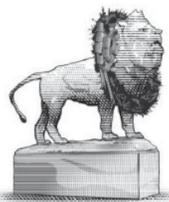


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Cops never saw train that hit them



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Police officers and firefighters salute Tuesday as the bodies of two officers killed the night before arrive at the Chicago medical examiner's office.

2 officers had eyes on 1 locomotive before they were struck by another

BY LIAM FORD, JEREMY GORNER AND MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The two Chicago police officers scrambled up the embankment and walked south on the Metra tracks, keeping an eye on an approaching train as they searched for a shooting suspect Monday night on the Far South Side.

The noise from the train they saw apparently masked the sound of a train coming up fast behind them. The officers had "no idea" that train was approaching before it struck and killed them on a viaduct over 103rd Street, said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

Based largely on footage from a body camera on one of the policemen, Guglielmi released new details Tuesday about the deaths of Officers Eduardo Marmolejo, 36, and Conrad Gary, 31, both fairly new to the department and fathers of young children. They were the third and fourth Chicago police officers to die in the line of duty this year.

The uniformed officers had been called to an area near 103rd Street and Dauphin Avenue around 6:20 p.m. after a ShotSpotter sensor picked up gunfire, police officials said. Marmolejo and Gary saw a suspect, got out of their car and scrambled up to the tracks, Guglielmi said. The footage shows the officers crossing the viaduct and heading south in pursuit, and they discussed where the suspect might have gone.

Soon, a northbound Metra Electric train approached. They stayed on the side of the tracks used by southbound trains, unaware they were in the path of an oncoming South Shore Line train, Guglielmi said.

The South Shore train struck the officers near the 103rd Street Rosemoor stop.

It was not known Tuesday how fast the southbound train was going, but trains typically travel 65 mph through that territory and that train was not supposed to slow down until the Kensington station, a mile away, said Michael Noland, CEO and president of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, which operates South Shore trains on Metra tracks.

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CONRAD GARY

A decorated military vet devoted to family, duty

BY ANNA SPOERRE AND ELVIA MALAGON | Chicago Tribune

From the time he was a student at Eastern Illinois University focusing on sociology and criminal justice, Conrad Gary knew he wanted to be a police officer, his relatives said Tuesday.



Gary

Growing up the middle child of three boys in southwest suburban Oak Lawn, Gary was the type of man who wanted to protect people and serve the public, said Michael Gary, his older brother.

"He was a cop in the Air Force, and that kind of just drove him wanting to be a cop even more and to protect people," Gary said by phone from his home in Houston.

Conrad Gary attended East-

ern Illinois from 2005 until 2009 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

He spent more than five years in the Air Force from 2010 until 2015 and half of that time he was stationed in Germany, his relatives said. He was a decorated service member who rose to the rank of sergeant and was stationed in Montana at the end of his service, according to a military spokesman. Gary decided to return to Chicago to be closer to family and then joined the Chicago Police Department in March 2017, his brother and police sources said.

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EDUARDO MARMOLEJO

Father of 3 who lived to serve and died serving

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY AND ELVIA MALAGON | Chicago Tribune

Before Eduardo Marmolejo joined the Chicago Police Department, he was helping people in a different way.



Marmolejo

As an emergency room technician at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Marmolejo drew blood for nurses, transported patients around the hospital and learned CPR, according to a friend and a former colleague.

"He liked to tell stories about saving people's lives," said Brendan Kiefer, 36, who said he had been friends with Marmolejo since high school.

The married father of three girls took that mission to another level when he became a

sworn police officer on April 25, 2016. But on Monday night, it was Marmolejo's life that could not be saved when he and his partner were fatally hit by a South Shore train as they investigated a call of shots fired on the Far South Side. Marmolejo and Conrad Gary, 31, were following a suspect on the tracks when they were both hit and killed.

Marmolejo was assigned to the Police Department's Calumet District, but he trained to become an officer in the Chicago Lawn, Ogden and Morgan Park districts, according to

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First look at Sue's new space at the Field Museum

The T. rex will reside in a dramatic second-floor gallery dedicated to telling the story of Sue. **A+E**



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Major change coming to Illinois prep football

In 2021, conference rivalries will be replaced by geographic-based scheduling. **Chicago Sports**

Judge upbraids former Trump adviser Flynn

Federal judge raised the prospect of prison time for ex-national security adviser. **Nation & World, Page 11**

In Chicago, cartel had favorable winds

Insider testimony in El Chapo trial shows how city was a key drug hub

BY JEFF COEN
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK - In untold hundreds of truck and train shipments, tons of cocaine rolled into Chicago hidden among loads of vegetables, shrimp, and even live sheep.

The city acted as the American distribution center of the vast network of the Sinaloa cartel, and was run by Chicago twin brothers who had declared allegiance to a

person they referred to often simply as "The Man." Both would eventually turn against their boss, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, and one of them, Pedro Flores, began testifying in Guzman's historic trial in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn on Tuesday.

In harrowing detail over three hours, Flores explained his rise from dealing cocaine with family members on the city's Southwest Side to working as a top lieutenant for the world's most notorious drug lord. He told an anonymous jury in New York that he has cooperated against some 50 people in the cartel network already, testifying he risked his life to help

the U.S. government after considering his future and that of his pregnant wife 10 years ago.

"Or that lack of a future," Flores said. "That lack of living. I couldn't promise my family tomorrow."

Neither Pedro Flores nor his twin Margarito have been seen publicly in the nearly four years since both were sentenced to 14 years in prison in Chicago. Dressed in navy blue jail garb, Pedro Flores took a seat in the courtroom Tuesday for a few moments before the jury filed in to hear his testimony.

Perhaps 30 feet away was El

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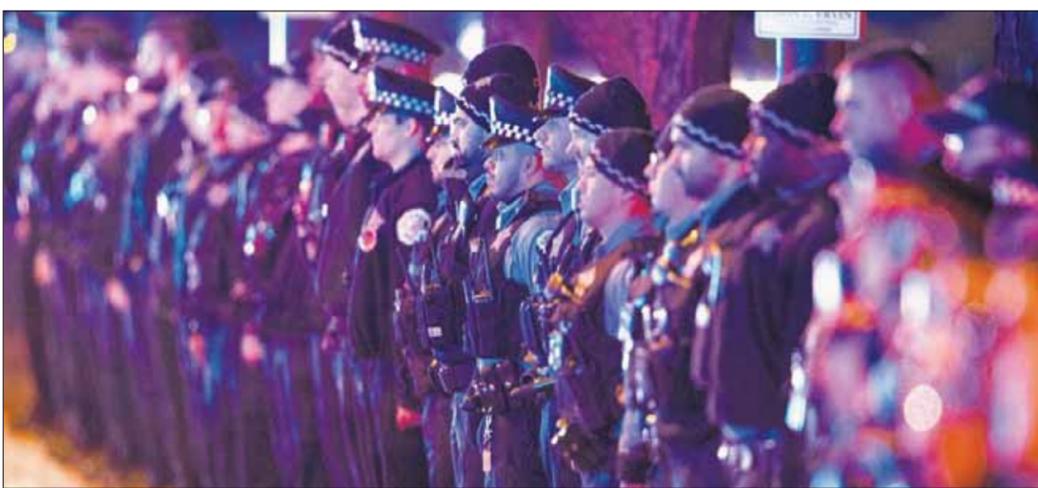
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Police officers wait on Tuesday for the bodies of two officers killed on duty to arrive at the medical examiner's office.



JOHN KASS

Blagojevich chases pardon while 2 true public servants chase gunman

Right before Christmas, President Donald Trump had to go and pull that Blagojevich scab off corrupt Illinois. And he did it with a tweet.

"Required television watching is last weeks @marthamaccallum interview with the wonderful wife of Rod Blagojevich and the @trish_regan interview with a Jerome Corsi. If that doesn't tell you something about what has been going on in our Country, nothing will. Very sad!"

Trump is spinning, rather desperately, about his adviser Jerome Corsi, who is under investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller. Trump seems to be acting as his own lawyer now, and he may have a fool for a client.

While the Corsi reference is all about is Trump's personal future, the other part of the president's tweet is horrendous for everyone suffering in the politically corrupt state of Illinois:

Trump teasing a possible Christmas pardon for former Gov. Blagojevich, a cheap crook and chiseler who got what was coming to him.

Blagojevich's "wonderful wife," Patti Blagojevich, daughter of a Chicago machine boss, showed up on Fox News to play the wounded spouse of a public servant ruined by the feds.

You could almost forget how she shrieked like a fishwife on federal tape, demanding that her husband use government leverage to crush their critics.

"We know that President Trump is a kind man, he's compassionate, he's always been kind to our family, he knows how important it is that my husband gets home to be father to our daughters. We can't help (but) be hopeful," Patti Blagojevich told Fox News' Martha MacCallum.

"I see that the same people that did this to my family, the same people that secretly taped us, and twisted the facts and perverted the law, that ended up my husband in jail ... these same people are trying to do the same thing they did to my husband just on a much larger scale, they were emboldened, they took down a governor, and now they've got their sights much higher."

Groveling before the president, pairing him with her husband, is one cheap thing. But suggesting Blago was an honorable public servant ruined by the feds is more than cheap.

Because Blagojevich was no public servant. He was a grifter.

But two real public servants died the other night in Chicago, two Chicago police officers chasing a man with a gun along the railroad tracks on the Far South Side.

They had no press agents with them, or Chicago political machine hacks or media biscuit eaters pushing them up the railroad embankment. There was no pack of jackals barking out their virtues.

They were alone, just two cops doing a job, real public servants, not politicians.

Officer Eduardo Marmolejo, 36, and his partner, Officer Conrad Gary, 31, were chasing the suspect on the tracks. They noticed a train coming at them. But they didn't hear the train coming up from behind them when they were hit.

They were fathers of young children.

"He was a cop in the Air Force," Gary's older brother, Michael Gary, told the Tribune, "and that kind of just drove him wanting to be a cop even more and to protect people."

Marmolejo's friend Brendan Kiefer said that "he was very humble in everything he was doing until he accomplished it."

Now think about what Blagojevich told NBC in an interview about his arrest by the FBI.

"I thought about Mandela, Dr. King, Gandhi and trying to put some perspective in all of this and that's what I'm doing now," Blagojevich said.

Dr. King, Gandhi and Mandela? They didn't shake down a children's hospital.

Blagojevich did. They didn't try to sell a U.S. Senate seat. Blagojevich did.

And though that charge was thrown out on a technicality, there was enough in Blago's bag of tricks to keep him inside.

And Dr. King, Gandhi and Mandela never said, "I've got this thing, and it's (bleeping) golden."

Blagojevich, the weasel, said it. Here's the thing about weasels.

When you're running, searching for man with a gun, you don't want a weasel as backup.

Weasels can marry the daughter of

the Democratic ward boss, but that's not enough to become governor.

Blagojevich was pushed into office by other nationally prominent Illinois Democrats. Among them were the Daleys, and future mayor Rahm Emanuel and future president Barack Obama, and Patti's ward boss father, Dick Mell.

Longtime black Democratic Party hack Roland Burris came into the race and did his job, pulling African-American votes away from the reformer, Chicago schools chief Paul Vallas. It was Democratic tribal arithmetic.

Vallas was independent of the Daleys. He wouldn't dance when they snapped. That's why the Daleys dropped him and went for Blagojevich instead. Vallas narrowly lost the Democratic primary. He should have been governor.

If he had been, Illinois would have been spared all that Blago disgrace.

After Blagojevich realized he couldn't sell the Senate seat that once belonged to Obama, he installed the party hack, Burris, in that spot. Together, they shamed Illinois.

And now, the Daleys, Emanuel and other prominent Democrats who made Blagojevich governor in 2002 are trying to shape the 2019 race for mayor of Chicago.

They want voters to forget what they did to Illinois. They want voters to forget the racial, tribal arithmetic they used in the governor's race, even as they count on its magic in Chicago for 2019.

Trump talks about Chicago violence to jab at Emanuel. And he makes a big deal about his support for police.

Yet before he teases a pardon for Blagojevich, the president might want to think about true public servants instead. Politicians risk giving up nothing but their honor, and to most politicians, honor is cheap.

Police risk giving up their lives, in public service.

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— **Chicago Tribune** —

Insult-A-Columnist food drive reignited by huge donation



REX W. HUPPKE

In a column published in Tuesday's Chicago Tribune, I reported, with great certainty, that I am awesome.

I based that proclamation on the results of the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive, in which I asked readers to donate to the Greater Chicago Food Depository under one of two team names: RexStinks or RexRocks.

The virtual food drive had ended, and the final tally appeared to be an overwhelming win for RexRocks, leading me to write glowingly about my "staggering good looks" and "passionate devotion to the craft of journalism and the world-changing impact of my indelible words."

And then something unexpected happened. I was contacted by a representative from the Food Depository and told that someone who wisely doesn't like my opinions wanted to make a large donation that would put the RexStinks team back in competition.

On Tuesday, that anonymous donor followed through, giving \$44,698.16 in the name of RexStinks and almost single-handedly doubling the amount of money the food drive had raised.

My column that published Tuesday reported the final tally as \$47,668.80,

with RexRocks beating the pants off RexStinks — \$45,833.98 in donations to \$1,834.82.

But now, as of late Tuesday, the RexRocks team is leading the RexStinks team by one measly dollar, and the total donations are a staggering \$93,066.96. That means a couple more donations from the RexStinks crowd and I quantifiably become a horrible, wretched person.

Do you have any idea how difficult it is knowing that the judgment of your worth or worthlessness is effectively a tie? I'M HAVING AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS!

In light of this shockingly generous and entirely right-headed donation, the Food Depository decided to keep the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive open for donations until Dec. 31. That fits with the donor's intention, which was to motivate people to keep fighting it out over whether I stink or rock. (I, for one, can't stand me.)

All the donations wind up helping the Food Depository, which supplies food pantries throughout Cook County and serves more than 800,000 people each year. The organization's deep ties to food manufacturers and distributors allow it to purchase food, including fresh produce, for pennies on the dollar, meaning each dollar donated provides about three meals.

So why not let me twist in the wind a couple more weeks? Who cares about my self-esteem, right?

Some on the RexRocks team might argue that this



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Donations to the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive to help the Greater Chicago Food Depository have hit \$93,066.96.

A couple more donations from the RexStinks crowd and I quantifiably become a horrible, wretched person.

donation technically came after the food drive ended. That's true, but I'm willing to make an exception.

There's a classic scene in the movie "The Godfather" where Rocco shoots someone in a parked car while Clemenza stands nearby. Clemenza's wife had earlier asked him to pick up cannolis, which he did, and as Rocco gets out of the car,

Clemenza instructs him, "Leave the gun, take the cannoli."

Regarding the decision to let the RexStinks team keep fighting, I say, "Leave the ego, take the donation."

I don't know who will win now, but I certainly hope people will keep donating, because it's anybody's ballgame and it all goes to a great cause.

In the event the RexStinks team prevails, and in an act of good faith, I present the following correction to Tuesday's column:

In an utterly ludicrous column published Dec. 17 in the Chicago Tribune, weak columnist Rex Huppke erroneously reported that he rocks. He doesn't, at all, and the Tribune regrets the error. Huppke, presumably preoccupied by his own

selfish attempts to destroy democracy with his barely readable liberal screeds, incorrectly reported that the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive had ended and that the RexRocks team had donated considerably more than the RexStinks team. Such a statement is patently false and the Tribune wishes it had never met this Huppke person. He's a dip.

The Tribune also rolled its eyes and sighed loudly upon learning that Huppke falsely described the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive as the "seventh-largest virtual food drive the Food Depository has ever held." Thanks to a large donation from an obviously wise and decent person, the food drive is now the second-largest virtual food drive in Food Depository history. The Tribune regrets

that error, but, if we're being honest, it shouldn't expect anything different from a Spam-for-brains knucklehead like Huppke.

Any mentions in the column about Huppke being handsome, talented or even remotely bright were preposterous and did not meet the Tribune's standards for publication. We deeply regret the oversight, almost as much as we regret hiring that turd Huppke in the first place.

So there's that. In the meantime, you can still donate to the food drive and help either RexRocks or RexStinks prevail by visiting this website: <https://myfooddrive.org/#Rex>. It runs until Dec. 31.

Keep giving, and may the best (or worst) me win!

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For lawmakers, a new watchdog versed in harassment cases

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

An ethics expert and former central Illinois judge is set to be the Illinois General Assembly's next top watchdog, filling a role that came under increased scrutiny amid a flood of sexual harassment complaints at the Capitol since late last year.

Former federal prosecutor Julie Porter was picked for the legislative inspector general job in the fall of last year to deal with a backlog of more than two dozen ethics complaints that piled up in the three years that state lawmakers left the post vacant.

Now a state ethics panel has picked Carol Pope, a former judge and former Menard County state's attorney, to take over in

March, a timetable Porter requested to finish her work, Legislative Ethics Commission chair and Republican state Rep. Avery Bourne said.

Bourne, a Raymond Republican, said Pope hopes to focus on prevention and make the office accessible to lawmakers and staff who might have ethics questions.

"She has a really strong background in sexual harassment," Bourne said. "Her knowledge was really impressive."

Bourne said the bipartisan Legislative Ethics Commission of state lawmakers voted unanimously for Pope, who now must be approved by the full legislature and would serve until 2023.

"I am confident that Judge Pope will fulfill her

duties and meet our expectations as the legislative inspector general," Democratic state Sen. Cristina Castro of Elgin, a member of the ethics commission, said in a statement. "She will bring her experience and knowledge to our commission and help us move forward."

Porter took the job last year in the days after a victims' rights advocate alleged she was harassed by a state senator and her complaints went unanswered for nearly a year. Denise Rotheimer told lawmakers that Democratic Sen. Ira Silverstein made unwanted comments about her appearance, sent her hundreds of Facebook messages and placed midnight phone calls as she was working with him to pass a bill for

nearly 18 months. Silverstein disputed the allegations and said he apologized "if I made her uncomfortable."

Most of Porter's work has been done behind the scenes, but she determined in a public report that Silverstein did not engage in sexual harassment while working with Rotheimer to pass a bill but "did behave in a manner unbecoming of a legislator."

In a different case, Porter wrote that "evidence does not support" abuse complaints against a former top deputy of Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan after the woman who made the accusations did not participate in the resulting investigation. Former medical marijuana advocate Maryann Loncar at a

Capitol news conference in May accused Democratic state Rep. Lou Lang of Skokie of retaliation, verbal abuse and "inappropriate behavior."

Lang held his own news conference immediately afterward, calling the accusations "absurd" and asking the legislative inspector general for an investigation. In a letter to Lang, Porter wrote that she attempted to reach Loncar via mail, email and Facebook but that "she has declined to respond to my overtures." Porter did interview Lang and other witnesses.

"Because a preponderance of evidence does not support Loncar's allegations that you engaged in misconduct, I am closing the matter," Porter wrote.

Porter was a member of

the prosecution team in the Conrad Black fraud trial and worked on public corruption cases including those that led to the convictions of Springfield power broker Bill Cellini and former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

The latest quarterly report of the Legislative Ethics Commission says Porter had 17 investigations pending as of the end of September. Two are sexual harassment claims, four others are about alleged prohibited political activity, one is a retaliation claim and 10 fall under the "miscellaneous or uncharacterized" label. One case has been referred to a law enforcement agency, according to the report.

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Budget ax falls at Hinsdale school district

Cut: Football, swim teams, marching band, cheerleading

By **KIMBERLY FORNEK**
Pioneer Press

Friday nights may be quiet next fall at the football stadiums at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools. The lights may be off and the stands may be empty, based on the decisions the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board made Dec. 17 to eliminate the football teams, cheerleaders and marching bands in the 2019-2020 school year.

Swimmers' hopes of competing in sectional or state championships next year may be dashed, as the board also voted to eliminate the girls and boys swim and water polo teams at both schools. The board said the painful decisions were necessary so the school district could afford pressing infrastructure improvements.

"Capital expenditures

were pushed out for far too long," board member Kevin Camden said. "It's time the board had to make difficult decisions. The reality is our time is up."

The board voted to put a \$130 million referendum on the April 2 ballot, which would provide funds to pay for upgrading security measures, making all areas of the schools handicap accessible, replacing boilers and ventilation systems and renovating technology classrooms.

Camden said residents should not assume all the reductions would be reversed if the referendum passes, but other board members said they expect the athletic programs and other activities would be reinstated.

The referendum on the April 2 ballot, down from the \$166 million plan that voters rejected in November, calls for both schools to get new equal sized swimming pools, and eliminates other projects sought in the last election.

The board sought to

make a minimum of \$2.1 million in cuts to the 2019/2020 school budget as part of a plan to fund \$46 million in facility improvements over about a six-year period.

The board ended up approving nearly \$3.7 million worth of changes because the numbers were estimates and to allow for unforeseen expenses.

As board member Robert "Bo" Blackburn said, "\$2.1 million is too small a target for us."

In addition to the salary freezes and staff reductions the board agreed on last week, it approved cutting \$789,000 worth of athletic programs, reductions totaling \$405,300 to other extracurricular activities and saving \$337,300 in transportation costs by eliminating some bus routes and charging students to ride the bus.

The largest savings, estimated to be about \$1,059,900 would be realized by raising class sizes to 25 students per class, plus or minus two.

The board focused on the football program because it is the most expensive sport to operate at either school. With 179 students playing football at Central, the program costs the district \$129,705. With 101 students playing football at South, the program costs \$145,817.

District officials also were concerned about abiding by Title IX rules which dictate students of both genders have equal opportunities. The football and wrestling teams are all boys, so eliminating those teams do not reduce sports opportunities for girls.

Poms and the bass fishing team also were eliminated. Neither vote on the program cuts, nor the April 2 referendum was unanimous.

Board member Kathleen Hirsman voted against the program cuts, because she did not want the district to eliminate whole programs, such as football and swimming. She favored smaller reductions of a broader range of programs, although she admitted she

did not know if that method would achieve the savings the district needed.

"I'm reluctant to cut sports that are so popular and so high profile," Hirsman said.

Board president Bill Carpenter agreed with that idea, but said he worked all weekend and could not find a way to accomplish their financial goal.

Board member Keith Chval voted against the \$130 million referendum, because he disagreed with the idea that Central and South should have the same size pools.

He argued Central needs an eight-lane, 40-yard stretch pool because with a larger student body, there are more students using the pool daily at Central than at South. The majority of Chicago-area school districts comparable to District 86 have eight- or 10-lane pools.

"Equal is not equitable," Chval said.

He said it was not right to build the same size for both schools when Central has roughly 1,300 more stu-

dents than South.

The other board members agreed with Chval's points, but said they wanted to propose a referendum that the majority of voters would approve. They heard from many people who said they voted against the November referendum because of the \$39 million proposed for new swimming pools.

The other board members supported building a new six-lane, 25-yard pool at each school, in the space where they are currently located to demonstrate they were responding to what the referendum results indicated.

"Part of leadership is acting on the community will," Blackburn said.

New six-lane, 25-yard pools, although the same size as what they currently have, would mean "equal pools, better pools, breathable pools," he said, referring to the poor air quality at the Central pool.

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Matt and Pat Sopron long pressed for authorities to re-examine their son's case. Tuesday's ruling was "justice," says Pat.

Man who served 20 years for girls' slaying walks free

Conviction in '95 deaths tossed after witnesses recant

By **MEGAN CREPEAU**
Chicago Tribune

The sign along the Stevenson Expressway reads, in urgent red block letters: Free Matt Sopron.

Tuesday morning, after more than two decades of legal wrangling, Cook County prosecutors agreed to do just that.

Sopron's many supporters smiled and quietly cheered in a packed courtroom as Judge Timothy Joyce tossed out his murder conviction and life sentence, clearing the way for his release just in time for Christmas. Sopron walked out of prison late Tuesday, according to his attorney, who provided a video of the event.

"Finally, justice," Sopron's mother, Pat, told reporters after the morning hearing. "The lies never matched up, and the truth always matched."

Sopron was convicted of the brutal 1995 slaying of two 13-year-old girls, Carrie Hovel and Helena Martin. Authorities said Sopron was the leader of the Almighty Popes street gang and had ordered a hit on a rival group, the Ridgeway Lords.

Eric Anderson, then 15, fired at the rivals but instead struck the girls as they sat in

a van near an elementary school. Sopron, then also a teenager, was found guilty of murder in 1998 and sentenced to life in prison.

But key witnesses have since recanted and now maintain that Sopron had nothing to do with the slaying. Anderson himself signed a statement late last year saying Sopron, now 45, never gave him or anyone else "an order to shoot or hurt anyone."

Anderson, the son of a Chicago police officer, wrote that he was free to speak the truth now that his appeals were over and his resentencing had been completed. His term was reduced last year from life to 60 years in prison.

"Matt Sopron had nothing to do with the murders," Anderson's handwritten statement reads. "I will testify in court or talk to anyone about this. He should not be in prison for this."

Nick Morfin, another man convicted in the murders, has also stated that Sopron did not have anything to do with the killings. And three people who testified against Sopron at the 1998 trial have walked back their testimony.

"Every single witness said they lied because they were threatened or they were promised a great deal,"

Sopron's attorney Patrick Walsh said at a news conference. "I think it's a heavy burden if you lie about somebody (and) it puts them in jail for the rest of their life. Even bad guys sometimes have a conscience."

Sopron's mother said it would be easy to hate the witnesses who put her son behind bars for so long. But hearing them speak now, she said, made her realize "they were just weak, mixed-up, crazy 17-year-old kids that (were) desperate and, you know, came up with this lie ... and then the state's attorney just ran with it."

Tuesday's decision marks the end of a long and public legal battle for Sopron's family, which maintained a website, a social media presence and the expressway billboard devoted to the case.

Sopron wanted his first meal as a free man to be one of his father's omelets, Pat Sopron recounted with a smile.

"We're like, what? Other people want steak or ribs, you know?" she said. "He wants his dad's omelet."

Sopron's father, also named Matt, credited Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's administration for taking a new look at the case.

"We had post-conviction

(paperwork) before and they fought us on everything. ... They were just brutal," he said. "Now we've got a state's attorney in there, I'm going to give her credit, they allowed us to present evidence ... and now you see what came out."

For Walsh, who has represented Sopron for more than two decades, the victory was particularly hard-won.

"We uncovered every rock. Everybody involved said Matt had nothing to do with it," he said, with emotion in his voice. "I'm a little verklempt."

But Carrie Hovel's father, Tom Hovel, said he believes the witnesses are just a "gang sticking together."

"Are they lying then or are they lying now? I don't know, it's kind of heart-breaking today," he said in a phone interview. "But I guess I've just got to accept it."

Going to court for more than two decades has been painful, Hovel said, particularly this time of year. The anniversary of Carrie's death was Friday.

"To me this is just a gang sticking together, trying to get the leader of them out," he said. "Otherwise, what kind of friends are they? They lied about their friend and kept him in jail for 22 years for nothing."

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Hospital hostage receives \$7.2M

Nurses settle with Kane County in May 2017 incident

By **MEGAN JONES**
The Beacon-News

A Delnor Hospital nurse held hostage and sexually assaulted by a hospitalized jail inmate received \$7.2 million in a lawsuit settlement agreement with Kane County.

Four nurses filed a federal lawsuit after Tywon Salters, an inmate getting treatment at the hospital, took a handgun from a guard, took two nurses captive, sexually assaulted one of them and ultimately died at the hands of a SWAT team on May 13, 2017, according to court documents and an Illinois State Police report.

The settlement totals \$7.9 million, with a nurse who was taken hostage receiving \$650,000 and two other nurses receiving \$25,000 each, according to documents obtained in an open records request. Salters pointed a gun at and threatened the third nurse and the fourth nurse was in the area while the incident occurred, according to court documents.

The Kane County Board voted Nov. 13 to pay a \$200,000 contribution toward the settlement and the rest of the nearly \$8 million was covered by its insurance company, which had decided to settle the suit.

The nurses sued Kane County, Deputy Shawn Loomis, Salters and security contractor Apex 3 Security LLC. The settlement releases Kane County, the sheriff's office and Loomis from all liabilities stemming from the incident, documents state.

Federal court records do not show whether the suit has been dismissed, but the nurses and their spouses agreed to dismiss the lawsuit in the settlement.

A federal judge ruled in November that the nurses and their spouses' signatures be redacted on any settlement documents released to the public to protect their anonymity, records show. The nurses are identified as Jane Doe I, II, III and IV in the suit to protect their privacy.

Kane County jail inmate Salters, 21, from Chicago, was at the Geneva hospital May 13, 2017, recovering from surgery after he ate part of a jail-issued sandwich.

He was in a patient

room when Loomis unshackled Salters so he could use the toilet, according to an Illinois State Police summary report. Salters overpowered Loomis and stole his .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol with about 12 to 16 rounds inside.

One of the nurses was sitting in her office when Salters, wearing only a white cloth bandage across his torso, locked the door and demanded the nurse take off her clothes, officials said. He pointed a gun at her, took her pink hospital scrubs and demanded her phone and car keys.

Salters told another nurse to get in the elevator and bring him to the first floor. Salters and the nurse were going to leave from an ambulance bay, but they then saw officers arriving on scene.

Salters turned around and went into a decontamination room with the nurse, holding her hostage for several hours with a gun to her head, officials said. Salters hit her with a gun, threatened to kill her and raped her, according to the lawsuit.

Salters fired a shot into the room, and within seconds police officers came through the door. The standoff ended when a North Aurora SWAT officer shot and killed Salters. The bullet killed Salters and also struck the nurse in her arm, according to the lawsuit.

Loomis has been on paid administrative leave since the incident. Nurses alleged in the lawsuit that Loomis hid in another hospital room and did not call for help after he was attacked.

All parties agreed to not disclose if a settlement was reached unless they were asked. If asked, they are instructed to say, "This matter has been dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement, and the terms of the settlement agreement are confidential."

The Kane County sheriff was instructed to say that he cannot comment on litigation on the advice of the Kane County state's attorney.

Since the incident, the sheriff's office has assigned two officers to each inmate taken to the hospital. Delnor is down the street from the county's jail and where most inmates go for treatment.

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Preckwinkle, Mendoza promise to redirect Burke donations

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza are donating campaign contributions they've received from Ed Burke amid intense scrutiny generated by the FBI's investigation of the powerful alderman.

Preckwinkle said Tuesday she will donate more than \$12,000 to Latinos Progresando and Mijente,

two groups she said "work to empower the Latinx community." And Mendoza said she will give \$10,326 to the families of three Chicago police officers killed in the line of duty over the past month.

"I have been profoundly troubled by the news that the offices of (Burke) had been raided twice by the FBI and his alleged interference in the Department of Aviation," Preckwinkle said in a statement, noting that Burke has contributed to

her county and aldermanic accounts "despite having little contact and no relationship with the alderman."

"The men and women in the Chicago Police Department sacrifice so much every single day to keep our neighborhoods safe, and in the past month we've lost three officers in the line of duty," Mendoza said in a statement.

Chicago police Officers Eduardo Marmolejo, 36, and Conrad Gary, 31, were killed Monday night when

they were hit by a train while investigating a call of shots fired on the Far South Side. Their deaths come about a month after Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28, was killed in a mass shooting at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center on the Near South Side. Two women, Dr. Tamara O'Neal, 38, and pharmacist Dayna Less, 24, were also killed in the Nov. 19 shooting.

Since Nov. 29, when Burke's City Hall and ward offices were first raided by

the FBI, some candidates without ties to the longtime alderman have used him as a cudgel against those contenders who have a relationship to Burke.

Gery Chico worked at Burke's Finance Committee as a young researcher and long has considered him a close friend and mentor. His spokeswoman, Kelley Quinn, said Chico "hasn't received any contributions from Alderman Burke in either of his campaigns for mayor, so there is nothing to

return."

Burke in 2002 gave \$1,000 toward Chico's bid for the Democratic nomination in the 2004 U.S. Senate race, federal election records show

Mendoza ran in 1998 with the backing of Burke and others for an Illinois House seat that included part of Burke's Southwest Side ward. She lost narrowly, but ran again two years later — again with Burke's endorsement — and won.

He was also a guest at her wedding.

Burke hosted a fundraiser for Preckwinkle at his home earlier this year. On Monday, fellow mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot called on Preckwinkle to return the money from that event.

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Add services to underenrolled city schools, Mendoza says

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Susana Mendoza said Tuesday she would seek to add day care and job training programs at dozens of underenrolled Chicago schools as a way to try to keep the schools open instead of overseeing another unpopular round of school closings.

Mendoza, the state comptroller, said if elected she would push for funding after-school staff at 50 school buildings over eight years with some of the \$70 million in state money coming to Chicago annually under the new school funding formula. These employees would help tutor students in the buildings, she said.

And she told a City Club breakfast crowd during a morning speech that she would tap the city's philanthropic and business communities to help fund the effort as well.

The plan would be to give the service organizations "significantly subsidized rent" to operate in the school buildings, according to Mendoza campaign spokeswoman Rebecca Evans.

After the speech, Mendoza declined to estimate how much the entire program would cost. "We would do it over eight years, so we're working on those financials," she said.

But after Mayor Rahm Emanuel took a political beating for his 2013 closure of 50 Chicago public schools, Mendoza told reporters, "I just don't think we can afford not to do it."

"Instead of asking which 50 schools we should close next, I'll be focused on which 50 most underutilized schools we should be doubling down on, turning them into true community hubs and stronger academic centers," Mendoza said in her Tuesday speech.

Job training organizations and family service providers could save money on utilities and rent by filling the empty schools, and keep the school buildings as "community hubs" rather than having them sit empty, like many of the 50 school buildings shuttered by Emanuel.

Other mayoral candidates have hit similar notes in their school plans. Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas has said schools on the verge of closing should be turned into adult high schools using state school funding money.

And former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy called for "wraparound services" in neighborhood schools.

The Mendoza proposal also resembles a move Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Chicago Board of Education made in October in accordance with state law to require the school district to consider bolstering under-enrolled schools with new attendance boundaries, programs or rental agreements with outside groups.

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In \$50M suit, family suggests woman was locked in freezer

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

The attorney suing a Rosemont hotel over the death of Kenneka Jenkins said at a news conference Tuesday that someone might have inadvertently locked the young woman inside the freezer where her body was found.

Holding an enlarged photo of a freezer door, Geoffrey Fieger said the latch has a button that allows it to be locked from the outside, potentially trapping a person inside the chamber.

"We believe that it's very possible ... for reasons that we cannot explain, without ever looking in the freezer, someone came and locked this freezer door so that Kenneka could not exit," he said at the news conference near Midway Airport.

That theory, however, is contradicted by videos released by Rosemont police after their investigation concluded in October 2017.

One video, taken by a motion-activated camera inside the hotel's kitchen, showed that after Jenkins rounded the corner where the freezer was kept, no one else was in the area until her body was found.

Other videos taken by police show the freezer door. It does not appear to match the images Fieger displayed Tuesday.

The door in the police video has a patterned metal panel that is missing in Fieger's photo, and the latch does not have the lock button he mentioned.

Police reports say the freezer door had an handle that allowed it to be opened from the inside. The mechanism appeared to be working properly, they said.

Fieger could not be reached for comment about the apparent discrepancies.

Jenkins, a 19-year-old Chicagoan, disappeared in the early morning of Sept. 9, 2017, after attending a party held in a room of the Crowne Plaza Chicago



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Tereasa Martin, mother of Kenneka Jenkins, along with attorney Geoffrey Fieger held a news conference Tuesday.

"We believe that it's very possible ... for reasons that we cannot explain ... someone came and locked this freezer door so that Kenneka could not exit."

— Geoffrey Fieger, attorney

O'Hare Hotel.

Though her family and friends came looking for her, authorities didn't find her body until about 21 hours after she went missing. Surveillance video released by police showed Jenkins, apparently intoxicated, stumbling through the hotel's hallways until she ended up in the kitchen where the freezer was kept.

An autopsy report from the Cook County medical examiner's office concluded that Jenkins died of hypothermia, with alcohol and a drug used to treat epilepsy and migraines "significant contributing factors."

Jenkins' mother, Tereasa Martin, is suing the hotel, security company Capital

Security and Investigations and the Murray Bros. Caddyshack restaurant, which was renting the space where Jenkins was found. She is seeking a judgment in excess of \$50 million.

She was at Fieger's side as he outlined details of the legal complaint. Among them was a claim that the unused kitchen where the freezer was located had doors that could have been locked to prevent access.

"This was taken after her body was found, but there's clearly an ability to lock the entire kitchen off," Fieger said, displaying a photo of plywood doors sealed with a padlock.

Fieger also blamed the hotel and its security company for failing to promptly search for Jenkins after her family and friends reported her missing.

A spokesman for the hotel has said the lawsuit has no merit, and that it plans to fight the case.

Martin said she still suffers deeply from the loss of her daughter.

"My life will never be the same," she said. "I birthed my daughter, and to know that I had to bury my child because of someone (who should have offered) help ... It's a pain that I can't even explain."

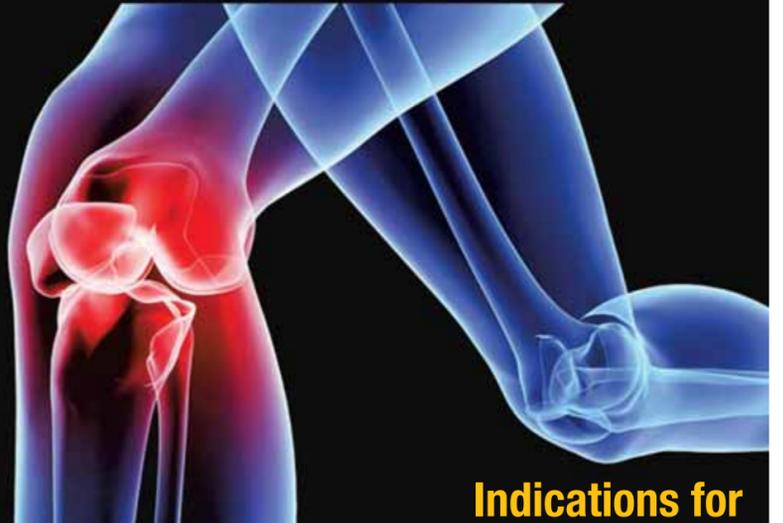
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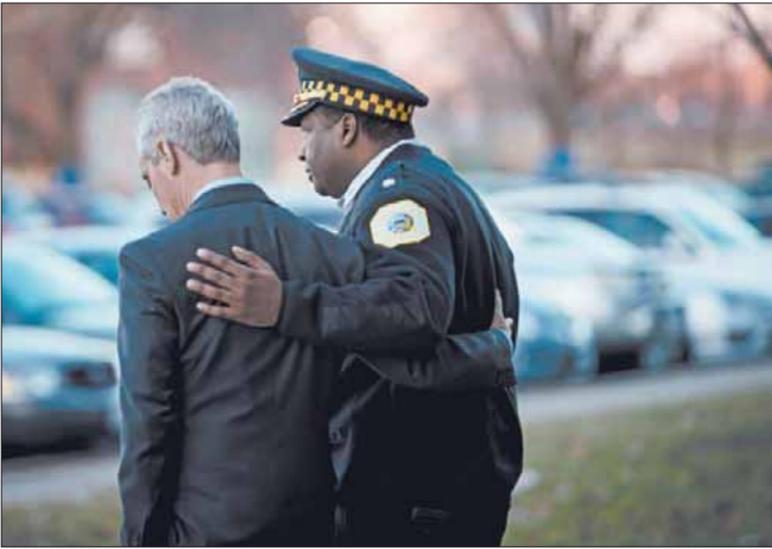
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Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago police Calumet District Cmdr. Joel Howard talk after Emanuel visited the district station on Tuesday.



TODD PANAGOPOULOS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Police and investigators finish work at the scene on the Metra tracks Tuesday, where two Chicago officers were fatally hit by a train near 103rd Street and Dauphin Avenue.

Officers never saw train that struck

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As of Tuesday morning, Noland said, transit officials had not downloaded the event recorder, which would provide information about speed and whether the bell or horn was sounded. Rail agency officials planned to download the information and give it to Chicago police sometime Tuesday, Noland said.

If a Metra train was approaching a South Shore train, it would be common practice for the two trains to dim their lights. Metra spokesman Michael Gillis said a front light was dimmed on the Metra train. Noland said he did not know whether that happened on the South Shore train.

Police recovered a handgun near where the officers were struck and were questioning a person of interest Tuesday, Guglielmi said. Shell casings were found on the scene, but there are no reports that the officers were shot at or fired their guns, he said. Police continued to search the area of the viaduct Tuesday morning.

Gillis said police normally notify Metra when trains need to be stopped for any activity by officers but that the agency received no such notification Monday evening. Noland acknowledged that police don't always have time to notify rail companies.

The Chicago Police Department has no policy specifically governing foot pursuits by officers and no official rules about when an officer should chase a suspect onto active train tracks, Guglielmi said. A proposed court order that would govern a sweeping overhaul of the troubled department's practices calls on the agency to track foot pursuits and give officers further training on the chases that might make them safer.

Guglielmi praised the officers for putting "the safety of that community above their own" as they pursued



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Retired Chicago police Capt. Tom McMahon, center, works with James Badali and Mary Ann Kopchak to tie blue ribbons along West 111th Street.

"Even with all this pain and anguish, the Fifth District took three guns off the street last night. They're doing their jobs ... With a heavy heart they're going about their day."

— Mayor Rahm Emanuel

a shooting suspect.

"They were doing exactly what we asked them to do, and it's extremely heroic," he said.

At a roll call of officers Tuesday evening at the

Calumet District, Mayor Rahm Emanuel lamented the loss of officers this year from the district.

"For these two families, this holiday will never be the same," he said. He also

praised the officers in the district who continued to go out and do good police work Monday despite their loss.

"Even with all this pain and anguish, the Fifth District took three guns off the street last night," he said. "They're doing their jobs. ... With a heavy heart they're going about their day, because we ask them for that."

Marmolejo had been on the force 2½ years and Gary 18 months, police said. They are among four Chicago police officers killed while on duty this year.

On Nov. 19, Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28, was killed in a mass shooting at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center

on the Near South Side. Two women, Dr. Tamara O'Neal, 38, and pharmacist Dayna Less, 24, also were killed before the gunman shot himself.

On Feb. 13, Cmdr. Paul Bauer, 53, was fatally shot while chasing a suspect to a stairwell outside the Thompson Center in the Loop.

Marmolejo and Gary were assigned to the Calumet District on the Far South Side where three other officers have died this year. Two died from suicides outside the district's police station on East 111th Street. The third officer, 47-year-old Vinita Williams,

died in July after collapsing at the station.

The deaths of Marmolejo and Gary mark the first time in almost 30 years that two Chicago police officers were killed in the line of duty during the same incident. Officers Raymond Kilroy and Gregory Hauser were fatally shot on May 13, 1990, while responding to a domestic disturbance on the Northwest Side.

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Officer 'turned his life into something'

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police. In his short time with the department, Marmolejo had already received four honorable mentions internally, a physical fitness award and a department commendation.

At the Calumet District, Marmolejo was known for his ambition. He had a vision for his career and didn't hesitate to ask questions about how to achieve it, an officer who knew him well said Tuesday.

"Marmolejo aspired to be on one of those tactical units, and he was on the list for consideration for plainclothes," said Lt. Landon Wade. "He wanted to know what role would lead him to success."

Outside work, Marmolejo, who grew up in the Back of the Yards neighborhood on the South Side, had been married to his high school sweetheart for about six years, Kiefer said.

"He had a tough upbringing with not much money growing up, and he turned his life into something," Kiefer said.

In June, the family celebrated the eldest daughter's quinceañera, or 15th birthday. It was not known how old the other two daughters were, though friends said

they were younger.

Reached by phone on Tuesday, a man who identified himself as Marmolejo's younger brother said the family was too distraught to talk.

"At the moment, right now, we are still processing everything," he said.

Marmolejo was the second eldest of two brothers and two sisters, said Roberto Puerta, a childhood friend who went to Fulton Elementary School with him.

"He was the one who kept his family tight. Family was everything to him," Puerta said. "He trained everyone well in case something like this ever happened."

Marmolejo's desire to help others drove him to become a police officer, Puerta said. Seeing patients at the hospital influenced Marmolejo because he wanted to assist people before they got hurt.

On Tuesday morning, a police car stood guard outside the Marmolejo family home in West Beverly.

A sign that said, "Proud Sutherland Family," a reference to a Chicago public school, was displayed outside the home.

Holiday decorations dotted the quiet block filled

with single-family brick homes. The Far South Side neighborhood is home to city workers, including other police officers.

Neighbors, who did not want to be identified, said Marmolejo and his family moved to the neighborhood in recent years and kept to themselves.

Marmolejo would frequently be seen jogging on the block, prompting one neighbor to tease him that he was showing off.

In October, Marmolejo and his wife, Maria, ran the Chicago Marathon together. They didn't tell anyone until they crossed the finish line and posted it on Facebook, Kiefer said.

"He was very humble in everything he was doing until he accomplished it," Kiefer said.

Kiefer said he first met Marmolejo when they were 16 and working at a Brown's Chicken at West 61st Street and South Pulaski Road in the West Lawn neighborhood.

As the two grew close at work, they started hanging out with each other's group of neighborhood friends. Kiefer said he introduced Marmolejo to Maria, who was a good friend of Kiefer's from elementary school.

Kiefer recalled their af-

fection, saying that Marmolejo, after learning Maria played soccer, wore a soccer jersey during their first excursions to impress her even though no one had seen him dress that way before.

Yashica Bailey, who worked with Marmolejo at Advocate Christ Medical Center for about five years, said the hospital was devastated by the news of Marmolejo's death.

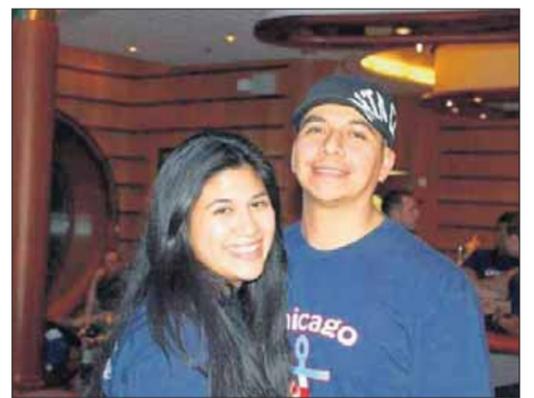
"The mood at work today is really, really down," Bailey said. "I've been crying all day."

Bailey said she got to know Marmolejo because he would transport patients from the emergency room to the CAT scan department, where she worked. Sometimes he pushed patients in wheelchairs or carried them on a stretcher, she said, and he was always smiling, laughing and joking. He would ask her about her family and stop to chat.

But he took his job seriously.

"He was a very hard worker. He was a very compassionate," Bailey said. "I think he actually became the lead (technician). That just goes to show his work ethic, and how he had worked for his family."

Sometimes Marmolejo



BRENDAN KIEFER

Chicago police Officer Eduardo Marmolejo with his wife, Maria, in January 2013.

kept his accomplishments and aspirations to himself, his friends said.

Marmolejo did not tell them that he was trying to become a police officer until he made it on the force, said a friend, Jose Magana, who also worked with him at the West Lawn Brown's Chicken. Marmolejo also didn't disclose to many when he earned his college degree from Moraine Valley Community College.

He graduated in May 2012 with an associate's degree in criminal justice, according to the school.

It was as if Marmolejo wanted to first prove to himself that he could do it, Magana said.

"He never wanted no-

body to look down on him if he failed," Magana said.

He added, "As he got older, he was just a hard worker. He did what he had to do. He was a great husband."

A fundraising page has been set up in Marmolejo's name to help his family during the holidays and beyond.

"His smile, jokes, and love for his friends and his girls at home will forever be missed," the page said.

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Fallen police officer was devoted and decorated

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"I was nervous at first," Michael Gary said. "My whole life I grew up in Chicago, and we knew what was happening. But that means I supported him."

"He loved every minute of it," Gary said. "He was in a pretty rough district with crime and stuff like that, and he really enjoyed being a cop, the rush of being a cop, the action of being a cop."

Conrad Gary, 31, was one of two Chicago police officers killed Monday when they were hit by a train, officials said.

He and his partner, Eduardo Marmolejo, 36, were pursuing a shooting suspect on foot near Metra tracks when they were struck by an outbound South Shore train, according to police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

On Tuesday, his friends and relatives struggled with their loss, describing Gary as a selfless man and a devoted husband and father who loved being an officer.

"He was always a laid-back person," Michael Gary said of his brother. "Everyone enjoyed him."

Conrad Gary married his wife, Kelly, in 2011.

The couple had just become parents and had a 6-month-old daughter, Tess, said Kelly's brother, Dan Kubil.

Kubil pointed to family portraits that demonstrated how Gary was fond of his newborn child. In one photo, Gary smiles as he cradles his daughter, her mouth clutching a pink pacifier.

In another photo, Gary and his wife pose outside Navy Pier on the day that Gary was sworn in as a police officer.

Gary and his wife had been together for years, Kubil said, and they were settling into family life.

"My sister loved him so



FAMILY PHOTO

Chicago police Officer Conrad Gary with Tess, his 6-month-old daughter with wife Kelly.

much; they had a good relationship," Kubil said as he teared up. "My heart (expletive) breaks for her."

Just before Thanksgiving, Conrad Gary and his family visited him in Houston, Michael Gary said. He didn't know it would be the last time he'd see his brother.

During the visit, Conrad Gary showed extra attention to his young daughter, Michael Gary remembered. Even though he worked nights, instead of sleeping through the day, he would take a short nap and stay up with her.

Kubil frequently golfed with Conrad Gary, and the two shared season tickets for the Chicago Cubs. In 2016, they went together to Game 6 of the National League Championship Series where the Cubs beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It was special," Kubil said about going to the game with Gary. "They won, and we hugged each other."

Gary was also especially close to his father, Kubil said.

"We are trying to wrap our heads around this," he said.

On Tuesday, blue ribbons used to memorialize fallen police officers were tied around poles along

103rd Street in the family's Mount Greenwood neighborhood on the Far South Side. And volunteers spent the afternoon placing similar ribbons on the trees outside the Calumet District office on East 111th Street, where both officers were assigned.

Portraits of the two were displayed in the lobby.

Five officers from the district have died this year, and Gary was known for his humor and the way he reached out to other officers, said Lt. Landon Wade.

"Conrad had 18 months on and he was a very studious (officer)," Wade said. "We've gone through a lot here, he'd always make sure he was the guy that walks up to one of the male officers and pats him on the back and tells him to hang in there."

"On our days that were quiet, you could see him making the atmosphere lighthearted."

On Tuesday, officers on the afternoon shift drifted through their routines and kept busy with their usual activities.

"Today has been numb and surreal," Wade said. "It's indescribable. In 25 years, I've never seen a mood like this — somber understates how we feel."

According to Guglielmi, the two officers were conducting surveillance after a ShotSpotter sensor picked up gunfire near 103rd Street and Dauphin Avenue about 6:20 p.m., police officials said.

They spotted a suspect scrambling up to the Metra tracks and were pursuing him on foot when they were hit by the train.

Gary and Marmolejo are among four Chicago police officers killed while on duty this year.

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ELIZABETH WILLIAMS/AP

Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, center, is shown last month in a courtroom sketch at his trial in Brooklyn. Prosecutors accuse him of drug trafficking as the head of a cartel.

Cartel insider from Chicago testifies against 'El Chapo'

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Chapo himself, a man to whom Flores estimated he once sent as much as \$227 million a year from the cartel's U.S. operation.

Guzman has entered the courtroom with a smile and handshakes for his lawyers in recent days, but as he stared across the room toward Flores, that look had faded.

Flores was somewhat soft-spoken as he related his experiences, drawing laughs in the courtroom gallery at times with his likable demeanor.

He described giving El Chapo gold-plated guns as a gift because Flores had "seen too many movies," and recalled that the reputed kingpin laughed at him the first time he met Guzman at a secret mountain compound in Sinaloa.

Flores was wearing jean shorts.

"He said with all that money, I couldn't afford the rest of the pants?" Flores said.

Chicago, a hub of drug networking

Guzman has been on trial for more than a month at the federal courthouse in Brooklyn, with prosecutors accusing him of drug trafficking as the head of the cartel. They have presented a series of insider witnesses, perhaps none more compelling than the 37-year-old Flores, who now ranks among the most significant criminal turncoats that Chicago has ever produced.

He told jurors his father welcomed him into the world of drug smuggling, using him as a child because his hands were small enough to reach into gas tanks of cars where drugs had been stashed. Their father was kidnapped and presumably killed when he ignored warnings and returned to Mexico in 2009 after drug rings suspected the brothers were helping authorities.

Questioned by Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Fels, Flores explained how his early drug business grew thanks to a connection from one of his father's friends to the point where Flores was taking shipments in a "grimy van" left for him at a restaurant in the Chicago suburbs.

Fels then showed jurors a photograph of a Denny's in Bolingbrook off of I-55.

Early work to keep larger quantities of drugs in stash houses didn't always go well, Flores said. The first time he backed the van into a garage, it hit the overhang and the drugs had to be unloaded on the driveway. The plastic bags they were in then tore, spilling kilos onto the concrete.

"There's neighbors out," he said. "It was a pretty hectic day."

Chicago was a natural hub for drug networking, Flores said, because of its location in the middle of the country and its infrastructure. "You're practically halfway to everywhere," Flores testified.

Flores was soon moving drugs to Milwaukee and other cities, where he eventually attracted the attention of federal authorities who got an indictment against him and sent the brothers fleeing to Mexico.

All of the growth sometimes meant lost shipments and drug debts, one of them



Pedro Flores



Margarito Flores

An AK-47 rifle leaned on a chair nearby.

Guzman promised to solve the dispute that had led to Flores being kidnapped, and indeed, Flores said he heard that the man, Guadalupe Ledesma, eventually had been suffocated on El Chapo's orders.

Flores said his anxiety around Guzman eventually faded in future meetings, and that he brought El Chapo the gift of the guns — which were laughed at for being too heavy — and a gag gift of a pair of jeans shorts like the ones Flores had been mocked for, which he gave the kingpin in a box shaped like a Viagra pill.

Flores described how the shipments just kept coming, with the cartel even employing submarines to move drugs into the U.S. without detection. The truck shipments came too, including so many with vegetables Flores said they could affect market prices by dumping them for sale in Chicago.

And there was the one with the sheep.

The brothers were unprepared. And the truck was headed for a Chicago warehouse.

"I'm looking at a bunch of live sheep," Flores said. "What are we gonna do with them?"

The answer was a friend who was paid \$10,000 to take them out of the city. Still, Flores said he complained up the chain of command that "I was concerned the cover loads were getting kinda weak."

By November 2008, Flores said he had begun to have enough of the business. His wife was newly pregnant, and the cartel had split into two warring factions. One remained headed by Guzman and Zambada, and another by Arturo Beltran Leyva. Both sides wanted to force the brothers to remain loyal and never do business with the other side.

The brothers' "sweet spot" in the cartel that let them make money without worrying about internal — and often deadly — politics was dissolving. Fearing for his life, Flores said he reached out to the Drug Enforcement Administration through a lawyer, and began cooperating.

That included making recordings, including of El Chapo, on a digital recorder Flores said he bought at a Radio Shack in Mexico. The jury is expected to hear those recordings in the coming days, as Flores continues his testimony.

As for his more recent past, Flores testified that he hasn't always been on the straight and narrow. He worked a scam to flood other inmates' commissary accounts with money, he testified, and got his wife pregnant again, this time in a bathroom while in DEA custody.

Still, his cooperation could be key in the federal government's attempt to hold El Chapo accountable for decades of allegedly providing illicit drugs to addicted Americans. Flores said he made the decision he had to, knowing he was testifying in exchange for wiping out crimes that could have meant multiple life sentences.

"I could only give them one life," he said.

"There's neighbors out. It was a pretty hectic day."

— Pedro Flores, testifying that the first time he backed his van into a garage, it hit the overhang and the drugs had to be unloaded on the driveway. The plastic bags they were in then tore, spilling kilos onto the concrete

cocaine as other top lieutenants, Flores recalled Zambada saying, and they would work on their own behalf.

The business did in fact take off again, Flores said. Drugs flowed through Los Angeles and Chicago to Philadelphia, Detroit, New York and Washington. Throughout his cartel career, Flores said, he moved some 60 tons into the States.

Meeting 'El Chapo'

After boosting their supply, the Flores brothers were taken to see El Chapo, Flores said.

He told jurors he went first to an airstrip in a cornfield for a 40-minute flight that ended on another runway that ran up the side of an incline in the mountains.

From there they were driven in trucks into an even more remote area. Along the way were macabre signs of the cartel's handiwork, including a naked man chained to a tree. Flores recalled he appeared to be crouching and staring down at them as they passed.

The kingpin's compound was a concrete foundation rising from the earth, he said, with a thatched roof. "Like you'd see on vacation," he said.

Guzman appeared wearing a hat, with a shiny handgun in his waistband.



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Judge scolds former Trump aide

Flynn's sentencing for lying to the FBI delayed until March

By ERIC TUCKER AND CHAD DAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Tuesday abruptly postponed the sentencing of President Donald Trump's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, declaring himself disgusted and disdainful of Flynn's crime of lying to the FBI and raising the unexpected prospect of sending the retired Army lieutenant general to prison.

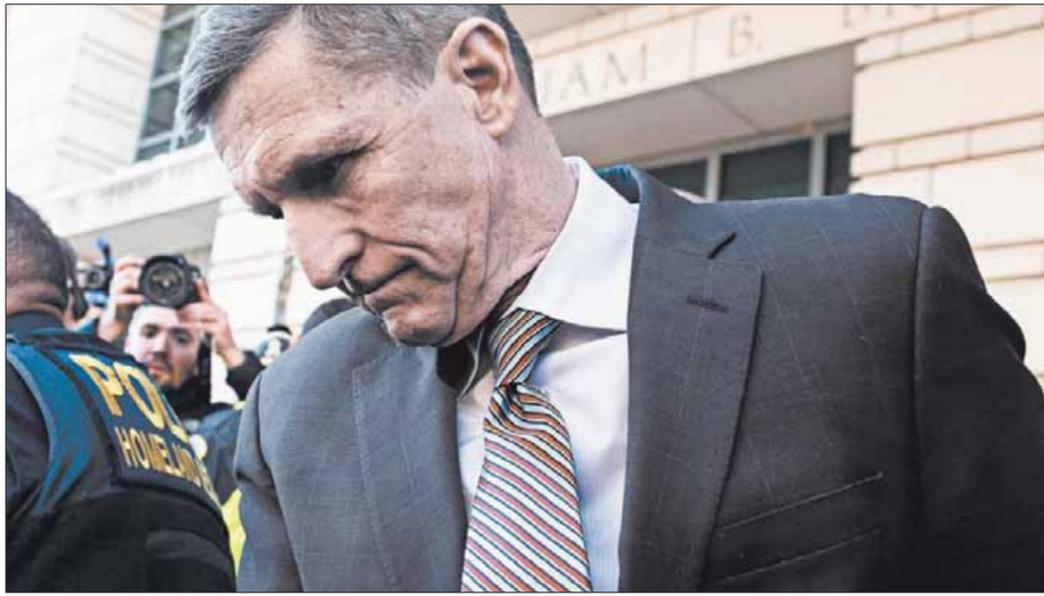
Lawyers for Flynn, who admitted lying to the FBI about his Russian contacts, requested the delay during the stunning hearing in which U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan told the former Trump aide in a blistering rebuke that "arguably you sold your country out."

"I can't make any guarantees, but I'm not hiding my disgust, my disdain for this criminal offense," Sullivan said.

The judge set a new hearing date for March.

The postponement gives Flynn a chance to continue cooperating with the government in hopes of staving off prison and proving his value as a witness, including in a foreign lobbying prosecution brought this week. The possibility of prison had seemed remote for Flynn, who was smiling and upbeat as he entered the courtroom, since prosecutors had praised his extensive cooperation and didn't recommend any time behind bars.

But the judge's upbraid-



Former national security adviser Michael Flynn leaves federal court after a sentencing delay Tuesday in Washington.

ing suggested otherwise and made clear that even defendants like Flynn who have cooperated in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation may nonetheless be shadowed by the crimes that brought them into court in the first place. The hearing upset what had been a carefully crafted agreement and pushed months into the future a resolution of one of Mueller's signature prosecutions.

"This is a very serious offense. A high-ranking senior official of the government making false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation while on the physical premises of the White House," Sullivan said.

He later softened his tone, apologizing for suggesting that Flynn had

worked as a foreign agent, "undermining everything this flag over here stands for" while in the White House when that other work had actually already ended. He also backpedaled on an earlier question on whether Flynn's transgressions amounted to treason, saying he didn't mean to suggest they did.

Flynn was to have been the first White House official sentenced in Mueller's ongoing investigation into possible coordination between the Trump presidential campaign and Russia.

The hearing, though incomplete, marked a remarkable fall after a three-decade military career that included Flynn's tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and oversight of the Defense Intelligence Agency during

the Obama administration. Though he served only briefly in Trump's White House, he campaigned vigorously before the election and attracted attention for memorably leading a Republican National Convention crowd in a "Lock Her Up" chant about Hillary Clinton.

It all comes amid escalating legal peril for Trump, who was implicated by federal prosecutors in New York this month in hush-money payments involving his former lawyer to cover up extramarital affairs. Nearly a half-dozen former aides and advisers have pleaded guilty or agreed to cooperate with prosecutors.

Flynn's help in the probes, including 19 meetings with investigators, has been notable. Yet he's enjoyed Trump's continued

sympathy, thanks in part to a sentencing memo last week that tapped into the president's suspicion of law enforcement and took aim at the FBI's conduct during the investigation.

Trump tweeted "good luck" to Flynn hours before the sentencing and said: "Will be interesting to see what he has to say, despite tremendous pressure being put on him, about Russian Collusion in our great and, obviously, highly successful political campaign. There was no Collusion!"

At the White House afterward, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders was asked if the administration had changed its stance on Flynn or the FBI after his admissions and guilty plea.

"Maybe he did do those things, but it doesn't have

anything to do with the president," she said. "It's perfectly acceptable for the president to make a positive comment about somebody while we wait to see what the court's determination is."

Sanders repeated her allegation that the FBI "ambushed" Flynn in an interview in which he lied.

Flynn's legal woes stem from transition-period calls with then-Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak that raised intelligence community alarms even before Trump took office.

During those conversations, Flynn urged against a strong Russian response to Obama administration sanctions for Russian election interference and also encouraged Russia's opposition to a U.N. resolution on Israeli settlements.

But when FBI agents approached him in the White House on Jan. 24, 2017, Flynn lied about those conversations, prosecutors said.

The tone of Tuesday's hearing startled Flynn supporters who hoped his lawyers' arguments about the FBI's conduct — they suggested he was discouraged from having a lawyer present and wasn't informed it was a crime to lie — to resonate more than it did with Sullivan, who a decade ago tossed out the prosecution of a U.S. senator over government misconduct.

But while Sullivan tested those arguments, he was ultimately unmoved and Flynn mostly walked them back. He acknowledged that he indeed knew that lying to the FBI was a crime. Neither he nor his lawyers disputed that he had lied to agents.

White House backs off on shutdown threat

Sanders: Trump to consider other options for wall funding

By LISA MASCARO, MATTHEW DALY AND CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and leaders in Congress appeared to be pulling back Tuesday from a government shutdown over his \$5 billion request for border wall funds, with the first signs of movement toward a possible end to the standoff.

The White House set the tone early when press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders indicated Trump — who last week said he'd be "proud" to shut down the government — doesn't want to after all. The president would consider other options and the administration was looking at ways to find the funding elsewhere, Sanders said.

