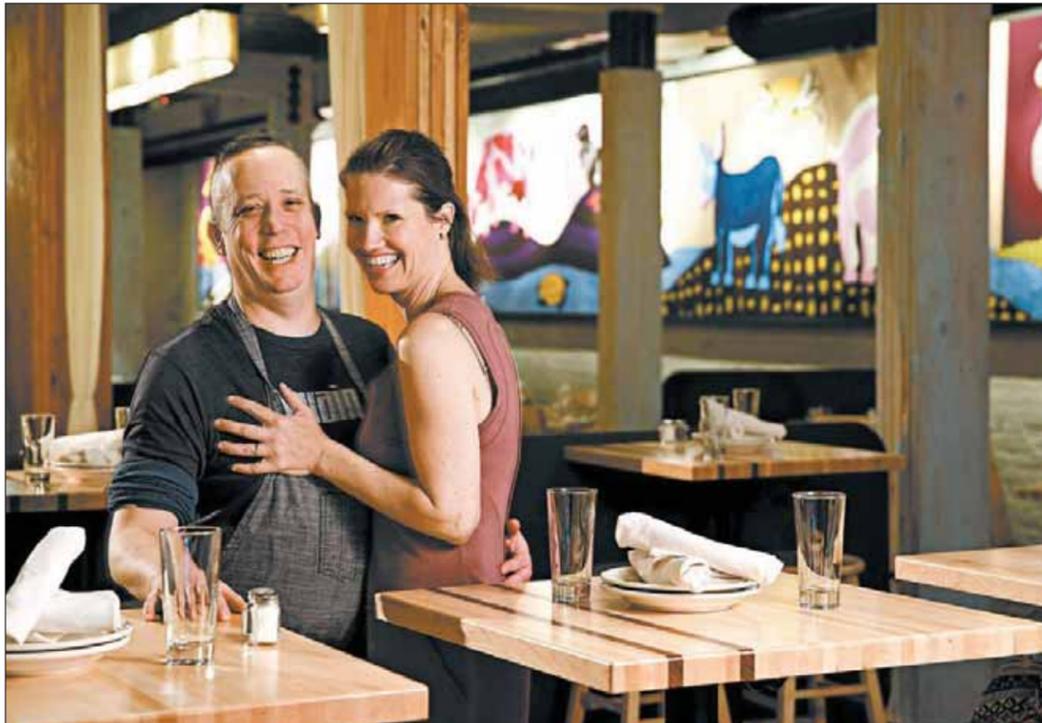
2. Add the ginger, garlic, turmeric, 2 teaspoons chili powder, garam masala and tomato paste; cook, stirring constantly, for about 1 minute, until fragrant. Stir in the chipotles in adobo sauce, water, tomatoes (with juice) and chicken. Secure the lid and cook on high pressure for 8 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, toast the cashews in a small, dry skillet over medium heat, for 3 minutes, tossing the pan frequently, until lightly browned. Transfer to a medium bowl. Add the remaining 1 teaspoon chili powder and toss to coat. Set aside.

4. Once the chicken is cooked, let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes, then quick-release the remaining pressure.

5. Remove the lid. If the sauce is watery, use the saute function on high to simmer the mixture for 5 minutes, until the sauce is reduced to the desired consistency. Stir in the cream and 1/4 cup cilantro. Transfer the chicken and sauce to a serving dish, garnish with the remaining cilantro and cashews, and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 435 calories, 28 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 184 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 30 g protein, 719 mg sodium, 3 g fiber



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Twain chef Tim Graham and sommelier Rebekah Graham at their restaurant, which opened in August.

Twain

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was born during a Halley's comet year and died, 75 years later, when the comet reappeared.

Oh my darling, Clemens' time.

The food is inspired by midcentury, women's-club cookbooks, which Graham has been collecting since he was very young; he calls the collection "a spiral-bound history of where I grew up." But while the menu celebrates the past, Graham's cooking is full of modern twists.

Appetizers, for instance, include Ants on a Log, that classic kiddie dish of celery, peanut butter and raisins. "About 35 percent of my books have (that recipe)," Graham said, "but clearly I wasn't going to do peanut butter and raisins." Instead, Graham pipes the celery stalks with duck liver and peanut butter mousse, and in place of raisins there are bourbon-soaked cherries.

There also are mush-

room caps stuffed with smoked cream cheese and topped with Parmesan breadcrumbs, and Sloppy Marrow, a mashup of roasted bone marrow and sloppy Joes — an odd juxtaposition and a visual mess, but tasty enough. The braunschweiger and rye looks pedestrian — a slab of liverwurst with rye bread — but this house-made pate is superior to anything you'll find at a deli counter.

Listed among the side dishes, but more attractive as an appetizer, is Graham's twice-baked potato gnocchi, another odd-but-tasty mashup. "Every time I make gnocchi, I throw the skin away," Graham said, "and my favorite part of a twice-baked potato is the skin." Thus a hollowed baked potato is filled with soft gnocchi pillows, along with the sour cream, bacon and cheddar one would expect.

Frankly, the appetizers are cute and clever but less than thrilling. The main courses, however, are significantly better. There's an umami-rich surf and turf of

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unagi and meatloaf, topped with nori-crusted onion rings and red-miso mashed potatoes; and a pure-Midwest rendering of seared walleye over calico (mixed bean) salad with pickled-egg sauce (sort of a non-emulsified gribiche, per Graham).

Graham again exercises his pummanship with his Pigs in a Blanquette creation, which presents a dry-aged pork chop (the

delicious star of the dish) with braised tongue and cheek meat, bound together in a classic, rich and creamy blanquette sauce. The steak and eggs are a neat-freak's dream, offering discrete piles of skirt steak and pesto, arugula, crisp-fried potato wedges and a fried egg surrounded by pickled quail eggs.

Desserts are simple and rustic. Pastry chef Stefanie Bishop hops aboard the gooey butter cake bandwagon with a version that includes caramel apples and sour cream ice cream; the hand-cranked ice cream (flavors change daily) is served with Bishop's "sheet cake of the day," which on my visit featured fudge brownie ice cream and a layered chocolate cake with peanut butter icing.

Twain last week Sunday indulges his spicy side with chorizo hash with potatoes, salsa verde and pickled jalapeno, and the pork shoulder over Bloody Butcher grits (named for an heirloom corn) with



Ants on a Log features celery stalks with duck liver, peanut butter mousse and cherries soaked in bourbon.



The twice-baked potato gnocchi is filled with gnocchi and topped with sour cream, bacon and cheddar.



Twain's steak and eggs includes pesto, arugula, potato wedges and pickled quail eggs.

poached egg and smoked sour cream has a bit of stealth pepper punch as well. The Florentine breakfast casserole — egg, spinach, tomato — is a hearty dish, and at \$6, a real bargain.

Bishop's baked goodies (\$4 each, three for \$10) consist of coffee cake with apple butter, cinnamon-raisin monkey bread and a cast-iron, caramel pecan roll that could give Ann Sather's cinnamon rolls a run for their money.

Rebekah Graham's wine list is a 50-odd assortment organized by style, rather than varietal or place of origin (trust Graham for expert advice), and prices are exceedingly fair. "We don't take huge markups on anything," she said. "I want guests to come in knowing they'll get what they pay for, that the wine is well worth the price they're paying."

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Vintage port isn't sole worthy option

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

"There's a risk in a few years' time that no one will know what aged vintage port tastes like," Rupert Symington said, shaking his head wistfully as we sipped one of his family's newest releases, the Graham's 2016 vintage port. Symington was in Washington recently to promote these wines, released only in June, but his mind was partly in the future, a quarter-century or so from now, when these new wines should reach their prime.

"Being lucky enough to have tasted a 25-, 50-, even a 75-year-old bottle of vintage port, I know how wonderful it can be," Symington added. "The greatest wines I've ever tasted have been old wines."

Times are changing. British wine merchants traditionally aged ports in casks for years before bottling and selling them, but few if any are doing that today. Producers rarely hold back reserves of their vintage ports, preferring to capitalize on instant cash flow from high ratings and the fanfare of a new release. And wine lovers rarely have the extensive cellars to allow them to collect wines and age them for decades. Today, most wine is consumed within days of purchase.

"People live much more rapidly today," Symington added. "That port moment, where everyone lingers over a bottle after dinner, still happens over the holidays, but otherwise we rarely take time to open and enjoy a bottle."

Vintage port, of course, is too scarce and pricey (usually over \$100 a bottle) to drink every day. And there's less of it than there used to be. Port houses only declare a vintage in the best years. Symington said his family's brands, which include Cockburn's, Dow's, Warre's and Quinta do Vesuvio, in addition to Graham's, made less vintage port in 2016 than in 2011, which was already a smaller output than 2007, also excellent years. That's because they are increasingly relying on their own estate fruit rather than purchasing grapes, a move that sacrifices quantity in favor of greater quality.

Luckily for us, there are other styles of port, more affordable



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Five port wines to enjoy. Vintage port is scarce and pricey, but port of any style is an excellent dessert wine, or dessert by itself.

and easy to find, that we can enjoy anytime. Here's a quick primer of the various styles:

Vintage port

Aged in cask for two years before bottling, with minimal exposure to oxygen. It is meant to age for years and even decades in the bottle (in your cellar after you pay for it, mostly) before it sheds its tannins and unfurls an exotic compote of dried fruits. But with our modern lifestyle, it's good to know that vintage port is wonderful at release; just be prepared for primary, upfront fruit flavors and lots of tannin. After about four years from the vintage, they tend to close down and hibernate until they are about 10 years old.

Ruby ports

Fruiter and more supple than

vintage, ruby ports are intended for immediate enjoyment. They typically are blends of wines from several years, meant to promote a house style immune to vintage variation. A ruby is often not labeled as such, but it may be called "reserve" or have a proprietary name, such as Graham's Six Grapes.

