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Andy Mitchell awakens after oral surgery at St. Bernard Hospital's dental clinic. His parents previously struggled to find dentists to treat him.

## 8 extractions, 23 fillings, ONE BIG SMILE

A South Side dental clinic is serving Chicago's most vulnerable patients

BY CINDY DAMPIER  
Chicago Tribune

In a sunlit room down a white hallway in St. Bernard Hospital on Chicago's South Side, Francine and Rodney Mitchell are waiting.

Their teenage son, Andy, lies on an operating table not far away, asleep amid the beeps of

monitors, the hiss and thump of an oxygen machine, and the unmistakable, high-pitched whir of a dental drill. Andy is intellectually and physically disabled, not easily able to communicate or control his own body, and though he has survived and even thrived under the care of two dedicated parents, routine dental care has been difficult to obtain.

Like many people with special needs in the U.S., Andy has suffered with untreated tooth decay. He has been in pain and now has cavities in 23 teeth, bone loss around his front teeth, and eight teeth that will need to be extracted before his treatment today is over. "He can't really tell you when something hurts," says his father. "He'll just

ball up and cry."

The Mitchells knew that Andy's teeth needed care but struggled to find dentists who were willing or able to help. "We tried to take him to a neighborhood clinic," Rodney says, "but they didn't want to touch him. A lot of dentists won't touch spe-

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## Chicago group nixes march

Women's protest set for January is idled amid national controversy

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS  
Chicago Tribune

As controversy swells around national Women's March organizers, the local group has decided not to host a march in January — an event that for the past two years drew hundreds of thousands of supporters to Grant Park in concert with similar marches across the globe.

While Women's March Chicago organizers cited high costs and limited volunteer hours as the main reasons for nixing the annual rally and march, the break comes amid splintering within the national Women's March leadership following accusations of anti-Semitism and scrutiny of its ties to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Marches and rallies are still planned for Jan. 19 in Washington, D.C., and dozens of cities nationwide and internationally, as well as other parts of Illinois like Rockford, southwest suburban New Lenox and northwest suburban Woodstock.

Women's March Chicago leaders say they'll commemorate the anniversary of the original march with another activity but haven't released any details on the location or nature of the event.

"There's no march, there's no rally," said Sara Kurensky, Women's March Chicago board member. "We're going to provide ways for people to organize and take action in their local communities."

The announcement elicited a range of reactions on the Women's March Chicago Facebook page.

"This is disappointing," one member wrote. "Women continue fighting to be heard in this patron-

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President Donald Trump talks to service members Tuesday via a video conference call from the Oval Office.

## Trump: Wall money or shutdown goes on

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that parts of the federal government will stay closed until Democrats agree to more funds for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border to deter criminal elements. He said he's open to calling the wall something else as long as he ends up with an actual wall.

In a Christmas appearance in the Oval Office, Trump issued a lengthy defense of his desire for a wall, saying it's the only way to stop drugs and human traffick-

### Second child dies

U.S. authorities say a second Guatemalan child has died while in U.S. custody on the border. **Nation & World**, Page 11

ers from entering the country. In a nod to the political stakes he's facing, Trump said he wants the wall by "election time" in 2020.

The promise of a border wall was a central component of Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

"I can't tell you when the

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### BETRAYED

## Dysfunctional relationship, crush or emotional abuse?

CPS moves to fire teacher for conduct from 18 years ago

BY JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS AND JUAN PEREZ JR.  
Chicago Tribune

Laura Lefkow-Hynes had long viewed her teenage relationship with her chemistry teacher at Lincoln Park High School as mutual, though dysfunctional.

Then, as an adult with a daughter of her own and the #MeToo movement in the news, she began to see it differently.

"Abuse doesn't always look like a sexual relationship of some kind. It can be emotional, and it can be destructive," said Lefkow-Hynes, 34, who is a lawyer. "And it can happen to anyone."

She wrote a letter to Chicago Public Schools officials in October 2017 to make them aware that one of their current employees had been in an inappropriate relationship with her during her 10th- and 11th-grade years.

And then, sharing journal entries, she described to CPS inves-



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Laura Lefkow-Hynes, 34, wrote a letter to Chicago Public Schools officials in 2017 to tell them a teacher of hers had been in an inappropriate relationship with her during her sophomore and junior years.

tigators what she recalled: the pet names, the late-night, hours-long phone calls, him holding her hand and brushing his mouth against her neck. Driving her in his car. Chastising her when she kissed a boy at a party.

Lefkow-Hynes wasn't sure anything would come of her complaint about the teacher,

James Galinski.

But her complaint set in motion an investigation and now a legal fight that is putting a spotlight on what happened all those years ago and what type of discipline is appropriate for the teacher.

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### CLASSIC COLUMN



JASON MEISNER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2009

If you're hosting a holiday dinner and want to make something special, try standing rib roast of beef made a certain way.



## JOHN KASS

# Special holiday meal will have guests drooling

*This column was originally published Dec. 18, 2009.*

The other day in the paper, I read a well-written yet highly troubling food story about whether to serve turkey or goose for Christmas dinner.

Surely, either is delicious for Thanksgiving. But here's the thing: Do I look like Tiny Tim to you? So if you're hosting a dinner for Christmas or New Year's or any other holiday — and you want to offer your guests something that says "special occasion" — I'll tell you what to cook.

It never had a beak. Never had feathers or ate seeds. But I guarantee it will knock the itchy woolen socks from Martha Stewart's feet.

I'm talking standing rib roast of beef, bone in, cooked outdoors, over hardwood charcoal, served medium rare using a Weber Smokey Mountain cooker. And if you want to see how it's done, go to [www.chicagotribune.com/kassroast](http://www.chicagotribune.com/kassroast) and watch the video.

For the rub, we used an Italian recipe from Carolyn Meisner, of Watch Hill, R.I. She's the mom of my young colleague Wings. He let me think his grandma carried it over from Calabria many years ago as a wee girl.

If you carefully follow my instructions, your guests will crowd around as you begin to carve, salivating like Cro-Magnon men and making noises that sound like "Dhondra! Dhondra!" which is what the randy cavemen said in the forgettable film "Quest for Fire."

Start out with excellent meat. We bought a five-rib roast at Casey's Meat Market in Western Springs. Eddie Montaldo, a meat cutter recognized by his colleagues as the master of rib roast, offered these tips:

"What you're looking for is to make sure that the roast isn't too high on top. That means it's an older animal. You want to make sure that the col-

oring isn't real dark red, almost purple. That's an older animal. You want it red. And you look for the (fat) marbling in the meat. You want a young animal. And this one is going to be excellent."

It was. The butchers unhinged the rib bones, then tied them back on, making it easier to carve but still leaving the ribs necessary for flavor and cooking.

Here's Mrs. Meisner's delicious Italian rub, enough for a four-bone roast. If your roast is larger, add more stuff. Remove the leaves from fresh rosemary (a little more than one cup) and chop them with a sharp knife. Add eight fat cloves of roughly chopped garlic, the zest of four lemons, the juice of one lemon, a half cup of kosher salt and a quarter cup of fresh coarsely ground black pepper. Toss into a food processor. Slowly drizzle in about a half cup of extra virgin olive oil.

Spread the paste all over the roast to form a crust. If you need more paste, just make some. Allow the roast to sit in a steel or glass pan until at room temperature, about an hour or two. Don't refrigerate overnight. The salt will draw out the juices.

Now prepare the fire with the Smokey Mountain cooker, as prescribed by Chicago barbecue master Gary Wiviott in his book "Low & Slow," which makes an excellent gift. You can also do this roast on a standard Weber kettle, via the indirect method.

On the WSM, fill the fire ring at the base three-quarters full of unlit, lump wood charcoal (never briquettes). Fill a chimney starter with more coals, light the starter, and when the coals are ashed over, pour them on the fire ring. I add a small bit of applewood, no more.

Remove the water pan. Keep the bottom vents fully open. A cheap oven

thermometer on the top rack will help you measure the temperature. Put the roast directly on the top grill, bone side down and cover at high heat, 400 degrees if you can reach it. Continue cooking on high for 20 minutes, bottom vents fully open. Then close the bottom vents to one-third open to lower the temperature. Always leave the top vent fully open.

Cook between 300 to 320 degrees. Figure 18 minutes per pound. When we cooked, it was 25 degrees outside. So if the cooking temperature drops below 300, just add more lit coals. Don't keep opening the lid to peek. After about two hours (depending on roast size), check the internal meat temperature with an instant-read thermometer. Do not strike bone.

When the meat reaches 128 degrees (no higher), remove the roast from the cooker and let it rest inside your house for at least 20 minutes. The internal temperature will continue to climb. The roast will be pink and juicy.

There are no meat drippings with standing rib roast; you'll have to make a gravy. And don't forget the horseradish sauce: 6 ounces of prepared horseradish folded into 12 ounces of unsweetened, whipped heavy cream. A nice cabernet, garlic mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus and that's my trick.

When I began to slice, Wings crowded the cutting board, his hands shaking. "Dhondra!" he said. "Dhondra!"

Guests don't say "dhondra" for a bird.

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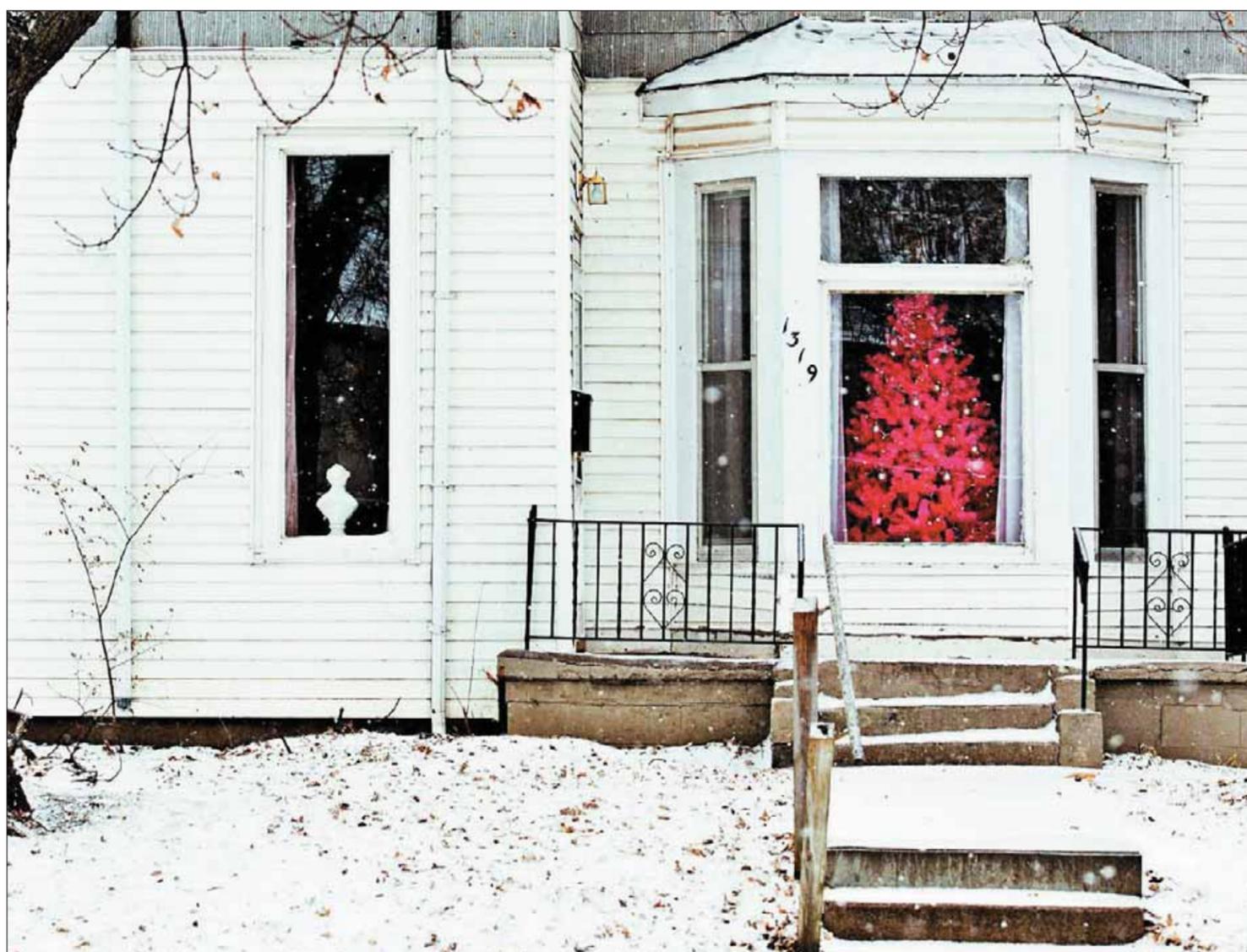
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Columnist Heidi Stevens in 2012 embraced the idea of a pink Christmas tree, like this one seen in an Omaha, Neb., home, in the midst of her divorce from her husband.

# Dreaming of a pink Christmas



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
Balancing Act

*In 2012, I wrote this essay about my first divorced Christmas. Much has changed since then; I got remarried, my kids and I moved again, each of us grew in different ways. As we decorated our little pink tree this year, I was reminded that the message here is still relevant, particularly if you find yourself embarking on a new and different set of traditions this year, for better or for worse.*

This is the year I left behind my marriage — and with it, any hopes of giving my kids the childhood I had. Idyllic, nuclear, traditional.

This is a startling realization, particularly at the holidays. Because what are the holidays, if not a great, big gluttonous

feast on tradition? And what is tradition, if not doing what you've always done?

This year will not be what we've always done. This year will be what we've never done. I couldn't be happier. (Actually, I could be happier, and I will be happier, and I deserve to be happier. This is also the year I've shelled out \$140 an hour for a therapist.)

But back to the holidays. We will have a pink Christmas tree.

This was my daughter's request during one of those Divorce Conversations I'll Never Forget. Anyone who's been through a divorce, even tangentially, knows these conversations. Some are short, some are protracted, some are soul-crushing, some are hilarious.

When I broke the divorce news to my dear, wise friend Beth over lunch, she put down her fork, looked deep into my eyes and said, "Do you have a Crock-Pot?"

I do have a Crock-Pot, and told her as much.

She was greatly relieved.

She, too, is a single, full-time working mom of two. She knows that your sanity often hinges on the state of dinner.

The pink tree request grew from a more tearful conversation. It was April, and we had just moved from our roomy, memory-filled townhouse to a 13th-floor condo with a killer lake view (largely lost on 6- and 2-year-olds). They mostly delighted in their new spot, but it was small and strange and not the home they'd known all their lives.

One evening, a few pages into "Horton Hears a Who," my daughter turned to me wide-eyed and said, panicked, "Who's going to put up our Christmas tree? You don't know how!"

I could fake my way through this one. ("Of course I know how!" Although I didn't.) I could become indignant. ("You think I can't put up a tree? Have you seen me make three breakfasts and pack two lunches and check your homework and throw in a load of laundry and get ready for work

and curl your hair for picture day and potty-train your brother and start the Crock-Pot, all before 8 a.m.?" Although that would be very, very beside the point.)

Or I could dignify her question with some honesty.

"Yikes, sweetie. That's a good point. Do you think you could help me?"

"No!" She was getting more upset. "It's really hard, and daddy's the only one who knows how!"

"Hmm. I wonder if you'd help me shop for a new one. One that's easier to put up?"

She started to brighten.

"Yes! We can get a new one!"

"Great," I grinned, sobbing a little on the inside at the range and intensity of her emotions.

"Let's do it!"

"Can it be pink?"

Can it be pink. Yes, it can be pink! It can be pink leopard-print with a sequins-covered trunk and Nicki Minaj perched on top in place of an angel, if that will make your Christmas merry. It can be all the things it's never been because it can't

be all the things it used to be. And that's just fine. It's more than fine. It's beautiful.

Because this year we're creating, not re-creating. This year, I finally realized, my kids don't need to live my childhood. They need to live theirs.

I often seek out little nuggets of wisdom to get me through my more bewildering moments of this new life. Sometimes they come from friends (like Beth). Sometimes they come from Nora Ephron or Gandhi.

For my holiday motto, I'm adopting the words of Mother Teresa, though I doubt she had Christmas decor in mind when she gave voice to them.

"We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love."

And when possible, we can do them in pink.

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## City can tax cigars, chewing tobacco

Illinois court rules in favor of Emanuel's ordinance

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's tax on cigars, chewing tobacco and roll-your-own tobacco is legal and can be added to the price of those tobacco products, according to a court ruling.

The Illinois Appellate Court overruled the Cook County circuit court last week in a lawsuit brought by a tobacco retailers group against Emanuel's 2016 taxes. The group sued on the grounds state law prohibited new types of tobacco taxes, and the city had previously only taxed cigarettes.

But the appeals judges agreed with the city's argument that the existing cigarette tax means the additional taxes on other tobacco products aren't considered separate new taxes, according to Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey.

Emanuel's ordinance includes a 15-cent tax per "little cigar," raising the cost of a 20-pack of some varieties such as Swisher Sweets from \$5.79 to \$8.79. It also imposes a 90-cent tax on larger cigars. A \$1.80 per ounce tax on smokeless tobacco can also be imposed, bumping the price of a 1.2-ounce can from \$4.19 to \$6.35; and a \$6.60-per-ounce tax on roll-your-own tobacco, raising the average price of a "small pouch" from \$7.25 to \$11.54.

The mayor estimated it would bring in about \$6 million annually. The city plans to start imposing the tax as soon as retailers can be informed about their responsibilities to collect it and send the proceeds to the city.

Corporation counsel Ed Siskel applauded the court ruling, and said in a statement that the city would "continue to lead the way in discouraging the use of tobacco and nicotine in all of its forms, whether its cigarettes, e-cigarettes or smokeless tobacco."

Emanuel had uncharacteristic difficulty getting the tax package through the City Council, part of an anti-tobacco push that also included raising the age to legally buy smokes in Chicago to 21.

Aldermen complained it would hurt retailers and further strengthen the market for illegal tobacco that's already a problem in many neighborhoods, and briefly blocked it from coming to a vote on the council floor. It eventually passed in March 2016 by a 35-10 vote.

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## 'You love those dogs more than you love me'

Police: Man throws dogs off balcony, killing Chihuahua

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY  
Chicago Tribune

Charges are pending against a man accused of throwing two small dogs off a second-floor balcony in West Town during a fight with his wife, killing a 17-year-old Chihuahua, authorities said.

The second dog ran away and had not been found, said Officer Jennifer Bryk, a Chicago police spokeswoman.

Police said they responded on West Grand Avenue about 9:10 p.m. Monday and found the Chihuahua dead.

A 55-year-old woman told police she had gotten into a fight with her husband in a vehicle and that he slapped her twice, police said.

"You love those dogs more than you love me. ... I'm going to kill those dogs," police said the 51-year-old man said as the argument continued outside the woman's home.

The man grabbed the woman's keys, went inside the home and threw the two dogs off a second-floor balcony, police said.

The man remained in custody Tuesday morning, Bryk said.

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Guests gather around the piano bar at Sabatino's on Dec. 23. The Italian-American restaurant closed Sunday after 49 years.

## Sabatino's says goodbye

Final dinner service seasoned with patrons' memories

BY LOUISA CHU  
Chicago Tribune

If you passed by Sabatino's on Sunday at noon, when the beloved 49-year-old Italian restaurant opened for its last day in the Old Irving Park neighborhood, you would have seen the big sign out front, but surprisingly no line outside.

The big letter board over Irving Park Road, which has marked milestone banquets for generations of families celebrating inside, was blank the night before. Overnight it changed to read like a roadside haiku: "Thank you. For 41 years. Angelo. Enzo."

Brothers and co-owners Angelo and Enzo Pagni are the third set of owners, but the longest lasting, and the ones who made the restaurant into an institution. They sold to retire. The buyer, GW Properties owner Mitch Goltz, plans to develop the property into a retail, restaurant and residential mix.

There was not a line camped out overnight because that's just not how you do things at a place like Sabatino's, with white tablecloths and Wednesday lobster nights. Soon after the Pagnis announced in August that the restaurant would close, they had to shut down online reservations when the system was slammed with nearly 100 requests in an hour. In the months that followed, reservations were taken by phone only. The place booked fully a month out, despite desperate requests on social media.

On Sunday at the opening, a few insiders were already seated, some staying until the place got mobbed all night.

"We opened the doors a few minutes earlier so people don't have to stand outside," said Angelo Pagni. "It was not uncommon in the last couple of months to have 20, 30, 40 people before the doors opened."

On the last day, you would have seen a white paper sign taped to one of the brown double doors, printed with endearingly extraneous apostrophes: "No walk in's. Reservation's only." That might have deterred you, but not a few die-hard parties.

"We're just three little people," said Elissa Gitlow, laughing nervously to Angelo at the door right at noon. "No way, right?" He asked them to wait.

"As soon as they announced they were closing we tried to make a reservation two months out," said Gitlow, waiting with husband Jason Hecker and their 11-year-old son Ian Hecker.

Sabatino's was the last restaurant they visited with Gitlow's grandfather when he visited Chicago three years before he died at 95. "You're going to make me cry," she said as she shared memories.

Angelo returned. "Come on in," he said. "We didn't take as many reservations as we normally would even on a regular Sunday," he said after seating the family in the back dining room, next to the table where they celebrated Gitlow's mother's



Brothers and co-owners Enzo and Angelo Pagni at Sabatino's during their last night in business.

75th birthday.

"We wanted to be able to say goodbye to people who turned out," he added. "We tried to make it as nice and smooth as we can, although I know it's going to be a little bit hectic later."

Meanwhile, his brother had just seated a couple in one of the private booths hidden in the middle dining room. "Today was a sad drive, much different than it's been for all these years," said Enzo Pagni with a big smile. "I've been happy always to come to work. Today was just a little bit different, but unfortunately the day is here."

Tears welled in his eyes. "I'm just thinking about all the relationships, all the great people that have come through here, all the great employees we've had," he added, his voice breaking.

Back at the bar in the front room, Kathy Stegemann sat at the corner closest to the door with friends Debbie Cook and Cindy Buckley, each with a big glass of white pinot grigio wine. When you dined at the bar at Sabatino's a white cloth napkin was placed on the dark wood bar in front of you, serving as a tiny tablecloth.

"We've been coming here for 40 years," said Stegemann. "We didn't want to miss their last day, so I called the girls."

"My family lives on this block," said Buckley. "For 40 years we've had a block party and for 40 years Sabatino's has sent food down: mostaccioli, sausage and meatballs, pizza bread, salad. They'd always say if you need more just let us know and we'll bring more down for you."

And it was free. "It's a well-kept secret," she added, laughing. "The neighborhood has changed, but this block is on like its third and fourth generation of families."

After a leisurely lunch, the lucky Gitlow-Hecker party, the first through the door, left with bags of leftover chicken parmigiana with a side of pesto mostaccioli, plus gnudi, gnudi, the ricotta dumplings like gnocchi.

"When Mom said she wanted to try, I honestly didn't think there was any chance of us getting in," said 11-year-old Ian. "I was already looking up restaurants that were close to here."

Later on the last night, he was right. The house was packed with piano bar guests

taking the microphone to sing along. The crowd around the main bar stood three deep. Each of the three dining rooms sat full, with extra chairs pulled up to overflowing tables.

The last reservation at 8 p.m. for a party of six wasn't seated until after an uncharacteristic 30-minute wait. By then the shrimp — found in the vermicelli ala Angelo and shrimp Enzo — had long sold out. But that didn't disappoint Nancy Rosman.

"I think we were one of the very first people to make reservations for this night," said Rosman, with husband Joe Rosman and their four adult children. "We were here several months ago, and I think they had just announced they were closing. My husband and I came by ourselves last night. We brought our whole family for tonight."

"We've been coming since before our children were born," she added. "I had plans to travel and delayed them until after this night."

"We've been coming here since 1980 or '81," said Joe Rosman.

"It feels very Chicago," Nancy Rosman said. "Like some of the things fast disappearing from Chicago."

Though Sunday night was the last night of service for Sabatino's restaurant, the dining rooms will witness one more milestone.

"We're going to have a little get-together with all the employees and their significant others," said Angelo. "We'll have some food, we'll have some cocktails and say goodbye."

But the party will be catered by his son, Angelo Pagni, chef and owner of Little Angelo's Pizza in Rosemont. "He wanted homemade sausage and peppers, some pizzas and roasted chicken," said son Angelo. What does he think about his father and uncle retiring? "It's bittersweet. It's their whole life. They worked very hard all these years and they deserve to relax and go places and do things while they still have a lot of energy to do so."

In a stolen quiet moment on the last big night at Sabatino's, his father echoed the sentiment. "Right now it's more bitter than sweet. As time goes on I hope that it was the right decision, but so far I think it is."

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## CPD seizes more than 9K guns in 2018

Associated Press

The Chicago Police Department says officers have seized more than 9,600 illegal guns so far this year and the department is on pace to recover about 900 more guns than were taken off the city's streets in 2017.

The department has made a concerted effort in recent years to find as many illegal guns as possible, and the total has climbed to the point where police Superintendent Eddie Johnson says in a news release that officers in 2018 were taking more than one illegal gun off the street every hour.

The department says the seizures — along with making more than 4,200 arrests on gun-related charges this year — is part of

a strategy that has helped significantly reduce the number of homicides, robberies and other violent crimes in 2018.

Most of the guns seized by police have been semi-automatic handguns. The department has also collected nearly 200 assault-style weapons, including AK-47 and AR-15 rifles.

Just last weekend, police took 49 guns off the street, according to the department.

Police districts that have seen the highest number of gun seizures include Harrison on the West Side and Deering, Englewood and Gresham on the South Side. Those districts account for one third of the total number of guns seized this year. They also have historically borne the brunt of the

city's gun violence.