It was a turnaround after days of impasse. Without a resolution, more than 800,000 government workers could be furloughed or sent to work without pay, disrupting government operations days before Christmas.

One option that has been circulating on Capitol Hill

would be to simply approve government funding at existing levels, without a boost for the border, as a stopgap measure to kick the issue into the new Congress next year.

"We want to know what can pass," Sanders said at a press briefing. "Once they make a decision and they put something on the table, we'll make a determination on whether we'll move forward."

The turn of events kicked-started negotiations that had been almost nonexistent since last week's televised meeting at the White House, when Trump neither accepted nor rejected the Democrats' offer. They had proposed keeping funding at current levels of \$1.3 billion for border security fencing and other improvements, but not for the wall.

The Senate's top Republican and Democratic leaders began negotiating new offers, and talks were expected to continue.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he was confident there would not be a government shutdown Friday when funding

for parts of the government expires.

McConnell said a stopgap measure could be approved, though he suggested Nancy Pelosi, who is poised to become House speaker when the Democrats take control Jan. 3, would not want to saddle the new year with a budget brawl.

"If I were in her shoes, I would rather not be dealing with this year's business next year," McConnell said. "I would think it would be the least desirable outcome from the incoming speaker's point of view."

Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer have made it clear they are not interested in boosting funding for Trump's border wall.

During a meeting earlier Tuesday on Capitol Hill, McConnell had proposed \$1.6 billion for border fencing, as outlined in a bipartisan Senate bill, plus an additional \$1 billion that Trump could use on the border, according to a senior Democratic aide unauthorized to speak about the private meeting.

Democratic leaders im-



White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders speaks to the media on Tuesday.

mediately spurned the proposal. Schumer called McConnell to reject it.

"We cannot accept the offer they made of a billion-dollar slush fund for the president to implement his very wrong immigration policies," Pelosi told reporters. "So that won't happen."

Democrats also rejected the administration's idea of shifting money from other accounts to pay for Trump's wall.

Pelosi will probably be able to quickly approve a longer-term measure to keep government running in the new year. She called it a "good sign" that the White

House appeared to be backing off its demands.

The White House showed its willingness to budge as it became apparent the president does not have support in Congress for funding the wall at the \$5 billion level he wants. Sanders said there are "other ways" to secure the funding.

"At the end of the day, we don't want to shut down the government," Sanders said on Fox News Channel. "We want to shut down the border from illegal immigration."

Sanders pointed to the Senate's bipartisan appro-

priation measure for the Department of Homeland Security, which provides \$26 billion, including \$1.6 billion for fencing and other barriers. It was approved by the committee in summer on a bipartisan vote.

"That's something that we would be able to support," she said, as long as it's coupled with other funding.

What other funds could be tapped to satisfy the president's demand remains unclear. Asked about using military funds, Sanders said, "There's certainly a number of different funding sources that we've identified that we can use."

Trump administration bans bump-stock devices on rifles

By DEVLIN BARRETT
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration will ban bump-stock devices like the kind used in the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting, a decision that gun rights groups pledged to fight in court before the ban goes into full effect in about three months.

Justice Department officials said Tuesday that a weapon modified with a bump stock — a type of device that attaches to the

butt of a rifle and uses the energy of the gun's recoil to automatically fire another round — will be classified as a machine gun, meaning that only law enforcement agencies can use them.

As a result, once the new regulations are published by the government Friday, owners of the devices will have 90 days to destroy them or turn them in to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

After the Las Vegas shooting, in which 58 people were killed by a gunman



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who used rifles with bump stocks to fire down on a crowded outdoor music concert, gun-control advo-

cates began pushing for the ATF to re-examine regulations so it could declare bump stocks illegal, because

they turn semiautomatic weapons into fully automatic ones.

Justice Department officials said they will publish in the public register in coming days their finding that bump-stock-type weapons are machine guns, "because such devices allow a shooter of a semiautomatic firearm to initiate a continuous firing cycle with a single pull of the trigger."

The move, which had been expected, led three gun-rights groups and a

bump stock owner to quickly announce that they were suing the government to stop the new regulation.

Joshua Prince, a lawyer representing the plaintiffs, accused ATF of misleading the public about bump stocks. "They are actively attempting to make felons out of people who relied on their legal opinions to lawfully acquire and possess devices the government unilaterally, unconstitutionally and improperly decided to reclassify as 'machine guns,'" Prince said.



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Elon Musk takes 'epic' ride in bumpy tunnel

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Elon Musk unveiled his underground transportation tunnel Tuesday, allowing reporters and invited guests to take some of the first rides in the revolutionary, albeit bumpy, subterranean tube — the tech entrepreneur's answer to what he calls "soul-destroying traffic."

Guests boarded Musk's Tesla Model X and rode along Los Angeles-area surface streets about a mile away to what's known as

O'Leary Station. The station consists of a wall-less elevator that slowly took the car down a wide shaft, roughly 30 feet below the surface.

"We're clear," said the driver, who sped up and zipped into the tunnel when a red track light turned green, making the tube look like something from space or a dance club.

The car jostled significantly during the ride, which gave one reporter motion sickness while another yelled, "Wool!" Musk described his first ride as "epic."

He said the rides are bumpy now because "we kind of ran out of time" and there were some problems with the speed of his paving machine.

"It'll be smooth as glass," he said. "This is just a prototype."

The demo rides were also considerably slower — 40 mph — than what Musk says the future system will run at: 150 mph. Still, it took only three minutes to go just over a mile from the beginning to the end of the tunnel, the same amount of time it took to accomplish a

right-hand turn out of the parking lot and onto a surface street even before the height of Los Angeles' rush-hour traffic.

Tuesday's reveal comes almost two years to the day since Musk announced on Twitter that "traffic is driving me nuts" and he was "going to build a tunnel boring machine and just start digging."

Musk said it took about \$10 million to build the test tunnel, a far cry from the \$1 billion per mile his company says most tunnels take to build.



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A modified Tesla Model X drives into the tunnel Tuesday in Hawthorne, Calif. It took about 3 minutes to go over a mile.



EVAN VUCCI/AP
President Trump speaks with Ryan Petty, far right, father of a Parkland, Fla., victim Tuesday in Washington. With them are Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and Sheriff Kevin Byars of Kentucky.

Trump's safety panel takes aim at school discipline rules

BY COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

The Trump administration on Tuesday moved to roll back an Obama-era policy that was meant to curb racial disparities in school discipline but that critics say left schools afraid to take action against potentially dangerous students.

The recommendation was among dozens issued in a new report by Trump's federal school safety commission, which was formed in response to a Feb. 14 school shooting in Parkland, Fla., that killed 17 students and staff members, and sparked a national debate over gun control.

The panel was asked to study options to bolster security at America's schools, from the regulation of guns to the regulation of violent video games. Yet rather than suggest a few sweeping changes, the commission issued 100 smaller suggestions that largely avoid strong stances on topics like gun control and whether schools should arm teachers.

"Our conclusions in this report do not impose one-size-fits-all solutions for everyone, everywhere," said Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who led the commission. "The primary responsibility for the physical security of schools and the safety of their students naturally rests with states and local communities."

Trump praised the report at a White House event Tuesday, saying "nothing is

more important than protecting our nation's children."

On the question of whether schools should arm staff members, the panel said it should be left to states and schools to decide, but DeVos said schools should "seriously consider" the option.

Among the biggest proposals is a rollback of 2014 guidance urging schools not to suspend, expel or report students to police except in the most extreme cases. Instead, the guidance calls for a variety of "restorative justice" remedies that don't remove students from the classroom.

President Barack Obama's administration issued the guidance after finding that black students were more than three times as likely as their white peers to be suspended or expelled. The directive warns that schools suspected of discrimination — even if it is unintentional — can face investigations and risk losing federal funding.

But the policy came under scrutiny following the Parkland shooting, with some conservatives suggesting it discouraged school officials from reporting the shooter's past behavioral problems to police. Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, one of the most vocal critics, urged DeVos to find a better balance between discipline and school safety.

In its report, the commission says the policy was well-intentioned but "may

have paradoxically contributed to making schools less safe." It calls for a rollback, saying disciplinary decisions should be left to school officials. It said the Justice Department should continue investigating intentional discrimination but not the unintentional cases that are barred under the 2014 policy.

The proposed rollback was praised by some conservative groups but drew sharp criticism from Democrats and advocacy groups.

"Despite overwhelming evidence and basic common sense, Secretary DeVos is trying to make the case that it's not weapons of war in schools that make students unsafe, but rather the true danger is schools' attempts to fight racism and inappropriate discipline," said Sen. Patty Murray, the top Democrat on the Senate's committee overseeing education.

Along with DeVos, the safety commission includes leaders of the departments of Justice, Health and Human Services and Homeland Security. They issued their findings after more than a dozen meetings with teachers, parents, students, mental health experts, police and survivors of school shootings.

The group studied whether states should raise the minimum age to buy guns, which is often 18 for rifles and 21 for handguns. Some states have increased the minimum age to 21 for all guns, including Florida, which made the move fol-

lowing the Parkland shooting.

It joined others including Hawaii and Illinois.

But the panel argues the change doesn't make schools safer. It said there's no research showing that age restrictions reduce killings, and it noted that most school shooters get their guns from family members, not through purchases.

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Latinos gain clout in Congress

43 Hispanics join new class, enter leadership roles

By LUIS ALONSO LUGO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A record 43 Latinos elected to Congress are set to take the oath of office in January, including the youngest woman ever elected, two Latinas from Texas, the first Latino to represent Ohio and a woman born in Ecuador.

A few are ascending to leadership roles, demonstrating the growing clout of the 57 million Latinos who live in the United States.

New Mexico Rep. Ben Ray Lujan will move into the fourth-highest position in Democratic leadership, becoming the highest-ranking Latino in the history of the House. In the Senate, Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto will become the first Latina ever in charge of the Democratic Party's campaign arm for Senate races.

Francisco Pedraza, a political scientist at University of California, Riverside attributed the largest Latino representation ever to a larger turnout propelled by rhetoric from President Donald Trump about immigrants, but he said much more needs to be done to bring out the Latino vote.

Latinos are the nation's largest minority and constitute 18 percent of the total population, yet their political impact is diluted due to their low electoral turnout.

"Just being annoyed is not enough," Pedraza said.

One of the power centers for Latinos in Congress is the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, where Democratic Rep. Joaquin Castro of Texas is set to serve as chairman.

Castro said the caucus will pursue a long list of priorities next year, including comprehensive immigration reform, reconstruc-



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Rep.-elect Gil Cisneros, D-Calif., is one of the new Latino members of Congress pushing for immigration reform.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Rep.-elect Xochitl Torres Small, D-N.M., picks her number during the lottery for selecting Capitol Hill offices.

tion in parts of Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria, raising minimum wages, lowering the cost of health care and dealing with climate change.

Ten of the Latinos coming to Congress are incoming freshmen. As such, they will be relegated to the lower rungs of committees, yet faced with the challenge

of keeping their promises to voters back home. The task will be made even tougher by divided government, with Democrats set to control the House but Republicans holding power in the Senate and White House.

Among the newcomers is California Democratic Rep. Gil Cisneros, a former naval officer and 2010 Mega Mil-

lions lottery winner whose great-grandmother was born in Los Angeles when it was still part of Mexico. He expressed optimism that Congress can come up with the first immigration reform in 30 years to define the status of 11 million immigrants, mostly from Latin America, who are living in the country illegally.

Rep. Mike Levin, another newly elected California Democrat, also thinks there are some on the Republican side of the aisle who want to see "common-sense" immigration reform.

"We have to get past the toxic anti-immigrant rhetoric, and we have to work together to try to create an immigration system that is humane and that keeps our border secure. We can do both and we must," said Levin, an environmental lawyer whose maternal grandparents migrated as

children from Mexico to Los Angeles.

Yet the politics of immigration have grown more polarized, with Trump making his call for a border wall with Mexico one of his signature issues and his administration pursuing policies aimed at limiting entry to the United States.

House Republicans made a stab at passing an immigration bill in the summer, but the effort ended in failure.

Two of the leading Republican advocates for action on immigration — Reps. Carlos Curbelo of Florida and Jeff Denham of California — lost their reelection races.

Newly elected Democratic Rep. Xochitl Torres Small of New Mexico said lawmakers have to try to find bipartisan consensus on immigration.

"I was elected with a real clear interest in problem

solving and working past party lines in working to identify opportunities to get things done," said Torres Small, a Georgetown University-trained lawyer.

She, Cisneros and Levin were among five Latino Democratic first-time candidates who defeated Republican incumbents in November.

Other members of the largest Hispanic class ever include Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 29-year-old Puerto Rican New Yorker who is the youngest woman ever elected to Congress, and Veronica Escobar and Silvia Garcia, who will be the first Latinas to represent Texas in the House, while Debbie Mucarsel-Powell will be the first native of Ecuador.

Among the 43 members are 35 Democrats and eight Republicans. The only newly elected Latino on the Republican side is Anthony Gonzalez, who was an Ohio State University football star and became a businessman.

He agrees with his Democratic counterparts that a first step in the immigration debate should be a permanent legislative solution for the young immigrants who were brought into the country illegally as children, but he is pessimistic about the prospect of reaching bipartisan agreement.

Gonzalez — whose grandmother left Cuba in 1960 — said he will take seriously the responsibility of being the first Latino from Ohio ever elected to Congress, though the Hispanic electorate in his district is just 2 percent.

He acknowledged that being the only winner out of eight first-time Republican Latino candidates in eight states could be a sign of the challenge the GOP faces on engaging conservative Latinos, given the harsh rhetoric from Trump has kept about that group since his campaign.

Criminal justice bill sails through Senate

House expected to approve measure; Trump's signature assured

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a sweeping criminal justice bill Tuesday that addresses concerns that the nation's war on drugs had led to the imprisonment of too many Americans for non-violent crimes without adequately preparing them for their return to society.

Senate passage of the bill by a 87-12 vote culminates years of negotiations and gives President Donald Trump a signature policy victory, with the outcome hailed by scores of conservative and liberal advocacy groups. The House is expected to pass the bill this week, sending it to the president's desk for his signature.

President Donald Trump praised Senate passage of the bill.

"America is the greatest Country in the world and my job is to fight for ALL citizens, even those who have made mistakes," Trump tweeted.

He added: "I look forward to signing this into law!"

The bill gives judges

more discretion when sentencing some drug offenders and boosts prisoner rehabilitation efforts. It also reduces the life sentence for some drug offenders with three convictions, or "three strikes," to 25 years. Another provision would allow about 2,600 federal prisoners sentenced for crack cocaine offenses before August 2010 the opportunity to petition for a reduced penalty.

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., said the nation's prisons are full of Americans who are struggling with mental illness and addiction, and who are overwhelmingly poor. He said the nation's criminal justice system "feeds on certain communities and not on others," and said the bill represents a step toward "healing" for those communities.

"Let's make no mistake, this legislation, which is one small step, will affect thousands and thousands of lives," Booker said.

The Senate turned back three amendments Tuesday from Republican Sens. Tom Cotton of Arkansas and John Kennedy of Louisiana, who said the bill endangered public safety. Sup-

porters voiced concerns that passing any of the amendments would have sunk the bill.

One amendment would have excluded more prisoners from participating in educational and training programs that allow them to earn credits. Those credits can then be used to gain an earlier release to a halfway house or home confinement to finish out their sentence. Another amendment would have required that victims be notified before a prisoner gets that earlier release. The third would have required the Federal Bureau of Prisons to track and report the re-arrest rate for each prisoner who gets early release.

"This would not solve all the problems of the bill, but it would at least ensure some of these most heinous criminals who prey on young children or the vulnerable are not released early from prison," Cotton said in urging lawmakers to support the amendments.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said the bill already carves out some 60 different crimes that make prisoners ineligible for early release to a halfway house or home



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Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Tuesday that the bill carves out scores of different crimes that make prisoners ineligible for early release to a halfway house or home confinement.

confinement. He said Cotton's amendment was too expansive and would prevent at least 30,000 prisoners from participation.

Durbin said the Federal Bureau of Prisons also gives victims the opportunity to be notified upon a change in the prisoner's status, but it's a choice. He said about 10 percent of victims choose not to be notified because of the trauma involved in re-visiting the crime. Meanwhile, the amendment from Cotton and Kennedy would make it a requirement.

"Supporting the Cotton amendment is basically saying to these crime victims, 'We're going to force this information on you whether it's in the best interest of your family, whether you want it or not,'" Durbin said. "That is not respectful of crime victims."

An array of liberal and conservative advocacy groups rallied in support of the bill. They say the changes would make the nation's criminal justice system fairer, reduce over-

crowding in federal prisons and save taxpayer dollars. The bill would affect only federal prisoners, who make up less than 10 percent of the country's prison population.

Law enforcement groups were more split. It was backed by the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police but opposed by the National Sheriff's Association. The union representing federal prison guards also joined in supporting the measure.



LINDA DAVIDSON/WASHINGTON POST

A skin care company has sold 25,000 Kim Jong Un beauty masks in South Korea, The New York Times says.

Beauty masks' political ads uncover disgust

By SIOBHAN O'GRADY
The Washington Post

Who hasn't admired Kim Jong Un's baby soft skin and perfect pores? For just a few dollars in South Korea, you can strive for the same look.

Since skin care company 5149 put Kim Jong Un beauty masks up for sale in June, they say some 25,000 have sold in South Korea, according to The New York Times.

Advertised as "unification nuclear bomb packs" that will "enrich

your skin," they have now sparked enough controversy in South Korea that some stores have apparently stopped selling them.

"I don't know what Kim Jong Un means in North Korea or what he represents politically, but the whole country of South Korea was happy," Kwak Hyeon-ju, 5149's chief executive, told the Times about the historic meeting between North and South Korean leaders.

She wanted to honor the "once in a lifetime" nature

of the summits with her face mask, she said.

But some saw the masks as taking joking toward North Korea a bit too far.

Beauty products are popular in South Korea, and these masks come complete with packaging boasting mock propaganda style slogans, with phrases like: "All hail moisture for all women of the North and South!" and "Let the bedrock water of Mount Paektu enrich your skin," a reference to the mountain Kim and South Korean President

Moon Jae-in visited earlier this year.

An Instagram video promoting the product mocks propaganda videos, and starts by saying "Breaking news! A nuclear bomb explodes on the face."

The South China Morning Post quoted one South Korean skin care expert as saying that she doesn't like "merchandise promoting a certain political agenda."

"A few years ago, North Korea was the largest threat to our country," the newspaper quoted her as saying.

Trump Foundation reaches deal to close amid N.Y. lawsuit

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's charitable foundation reached a deal Tuesday to go out of business, even as Trump continues to fight allegations he misused its assets to resolve business disputes and boost his run for the White House.

New York's attorney general and lawyers for the Trump Foundation agreed on a court-supervised process for shutting down the charity and distributing about \$1.7 million in remaining funds to other nonprofit groups.

The agreement resolved one part of the legal drama surrounding Trump, whose campaign, transition, inauguration and real estate empire are all under investigation.

Attorney General Barbara Underwood's lawsuit alleging Trump and his family illegally operated the foundation as an extension of his businesses and his presidential campaign will continue.

The lawsuit, filed last spring, seeks \$2.8 million in restitution and a 10-year ban on Trump and his three eldest children — Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric — from running any charities in New York.

In a statement, Underwood cited "a shocking pattern of illegality involving the Trump Foundation — including unlawful coordination with the Trump presidential campaign, repeated and willful self-dealing, and much more."

The foundation operated as "little more than a checkbook to serve Mr. Trump's business and political interests," she said.

Lawyers for the foundation have said any infractions were minor.

Trump pledged to dissolve the three-decade-old foundation and donate its funds to charity after his 2016 election, but his law-



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The lawsuit seeks \$2.8 million and a 10-year ban against Donald Trump and three of his children — Don Jr., left, Ivanka and Eric — from running any charities in New York.

yers said they were thwarted by the attorney general's office, which wanted oversight over its closure. The attorney general's office said it would have been "unacceptable" to let the foundation fold without close supervision.

Trump Foundation lawyer Alan Futterfas said the nonprofit has distributed approximately \$19 million over the past decade, including \$8.25 million of the president's own money, to hundreds of charitable organizations.

The agreement was reached after a New York judge last month rejected arguments from the foundation's lawyers that the lawsuit was politically motivated and should be thrown out.

Once the judge approves the deal to dissolve the charity, the two sides will have 30 days to provide her with a list of nonprofit organizations that should get the remaining funds. Each charity will get the same amount, and the attorney general's office will have the right to reject ones it deems unfit to receive funds.

In her lawsuit, Underwood alleged that Trump used the foundation to help bolster his campaign by giving out big grants of other people's money to

veterans organizations during the run-up to the Iowa caucuses, the first presidential nominating contest of 2016.

Trump was also accused of directing \$100,000 in foundation money be used to settle legal claims over an 80-foot flagpole he had built at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Fla., instead of paying the expense out of his own pocket.

In addition, the foundation paid \$158,000 to resolve a lawsuit over a prize for a hole-in-one contest at a Trump-owned golf course; \$10,000 to buy a 6-foot portrait of Trump at a charity auction; and \$5,000 for ads promoting Trump's hotels in the programs for charitable events.

Underwood sued the Trump Foundation after taking over for fellow Democrat Eric Schneiderman, who resigned in May amid allegations he abused women. Schneiderman started investigating the foundation in 2016 and ordered it to stop fundraising in New York after The Washington Post reported that some of its spending personally benefited the presidential candidate.

Underwood has referred her office's findings to the IRS and the Federal Election Commission.

Haley: Both sides would gain from Middle East peace plan

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley gave a hint, but no details, of the Trump administration's peace plan for Israel and the Palestinians on Tuesday, saying it's long, takes advantage of new technology, and has a lot both sides will like and things they won't like.

Haley said Israelis and Palestinians as well as countries around the world have a choice: focus on the parts they dislike, which she said means returning "to the failed status quo of the last 50 years," or focus on parts they like and encourage peace negotiations to move forward.

The U.S. ambassador, who said she has read the plan, told the U.N. Security Council that "both sides would benefit greatly from a peace agreement, but the Palestinians would benefit more, and the Israelis would risk more."

Haley, who is stepping down at the end of the month, said moving forward to negotiations and peace "will need leaders with real vision to do it." She declared: "The world will be watching."

Immediately before the meeting, eight European Union members stood outside the Security Council chamber and read a joint statement emphasizing the EU's "strong and continued commitment" to the internationally agreed requirements for Israeli-Palestinian peace — an apparent message to the Trump administration.

"The EU is truly convinced that the achievement of a two-state solution based on the 1967 borders with Jerusalem as the capital of both states, that meets Israeli and Palestinian security needs, and Palestinian aspirations for statehood and sovereignty, ends the occupation and resolves all final status is-



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U.S. envoy Nikki Haley said Israel wants a peace agreement but does not need one with the Palestinians.

sues is the only viable and realistic way to end the conflict and achieve just and lasting peace," the statement said.

Haley made no mention of any of these issues in her last speech at the council's monthly Mideast meeting, stressing instead the "unshakeable bond" between the United States and Israel, which she has reflected in her nearly two years as U.S. ambassador.

"Given my record, some might mistakenly conclude that I am unsympathetic to the Palestinian people," she said. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

Haley said neither Israelis nor Palestinians should make peace at "any price" but she highlighted the differences between the two sides.

"Israel wants a peace agreement, but it does not need one," she said.

On the other hand, Haley said, the Palestinian people "are suffering terribly, while their leadership clings to 50-year-old demands that have only become less and less realistic," and a peace agreement holds the prospects "of a massive improvement in the quality of their lives and far greater control over their political future."

She said "it is with this backdrop in mind that the Trump administration has

crafted its plan for peace between Israel and the Palestinians."

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Danny Danon said late last month that U.S. officials have told Israel's government they expect to release the long-awaited Israeli-Palestinian peace plan in the beginning of 2019.

President Donald Trump calls the plan — drafted by a team headed by his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and adviser Jason Greenblatt — the "Deal of the Century."

Nikolay Mladenov, the U.N. Mideast envoy, told the council he "remains concerned by the weakening of international consensus and the absence of collective efforts to achieve an end to the (Israeli) occupation and the realization of a negotiated two-state resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

"At the end of 2018, we are nowhere closer to reversing efforts for a negotiated solution," he said.

Mladenov also reported to the council on Israel's compliance with a 2016 resolution that condemned Israeli settlements in lands the Palestinians want to include in their future state and said the settlements have "no legal validity." The resolution demanded a halt to such activities for the sake of "salvaging the two-state solution."

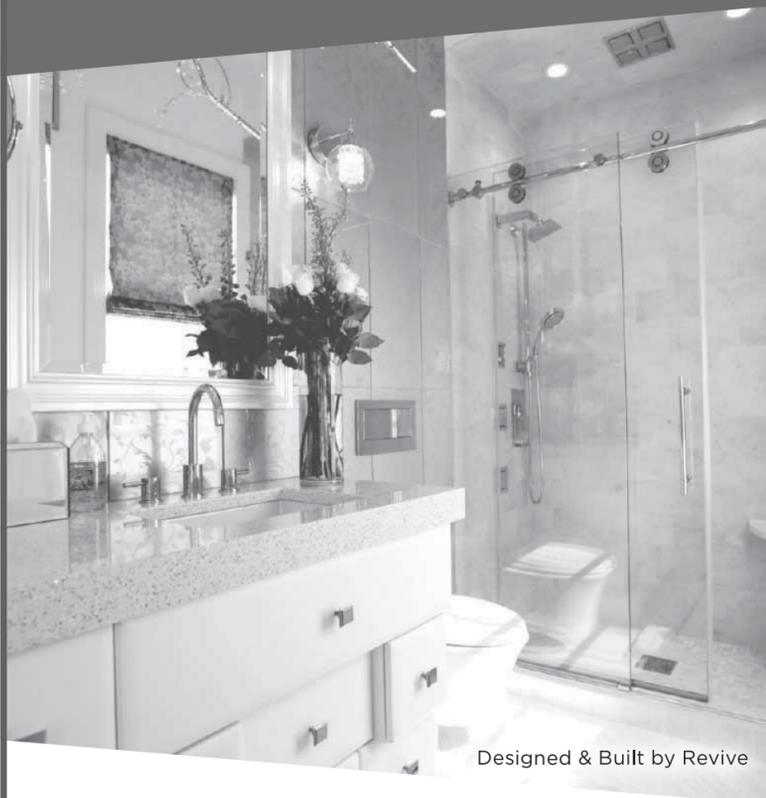
The U.N. Mideast coordinator said Israel has taken "no steps" to comply with the resolution and has continued constructing new settlements.

Over the past year, he said that "although Gaza has been the most volatile, the risk of an explosion in the West Bank has also grown."

Mladenov warned that "the dangerous escalation of terrorist attacks, clashes and violence in the West Bank" in the past days and weeks have led to deaths of Israeli and Palestinian civilians and Israeli soldiers.

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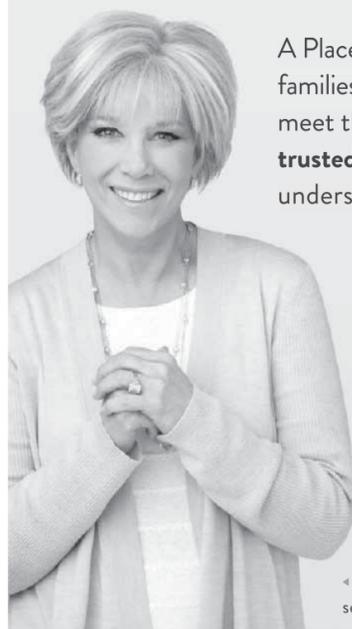
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BY FELICIA FONSECA
Associated Press

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — An award-winning Arizona newspaper publisher and his wife are locked in a bizarre divorce case that has morphed into something more: a journalism ethics saga.

Joseph Soldwedel has accused wife Felice Soldwedel in a lawsuit of trying to kill him by poisoning him, and detailed the allegations in one of the small-town newspapers he owns, the 13,000-circulation Prescott Daily Courier.

None of the three news stories in the paper named his wife. But the Courier ran an ad accusing her by name, with a photo of her, bordered with images of skulls and rats. The ad said she had an unnamed accomplice, and it offered a \$10,000 reward for tips.

Soldwedel's wife of eight years calls the poisoning claims ludicrous and says he is retaliating against her for seeking a divorce.

"I've had people call me, text me, 'Felice, is that you in the paper? Oh my god,'" she told The Associated Press. "It almost makes you feel like you want to leave town. He made me look like this horrible person."

The lawsuit alleging poisoning seeks \$18 million from Felice Soldwedel and was filed a week after a prosecutor said there was no evidence of a crime and declined to file charges.

"It's highly problematic for a publisher to be using the editorial resources of the paper to pursue a personal vendetta," said Edward Wasserman, dean of the graduate journalism school at the University of California at Berkeley. He added: "The whole thing is pretty bizarre because someone who is not the publisher would not get that kind of attention, ab-



Felice Soldwedel calls the poisoning claims ludicrous and says her spouse is using his newspapers to retaliate against her.

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sent law enforcement taking it seriously."

Soldwedel said the coverage was proper and he wanted to ensure law enforcement thoroughly investigates his claims. The Prescott paper did not run a story about the police investigation clearing his wife, he said, because "we don't think it's concluded."

"I'm hoping to get her into court and to get it into trial and bring up enough evidence to the surface that police could not ignore it," he told the AP.

Soldwedel's father built Western News and Info Inc. by buying smaller newspapers across Arizona. Joseph Soldwedel, now 66, delivered newspapers as a boy and at 23 became pub-

lisher of a paper in the chain. He has run the chain that owns or partially owns 13 newspapers for more than three decades.

In 2001, he won an award from the Arizona Newspaper Association after launching a newspaper to investigate southern Arizona law enforcement and government agencies. He did so after he said police entered his home on what he said were false pretenses.

Felice Magana joined Western News in 1999 and worked as an advertising sales executive. They married in 2010; it was the third marriage for both of them. They signed a prenuptial agreement guaranteeing she would receive \$900,000

if they divorced and \$1 million if Joseph Soldwedel died.

He is now seeking to annul the marriage and invalidate the agreement. The divorce case will be tried in February, and Joseph Soldwedel's attorney is expected to raise the poisoning allegations to try to nullify the prenuptial agreement, said John Mull, the lawyer representing Felice Soldwedel.

In 2016, Soldwedel said he had shortness of breath, headaches and fever that he first attributed to the flu. But he began to suspect he had been poisoned and sent hair and nail samples to a Colorado laboratory to test. The lab's general manager, Kaily Bissani, told the AP that thallium — a heavy metal once used in rat poison — was found at levels six to 15 times higher

than normal.

Soldwedel said he believes his wife slipped poison into his food, and his attorney requested police investigate in September 2017. Prescott police searched Felice Soldwedel's computer and cellphone records and found nothing to indicate she poisoned him.

In October 2017, police collected their own samples of his hair and found no signs of thallium or illicit drugs. But by then, Soldwedel said, he had cut his hair and undergone therapy to rid his body of heavy metals.

Police decided to test for illicit drugs a hair sample that Soldwedel had sent to the Colorado lab, and it came back positive for methamphetamine. Soldwedel told the AP he suspects his wife dosed his

shampoo and food with methamphetamine, another claim she denies.

Thallium is sometimes found as an impurity in illegal drugs, and prosecutors suggested thallium in the sample could be caused by methamphetamine use.

Around the time Felice Soldwedel filed for divorce in April 2017, she reported to police her husband was stalking or harassing her. Joseph Soldwedel pleaded guilty to aggravated harassment and criminal damage. He's on probation. The Prescott Daily Courier did not publish any stories about the case.

Felice Soldwedel, 63, first read about the poisoning allegations in a December 2017 issue of the newspaper left on her driveway, even though she wasn't a subscriber.

No one from the newspaper has sought her side of the story, she said.

Joseph Soldwedel said that he never instructed reporters at his papers not to contact her, but that doing so could put him at legal risk because he is under court order not to contact her.

Reporting all sides of stories is a basic journalism rule, said Mi-Ai Parrish, a professor at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and former publisher of the Arizona Republic, the state's largest newspaper. "Having ethics and credibility in journalism is paramount, and you damage not only the reputation of yourself but of your publication," she said.

Joseph Soldwedel said he was careful not to name his estranged wife until her identity became public through his lawsuit. He said his staff urged him to hold off on the initial story for a few months to see how the police investigation played out.

"Everybody wasn't on board 100 percent but said, 'OK.' I do have ultimate authority," he said.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Media freedom group records increase in journalists killed

PARIS — Media freedom group Reporters Without Borders said Tuesday it has recorded an increase in the number of journalists killed and imprisoned worldwide so far this year.

The Paris-based group, also known by its French acronym RSF, said 63 journalists died in relation to their jobs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 2018, compared to 55 in 2017, as well as four media workers. Another 13 people it described as

“non-professional journalists” — people who didn’t have official media cards — also died, while 348 were held in detention around the world.

Of the people listed as killed, the group determined 49 were deliberately targeted. The others died in the field while reporting, RSF said.

The U.S. made it into the top five deadliest countries for journalists this year for the first time, with six deaths.

Vatican details the agenda for pope’s summit on sex abuse

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican on Tuesday released the first details of Pope Francis’ upcoming high-stakes sex abuse prevention summit, making clear that bishops attending the gathering must reach out to victims before they get to Rome and that accountability is very much on the agenda.

Organizers of the Feb. 21-24 summit warned participants in a letter that failure to address the

scandal now threatens the very credibility of the Catholic Church.

Francis invited the church leaders to the meeting to develop a comprehensive response to what has become the gravest threat to his papacy, as the abuse and cover-up scandal erupted anew in the U.S., Chile and elsewhere this year. Survivors have been dubious about what the meeting can accomplish.

President signs an order to create U.S. Space Command

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump launched the Pentagon’s new Space Command Tuesday, an effort to better organize and advance the military’s vast operations in space that could cost as much as \$800 million over the next five years.

Trump signed a one-page memorandum Tuesday authorizing the Defense Department to create the new command.

The goal is to set up a

command to oversee and organize space operations, accelerate technical advances and find more effective ways to defend U.S. assets in space, including the vast constellations of satellites that American forces rely on for navigation, communications and surveillance.

The move comes amid concerns that China and Russia are working on ways to disable or even destroy U.S. satellites.



EDMAR BARROS/AP

Fire’s aftermath: A resident surveys the charred landscape Tuesday in Manaus, Brazil. Officials say a fire engulfed the Educandos neighborhood in the northern city, destroying at least 600 wooden houses and leaving four people injured.

Yemeni mom wins travel ban waiver to see dying son in U.S.

A Yemeni mother on Tuesday won her fight for a waiver from the Trump administration’s travel ban that would allow her to go to California to see her dying 2-year-old son.

Shaima Swileh planned to fly to San Francisco on Wednesday after the State Department granted her a visa, said Basim Elkarra of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Sacramento, Calif., whose lawyers sued this week.

The boy’s father, Ali Hassan, is a U.S. citizen who brought their son, Abdullah, to California in the fall to get treatment for a genet-

ic brain condition after the boy’s health worsened.

Swileh and the boy had been living in Egypt and she had hoped to accompany them but was not given a visa to enter the United States. Citizens from Yemen and six other mostly Muslim countries are restricted from traveling to the United States under the travel ban enacted under President Donald Trump.

As Swileh and her husband fought for a waiver, their son’s health declined. Last week, doctors put him on life support.

Hassan was losing hope

his wife would ever be allowed in the U.S. and was considering pulling his son off life support to end his suffering, but then a social worker at the hospital reached out to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Elkarra said.

State Department spokesman Robert Palladino called it “a very sad case, and our thoughts go out to this family at this time, at this trying time.”

He said that generally cases are handled individually and U.S. officials try to facilitate legitimate travel to the U.S. while protecting national security.

U.S. pledges aid for Central America, south Mexico

MEXICO CITY — The United States pledged \$5.8 billion in aid and investment Tuesday for strengthening government and economic development in Central America, and \$4.8 billion more in development aid for southern Mexico.

The U.S. aid aims to

promote better security conditions and job opportunities as part of a regional plan to allow Central Americans and Mexicans to remain in their countries and not have to emigrate.

The plan was announced in a joint U.S.-Mexican statement released by the State Department.

The combination of public and private investment for the stay-at-home effort doesn’t require congressional approval.

Southern states Chiapas and Oaxaca are home to many of Mexico’s poorest communities. It was unclear if Mexico would give anything in return

Nev. is 1st state with majority of women in Legislature

LAS VEGAS — Nevada became the first state with an overall female majority in the Legislature on Tuesday when county officials in Las Vegas appointed two women to fill vacancies in the state Assembly.

The appointments of Democrats Rochelle Thuy Nguyen and Beatrice Angela Duran to two Las Vegas-area seats give women 51 percent of the 63 seats in the Legislature.

Women will hold nine of 21 seats in the state Senate, falling short of a majority in that chamber. But they will hold 24 of 42 seats in the Assembly, giving women enough numbers to make the two chambers an overall female majority.

No state has previously had a female-majority or even a 50 percent-female Legislature, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Senate appointment:

Arizona Gov. Rob Ducey on Tuesday appointed Rep. Martha McSally to replace Sen. Jon Kyl in the seat that belonged to the late John McCain, sending the GOP congresswoman back to Washington after she lost a tight race to Democratic Rep. Kyrsten Sinema for the state’s other spot in the Senate.

In Belgium:

Prime Minister Charles Michel submitted his resignation Tuesday after a key coalition party quit his government over his support for a United Nations compact on international migration. Before giving his notice, lawmakers had been demanding he submit his new minority government to a confidence vote.

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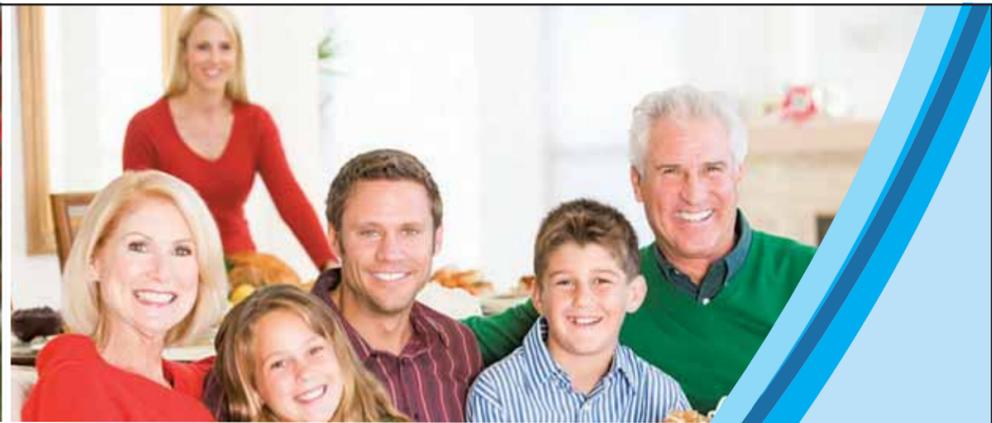
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EDITORIALS

Once again amid Chicago's gun culture: Officers down

Shootings and killings do not define Chicago. Nor does the threat of gun violence. Life in this busy, complex city feels safe enough to put a limit on fear. Crime is real, yet for most people, most of the time, it is also abstract.

The reality is different for Chicago police officers. With every shift they take, officers accept the risk that Chicago's dark culture of gun violence will place them in danger. Or stop their lives cold. That has happened in three incidents in 2018, resulting in the deaths of four sworn members of the Chicago Police Department.

On Monday evening, Officers Eduardo Marmolejo, 36, and Conrad Gary, 31, responded to a call for service on the Far South Side after a report of shots fired. They were on railroad tracks doing surveillance when they were struck and killed by an outbound South Shore train at 103rd Street and Dauphin Avenue around 6:20 p.m.

The deaths of these officers, young men who were in the early stages of their careers, is crushing for their families, their department, their city.

Grief and frustration feel heightened by



Bauer



Gary



Jimenez



Marmolejo

the fact that two other CPD members were killed this year. In February, Cmdr. Paul Bauer, 53, was shot and killed while chasing a suspect to a stairwell outside the Thompson Center in the Loop. In November, Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28, was killed in the mass shooting at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center on the Near South Side. Dr. Tamara O'Neal, 38, and pharmacist Dayna Less, 24, also were slain in that incident.

Four officers down, four line-of-duty deaths, in 10 months. Two police funerals completed, two more to be planned. The senselessness and relentlessness of gun violence in Chicago are measured by

hundreds of homicides and thousands of shootings each year. From time to time that gun culture also is measured by the sacrifices made by police officers as they work to make the city safer.

Through Chicago's history, hundreds of officers have died in the line of duty, many of them struck by bullets. We recall that from 1998-2002, seven officers died by gunfire: Michael Ceriale, John Knight, James Camp, Brian Strouse, Eric Lee, Donald Marquez Sr. and Richard Francis.

That surge of killings helped energize an effort by City Hall, Chicago-based foundations, neighborhood groups and anti-violence activists to slow the pace of all gun

deaths here. That effort had multiyear successes: Untold hundreds of people walk Chicago's streets today because of a reduction in violence that began in the early 2000s.

The circumstances of each officer's death are unique, but as with the overall toll of gun violence, a sense of futility pervades: There's no stopping the accessibility and ubiquity of illegal firearms here. Violent crime totals fluctuate; the readiness of some criminals to address their problems by pulling triggers endures.

Chicago has within it an intractable culture of shooting and killing, largely stemming from street gangs and the drug trade. Eradicating this scourge will take years or maybe generations of effort. That effort has to be as relentless as the bloodshed it seeks to curtail. Surrendering to the sense of futility that each killing brings isn't an option.

We know that officers are doing all they can, each day and each shift, to protect the public, at the risk of their lives. On Monday, two more members of the force, Officers Marmolejo and Gary, made that sacrifice. Chicago is in their debt.

Trump and the Green Beret charged with murder

Last week brought the grim news that an American Green Beret officer had been charged with murdering a detainee in Afghanistan. Military courts, fortunately, have vast experience dealing with allegations of this kind. But on Sunday, the military got a reminder that under this president, nothing goes according to long-standing conventions.

Donald Trump tweeted, "At the request of many, I will be reviewing the case of a 'U.S. military hero,' Major Matt Golsteyn, who is charged with murder. He could face the death penalty from our own government after he admitted to killing a Terrorist bomb maker while overseas." A case that was laden with difficulty suddenly became even more fraught.

In 2010, two U.S. Marines were killed by a roadside bomb in Helmand province. Army Special Forces captured a man they suspected of building the bomb. While in custody at a U.S. base, he was identified as a Taliban fighter by an Afghan tribal leader, who voiced fear for his life if the captive was released.

Maj. Mathew Golsteyn suspected that if the alleged bomb maker were sent to a detention facility, he might indeed go free. Golsteyn chose to eliminate that possibility by killing him — a deed he reportedly acknowledged in a 2011 CIA job interview. After an investigation, the Army didn't charge him but stripped him of his Silver Star and his Special Forces tab.

But that was not the end of the case. In a 2016 interview with Fox News, Golsteyn said he had killed the detainee. The Army reopened its investigation and eventually charged him with premeditated murder,



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Maj. Mathew Golsteyn, shown while a captain in 2011, was charged with premeditated murder in the shooting of a detainee in Afghanistan in 2010.

which is punishable by death.

Golsteyn has many defenders among soldiers who served with him, and his lawyer blames "political correctness" for the charges. It's not hard to understand why he made the fatal decision. But the summary execution of a prisoner defies military law and international treaties that the U.S. has signed. Given Golsteyn's own public account, the Army was virtually obligated to bring the charge. A probable

cause hearing is expected next year, where the presiding officer will decide whether the facts justify further action.

That task was complicated by Trump's tweet — because everyone in the military serves under his command. "Unlawful command influence" is forbidden under military law, and University of Texas law professor Steve Vladeck told the website Law & Crime, "Anytime a president expresses an opinion about a specific pending

prosecution, he is coming dangerously close to UCI." Why? Because it creates "at least the appearance that those who depend on his good graces for promotion and career advancement might prioritize his preferences over what the law requires."

Trump has previously made the mistake of expressing himself too freely about such matters. As a candidate, he called Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl a "traitor" for leaving his Army base in Afghanistan, forcing a search by U.S. troops and leading to his capture by the Taliban. After taking office, Trump affirmed that opinion. When Bergdahl was convicted of desertion and endangering his fellow soldiers, a military judge cited the president's remarks as mitigating evidence before imposing no prison time.

President Barack Obama made a similar mistake in 2013 when he said service members who commit sexual assault should be "prosecuted, stripped of their positions, court martialed, fired, dishonorably discharged. Period." A military judge found the comment to be unlawful command influence and ruled that, because of it, two defendants could not be punitively discharged if they were convicted.

If Trump thinks Golsteyn did nothing worthy of punishment, he is free to grant him a pardon, either before or after his case is resolved. And maybe that is all he was alluding to in his tweet. But we'd prefer to see the case proceed normally so that the facts can be brought forth in an orderly way. In most cases, Trump's tweeting amounts to nothing more than diversion and distraction. In this one, the interests of justice as well as military discipline argue for him to keep his opinions to himself.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



Biden

With far too many Democrats dreaming of running against President (Donald) Trump in 2020 and their unthinkable outcome — a second loss to him — still very thinkable, the party should accept that its strongest chance at victory lies with the nomination of former Vice President Joe Biden and Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke. ...

Implicit in the choice of Biden, who will turn 78 in 2020, would be that he is unlikely to serve a second term and will train Junior and get him up to speed. ...

As the debate still rages over whether the party should attempt to win back voters who switched from Obama to Trump, Democrats should try to at least not turn them off. "Middle-class Joe" is their best contender in the Rust Belt. Rich Lowry wrote in National Review that Biden "would almost certainly be impossible to render hateful or threatening to the working-class voters who sensed the Clinton campaign's disdain for them."

Biden's old but not much older than Trump, and up against the president's lies (let alone his legal baggage), Biden's gaffes, plagiarism, treatment of Anita Hill, sponsorship of the 1994 Crime Bill — and even a bit too much hugging — are hardly disqualifying. Who cares if Biden falls asleep at funerals if he knows the Oval Office job better than anyone vying for it?

A.B. Stoddard, RealClearPolitics

SCOTT STANTIS



TWO MORE STARS IN THE HEAVENS

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

Devilishly clever statue gets a rise out of the faithful



ERIC ZORN

If it were up to me, “Snaketivity” would not be on display in the Illinois Capitol rotunda this month.

But it's not up to me. And so visitors to the seat of our state government in Springfield encounter an 18-inch tall, three-dimensional representation of a serpent-wrapped forearm holding an apple. It rests on a 3-foot base on which a plaque reads “Knowledge is the greatest gift.”

Also on the plaque: The circular logo of the Chicago chapter of the Satanic Temple.

This reference to Satan in the context of a holiday-season dig at Judeo-Christian theology has some people riled. The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property, a Catholic organization, protested the sculpture by holding a prayer vigil outside the Capitol on Sunday. The group's website calls the display “a parody of the incarnation that redeemed mankind from original sin” and argues that “the placing of Satanic symbols next to and equal to those of Christians seeks to deny Christ's victory.”

Republican state Rep. Terri Bryant of Murphysboro last Wednesday introduced a House resolution condemning “in the strongest possible terms” the decision to allow the Satanic Temple's offering to be included with Christmas, Hanukkah and other seasonal displays in the rotunda. In a news release, Bryant labeled the sculpture “disgusting.”



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The Chicago chapter of the Satanic Temple's statue is part of a seasonal display in the Capitol rotunda in Springfield.

Her co-sponsor, Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton, added that “the decision to allow a Satan-worship sculpture to be placed alongside emblems of the faiths of the Jewish people and Christians is a grave mistake and sends the wrong message.”

Well, now, let's get a few things straight. The sculpture is not a “parody,” it's a symbolic rejection of the implications of the Biblical origin story.

It's only “disgusting” to those who feel revulsion at expressions of theological

views that differ from their own.

And members of the Satanic Temple don't engage in “Satan worship.” They engage in chain-yanking.

A quick look at its website reveals that “Satanic Temple” is the provocative name of a group dedicated to maintaining a strict separation of church and state and to promoting “rational inquiry removed from supernaturalism.”

Temple members do not believe in, much less worship, Satan, nor do they practice or celebrate evil deeds. “Satan” to them is a metaphor for the “unbowed will of the unsilenced inquirer — the heretic who questions sacred laws and rejects all tyrannical impositions,” says the website.

Were it not for the grabby allusion to the Prince of Darkness, the Satanic Temple's display would be far more subtle and less offensive to believers than the Freedom From Religion Foundation's winter solstice message posted in the rotunda that “Religion is but a myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds.”

Yet the Temple's deployment of the word “Satanic” has prompted a gasping overreaction that's been covered by news outlets literally around the world and that's served to amplify its message.

But the statue doesn't belong in the Capitol rotunda. And neither do any other displays criticizing or celebrating religion or religious holidays. We have plenty of private property for such things.

America is not “a Christian nation,” as one of the protesters Sunday told the State Journal-Register. It's a pluralistic nation, one in which people of all faiths and none at all are supposed to peacefully respect one another's views and observances. It's a nation where, ideally, the government doesn't presume to take sides in theological

debates or give platforms or funding support to some religious beliefs but not others.

Given the choice between a clash of symbols and messages in the Capitol at winter holiday time and a ban on private displays in such a space, I'd take the ban as a symbol of neutrality. The clash, as endorsed by the Illinois secretary of state's office, which manages the rotunda, would be my second choice. Both, in the end, send the right message.

But there's really only one way for members of the DuPage County Board to send the right message about the importance of keeping church and state separate, and that is to discontinue the practice of allowing faith leaders to offer opening prayers at their meetings.

Three Democrats on that 19-member board are now arguing for eliminating the usually Christian religious invocation — a practice that the U.S. Supreme Court narrowly upheld in a 2014 ruling — because it implicitly marginalizes those who don't share the beliefs expressed, even when they come from other faith traditions.

The 5-4 Supreme Court majority held that such prayers are not coercive and are merely intended “to lend gravity to public proceedings and to acknowledge the place religion holds in the lives of many private citizens.” But the dissenting opinion noted that performative prayers in government settings “express beliefs that are fundamental to some, foreign to others (and) carry the ever-present potential to both exclude and divide.”

Include or exclude? Unite or divide? The choice should be easy.

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Customers use ordering kiosks at a remodeled McDonald's in Chicago. In the quick-service segment, some chains are investing in kiosks to help with labor costs.

Innovation at Olive Garden? Tight job market mixed for restaurants

BY SARAH HALZACK

An upbeat U.S. economy has been good to the restaurant industry in many ways. Strong consumer sentiment has helped keep average checks growing, as diners shrug off price increases and splurge on bigger orders, and prevented industrywide traffic from falling off a cliff.

But the healthy economic environment comes with a downside for dining behemoths and their investors. Amid a tight job market, labor costs have become a notable drag on profitability.

This dynamic was evident on Tuesday as Darden Restaurants Inc. reported quarterly earnings. The company, owner of Olive Garden, Yard House and other eateries, saw a solid 2.1 percent increase in comparable sales in the quarter from a year earlier. But it said labor expense rose to \$662 million, up from \$622 million in the same period last year.

Darden has been feeling labor-cost strain for several quarters, and it is hardly alone: Cheesecake Factory Inc. has seen its wage expenses swell to

35.6 percent of revenue year to date, up from 34.4 percent in the comparable period last year. Stephen Joyce, CEO of Applebee's and IHOP parent Dine Brands Inc., said at a conference this month that labor costs are “a problem, particularly in the city.” It isn't just in sit-down establishments: Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. is feeling the squeeze of wage inflation, even as price increases have cushioned the blow.

Of course, restaurants have been dealing with other profit headwinds, including commodity cost inflation, and in certain cases, heated discounting wars. But labor expenses are a major reason for their challenges.

It is possible that this is a pressure valve that will soon release. Consumer sentiment is buoyant now, but there is a growing chorus of economists and analysts who see slowing growth — if not an outright recession — in the months ahead, which could add some slack back into the labor market. But either way, the current labor situation should serve as a strong impetus for the restaurant industry to figure out how to deploy its existing workforce more efficiently. It's an exercise that

can take many different forms.

In the quick-service segment, that might mean investing in self-order kiosks, which could increase how many consumers a restaurant can serve and free up workers for tasks such as cooking. Shake Shack Inc. is one chain that is testing kiosks as a way to help with labor costs. Casual-dining chains, meanwhile, might try tabletop gadgets that allow patrons to pay their tab without flagging down a server, such as those available at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Inc.

But there are less-intuitive examples, too, of how restaurants could be throwing technology at their labor woes. Chipotle, for example, is working to digitize the burrito “make lines” where online orders are assembled. They've found that workers complete orders more quickly and more accurately when they're working from easy-to-read screens instead of paper receipts in tiny lettering.

It will also be worth watching a new effort by Starbucks Corp. to use workers' time differently. The coffee giant said in an investor presentation this month that a recent assessment found

its baristas were spending 40 percent of their time on non-customer-facing tasks, such as cleaning and restocking. The restaurant is now aiming to change processes so that workers don't have to step away from their stations as often — an effort involving technology that automates some tasks as well as changes such as doing cleanups later in the day.

This kind of experimentation is even more worthwhile when you consider that labor-related innovations can have favorable ripple effects that aren't immediately obvious. McDonald's Corp., for one, has seen that self-order kiosks tend to see higher average receipts.

The tight job market should serve as a nudge for the entire restaurant industry to move faster on the kinds of labor and process innovations that will do a world of good in any kind of consumer environment.

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PERSPECTIVE

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Students warn against climate change

I attend Lincoln Park High School as a 9th grader. This year we have been learning about the major turning points in human-environment interactions. We have studied all the way back to the Neolithic Revolution so we can see the drastic change going on not just in North America but in other areas around Asia and Antarctica. In the past few hundred years, we have seen the world changing in life-threatening ways, from certain areas getting warmer to entire islands being flooded because of oceans rising. No matter what we do there will be no way of stopping climate change because of how much damage we have already done. But that does not mean we can't slow it down. You do want to see future generations, right?

I propose that you should try to cut beef out of your diet as much as possible. Even if you only eat it once every two weeks instead of three or four times you will be decreasing the amount of methane produced. Also, walk sometimes. There is no reason for you to not be able to walk five blocks to the supermarket or walk to work when you only live a mile and a half away. Even if Chicago is not feeling the full-blown effects of climate change, other are and we will just be next.

— Lucia Moore, 9th grade
Lincoln Park High School, Chicago

Caring for our home

We humans have not been taking very good care of our home. This isn't just some mess that can be easily cleaned up with a rag and some Windex. The misuse of our environment has been talked about and passed around for a while now, so why is the issue still here? One of those reasons is that people don't want this mess. They don't want the blame and they don't want the responsibility of having to clean it up. I definitely don't. Wouldn't it just be easier to ignore the problem? Maybe, but at some point, at the rate deforestation is occurring, the forests may one day be gone.

The most obvious way to stop deforestation is to literally stop deforestation. But since that seems pretty unlikely, there are a few other things we humans could try. We can plant and replant trees and then nurture them; start buying more recycled products while shopping; cut down meat intake and buy more organic products instead; do not use firewood to heat up your fireplaces; and don't buy palm oil.

— Olivia Olson, 9th grade
Lincoln Park High School, Chicago

Climate damage from palm oil

The search for palm oil, which is found in many of our foods, damages many trees. Those trees are essential since they consume carbon dioxide and release oxygen. By destroying trees we are also affecting animals' habitats. We as Americans and our world deserve urgent action and attention on this. Since the Paris agreement on the environment suggests countries keep regulations on the amount of carbon dioxide released, I suggest bringing this to light and advocate rejoining the agreement.

— Veronica Canadas, 9th grade
Lincoln Park High School, Chicago

New energy sources?

I believe we should find another energy source that can be more reliable than fossil fuels. Other energy options are solar and wind, or there's always the option of discovering a new source. For example, Hawaii created energy using the oil from nuts. This could make a huge change in our fight against climate change.

— Omar Salgado, 9th grade
Lincoln Park High School, Chicago

Breakfast eye-opener

You get up in the morning, reach for your box of cereal, read the box. It clearly states where it came from. Now reach for your prescription medication. You have no idea what country that came from. Just wondering.

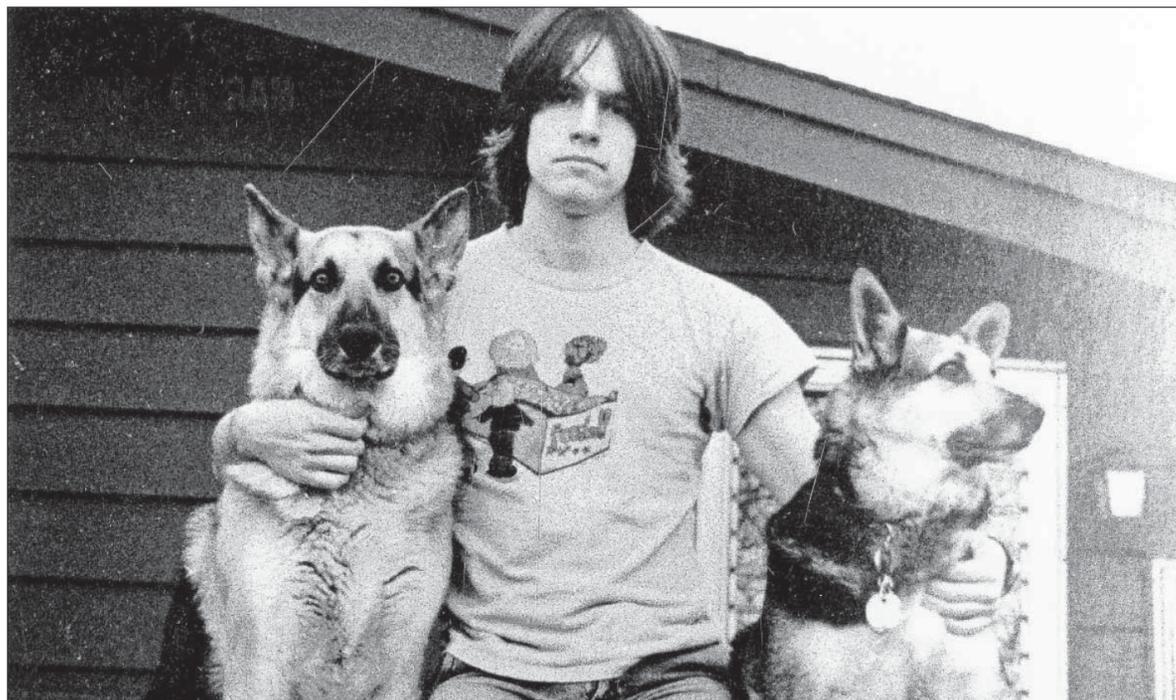
— Mary Coffman, Oak Lawn

Please and thank you

When I was a little girl my mama said, "Play nice, be nice." She also said, "Be sure to say 'please' and 'thank you.'" I don't think the present politicians have gotten my mother's messages.

— Marilyn Houghton Kayton,
Naperville

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Robert Piest, who was killed by John Wayne Gacy on Dec. 11, 1978, worked at the Nissan Pharmacy in Des Plaines.

Remembering the 33 victims of John Wayne Gacy

BY COURTNEY LUND O'NEIL

Why do we remember the dead? For one thing, so we don't forget.

But also, so we can finally name them. Last summer, my phone lit up with news reports that authorities in Des Plaines had taken some major forensic steps in re-creating facial images of two of the six victims of prolific serial killer John Wayne Gacy who have yet to be identified.

Forty years ago Friday, Gacy was arrested for reasonable cause of murder.

Ten days before his arrest, on Dec. 11, 1978, Gacy murdered 15-year-old Robert Piest and threw him into the Des Plaines River. But when Gacy was initially questioned by authorities, he denied ever speaking to the boy.

My mom, Kim Byers, was one of the last people to see Rob on the night he disappeared. She told detectives that Rob had gone out behind the pharmacy where they both worked to speak with Gacy about a summer job. She never saw her friend again.

Police had trouble establishing probable cause to conduct a search of Gacy's home, at 8213 W. Summerdale Ave., to look for Rob, which made sense. Gacy could talk his way out of anything.

But this all changed when detectives found a film receipt in Gacy's wastebasket with my mom's name on it. She had slid it into Rob's parka, which she had been wearing that night at the pharmacy before returning the jacket to him when he left with Gacy. She later told me that she'd never saved a film receipt before and wonders what made her put that one in Rob's parka pocket.

The receipt would give authorities reason to obtain an official search warrant,



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A film processing receipt from the pharmacy, with co-worker Kim Byers' name on it, was evidence in Gacy's murder trial.

where the real work would begin.

Inside Gacy's house, police noticed an odd smell coming from below the floorboards. It would turn out not to be a sewage problem, as Gacy suggested, but rather the smell of decomposing bodies. All boys. Stacked like crayons. Boys who'd had their lives cut short by Gacy.

As a culture, we celebrate anniversaries because they remind us about what once was. This 40-year anniversary is about commemorating the 33 victims. But it is also about our need to name the final six of them. Over the summer, I was pleased to learn that detectives were still working on the Gacy case. But in six months, none of the unnamed victims has been identified, as Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart hoped.

However, there has been progress. In 2011, Jason Moran, a Cook County sheriff's detective who has devoted much time to closing the final cold cases connected to Gacy, helped identify 19-year-old William George Bundy and 16-year-old James Byron Haakenson.

The boys who had spent more than 30 years being referred to as "John Doe" finally got their names back.

So why does this matter?

It matters because as a culture, we are quick to remember murderers, when we should be focusing on the victims. Think about the last mass shootings we've had. How many shooters can you name, compared to the names of their victims? In December 1978, over a week that included Christmas, the bodies of 27 boys were found under Gacy's home. Two more were found later on the property, the remaining four were dumped from nearby bridges, some found in the Des Plaines River.

Today, we pay our respects to both the identified and the unidentified boys:

Timothy Jack McCoy, Victim No. 28, John Butkovitch, Victim No. 5, Darrell Samson, Samuel Stapleton, Randall Reffett, Michael Bonnin, William Carroll, Victim No. 26, James Haakenson, Victim No. 13, Victim No. 21, Rick Johnston, William George Bundy, Michael Marino, Kenneth Parker, Gregory Godzik, John Szyz, Jon Prestidge, Victim No. 10, Matthew Bowman, Robert Gilroy, John Mowery, Russell Nelson, Robert Winch, Tommy Boling, David Talsma, William Kindred, Timothy O'Rourke, Frank Landin-gin, James Mazzara, Robert Piest.

In an interview last summer, Moran said, "The life of the person that was just murdered is no more or less important than a murder victim from 30 years ago."

And that is why we should continue to not let this case slip away. Even when a boy gets his name back, he doesn't get his life back. Remembering him? That's all up to us.

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Get used to it, America: We're no longer No. 1

BY NOAH SMITH

What a difference two decades makes. In 1997, China's gross domestic product was about 11 percent of that of the U.S. By 2017, it was up to 63 percent.

But this overstates the difference in living standards between the two countries, since prices are generally lower in China. In purchasing-power-parity terms, China's economy became the world's largest in about 2013.

So which country's economy is really bigger? The truth probably lies somewhere between these two figures. If China were to abolish its capital controls and open its currency to foreign speculation, there's a good chance the yuan would rise in value, bringing China's GDP at market-exchange rates closer to its purchasing-power-parity numbers. In other words, the economies of China and the U.S. are now fairly evenly matched in size. But with four times the U.S. population, China has more room to grow. And China is already the world's largest manufacturer and biggest exporter.

If it's not already the world's dominant economic power, China soon will be. But what does this mean? What are the implications of Chinese economic dominance, for the world and for U.S. policy?