Late-bottled vintage

LBV is essentially a single-vintage ruby, meant to offer some of the character of a vintage port but at a fraction of the price. They are aged longer than vintage ports before bottling, so they are more accessible and meant to be drunk right away.

Tawny port

The opposite of the vintage and

ruby styles. Aged in 600-liter vats called pipes, the wine is drawn off, or raked, into large vats once a year so sediment can be removed, then returned to the pipes.

In the process, about 3 percent of the wine is lost: some in the discarded sediment, the rest — the "angels' share" — to evaporation. Before the final blend is bottled (usually beginning six years after harvest), the pipes are topped off with younger and/or older wine to balance the flavors and create a house style unaffected by vintage variation. Because the wine is exposed to oxygen in this way, it takes on a browner "tawny" color and a nutty flavor.

Aged tawny, labeled as 10, 20, 30 or 40 years old as an approximate average age of the wine in the blend, is a special treat. A special subset of port called "col-

heita" is a single-vintage tawny.

White port

It can be hard to find, but white port makes a nice dry aperitif and is useful in cocktails, such as the port tonic, a great summer cocktail to start an evening right.

Port of any style is an excellent dessert wine, or dessert by itself. Rubies and younger vintage ports are great with chocolate cakes or other pastries, especially if there is a fruit element to the dessert. Older vintage ports are favored by cigar hounds. Aged tawnies cry out for custardy finales (flan, puddings) or buttery cookies.

In fact, a bottle of port and a platter of holiday cookies would be a fine ending to any feast this season.

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JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Gathering around the table with friends and family should never stress the host. At least that's the plan. I try to remember the reasons we gather: friendship, camaraderie, laughter, holiday cheer. Still, menu planning puts pressure on even the most accomplished cook.

Slow-cooked, tender and tangy pulled pork proves the answer to many of my warm-weather entertaining dilemmas: It's not expensive, little active time is required of the cook, it can go casual or more upscale, and it's easy to make. Most of all, nearly everyone embraces the flavors and the effort.

This holiday season, I'm once again relying on slow-cooked pork's crowd-pleasing and cook-friendly appeal. With a major exception: I'll employ the oven rather than an outdoor grill. For a number of reasons. First, the oven heat will be slow and steady; second,

the house will smell amazing!

To serve a dozen guests or to have leftovers for future meals, I order a large, bone-in pork shoulder roast from the local butcher. Cut from the top portion of the front leg, the shoulder goes by different names around this country.

Most commonly, the cut from the area near the loin containing the shoulder blade bone is called a Boston butt or a shoulder butt roast. It's well-marbled with fat, which means flavor and help keeping the lean meat tender. I ask my butcher to leave a modest (¼-inch thick) layer of fat on the top of the roast. The final texture will be tenderest when the meat is cooked slowly for a long time. You can ask for a boneless roast for easier carving, but you'll want to have it tied into a compact shape for even cooking.

Since cooking takes between 10 and 11 hours, I often cook the roast overnight — an option I much prefer to leaving the house with the oven on.

When I'm close to home on the weekends, I season the roast the night before and refrigerate it uncovered. Early the next morning, I set it in the oven, so it's ready for an evening

Slow-roasted, chile-crusted pork

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 10 to 11 hours **Makes:** 12 to 14 servings

To reduce cooking time, ask the butcher for 2 smaller roasts — a 4- to 5-pound roast will cook to tenderness in about 6 hours.

¼ cup packed dark brown sugar
3 tablespoons each: dark chili powder, smoked paprika
2 tablespoons dried onion flakes
1 ½ tablespoons garlic powder
1 ½ teaspoons each: salt, coarsely ground black pepper
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 bone-in pork butt shoulder roast, about 9 pounds, with a generous layer of fat
2 cups chicken broth or water

1. Mix sugar, chili powder, paprika, onion flakes, garlic powder, salt, pepper and dry mustard in a small bowl. (Spice rub can be made up to a week in advance; recipe makes a generous 1 cup; you'll need about ¾ cup for the pork.)

2. Have a deep roasting pan with a wire rack ready. Pat pork roast dry. Use a very sharp knife to cut four ½-inch deep slits evenly spaced on both sides of the roast. Set roast on the rack in the pan, fat side down. Coat heavily with some of the spice rub. Turn roast fat side up. Coat sides and top with the spice rub. Roast can be refrigerated, uncovered, up to several hours or overnight.

3. Heat oven to 250 degrees. If necessary, remove roast from refrigerator while the oven heats. When the oven is hot, place the pan with the pork on the oven rack. Carefully pour 2 cups water into the pan (but not on the roast). Roast until a meat thermometer registers 170 degrees and a fork inserted in several spots is easily removed, 10 to 11 hours. (Add more water to the pan as needed.)

4. Transfer the roast to a cutting board. Allow the meat to rest, tented with foil, about 20 minutes. Set the roasting pan over medium heat; stir in chicken broth. Heat to a boil; cook to reduce the juices slightly. Season to taste with salt and some of the remaining spice rub if desired.

5. Use a sharp carving knife, or an electric knife, to very thinly slice the pork. Sprinkle the slices lightly with salt. Serve hot, drizzled with some of the pan juices.

Nutrition information per serving (for 12 servings): 224 calories, 9 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 90 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 29 g protein, 343 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

gathering of friends. Of course, intrepid grillers can cook the roast on a gas- or charcoal-fueled grill. Be sure to employ an oven thermometer to help main-

tain an even temperature. If it is bitter cold outside, you may need to allow for extra cooking time.

I add a couple of cups of water to the pan to help

prevent smoke from pan drippings while the roast cooks. Then the pan drippings transform into amazing au jus when the pan is deglazed and the juices

seasoned.

How to serve this melt-ingly tender pork? You have many options. My favorite is sliced super-thin and served over buttered egg noodles or creamy mashed potatoes with a spoonful or two of the pan juices and a sprinkling of chopped fresh green onions or chives. I'd never pass up slices of the pork served over a bowl of brown rice and baby spinach with lots of red pepper hot sauce. Bite-size pieces can be tucked inside a flour tortilla with a bit of shredded Jack cheese for a great quesadilla. Finely chopped leftover pork makes a wonderful weekday supper when piled inside a baked russet or sweet potato with a dollop of sour cream.

The pork makes great sandwiches when pulled into smallish bits for piling on toasted brioche buns with a scoop of coleslaw.

To pull the pork, work while it is still hot from the oven, using a large carving knife to cut the meat away from the bones. Then use two large forks to pull the boneless meat into long attractive shreds. The shreds can be added to the pan juices, seasoned with salt and reheated. Or, pack into freezer containers and freeze up to several months. Defrost overnight in the refrigerator.

Serve a colorful slaw with the sandwiches for piling on top or enjoying alongside.

Creamy tricolor slaw

Prep: 20 minutes

Chill: 1 hour

Makes: 12 to 14 servings

To save time and knife work, you can use store-bought shredded cabbage; just be sure to buy a brand that is very finely shredded for tender slaw. You'll need 30 to 36 ounces shredded cabbage for 12 to 14 servings.

1 medium-size head green cabbage, cored

½ small head red cabbage, cored

2 large carrots, trimmed, peeled

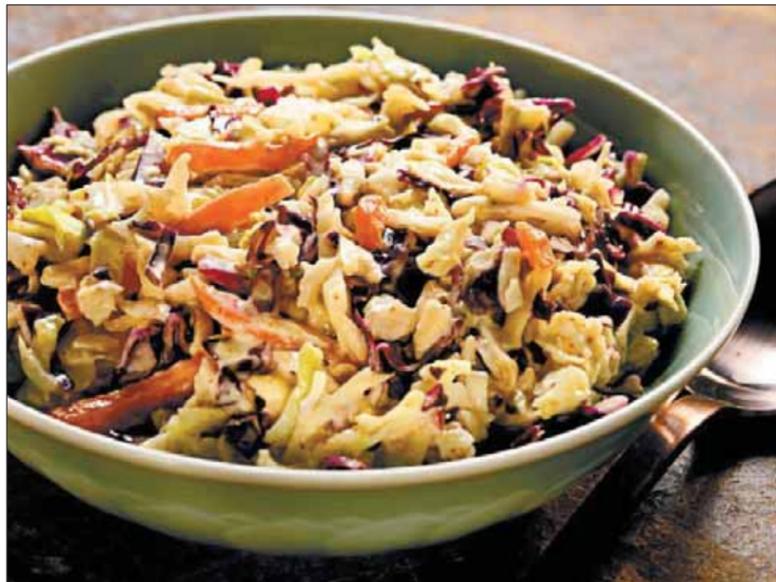
1 jar (16 ounces) mayonnaise

¼ cup half-and-half

1 ½ tablespoons cider vinegar

1 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

½ teaspoon paprika (smoked or sweet)



Coleslaw is a fine side dish to roast pork or a crisp accompaniment to pork sandwiches.

1. Use a mandolin or a very sharp slicing knife and a cutting board to slice both cabbages as thinly as possible. Discard any large tough cabbage ribs. You'll have 12 to 14 cups. Use a vegetable peeler to thinly shave the carrots into pieces about 2 inches long.

2. Put the mayonnaise, half-and-half, vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt and paprika into a large bowl; mix well. Add the cabbages and carrots. Toss to coat the cabbage well with the dressing. Taste and season with more salt if desired. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or up to 2 days. Serve very cold.