The spike in gun seizures comes at a time when shootings and homicides are down overall. As of Dec. 1, the city has seen a 16 percent decrease in slayings and a 12 percent decrease in shootings compared to the same time last year, according to Anthony Guglielmi, the department's chief spokesman.

The numbers from this year and last year also represent a sharp decline compared to violent crime in 2016, when the city exceeded 700 homicides for the first time in nearly two decades.

Chicago Tribune's Elyssa Cherney contributed.

# Chicago group nixes march

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izing patriarchal society. We are not done.”

Some made plans to join marches in other cities instead.

“Going back to DC!” another member wrote. “There’s too much to march for!”

Others expressed support for the choice to forgo a January march.

“A lot has come to light about national in the last year,” one member wrote. “I support not marching with them.”

Leaders of the national group Women’s March Inc. have come under fire for their slowness to condemn the rhetoric of Farrakhan, whose Chicago-based Nation of Islam is considered an anti-Semitic hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

In a February speech, Farrakhan praised Women’s March Inc. co-President Tamika Mallory and in the same address declared “the powerful Jews are my enemy.” The national organization denounced Farrakhan’s comments in March, but many criticized leaders for not speaking up sooner. Mallory has also praised Farrakhan on social media.

Co-founder of the national movement Teresa Shook in November called for national leaders to step down, after having “allowed anti-Semitism, anti-LGBTQIA sentiment and hateful, racist rhetoric to become a part of the platform by their refusal to separate themselves from groups that espouse these racist, hateful beliefs,” according to a social media post.

The president of a Women’s March chapter in Washington state earlier this month announced the group would be dissolving in protest. The Rhode Island chapter in May said it was separating from the national organization.

The national Women’s March group said in a written statement that its organizers reject all forms of bigotry.

“The organization and its leaders have dedicated themselves to liberating women from all forms of oppression, including anti-Semitism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, racism, white supremacy, xenophobia and Islamophobia,” the statement said. “We look forward to marching together on January 19.”

Women’s March Chicago organizers say they are a grassroots group not directly affiliated with Women’s March Inc., though past local marches have been held in sync with the national group and other similar marches across the country. While the decision to forgo a January march wasn’t based on recent controversy, Kurensky said the opportunity to further distance the Chicago organization from national Women’s March leaders was a “side benefit.”

“That sort of infighting within the movement is very painful. It’s very painful to watch,” she said. “When a handful of leaders ... say something, they are not speaking for an entire



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Demonstrators gather in front of the White House during the national Women’s March on Jan. 20.

movement.”

Women’s March Chicago leaders also denounced anti-Semitism and Farrakhan’s February comments.

Women’s March Chicago held a local event in October dubbed “March to the Polls,” which was designed to spur midterm election voting and attracted some 100,000 supporters to Grant Park, according to organizers. Kurensky said hosting these marches costs more than \$150,000 and requires countless volunteer hours, so the group didn’t have the resources to host a second one so soon after that.

“If we waited until January, what were we waiting for?” she said. “If the elections weren’t what we were hoping for, what are we marching for? What would be the purpose for marching in January after the elections?”

The first women’s marches followed President Donald Trump’s January 2017 inauguration and were attended by millions around the globe, fueled largely by opposition to the new administration. The Chicago march and rally unexpectedly shut down parts of the Loop, with a quarter-million participants flooding Grant Park, according to organizers.

In January 2018 — during the peak of the #MeToo movement against sexual assault and harassment — an anniversary march and rally in Chicago topped the previous year’s attendance with a crowd estimated at 300,000, according to Women’s March Chicago. Hundreds of marches around the globe reportedly drew more than a million participants.

Dana R. Fisher, a professor of sociology at the University of Maryland who studies protests and activism, predicts the upcoming marches in January won’t attract the large crowds of 2017 and 2018, though participation might hinge on the Trump administration’s actions leading up to the marches.

She added that the recent conflict over national leadership doesn’t help.

“I think it would be a heavy lift without the controversy, and with the controversy, it just gives another reason not to march,” said Fisher, author of the forthcoming book “American Resistance,” which will

be coming out in mid-2019. “I think in general the numbers should be down, but I do think there will be commemorations across the country. And I think a

lot of people will want to support the new Congress and the blue wave that brought them into office.”

To Kurensky, the big quandary is how to turn

marches and rallies into political action.

“How many Januaries do we march?” she said. “And what do we do with that energy after we are

done marching?”

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Women’s March Inc. co-President Tamika Mallory has praised Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan on social media — a stance that has brought division to the group.

# Dental clinic serving vulnerable patients

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cial-needs people." Rodney also took Andy, in his wheelchair, to an open clinic day at the University of Illinois at Chicago, one of the few places that is known as a treatment option for patients with special needs. They left home at 6 a.m., but when they arrived, he says, the line was like Disney World — hourslong. They gave up and went back home.

Finally, through staff at La Rabida Children's Hospital, the Mitchells heard about a dental clinic at St. Bernard.

## 'Nowhere else for them to go'

Monique Davis, the office manager for the dental clinic, steps into the room, and the Mitchells eye her somewhat warily. Davis beams — it's just what she does. She spends her days bustling through the hospital hallways, keeping the clinic on track, but her main job, as she sees it, is to reassure and make comfortable people whose everyday struggle has honed their tenacity to a sharp edge.

Her mission is clear: She is here to help. "We specialize in special-needs patients," she tells the Mitchells. "There is nowhere else for them to go, so even if insurance becomes a problem, we will work with you. We are just a small community hospital, but we see everybody here. We do everything." The Mitchells are quiet, but they nod, ask a couple of questions, relax a bit. Davis smiles her huge smile again. "Don't worry," she says. "We're taking care of him now."

By many measures, the hospital dental clinic at St. Bernard seems an unlikely place of refuge. Situated near the Dan Ryan Expressway in Englewood, a neighborhood which has long been used as Chicago shorthand for urban blight and crime, it's in a squat, unassuming brick hospital building on a quiet street. Police cars come and go outside the emergency room entrance, and a steady stream of visitors and patients make their way past the security desk at the main door. The hospital lacks a marquee reputation among the city's lauded medical centers. There is no groundbreaking medical research here.

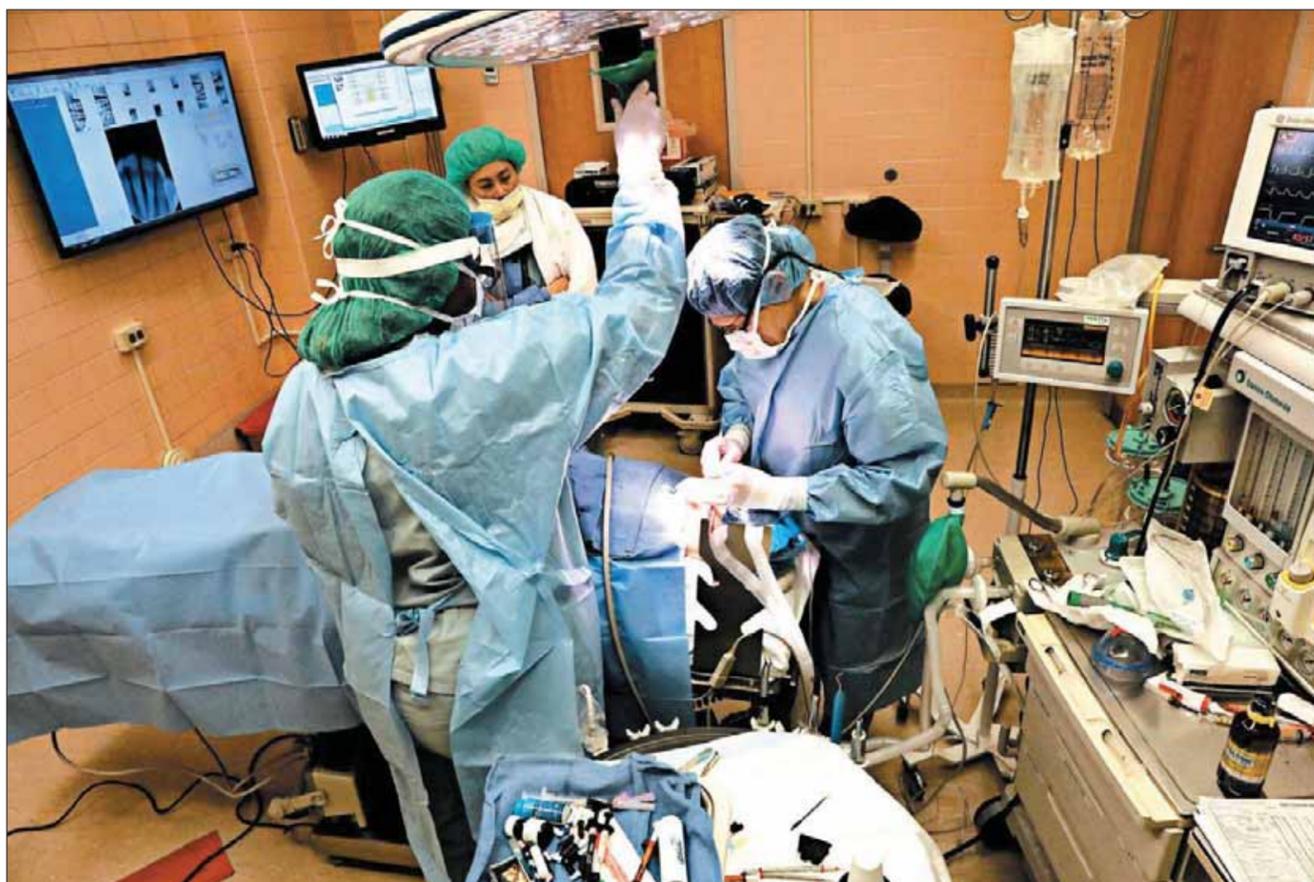
Instead, there is an unlikely group of people who have found an unusual sense of purpose around fixing teeth. "When I became a dentist," says Dr. Mary Joyce Gomez, director of the St. Bernard dental clinic, "I wanted to be a pastor, a minister. My mom said, 'No, you be a doctor, you can serve people that way.' I was thinking, 'How can you really serve people by just filling their teeth?' A year and a half ago, Gomez gave up a comfortable private practice in the Loop to become dental director at St. Bernard because, she says, she realized she had found a place where she could finally realize that dream.

## 'The haves and have-nots'

The St. Bernard dental clinic, founded in 2007, treats a patient population that is largely insured by Medicaid. Under Gomez's leadership, the clinic expanded its mission. Though services were available for children with special needs, she added care for adults with special needs — a group that finds dental care extremely hard to access.

"Oral care in the U.S. is really a story of the haves and have-nots," says Jane Koppelman, senior manager of the Pew Charitable Trust's dental campaign. "It is not a problem for the well-off, but it's an incredible problem for people who are low-income."

Since 2008, Pew has been studying dental health in America, and its research has revealed that about 30 percent of the U.S. population has no access to dental care. That number is disproportionately made up of low-income Americans. "Dental care," says Koppelman, "is out of reach for 125 million Americans." Cost is the principal barrier, but



Dr. Marc Rosenthal performs oral surgery at St. Bernard Hospital's dental clinic, which serves a Medicaid and special-needs population. According to a Pew Charitable Trust campaign that has studied U.S. dental health since 2008, about 30 percent of the U.S. population has no access to dental care.



Dr. Mary Joyce Gomez gave up a comfortable private practice in the Loop a year and a half ago to become dental director at St. Bernard. She says she found a place where she could serve people in a meaningful way.

access plays a role too: "There are large pockets of underserved areas in inner cities, rural areas or other areas where dentists and other health care practitioners don't care to reside or practice," says Koppelman.

Though there is little data on patients with special needs, specifically, "anecdotally," says Koppelman, "we have seen that the issue for special-needs populations is particularly acute." Patients with special needs are often unable to sit in a dental chair for routine care or longer procedures, and thus are more apt to need general anesthesia, which few dental offices can provide.

In addition, special-needs populations may have a greater barrier to transportation and other basic concerns involved in getting to a dentist. Among the subset of dentists who treat patients with special needs, many treat only children, meaning that even those patients who can get care may age out of access to that service.

For patients or caregivers who have already navigated so many hurdles, finding a welcome like the one at St. Bernard can seem nearly miraculous. In a world that often answers "no," the dental clinic is a place built on "yes."

"I teach my staff," Gomez says, "we don't turn anyone away."

## Living on hope

She understands adversity, she says, because she has had to navigate a few hurdles of her own to get to this place. Growing up in the Philippines, she was the daughter of a dentist father and a mother who doggedly pursued her own education after being orphaned.

"She was the one with the vision," Gomez says, and her vision for her children was that they would all be doctors. Her father, she

recalls, "would always tease me and say, 'Your feet are like mine. Maybe you will follow in my shoes.'" When he died, just before she turned 18, her mother only pushed harder to ensure her children's success. In time, Gomez's brother became a physicist with a doctorate, her sister a medical doctor, and Gomez a dentist.

"I was fine practicing in the Philippines," she says, but on a visit to the U.S. to see her brother in Maryland, her mother decided that America was the place for Gomez, as well. "She said, you will be successful here." Somewhat reluctantly, Gomez agreed to try, and traveled to California to take a bench test that would allow her to receive a U.S. license to practice. Her mother, who had planned to come along to support her, had been diagnosed with cancer and had to remain behind. "The test was on Friday," she says. "On Wednesday night, she called me and prayed for me. On Thursday night, she died."

Determined to go on because it was what her mother wanted, Gomez took the test the next day and passed — only to learn that the program that would have allowed her to receive a license after passing the test had been discontinued.

She applied for a green card, intending to go to dental school in the U.S. "That was in 2000," she says. "And in 2001, 9/11 happened. So the green card that would have taken three years took nine." She waited, working as a dental assistant in Maryland for nine years. "By the time I finally got the green card," she says, "I told my husband, 'I'm too old for this now!'" Still, she applied and was accepted at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

A year into the program, she faced another setback:

"I felt a lump and was diagnosed with breast cancer."

At school, she was initially told she would need to reapply to the dental program once her treatment was finished. "I felt like everything crashed in on me," she says. "I was living on the hope that there was a plan of me becoming a dentist, but now I'm sick, I am in dental school. Now I have student loans. How am I going to pay this? How am I going to pay rent?" In the end, a sympathetic dean relented and helped her return to the program once she was well, and she graduated in the top of her class.

After graduation, she took a residency in Peoria, working with low-income populations. "Many of them were feeling, 'How am I going to lift myself up out of this? I have no money. I have nothing.' And we were like a beacon of hope. We gave them a little bit of hope. And all of a sudden, you would see them transformed."

She saw firsthand the impact dental health has on many aspects of life: Poor dental care is not only the source of chronic pain that results in poor performance and absenteeism at work and in school, but can be the source of deteriorating health overall. Today, according to the American Dental Association and the Surgeon General, studies suggest links between oral health and diabetes, heart disease and stroke, and lack of proper dental care has been viewed as part of an ongoing public health crisis for more than a decade.

But Gomez was also interested in the psychosocial effects of better dental care. According to the ADA, 37 percent of low-income adults in Illinois say that the condition of their mouth or teeth affects their ability to interview for a job. "We would give them a total smile makeover," she says,

"and all of a sudden, they would come in smiling, looking up. 'Hey, I went for a job interview.'" For Gomez, the effects were revelatory: "I saw a patient population that I could touch."

## 'This might be it'

Though she settled into a comfortable routine with a private practice in downtown Chicago, Gomez felt that something was missing. Then, in 2017, she saw a job posting for a new dental director at St. Bernard. In her mind, something clicked into place. "Sometimes people think of dentistry as just filling teeth," she says, "or you do it for the money. But there is something there that you need to find, something to move you. I saw this job, and I thought, 'This might be it.'"

Suddenly, she saw her own path in life in a new light. "All those experiences, see how they fall into place? Being on the side of being the patient made me more compassionate to the patients. Being an assistant for a long time made me understand the staff. I understand them when they are tired, frustrated — been there, done that. All the obstacles and hindrances make me more thankful, more grateful every day. So now everything has a meaning. We have to care."

The more she researched St. Bernard, the neighborhood, the work to be done, the more strongly she felt about her mission. Colleagues questioned the idea, "Are you sure you want to go there?" And even my husband and my brother weren't sure. But they know me, I am ..." she laughs, "kind of stubborn, you know, in a nice way. I'm like, 'OK, yes, I will consider that. Thank you for your input.' But my mind is made up."

Knowing she would need to put all of her energy into

the work at St. Bernard, she sold her downtown practice. "This is a full-time-plus-100 job," she says. "I put everything here — not only my time, but everything, I'm so invested."

Once at St. Bernard, she began recruiting other dentists, exploring partnerships with UIC dentists and dealing with a patient backlog. She sought out like-minded young dentists like Abby Stern and Chi-Lan Pham, who are starting in public service dentistry fresh from dental school.

"You feel this weight of being the only one who will see these patients," says Stern, "of wanting to do your job well enough that you are able to be that for them." Stern isn't sure everyone understands that urgency. "My parents are still surprised that this is the route I took," she says. "I think they still think I'm going into private practice. It's just the perception, 'Oh you're going to go to dental school, you're going to make a lot of money, you're going to have a comfortable life.'" But, like Gomez, that isn't what Stern has in mind: "I want to be in public health for my career. I want to pursue it not for any income or status but just to better the community. There's a lot of need, and we see it every day."

Gomez is intent on meeting that need, whether it means wearing a crown to turn a kid's dental visit into a visit from a tooth-fairy princess, or spending her day in the operating room, performing multiple extractions and fillings on a 47-year-old patient with special needs whose anxiety wouldn't allow her to sit still for dental X-rays.

The issue of better dental care for low-income people and patients with special needs is a nearly overwhelming problem, but her goals go beyond meeting that need. In a community that has rarely been afforded even the basic services that are readily available elsewhere in Chicago, Gomez believes that she can make a difference that starts with fixing teeth, and goes much further.

"Every day, I see so much anger in people," she says. "When you're angry, you get anger back. But I try to impress on our staff that people come here with all kinds of other problems. Don't take it personally like they are mad at you, but treat them with care. Because when you treat them with care, they will feel it, and when they feel it, that changes the whole thing. They will understand that there are still people out there who care."

Her mission — her ministry — has always been about more than fillings and root canals. "It's not only the teeth, it's the people that we can care for. We need to care for them, give them what they need and also a little bit of hope."

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# Doubts arise about gun buy before police commander death

By JEREMY GORNER  
Chicago Tribune

A Wisconsin man accused of buying a gun that was later used to kill a high-ranking Chicago police official has raised doubts as to whether he ever possessed the firearm, according to a new federal court filing in the case.

Federal prosecutors have alleged Ron Jones, of Milwaukee, used a controversial web site to buy a 9 mm Glock 26 handgun from a Madison man before it was used several months later to kill Cmdr. Paul Bauer in downtown Chicago. Days after Bauer's killing, federal agents raided the homes of Jones and the Madison man, Thomas Caldwell, confiscating dozens of guns from both residences.

Jones was indicted in June on federal weapons and drug charges for possession of a different handgun and for the sale of marijuana. He has pleaded not guilty.

In March, the Chicago Tribune first reported on the circuitous route of the Glock 26 — also known as a "Baby Glock" due to its compact size — to the stairwell outside the Thompson Center where Bauer was slain Feb. 13. Bauer, 53, commander of the Near North patrol district, was one of four Chicago police

officers killed in the line of duty in 2018.

While federal authorities have alleged Caldwell told them he sold the Glock 26 to Jones, Robert LeBell, Jones' lawyer, raised doubts about Caldwell's credibility in a Dec. 5 court filing.

According to the 10-page filing, LeBell questioned whether his client ever possessed the gun because Caldwell said he had been getting treated for a mental illness and told a federal judge in Madison a few months ago he has trouble remembering things. Court papers show Caldwell, a 68-year-old military veteran, had been under the care of a doctor after being diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder.

"When asked by the court about the impact of the memory impairment, Caldwell responded that, 'Every day is pretty much a fresh day with me, Sir. I don't remember much of the past, but if I sit down and think about it, if it doesn't come to my head, somebody brings it up, I can usually remember it,'" LeBell said in the Dec. 5 filing, quoting what Caldwell told U.S. District Judge James Peterson in September. "Later, in response to questions, he stated, 'Being a mental patient, nobody trusts anything I say or do.'"

Records show Caldwell

also shared ledgers detailing his firearm transactions with an agent from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives the day after Bauer's killing. But LeBell noted in his filing that Caldwell claimed to authorities he kept no records of the alleged sale of the Glock 26 to Jones.

"It is noteworthy that Caldwell's assertion that he sold the gun to Jones was based on memory, as opposed to documentation," LeBell wrote. He also noted in his filing that Caldwell told an ATF agent during an interview he "probably" sold the Glock 26 to Jones, which the attorney said raised doubts about how certain he was.

But federal authorities in at least one subsequent court filing in Caldwell's criminal case alleged Caldwell said, without using the word "probably," that he had sold the Glock 26 to Jones.

Caldwell was convicted last month of selling firearms without a license and sentenced by Peterson last month to three years in a federal prison.

Jones told authorities he bought several guns from Caldwell, including a Glock, but he never admitted buying from Caldwell the Glock later used to kill Bauer, according to LeBell's filing.

After Bauer was killed,

agents at Jones' home seized 40 guns, more than 2,500 rounds of ammunition, a ballistic helmet and drug paraphernalia, according to a law enforcement source.

The source said several

extended pistol magazines, similar to the one found in the Glock 26 used to kill Bauer, also were seized along with body armor. The suspect in Bauer's killing, 45-year-old Shomari Leghette, was wearing body

armor when he was arrested within minutes after the shooting in a stairwell outside the Thompson Center in Chicago's Loop.

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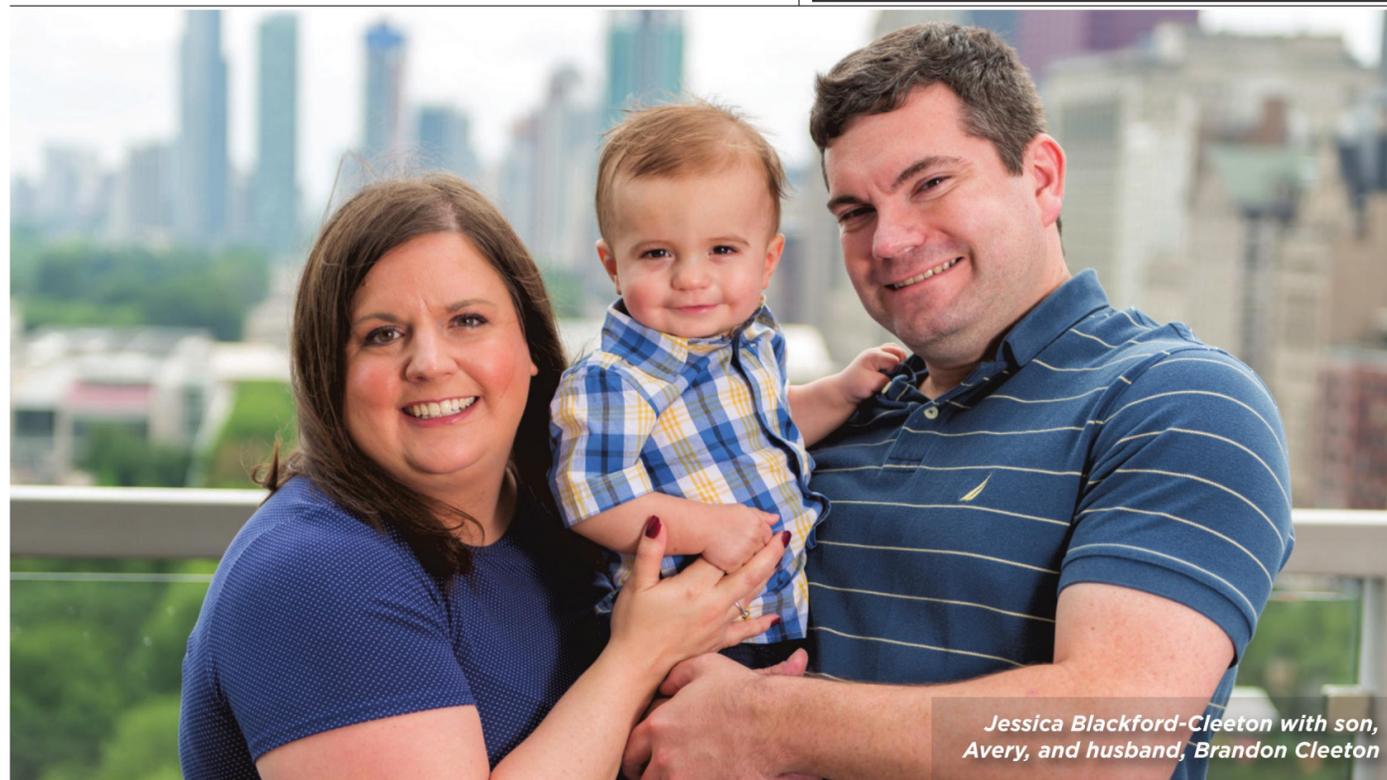
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# CPS reviews, moves to fire LPHS teacher

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After interviewing Lefkow-Hynes, her mother and Galinski, as well as reviewing her journal entries and emails, CPS determined Lefkow-Hynes' account was credible. The district removed Galinski from Lincoln Park High School earlier this year.

At the time, in May, the Tribune had shared findings on CPS oversight failures in advance of its "Betrayed" series, and the district was overhauling its student-protection policies. Among those changes: removing employees from schools immediately if they were accused of sexual misconduct.

The district suspended Galinski without pay in July and moved to fire him for misconduct the district found took place 18 years ago. He has denied ever having a romantic relationship with his former student and now is fighting to keep his job, having filed suit. The Tribune reviewed his recent disciplinary history and found no infractions.