The biggest effect will be that China becomes the leading beneficiary of what economists call agglomeration effects. Agglomeration refers to the tendency of businesses to cluster together in the same region, because one company's workers are another's customers. As economists Paul Krugman, Masahisa Fujita and Anthony Venables showed two decades ago, agglomeration can bring big benefits to whatever region has the densest concentration of economic activity.

Increasingly, that region is China rather than the U.S. China is where the biggest markets are, so that's where multinational companies want to build their factories and offices. That in turn leads to whole supply

chains migrating to China, as companies try to locate near their upstream suppliers and downstream customers. This process is accelerated by another phenomenon known as clustering effects — the collection of a huge repository of manufacturing talent and know-how in Chinese cities. China's general hostility to foreign companies will slow this process, but the gravitational pull of the world's biggest economy will be hard to resist.

This also means that President Donald Trump will be fighting an uphill battle in his trade war against China. To push a firm to move out of China, U.S. tariffs would have to be very high, since they will have to overcome not just labor-cost differences between the two nations but the pull of the Chinese market, the concentration of manufacturing know-how and the existence of stable supply chains. Many companies say they're ready to pull out, but the reality may be very different — for example, last year Ford Motor Co. declared that it would build its next-generation car in China.

Another result of China's new economic heft is that the web of institutions that the U.S. built to regulate the global economy after World War II will be irrelevant and toothless. The World Bank, for example, which lends money to poor countries, is already finding itself sidelined as Chinese loans pour into developing nations.

One of the most important U.S.-led economic institutions is the dollar itself. For decades, the dollar has functioned as the world's reserve currency — nations around the world hold their foreign exchange stockpiles in dollars, many issue dollar-denominated debt and commodities such as oil are often priced in dollars. Some believe this has put strains on the U.S. economy, because the increasing demand for dollars tends to make the currency more expensive, contributing to persistent U.S. trade deficits.

If this theory is right, then as China's economy grows, the U.S. will be less able to

handle the capital inflows that are necessary to remain the world's reserve currency. It would seem like a good idea for China to shoulder some of the burden of being the global reserve currency, just as the U.S. took over this duty from the United Kingdom a century ago. But China insists on maintaining its system of capital controls, making it hard to move money in and out of the country. That will prevent the yuan from joining or replacing the dollar in international markets. But as China further eclipses the U.S. in size, that could lead to greater instability in the international monetary system.

The final impact of China's economic rise is geopolitical. Countries that once would cater to the U.S. in military and political matters in order to secure access to U.S. markets will now be tempted to switch allegiance to China. This pressure will be especially acute for East Asian nations that are close to Chinese markets.

The U.S. could have acted to counter or slow this process by establishing a trading bloc with other East Asian countries that excluded the Chinese. President Barack Obama tried to do this with the Trans-Pacific Partnership, but Trump killed that deal as soon as he came into office.

So the fact that China is now or will soon be the world's biggest economy matters a lot. It means the U.S. can no longer depend as much on its large markets to secure investment or geopolitical fealty. Unless China makes severe missteps in the near future — like barring foreign companies, crushing productivity with excessive government control or precipitating domestic conflict — it will enjoy many of the benefits that once flowed to its chief rival.

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GE accusing Uptake of 'ruthless' poaching

Conglomerate's lawsuit says Chicago tech firm targeted its execs and trade secrets

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Uptake Technologies allegedly has engaged in a "ruthless scheme to poach" executives and trade secrets from General Electric, according to a lawsuit the struggling conglomerate filed Monday against the Chicago-based data analytics firm.

The lawsuit says the alleged "scheme" started roughly a year ago, after Caterpillar and another company ended their investments in Uptake and it laid off about 50

people.

Uptake, launched in July 2014 by Groupon co-founder Brad Keywell, analyzes data from heavy machinery. The company is valued at more than \$2 billion and is touted among Chicago's tech scene, but it has faced headwinds and this year has seen its employee count fluctuate.

GE began gathering and analyzing data from industrial equipment in 2011, according to the lawsuit, filed in a federal court in Chicago. GE ultimately formed a separate business unit, called GE

Digital, to handle that work.

Starting in July 2017, Uptake repeatedly approached GE about entering into a business transaction with GE Digital, according to the lawsuit.

"While Uptake's specific proposal changed over time, ranging from a possible joint venture to a potential asset sale, its desire properly or improperly to gain access to GE Digital's intellectual property, clients, and employees is clear," the lawsuit says. "Each time, GE rejected such attempts."

Uptake then allegedly began to "poach" executives from GE, hiring at least 13 employees, many of

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A lawsuit alleges Uptake Technologies engaged in a "ruthless scheme to poach" executives and trade secrets from General Electric.



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Amazon Go's scan-and-go outlets could significantly alter retailing at major U.S. airports.

WHERE AMAZON GO TAKES FLIGHT

High-tech retail could land at major airports in U.S.

BY RACHEL SIEGEL
The Washington Post

A new frontier for Amazon Go stores may be opening.

The retail giant is exploring the debut of its techy, scan-and-go shops at airports, according to a report by Reuters. So far, Amazon has opened seven brick-and-mortar locations in Seattle, Chicago and San Francisco. And The Telegraph of Britain reported the company is looking for new sites in London.

Retail and airport experts agree that the Amazon Go model could bring a major boon to the company and airport shopping as a whole. As for existing airport stores looking for faster ways to get shoppers to their gates? Amazon could bring new competition to the terminal, they say. Amazon declined to comment for this story.

But experts also say that airports would just become the latest space for Amazon to cut down on employees in exchange for automated technology. And they say that could help Amazon set prices well below other airport convenience stores.

"One of the big problems at airports is that (people) are very busy and often very stressed, and there's a real restriction on time," said Neil Saunders, managing director of research firm GlobalData Retail. "It's very interesting Amazon is looking to go there."

(Amazon chief executive Jeff Bezos owns the Post.)

Reuters cited public records requests it sent to several airport operators that hinted at meetings related to Amazon Go stores. Those airports later told Reuters that they didn't have further exchanges about Amazon Go, and that the process would likely

involve competitive bids. Amazon Web Services, the company's cloud unit, has been in touch with airports for unrelated reasons, Reuters said. A person familiar with the strategy also told Reuters that Amazon is looking at how to bring check-out-free stores to airports.

To start, the setup of an Amazon Go store would do well for travelers, experts said. The stores have no cashiers or checkout lines. Shoppers scan their phones on a turnstile when they walk in. Cameras and sensors blanketing the store track customers as they move, including what items they pick up or put back on the shelf. Once they've found what they need, shoppers walk right back out through the turnstiles, and their phone generates a receipt and "trip timer" telling them how

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Launch of next-gen GPS satellite postponed for day

The Associated Press

DENVER — The launch of a new GPS satellite was postponed for one day Tuesday because of an unspecified problem with the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket that will put the satellite in orbit.

Liftoff was rescheduled for Wednesday at Cape Canaveral, Fla. SpaceX said Tuesday's launch was scratched because of sensor readings on the rocket's first stage. Neither the company nor the U.S. Air Force provided details.

This will be the first GPS satellite launch for SpaceX.

The rocket will carry a GPS III satellite, the first of new a generation of GPS orbiters designed to be more accurate, secure and versatile than predecessors. Lockheed Martin is building the new satellites outside Denver.

GPS III satellites will have a stronger military signal that's harder to jam. They also will provide a new civilian signal compatible with other countries' navigation satellites.

But some of those features will not be fully available until 2022 or later because of problems in a companion program to develop a new ground control system for the satellites, government auditors said.

The satellite, launching four years late, also contains about 600 suspect capacitors out of almost 28,000 parts used on its navigation payload. The Air Force decided in 2016 not to replace them after the capacitors were discovered on the second and third satellites being built and pulled them out.

All sides agreed that the subcontractor at the time, Exelis Inc. and now Harris Corp. had failed to do required testing on the

capacitors five years earlier, in 2011, with Lockheed saying it was responsible for maintaining oversight of its subcontractors.

The Air Force decided that the risk in taking apart the satellite and reassembling it "to remove and replace the capacitors was greater than the risk of launching the satellite 'as is,'" said Cristina Chaplain, director of space acquisition oversight for the Government Accountability Office, via email. The \$529 million satellite was already 28 months late at the time in 2016 when the service began investigating capacitor failures. But "rigorous" ground testing of the satellite gave the companies and the Air Force confidence they could go forward without opening up the satellite, Chaplain said.

Nevertheless, "by definition, this satellite has a greater level of risk built in," she added, saying "cost and schedule considerations also were at play, obviously," in the decision not to tamper with the first satellite.

The Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center said in an email that the satellite, which weighs 9,700 pounds when fueled, "has undergone more than 11,000 hours of testing without capacitor failures, giving further confidence" that it "will perform nominally."

The center said the current constellation of GPS satellites "is robust and can absorb" an "early mission degradation should any failures happen on orbit" with the new satellite. The navigation payload units "are internally redundant and it would take multiple capacitor failures" before the satellite "would experience system degradation," the center said.

Bloomberg News contributed.

Boeing sets \$20B buyback plan, raises dividend 20%

BY JULIE JOHNSON
Bloomberg News

Boeing Co. directors have authorized a record \$20 billion share buyback program and boosted the Chicago-based company's dividend 20 percent — a sign the planemaker doesn't intend to stop showering cash on investors any time soon.

The company's share price has more than doubled since it embarked on a strategy of rewarding shareholders as production of the marquee 787 Dreamliner stabilized six years ago. Over that time, Boeing has repurchased 230 million of its shares and hoisted its dividend

325 percent.

Boeing said it repurchased \$9 billion in shares this year. By comparison, analysts have speculated that the manufacturer would need to spend about \$10 billion to develop a new midrange plane, which would be its first all-new jetliner since the 787.

Boeing said it expects buybacks under the new plan to begin in January and be made over the next 24 months.

Boeing shares have climbed 7.2 percent this year through Monday, compared with a 14 percent decline in a Standard & Poor's index of U.S. industrial companies.

Surgeon general warns of teen risks from vaping

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Surgeon General Jerome Adams is taking aim at the best-selling electronic cigarette brand in the country, urging swift action to prevent Juul and similar vaping brands from adding millions of teenagers.

In an advisory Tuesday, Adams said parents, teachers, health professionals and government officials must take "aggressive steps" to keep children from using e-cigarettes. Federal law bars the sale of e-cigarettes to those under 18.

For young people, "nicotine is

dangerous, and it can have negative health effects," Adams said. "It can impact learning, attention and memory, and it can prime the youth brain for addiction."

Federal officials are scrambling to reverse a recent explosion in teen vaping that public health officials fear could undermine decades of declines in tobacco use. An estimated 3.6 million U.S. teens are now using e-cigarettes, representing 1 in 5 high school students and 1 in 20 middle-schoolers, according to the latest federal figures.

Separate survey results released Monday showed twice as many high school students used e-ciga-

rettes this year compared to last year.

E-cigarettes and other vaping devices have been sold in the U.S. since 2007, growing into a \$6.6 billion business. Most devices heat a flavored nicotine solution into an inhalable vapor. They have been pitched to adult smokers as a less-harmful alternative to cigarettes, though there's been little research on the long-term health effects or on whether they help people quit.

Even more worrisome, a growing body of research suggests that teens who vape are more likely to try regular cigarettes.

Adams singled out Silicon Valley startup Juul. The company leapfrogged over its larger competitors with online promotions portraying their small device as the latest high-tech gadget for hip, attractive young people.

Analysts now estimate the company controls more than 75 percent of the U.S. e-cigarette market.

The surgeon general's advisory notes that each Juul cartridge, or pod, contains as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes.

Juul said in a statement that it shares the surgeon general's goal: "We are committed to preventing youth access of Juul products."



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Surgeon General Jerome Adams singled out San-Francisco-based startup Juul in blasting e-cigarettes.



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Ariz. store launches driverless grocery delivery

Too soon to tell if it will become a cost-effective option

BY CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press

The nation's largest grocery chain is leaping into the driverless delivery market, announcing Tuesday that it is now ready to bring milk, eggs and apples to some customers' homes in a vehicle with nobody at the wheel.

Although limited to delivering within about a mile of one Arizona supermarket, it represents the latest step for industries trying to lower delivery costs of everyday items as well as those trying to launch self-driving cars on public roads.

But Tuesday's launch also highlighted some of the many challenges that are still ahead for autonomous vehicles: The compact car didn't drive as planned at a media demonstration and had to be pushed up a ramp



BRIAN SKOLOFF/AP

The RI, created to deliver groceries, sits outside a Fry's grocery store in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Tuesday.

and onto a truck by several men before it could deliver the first loaf of bread.

Kroger and Nuro, an autonomous vehicle company based in Mountain View, Calif., announced Tuesday they would begin delivering groceries in Scottsdale, Ariz., using an autonomous vehicle called the RI, which has no steering wheel and no seats for humans.

Nuro has been delivering groceries with larger, manned self-driving vehicles since August. It will be adding two of its completely unmanned RI vehicles to that fleet, said Dave Ferguson, president and co-founder of Nuro. He said a vehicle at the demonstration didn't drive because its battery had died.

When summoned, the RI

will travel within a one-mile radius of the Fry's Food grocery store just east of the Phoenix Zoo at speeds up to 25 mph on residential roads, but stay clear of main roads or highways, according to Pam Giannonatti, corporate affairs manager at Cincinnati-based Kroger Co.'s Fry's division.

Customers, after placing an order on their smartphone or laptop, will get a text message when the groceries are on their way.

Another message will alert them when the grocery delivery is curbside. Once the vehicle arrives, the customer will receive a punch code to open the doors of the vehicle, Giannonatti said.

Customers will pay a flat fee of \$5.95 and can request same-day or next-day delivery.

The unmanned delivery vehicles will be followed by a "shadow car," which will be driven by a human with the ability to stop or control it. The "chase car" is being

used in the early stages of the program out of an abundance of caution and will be eventually phased out, Ferguson said.

"This is not yet at the point where in any way it's economically better than just sending someone out in a car to deliver your groceries," said Bryant Walker Smith, a professor at the University of South Carolina, who teaches about emerging technologies. "It will probably cost much more, and the range is minimal, and there are lots of ways it would not be a true, commercial-scale, viable deployment, but it's an important step on that path."

Attempts to deploy fully autonomous vehicles on public streets have been limited by technological hurdles, as well as human apprehension.

Uber pulled its self-driving cars out of Arizona this year following the death in March of a woman who was run over by one of the

ride-hailing service's robotic vehicles while she crossed a darkened street in a Phoenix suburb. It was the first death involving a fully autonomous vehicle.

That vehicle had a backup driver at the wheel.

Giannonatti said safety is paramount in this next step of autonomous vehicle technology.

Because the RI delivery vehicle is unmanned, it was designed to prioritize safety of other drivers or pedestrians without trading off the safety or comfort of a driver or passengers, Ferguson said.

The delivery vehicle's size — half the width of a Toyota Corolla — also helps prevent collisions with pedestrians because there's more buffer room, Ferguson said.

Kroger has been working hard to boost online sales in order to keep up with Walmart and Amazon, which bought grocer Whole Foods last year.

AI's rise exposes gender gap

Lack of diversity in tech can create product biases

BY MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

The challenges of making the technology industry a more welcoming place for women are numerous, especially in the booming field of artificial intelligence.

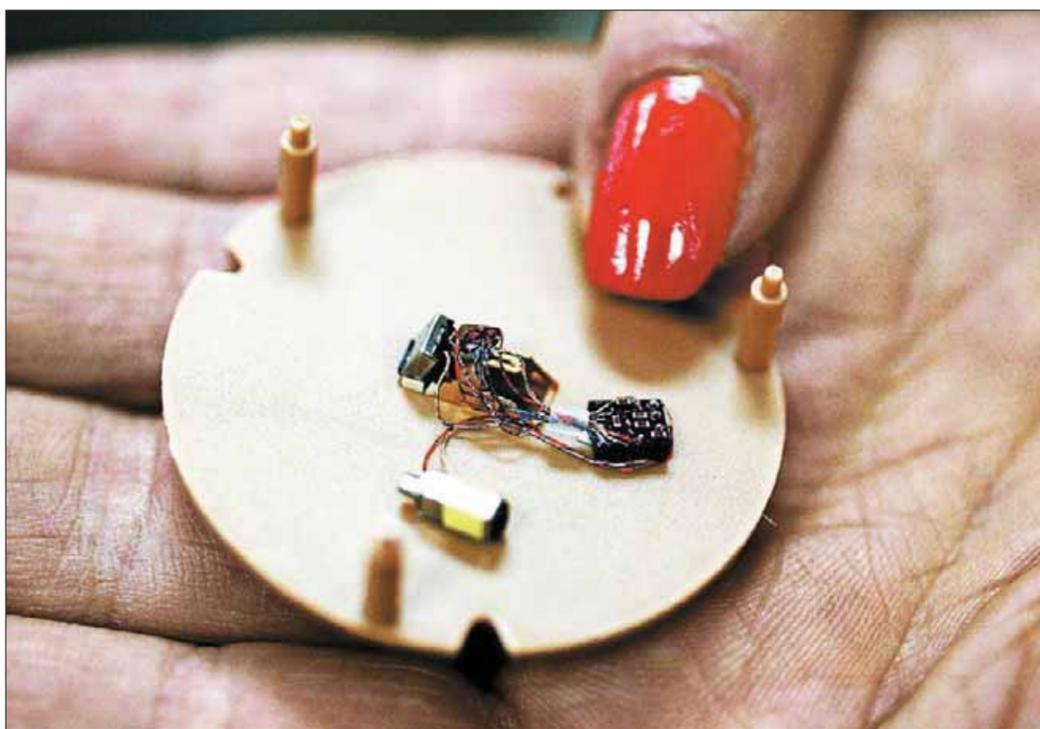
To get a sense of just how monumental a task the tech community faces, look no further than the marquee gathering for AI's top scientists. Preparations for this year's event drew controversy not only because there weren't enough female speakers or study authors.

The biggest debate was over the conference's name.

The annual Conference and Workshop on Neural Information Processing Systems, formerly known as NIPS, had become a punchline symbol about just how bad the gender imbalance is for artificial intelligence. Thousands of AI researchers convened in Montreal this month under a slightly tweaked banner — NeurIPS — but with many of the same problems still under the surface.

AI's challenge reflects a broader lack of diversity in the tech industry. At major tech companies, women account for 20 percent or fewer of the engineering and computing roles. By some accounts, AI's gender imbalance is even worse: One estimate by startup incubator Element AI shows women making up just 13 percent of the AI workforce in the U.S.

The challenge has repercussions far beyond career recruitment. Artificial intelligence and a self-training discipline known as machine learning can mimic the biases of their human crea-



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tors as they make their way into consumer products and everyday life.

"The more diversity we have in machine learning, the better job we will do in creating products that don't discriminate," said Hanna Wallach, a Microsoft researcher who is a senior program chairwoman of the conference and co-founder of an associated event for women in machine learning.

AI systems look for patterns in data, such as what we say to our voice assistants or what images we post on social media. These systems can share the same gender or racial prejudices found there.

Such misfires have increasingly attracted attention. A rogue Microsoft chatbot spouted sexist and racist remarks. A Google app to match selfies to famous works of mostly

Western art lumped many non-whites into the same exoticized figures. In another example, a study looking at several prominent AI systems for recognizing faces showed that they performed far better on lighter-skinned men than darker-skinned women.

This year, Google tests of an email feature designed to predict what someone wants to write turned up evidence that its algorithms were making biased assumptions — referring, for instance, to a nurse as "her" and an engineer as "him." The company said it ended up removing all gender pronouns before launching the feature in May.

And while a growing number of researchers and product designers are devoting attention to solving these problems, Wallach said it didn't help to have an "off-putting" name marring

an important gathering for sharing new research and recruiting new people.

The conference dates back to 1986, and the name didn't raise as many eyebrows for its first few decades, especially with even fewer women working in tech.

But as the nerdy summit's headcount and its public reputation exploded in recent years, the nickname became increasingly embarrassing. Critics said it added to a hostile environment that for some women also included unwelcome advances and other forms of harassment.

"This name change has opened up so many of the issues that women and minorities face in tech," said longtime conference attendee Animashree Anandkumar, who directs machine-learning research at chipmaker Nvidia.

Startup booths hawked T-shirts and other promotional freebies with sexist slogans riffing off the acronym. The connotations became more problematic as the conference attracted corporate giants like Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook as sponsors and attendees — and tried to promote more women and other underrepresented groups in its ranks.

Conference leaders this year acknowledged "incidents of insensitivity at past conferences" and issued stricter rules banning harassment, bullying and sexualized clothing and activities.

But they resisted changing the name as recently as October, when they released a survey of more than 2,000 attendees — mostly men — that found most were OK with it. That led Anandkumar to start a Twitter hash-

tag to step up the pressure.

Katherine Heller, a Duke professor and Google researcher who helps lead a new conference committee on diversity and inclusivity, said it helped that some of the industry's leaders also weighed in. Google AI chief Jeff Dean, for instance, tweeted that "enough people are made to feel uncomfortable by the current name."

The conference board relented and announced on Nov. 16 that the new acronym would be NeurIPS. It urged participants to respect it and get back to focusing "on science and ideas."

Organizers moved the conference to a new website, printed new signs and booklets and hired a branding company to design a new logo, though the transition isn't complete. At the same time, it offered more amenities, such as child care, and more panels devoted to addressing bias and inclusion — both in the industry and the technology it creates.

The changes prompted Anandkumar to tweet that she experienced a "feeling of belonging" for the first time in years. She said she hopes it signals a "return of civility" to the field.

Heather Ames Versace, who had criticized the board for being "tone deaf," said the rebranding will help change the world's perception of the tech industry and encourage young women to join it. Versace, co-founder of AI startup Neurala, said that despite improvements, a lot more needs to be done to make AI reflective of society, not just the small group of people working on it.

"With AI, we're creating technologies that learn and make decisions in the real world," Versace said. "We need to make sure they represent a diverse set of opinions."

In suit, GE fires at upstart Uptake

Law suit, from Page 1

whom were senior execs, according to the lawsuit.

Ganesh Bell, whom Uptake brought on as president in February, is allegedly one of them. He was named as a defendant in the lawsuit, as was Uptake's chief financial officer, Kelly McGinnis. Other senior-level Uptake employees named as defendants are Alex Paulson, Jay Allardyce, Ravi Marwaha and Scott Bolick.

The lawsuit alleges that the employees "will inevitably disclose GE's trade secret information," if they haven't already.

"Uptake's scheme," according to the lawsuit, was to either try to weaken GE through unfair competition and force it to accept one of Uptake's proposed business deals or replace GE in the marketplace, the lawsuit says.

Uptake plans to defend itself "vigorously" against the lawsuit, which has no

merit, Keywell said.

"Both customers around the globe, and former GE employees, are choosing Uptake because of its superior technology and vision," he said. "Rather than innovate, GE has resorted to litigation as its last gasp attempt to compete and distract from its outdated technology."

None of the six Uptake employees named in the suit responded to a request for comment.

The lawsuit comes days after GE announced plans to establish an independent company focused on connected industrial machines.

GE has struggled as it seeks to restructure. The company, which posted a loss of \$22.8 billion in the third quarter, ousted its previous CEO this fall after just over a year on the job, and it faces a federal accounting probe, among other challenges.

After reports that GE hired an investment bank to

organize an auction of its digital assets earlier this year, Uptake launched a webpage that targets GE customers, featuring a video with Bell.

Though Uptake has been well-funded and is one of Chicago's few tech companies valued over \$1 billion, it has faced growing pains.

In November 2017, Caterpillar ended its investment in the company, though it remains a customer. The heavy equipment manufacturer took an early minority stake in Uptake and has been gathering data from its machinery using the startup's technology. About a month later, Chicago private equity firm Valor Equity Partners, which put \$35 million into Uptake, also ended its investment.

Uptake employed about 550 people as of mid-November, down from about 750 earlier this year.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,927.77 Low: 23,516.02 Previous: 23,592.98



Summary table for Nasdaq (+30.18), S&P 500 (+.22), and Russell 2000 (-.96) with their respective close, high, low, and previous values.

Summary table for 10-yr T-note (-.03), Gold futures (+1.80), Yen (-.22), Euro (-.0006), and Crude Oil (-3.64) with their respective changes and values.

Major market growth and decline

Table showing 5-day, 30-day, and 1-year percentage changes for DOW, NASD, and S&P indices.

FUTURES table listing commodities like WHEAT, CORN, SOYBEANS, and SOYBEAN OIL with their respective prices and changes.

LOCAL STOCKS

Table of local stocks with columns for STOCK, XCHG., CLOSE, CHG., and a list of various companies like Abbott Labs, AbbVie Inc, Allstate Corp, etc.

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

Table of most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, listing companies like Gen Electric, Bank of America, Chesapeake Energy, etc.

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Table of largest companies based on market capitalization, listing companies like Alibaba Group Hldg, Alphabet Inc C, Alphabet Inc A, etc.

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Table of largest mutual funds based on total assets, listing funds like American Funds AMCPA m, American Funds AmnroBAlA x, etc.

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Table of treasury yields for durations from 3-month to 30-year, listing yields and previous values.

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Table of spot metal prices for Gold, Silver, and Platinum.

INTEREST RATES

Table of interest rates for Prime Rate, Discount Rate, Fed Funds Target, and Money Mkt Overnight Avg.

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Table of foreign exchange rates for various currencies like Argentina (Peso), Australia (Dollar), Brazil (Real), etc.

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

Table of NASDAQ stock market activity, listing companies like Adv Micro Dev, Adios and Matheson, Oracle Corp, etc.

FOREIGN MARKETS

Table of foreign market indices for Shanghai, Stoxx600, Nikkei, MSCI-EAFE, Bovespa, FTSE 100, and CAC-40.

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Where Amazon Go takes flight

Amazon, from Page 1 many seconds they spent shopping. The cameras include infrared sensors, but Amazon said the store doesn't use facial recognition.

you spend the most time in. That level of technology so far is absent from most other retailers, especially at airports. Saunders said that some airport stores may have options to order ahead using an app.

year's Airport Experience News Fact Book. But many items stocked on those shelves see some kind of price hike. Given how expensive everyday items can be at airport stores, Saunders said Amazon may see an opening to undercut that pricing.

Hateful, violent videos not the bulk of what YouTube removes

By CRAIG TIMBERG AND TONY ROMM The Washington Post

YouTube removed 7.8 million videos and 1.6 million channels in the third quarter of this year, mostly for spreading spam or posting inappropriate adult content, the company said in a report last week.



amount of hateful, conspiratorial videos posted to the platform or on its role as a video library for users of Gab.ai and 4chan, social media sites that are popular with racists, anti-Semites and others pushing extremist ideologies.

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During Tuesday's congressional hearing, Rep. Jamie B. Raskin, D-Md., questioned Google chief executive Sundar Pichai about a report in The Washington Post on the spread of videos falsely claiming that Democrat Hillary Clinton had attacked, killed and drank the blood of a girl. Pichai promised more action was coming from the company in addressing such issues.

OBITUARIES

DAVID SHEPHERD 1924-2018

Co-founder of Compass Players, inventor of Chicago-style improv

By CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

In 2005, a crowd gathered at the University of Chicago's Reynolds Club to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the invention of improv. No less an authority than the university archivist had declared that the 50th anniversary of the Compass Players — the famous Hyde Park comedy institution co-founded by David Shepherd and the incubator for such talents as Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Ed Asner and Valerie Harper — meant that it now officially was a half-century since the creation of an entire new art form that would, in time, revolutionize American comedy.

A hubristic assertion for Shepherd's scrappy little Hyde Park troupe? Not really. History speaks for itself.

"Without David, no Compass," the comedy historian and writer Jeffrey Sweet said Tuesday. "Without Compass, no Second City."

And without the Chicago comedy institution known as Second City, no SCTV, no "Saturday Night Live," no Tina Fey, no Steven Colbert, no Steve Carell, no Boom! Chicago, no iO and no Seth Meyers. No Upright Citizens Brigade in New York City, either.

Some would go further: David Mamet would not have written "Sexual Perversity in Chicago," nor would Eric Idle have made "Spamalot," as directed by Nichols.

Shepherd, who died Monday in his home in Massachusetts at the age of 94, was at the root of it all. Second City announced Shepherd's death Tuesday, heralding his vision of "a political cabaret for working-class audiences."

That vision was on his mind when Shepherd hitchhiked to Chicago after graduating from Harvard College in 1952, soon hanging out in Hyde Park with fellow creative intellectuals



BRIAN KERSEY/AP 2005

David Shepherd saw improv as "an ideal way for people who feel differently about the culture to express themselves."

like Bernie Sahlins and Sheldon Patinkin and, in time, founding both the Playwrights Theatre Club and Compass Players, alongside his friend, the late Paul Sills. It was Shepherd who persuaded Sills to use his mother Viola Spolin's famous techniques on improv comedy, not scripted shows. Without Shepherd's persuasion, Sills would have gone in a different direction.

Actually, Chicago's improv history — America's improv history — would never have happened at all.

"I almost went to Cleveland to start Compass," Shepherd said at that 2005 gathering, telling a story about how the truck driver with whom he was hitchhiking from Cambridge, Mass., talked him out of stopping in Ohio because he wanted more of his company on the road.

But Chicago ended up as his destination and was fortunate for his arrival. Shepherd believed in the power of improv — and not just as a down-and-dirty mode of live entertainment.

"People get locked inside personas that don't change for decades," he said at the 2005 event. "It's important for them to get out." In Shepherd's mind, improv was a way to change the performer's life, as well as that of the audience.

"It seems to be an ideal way for people who feel differently about the culture to express themselves," he said. "And it's a very cheap format."

Later on, it was Shepherd who came up with the team-based forms of improv that, with the help of yet more collaborators, spawned the Chicago company iO (formerly Improv-Olympic) and its many clones and competitors.

Over time, of course, Second City and its offshoots became wildly profitable entities, cornerstones of commercial comedic entertainment. That was not what Shepherd had intended.

"He never entirely made his peace with Second City," Sweet said. "He wanted to build a theater to raise political consciousness, and what resulted was an institution that developed great comedy talent. I spent time with him at Second City's 50th birthday celebration, and he mostly looked miserable. He had helped generate a revolution in theater, but it wasn't the kind of theater that he wanted. I once said he was like a Marxist who had a child who became head of General Motors. He couldn't help but be happy for the child's success even as he disapproved of what the success was in."

As recently as 2012, Shepherd was doing TED talks on what he saw as the still-unexplored potential of the form.

All that said, the form that Shepherd birthed has remained rooted in populism and (mostly) in affordable tickets.

And the political power of a show like "Saturday Night Live," now sufficiently potent to fire up the presidential Twitter account on a regular basis, has never been more formidable.

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In Memoriam

Daniel D. Feld
6/26/1936-12/19/2008



10 years have passed, you left us too soon. So just before I go to bed tonight I will look out my window, I will see that one little star shining down for me. Every time it twinkles, its me saying I love you and I miss you. We all miss you. Love Sue, Richard, April, Charles, Laura, and your beautiful grandchildren.

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Death Notices

Archos, Paula

Paula Archos, age 77, of McHenry, at rest December 17, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Dean Archos. Dear mother of Demos "Jim" (Alison) Archos and the late Angelique Archos. Treasured grandmother of Sophia Archos. Resting at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 525 Church Rd, Elgin, IL 60123, on December 20, 2018, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Interment at Crystal Lake Memorial Park. Arrangements entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, McHenry, IL. INFO: 815-385-2400 or www.justenfhn.com.

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Badalamenti, William "Liam" Paul

Liam Badalamenti, 23, of Prospect Hts., loving son to Joseph and Trish Badalamenti; loved brother to Jack and Russell (Laura); cherished grandson to the late Betty and Aldo "Ammma and Boppa" Baldaccini and Vito and Nina Badalamenti; dear nephew to, Tracy Baldaccini, Vincent (Renee) Baldaccini and the late Michael Badalamenti; and beloved cousin to Pete, Sedona, Will, A.J., Cameron, Nicole, Luke and Anthony. Visitation Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 4 pm until 8 pm, with a Prayer Service at 7 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 North Arlington Hts. Road (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to a behavioral health charity of your choice. Funeral information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Balcerzak, Marion J.



Marion J. Balcerzak, 85, of Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, formerly of Northbrook, passed away December 18, 2018. Beloved husband for 47 years of the late Joan Balcerzak nee Kenny; loving father of Stephanie (Robert) Graves, Susan (Jeffrey) Blade, Jennifer (Robert) Klaas and Jeffrey (Kathleen) Balcerzak; proud and loving grandfather of Joe, Maggie, and Ian Graves, Sarah and Elizabeth Blade, Matt and Melody Klaas; dear brother of Jean Balcerzak and A. Ed (Patricia) Balcerzak; fond brother-in-law of Sis (the late Cliff) Peart and Terri Keats; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Marion received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, magna cum laude, from the University of Detroit in 1956 and then received his Master of Science and PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University in 1961. He had a long and distinguished career as a business executive working in the field of research and development for GATX Corporation and Chamberlain Manufacturing Corporation. He was an avid golfer and enthusiastic sports fan. He loved his family and was deeply proud of his children and grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 22, 2018 from 9:30am until time of Mass 10:30am at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Geneva Foundation of Presbyterian Homes, 3200 Grant St., Evanston, IL 60201. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Blackmore, Margaret A.

Margaret A. Blackmore (nee Klingen) age 93; beloved wife of the late Gilbert Blackmore; loving mother of Susan (Fred) Dudek, James (Patti) and Gilbert (Kathy) Blackmore; dearest grandmother of David (Naomi), James (Sarah) and Daniel (Nancy) Dudek, Kari (Randy) Bruce, Sarah (Michael) O'Keefe, Jimmy (Gina) Blackmore, Jennifer (Nick) Rouse, Timothy Blackmore, Matthew (Megan) Blackmore, Katie (Scott) Meader and Brian (Liz) Blackmore; cherished great-grandma of 24; dear sister of Jill (Michael) DeBates, the late Jeanne (the late Fred) Smelter and the late Bobby Klingen; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 9 A.M. until time of Funeral Service 11 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462. Entombment Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105 or Ronald McDonald House, 26345 Network Pl. Chicago, IL 60673, would be appreciated. Funeral info: 708-429-3200



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Blankenship, Ray D.

Ray David Blankenship, 79, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at his new home in Inverness, Illinois. Ray "Dave" was born March 9, 1939, in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Dave is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Kathy; daughters, Bridget (Richard) Han and Brooke (Kevin) Salem; and grandchildren, Evangeline and Aria Han, Dane and Harper Salem. Dave was preceded in death by his mother Jackie Y. Marutzky.

Dave was a veteran of the US Army and received the distinction of sharpshooter. Dave worked as a computer programmer for the Circuit Court of Cook County for over 40 years, and during that time served as Director of the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department. Dave was known for his love of golf, both playing and watching, and participated in several leagues over the years. Many times he was known as the one to beat. Dave loved to travel with his wife, Kathy, and they have enjoyed many road trips and cruises together and with friends. A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Friday, December 21, 2018, at the chapel at Memory Gardens, 2501 East Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Dave's name to the charity of your choosing. Info 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Diebel, Werner P.

Werner P. Diebel, of Sedgebrook, Lincolnshire, formerly of Highland Park, passed away on December 11, 2018. Beloved husband of Ingeborg, nee Saftscheck, married for 63 years. Loving father of son, Thomas William, who preceded him in death. Dear uncle too many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 425 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035; www.trinitychurchhph.org. A reception in Wolcott Hall at Trinity will take place after the service. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Diezel, Norma P.

Norma P. Diezel, 9/21/1921 - 12/14/2018; daughter of the late Maggie & late Harry Jeffrey; sister of the late William (late Helen) Jeffrey, late Ralph (late Ruth) Jeffrey, late Verna (late Otto) Spaeth, late Jack (late Wilma) Jeffrey, late Tracy (late Frances) Jeffrey, late Armistice (late Bob) Porter; also, loving aunt of five generations nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, December 21, 2018 4:00 - 9:00 pm at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral service Saturday, December 22, 2018 at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Irving Park Cemetery in Chicago. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Federkins, Joseph

Joseph Federkins, age 94 of Mount Prospect passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on Saturday December 15, 2018. Beloved husband of Yvonne Federkins nee Plechsmid for 66 wonderful years. Devoted father of Joseph F. (Marianne) and John C. (Jennifer); loving grandpa to Kyle (Erin), Jessica, Jacob, Trevor, Nicholas, Kevin, Brian and Rebecca; great grandfather to Landon; dear brother of Olga (the late William) Frickensmith. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Dorothy Federkins and sisters Anne (Donald) Phetteplace and baby Irene all of Racine Wisconsin. He proudly served in the United States Navy Air Corps during World War II and the Korean War. Joe was a skilled carpenter and always took pride in his work. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local #839 for 64 years. Joe will be remembered for his kind, gentle ways, devotion to his family, quick wit and loving sense of humor. Visitation Saturday December 22, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfhn.com.

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Fortuna, Muriel

Muriel Fortuna, Age 86, nee Del Principe. Beloved wife of the late Justin. Loving mother of Ginny (Joseph) Bisluk, Jay (Cathy), Frank (Carla) and John. Cherished grandmother of Tony (Vanessa), Joey, JB, Ross, Michael, Angela, Gabriella, Johnny, Anamarie, Dominic, Lori, Jill (Joe) Weichle. Caring great grandmother of Elena and Joslyn. Dear sister of Luke (Pati) and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Founder of Jay's Beef in 1976. Visitation is Thursday from 3:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Friends are asked to meet Friday at St. Giles Church for Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Funeral Info 708.456.8300

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Gazda, James R.

James R. Gazda, age 75. Beloved son of the late John and Lottie; caring and supportive brother of Diane; cherished cousin of many. James was a polio and cancer victim with long-term suffering. Visitation Wednesday, December 19, 2018 from 3-8 pm at Matz Funeral Home, 3440 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Funeral prayers Thursday 9:30 am at the funeral home proceeding to St. Ladislaus Church. Mass 10 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to the charity of one's choice appreciated. For info: (773) 545-5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Kalcke, Eugene J.

Eugene J. Kalck, Proud WWII Army Veteran; Platoon Sergeant in the Battle of the Bulge, and Bronze Star recipient; Died peacefully at home on Dec. 18, 2018; Loving husband of Rosemary, nee Sheehan; Beloved father of Catherine "Bunny" (William) Keane, Jeanne (Terry) Bogdan, Maureen (John) Mackey, and Michael (Doreen); Proud grandpa of Kelly, Michael Brian, Kate, Terry Scott, Jeff, Jennie, Kerry, Katelyn, Ryan, Patrick, Eileen, and Megan; Cherished great-grandpa of 17; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday 8:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Incarnation Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 24th; in lieu flowers, Eugene would be proud that donations be made to the Disabled Patriot Fund, www.disabledpatriotfund.org. For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneral-home.com



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In 1732 Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac."

In 1776 Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay.

In 1777 Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

In 1842 the United States recognized the independence of Hawaii.

In 1843 "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

In 1871 Albert Jones, of New York City, patented corrugated paper.

In 1903 the Williamsburg Bridge opened in New York City, linking Manhattan and Brooklyn.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa.

In 1915 French singer Edith Piaf was born in Paris.

In 1941 Adolf Hitler dismissed his chief of staff and

took personal command of the German army.

In 1950 Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was named commander of the military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1972 Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1974 Nelson Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1984 Britain and China signed an accord returning Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997.

In 1985, in Minneapolis, Mary Lund became the first woman to receive a Jarvik VII artificial heart. (Lund received a human heart transplant 45 days later; she died in October 1986.)

In 1990 Iraq urged its people to stockpile oil to avoid shortages should war break out, and Saddam Hussein declared he was "ready to crush any attack."

In 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by

the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice. (He was later acquitted by the Senate.)

Also in 1998, two days after his confession of marital infidelity, Bob Livingston told the House he wouldn't serve as its next speaker.

Also in 1998 President Bill Clinton halted air-strikes against Iraq after a fourth day of attacks.

In 1999 Macau spent its last day under Portuguese control before being handed back to China, ending 442 years of colonial rule.

In 2000 the U.N. Security Council voted to impose broad sanctions on Afghanistan's Taliban rulers unless they closed terrorist training camps and surrender U.S. Embassy bombing suspect Osama bin Laden.

In 2001 the fires that had burned beneath the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York City for the previous three months were declared extinguished except for a few scattered hot spots.

In 2002, after a prosecutor cited new DNA evidence, a judge in New York threw out the convictions of five young men in a 1989 attack on a Central Park jogger who had been raped and left for dead.

In 2012 South Korea elected Park Geun-hye as the country's first female president.

In 2013 Target Corp. announced that thieves gained access to 40 million credit and debit card accounts during the first three weeks of the holiday shopping season. (The retailer later said the personal information of as many as 70 million people was stolen.)

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Kloss, Eugene 'Bud'

Eugene "Bud" Kloss, age 87, of Libertyville. Beloved husband of Marie for 62 years. Loving dad of Tom (Katie), Tammy (Stan) Cook, Peggy (Dave) Anderson, Kim (John) Sullivan, Mike (Dorie), and the late Susan. Papa of Michael, Christy, Tom, Joey, Mary, Kevin, Kari, Casey, Ryan, Tim, Katie, Billy, Johnny, Cassidy, Megan, Ben, and Abbey. Great-grandpa of Ellie, Charley, Colette, Lilly, Nolan, Davey, Liam, Gavin, Avery, Harper, and Arlo. Brother of Nancy Bruzzini, and the late Marilyn Halpin. He was preceded in death by his parents August and Martha Kloss. Bud was the founder and owner of Kloss Distributing in Gurnee, a beer distributor in Lake County since 1973.

Visitation Thursday 3-8 PM at Marsh Funeral Home, 305 N Cemetery Rd, Gurnee. Prayers at the funeral home Friday between 10:30-11:30am, followed by mass of Christian Burial Friday 12 Noon at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 6401 Gages Lake Rd, Gurnee. Interment Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville

For funeral info: MarshFuneralHome.com or 847-336-0127.
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Krengel, Theodore Herzl

Theodore Herzl Krengel age 93. Beloved husband of Joan nee Franks. Loving father of Cecelia (Lawrence) Menaker, Joshua (Marta), and Beth (Lawrence) Elman. Proud grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of one. Dear brother of the late Ruth Spector. Founder and former chairman of Allied Tube & Conduit Corp. and former president of American Technion Society. Graveside service Wednesday 2PM at Beverly Cemetery, 120th & Kedzie Avenue, Blue Island, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Technion Society, 111 W. Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, 60602, www.ats.org or JUF, 30 S. Wells Street, Chicago 60606, www.juf.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Lally, Peter N.

Peter N. Lally, age 91, WWII US Navy Veteran, beloved husband for 63 years to the late Elaine P. Lally, nee Churin (2015). Loving father of Lorrie Lally, Robert (Eileen) Lally, Kath (late John) Miller, Michael Lally and the late Kenneth Lally. Cherished grandfather of Kristine (Frankie) Chojnacki, Jay (Christina) Miller, and Nicholas Miller. Dearest great-grandfather of Madelyn, Olivia, Delilah, Emma and Lillyanna. Dear brother of the late Jack (Gerrie) Lally, the late Marlene (late Tom) Spence and the late Jim (late Cathy) Lally. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Retired in 1988 from Com Ed with over 45 years of service. Peter was a proud member of the American Legion for 66 years and was currently a member of American Legion Post 615 in Tinley Park. Visitation Saturday, December 22, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church for a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Maltezos, James L.

Staff sergeant of the United States Air Force for 13 years. Post commander of Harold A. Taylor Post #47. Employed by United States Postal Service for 25 years. Loving son of the late Louis and Mary Maltezos; dearest brother of Louise, the late George (Naja), the late John, and Christine (the late Eugene) Gailard; loving and fun uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago on Thursday from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Funeral Mass Friday 12:30 p.m. at St. Benedict Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Miley Sr., SGM Fred Lee

SGM Fred L. Miley, Sr. peacefully departed from this walk of life on December 12, 2018 in Valdosta, Ga. Funeral service will be held on Saturday December 22, 2018 at Folsom Chapel AME Church. Burial will follow in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. -Harrington Funeral Home Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

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Murray, Kurt John

Kurt John Murray age 58, of Evanston. Beloved husband of Mary Murray nee Yale; loving father of Elizabeth and Martha Murray; dear brother of Kay (Bill) Price, Matthew (Joanne), Mark and the late Michael Murray; fond son-in-law of Jean Yale and Robert Yale; caring brother-in-law of John (Keri) Yale, Martha (Thomas) Leinenweber and Thomas Yale; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Friday, December 21, 2018 4:00 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 22, 2018 11:00 a.m. at Saint Athanasius Church 1615 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Evanston Township High School Boosters. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Nealis, Hon. Paul J.

Hon. Paul J. Nealis, Vietnam Veteran, United States Marine Corps. Retired Judge Cook County Court. Former Asst. States Attorney and former Sgt. C.P.D. Beloved Husband of Jane (C.P.D. Ret.) (nee Meany). Cherished father of the late Jinelle Gould and father-in-law of Dave (Danielle) Gould. Brother of John (Beverly) Nealis, Margaret (Byron) Bradley, James (Marie), Terence and Kevin (Lynn) Nealis. Brother-in-law of Clare (James) Dwyer and Kathleen Meany (Sal Attinello). Uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Chicago to St. Alexander Church 7025 W. 126th St. Palos Heights, IL for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Smile Train 633 Third Avenue, 9th floor, New York, NY 10017. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.

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Nelson, Lucy J.

Lucy J. Nelson, 84, passed away on December 15, 2018 in Lake County, IL. She was born Nov. 13, 1934 in Chicago, IL. Her parents were the late Dale and Lucille Downing. She was the wife of the late Richard H. Nelson. Beloved mother of William (Sylvia) Nelson, Pamela (Ronald Look) Nelson, Gregory (Dixie) Nelson and the late Donald Nelson. Loving grandmother of Erik Nelson-Look. Sister of Carol Rosenberg, Dale Downing and the late Frank Downing. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Lucy was a voracious reader and loved solving crossword puzzles. No services are planned. Donations to your local library are appreciated.

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O'Toole, Deanne Agnes, nee Dempsey

Age 78, of Orland Park; Devoted wife of the late Paul for 45 years; Loving mother of Paul III (Melissa), Dennis (Angela), and Peggy (Adam) Lavelle; Proud grandma of Georgie O'Toole, Maggie, Patrick, and Brendan O'Toole, and Fiona, Kevin, and Charlie Lavelle; Dear sister of the late George Dempsey, the late Rev. Richard Dempsey, Sister Dorothy Dempsey, O.P., Msgr. Thomas Dempsey, Sally Dempsey, Donald "Duke" (late Denise) Dempsey, and Kathy (Dale) Moyer; Beloved sister-in-law of Mary Ann (Tom) McKenna; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; In lieu of flowers, donations to the Syrian American Medical Society, www.sams-usa.net would be appreciated; The O'Toole family would like to thank the nurses and doctors who cared for her over the years; Visitation Thursday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday, 10:15 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park. Mass 11:15 a.m. Interment Private; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Pappas, Dorothy A.

Dorothy A. Pappas, nee Lejeune, age 101, of Riverside; beloved wife of the late Alexander J.; loving mother of William (Sonia) and Leslie (Paul Schroeder) Pappas; cherished grandmother of Edward, Phillip, and Christopher; preceded by siblings Fortunee, Edward, George, and Charles; aunt of Deborah, Thomas, Kyle, Heidi, Amy, and many other nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday December 21st, 3 to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Funeral Saturday, December 22nd, 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Pawlak, Henry C.

Henry C. Pawlak, age 94; beloved husband of the late Genevieve Pawlak, nee Keniecki; loving father of Diane (the late Gary) Gunter and Robert (Margaret) Pawlak; dear grandfather of Cindy (Patrick) Kozak-Funck, Scott (Colleen) Kozak, Wendy Kozak, and great-grandfather of Connor and Maggie Funck, Tara, Quinn and Molly Kozak. Memorial Service Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 1:00PM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove. Interment Private. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfield-sullivan.com

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Peterson, Jean M.

Jean Peterson, nee McDonnell, 80, of Winnetka, passed away December 16, 2018. Beloved wife for 57 years of Thomas F. Peterson; loving mother of Pamela J. (Geoff) Moore, Richard T. (Katherine) Peterson, Jeffrey C. (Sheila) Peterson; proud grandmother of Alison, Thomas, and Sarah Moore, Douglas, William, Helen and Katherine Peterson; dear sister of the late Sheila (late Stanley) Grace; cherished daughter of the late Charles and Ruth McClelland. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Ramon, Tony

95, of Prattville, AL, formerly of Calumet City, IL and Lowell, IN, passed away December 17, 2018. He is survived by his children, Ronald (Peggy), Karen (Michael) Mileusnic, Ricardo (Tanja), Maria (Rich) Todd, Mara (Greg) Carden, Pia (Ray) Green; daughter-in-law, Lois and former daughter-in-law, Ernestine; grandchildren, Tony, Juan, Jason, Michelle, Renee, Rachelle, Rohn, Rodd, Ryan, Melissa, Damian, Nicole, Ariana, Hannah, Shawn, Lisa, Eric, Michael, Aaron, Adam, Alyssa; numerous great, great great grandchildren; sister, Angie Arias. Preceded in death by his wife, Bernadette; son, Don E. Ramon; parents, Angel and Catalina Ramon; siblings, Herbert, Mary, Margaret; special friend, Sue Scalf. Tony was a member of St. Edward Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post #101 all in Lowell, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church and VFW in Prattville, AL. He was also a WWII Army Pacific veteran and retired from Inland Steel, where he was a member of the 25yr Club. Visitation, Friday, December 21st from 4-8PM, Sheets Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 604 E. Commercial Ave, Lowell, IN. Funeral Mass, Saturday, 10AM at St. Edward Catholic Church, 216 S. Nichols St., Lowell, IN. Burial will follow in St. Edward Cemetery with Fr. Rick Holy officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. www.sheetsfuneral.com

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Rempas, George Peter

George Peter Rempas, age 68, died suddenly on December 17, 2018, at the Shapiro Center in Kankakee, Illinois where he resided for many years. Loving son of the late Peter and Georgia Rempas and dear brother to Dr. Steven Rempas. Fond uncle and cousin to many. Visitation Friday, December 21st, at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona Ave., Chicago, IL 60625 at 10:30 am until the Funeral Service begins at 11:00 am. Private interment at Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements made by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.** For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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Rittenberg, Dolores Marie

Dolores Marie Rittenberg, age 82, passed away Saturday, December 15, 2018 peacefully in her home at 5333 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Rittenberg was born on September 28, 1936 in Chicago to Lucille M. Ward and James J. Rittenberg and was married to Robert James Walz. She is survived by her brother, James J. Rittenberg, four sons, Robert James Walz, Thomas Edward Walz, William Joseph Walz and Brian Michael Walz, three grandchildren, Timothy E. Walz, Tiffany D. Walz and Robert James Walz and five great-grandchildren, Alexis Walz, Jael Walz, Joshua Walz, Nathan Walz and Mariah Walz. Ms. Rittenberg grew up in the west-side/Garfield Park neighborhood. She attended St. Mel school, then Providence High School. She studied drama at Mundelein College. She was thrilled to perform at Theater on the Lake. She also started a large food and clothing drive to help riot victims following the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King. Ms. Rittenberg raised her children in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, returning to live in the Chicago neighborhoods of Lincoln Park and Edgewater. She taught at Queen of the Rosary in Elk Grove Village, worked as a newspaper reporter in Arlington Heights and then became a realtor and real estate appraiser. A memorial service will be held at Malone Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 3-6:30pm. For more information call Brian Walz at 773-405-5688. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested donations to the National Organization of Women at www.now.org.

Thomas Edward Walz, William Joseph Walz and Brian Michael Walz, three grandchildren, Timothy E. Walz, Tiffany D. Walz and Robert James Walz and five great-grandchildren, Alexis Walz, Jael Walz, Joshua Walz, Nathan Walz and Mariah Walz. Ms. Rittenberg grew up in the west-side/Garfield Park neighborhood. She attended St. Mel school, then Providence High School. She studied drama at Mundelein College. She was thrilled to perform at Theater on the Lake. She also started a large food and clothing drive to help riot victims following the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King. Ms. Rittenberg raised her children in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, returning to live in the Chicago neighborhoods of Lincoln Park and Edgewater. She taught at Queen of the Rosary in Elk Grove Village, worked as a newspaper reporter in Arlington Heights and then became a realtor and real estate appraiser. A memorial service will be held at Malone Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 3-6:30pm. For more information call Brian Walz at 773-405-5688. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested donations to the National Organization of Women at www.now.org.

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Rocus, Julia

Julia Rocus, age 99, of Countryside; beloved mother of Kenneth (Cyndy) Rocus & Geraldine (Charles) Anzilotti; proud grandmother of Stacy (Dennis) Romo & Natalie Anzilotti; loving sister of the late Bernice Dowling & the late George Rasinskas; cherished aunt of Kathleen Dowling, James (Madeline) Dowling, Patt Jett & Barbara Tejada; dear great-aunt of Leslie, Sarah, Franklin, Mason & Ben; & cherished friend of many. Visitation 3 to 9pm on Friday, December 21 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends to meet at 9:15am, Saturday, December 22 from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs. Mass at 9:45 am. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery, Chicago. Info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Shapiro, Nancy L.

Nancy Lee Shapiro (nee Obenhaus, also known as Rusty) died on December 13, 2018, aged 90, after a grueling battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in Oak Park, raised in Sandwich and long-term resident of Highland Park, all in Illinois. Nancy graduated from Northwestern University and worked for many years as the secretary to Rabbi Daniel Friedman at congregation Beth Or in Deerfield, IL. Married to Elliott Shapiro for 64 years until his death on December 2, she is survived by daughters Stacy, Helen and Hilary; grandsons Jason, Max and Alex; and brother Bruce Obenhaus. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 21, at Kelley and Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Struhar, Thomas Vincent Franklin

Thomas Vincent Franklin Struhar, age 66, of Chicago, formerly of Skokie. Loving father of Mark (Sheka); beloved son of the late John M. and Margaret; fond brother of John M. Jr. (Marellen), Julie, Gregory (Carolyn), and Maria; dear uncle of Amy Rosa, Gregory Jr., and John. Visitation, Thursday, December 20, 2018, from 9 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11 a.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment, Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Trombatore, Biaggio "Joe"

Biaggio "Joe" Trombatore Veteran of the United States Army. Dearlly Beloved Husband of Linda Nee Toriani. Loving Father of Lori (Rob) Rosengarten and Michael (Gabriela) Cherished Grandfather of Bobby, Niolette, Danny and Mia. Dear Brother of Rosalie Nasca. Fond Brother in Law, Uncle and Friend of Many. Visitation Thursday from 3 until 9 P.M. at **CARBONARA FUNERAL HOME** 1515 N. 25th Avenue, Melrose Park. Funeral Friday 9 A.M. from the funeral home to St. Cyprian Church Mass 10 A.M. Int. Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Proud Member of Ciaco. Please Omit Flowers.

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Weiss, Marillyn P.

Marillyn P. Weiss nee Pinkus, age 90. Beloved wife of Dr. Howard Weiss for 68 loving years. Loving mother of Jill (Mark J. Koss) Duncan and the late David S. Weiss. Dear grandmother of Joshua. Cherished sister of the late Donald Pinkus. Memorial service will be held on a future date at The Selfhelp Home, 908 West Argyle, Chicago, IL 60640. Memorial contributions to The Selfhelp Home, www.selfhelphome.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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White, Maureen E.

Maureen E. White (nee Daly), Age 95, of Palos Heights, formerly of Beverly. Born into Eternal Life on December 15, 2018. Beloved wife of the late James C. White. Loving mother of Kathleen M. White, James J. (Amy) White, Christina M. (the late Frank) Donahue, Maureen E. (John) Bonk, Mary Patricia Corwin, and the late Thomas K. White. Loving "Nana" to Dani Rachelle White, Kristin Murphy, Drew (Amy) Corwin, Kathleen (Bryan) Bellamy, Elliot Corwin, and Cate Donahue; and "Great Nana" to Torin Murphy, Lucy River Bellamy, and Connor James Corwin. Devoted daughter of the late John M. and Christina Tangney Daly. Dear sister of the late John M. Daly, Elizabeth T. "Bess" Daly, and Christina "Patt" Stone. Also loved by many nieces and nephews. Best friend of Peggy Figliulo and the late Mary Richards. Proud Alumna of Mercy H.S. (1941). Maureen was an avid bridge player and loyal supporter of AHIHA. Visitation Friday 3-8pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeneey-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Saturday morning for visitation 9:00am-9:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would deeply appreciate memorials to the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA), founded by Stan Mikita and Irv Tiahnybk. Please direct memorials to AHIHA c/o Kevin Delaney, 9345 N. Harding, Evanston, IL 60203. Funeral Info: Heeneey-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneeyfh.com

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ZACCARI, JOHN THADDEUS

John Thaddeus Zaccari, 59, of Willow Springs, passed away on Dec. 9, 2018. Beloved husband of Susan. Loving father of Johnathan and Christine. Services have been held. Arrangements were entrusted to Hallowell & James Funeral Home, Countryside at 708/352-6500.

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Zaloudek, Shirley V.

Shirley V. Zaloudek, nee Carlson, 98, of Palatine. Beloved wife of the late George Zaloudek. Dear mother of Pamela (the late Gene Callison), Donald G. (Linda), and Claudia (Donald Baumgartner) Zaloudek. Adored grandmother of Charles Perko, Marina Gill, Nadeane (Kevin) Cooper, Heidi Callison, Zoe (Brad McVay) Zaloudek, and Kenneth Baumgartner. Dear great-grandmother to seven and great-great grandmother to four. Cherished aunt to Perle Olsson, and great-aunt to Laurie Olsson, and many other nieces and nephews. Shirley will be missed dearly. Memorial visitation 10 AM, Friday December 21st, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine, until time of memorial service at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimers Association would be appreciated. Interment Ridgewood Memorial Park. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Shirley's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Arianna Mendoza-Allen Travis Allen, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cristina Mendoza (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00973 18JA00972

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 19, 2018

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IN THE INTEREST OF Armany Alvarez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Eileen Alvarez (Mother) AKA Aileen Alvarez

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01110

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **"Spooky" Unknown (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 20, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Armany Alvarez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Eileen Alvarez (Mother) AKA Aileen Alvarez

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01110

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Gregory Unknown (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 20, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Armany Alvarez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Eileen Alvarez (Mother) AKA Aileen Alvarez

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01110

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **"Shadow" Unknown (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 20, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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December 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Destiny Sosa AKA Destiny Klim

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Debra Klim (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00125

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Debra Klim (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 8, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/10/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 19, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

The Illinois Pollution Control Board gives notice of public hearings regarding rule changes: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 204, Prevention of Significant Deterioration, Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 101, 105, 203, 211, And 215, R19-1. The Public Hearings will be held on February 26, 2019, from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm by VIDEO CONFERENCE; to be continued if necessary to February 27, 2019, beginning at 9:00 am at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, North Entrance, IPCB Hearing Room, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, North Entrance, Springfield, Illinois AND at the James R. Thompson Center, IPCB Hearing Room, 100 West Randolph Street, Room 11-512, Chicago, Illinois. If adopted by the Board, the Illinois EPA will submit proposed Part 204 and amendments to Parts 203 and 211 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for review and approval as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to satisfy Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements regarding Prevention of Significant Deterioration. 42 U.S.C. §§57410(a)(2)(C) and 7471. The revisions submitted to USEPA will include not only the amendments to current regulatory provisions under this proposal, but also the newly created provisions, as well as an analysis demonstrating that the proposal does not interfere with attainment or maintenance of any applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard, reasonable further progress, or any other applicable requirement of the CAA. This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 110(j) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §7410(j), regarding public notice of SIP submissions. The hearings are subject to cancellation without notice and may be confirmed by calling the Office of the Clerk at 312/814-3461.

Katie Papadimitriou
Chairman

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Summer Peterson Sneed

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Felicia Peterson (Mother) AKA Felicia Peterson Sneed Armond Sneed (Father)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00573

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Felicia Peterson (Mother) AKA Felicia Peterson Sneed Armond Sneed, Sr (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 20, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/10/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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December 19, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

Legal Notice in the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit Court of Cook Co., IL, Alistate et al vs. Ali, et al, Case No. 17 CH 432 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. Requisite publication being filed. NOTICE IS GIVEN: Delores Barronghs, Joan Colby, Bitang Chen, and Robert Howie as a result of auto accident on 6/5/16 on So. 194 near 63rd, CH, in which you by D & J Coach bus. Interpleader complaint filed against you asking to allocate 25/50 policy limits. **UNLESS YOU** file appearance in this interpleader in the Cook Co. Clerk Office, CHI, IL, before 1/18/19, an ORDER OF DEFAULT will be entered. Examine the court file or contact Alistate's attorney: Schwartz Gilligan, Ltd., 120 N. LaSalle, 34 FL, CHI, IL 60602, (312) 419-1011, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/2018

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IN THE INTEREST OF Destiny Sosa AKA Destiny Klim

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Debra Klim (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00125

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Debra Klim (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 8, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/10/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB D/B/A Christiana Trust not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Plaintiff,

vs. **Unknown Successor Trustees of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement dated 10/25/1989; Unknown Beneficiaries of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement dated 10/25/1989; Belmont Heights No. 1 Condominium Association; John Lydon aka Jack Lydon Special Representative for Madeline M. Humpf a/k/a Madeline Humpf a/k/a Madeline M. Schneider, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants**

Defendants.

CASE NO. 16 CH 15732
3161 North Paris Avenue Unit 104, River Grove, Illinois 60171
Sullivan Calendar 60

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to the Unknown Successor Trustees of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement dated 10/25/89, Unknown Beneficiaries of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement Dated 10/25/89, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS: UNIT 104 AS DELINEATED PLAT OF SURVEY OF LOT 1 IN JOSEPH J. PAGANUCCI'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 20 BOTH INCLUSIVE IN BLOCK 7 IN RIVER GROVE ESTATES; BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTH EAST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHICH PLAT OF SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT 'A' TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM MADE BY ELMWOOD BUILDERS, INCORPORATED, A CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS DOCUMENT 19519302; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 4.366 PERCENT INTEREST IN SAID LOT 1 IN JOSEPH J. PAGANUCCI'S SUBDIVISION AFORESAID (EXCEPT FROM SAID LOT 1 ALL THE PROPERTY AND SPACE COMPRISING ALL THE UNITS THEREOF AS DEFINED AND SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION AND PLAT OF SURVEY) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

P.L.N.: 12-26-207-009-1004

Said property is commonly known as 3161 North Paris Avenue Unit 104, River Grove, Illinois 60171, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Madeline M. Humpf A/k/a Madeline Humpf, Trustee of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement Dated 10/25/89, under the Provisions of a Trust Agreement Dated October 25, 1989 and Madeline M. Humpf A/k/a Madeline Humpf and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0707506010 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 18, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER - SUITE 1250 CHICAGO, IL 60601
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2006-HE9, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-HE9, Plaintiff, v. DONALD ELY, JR., AKA DONALD A. ELY, JR., AS TRUSTEE OF THE ELY FAMILY TRUST DATED JUNE 10, 2005; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE ELY FAMILY TRUST DATED JUNE 10, 2005; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DONALD ELY, JR., AKA DONALD A. ELY, JR., DEFENDANTS, Case No. 2018CH08537

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Successor Trustees of the Ely Family Trust dated June 10, 2005, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 together with the northerly one-half of the vacated alley lying southerly and adjoining said Lot 2, in L. Kluma's Resubdivision No. 29 in Block 2 in Nrd Schlosser's Greater Park Ridge Subdivision in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 41 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, a plat of which subdivision was registered in the Office of the Registrar of Titles of Cook County, Illinois, February 24, 1926, as Document No. 2913353.