Nutrition information per serving (for 14 servings): 256 calories, 25 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 7 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 2 g protein, 403 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Creamy mashed potatoes

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 30 minutes

Makes: 12 servings

2 pounds medium-size golden potatoes, scrubbed, peeled, cut into 2-inch chunks

2 pounds small russet potatoes, scrubbed, peeled, cut into 2-inch chunks

6 cloves garlic, peeled, roughly chopped

1 tablespoon salt

1 ¼ cups half-and-half

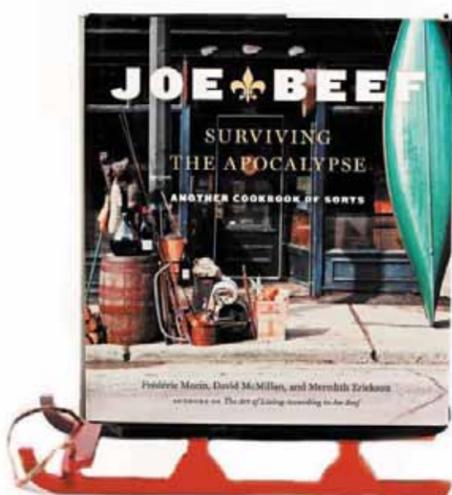
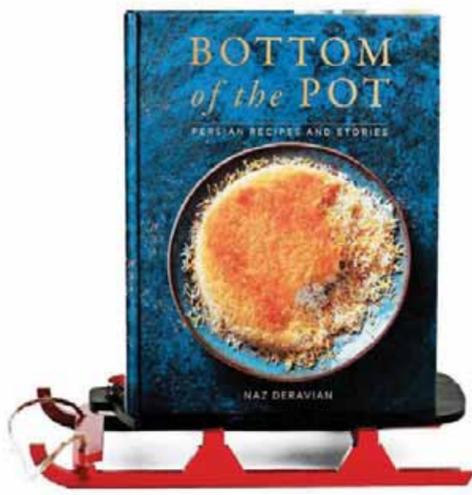
1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, softened

Chopped fresh chives

1. Put potatoes into a large deep pot; add water to cover the potatoes by at least 1 inch. Add garlic and salt. Heat to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low; loosely cover the pot. Cook at a gentle simmer until the potatoes are fork-tender, about 20 minutes. Drain well; return to the hot pot.

2. Make a well in the center of the potatoes; add the half-and-half and butter to the well. Set the pot over very low heat. Use a potato masher to mash everything together until the potatoes are smooth and creamy. Taste and adjust the seasoning for salt. Remove the heat. Cover with parchment paper set directly on the surface of the potatoes and the pot lid. Potatoes will stay hot for up to 30 minutes. Adjust with a little more half-and-half and butter if they get too thick.

Nutrition information per serving: 227 calories, 10 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 29 mg cholesterol, 31 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 3 g protein, 605 mg sodium, 3 g fiber



10 favorite cookbooks

Cookbooks, from Page 1

'BOTTOM OF THE POT: PERSIAN RECIPES AND STORIES'
By Naz Deravian
Flatiron, \$37.50

The cover of Naz Deravian's "Bottom of the Pot" is irresistible: a plate of tahdig, saffron-scented rice cooked until it forms a perfect toasted mound, here presented broken, grains of rice scattered. It's a fitting image for a cookbook rooted in Deravian's family history. In 1979, her family left Iran during the revolution, eventually immigrating to Canada. Deravian, who now lives in Los Angeles, calls the tahdig the "Trojan horse of Persian cooking." Considering what lies inside the pages of her book, she's right. Instructions for showy dishes, like tahdig and stuffed branzino, reside alongside homier fare, like everyday turmeric chicken, roasted squash and grapes, and smooched potato and egg. Deliciously well-balanced, sumptuously photographed and written with heart, "Bottom of the Pot" is the book you need to survive the post-holiday doldrums.

— Jennifer Day

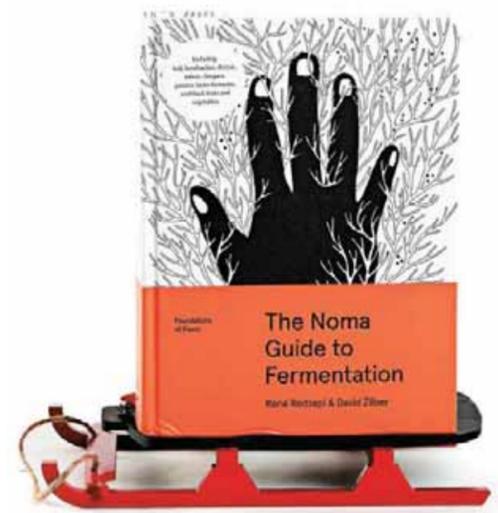
'KOREAN BBQ'
By Bill Kim with Chandra Ram
Ten Speed Press, \$28

The title is something of a ruse. You'll find recipes for Korean barbecue in this handsome cookbook, but most are willfully nontraditional. How else to explain cauliflower steak with Korean pesto? Instead, this is really an introductory guide to cooking like Bill Kim, one of Chicago's best chefs. And he's made it easy for you. The book starts with seven sauces and three spice rubs, all blissfully simple to make, which form the flavor foundation of all the recipes.

— Nick Kindelsperger

'JOE BEEF: SURVIVING THE APOCALYPSE'
By Frederic Morin, David McMillan and Meredith Erickson
Knopf, \$45

What could have been simply a superb sophomore cookbook also explores deeper, darker thoughts about our current moment. Frederic Morin and David McMillan, the chefs and partners behind the Montreal restaurant Joe Beef, with co-author Meredith Erickson, still share spectacular recipes like lapin à la moutarde, rabbit with



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mustard seductively smothered with a hemp crust, but how-to make cough drops, soap and bouillon cubes too. Plus you can pin the stunning 16-page fold-out aspirational apocalyptic pantry guide to the wall of your bunker. — Louisa Chu

'THE NOMA GUIDE TO FERMENTATION'
By Rene Redzepi and David Zilber
Artisan, \$40

While it seems like everyone is touting instant recipes, Rene Redzepi suggested that I make his roasted chicken wing gamargum first. A cousin to fish sauce, it's ready after a month. If anyone is to be trusted with committing such transformational time for flavor, it's Redzepi, co-owner of the renowned Noma restaurant in Copenhagen and co-author David Zilber, head of their fermentation lab. Beautiful step-by-step photos are essential for not only the beginner but experienced fermented food and drink enthusiasts too. — L.C.

'THE FLAVOR MATRIX'
By James Briscione, with Brook Parkhurst
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$30

Did you know that you can pair olives with chocolate, or green beans with pineapple? Those are just a couple of the surprise findings in this book, which used IBM's Watson supercomputer to compare chemical compounds in various foods and then calculate which ingredients share similar traits. The results are presented in an intuitive color-coded matrix, allowing you to quickly browse the results. It'd be hard to ever run out of cooking inspiration with this book on hand. — N.K.

'SISTER PIE'
By Lisa Ludwinski
Lorena Jones Books, \$25

Lisa Ludwinski's "Sister Pie" is everything you want in a pie cookbook: careful directions, baker's secret tips, inspired combinations (apricot-raspberry-rose, strawberry-pistachio) and a you-can-do-it attitude. Named for her 6-year-old Detroit bakery, part of the city's food renaissance, "Sister Pie" gives more — Ludwinski's scrappy origin story and community-minded philosophy, including the triple bottom lines of "working to support our employees, our environment and our economy." Somehow, learning her tricks for cutting butter right in the flour and her dramatic crimping technique are all the more sweet. — Joe Gray

'I AM A FILIPINO'
By Nicole Ponseca and Miguel Trinidad
Artisan, \$35

The epigraph to Nicole Ponseca and Miguel Trinidad's new cookbook, written in 1941 by general Carlos P. Romulo, serves as a clarion call and a manifesto for a cuisine lately hailed by much of food media as the Next Big Thing. To combat the element of "discovery" and narrative-hijacking by food media, Nicole Ponseca (who owns two renowned Filipino restaurants in Manhattan, fine-dining Maharlika and more casual Jeepney) and chef Miguel Trinidad have created this guide for soul-searching Filipinos scattered by the winds of immigration and diaspora. The recipes here read like my own mother's, like pansit palabok (rice noodles in shrimp sauce), sinigag (garlic fried rice) and afritada manok (chicken stew). Less familiar-to-me dishes, like puqui-puqui (charred

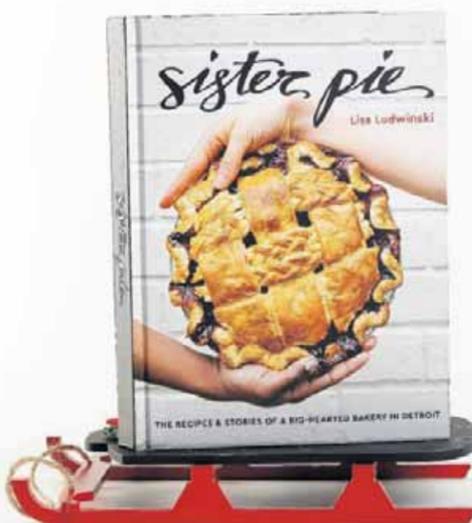
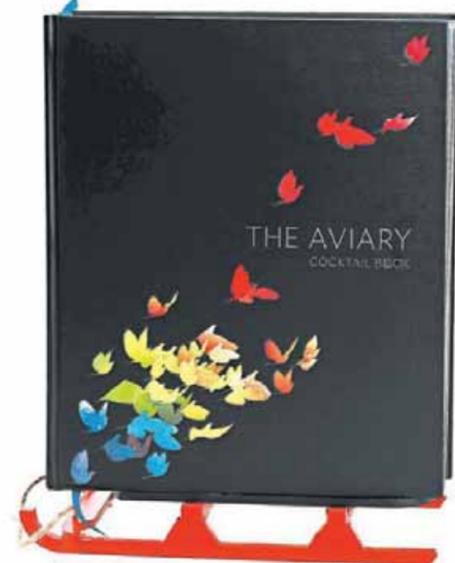
eggplant with eggs) and zamboanga with talangka (crabs in toasted coconut sauce flavored with cinnamon, turmeric and nutmeg), invite readers to zigzag the vibrant archipelago's 7,000 islands, each influenced by waves of occupation (Spain-Mexico, China, India, even Islam) — the authors have crafted a deeply researched and important work, a paean to the sour, funky, bold, savory flavors of the island nation, with none of the Westernizing or whitewashing of traditional dishes. — J.H.