"He does acknowledge this was a student of his and he knew her and remembers who she was. He denies (her story of their relationship), and it's been mischaracterized," said Galinski's attorney, David Hemenway. "It is important to point out that none of the allegations involve some sort of sexual relationship at all."

Records of the district's investigation show Galinski acknowledged talking on the phone with her, emailing her and driving her in his car while she was his student, but he denied saying romantic things to her, commenting on her appearance or touching her. The investigation concluded that he had done those things, too.

District records also show Lefkow-Hynes' mother, U.S. District Court Judge Joan Lefkow, first reported concerns to a Lincoln Park administrator about the close relationship in the fall of 2001 and had even met with Galinski in person at a coffee shop to discuss discomfort about her daughter's crush on him.

Lefkow did not realize at the time that Galinski had driven her daughter in his car or that she was spending free periods during the school day in his lab, according to the CPS investigative records.

"Then, we had more of an understanding that some boundaries had been crossed. But even then, he made it look like (the problem) was her having a crush on him," Lefkow told the Tribune.

Several months later, Lefkow said she spoke to other Lincoln Park administrators, this time more clearly expressing concerns about Galinski's behavior with her daughter. She told the Tribune that she did not recall the specifics of the conversation but had expressed "that it was too close."

"She was spending time with him after class. I didn't know how much time. Honestly, I didn't know all of this. I just knew that A, she was deeply, deeply depressed, and B, she had an uncommonly intense involvement with Galinski," Lefkow said.

Experts say that intense teacher-student relationships that cross boundaries, even if they're not sexual, can have lasting harm. That is true even if the student has a crush on her teacher, said Terri Miller, president of the nonprofit SESAME, or Stop Educator Sexual Abuse, Misconduct and Exploitation.

"It is up to the adult — solely on the adult — to maintain the boundaries between teacher and student," Miller said.

"It's very common for ... 20-plus years to go by before a victim is coming forward to say anything, because they don't know what their trauma is initially. They feel weird, they feel icky, they go to college, they have anxiety problems. They're trying to put all this stuff that happened in high school behind them and they're not able to. They go to therapy and finally find the strength to come forward, and here we are, 20 years later."

Galinski told a CPS investigator that he had met with the girl's parents at a Caribou Coffee back in 2001 and they agreed he should not have "any contact outside of school" with their daughter, the investigative records show.

"I think things got too far. I never intended for that. I was helping out and being supportive. I think she misread my help as something more," Galinski told the CPS investigator, according to the investigative report.

Galinski told the investigator that he was not aware at the time that he wasn't supposed to be exchanging phone calls or emails with students. He said it was his second year of teaching and "he was never trained on appropriate communication with students outside the classroom."

Galinski also told district investigators that no one from the school ever talked to him about his relationship with Lefkow-Hynes and he was not disciplined. The administrator who first heard Lefkow's concerns about Galinski still works at Lincoln Park. CPS told the Tribune that the administrator's "role in the matter" is being investigated.

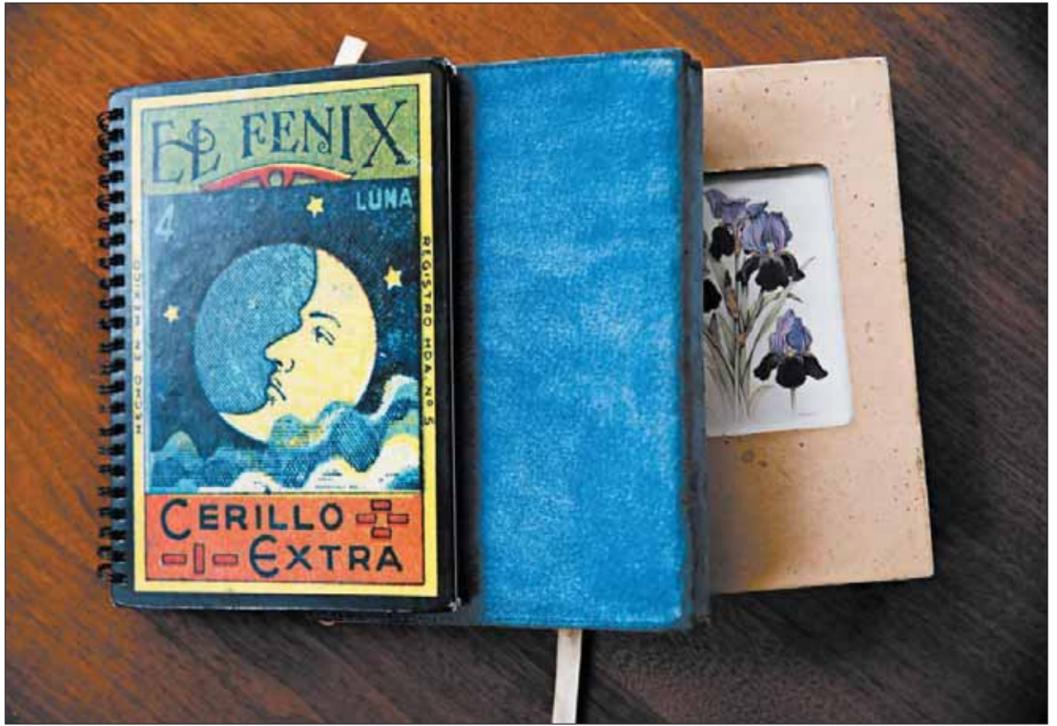
"That was very painful that the school didn't take me seriously or take my parents seriously. It was very hard to deal with," Lefkow-Hynes said. "The fact that I had a crush on him does not absolve him of any liability, or responsibility, for his moral transgression."

Last year, Lefkow-Hynes found her high school journals and saw the relationship with new eyes.

"I needed to re-report it. Maybe no one would listen to me; maybe there had been a cultural shift where we believe victims," she said.

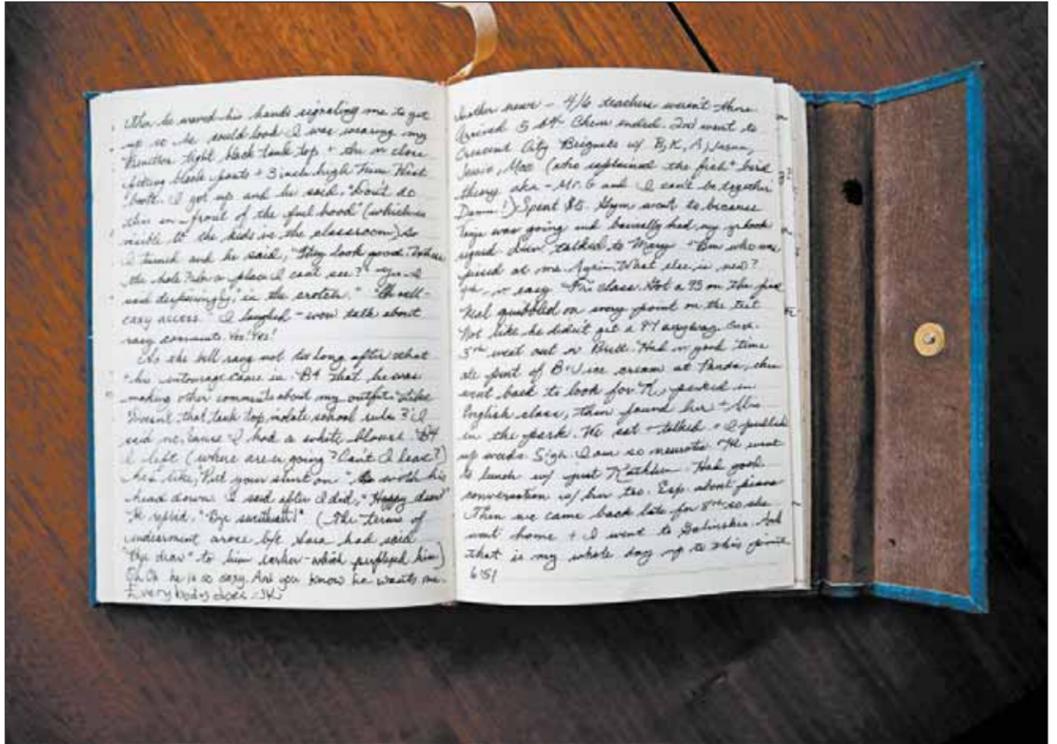
She said she wasn't certain the district would investigate but hoped it would and then would take action. She handed over her journals, as well as emails exchanged with Galinski. She copied then-CEO Forrest Claypool, and her letter made its way to the deputy general counsel, who forwarded it to the Law Department's leader, writing, "Must investigate!"

Lefkow-Hynes' vividly detailed, contemporaneous journals in high school — which the Tribune examined for this story — record-

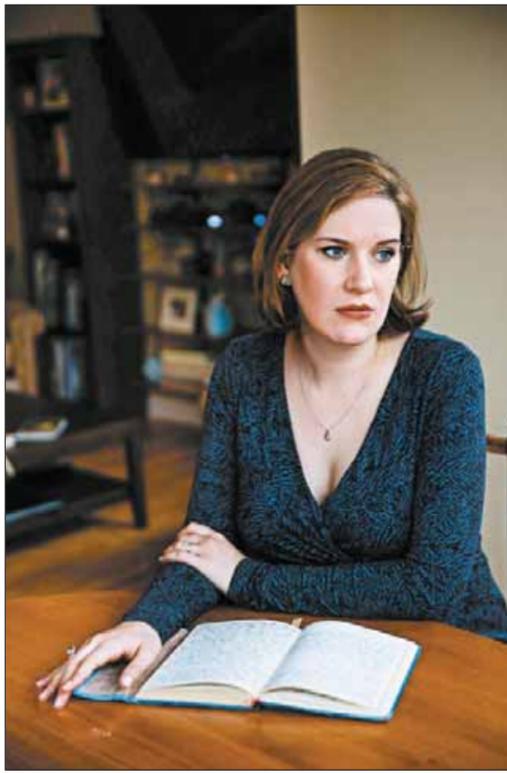


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After conducting interviews and reviewing entries from Laura Lefkow-Hynes' journals, as well as emails, Chicago Public Schools officials determined her account of an inappropriate relationship with a teacher was credible.



A journal, opened to an entry from June 4, 2001, describes encounters with chemistry teacher James Galinski.



After Lefkow-Hynes' allegations about Galinski, he denied having a romantic relationship with his former student. He was suspended without pay and has filed suit against CPS.

ed the behavior that the district cites as reasons to fire Galinski. She wrote about the times he had told her she was attractive, asked her why she was "showing so much leg" and saying he would "say more but (didn't) want to get fired," according to the CPS investigation and the text of Lefkow-Hynes' journals.

And though he denied

doing so, the district investigation found Galinski also had held her hand, called her "honey" and "sweetheart," and talked about dating her if only they were the same age. Galinski was in his mid-20s at the time of the alleged misconduct and now, at 42, is married and has three children, according to public and CPS investigative records.

"Galinski has said over and over that he is not some pervert interested in young girls. But he has said that if we were the same age he would definitely date me. ... He said I was free to call him whenever," according to an April 17, 2001, journal entry that was among those Lefkow-Hynes says she shared with district investigators. According to one entry, Galinski told her that if she were older or he were in high school, he would "be all over her like stink on a monkey."

In another entry from that time, she wrote: "Times Galinski has said I was attractive: three. (Exact words: 'You are tall and thin. You are thin, very attractive. I'd say more but I don't want to get fired.') I said, 'No one tells me that.' He responded, 'I'm surprised that no one compliments you.'"

By May 2001, Lefkow-Hynes' journals recorded Galinski's concerns that other students were gossiping about them and about how he chastised her for kissing a boy at a party, calling it "whoring around."

The district initially planned to enter into an agreement with Galinski in which he would receive a "warning resolution" and agree not to repeat the misconduct, and in return, the district would not discipline him further. Galinski had told CPS investigators in a November 2017 interview that he "made changes to avoid this type of thing once (Lefkow-Hynes) left the school."

Galinski told investigators that he does not email students about personal matters, does not talk to students on the phone and does not have contact with students on social media. He said he underwent an "evolution" after his experience with his former student.

But soon after the district drew up the agreement, schools CEO Janice Jackson directed its Law Department to fire Galinski instead. The dismissal charges note Galinski violated several district policies and that his "conduct was unbecoming an employee."

Galinski filed a lawsuit in September to try to force the district to enforce the agreement that would allow Galinski to keep teaching in CPS. A judge denied Galinski's request for summary judgment, which would have forced the district to stop the firing process. The case is ongoing.

Lefkow-Hynes said the decision to come forward and the consequences of that decision have been difficult to experience. But she said she hopes CPS, as it makes changes to respond to its sexual abuse scandal, is putting students first.

"CPS needs to take responsibility for the wrongs that have been committed," she said. "It owes me an apology — owes an apology for all the students whose reports of abuse were mishandled, discredited."

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# U.S. says 2nd child died in custody

8-year-old Guatemalan boy was treated at a hospital for a cold and fever in N.M.

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — An 8-year-old boy from Guatemala died in government custody in New Mexico early Tuesday, U.S. immigration authorities said, marking the second death of an immigrant child in detention this month.

The death came during an ongoing dispute over border security and with a partial government shutdown underway over President Donald Trump's request for border wall funding.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said the boy — identified by the Guatemalan consul in Phoenix as Felipe Gomez Alonzo — had shown "signs of potential illness" on Monday and was taken with his father to a hospital in Alamogordo, N.M. He was diagnosed with a cold and a fever, prescribed amoxicillin and ibuprofen, and released Monday afternoon after being held 90 minutes for observation, the agency said.

The boy was returned to the hospital Monday evening with nausea and vomiting and died there just after midnight, CBP said.

CBP has not yet confirmed when or where the father and son entered the United States or how long they were detained, saying only in its statement that the boy had been "previously apprehended" by its agents.

The agency said the cause of the boy's death has

not been determined and that it has notified the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general and the Guatemalan government.

A 7-year-old Guatemalan girl died earlier this month after being apprehended by border agents in New Mexico. The body of Jakelin Caal was returned to her family's remote village Monday for burial Tuesday.

The White House referred questions about the latest case to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, CBP's parent agency. CBP officers and the Border Patrol remain on the job despite the shutdown.

According to Guatemala's Foreign Ministry, the father and son entered the U.S. at El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 18, then were taken to the Border Patrol's Alamogordo station Sunday. Alamogordo is about 90 miles from El Paso.

CBP typically detains immigrants for no more than a few days when they cross the border before either releasing them or turning them over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for longer-term detention. Agency guidelines say immigrants generally shouldn't be detained for more than 72 hours in CBP holding facilities, which are usually smaller and have fewer services than ICE's detention centers.

Parents and children together are almost always released quickly due to limited space in ICE's family detention facilities.

A CBP spokesman on



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Neighbors carry 7-year-old Jakelin Caal's coffin into her grandparent's home Monday in San Antonio Secortez, Guatemala.

Tuesday did not respond to questions about the ministry's statement.

The hospital, the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, declined to comment, citing privacy regulations.

CBP promised "an independent and thorough review of the circumstances."

The Guatemalan Foreign Ministry called for an investigation "in accordance with due process."

Democratic members of Congress and immigration advocates sharply criticized CBP's handling of Jakelin's death and questioned

whether border agents could have prevented it by spotting symptoms of distress or calling for an evacuation by air ambulance sooner.

CBP has said that it took several hours to transport Jakelin and her father from a remote Border Patrol facility to a larger station, where her temperature was measured at 105.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Emergency medical technicians had to revive her twice. She was ultimately flown to an El Paso hospital, where she died the next day.

Large numbers of Guatemalan families have been arriving in recent weeks in New Mexico, often in remote and dangerous parts of the desert. Jakelin and her father were with 161 other people when they were apprehended in Antelope Wells, about 230 miles southwest of Alamogordo.

CBP announced new notification procedures in response to Jakelin's death, which was not revealed until several days later.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, a Republican whose district along

the U.S.-Mexico border includes Alamogordo, did not respond to messages Tuesday.

Xochitl Torres Small, a Democrat who will represent the district starting in January, called for a thorough and transparent investigation into the children's deaths and more medical resources along the border.

"This is inexcusable," she said in a statement Tuesday. "Instead of immediately acting to keep children and all of us safe along our border, this administration forced a government shutdown over a wall."



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An Indonesian soldier assigned to the rescue and recovery effort surveys the damage Tuesday in Sumur village. Officials raised the nation's death toll from the tsunami to 429.

## In Indonesia, tsunami survivors remain jittery

BY NINIEK KARMINI  
Associated Press

SUMUR, Indonesia — Panicked residents, police and soldiers in this remote fishing village clobbered by a devastating weekend tsunami ran to higher ground Tuesday, shouting "Water is coming! Water is coming!" and reciting verses from the Quran as emergency messages were broadcast over mosque speakers.

It proved to be a false alarm, but a similar frenzy broke out in Tanjung Lesung, another tsunami-stricken area located hours away, as unsettled survivors of the disaster remained traumatized by a tragedy that killed more than 420 people and left thousands homeless.

Meanwhile, Christmas celebrations were replaced by somber prayers, as church leaders called on Christians across Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, to pray for tsunami victims.

The death toll climbed to 429 on Tuesday, with more than 1,400 people injured and at least 128 missing, said Sutopo Purwo Nu-

groho, spokesman for Indonesia's Disaster Mitigation Agency.

He said more than 16,000 people were displaced.

Unlike other tsunamis that have hit disaster-prone Indonesia following large earthquakes, Saturday's big waves blasted ashore at night without warning. The eruption of Anak Krakatau, or Child of Krakatoa, a volcano in the Sunda Strait, is believed to have created a landslide on the volcano's slope, displacing a large volume of water that slammed into the islands of Java and Sumatra.

People in Sumur village, which has been slow to receive aid due to roads being cut off, remained stunned by how quickly the tsunami hit. The beach, located just a few kilometers from the tourist island of Umang near Java's western tip, is popular for snorkeling and other water activities.

The tsunami decimated the area, ripping houses from their foundations and bulldozing concrete buildings.

Scientists have said the tsunami's waves were re-

corded in several places at about 3 feet high, but residents of Sumur insisted they towered more than 10 feet there. They said a soaring white wall of water roared toward them at high speeds, ripping trees out of the ground by their roots.

"There was no sign of a tsunami when we were at the beach. The sea didn't recede," said Tati Hayati, who was enjoying a pleasant evening with 10 other people when the disaster hit. "It was calm and bright with the full moon."

When she spotted high, fast-moving waves launching toward the shore, she ran to her car and managed to get inside. But she couldn't outrun it. She said the car was struck by three waves, breaking out the back window and filling the vehicle with gushing water.

"We were locked inside. The car was swaying in the waves and we thought we would all die," Hayati said.

"We almost could not breathe and I almost gave up when I groped the key in the water and managed to open the door, and the water began to recede," she said. "We got out of the car and ran to safety."

## Turkey 'determined' to drive out Kurdish forces

BY ZEYNEP BILGINSOY  
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Turkey said Tuesday it is working with the United States to coordinate the withdrawal of American forces but remains "determined" to clear U.S.-allied Kurdish fighters from northeastern Syria.

Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters that "if Turkey says it will enter, it will," in comments carried by private DHA news agency. His comments came amid reports that Turkey-backed Syrian rebels are getting ready to begin a military operation in and near the northern town of Manbij that is controlled by Kurdish-led fighters.

For weeks, Turkey has been threatening to launch a new offensive against the Kurdish fighters, who partnered with the U.S. to drive the Islamic State group out of much of northern and eastern Syria. Ankara views the Kurdish forces as terrorists because of their links to an insurgent group inside Turkey.

President Donald Trump announced the planned withdrawal of U.S. forces after a phone call with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan earlier this month.

The minister also said Ankara and Washington have agreed to complete a roadmap on Manbij until the U.S. withdraws. Under the June deal, Kurdish forces would leave Manbij, in the western Euphrates valley, but delays have infuriated Turkey.

A spokesman for Erdogan said Monday that Trump has accepted an invitation from the Turkish leader to visit the country next year, but that a date hasn't been set.

The White House confirmed the invitation, adding: "While nothing definite is being planned, the



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Turkish-backed Syrian fighters raise their weapons as they arrive in the rebel-held border town of Qirata.

president is open to a potential meeting."

Turkey-backed Syrian opposition fighters have been moving to the outskirts of Manbij and the Turkish army continued to dispatch tanks, artillery and other equipment to the border and an area administered by Turkey in northern Syria, according to Turkish media reports.

Maj. Youssef Hammoud, of the Turkey-backed Syrian rebels known as the National Army, said the military operation against Kurdish-led forces in northern Syria is "near but has not started yet."

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitor, said Turkey has ordered rebels it backs to begin a military operation in Manbij "in the coming hours."

"It is crucial that the U.S. doesn't appear as not having kept its promises," Cavusoglu said.

He argued that Turkey has the "strength to neutralize" Islamic State fighters on its own and criticized France, which has promised to stay in Syria despite the U.S. decision.

Cavusoglu warned it would not benefit France if it was staying in Syria to protect the YPG, the main Kurdish militia in Syria.

Erdogan, speaking to reporters in Ankara, said Tur-

key was taking into account Trump's announcement on Syria rather than French President Emmanuel Macron's decision. The future of the international coalition against the Islamic State group, which includes Turkey, the U.S. and France, remains unclear.

The Turkish president also announced that a delegation was heading to Moscow and that he would meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Turkey has been negotiating on behalf of the Syrian opposition with Russia and Iran, which support the Syrian government, as part of efforts to end the nearly 8-year civil war.

Meanwhile, Israeli warplanes flying over Lebanon fired missiles toward areas near the Syrian capital of Damascus late Tuesday, hitting an arms depot and wounding three soldiers, Syrian state media reported.

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency earlier reported that Israeli warplanes were flying at low altitude over parts of southern Lebanon.

The Human Rights Observatory for Human Rights said Israeli airstrikes targeted three positions south of Damascus that are arms depots for Lebanon's Hezbollah group and Iranian forces.

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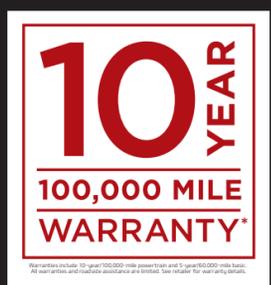
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# Trump: Wall money or shutdown will go on

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government's going to be open. I can tell you it's not going to be open until we have a wall or fence, whatever they'd like to call it," Trump said, referring to Democrats who staunchly oppose walling off the border.

"I'll call it whatever they want, but it's all the same thing," he told reporters after participating in a holiday video conference with representatives from all five branches of the military stationed in Alaska, Bahrain, Guam and Qatar.

Trump argued that drugs and human trafficking can only be stopped by a wall.

"We can't do it without a barrier. We can't do it without a wall," he said. "The only way you're going to do it is to have a physical barrier, meaning a wall. And if you don't have that then we're just not opening" the government.

Democrats oppose spending money on a wall, preferring instead to pump the dollars into fencing, technology and other means of controlling access to the border. Trump argued that Democrats oppose a wall only because he is for one.

The stalemate over how much to spend and how to spend it caused the partial government shutdown that began Saturday following a lapse in funding for departments and agencies that make up about 25 percent of the government.

Some 800,000 government workers are affected. Many are on the job but must wait until after the shutdown to be paid again.

Trump claimed that many of these workers "have said to me and communicated, 'stay out until you get the funding for the wall.' These federal workers want the wall. The only one that doesn't want the wall are the Democrats."

Trump didn't say how he's hearing from federal workers, excluding those he appointed to their jobs or who work with him in the White House. But many rank-and-file workers have gone to social media with stories of the financial hardship they expect to face because of the shutdown, now in its fourth day.

Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the Democratic leaders of Congress, said Trump "wanted the shutdown, but he seems not to know how to get

himself out of it." Trump had said he'd be "proud" to shut down the government in a fight over the wall.

He also had said Mexico would pay for the wall. Mexico has refused.

Trump followed up on a Monday tweet in which he said he "just gave out a 115 mile long contract for another large section of the Wall in Texas."

Neither the White House nor the Department of Homeland Security responded to follow-up questions, despite repeated requests. The reference to 115 miles was unclear. Trump may have been referring to 33 miles of construction in the Rio Grande Valley that is set to begin in February, part of a total of 84 miles that Congress funded in March, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

Asked who received the contract, Trump replied: "Different people, different people."

He did say he envisions a wall so tall, "like a three-story building," that only an Olympic champion would be able to scale it. He also compared Democrats' treatment of him over the wall to their defense of James Comey after Trump



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Jakabs Vidzis, 8, left, and his brother, Margers, 6, visit the National Christmas Tree on Tuesday in Washington. Donations have allowed it stay open during the shutdown.

fired him as FBI director. "It's a disgrace what's happening in our country but, other than that, I wish everybody a very merry Christmas," he said.

In his Tuesday message to members of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, Trump said: "I know it's a great sacrifice for you to be away from your families, but I want you to know that every American family is eternally grateful to you, and we're holding you close in our hearts, thoughts and prayers," Trump said. "We love what you do and love

your work." A 7-year-old girl who talked to Trump on Christmas Eve still left out milk and cookies for Santa Claus despite the president telling her it was "marginal" for a child of her age to still believe in the jolly old elf.

Collman Lloyd of Lexington, S.C., had called the NORAD Tracks Santa program Monday.

In an interview with the Post and Courier of Charleston, she said the scientist who answered the NORAD phone asked her if she would like to speak to

the president. Six minutes later, Trump was on the line. "Are you still a believer in Santa?" Trump asked. When she responded, "Yes, sir," the president added, "Because at 7, that's marginal, right?"

Collman later said she didn't know what "marginal" meant and simply answered, "Yes, sir." Trump closed by saying, "Well, you just enjoy yourself!"

Only Trump's end of the conversation could be heard by reporters, but Collman's family later posted video of the call on YouTube.