1032 Parkwood Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068 09-22-323-037-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Successor Trustees of the Ely Family Trust dated June 10, 2005, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 18, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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Michael A. Phelps (6297416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-mphelps@manleydeas.com file number: 18-033663 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALET, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST #2007-1271, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1271, Plaintiff, v. GREGORY SABOURIN, AKA GREGORY SABOURIN, THE 3300 LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR INDENTURE TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CWHNE, REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-B; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH13721

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Gregory E. Sabourin, AKA Gregory Sabourin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Unit Number 17-C as delineated on the survey of the following described parcel of real estate (hereinafter referred to as parcel). The South 100 feet of Lots 36, 37, 38, 39 and the South 100 feet of that part of Lot 38 lying West of the West Line of Sheridan Road in Block 3 in Lake Shore Subdivision of Lots 24, 25 and 26 in Pine Grove, in Section 21, Township 40 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, which survey is attached as Exhibit "A" to the Declaration of Condominium made by Michigan Avenue National Bank of Chicago, a National Banking Association, as Trustee under trust agreement dated June 1, 1973, and known as Trust Number 2371, recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document 22632555, as amended from time to time, together with an undivided percentage interest in the parcel (excepting from the parcel all the property and space comprising all of the units thereof as defined and set forth in said declaration and survey) all in Cook County, Illinois.

Now, therefore, unless you, Gregory E. Sabourin, AKA Gregory Sabourin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 11, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sannetterstrom@manleydeas.com file number: 18-032168 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 12/12, 12/19 & 12/26/2018 6029038

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, v. FIKRETA HDZIC; SECIMA HDZIC; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TOWN SQUARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, SEAD HDZIC, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH13955

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Fikreta Hdzic, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Unit 207 as delineated on a survey of part of the South East 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 41 North, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, (hereinafter referred to as Parcel 1) which survey is attached as Exhibit "A" to Declaration of Condominium made by Michigan Avenue National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee under Trust Agreement ka Number 2528, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document Number 23872082 as amended from time to time; together with its undivided percentage interest in said Parcel (excepting from said Parcel all the property and space comprising all the units therefor or as defined and set forth in said declaration and survey) all in Cook County, Illinois.

220 South Roselle Road Apartment 207, Schaumburg, IL 60193 07-22-302-005-1031

Now, therefore, unless you, Fikreta Hdzic, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 11, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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Shanna L. Bacher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-slbacher@manleydeas.com file number: 18-031745 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 12/12, 19, 26/2018 6025167

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-FH4, Plaintiff, v. RIGOBERTO HERRERA, AKA RIGOBERTO G. HERRERA; SILVIA HERRERA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; RIVER TRAILS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH14207

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Rigoberto Herrera, AKA Rigoberto G. Herrera, Silvia Herrera, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Unit 16-305 in River Trails Condominium as delineated on a survey of part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 42 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, which survey is attached as Exhibit "CC" to the Declaration of Condominium recorded as Document No. 26873891 together with its undivided percentage interest in common elements in Cook County, Illinois.

831 McIntosh Court Unit 305, Prospect Heights, IL 60070 03-24-202-054-1357

Now, therefore, unless you, Rigoberto Herrera, AKA Rigoberto G. Herrera, Silvia Herrera, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 11, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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Shanna L. Bacher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-slbacher@manleydeas.com file number: 18-033663 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 12/12, 19, 26/2018 6025182

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. MARIA KWAPIEN AKA MARIA G. KWAPIEN AKA MARIA GRAZYNA KWAPIEN; HOLIDAY LANE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No. 2018CH14737 Cal No. 59 Property Address: 1115 Holiday Lane, Unit 12 Des Plaines, IL 60018

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS, THIS CASE HAS BEEN COMMENCED IN THIS COURT AGAINST YOU AND OTHERS, ASKING FOR FORECLOSURE OF THE MORTGAGE HELD BY THE PLAINTIFF ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 419 JEFFERSON ST. LOCKPORT, IL 60441, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY UNIT NUMBER 1115-12 IN HOLIDAY LANE CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND: THE EAST 900 FEET OF THE NORTH 420.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 34 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH 66.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 245.00 FEET (EXCEPT THE EAST 900.00 FEET THEREOF AND EXCEPT THAT PART THEREOF LYING WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 83) OF THE SOUTH 34 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LASALLE TRUST 4845 FIRST AMERICAN BANK, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #1-03-118 DATED 08/22/2003 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #94357 DATED 12.29.1988 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #94357 DATED 12.29.1988, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007924 FILED November 27, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-000018 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 272 S BARTLETT RD, BARRINGTON HILLS, IL Legal Description of Property Index No. 01-15-300-027-0000 THIS NOTICE IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT ABOVE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM THE SALE WILL EXPIRE ON APRIL 19, 2019. THE AMOUNT TO REDEEM IS SUBJECT TO INCREASE AT 6 MONTH INTERVALS FROM THE DATE OF SALE AND MAY BE FURTHER INCREASED IF THE PURCHASER AT THE TAX SALE OR HIS OR HER ASSIGNEE PAYS ANY SUBSEQUENTLY ACCRUING TAXES OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY FROM SUBSEQUENT FORFEITURES OR TAX SALES. CHECK WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AS TO THE EXACT AMOUNT YOU OWE BEFORE REDEMPTING. THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO ADVISE YOU THAT A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED FOR A TAX DEED WHICH WILL TRANSFER TITLE AND THE RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY IF REDEMPTION IS NOT MADE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2019. THIS MATTER IS SET FOR HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIS COUNTY IN THE RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER, 50 W. WASHINGTON ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60602, COURTROOM 1704, ON MAY 17, 2019 AT 9:30 AM. YOU MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING BUT YOUR RIGHT TO REDEEM WILL ALREADY HAVE EXPIRED AT THAT TIME. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY REDEMPTION CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2019 BY APPLYING TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, ADDRESS: 118 N CLARK STREET, ROOM 434, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/17, 18, 19/2018 6027763

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LEADER PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC, RA: ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ LEADER PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES STREET INVESTMENTS, LLC UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007381 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0000954 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 932 EAST CHICAGO ST, ELGIN, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 06-18-300-090-0000 THIS NOTICE IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE ABOVE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM THE SALE WILL EXPIRE ON APRIL 19, 2019. THE AMOUNT TO REDEEM IS SUBJECT TO INCREASE AT 6 MONTH INTERVALS FROM THE DATE OF SALE AND MAY BE FURTHER INCREASED IF THE PURCHASER AT THE TAX SALE OR HIS OR HER ASSIGNEE PAYS ANY SUBSEQUENTLY ACCRUING TAXES OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY FROM SUBSEQUENT FORFEITURES OR TAX SALES. CHECK WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AS TO THE EXACT AMOUNT YOU OWE BEFORE REDEMPTING. THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO ADVISE YOU THAT A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED FOR A TAX DEED WHICH WILL TRANSFER TITLE AND THE RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY IF REDEMPTION IS NOT MADE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2019. THIS MATTER IS SET FOR HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIS COUNTY IN THE RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER, 50 W. WASHINGTON ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60602, COURTROOM 1704, ON MAY 17, 2019 AT 9:30 AM. YOU MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING BUT YOUR RIGHT TO REDEEM WILL ALREADY HAVE EXPIRED AT THAT TIME. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY REDEMPTION CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2019 BY APPLYING TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, ADDRESS: 118 N CLARK STREET, ROOM 434, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/17, 18, 19/2018 6026681

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK TAXPAYER OF CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #2022 DATED 10.14.1971 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #2022 DATED 10.14.1971, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008010 FILED December 3, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0001485 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1017 ELM ST, PARK RIDGE, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 09-26-300-032-0000 THIS NOTICE IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE ABOVE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM THE SALE WILL EXPIRE ON APRIL 19, 2019. THE AMOUNT TO REDEEM IS SUBJECT TO INCREASE AT 6 MONTH INTERVALS FROM THE DATE OF SALE AND MAY BE FURTHER INCREASED IF THE PURCHASER AT THE TAX SALE OR HIS OR HER ASSIGNEE PAYS ANY SUBSEQUENTLY ACCRUING TAXES OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY FROM SUBSEQUENT FORFEITURES OR TAX SALES. CHECK WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AS TO THE EXACT AMOUNT YOU OWE BEFORE REDEMPTING. THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO ADVISE YOU THAT A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED FOR A TAX DEED WHICH WILL TRANSFER TITLE AND THE RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY IF REDEMPTION IS NOT MADE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2019. THIS MATTER IS SET FOR HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIS COUNTY IN THE RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER, 50 W. WASHINGTON ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60602, COURTROOM 1704, ON MAY 17, 2019 AT 9:30 AM. YOU MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING BUT YOUR RIGHT TO REDEEM WILL ALREADY HAVE EXPIRED AT THAT TIME. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY REDEMPTION CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2019 BY APPLYING TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, ADDRESS: 118 N CLARK STREET, ROOM 434, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 7, 2018. Pub: 12/17, 18, 19/2018 6027824

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ANTONY BURGOS OCCUPANT PARC LOFT CONDOMINIUMS AT SPAULDING PARC BRENT R STRATHEFF TRIVIA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK KATSONS FOTIOS... PROPERTY MANAGER FOTIOS KATSONS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007843 FILED November 26, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 19, 2019...

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK HECTOR CABALLERO... PROPERTY MANAGER ANILROSHI, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES ANILROSHI, LLC...

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK MB BUILDERS INC... PROPERTY MANAGER NEW BEGINNINGS BUILDERS INC, RA: CYNTHIA WILSON NEW BEGINNINGS BUILDERS INC...

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK FIRST X REALTY... PROPERTY MANAGER LOTTE D. BOSTICK FIRST X REALTY LP, FH PARTNERS, L.P., PO BOX 8216 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007763 FILED November 20, 2018...

TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK BRYANT FIELDS... PROPERTY MANAGER ARCEP 1, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES ARCEP 1, LLC...

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK VIANKA DEROCHE... PROPERTY MANAGER DEROCHE CANDIDO GARCIA BIANCA DEROCHE OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007164 FILED October 23, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK YEPPS 104K TRUST CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK TERRANCE BAY OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007271 FILED October 29, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK KISHAN CHANDI CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #9260 DATED 01.26.1989 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #9260 DATED 01.26.1989, RA: CT CORPORATION...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK WILSON TENBRECK CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK OCCUPANT FRANCES TENBRECK LAURA HEPBURN UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007271 FILED October 29, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JELKA JONLUA UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007764 FILED November 20, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 19, 2019...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK RYAN W MCNAUGHTON BRAESMERE PROPERTIES BRAESMERE PROPERTIES, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES BRAESMERE PROPERTIES, LLC...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ERIC D DUDLEY OCCUPANT DAVID BALDERAS MARIA DEL CARMEN URQUIZO DE PEREZ UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007165 FILED October 23, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CANDIDA APONTE CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK PROPERTY MANAGER ANILROSHI, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES ANILROSHI, LLC...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK TERESA A FERNANDEZ DIANE GOTTLEB WILLING WORKERS CHURCH OF FAITH OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007260 FILED October 25, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID GOODWIN ADRA TIRE AND AUTO PROPERTY MANAGER UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007383 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK WALSH AND SONS INC, RA: PRESIDENT: MILETSKI GARY MILETSKI GARY WALSH AND SONS INC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES KEITH SHAY GLOBAL SIGNAL ACQUISITIONS LLC, RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM GLOBAL SIGNAL ACQUISITIONS, LLC...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK THER DROCKEYER CA FUR CO INC 2100 JVA FOUR, LLC, RA: ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE C JVA FOUR, LLC, JAMES ATHANASOPOULOS, MANAGER LATOYA KING OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007162 FILED October 23, 2018...

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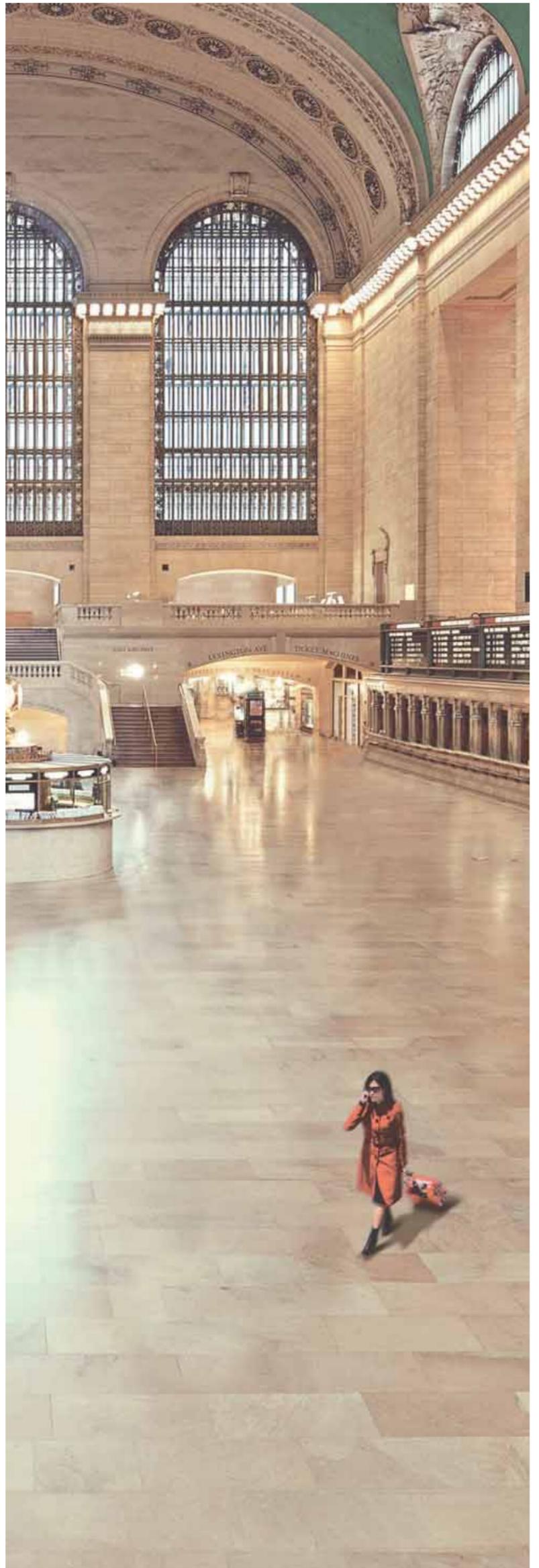
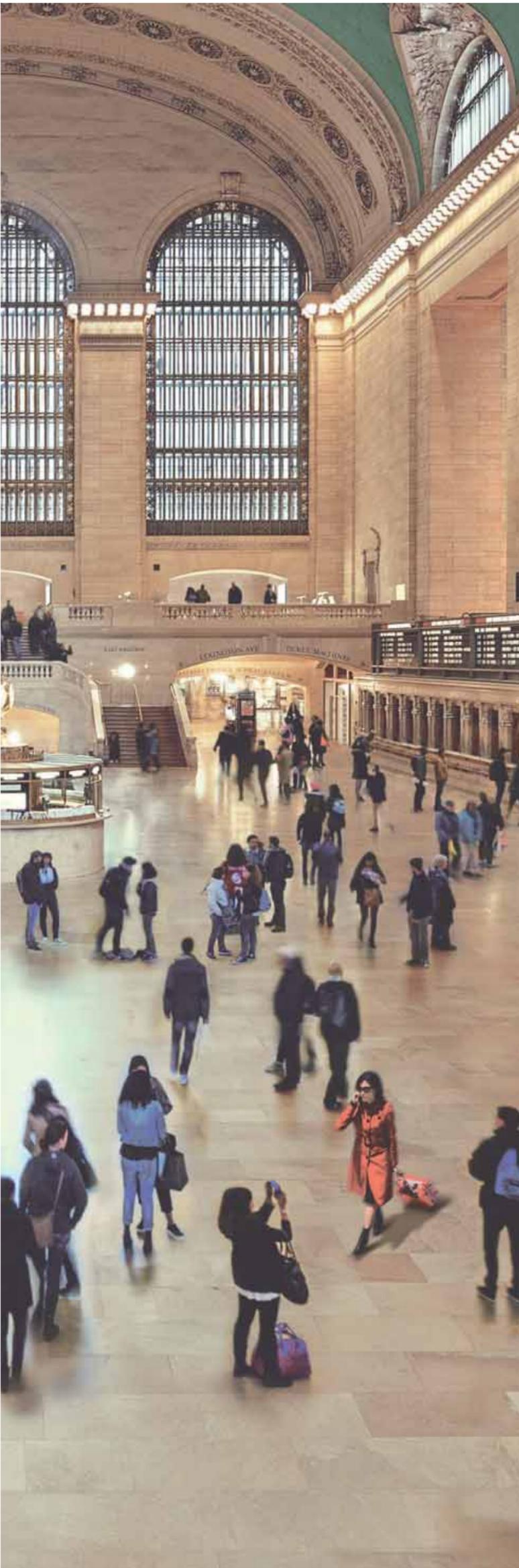
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BEARS

Five Bears earn Pro Bowl honors

Hicks, Cohen, Fuller, Jackson, Mack picked for NFL's annual all-star game

By **RICH CAMPBELL** | Chicago Tribune

When Akiem Hicks learned he was left out of the Pro Bowl last season, he equated it to a kid finding out he would get no presents on Christmas.

This year, however, it's loaded underneath the Bears' tree. And there is a big package with Hicks' name on it.

The seventh-year defensive lineman was one of five Bears named to the NFC Pro Bowl roster Tuesday, a reward for the NFC North champions after their worst-to-first turnaround.

Cornerback Kyle Fuller, safety Eddie Jackson, outside linebacker Khalil Mack and Swiss Army knife running back Tarik Cohen also were named to the NFL's annual all-star game.

Cohen was included as a return specialist for the Jan. 27 game in Orlando, Fla.

Consider it a flood that ends a drought.

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How did this happen?

Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer commiserate on how they — and just about everybody else — got it wrong this season with the Bears. Real Talk, **Back Page**

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Big Ten wants closer look at CFP system



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On college football

If you want to see steam rise from the foreheads of Big Ten officials, ask them about football scheduling.

Mention that teams from the SEC and ACC play just eight conference games. Remind them that Alabama hosted The Citadel in November.

And if you want to turn that steam into sizzle, circle back to the 2017 season: Big Ten champion Ohio State was denied entry into the

College Football Playoff. Alabama lost to Auburn in its regular-season finale, failing to qualify for the SEC title game. Yet the Crimson Tide made the playoff — and won it all.

Largely as a result of all of that — and the CFP selection committee denying the Big Ten champion for three straight seasons — the conference is advocating a full-on examination of the playoff.

Commissioner Jim Delany told The Athletic the Big Ten “would definitely have conversations” with the sport's other top decision-makers, and Northwestern athletic director Jim Phillips told the Tribune: “We owe it to the game to, at minimum, have a discussion that will be honest, direct, candid and collaborative.”

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WHITE SOX
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With rumors reaching the South Side, we try to answer the big question.

Who would make more sense in a White Sox uniform: Bryce Harper or Manny Machado? Paul Sullivan, Page 3

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Even if Cubs set up shop with their own network, expect NBC Sports Chicago to live on with Sox, Bulls and Blackhawks. Plus, David Ross will stick with ESPN, and mangled Monday Night Football crew will be back for Year 2. Pages 2-3

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HIGH SCHOOLS

IHSA football scheduling to ditch conferences for districts

Death of some rivalries, increased travel among opponents' concerns

By **MIKE CLARK**
Chicago Tribune

A major change is coming to high school football in Illinois in 2021, when conference rivalries will be replaced by geographic-based scheduling.

The Illinois High School Association on Tuesday announced the

results of its annual referendum. A proposal to enact district scheduling for football passed by a 324-307 margin, with 69 schools having no opinion. Another 118 schools did not vote.

Under the plan, enrollment breakdowns for the eight playoff classes will be determined before the season; currently they are finalized only after the 256-team field is set.

Schools from each class will be placed into eight geographic groups of eight or nine teams by

IHSA administrators and will play a round-robin schedule, with one or two dates available for non-district play. The top four teams in each district group will qualify for the playoffs, based on the round-robin records.

This season, 560 schools fielded football teams with 523 eligible to qualify for the playoffs. Chicago Public League teams in the Chicago and Intra-City sections were not in the state playoff mix. One unanswered question is how a playoff-eligible field of more or

fewer than 512 teams would be accommodated.

Schools will control the scheduling for their non-district games, which will have no bearing on postseason qualification.

The proposal is scheduled to take effect in 2021, with teams continuing to qualify under the current system in 2019 and 2020.

Similar proposals have failed to gain traction in the past, falling short of passage in 2009 and 2014. But Naperville Central athletic director Andy Lutzenkirchen be-

lieves support has been building as teams struggle to find nonconference games and the pace of conference realignment continues unabated.

“I think everyone realizes we need to try something different,” Lutzenkirchen said.

Opponents worry about some teams' potential for increased travel, particularly for larger schools from Chicago's far south and the southwest suburbs.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

'MNF' trio back, but why?

As Jason Witten would say, it appears ESPN's "Monday Night Football" crew has pulled a rabbit out of its head.

The rookie "MNF" announcing team — Booger McFarland and inexperienced Witten on analysis with Joe Tessitore doing play-by-play — reportedly will be back for a second season next year despite the criticism they earned in their first.

"Like it or not NFL fans, you should expect to see and hear this trio next season," The Athletic's Lindsay Jones reported.

It's also anticipated that veteran sideline reporter Lisa Salters will return, but she never has been the problem here.

Salters has a traditional role and does it in traditional fashion. She's not part of ESPN's self-indulgent attempt to gussy up a 48-year-old American cultural institution.

ESPN is signaling that it's determined to continue its bid to reinvent the forward pass on "MNF." It's doubling down on Witten and Tessitore in the booth, as well as McFarland, who's been bouncing up and down the sidelines on a jerry-rigged camera cart.

They aren't always sure who's supposed to say what when and aren't always sure what to say when they do. And for what?

Do you tune in for these guys? Does anyone? Isn't the real attraction supposed to be the game?

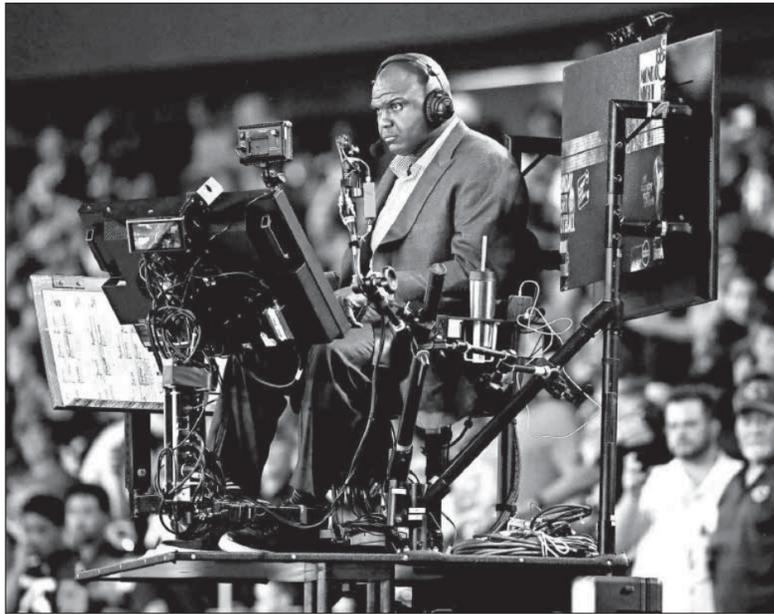
Bells and whistles are fine, but not if they distract from or drown out everything else — an immutable fact "Monday Night Football" has proved over the years since Howard Cosell was unseated.

ESPN just breathed new life into its "SportsCenter" franchise with a back-to-basics approach.

"I think we miscalculated a little bit," ESPN's Norby Williamson told the Washington Post of why the flagship show has returned to its roots. "The perception became that you could just roll a talent out there and it doesn't matter what he or she is saying — that the content didn't matter. I just never believed that."

Yet here we are with so much window-dressing on "Monday Night Football" it's hard to see through the window.

ESPN's "MNF" ratings are up year-to-year, consistent with NFL's overall ratings this season, a trend attributed in part to the surge of offense in the game.



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

Analyst Booger MacFarland works the Bears' Monday night game against the Seahawks.

The trend is not an endorsement of the "MNF" announcers, but of the idea that people tune in for the game in any case. Marquee matchups are critical.

Nevertheless, Tessitore excitedly hypes storylines in a bid to inject energy, rather than letting the game dictate its own story.

Witten's lack of TV announcing experience is painfully obvious, and it's a tad insulting ESPN thought viewers would embrace a trainee on what is supposed to be a prime-time NFL showcase. (Rare is the newbie with the poise and skill of Witten's former teammate, Tony Romo.)

McFarland's gimmicky perch, dubbed the Booger Mobile by some and a nuisance by ticket-holders whose view it has blocked, has lent few obvious benefits to his analysis while making it harder for him to interact with the others.

There has been incremental improvement from the three to date, yet hardly enough to score this season a success with one regular-season telecast, a wild-card playoff game and the Pro Bowl remaining.

The only indisputable growth has been Tessitore's facial hair. Not sure a beard and mustache were necessary or add anything, but there's no question that at least they do what beards and mustaches usually do.

Witten's greatest achievement so far is not spilling on his shirt in the soup commercial he does.

The former Cowboys tight end, who retired to take the ESPN job and brushed off a recent inquiry from the Cowboys to see if he might return, is still mangling verbiage and insights.

Even when Witten seems to be making himself perfectly clear, he isn't.

So long as Witten keeps offering insights such as this week's "One of the best things (the Panthers' Cam Newton) does is run after catch," when he presumably meant "run after contact," it's hard to forget his past miscues.

It's harder to forgive the people who put him in this position.

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MEDIA

Forget coaching: ESPN signs Ross



It looks like **David Ross** won't be the Cubs' new bench coach.

The former Cubs catcher has signed a multiyear contract with ESPN to work as a game analyst and studio commentator, the network announced Tuesday.

Ross had been rumored to replace Brandon Hyde, who left the Cubs bench coach job to become manager of the Orioles.

"ESPN truly is a family environment and I'm so fortunate to work with great people both on camera and behind the scenes," Ross said in a statement. "I love the job so much that it hardly feels like work. For instance, last season I had the opportunity to call telecasts ranging from MLB's Game 163 to the Little League World Series."

"David has proven to be an exceptional analyst with remarkable vision of the action on the field," said Mark Gross, ESPN senior vice president, production and remote events. "He offers terrific insights in both a game and studio analyst capacity, which displays his versatility."

Ross retired from baseball after the Cubs won the 2016 World Series. He joined ESPN at the start of the 2017 season.

■ Hall of Fame-bound Harold Baines heads the list of White Sox players and alumni scheduled to appear at SoxFest 2019.

Baines, voted into the Hall last week by a veterans committee, will be joined by several current Sox players, including Jose Abreu, Michael Kopech, Daniel Palka, Reynaldo Lopez and Tim Anderson.

Top prospects Eloy Jimenez and Dylan Cease also will be on hand, along with 2018 first-round draft pick Nick Madrigal.

Retired broadcaster Ken "Hawk" Harrelson returns, and Hall of Famers Carlton Fisk, Tim Lincecum and Jim Thome are scheduled to appear.

SoxFest will be held Jan. 25-27 at the Hilton Chicago.

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MEDIA

ANALYSIS

Even if Cubs bolt, channel will stay

Sox, Bulls, Hawks expected to remain with NBC Sports Chicago

By **PHIL ROSENTHAL**
Chicago Tribune

Let's say the Cubs indeed are going their own way, launching a channel with Sinclair Broadcast Group when their partnership in NBC Sports Chicago with the White Sox, Bulls and Blackhawks expires in October.

It's not as though the Sox, Bulls and Hawks are going away.

Neither is NBC Sports Chicago, if it can help it.

That's why, despite some flirtation with other media concerns (including Sinclair, per sources), it has been widely presumed Sox and Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and Hawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz, co-owners of the United Center, would enter into a new Cubs-less partnership for their teams with NBC Sports Chicago.

It only makes sense.

NBC Sports Chicago has the established brand equity, channel positions and — although the Cubs almost certainly will do some poaching — talent, sales and production personnel needed to operate a TV and streaming service.

Even with some people lured away by the Cubs, the transition would be seamless, which is why few have ever doubted that's the way it would play out.

Bruce Levine of WSCR-AM 670 reported Tuesday that a deal would be announced soon.

Sources did not dispute that but indicated the deal hasn't been finalized.

That the Cubs are bolting should surprise no one. They've only been talking about it for close to 10 years.

The Ricketts family has swooned in anticipation of cashing in on a channel of its own since acquiring the team in 2009 from then-Chicago Tribune parent Tribune Co.

It was just a matter of waiting out the original 15-year partnership with what was Comcast SportsNet Chicago when launched in 2004 and now is NBC Sports Chicago.

October 2019 has been circled on calendars for some time now.

Since the Rickettses began dreaming of a Cubs channel, the Dodgers cut a lucrative deal for their own channel, which pays them a bundle but as a result costs cable operators so much per subscriber that few have agreed to carry it.

The result has been a virtual Dodgers TV blackout for many Southern California fans over the last five seasons, save for the occasional national telecast or game on local broadcast TV.

In Houston, MLB's Astros and the NBA's Rockets set out on their own in 2012, breaking up with Fox Sports Network to launch a regional sports network with Comcast. It went bust in a little more than a year.

But the Cubs' confidence has never wavered.

Their partner is Sinclair and the channel will be called Marquee, according to the Sun-Times. Levine reported no Cubs-Sinclair deal is in place but said industry sources indicated Sinclair was a leading candidate to team with the ball club.

Sinclair is a partner in Stadium, Reinsdorf's multi-platform sports outlet based at the United Center. Its holdings also include Tennis Channel.

While Sinclair owns and/or operates 193 TV stations around the country, it's probably best known in Chicago for its proposed \$3.9 billion merger with WGN-9 and WGN-AM 720 parent Tribune Media, which fell apart this year.

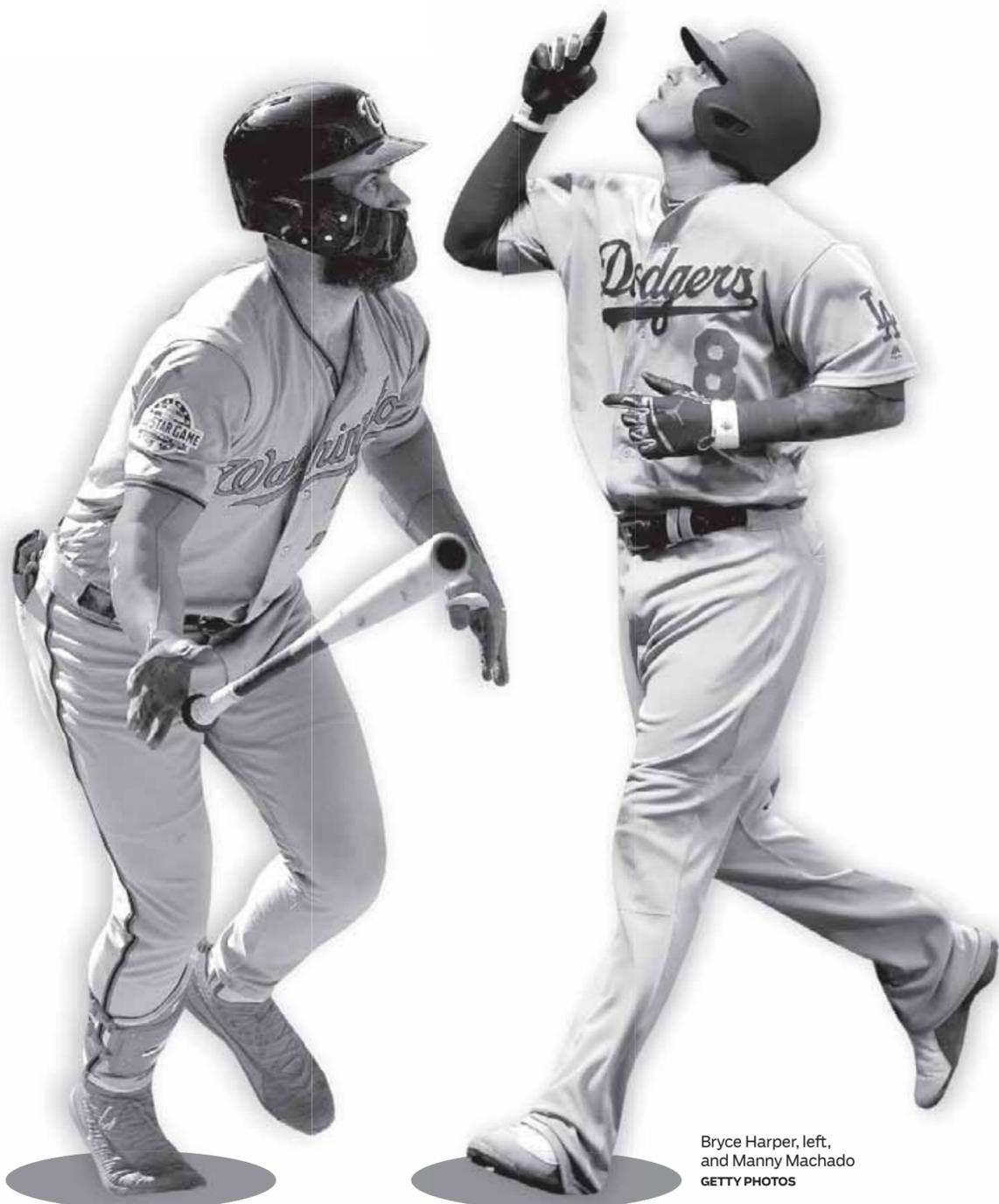
(It's worth noting Tribune Publishing, not Tribune Media, is this newspaper's owner.)

The challenge faced by the Cubs — and to a degree the Sox, Bulls and Hawks — will be to sell the public on their channel because it's consumers who are needed to make the add-on a must-buy commodity for cable systems as well as advertisers.

No matter how energized and undyingly loyal a fan base is, people aren't necessarily eager to spend more for TV or streaming than they already are.

Chicago Tribune's Paul Sullivan contributed.

WHITE SOX & CUBS



Bryce Harper, left, and Manny Machado
GETTY PHOTOS

Pare of Sox

By **PAUL SULLIVAN** | Chicago Tribune

The White Sox are pursuing the top two available free agents — Manny Machado and Bryce Harper — with the hopes of making one the next face of the franchise. Which superstar would be the best fit on the South Side? Here's how they stack up in several categories.



Offense

Machado had a better year in 2018 with 6.2 wins above replacement for the Orioles and Dodgers, which ranked

ninth in the majors. Harper finished 46th with 3.5 WAR in a down year.

Harper had his first 100-RBI season in 2018, though he fell one RBI short in his 2015 MVP season with 99. He also hit a league-leading 42 home runs in 2015, finishing with a 1.109 OPS.

Harper's career OPS is .900, which ranks 64th all time and trails only Mike Trout (ninth at .989), Joey Votto (17th, .956), Miguel Cabrera (22nd, .946), Albert Pujols (31st, .936), Paul Goldschmidt (39th, .929) and Giancarlo Stanton (59th, .905) among active players. Machado's .821 OPS is 303rd all time.

Advantage: Harper.



Defense

A former catcher, Harper is primarily a right fielder but can play all three outfield spots.

He has a strong arm but is regarded as an average fielder and never has won a Gold Glove Award. Still, he would be a significant upgrade from current Sox right fielder Daniel Palka, who would likely move to left.

Machado is a below-average shortstop who moved to the position full time in 2018 at his request. But he was above average at third base, winning Gold Gloves in 2013 and '15 with the Orioles. Machado would be best suited at third, though if he insisted on playing short, the Sox would likely have to move Tim Anderson to accommodate him.

Advantage: Machado.



Drawing card

The Nationals never finished higher than 11th in average attendance since Harper's arrival despite playing in

a relatively new ballpark, having a perennially winning team (until 2018) and a strong supporting cast that included Max Scherzer and Stephen Strasburg. Washington is not a baseball town.

Machado was saddled with a terrible Orioles team in 2018 before being dealt to the Dodgers, and the Orioles ranked 26th in average attendance. In their three playoff seasons with Machado on the roster — 2012, 2014 and 2016 — the Orioles ranked 20th, 13th and 20th.

Advantage: Harper.



Media savvy

Neither player is considered a media magnet, the kind of player who enjoys speaking to reporters

before and after games. Harper was protected in Washington by a public-relations staff that seldom asked him to perform the media obligations many superstars understand is part of the deal.

Machado is generally accommodating but not used to dealing with a big-city media corps constantly hanging around his locker for interviews. He blew off reporters before the All-Star Game in Washington. But when Chicago media hounded him on the South Side in May thanks to rumors he would be dealt to the Cubs, Machado handled it well.

"I think he's gotten better at the answers each time," then-Orioles manager Buck Showalter said.

Advantage: Harper.



Intangibles

Machado will find it difficult to shed his reputation as a dirty player who doesn't like to hustle, which he

reinforced during the 2018 postseason after telling The Athletic: "I'm not the type of player that's going to be 'Johnny Hustle' and run down the line and slide to first base and ... you know, whatever can happen. That's just not my personality, that's not my cup of tea, that's not who I am."

Harper is more fun-loving and in 2015 had a fan throw her phone down to right field, where he took a selfie and returned it. He's also quite cocky. A made-for-YouTube moment occurred in September 2015 when Nats closer Jonathan Papelbon wrapped his hands around Harper's neck in the dugout.

"I've known him since he was 15," Nats GM Mike Rizzo once told me. "He always has been a wonderful young man who's sharp and respectful to his elders and a historian of the game. He plays the game ultra-aggressively, and I love that part of him. He plays with high energy, high emotions and a little bit of a temper."

Advantage: Harper.



Final verdict

The Sox would be significantly better by signing either Machado or Harper. But Harper would provide them

with more attention from fans and media and would be easier to market. The first time Machado didn't run hard, Sox fans would be up in arms.

The pick: Harper.

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Utility player Descalso signs with Cubs for 2 years

By **PAUL SULLIVAN**
Chicago Tribune

The Cubs on Tuesday signed 32-year-old utilityman Daniel Descalso to a two-year, \$5 million deal.

A career .240 hitter, Descalso is coming off the most productive season of his nine-year career, hitting 13 home runs and driving in 57 runs in 349 at-bats with the Diamondbacks in 2018.

Descalso will receive \$1.5 million in 2019, \$2.5 million in '20 and an \$3.5 million option for '21 with a \$1 million buyout.

The left-handed hitting Descalso can play all four infield positions and left field, which makes him a perfect fit for Joe Maddon's ever-shifting lineups and in-game shuffling.

After dealing Tommy La Stella to the Angels, the Cubs needed another left-handed bat to come

off the bench or spot start. Descalso is a significant upgrade because of his superior defense and additional power.

Second and third base are his primary positions, and while he's capable of playing short, the Diamondbacks used him only once there the last two seasons.

With Addison Russell out the first five weeks because of his 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domes-

tic-abuse policy, leaving Javier Baez back at short, Descalso figures to get more time at second in the early going, along with veteran Ben Zobrist.

Descalso, a third-round draft pick by the Cardinals in 2007, spent five years in St. Louis before signing with the Rockies as a free agent in 2015. The Diamondbacks signed him as a free agent in 2017.

The signing was first reported by Jon Heyman of Fancred.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NORTHWESTERN

Friday OSU game miffs Fitz

TV reasons prompt Big Ten to move NU's biggest contest in '19

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

For Pat Fitzgerald, Friday night lights will always conjure images of high school football.

Yet Northwestern will play its biggest regular-season game of 2019 at home, on a Friday, under the lights. Ohio State will come to Ryan Field on Oct. 18 for a rematch of the Big Ten title game.

So what gives?
 "This one was out of our control," Fitzgerald told the Tribune on Tuesday. "Didn't get a vote on this. I understand why we're doing this, but it does not make me happy. I still fundamentally believe that Fridays are for high school football."

NU officials informed season ticket holders of the news Tuesday morning. And

if they're upset about the hassle of having to work Friday and then battle rush-hour traffic to make it to Evanston — forget about having enough time to tailgate — they should take it up with the Big Ten.

Conference officials determined that Ohio State's first visit to Evanston since 2013 would take place on a Friday night. The Big Ten wants to please its television partners. As a result, NU officials will have to deal with all of the headaches related to parking, traffic, logistics, class schedules, etc.

"Unlike some of our Big Ten brothers, we're in a big-time city," Fitzgerald said. "I know our administration will work hand in hand with the city so we can make it as amicable to our neighbors as we can."

Northwestern managed to dodge two Friday night games in 2017. When the schedule was released, the Wildcats were slated to play at Maryland on a Friday and play host to Michigan State 14 days later.

NU officials protested, and the conference relented. But not this time.

Athletic director Jim Phillips is determined to make the most of it, telling the Tribune: "When you're part of a conference, you take ownership to what was agreed upon in the last media rights deal. So if the TV partners want to move it from Saturday to Friday, we willingly accept that and will be excited about it. Of course Saturday is the day we really want to play the games, but this is college football in 2019."

"The benefit of announcing it now is that we have 10 months to prepare. We've notified the local high schools — Loyola Academy, New Trier and Evanston — and want to be respectful of games in the area."

Northwestern has beaten Ohio State only once since 1972, and that came in a Saturday night affair in 2004. Coached by Ohio native Randy Walker, the Wildcats stunned the seventh-ranked Buckeyes 33-27 in overtime.

When Ohio State visited in 2013, ESPN's "College GameDay" crew came as well. The Buckeyes won 40-30; the wacky finish remains part of the intro to Scott Van Pelt's "Bad Beats" segment on ESPN's "SportsCenter."

Needless to say, "GameDay" won't be back for this clash.

Northwestern opens its 2019 season at Stanford on Aug. 31. Its other crossover games with Big Ten East teams are against Michigan State and at Indiana.

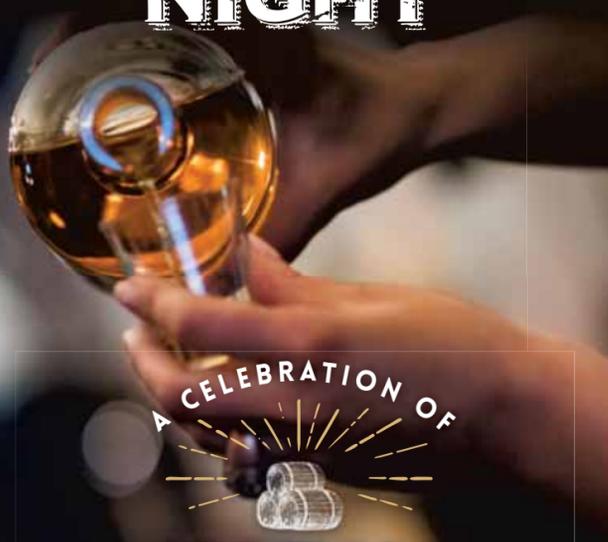
In one bit of beneficial scheduling news, Northwestern's week off comes before the Buckeyes visit. So the Wildcats will have 13 days to prepare. Ohio State also is off the previous week.

Northwestern then gets an extra day to prepare for Iowa's homecoming visit Oct. 26.

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BOCA RATON BOWL UAB 37, NIU 13

NIU's bowl losing streak hits 6

Blazers score on first play from scrimmage, rout Huskies

BY HARVEY FIALKOV | Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Tyler Johnston III threw for 373 yards and four touchdowns, three of them to Xavier Ubosi, and UAB continued its resurgence two seasons after shutting down its football program, beating Northern Illinois 37-13 in the Boca Raton Bowl on Tuesday night.

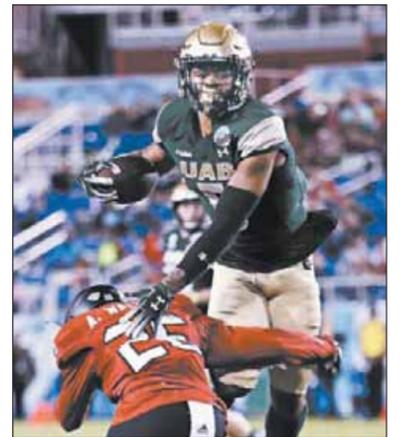
Johnston hit Ubosi in stride for a 70-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage.

Ubosi had seven catches for 227 yards for the Conference USA champion Blazers (11-3), who got their first bowl victory in three appearances.

UAB played in its second consecutive bowl since the program was reinstated after the self-imposed hiatus.

NIU (8-6), the Mid-American Conference champion, has lost six consecutive bowl games since beating Arkansas in the 2012 GoDaddy.com Bowl.

Ubosi's TD receptions covered 70, 46 and 66 yards. Spencer Brown caught a 3-yard shovel pass for a score and had 78 yards on the ground.



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UAB running back Jarrion Street makes a catch as NIU's Cortez Hogans defends.

UAB's 10th-ranked defense harassed Huskies quarterback Marcus Childers, sacking him five times and forcing two fumbles (one lost).

Childers finished 22 of 29 for 179 yards and had 35 yards on 18 carries.

Big Ten wants CFP evaluation

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Phillips, perhaps being groomed to succeed Delany after he retires, said he does not believe the CFP committee values Power Five conference champions as much as was intended when the playoff was created in 2014.

He also dropped this gem that speaks to the conference's mindset: "It seems that strength of schedule, or as I call it, weakness of schedule, has not been applied consistently."

The Big Ten feels as if it gets no benefit from playing nine conference games or passing up dates with FCS opponents.

At one point this season, it appeared Michigan could lose out on a playoff spot because of a Week 1 loss at Notre Dame. If Georgia had beaten Alabama in the SEC title game, the playoff likely would have featured Clemson, Notre Dame and the two SEC teams.

As it turned out, Michigan got clobbered by Ohio State. The Buckeyes looked mediocre for much of the season, but Big Ten advocates were not comfortable with a 12-1 conference champion getting stiff-armed from the playoff.

They also resent that teams from the SEC and ACC rarely play in the cold. An eight-team playoff with on-campus sites in the first round would create the possibility schools such as Penn State and Wisconsin could host December playoff games against teams such as Alabama and Georgia.

"Eight seems to work," Phillips said. "Maybe it's very complicated to do, but then again, maybe it's not. We may stay at four."

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby has called for more debate. So has Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly.

Delany initially indicated he was OK with Ohio State being left out of this year's playoff, saying: "It doesn't define us. I'm going to be disciplined about it. I know the quality of our football. I know our players. I know the coaches. I know the competition. ... If that was the holy grail, the No. 1 objective, maybe we would be at eight (conference games). Maybe we would be playing (more FCS opponents). But that's not the only objective."

Most fans think it's a no-brainer to expand to eight. As @FauxPelini put it on Twitter: "This is weird but they made a four team playoff for five conferences and it never works quite right."

College football officials, though, are wary of watering down the regular season. For example, if Michigan (seventh in the final CFP committee rankings) can give up 62 points to Ohio State and still make an eight-team playoff, then what's the point? Why even bother with an SEC title game if both the winner and loser will make the playoff? (The answer: seeding.)

A big part of the debate will be whether conference title games should be abolished. Doing that would limit the wear and tear on the bodies of the non-salaried players.

"As a football player I would love to see eight (in the playoff)," NU linebacker Paddy Fisher said Tuesday, "but I can speak from firsthand experience: This is the first year I've played 14 games, and that is a lot of weeks on you. It's exhausting. You have to watch out for the health and safety of the players too."

And let's be honest: Won't there be some years in which a Power Five champion does not deserve a playoff bid? What if there were an eight-team playoff and Northwestern had beaten Ohio State to go 9-4? Would the Wildcats have deserved to dance?

NU quarterback Clayton Thorson considered that one and replied: "Given how we stumbled at the beginning of the year, no. Would I have loved to be in? Sure. If that was an automatic bid, that would be great."

NU coach Pat Fitzgerald said he would reserve judgment until he sees a specific proposal, adding he wants to reward Power Five champs and Group of Five standouts such as UCF while not harming the regular season or sucking all the juice from the bowls. It would seem impossible to accomplish all of those missions.

Utah coach Kyle Whittingham, taking a break from preparing for the Holiday Bowl against Northwestern, told the Tribune he has no reservations: "Eight would be much better. I've been on that side ever since it came out. Four was a step in the right direction, but it's not enough. I don't think there is any doubt that eight is coming. It's just when — and it may even go to 16 in the final analysis."

Now that is an outlier viewpoint. Delany, meanwhile, used to see four as too many. Now he's open to eight.

Or is he playing chess and simply trying to shine a light on strength of schedule? Or, as Phillips put it, weakness of schedule?

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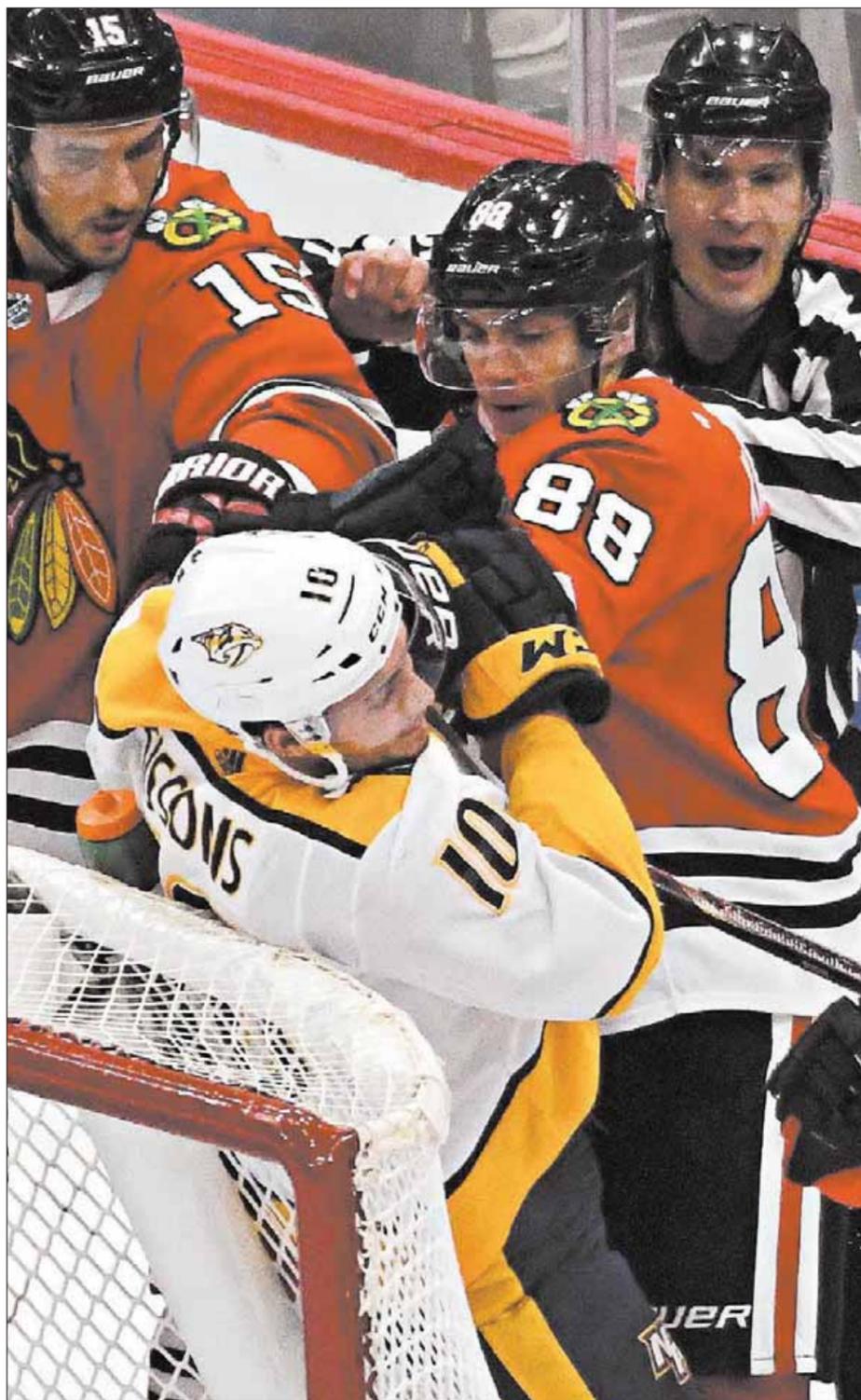
BASEBALL: RHP Matt Harvey agreed to a one-year, \$11 million contract with the Angels, according to reports.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Georgia backup Justin Fields, the No. 1-ranked QB of the 2018 class, is exploring the possibility of transferring to Ohio State, Oklahoma or

Florida State, ESPN reported. ... South Carolina extended the contract of coach Will Muschamp, who has made bowl games in each of his three seasons, through 2024.

ALSO: Washington, D.C., voted to legalize sports betting, the first U.S. jurisdiction without casinos to authorize sports books.

BLACKHAWKS



DAVID BANKS/AP

Blackhawks right wing Patrick Kane (88) shoves Predators center Colton Sissons during the first period.

BLACKHAWKS 2, PREDATORS 1

Filling a void

With Crawford on shelf, Ward comes up big as Hawks pay back Preds

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

The Predators' Colton Sissons figured he could take a couple extra whacks at the puck just as it settled into Blackhawks goalie Cam Ward's pads.

Patrick Kane wasn't having any of it, not today and definitely not against this team.

Kane quickly moved in and shoved Sissons far away from his goaltender, giving him a shot under the chin for good measure.

It was a minor moment in the Hawks' 2-1 win over the Predators Tuesday night at the United Center but it reflected how raw they still are from losing Corey Crawford to a concussion 48 hours earlier, and from a 5-2 thumping they took in Nashville earlier this month.

The Hawks will be without Crawford for at least four games after he was involved in a collision Sunday that resulted in the back of his head striking a post.

"Think we had a good start," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton

said. "Second period was excellent. Third period, obviously they had a little push against us and would have liked to spend a little more time in their end. Don't want to put yourself under so much pressure, you're kind of at the mercy of the bounce.

"But credit to the guys, they played really hard and when we do that then we're really competitive."

The compete was there from early, but the ability to finish wasn't. The Hawks had several missed opportunities in the first period, including 20 seconds into the game when Jonathan Toews sent a cross-ice pass to Dominik Kahun who just missed getting a stick on the puck with an open net in front of him.

Despite the Hawks playing a solid first, the Predators took a 1-0 lead on Kevin Fiala's sixth goal.

If the second period wasn't the Hawks' best of the season, it wasn't far off. They outshot the Predators 16-7 and took a 2-1 lead on on Gustav Forsling's unassisted goal with 4:38 left and an Erik Gustafsson power-play goal that deflected off Predators defenseman Ryan Ellis less than two minutes later.

"Right from the start, we bat-

ted hard," Gustafsson said. "We stick together as a team and when we (got) tired, we stuck together in front of Wardo. It was a team win tonight."

Late in the second, Marcus Kruger went head first into Ryan Hartman's elbow and began bleeding profusely. Colliton said Kruger suffered a concussion and will not make the two-game road trip to Dallas and Denver.

The Predators pulled goalie Pekka Rinne with 2:29 remaining and had several great looks to tie the game but they couldn't slip the equalizer past Ward, who made 30 saves.

"Every game is huge and our thoughts are obviously with Crow and our hopes and prayers that he's back healthy sooner than later," said Ward. "I think for him, he's got a family and you're obviously very concerned. We want to continue to grow as a team with him on our minds and play for one another.

"But he's not gonna be forgotten and I'm not Crawford out there. I'm just going to try to give this team a chance to win every time I get the opportunity."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Finland getting Jokiharju for juniors

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Blackhawks rookie Henri Jokiharju has left the team to play for his native Finland at the upcoming World Junior Championships, Dec. 26-Jan. 5 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Hawks announced the decision to loan out the 19-year-old defenseman on Tuesday, the same day they activated defenseman Gustav Forsling after he missed nearly two weeks because of a shoulder injury.

Jokiharju started quickly this season, but his scoring and playing time have decreased over the last few weeks. With the Hawks down in the standings, it made sense to give Jokiharju a breather from the rigors of his

first NHL season and allow him to compete for his country.

"It's a great opportunity we think for him but also for our team," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "We're thinking about what kind of player he's going to be months and years down the road. It's a chance for him to go there and be, if not the top player, one of the top players, and help lead them to success."

When opportunity calls: Nobody ever wants to get a chance to play because of another player's injury, but that's the situation goalie Collin Delia is in. The Hawks called him up from Rockford to replace Corey Crawford, who suffered a concussion on Sunday.

"The circumstances are less

than ideal, but a lot of times that's when guys break through," Colliton said. "They get opportunity through circumstances that are sometimes negative. It's an opportunity for him."

Cam Ward started Tuesday night against the Predators, but Delia should be in net later this week when the Hawks play back-to-back road games against the Stars and Avalanche.

"I'm going to prepare in a high-quality way every night to make contributions," Delia said. "If my number gets called, I'm sure I'll be ready."

One-timers: Artem Anisimov (concussion) was activated from injured reserve. ... Alex DeBrincat celebrated his 21st birthday Tuesday.

BULLS

Rookie could use whistle-stop tour

Frustrated by fouls, Carter learning life lessons on, off court

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Wendell Carter Jr. has a life coach. His agency set him up with one shortly after the Bulls drafted him in June with the seventh overall pick.

Carter talks to him by phone about anything that's on his mind.

"It can be on-the-court stuff, off-the-court stuff. Maybe the NBA lifestyle, everything else I have going on," Carter said. "He has helped me a lot."

After another foul-plagued effort in Monday's loss to the Thunder, Carter may be seeking support again. The uber-competitor has reached double figures in points and rebounds in a game only once this month, against the Pacers in Jim Boylen's first game as head coach on Dec. 4.

That game marked Carter's fifth double-double. Since then, he has been off the court more than on it. He played 19 minutes in Monday's loss to the Thunder, picking up three fouls in the first 5 minutes of the second half to sit with five fouls.

"Yeah, for sure I'm frustrated," Carter said. "I feel I can be an effective player and help my team win. So (foul trouble) definitely frustrates me a lot."

Carter, 19, is averaging 3.6 fouls and 23.4 minutes in eight December games. That's a full 2 minutes less than he averaged in November, which he ended with a career-high 28 points against the Pistons.

"There's a couple things with Wendell," Boylen said. "First of all, he's one of the toughest guys I've ever been around in my life, especially for that age. He also wants to please. He wants to help us win. So when he's in foul trouble, he feels he can't do that. So there's frustration there.

"Handling in-game failure, he has to grow there. And he knows

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it. He's so hard on himself. That's something we've talked about. He's so competitive, something we've talked about. It's just a learning thing, man. I'll take guys like him all day long. He'll be fine."

Carter admitted moving on to the next play is something with which he has struggled.

"It's something I've been working on with my life coach," he said. "Not even directly focusing on basketball, but just moving on when things are good or bad. Just always trying to find something positive to think about. Staying even-keeled and when something happens, go low for a minute. But you can't stay low for too long."

Even with all the foul trouble, Carter ranks third among rookies and 14th in the league with 1.5 blocks per game. His defensive instincts and footwork belie his rookie and teenage status. It's why keeping him on the court is so critical for his — and the Bulls' — growth.

Offensively, Carter has seemed to defer more since Lauri Markkanen returned from his right elbow injury. That, too, is a familiar spot for Carter, who has talked about the sacrifice he made in his lone season at Duke playing alongside Marvin Bagley III.

Carter is averaging 5.9 shots per game in December. That's down from 9.5 per game in the season's first two months.

Carter's talent is clear at both ends. Seeing it more consistently is both his and the Bulls' goal.

"I'm such a competitor," he said. "It's a learning process picking and choosing when to be aggressive. I thought I had it. But I obviously don't."

Sounds like it's time for some life coaching.

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Bulls rookie Wendell Carter Jr. (34) tries to block a shot by Raptors guard Fred VanVleet during a Nov. 17 game at the United Center.

BULLS NOTES

New-look offense lags behind rest of the league

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Shaquille Harrison had just received an outlet pass from Robin Lopez and prepared to dribble quickly upcourt when Jim Boylen, bouncing along the sideline near Harrison, started screaming.

"Slow! Slow! Slow!"

Contrast this scene with the enduring image from Fred Hoiberg's tenure, the one of Hoiberg frantically waving to any ballhandler — and inbounder — to hurry up, to push the pace even after made baskets.

Boylen has talked about wanting a "road dog mentality" for away games, a mindset to slow the game down, muck it up, place defense and rebounding at a premium to try to steal a victory. But the difference in offensive mentality, albeit with a limited sample size of seven games, is showing.

"Fred's system is more cutting and moving, Jim's system is more pick-and-roll, finding the mismatch and making sure we have the spacing," point guard Kris Dunn said. "Jim likes to punch the ball into the post. We didn't really do that in Fred's offense. We just kept the spacing but if we had the mismatch, then we would punch it in. Using the post is definitely something where you can see the difference."

Injuries have deeply affected the Bulls' offense, whose pace under Boylen ranks 20th. Boylen

inherited the league's 30th-ranked offense. And it has stayed there. In fact, the Bulls' offensive rating of 94.2 over the last seven games lags well behind the 29th-ranked Magic's 99.6 rating.

What's troubling is that, even at a slightly slower pace, the Bulls have averaged a league-worst 19.4 turnovers over the last seven games.

"We get frantic a little bit even in (halfcourt)," Boylen said. "Those are all things we have to learn from as a young team and grow."

Trio time? Zach LaVine's left ankle injury means he, Dunn and Lauri Markkanen still only have played 14 games together since the Bulls acquired them in the Jimmy Butler trade. Two have come this season.

"I can't wait until all three of us find that chemistry. I played with Zach in Minnesota. I'm good with playing with him. Lauri, as you can see from last year, I'm comfortable playing with him," Dunn said. "I can't wait until all three of us are on the floor and we string some games in a row where we all play together."

Layups: Boylen gave the team the day Tuesday, their second in five days. Some players got treatment and some underwent individual workouts. ... Wednesday's opponent, the Nets, has been scoring at a high clip of late, ranked third in offensive rating since Boylen took over as coach.