'THE AVIARY COCKTAIL BOOK'
By Allen & Sarah Hemberger, Micah Melton, Nick Kokonas and Grant Achatz
The Alinea Group, \$85

The Aviary opened in 2011 with the goal of creating a bar that operated like a restaurant and imagined drinks through a chef's mindset. Seven successful years later, many of those creative and highly technical cocktails are bound in this massive book (nearly 450 pages and, according to my bathroom scale, 7 pounds). It is entirely possible that the average reader won't attempt such cocktails as the gin and tonic with spherified cucumber, or the cocktail made with sweet-potato syrup, acidulated orange juice and smoked-paprika ice — and those are two of the book's less-daunting recipes. But the meticulous prep and assembly instructions make success possible (probably not on the first try), and Sarah and Allen Hemberger's photos, illustrations and visual effects are nothing if not inspirational. — Phil Vettel

'COCKTAIL CODEX'
By Alex Day, Nick Fauchald, David Kaplan
Ten Speed Press, \$40

This sophomore effort by the team behind world-renowned cocktail bar Death & Co. does not slump. Indeed, this book is a must for cocktail fans looking to bone up on the whys before getting into the hows. Deconstructing the craft of cocktails, the authors focus on six "root" cocktails, so-called because, they argue, all others derive their architecture from these: the old-fashioned, the martini, the daiquiri, the sidecar, the whiskey highball and the flip. Through flow-charts, testimonials, diagrams and arresting photography, "Cocktail Codex" details cocktail craft with exacting precision, a must for amateur and pro mixologists alike. — J.H.



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Pitting LaCroix against 10 brands

Does top-selling sparkling water truly taste best?

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

Peek into any office fridge, and you'll find it — cans of sparkling water in flavors like grapefruit, lime and raspberry sitting chilled, waiting to be consumed.

One of the best-known brands is LaCroix, with its pastel-watercolor-swirled cans and seemingly French origins from that name. (It actually originated in Wisconsin and is now distributed by the National Beverage Corp., which also owns brands like Shasta and Faygo).

According to National Beverage's April 2018 SEC filing, LaCroix is the top-selling domestic sparkling water. It's already embedded itself in the millennial-accessory canon, and apparently, tech companies are serving it on tap.

Oh My Green, which provides office snacks and beverages, in June reported the No. 1 item, snack or drink was LaCroix and the most popular flavor was grapefruit, or as the company calls it "pamplemousse," the French word for the citrus. According to the findings, LaCroix was the single most popular brand of anything the company sells, including Coca Cola, Bai5, Clif, RXBar, Honest Tea and Chobani.

Oh My Green provides office snacks and beverages to companies in nine major cities (San Francisco; New York; Los Angeles; Seattle; Nashville, Tenn.; Denver; Chicago; Austin, Texas; and Boston) with a focus on tech companies like Apple, Google and Lyft. The company aggregated sales data in March 2018 for the analysis.

It's not surprising. A quick Google search of "pamplemousse LaCroix" yields hits of pink and yellow shirts, swimsuits, bodycon dresses, planters, wall decor, pillows and cross-stitch patterns. The fizzy drink has inspired memes, listicles and even rap songs giving tribute to the citrusy water. And don't forget the dozens of cocktail recipes that use it as a base for a good time.

OK, so Pamplemousse LaCroix is popular, but is it the best-tasting grapefruit sparkling water out there? Or is there another brand that has better taste and bubbles? We decided to find out.

The Food & Dining staff sampled 11 brands of grapefruit sparkling water. (Spoiler alert: LaCroix did not win). We chose to sample the grapefruit sparkling waters plain, from the can



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or bottle, without mixing in any additional liquids.

This is our latest iteration of taste tests of common supermarket products. If you're interested in seeing more — like how brands of tomato sauce, vanilla ice cream and peanut butter stacked up — check them out here.

This was a blind tasting, which means tasters didn't know which grapefruit sparkling water was which. Each brand was taken out of the refrigerator at approximately the same time before they were poured into glass vessels. Then, each participant was asked to assign a numerical value (1 to 9, with 9 being the best) and comment on the appearance, aroma, taste and texture of the sparkling waters, with an additional focus on the size of the bubbles.

The grapefruit sparkling waters were purchased at Trader Joe's, Target, Jewel Osco, Aldi and Whole Foods. I avoided membership-only club brands like Sam's Club and Costco to ensure that the general public could have access to all of them. Because it's the holiday season, some of the brands were on sale, so the prices listed are what they are priced normally, without any promotions or discounts.

The taste test yielded some fascinating results. There were three ties, which we broke by additionally calculating the median score or choosing which got higher high marks, and almost all of them had scores on opposite sides of the spectrum. While there were some obvious standouts, the rankings of the rest of the sparkling waters seemed up to personal preference.



1. Soleil Grapefruit Flavored Sparkling Water Beverage

When tasters found out that they had given the Jewel Osco brand such high marks, they made remarks like "wow!" and "good job, Jewel!" The Soleil has zero calories and additives. One taster said this grapefruit sparkling water had a "pleasant balance of zest, pith and fruit," and others said it tasted natural. The water had great bubbles, a light grapefruit aroma and a dry finish.

\$3.99 for a 12-pack of 12-ounce cans; 3 cents/ounce

2. Spindrift Sparkling Water & Real Squeezed Fruit — Grapefruit

I included Spindrift in the mix out of curiosity — would tasters prefer a splash of juice in their sparkling water? Turns out, they would. Spindrift smells strongly of grapefruit and has soft bubbles with a light sweetness. But served in a clear glass, the water appeared unappealingly murky. Unlike the other waters, which have zero calories, Spindrift has 15, plus 4 grams of carbohydrates, 3 grams of sugar, and fresh grapefruit, orange and lemon juices.

\$2.99 for a four-pack of

12-ounce cans; 6 cents/ounce

3. Dasani Sparkling Pink Grapefruit

Dasani Sparkling Pink Grapefruit has a scent that every taster commented on. Some said it was too sweet, almost like Tutti Frutti candy or hand soap. But the water doesn't taste as sweet as it smells. Tasters found it refreshing with a "very light citrus flavor" with a "clean finish." But some didn't like it, with one taster likening it to Kool-Aid powder. If you're watching your sodium intake, take note that this can has 35 milligrams of sodium.

\$4.49 for an eight-pack of 12-ounce cans; 5 cents/ounce

4. Bubbly Sparkling Water — Grapefruit

If you're not a fan of big bubbles, this may be the water for you. Contrary to its name, Bubbly Sparkling Water had low fizz — one taster went as far as saying it had "sad little bubbles." The water was balanced and offered with notes of zest. However, some tasters didn't particularly enjoy it — "not much happening," said one. Bubbly has 10 milligrams of sodium.

\$4.99 for a 12-pack of 12-ounce cans; 3 cents/ounce

5. Simply Balanced Grapefruit Sparkling Water

Simply Balanced from Target was the most polarizing water we tried. While some tasters found it perfect — "this is my kind of sparkling," "just like you tore into a grapefruit" — other tasters had a very different experience. They compared its aroma to cat pee or litter, and one critic said it tasted "close to a real grapefruit bitterness but still cat pee-ish!"

\$2.99 for an eight-pack of 12-ounce cans; 3 cents/ounce

6. LaCroix Sparkling Water — Grapefruit

Surprised? The most popular brand originally tied with the Waterloo Sparkling Water both in its average score and the median number. The only reason it comes in sixth is because it received a higher high score than Waterloo. Participants liked this one for its large bubbles, but most said it didn't really taste like grapefruit. They variously described it as tasting like candied citrus, bubblegum and lemonade. Others said the texture had a "chalky sensation on the tongue."

\$5.49 for a 12-pack of 12-ounce cans; 4 cents/ounce

7. Waterloo Sparkling Water — Grapefruit

Waterloo Sparkling Water lists "vapor distilled carbonated water" as one of the ingredients. But this extra effort didn't push it past the middle point of the rankings. The Waterloo didn't really taste like grapefruit and had more of a chemical flavor. One taster said it had a saltiness, though it has no added sodium. The most common word to describe this one was "boring."

\$5.99 for a 12-pack of 12-ounce cans; 4 cents/ounce

8. Belle Vie Grapefruit Sparkling Water

Aldi's Belle Vie tasted fake with no grapefruit flavor. Tasters complained it was "disappointing" and "bland yet artificial" and that it tasted flat quickly, with bubbles that disappeared when poured. Belle Vie originally tied with the 365 sparkling water, but a median score broke the tie.

\$2.39 for a 12-pack of

12-ounce cans; 2 cents/ounce

9. 365 Sparkling Water — Grapefruit

Whole Food's 365 Sparkling Water had tiny loose bubbles that one taster described as "soft, tiny, almost velvety" but another asked, "Where are the bubbles?" The water was flat and lacked grapefruit flavor, with some finding it tasteless.

\$3.99 for a 12-pack of 12-ounce cans; 3 cents/ounce

10. Canada Dry Grapefruit Sparkling Seltzer Water

Canada Dry's water did not go over very well. Many tasters complained about the flavor, saying that it tasted like minerals, vitamins and general citrus, but not grapefruit. Some said they didn't taste anything at all. The water had small bubbles but they went away fast.