# Clashes erupt as Sudanese march on presidential palace

BY HAMZA HENDAWI  
Associated Press

CAIRO — Police used tear gas and fired in the air Tuesday to disperse thousands of protesters attempting to march on the presidential palace to demand that Omar Bashir, Sudan's president of 29 years, step down, according to activists and video clips posted online. Organizers say hundreds were injured and at least eight suffered gunshot wounds.

The clips purported to

show crowds of several hundred each gathering on side roads and headed toward the palace on the bank of the Blue Nile in the heart of Khartoum. They sang patriotic songs and chanted "freedom," "peaceful, peaceful against the thieves" and "The people want to bring down the regime." The latter was the most popular slogan of the 2010 and 2011 Arab Spring revolts.

One clip showed the seemingly lifeless body of a protester in Khartoum be-

ing carried and placed inside a car that drove away.

The protester's head showed a gaping wound and the voice of another protester could be heard saying he was deliberately shot by a sniper. Earlier images circulated by activists showed police snipers on rooftops near the palace ahead of the march.

Another clip purported to show two other protesters suffering gunshot wounds to the head and the legs as they were being attended to in a clinic.

There were no reliable casualty figures available.

The march's organizer, an umbrella of independent professional unions, said at least eight protesters were shot, three of whom were in serious condition and that hundreds were hurt when police hit them with batons or used tear gas to disperse them.

Large numbers of security forces were deployed across much of Khartoum on Tuesday in anticipation of the march, with soldiers riding in all-terrain vehi-

cles. Police fired in the air, used tear gas and hit demonstrators with batons to disperse them, only for the crowds to assemble again and try and continue their march in pitched battles. Activists said the fighting continued after nightfall.

The protest was called by the umbrella of independent professional unions and supported by the country's largest political parties, Umma and Democratic Unionist.

The organizers want to submit a petition demand-

ing that Bashir, who has ruled since he seized power in a 1989 military coup, step down.

It said late Tuesday that it would continue to work for the ouster of Bashir.

Tuesday's march follows nearly a week of protests initially sparked by rising prices and shortages of food and fuel, but which later escalated into calls for Bashir to go. The Sudanese leader was in the al-Jazeera region south of Khartoum on a previously scheduled visit Tuesday.

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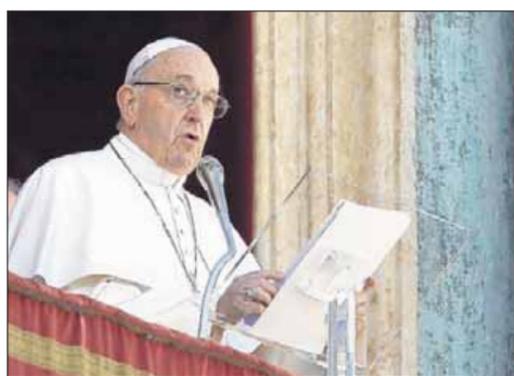
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During the papal *Urbi et Orbi*, Francis said, "This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity."

## Pope's Christmas wish: World fraternity

By FRANCES D'EMILIO  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis offered a Christmas wish for fraternity among people of different nations, cultures, faiths, races or ideas, describing the world's differences as a richness, not a danger, and championing the rights of religious minorities.

His plea Tuesday for stronger bonds among peoples came as nationalism and a suspicion of migrants

are gaining traction across much of the globe.

The long war in Syria, famine amid warfare in Yemen, social strife in Venezuela and Nicaragua, conflicts in Ukraine and tensions on the Korean Peninsula were among the pope's concerns in his Christmas message, which he read from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

Addressing about 50,000 tourists, pilgrims and Romans, Francis said the universal message of Christ-

mas is that "God is a good Father and we are all brothers and sisters."

"This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity," Francis said in the traditional papal *Urbi et Orbi* ("to the city and the world") message. Without fraternity, he said, "even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty." He called for that spirit among individuals of "every nation and culture."

"Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a

danger; they are a source of richness," Francis said.

Francis prayed that all minorities have their right to religious freedom respected, noting that some Christians were celebrating Christmas "in difficult, if not hostile, situations."

Without specifying religions or countries, Francis prayed for "all those people who experience ideological, cultural and economic forms of colonization and see their freedom and identity compromised."

## Britain stays on Elizabeth's message

Beloved tradition dates to before current monarch

By JENNIFER HASSAN  
The Washington Post

LONDON — For many Brits, nothing says Christmas quite like the queen's annual broadcast.

After the turkey is carved, drinks are flowing, presents are stacked and families are gathered, millions tune in Dec. 25 to watch the reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. The speech is used by the queen to reflect on the past year and often to convey an overarching message of hope to those across the commonwealth.

But this royal tradition didn't start with the queen; the first Christmas Day address by a reigning monarch dates back to 1932 and was delivered by the queen's grandfather, King George V.

According to the website of the British royal family, George was skeptical at first of using radio as a means to communicate with his people, yet he was reassured after visiting the BBC offices. A studio was created at Buckingham Palace for him to transmit the speech live — words carefully crafted by the writer Rudyard Kipling.

"I speak now from my home and from my heart to you all; to men and women so cut off by the snows, the desert or the sea, that only voices out of the air can reach them," the king began, citing the power of technology.

The first broadcast attracted an estimated 20 million listeners. The king continued to deliver a broadcast until a month before his death in 1936.

Since Elizabeth took the throne during her coronation in 1953, she has delivered her message every year, apart from 1969, when a royal documentary was scheduled to be televised at the same time.

In 1957 came the first televised broadcast, a historic move that some believe helped further humanize the royal family and extend the global reach of the British monarchy.

The broadcast was live, and according to the Guardian, adverse weather conditions enabled American police radio transmissions to interfere with the broadcast.

It is said that some listeners heard a police officer say, "Joe, I'm gonna grab a quick coffee."

This year, Elizabeth wove personal reflections into her message, offering the customary wishes for peace and saying she hoped she had attained a measure of wisdom during her 92 years.

"Some cultures believe a long life brings wisdom," Elizabeth said in a pre-recorded message broadcast Tuesday. "I'd like to think so. Perhaps part of that wisdom is to recognize some of life's baffling paradoxes, such as the way human beings have a huge propensity for good and yet a capacity for evil."

On a lighter note, the queen noted that 2018 was a busy year for her family: two weddings, two new babies and another due next year. "It helps to keep a grandmother well occupied," she said.

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A missile lights up Damascus on April 14 as the U.S. launches an attack on Syria. President Trump ordered the strikes in retaliation for the regime's alleged use of chemical weapons.



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Caravan migrants cross the Suchiate River aboard a raft made out of inner tubes and planks Oct. 20 in Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, on the border between Guatemala and Mexico.

## YEAR IN PHOTOS

## A WORLD IN MOTION

A human tide of would-be Americans, rolling toward the border. American rockets streaking across the Syrian darkness over Damascus. Students fleeing a gunman at a high school in Parkland, Fla., their hands raised in the air.

Photographers were there to record a world in constant motion in 2018. Some of it was huge, and destructive — lava pouring from a Filipino volcano, the leveling of Indonesian

neighborhoods by an earthquake, the wildfires that raced across California. Some of it was human scaled, but no less epic — disgraced comedian Bill Cosby being led in handcuffs from a Pennsylvania correctional facility; an angry crowd carrying a wounded youth during clashes with Israeli troops in Gaza.

And photographers were there when the world stopped,

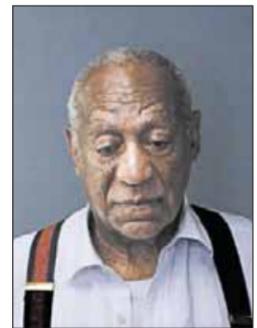
at least for a moment.

President Donald Trump's hands grasp instructions on what to say to participants at a meeting on school shootings ("I hear you"). Dressed entirely in red, the Queen of Soul rests in her coffin. And girls weep in the aftermath of the rampage at a Pittsburgh synagogue that left 11 dead and countless hearts broken.



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Firefighter Jose Corona does what he can as flames from the Camp Fire consume a home Nov. 9 in Magalia, Calif. In total, the fire killed at least 86 people and destroyed 14,000 homes.



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Bill Cosby is shown after his fall from grace Sept. 25 in Montgomery County, Pa. He was sentenced to three to 10 years for sexual assault.

A storm chaser retrieves equipment from his vehicle after Hurricane Michael battered a hotel Oct. 10 in Panama City Beach, Fla.

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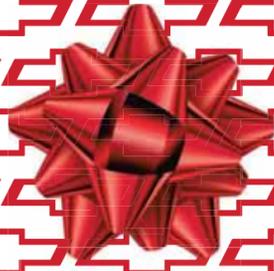
Police evacuate students after a shooting Feb. 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. Seventeen people died in the attack.



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Students mourn at a funeral procession Oct. 30, three days after a shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. Eleven people were killed.

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## Japan to leave whaling body, resume commercial hunting

TOKYO — Japan says it is leaving the International Whaling Commission to resume commercial hunts but says it will no longer go to the Antarctic to hunt.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Wednesday that Japan's commercial whaling will be limited to its territorial and economic waters.

The IWC imposed a commercial moratorium in the 1980s due to a dwindling whale popula-

tion.

Japan switched to what it calls research whaling and says stocks have recovered enough to resume commercial hunt. The research program was criticized as a cover for commercial hunting.

Japan has said the IWC has become more like an opponent of whaling than an organization aiming for sustainability.

Japan has cut back on its catch as Japanese consume less whale meat.

## GoFundMe says donations for fake feel-good story refunded

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. — GoFundMe says it has issued refunds to everyone who contributed to a campaign involving a homeless veteran from Philadelphia who prosecutors allege schemed with a New Jersey couple to scam donors out of \$400,000.

A GoFundMe spokesman said Tuesday that "all donors who contributed to this ... campaign have been fully refunded."

Burlington County prosecutors allege that Johnny Bobbitt conspired with Katelyn McClure and her boyfriend at the time, Mark D'Amico, to concoct a feel-good story about Bobbitt's giving McClure his last \$20 when her car ran out of gas. Prosecutors say the couple actually spent the money. McClure alleged she was duped by D'Amico, whose lawyer denied the allegations.

## Thailand's legislature legalizes medical use of marijuana

BANGKOK — Thailand's legislature on Tuesday agreed to amend the country's drug law to allow the licensed medical use of marijuana, as well as kratom, a locally grown plant traditionally used as a stimulant and painkiller.

Thailand is the first country in Southeast Asia to take such action, which is also under consideration in neighboring Malaysia. New Zealand's government earlier this

month enacted a law liberalizing the medical use of marijuana, which had previously been tightly restricted.

The Thai legislation passed its final reading at the National Legislative Assembly by a vote of 166-0 with 13 abstentions.

Recreational use of the drugs remains illegal and subject to prison terms and fines commensurate with the quantities involved.



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**Somersaulting Santa:** A costumed participant in the 109th edition of the Christmas Cup swimming competition in Barcelona, Spain, makes a dramatic entrance Tuesday into the race course that runs for about 200 yards and drew about 300 challengers.

## Confusion, anger grow as Congo faces Sunday's election

KINSHASA, Congo — As Congo hurtles toward Sunday's already troubled election, the opposition on Tuesday urged mobile phone companies to disable SIM cards provided for voting machines as concerns grow about how the ballots of 40 million people will be counted and shared.

This vast Central African country for the first time is using the voting machines as it chooses a successor to longtime President Joseph Kabila after more than two years of election delays. In the past week some electoral workers said they still hadn't seen, much less been

trained on, the machines.

Among those who have been trained, a serious concern has emerged: Several electoral workers allege the voting machines will be used to send results electronically, opening the door to possible manipulation.

The machines have faced months of criticism, with opposition figures, diplomats and others asking how, with little reliable electricity, and many voters without computer experience, can a vote be done single day.

Earlier this month, nearly 8,000 of the voting machines were destroyed

in a fire, leading to the latest election delay.

Electoral officials insist the machines will be used only as printers after voters tap on touchscreens to select preferred candidates.

But several people being trained to be electoral agents said they have been taught about the machines' electronic transmission capabilities, saying the machines will be used to directly transmit voting data to the central server.

"What they're saying on TV is different from what we are being taught," said one, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Mexico invites U.S. to help investigate copter crash

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has invited experts from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board to participate in the investigation of a helicopter crash that killed the governor of the western state of Puebla and her husband.

Mexico's assistant transportation secretary said the

invitation was made "to leave no doubts" about the crash on Monday that killed opposition Gov. Martha Erika Alonso and her husband, former Gov. Rafael Moreno Valle.

Carlos Moran said Tuesday that the manufacturers of the helicopter and its engines will participate in

the investigation, and it was too early to determine whether mechanical problems played a role.

Two pilots and a third passenger also died in the crash. The pilots were described as experienced, though one had spent much of his career flying fixed-wing aircraft.

## Under duress, Netanyahu still front-runner in Israeli poll

JERUSALEM — A day after snap elections were called in Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu emerged as the overwhelming early front-runner Tuesday, with rivals pinning their primary hopes of unseating him on a potential corruption indictment.

With Netanyahu holding a commanding lead in the polls, all eyes are on Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit and whether he will decide before April's elections on whether to press charges.

The Panels Politics poll in the Maariv daily showed Netanyahu's ruling Likud party securing 30 seats in the 120-seat parliament and a majority for his current right-wing, nationalist bloc. Coming in second at 13 seats was the still hypothetical party headed by former military chief Benny Gantz, who has yet to declare whether he is even running.

**In Japan:** The benchmark Nikkei 225 Stock Average tumbled 5 percent into a bear market as the global equity rout continued unabated in the last week of the year, with renewed turmoil in Washington rattling investors.

Tuesday's selloff took its cue from the S&P 500's worst-ever trading session before Christmas.

**In Israel:** Roseanne Barr said Monday she will travel to Israel in January and has been invited to address the parliament. She said her aim is to speak against a Palestinian-led movement seeking a boycott of Israel. ABC canceled "Roseanne" after Barr tweeted racist remarks about ex-Obama aide Valerie Jarrett.

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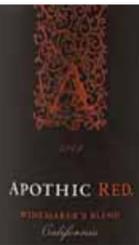
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## EDITORIALS

# 40 years after reforms, China is a U.S. friend — and maybe a foe

One of the most consequential events of the past 40 years escaped attention when it happened on Dec. 22, 1978. Only years later would it become evident that China's decision at a Communist Party meeting to allow farmers to sell excess grain at market prices would reverberate — would, in fact, change the world.

On that day, other things were happening: President Jimmy Carter's administration reported progress on a nuclear arms treaty with the Soviet Union. Chicagoans learned that John Wayne Gacy had confessed to killing dozens of young men. Meanwhile in Beijing, party officials committed to a new policy of "reform and opening up," focused on agriculture.

### Toying with private enterprise

What did China's experiment with private enterprise mean? Certainly not the rise of a competing superpower. That would have seemed unimaginable. Maybe it signaled the emergence of, oh, another Yugoslavia, a middling state adding some capitalist spice to communism. And yet ...

Ernest Hemingway, in "The Sun Also Rises," wrote that a change in fortune can happen two ways — "gradually and then suddenly." So it was for the Chinese economic miracle. In 1972, President Richard Nixon's visit to China started the conversation, but the leadership of Mao Zedong wasn't ready to move forward. In 1976, China emerged from a disastrous decadelong interruption, the Cultural Revolution. Two years later, Deng Xiaoping endorsed modest reforms to spark economic activity in an overpopulated country that couldn't feed all its people. Two years after that, the government permitted the creation of privately owned factories in some villages near Hong Kong as part of a special economic zone. All interesting, not earth-shattering.

Today those villages are as good a symbol as any of what China has achieved. Where 30,000 people once lived, the city of Shenzhen has a population of 12.5 million. The region, known as the Pearl River Delta, is China's original industrial hub. If you own an iPhone, maybe it came from there. Huawei, the tech giant, is based in Shenzhen.

But that doesn't scratch the surface of China's might. Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing — each is a global business and manufacturing center with a metro population exceeding 20 million people. Then there are Chengdu, Xi'an and Tianjian, each larger than New York.



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Huaibei Normal University students watch coverage of a speech by President Xi Jinping to mark 40 years of China's reform policy.

**Will China ever hold free national elections to choose a leader? With Xi Jinping holding a tighter grip than any leader since Deng Xiaoping, democracy remains a distant idea.**

### America's customer and competitor

China's economy is second in size only to that of the United States. President Xi Jinping rules as Communist Party chief, but the country operates in hybrid fashion: It's an authoritarian state that embraces free market principles. China has both billionaires and political prisoners. It is a crucial trade and investment partner of the United States. It also is a growing military power in the Pacific, bumping up against the U.S. mission to keep the peace. That means China is both a customer of the United States and a competitor. Friend but possibly foe. The relationship is

complex and unresolved.

The lesson of China's rise is that closed-off countries doom themselves to outsider status and privation. Think: North Korea. Countries that liberalize their economies and engage the world by opening up to competition, investment and trade will become more stable and raise their living standards. Yet that doesn't necessarily translate into a more democratic state. There was a theory of the immediate post-Cold War era that when a country liberalizes the economy, that leads next to liberalizing its political system. In other words, once people gain the freedom to choose which television or smartphone to buy, next they'd get to choose their leader. This pattern played out across Asia in South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and elsewhere.

Why not China too? Because China's leaders refused. They maintained fierce control of power, believing that providing jobs, wealth and a certain zone of personal freedom would be enough to keep citizens satisfied, and in check. China has the internet, a digital economy and more car buyers than any other country. The lifestyle of many Chinese people, especially in urban areas, looks Western, without democratic rights. In China, the Communist Party retains unchallenged

authority. The government also controls religious practice and censors the web. Dissent is not tolerated.

### Prosperity without rights

Will China ever hold free national elections to choose a leader? In 2001, the year Beijing was picked to host a Summer Olympics, the prospect of democracy seemed 20 or 30 years into the future. Today, with Xi holding a tighter grip on power than any Chinese leader since Deng, democracy remains a distant idea. Elections are still 30 years away, or longer.

The rise of China does not present an existential threat to the United States. The two countries are entwined economically, dependent on each other to maintain living standards and therefore motivated to get along. This has always been the promise of globalization: Trade brings countries, even distant countries with conflicting political systems, closer together. The current tariff squabble between the two countries looks menacing but at some point will subside.

The biggest risk factors are China's lack of democracy and loner status as world power. With its increased wealth and influence, China inevitably will assert itself internationally and

seek to protect its position militarily. China's leadership operates unchecked by independent legislative and judicial branches of the government. What will stop those leaders from overreaching? What prevents a cataclysmic Chinese miscalculation when tensions inevitably arise over Taiwan or navigation rights in the South China Sea?

### 'Peer competitor'

Today China may still be no match for U.S. overall strength, but it has achieved a significant milestone in the Pacific: "China is no longer a rising power but an arrived great power and peer competitor to the United States in the region," Adm. Philip Davidson, commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, told Congress this year. Depending on the scenario, Davidson warned, "there is no guarantee that the United States would win a future conflict with China."

It may be China's destiny to match the United States in wealth and firepower. Those are not reasons to fear China. They are reasons to engage the country today as a partner and challenge Chinese intentions when they appear threatening. Understanding that China is an old country but still an emerging global player is critical to both aims.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Here's the main reason kids go nuts in December: Their routines get seriously upended. They just had Thanksgiving break, and before they know it, they get another week with no school. If you're traveling over the holidays, kids get plucked not only from their usual schedule but also from their home. Even if you're staying home, your house is rearranged, with a tree where the chair usually is and a chair where the toy box used to be and lots of fragile things to break everywhere. Weekends are taken over by party-going and baking and house-decorating, and parents have extra errands to run. "This time of year, all of the things we put in place that help children feel safe and secure and know what to expect go out the window," says Catherine Mogil, a psychologist at UCLA's Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. Add to that all the extra candy and staying up late, and no wonder kids get a little screamy.

Melinda Wenner Moyer, Slate

For much of recorded history, India and China were the most influential civilizations in the world. ... Cultural and political reasons explain why China has outpaced India economically in the past 40 years. But China's place in the sun will be short-lived. A report from the OECD predicts China's share of global output will peak in 2030. India now outpaces China in economic growth. ... China is aging more rapidly than almost any country in history. Its dependency ratio of retirees to workers could rise to 44 percent by 2050. ... China's attempts "to become rich before it becomes gray" partly explains its enormous investment in robotics, biotech and artificial intelligence to address looming problems with labor shortages, elderly care, and healthcare costs.

Jan Krikke, Asia Times

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## A federal investigation and 'The Burke Effect'



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

It's not the money. It's the relationships.

With Chicago Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, walking a federal investigation tightrope, his allies are starting to scam. Have you noticed? The scene of federal agents marching boxes out of a politician's office sure takes the shine off a pinky ring.

Under pressure from the media, Chicago mayoral candidates Toni Preckwinkle and Susana Mendoza announced recently they would not spend money Burke had donated to their campaigns. Preckwinkle said she'll give \$12,000 in Burke money to two nonprofits. Mendoza said she would give roughly \$10,300 of his money to the families of fallen police officers.

Noble? Not exactly. Returning campaign donations does not bleach the stain of political bedfellows suddenly under suspicion. The relationships behind the money is what matters. In addition to the cash, Burke helped his friend Preckwinkle by hosting a fundraiser for her at his home. Burke's wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, and Preckwinkle have worked on criminal justice issues together. But a private fundraiser at the Burke compound? That's anointment.

Burke also has a long history with state Comptroller Mendoza and helped her get established in politics. Several years ago, when Mendoza got married, the Burkes hosted the newlyweds for a ceremony and gathering at their home, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. Only intimate friends do that for one another.

So Preckwinkle and Mendoza sending a few campaign checks to charity is no sanitizer. Burke has always been the hub of transactional politics in this city. No doubt he's a kind person and a generous and loyal friend. He also has made a living overlapping his aldermanic role with his law practice, which is best known for winning tax breaks for wealthy, commercial property owners at



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Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, talks with then-City Clerk Susana Mendoza as the Chicago City Council votes on a water tax in 2016.

the expense of rank-and-file taxpayers. Under county Assessor Joe Berrios' system, that burden-dumping has fallen especially hard on minority communities. A 2017 Tribune and ProPublica Illinois investigation unmasked the inequities of the county's property tax system and the law firms that most benefited. Burke's was near the top.

He lives in a predominantly working-class, Hispanic part of the city. But his property is not like the bungalows on his block. His three-story mini-mansion with special parking restrictions is surrounded by tall wrought-iron fencing and guarded by security.

Preckwinkle, Mendoza and others who float in Burke's orbit, and who claim to be progressives, looked the other way on all of that and accepted his graciousness and his money when it benefited their political careers. But now that he's under the eye of the feds,

they've found their moral compasses.

"The Burke Effect" — the friends and allies suddenly pressing against the wall to move past and away from him — will be an interesting spectacle if any federal case moves forward.

Another thing to watch will be his aldermanic race and whether he stays in it. Burke faces four candidates in the Feb. 26 election, though it's not clear they'll remain on the ballot. The two with the most momentum are Jose Torrez, a college adviser, and Jaime Guzman, a former legislative aide to U.S. Rep.-elect Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

Both got in the race long before federal agents blanketed Burke's City Hall windows with packaging paper. Both said they decided to challenge Burke for what they describe as ward neglect — Chicago taxpayers on the Southwest Side underrepresented by Chicago royalty.

"(Burke) is marred by scandal and he shows antipathy toward the ward," Guzman says.

Torrez says Burke serves only favored constituents. "There are some he takes care of with turkeys and Christmas pies," he said. But for the most part, Torres says Burke has long been disassociated from the blue-collar people he represents.

The other two candidates running are less organized and less transparent. Tanya Patino worked on the campaign of state Rep.-elect Aaron Ortiz, who ousted Burke's brother, Rep. Dan Burke, from his House seat in the March 2018 primary.

Candidate Irene Corral managed to whip up her signatures in a matter of weeks. Because of the quick turnaround, some observers question whether she might be tied to Burke's organization. The more names on the ballot, the easier it would be to split the Hispanic vote and propel

Burke to another term.

One question is which of those challengers Garcia will endorse. His spokesman says he isn't ready to make an announcement. Whoever gets the endorsement will have access to union money and organizational support.

But more impactful to the race will be the feds. Nothing shakes up Chicago politics like black-suited federal agents storming a political office. The squeeze of Burke's affiliations won't be limited to Preckwinkle and Mendoza. Who knows who else could get caught up in an investigation of Burke — whether it does or doesn't lead to any legal action?

For now Chicago gets to watch Burke and his political friends squirm. Consider it Operation Pinky Ring.

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## The best tweets and funniest people of 2018



ERIC ZORN

As a public service, each week I collect and present online a list of the best quips that cross my Twitter feed. Readers then vote up a winner in a click poll, and that winner appears at the end of my Sunday column.

But despite the legendary discernment of the Tribune audience, the winner is seldom my personal favorite. So today I am asserting curator's privilege and offering, in no particular order and lightly edited in places, my list of the 40 best tweets that showed up in my feed in the past year.

The writer who appeared most often in the list of finalists and earned the coveted title of Funniest Person on Twitter, 2018 happens to be a Chicagoan, Andrew Nadeau. Nadeau, 32, of Lakeview, moved here from Florida three years ago and is devoting himself full time to comedy writing.

Twitter users will want to follow him — @AndrewNadeau0 — as well as the three runners-up, @SamGrittner, @amishpornstar1 and @UnFitz. They will give you something to laugh about in 2019.