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- 1 “___ walked out in the streets of Laredo...”
 - 4 Fight off
 - 9 Slightly open
 - 13 Gives permission to
 - 15 Banishment
 - 16 Mexican wolf
 - 17 Wedding veil fabric
 - 18 Juvenile delinquents
 - 19 Suspenders alternative
 - 20 Outrageously bold
 - 22 Peepers
 - 23 Rump
 - 24 In one ___ and out the other
 - 26 Maximum
 - 29 Canadian province
 - 34 Unskilled laborers
 - 35 Bundled hay
 - 36 Faux ___; social blunder
 - 37 ___ and cons
 - 38 Skinned spuds
 - 39 Evergreens
 - 40 Curvy mountain road
 - 41 Unchains
 - 42 Paddled boat
 - 43 Goes in again
 - 45 Inventor’s paper
 - 46 Ames & Asner
 - 47 Thick porridge
 - 48 Soldier’s dinner
 - 51 Override; take the place of
 - 56 Region
 - 57 Bring together
 - 58 Cincinnati team
 - 60 Jungle beasts
 - 61 Annoys
 - 62 Wise man
 - 63 Take a nap
 - 64 Chris with a racket
 - 65 Reuben bread
- DOWN**
- 1 TV’s “___ in the Family”
 - 2 Baltic and Adriatic
 - 3 Poison ivy symptom
 - 4 Say again
 - 5 Rejoice
 - 6 Yearn
 - 7 Antlered animals
 - 8 Diminished
 - 9 Mr. Einstein
 - 10 Baby kangaroo
 - 11 Competent
 - 12 Goes bad
 - 14 Spring and summer
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9 p.m.	Thunder at Kings	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
5:30 p.m.	St. Francis at St. John's	FS1
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6 p.m.	Auburn at North Carolina State	ESPN2
7:30 p.m.	Incarnate Word at DePaul	FS2, WIND-AM 560
8 p.m.	UCLA at Cincinnati	ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
7:30 p.m.	UConn at Oklahoma	FS1
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
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NHL		
7 p.m.	Penguins at Capitals	NBCSN
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
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1:30 p.m.	Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Mainz	FS2
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Minnesota	7	6	1	.536	323	308
Green Bay	5	8	1	.393	332	331
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	284	333

TEAM GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

THROUGH WEEK 15	POINTS
Most	54, L.A. Rams vs. Kansas City 11/19
52	Pittsburgh vs. Carolina 11/8
51	New Orleans at Cincinnati 11/11
51	Kansas City at L.A. Rams 11/19
49	Tampa Bay at New Orleans 9/9
48	N.Y. Jets at Detroit 9/10
48	Chicago vs. Tampa Bay 9/30
48	New Orleans vs. Philadelphia 11/18
West	0, Arizona at L.A. Rams 9/16
0	Buffalo at Green Bay 9/30
0	Tennessee vs. Baltimore 10/14
0	Indianapolis at Jacksonville 12/2
0	N.Y. Giants vs. Tennessee 12/16
0	Dallas at Indianapolis 12/16
TOTAL YARDS	576, Tampa Bay at Cincinnati 10/28
576	Dallas vs. Philadelphia 12/9 (OT)
565	Oakland vs. Cleveland 9/30 (OT)
565	L.A. Rams vs. Minnesota 9/27
Fewest	106, Tennessee vs. Baltimore 10/14
131	Atlanta vs. Baltimore 12/2
137	Arizona at L.A. Rams 9/16
145	Buffalo at Green Bay 9/30
RUSHING YARDS	323, N.Y. Jets vs. Denver 10/7
323	Eric Fisher, Kansas City 11/26
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270	L.A. Rams at Denver 10/14
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19	Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore 9/30
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Wide Receivers: Keenan Allen, L.A. Chargers; Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh; x-Tyreek Hill, Kansas City; x-DeAndre Hopkins, Houston	Wide Receivers: Davante Adams, Green Bay; x-Julio Jones, Atlanta; Adam Thielen, Minnesota; x-Michael Thomas, New Orleans
Running Backs: x-David DeCastro, Pittsburgh; Quenton Nelson, Indianapolis; x-Mark Ingram, Baltimore	Running Backs: Saquon Barkley, N.Y. Giants; Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas; x-Todd Gurley, L.A. Rams
Centers: x-Maurkice Pouncey, Pittsburgh; Mike Pouncey, L.A. Chargers	Centers: x-Alex Mack, Atlanta; Max Ungler, New Orleans
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DEFENSE	DEFENSE
Defensive Ends: x-Myles Garrett, Cleveland; Melvin Ingram, L.A. Chargers; x-J.J. Watt, Houston	Defensive Ends: Danielle Hunter, Minnesota; x-Cameron Ingram, New Orleans; x-Demarcus Lawrence, Dallas
Inside/Middle Linebackers: Benardrick McKinney, Houston; x-C.J. Mosley, Baltimore	Inside/Middle Linebackers: x-Luke Kuechly, Carolina; Bobby Wagner, Seattle
Interior Lineman: x-Henry Atkins, Cincinnati; x-Jurrell Casey, Tennessee; Cameron Heyward, Pittsburgh	Interior Lineman: x-Fletcher Cox, Philadelphia; x-Aaron Donald, L.A. Rams; x-Ryan Kerrigan, Washington
CORNERBACKS: Stephon Gilmore, New England; x-Xavier Howard, Miami; x-Jalen Ramsey, Jacksonville; Denzel Ward, Cleveland	CORNERBACKS: x-Kyle Fuller, Bears; Byron Jones, Dallas; x-Patrick Peterson, Arizona; Darius Slay, Detroit
Outside Linebackers: x-Jadeveon Clowney, Houston; DeForest Buckner, Denver	Outside Linebackers: Anthony Barr, Minnesota; x-Ryan Kerrigan, Washington; x-Khalil Mack, Bears
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Placekicker: x-Jason Myers, N.Y. Jets	Placekicker: x-Aldrick Ross, N.Y. Giants
Return Specialist: x-Andre Roberts, N.Y. Jets	Return Specialist: x-Tarik Cohen, Bears
Special Teamer: x-Adrian Phillips, L.A. Chargers	Special Teamer: x-Cory Littleton, L.A. Rams

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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Thu	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)	7
Fri	Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)	11:30*
Fri	Idaho Potato	Boise	W Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)	3
Sat	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11
Sat	Armed Forces	Santa Clara, Calif.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)	2:30
Sat	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9:30
Sat	Hawaii	Honolulu	Boise State (7-5) vs. Boise St (10-3)	12:30
D26	SERVPRO	Dallas	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4:15
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8
D27	Cheez-IT	Phoenix	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15
D27	Pinstripes	Bronx, N.Y.	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8
D27	Texas	Houston	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30
D28	Musica City	Nashville	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15
D28	Camping World	Orlando	Iowa St (8-4) vs. Wash. St (10-2)	8
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Michigan (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)	7
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Alabama (14-0)	7
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11*
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2
D31	Liberty	San Diego	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St (6-6)	2:45
D31	Holiday	Santa Clara, Calif.	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
J7	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7

OTHER BOWLS

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	3
D26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

DATE BOWL SITE RESULT

D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St 22
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La.-Lafayette 24
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas 13
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St 31, Arizona St 20
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13

LATEST LINE

NBA	WEDNESDAY
pregame.com	at Bulls
Brooklyn 1½	at New York
at Philadelphia 1½	at San Antonio
at Orlando 1½	at Cleveland
at Charlotte 12½	at Phoenix
at Boston 12½	at Toronto
at Phoenix 12½	at Indiana
at Minnesota 5	at Detroit
at Houston 1	at Washington
at Milwaukee 7½	at New Orleans
at Golden State 3	at Utah
at Portland 4½	at Memphis
at Oklahoma City 4½	at Sacramento

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
at NC State 1	Auburn	at Dayton 11½
at Georgia St 11	W. Michigan	UNC-Wilmington
Penn St 12	at Drexel	at Virginia 10½
at S. Carolina 10½	at E. Michigan 3½	at Toledo 15½
at Cornell 4	at Richmond 15	at UALR 13
at Kansas St 13	Southern Miss 8½	at Texas A&M 8½
at Arkansas 8½	Georgia Tech 8½	at Cincinnati 12
at Fresno St 12	California 5½	at Loyola Marym 5½

NHL

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
at Washington 135	Pittsburgh +125	at Colorado -148
Pittsburgh +125	Montreal +138	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	San Diego St	
2½	Marshall	South Florida
4½	FIU	
12	W. Michigan	SATURDAY
12	Birmingham	Wake Forest
3½	Armed Forces	
5	Houston	
2	Troy	
2	Wake Forest	
4	Louisiana Tech	DEC. 26
2½	Boston Coll.	
5½	Minnesota	
4	California	DEC. 27
4½	Duke	
3½	Wisconsin	
1½	Syracuse	
3½	Iowa St	DEC. 29
2	Nevada	
7½	Florida	
4½	Virginia	
14	Oklahoma	CFP SEMIFINAL
13½	Notre Dame	DEC. 21
6	Pittsburgh	
6½	Pittsburgh	
3	Michigan St	
8	Oklahoma St	
7	Northwestern	
6	NC State	JAN. 1
12½	Texas	
7½	UCF	
6½	Washington	
12½	Texas	

NFL

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
at Dallas 4	Baltimore			
at Dallas 7	Tampa Bay			
at New England 12½	Buffalo			
at Miami 2½	Atlanta			
at Carolina 9½	Jacksonville			
at Indianapolis 9½	N.Y. Giants			
at Philadelphia 1½	Houston			
at Minnesota 5½	Green Bay			
at NY Jets PK	Cincinnati			
at Cleveland 7	at Arizona			
at New Orleans 5½	Pittsburgh			
at Kansas City 2½	at Seattle			
at Oakland	at Oakland			

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Milwaukee	16	9	4	1	37	84	81
Wolves	16	9	2	1	35	111	89
Iowa	14	7	4	3	35	98	81
G. Rapids	15	10	2	2	34	91	92
Rockford	13	10	2	4	32	66	81
Texas	14	10	2	1	31	102	89
San Antonio	12	15	1	0	25	73	83
Manitoba	11	14	2	0	24	65	92

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Fort Wayne	8	7	.533	-
Canton	7	8	.467	1
Grand Rapids	7	10	.412	2
WINDY CITY	7	12	.368	3
Wisconsin	3	13	.188	5½

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

TEAM	W	L	Pct	GB
N. Arizona	9	30	.231	10
Memphis	9	30	.231	10
Austin vs. Capital City	2:30			
Maine vs. Lakeland	4:30			
Iowa vs. Westchester	5:30			
Texas vs. Grand Rapids	8			

TEAM STATS

TEAM	W	L	Pct	GB
First downs	19	21		
Rushes-yards	36-103	44-102		
Passing	373	177		
Comp-att-int	17-29-1	22-29-0		
Red zone	74	41		
Punts-avg.	2-32.5	3-45.0		
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2		
Penalties-yards	9-73	5-30		
Possession time	28:08	31:52		

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REAL TALK

Prognosticators look silly after Bears' run

BY DAN WIEDERER AND RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

When the season began, many around the NFL expected the Bears to be an improved team in 2018. But few envisioned a playoff run. Young quarterback. Rookie coach. Too many unanswered questions on both sides of the ball.

Yet before Christmas has arrived, these Bears have collected 10 wins (and counting), an NFC North title and the playoff invitation that comes with it.

So what exactly has been the fuel of this surprise run? And what's ahead with January football returning to Chicago for the first time in eight years?

Tribune writers Dan Wiederer and Rich Campbell discuss why their preseason prognostications were so askew in this edition of "Real Talk."

Wiederer: Not sure about you, Rich, but I've been reminded more than a few times that I predicted this team to finish .500. Eight wins. Improved but still significantly flawed. On the outside of the playoff picture yet again. So yes, here I am to make the public admission: I was wrong. Boy, was I wrong.

As NFL coaches like to say, it's best we look at the film to figure out where the miscalculations began. I first look back at our "Real Talk" discussion from June, right after minicamp when I was suggesting Matt Nagy paint the Halas Hall walls with an important reminder: "It Takes Time." That, I suggested, was the levelheaded theme for 2018, an acknowledgment that growing pains were inevitable. It's just that those growing pains — for Nagy, for Mitch Trubisky, for this team as a whole — haven't been nearly as pronounced as I expected.

In that same summer symposium, we both acknowledged the energy and hungry vibe Nagy had established with his new team. Important? Sure. But coming off a half-decade run under Marc Trestman and John Fox in which the Bears lost twice as often as they won, it was only logical to point out that "having too much faith in vibes can be like attempting to cross a tightrope made of dental floss." Such skepticism was warranted. But, it turns out, it was also misguided.

Campbell: I pinned the tail on the donkey's eye. My prediction was 7-9. Do I get any leeway for hitting 5-11 square on the backside last year? Pretty please?

Yes, I was way off. But truly, I stand by what I expressed in this forum, on our Bear Download podcast and elsewhere as we prognosticated. The Bears had earned our skepticism with four straight double-digit-loss seasons. I insisted on a see-it-to-believe-it outlook that I don't regret one bit. Full credit to Ryan Pace, Nagy and the team for showing all of us this uplifting combination of talent, positivity, cohesion and football intelligence.

Two specific components to the turnaround required blind faith to predict: their NFL-leading takeaways total and a drastic improvement in team health. Let's start with the takeaways.

What if I had told you on Sept. 1 that on the day the NFL announced its 2018 Pro Bowl rosters, Kyle Fuller would be tied for the league lead with seven interceptions? That Eddie Jackson would be tied for third with six? That the Bears would lead the NFL with 26 interceptions after combining for 24 over the previous three seasons?

This explosion has something to do with Khalil Mack, but it hasn't been entirely about him. It has been players ascending through coaching, continuity in the scheme and increased confidence.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bears have done it with a functional offense led by Matt Nagy and Mitch Trubisky, top, and a dominant defense that includes Kyle Fuller (23) and Eddie Jackson (39).

Wiederer: On the eve of this season, I laid out paths for the Bears to either climb toward 10 wins or again stumble toward 10 losses. It was a best-case/worst-case "Choose Your Adventure" that openly wondered about Trubisky's development, Mack's impact and Cody Parkey's reliability, among other things. There were 10 key dynamics to explore. And the funny thing looking back at that piece is the Bears probably checked as many worst-case boxes as they did best-case boxes. That would have been consistent with a team destined to finish around .500.

But what we didn't know in the preseason that we know now is that Mack's arrival would rocket a good defense into a new stratosphere, providing heightened confidence and more opportunities for others to make big plays. To your point, after the Bears recorded 24 interceptions and 50 takeaways during Fox's tenure, it would have been outlandish to predict the 26 picks and 35 takeaways this defense now has. In 14 games.

Campbell: What a safety net that has been for the second-year quarterback and rookie head coach. Trubisky's season has played out according to the forecast, for the most part. As far back as spring practices and certainly in training camp, his performances were defined by inconsistency. That's not a knock on him as much as it is an expected reality for an inexperienced quarterback learning such a quarterback-intensive offense, a scheme that requires an advanced ability to diagnose coverages and make quick decisions.

Trubisky has had his moments of brilliance, especially at Soldier Field, where the Bears are 7-1. But in his four road starts, the defense has needed to do the heavy lifting. That group's consistency has given the Bears a chance to win every game while Trubisky has battled erratic footwork and striven to improve reading defenses and seeing the field.

The compelling part of Trubisky's season is that he still has significant chapters to write.

His postseason performance and the impression he leaves us with will go a long way toward shaping how we feel about the Bears going forward beyond whatever they accomplish in January.

Wiederer: That, to me, speaks to Nagy's impressive leadership. That the Bears have been able to win 10 games while enduring up-and-down quarterback play for much of the year is incredible. And while the defense should get plenty of credit, the energetic 40-year-old coach has done his part to make this an express train.

In early September, we had little to go off in forecasting how Nagy would handle his first season as a head coach. He had little experience calling plays at any level. He had no experience in being the chief overseer of an entire team. So we were left either to take a blind leap of faith that he would carry the Bears on an immediate playoff run or, as you said, adopt a see-it-to-believe-it approach to measuring this team.

Three-and-a-half months later, we've seen it. And I now believe it. I've been thoroughly impressed with Nagy's ability to repeatedly get his team back to center. After rough losses and emotional wins, the Bears have consistently come back to work with an obvious steadiness and a strong focus. Nagy set that tone. I've been similarly impressed with his ability to attack each game as its own entity, taking apart each opponent and finding that week's formula for success. The Bears have been consistently well-prepared.

Campbell: Nagy and this roster have been a very good match. The youth and eagerness on both sides have solidified a symbiotic relationship that, in turn, has fostered a sense of belief throughout Halas Hall that simply has been absent for years.

The Bears are going to ride that belief into the postseason. It's a powerful force that should not be underestimated. Their defense should give them a chance to win against any team in any stadium, especially if Jackson returns from his sprained right ankle.

Wiederer: Worse teams than this have hoisted the Lombardi Trophy — see: the 2005 Steelers, the 2007 and 2011 Giants and the 2012 Ravens. So now it's about whether the Bears can remain healthy and catch a hot streak in January. I'm not saying it's going to happen. But with the way this season has gone, I'm not going to rule it out.

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Power rankings

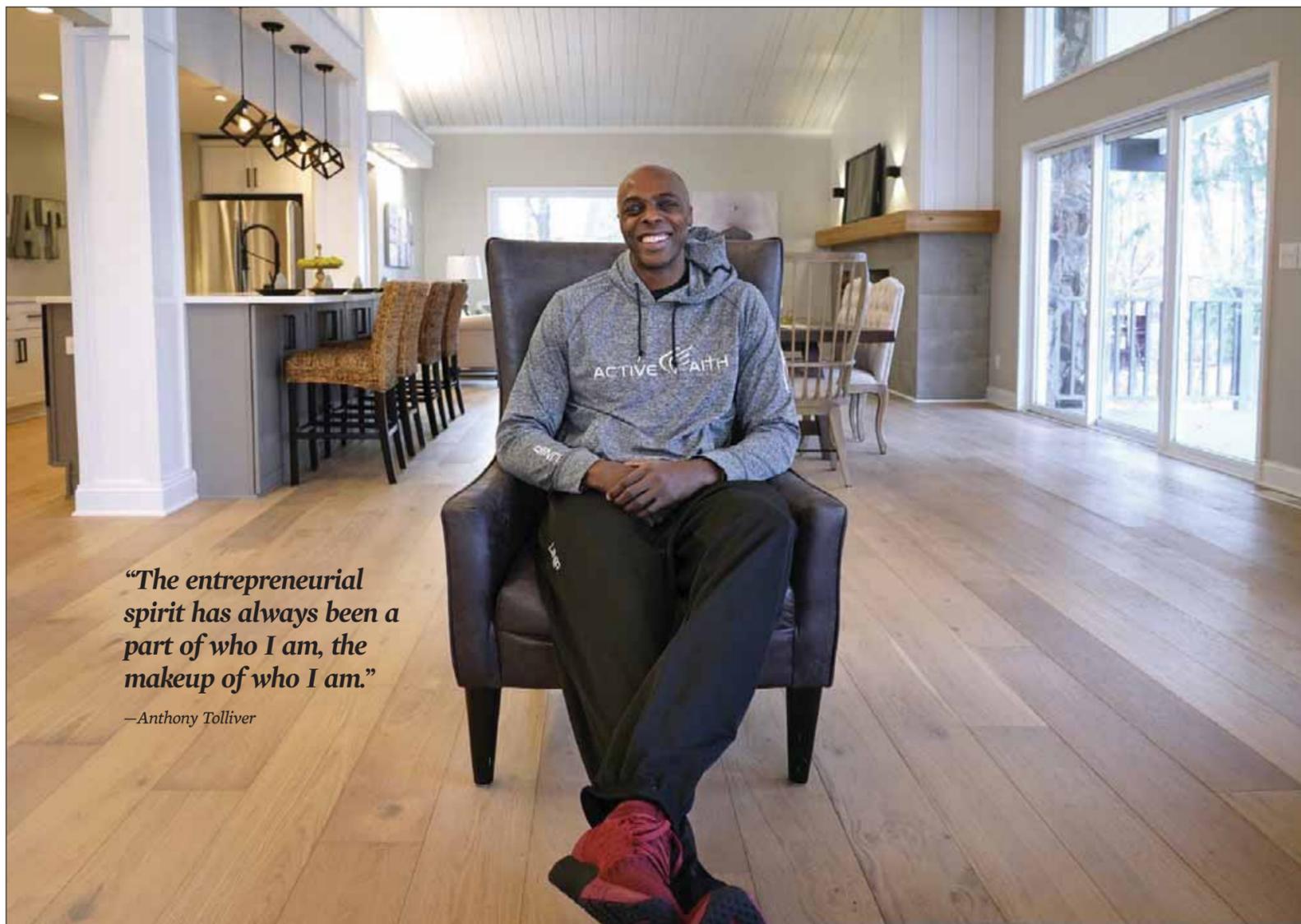
BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



Last week's ranking in parentheses

-  **1. Saints 12-2 (2).** It wasn't pretty, and the Saints aren't quite the same outside of the dome, but they ground out a win against the Panthers.
-  **2. Chargers 11-3 (5).** Melvin Gordon could return from a right knee sprain against the Ravens, and the Chargers are gunning for the AFC's top seed.
-  **3. Chiefs 11-3 (1).** Despite blowing a 14-point lead in a loss to the Chargers, the Chiefs can claim the top seed in the AFC playoffs by winning out.
-  **4. Bears 10-4 (4).** After avenging a season-opening loss to the Packers, the Bears are eyeing the playoffs with hope they can notch a first-round bye.
-  **5. Texans 10-4 (9).** J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney are the engine that runs the defense, but safety Tyrann Mathieu has added energy.
-  **6. Rams 11-3 (3).** The offense stumbled in losses to the Bears and Eagles while the defense was out of sorts. The Rams are slumping.
-  **7. Steelers 8-5-1 (12).** They ended their brief skid with a victory over the Patriots, their longtime nemesis.
-  **8. Patriots 9-5 (6).** The Patriots are the No. 3 seed right now and never have reached the Super Bowl under Bill Belichick without a bye.
-  **9. Ravens 8-6 (10).** Hats off to the Ravens for doing whatever it takes. They've run for more than 200 yards in four of the last five games.
-  **10. Colts 8-6 (14).** Frank Reich stayed the course during a 1-5 start, and the Colts have won seven of their last eight.
-  **11. Cowboys 8-6 (7).** If they didn't reside in the lowly NFC East, the face-plant they performed in Indianapolis might have cost them.
-  **12. Titans 8-6 (11).** With Odell Beckham Jr. out, the Titans loaded up against the run and limited Saquon Barkley to 31 yards on 14 rushes.
-  **13. Vikings 7-6-1 (13).** Mike Zimmer got what he finally wanted from fill-in offensive coordinator Kevin Stefanski as the Vikings ran 40 times Sunday.
-  **14. Seahawks 8-6 (8).** They were their own worst enemy in an overtime loss at San Francisco, committing 14 penalties.
-  **15. Eagles 7-7 (16).** The defending champs are alive after a rousing upset of the Rams and they're talking about getting the dog masks out again.
-  **16. Browns 6-7-1 (21).** Some are connecting the dots with Mike McCarthy to GM John Dorsey, but Gregg Williams is performing well.
-  **17. Dolphins 7-7 (15).** Running back Frank Gore, 35, will miss the final two games with a sprained left foot, ending a streak of 122 straight starts.
-  **18. Broncos 6-8 (18).** With 12 sacks, first-round draft pick Bradley Chubb is 2½ shy of tying Jevon Kearse's rookie record, set in 1999.
-  **19. Panthers 6-8 (19).** The rumor mill is churning and chatter is deep: The Panthers' second-half swoon could lead to a total overhaul.
-  **20. Packers 5-8-1 (20).** Interim coach Joe Philbin danced around the topic of whether Aaron Rodgers will play in the final two games.
-  **21. Giants 5-9 (17).** Coach Pat Shurmur has made it clear he wants Eli Manning, who turns 38 next month, back next season.
-  **22. Bengals 6-8 (26).** Rookie defensive end Sam Hubbard had two sacks in a win over the Raiders, giving him six for the season.
-  **23. Bills 5-9 (25).** In a messy season with a depleted corps of receivers, undrafted rookie Robert Foster has emerged.
-  **24. Falcons 5-9 (27).** The offense has been out of rhythm, but Tevin Coleman got things going with a career-high 145 rushing yards.
-  **25. Redskins 7-7 (29).** They kept their season alive when fourth quarterback Josh Johnson, in his first start since 2011, got his first career win.
-  **26. Lions 5-9 (22).** Special teams have been a mess all season, and it got worse in a one-point road at Buffalo with a couple more gaffes.
-  **27. Buccaneers 5-9 (23).** They picked up the option on Jameis Winston's contract, but it's guaranteed for injury only, so a big decision looms.
-  **28. Jets 4-10 (24).** Sam Darnold is the selling point when they search for a new coach. The question is whether they will be looking for a GM first.
-  **29. 49ers 4-10 (30).** Solomon Thomas, drafted at No. 3 in 2017 with the Bears' pick, has four career sacks — and only one this season.
-  **30. Jaguars 4-10 (28).** Losing to Josh Johnson and the Redskins at home shows the Jaguars are back to their old ways of finding new lows.
-  **31. Raiders 3-11 (31).** Christmas Eve could mark the Raiders' final game in Oakland as they're being booted. Where they play in '19 is up in the air.
- **32. Cardinals 3-11 (32).** At one point in a drubbing in Atlanta, the Cardinals had seven rookies on the field on offense at the same time.

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—Anthony Tolliver

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Timberwolves player Anthony Tolliver, who has many side businesses including flipping houses, makes himself comfortable in a recent remodel of one of his properties.

Taking care of business

Timberwolves' Tolliver maintains an active entrepreneurial side off the court

BY CHRIS HINE
Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — When Timberwolves forward Anthony Tolliver first walked into a \$1.45 million, 6,500-square-foot home in Wayzata, Minn., earlier this year, he stood in the middle of the living room and said: “I can already envision it. I already know what it’s going to look like.”

Months later, the home is completely different - from a rustic relic out of the 1970s with wood paneling all over to a clandestine retreat with an all-white kitchen, a new gray paint job and a bathroom in each of the six bedrooms.

Tolliver also helped add another touch - a second washer-dryer in the home, located in the master bedroom.

“Whenever you talk about a million-plus-dollar house, you want as many amenities as possible,” Tolliver said on a tour of the property in November. “Sometimes you overdo it, but to me it’s better to have too much than not enough.”

But the home isn’t for Tolliver. It’s not for anybody in his family. Instead, he bought it, renovated it and will sell it, with the help of some friends and business partners.

“The entrepreneurial spirit has always been a part of who I am, the makeup of who I am,” Tolliver said.

However, Tolliver’s business acumen goes deeper than just flipping houses. In addition to the hours of work that go into practice, traveling and keeping himself in shape as an NBA player, Tolliver is constantly keeping tabs through email, phone calls and texts on a stout business portfolio that includes a variety of ventures designed to help the 33-year-old keep growing his wealth after game checks stop coming.

In addition to real estate, Tolliver helps run Active Faith (a Christian sports apparel brand), a group fitness brand and, most intriguing, he is invested in two unique companies: Big Blanket Co., which is self-descriptive, and Kid Casters, which makes fishing gear for children.

“I don’t even fish,” Tolliver said. “That’s what’s crazy.”

Getting started

Tolliver’s “entrepreneurial spirit” began in his hometown of Springfield, Mo., wanting to make a little extra money as a kid.

“We had all the needs. But not



Anthony Tolliver doesn’t make all the day-to-day decisions, but he does sometimes check in on his houses. “I’ll come through and act like I’m a buyer,” he said. “If I was in the market to buy this house, would I?”

all the wants (growing up),” Tolliver said. “I found out from a young age if I wanted something I had to work for it.”

He started his own businesses mowing lawns and detailing cars for friends and family, but after he graduated as a finance major from Creighton in 2007, Tolliver ventured into the world of real estate almost as soon as he began playing in the NBA. Along with childhood friend and business partner Kelly Byrne, Tolliver flipped his first house for about \$80,000 in 2009, just after the housing market had cratered.

“We were able to learn in that new world and start off broke and not have too high of expectations,” Byrne said.

Now, Byrne and Tolliver help run a realty company called Say You Can that is involved in multimillion-dollar deals in and around Springfield and Omaha. Tolliver has even involved other NBA players, such as Zach Randolph and Stephen Curry, in some of his transactions.

“He’s a big believer in investing in the right people and he’s been pretty particular about the people he’s placed around him,” Byrne said.

Smart with money

The care with which he goes about his investments has been essential to Tolliver’s growing

portfolio. He isn’t throwing money around to any friend or family member who may have an idea and a dream. He didn’t want to be another athlete who went broke on poor investments and extravagant spending.

“I think guys are way more cognizant of not being another statistic,” Tolliver said.

He tends to go into business with people he knows, but even if you’re a friend, you have to know what you’re doing if Tolliver is going to invest.

“It’s the combination of trustworthiness and also expertise,” Tolliver said. “I’ve had family members, people that I would say I would trust, but I’m not going to (invest with them) because they don’t know what that business entails. It’s not just about trusting the person. It’s about if they actually are confident in doing the job.”

It’s also about investigating every opportunity that may come along, even if it’s out of Tolliver’s comfort zone.

Take Kid Casters, a company that also boasts former Timberwolves forward Brad Miller as an investor. That began as an idea Tolliver heard through some friends, although they weren’t sold on this one at first.

“We looked at the market of fishing and noticed none of the world were focusing on kids at all,” Tolliver said. “We said let’s go

dominate the kids’ industry.”

Now Kid Casters products are featured in several stores, such as Walmart, Dick’s Sporting Goods and Cabela’s.

“Anthony’s been an instrumental part in the growth and success of the company, early on taking a huge risk on us,” said Kid Casters CEO Ralph Duda, a friend of Tolliver’s from Springfield. “Our relationship is built on trust. It’s more of a brotherly trust and it’s not real corporate. He’s not like a helicopter investor.”

One of Tolliver’s latest investments is Big Blanket. The company is trying to sell you on size - that your average blanket is too small and to get your desired warmth you need a Big Blanket, which are 10 feet by 10 feet.

“Very ginormous, large blankets,” Tolliver said. “We’re doing it over the top, outrageously large on purpose.”

The company follows a pattern for Tolliver’s investments: Team with someone he trusts to help run it - in this case COO Dane Watts, Tolliver’s former teammate at Creighton - and meticulously research its viability.

“Every house in America has multiple blankets, and probably 80 percent of those are too small,” Tolliver said.

Big Blanket recently had an online Kickstarter with a goal of raising \$10,000. It’s now over \$50,000.

Handling his business

Just how does Tolliver juggle all these varied interests while still maintaining a demanding career in the NBA?

“I definitely am a huge believer in delegating,” Tolliver said. “You know what you know, but you don’t know what you don’t know. Trying to be an expert at everything is really counterproductive.”

Tolliver isn’t much involved in the daily operations of any of his investments, but friends loop him in on big decisions.

“He’s as engaged as he wants to be,” Byrne said. “With him doing what he’s doing, it doesn’t make sense for him to be making day-to-day decisions.”

But Tolliver still spends a lot of time helping grow his investments. To promote Kid Casters, Tolliver will attend the International Convention of Allied Sport-fishing Trades (ICAST) in Orlando. He has also traveled to China on behalf of the company.

“In China he’s a celebrity NBA player. It really lends credibility to what we’re doing,” Duda said.

And Tolliver will occasionally do what he did in late November, which was to check on the two houses in the Twin Cities. Tolliver isn’t making decisions on what color paint to use or the kind of carpeting to install.

“I’ll come through and act like I’m a buyer,” he said. “If I was in the market to buy this house, would I? I try to be brutally honest and tell them my biggest feedback.”

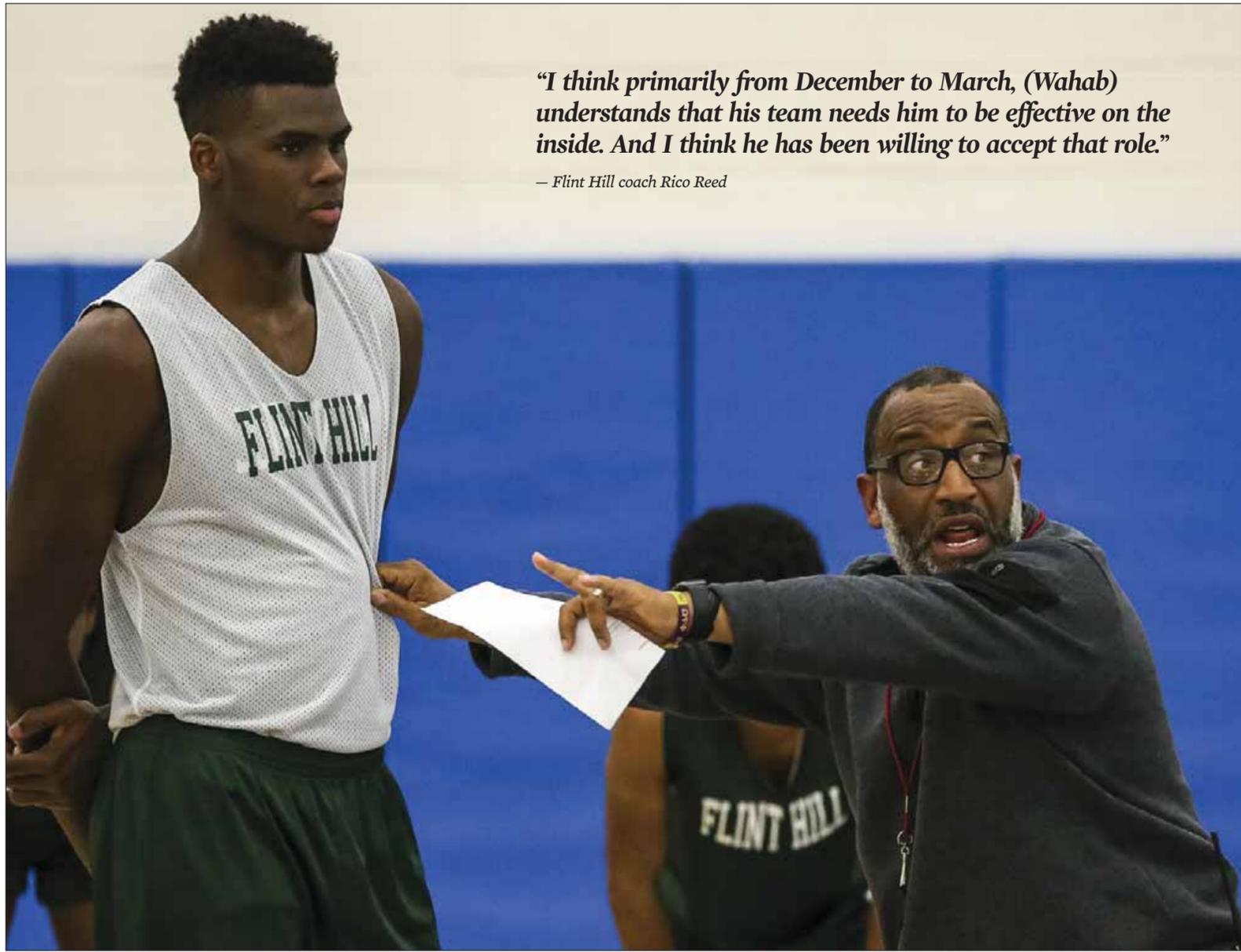
In St. Louis Park, Tolliver hadn’t yet seen an under-construction smaller starter home. In late November, the house looked nowhere near complete. The kitchen was bare, rugs were rolled up on the floor. However, Adam Sullivan, another business partner overseeing that house and the Wayzata house, said it was almost done. Tolliver explored the barren basement and was too tall to fit in certain areas of it without ducking. But he looked around and liked what he saw.

“This is a classic flip,” Tolliver said.

Soon, he and his wife, Jessica, were back in the car, on their way home. Tolliver may never see that home again before it’s sold. But he doesn’t need to see the finished handiwork to feel a sense of pride. He already had it.

“Taking an idea, curating it, getting the right people, getting it from an idea to executing it to a thriving business,” Tolliver said, “it’s so much more rewarding than just flipping a house.”

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"I think primarily from December to March, (Wahab) understands that his team needs him to be effective on the inside. And I think he has been willing to accept that role."

— Flint Hill coach Rico Reed

WILL NEWTON/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Qudus Wahab, a top high school basketball prospect who has a traditional big man's skill set, listens as coach Rico Reed directs practice at Flint Hill School in Oakton, Va.

BIG dilemma

High school coaches conflicted about how to use big men with guard skills

BY SAMANTHA PELL | Washington Post

Qudus Wahab stood with his back to the basket at the top right corner of the paint, before turning to face his opponent. Wahab, a 6-foot-11, 230-pound senior for Virginia's Flint Hill School, was squaring off in this late November scrimmage against junior Hunter Dickinson, who measures 7-2 and 255 and plays for Maryland powerhouse DeMatha.

It was a marquee matchup of two of the top big man prospects in the country, and as Dickinson shifted his feet to stay in front of him, Wahab maneuvered through the lane to score with a quick, right-handed jump hook.

It was a simple move, one that Wahab's coach emphasizes as part of a traditional big-man skill set. It also set him apart from Dickinson, whose game, while still rooted in the basics of playing the center position, is increasingly defined by his ability to stretch defenses by shooting 3-pointers.

Together, they represent a conflict that faces many coaches of big-bodied basketball stars at the high school level: Do you coach big men to thrive in the "positionless basketball" that is taking over the professional and, at times, collegiate levels, with centers asked to shoot from the outside, handle the ball and defend multiple positions? Or do you leverage the obvious tactical advantage of having the tallest player on the court near the rim, prioritizing winning high school games ahead of individual player development?

"I think you get stuck between doing what is best for you to win games as a coach and doing what is best to help the young man develop," said Doug Martin, an assistant coach for Team Takeover, a Washington D.C.-based AAU program. "But I also feel like if you help them enough, you are going to win games regardless."

Both Dickinson (ranked the No. 4 center nationally in the Class of 2020) and Wahab (the No. 6 overall prospect in Virginia for 2019) are trying to become more adaptable to the changing sport that awaits them in college and, they hope, the pros. They are aware of the versatile skill sets of NBA stars with big men size, like the Pelicans' Anthony Davis, the Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Sixers' Joel Embiid.

The top two prospects in the 2019 high school class, James Wiseman of Memphis East in Tennessee and Vernon Carey Jr. of University School in Florida, have been labeled "unicorns" by scouts for their guard-like skill sets at big man size.

"No kid wants to be called a center anymore," said Jim Carr, the high school coach of Carey, who committed to Duke last week.

But for coaches, this can be a complicating factor, and each one takes a slightly different approach to their big men. Mike Jones, Dickinson's coach at DeMatha, says that part of the reason he was able to convince Dickinson to come play for him at the school was by promising to give him flexibility to produce away from the basket.

"Everybody would love to coach a Shaq," Jones said. "But even if a Shaq were to come along these days, you would want Shaq to be able to shoot and dribble more than the original Shaq did."

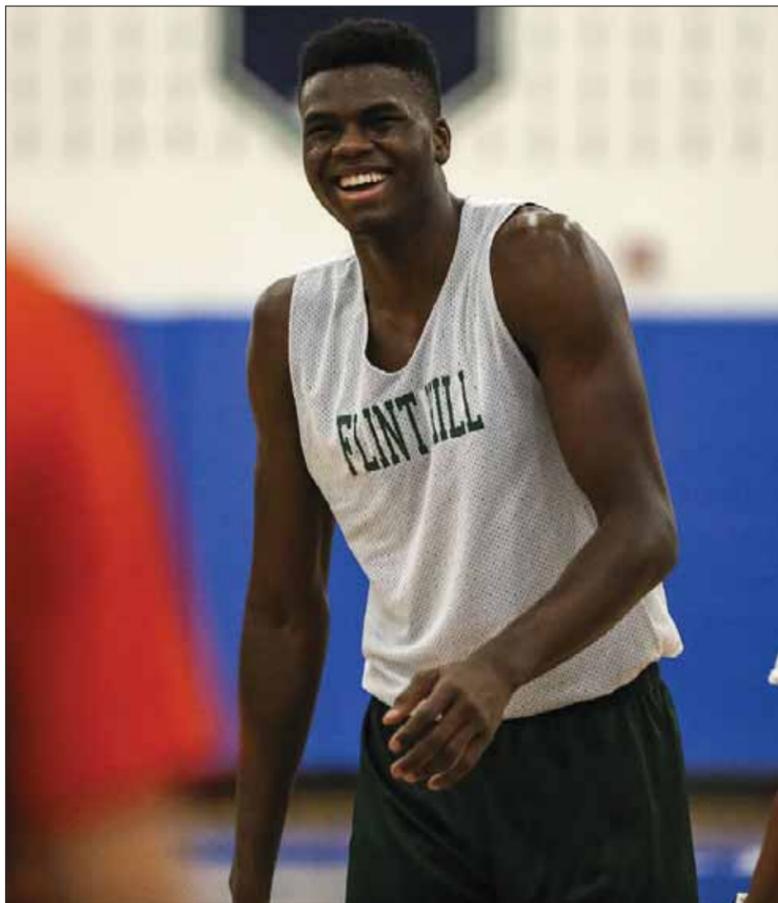
Jones, who is a coach for USA Basketball, said that the organization's growing vision is to introduce the idea of free-flowing basketball at the youngest levels, with all players. Dickinson said he "always" used to shoot 3-pointers when he was 8 years old, but as he moved into fifth grade and had an obvious size advantage over other kids near the basket, he stopped. Now, six years later, he's trying to get back to learning how to become the best overall basketball player — one who can play a game reflective of many of the NBA's best big men.

"Just think about if those guys did that from the time they started playing," Jones said.

Flint Hill coach Rico Reed said that he believes in developing Wahab for the next level but puts more stock into how he can use Wahab's valuable size as an advantage over opponents who can't match him physically. Reed said his job as a high school coach is to get kids to buy in for the best opportunity to win on any given night.

"I think primarily from December to March, [Wahab] understands that his team needs him to be effective on the inside," Reed said. "And I think he has been willing to accept that role."

Wahab said he understands the shift at his position in the NBA, but also knows what is best for his team. The scrimmage



"No kid wants to be called a center anymore," says one high school coach of prized big men like Qudus Wahab of Flint Hill, who still works on broadening his offensive toolbox.

against Dickinson and DeMatha aside, there aren't many games in which Wahab faces an opponent who can measure up to his size and skill level down low. Additionally, Flint Hill operates a more traditional offense that runs through Wahab's scoring and passing out of the post, not the pace-and-space offenses common in the NBA that emphasize outside shooting and create driving lanes for guards.

"When it comes to game day, we arrive at the game plan and our kids are going to stick with the game plan despite the outside influences," Reed said.

Wahab still works on broadening his offensive toolbox, hoping this season to take more than one 3-point attempt, like he did last year. To his credit, he made the shot.

Wilson Coach Angelo Hernandez, who has two highly regarded big men in 6-foot-9 twins Makhi and Makhel Mitchell, both of whom are committed to Maryland for the Class of 2019, said he both recognizes the evolution of the position and also thinks the emphasis on outside shooting can sometimes be overblown. He wants the Mitchell twins to be effective rim-runners on the fast break, ballhandlers against the press and passers on screen-and-rolls. But that doesn't necessarily mean he wants his two centers hovering on the perimeter and taking a plethora of 3-pointers.

Carr said that allowing Carey, the 6-foot-10, 275-pounder who just committed to Duke, more freedom offensively has led him to play a more disciplined game overall. With Carey playing more on the perimeter, it also gives his body a break from the physical toll of being double-teamed by

opponents down in the post.

"It is very selfish to put wins over long-term growth for guys," Carr said. "Especially if you understand that there is a correlation that you would have a much better team."

Of course, not every coach has a big man with the talent of Carey, or players who project as the next Davis or Embiid, and many coaches acknowledge that they fear kids who watch those NBA stars will spend all their time learning to play on the outside without developing the proper fundamentals down low. Martin said that some kids connotate shooting from the outside with working on their game, as opposed to recognizing the need to do both.

"I think kids sit and watch Joel Embiid and Kevin Durant and how much money they are making, doing the things they are doing, and they feel like they need to incorporate that into their game and make it that way," Martin said. "But you can't say one is right and one is wrong."

For a lot of high school centers who would face an uphill climb to reach the NBA, there is still great value in having a polished, traditional big-man skill set. While some colleges, like Villanova, have become known for their versatile systems, not all Division I programs mirror professional trends.

Hernandez said that while the "positionless" game might be right for some centers, it shouldn't necessarily be the formula for all big men.

"If you can make the shot, step out and shoot," Hernandez said. "But if you can't, don't go away from your bread and butter."



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Sue the T. rex skeleton that formerly was in the main hall has a new home in the former 3D movie theater space on the second floor as part of the "Evolving Planet" exhibition at the Field Museum.

Sue's new Field Museum digs

First look at smaller, but much more T. rexy space

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

The largest and most intact T. rex ever found has known two stable homes since the animal died beside a river 67 million years ago: that sandy bank, which gradually evolved into a South Dakota hillside, and, for most of the last two decades, under the name Sue, the main hall of the Field Museum of Natural History. Friday, the Chicago museum's prime specimen will be unveiled in its third set of digs, a dramatic

second-floor gallery near the other dinosaurs but in a space dedicated to telling the story of Sue, from lifestyle to discovery to its current incarnation as a set of fossilized bones assembled to demonstrate full predatory awesomeness.

"Are you wearing running shoes?" asks the new explanatory video projected onto and around Sue's bones and playing every 20 or so minutes. No matter. If you were this close to the real cre-

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WALT DISNEY STUDIOS

Emily Blunt stars as the magical P.L. Travers nanny.

'MARY POPPINS RETURNS' ★★ 1/2

A well-cast, strenuously jolly sequel

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Chicago Tribune

Families could do a lot worse this holiday season than to take out a home equity loan for a bucket of multiplex popcorn and take in "Mary Poppins Returns," director Rob Marshall's hectic sequel to the 1964 Disney musical cherished by millions.

Those who don't want their memories of the original unduly messed with can take comfort in how the sequel's storyline follows the narrative and musical beats of the original, right down to a radically square 2-D animation sequence. And it's hard to imagine either slaves to the '64 musical or newcomers of any age having a problem with Emily Blunt.

The actress' incarnation of the magical, gently fearsome nanny created by author P.L. Travers (who hated Disney's version) suggests a hint of the paradoxical imperious sparkle Julie Andrews brought to Mary Poppins. Then Blunt adds streaks of witty, sly playfulness that are more her thing. And it all works.

The costumes do a lot for Blunt's characterization. "Mary Poppins Returns" takes place 24 years after "Mary Poppins" in 1934. The effects of the global economic downturn feed into screenwriter David Magee's misery-adjacent storyline concerning the grown-up Banks children. Grieving widower Michael (Ben Whishaw, quite moving) is raising young John (Nathanael Saleh), Annabel (Pixie Davies) and Georgie (Joel Dawson), while the children's aunt, Jane (Emily Mortimer), pays homage to her late mother's interest in the suffrage movement with her own organized labor efforts.

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AN ARM HERE.



A LEG THERE.

A Rockford man finds fame reassembling action figures

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
 Chicago Tribune

If Santa's workshop was in Rockford — and who's to say it's not? — it would look something like Pete Goral's workshop. You'd find it at the end of a homey cul-de-sac, across a snowy lawn, inside a magic castle that was actually a modest ranch house, surrounded by similar castles colored a wide range of beiges and browns. You would pass through a living room where

Editor's note
 This is the first in a three-part series about toys.

beloved toys were displayed proudly alongside the photos of Goral's children, slide through a kitchen where his reindeer barked from its temporary kennel, then descend a set of stairs and find yourself inside a low-ceiling suburban rumpus room.

Here, Santa ... er, Goral would welcome you.

He would be short and pensive, not round and jolly, with inside jokes tattooed on his arms and long straight hair beneath a ballcap; he would remind you of friends in high school who scribbled "Iron Maiden" across notebooks and listened to Rush — a fair, fair assessment, he laughs. You wouldn't find



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Artist Peter Goral holds his latest "Killer Bootlegs" action figure, Ogon Bat (above). He repurposes parts (top) in a variety of mediums to make custom figures.

trophy deer mounted on his workshop walls, but rather, the heads of "Star Wars" aliens and Halloween ghouls, mounted like trophy deer. And you wouldn't find elves, because Goral has tried elves in the past and, he said, after a while, once elves catch an idea of how much money he's making, elves can grow spiteful and lose interest. This Santa works alone. So his repertoire is limited.

Goral works in the improbable medium of action figures, creating toys under the name Killer Bootlegs and selling them through Instagram. Once the sole territory of toymakers like Hasbro and Mattel, the past decade has seen classic 3-inch "Star Wars"-esque action figures become a canvas for independent artists, amateur sculptors and

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Television personality and entrepreneur Bethenny Frankel was rushed to an ER after an allergic reaction.

Frankel says allergy almost killed her

Bethenny Frankel says she came within five minutes of death after she experienced an allergic reaction to fish.

The "Real Housewives of New York" cast member was recently rushed to a hospital, she revealed in a series of tweets Monday evening.

"I have (a) rare fish allergy," Frankel began. "Sunday, I had soup, itched & was unconscious for 15 mins then to ER & ICU for 2 days w BP of 60/40. I couldn't talk, see, thought I had a stroke & dying & told if 5 mins later I'd be dead."

Frankel added that "911 & EPI saved me" and went on to promise, "I'll never not carry an #epipen."

The reality star said in a response to a fan that she was "so grateful" for the hospital that treated her.

Frankel, 48, told another tweeter, meanwhile, that she is only allergic to non-shellfish.

She did not specify which types of fish she's allergic to, or what kind set off her allergic reaction.

A fish allergy can sometimes be life-threatening, according to the Food Allergy and Research & Education nonprofit, which notes that approximately 40 percent of people who suffer from the allergy do not suffer a reaction until adulthood. The organization also points out that allergies to fish and shellfish are unrelated.

Frankel is an original member of "The Real Housewives of New York" cast and the founder of the Skinnygirl brand of cocktails and other products.

—New York Daily News



TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION

MacLaine to be honored:

Actor Shirley MacLaine will receive AARP the Magazine's lifetime achievement honor at the Movies for Grownups Awards next year. The magazine announced Tuesday that MacLaine will accept the Career Achievement Award at a ceremony Feb. 4, in Beverly Hills, Calif. The 18th annual Movies for Grownups Awards will premiere Feb. 15 on PBS. MacLaine says in a statement that the award "means a lot to me personally."

Patterson's bookstore bonuses:

James Patterson has renewed a most welcome holiday publishing tradition — bonuses for independent bookstore employees. The best-selling author announced Tuesday that 333 workers each will receive \$750. Patterson has given more than \$1 million to individual book sellers over the past five years and has donated millions to libraries and literacy programs.

T.I. pleads no contest:

Rapper T.I. is paying a \$300 fine after pleading no contest to violating a local law in Georgia that prohibits public cursing. The charge against the performer stems from a May incident at the gated community where he lives in the Atlanta suburb of Stockbridge. T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., maintains his innocence but entered a plea "to put this matter to bed."

Dec. 19 birthdays:

Actress Jennifer Beals is 55. Magician Criss Angel is 51. Model Tyson Beckford is 48. Actress Alyssa Milano is 46. Actor Jake Gyllenhaal is 38.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Loss reveals flaws in friendships

Dear Amy: I recently lost my father. He was someone I adored and spent many hours caring for.

Over the years I traveled to my hometown (in another state) to care for my mom and dad. My long-time local friends (I now live in the same town) witnessed my devotion and love for my father. As we are all at the age where we are losing parents, I have attended funerals, contributed to flower arrangements, and sent donations and cards of condolence to these friends when their parents have died.

When my father died, our family was blessed with an outpouring of love and celebration in the hometown. However, not one of my local friends, whom I had considered some of my best friends, did anything to acknowledge my loss. There were texts and Facebook messages, but nothing on a personal level — not even a phone call.

I am heartbroken that these "friends" have virtually ignored my heartache. This is not the first time I've experienced this imbalance in our friendships, and I'm not sure how to deal with this so that I can heal and not become bitter.

Can you give me some guidance?

—Hurt and Sad

Dear Hurt and Sad: You are thoughtful, affectionate, sincere and caring when you respond to others. You show up.

My theory is that your behavior is a reflection of the close, loving and devoted relationship you had with your parents. You empathize with the enormity of loss because you

love (and have been loved) so well. Your parents may have also modeled this humane behavior.

Like you, I am at a loss-marked stage of life. And I'd like to state that showing up as a witness to someone else's loss is a vital expression of our own humanity. Frankly, in retrospect I would trade any number of the weddings I've attended in order to be there for (and with) friends in their grief.

Yes, you probably appreciate a text from your local friends. No, it is not enough for you to feel comforted.

But here's the rub: They didn't know your father personally. And unfortunately, modern life has removed many of us from the important rituals surrounding death. We are emotionally estranged.

Also, people don't always behave well, especially in situations where they "don't know what to do." Can you understand this and, while you might not forget their lapses, forgive these people for being so flawed?

I hope you will continue to be available to people in their time of need. This is one (additional) way to honor the memory of your parents. They raised you very well.

Dear Amy: I have a food allergy. It sucks! I used to love the food that I am now allergic to. I've been in a relationship for three years, and my guy is mostly good about my allergy. I also have a few foods I just plain don't like.

My partner sometimes puts all of these foods — the one I'm allergic to and the ones I don't like — in

the same category. He complains that he can't eat my allergen but also these other foods as well. I end up feeling like it is my fault for my allergy and the other few foods that repulse me.

I try to make sure we eat delicious meals from all over the world. I just get so upset when he starts talking to me about food in this way. He also gets upset.

I don't care if he eats these things without me, but he acts like he can't and that I am to blame. How do I talk about this constructively with him?

—Not Hungry

Dear Not Hungry: I don't see the need for a constructive conversation here. Your guy is being a baby. You should say to him, "Honey, aside from my one allergy, no one is stopping you from eating anything. Get some recipes, go to the store and go crazy. You have my blessing!"

Dear Amy: I saw red when I read the question from "Frustrated," whose guy was keeping her and their children a secret from his other (older) children. Thank you for pointing out how damaging this is, not only to the adult, but especially to the children.

—Red Reader

Dear Red: I don't often recommend that people leave a relationship where there are children involved, but ... I think she needs to get out.

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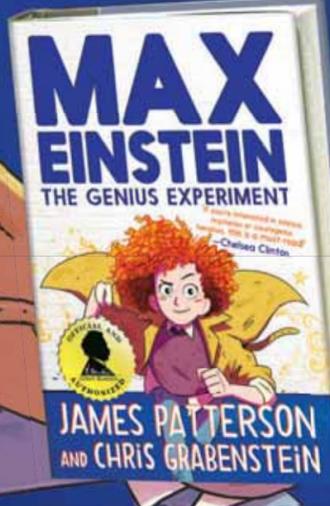
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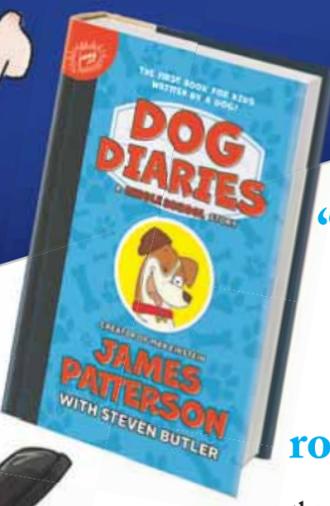
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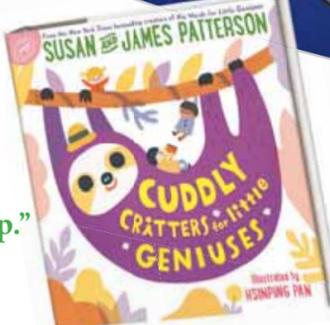
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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Old Woman Broods' ★★★

There's a lot to this Polish play

Show doesn't have a narrative to follow, but it finds a strong center

BY KERRY REID
Chicago Tribune

I've seen more than 30 shows at Trap Door Theatre over the past 16 years. Yet their current offering, Tadeusz Rozewicz's "The Old Woman Broods," may be the Trap Dooriest of them all in its defiant resistance to easy interpretation. There's a sequence of events, but the script (translated here by Chris Rzonca and Krystyna Ilakowicz, with references updated from Rozewicz's 1969 original text) doesn't offer a narrative trajectory so much as a series of jarring vignettes that may or may not be related to what's come before — or what will follow.

But if you're a fan of this theater's work, director Nicole Wiesner's staging may well hit the spot — even if the spot itself is hard to pin down. Shed expectations of knowing exactly what's happening and you may feel liberated enough to tug out your own nuggets of meaning from the tangled web of allusions.

Rozewicz, who joined the Polish resistance against the Nazis, came by his suspicion of logical meaning in life honestly, given the horrors he witnessed in World War II. Katarzyna Zecheater's 2014 obituary for the Guardian quoted Rozewicz's desire to create "a self-contained reality on stage" and also quoted his poem, "Falling," in which he wrote "In the past one fell and was raised vertically, now one falls horizontally."

So "The Old Woman Broods" follows a horizontal structure, without the rising-and-falling action of the "well-made play." There are hints of Beckett — the cafe in a city beset by war and environmental disaster where much of the action is set looks like the bunker in "Endgame." There is also an actual send-up of Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" — a stark reminder that we're not in the land of psychological realism anymore. ("This isn't the Steppenwolf," one character bellows. No kidding.) By placing Keith Surney's narrator/writer to one side, Wiesner teases us that it's all



CHRIS POPIO PHOTO

Dennis Bisto, Anna Klos, Miguel Long, David Lovejoy, Michael Mejia, Emily Nichelson, Manuela Rentea, Keith Surney and Carl Wisniewski in "The Old Woman Broods" by Trap Door Theatre Company.

When: Through Jan. 19

Where: Trap Door Theatre, 1655 W. Cortland Ave.

Running time: 75 minutes

Tickets: \$20-\$25 at 773-384-0494 or trapdoortheatre.com

being pulled out of the ether of imagination on the spot, inflected and battered by news of endless warfare and encroaching piles of garbage.

A choral group of three figures (David Lovejoy, Anna Klos and Emily Nichelson) provide possible echoes of the "weird sisters" in "Macbeth" as well as stand-ins for Chekhov's Prozorov sisters. But if there is a center in this chaotic world, it's Manuela Rentea's Old Woman. Rentea spits profanity one moment, and delivers a poetic ode to the belly the next. "It's a whole country. It is a helpless and innocent coun-

try. It is vast, vulnerable, soft, yielding, enclosed, open, embracing our life eternal."

The double meaning of the verb in the title becomes clear when we realize that the old woman isn't merely "brooding" over her past — she sincerely desires to procreate, to find a nest for new life in this land of trash and emotional repression. But being a creature of id, she would also like more sugar for her tea. A silver chalice around her neck has a hint of the Eucharist about it — but like so much else in this story, it too has become an empty barren vessel, where the sacred has been bled of whatever power it once held.

Rentea's compelling performance is well matched by Michael Mejia as a waiter who barely tolerates her stream-of-consciousness observations and by Carl Wisniewski as a smug fertility doctor. J. Michael Griggs' set, where windows covered by plas-

tic barely keep out the piles of garbage behind them, and Richard Norwood's stark and searing lighting create a clammy atmosphere, leavened by Daniel Rockett's plaintive music.

Narrative spoon feeding is strictly prohibited in this cafe. But that doesn't mean emotional resonances aren't on the table. In particular, the end carries echoes of so many of the stories we've seen in recent years about mild infractions of the law ending up in police shooting unarmed citizens. Rozewicz may have been aiming for a self-contained reality, but for adventurous patrons willing to open up the containers of their own perceptions, "The Old Woman Broods" has the power to stir up some disquieting connections to our current onslaught of crises.

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Avery Sunshine is playing City Winery for New Year's Eve.

Save a seat for yourself at a show

BY DOUG GEORGE
Chicago Tribune

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Tony-winner Glenn Close reveals advice that keeps her going

BY ALEX BARASCH
Variety

Glenn Close received the Museum of the Moving Image's annual salute at a gala earlier this week in New York City, where leading actors and directors shared their experiences working alongside her — and the Tony-winner herself revealed the advice that's kept her going throughout her impressive career.

Close now has 84 screen credits and nearly as many awards to her name, but Jim Dale remembers where it all began. The two theater legends co-starred in the original Broadway run of "Barnum" in 1980, which nabbed Close her first Tony nomination — and, as it turns out, her first film role.

"Glenny was sitting in a fake box on the stage as Mrs. Barnum, knitting away and waving to the audience as they came in, as if she

knew them," Dale told Variety on the red carpet. "And a producer and a set designer and a costume designer and a director came in, and they saw her, and the director said, 'That's the tranquility I need in the mother of this film we're making' — which was 'The World According to Garp.' So, Glenny got the part of the mother without even opening her mouth and auditioning. That's how good she is!"

That film debut left an impression on an entire generation of actors — some earlier than others. Ethan Hawke vividly recalls "Garp" as his first encounter with Close's work when he was just 14, and his mother took him to see

the adaptation of her favorite novel.

"About seven eighths of the way through the film, my mother remembered how the book ended. She literally was like, 'Alright, we have to go, we have to go, we have to go.' And we were all like, 'No, we're loving this movie!' 'You have to go. You have to go.' We got out, she went to get the car and we ran back in, she pulled us back out. It seemed the wrong time to teach these teenage kids about oral sex and violence at the same time," he said, laughing. "But I have since seen the whole film, and along with so many performances, it's very exciting to be there."

"Fatal Attraction" director Adrian Lyne echoed those sentiments, calling Close's first read for the role of Alex Forrest "one of the bravest, most powerful auditions I have ever seen, and something I will never forget."

Not every part fell into place so easily, but Close has never been one to give up without a fight. Both "Albert Nobbs" and her latest critically acclaimed drama, "The Wife," took 14 years to make.

"A lot of times independent films depend on the crazy passion of the people who want to make them," she told Variety. "My definition of an independent film is a movie that almost doesn't get made, and both 'The Wife' and 'Albert Nobbs' fit into that category. But that should never change, because it means you're telling a story people haven't heard before."

In addition to her own star turn in "The Wife," its two screenwriters, editor and costume designer were all women, something that Close said was important to her. She hopes that kind of diversity "will become a natural part of our culture."

Close's championing of inde-

pendent films and of women in the industry reflects the persistence she's known for, but she wasn't always so confident. During her acceptance speech, the "Fatal Attraction" star described an early-career "low point" that led to a late-night call to her agent, Kevin Huvane.

"Kevin was on the other end of the line (in Los Angeles), hearing my distress," she recounted. Fifteen minutes later, she opened the door to her New York apartment to find a beautiful bouquet and a note she would never forget: "Don't let the f—ers get you down."

Close has been looking ahead to the next project ever since. Asked whether the honor had led her to reflect on her career so far, she laughed. "No!" she said. "I feel like I'm 18! To me, it's amazing. You make these choices and then all of a sudden here you are."



Close

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The plot deals with a threatened foreclosure on the Banks family home at 17 Cherry Tree Lane, London, and greedy capitalist pigs personified by the steely two-faced banker played by Colin Firth. But then there's Mary, who arrives via kite this time, and swans around in fabulously smart '30s hats and delightful footwear. All hail costume designer Sandy Powell! Her work for all the characters here evokes '34, the '64 Disney film and fantasy realms that know no boundaries.

Lin-Manuel Miranda, that "Hamilton" chap, takes second billing as Jack the lamplighter, who we're told was once apprentice to chimney sweep Bert. You'll recall Dick Van Dyke in that role back in '64. In "Mary Poppins Returns" Van Dyke, now 92, more or less reprises the cameo he played in the first Disney "Poppins" film. It's a serious treat to see Van Dyke jump up on a table and soft-shoe a few bars, as the son of the ancient banker, Dawes.

The other major nostalgia bonus is Angela Lansbury, 93, who pops up in the final scene as the Balloon Lady. Songwriters Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman ("Hairspray," one of the sturdiest



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Lin-Manuel Miranda, from left, Pixie Davies, Joel Dawson, Nathanael Saleh and Emily Blunt.

Broadway scores of the century) reward her with the swell waltz "Nowhere to Go But Up," which echoes the original's "Let's Go Fly a Kite" for a sunny, open-air finale.

Alas, that's the only song from "Mary Poppins Returns" I can recall, several days after seeing it. That's a significant drawback in a well-cast but rather strenuously jolly holiday of a sequel. The nine songs run the gamut from male-

chorus spectacles ("Trip a Little Light Fantastic") to eccentric comic turns ("Turning Turtle," an upside-down discom-bolulator sung by Meryl Streep as Mary's Aunt Topsy) to a music hall song-and-dance duet for Blunt and Miranda ("The Cover is Not the Book," more frantic than clever, though it's fun to hear Miranda bust a few lines "Hamilton" style).