\$3.49 for an eight-pack of 12-ounce cans; 4 cents/ounce

11. Trader Joe's Sparkling Spring Water — Grapefruit

Our tasters did not have a lot of nice things to say about Trader Joe's water. Multiple people said the flavor was soapy, as if the glass had not been rinsed. "This one's not even trying," wrote one taster. "This tastes like my sparkling water I left in the can and finished the next morning" wrote another. The flavor of grapefruit was missing, and there was little to no fizz. While the nutritional facts list zero calories for one serving, the entire bottle is 5 calories.

79 cents for a 33.9-ounce bottle; 2 cents/ounce

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BEER OF THE MONTH

Lush fruit, defiant bitterness in Surly Abrasive double IPA

BY JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

The beer: Abrasive (Surly Brewing, Minneapolis), a double IPA

The back story: In a world rife with double IPAs, Surly makes a bold claim with Abrasive — it was Minnesota's very first double IPA. Released in 2008 as 16 Grit, Surly changed the name when the beer was canned for the first time, in 2010. Though the name was a reference to the former abrasives factory in which Surly's original brewery was housed, it was apropos for a beer-drinking public still adjusting to intense bitterness in its beer.

These days, as IPAs trend toward increased easy-drinking character evermore reminiscent of fruit juice, Abrasive remains a glorious throwback, maintaining defiant bitterness amid the lush tropical fruitiness from the Citra hops employed. Surly calls Abrasive one of the best



TIFFANY JACKSON PHOTO

Head brewer Ben Smith says double dry hopping Abrasive adds more pineapple-papaya and some spicy notes.

double IPAs in America, and guess what? It's a reasonable boast.

What Surly head brewer Ben Smith says: "When we first made Abrasive at our original brewery, our founder, Omar (Ansari), would be filling growlers for people. I wasn't working at Surly yet — I was working in marketing and home brewing — and I remember riding my bike out there as a Surly fan and being really impressed by that beer.

There was nothing like it at the time, at that level of bitterness. It was a beer people were seeking out and talking about.

"Other than the name, it hasn't changed that much. The malt bill hasn't changed; it's a huge malt bill, complemented by a lot of malted oats that give a unique mouthfeel. We haven't changed the bittering. And it's always been all Citra hops. Now Citra is very popular, but at the time not a lot of breweries



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Surly Brewing's Abrasive is a double IPA that remains a throwback, maintaining defiant bitterness amid lush tropical notes, despite the trend toward easy-drinking fruitiness.

were using Citra. It's a hop that's great on its own or great in a blend. My favorite component is a pineapple note, and on top of that, tropical papaya and mango. I really like the way it works for a big double IPA like Abrasive. It's a nice, well-rounded hop.

"The main difference in Abrasive now from before is the dry hopping; three or four years ago, we started double dry hopping Abrasive rather than just dry hopping it once. We had started doing that with another IPA, Todd the Axe

Man, and enjoyed the character. You get even more of the pineapple-papaya and little bit of spicy notes. It's a little bit cleaner, too, not as grassy or vegetal. You learn as you grow as a brewer, and we learned that dry hopping the beer twice gives you a big bang — a huge bouquet of hops to balance the huge bitter charge upfront.

"Last year, we made Abrasive in one big batch at our newer production brewery. This year, we're making it in multiple batches at our original,

smaller brewery. We're doing similar volume this year, just breaking it up into smaller batches to keep it freshest. The beer was fine last year, but I think it serves it better to do several smaller batches. It's better for the beer and better consumer experience."

Alcohol: 9.2 percent

Find it: Available in four-packs of 16-ounce cans through January.

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REVIEW: Rica Arepa Venezuelan Cafe ★★★

Great arepas ... and cozy Sunday specials

BY LOUISA CHU
Chicago Tribune

Rica Arepa Venezuelan Cafe may be known best for the ethereally griddled pancakes of its name, but it's the Sunday specials that show the restaurant's true potential.

If you were the elderly woman who got your sancocho de cruzado at the table next to mine a few Sundays ago at the Hermosa restaurant, you knew what I was missing. While I struggled to somehow capture the beauty of the cornucopian bowl, you'd already ravaged yours. Yes, I'm talking about you, ma'am.

Your wisdom and appetite prevailed over the dish that counts among its ingredients not just chorizo, the beef shank simmered nearly spoonful with whole chicken legs, plus a bounty of yucca root, squash, corn on the cob, potato, cilantro, scallions and unexpectedly minty oregano. With a solar squeeze of lime and a vital arepa on the side, each bite is a celebration of life.

The sancocho is one of three rotating Sunday specials, which also include a lasagnalike pasticho and a tripe mondongo.

Every serving exists here thanks to the persistence of a young Venezuelan couple, recent immigrants from a country wracked by dire food shortages — the result of corrupt political policies that forced their families to flee. Chef Kharim Rincon, who co-owns the restaurant with wife and manager Maria Uzcatogui, re-creates national specialties with culinary skill and cultural exuberance.

If you miss any of the Sunday specials, console yourself any day with the dazzling array of arepas, the maize meal pancakes available here 26 glorious ways.



Wife and husband Maria Uzcatogui and chef Kharim Rincon opened Rica Arepa Venezuelan Cafe a year ago.

Rica Arepa Venezuelan Cafe

4253 W. Armitage Ave.
773-543-3000
www.ricaarepachicago.com

Tribune rating: ★★★

Open: Lunch and dinner, Wednesday to Monday

Prices: Small plates \$4-\$8; entrees \$8-\$14

Noise: Conversation-friendly

Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

"In Venezuela we eat arepas since we are babies," said Rincon, 24. Rincon and Uzcatogui, 22, opened Rica Arepa just a year ago, converting a Northwest Side fast-food shop into an unlikely portal to their hometown on Isla La Margarita, a Venezuelan island known as the "Pearl of the Caribbean."

On several visits, the couple could be overheard explaining their menu in Spanish to first-time diners. Located in the heart of a bungalow neighborhood, fortuitously hidden within

a courtyard patio, most customers are originally from Mexico and Puerto Rico. The restaurant is becoming a de facto cultural center. "We are all Latin people," said Rincon. "Some of the ways we cook and the flavors can compare, but there's a lot that's different."

"Pabellon is like our main dish in Venezuela," Rincon said. The nearly universal rice and beans take their distinctive national form with four essential elements: white rice, black beans, sliced plantains and soft shredded beef. "We can eat it in a full plate or inside an arepa or an empanada."

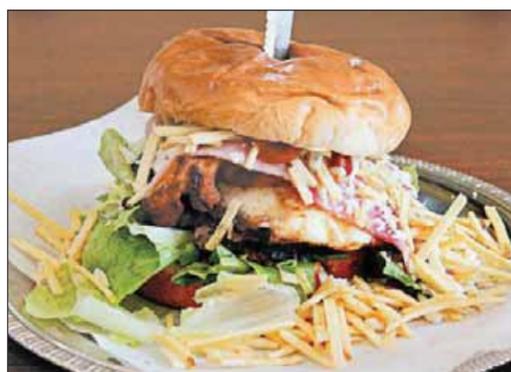
Indeed he offers all three. "The most famous arepa is the pabellon," he said. The split cake is filled with beef, beans, plantains and a gravity-defying mound of cheese.

While the overstuffed options are hard to resist, try a plain arepa first. Then you can appreciate the vida (literal translation "widow"), scorched around the edges from the griddle's heat, leaving its faces cracked and swelling its heart into an open vessel. Enormous empanadas also highlight exquisite golden-fried dough.



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

The Sunday special sancocho de cruzado stew is served with arepa on the side.



The "sencilla" (simple) hamburger comes with ham, cheese, potato sticks, tomato, lettuce and garlic sauce.

Turn your attention next to the hamburguesas, which are all about the filings and may challenge our notions of global burger supremacy. The surprisingly typical Venezuelan hamburgers, here speared with a knife, start with beef and cheese, but up and out they go from there, with bacon, egg, potato sticks, lettuce, tomato, mustard, ketchup, mayo and house-made garlic sauce. You can add even more meat with shredded chicken, beef or pork; the Super Rica burger includes all three. The Super Pataburger uses tostones as the bun, like the twice-fried plantains of a jibarito. The Sencilla or "simple" burger is anything but, and achieves abun-

dance without overkill. Rincon and Uzcatogui added a street-front dining room last month, doubling the space inside to 40 seats. They're working on covering the patio outside to keep 40 more seats throughout the year. Rincon's culinary school diploma from the Instituto Iberoamericano De Recreacion, Turismo Y Gastronomia hangs above the kitchen door. He worked in restaurants in Venezuela before they moved to Miami with his family four years ago. They moved again to Chicago to find work at the suggestion of Uzcatogui's family here. "We've been working a lot since we got here in Chicago," Rincon said. "I worked in construction,

painting, at the restaurant at the Diversey Yacht Club, three different factories. My wife, too, she was working cleaning houses, in a law office." Meanwhile they sold arepas door to door. "And then we decided to open this."

Full table service means gracious, if overwhelmed, servers will insist on bringing you your menu, even if it would be faster just to grab your own from the counter. Sip on one of the thick blended tropical juices, perhaps guanabana, a convergence of pineapple, coconut and banana. The restaurant is BYOB with no corkage.

Rincon cooks, while Uzcatogui oversees the dining room with its constantly ringing phones and online orders streaming in. Their tight team comprises fellow recent Venezuelan immigrants, including Uzcatogui's mother, Gloria Ocampo. Ocampo is a chef in her own right, previously at La Terraza hotel in Merida, Venezuela.

"Maria's mom is my right hand in the kitchen," Rincon said. "She had her cars, her house, her whole life, but left everything. We started from the bottom. It's not been easy, but it's been good."