I don't engage in gossip at work, but I can tell you who does (@scott\_towel)

If a woman looks sad, tell her "You'd be pretty if you smiled more," and you won't see her looking sad ever again because you will be dead (@JohnLyonTweets)

While at an art museum, ask yourself these three questions: What is the artist's intention? How does the art make you feel? Have you stood in front of the art as long as a smart person would? (@caraweinberger)

Me: I wish I had a nickname. Coworker: You do. (@IamJackBoot)

The horn on the bus goes beep beep / Beep beep beep / Beep beep beep. / The horn on the bus goes beep beep beep / The driver's filled with rage (@UnFitz)

Thoughts and prayers: the air guitar of helping (@Manglewood)

I just changed my organ donor status so that now all of my organs go to Ruth Bader Ginsburg even if I'm still alive (@DesiJed)

Airline pilot is one of the few jobs where you can get fired for going above and beyond (@SkinnerSteven)

There's an insane emphasis put on telling babies what noises animals make. They don't need to know that. The only people who need to know that are blind farmers (@MrDCJackson)

I want to lose weight, but I don't want to get caught up in one of those "eat right and exercise" scams (@SmartassChef)

If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it, maybe that's where your kid should be practicing the trumpet (@tracietom)

If Clifford was a Big Red Cat, everyone would be dead (@badbanana)

Always be tolerant of your wife's flaws because if she didn't have them, maybe she could have gotten a better husband (@CulturedRuffian)

I fall and drown in the lake. They pull out my body. "It's so bloated and grotesque" says one. "He only fell in a minute ago" says another (@mrjohndarby)

If someone says they'd "like a word with you," I can guarantee it's way more than one word and you're not going to like any of them (@MunkMania)

How many boxes of Thin Mints do I need to eat before I start seeing results? (@ThePhilFactor)

To maintain a close family bond, I like to send my children a "good morning" text every day as we gather around the breakfast table (@TuSoonShakur)

Ironing boards are just surfboards that gave up their dreams and got real jobs (unknown)

When my wife told me to stop pretending to be a flamingo, I just had to put my foot down (@wildethingy)

To the person who just accused me of asking too many rhetorical questions: How dare you? (@MJMcKean)

If you Google "How do I stop receiving Pottery Barn catalogs?" the top result is a page with instructions for faking your own death (@ConanOBrien)

If you say "liberry" instead of "library," we can definitely be friends because I will always feel

like the smart one (@BoomBoomBetty)

Just once, I would love to look my kid in the eyes when he gives me a picture he spent a long time coloring, and have the nerve to say, "could you make me another one...that's not what I wanted," just so he can get a sense of what it feels like to make him dinner every night (@effinghandbook)

My mother-in-law likes me so much she asked if I would take the family photo this year (@WorstCassie)

I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. Well maybe not to the death, I have this thing on Wednesday. But I'll give an accurate description of your assailant to the police. Over the phone. I'm not leaving a name (@IamJackBoot)

I, for one, am a great fan of Roman numeral puns (@IHPower)

Not to brag, but I've been told I'm a fine one to talk (@ddsmidt)

I still can't believe that my senior class voted me "least likely to let things go" (@TweetPotato314)

So, this is hard to say, but: Worcestershire sauce (@AndrewNadeau0)

Me \*waking from surgery\* "How did it go?" Hospital lawyer: Great! \*checks notes nervously\* The only side effect is you may have false memories of having had two legs. (@wildethingy)

My bad. I thought you said you were telling me that *with* confidence, not *in* confidence. Anyway

your wife is pretty angry (@MelvinofYork)

Alcohol is not the answer. Unless you're asking what I'm doing tonight, then it is the answer (@427desi)

One good thing about taking the high road — traffic is light these days. (@lloydrang)

My wife has this weird way of starting every conversation with "...are you even paying attention!?" (@better\_off\_dad)

Doctor: Your IQ test results are abysmal Me: Is... is that good? (@SteveSuckington)

Fact: DJs who work at radio stations playing Christmas music for two months are not allowed to wear belts or shoelaces (@TheAlexNevil)

How does Time Warner not make alarm clocks? (@fro\_vo)

If I built a snowman and put a hat on him and he came to life I would immediately beat him to death with a shovel (@AndrewNadeau0)

Same Secret Santa gift again this year. Co-workers must think I really love mouthwash (@kipconlon)

I bet the other two wise men were like "the gold is from all of us." (@NotthatAdamWest)

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## PERSPECTIVE



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## The Russia scandal will define the next 2 years of Trump's presidency

BY PAUL WALDMAN

For all the abundant controversies and screw-ups that have characterized Donald Trump's time in office, it is the Russia scandal that will define this presidency more than anything else. And it may be time to reassess how it's going to play out.

I say that because cynical analysts like myself have assumed up until now that the story will proceed in an almost orderly fashion. Special counsel Robert Mueller will issue more indictments, reveal more wrongdoing by President Trump and his associates, and issue some kind of final report that will stand as a key historical document explaining one of the worst scandals in American history. The president will continue to call it a witch hunt, and his party will stand behind him. They will justify, excuse and explain away everything Trump and those around him did.

No matter what Trump is revealed to have done, it will be virtually impossible for him to be impeached and convicted, since that would require the agreement of a significant number of Republicans in the Senate, and they won't see it in their interests to remove him from office. Their own fortunes are too deeply enmeshed with his, and their constituents wouldn't stand for it. No matter how bad it gets, from

where they stand, Trump being removed would be even worse. So Trump will stay in office, we'll have two more years of scandal and increasingly erratic behavior, and in 2020 we'll have another close election as Republican voters once again rally around their candidate, no matter how awful he might have proved himself to be.

That's what has seemed like the most plausible progression of events given all the political, institutional and legal constraints that structure our system, and the interests of everyone involved. But there's something important to keep in mind about presidential scandals. The amount of damage they do is a function of the facts of the case. Nothing could have saved Richard Nixon, given what he was revealed to have done in Watergate. And no matter how hard they tried and the resources they threw at the effort, Republicans couldn't create a major scandal for Barack Obama for the simple reason that he never did anything scandalous, except in the fevered fantasies of conservatives.

But a president's ability to weather a scandal is also a function of the strength he carries with him. And Trump could well get weaker and weaker over the next two years.

Just think about how he looks right now. The man widely regarded as the sanest

of his national security team just quit, not long after he got rid of his attorney general and had trouble finding anyone who wanted to be his chief of staff. A majority of the public believes he obstructed justice. He just suffered a historic defeat in the midterm elections. The stock market, previously his favorite metric of his success, has been swinging wildly. His former personal lawyer, campaign chairman,

to backtrack. The willingness of figures like Rush Limbaugh and Laura Ingraham to attack him over that issue shows that their support is not absolute; he has to keep satisfying them to maintain it. The same is true of some Republicans in Congress, who were angered by Defense Secretary James Mattis' resignation and Trump's sudden announcement that he'd be pulling troops out of Syria.

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deputy campaign chairman and national security adviser have all pleaded guilty to crimes. His administration, his transition, his inauguration, his campaign, his foundation and his business are all under investigation by various authorities.

All of that, and whatever else is on the way, affects Trump's ability to withstand the Russia scandal. We saw just in the past week how he was about to make a rational decision and put aside his dream of a border wall in order to avoid a government shutdown, then he was essentially forced by a mini-rebellion in the right-wing media

uncovering more information and bringing it before the public.

Trump could withstand all of that if he were strong in other ways. If his party was unified behind him, and if the public as a whole thought he was doing a good job, voters might decide that whatever they thought of the big scandal, it didn't change their overall view of him. That's how Bill Clinton survived impeachment. But everything else that's going wrong reduces Trump's ability to dismiss the Russia scandal.

Now add in the fact that there will almost certainly be other scandals on the way. If and when Democrats get hold of his tax returns, the chances that there will be nothing in them that is at a minimum appalling and at a maximum criminal are, given everything we know about Trump, approximately 0.0001 percent.

Nothing is guaranteed, of course. But all this suggests that as we march toward November 2020, Trump could be rendered increasingly unable to avoid being defined by the Russia scandal. And what if, as many economists expect, the economy slows down some time soon? He'll continue bleeding support, slowly and steadily.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Balance and purpose in Springfield

Balance and purpose are two things I think about every year as I formulate personal goals for the coming year. Our state representatives need to have those two words foremost in their minds as well come January, when they will be inaugurated as the 101st General Assembly and vote on the next speaker of the House and House rules. The balance of power needs to be returned to the people of Illinois, not political figures and parties. Advancing the voice of the residents of Illinois is the purpose for being an elected representative, not toeing political lines for personal advancement.

No other state has allowed the balance of power go so awry. That has undermined democracy in Illinois. It is time for new ideas, fresh faces, term limits and limits to power. Illinois has had the longest-serving House speaker in history, nearly 35 years, and the only legislative leader in the nation to head a state political party at the same time.

The power of this position through the House rules allows the speaker to control who serves as committee chairs and what additional stipends come with that (there should be no additional monies given for part of the job for which one was elected); he controls who votes in committees with the ability to substitute members at will; he dictates when a bill will be called

for a vote based on his calendar of desired outcomes, and also what bills will or will not be voted on.

I urge you to contact your representatives and ask them to vote no to re-electing the current House speaker and vote no to continuing with the current unchecked House rules. Pray that your representatives have the courage and fortitude to do what is right for the people of Illinois, and will vote for you in January so that the people's voice will be heard going forward. We need to act boldly to put Illinois on the road to recovery.

— *Jamie Grubich, McHenry*

#### Reality about China

Noah Smith's article on how China has overtaken the U.S. plays to the old attitudes about the Middle Kingdom ("Get used to it, America: We're no longer No. 1," Dec. 19). On one hand, it's a wonderful new opportunity. On

the other, it's a malevolent force. Both about equally wrong. China has been growing economically very rapidly in the past but as I saw and heard on an extensive trip to China last year, it has been in recession for some time. The recent behavior of worldwide stock markets is a belated reflection of that reality.

Among the top five economic entities on the planet, the U.S., China, Japan, Germany and California, the Golden State has been outgrowing the rest.

And, there is no horizon to its growth anywhere in sight. In the beginning, it was about silicon chips, then it became software. Now, the change is toward hardware. Namely, the reinvention of the automobile and the commercial applications of space flight. Tesla is the first successful automobile company to be founded in the U.S. since 1926, and it has already reshaped the industry around the world by making the smart electric auto the new gold

standard. It's entirely possible that Tesla will become the world's largest auto company well before the end of this century.

Yet that pales in significance to commercial expansion in space led by SpaceX, Boeing and others because it inevitably leads to the exploration, exploitation and colonization of the solar system, ventures worth quadrillions and certain to become the single greatest economic engine on the planet. All of it centered in California.

On our last day in Shanghai, my wife and I stood beneath the city's replica Big Ben with others in our group and our guide and waited for the clock tower to play its tune. "The song it will play," he said, "is 'The East is Red.'" I reflected a moment on his statement, and then I said, "No my friend. The East is California." Having lived in Los Angeles for two years, the guide didn't disagree.

— *Len Robertson, St. Charles*

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**JILL SCHLESINGER**  
*Jill on Money*

## Tariff jitters and preparing for eventual slowdown

The first week of December was an exhausting one for investors, even though there were only four trading sessions.

It began right after the G-20 Summit, when the United States and China announced a 90-day trade war time out. While all current tariffs will remain in place, the U.S. will not raise the rate from 10 percent to 25 percent on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports, which was slated to occur Jan. 1. The news was received well and investors pushed up stock indexes.

But the euphoria wore off 24 hours later, after President Trump tweeted that he is a "tariff man," followed by another in which he questioned whether a "real deal" with Beijing is possible. Investors ran for the hills, pushing down stock indexes by 3 to 4 percent.

Trade tensions between the world's two largest economies escalated after the arrest of Huawei Technologies' chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou on allegations that she violated U.S. sanctions against Iran.

All of these events come amid a nagging anxiety about a global growth slowdown. One sign of that tension was seen in the bond market.

### WARNING: HERE COMES A DISCUSSION OF THE DREADED INVERTED YIELD CURVE!

Let's start with some basics. Typically, it should cost less to borrow for shorter periods of time than longer ones. So when you buy a 10-year government bond, the interest rate is normally higher than when you buy a two-year (the difference between those two interest rates is known as the "spread").

You get paid more for a longer term because a lot can happen in the future, most notably, inflation can eat away at your fixed bond payments. Therefore, bond buyers usually demand higher rates to compensate them for the additional risk of holding the asset for a longer time period.

When you plot interest rates on a graph, a normal yield curve will slope up; the steeper the slope, the more that investors think that inflation and interest rates will rise in the future. When investors believe that growth is slowing and that the rate of inflation will be tepid in the future, the yield curve flattens out. That's kind of where we are right now.

But, when short-term rates are higher than long-term rates, the curve inverts, meaning that it slopes down. Here's the hair-on-fire part: Every U.S. recession for the past 60 years followed an inverted yield curve, though sometimes not until months or even years later.

In early December, the gap between three- and five-year government bond yields dropped below zero for the first time since 2007 and the spread between two and ten year bonds, the most important relationship to investors, decreased to 0.11 percent, the narrowest since 2007. That's not technically inverted, but it got already freaked out investors even more freaked out.

Before you rush to the exit and sell every stock or stock mutual fund that you own, remember that you are a long-term investor who is not going to fall for the age-old trap of thinking you can time the market. Instead, remind yourself that you do not need to figure out when the next recession is coming, but you do need to have adequate emergency reserves and a diversified portfolio that will allow you to sleep at night when the eventual slowdown occurs.

Let the so-called experts try to predict whether current stock valuations are too high, relative to the ability of companies to make money in amid a slower growth environment, while you enjoy a stronger batch of eggnog this holiday season.

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# THE DIVERSITY TRACKER

Geena Davis keeps an eye on Hollywood's portrayals of girls and women

BY MARIA ASPAN | Inc.

**G**eena Davis has spent her career playing complicated, powerful women onscreen and working behind the scenes to address Hollywood's diversity problems.

In 2004, the Oscar-winning actor founded the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, a nonprofit research organization that tracks onscreen portrayals of women and girls. Nearly 15 years later, as her industry reckons with #MeToo and Time's Up, Davis is continuing to advocate for change and to collect the data showing how far we still need to go.

Her latest target: the pitifully low numbers of onscreen women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. A recent report published by the Geena Davis Institute, funded by Lyda Hill Philanthropies, surveyed the past 10 years of popular films and TV shows and found some grim numbers: Almost 63 percent of fictional characters shown working in STEM are men, and more than 71 percent are white.

Davis discusses why fictional role models matter, why she's generally avoided public confrontation when advocating for diversity and how she picks her roles these days.

### Why did you start the institute, and how did it go from idea to reality?

When my daughter was 2, I sat down to watch kids' videos with her. I immediately noticed there were far more male characters than female characters in what we're showing kids in the 21st century! We're training kids to have gender bias from minute one. I was appalled.

At first, I didn't intend to make it my life's mission; I just started bringing it up whenever I had a meeting with a director, producer or studio executive. I'd say, "Have you ever noticed how few female characters there are in movies made for kids?" Every single person said, "Oh, no, that's not true anymore. That's changed." They would very often name a movie with one female character as proof that gender inequality had been fixed.

They all think it's not a problem, so I wanted the data. That's when I immediately jumped to sponsoring the largest research study ever done on gender differences in kids' TV and movies. The research now covers more than a 20-year span. It's right there in black and white. No one ever has any room to doubt that this is accurate information.

### What's the biggest impact you've seen from your work at the institute?

We were thrilled to find recently that (the percentage of) family films with a female lead character has doubled in the past four years. We have also found that for the past four years in a row, family movies starring a female character have made significantly more profit at the box office.

It's not only the moral imperative now, but also the financial end.

### With so many diversity problems in Hollywood, why focus specifically on onscreen representation of women in STEM?

STEM has been incredibly important to us from the beginning. When we first started looking at gender depictions in kids' media, one of the big things that we looked at was occupations of female characters. Currently in family-rated



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Oscar-winning actor Geena Davis founded the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, a nonprofit research organization that tracks onscreen portrayals of women and girls.

films — what we consider G, PG, and PG-13-rated — 81 percent of the jobs are held by male characters. Whereas women are 51 percent of the population!

So as abysmal as the numbers are in real life for women, it's far worse in fiction, where they make it up. It's not like they can even claim, "Well, we're hampered by life. We feel we need to reflect reality in fiction."

The easiest thing in the world is to push beyond reality. Make the president's Cabinet half female. Make the board half intersectional female. But the default (in fiction) is worse than reality.

My contention is that because we have so few real-life role models in every field, we need fictitious role models. It has the same impact. Seeing somebody do something in real life is incredibly important, but it can be equally important to see a character onscreen doing things.

### Your recurring role on "Grey's Anatomy" was a woman in STEM, a surgeon. Do you pick your roles by thinking about what you want to represent?

I wish I had such a wealth of roles pouring in that I could cherry-pick ones that would be good role models. That's not the case. However, ever since "Thelma & Louise," I do put a lot of

thought into the parts I choose. That movie made me realize how few opportunities we women have to feel empowered by and excited about female characters.

For men, literally every movie they watch they can identify with some character and live vicariously through them, but it's actually very rare for women.

### So what, if any, changes have you seen as a result of #MeToo and Time's Up?

I think we really are at the beginning phase of a new wave of the women's movement. It is so freeing for women to know that now it's OK to talk about this stuff, (instead of feeling) like, "Well, I don't want people to think I'm difficult to work with" or "I don't want to cause a problem." ... So many of my peers and friends are so outspoken about all of this now. Think of all the incredible women leading the way in this space.

I've just been quietly doing this privately. I take very private, collegial "Hey, I bet you didn't realize" kinds of meetings. But there's a whole other level now of profound outspokenness, which is just very exciting and I think will create lasting change.

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## Stay-at-home moms should stay current

BY JANET BODNAR  
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When I first met Variny Yim, she had just had her second child and moved across the country to California. But she was still commuting to Washington as part of her job as director of a nonprofit association.

She was considering leaving that job, and the cross-country commute, to spend more time with her children, and she asked me for advice on balancing work and family. I advised her to keep one foot in the door.

"I have ... lived your advice," Variny told me recently. She quit her job, but over the years she has taken a series of part-time and consulting positions and even managed to write a novel, "The Immigrant Princess."

That path, she says, "has enabled me to keep my skill set current while also giving me flexibility to be a full-time mother."

Taking time off from the workforce is emotionally satisfying and can make economic sense (no child care expenses), but it

comes at a cost, not only in current income but also in future earning power and retirement savings.

Before you make the move, "understand what's at stake financially for you and be proactive about planning for it," says Adrienne Penta, executive director of the Center for Women & Wealth at Brown Brothers Harriman. "It's important to preserve your earning power to the extent you can."

That doesn't necessarily mean working part-time. It can also mean staying in touch with your network or hiring a babysitter so you can attend an industry seminar or event. And don't sell short any activities unrelated to your former career.

"Women don't give themselves enough credit for volunteer activities they're involved in," says Penta.

One key way to provide for your financial security is to have a spousal IRA. A working spouse can contribute up to \$6,000 to a spousal IRA in 2019, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. Spousal IRAs pack a



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triple wallop: They help you make up for years out of the workforce, they provide an independent pot of money that belongs to you should anything happen to your spouse (or your marriage), and they give you an opportunity to manage your own retirement assets.

And if you earn money on the side, you

can save a portion of that for retirement in an IRA or a solo 401(k) or as seed capital to build your side gig into a real business.

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# TAX CODE TALK

It's not fun, but it's important



**ELLIOT RAPHAELSON**  
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The U.S. tax code is notoriously complicated, and not knowing its quirks and arcana can cost you money, in what you leave on the table or what you pay in penalties because of faulty assumptions.

This is especially true when it comes to tax-advantaged retirement accounts.

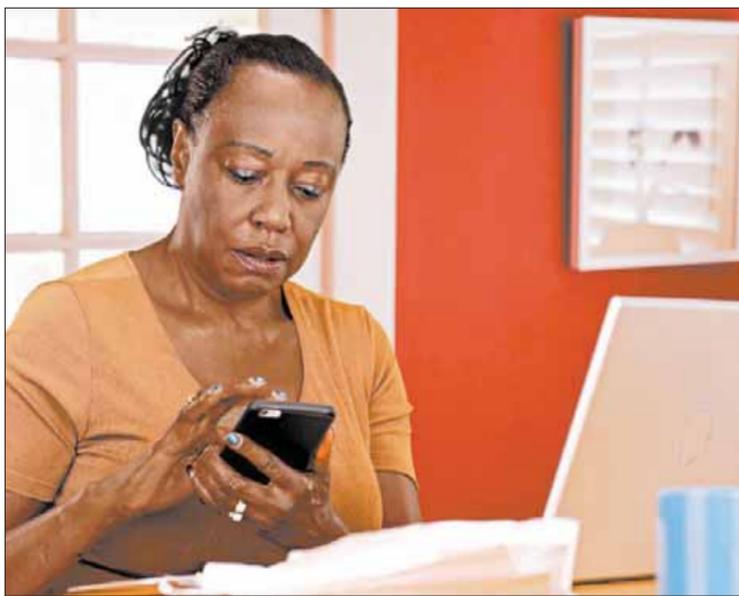
If you use a financial adviser or accountant, understand that even he or she might not be up to speed on the best IRA tax strategies.

It pays to educate yourself, and one of the best resources is Ed Slott (IRA-help.com). In many of his articles, he points out aspects of the IRA tax code that are known by very few IRA investors. Here are some of these regulations that you should be aware of.

**Military death benefits:** The tax code allows beneficiaries of military death gratuities and Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance to contribute these funds to a Roth IRA or Coverdell Education Savings Account. (See IRS Publication 970.)

This is a very important option for protection of spouses. According to provisions of the HEART Act, beneficiaries can contribute up to \$500,000 to a Roth tax free. These regulations apply to active military personnel who are eligible to purchase SGLI. These options are available to beneficiaries up one year after the serviceperson's death.

Contributions can be made to both the Roth IRA and the ESA up to the total amount of benefits received. Roths have more tax advantages.



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Any withdrawals from a Roth account up to the amount of the benefits deposited would be tax free, even if the amount withdrawn is not considered a qualified distribution. See IRS Publication 590-A for information related to Roth IRAs.

**Conversion to Roth IRAs:** If you inherit a plan fund, such as a 401(k), you can convert the fund to an inherited Roth IRA, as long as you are a designated beneficiary, which means that you were named on the company retirement plan beneficiary form. (Non-spouses can't convert an inherited IRA to a Roth IRA. A surviving spouse can always move an inherited IRA to his/her own IRA and subsequently convert to a Roth IRA later.)

If you do convert to a Roth IRA, the amount you converted would be taxable the same as any other Roth conversion. Whether you convert to a Roth or an inherited IRA, you must take the first required minimum distribution by the end of the year after the owner's death to ensure stretch distributions in the future.

**Once per year rollover:** Under current regulations, an IRA owner can only do one rollover from IRA to IRA or Roth IRA to Roth IRA within 365 days (not a calendar year). This regulation refers to 60-day rollovers where the IRA owner receives the IRA proceeds and then completes the rollover.

If an individual completes more than one rollover during the 365-day period, the second rollover is not valid. Under these circumstances, all the pre-tax funds are taxable and there is no way you

are allowed to reverse the transaction.

However, there is a simple solution: Do trustee-to-trustee transfers, which are not considered rollovers. You can do unlimited trustee-to-trustee transfers within a 365-day period. I recommend that you only do such transfers, which will avoid possible IRS penalties.

The regulations also apply to a surviving spouse. So if a surviving spouse receives more than one IRA as a result of a spouse's death, he/she should only use trustee-to-trustee transfers.

**Early withdrawal penalties:** Early withdrawal penalties apply even when there is no income earned by the funds deposited in the retirement account. Some IRA owners believe that because they earned no interest or dividends, there would be no early withdrawal penalty.

The tax courts have ruled otherwise. Early withdrawals carry a 10 percent penalty on the amount withdrawn.

**IRA contributions for deceased owners:** Some IRA beneficiaries are under the impression that if a deceased owner of an IRA had earned income in the year of his/her death, the beneficiary could make a deposit to the owner's IRA account by April 15 the year following the owner's death.

This cannot be done for traditional IRAs. However, if the deceased owner did own SEP accounts or SIMPLE IRAs, then such a contribution is allowable.

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The Savage Truth

## Get serious about paying off credit cards

One steep recession and 10 years later, Americans are once again buried in credit card debt.

The latest Federal Reserve figures show that there is nearly \$1.3 trillion in credit card debt, surpassing the peak reached in 2008. According to CreditCards.com, the average balance owed is \$5,839 per cardholder.

How will we pay down this debt? There's an easy fix if you have the self-discipline to stick to a plan. Write down this month's minimum payment, and pay double that amount. Make that same double-minimum payment every month (disregarding the new minimums). And don't charge another penny.

Using this strategy your balance will be paid off in less than three years. Otherwise, it could take you 30 years to pay off your balance using only the standard minimum monthly payment.

If that's too draconian for your budget, another strategy is the wise use of a balance transfer card. It gives you breathing room from the high interest rates that make it almost impossible for many people to make a dent in their outstanding debt.

If your credit is still good (meaning you've been making at least the minimum payments on time), you can transfer your outstanding balance to a zero percent card that will give you as long as 36 months without adding interest to your balance. That gives you time to dig out of debt – if you use the breathing room to make regular payments.

Sadly, most people don't use this opportunity wisely. According to a new Balance Transfer Credit Card Report from CompareCards.com, 41 percent of Americans have used a balance transfer card in the past, but four in 10 have failed to pay off the balance during the reduced or free introductory period.

Here are a few things you should consider:

- Interest rate and duration of low rate on transfers. Search for cards with a zero percent introductory interest rate that lasts at least 12 months. Be aware that zero rates for longer periods can come with other costs.

- Balance transfer fees. You may be charged as much as 3 percent or more on the amount you transfer. That adds to your debt burden, so look for a card that doesn't charge a transfer fee.