Director Marshall stages things

with workmanlike efficiency. The movie piles on, the barrage of effects and diversions largely dictated by the demands of the animation interludes and the surfeit of routine digital effects. The 2-D vignette, in which Mary, Jack and the kids pop into a porcelain bowl illustration for a mad chase sequence, almost works, but it too sweats and strains for the magic.

Of his six features to date, four

MPPAA rating: PG (for some mild thematic elements and brief action)

Running time: 2:11

of Marshall's films have been musicals: "Chicago" (2002), "Nine" (2009), "Into the Woods" (2014) and "Mary Poppins Returns." He's devoted to the form, though his two non-musicals, "Memoirs of a Geisha" (2005) and the eternity that was "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011), point to a clunkiness never entirely absent in this uneven picture. The original "Mary Poppins" was exuberant, fueled by terrific Sherman brothers songs. "Mary Poppins Returns" is often just pushy.

So I'm mixed on it. You can enjoy various bits and pieces of "Mary Poppins Returns," and a lot of the performers, even as you roll your eyes at, for example, the anachronistic BMX parkour stunt biker interlude. I'm no purist, but really. The first "Mary Poppins" managed perfectly well without consulting the latest fad and spicing up "Step in Time" with a bunch of hula hoops.

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Toys

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creative collectors. Goral, 33, is a superstar within the genre. He *kitbashes*, meaning he breaks up toys — “boiling and popping,” as he puts it — softening up old action figures until the plastic is pliable enough to pop away the limbs.

Most of his creations are reassemblies — sort of 3D collages. Some are unauthorized takes on the renowned (Richard Pryor), some are commissioned by the renowned, some are transgressive one-note jokes (“Ewoking Dead”) and some of his biggest sellers are original characters. For a while he was assembling and hand-painting every one of these figures; now he replicates them, using molds and resins, still hand-painting many while making others with help from Chinese factories, like every other toy maker.

Most, however, are made on a whim, bundled into clever homemade variations of cardboard-backed, plastic-blister action-figure packaging, then sold in batches of about 50, for about \$50 each. “Best way to explain,” Goral says, “I’m like a DJ sampling, remixing material, going over it until, when the tinkering is finally done, I get something fresh.”

He stands in his workshop, which is lined with too many action figures to count or take in, some of them foreign bootlegs, some of them beloved toys from his childhood.

He pulls one of his own mashups off a shelf.

A sort of spaceman/werewolf hybrid.

This, he says, turning it over, explaining the taxonomy of its original sources, “has a Beast Man head beneath a helmet made from one of those 25-cent acorn capsules you get in gumball machines, with an Ewok body, a Luke Skywalker chest pack, Chewbacca arms, legs from a (“Star Wars”) cantina dude, a belt from something, a hose from something else. Then I took clay to fill it in, smooth it out.”

Goral, say some within the community of designer toy makers, has nudged custom action figures from cheap parody toward bona fide craftsmanship. Earlier this year, San Francisco-based toy maker Super7 began distributing some of Goral’s original characters, including his signature “Phantom Starkiller,” a Grim Reaper/Jedi pastiche.

“Pete isn’t just dressing up R2-D2 action figures like pimps and calling himself an artist,” said Brian Flynn, Super7 founder. “A lot of people doing action figures go for easy references and leave it there, and there are a lot of people making action figures. But only a handful make a living on this. Pete does because he’s evolving away from references. He was the first of these guys to invent new characters. I think of him now like a painter who started out influenced” — in Goral’s case, by G.I. Joe figures and Kenner’s old “Star Wars” line — “then came into his own, to the point you no longer recognize references.”

Consider his Larry David action figure.

It’s not original, of course. But when he made it last September (without permission from the “Seinfeld” and “Curb Your Enthusiasm” creator), he started with the head of an action figure of Isaac, the African-American bartender on “The Love Boat.” (Yes, there were “Love Boat”



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The shelves of Peter Goral’s workshop are filled with pieces he has collected and created.



Artist Peter Goral sits in his basement workshop.

action figures.) Then he tinkered with Isaac’s features until he had a white figure, wearing khakis, a blazer and David’s familiar scowl. He made 50 and sold them for \$65 each. Nathan Hamill, son of Mark “Luke Skywalker” Hamill (and a fan of Goral’s), bought one, that David himself autographed: “Please throw this in the garbage. Larry David.”

Jerry Seinfeld bought one, too.

Last Christmas, Millie Bobby Brown of “Stranger Things” commissioned Goral to make an action figure of her character Eleven, which she gave as gifts. Members of the Wu-Tang Clan have commissioned Goral to make Wu Tang action figures. And after Goral made an unauthorized Luke Skywalker based on the character’s brief scene in “The Force Awakens” — Hasbro hadn’t made a “Force Awakens” Skywalker — Hamill’s family bought one of Goral’s bootleg Skywalkers and presented it to the actor for Father’s Day. Goral said he receives regular orders now from other toymakers, independent and otherwise, as well as employees at Sesame Workshop and Christie’s auction house.

On a frosty November morning after Thanksgiving, he stood at one of his benches working together the limbs of about 50 unauthorized action figures of Ogon Bat, a deep cultural cut, a Japanese character from the early ’30s sometimes recognized as the world’s first comic book superhero, predating Superman. When the figure was done it would have a gold torso, crimson cape and a

skull head.

“I know, weird,” Goral said. “Big seller? I asked.”

Sold out, he said, at \$75 each. Actually, everything Goral makes sells out, often minutes after he announces preorders. He turned to a cluster of white pieces that looked like popcorn but were unpainted heads. His workshop is a narrow railway in the back of his basement; one wall is tagged in a green flowing “Killer” from the Chicago graffiti artist Stuk One (another friend of Goral’s). On other walls, hammers and pliers and screwdrivers; on benches, his paints, drills and plastic bins full of tiny body parts, torsos and heads and legs and arms.

He cut a wooden peg and inserted into a neck.

For a while, he said as he worked, he glued pieces together, knowing these were toys bought by adults who likely would never actually play with them. Now, he said, “the idea is make it all structurally sound — to stand the test of time.”

Beside him on the bench was the unpainted head of a Bob Dylan he was making — a commission. As he worked, he figured, aloud, that maybe 100 people in the United States are doing what he’s doing — or 98 more than when he started. Today, there is a guy in St. Louis who makes custom Lego figures; and a man in Connecticut who makes Mr. Rogers. Dan Polydoris, a Chicago copywriter for Crate and Barrel who makes action figures under the name Death by Toys, specializes in conceptual gags. Playing

on the ’80s horror cult movie “Pieces,” he sells a pile of bloodied body parts; his “Pong” action figures, inspired by the early, rudimentary Atari game, are three blocks painted white.

His biggest seller so far is a Fog action figure, based on the 1980 John Carpenter movie “The Fog.” It’s actually a cotton ball inside action-figure packaging. “I made five and thought ‘This is so stupid! Now I can’t stop selling them.’” He’s sold more than 100, at \$30 a pop. He thinks of the genre as “fan art — lots of (custom action figures) is fan art, or cultural commentary, or really just a kind of folk art. But what Pete’s doing — it’s next-level stuff.”

Goral was a toy collector as a child who became a toy collector as an adult. About a decade ago, he was working in a hydraulic plant in Rockford making \$400 a week, cutting tubing used by companies like John Deere. One Thanksgiving, after dinner, he decided he would return to another childhood passion, painting. He bought a canvas and art supplies, but was soon cobbling together and painting the broken parts of toys he had amassed. Around 2007, he debuted his first figure, a robot spray-paint can (and somewhat pointed declaration of intent) named Art-Too, itself a caricature of a quasi-R2-D2 figure created by the Brooklyn-based artist who calls himself Suclord.

The artist — who asked not to be identified by his real name (“You wouldn’t call Madonna by her real name, would you?”) — said when Pete arrived on the scene it was just the two of them. The genre, he said, “is not (about) action figures. It’s representational art, and since the beginning, people have been doing this, making representations of the human form.” As a child, he customized Fisher Price Little People, turning them into Osmonds. As an adult, he made a name for creating traditionally packaged action figures that often doubled as sly cultural criticism, of Chris Christie and art critic Jerry Saltz, of gay Stormtroopers and action figures inspired from 16th century paintings.

“For a time people considered

(custom action figures) my purview,” he said. “I didn’t see anybody in my rearview, so when Pete jumped in, people accused him of being an imitation. I give him credit, he made a place for himself.”

When Goral began, he was working at the hydraulic plant by day, working on action figures all night in his garage. He did this for about three years, but as he attracted a following, “I began to make more money in an afternoon than I made all month at the normal job.” So on his wife’s suggestion, he quit and entered into his full-time workshop.

Today, he can turn \$200 of resin into \$50,000 worth of action figures. “I make 50 of something and sell them for \$100, or make only five and sell them for \$1,000 each.” He figures he can make about \$10,000 on two or three figures.

“I can’t make them fast enough.”

As a marker of success, and perhaps a reminder he often tinkers with copyrighted material, he keeps a cease-and-desist letter from HBO framed in his workshop — sent, he said, after he created a limited-run “Eastbound & Down” Danny McBride action figure. He says he’s also received similar letters from the estate of Alfred Hitchcock and from Campbell’s Soup because of his Andy Warhol/R2-D2 mashup, Star Warhol. He says he stops when asked, that he’s working too fleetingly and satirically, producing figures in such small batches, to warrant a serious legal challenge.

So he returns to his workshop. He sands his heads, he slices his dowels. The floor is splattered with paint, and beside him, there’s a note to track how many legs and torsos are required today. Christmas is no busier than March or October. It’s all the same busy. He works slowly, and cautiously, lingering over action figures, making toys that will never be played with.

Up next: A visit to Radio Flyer headquarters.

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Sue

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ature, “it would be too late.”

It is not too late, however, to see Sue anew, no matter how familiar Chicagoans think they may be with this dinosaur, a core point of civic pride since it was first mounted here in 1990. The Field, in its 125th anniversary year, bet that it could reinvigorate the \$8.4 million skeleton, and, as a Tuesday media preview of the new exhibition showed, it has succeeded.

Even as it hangs onto, even amplifies, Sue’s central character trait — menace — the new exhibit puts it into elegant, almost artful surroundings, a selection of information, Cretaceous-era animation and other fossils. The goal was to place this apex predator in as complete a context as museum scientists and exhibit designers could conjure.

“Sue is the crest specimen of the collections here, and also probably the most important dinosaur fossil that’s ever been discovered,” said Richard Lariviere, the Field CEO, sporting a new Sue T-shirt for the event. “So it’s appropriate it would have this focus here.”

Instead of serving as a *de facto* official greeter by the main north door of the museum — that role is now served by Maximino, a cast



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The real skull of Sue the T. rex is displayed separately from the skeleton.

skeleton of a Patagotitan, a kind of titanosaur with a credible claim to being the largest dinosaur yet found — Sue is now in a bespoke gallery that, for the first time, unites it with all the other Sue science that had been scattered about the museum.

Sue’s skull, instead of being on the second floor separated from the rest of the body, now rests much nearer by. It’s not mounted on the body in part because it became a little deformed over the eons, in part because it is the most frequently studied part of Sue and constant removal would be a burden.

Indeed, the skull now is the

teaser for the main attraction. Stare into those eye sockets, then step round the wall bearing a T. rex mural to see the big reveal of the fossil itself. It’s still on a stylized land form, but now the lighting casts shadows of those teeth against the wall, and now the 40.5-foot-long critter fills its space with the suggestion of brute force only magnified when you realize that the jaws could crush a car door.

The second floor gallery, now a stop on the path through the superb “Evolving Planet” exhibit, was always meant to be Sue’s home, explained Peter Makovicky, curator of dinosaurs.

But the budget was small and the desire to show off this trophy was large, and Sue became a main hall regular, along with the totem poles and the fighting elephants.

A 3D theater has been filling that space, and people apparently are less of a structural strain than a big fossilized skeleton in the middle of the room.

Now, there are new pillars supporting the floor from beneath and now, following on the movie theme, scientifically accurate animation videos are projected behind the Sue skeleton. They show, for instance, Sue scavenging by a river then (science!) voiding itself and a triceratops and Sue fighting — the video animal gets a horn wound just like one on its actual hip.

As T. rex prey, a triceratops, in the form of a great skull from the collection, joins the gallery, along with dozens of plant and animal fossils from Sue’s era, some of them actually found with it.

About that pronoun: Although named for discoverer Sue Hendrickson, Sue is of unknown sex. The fossil is properly referred to as “it,” the labels explain, while Sue’s online presence, most prominent in a saucy Twitter feed, chooses to go by the pronoun “they.”

In shaping the new, general admission hall over the course of 2018, the goal, Lariviere said, was to address all such questions that visitors have had about Sue over

the years, “everything from how Sue hunted to how Sue pooped,” he said.

And the changes in the presentation of the skeleton — including a much fuller chest thanks to the mounting of formerly separated gastralia, or “belly ribs” — are all carefully detailed on accompanying labels and help tell a bigger story.

“We wanted to use Sue as a vehicle to inform the public that science is never done,” said Lariviere. “You’re always understanding.”

The museum asks understanding from its patrons, as well. It will no doubt rankle some Sue fans to see the animal suffering a seeming demotion to a perimeter hall. But centrality isn’t everything.

While joining and enriching the exhibition telling the story of life on the planet that was already one of the finest in the city, this new Sue presentation delivers a much more complete picture of the animal even as it belies a sort of maxim: You can teach an old bird new tricks.

The Sue exhibit in the Griffin Halls of *Evolving Planet* is open to the public Friday at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive; included with general admission, www.fieldmuseum.org

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Jeff Probst

"Survivor" (7 p.m., CBS): An overarching "David vs. Goliath" motif ran through the 37th iteration of this seminal reality competition series, but if you strip away the thematic window dressing that separates one "Survivor" season from another, the game keeps coming down to the same primal question: Which contestant can outwit, outplay and outlast the competition? The answer is revealed towards the end of tonight's two-hour finale. Jeff Probst is host.

"Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" (7 p.m., CW): A familiar holiday tune — and one that's more off-color than most — is translated into an animated show as this special sets visuals to the long-popular Elmo and Patsy song. A youngster has his suspicions about why his grandmother is missing on Christmas Eve. His quest to find her involves his not-as-pure-minded cousin (voice of Michele Lee, "Knots Landing").

"Shrek the Halls" (7:30 p.m., ABC): What's not to love about a yuletide special starring a family of green ogres? And especially one that already was popularized by a couple of hit movies when this debuted in 2007? Shrek (voice of Mike Myers) isn't a Christmas kind of guy, but Princess Fiona (voice of Cameron Diaz) loves the holiday, so he goes along — with a little help from Donkey (voice of Eddie Murphy) and the rest of the fairy-tale gang. Antonio Banderas is heard again as Puss in Boots.

"Vikings" (8 p.m., 11:01 p.m., History): Passions are running at their most intense in both Kattegat and Iceland, albeit at polar opposites of the emotional spectrum, in the new episode "The Lost Moment." In the former locale, celebrations in honor of Ivar the Boneless (Alex Hogh Andersen) reach a drunken apex, while Iceland is rocked with grief as Floki (Gustaf Skarsgard) grapples with a fateful choice. Elsewhere, the army of King Harald (Peter Franzen) approaches Wessex, just as a court conspiracy is rising against King Alfred (Ferdia Walsh-Peelo).

"Full Frontal With Samantha Bee" (9:30 p.m., 10:02 p.m., TBS): Host Samantha Bee may approach political events from a left-of-center perspective, but she assures fans her holiday special isn't another salvo in the largely imaginary "war on Christmas" decied in some quarters. Oh, sure, the name of tonight's special episode may be "Christmas on I.C.E.," but our host promises it will be "less godless than the usual liberal Christmas variety spectacular." So tune in for music, laughter, joy and, per Bee, "abiding rage that the Trump administration is separating migrant families." Also: gingerbread.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Willem Dafoe; Hailee Steinfeld talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Steve Carell; actress Kiki Layne.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Director Ben Stiller; actors Marina de Távira and Yalitza Aparicio; Griffin and Elley Duhe perform.*

* Subject to change

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PENNY MARSHALL 1943-2018

Actress, director best known as star in 'Laverne & Shirley'

BY DENNIS MCLELLAN
Los Angeles Times

Penny Marshall, who co-starred as a Milwaukee brewery worker in the top-rated 1970s and '80s sitcom "Laverne & Shirley" before becoming a director of hit movies such as "Big" and "A League of Their Own," has died. She was 75.

Marshall died peacefully Monday night in her Hollywood Hills home of complications from diabetes, Michelle Bega, a spokeswoman for Marshall's family, told the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday.

"Our family is heartbroken over the passing of Penny Marshall," the Marshall family said in a statement.

A spinoff of "Happy Days," "Laverne & Shirley" starred Marshall as the feisty Laverne De Fazio and Cindy Williams as the idealistic Shirley Feeny, two 1950s working-class roommates who worked on the assembly line at the Shottz Brewery.

The midseason replacement was launched on ABC in January 1976 and soared to the top of the ratings. Known for its broad physical comedy, it was the No. 1-rated show for the 1977 and '78 seasons and aired until 1983.

"There were no blue-collar girls on television" when "Laverne & Shirley" debuted, executive producer Garry Marshall, Penny's brother, once said in an interview for the Archive of American Television. (Garry Marshall died in 2016.)

With her deadpan demeanor and flat-toned Bronx accent, Marshall had been making minor inroads in Hollywood for several years before the Laverne and Shirley characters debuted as Richie and Fonzie's double dates on an episode of "Happy Days" in 1975. That in-



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Penny Marshall was the first woman in Hollywood history to direct a movie ("Big") that grossed over \$100 million.

cluded being a semiregular on "The Odd Couple" as Oscar Madison's secretary and a regular on the short-lived "Paul Sand in Friends and Lovers."

Marshall's career received big boosts from brother Garry, who had been an executive producer on "The Odd Couple." He also created "Happy Days" and co-created "Laverne & Shirley."

At the time "Laverne & Shirley" debuted, Marshall was married to Rob Reiner, who had gained fame on "All in the Family" playing Archie Bunker's son-in-law. They later divorced. "Laverne & Shirley" had been off the air three years when Marshall made her feature film debut as a director of the 1986 Whoopi Goldberg comedy "Jumpin' Jack Flash."

The film was not a success, but her next one was.

"Big," a fantasy tale in which a boy wakes up in the body of an adult man played by Tom Hanks, earned Hanks an Oscar nomination and made Marshall the first woman director in Hollywood history to direct a movie that grossed more than \$100 million.

"Awakenings" (1990), a medical drama starring

Robert De Niro and Robin Williams, came next. It received three Oscar nominations, including for best picture and actor in a leading role (for De Niro).

Marshall went on to direct "A League of Their Own" (1992), and "The Preacher's Wife" (1996).

Dedicated sports fan Marshall had a documentary in postproduction about former NBA superstar and recent international diplomat Dennis Rodman. "Rodman" is scheduled for release Sept. 1, 2019.

"With directing, I know people on movie sets want leadership, but I don't exude that captain-of-the-ship image. I'd get on the phone with ('Big' producer) Jim Brooks and apologize all the time and say, 'I'm no good at this.'"

Countered Brooks at the time: "Penny has an iron will, which is a thing that almost everybody misses."

She was born Oct. 15, 1943, in the Bronx. Her father, Tony, was an industrial filmmaker and her mother, Marjorie, ran a tap dancing school.

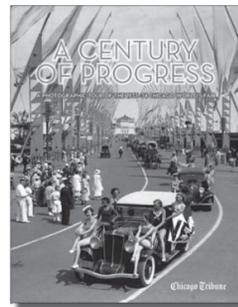
Marshall is survived by her sister Ronny, daughter Tracy Reiner and three grandchildren. Plans for a memorial service have yet to be made.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 19

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility." (Season Finale) (N) ©	Survivor: "Survivor Re-union Special." (N) ©	Survivor: "Survivor Re-union Special." (N) ©	Survivor: "Survivor Re-union Special." (N) ©	Survivor: "Survivor Re-union Special." (N) ©	Survivor: "Survivor Re-union Special." (N) ©	Survivor: "Survivor Re-union Special." (N) ©
	NBC 5	LEGO Jurassic World	LEGO Jurassic World	Hollywood Game Night	Pentatonix: A Not So Silent Night ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Olaf Adventure	Shrek the Halls	Modern Family	(8:31) Single Parents	The Goldbergs	American Housewife	News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©
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	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Chicago Tonight (N)	Nature: "Mystery Monkeys of Shangri-La." ©	Nature: "Mystery Monkeys of Shangri-La." ©	NOVA: "Ghosts of Stonehenge." ©	NOVA: "Ghosts of Stonehenge." ©	Andes: Kingdoms ♦
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett ♦
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©	A Stone Cold Christmas (NR,'18)	Demetria McKinney.	Demetria McKinney.	Thin Line ♦	Thin Line ♦	
	FOX 32	Empire: "Pride." ©	Star: "A Family Affair." ©	Star: "A Family Affair." ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©	Modern Family ©	
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods: "Your Six."	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♦	
	Telem 44	(7:05) La sultana (N) ©	Falsa identidad (N) ©	Señora Acero (N) ©	Señora Acero (N) ©	Chicago (N)	Chicago (N)	
	CW 50	Grandma Got Run Over	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	Dateline ©	Dateline ©	Chicago ♦	Chicago ♦	
	UniMas 60	Como dice el dicho ©	Rosario Tijeras: "El amante."	Rosario Tijeras: "El amante."	Rosario Tijeras: "El amante."	Tiro de ♦	Tiro de ♦	
	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
	Univ 66	Jesus	Mi marido tiene familia	Amar a muerte	Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)	Noticias (N)	
	AE	Live PD: "Live PD -- 11.18.17." ©	Storage	Storage				
	AMC	★ National Lamp. Christmas (8:15)	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13,'89) ***	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13,'89) ***	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13,'89) ***	Monsters ♦	Monsters ♦	
ANIM	River Monsters: Legendary Locations (N)	River Monsters ©	River Monsters ©	River Monsters ©	Monsters ♦	Monsters ♦		
BBCA	Rambo: First Blood (R,'82) ***	Sylvester Stallone.	Rambo: First Blood Part II (R,'85) ***	Rambo: First Blood Part II (R,'85) ***	Monsters ♦	Monsters ♦		
BET	The Birth of a Nation (R,'16) ***	Nate Parker, Armie Hammer.	The Birth of a Nation (R,'16) ***	The Birth of a Nation (R,'16) ***	Martin ©	Martin ©		
BIGTEN	★ College Basketball (N)	The B1G	The B1G	The B1G	BTN Basketball in 60 (N)	BTN Basketball in 60 (N)		
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ (N)	Housewives/NJ (N)	Housewives/NJ (N)	Watch (N)	Watch (N)		
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal (N) ©	Deal or No Deal (N) ©	Deal or No Deal (N) ©	Deal or No Deal ♦	Deal or No ♦		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	Tonight (N) ♦		
COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	BoJack (N)	Daily (N) ♦		
DISC	Border Live ©	Border Live: "Border Live 12.19.18." (N) (Live) ©	Border Live: "Border Live 12.19.18." (N) (Live) ©	Border Live: "Border Live 12.19.18." (N) (Live) ©	Expedition ♦	Expedition ♦		
DISN	Raven	Raven	Coop	Stuck	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©		
E!	The Princess Diaries (G,'01) **	Julie Andrews. ©	Busy (N)	The Princess Diaries *** ♦	The Princess Diaries *** ♦	The Princess Diaries *** ♦		
ESPN	College Football: DXL Frisco Bowl -- Ohio vs San Diego State. (N) (Live) ©	College Football: DXL Frisco Bowl -- Ohio vs San Diego State. (N) (Live) ©	College Football: DXL Frisco Bowl -- Ohio vs San Diego State. (N) (Live) ©	College Football: DXL Frisco Bowl -- Ohio vs San Diego State. (N) (Live) ©	College Football: DXL Frisco Bowl -- Ohio vs San Diego State. (N) (Live) ©	College Football: DXL Frisco Bowl -- Ohio vs San Diego State. (N) (Live) ©		
ESPN2	★ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: UCLA at Cincinnati. (N) (Live)	College Basketball: UCLA at Cincinnati. (N) (Live)	College Basketball: UCLA at Cincinnati. (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N)	SportCtr (N)		
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	Fox News		
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery ♦	Grocery ♦		
FREE	★ Santa Clause 3	(8:15) The Incredibles (PG,'04) ***	Voices of Craig T. Nelson. ♦					
FX	22 Jump Street (R,'14) ***	Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum. ©	22 Jump Street ('14) *** ♦					
HALL	Welcome to Christmas (NR,'18)	Eric Mabius. ©	Christmas in Love (NR,'18) ©	Christmas in Love (NR,'18) ©	Christmas in Love (NR,'18) ©	Christmas in Love (NR,'18) ©		
HGTV	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers (N) ©	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦	Property ♦		
HIST	Vikings: "A New God."	Vikings (N) ©	(9:01) Forged in Fire (N)	Forged ♦	Forged ♦	Forged ♦		
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,'05) **	Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. ©	Sherlock Holmes-Game ♦	Sherlock Holmes-Game ♦	Sherlock Holmes-Game ♦	Sherlock Holmes-Game ♦		
LIFE	A Christmas in Tennessee (NR,'18)	Rachel Boston.	(9:03) Poinsettias for Christmas ('18) ♦	Poinsettias for Christmas ('18) ♦	Poinsettias for Christmas ('18) ♦	Poinsettias for Christmas ('18) ♦		
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	11th Hour (N)		
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show ©	Catfish: The TV Show (N)	Ex on the Beach ©	Ex-Beach ♦	Ex-Beach ♦	Ex-Beach ♦		
NBCSCH	Premier League Soccer: Hornets vs Bluebirds (Tape)	Chicago Bulls Postgame	Bulls (N)	Bulls (N)	Bulls (N)	Bulls (N)		
NICK	iCarly	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©		
OVATION	★ (5:30) Amistad (R,'97) ***	Morgan Freeman.	Michael Jackson: King (N)	Da Vinci ♦	Da Vinci ♦	Da Vinci ♦		
OWN	Four Weddings ©	Four Weddings ©	Four Weddings ©	Weddings ♦	Weddings ♦	Weddings ♦		
OCY	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: LA ♦	NCIS: LA ♦	NCIS: LA ♦		
PARMT	★ (6) Forrest Gump (PG-13,'94) ****	Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. ©	Forrest Gump ('94) **** ♦					
SYFY	★ (5:34) I Am Number Four	Limitless (PG-13,'11) **	Bradley Cooper. ©	Cabin ♦	Cabin ♦	Cabin ♦		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Full ♦		
TCM	Bachelor Mother (NR,'39) ***	©	(8:45) Oliver Twist (NR,'48) ****	Robert Newton. ♦	Robert Newton. ♦	Robert Newton. ♦		
TLC	The 12 Pops of Christmas	Obsession	(9:02) Family by the Ton	My 600-Lb ♦	My 600-Lb ♦	My 600-Lb ♦		
TLN	Camp Meeting	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦		
TNT	London Has Fallen (R,'16) **	Gerard Butler. ©	Olympus Has Fallen (R,'13) **					
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers		
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum (N)	UFOs: The Lost Evidence: "From Above And Below."	Monsters ♦	Monsters ♦	Monsters ♦	Monsters ♦		
TVL	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	★ (6:30) Ant-Man (PG-13,'15) ***	Paul Rudd. ©	WWE SmackDown! (N)	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam		
VH1	Black Ink Crew ©	Black Ink Crew ©	Black Ink Crew (N) ©	Black Ink ♦	Black Ink ♦	Black Ink ♦		
WE	The Polar Express (G,'04) ***	Voices of Tom Hanks.	The Polar Express (G,'04) ***					
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Married		
PREMIUM	HBO	Rampage (PG-13,'18) **	Dwayne Johnson. ©	Sally4Ever	Love, Simon ('18) ****	Love, Simon ('18) ****		
	HBO2	Sally4Ever	(7:35) There's Something About Mary (R,'98) ***	(9:35) The Mask ****	(9:35) The Mask ****	(9:35) The Mask ****		
	MAX	Logan (R,'17) ***	Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. ©	Mike Judge	(9:55) X2 ♦	(9:55) X2 ♦		
	SHO	★ (6:15) A Dog's Purpose	The Bridges of Madison County (PG-13,'95) ***	©	Pornemic ♦	Pornemic ♦		
	STARZ	★ (6:34) Salt (PG-13,'10) ***	©	(8:17) The Other Guys ('10) ***	Crimes ♦	Crimes ♦		
STZNC	★ (6:22) Tremors ('90) **	Changing Lanes (R,'02) ***	©	Along Came a Spider ♦	Along Came a Spider ♦			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 19): Invent, imagine and consider your future this year. Realize visions through disciplined action. Expect work and health surprises. Winter abundance leads to a travel and study phase. Collaborate for shared profits next summer, before changing directions with your own income. Plant seeds, and nurture them with love.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Compute expenses, and pay bills. Cash flow is on the rise. Keep taking profitable actions. Others provide a boost. You can get what you need.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Guard your energy. Take restorative time for yourself. Increase your comfort zone. Review options with a personal decision. Advances now have lasting benefit.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Private contemplation produces satisfying plans and objectives. Slow down, and consider options. Make sure you're building on stable foundations. Organize and strengthen connections.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Teamwork goes the distance with a collaborative push. Throw yourself into a shared effort. Inspire others to victory. You can surpass an obstacle together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. A lucky break reveals new professional possibilities. Rely on a strong team. Forge ahead with a creative project. Invest in your own success.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Widen your horizons by exploring around the edges. The news could affect your decisions. Monitor conditions, and go for a dream. Take extra ground.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Opposites attract. Collaborate for shared financial gain. Avoid reckless spending. Invest time, energy and money for your family's future.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Compromise comes easier. A partnership flowers with love and attention. Strengthen bonds and ties. Share special moments together. Produce lasting benefits together.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Practice and polish your work, health and fitness routines. Build energy, and strength through steady action. You're gaining respect. Keep moving.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Relax and have fun with friends, family and your sweetheart. Add romantic touches and ambiance to inspire intimate connections.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Home is where your heart is. Feather your nest with softness and warmth. Provide nurturing foods and comfort. Strengthen family connections.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Creative projects and ideas abound. Writing and communications bloom. Organize your thoughts, and articulate what you want to say.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North		East
♠ 732		♠ J984
♥ 98754		♥ 3
♦ K75		♦ Q92
♣ 72		♣ QJ863
West		South
♠ K106		♠ AQ5
♥ Void		♥ AKQJ1062
♦ AJ108643		♦ Void
♣ 1095		♣ AK4

North's four-diamond cue bid was probably too much, but he thought that five-card support, the ruffing value in clubs, and the king of diamonds sitting behind the diamond bidder was enough to show some sign of life. Also, he probably knew how well his partner could play a hand.

South won the opening club lead with his ace and stopped to make a plan. He did not want to stake the contract on a spade finesse, so he came up with something much better. He led the two of hearts to dummy's four at trick two, drawing trumps. A low diamond was ruffed with the ace of hearts, and then South eliminated clubs by cashing the king and ruffing his last club in dummy.

Dummy's remaining low diamond was ruffed with the king of hearts. The six of hearts was led to dummy's seven. South led dummy's king of diamonds and discarded his low spade. West won with his ace, but he wasn't happy about it. Rather than yield a ruff-sluff, West shifted to a low spade, but declarer had the queen, not East, and South quickly claimed the balance.

This was a beautifully played hand, taking full advantage of the spot cards in the trump suit.

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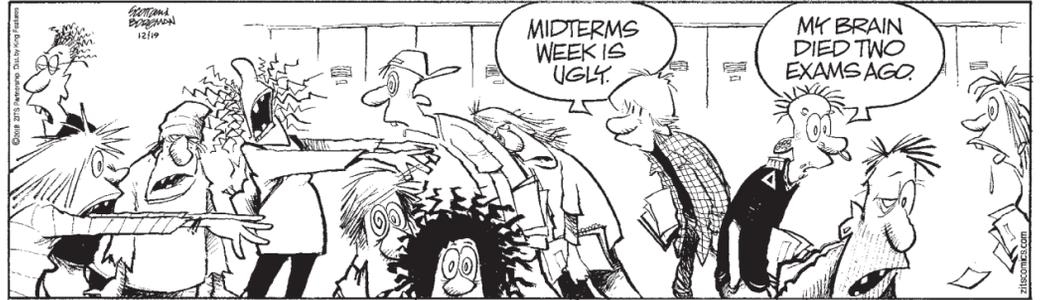
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Baby Blues



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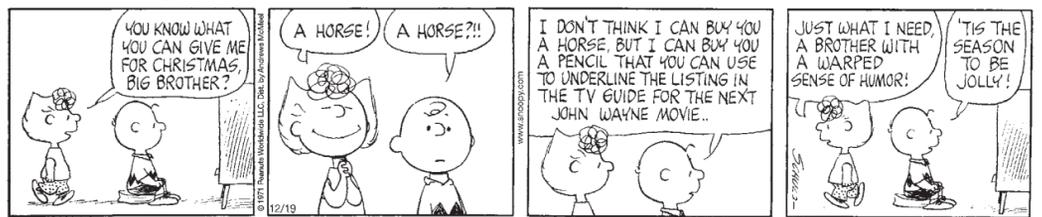
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



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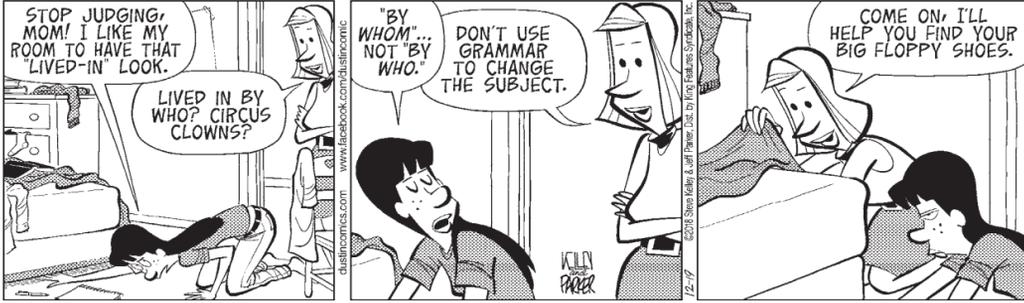
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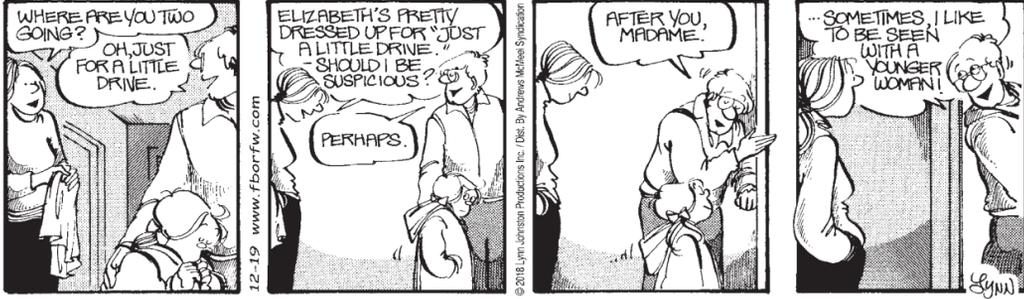
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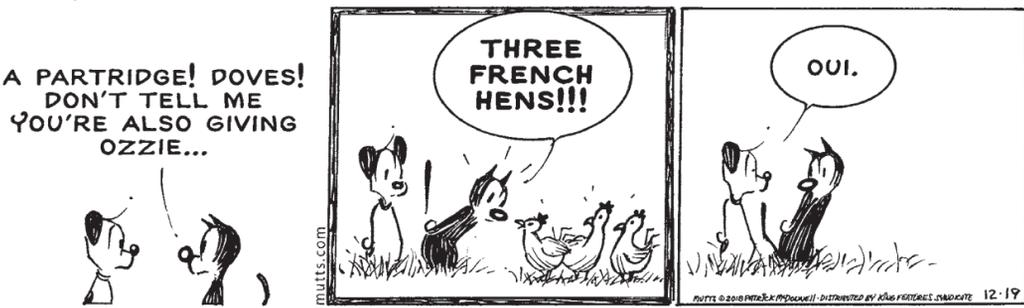
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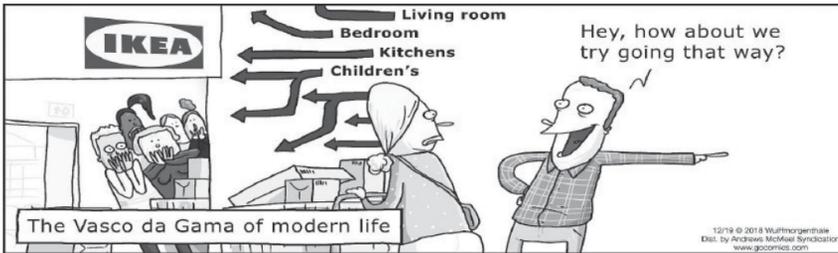
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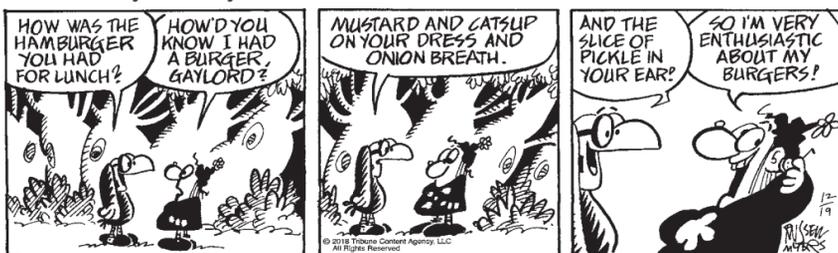
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Trivia Bits

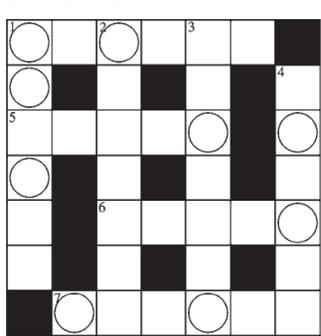
Figures from Airports Council International show that the world's busiest airport by number of passengers serves which U.S. city?

A) Atlanta
B) Chicago
C) Dallas
D) New York

Tuesday's answer: In a letter to a friend, Ernest Hemingway lamented F. Scott Fitzgerald's "lovely, golden, wasted talent."

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Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Attorney
 - December, for example
 - Troy
 - Refuge
- CLUE DOWN**
- support
 - Microsoft
 - Type of fuel
 - Atone for
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS
1. WRELAY
2. OMTHN
3. OCEUN
4. USAMYL
- DOWN
1. ARULBM
2. DIWONSW
3. ALTENOH
4. EDEMRE

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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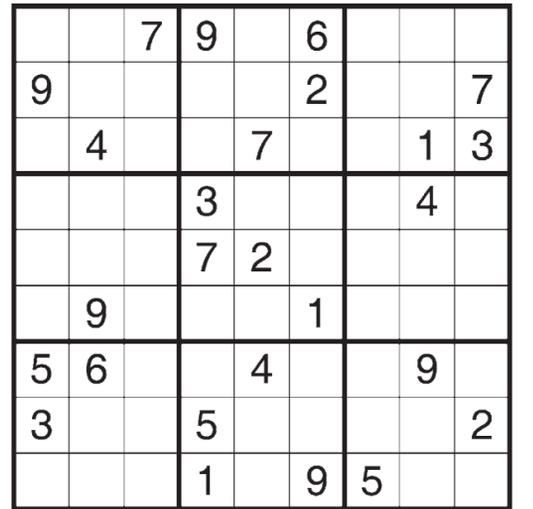
CLUE: The heart of a _____ weighs about 400 pounds.

BONUS ○○○○○ ○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Lawyer 5A-United 6A-Month 6A-Month 5A-Lawyer 1A-Lawyer 1A-Lawyer 2D-Windows 3D-Friend 4P-Redden 5B-Blue whale
By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

12/19



9	2	3	7	8	6	4	1	5
7	4	1	2	5	3	8	9	6
8	6	5	9	1	4	7	3	2
2	1	6	5	7	9	3	4	8
3	5	9	1	4	8	6	2	7
4	7	8	6	3	2	1	5	9
6	9	4	3	2	7	5	8	1
1	3	7	8	9	5	2	6	4
5	8	2	4	6	1	9	7	3

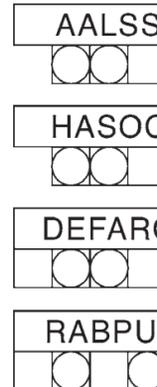
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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.



Answer here



Tuesday's answers

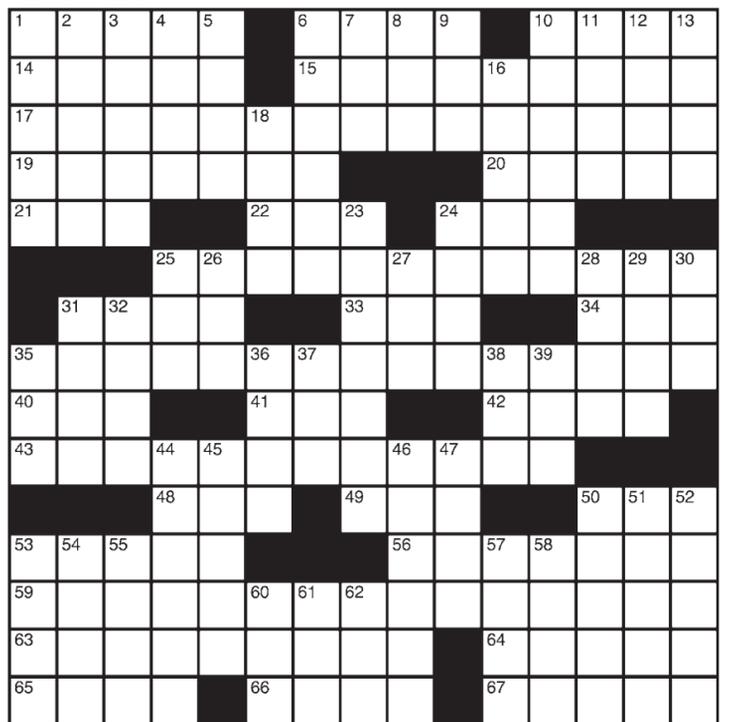
Jumbles: BLUNT FENCE CANOPY DOLLAR
Answer: Shoddy workmanship at the mirror factory was beginning to — REFLECT BADLY

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Crossword

12/19



Across

- Quite puzzled
- Often-painted body part
- Those with privileges, briefly
- Storm and
- Midshipman-to-be: Abbr.
- Flowering plant also called May bells
- "That's precious!"
- Big name in riding mowers
- Actress Arthur
- Lingus
- Leftover food bit
- Pig out
- Equipment
- Like the light at twilight
- Small, in a small way
- 1960 King Coleman dance song
- Whitewater rafter's need
- Quarterback Manning

- Proof word
- "Galveston" singer
- Caveman Alley
- Wasn't active
- "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay
- Bewitch
- Rhodes
- Title subject of a children's song that ends with "cheese stands alone"
- Underpass concern
- Renée's "Chicago" role
- Corporate symbol
- Bit of news
- Floorboard repair nails

- "_ honor!": "Promise!"
- Cry of frustration
- Natural resource
- Natural resource
- First name in jazz vocals
- Bouncy tune
- Word with house or horse
- Score on the ice
- French 101 infinitive
- 2018 Chinese New Year animal
- Disorganized pile
- Einstein's birthplace
- Salon goop
- Result of Googling
- As expected
- Rising star
- Like juicy turkeys
- Mark for good
- One taking home orders?
- Not expired, as a license
- Van Gogh's "Bedroom in..."
- Ozone-depleting chemicals, briefly
- Spy Nathan
- Enviroins
- Catnip, e.g.
- Air Wick target
- Unprocessed
- Italian diminutive suffix
- ATM giant

Down

- Many a Robin Williams bit
- Overused
- Taqueria bowlful
- "Orinoco Flow" singer
- Flabbergasted
- Grated spice
- Tree with "helicopter" seeds
- Suffix with salt
- Loo
- Restaurant workers with lots of keys
- Not occupied
- review
- Lid inflammation
- Specially trained group
- "Then live, Macduff. What need I _ of thee?": Macbeth
- Facial features in many cosmetics ads

Tuesday's solution



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19 NORMAL HIGH: 34° NORMAL LOW: 20° RECORD HIGH: 64° (1877) RECORD LOW: -14° (1983)

High to climb to near 50 before turning colder

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 51 **LOW** 39

■ December warmth continues before turning cooler as the weekend approaches

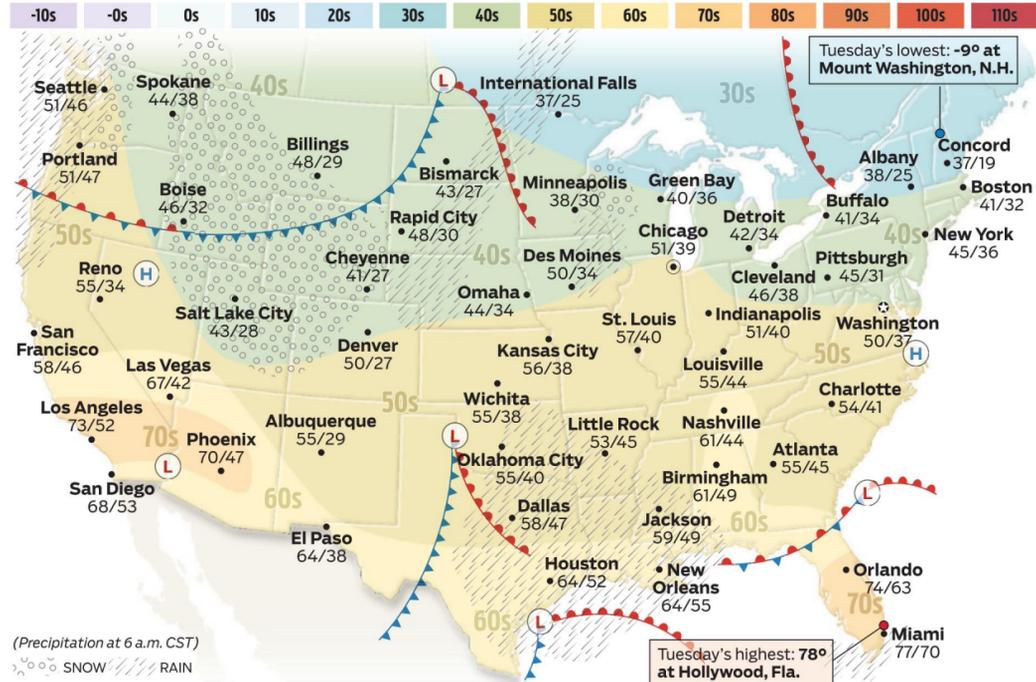
■ Extensive cloudiness but dry conditions persist.

■ The unseasonably mild December pattern continues with highs near 50 degrees.

■ Breezy with south winds gusting to 20 mph. South winds continue into Wednesday night.

■ Cloudy overnight with lows in the upper 30's.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The second consecutive day of complete sunshine on Tuesday helped keep our warm December trend on track. Tuesday was the eighth consecutive day with above-normal temperatures and the seventh day in a row with the high temperature reaching at least 40 degrees. Monday and Tuesday recorded 100 percent of possible sunshine. The last time we had consecutive days with 100 percent of possible sunshine was Sept. 14 and 15.

A strong storm in the northwest brought winter storm warnings to the higher elevations of Washington state. High wind warnings are in effect Wednesday for the Dakotas.

Our warm, dry weather will turn wet and cooler Thursday. Temperatures will be cooler but still above-normal for the weekend. The high on Christmas Day will be near 40.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

HIGH 47 **LOW** 32

Cloudy with periods of rain developing. Turning colder. A wintry mix is possible late in the day. SSW winds become NNW 6-12 mph. Colder overnight.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

HIGH 37 **LOW** 27

Cloudy, windy and colder with a chance of a rain/snow mix early. High in the mid to upper 30's. NNW wind 10-15 gusting to 20 mph. Mostly cloudy and cold overnight.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

HIGH 39 **LOW** 28

Partly cloudy and chilly with an above normal high near 40. Light morning winds strengthen to 10-15 mph from the southwest in the afternoon. Partly cloudy with light winds overnight.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

HIGH 38 **LOW** 26

Mostly cloudy with highs in the upper 30's. West winds 8-10 with gusts to 20 mph. Decreasing cloudiness overnight with west winds diminishing.

MONDAY, DEC. 24

HIGH 38 **LOW** 26

Christmas Eve: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30's. Southwest winds 5-10 mph. Increasing clouds as the day progresses. Chance of light snow overnight.

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

HIGH 40 **LOW** 30

Mostly cloudy, with a chance of rain or snow early. Light south wind turns east. Unseasonably warm with a high near 40.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom, I have always wondered how the word "meteorology" is derived, and I have seen several varying explanations. What is your take? — Mildred Strafica, Chicago

Dear Mildred, Many words in the English language can be traced back to the languages and literature of ancient cultures, and that is the case with "meteorology." The word dates to early Greece, when anything suspended in the air (like clouds or rainbows) or fell from the sky (precipitation, meteorites) was referred to as a "meteor." Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) presented a series of treatises on natural phenomena in 340 B.C. Titled "Meteorologica," they covered weather, astronomy and related subjects. Because much of the subject matter of "Meteorologica" dealt with the weather, the term "meteorology" became linked with weather and the atmospheric sciences.

Write to: ASK TOM 2501 W. Bradley Place Chicago, IL 60618 asktomwhy@wgnv.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koehnman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Above normal temps; 'mild' air entrenched through next week

DECEMBER SUNSHINE STAGES A COMEBACK! Percent of possible sunshine to-date (Dec. 1-15, 2018)

57% Full-December normal: 41%

MON. (DEC. 17) **100%** TUES. (DEC. 18) **100%**

■ Last time Chicago recorded back-to-back 100% sunny days was on Sept. 14-15, 2018

RECORD WET 2018 ACROSS MANY EASTERN CITIES

RAINFALL TO-DATE	NEW RECORD	NORMAL	OLD RECORD:
Wilmington, N.C.	100.14"	(57.61")	83.65" (1877)
Baltimore, Md.	68.82"	(40.82")	61.33" (2003)
Washington DC	64.22"	(40.82")	61.33" (1889)
Charleston, W.V.	63.74"	(43.45")	61.01" (2003)
State College, Pa.	61.56"	(39.14")	59.30" (1996)

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL

Next 5 days (Wed. Dec. 19 - Sun. Dec. 23)

6-10 day forecast (Sun. Dec. 23 - Fri. Dec. 28)

AT LEAST 6° ABOVE NORMAL

6 A.M. FRIDAY SNAPSHOT

Huge, windy late-week storm Chicago to sit beneath the storm's chilly backside

CHILLY WINDY

PREDICTED FRIDAY JET STREAMS

MORE RAIN ON THE WAY

Eastern Seaboard in for a soaking

0.50" RAIN

2" RAIN

2.5" RAIN

2.5" RAIN

FORECAST STORM TRACK

Marginal Risk

Slight Risk

EXCESSIVE RAINFALL RISK

EXCESSIVE RAINFALL RISK

6 A.M. FRI. SAT.

6 A.M. THU.

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CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	42	22	Midway	50	22
Gary	43	23	O'Hare	42	25
Kankakee	42	24	Romeoville	42	23
Lakefront	42	28	Valparaiso	43	23
Lansing	41	22	Waukegan	44	19

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.07"
December to date	1.52"	1.45"
Year to date	47.43"	36.09"

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	5.7"	5.8"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	S 15-20 kts. SW 10-15 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	37°/35°

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 18	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	21.8%	29.9%
Average snow depth	1.5"	1.7"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	4 days	5 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading: **Good**

Wednesday's forecast: **Moderate**

Critical pollutant: **Particulates**

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:13 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
Moon	1:51 p.m.	2:22 a.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:31 a.m.	3:08 p.m.
Venus	3:23 a.m.	1:57 p.m.
Mars	11:39 p.m.	11:17 p.m.
Jupiter	5:46 a.m.	3:09 p.m.
Saturn	8:05 a.m.	5:16 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	6:00 a.m.	4.5° ESE
Venus	5:45 a.m.	22.5° SE
Mars	5:30 p.m.	44.5° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	cl	54	44	sh	46	32
Carbondale	pc	51	41	sh	45	31
Champaign	pc	52	41	sh	44	30
Decatur	pc	52	41	sh	44	30
Moline	sh	52	34	sh	40	28
Peoria	pc	52	38	sh	40	29
Quincy	pc	55	37	sh	41	28
Rockford	sh	46	34	sh	38	28
Springfield	pc	49	39	sh	42	29
Sterling	pc	53	34	sh	39	28
Indiana	pc	52	43	sh	49	37
Bloomington	pc	55	43	sh	50	36
Evansville	pc	48	37	sh	47	37
Fort Wayne	pc	51	40	sh	49	37
Indianapolis	pc	49	39	sh	47	34
Lafayette	pc	46	36	sh	44	33
South Bend	pc	46	36	sh	44	33
Wisconsin	sh	40	36	sh	39	27
Green Bay	sh	45	38	sh	40	28
Kenosha	sh	42	34	sh	37	27
La Crosse	sh	43	37	sh	40	28
Madison	sh	43	37	sh	40	28
Milwaukee	sh	37	32	sh	35	23
Wausau	sh	37	32	sh	35	23
Michigan	pc	42	34	sh	42	37
Detroit	pc	44	36	sh	42	37
Grand Rapids	sh	40	34	sh	42	33
Marquette	sh	40	34	sh	37	25
St. Ste. Marie	sh	40	35	sh	39	29
Traverse City	cl	43	38	sh	41	32
Iowa	cl	49	33	pc	36	25
Ames	sh	48	32	sh	37	25
Cedar Rapids	cl	50	34	sh	38	27
Des Moines	cl	46	33	sh	38	27
Dubuque	sh	46	33	sh	38	27

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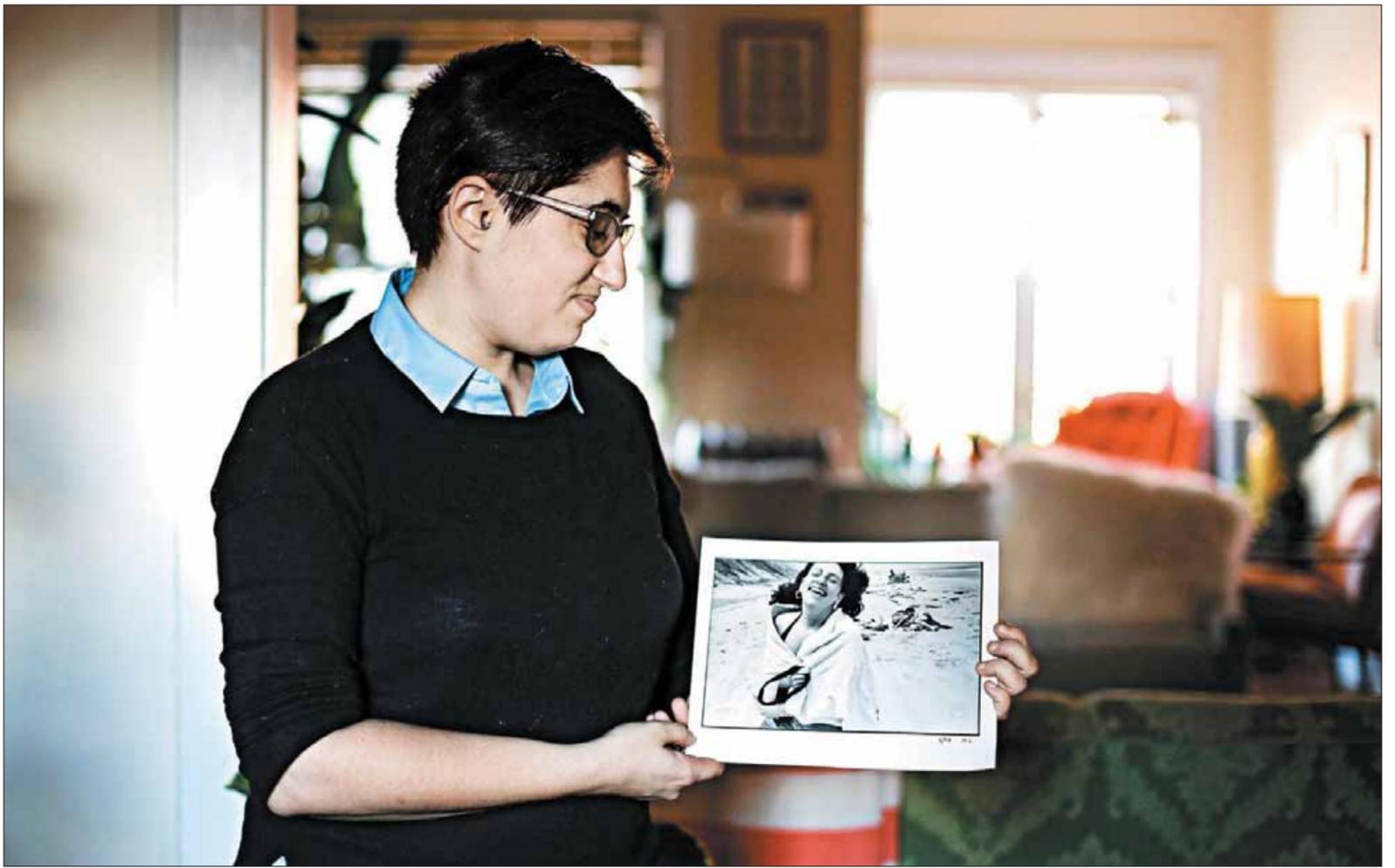
WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	58	42	pc	58	33
Albuquerque	pc	55	29	su	53	30
Amarillo	pc	60	31	pc	54	29
Anchorage	cl	17	10	pc	12	7
Asheville	pc	53	39	rn	48	44
Aspen	ss	19	13	su	39	20
Atlanta	pc	55	45	rn	51	44
Atlantic City	pc	45	36	sh	51	50
Austin	sh	64	49	pc	62	40
Baltimore	pc	47	36	pc	48	47
Billings	pc	48	29	pc	48	38
Birmingham	pc	61	49	rn	56	39
Bismarck	pc	43	27	su	43	25
Burlington	pc	46	32	pc	49	34
Boise	pc	41	32	pc	48	41
Brownsville	pc	80	53	pc	73	46
Buffalo	pc	41	34	sh	46	39
Burlington	sh	64	49	pc	62	40
Charlotte	pc	54	41	pc	54	52
Charltn SC	cl	63	53	rn	66	56
Charltn WV	pc	57	39	rn	55	44
Chattanooga	pc	58	45	rn	49	41
Cheyanne	pc	41	27	su	49	36
Cincinnati	pc	51	39	rn	46	39
Cleveland	pc	46	38	sh	48	39
Colo. Spgs	pc	50	24	su	50	28
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Columbia SC	sh	57	46	rn	59	52
Columbus	pc	48	36	sh	45	39
Concord	pc	37	19	pc	43	31
Corps Christi	pc	73	54	pc	70	45
Dallas	sh	58	47	pc	58	39
Daytona Bch.	cl	72	61	ts	73	58
Denver	pc	50	27	su	55	35
Duluth	sh	37	32	sh	35	20
El Paso	su	64	38	su	59	36

WORLD CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Algeria	pc	77	69	ts	81	64
Amsterdam	pc	50	31	pc	47	46
Ankara	sh	70	47	su	75	49
Athens	sh	50	41	sh	51	43
Auckland	ts	69	62	pc	63	52
Baghdad	pc	64	52	pc	64	52
Bangkok	pc	42	29	pc	49	39
Barbados	sh	84	77	pc	84	77
Barcelona	pc	60	43	pc	60	43
Beijing	pc	46	23	pc	46	23
Beirut	pc	65	57	pc	65	57
Berlin	sh	38	34	sh	38	34
Bermuda	pc	65	61	pc	65	61
Bogota	pc	68	47	pc	68	47
Brussels	sh	48	42	pc	48	42
Bucharest	ss	30	21	pc	29	19
Budapest	pc	28	19	pc	28	19
Buenos Aires	sh	78	65	pc	78	65
Cairo	pc	71	55	pc	71	55
Cancun	ts	81	73	pc	81	73
Caracas	pc	78	64	pc	78	64
Casablanca	ts	69	62	pc	69	62
Copenhagen	sh	40	37	pc	40	37
Dublin	pc	48	44	pc	48	44
Dublin	pc	38	17	pc	38	17
Edmonton	cl	37	27	pc	37	27
Geneva	pc	43	36	pc	43	36
Guadalajara	su	74	38	pc	74	38
Havana	pc	84	69	pc	84	69
Heilink	cl	32	22	pc	32	22
Hong Kong	pc	68	69	pc	68	69
Istanbul	rn	47				

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Becca Bernstein holds a 1978 photo of her mother, Deborah Graham, who died three years ago. The group Bernstein works for, The Dinner Party, gets people together after a loss.

Holidays in a time of grief

Experts offer tips on surviving the acuteness of loss during festivities

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

When Becca Bernstein's mother died three years ago, it was right before Thanksgiving. Along with shouldering the pain of losing a mother, a sister and an aunt, the family struggled to fill the void her mom left on a treasured holiday.

Who would make the curried pumpkin soup? Bernstein, now 30, and her father and two siblings decided to keep their traditions that first year; they had Thanksgiving dinner, observed Hanukkah and cut down a Christmas tree. Those who have recently suffered a loss might be apprehensive about the holidays. Often, people feel obligated to attend celebrations even when they don't feel celebratory. It can seem impossible to see joy in a season of grief.

Bernstein, a Chicago resident, is community director of The Dinner Party, a national organization that connects people who have experienced loss. In the last two months, the

organization has received more than 800 applications to join the group, which Bernstein says indicates people want support as holidays approach. She said so many people request to join a table in Chicago that they need more people to volunteer as hosts.

"Grief, in general, around the holidays is very awkward, and it's clumsy and messy," said Kristin Meekhof, co-author of "A Widow's Guide to Healing: Gentle Support and Advice for the First 5 Years." When she was 33, her husband died of adrenal cancer shortly before the 2007 holiday season. "Being gentle with yourself is important," she said.

Here is some guidance from those who have lost loved ones and experts.

Think of it as observing, not celebrating. Don't think of the season as something you need to celebrate. It's more helpful to consider observing, said Northfield therapist Ruth Field. "If you've sustained a terrible loss, who would feel like celebrating?" she

said. Since her son died in an accident, she has studied and written about grief, including the book "The 4 Facets of Grief: Heal Your Heart, Rebuild Your World, and Find New Pathways to Joy." "Think to yourself, 'How might I observe these holidays, or this holiday, this year? And you kind of get a sense for what feels doable and what doesn't.' One year doesn't set a precedent.

Set aside a way to remember the person. After her husband died of cancer, Meekhof wore a necklace he gave her and carried his photo. "It helped me to feel grounded ... more settled," she said. Some people might want to talk about the person; others may never discuss what happened. If taking a moment to honor that person's memory would help you, suggest taking a moment before a meal or a toast.

Say what you need. Maybe you can attend a gathering, but only for an hour. Or perhaps you can't bake cookies this year. Set clear parameters to family and friends. "Most family members and close friends will say, 'Of course, whatever

works for you.' Most people are not going to push back," Field said. And remember that if someone does push back — or a well-meaning friend urges you to remember your blessings — Meekhof suggests saying something simple like, "I'm really struggling. This is a very difficult time for me."

You don't have to attend every party. What's important is what feels possible — and that might not be standing around people in holiday sweaters cheerfully drinking eggnog. After Meekhof's husband died, she felt sick and overwhelmed but still attended a family Thanksgiving dinner. In retrospect, she thinks she should have opted out. "I was physically just miserable on top of the grief," she said. If there is someone you feel especially close to, consider designating him or her to be your support person. Whether it's setting a time frame for a holiday event or giving a signal, the person can come and say, "Ready to go?"