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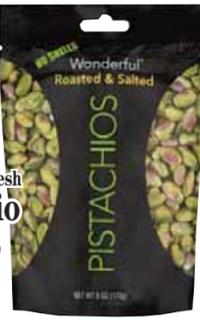
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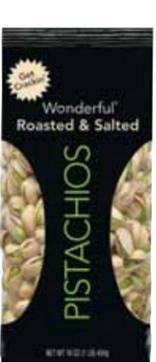
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Assorted Varieties
20 - 32 Oz.
\$2.99



USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Boneless Sirloin Steak
Any Size Package
\$5.99 Lb.



Carl Buddig
Premium Deli
Assorted Varieties
8 Oz.
2/\$4



Bobak's
Smoked Sausage
Selected Varieties
14 Oz.
2/\$7



Bob Evans
•Mashed Potatoes
•Sides
Assorted Varieties
12 - 24 Oz.
2/\$5



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Taking Orders For:
•Whole Hillshire Farm Hams
•Hillshire Spiral Sliced Half Hams
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•Beef Roasts •Crown Pork Roasts
•Whole Legs of Lamb

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Craft Sausages
Assorted Varieties
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\$4.99



Dutch Farms
Bagged Breaded Chicken
•Tenders •Nuggets
•Rings •Patties
3 Lb. Bag
\$5.99

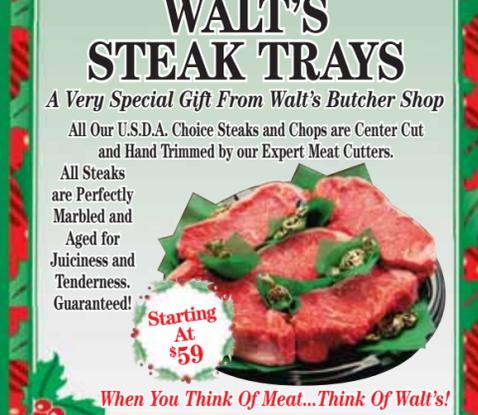


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A Very Special Gift From Walt's Butcher Shop
All Our U.S.D.A. Choice Steaks and Chops are Center Cut and Hand Trimmed by our Expert Meat Cutters.

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\$6.99



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Assorted Varieties
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"All Natural" Pork
Crown Pork Roast
Lb.
\$2.99



Maple Leaf
Frozen
Whole Duckling
Lb.
\$2.99



Tyson Bagged IQF
Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts
2.5 Lb. Bag
\$5.99



Hillshire Farm
Skinless & Shankless
Whole Smoked Ham
Lb.
\$2.49

Skinless Shankless Smoked Half Ham **\$2.59** Lb. While supplies last. No rain checks.



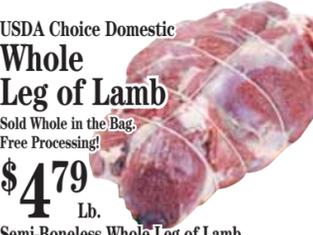
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Whole Smoked Ham
Lb.
\$2.29

Skinless Shankless Smoked Half Ham **\$2.39** Lb.



USDA Choice Domestic
Whole Leg of Lamb
Sold Whole in the Bag. Free Processing!
Lb.
\$4.79

Semi-Boneless Whole Leg of Lamb Sold Whole in the Bag **\$6.99** Lb.



Sugardale Prestige
Spiral Sliced Half Ham
Lb.
\$1.99



Walt's Signature Premium
Hand Crafted
"Carve Easy"
Semi-Boneless & Shankless
Whole Ham
Lb.
\$2.89

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Boneless Whole Ham
Lb.
\$3.49

Boneless Half Ham **\$3.69** Lb.



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DAIRY

Pillsbury Rolls
•Crescent
•Cinnamon
•Sweet
8 - 13.9 Oz.
2/\$4

Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
16.3 Oz.
2/\$3

Best Choice Butter
•Regular
•No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$5

Dutch Farms
•**Bagels** 14 Oz.
•**Cream Cheese**
Regular, 1/3 Less Fat or Fat Free
8 Oz. Box
•**English Muffins** 6 Pk.
99¢

Kraft Cheese
•Shreddeds •Chunks
•Crumbles
Selected Varieties
5 - 8 Oz.
3/\$5

Kraft Cheese
•Natural Slices
•Cubes
Selected Varieties
6.4 - 8 Oz.
2/\$5

Yoplait Yogurt
•Original
•Whips
•Light
Selected Varieties
4 - 6 Oz.
10/\$5

Yoplait Yogurt
•Oui •YQ
Selected Varieties
5 - 5.3 Oz.
3/\$4

Dutch Farms Sour Cream
16 Oz.
99¢

Dutch Farms or Dean's Cottage Cheese
24 Oz.
\$2.49

Dutch Farms Orange Juice
Gallon
2/\$6
Limit 2 Total, Add'l. 2/\$7

I Can't Believe It's Not Butter
8 - 16 Oz.
•**Shedd's Country Crock Soft Spread**
45 Oz.
\$2.99

Dean's Egg Nog
Quart
2/\$6
Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk 1/2 Gallon ~~\$2.99~~

Yoplait Yogurt
•Go-Gurt 16 Oz.
•Oui 7 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms Natural Cheese Slices
Selected Varieties
6 - 6.84 Oz.
2/\$3

Daisy Brand Sour Cream
14 - 16 Oz.
Sale Price **\$1.89**
Digital Reward Coupon **-30¢**
Final Price **\$1.59**
Must use Wal-Mart's App to redeem.

Frigo Cheese
•Ricotta 32 Oz.
•Mozzarella Ball 16 Oz.
\$3.99

Dutch Farms Gelatin Rings
19.5 - 22 Oz.
2/\$3

Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese
•Original
•1/3 Less Fat
8 Oz. Box
4/\$6

Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice
52 Oz.
\$2.99

Blue Bonnet Margarine
1 Lb. Qtrs.
99¢

Bailey's, Dunkin' Donuts or International Delight Flavored Creamer
Quart
\$2.79

Dannon Yogurt
•Oikos Greek 4 Pk.
•Light & Fit Greek 4 Pk.
•Danimals Tubes 24 Oz.
2/\$7

Dutch Farms Cheese
•Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shreddeds
•Bars Selected Varieties
6 - 8 Oz.
3/\$6

Dutch Farms Premium Dips
11.5 - 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms Cheese Spread
8 Oz.
\$2.39

Dutch Farms Whipped Topping
6.5 Oz. Can
2/\$3

Kraft Velveeta Cheese
2 Lb. Loaf
\$7.49
Buy 1 Kraft Velveeta Cheese 2 Lb. Loaf Get 2 10 Oz. Boved FREE!

Oberweis •Fruit Punch •Lemonade •Tea
1/2 Gallon
2/\$4

Pillsbury
•Cookies 16 - 16.5 Oz.
•Grands! Crescent Rolls 8 Ct.
•Rolled Pie Crusts 14.1 Oz.
2/\$5

Oberweis Milk
•Whole
•2% Reduced Fat
•Skim Fat Free
•Chocolate
1/2 Gallon
2/\$6

Chobani Yogurt
4 Pk.
2/\$7

Dutch Farms Regular American Cheese Singles
12 Oz.
3/\$6

Dean's Dips
16 Oz.
3/\$5

Win Schuler's Cheese Spread
8 Oz.
2/\$6

Dutch Farms •Pudding •Gelatin
4 Pk.
3/\$5

Kraft Jar Cheese
5 Oz.
\$2.99
Kraft Cheez Whiz 15 Oz. Jar ~~\$4.99~~

Turkey Hill •Lemonade •Tea
1/2 Gallon
2/\$3

Dutch Farms Butter
•Regular
•No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$6

Oberweis Egg Nog
Quart **\$3.99**
Oberweis Egg Nog
1/2 Gallon **\$5.99**

Fairlife Milk
52 Oz. **\$2.99**
Silk Milk
•Pure
•Almond
•Cashew
Selected Varieties
1/2 Gallon **\$2.99**

Dutch Farms Cheese
•Cracker Cheese Cuts 10 Oz.
•Mozzarella Ball 16 Oz.
2/\$6

Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream
8 Oz.
99¢
Dean's DairyPure Cottage Cheese Mix-ins
5.3 Oz. ~~4/95~~

Dutch Farms Ricotta Cheese
15 Oz.
\$2.19

Land O'Lakes Butter
•Regular •No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$7

Dutch Farms Variety Pack Party Cheese Tray
1 Lb. Pkg.
\$3.99

Orange Juice
•Dean's Orchard Pure 1/2 Gallon
•Simply 52 Oz.
2/\$6

FINE WINE, BREWS & SPIRITS

Available in Homewood, Tinley Park, Crete & Beecher stores only.

•Miller Lite •Miller 64
•Miller Genuine Draft
•Coors •Coors Light
•Budweiser •Bud Light
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$14.99

•Blue Moon
•Stella Artois
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$13.99

•Dos Equis
•Sol
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$13.99

•Mike's Hard Lemonade
•Angry Orchard
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.
\$13.99

Smirnoff Vodka 1.75 Ltr. **\$19.99**

Captain Morgan Spiced Rum 1.75 Ltr. **\$24.99**

19 Crimes
•Red Blend •Chardonnay 750 ML... **\$9.99**
•Cabernet

Woodbridge Wine
•Pinot Grigio •Merlot 1.5 Ltr. **\$11.99**
•Cabernet •Chardonnay

Peirano Estates **\$9.99**
•Cabernet •Chardonnay 750 ML
•Merlot

When You Buy 2
•Miller High Life
•Miller High Life Light
•Icehouse
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$5.99
Must Buy 2. Single Item Price ~~\$6.99~~ Ea.