- Interest rate after introductory period. The interest rate on any unpaid balance will jump sharply higher after the rate-free period expires. CompareCards.com says the average APR jumps to 19.71 percent, with some as high as 26.9 percent. While a range of rates must be disclosed, you won't know your exact rebound rate until you successfully apply for the card.

- Maximum transfer amounts. You may have more debt than you can transfer or you may be limited to a short period of time in which you can transfer balances from multiple accounts. Check for these limitations to plan your overall strategy.

Treat a balance transfer as a window of opportunity, not an escape hatch from debt. Banks pick and choose among the balance transfer applications, hoping to build a relationship with potential clients. The survey shows that 69 percent of consumers with household incomes of \$100,000 or higher have used a balance transfer card at least once, and nearly half have done so multiple times.

This is the time to review your credit card debt – before you finish your holiday shopping. The best Christmas present may be a plan to pay down your debt. And that's The Savage Truth.

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## Changing face of retirement saving

Young workers may not be able to rely on Social Security

BY BRENDAN PEDERSEN  
Kiplinger

For millennials, retirement may be more of a challenge than for prior generations. They are almost certain to live longer than their parents, so their money will have to last longer and clear more hurdles along the way.

For starters, no one really knows what Social Security is going to look like in 30 or 40 years. No matter how Congress adjusts the system over the next decade, younger workers shouldn't count on receiving the same benefits as their parents.

"I tell younger investors to plan as if Social Security will be nonexistent when they retire," says Ryan Fuchs, a certified financial planner in Little Rock, Ark. "I don't believe that will be the case. But if they can create a successful plan without it, then any money they do receive will be icing on the cake."

After paying rent and, for many, student loans, finding the money to save for retirement might seem like an impossible task. In a 2017 survey from GOBankingRates, more than 60 percent of millennials reported having less than \$1,000 in a savings account, and 46 percent of respondents ages 18 to 24 said they had nothing saved.



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Sixty-six percent of people ages 18 to 29 say investing in the stock market is scary or intimidating, according to an Ally Financial survey.

"When we meet with younger clients, we'll use simple calculations to show what saving a few hundred dollars a month can do for a portfolio when you extend that growth over 40 years," says Nate Creviston, a CFP in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

If you set aside \$200 a month and earn an average annual return of 7 percent,

you'll have \$480,000 after 40 years. Boost contributions every time you get a raise, and you'll have much more than that. Eventually, you should aim to save 15 percent of income.

Putting aside the question of Social Security, the big difference in the retirement outlook between past generations and millennials is the shift away from traditional pensions. Most private employers have moved toward defined contribution plans, such as 401(k)s.

For millennials, if your employer offers a 401(k) plan and will match your contributions up to a certain percentage of your pay, take it. It's the closest you'll come to getting free money. Even without the match, a 401(k) is a strong starting point as long as it offers a diversified selection of mutual funds that aren't hobbled by exorbitant fees.

(Brightscope.com offers a tool that will rank your 401(k) against its peers.)

If you're self-employed or your employer doesn't offer a 401(k), your next best bet may be a Roth IRA. In 2019, you can contribute up to \$6,000 to a Roth, as long as your income is less than the IRS's thresholds. The money isn't tax-deductible, but as long as you wait until you're at least 59 1/2, all withdrawals, including earnings, will be tax-free, and you can withdraw contributions at any time without paying taxes or penalties.

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## Avoid this job interview gaffe

A common part of interviews is a question about former jobs. Many candidates end up saying the wrong thing and it costs them the position. Here's how to handle this question effectively.



### Don't be negative

Sometimes our work history includes jobs that weren't a good fit. Maybe you had a toxic boss or perhaps the work environment was unbearable. Don't bad-mouth your former employer or co-workers. It will make you look prospective employer may worry that you will one day say terrible things about the company.



### List what you learned

While you may have detested a previous job, it likely taught you something about your career and where you want to go. Effectively explaining what you learned and how you plan to apply it going forward is a great way to shine.

### Keep it brief

If asked why you left, explain that you were ready for new challenges and opportunities. If it's tough to be positive, don't say a lot. Be succinct, discuss any successes and indicate that you appreciated the chances you had at your last position.



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# Where do you want to go tomorrow?

Take a breath and think about your business in 2019

BY HOWARD TULLMAN  
Inc.

As the year draws to a close, it's a good opportunity to catch your breath and spend a few hours just thinking — and not doing anything but thinking — about the year ahead and where you want to take your business.

If you don't have a plan, or really care where you're headed, then any path will get you there. In that case, just make sure that you're walking down a path and not a plank.

But the smart entrepreneur knows that even the most rapidly reactive organizations can't keep up with the rapid and accelerating rate of change today, where each change shortens the interval between changes, and the next abrupt shift is on top of you before you've even dealt with the last. So, you've got to get ahead of the curve, anticipate the action and skate to where the puck is headed.

I'm not talking about some foolish New Year's resolutions or your desire to definitely get in great shape this winter, to read a book a week and clean out the attic, or simply to be a much better person in 2019. I mean thinking strategically about how you can make the next 12 months a lot more valuable and productive for your company.

Not enough entrepreneurs do this simple exercise. We've all got plenty of explanations and excuses for why this is and, as a result, too many lose sight of the critical things they should be doing and the most important questions they should be asking: Why did I get into this business in the first place? Am I doing any good and/or making any difference that matters in the long run? Does anyone outside of my friends, family, investors, and employees care about what we're



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doing?

Here are a few hints to get that conversation with yourself going:

## Don't dwell on the past

While you are thinking ahead, I wouldn't waste much time reflecting on the past 12 months because there's nothing you can really do about them and you ought to already know what you did right and wrong and hopefully you have learned a lot from the experience.

Also, fretting over mistakes and missed opportunities doesn't really move anything forward. You can't build your future on regrets and "shouldas, wouldas and couldas."

Besides, looking in the rearview mirror is distracting. It makes it easy to run off the road or smack into something big and ugly that could have been easily avoided if you had been looking ahead. That involves paying attention to the outside world and, even more important, to what your customers are doing and saying about their own pressing needs and their current desires.

Customer expectations are progressive. If you're not on top of these needs, you'll soon be at the bottom of your customers' lists.

And the most important reason that you don't want to get all wrapped up in analyzing the past is that doing so is almost always an invitation to spend your time

navel gazing, making excuses and bemoaning the bad breaks. And that's not where you need to be focusing your energy as you try to get your business set for the new year.

## Find out what customers are going to want

You need to get out there and uncover what's going on outside the four walls of your business, because that's where your future will be found.

Remember, you will never get straighter or more useful answers to your questions than the ones you get directly from your customers. The truth, with all its wonders and warts, comes from

the consumers and the users of your products and services.

They don't have an agenda (apart from always wanting a lot more for a lot less), and they're the real reason you got into this business to begin with. Pleasing them and addressing their needs seems like the obvious thing to do.

When you take the time to look, think and ask, you might just discover that there's a bigger and better opportunity right under your nose that you've been practically tripping over for months or years without ever noticing.

## Ask yourself a few things

If you're ready to take the plunge, here are a few of the main questions to ask yourself.

1. What's the problem you initially set out to solve?
2. Are you trying to solve the same problem today or doing something different?
3. Is the problem still important to your customers and worth their paying you to solve?
4. Are others offering cheaper, quicker or easier solutions to the problem?
5. Are there new, more important or different problems to be solved?

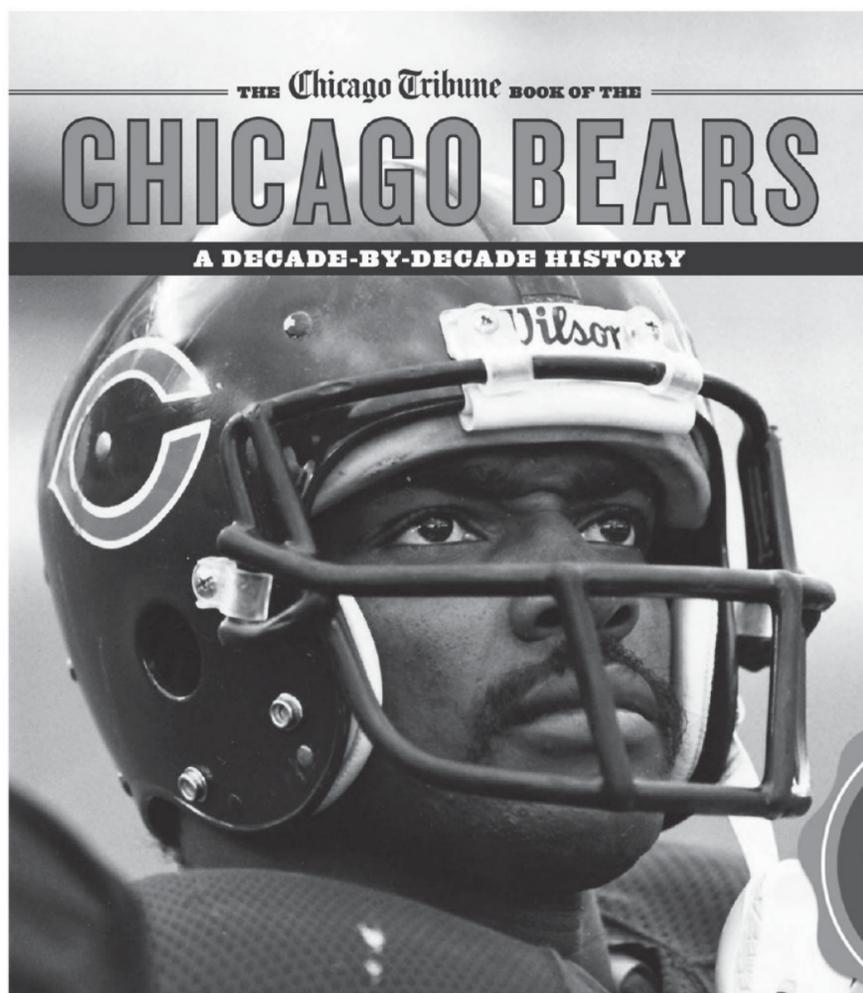
You'll notice that all of these questions address the customers' problem(s) and not your products or solutions. This isn't just a question of semantics. If you don't understand the pressing problems of your customers, you have no chance at all of building a successful product or service to solve them.

You can keep building the greatest software never sold or discovering the cure for no known disease, but you won't be building a business that will be here at the end of next year.

*Howard Tullman is the executive director of the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship at the Illinois Institute of Technology and was the longtime CEO of Chicago-based 1871.*

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## OBITUARIES

**CHARLES MOUNT 1940-2018**

# 'Hard-nosed,' tenacious former Tribune reporter

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**  
Chicago Tribune

Across more than 33 years as a Tribune reporter, Charles Mount developed a reputation as a dogged, tenacious reporter who produced many exclusive articles from his years covering the State of Illinois and the Cook County civil and criminal courts.

"He was hard-nosed and he was an excellent reporter, with really good contacts throughout his career," said former Tribune city editor and former assistant managing editor Bernie Judge. "He covered the courts in excellent fashion and always tried to do the job so the Tribune was first with anything fresh."

Mount, 78, died of heart failure on Dec. 18, said his daughter Hillary Fiveash. He had been an Elgin resident and previously had lived in northern California, Crystal Lake and Northbrook.

Born Charles Kirtley Mount in Cincinnati, Mount was the son of an Army lieutenant colonel father and grew up all around the country. He also lived with his parents when his father was posted in Trieste, Italy, in the late 1940s. He then moved with his family in the South Side Roseland neighborhood in 1949.

Mount began high school at Fenger High School in Roseland but moved with his family in early 1956 to Fort Knox, Ky., where he graduated from Fort Knox High School in 1958. At Fort Knox High School, he played football and baseball and edited the school newspaper.

Mount attended Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1962 and served as the sports editor for the Daily Northwestern. Mount stayed in Evanston to earn a master's degree from Medill in 1963, and while in school he also worked part time as a sports reporter for the Associated Press.

Mount started his Army service after earning his master's degree, and after going through basic training, he shifted to serving in the Army reserves as part of a special forces group before retiring from a 28-year Army career as a lieutenant colonel.

In May 1964, Mount took a job as a neighborhood news reporter for the Tribune. In late 1964, Mount began covering northwest Indiana for the Tribune's neighborhood news sections. At the start of 1966, Mount was promoted to cover the North Shore suburbs.

"The north suburban beat was where he got his



Charles Mount, right, accepts a certificate of appreciation from the Illinois National Guard from Col. Frank Marchant Jr.

aggressiveness," Mount's daughter said. "He realized he wanted to be out on the street with the action."

Mount later covered military affairs before taking on Cook County criminal courts as his beat in 1973. The first case he covered was the high-profile trial of stable owner Silas Jayne, who was found guilty that year of a conspiracy to murder his half-brother, George Jayne.

"Chuck was an extremely aggressive and highly accurate reporter. He was so competitive that when he was the Tribune's man at the Cook County Criminal Courts ... his daily rivalry with the Sun-Times reporter also assigned at (the) Criminal Courts, each trying to out-scoop the other, became the subject of a feature story in the Chicago Journalism Review," recalled retired Tribune reporter and rewrite man Jerry Crimmins. "Chuck was also a popular and well-remembered guy with his fellow reporters."

On March 31, 1975, Mount used his Army training while on the job when an 18-year-old who had been charged with armed robbery tried to escape out the door of a courtroom in the Criminal Courts Building and was hit with a flying tackle in the hallway by Mount.

Later in 1975, Mount shifted his beat to covering the State of Illinois. He later worked as a general assignment reporter, and in late 1978, Mount and a fellow Tribune reporter, Ronald Koziol, were among the Tribune reporters tasked with covering the gruesome discovery of bodies inside the home of mass murderer John Wayne Gacy Jr.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Mount covered the Cook County Board while continuing to also serve as a general assignment reporter. In 1991, Mount and his first wife divorced and he moved from Northbrook to Wheel-

ing, and then to Crystal Lake. Mount moved to the Tribune's McHenry County bureau in 1992, mostly covering McHenry County, including the execution of convicted triple murderer Charles Albanese of Spring Grove in 1995.

Former Tribune reporter Donna Gill noted that the same attributes that made Mount a success in his Army service contributed to his success in journalism.

"He was as gung-ho as they come, but he also grounded himself in facts, prepared for interviews like he would prepare for jumping out of a plane, and always had a sense of fair play," Gill said. "One can't really separate the Army officer from the newspaper reporter. They were intertwined."

After retiring from the Tribune in 1998, Mount purchased a recreational vehicle and drove around the country, golfing and skiing. He eventually bought a house in Isleton, Calif., where he enjoyed golfing, playing tennis and water skiing, his daughter said.

He later began substitute teaching in the California towns of Lodi, Antioch and Stockton, she said. And after returning to the Chicago area in 2011, Mount settled in Elgin, where he served as an election judge for several elections and also substitute taught in Elgin and Burlington. Mount also taught at Medill for a time in the 1980s and was president of the Special Forces Association Chicago Area Chapter 37 from 2014 until 2018.

He was an avid Northwestern University sports fan, holding season tickets for football and frequently attending basketball games.

In addition to his daughter, Mount is survived by another daughter, Kimberly Grabiner, and three grandchildren.

Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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### Death Notices

#### BLACK, WILLIAM E.

WILLIAM E. BLACK age 85 of Downers Grove. Beloved husband of Charlene A. nee Bell for 63 years. Loving father of Terri (Keith) Nystrom and Melissa (Brian) Ford; Cherished grandfather of Blake Nystrom, Ashley Nystrom (Jimmy) Randall, Max Ford, Elise Ford and Neill Nystrom. William was a Circuit Court Judge in DuPage County for 35 years. He enjoyed water sports, bridge and gadgets. Visitation will be held Friday December 28, 2018 from 9 A.M. until Services 12 P.M. at First United Methodist Church 1032 Maple Avenue Downers Grove, IL. Interment, Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. Memorials to the Kenneth Moy DuPage County Care Center 400 N. County Farm Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187 would be appreciated. For additional information www.toon-funeralhome.com OR 630-968-0408  
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#### Blizzard, Jr., Dale Thomas 'Tom'

Tom Blizzard, Age 90, WWII US Marine Corps Veteran, former long-time parishioner of St. Catherine's in Oak Lawn, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Gallagher) for 61 years. Devoted father of Diane (Steve) Lee, Mary (Rick Lally), Linda (Murray) Haas, Tom (Nicki), Bob (Kelly) and Barb (Ken) Pazan. Loving grandfather of Kevin and Tim (Ashlyn) Lee, Terrence (Shelby) and Tricia Haas, Tommy and Connor Blizzard, and Chris (Rene) Pazan; great-grandfather of Kieran Haas. Dear brother of Ken (Faith) Blizzard and brother-in-law of the late Dan, the late Jim (the late Shirley), (Phyllis) and the late Ed Gallagher. Fond uncle and great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, dedicate a donation in memory of Tom to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>. Memorial Visitation Thursday, December 27, 2018, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Memorial Mass Friday, December 28, 2018, family & friends to meet directly at St. Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th St, Palos Heights, Mass 11:30 a.m.; Private Interment Abraham Lincoln Cemetery; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700 or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)



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#### Cacciottolo, Carmen J.

Carmen J. Cacciottolo, 86 of Palos Park, formerly of Chicago; Beloved Husband of 66 years to Concetta (D'Ambrosio); Loving father of James, Albert, and Mary Ann (Jerry) Hurckes. Cherished Grandpa of Kristin (Kevin) Jeziorny, Anthony (Meghan), Connor, Jenna Hurckes, and the late Megan Hurckes. Great-Grandpa to Amelia and Giuliana. Devoted son of the late James and Angelina (Ruggerio). Loving brother of Ann Marie (the late Dominic) Jurasic. Fond brother-in-law of Louis (Shirley), and the late Anthony D'Ambrosio. Dear Uncle of Walter (Karen) Jurasic. Carmen was a proud Korean War Veteran receiving three medals for his service to our country. Carmen was a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Family Assembly #2255, Argo Summit American Legion Post #735, and a retired member of the Litho Stripper Union. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Visitation will be Thursday, December 27th at Orland Funeral Home, located at 9900 West 143rd Street (143rd and Southwest Highway) from 3 PM to 9 PM. Funeral Friday, December 28th at 9 AM from **Orland Funeral Home to Sacred Heart Church**, 8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, 10 AM Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Megan Hurckes Scholarship Fund, 7036 West 96th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453 are appreciated. For more information please call (708) 460-7500.



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#### Callahan, Michael W.

Michael W. Callahan of Elmhurst, age 81. Beloved husband of Ann, nee Cullen; loving father of Colleen (Ray Geiger), Michael, Jr. (Jennifer), Timothy (Kathi), Patrick (Leticia), Kevin, Sean (Cathy) and Bridget (Peter Ryndak) Callahan; proud grandfather of Michael and Matthew Geiger, Meghan and Ryan Callahan, Daniel, Patrick and Katie Callahan, Bianca, Tony and Brisa Callahan, Michael Callahan, Clare and John Callahan and Kathleen, Casey and Michael Ryndak; dear brother of Helen Callahan, Kathleen (Terry) O'Brien, Geraldine (Michael) Rice and the late Tom (late Viola), Mary (late Ed) Ziebell, Patricia (late John) Collins, Daniel (Betty) Callahan and Patrick Callahan. Visitation Friday, December 28, 2018 at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 10:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Visitation Church for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgrim.com](http://www.ahlgrim.com)  
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#### Capra, Arthur L.

Arthur L. Capra, Age 92. Beloved husband of the late Dolores (nee Urbanski). Loving father of Susan Capra and Richard (Carol) Capra. Beloved son of the late John and Josephine (nee Rogati). Cherished grandfather of Lauren and Courtney Capra. Dear brother of Antoinette and the late Guido Capra, Ida Izzo and Elodia Lione. Fond uncle of Annette (Ron) Lucas and many other nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, Dec. 26 from 3 to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service and Interment the next day will be held privately. Memorial donations can be made to the Misericordia Home, 6300 N Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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#### DeFrancisco, Suzanne 'Sue'

Age 66, at rest Dec 18. Beloved longtime companion of Ed Montvid; loving daughter of the late Otto and Helen DeFrancisco; dear sister to Kathie Moritz, Jeff, and Jim (Andrea); close cousin, fond aunt, and treasured friend. A celebration of Sue's life will be held Friday, Dec 28 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com) to sign the guest register.  
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#### Fitzsimmons, Estelle

Estelle Fitzsimmons, age 97 of Oak Lawn. Was preceded in death by her husband Robert. Loving mother of Patricia (Richard) Ahlgren, Robert (Lisa) and William (Denise). Proud grandmother of Drake and Amy. Life Celebration Mass Private. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery Justice Illinois. In lieu of flowers donations in Estelle's name to The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind at [chicagolighthouse.org](http://chicagolighthouse.org) appreciated. For funeral info 847-537-6600 or [funerals.pro](http://funerals.pro).



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#### Folak, Katie

Katie Folak, Age 97 nee Wuich. Beloved wife of the late John Folak. Loving mother of Judith (Paul) Larsen, Shirley (David) Domel and John Folak. Cherished grandmother of David (Donna) Domel Jr., Dana (Milo) Szymczak, Amy Wdowiak and John Folak Jr. Great Grandmother of Christopher, Miah, Bailey, Megan, Ava, Nicholas, Ava, Katie, Lucas, Noah, Brayden and Charlotte. Dear Sister of Anne Wuich, Mary (late Art) Kudla, Tillie (Pat) O'Callahan, Rosie (late Bill) Boykin and the late Maggie (Stanley) Stepkovic. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday Dec. 28 from 3 to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Monica Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Ct. Suite 145, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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#### Glatz, Geraldine M.

Geraldine M. Glatz 98. (nee Reid). Beloved wife of the late John Glatz Sr. Loving mother of John Jr. (Maureen) and Greg (Anita) Glatz, Jane (Dal) Smilie and the late Thomas Glatz. Dear grandmother of Nicholas, John, Therese, and Martin. Great grandmother of 6. Geraldine is predeceased by 9 siblings. Memorial Visitation Saturday December 29th from 10:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass 11:30 a.m. at St. Cajetan Church 2445 West 112th Street Chicago. Int. Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Donnellan Funeral Home (773) 238-0075 or [info@donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://info@donnellanfuneralhome.com)



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#### Goding, Charles A. 'Chuck'

Charles A. "Chuck" Goding, age 84, longtime resident of Elmhurst, currently of Lombard, longtime Director of Corporate Communications for Falco Chemical Company, former President of the Oak Brook Association of Commerce and Industry; founding director of Training, Inc., a training program for welfare recipients; former Adjunct Professor, Lewis University; former member of Elmhurst Zoning and Planning Commission, former Director Elmhurst District 205 Foundation, Mayoral appointee to the Historic Preservation Commission in Elmhurst; past President of Chicago Chapter of the Business Professional Advertising Association; beloved husband of Connie for over 61 years; loving father of Chuck Jr. (Julie) and Craig (Heather) Goding and Cindi (Dennis) Lockhart; proud grandfather of Berit Goding, Caleb (Therese) and Noel Goding and Alec Lockhart. Visitation Thursday, December 27, 2018, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a funeral service to be held at 4:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604-1242. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

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#### Jelinek, Terrence 'Terry'

Terrence "Terry" Jelinek, age 70, a life-long resident of Naperville, IL passed away peacefully, Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018. Cherished husband of Susan Jelinek, nee Traut, for 45 years. Beloved father of Michael (Emily) Jelinek, Patrick (Brandee) Jelinek, and David (Emily) Jelinek. Adored papa of Thomas, Daniel, Ellison, Bradley, Lauren, Benjamin, Rhett, Andrew, and Everly. Brother of Donald Jelinek. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Dearest brother-in-law of the Traut sisters. Preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Theresa Jelinek. Terry was a proud US Naval Veteran. He retired from the Naperville Fire Department as Battalion Chief. Past Commander of the American Legion Post #43 and Judd Kendall Post #3873. Memorials: Naperville Responds for Veterans, 210 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540. Visitation: Fri, Dec. 28th 4-8 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Mass: Sat., Dec. 29th 9:30 AM SS. Peter & Paul Church, 36 N. Ellsworth Street, Naperville, IL 60540. Interment at SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. Info: 630-355-0213 or [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com)



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#### Lotnick, Charles "Chuck"

Charles "Chuck" Lotnick, age 89, beloved husband of Hannah, nee Stelzer, for 62 wonderful years; loving father of Lester (Lisa) Lotnick and the late Roger Lotnick; cherished grandpa of Ethan Lotnick; devoted son of the late Rose and Morris Lotnick; treasured uncle and friend of many. Chapel service Thursday 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation For Parkinson's Research or the Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation (GIRF) in memory of the late Roger Lotnick. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [shalom2.com](http://shalom2.com)



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#### Messina, William

Beloved husband of the late Joanne; dear father of Lydia (Jeffrey) Ginex, James (Clarice) and William (Joi); loving grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 7. William was a Korean War Army Veteran. Visitation Thursday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 W. Archer Chicago. Funeral Friday 9:15 am from the funeral home to St. Jane De Chantal Church for Mass 10:00 am. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. For funeral info: 773-586-7900.  
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**In 1917**, during World War I, the U.S. government took over operation of the nation's railroads.

**In 1941** Winston Churchill became the first British

prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

**In 1971**, 16 Vietnam War veterans seized control of the Statue of Liberty to dramatize their antiwar stand.

**In 1987** a bomb exploded at a USO bar in Barcelona, Spain, killing one U.S. sailor and injuring nine others; a

little-known group called the Red Army of Catalonia Liberation claimed responsibility.

**In 1990** Nancy Cruzan, the young woman in an irreversible vegetative state whose case led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the right to die, died in a Missouri hospital.

**In 1993**, in Russia, a four-day drama ended as four masked kidnapers who had abducted 11 teenagers landed their explosives-packed helicopter, freed their last hostages and fled with \$10 million in ransom. (The four men were captured the next morning.)