Reconsider traditions. If the person who is gone was in charge of a tradition or food, handling this can be stressful. First, acknowl-

edge the issue. "It's important to recognize that there's a gap and not pretend that that gap doesn't exist," Meekhof said. Decide as a family whether you're going to fill the gap, by letting someone take over, or if you'll do something totally different and revisit the next year. Also consider the intent behind filling the gap, because if the hope is to create more ease, that may not work.

Memories will surprise you. Maybe it's the moment you're unpacking boxes or looking through your mother's recipe book. "This comes up a lot" during the holidays, Meekhof said. "The important thing is not to stifle your grief. ... Give yourself permission to take time out to (feel it)."

Take care of yourself. Try to get enough sleep and eat healthfully. Beyond that, Field suggests thinking through what makes you feel replenished and what doesn't. Is there a holiday event that leaves you feeling depleted? Maybe bow out this year. To find out what feels best, she advises thinking about the five senses. Is there something you hear that brings you joy, a certain

music? Maybe a particular scent, cookies baking or coffee; the touch of a fabric or petting an animal, "any of those can be replenishing," Field said. "So this is the time of year when it makes sense to incorporate as many replenishing things as you can." Write a list of these things.

Allow space for both joy and grief. Grieving people do not feel a well of happiness. That is normal. And no one should expect this from you. But know that it is OK if you experience moments of lightness or joy — a child's funny antics, a shared laugh with a close friend. "Seeing a grandchild doing something adorable will still evoke a certain kind of joy," Field said. "It doesn't take away the grief, and it doesn't replace it, but it brings in a type of joy at the same time." Although you certainly don't need to feel joyous, she said, "it is humanly possible to feel more than one thing at the same time. And it doesn't seem like it would be, especially if those two emotions seem to be opposing each other. But we humans do have that capacity."

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School field trip is a window into a different world

Ever wonder why kids give you short answers at end of the day?



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Balancing Act

I don't know if you've chaperoned an elementary school field trip lately, but here's how they go.
"What time is lunch?"
"I brought Subway."
"So did I!"
"My mom's friend? Her son was so tired he fell asleep on his pancakes. ON them."
"My mom is a veterinarian."
"We went to Africa last year."
"We went to Great Wolf Lodge last year."
"PANDA!"

"What's your birthstone?"
"What's a birthstone?"
"SNAKE!"
"Have you ever seen a shooting star?"
"I can find the Big Dipper."
"I can find my house from my school."
"I play trumpet."
"I play soccer."
"My dad hates soccer."
"My dad hates the Bears."
"Can we run?"
"Can we jog?"
"Can we skip?"
"Can we speed walk?"
"What time is lunch?"
"ANTELOPE!"
I chaperoned a Field Museum outing this week, but they're all the same, except swap in "PEN-GUINS!" if you're at the Shedd Aquarium and "LI-

ON!" if you're at a zoo and "HOT DOG!" if you're at the Chicago History Museum.

This is after you've tried and failed four different attempts at lining up in an orderly fashion and ridden a school bus that made a Taylor Swift concert seem quiet and listened to the teacher gently and then increasingly less gently remind the same three kids to, please, stay seated while the bus is moving. (School buses have seat belts now. Did you know that?)
I sound crabby, but I actually find these outings completely delightful. Talk about the opposite of an office. And every once in a while, if you're lucky, one or two of the kids will grab your hand and hold it for a few minutes, before they start skipping again.

This week, my group of charges taught a museum docent how to floss (the dance, not the dental pro-

cedure), and it was enough giggling and joy to sustain me for days.

Plus it's a window into your kid's world and lets you put faces to the names in your kid's stories and gives you a free (or greatly reduced) pass to some cultural gem or the other in our fair city.

It also leaves me, every time, with two key takeaways: We don't pay teachers enough. We don't pay school bus drivers enough.

This week, I've come away with a third takeaway. When I pick up my kids at the end of the school day and they meet my well-intentioned questions with little more than a grunt, I need to give them a pass.

They've spent the day bombarded by questions and observations and trivia and reminders and reprimands and stimulation and noise (seriously, the noise), and by the end of the day, they're done. Done answer-

ing. Done telling. Done being on. Done, done, done.

When our bus returned to school after 3 1/2 hours at the Field Museum, I wanted to take refuge in a hyperbaric chamber. One more question might have been my Waterloo.

"How was your day?"
"MY BIRTHSTONE IS AN OPAL I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE BIG DIPPER OK I'VE TRIED MY GOD WOULD YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE FOR A SECOND I JUST NEED A MOMENT OF SILENCE JUST ONE MOMENT IS THAT SO MUCH TO ASK."

It's sort of amazing that our kids don't completely lose it on us at the end of every day. It's sort of remarkable that they know what they really need is to run around like maniacs on a playground or sit quietly in a back seat or stare silently at a device or otherwise decompress before

rejoining the civilized, conversational world.

We can grant them that space. We need it ourselves. I do, anyway.

It never hurts to ask, "How was your day?" Or, "How'd the test go?" Or, "Who did you sit with at lunch?" I think it reminds your kid that you want to hear what's on his or her mind and opens the door to a longer talk if one is needed.

But my periodic field trip outings remind me that it also never hurts to shrug off their shrugs. "Fine," "I don't know," "I don't remember" are all reasonable responses from a person who's just spent seven or so hours surrounded by questions and answers.

I've decided to start saying, "Tell me more later if you'd like, bud." And then leave it at that.

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Electrical stimulation for depression

Study: Targeting one region of brain improves mood

By E.J. MUNDELL
HealthDay

Electrical stimulation of a certain part of the brain may offer a new option for “treatment-resistant” depression, a small new study suggests.

Researchers at the University of California at San Francisco, found that 25 patients with moderate-to-severe depression gained significant improvement in their mood after electrical stimulation of a brain region called the orbitofrontal cortex (OFC).

After just three minutes of electrical stimulation to the OFC, even on just one side of the brain, “patients said things like ‘Wow, I feel better,’ ‘I feel less anxious,’ ‘I feel calm, cool and collected,’” UCSF postdoctoral researcher Kristin Sellers said in a university news release.

“You could see the improvements in patients’ body language,” she added. “They smiled, they sat up straighter, they started to speak more quickly and naturally.”

The OFC is a small area of the lower surface of the brain, located just above the eyes. Its exact function remains unclear, but study senior author Dr. Eddie Chang explained that the OFC “is richly connected to various brain structures linked to mood, depression and decision making, making it very well positioned to coordinate activity between emotion and cognition.”

Reporting in late November in the journal *Current Biology*, the UCSF researchers suggested that the targeted therapy might help patients with treatment-resistant depression, which affects as many as 30 percent of depression patients.

One neurosurgeon who



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In a small study, patients with moderate-to-severe depression saw improvement in their mood after electrical stimulation of the orbitofrontal cortex.

wasn’t involved in the study noted that brain stimulation therapy for depression isn’t new — and the field has had some setbacks.

“Brain stimulation to treat other conditions (such as Parkinson’s disease) has been known for decades to have an effect on the mind,” noted Dr. Michael Schuder. He directs neurosurgery at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y.

“Several studies over the last 15 years, in which depressed patients had implanted brain stimulators, initially showed great promise,” he said. In the final analysis, however, outcomes were not much better than would have been obtained with medication or psychotherapy.

But could those attempts have been targeting the

wrong brain area? Chang’s team wanted to find out.

Their new study involved 25 patients already enrolled in UCSF’s epilepsy clinic. Chang specializes in neurosurgery for people with the seizure disorder. He explained that as a routine part of these surgeries, patients get electrodes temporarily implanted in their brains to help guide the surgery.

But in these 25 patients with depression, Chang’s group used feedback from the electrodes to track brain activity over several days. They then linked that information to patients’ changing moods, thereby pinpointing brain areas that might be amenable to stimulation therapy.

That led the investigators to the OFC, among other brain areas. The

researchers would deliver a mild electrical current to brain regions and then ask the patients about their emotional state.

Stimulation to the OFC was the clear “winner” here, in terms of a mood boost. What’s more, stimulating that area seemed to initiate a larger response within the brain, similar to what happens naturally when a person is feeling positive.

Also, the therapy seemed to only help patients with moderate-to-severe depression, not those with milder forms of the illness.

According to study team member Dr. Vikram Rao, this suggests that “stimulation was helping patients with serious depression experience something like a naturally positive mood state, rather than artificially

boosting mood in everyone.”

Rao, a UCSF Health neurologist, explained in the news release that prior research had suggested that OFC activity was “elevated” in people with depression, so the stimulation might alter the OFC in a healthy way.

Despite these promising results, the study authors said further research is needed to determine whether this therapy produces long-lasting benefits.

Dr. Vladan Novakovic directs outpatient psychiatry at Staten Island University Hospital in New York City. He agreed that most work in electrical brain stimulation has focused on a part of the brain’s cortex, while leaving other areas, such as the

OFC, unexplored.

Novakovic said the new study is “commendable for providing real-time, clinically relevant information about the state of OFC and improvement in mood.”

For their part, the UCSF team believes that an improved understanding of the OFC’s role in depression could lead the way to individualized treatment.

Heather Dawes, who helped to oversee the research, said, “The more we understand about depression at this level of brain circuitry, the more options we may have for offering patients effective treatments with a low risk of side effects. Perhaps by understanding how these emotion circuits go wrong in the first place, we can even one day help the brain ‘unlearn’ depression.”

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1 in 10 will suffer eczema, with kids, seniors at risk

BY ALAN MOZES
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About 10 percent of people will suffer from the itchy skin condition known as eczema at some point in their lives, new research shows.

And though it is widely thought of as a pediatric condition, seniors are also highly vulnerable, the study suggests.

The report did confirm that eczema risk is common among children, affecting as many as 1 in 5 infants and toddlers. That risk starts to drop off by the time people reach young adulthood and middle age. But when people reach their 70s, their risk goes up again, with 1 in every 10 seniors affected.

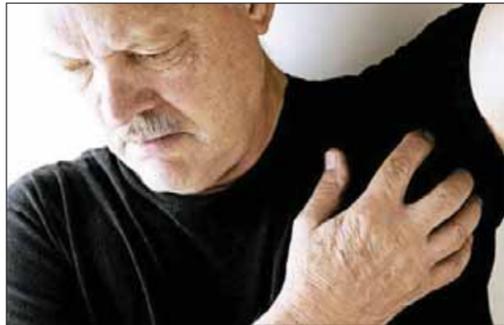
"Eczema — also known as atopic dermatitis — is an itchy inflammatory skin disease," explained study author Dr. Katrina Abuabara, an assistant professor in the department of dermatology at the University of California at San Francisco.

"Because eczema often develops early in life and waxes and wanes over time, most research has focused on children," Abuabara said.

"Ours is the first large study to examine rates of active physician-diagnosed disease across the entire life span," she said. "Similar to other reports, we found declining rates of active disease across childhood. We were surprised, however, to find steady rates of active disease throughout adulthood and increasing rates in older age."

To explore how eczema risk plays out over one's lifetime, Abuabara and the research team analyzed statistics regarding eczema cases on British residents between 1994 and 2013.

In all, the data concerned more than 8.6 million patients, ranging from infancy up to age 99.



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Eczema risk drops off in young adulthood and middle age. But when people reach their 70s, their risk goes up again.

Ultimately, the team found that individuals appear to face a 1 in 10 chance for developing eczema at some point in their lives.

But risk did vary across age groups. In fact, Abuabara noted, the risk follows a "U" shape: "It is highest in childhood, dips among young adults and rises in mid-to-late adulthood," she said.

Specifically, the researchers found that a near 20 percent risk among very young children starts to decline steadily during the preteen years, ultimately hitting a low of about 5 percent by the time people reach age 20.

Thereafter risk hovers steadily at that level, only to start a slow ascent again when individuals hit their late 50s.

The findings were published in early December in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

As for treatment, Abuabara said the gold standard involves moisturizers, topical corticosteroids, phototherapy and immunotherapy drugs, as needed.

She also noted that "the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved two new medications for eczema in 2016 and 2017, and more than a dozen additional agents are under development and clinical

testing, offering hope for more personalized and targeted treatments."

Dr. Robert Kirsner, chairman of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's department of dermatology and cutaneous surgery, characterized current treatment options as "limited." He was not involved with the study.

"Cost is an issue, and potential side effects of oral medications may also be an issue," Kirsner said. And only one injectable drug has been approved by the FDA, so insurance companies do not always agree to pay for medications, he said.

However, he noted that "new medications are being developed, which will likely add tools to help alleviate patient suffering."

Meanwhile, the study "confirms other recent data suggesting that common eczema persists into adulthood," Kirsner said.

"The fact that eczema is less common in young adults and middle-aged (people) suggests that either childhood eczema wanes over time and recurs, or that it wanes and new cases develop in late adulthood," he said.

Regardless, Kirsner noted that "for a long time it was the thought that the majority of childhood cases of eczema resolve, but this is clearly not the case."

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

New drugs available to help prevent migraines

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: You recently had a question from a pharmacist whose sister developed ulcers taking Excedrin Migraine for her headaches. She should consider using the new Food and Drug Administration-approved injectable called Aimovig. This is a medicine to prevent migraines.

I just had my fifth dose yesterday, and my migraines have improved greatly. The only real side effect is constipation, which can be managed with MiraLAX.

A: Erenumab (Aimovig) is an important new advance for migraine prevention. The FDA approved it earlier this year. Two similar drugs were approved even more recently: fremanezumab (Ajovy) and galcanezumab (Emgality). These all are injections that patients administer themselves to prevent recurrent migraine headaches.

Q: I've tried different things to stay awake while driving and found that sunflower seeds worked better than anything else. If I know I have a long trip or will be driving late at night, I make sure I have sunflower seeds in my car.

A: To our surprise, we found that Israeli scientists have published research comparing energy drinks and sunflower seeds for combating driver fatigue (Accident Analysis and Prevention, September 2009). Both approaches worked equally well, although manipulating the sunflower seeds to shell them could get in the way of quick driving maneuvers in the simulator.

Q: I just spent a week



MARCELA BARSSE/GETTY

Migraines may be eased by three injectable drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration this year.

taking care of my two grandchildren, 2 and 6 years old. The littlest one had a horrible night cough. After two sleepless nights listening to his coughing spasms, I rubbed his feet with Vicks VapoRub and put his little socks on. He didn't cough that night. We repeated this the following night, and he had only one little three-minute episode. He slept through all the coughing. Then the 6-year-old started coughing at night, so I did the same for him. No coughing.

A: We first heard about this home remedy from a nurse. Since then, we have tried it ourselves and found it helpful. Many other readers also report success with this old-fashioned drugstore product. We suspect that the menthol, eucalyptol, camphor and thymol are stimulating sensory nerves on the soles of the feet.

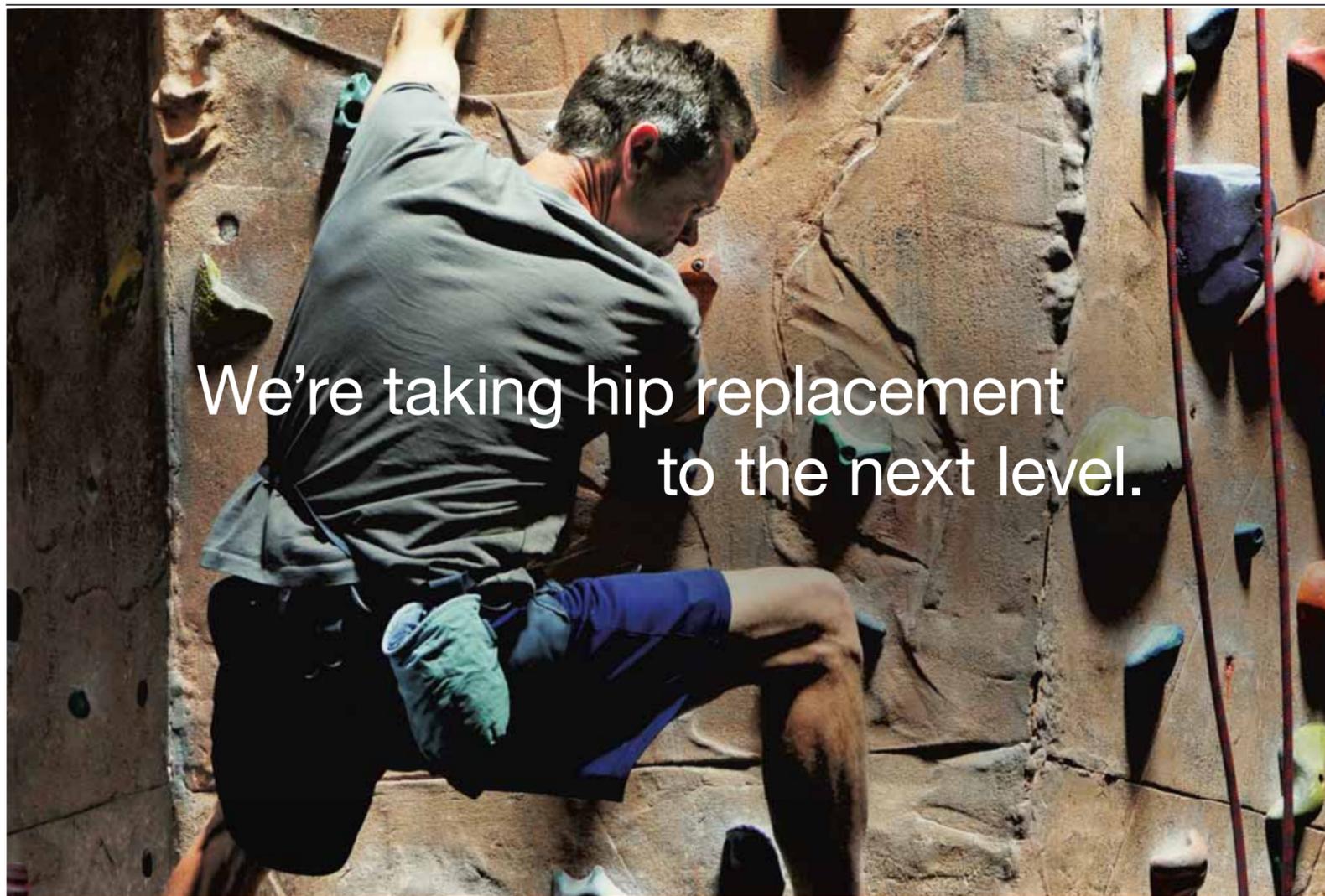
These connect to the spinal cord and may help calm the cough center at the base of the brain.

Q: You have written about using table mustard for muscle cramps, but you should discuss its applicability for alleviating acid reflux. I was

taking Zantac for occasional reflux when a friend mentioned swallowing a tablespoon of common yellow mustard as a palliative. When I tried it, I was astonished at how soon the reflux subsided in response, far quicker than Zantac takes effect.

A: We are not aware of any scientific studies explaining this remedy, but scores of readers have testified that it works for them. We don't know whether the active ingredient is the vinegar in mustard or the turmeric that provides its bright-yellow color. Curcumin is the source of turmeric's color. The compound has been shown to have anti-inflammatory effects in the digestive tract (Current Gastroenterology Reports, April 2016). Research conducted on laboratory rats showed that curcumin could ease esophageal ulcers under specific conditions (Journal of Natural Medicines, July 2006). We don't know whether that might be the reason it seems to help heartburn symptoms.

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AHA warns of energy drinks' harm

Cardiologists see effect on blood vessel function

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Final exams — and the ensuing all-night study sessions they cause — are looming large for many students across the country. But reaching for energy drinks to perk up those drooping eyelids and boost study performance could do more harm than good.

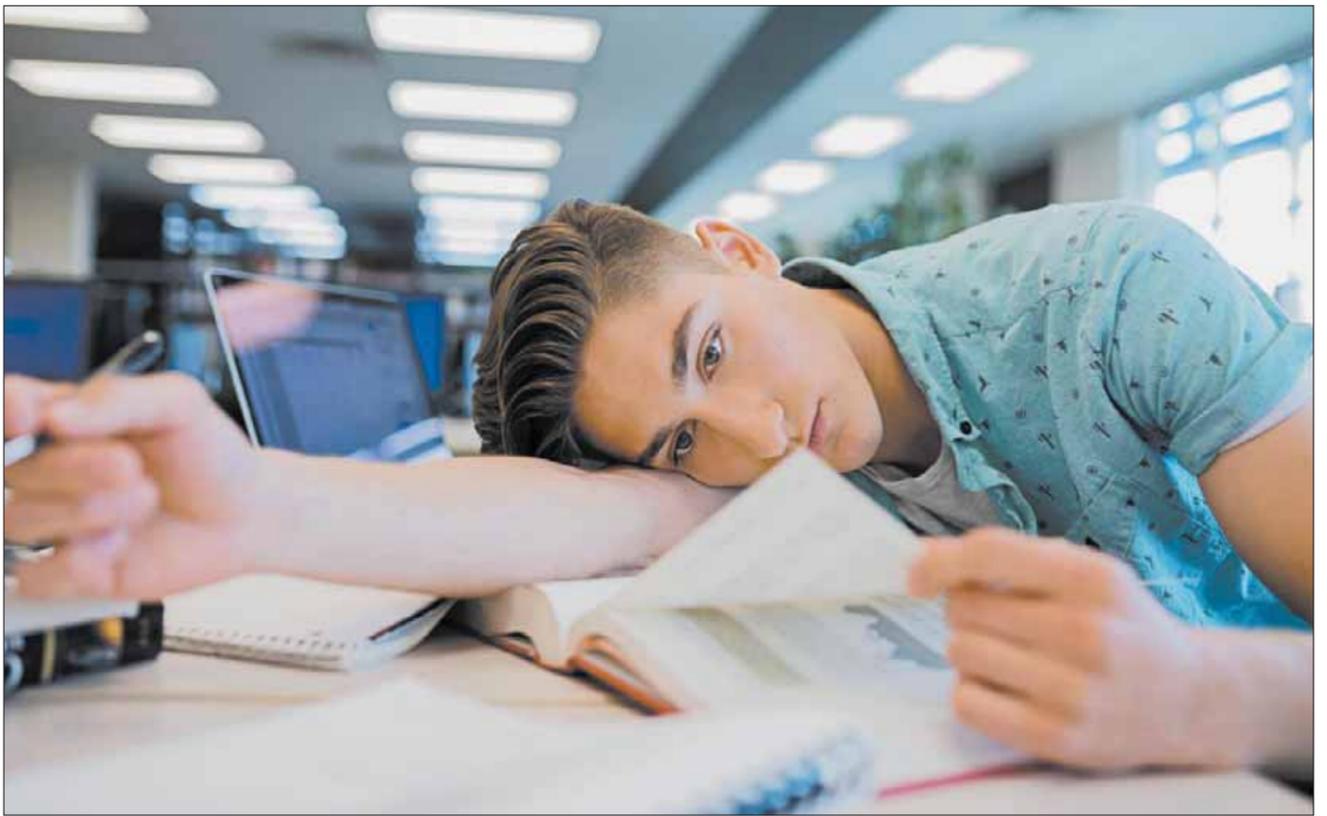
Recent research shows just one energy drink can affect blood vessel function. And other studies have shown these caffeine-and-herbal concoctions can increase stress hormones and are linked to changes in blood pressure and the heart's electrical activity.

"What I say to people who are studying is to avoid energy drinks. And to people who are exercising, avoid them," said Dr. John Higgins, chief of cardiology at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, a sports cardiologist and a professor at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth in Houston.

Higgins led a study that looked at the effects of energy drinks on blood vessel function on 44 non-smoking, healthy medical students who were in their 20s. He and his colleagues tested the students' blood vessel, or endothelial, function and then tested it again 90 minutes after they had consumed a 24-ounce energy drink.

The preliminary results, presented in November at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions conference, suggest the drink reduced by about half how much the participants' blood vessels were able to dilate, or expand.

"During exercise or under stress, your arteries have to open up because they need to get blood to the muscles, heart and brain," Higgins said. "If there is impairment during exercise or mental stress, it



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LaVelle Hendricks, an associate professor at Texas A&M University at Commerce, said tired, stressed-out students often turn to energy drinks when exam time nears. "They get this boost of energy, but then they have headaches and they crash."

could lead to adverse effects."

The market for caffeine-infused energy drinks has grown during the last decade, with new blends adding vitamins and other ingredients touting everything from memory enhancement to concentration benefits. According to research company Statista, energy drink sales reached \$2.8 billion in 2016, with consistent increases since 2011. A 2016 Statista survey of 18- to 69-year-olds showed 1 in 4 people had an energy drink almost every day.

Coffee and its caffeine have gotten the green light, in moderation, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Federal dietary guidelines published every five years as a go-to source for

nutrition advice say three to five cups a day, which can be up to 400 milligrams a day of caffeine, can be part of a healthy diet.

But Higgins said energy drinks are more than just caffeine.

"We suspect it has to do with their blends," he said. "They have lots of sugar and caffeine, but also taurine, an amino acid, guaranine (from a South American plant), another source of caffeine, and they sometimes have vitamins. But they have these substances at levels in excess of the recommended daily allowance, sometimes even 10 times or more."

On campus, there's a common pattern, said LaVelle Hendricks, an associate professor of counseling and a student affairs

coordinator at Texas A&M University at Commerce, about an hour northeast of Dallas. When students are dealing with stress and lack of sleep, "when they get close to exam time, they turn to these drinks," he said. "They get this boost of energy, but then they have headaches and they crash. As a way to re-energize and get that same boost, they repeat the cycle."

The tough-but-true advice is there are no shortcuts.

"You have to stick to a regimen," Hendricks said. "It entails going to class, studying, eating right, exercising right and getting the proper amount of sleep."

A Journal of American College Health study in 2011 said the consumption of energy drinks has been

associated with perceived stress levels of college students. Middlebury College in Vermont banned the on-campus sale of energy drinks. In Britain, many supermarkets have begun banning sales to children under 16, and the government is considering other restrictions.

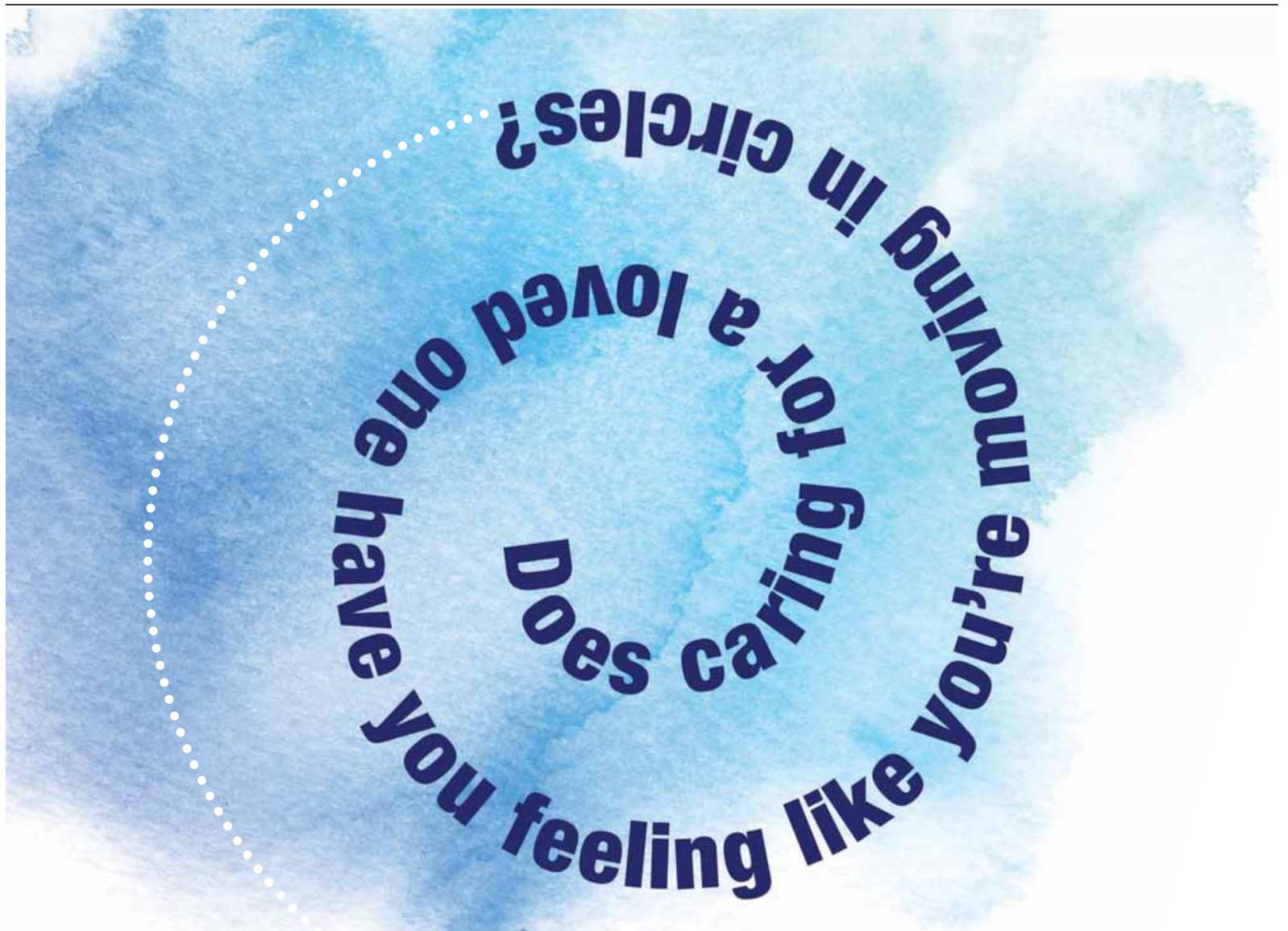
Higgins said he'd like more short- and long-term studies that show how these energy drinks — and their blends of ingredients — work on the body. So far, the evidence has been inconsistent, he said, with some showing improved performance, some reduced and others no effect.

Higgins warns that some people are more at risk for the effects from energy drinks, including people under 18; people of small

stature; people who don't normally drink caffeine or are sensitive to it; pregnant or breastfeeding women; people taking stimulants for conditions such as attention deficit disorder; and people with certain medical or cardiovascular conditions.

For a healthy boost during studying, Higgins suggests high-intensity exercise, or even just a quick run up and down the stairs. Getting outside, "stretching the eyes" with relaxed nature-watching or a power nap also can help, he said.

"If you are really that tired and coffee isn't keeping you awake, you should probably go to sleep," he said. "You aren't going to remember anything for the test anyway."



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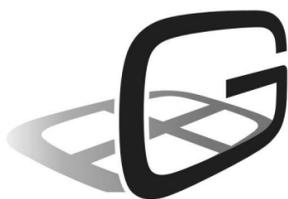
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New hope for sickle cell

Gene therapies could make hemoglobin disorder a curable illness

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

The Washington Post

Manny Johnson keeps catching himself rubbing a spot on the upper right side of his chest. Starting when he was a teenager, the 21-year-old from Boston depended on a port implanted there to ease his monthly blood transfusions for sickle cell disease, a genetic disorder that caused a stroke when he was 3.

But in November, six months after Johnson became the first patient to receive an experimental therapy aimed at curing his disease, the port that had become part of him — requiring special approval to play sports, used when he was excused from school for a day or two every month for treatments — was removed. Johnson hasn't needed a transfusion or had any symptoms since May.

"It's like, wow. I'm fascinated by it," said Johnson, who added that he almost didn't know what to make of it when his medical team told him they wouldn't need to see him for three whole months. "I'm so used to being next to them. It's like: freedom."

Johnson's doctors, who recently presented a case study of his treatment at the annual meeting of the American Society of Hematology, caution that they don't know how long he'll remain transfusion-free or whether other patients will have a similar experience.

"It's one patient ... but it's one very impressive result," said John Tisdale, a senior investigator at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute who wasn't involved in the work and presented separate results from a different gene therapy being used in an ongoing sickle cell trial.

For patients and researchers, this is an exciting, unprecedented mo-



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In the U.S., about 100,000 people have sickle cell disease, a disorder in which misshapen red blood cells can get stuck in vessels and cause inflammation.

ment. Johnson's experimental therapy is just one of a number of approaches that deploy cutting-edge genetic techniques in the attempt to cure an illness that has been known for nearly 70 years as the first "molecular disease."

In 1949, Nobel laureate Linus Pauling traced sickle cell disease to an aberrant form of hemoglobin, a protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen. It helped usher in the modern era of medicine, focused on using the biological roots of illness to unravel disease — and yet, sickle cell anemia, which is most common in people of African descent, has also become a flash point in medicine at the intersection of race and health care. Doctors often disbelieve patients' reports of the pain caused by the disease, according to one study. There was only a

single approved drug for the disease until last year.

"This is an incredible new situation to be in, where there are people who have to decide between clinical trials, after not having access to any," said Erica Esrick, a hematologist at the Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center who led the work.

In the case of sickle cell, a one-letter typo buried in the 3 billion letters of DNA that spell out the genetic instruction manual for a human being cause people's red blood cells to form a sickled, crescent-moon shape. Those misshapen blood cells can get stuck in blood vessels and cause inflammation, infections and organ damage.

In the U.S., there are about 100,000 people with sickle cell. They are typi-

cally identified through newborn screening and tend to receive good care as children. But as they grow up and transition to adulthood, the effects of the disease begin to accumulate at a time that people with sickle cell often have trouble finding specialists, due to the fragmentation in the health care system. Patients suffering organ damage and debilitating chronic pain without a knowledgeable doctor often seek care in the emergency room.

For those who can find a matching donor to do a bone marrow transplant and endure the procedure, a cure is possible. But it wasn't until now — with the coming-of-age of a slew of genetic techniques — that the idea of fixing the disease at its root, with a patient's own cells, has become plausible.

"We are at such a turning

point," said Biree Andemariam, chief medical officer of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America — not only in terms of fixing their disease, but also in changing the way people with the disease are treated in society. In addition to genetic therapies, there are novel drugs in the pipeline.

"When they (doctors) feel like they have something to offer, I think that really will change the tide on things ... that will make hematologists more keen to try to take care of this population," Andemariam said.

The potential therapies being developed and tested for sickle cell manipulate genes in a variety of ways, giving researchers a multitude of options and reason for hope.

Esrick and colleagues focused on trying to boost levels of a normally func-

tioning fetal form of hemoglobin that is normally shut off after birth. They removed blood stem cells from Johnson and altered them in the laboratory, using a virus to insert a molecule that flips a genetic switch to turn fetal hemoglobin back on. They gave Johnson a form of chemotherapy and then reinfused him with the altered cells.

At six months out, they found no sickled cells in his blood, and he has not needed any more transfusions. They plan to give the therapy to the next patient in February, followed by another person in March. If all goes well, they plan to seek ethical approval to try the therapy in younger patients.

Biotech company Bluebird Bio uses a virus to deliver a gene to generate functioning red blood cells. Other companies and academic teams are working to use gene editing tools to correct the gene mutation that causes sickle cell disease or boost fetal hemoglobin levels.

"The genetic tools just evolved, kind of in an exponential way," said W. Keith Hoots, director of the division of blood disease and resources at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which is leading a new initiative to speed up the development of sickle cell disease cures.

For Johnson, who has spent much of his time since graduating high school receiving medical treatment, he hopes to inspire others and pave the way for his 7-year-old brother, Aiden, to never feel limited by this disease.

"I can't complain. I'm just hoping everything goes according to plan. I hope I'm doing everything I should be doing and praying for the best," Johnson said. "It's a 15-year study, but the first year is everything."

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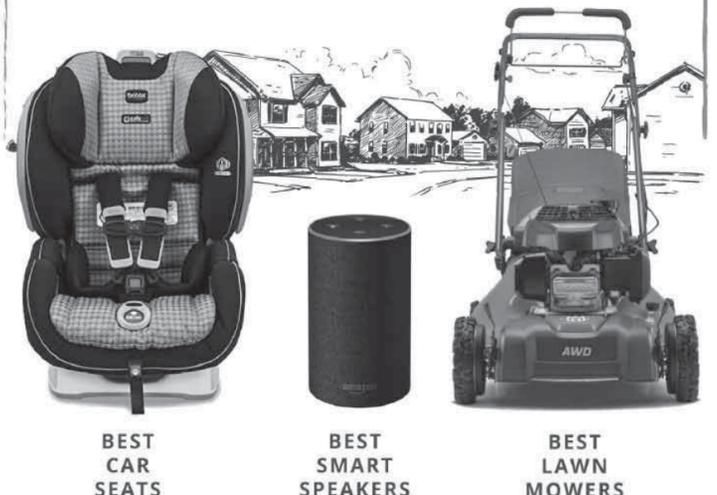
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A blend of cumin, cinnamon, coriander, allspice, cloves, ginger and nutmeg coats the outside of a deboned leg of lamb and flavors the stuffing as well.

ADDING SPICE TO CHRISTMAS

Prepare a holiday dinner inspired by Middle Eastern fare



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Two bites into a plate brimming with juicy lamb shawarma, and a most-amazing mujadara with caramelized onions, my daughter and I locked up our 2018 holiday dinner menu. As is our family habit, we were thinking of a future meal while enjoying the one in front of us earlier this year at Zaatar Fine Lebanese

Cuisine restaurant in Portland, Ore. My sisters and their daughters contributed ideas from their side of the table: roast vegetables, warm pita, mint tea.

We like to shake things up for Christmas dinner — varying the flavors and the cuisine influences from year to year. The one common denominator is that the host

cooks a roast that feeds a crowd. Plus, plenty of side dishes to entice those who don't eat meat.

This year, leg of lamb takes center stage. Boneless for easy carving and quick cooking. We'll employ some of the sweet spices, such as cinnamon, coriander and cumin, found in dishes in our favorite Middle Eastern restau-

rants. A big bowl of mujadara, the classic Lebanese dish of rice and lentils will accompany.

At home later, I started playing around with the sticky, sweet, addictive caramelized onions that adorned the top of the rice and lentil dish. I like to cook big batches in the set-it-and-forget-it slow cooker when they're destined for French onion soup. However, that method doesn't yield quite the texture I wanted for the rice and lentil dish. A cast-iron pan on the stovetop does the trick nicely, but I need to stick close to the kitchen to stir them often.

My favorite batch came from the oven — they don't require a lot of attention, and they brown evenly. I can put a pan full of onions into the oven to caramelize and still do other things, such as other cooking or watching a

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Speed round

8 mini-reviews of restaurants we didn't get to earlier

Chicago Tribune staff

When the end of the year rolls around, we at Food & Dining look back ruefully at restaurants we'd meant to cover and somehow did not.

So many restaurants, so few publishing dates, to echo a familiar lament.

And so, for our last week of restaurant reviewing (next week, we'll present the annual Save The Tables feature for New Year's Eve), the Food & Dining team took aim at a handful of restaurants in the city and suburbs, and gave each a quick, single-visit evaluation — not a comprehensive view, granted, but enough information to help you decide whether the restaurant belongs on your to-do list. (For two more

— Queenie's Super Club and Bibliophile — go online to chicagotribune.com/food.)

Amerikas

"I think I was born for this. Cooking is my life," says Armando Gonzales, co-founder of (but no longer associated with) the well-regarded Libertad restaurant in Skokie. These days, you can find Gonzales cooking at this 50-seat Oak Park restaurant, which he opened (with partner Louis Castellano) in December 2017.

Gonzales calls his food "Latin roots with flavors from around the world," manifested in skirt-steak carne asada with shoestring yucca fries, barramundi over farro grain with banana pepper sauce and deep-fried chile relleno with epazote-pepper salsa.

There's also a very pretty presentation of duck breast piled over butternut-squash puree, topped with cranberry-bourbon salsa; and lamb chops — at \$22,



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Duck breast and butternut-squash puree at Amerikas.

the restaurant's most expensive item — with spaghetti squash and serrano-mint yogurt. The most memorable dish on the menu is coliflor, a gorgeous roasted-vegetable plate (cauliflower, carrots, farro) with sliced Marcona almonds and a sweet-spicy sauce of chile de arbol and hibiscus. (The coliflor is also on the weekend

brunch menu, along with chilaquiles, chorizo Benedict and French toast.)

The beverage list offers 14 wines (all but three at \$40 or less), local craft beers (and a couple of Mexican cervezas) and a series of \$11 cocktails that include a rye, mezcal, amaro and elderflower drink dubbed El

Borracho (the drunk); and a herbaceous bourbon spritz made with Cava and lemon-sage shrub.

Amerikas' light brick-and-plaster walls are hung with colorful local art, including a series of paintings depicting Barack Obama, Elvis Presley, Carlos

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Incredible quesadillas around Chicago

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

Quesadillas are a bit like Bob Saget. Best known for his tame, family-friendly work like “Full House” and “America’s Funniest Home Videos,” you might have heard he also has a seriously raunchy side, one that he’s not afraid to share onstage.

Where am I going with this? You might think of quesadillas as kid food, and you’re not entirely wrong. Whenever I haul my 5-year-old daughter to a Mexican restaurant, she usually gets a plain quesadilla, made of nothing more than melted cheese and a tortilla. But as I found while eating the dish around Chicago for the past few weeks, quesadillas come in all shapes and sizes, and they are not always a comfortable option when in polite company.

That’s definitely true of the chicken fajita quesadilla from El Pollo Vagabundo (101 Grand Ave., Northlake). I honestly giggled when the waitress dropped the oversize plate in front of me. As the reverberations from the monster quesadilla were felt across the room, I gazed upon the speckled brown flour tortilla, which was easily the width of a manhole cover. While gargantuan, it was also clear that care had been taken with the details. The flour tortilla was made in-house, the chicken and vegetables were charcoal-grilled, and the cheese was tangy and flavorful.

Basically all of my favorite quesadillas feature a freshly made tortilla. It doesn’t matter if it’s made of flour or corn, though the latter is far more common. That’s



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The flour tortilla surrounding the enormous chicken fajita quesadilla at El Pollo Vagabundo is made in-house. The chicken and veggies are grilled.

the kind you’ll find at Las Quecas (6311 Cermak Road, Berwyn), the Mexico City-based restaurant chain that has two suburban locations. Place your order, and the cook will grab a ball of corn masa, press it into a thin sheet and then carefully place it on a griddle. When it’s soft and steamy, it’s ready for cheese and a filling.

I’m not sure when American bars collectively decided plain chicken was the default quesadilla filling, but there’s almost always a better option. Minna’s Restaurant (5046 W. Armitage

Ave.) offers two of my favorites, flor de calabaza (zucchini flowers) and chicharrones en salsa verde (fried pork skin in a green salsa). At La Palapa (2000 W. 34th St.), you can get plump and sweet shrimp cooked in loads of butter, tomatoes and jalapenos. Gordillas (3759 W. 26th St.) in Little Village offers no less than 16 fillings, from the meaty (asada, barbacoa) to the not (frijoles con queso, reque-son).

With such interesting fillings, it makes sense that most of my favorite quesadillas also kept the amount of cheese in check. In-

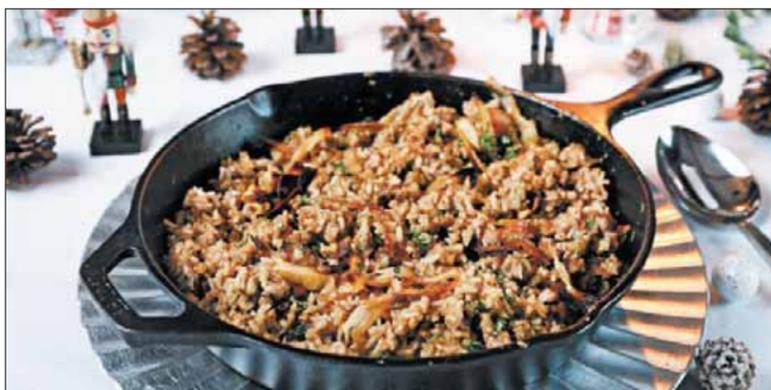
stead of an impenetrable river of gooey cheese, most used a moderate amount, just enough to help bind the filling to the tortilla. (Fun fact: In some parts of Mexico, you can actually order cheeseless quesadillas. I realize this sounds wild, but they invented the dish, so they can do whatever they want.)

While using a flat top or a griddle to cook the quesadillas was by far the preferred method, it was by no means the only way. A number of places around town specialize in fried quesadillas. You can find this version at La Josie

(740 W. Randolph St.) in West Town, which serves a stylish plate of fried quesadillas stuffed with shrimp set atop a creamy bed of refried black beans. Topolobampo (445 N. Clark St.), Rick Bayless’ high-end Mexican restaurant in Near North, offers grilled quesadillas, which feature a lovely smoky aroma.

In other words, the more I dug into it, the stranger and more intriguing the quesadilla scene in Chicago turned out to be.

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Mujadara is a mix of rice and lentils with caramelized baked onions that goes well with roast lamb.

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Spice up holiday lamb leg

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game on TV. I often make two batches at the same time since the onions keep in the refrigerator for a week or more and they freeze well. I add them to Sunday morning scrambled eggs, a weekend grilled cheese sandwich or stir them with crushed red pepper flakes into buttered pasta.

Most classic Lebanese mujadara is made with white rice and brown lentils. For our holiday dinner, I prefer brown basmati rice for its nutty texture and the fact that it takes well to reheating. Small green lentils retain their toothsome texture after cooking and add a more attractive visual than the brown lentils.

Mujadara can be served at room temperature — a bonus on hectic holidays. I make the whole dish in advance and cool it down. It’ll keep refrigerated for several days or frozen for weeks. Let it come to room temperature, then reheat it in a large heavy pan with a bit of oil to create some crispy bits of rice.

We enjoy lamb on the grill year-round. This dried fruit, herb, sweet spice and spinach stuffed leg tastes terrific with a bit of smoke from the grill.

Truth be told, for the holiday dinner, I will be using my oven. The benefit is the goodness I’ll have on the bottom of the roasting pan for making a quick pan gravy seasoned with red wine and a bit of the sweet spices.

For the pan gravy, I need a cup of rich stock, so I purchase it from my local butcher when it’s available. Otherwise, I keep a supply of stock concentrates on hand. I like Arom-Max Classical French Roasted Veal Demi-Glace with Roux. Just dissolve 1½ teaspoons in 1 cup very hot water; it yields a delicious, not too salty stock perfect for pan gravy.

The holidays are for making new memories and keeping old memories alive. In our family, those memories always start with dinner.

Sweet spiced brown rice and lentils with caramelized onions

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 50 minutes Makes: 10 servings

If you’re not inclined to make the caramelized onions, you can substitute store-bought french-fried onions.

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups brown basmati rice
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 6 large cloves garlic, crushed, peeled
- 1 tablespoon sweet spice blend, see recipe
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1 cup small green lentils
- ½ cinnamon stick
- 1 tablespoon refrigerated ginger puree
- ½ cup caramelized onions, see recipe
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 cup french-fried onions, optional or more of the caramelized onions

1 Heat 3 tablespoons oil in a large (4-quart) saucepan over medium heat until hot. Add rice and chopped onion; cook and stir until onion softens, about 5 minutes. Stir in 4 cloves of the garlic, the sweet spice blend and 1 teaspoon salt; cook and stir, 30 seconds. Stir in 3 cups water. Heat to a boil; reduce heat to very low. Cover the pan with a piece of parchment paper and then the lid. Cook, stirring once or twice, until rice is tender and water is absorbed, 35 to 40 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, put lentils, cinnamon stick, ginger and remaining 2 cloves of the garlic in a medium saucepan. Add 3 cups water and remaining ½ teaspoon salt. Heat to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered, until lentils are tender, but not falling apart, 25 to 30 minutes. Discard cinnamon stick; drain lentils in a colander.

3 Stir drained lentils into cooked rice. Cook over low to heat everything through, about 5 minutes. (If working in advance, turn the contents of the pan out onto a large rimmed baking sheet. Refrigerate uncovered until cool. Transfer to a covered container; refrigerate up to 3 days.)

4 Shortly before serving, heat a large cast-iron or heavy nonstick skillet until hot. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil; add the rice and lentil mixture. Cook, stirring, to heat through and crisp up some of the rice a bit, about 5 minutes. Stir in the caramelized onions to heat through. Taste and add salt if needed. Sprinkle with cilantro leaves and fried onions. Serve hot.

Nutrition information per serving: 284 calories, 8 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 45 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 8 g protein, 378 mg sodium, 7 g fiber

Caramelized onions

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 2 hours Makes: about 2 cups

The onions need more attention and stirring after the first hour of cooking to encourage even browning. Use a silicone spatula for ease in turning.

- 2 pounds medium yellow onions, peeled
- ¼ cup grapeseed or sunflower oil
- ½ teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cut onions in half through the stem end. Cut each half into ¼-inch thick wedges. Toss in a bowl with the oil until onions are well-coated.

2. Transfer to a heavy, metal 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake, stirring every 20 minutes, until onions soften and start to turn golden, about 1½ hours. Stir in salt; continue baking (stirring at the 20 minute mark) until beautifully browned and starting to crisp (but are not at all burnt), about 30 minutes.

Spiced and stuffed roast leg of lamb

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 2 hours

Makes: 10 to 12 servings

To tie the roast, you will need 5 pieces of kitchen twine, each 30 inches long.

1 boneless butterflied leg of lamb, about 7 pounds

Salt, freshly ground pepper

1 small bunch green onions, very finely chopped, 1 cup

⅓ cup currants or dark raisins

⅓ cup finely chopped dried apricots

¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

2 to 4 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

3 tablespoons sweet spice blend, see recipe

3 cups baby spinach leaves

2 tablespoons olive oil

½ cup dry red wine

1 cup rich beef stock or veal stock or low-sodium beef broth

2 tablespoons flour dissolved in ¼ cup water

Cilantro leaves for garnish

1. Lay lamb out flat on a baking sheet; sprinkle both sides generously with salt and pepper. Refrigerate, loosely covered, up to 2 days.

2. For the filling, mix onions, currants, apricots, parsley, cilantro, 1 tablespoon sweet spice mix and 1 teaspoon salt in a small bowl.

3. Put lamb fat side down on a work surface. Spread the filling evenly over the meat. Top with spinach. Roll the lamb up, in roughly the shape it was with the bone; tie it in several places with the twine to make a compact shape that will cook evenly.

4. Lightly oil a large roasting pan. Place the lamb in the pan, bottom side up. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil; sprinkle with 1 tablespoon sweet spice blend. Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Flip the roast so it is fat side up. Drizzle with another tablespoon olive oil, remaining 1 tablespoon spice blend, and more salt and pepper. Lamb can be prepared up to several hours ahead of roasting. Refrigerate loosely covered. When ready to roast, let lamb stand at room temperature while the oven heats.

5. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Roast the lamb until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part registers about 135 degrees for medium-rare, 1¾ to 2 hours. (Take temperature after 1½ hours and adjust time accordingly so you don’t overcook the lamb.)

6. Transfer lamb to a cutting board. Tent with foil and let rest 20 minutes before carving; temperature will rise to 140 degrees.

7. Meanwhile, for the pan gravy, set roasting pan over a burner set to medium. Add wine; stir to deglaze the pan, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom. Heat to a boil. Stir in broth; heat to a boil. Whisk in dissolved flour until smooth. Taste and adjust seasonings with salt and pepper. **Makes:** about 2 cups.

8. To serve, cut strings from roast. Slice roast thinly and arrange on a platter; salt lightly if desired. Garnish with cilantro. Pass hot gravy.

Nutrition information per serving (for 12 servings): 368 calories, 14 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 155 mg cholesterol, 6 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 51 g protein, 161 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Sweet spice blend: Mix 2 tablespoons ground cumin, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, 1½ teaspoons ground coriander, and ¾ teaspoon each ground allspice, cloves, ginger and nutmeg in a small bowl. Keeps covered up to several weeks. **Makes:** about ⅓ cup

3. Let cool in the pan; transfer to a covered container. Refrigerate up to 1 week.

4. Alternatively, heat a large cast-iron or heavy-bottomed nonstick skillet over medium heat until a drop of water evaporates on contact. Add the oiled onions to the pan — don’t worry if the pan is very full, the onions will cook down. Reduce heat to very low. Cook, stirring every 20 minutes or so, about 1½ hours. Season with the salt; continue cooking until onions are beautifully browned and starting to crisp (but are not at all burnt), about 30 minutes.

Nutrition information per ¼ cup serving: 105 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 11 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 1 g protein, 125 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

MODERN WINE

How hates can lead to wines you love

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune

Editor's note: Today we introduce a new column, "Modern Wine," by Food & Dining's Joseph Hernandez. Watch for it biweekly.

When I was starting my wine career, I worked at and eventually managed a wine shop in Brooklyn.

There I learned first and foremost how to communicate with customers of all levels of wine knowledge, in spite of my tendency toward know-it-all-ism. Even though I knew my way around reds and whites, I found that my geekiness was actually a roadblock for getting to know a customer's needs. They became intimidated or flustered, and often apologetic, for not knowing how to talk to me.

Often, they'd settle for a subpar bottle rather than engage in more awkward conversation with the wine guy (me) who was too pedantic to hear that they just wanted a wine to go with dinner.

Hoping to shift my approach, I started encouraging people to "drink what you like." While it helped put people at ease, I quickly learned that this did not improve things much.

"Drink what you like" is a popular axiom in the wine biz, but what if customers don't actually know what they like? I soon learned that when it comes to wine, knowing what you don't like is as important as what you do.

Instead of asking novices and advanced wine buffs what they liked — especially as I transitioned into writing about wine rather than selling it — I started each conversation by asking what they didn't. I found that most people had a laundry list of flavors, aromas and textures they avoided, impressively rat-



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Telling the wine retailer what you don't like can narrow the field, leading to an understanding of what styles you'll enjoy.

ted off with aplomb. And then they'd stop, apologize and say, "but I'm sorry, I don't know anything about wine. Can you help?"

The apology always baffled me. They already knew a lot about wine, as it pertained to their tastes.

As I undertake this wine column, it is my sincere hope that I can get you to stop apologizing for not knowing about wine. To help you trust your own palate, your own gut.

That's more important than my opinion, any day. When I was selling wine, the only skin I had in the game was getting customers a bottle they liked, so they would keep coming back for more. In all my years in the wine industry, this is the only 100 percent truth I took away (aside from wine being wonder-

ful): No one wants to sell you a bottle you're going to hate.

You're likely to have a visceral reaction to the things you dislike. Maybe you scrunch your nose when you smell a New Zealand sauvignon blanc but can't describe what aroma set you off. Or perhaps sipping oaky chardonnay sends you searching for some water. Knowing this, you are likely to avoid these things, and you're armed with knowledge about your own preferences.

This is powerful stuff. Communicating your preferences to sommeliers or wine shop clerks helps them avoid pouring those bottles. Remember, these are the folks who have likely tasted the merchandise. They're the ones making the wine list or

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drafting the tasting notes on the shelf, and they want to earn your trust. They can (and should) steer you away from qualities that turn you off.

Don't fear having an aversion to specific flavors and aromas. Not every bottle of wine is perfect for everyone, and they aren't bad, per se — they're just not for you. It's easier to say no to flavors that don't turn your gears. It's a process of elimination that one day yields knowledge.

When I started my love affair with wine, it was a struggle to describe the

ephemeral, fleeting, intangible qualities of certain bottles. I could tell I was drinking liquid poetry, but I didn't know how to understand or communicate it.

Over many empty bottles, I picked up a vocabulary. Sweetness became residual sugar; tartness became high acidity. Barnyard? Thank brett, aka brettanomyces, a naturally occurring bacteria that contributes characteristic funkiness to wine and beer. As you sip and learn more, you eventually become more conversant.

My tip? Don't be afraid to start with the negatives. To flip the script on a popular fairy tale, it takes kissing a lot of frogs to find your prince, or in this case, your preferred style and type of wine.

"I know I don't like funky, I don't like pinot noir and I don't want to spend more than \$20." While this sounds terribly dismissive or critical, it does help the wine clerk eliminate a percentage of her inventory. Her job is, actually, made easier: She will mentally block these picks as she helps narrow your focus. In the process, she may even find you bottles you didn't know you wanted. Creating boundaries can lead to creative problem-solving.

I know this to be true. As I got on in the wine shop, I became a better listener. Customers told me what they didn't want that evening — sweet German riesling, say — and I'd show them a bottle of Loire sauvignon blanc, Italian vermentino or California chenin blanc, a narrowing of choices to a select few that skewed opposite of what they didn't like or want. Or, if I felt challenged to expand their horizons and be a little contrarian, I'd show off a bottle of dry Finger Lakes riesling, ideally to combat any negative associations they had with riesling and its assumed sweetness.

More often than not, my approach of leading with dislikes created a rapport with repeat customers. Of course, it helped that I started to understand their preferences, but even more important, they began to command a vocabulary of their own.

It was always a good day when a regular came in and said, "I liked that wine. Show me more."

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— Laura Maragliano, editor of *Sale&Pepe* magazine



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Making panettone at home requires a time investment, but most of those hours, spread over two days, are dedicated to waiting for the dough to rise.

Panettone at home

Traditional Italian Christmas cake rises sky-high and has a delicate texture

BY DOMENICA MARCHETTI
Chicago Tribune

My Italian mother made panettone every year for Christmas. It was a production, to be sure, involving an enormous mass of fruit-studded dough, plus lots of elbow grease, two days of rising and about half a dozen coffee cans — the vessels in which she baked the tall, sweet holiday bread.

Mom's panettone was not what you would consider professional quality; it had a tight crumb and a texture that, though tender, verged on dense. It lacked the airiness of those store-bought ones in decorative boxes tied with silky bows. Still, it was delicious — sweet and yeasty and perfumed with citrus and vanilla. I especially liked it toasted (the perfectly round slices fit nicely in the toaster slots) and spread with lots of butter.

Panettone has long been a tradition in many Italian and Italian-American homes at Christmastime, but its popularity, in Italy and the U.S., has grown in recent years, as more and more bread bakers and pastry chefs have sought to perfect its delicate texture and high rise. “A panettone is the apotheosis of natural leavening,” writes baker and author Jim Lahey, who includes a recipe for panettone in his book “The Sullivan Street Bakery Cookbook.”

“It is the diva bread,” says Greg Wade, head baker at Publican Quality Bread in Chicago's Fulton Market. He is referring not only to panettone's popularity, but also to how difficult it is to nail the formula for the dough in order to achieve the bread's proper height and gossamer texture.

There is a certain amount of lore surrounding the panettone's origins, and not much fact. It is known that the bread was first produced in Milan, in the northern region of Lombardy, probably during the Middle Ages, and one story suggests that the domed bread was an homage to the domed churches of the region. The expensive ingredients required to create the enriched dough — eggs and butter — meant that it was reserved for the

Panettone

Prep: 20 minutes **Rise:** 20 hours or more (in 2 increments) **Bake:** 55-60 minutes **Makes:** 10 to 12 servings

A sturdy stand mixer, a gentle touch and patience are the key ingredients to creating a beautiful panettone at home. Follow the instructions carefully, and be sure not to omit the final step of hanging the baked panettone upside-down until it has cooled completely. This will prevent the delicate bread from collapsing when it comes out of the oven. This recipe is adapted from a recipe by Jim Lahey in the December 2008 issue of *Gourmet* magazine.

1 cup sultanas (golden raisins)
2 tablespoons light rum or marsala, or a sweet liqueur such as Gran Marnier or Punch Abruzzo (see baker's notes)
13 tablespoons (6 ½ ounces) unbleached butter, cut up into 1-tablespoon pieces
3 ¾ cups (1 pound/450 grams) unbleached all-purpose flour, measured by weight or by lightly spooning flour into measuring cup and sweeping off top
½ teaspoon instant yeast (I use SAF gold instant yeast from King Arthur Flour)
Finely grated zest of 1 navel orange, 1 tablespoon
Finely grated zest of ½ lemon, 1 teaspoon
3 large eggs, at room temperature
⅔ cup tepid water
1 tablespoon honey
Seeds from 1 vanilla bean
¾ cup (170 grams) sugar
½ teaspoon fine salt
3 ounces coarsely chopped bittersweet chocolate, about ⅔ cup
Equipment:
Sturdy stand mixer
4 ⅜- by 6 ¾-inch paper panettone mold, see baker's notes
Two 12-inch metal or wooden skewers
A large, deep pot such as a stockpot for hanging the panettone after baking

Day 1, morning

1. Combine the sultanas and rum or liqueur in a small bowl. Cover with plastic wrap; let sit at least 8 hours to plump up the raisins, stirring them two or three times. (You can do this the day before you plan to prepare the panettone dough and let the sultanas sit overnight.)
2. Set out 10 ½ tablespoons (1 stick plus 2 ½ tablespoons) butter; bring it to a cool room temperature. Set aside another 1-tablespoon butter in a small bowl for melting later.
Day 1, afternoon
3. Measure the flour, yeast, and orange and lemon zests in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment; paddle briefly to combine.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, water, honey and vanilla bean seeds. Pour wet mixture into the flour mixture; mix on low speed to combine. Increase to medium-low; mix until the liquid ingredients are thoroughly incorporated into the flour. The mixture will be very sticky — more like a dense batter than dough. Turn off the mixer; add the sugar and salt. Mix on low until fully incorporated.

5. With the mixer running on low, add the 10 ½ tablespoons softened butter, 1-tablespoon at a time, taking care to incorporate each tablespoon before adding the next. The dough will be the color of egg custard and very sticky — more like a dense batter than dough. Increase the speed of the mixer to medium-high and continue to mix the dough without stopping, 8 to 10 minutes. It will gradually become shiny and stretchy; you will see long, elastic strands of it begin to pull away from the sides of the bowl. Finally, the bulk of the dough will end up wrapped around the paddle in one large clump. That's when you'll know it's ready.

6. Turn off the mixer; use a sturdy silicone spatula or dough scraper to remove the dough from the paddle, letting it drop back into the bowl. Or unplug the mixer, and use your fingers to pull the dough off the paddle.

7. Melt the 1-tablespoon butter; stir it into the sultanas. Sprinkle the sultanas on top of the dough, along with the chocolate. Mix on low speed in 5- to 10-second intervals to incorporate the sultanas and chocolate. You want to fully incorporate them into the dense dough without mashing or breaking them up, so take care not to overmix.

8. Use ½-tablespoon of the remaining butter to grease a large bowl or container, larger than the mixing bowl — 5 to 6 quart capacity. Transfer the dough to the buttered bowl; cover with plastic wrap. Set the bowl on a countertop away from any drafts; let it rise overnight at room temperature. (70 degrees is optimal.) The rising time will vary, depending on the temperature in your kitchen and outside, and could take 15 to 18 hours, and as many as 23 hours. The dough will quadruple in size and a few big air bubbles will make their way to the top.

Day 2, morning

9. Cut the remaining 1-tablespoon of cold butter in half; return half of it to the refrigerator. On a clean, cool work surface, rub the butter on the worktop to generously coat a section about 2 feet in diameter. Use a dough scraper with a rounded end or a long angled metal spatula to gently get under the dough and scrape it away from the sides and bottom of the bowl. It will stick to the bowl and tear a bit as you dislodge it, but do your best to detach it without tearing it too much. Carefully turn it out onto the buttered work surface. The dough will not have much shape to it, but imagine it has four “sides” or “corners.” Gently fold each “corner” of the dough toward the center to shape the mass into a ball. Rub a little butter on your hands to keep them from sticking too much to the dough. Gently pick up and turn the dough over, seam-side-down. With the sides of your hands, carefully tuck the sides down and under while slowly rotating the dough to

tighten the ball shape. Don't overdo it, or the raisins and chocolate will begin to pop through the surface of the dough and will later burn when baking.