•Bud Light Lime
•Bud Light Orange
•Michelob Ultra
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$9.99

Sam Adams
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.
\$13.99

•Fat Tire
•Sierra Nevada
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.
\$13.99

FROZEN

Farm Rich French Toast Sticks
12 Oz.
\$1.99

Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns
24 - 32 Oz.
2/\$6

DeWafelbakkers Pancakes
18 - 60 Ct.
\$2.99

Dutch Farms Breakfast Sandwiches
4 Pk.
\$3.99

Dean's Premium Ice Cream 48 Oz.
Dean's Classic Ice Cream 56 Oz.
2/\$5 *Your Choice*

Marie Callender's Pies
•Fruit •Cream
Selected Varieties
24.8 - 42 Oz.
Sale Price **\$4.99**
Digital Reward Coupons **-50¢**
Final Price **\$4.49**
Must use Walt's App to redeem

Edwards Creme Pie
23.5 - 38.3 Oz.
\$4.99

Pepperidge Farm Regular 3-Layer Cake
19 - 19.6 Oz.
2/\$6

Mrs. Smith's Fruit Pie
•Apple •Dutch Apple •Cherry
•Peach •Sweet Potato •Pumpkin
35 - 37 Oz.
\$3.99

Sara Lee Oven Fresh Pies
•Apple •Dutch Apple
•Cherry •Sweet Potato
•Mince •Pumpkin
34 Oz.
2/\$6
From Our Dairy Dept. Whipped Topping Selected Varieties 6.5 Oz. **2/\$4**
Sara Lee Pecan Pie 34 Oz. **\$5.99**

Turkey Hill Premium Ice Cream
48 Oz.
\$2.99

Prairie Farms Sherbet
Quart
2/\$3

North Star Sundae Cups
6 Pk.
2/\$4

Oberweis Ice Cream
16 Oz.
3/\$10

Cool Whip Whipped Topping
8 Oz.
99¢
Pillsbury Frozen Pie Crusts Regular • Deep Dish 2 Pk. **2/\$4**

Blue Bunny Ice Cream
•Cones
•Sandwiches
•Snackwiches
6 - 8 Pk.
2/\$7

Dean's Bars
•Ice Cream
•Fudge •Orange Cream
•Tofee •Crunch
12 Pk.
2/\$7

Dean's Ice Cream Sandwiches
10 Pk.
2/\$7

Dean's Twin Pops
6 Pk.
2/\$3

Birdseye Polybag Regular Vegetables
•Regular •Steamfresh Rice
Selected Varieties
10 - 16 Oz.
99¢

Rhodes Rolls
•Cinnamon •Dinner
•Texas White •Crusty
•Anytime Cinnamon
Selected Varieties
6 - 36 Ct.
\$3.99

Cole's Mini Loaf
•Garlic
•Garden Bistro
8 Oz.
4/\$5

Pillsbury Grands! Frozen Biscuits
12 Pk.
2/\$5

Sister Schubert's Rolls
•Dinner Yeast 10 Ct.
•Yeast Pan 11 Oz.
\$2.99

Ore Ida Potatoes
•Onion Rings
Selected Varieties
14 - 32 Oz.
2/\$5

Rosetto Pasta
19 - 25 Oz.
\$3.99

Reames Egg Noodles
12 Oz.
\$1.99

Mrs. T's Pierogies
12.84 - 16 Oz.
\$2.99

Green Giant Boxed Vegetables
Selected Varieties
7 - 10 Oz.
4/\$5

Michelina's Entrees
Selected Varieties
4.5 - 8.5 Oz.
10/\$10

Marie Callender's Dinner Pot Pie
Selected Varieties
10.5 - 15 Oz.
\$2.99

Banquet Meat Pot Pie 7 Oz.
Dutch Farms Sandwiches 4.9 - 5.5 Oz.
10/\$10 *Your Choice*

OnCor Entree
24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$6

Simek's Meatballs
17 - 22 Oz.
\$4.99
Simek's Lasagna 2 Lb. \$5.99

Banquet Chicken
•Nuggets
•Patties
•Tenders 100% NATURAL
12 - 15 Oz.
2/\$6

TGI Friday's Appetizers
7.6 - 11 Oz.
\$2.99

Super Pretzel Soft Pretzels
Selected Varieties
9 - 13 Oz.
\$2.99

Jack's Pizza
•Original
•Half & Half
12 Inch
4/\$10
Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza
12 Inch
4/\$10 *Your Choice*

DiGiorno Pizza
12 Inch
2/\$10

Palermo's Primo Thin Crust Pizza
12 Inch
3/\$10
Scream'n' Sicilian Singles Sicilian or Stromboli 9.10 - 10 Oz. **4/\$11**

Pizza
•Home Run Inn Ultra Thin Crust 12 Inch
•Gino's East Deep Dish 9 Inch
•Edwardo's 24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$10

Freschetta Pizza
12 Inch
2/\$8

GM/HBC

Colgate Toothpaste
•Regular •Baking Soda & Peroxide
•Whitening •Tartar Protection
•Sparkling White Mint
6 Oz.
2/\$3

Pantene Shampoo or Conditioner
•Repair & Protect •Smooth & Silky
•Daily Moisture Renewal •Volume
12 - 12.6 Oz.
3/\$10

Good Cook Bakeware
•Oblong Cake Pan
•Round Cake Pan •Square Cake Pan
•Medium Cookie Sheet
•Large Cookie Sheet
•Muffin Pan 12 Cup
\$3.99 *Your Choice*

Irish Spring Body Wash 18 Oz. **\$3.99**
•Original •Moisturizing •Aloe

Vicks VapoCOOL Severe Drops 18 - 20 Ct. **2/\$3**

Shave Gel 7 Oz. **\$1.99**
•Gillette Series
•Ultra Moisturizing or Sensitive
•Satin Care
•Sensitive Skin or Dry Skin

DayQuil **\$5.99**
•NyQuil
Liquid 8 Oz. or Liquecaps 16 Ct.

Duracell Batteries 16 Ct. **\$9.99**
•AA •AAA

Miralax Powder Stool Softener 8.3 Oz. **\$9.99**

Christmas Plates
•Napkins
Assorted Varieties
\$1
54 x 108 Tablecovers **\$1**

Christmas Cookie Containers
5 Quart Round
\$2.49

Handi-Foil Foil Pans
•Utility 2 Ct.
•Ultra Roaster/Baker 3 Ct.
•Giant Lasagna 1 Ct.
\$3.99 *Your Choice*

GROCERY

Nabisco Crackers
 •Snack 3.75 - 10 Oz.
 •Ritz 8.5 - 13.7 Oz.

3/\$5

Duncan Hines Cake Mix
 15.25 Oz.

4/\$5

Duncan Hines Creamy Frosting
 14 - 16 Oz.

\$1.79

Betty Crocker Brownie Mix
 •Fudge
 •Milk Chocolate
 18.3 - 18.4 Oz.

10/\$10

C&H Sugar
 •Granulated 4 Lb.
 •Powdered 2 Lb.
 •Brown 2 Lb.

2/\$4

Kraft Miracle Whip
Mayonnaise
 30 Oz.

2/\$5

Look for \$1 Off On Pack Coupons On 30 Oz. Jars

Fisher Baking Pecans
 •Halves
 •Chopped
 10 Oz.

\$6.49

Keebler Graham Pie Crust
 6 Oz.

\$1.99

Crisco Oil
 •Canola
 •Vegetable
 48 Oz.

\$2.99

\$1 Digital Reward Coupon
 When You Buy 2

Carnation Evaporated Milk
 12 Oz.

4/\$5

Green Giant Vegetables
 •Cut or French Style Green Beans
 •Whole Kernel or Cream Style Corn
 •Sweet Peas
 14.5 - 15.25 Oz.

69¢

Peter Pan Peanut Butter
 16.3 Oz.

Sale Price **2/\$4**
 Digital Reward Coupon -\$1.00
 When You Buy 2

Final Price 2/\$3

Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Nestle Morsels Baking Chips
 10 - 12 Oz.

2/\$5

Jell-O Gelatin Pudding
 3 - 3.9 Oz.

4/\$3

Nabisco Honey Maid Graham Crackers
 12 - 14.4 Oz.

\$2.99

Folgers Coffee
 22 - 30.5 Oz.

\$5.99

When You Buy 2

Must Buy 2. Single Item Price \$6.99 Ea.

Hershey's Christmas Packaged Candy
 9 - 11 Oz.

\$3.49

Betty Crocker Cookie Mix
 •Gingerbread
 •Pumpkin Spice
 17.5 Oz.

2/\$4

Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
 12 Oz.

\$1.99

PET or MILNOT Evaporated Milk
 12 Oz.

99¢

Progresso Vegetable Classics Soup
 18.5 - 19 Oz.

Sale Price **10/\$10**
 Digital Reward Coupon -\$1.00
 When You Buy 4

Final Price 10/\$9

Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Swans Down Cake Flour
 32 Oz.

\$2.99

Baker's Baking Chocolate Bar
 4 Oz.

2/\$4

Baker's Angel Flake Coconut
 14 Oz.

\$2.49

Pillsbury BEST Flour
 5 Lb.

\$1.99

Dole Pineapple Chunks
 20 Oz.

5/\$5

•Mandarin Oranges
 11 Oz.

•Tropical Fruit Salad
 15.25 Oz.

Kraft Deluxe Mac & Cheese
Shells & Cheese
 9.4 - 14 Oz.

2/\$5

Heinz Home Style Gravy
 12 Oz.

2/\$3

Stove Top Stuffing Mix
 6 Oz.

2/\$3

Best Choice Cranberry Sauce
 14 Oz.