**In 1996** 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo. (The slaying remains unsolved.)

**In 1998** President Bill Clinton, in his weekly radio address, urged Congress to lower the blood-alcohol limit for drunken driving nationwide to .08 percent.

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### Methven, Donald P.

U. S. Army Air Force Veteran. Beloved husband of 57 years to Violet Jean Methven (nee Givin). Loving father of Christopher (Patricia), Susan (John) Greer, and Heather (Scott) Cielenski. Proud grandpa of Alex, Benjamin, Carly, Austin, Madeline, Gavin, and Sadie. Cherished great-grandpa of Amelia Jean. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3:00-9:00 p.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Friends and family to gather Friday 9:30 a.m. until time of Service 10:30 a.m. at Palos Park Presbyterian Church, 12312 S 88th Ave, Palos Park, IL. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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### Mistretta, Madeleine

Madeleine Mistretta nee Harkins, 95, a native of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Joseph for 54 years; loving mother of Mark, Philip and Lisa Mistretta (John) Sellen; cherished grandmother of Alex and Michael Semaca and Laura and Peter Mistretta; twin sister of the late Jacqueline (Donald) Seltin; sister of twins, Charles H. (Geraldine) Harkins and Mary Therese Harkins. Visitation at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, December 28, 2018. Friends and Family are asked to meet at St. John the Baptist Church, 233 Church St., Winfield. Mass at 9:45 A.M. Saturday, December 29, 2018. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or [www.williams-kampp.com](http://www.williams-kampp.com)

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### Owen, Jean E.

Jean E. Owen, of LaGrange Park; beloved wife of Bill for 57 years; loving mother of Karen (Lance) Ramella, Lisa Owen, & Michael Owen; proud grandmother of Kaylan & Brynne Ramella; dear sister of Louise Foerster; cherished aunt of Jason Foerster & Kristin Colafranceschi; loved great-aunt & friend of many. Visitation 10 a.m. until time of funeral service, 11 a.m., on Friday, December 28 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 203 S. Kensington Ave., LaGrange. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jean's name to Emmanuel Episcopal Church are appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: (708) 352-6500 or [hjfunerals.com](http://hjfunerals.com)

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### Palazzolo, Nathan M.

Nathan M. Palazzolo, 82, of Palatine. Beloved husband of Joyce, nee Filifis for 52 years. Dear father of Salvatore (Karen) Palazzolo, Natalia (Vince Heard) Palazzolo, and Alessandra (Robert) Kozek. Adored Papou of Cameron and Devin Ransford, Gianna and Nathan Palazzolo, and Riley and Quinn Kozek. Visitation Thursday, December 27th, 3 PM to 8 PM, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine. Funeral Mass Friday, 10 AM, St. Thomas of Villanova, 1201 E Anderson Road, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at [www.jdrf.org/donate](http://www.jdrf.org/donate) or March of Dimes at [www.marchofdimes.org/giving/support-general.aspx](http://www.marchofdimes.org/giving/support-general.aspx) would be appreciated. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Nathan's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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### Picazo, Samuel David

Samuel David Picazo, 52, of Brownsville, Tx, passed away on December 9, 2018 in Colorado Springs, Co. He was a loving father to Maritza Illare Picazo and Paola Andrea Jimenez, beloved son of his mother, Elvia Picazo and his father Samuel Picazo Jr. and caring brother of Richard Picazo. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1985 and served for 25 years. He also served 8 years in the United States Army. A visitation will be held at **Drake and Son Funeral Home**, 5303 N Western Avenue, Chicago IL 60625, on December 27 from 4-9PM. Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on December 28 at 10am. Comital private. In lieu of flowers memorials to Semper Fi Fund or Big City Mountaineers appreciated. For more information call 773-561-6874.

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### Saccaro, Theresa

Theresa A Saccaro (nee Nania) age 93. Beloved wife of the late Joe Saccaro. Devoted mother of Patt Nicholls, Chuck (Dori) Saccaro, Joe (Sharon) Saccaro and Susan (Gary) Miura. Proud grandmother of Laura Ortiz, Christine (Armando) Rojas, Jessica (Mike) Coyne, Matt (Rachel) Saccaro, Amanda (Mike) Saccaro, Angie Saccaro, Sara (Dan) Litwiller, Meghan (Robert) Culp, James Saccaro, Nico Miura and Kasie Miura. Loving Great Grandmother of sixteen. A date for a memorial service and interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be announced after January 1.

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### Schmidt, Shirley

(nee Hoddinott), a resident of Smith Crossing in Orland Park, died peacefully on December 18, 2018, with her husband at her side. After marrying John Edward Schmidt, an Army veteran and an IBM account executive, she raised 4 children, did over 2000 hours of volunteer service for her local hospital, and traveled the world in retirement. Her parents, Bertram J. and Gladys B. Hoddinott, and her sister, Joan (Joe Lantzy) Eckhardt, preceded her into eternal life. In addition to John, she is survived by siblings Bertram (Barbara) Hoddinott, Jr., and Carolyn Hoddinott, her 4 children, her 6 grandchildren, and her 11 great-grandchildren. Memorial Visitation Saturday, December 29th from 10 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 11 a.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th Street, Palos Heights, Memorial Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment will be private.

**KERRY FUNERAL HOME**

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### Shraiberg, Carol A.

Carol A. Shraiberg nee Pastore. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Shraiberg. Loving mother of Sam (Apple) Shraiberg. Dear sister of James (Sue) and Robert Pastore. Contributions to Sisters of Charity BVM would be appreciated. Info at **Mural Funeral Group**, 847-648-0086.

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### Snodgrass, Lawrence 'Larry'

Lawrence "Larry" Snodgrass of Batavia died on December 23, 2018. He was born May 9, 1932 in Springfield, IL to Otto and Margaret (Bowe) Snodgrass. He served in the Korean War and worked 40 years at Lucent Technologies. Larry was a 20 year volunteer at the First Division Museum at Cantigny in Wheaton, IL. He is survived by his wife Patricia (Cadagin); his children: Dave, Mike (Linda), and Ann; his grandchildren: Amy, Jack, and Allie Snodgrass, and Maggie and Mitchell Ziem; a sister Pat (Chuck) Montgomery; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation 4-8pm Friday, 12/28/2018 at Moss Funeral Home at 209 S. Batavia Ave, Batavia, IL. Funeral services 11:00am Saturday 12/29/2018 also at Moss with visitation at 10am. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center, 1001 E. Monroe St, Springfield, IL, 62703.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Jarod Randolph, Jr.

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Aviance Loving (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 14JA01226

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Jarod Randolph, Sr. (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 12, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jashawn Weaver

A MINOR NO. 2018JD050017

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Jashawn Weaver (Minor-Respondent) and Cheryl Washington (Mother), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on September 28, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jayden Waszak-Perri

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Elizabeth Trilla-Waszak (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00714

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Julio Angel (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 30, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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IN THE INTEREST OF Janiya Arterberry Johnasia Arterberry

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Karen Miles (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA01131 15JA01132

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, John Arterberry (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 3, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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IN THE INTEREST OF Lakwane J Williams

A MINOR NO. 2018JD01982

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Kenneth Williams (Father), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on December 9, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Michael Richmond Jr.

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Aviance Loving (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 14JA01224

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Michael Richmond, Sr. (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 12, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Nico Johnson

A MINOR NO. 2018JD01661

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00714

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Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Capital I. Inc. Trust 2006-HE2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE2 Plaintiff,

vs. Lucita A. Zamoras aka Lucita Zamoras; James E. Mescall aka James Mescall; Arcadia Place Townhomes Homeowners Association; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Capital I. Inc. Trust 2006-HE2, State of Illinois, Department of Revenue; United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

CASE NO. 18 CH 13268 24 South Aberdeen Street, Unit 2, Chicago, Illinois 60607 Robles Calendar 59

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Lucita A. Zamoras aka Lucita Zamoras, James E. Mescall aka James Mescall, 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 foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: (24 SOUTH ABERDEEN STREET, UNIT 2); THAT PART OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TAKEN AS A TRACT: LOTS 32 TO 37 INCLUSIVE IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, AND IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 15, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT THAT PART OF LOT 31 IN HAYES SUBDIVISION AFORESAID; SAID PART OF SAID TRACT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 263.5 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SE

FORECLOSURES

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 of and adjoining said Lot 2, in L. Kluma's Resubdivision (Lot 29 in Block 2 in Nick 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 (6297414) 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-maphelps@manleydeas.com File number: 18-019140 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 CVALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-1271, MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST SERIES 2007-1271-1, Plaintiff, v. GREGORY SABOURIN, AKA GREGORY SABOURIN, THE 3300 LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CWHEQ 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 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 40 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 declaration 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-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com File number: 18-032168 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub. 12/12, 12/19 & 12/26/2018 6029038

FORECLOSURES

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 therefore 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-FF4, Plaintiff, v. RIGOBERTO HERRERA, AKA RIGOBERTO G. HERRERA; YLVIA HERRERA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; RIVERVIEW 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 1/2 of Section 24, Township 42 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, which survey is attached as Exhibit "C" to the Declaration of Condominium recorded as Document No. 2673891 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: 18-033669 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 12/12, 19, 26/2018 6025182

FORECLOSURES

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(s).

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.

PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS THE EAST 900 FEET OF THE NORTH 420 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, LYING WEST OF A LINE DRAWN AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTH LINE THEREOF FROM A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE 727.18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH 66 FEET OF THE NORTH 245 FEET (EXCEPT THE EAST 900 FEET THEREOF) OF THE SOUTH 34 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24 AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE WEST 50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 66 FEET OF THE NORTH 245 FEET (AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTH LINE THEREOF) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: THE NORTH 210 FEET OF THE WEST 190 FEET OF THAT PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS 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, LYING EAST OF A LINE DRAWN AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT FROM A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE 727.18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 3: THE NORTH 210 FEET OF THE EAST 226.58 FEET OF THE WEST 416.58 FEET OF THAT PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS THE SOUTH 34 ACRES 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, LYING EAST OF A LINE DRAWN AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT FROM A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE 727.18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 5: THE NORTH 420 FEET (EXCEPT THE WEST 606.58 FEET THEREOF) OF THAT PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS 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, LYING EAST OF A LINE DRAWN AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT FROM A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE 727.18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 6: THE SOUTH 210 FEET OF THE NORTH 420 FEET OF THE EAST 190 FEET OF THAT PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS 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, LYING EAST OF A LINE DRAWN AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT FROM A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE 727.18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 8: THE SOUTH 210 FEET OF THE NORTH 420 FEET OF THE WEST 190 FEET OF THAT PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS 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, LYING EAST OF A LINE DRAWN AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT FROM A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE 727.18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHICH PLAT OF SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0435645145; TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS. Permanent Index Number: 08-24-102-033-1152 Commonly known as: 1115 Holiday Lane, Unit 12, Des Plaines, IL 60018 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center located at 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 or on or before January 18, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quintalos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 12/19, 26/2018, 1/2/2019 6035383

TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK 6458 N CLAREMONT LLC ADRIAN TANASE CLAREMONT COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, RA: SUSAN K. RENTALE QUALITY MANAGEMENT & BINALES RAINBOW VILLAGE OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007374 FILED November 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 8, 2016 Certificate No. 14-00113625 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 6460 N CLAREMONT AVE, UNIT GARDEN N, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60645 Legal Description or Property Index No. 11-31-312-047-1001 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 foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6030223

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK RAY OLAYAN CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK SHIUKI AUTO TEC INC D/B/A RICHES MUFFLER & TIRE CENTER, RA & PRESIDENT: RAY OLAYAN PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT EBYLINE BANK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007686 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006295 Sold for General Taxes of Year 2015 (2007 AND 2008 UNINCLUDED) AND 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 16-02-409-02-0000 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 foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 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 June 7, 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031906

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK TAYLOR OF PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT CAROLYN SZYMANSKI MAZUR RESTORATION UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007687 FILED November 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006570 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 3272 WEST FULLERTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-26-428-020-0000 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 foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 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 June 7, 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6031943

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ESTANLAD GARDNER CELIA CARRETT GARDNER NATHANIEL BROOKS JOSEPHINE GARDNER MORGAN J. DORR UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007338 FILED November 1, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0009595 Sold for General Taxes of Year 2014 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 209-027-0000 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 foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 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 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/26, 27, 28/2018 6030143

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# CHICAGO SPORTS



The Bears defense performs a Motown-themed celebration after a touchdown in Detroit on Nov. 22. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

**T**he idea, two days before Christmas, was to mimic the dancing in the beloved scene from “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

So when Bears linebacker Danny Trevathan snared the football off the hands of 49ers wide receiver Marquise Goodwin for his second interception of the season Sunday at Levi’s Stadium, he directed his defensive teammates to the end zone to start the Bears’ latest coordinated celebration attempt.

The problem was not every Bears player knew what to do, so they settled on the fallback of posing for photographers instead.

“We couldn’t coordinate it,” cornerback Prince Amukamara said. “Not everybody was on key.”

It’s one of the few times the Bears defense has dropped the ball — when it comes to celebrations, at least.

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Akiem Hicks admits “I wasn’t letting that thing go” after scoring on a 1-yard plunge against the Giants. JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**BEARS**

## Dance moves, naps & Motown

Bears excel at big plays — and celebrations. Here are top 10.



After an Anthony Miller TD against the Vikings on Nov. 18, the Bears row the boat in the end zone. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## Big belated gift could be waiting for Notre Dame

Star Clemson DT iffy after failing drug test



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
On college football

DALLAS — College football fans were introduced to the performance-enhancing drug osaterine after Clemson touched

down here in advance of Saturday’s Cotton Bowl.

On Wednesday we expect to gain literacy in the concept of “B” sampling.

If you need a post-Christmas catch-up, here it is: Clemson coach Dabo Swinney announced Monday that three of his players had failed NCAA drug tests. Two are backups:



STREETER LECKA/GETTY

Defensive standout Dexter Lawrence, who has failed a drug test, reacts to a play in Clemson’s victory over Pitt in the ACC title game.

offensive lineman Zach Giella and tight end Braden Galloway.

The other is an absolute stud: defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence.

Pro Football Focus ranked 50 2019 NFL draft prospects from the four playoff prospects — Alabama, Clemson, Notre Dame and Oklahoma. The 350-pound Lawrence was No. 3 after Alabama linemen Quinnen Williams and Jonah

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### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

**Cotton Bowl**  
Saturday in Arlington, Texas  
No. 2 Clemson (13-0) vs. No. 3 Notre Dame (12-0), 3 p.m., ESPN

**Orange Bowl**  
Saturday in Miami Gardens, Fla.  
No. 1 Alabama (13-0) vs. No. 4 Oklahoma (12-1), 7 p.m., ESPN

**National championship game**  
7 p.m. Jan. 7 in Santa Clara, Calif., ESPN

## Rose reinvents self — and his career

Once a league MVP in starring for Bulls, he’s in line for 6th Man of Year with Wolves

The video, posted on social media on Feb. 22, went viral.

It showed Derrick Rose in a nondescript Cleveland State gym, moving gingerly and shooting close-range floaters. Unemployed after the Jazz waived him following a trade with the Cavaliers, Rose had a single rebounder working with him.

Some viewed the video as inspirational, a player who experienced a meteoric rise followed by an injury-ravaged fall still working at his craft. Many more viewed it as the ultimate fall from grace, a player just trying to hang on and possibly without another NBA home.



**K.C. JOHNSON**  
On the NBA

It’s hard to believe only 10 months have passed since then.

Rose returns Wednesday to the United Center — the scene of his greatest glories — with coach Tom Thibodeau and the Timberwolves as one of the favorites to win the NBA’s Sixth Man of the Year award. It would mark the second time in league history a former most valuable player reinvented his career to win that award. Bill Walton (1977-78 MVP and 1985-86 Sixth Man winner) was the first; James Harden took the opposite route, winning Sixth Man in 2011-12

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**UP NEXT: Timberwolves at Bulls** 7 p.m. Wednesday, NBCSCH

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## COMMENTARY

# Make bowls matter: Then stars might want to play

BY SHAWN WINDSOR  
Detroit Free Press

Stop the romanticism. Rip off the amber-hued glasses. Forget the nostalgia, the traditionalism, the notion that college football is somehow different.

It's not. It's a business. It's just that players haven't treated it as such.

Until now. If Michigan linebacker Devin Bush Jr. wants to skip the Peach Bowl and get ready for the NFL draft? He should. If Michigan State cornerback Justin Layne wants to skip the Redbox Bowl and do the same? He should too.

You can hate it. You can wish every eligible and healthy player available would suit up for whatever bowl game your team makes. You can pine for the era when those players did suit up.

You know, like in 2015, the year before running backs Christian McCaffrey of Stanford and Leonard Fournette of LSU skipped their bowl games and set off weeks of hand-wringing about the demise of the team ethos, sportsmanship, sacrifice and integrity.

But none of that will change the fact many of the best college football players will no longer be taking part in college football bowl games.

The question is: Why? Actually, we know why. Bush and Layne and Michigan defensive end Rashaan Gary and Michigan running back Karan Higdon and West Virginia quarterback Will Grier and at least 13 other future pros have made the choice because of money.

The better question might be: Why now? When McCaffrey and Fournette chose to skip their bowl games two years ago, it was the second year of the College Football Playoff. And even then, the bowl games already felt diminished.

McCaffrey weighed the risk of injury against glory in the Sun Bowl and chose to protect himself. Because, really, does the Sun Bowl matter?

To its organizers and sponsors, yes. To the folks who earn by working the stadium and grounds, obviously. To the schools that get a payout? Sure. To the coaches who crave the extra month of practice and the chance to meet a clause in their contract

that gives them a bonus for making a bowl game? Of course.

But do games like that matter to the players? To the fans? To the students who attend the schools and have little hope of making it to the game?

No. At least not in places like Stanford and LSU — or Michigan and Michigan State.

That isn't to say fans of those programs won't tune in when their teams play. Or that a few more casual football fans won't either.

But remember, there are 39 bowl games this season. And I'd bet you can't name 10 of them. Because you don't care. So why should the players care when they have the chance to get drafted?

It's a business decision. Just as it's a business decision for the NCAA to allow so many bowl games in the first place.

Though I wonder how much longer it will make for good business. The model is broken. Players, students and fans want to participate and watch when something is at stake.

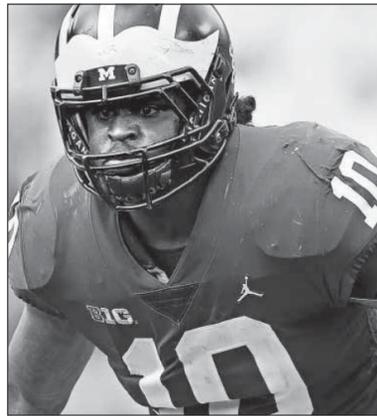
Expanding the playoff would cure this, at least in part. But not by merely adding four more teams. The NCAA needs to follow its own model and create a 24-team playoff, as it has in the Football Championship Subdivision.

And if you're worried about the bulk of the 129 FBS teams that would never sniff a playoff appearance? Well, there are 125 FCS teams, and most of them don't make the playoff either.

If that's too harsh, the NCAA could soften the landing by keeping some of the lower-tier bowls for schools such as Eastern Michigan and UAB and Appalachian State, all of whom made bowl games this year.

Or even create a second playoff, kind of like the NIT in basketball. All it would require is for the NCAA to admit it has a fairer, more interesting system in place in every other sport it oversees, then use it in the one place it doesn't.

Now, would this stop the movement of players skipping postseason games to prepare for the NFL draft? Not likely. Even if the NCAA did expand to 24 playoff teams, the players who wind up in a lower-tier bowl would still see it as a consolation and act accordingly if they have a chance at the NFL.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Michigan linebacker Devin Bush Jr. is among more than a dozen top college players choosing to sit out bowl games.

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said he was disappointed over Layne's decision to skip the Redbox Bowl on Monday against Oregon.

"Everybody these days has a different philosophy on how these things are working out," he said last week. "My philosophy is you finish — you finish the season, and that includes bowl games and playoff games. Other people feel differently. It doesn't mean I'm right and they're wrong. It's just a difference of philosophy."

But, all due respect, Layne's decision doesn't represent a different philosophy. It represents the same one that has propelled college football for decades: money. This is why college football in its current form exists.

Layne was just late to the party. To which I say: Welcome.

Maybe now that he is here, along with the rest of those skipping their bowl games, the forces that created the system will feel motivated to fix it.

This notion that college football's regular season matters more than any other is the narrative that props up the antiquated and outdated bowl model. It's a false narrative.

What matters in the regular season is when highly ranked teams face off or rival programs compete. Because if your team loses twice — and most teams do — then the intrigue fades fast.

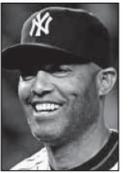
It wouldn't with a real playoff. More teams would have a chance. Which means more of the best players would compete in the postseason.

They need a reason to take a chance at getting injured. Until they get one, expect more heartfelt goodbyes.

## BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

# Unanimous: Dumb to oppose Rivera

Whew! I reacquired my Baseball Hall of Fame vote just in time. I need to save the Hall from its first unanimous selection.



Mariano Rivera ... come on. Has anyone even looked at his stats? He has zero shutouts — and the same number of complete games. He posted a 5.94 career ERA as a starting pitcher. He has only 82 wins. I mean, Doug Fister has more — and he's still active!

Thankfully some of the top minds in the sport get it. Michael Needham tweeted this, generously including two former Chicago players for the purposes of this column: "Mariano Rivera is tied with Robin Ventura for career wins above replacement. He pitched 24% of the innings Greg Maddux pitched in his career. The notion he's a unanimous Hall of Famer is insane."

Who is Michael Needham? He is chief of staff for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a man well-versed enough in football to know it's important for guys like Robbie Gould to "hit a 3 pt kick."

The Rivera debate erupted because of the bravery of Bill Ballou, who writes for the Telegram of Worcester, Mass. It's the heart of Yankee country, but Ballou put aside his biases to pen a long column explaining why he declined to vote for Rivera. He called the save baseball's "lowest-hanging fruit on the game's statistical tree."

Take that, holds! My ballot, to be revealed in January, had six checked boxes. Ballou voted for no one.

Uh-oh. With Ballou declining to mail in a blank ballot, Rivera's election still could be unanimous.

Which means the Hall needs my wisdom more than ever.

Sorry, Mariano, next time try making more than 13 All-Star teams and winning five World Series.

That's fewer rings than former Yankees second baseman Jerry Coleman has. And do you see him in the Hall of Fame?

— Teddy Greenstein

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  - 17 Entertainer Shore
  - 18 Abode
  - 20 Sullivan & Bradley
  - 21 \_\_\_ moment; instant of realization
  - 23 Very rich
  - 24 Official ambassador
  - 26 Take a load off
  - 27 Dozing
  - 29 Unwanted nasal growths
  - 32 Carried
  - 33 Like pleasantly warm weather
  - 35 Common street name
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  - 6 Wrath
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# Rose reinvents self, career

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before MVP last season.

At 22, Rose became the youngest MVP in league history after the 2010-11 season with the Bulls, in which he averaged 25 points and 7.7 assists for a 62-win team. So trailblazing is nothing new for the No. 1 pick in 2008 after the Bulls struck draft-lottery gold to select the hometown product of Simeon High School.

Whether he wins the award or not, Rose's resurgence is a testament to toughness. Like his ability to overcome four knee surgeries, Rose's commitment is as much mental as it is physical.

And to see the peace Rose has with where his career is, not to mention to hear teammates talk about the joy he exudes in playing, was the most compelling aspect of the Bulls' trip to Minnesota last month.

"Thibs believed in me. He gave me a chance," Rose said that night. "That's all I needed — one more chance."

Rose, who missed the last game with a sore left ankle and is listed as questionable for Wednesday's game, is averaging 18.5 points and 4.6 assists in 29.2 minutes. He's shooting 48.5 percent, second only to his 48.9 percent mark during his second season with the Bulls. And his 3-point percentage of 46.9 obliterates his career best of 34 percent.

In many ways, he has reinvented his game.

While there are still daring dashes to the basket and jaw-dropping displays of athleticism around the rim, Rose no longer plays nonstop with the ferocity that defined his Bulls career. He picks his spots. He keeps defenses honest with 3-point shooting.

Once mocked by critics for this, he listens to his body. And it's paying dividends for the Timberwolves.

"He's just calm," longtime Bulls and current Timberwolves teammate Taj Gibson said before the Bulls-Timberwolves game last month. "He's comfortable being around people who are familiar with him, people who are going to let him play his game, understand when he's feeling right and when he's not feeling right."

"The way he's getting ready for the game as far as working out, monitoring his body, taking care of himself, he's a totally different person. Every game, it's like he's in a new form. He's born again. And it shows."

Rose has played at the United Center only once since the Bulls traded him to the Knicks in June 2016, a transaction that shook Rose deeply. Rose posted 15 points and 11 assists in a Knicks victory in November 2016.

Rose sat courtside as a fan with his son during a Bulls-Celtics playoff game, walked out of the building that night with Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and has a



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The Timberwolves' Derrick Rose shoots the ball against the Pistons' Langston Galloway last week in Minneapolis.