10. Place a panettone mold on a baking sheet. Gently lower dough, seam-side-down into the mold; loosely cover the mold with plastic wrap. (The wrap will not adhere to the sides of the mold; that is fine.) Let the dough rise at room temperature until the top crests just above the edge of the mold. This will take anywhere from 4 to 8 hours.

Day 2, afternoon

11. Position a rack on the lowest rung of the oven shelf; heat the oven to 400 degrees. Use a bread lame (a dough scoring tool) or a very sharp knife (a very sharp serrated knife works) to gently score a large, shallow cross in the surface of the dough, cutting from end to end both ways.

12. Remove the final ½-tablespoon of butter from the refrigerator, and place it in the center of the cross. The butter will help set the shape of the cross and keep the top of the panettone from drying out. Carefully slide the panettone, still on its sheet pan, into the oven; bake, 5 minutes. Without opening the oven door, turn the temperature down to 350; bake, 25 minutes. At this point, take a peek into the oven to check for browning. If the top is well-browned, tent a piece of foil over the panettone. If a large portion of the center is still pale, leave it uncovered, and check again in 5 minutes. Bake the panettone another 25 minutes, checking once or twice more to see if it needs a foil tent. Baking time is 55 to 60 minutes total. When it's done, the bread will have risen well above the panettone mold and the top will be a beautiful burnished mahogany. A cake tester inserted down into the center of the panettone should come out clean.

13. While the panettone is baking, and before you remove it from the oven, have on hand two 12-inch-long metal or wooden skewers and a deep pot, such as a stockpot that is no more than 11 inches in diameter. Now comes the fun part. Remove the finished panettone from the oven and immediately pierce the skewers through the base of the panettone, about ½-inch from the bottom, driving them all the way through, and placing them about 4 inches apart so that they are parallel. Carefully, with a gentle touch and using oven mitts, pick up the panettone and hang it upside-down over the pot so that the ends and tips of the skewers are resting along the top of the pot and the panettone is hanging down inside. This hanging will allow the panettone to cool without collapsing. Let the panettone cool completely before turning it upright and removing the skewers.

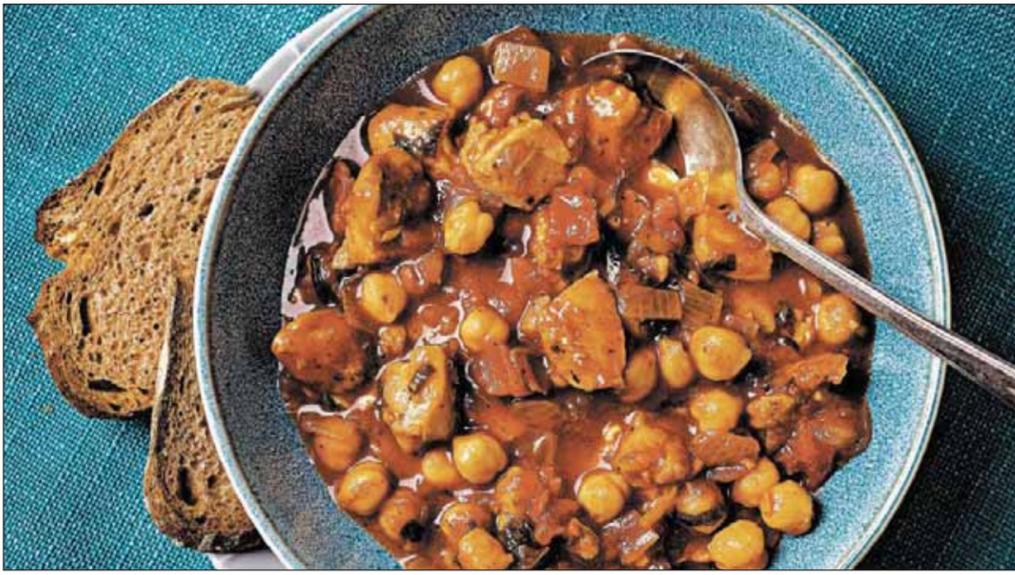
14. Store leftover panettone at room temperature in a sturdy zip-close bag inside a large cookie tin. It should keep for about a week.

Nutrition information per serving (for 12 servings): 409 calories, 17 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 80 mg cholesterol, 60 g carbohydrates, 26 g sugar, 7 g protein, 120 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Baker's notes

The best vessel for baking panettone is a paper panettone mold with a sturdy corrugated bottom. I use papers made by Honey-Can-Do that are 4 ½ inches deep and 6 ¾ inches wide. They are available on Amazon. King Arthur Flour sells a slightly smaller mold (4 ½ inches by 6 inches).

Soaking the sultanas in liqueur not only softens the fruit; it also adds another layer of flavor to the panettone. My favorite liqueur to use is one from Abruzzo called Punch Abruzzo, made by Evangelista. It is sweet, with notes of citrus and caramel. It is sometimes available online, but not always available. Light rum, marsala, or a citrus-scented liqueur such as Grand Marnier or Cointreau all work well in this recipe.



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Fuel for cold winter days

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

This nourishing, one-pot meal in a bowl is just the thing to fuel you during these December days when your to-do list is longer than the number of hours of sunlight.

The stew is composed of a fragrant, spice-infused tomato sauce,

tender bites of chicken thigh, meaty chickpeas and ribbons of just-wilted spinach. Its spices — earthy cumin, citrusy coriander, sweet-savory cinnamon and a hint of heat from crushed red pepper — will warm you on a chilly day.

And although it tastes like a complex, long-cooked dish, it is quite simple to make and ready in about a

half-hour. Bonus: This stew, like many others, tastes even better the next day or two. So whip up a pot, doubling the recipe as needed, for a nourishing, belly-warming meal at your fingertips through much of the week.

Ellie Krieger is a registered dietitian, nutritionist and cookbook author.

Aromatic chicken and chickpea stew

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings (makes 4 cups)

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs cut into 1-inch pieces (excess fat trimmed)
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced (about 1 cup)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes, or more as needed
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) no-salt-added diced tomatoes, with their juices
- 1 can (8 ounces) no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 1 can (15 ounces) low-sodium chickpeas, drained, rinsed
- ½ cup water
- 3 packed cups fresh baby spinach, coarsely chopped

1. **Season** the chicken with ¼ teaspoon each of the salt and pepper.
 2. **Heat** 2 tablespoons oil in a large, wide-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the chicken. Cook, stirring once or twice, until browned, about 4 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
 3. **Add** remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pot; reduce heat to medium. Add the onion; cook, stirring, until softened, 5 minutes. Add the garlic; cook, 30 seconds. Stir in the cumin, coriander, cinnamon, red pepper flakes and the remaining ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Add the diced tomatoes with their juices, tomato sauce, chickpeas and water. Heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and cook, 10 minutes.
 4. **Return** the chicken with any accumulated juices to the pot; cover and cook until the chicken is tender and cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in the spinach; cook until it is wilted, 1 minute. Serve hot.
- Nutrition information per serving:** 390 calories, 18 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 105 mg cholesterol, 29 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 30 g protein, 530 mg sodium, 9 g fiber

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holidays, and mostly available only to nobility.

Panettone underwent a major transformation in the early 20th century, according to the book “The Italian Baker,” by the late Carol Field. That’s when friends and baking rivals Angelo Motta and Gioacchino Alemagna began to mass-produce it, using tall molds to give the sweet bread its signature loft and domed top. The commercially produced bread has a longer shelf life, too, making it suitable for shipping and turning a regional specialty into a seasonal treat that has become synonymous with Christmas and Italy.

In the century since mass production began, but especially in the past 10 years, panettone has been transformed once more, says Laura Maragliano, editor of *Save & Taste*, one of Italy’s premier cooking magazines. This latest transformation is an artisanal one, Maragliano says, with a focus on quality.

“A good artisan panettone has a soft, silky dough that comes from natural leavening and a long rise,” Maragliano says. “The crumb should be yellow from good eggs — but not too intense as to suggest color enhancement. The candied fruit and raisins should be well distributed throughout, and there must be a balanced taste with a non-cloying sweetness, and a fresh, natural buttery flavor.”

Maragliano and others credit Sicilian pastry chef Nicola Fiasconaro for popularizing the use of natural leavening and top-quality ingredients in the early 2000s. His rich, yet fluffy loaves have earned him national acclaim and set off an obsession among Italian bakers. (Apparently Fiasconaro is still the one to beat — his panettone was just judged

Italy’s best in a prestigious international baking competition.)

“Today there are many Italian pastry chefs in all the regions who produce magnificent panettone pastry,” Maragliano says. Annual panettone competitions in Turin and Milan draw thousands of spectators, prompting more and more pasticciere to aim for loaves that are higher, lighter, richer.

They’ve modernized the flavors as well. Beyond the traditional version studded with raisins and candied citrus, you can now find panettoni filled with a variety of pastry creams — cocoa, limoncello and pistachio among them — or studded with chunks of chocolate or candied chestnuts (my favorite). Some are encrusted with a sugary almond topping, and others are sprinkled with pearly sugar. In the mountain town of Scanno, in Abruzzo, my friend Angelo Di Masso of Pasticceria DiMasso makes distinctly Abruzzese versions, including one spiked with mosto cotto (grape must syrup) and another with ratafia, a liqueur made from sour cherries.

Here in the U.S., artisanal panettone also has become something of an obsession among professional bakers. San Francisco baker Roy Shvartzapel launched a line of luxury panettone after studying with Iginio Massari, a world-renowned master panettone baker from Brescia. Shvartzapel has sought to make panettone a year-round indulgence using seasonal ingredients. His Instagram feed (@thisisfromroy) is filled with enticing “crumb shots” of his lofty loaves, many with air pockets big enough to house the Hope Diamond.

Publican’s Wade has been honing his panettone recipe for four years. In fact, he nurtures a separate starter all year long for his naturally leavened loaves, which, like Shvartzapel’s, have lots of big air pockets.

“The challenge is part of the appeal,” he says. “It’s mostly egg yolks and butter held together by flour. Only a handful of bakers across the country are doing it well.” Among those who have given panettone advice to Wade are Philadelphia restaurateur Marc Vetri and Roman pizzaiolo Gabriele Bonci.

But what about us home bakers? All this talk of panettone experiments naturally piqued my interest, and I decided it was time to try my hand at a homemade version. I wanted a bread as flavorful as my mom’s, only lighter. At the same time, I wanted something more accessible than the labor-intensive professional versions that require nurturing a special starter in perpetuity.

While my mother wrote down many of her recipes, panettone wasn’t one of them (my sister recalls that she worked from an old recipe from *La Cucina Italiana* magazine). So I turned to Field’s “The Italian Baker,” a longtime indispensable resource in my kitchen. Field’s recipe is long and somewhat clunky and calls for making a “biga,” a sponge of yeast, water and flour that is worked into a “first dough,” which is later worked into a “second dough.” While the panettone rose nicely and had a classic orange-vanilla flavor, it lacked the airy texture I was hoping for, in spite of the 5 teaspoons of commercial yeast in the dough.

I went on to try numerous other recipes, including two from King Arthur Flour (good flavor but too dry) and Lahey’s recipe in “The Sullivan Street Bakery Cookbook,” which requires a specific starter. Rather than wait for a new starter to take hold, I substituted a starter that I have kept for several years and which I use mostly for pizza and focaccia. The resulting panettone was airy but had a distinct breadiness, which I

attribute to my using the wrong kind of starter.

In the end, I found what I was looking for in an older Lahey recipe — one published in *Gourmet* back in 2008. This one required no starter — just a ½ teaspoon of instant yeast to feed a large quantity of dough, and a long, slow rise. The panettone crowned beautifully over the top of the paper mold, and the texture of the bread was tender and fluffy. It even had some of those elusive air pockets, though not as big as the Hope Diamond. Over several weeks of trials, I adapted the recipe slightly here and there, adding more sugar and flavors that evoked my mom’s panettone, and adjusting the oven temperature.

The recipe here is detailed, and if you follow the instructions carefully, you should be able to turn out a tall panettone with a beautifully burnished dome. Remember that like homemade pasta or pizza or any challenging kitchen project, the more you practice the better you will get at making it. Give the dough the time it needs to rise properly, and pay attention to visual cues — especially silkiness, shininess and elasticity in the dough as it slaps around the mixer.

For Wade, perfecting panettone is a never-ending process. “I want it to be ever lighter,” he says. Lately, he has taken to listening to Christmas music while mixing his dough, on the off chance it might help his bread achieve that gravity-defying loft. I second this advice, for even if the music doesn’t really make the panettone rise, it will certainly put you in the holiday spirit.

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Santana, Bruce Lee, Frida Kahlo, Marilyn Monroe, Cantinflas and more, in apparently random groupings. "What they represent for me is diversity," Gonzales says.

Oh, and the deliberate misspelling of Americas? The "k," Gonzales says, refers to the two "k's" in Oak Park. — *Phil Vettel*
734 Lake St., Oak Park, 708-613-4254; amerikasrestaurant.com

Angry Pig Tavern

A lot of restaurants say they want to be a "third place" for their patrons — a place between work and home that people frequent — but few actually achieve the goal. Whether it's accessibility, the food or the environment, something always seems lacking. But Angry Pig Tavern comes close to nailing all three.

Only steps from the Damen Blue Line stop, Angry Pig Tavern is located in the former home of Spring, Trenchermen and Trench restaurants, with warm lighting and walls lined with aged mirrors. A large bar with plentiful seating occupies the front room; overhead TVs play that night's game. The main dining area in the back is spacious; cozy plush seating immediately puts you at ease.

The restaurant has a fun draft list, with beers from local breweries like Marz's Blueberry Sorbaze and Revolution's Fistmas. Other interesting beers also made the list, like Odd Side's Mayan Mocha and Around the Bend's Vera, a nitro pistachio cream ale.

Beer is exactly what you want in hand while snacking on the addictive popcorn, hit with honey and bacon bits, with a hint of jalapeno spice at the end. I had to tell my companion to take the basket away from me or I would ruin my dinner.

There are no surprises when it comes to the entrees, just familiar, comforting tavern fare. The jalapeno bacon-wrapped bratwurst was overloaded with crispy shallots and caramelized onions served on a toasted lobster roll. The Angry Pig burger arrived with ham and jalapeno bacon, topped with Swiss cheese and a fried egg. If you don't want to get your hands dirty, the American sea bass was surprisingly sweet and flaky, set on a bed of mascarpone polenta neighboring some roasted fingerling potatoes and sweet sun-dried tomatoes.

Angry Pig is certainly not a destination, but it occupies the position of a go-to neighborhood restaurant where you can stop in after work to grab a bite and a brew with friends. — *Grace Wong*
2039 W. North Ave., 773-687-9795, angrypigtavern.com

Bayan Ko

For a restaurant that expected most of its business to be takeout, Bayan Ko is humming along with a surprising level of energy. On a recent Friday, the eight-table Ravenswood storefront was noisily packed for much of the evening, with an hour wait for the trio who dared to arrive without a reservation at 8:30 p.m. They waited.

And well they should have. Though Bayan Ko's Cuban-meets-Filipino motif generates plenty of sideways glances from the uninitiated, the two cuisines are a seamless match. Filipino dishes (inspired by chef and co-founder Lawrence Letrero, formerly of the Waldorf Astoria, who is of Filipino descent) account for about 60 percent of the menu; Cuban food, inspired by Letrero's partner in business and in life, Raquel Quadreny, make up the rest. A handful of dishes are native to both countries.

We deliberately ordered from both sides of the equation. Pork-and-scallop lumpia Shanghai (\$8; thin Filipino-style eggrolls) struck all the right notes: tender and meaty inside, a pleasantly crunchy exterior, and all the better with a side of sweet garlic-vinegar sauce.

Ropa vieja (\$16; Cuban but not uncommon in the Philippines) impressed far beyond most versions. Rather than simply salty and hearty, Bayan Ko's was well-marinated (and simmered) in garlic, onion and peppers, resulting in a dish at once earthy, rich and layered.

The showstopper was also the most expensive dish on the menu (\$24): luglug noodles (very Filipino) topped with an egg yolk for richness, chicharron (fried pork rinds — another commonality between Cuba and the Philippines) for crunch, and scallop and uni for a salty-savory component.

The mussels, made with lemon grass, Thai chile and coconut are among Bayan Ko's most popular dishes, but sadly gone by our arrival. Both desserts were still there, however. The flan (\$6), rife with caramel and accented with a



JOSH NOEL/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Marinated and simmered in garlic, onion and peppers, ropa vieja at Bayan Ko is earthy, rich and layered.

touch of salt, impressed this flan skeptic. It's made in-house daily.

The ube sundae (\$6) was a sight to behold, with luminous purple ice cream (made from purple yams) atop that same flan, young coconut and red bean that provided texture and an earthy counterpoint to the sweetness.

Bayan Ko's small size and the noise are somewhat of a downside. But they also make for an irresistible energy at what is ultimately a brave, exciting and creative neighborhood joint. — *Josh Noel*

1810 W. Montrose Ave., 773-689-6373, facebook.com/bayankochicago

Bixi

According to Chinese mythology, Bixi is one of the nine sons of the Dragon King, a dragon hybrid with a turtle shell. I'm not that superstitious, but just enough to warily note that he's often found bearing funerary symbolism. At the restaurant that claims his name, however, a mural depicts him unbound, rising like Godzilla in front of a Chicago skyline.

Chef and co-owner Bo Fowler is not Chinese. She's Korean-born, but adopted and raised in a small town in Minnesota. Fowler may be best known for her other restaurants, the British-styled Owen & Engine and all-American Fat Willy's Rib Shack. It's fitting that her Bixi (pronounced beesh-ee) breaks boundaries.

The Asian-inspired brewpub and restaurant opened in July in Logan Square but just recently ramped up to daily lunch, dinner and weekend brunch with dim sum. The space is stunning. Enter near the windowed brewery, to a dark wood-clad underworld where Bixi watches from behind the full-length bar. Walk up to the second floor (do note there's no elevator), and you'll find a haven in a bright white room covered with a glass retractable ceiling.

Wherever you settle in, get the belt noodle Yibin style (\$14). Taking cues from Chinese regional cuisine, Fowler makes it her own by crisping thick and chewy house-made ribbons, heightened by an abundance of fermented black soybeans, bundles of verdant bok choy, yacai pickled mustard greens, judicious ma la Sichuan peppercorns and crushed peanuts. Impressive, and it happens to be vegan.

Dumplings show extraordinary breadth and depth of skill from wrapper to filling to accompaniments, with pot stickers (\$11) stuffed with shrimp, pork and kohlrabi; shumai (\$11) with shrimp, crab and flying fish roe; lamb wontons (\$14) with cumin, pine nuts and chile oil; and spicy kimchi mandu (\$10) with mushrooms and Korean leeks.

My only lament with the exquisitely ethereal lacy edged Vietnamese egg crepe (\$11), served open-faced with fatty batons of barbecue pork, hoisin and a shower of cilantro and jalapeno, is that it replaced a scallion pancake I didn't get a chance to try.

The Chicago beef bao (\$7) overstuffs a soft steamed mantou bun with thinly sliced prime rib and Sichuan giardiniera, plus beef jus on the side. Lusciously tender, the sandwich could have used a touch more heat.

The shrimp and crab dip (\$16), a take on crab rangoon, was a full-on disappointment. Incongruous pineapple slices draped over a scoop of an intentionally cold cheese mixture overpowered the dish, made worse by being served in a pool of otherwise nice sweet and sour sauce.

Delicately sweet yet decidedly bold, both the Portuguese egg tart (\$6) and red bean hotteok (\$5), however, only available for dim sum, are worth the trip alone.

— *Louisa Chu*
2515 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-904-7368, bixi.beer



GRACE WONG/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Angry Pig Tavern's sea bass is surprisingly sweet and flaky.



NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fried chicken at Radio Anago comes topped with bonito flakes.

Fisk & Co.

A stone's throw from the Riverwalk, Fisk & Co. opened last spring in the Kimpton Hotel Monaco, showcasing moules frites — a smart decision. Executive chef Austin Fausett's take on this Belgian classic offers up meaty mussels prepared five ways.

The apple cider and bacon version bathes the mussels in delightfully herbaceous broth, rounded out by just the right amount of fat and brightened by citrus-accented apples. The mussels are the star, served alongside reasonably fluffy fries. Our batch of fries could have been hotter and crunchier; it felt as if they were playing second fiddle to the dipping sauces. Choose three from a list of seven. We ordered black-garlic ketchup, green goddess and smoked aioli, but were presented with the remoulade instead of the aioli. All tasty enough, but had the fries been better, sauce wouldn't have been necessary.

The restaurant's vibe is warm and convivial, a sleek Loop spot lit with candles, furnished with gray wood and khaki banquettes with a nautical knot here and there. The buzz was healthy, but not unbearably loud, the servers busy, some more attentive than others.

We arrived in time for the tail end of the Aw Shucks Happy Hour. We ordered a half-dozen of the \$1 oysters and were as overwhelmed as you might expect by \$1 oysters. Solidified water.

No matter. We moved on to an addictive pretzel monkey bread served with house-made mustard. It was warm and yeasty, and just the right balance of all the contrasts you'd hope for: salty and sweet; crisp and pillowy. Paired with the robust mustard, it could be the comfort food dish of the year. A jumbo lump crab dip was fine but lacking in creaminess.

Much of the menu is rounded out by non-seafood fare. A beef-cheek pappardelle featured nicely toothsome noodles and hearty bits of meat, delivering yet another homey dish. — *Jennifer Day*
225 N. Wabash Ave., 312-236-9300, fiskcandcochicago.com

Pisolino

Pisolino has all the elements of that classic neighborhood pizza and pasta joint you wish would open up around the corner.

There's the cozy, dim dining

room, with an open kitchen that encourages conversation with the cooking and wait staff. There's the well-appointed bar that invites walk-up customers to grab a stool and order a pizza and a carafe of wine. There's even a daily specials chalkboard.

But Pisolino is so much more. There's lighter fare on offer, but our server recommended the polpetta antipasto, two tennis ball-size pork and beef meatballs, which arrive smothered in cheese and swimming in a light, slightly spicy sugo pomodoro. It's a struggle not to devour them both, but we saved room.

Pizza and pasta are the stars of chef/owner James De Marte's menu. Pizzas feature smoked burrata and speck, or fennel sausage and black truffle atop a crunchy thin crust, which snaps like a cracker with each bite. At \$25, the burrata/speck pizza is pricey and the most expensive on the menu, but others range between \$16 to \$21.

The bucatini carbonara is a classic take on the dish, with crunchy bits of bacon, just the right amount of pepper and a creamy, cheesy sauce that clings to perfectly al dente noodles. Gnocchi alla Romana isn't your typical potato dumpling. The Roman style uses semolina flour, milk, butter, egg yolks and Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese to create fluffy pucks of goodness that pair perfectly with an amatriciana sauce.

I ordered roast chicken breast at the start of the meal, but our server waited until we'd finished our pasta course to ask if we still wanted the chicken. Perhaps she assumed we'd be full, but the result was a long delay. Worse, the chicken was the most disappointing part of the meal. The crumbly coating on the outside overwhelmed the bird, and the accompanying chickpea fries were overly seasoned. When I asked our server about the fries, she said they taste weird at first, but if you keep eating them, they are addictive. Maybe I didn't eat enough of them.

You can tell a lot about a restaurant from its roasted chicken. But, in the case of Pisolino, the chicken doesn't tell the whole story. If you live in Avondale, this is definitely the neighborhood joint you've been waiting for. For the rest of you, it's worth a trip to the Northwest Side. — *Amy Carr*
2755 W. Belmont Ave., 773-293-6025, pisolinochicago.com

Radio Anago

Brendan Sodikoff's foray into the sushi business didn't start off well. Unlike many of his immediate hits (Au Cheval, Bavette's, Green Street Smoked Meats), where customers couldn't wait to line up and throw money at him, the reaction to Radio Anago was muted, if not outright hostile. Particular scorn was directed toward a \$26 fried chicken dish topped with thin sheets of gold leaf, an addition that struck many as pointless (gold leaf has no flavor ...) and greedy (... but it certainly makes the plate cost more).

I'm happy to report that the gold leaf is gone. In its place is a \$9 fried chicken dish, this time topped with the much more sensible, and actually flavorful, bonito flakes. It's a fine dish, but one that doesn't scream for attention. I think that's a good thing, because it refocuses expectations toward the original point of the restaurant: sushi.

Instead of fanciful creations drizzled with wasabi mayo, the sushi here comes out proudly unadorned — exactly the right course with fish this pristine. Sake salmon nigiri (\$7) tasted firm and delicately sweet, while the freshwater eel (\$6.50) was so luscious, I remember exclaiming to my dining partner, "So that's what eel is supposed to taste like." Rolls showcase the same level of care. Warm miso scallop (\$14) pairs plump bites of the crustacean and salty miso with crackly pops of tempura crunch.

As with any Sodikoff spot, your enjoyment of the food is magnified by the setting. This guy knows how to set a mood. Like Bavette's, Radio Anago somehow makes you feel special simply by being there. It's the rare sushi restaurant that's cozy — there are honest-to-goodness comfy chairs in the middle, along with two enormous chandeliers. The comically dark room plays games with your senses — I also have a dimmer for the lights in my kitchen, but I never feel I'm on a movie set like here.

You'll obviously have to pay for this privilege. While a meal here costs far more than most neighborhood sushi joints, the bill is comparable to Chicago's other high-end sushi spots. I doubt, however, those places have the infectious swagger of Radio Anago. — *Nick Kindelsperger*
226 W. Kinzie St., 312-796-3316, radioanago.com

Tricycle

We were freezing after spending too long at the Lincoln Park Zoo Lights, so we were ready to warm up with some comfort food when we walked into Tricycle. The restaurant, which replaced the former Silver Cloud in Bucktown earlier this year, started off on the right foot with a delightfully spiced mug of hot cider — and got better from there.

The menu, at first glance, may seem a little tired — rumaki and lamb lollipops? — but nearly every dish we had seemed to satisfy a craving we didn't know we had. The shrimp banh mi flatbread is what you always hope for in great bar food, but never find: a blend of creamy heat spiked with bright cucumber, red onion and mint, all served on a respectable slab of carbs. The meatballs are tossed in a delightful blackberry glaze — silky and not too sweet — and sprinkled with cotija cheese.

The Tricycle burger is a thin patty (no need to specify temperature) served between a sesame bun with arugula, caramelized onions, cheddar, bacon jam, tomato, pickle and a house sauce. It's a high-end slider served alongside a pile of excellent french fries; think McDonald's fries before they got rid of the beef tallow. The highlight of the meal was the crispy braised pork shank. Break through the crunchy skin to dig into a succulent hunk of pork. It rests atop a pile of polenta and spinach, a cozy plate ready-made to console you on even the darkest winter night.

The only lackluster dish was ironically the thing you'd expect a comfort-food restaurant to master: the macaroni and cheese. Though dusted with a healthy dose of breadcrumbs, it was creamy but oddly bland.

The restaurant is friendly and inviting, welcoming to families. Vegetarians, too, have plenty of options.

Tricycle's website features a quote from local author Marcus Sakey, sort of a mission statement: "A tricycle is joy and excitement coupled with safety. They're homey. Built for adventure, but always dependable." So far, the restaurant is living up to it. — *Jennifer Day*
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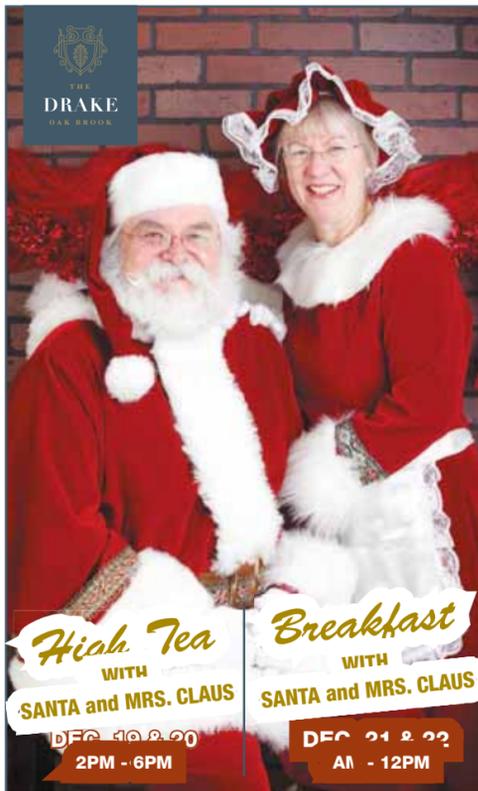


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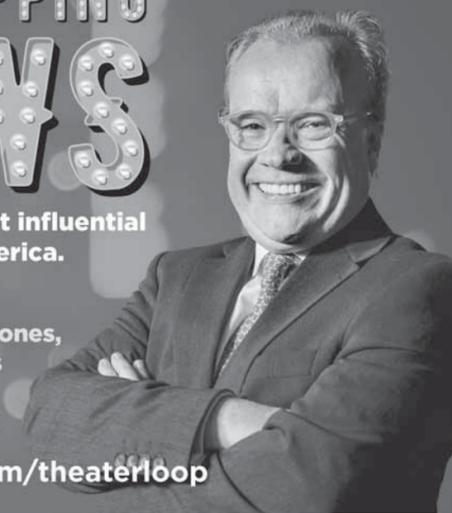
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INA PINKNEY
Breakfast With Ina

I like writing my year-end wrap-up because it gives me the opportunity to revisit the places I wrote about and find the taste memories that linger.

There are some places, sadly, that either stopped breakfast service because the traffic just wasn't there or closed for the same reason. My heart aches for dreams that die.

I wrote about 33 places this year that are worth your time and money but had to visit 51 to find those 33. After all my years of cooking and serving breakfast, having a bad meal is still so disappointing.

Ask dinner chefs about cooking breakfast, and they will tell you they'd rather work the dinner shift. It's difficult to make perfect eggs, delicate pancakes and creative dishes that don't overwhelm the palate at the first meal of the day.

Breakfast is a tough meal, but when it's good, it's really, really good! Here's a listing of the dishes that I'd gladly eat over and over.

Alma

The short rib hash with mushrooms, onions, scallions and sour cream on roasted potatoes. *Hotel Zachary, 3630 N. Clark St., 773-302-2300, hotelzachary.com.*

Baker Miller

Grits with elotes (Mexican-style grilled corn), tomatoes, salsa verde, chipotle aioli and Tajin (a blend of lime, mild chile peppers and sea salt), topped with a soft egg. *4655 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-654-3610, bakermillerchicago.com.*

The Biscuit Man

The rice bowl with cauliflower, sweet potato, peas and just enough curry. The fried chicken biscuit sandwich with dill pickles. *Long Room, 1612 W. Irving Park Road, 773-665-8210, biscuitmanchicago.com.*

Bryn Mawr Breakfast Club

The pajun pancake is a scallion flat cake with two eggs, pork belly and sauteed Brussels sprouts, accompanied by potatoes and toast. *3348 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., 872-208-7079, brynmawrbreakfastclub.net.*

Ca Phe Da

The banh mi sandwiches, like all of chef and co-owner Thai Dang's food, is tasty and balanced. I had the one with the chicken, pork and meat. *1800 1/2 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303, haisous.com.*

Cellar Door Provisions

The quiche of the day was smoked onion and scallions steeped in the cream and eggs along with fresh herbs; it was light as air in a buttery, flaky crust. *3025 W. Diversey Ave., 773-697-8337, cellardoorprovisions.com.*



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Zaza omelet, center, and the lavish Kurdish breakfast for two at The Gundis Kurdish Kitchen.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The baked avocado at Six06 Cafe Bar is filled with a poached egg and served atop a salad of bacon, cherry tomatoes and more avocado.

Coffee Joint

The burrata and basil sandwich on good toasted bread. *2059 W. Irving Park Road, 773-629-1725, coffeejoint.com.*

The Gundis Kurdish Kitchen

The Kurdish breakfast for two is a sight to behold: warm house-made wheat loaves; a cheese plate with three selections, plus three house-made jams, sweet butter, honey, sesame butter, and black and green spiced olives; tomatoes and cucumbers; fries; crispy warm cheese rolls; scrambled eggs with tomatoes; bell peppers; onions; and added protein, such as lamb, beef or my choice, soujok, a beef sausage — plus lots of Kurdish tea. *2909 N. Clark St., 773-904-8120, thegundis.com.*

Hoosier Mama Pie Co.

The mushroom, spinach and goat cheese pie. *1618 1/2 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-4846, hoosiermamapie.com.*

Interurban Boathouse

The blueberry pancakes are a cross between the fluffy type and a crepe, and are topped with lemon curd. Plus, the Japanese shredded vegetable pancake with an egg on top and drizzled with a hoisin barbecue sauce. *1438 W. Cortland Ave., 773-698-7739, interurbanchicago.com.*

Longman & Eagle

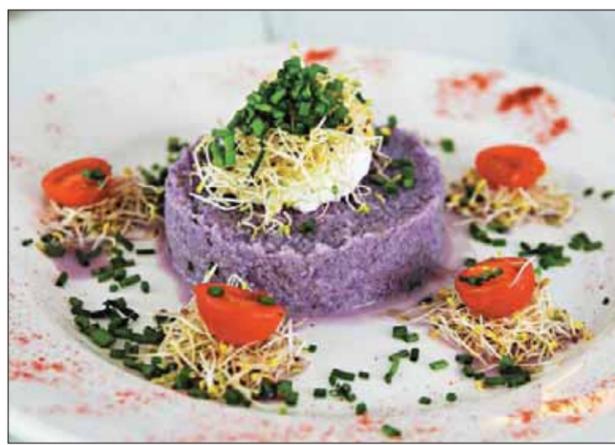
Shrimp and grits with white cheddar and an egg yolk. *2657 N. Kedzie Ave., 773-276-7110, longmanand eagle.com.*

Maison Marcel

The cauliflower grits were a glorious purple, with a creamy texture. The eggs were poached perfectly, and the dish sported a cherry tomato garnish. *3114 N. Broadway, 773-661-6942, maison-marcel.com.*

Mortar and Pestle

The breakfast fried rice with diced bacon and ham, scallions,



KRISTAN LIEB/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Purple grits at Maison Marcel are made of purple cauliflower, beets and turnips, and are served with a poached egg on top.

arugula and a soy sesame dressing with a fried egg on top. *3108 N. Broadway, 773-857-2087, mortarandpestlechicago.com.*

Nico Osteria

Baked eggs in Purgatory is the Italian version of shakshuka, with the addition of guanciale to the tomato sauce, potatoes and baked eggs. Housemade focaccia comes on the side. *Thompson Hotel, 1015 N. Rush St., 312-994-7100, nicoosteria.com.*

Nighthawk AM

The AM burger with a beef patty, egg, sharp cheddar, arugula, caramelized onion, bacon fat mayo on a potato bun. *2273 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-697-8899, nighthawkam.com.*

Pan Artesanal Bakery

Poblano pepper and cheese loaf. *3724 W. Fullerton Ave., 312-286-5265, panartesanalbakery.com.*

Six06 Cafe Bar

The baked avocado filled with a poached egg and spices, sitting on top of a breakfast salad of bacon, cherry tomatoes and more avocado. *1641 W. Chicago Ave., 773-929-4911, cafe606.com.*

Square Biscuits

Pork belly hash with Japanese sweet potatoes, shallots, chile sauce and eggs. *4160 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-880-1100, facebook.com/squarebiscuits.*

Three Tarts Bakery and Cafe

The avocado toast on sunflower millet bread with tahini, cucumber, red onion, lemon juice and sea salt. *301 S. Happ Road, Northfield, 847-446-5444, threetartsbakery.com.*

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Bacardi
Gold or Light Rum

Sale \$15.99
- Instant Rebate \$5.00
\$10.99
1.75 ltr
AFTER INSTANT REBATE
WHEN YOU BUY 2



Bailey's
Irish Cream

Sale \$16.99
- Mail in Rebate \$5.00
\$11.99
750 ml
AFTER MAIL IN REBATE
WHEN YOU BUY 3



Crown Royal

Sale \$39.99
- Mail in Rebate \$5.00
\$34.99
1.75 ltr
AFTER MAIL IN REBATE
WHEN YOU BUY 3



Christian Brothers
Brandy

Sale \$17.99
- Mail in Rebate \$3.00
\$14.99
1.75 ltr
AFTER MAIL IN REBATE



Canadian Club

Sale \$16.99
- Instant Rebate \$2.00
\$14.99
1.75 ltr
AFTER INSTANT REBATE



Smirnoff
Vodka

Sale \$15.99
- Mail in Rebate \$5.00
\$10.99
1.75 ltr
AFTER MAIL IN REBATE
WHEN YOU BUY 3



Captain Morgan
Spiced

Sale \$19.99
- Mail in Rebate \$5.00
\$14.99
1.75 ltr
AFTER MAIL IN REBATE
WHEN YOU BUY 3

WINES



Veuve Clicquot
Yellow Label

\$36.99
750 ml



Josh North Coast
Cabernet

\$11.99
750 ml



Joel Gott
Cabernet Sauvignon

\$9.99
750 ml



14 Hands
Cabernet or Merlot

\$8.99
750 ml



Kim Crawford
Sauvignon Blanc

\$9.99
750 ml



Kendall Jackson
VR Chardonnay

\$7.99
750 ml



Apothic
Red

\$5.99
750 ml



Concha Y Toro
By Frontera
Varietals

\$5.99
1.5 ltr



Barefoot
Varietals

\$7.99
1.5 ltr



Franzia
House Favorites

\$9.99
5 ltr

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Proper Twelve Irish Whiskey

MMA superstar Conor McGregor's Proper Twelve Irish Whiskey is back in stock! Distilled and blended by the artists at Bushmills, Ireland's oldest licensed distillery, this whiskey packs a 1-2 punch of ripe fruit and sweet vanilla.



ONLY AT BINNY'S

CLARK & SHEFFIELD

Back in 1948, on the corner of Clark & Sheffield in Chicago, Binny's was born out of a tiny storefront that sold produce and pints of liquor. To celebrate our 70th anniversary, we teamed up with top wineries to bottle six wines that overdeliver and outshine anything you'll find from California under \$15. Clark & Sheffield stands for nothing less.



Binny's will donate \$1 for each bottle of Clark & Sheffield wine sold to local food banks through Christmas Eve



**GREATER
CHICAGO
FOOD
DEPOSITORY**



BARBARA'S BEST BUYS for the Holidays



Binny's Wine Director Barbara Hermann is a 7 time winner of Chicago's premier blind wine tasting competition. For the last 30 years she's been shaking up the wine world and delivering steals and deals.

- #1 La Vieille Ferme Rouge\$5.99
Fresh, juicy red from Southern France. Great value!
- #2 Chateau La Marzelle Bordeaux Rouge\$8.99
Who says Bordeaux is expensive? Buy this savory red by the case.
- #3. Red Newt Riesling \$11.99
New York's Finger Lakes produce America's best rieslings.
- #4. Catena Chardonnay \$14.99
Buttery and oak aged from one of Argentina's greatest wineries.
- #5. Terredora Falanghina \$14.99
Ancient Italian grape variety produces this smoky, dry white.
- #6. Rodney Strong Cabernet Alexander Valley..... \$17.99
Full bodied, spicy cabernet sauvignon from hillside vineyards.
- #7. Raventos i Blanc l'Hereu Blanc de Blancs..... \$17.99
Sparkling wine made in the classic Champagne method.
- #8. Azelia Nebbiolo \$19.99
Baby barolo from a great producer.
- #9. Lustau East India Sherry..... \$19.99
Outstanding cream sherry that's perfect with dessert.
- #10 Calera Pinot Noir..... \$24.99
A graceful pinot with Burgundian earthiness.

LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY GIFTS

Over 100 great gift ideas



Glenmorangie taster 4 pack
\$29.99



Kerrygold Irish Cream Gift
\$16.99



Maker's Mark Bourbon Gift
\$24.99



Remy Martin VSOP Gift
\$37.99



McCleary Irish Cream Gift
\$9.99



Casamigos Blanco or Reposado Gift
\$32.99



Heaven Hill Whiskey sampler
\$36.99



G.H. Mumm Grand Cordon Gift
\$32.99



Avion Silver Tequila Gift
\$31.99



HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

This month at Binny's, our buyers have slashed prices on 500 beers, from rising stars to old favorites.

Holiday Wine Sale

Save up to 33% on over 1,500 great wines from around the world.



WALT'S

FOOD CENTERS

Merry Christmas

SALE DATES:
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19th THRU
MONDAY, DEC. 24th, 2018

Open Christmas Eve
7 am to 6 pm
Closed Christmas Day

From Our Deli Hut

Dietz & Watson
All Ham Varieties
\$5.98
Lb.
\$2.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Turkey Breast Varieties
\$7.98
Lb.
\$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Beef Varieties
\$9.98
Lb.
\$4.99 1/2 Lb.

California Sweet
Baby Carrots
1 Lb. Pkg.
99¢

Premium
Seedless Grapes
Lb.
\$1.99

•Red
•Green
•Black

"Hass"
Avocados
Jumbo Size
99¢ Ea.

Fresh Express
Garden Blends
•Premium Romaine
•Green & Crisp
•Double Carrots
•Lettuce Trio
2/\$4

"Sunkist"
Navel Oranges
3 Lb. Bag
\$1.99

Sweet N Juicy

"Andy Boy"
Fresh Crisp Romaine Hearts
3 Packs
2/\$5

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Eye of Round Roast
Sold As Roast Only
\$3.79 Lb.

Hillshire Farm
Skinless & Shankless Smoked Whole Ham
\$2.49 Lb.
Customer Favorite

Half Ham \$2.59/Lb.
While quantities last, no rain checks.

Sugardale Prestige
Smoked Ham
Shank Portion
79¢ Lb.
Butt Portion 99¢ Lb.
With \$20 or more purchase, excluding the price of the ham. Limit 1 portion per customer per visit. While quantities last, no rain checks.

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken
Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
\$1.29 Lb.
No Hormones Added

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef" Semi-Boneless
E-Z Carve Beef Rib Roast
Sold As Roast Only
\$7.99 Lb.
Don't Settle for Less

Walt's Signature Premium Hand Crafted "Carve Easy" Semi-Boneless Skinless & Shankless
Whole Ham
\$2.89 Lb.
Our Best Ham

Half Ham \$2.99/Lb.
While quantities last, no rain checks.

Sugardale Smoked
Spiral Sliced Half Ham
\$1.99 Lb.
While quantities last, no rain checks.

USDA Choice Domestic
Whole Leg of Lamb
Sold Whole in the Bag, Free Processing.
\$4.79 Lb.

Libby's
Vegetables
•Cut or French Style Green Beans
•Whole Kernel or Cream Style Corn
•Sweet Peas
14.5 - 15.25 Oz.
59¢

Cool Whip
Whipped Topping
8 Oz.
99¢

Birdseye Polybag Regular
Vegetables
•Regular •Steamfresh Rice
Selected Varieties
10 - 16 Oz.
99¢

Dutch Farms
Cream Cheese
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat •Fat Free
8 Oz. Box
89¢

Tropicana
Pure Premium Orange Juice
52 Oz.
\$2.99

Nabisco
Crackers
•Snack 3.75 - 10 Oz.
•Ritz 8.5 - 13.7 Oz.
3/\$5

Jays
Potato Chips
10 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms
Cheese
•Regular, Fancy or Thick Cut
•Shredded 6 - 8 Oz.
•Bars 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices 6 - 7.6 Oz.
Selected Varieties
3/\$4
Your Choice

WALT'S

FOOD CENTERS

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The Perfect Gift
(Available for any specific amount)
When a Food Gift is your intention, Walt's Gift Cards are better than cash.

•Prairie Farms Premium
Ice Cream
56 Oz.
•Ocean Spray
Cranberry Cocktails or 100% Juice
60 - 64 Oz.
2/\$5
Your Choice

Dean's DairyPure
Whipping Cream
1/2 Pint
•Half & Half
14 Oz.
•Sour Cream
16 Oz.
3/\$5
Your Choice

Toll House Nestlé
Baking Chips
10 - 12 Oz.
•Best Choice
Butter
Regular or No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$5
Your Choice

Progresso
Soup
•Traditional
•Light
•Rich & Hearty
18.5 - 19 Oz.
Sale Price 4/\$5
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 4 - \$1.00
Final Price 4/\$4
Must use Walt's App to Redeem.

•Gold Medal
Flour
5 Lb.
•Domino
Sugar
Granulated 4 Lb., Powdered 2 Lb. or Brown 2 Lb.
•Skippy
Peanut Butter
15 - 16.3 Oz.
2/\$4
Your Choice

When You Buy 4 Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC •Sunkist
•Canada Dry
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.
\$2.88
Must Buy 4 Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea. Limit 2 Offers.

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Limit 1

Best Choice/Pleasant View
Milk
•2% Reduced Fat •1% Lowfat •Skim Fat Free
Gallon

PRODUCE

California Sweet
Baby Carrots
1 Lb. Pkg.
99¢



Fresh Sweet Jumbo
Blueberries
2/\$5

6 Oz. Pkgs.



Driscoll's Sweet Red
Raspberries
2/\$6

6 Oz. Pkgs.



Fresh Sweet
Blackberries
2/\$4

6 Oz. Pkgs.



"Hass"
Avocados
Ea.
99¢

Jumbo Size



Red Ripe/Sweet
Tomatoes
•Grape •Cherry
Pkg.
\$1.99



California Fresh
Broccoli Crowns
Lb.
\$1.99



Ocean Spray Fresh
Cranberries
Pkg.
\$1.99



Fresh Express
Garden Blends
•Premium Romaine
•Green & Crisp
•Double Carrots
•Lettuce Trio
2/\$4



Extra Large Fancy
Green Bell Peppers
Lb.
\$1.99



Washington
Premium Extra Fancy
Honeycrisp Apples
Lb.
\$1.99



•Sno-White Fresh Large
Cauliflower
•Fresh Pascal Large Stalk
Celery
Ea.
\$1.99



Premium
Seedless Grapes
Lb.
\$1.99

•Red •Green •Black



Fresh Express
Cole Slaw
Pkg.
\$1.39



Fresh Picked Fancy
Green Beans
Lb.
\$1.39

Young N Tender



"Genuine"
Idaho Potatoes
10 Lb. Bag
\$2.99

US No. 1



"Andy Boy"
Tender Crisp
Romaine Hearts
2/\$5

3 Packs



Fresh Crisp Red
Radishes
1 Lb. Bag
\$1.39



Fresh "Bunched"
Green Onions
2/\$1



Fresh
Spinach
Bunch
\$1.39



"Sunkist"
Navel Oranges
3 Lb. Bag
\$1.99

Sweet N Juicy



Extra Large
Fancy Tangy
Lemons
Ea.
69¢



Extra Large
Fancy Tart
Limes
5/\$1

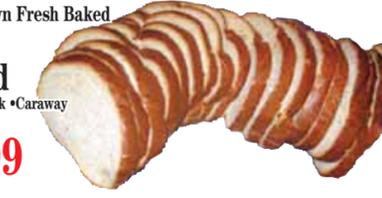


"Sunkist"
Extra Large
Navel Oranges
Lb.
\$1.39



COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Rye Bread
•Light •Dark •Caraway
1 Lb. Loaf
\$1.99



Walt's Own
Cranberry Nut Muffins
4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.99

Teibel's
Dinner Rolls
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.99

Jessie Lord
Pecan Pie
8 Inch
\$5.99

Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Butter Cookies
Lb.
\$7.99



Walt's Own
Homestyle
Pumpkin Pie
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Buttercrust Buns
•8 Pk. Regular
•12 Pk. Cocktail
\$1.49



Walt's Own
Buttercream Iced
Single Layer
Santa Face Cake
8 Inch
\$5.99



Walt's Own
Cranberry Nut Cream Cake
1/2 Ring
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Pan Style
Strudel
•Apple •Cherry •Cheese
\$3.49



BUTCHER SHOP

Hillshire Farm
Skinless & Shankless
Whole Smoked Ham
\$249 Lb.
Skinless Smoked Half Ham **\$2.59** Lb.
While quantities last, no rain checks.

Customer Favorite

Sugardale
Spiral Sliced Half Smoked Ham
\$199 Lb.
While quantities last, no rain checks.

Walt's Signature Premium
Hand Crafted "Carve Easy"
Semi-Boneless
Skinless & Shankless
Whole Ham
\$289 Lb.
Semi-Boneless Skinless & Shankless Half Ham **\$2.99** Lb.
While quantities last, no rain checks.

Our Best Ham

Sugardale Prestige
Smoked Ham
Shank Portion
79¢ Lb.
Smoked Butt Portion **99¢** Lb.
With \$20 purchase, excluding the price of the ham.
Limit one per customer per visit. While supplies last. No rain checks.
Without \$20 Purchase • Shank Portion **\$1.39** Lb. • Butt Portion **\$1.59** Lb.

Kentucky Legend
Boneless Whole Ham
\$349 Lb.
Boneless Half Ham **\$3.69** Lb.

Double "G"
Skinless & Shankless
Whole Smoked Ham
\$229 Lb.
Skinless & Shankless Smoked Half Ham **\$2.39** Lb.
While quantities last, no rain checks.

No Water Added

Jennie-O Grade "A"
Frozen
Turkey Breast
\$159 Lb.
Frozen Maple Leaf Duck **\$2.99** Lb.

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ANY KENTUCKY LEGEND HALF OR WHOLE HAM
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"All Natural"
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Ground Chuck
Value Pack **\$299** Lb.
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"All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Chops
Value Pack **\$249** Lb.
Boneless Center Cut Pork Roast **\$2.29** Lb.

We Offer The Best Selection of
Whole Beef Tenderloin
"Our Value Priced"
\$6.99 Lb.
All Sold Whole in the Bag
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Oscar Mayer
Sliced Bacon
Assorted Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.
\$4.99

Bob Evans
Pork Sausage Roll
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.
2/\$5
Pork Breakfast Sausage • Links • Patties • 12 Oz. **2/\$5**

Honeysuckle
Turkey Breast Tenderloins
Cutlets
\$4.29 Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef" Semi-Boneless
E-Z Carve Beef Rib Roast
Sold as Roast Only
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Oscar Mayer
• DeliFresh • Natural
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Assorted Varieties
5.5 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5
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Kingsford Cooked
Baby Back Pork Ribs with Sauce
16 Oz.
\$6.49

Carl Buddig
Thin Sliced Meats
Assorted Varieties
2 Oz.
3/\$2

USDA Choice Certified
Hereford "Natural Beef"
Eye of Round Roast
Sold as Roast Only
\$3.79 Lb.
Eye of Round Steaks Value Pack **\$3.99** Lb.

Hillshire Farm
• Lit'l Wieners
• Lit'l Smokies
Assorted Varieties
12 - 14 Oz.
2/\$5

Cooked Perfect
Meatballs
Assorted Varieties
20 - 32 Oz.
\$4.99

Buona Beef
Italian Beef & Gravy
4 Lb. Tub
\$14.99
Italian Meatballs 32 Oz. Tub **\$5.99**
Italian Sausage • Mild • Hot 19 Oz. **\$3.79**

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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. All Steaks are Perfectly Marbled and Aged for Juiciness and Tenderness Guaranteed!

When You Think Of Meats... Think Of Walt's!

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Crown Pork Roast **\$2.99** Lb.
Please Call in your Order

Walt's Premium "All Natural Pork"
Boneless Center Cut
Pork Roast **\$2.29** Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
Beef Tenderloin
Filet Mignon.... **\$19.99** Lb.

Surf & Turf **\$21.95** Ea.
6 Oz. Cold Water Lobster Tail and
6 Oz. Beef Tenderloin Filet

Starting At **\$59.95**

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Supreme Choice
Shrimp Ring with Sauce... 10 Oz. **\$4.99**

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Cooked Tail-On Shrimp 1 Lb. Bag **\$7.99**

Frozen 16 - 20 Ct.
King Crab Legs **\$19.99** Lb.
Product of Argentina

Cold Water
Lobster Tail... 8 - 10 Oz. **\$14.99** Ea.

Morey's Seafood
Grilled Salmon Fillets 10 Oz. **\$5.49**
Grilled Tilapia Fillets 10 Oz. **\$4.99**

USDA Choice Domestic
Whole Leg of Lamb
Sold Whole in the Bag
Free Processing!
\$4.79 Lb.
Whole Semi-Boneless Leg of Lamb **\$6.99** Lb.

Walt's "All Natural"
Fresh Chicken
Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
\$1.29 Lb.
No Hormones Added

Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Turkey Breast
\$7.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
\$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Chicken Breast
\$6.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Garden Fresh
7 Layer Salad ... **\$6.99** Lb.

Garden Fresh
German Potato Salad **\$2.99** Lb.

Garden Fresh
Cranberry Walnut
Red Cabbage Slaw **\$4.99** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut
Bread Pudding..... **\$5.49** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut
Strawberry Cheese Cake **\$4.99** Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Ham
\$5.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
\$2.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Beef
\$9.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
\$4.99 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium
Ham off the Bone
\$4.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Bobak's
Smoked Polish Sausage
\$3.49 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Oasis
Hummus
Assorted Varieties
10 Oz.
2/\$5
Great Appetizer

Kangaroo
Pita Chips
Assorted Varieties
9 Oz.
2/\$5

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Turano
Rolls
• French 6 Pk.
• Bambino 8 Pk.
\$2.99

Hillshire
Party Tray
Selected Varieties
12.5 Oz.
\$9.99

Beautiful Party Trays

Make Any Occasion A Success.
We offer a Wide Variety of Party Trays in Many Sizes.
Lunchmeat, Cheese, Vegetable and Shrimp.
Also Submarine Sandwiches.
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BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Deli Hut
Bone-In Chicken Wings
\$3.99 Lb.
Tyson

Walt's Deli Hut
Bone-In Chicken Wings
2 Lb. Bucket
\$8.99
Tyson

DAIRY

Pillsbury Rolls
•Crescent
•Cinnamon
•Sweet
8 - 13.9 Oz.
2/\$4

Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
16.3 Oz.
2/\$3

Dutch Farms English Muffins
6 Pk.
99¢

Bailey's, Dunkin' Donuts or International Delight
Flavored Creamer
Quart
\$2.79

Blue Bonnet Margarine
1 Lb. Qtrs.
99¢

Dutch Farms Organic Milk
1/2 Gallon
2/\$6

Pillsbury
•Cookies 16 - 16.5 Oz.
•Grands! Crescent Rolls 8 Ct.
•Rolled Pie Crusts 14.1 Oz.
2/\$5

Oberweis Egg Nog
Quart
\$3.99

Oberweis Egg Nog
1/2 Gallon
\$5.99

Dutch Farms Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs
6 Pk.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms Butter
•Regular
•No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$6

Yoplait Yogurt
•Original
•Whips
•Light
•Selected Varieties
4 - 6 Oz.
10/\$5

Dutch Farms Cream Cheese
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat
•Fat Free
8 Oz. Box
89¢

Daisy Brand Sour Cream
14 - 16 Oz.
Sale Price
\$1.89

Daisy SOUR CREAM
24 Oz.
2/\$5

Digital Reward Coupon -30¢
Final Price \$1.59
Must use Wal-Mart's App to redeem.

Dutch Farms Premium Dips
11.5 - 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms Cheese
•Variety Pack Tray 1 Lb. Pkg.
•Cheese Melt 2 Lb. Loaf
\$4.49

Dutch Farms Gelatin Rings
19.5 - 22 Oz.
2/\$3

Whipped Topping
6.5 Oz. Can
2/\$3

3/\$4 SALE! 3/\$4 SALE!

Dutch Farms Cheese
•Regular, Fancy or Thick Shreddeds
Selected Varieties 6 - 8 Oz.
•Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices
Selected Varieties 6 - 7.6 Oz.
3/\$4

I Can't Believe It's Not Butter
8 - 16 Oz.
\$2.99

Shedd's Country Crock Soft Spread
45 Oz.
\$2.99

Frigo Cheese
•Ricotta 32 Oz.
•Mozzarella Ball 16 Oz.
\$3.99

Win Schuler's Cheese Spread
8 Oz.
2/\$6

Land O' Lakes Butter
•Regular
•No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$7

Kraft Jar Cheese
5 Oz. Jar
\$2.99

When You Buy 4 Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese
•Original
•1/3 Less Fat
8 Oz. Box
99¢
Must Buy 4. Single Item Price \$1.29 Ea.

3/\$5 SALE! 3/\$5 SALE!

Dutch Farms Sour Cream Cottage Cheese
16 Oz.
3/\$5

Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk
1/2 Qt.
Whipping Cream
1/2 Pt.
Half & Half
14 Oz.
Sour Cream
16 Oz.
Dean's Dips
16 Oz.
Dean's Egg Nog
1/2 Gallon
\$3.99

Kraft Jar Cheese
5 Oz. Jar
\$2.99

When You Buy 4 Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese
•Original
•1/3 Less Fat
8 Oz. Box
99¢
Must Buy 4. Single Item Price \$1.29 Ea.

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

Kraft Cheez Whiz
15 Oz. Jar
\$3.99

Kraft Velveeta Cheese
2 Lb. Loaf
\$7.49

Buy 1 Kraft Velveeta Cheese 2 Lb. Loaf Get 2 10 Oz. Baked **FREE!**

Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice
52 Oz.
\$2.99

Best Choice Butter
•Regular
•No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$5

Dutch Farms Orange Juice
Gallon
2/\$7

Fairlife Milk
•Whole
•2% Reduced Fat
•Chocolate
52 Oz.
2/\$5

TruMoo Chocolate Milk
Gallon
\$3.99

Simply Orange Juice
52 Oz.
2/\$6

FROZEN

ICE CREAM BONANZA! 2/\$5

Ice Cream
•Dean's Classic 56 Oz.
•Dean's Premium 48 Oz.
•Prairie Farms Premium 56 Oz.
2/\$5

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.
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Pillsbury Frozen Pie Crusts
•Regular
•Deep Dish
2 Pk.
2/\$4

Best Choice Sliced Strawberries 15.5 Oz. **\$2.59**

Sara Lee Oven Fresh Pies
•Apple •Dutch Apple
•Cherry •Sweet Potato
•Mince •Pumpkin
34 Oz.
2/\$6

Sara Lee Pecan Pie
34 Oz.
\$5.99

From Our Dairy Dept. Reddi Whip Whipped Topping Selected Varieties 6.5 Oz. **2/\$4**

Marie Callender's Pies
•Fruit •Cream
Selected Varieties 24.8 - 42 Oz.
Sale Price
\$4.99

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Edwards Creme Pies
23.5 - 38.3 Oz.
\$4.99

Pepperidge Farm Regular 3-Layer Cake
19 - 19.6 Oz.
2/\$6

Mrs. Smith's Fruit Pies
•Apple •Dutch Apple •Cherry
•Peach •Sweet Potato •Pumpkin
35 - 37 Oz.
\$3.99

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8 Oz.
99¢

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•Regular •Rice
•Steamfresh
Selected Varieties 10 - 16 Oz.
99¢

Hudsonville Premium Ice Cream
48 Oz.
2/\$6

Prairie Farms Sherbet
Quart
2/\$3

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•Ice Cream Sandwiches
•Ice Cream Bars •Fudge Bars
•Toffee Bars •Crunch Bars
•Orange Cream Bars
10 - 12 Pk.
2/\$7

Edy's Grand
•Ice Cream
•Yogurt •Sherbet
48 Oz.
\$3.99

Turkey Hill Premium Ice Cream
48 Oz.
\$2.99

Rhodes Rolls
•Cinnamon •Dinner
•Texas White •Crusty
•Anytime Cinnamon
Selected Varieties 6 - 36 Ct.
\$3.99

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12 Oz.
\$1.99

Pillsbury Frozen Grands! Biscuits
12 Pk.
2/\$5

Rosetto Pasta
19 - 25 Oz.
\$3.99

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

Marie Callender's Dinner Pot Pie
Selected Varieties 10.5 - 15 Oz.
\$2.99

Bella Nico Beef
26 Oz.
\$5.99

Simek's Lasagna
2 Lb.
\$5.99

Banquet Meat Pot Pie
7 Oz.
\$2.99

Michelina's Entree
Selected Varieties 4.5 - 8.5 Oz.
10/\$10

OnCor Entree
24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$6

Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza
12 Inch
4/\$10

Dutch Farms Sandwiches
4.9 - 5.5 Oz.
10/\$10

Dutch Farms Corn Dogs 6 - 16 Ct. **\$2.99**
Regular •Bites

Simek's Meatballs
17 - 22 Oz.
\$4.99

TGI Friday's Appetizers
7.6 - 11 Oz.
\$2.99

SuperPretzel Soft Pretzels
Selected Varieties 9 - 13 Oz.
\$2.59

DiGiorno Pizza
12 Inch
2/\$10

Pizza
•Urban Pie 16.20 - 20.45 Oz.
•Scream'n' Sicilian Loaded Pan 20.80 - 24.65 Oz.
\$5.99

Scream'n' Sicilian Pizza
20.2 - 25.05 Oz.
2/\$9

Gino's East Thin Crust Pizza
12 Inch
3/\$9

Pizza
•Home Run Inn Classic
•Gino's East Tavern Style
12 Inch
\$5.99

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•Stove Top Stuffing Mix 6 Oz.
2/\$3

Betty Crocker Specialty Potatoes 3.7 - 5.1 Oz.
10/\$10

Kraft Deluxe Mac & Cheese
•Velveeta Shells & Cheese 9.4 - 14 Oz.
2/\$5

Hellmann's Mayonnaise 30 - 36 Oz.
\$3.29

Ocean Spray
•Cranberry Cocktails
•100% Juice 60 - 64 Oz.
2/\$5

Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce 14 Oz.
\$1.39

Dole
•Pineapple 20 Oz.
•Mandarin Oranges 11 Oz.
5/\$5

Jell-O
•Gelatin
•Pudding 3 - 3.9 Oz.
4/\$3

Bruce's Cut Sweet Potatoes 40 Oz.
2/\$5

Nabisco Crackers
•Snack 3.75 - 10 Oz.
•Ritz 8.5 - 13.7 Oz.
3/\$5

Diamond Shelled Walnuts 32 Oz.
\$7.99

Baker's Baking Chocolate Bar 4 Oz.
2/\$4

Nestle Morsels Baking Chips 10 - 12 Oz.
2/\$5

Ocean Spray Craisins 6 Oz.
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Kraft Salad Dressing 14 - 16 Oz.
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Creamettes or DaVinci Pasta Selected Varieties 12 - 16 Oz.
99¢

Newman's Own Pasta Sauce 24 Oz.
2/\$4

Colavita Extra Virgin Olive Oil 25.5 Oz.
\$8.99

Wesson Oil
•Canola
•Vegetable
•Best Blend 48 Oz.
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Campbell's Cream Soup
•Mushroom
•Chicken 10.5 Oz.
88¢

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2/\$3

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•Traditional
•Light
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Sale Price **4/\$5**
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\$5.99
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Keebler Graham Pie Crust 6 Oz.
\$1.99

Kraft Jet-Puffed
•Marshmallows
•Marshmallow Creme 7 - 10 Oz.
5/\$5

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix 8.5 Oz.
2/\$1

French's French Fried Onions 6 Oz.
\$3.49

Jays Potato Chips 10 Oz.
2/\$4

Domino Sugar
•Granulated 4 Lb.
•Powdered 2 Lb.
•Brown 2 Lb.
2/\$4

Gold Medal Flour 5 Lb.
2/\$4

Reynolds Wrap Foil
•50 Ft. Heavy Duty
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•Dinner Plates 32 Ct.
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Betty Crocker Super Moist Cake Mix 15.25 Oz.
10/\$10

Betty Crocker Brownie Mix
•Fudge
•Milk Chocolate 18.3 - 18.4 Oz.
10/\$10

Betty Crocker Cookie Mix
•Gingerbread
•Pumpkin Spice 17.5 Oz.
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