99¢

Cottonelle Bath Tissue
 6 Pk. Mega Rolls or 12 Pk. Double Rolls

Viva Paper Towels
 6 Pk. Big Rolls

Sale Price **\$5.99**
 Digital Reward Coupon -\$1.00

Final Price \$4.99

Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Prince Pasta
 Selected Varieties
 12 - 16 Oz.

99¢

Swanson Broth
 32 Oz.

2/\$4

Swanson Broth
 14 - 14.5 Oz.

2/\$1

Uncle Ben's Long Grain Wild Rice
 6 - 6.2 Oz.

\$1.79

Bruce's Cut Sweet Potatoes
 40 Oz.

2/\$5

Glory Seasoned Southern Style Vegetables
 27 Oz.

3/\$5

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
 8.5 Oz.

2/\$1

Pam Spray
 5 - 6 Oz.

\$2.99

French's French Fried Onions
 6 Oz.

\$3.49

Hidden Valley Ranch Salad Dressing
 16 Oz.

\$2.99

Lindsay Olives
 •Green Stuffed
 •Black Pitted
 5.75 - 6 Oz.

3/\$5

Idahoan Potatoes
 •Mashed
 •Scalloped
 •Au Gratin
 3.7 - 5.1 Oz.

10/\$10

GROCERY

Regular, Diet
 •Coke
 •Coke Zero Sugar
 •Sprite
 6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. or
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
4/\$10

•7Up
 •Dr. Pepper
 •A&W •RC
 •Sunkist
 •Canada Dry
 2 Ltr.
4/\$5

Regular, Diet
 •Pepsi
 •Mtn. Dew
 •Crush
 •Schweppes
 2 Ltr.
4/\$5

Lipton
 Tea
 128 Oz.
2/\$5

•7Up
 •Dr. Pepper
 •A&W •RC
 •Sunkist
 •Canada Dry
 6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. or
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
5/\$10

Dasani
 Sparkling Water
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
2/\$5

Bubly
 Sparkling Water
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
3/\$10

Welch's
 Sparkling
 Grape Juice
 25.4 Oz.
\$2.99

•7Up
 •Dr. Pepper
 •A&W •RC
 •Sunkist
 •Canada Dry
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.
3/\$11

Regular, Diet
 •Pepsi
 •Mtn. Dew
 •Crush
 •Schweppes
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.
3/\$10

Indian Summer
 Apple
 Juice
 64 Oz.
2/\$4

Snapple
 Tea
 •Regular
 •Straight Up
 16 - 18.5 Oz.
5/\$5

•Lipton
 Pure Leaf Tea
 18.5 Oz.
 •Sobe
 Drinks or
 Lifewater
 20 Oz.
5/\$5

de Mexico
 •Coke
 •Fanta
 •Sprite
 12 Oz.
5/\$5

Snyder's
 Pretzels
 12 - 16 Oz.
2/\$5

Tostitos
 Tortilla
 Chips
 9.5 - 12.5 Oz.
2/\$6

•Chex Mix
 •Bugles
 •Garden of Eatin'
 14.5 - 15 Oz.
2/\$5

Vitner's
 Potato
 Chips
 6.5 Oz.
3/\$4

Lay's
 Potato
 Chips
 9.5 - 10 Oz.
2/\$5

Sara Lee
 Bread
 •Whole Wheat
 •Honey Wheat
 20 Oz.
2/\$5

Butternut
 •Bread
 White or 100% Whole Wheat
 20 Oz.
 •Hamburger Buns
 •Hot Dog Buns
 8 Ct.
2/\$3

Lewis
 •Bread
 •Rolls
 12 Oz. or 4 Ct.
2/\$3

Thomas
 English
 Muffins
 12 - 13 Oz.
2/\$5

Nabisco
 Oreo
 Cookies
 7.5 - 16 Oz.
2/\$5

Nestle
 Coffee-mate
 Powdered
 Creamer
 35.3 Oz.
\$4.99

Starbucks
 Coffee
 •6 - 10 Ct. K-Cups
 •12 Oz. Bag
\$6.99

Bigelow
 Tea
 •Green •Herbal •Blends
 20 Ct.
2/\$4

General Mills
 Chex
 Cereal
 12 - 14 Oz.
\$1.99

Ice Mountain
 •Spring Water
 24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
 •Sparkling Water
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
\$2.99

Little Debbie
 Christmas
 Cakes
 6 - 16 Oz.
2/\$4

Campfire
 Marshmallows
 10 Oz.
4/\$5

Planters
 •Cashew Halves
 •Mixed Nuts
 8 - 10.3 Oz.
\$4.99

Planters
 Peanuts
 •Dry Roasted
 •Cocktail
 16 Oz.
2/\$4

San Pellegrino or
 Perrier
 Sparkling
 Water
 25 Oz.
5/\$5

Gain
 Laundry
 Detergent
 •50 Oz. Liquid
 •16 Ct. Flings
\$5.49

Dawn
 Dishwashing
 Liquid
 8 Oz.
99¢

Purina
 Kit & Kaboodle
 Cat Food
 16 Lb.
 Sale Price **\$9.99**
 Digital Reward Coupon **-\$1.00**
Final Price \$8.99
 Must use Wal-Mart's App to redeem.

Alpo
 Dog Food
 16 Lb.
 Sale Price **\$8.99**
 Digital Reward Coupon **-\$1.00**
Final Price \$7.99
 Must use Wal-Mart's App to redeem.

Hefty
 •Plates
 •Bowls
 18 - 45 Ct.
3/\$5

Hefty
 Bags
 •Tall Kitchen
 •Trash
 20 - 45 Ct.
\$6.99

Reynolds Wrap
 Foil
 •50 Ft. Heavy Duty
 •75 Ft. Regular
 •35 Ft. Non-Stick
\$3.99

Dixie Everyday
 •Plates
 •Bowls
 20 - 50 Ct.
\$2.99

Keebler
 Crackers
 •Town House
 •Club
 8 - 13.8 Oz.
2/\$5
50¢ Digital Reward Coupon
 When You Buy 1

DELI-HUT

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Polish Ham
 Krakus Imported Original
 \$3.98 Lb.
 \$1.99 1/2 Lb.

American Cheese
 Land O'Lakes
 \$4.98 Lb.
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

"The Holidays Are Fast Approaching. Place Your Orders Early To Ensure Availability"

Walt's Fully Cooked Holiday Dinners With Sides

"Holiday Entertaining Made Easy - Just Heat & Serve"

Spiral Sliced Ham
 With Sides*
 \$54.99
 Serves 6
 Please Order by 12/21/18

- 1 Fully Cooked Fire Glazed Spiral Sliced Ham 7-8 Lbs.
- 24 Oz. Mashed Potatoes
- 24 Oz. Homestyle Gravy
- 22 Oz. Green Bean Casserole
- 12 Oz. Cranberry Relish
- *Extra Sides Available

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Turkey Breast
 Sara Lee
 \$5.98 Lb.
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Chicken Breast
 Sara Lee
 \$5.98 Lb.
 \$2.99 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Baked Ham
 Walt's Signature Premium
 \$4.98 Lb.
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Hard Salami
 Eckrich
 \$5.98 Lb.
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Gluten Free

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Feta Cheese
 Athenos Traditional Crumbled
 \$2/\$6
 4 Oz.

Pita Chips
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 \$2/\$5
 Selected Varieties 7-7.33 Oz.

London Broil
 Dietz & Watson Top Round
 \$10.98 Lb.
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Italian Beef
 Dietz & Watson
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Stuffed Green Peppers
 Walt's Deli Hut
 \$6.99 Lb.

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 Walt's Deli Hut
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Cheddar Cheese
 Dietz & Watson Roasted Garlic
 \$7.58 Lb.
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 Dietz & Watson Horseradish
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Buttercrust Bread
 Walt's Own Fresh-Baked
 \$1.49
 1 Lb. Loaf

Buttercrust Buns
 Walt's Own Fresh Baked
 \$1.49
 • 8 Pk. Regular
 • 12 Pk. Cocktail

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 Walt's Own Homestyle
 \$5.99
 8 Inch

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 \$3.49
 10 Pk. Pre-Packaged

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 \$2.39
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Cream Cake
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 1/2 Ring

Muffins
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 \$3.99
 4 Pk. Pre-Packaged

Chocolate Cake Roll
 Walt's Own Chocolate Iced
 \$4.99

Cake Slices
 Walt's Own White or Chocolate Buttercream Iced
 \$1.99
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Cream Cake Loaf
 Walt's Own Fruit Filled
 \$3.99
 Assorted Varieties

Danish Coffee Cake
 Walt's Own Signature Fruit Filled
 \$4.99

Walt's Own Country Bakery

Always Has A Large Selection Of Fresh Baked Holiday Treats!

- Croissants
- Gourmet Cookies
- Holiday Pies
- Fruit Cakes
- Chicago Girl Cookies
- Elegant Pastry Trays

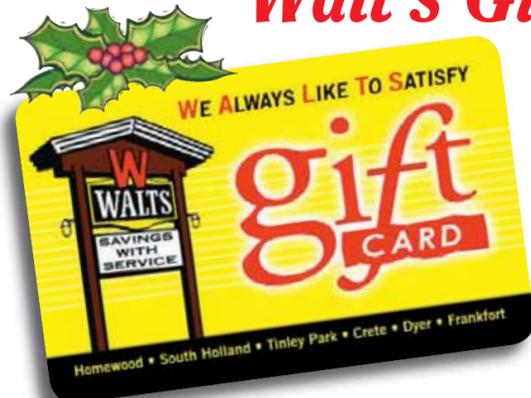


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Brandied Butter Fruit Cake 16 Oz. \$8.49

Walt's Old Fashioned Dutch Baked Apple Pie 10 Oz. \$4.49 Almond Paste \$8.49 Lb.

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