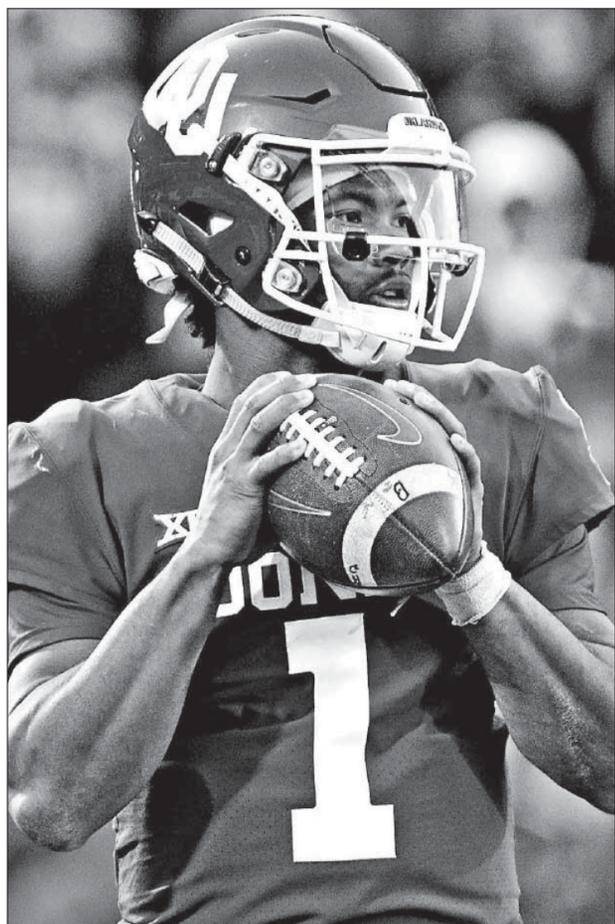
strong enough relationship with management that he occasionally has used the Advocate Center for offseason workouts.

Rose drew a nice ovation when shown on the scoreboard the day he took in the Bulls-Celtics game. For all he has endured to not only persevere but prosper, he deserves another.

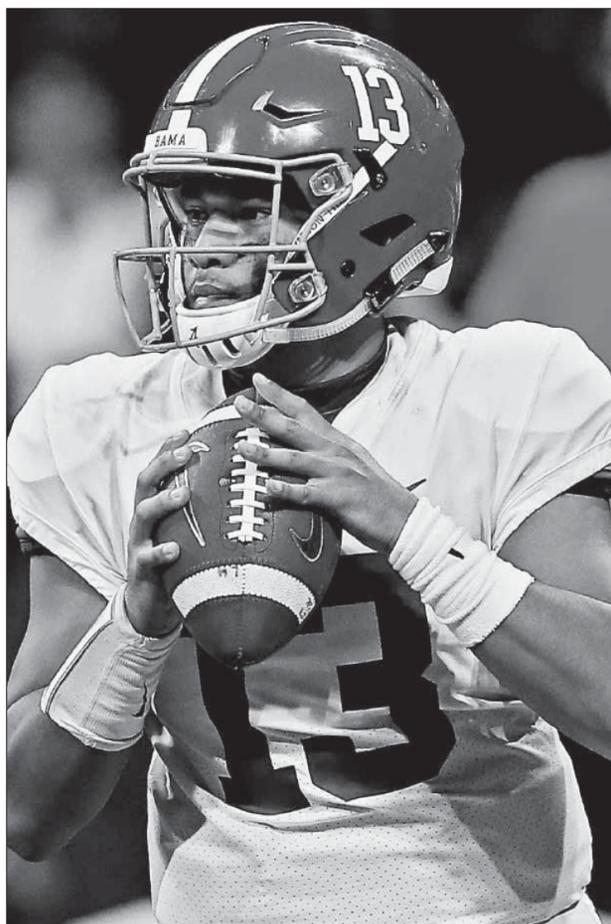
**Layups:** The Bulls upgraded Zach LaVine to questionable for Wednesday's game against his former team. Thursday marks the front end of the two- to four-week timeline the Bulls gave after LaVine sprained his right ankle on Dec. 13 in Mexico City. ... In his annual Christmas Day interview with David Schuster on the Bulls' flagship station, WSCR-AM 670, executive vice president John Paxson praised Jabari Parker as an "outstanding offensive player" who "is a really good person." The Bulls are shopping Parker, who has fallen out of coach Jim Boylen's rotation. "Now that Bobby (Portis) is out, Jabari will probably get an opportunity to play some more," Paxson said. "All Jim is asking, especially on the defensive end, is compete." ... Despite the Bulls' 9-25 record, Paxson reiterated to Schuster his refusal to sit veterans for draft-lottery positioning. The team did that with Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday last season. Both are trade candidates before the Feb. 7 deadline.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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It will be a delicious quarterback matchup when Oklahoma's Kyler Murray (1) squares off against Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa in the Orange Bowl.

ORANGE BOWL SATURDAY IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.

# The Generation Z QB

Oklahoma-Alabama game likely to prove how good passing offenses have become

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

Trent Dilfer has been head coach for the Elite 11 national high school quarterback competition since 2011, and even in that short period the quality of players coming through the program has drastically improved.

"We've always had our handful of clearly the best," said Dilfer, a former first-round NFL draft pick and Super Bowl-winning quarterback with the Ravens. "One through three, one through five basically have been the same every year. You just know they're going to make it. But five through 50 is 50 percent better now than it was when I started."

Generation Z quarterbacks who grew up with personal coaches, 7-on-7 spring leagues and all they ever wanted to know about two-deep coverage on YouTube have taken over college football. Combined with offensive innovation that many of these young quarterbacks have seen since middle school, the passing game has reached new heights this season.

With 25 bowls and the national championship game to play, interceptions are at an all-time low (0.82 per team per game) and the frequency of passes resulting in a touchdown (5.48 percent) is at an all-time high. FBS quarterbacks are completing passes at a near-record percentage (59.9) while yards per attempt (7.41) is the best it has ever been.

The current passing efficiency rating for all of FBS is 134.99, which would break the mark of

133.83 set in 2012.

The latest statistical surge has been led by the quarterbacks who will play in the Orange Bowl semifinal Saturday, when No. 1 Alabama faces No. 4 Oklahoma. Both Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray (205.72) of Oklahoma and Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa (202.30) are on pace to break the passing efficiency record Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield (198.92) set last season.

The quarterbacks in the Cotton Bowl have also done their part. No. 2 Clemson, led by freshman Trevor Lawrence (154.02 rating), faces No. 3 Notre Dame and quarterback Ian Book (162.50 rating).

Murray, Tagovailoa and Lawrence were five-star talents who fall into Dilfer's "clearly the best" category. But polished passers are being churned out as if by a factory.

"They have had 'Outlier' reps from doing all this stuff," said former UCLA coach and quarterback Rick Neuheisel, referring to Malcolm Gladwell's book that theorized 10,000 hours of practice is necessary to become an expert in a field.

Or as Dilfer puts it: "They've had more opportunity to be the quarterback."

Oliver Luck was the quarterback at West Virginia before the Houston Oilers drafted him in the second round in 1982. Growing up in Cleveland, football was played during football season.

"As soon as the season was over, that football would gather dust because you were more than likely involved in other sports,"

said Luck, now commissioner of the XFL.

By the time his son was in high school in Houston, spring practice was common and 7-on-7 — a pared-down version of football with no linemen or tackling, just quarterbacks, receivers and defensive backs — was growing. Andrew Luck was a two-time Heisman runner-up at Stanford and the first pick in the 2012 NFL draft by the Colts. He didn't dabble in private coaches until he was preparing for the draft.

"I don't know what the number is, but if I threw 5,000 passes (combining practices, games and workouts) in my high school career, I bet Andrew threw 50,000 and today's kids might throw 100,000," Oliver Luck said. "A significant increase in the number and the quality of the repetitions. That's just the physical part."

The information age has been a boon to quarterback development. What iPhone-dependent teens might lack in interpersonal skills, they often make up for in ability to absorb information.

"So a student-athlete comes in and he's like: 'I get what two-high safeties look like, I get what one-high safeties look like and that paints a picture for me.' They're learning that in the sixth grade. Eighth grade," said Pac-12 Networks analyst Yogi Roth, who works with Dilfer on Elite 11 and was part of Pete Carroll's USC staff from 2005 to '09.

Dilfer called Tagovailoa, the MVP of the 2016 Elite 11 competition, an "incredible learner, maybe the best I've been around."

"He was awful at a handful of things when I saw him in May," Dilfer said. "I gave him a task list. When I saw him in June, he was

the best at all the things he once was the worst at."

Murray was part of the 2014 Elite 11 class and exemplifies another part of the evolution of quarterback play at the college level: Great athletes are more frequently playing quarterback and being developed as passers, even if they don't have what has always been thought of as prototypical NFL measurements.

Murray is listed at 5-foot-10 and 195 pounds, has tailback speed and already has signed a contract to play baseball for the Oakland Athletics.

"It's almost a democratization of the position," Luck said. "In a sense you don't have to be the 6-foot-4 tall, accurate passer."

Then there are the X's and O's. Dilfer recalls the famous quote often attributed to the late Texas coach and wishbone innovator Darrell Royal: "Three things can happen when you pass the ball, and two of them are bad."

"No longer are bad things happening when you're throwing it 6 yards from the line of scrimmage, the million different ways they throw it now," Dilfer said.

The ball often doesn't travel far in the modern passing game, which decreases the frequency of incomplete passes and interceptions. The ball is coming out quicker, too, and there are more run-pass options for quarterbacks than ever. Neuheisel says it all adds up to an attack that has left defenses behind.

"If you're doing it in little league, you're the quarterback," Dilfer said. "You have to control the team. You're having to read the defense. You're having to know what your plays are. You're having to execute a play. That's being a quarterback."

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Cushing's new EIU staff to have NU flavor

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

Eastern Illinois might as well change its team color to purple next season. Coach Adam Cushing's football staff will have a serious Northwestern flavor.

The former NU offensive line coach put it like this: "All the coaches joining us believe in the same things we did at Northwestern: We're here to serve the players and take them to where they cannot take themselves. I'll put my own spin on it, but Pat Fitzgerald has been a pretty darn good model."

Cushing, 38, a Chicago native who played at Mount Carmel and the University of Chicago, said he will run a no-huddle spread offense and adapt it to the talent.

"Some years we threw it to Austin Carr a million times, and others we gave it to Justin Jackson a million times," Cushing said.

At least six former NU staff members or players will join Cushing as assistant coaches or in the strength and conditioning department.

— Chris Bowers goes from Northwestern's director of player personnel to EIU's defensive coordinator. Bowers, who helped build the roster that won the Big Ten West in 2018, coached defense at Defiance College in Ohio, Concord University in West Virginia and Valparaiso before taking an off-the-field job in Evanston.

— Former All-Big Ten defensive lineman Deonte Gibson becomes EIU's D-line coach. Gibson registered 15 sacks for Northwestern, then served as a graduate assistant. He decommissioned from Pittsburgh on the day Cushing's oldest daughter, Abby, was born — days after Pitt fired Dave Wannstedt.

— Mark Philmore, who caught 163 passes for 1,768 yards at Northwestern, will coach EIU's receivers. The former Dayton assistant also coached football in Poland and India. Cushing called him "a fast riser in the profession."

— Onetime NU graduate assistant John Kuceyeski will be offensive coordinator. The former Cornell and Iowa State assistant grew up around Northwestern, where father Randy and uncle Ron Kuceyeski played. Randy coached at Libertyville High School for 34 years and won the 2004 Class 7A state title.

— Glenbrook South alumnus Chris Batti will coach EIU's quarterbacks. He was an intern and graduate assistant at Northwestern for four seasons under Fitzgerald before joining Harvard and Fordham.

— Former NU graduate assistant Neal Renna will coach EIU's safeties, and the Lockport native will recruit Chicago's south suburbs.

Cushing also is eyeing Joe Orozco, a strength and conditioning specialist for Northwestern.

Former EIU linebacker Adam Gristick will coach that position, running backs coach Jayden Everett comes over from Central Michigan and Benny Boyd will coach cornerbacks, the position he played at Aurora University.

Meanwhile, Fitzgerald is looking for a new player personnel guru and offensive line coach.

"Anytime you have staff changes, you get excited for those who are departing," Fitzgerald said. "You hope they get an opportunity, when they've been off the field, to get on the field, like Chris will. And Adam, I'm ecstatic for his opportunity."

"But once you see their tail-lights, you have to look at the position, and I have to always have a mindset of: How can I find a way to make it better? That's how I have approached every change."

Two of Fitzgerald's last three hires — running backs coach Lou Ayeni and linebackers coach Tim McGargile — played at Northwestern.

Three former NU players likely will be considered for the O-line vacancy: Northern Illinois offensive line coach Joe Tripodi, Dayton offensive coordinator Austin King and Yale offensive line coach Al Netter. Arkansas offensive line coach Kurt Anderson also will be considered.

"If the interest in Adam's job is any indication of the interest that will be in Chris' job, it will take time to work through everything," Fitzgerald said.

## Big belated gift may be waiting for Notre Dame

Greenstein, from Page 1

Williams. PFF hailed Lawrence for his run-stopping prowess and "ability to push the pocket and get after the quarterback."

Swinney came clean on the dirty sample, declining to do what other coaches surely would have — hide the news of the suspensions until kickoff.

"The best thing," he said, "is to just be transparent."

The details, though, are cloudy. Swinney insisted the "three great young men have not intentionally done anything to jeopardize their opportunity or this team."

Clemson received a letter from the NCAA, according to Swinney, that the players "had a slither, a trace, of some substance called ostarine. I have no idea what ostarine is, but I have become almost an expert in it. I would be willing to bet there's a likelihood that, if they tested all of us right now, we might all have a slither, a trace, a fraction. All right?"

they thought it was a joke when I called them."

Some body-building websites hail the benefits of ingesting ostarine to increase strength, build endurance, aid in the healing process and lose body fat.

Knicks guard Allonzo Trier lost half a season at Arizona after testing positive for ostarine. His lawyer said he, too, had "trace" amounts in his system.

Lawrence is a spectacular player on a line with two other starters, Christian Wilkins and Clelin Ferrell, who were named first-team AP All-Americans. Lawrence tallied 44 tackles, 7 1/2 for a loss, while performing the often burdensome task of taking on two blockers.

Notre Dame's rushing attack, which ranks 48th nationally, would figure to get a sizable boost with Lawrence relegated to cheerleading. For what it's worth, news of Lawrence's likely suspension did not alter the betting line, which is Clemson by 13.

Swinney said results of the "B" sample will be known Wednesday or Thursday. Clean samples would clear the players for Saturday's College Football Playoff



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Dexter Lawrence, right, sacks Pitt's Kenny Pickett during Clemson's victory Dec. 1 in the ACC championship game.

semifinal.

Yahoo Sports reported that the players' chances of being reinstated are "slim and none."

Swinney said all three players will have legal representation and that "we're just kind of at the mercy of the process."

Ostarine, he contended, "could come from hair products. It could come from a cream. It could

come from protein. It could come from a product that you order or buy online that you think there's nothing wrong with. It could be anything."

In this case, here's what's not debatable: Testing positive for ostarine is a big deal.

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# Top 10: Dance moves, naps, Motown

Bears, from Page 1

The defense has 27 interceptions, 36 takeaways overall and six touchdowns, giving the players ample opportunities to show off their skills at celebrating. From a coordinated dance to pantomiming a symphony and a wedding-bouquet toss, the Bears have injected a bit of showmanship into their 11-4 season.

The celebration planning began in earnest after cornerback Kyle Fuller had his first two of seven interceptions in the Oct. 14 game against the Dolphins. After he returned the second one 35 yards, he sat on safety Adrian Amos' back in the end zone pretending to read a paper while safety Eddie Jackson mimicked shining his shoes.

The majority of the Bears' celebrations are the brainchildren of those four starting defensive backs.

"When we make plays, we want to enjoy them," Fuller said. "Having that mindset, it was like, 'OK, let's get some celebrations ready for when we make plays.'"

The Bears float ideas in a group text message and vote on the best one.

Amukamara got the idea for the bouquet toss — in which he tossed the football over his head to teammates and Jonathan Bullard caught it — from a TV news spot in which they asked fans for suggestions. ESPN's Mina Kimes called the Charlie Brown scene "my dream NFL team celebration" on Twitter on Saturday, though it's unclear if that was the inspiration for Sunday's idea.

Amukamara, who also came up with mimicking Double Dutch jump rope as well as the dancing Motown celebration in Detroit that remains the most popular, has a set of informal rules.

"I try to think, 'What is something everybody will get easy or something everybody will relate to?'" Amukamara said. "The millennial dances, not everyone gets those, just a certain crowd. That's why I come up with what I do. ... It's a consensus, majority rules. If everyone agrees with it, then it's in. If not, then we have to come up with something better."

Some of the ideas get nixed.

Amos admits he has had a few rejected, though he wouldn't share details. NFL rules prohibit celebrations that could be deemed offensive, including those involving violence, though a great one for baseball fans was the Seahawks in late October re-enacting the Nolan Ryan-Robin Ventura fight.

"Some of my suggestions get vetoed, as Prince said," Amos said. "You don't want to offend anybody with what you do. ... Prince is real particular about that."

Everybody, it seems, has an opinion about what works.

Amos came up with the celebration for Jackson's pick-six in Detroit, where Jackson directed a "mat drill" that included a down-up players might do in warm-ups. Defensive end Akiem Hicks announced that week he didn't like the celebration because it was too tiring.

"I let Eddie take the blame since Akiem was mad at him," Amos said.

True to their personalities, Amukamara and Jackson have been the stars of several this year, including Amukamara as the lead singer for the Motown dance. He took joy in the #BearsSingToAnything movement on Twitter, when fans added various songs as the soundtrack to their dance.

"If it's your idea, you get to do it," Amukamara said. "But it's not like everyone else is championing at the bit to do it. I enjoy trying to go viral and my social media blowing up, so I don't mind it at all."

The Bears say they don't practice the celebrations much, if at all; hence the Charlie Brown mix-up. They ran through the Motown dance during a walk-through. That resulted in not all of the players getting the dance right, a popular topic of good-natured ribbing after the game.

"If you go back and look at the video, you can see how bad of a dancer Roquan Smith is," Hicks said the week after the victory. "Just take a look. You'll be entertained. (Khalil) Mack was in the corner too. A lot of guys with no rhythm. Myth busting."

The offense hasn't had as many pre-planned celebrations. Anthony Miller revived an old Steve Smith celebration of rowing a boat against the Vikings, and teammates jumped in to join him.

He said he has some up his sleeve.

"The best is yet to come," Miller said. "I



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Danny Trevathan (59) celebrates with Prince Amukamara after Trevathan's interception in the fourth quarter against the 49ers.

have plenty lined up."

Amukamara promised the Bears defense would have a better one cued up for next time too.

"We have (at least) two more games," he said. "So we'll think of something."

Here's a look at the Bears' top 10 celebrations this season.

## 10. Tarik Cohen's backflip

**When:** Sept. 30 in a 48-10 victory over the Buccaneers.

**What:** After Cohen caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mitch Trubisky in the second quarter, he landed a clean backflip in the end zone with center Cody Whitehair watching intently.

## 9. Amukamara's Double Dutch

**When:** Nov. 11 in a 34-22 victory over the Lions.

**What:** After Amukamara intercepted Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, several Bears players pretended to swing jump ropes before Amukamara hopped in the middle to skip quickly back and forth over the imaginary obstacles. He explained the bit on Twitter afterward for those without much jump-rope experience.

## 8. Fuller's shoeshine

**When:** Oct. 14 in a 31-28 overtime loss to the Dolphins.

**What:** After Fuller intercepted Dolphins quarterback Brock Osweiler a second time, he sat on Amos' back in the end zone pretending to read a newspaper while Jackson shined his shoes. Amos credited this one for starting the barrage of defensive celebrations.

## 7. Hicks running with the ball

**When:** Dec. 2 in a 30-27 overtime loss to the Giants.

**What:** After Hicks scored on a 1-yard run on a play called "Freezer Left," he grasped the football with both hands and wouldn't let go as he ran past teammates who slapped his helmet and back with glee. "I wasn't letting that thing go," he said of the ball used on his first career carry.

## 6. Bradley Sowell's dance

**When:** Dec. 9 in a 15-6 victory over the Rams.

**What:** This one gets points for a cute backstory, even if the dancing wasn't professional quality. After Sowell, a 312-pound offensive lineman, caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Trubisky, he wiggled his legs and pushed his arms out in front of him. It was a dance he practiced with his daughters, something they settled on when he couldn't figure out how to do the Floss.



DAVID BANKS/AP

Prince Amukamara (20) follows an interception with a Double Dutch jump-rope routine.

## 5. Amukamara's bouquet toss

**When:** Dec. 9 in a 15-6 victory over the Rams.

**What:** After Smith's interception — the first of four by the Bears — Amukamara stood with his back to his teammates and tossed the football over his head like a wedding bouquet. Bullard caught it, though Amos said there was supposed to be more to the celebration if a different player had caught it. Kudos for a celebration with which most single ladies can identify.

## 4. Miller's boat rowing

**When:** Nov. 18 in a 25-20 victory over the Vikings.

**What:** Miller honored former Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith after catching an 18-yard touchdown pass from Trubisky. He sat in the end zone pretending to row a boat before several of his teammates jumped in to join him. Smith had done the celebration to mock a Vikings scandal in 2005, and it was a great nod to history by Miller.

## 3. Cohen's Thanksgiving nap

**When:** Nov. 22 in a 23-16 victory over the Lions.

**What:** Cohen caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Chase Daniel and then curled up in the end zone next to the football for a nap. The celebration was timely because it was on Thanksgiving. Cohen said afterward, "I caught the 'Itis' after I ate my Thanksgiving plate."

## 2. Jackson's symphony

**When:** Nov. 18 in a 25-20 victory over the Vikings.

**What:** After Jackson's pick-six against Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins, he turned into the conductor of a symphony with his teammates playing instruments. Well, some of them. Some thought they were a choir, though that confusion made it all the more comical. Jackson, for his part, looked quite steady conducting the music and took a professional bow afterward.

## 1. Amukamara's Motown show

**When:** Nov. 22 in a 23-16 victory over the Lions.

**What:** The celebration that set off a Bears Twitter movement came after Fuller intercepted Stafford's pass in the end zone with 1 minute, 7 seconds to play. Amukamara used the football as a microphone to mimic singing while his teammates did a shuffling dance behind him. Safety Deon Bush sprinted in with his back to the camera, acting like a crazed fan. TV cameras captured it perfectly, and fans had fun syncing the dance to various songs. The moment had Bears fans reminiscing about the 1985 Bears and "The Super Bowl Shuffle."

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## NFL NOTES

### NFC's picture clear; AFC looking fuzzy

Associated Press

Barring ties in Week 17 — and there are some wild scenarios should certain games end in draws Sunday — the road to the playoffs is quite straight in the NFC. The path to a first-round bye in the AFC has a bunch of curves in it.

Already in are the NFC's division winners: The Cowboys (East), Saints (South), Bears (North) and Rams (West). AFC divisions clinched belong to the Patriots in the East and, well, nobody else. But there are clear leaders.

The Seahawks own an NFC wild card, and the Chargers have one in the AFC, though they can still win the AFC West.

"You either believe in something or you don't," says coach Pete Carroll, whose 9-6 Seahawks made the postseason in what was considered a rebuilding year. "I think just staying the course and knowing we're on to something. Believing in the history. ... We look like a team that we have seen before, and that's powerful."

Most powerful so far have been the Saints, with the league's best record at 13-2, and a dynamic offense led by Drew Brees. They have home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs. The Rams (12-3) get the other opening-round bye if they beat the 49ers on Sundayseed.

In the AFC, seeding is more muddled. Any of four teams could be the top or second seed.

The simplest route is if the Chiefs (11-4) and Patriots (10-5), currently the top two in the conference, win Sunday. But if the Chiefs lose at home to the Raiders and the Chargers (11-4) win at Denver, the Chargers move into the top spot.

The Texans (10-5) also could wind up No. 1 in the AFC with losses by the Chiefs, Patriots and Chargers. The Patriots would get the first seed with a victory and losses by the Chiefs and Chargers.

The AFC North, not surprisingly, has come down to the Ravens vs. Steelers. Except the Ravens (9-6) host the Browns, while the Steelers (8-6-1) must beat the visiting Bengals and hope the Browns beat or tie the Ravens. Neither the Ravens nor the Steelers can be a wild card — unless the Steelers tie, then the Colts and Titans also tie. Then the Steelers are in.

**Extra points:** Safety D.J. Swearinger, released by the Redskins after he criticized the team, was signed by the Cardinals. Swearinger was reportedly critical of the lack of aggressive play-calling in the Redskins' 25-16 loss to the Titans on Saturday. Swearinger rejoins the Cardinals after playing 20 games for them in 2015-16.

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## CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
					@MIN 3:25 FOX-32, AM-780		
	MIN 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		@WSH 6 WGN-9, AM-670		@TOR 5 NBCSCH, AM-670		
		MIN 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		@COL 8 NBCSCH, AM-720			BOS Noon NBC-5, AM-720

## WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	NBA TV
6:30 p.m. Raptors at Heat	
7 p.m. Timberwolves at Bulls	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
12:30 p.m. First Responder Bowl: Boston College vs. Boise St.	ESPN
4:15 p.m. Quick Lane Bowl: Minnesota vs. Georgia Tech	ESPN
8 p.m. Cheez-It Bowl: California vs. TCU	ESPN
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER	
6:25 a.m. Fulham vs. Woverhampton	NBCSN
8:55 a.m. Liverpool vs. Newcastle United	NBCSN
11:10 a.m. Brighton & Hove Albion vs. Arsenal	NBCSN
1:25 p.m. Watford vs. Chelsea	NBCSN

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
WED SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. (7-5) vs. Boise St. (10-3)	12:30		
WED Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4:15		
WED Cheez-It	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8		
THU Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30		
THU Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15		
THU Texas	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8		
FRI Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30		
FRI Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15		
FRI Alamogordo	San Antonio	Iowa St. (8-4) vs. Wash. St. (10-2)	8		
SAT Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*		
SAT Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*		
SAT Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St. (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15		
SAT Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3		
SAT Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)	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	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St. (6-6)	2:45		
D31 Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6		
D31 Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St. (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6:30		
J1 Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St. (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*		
J1 Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St. (9-3)	noon		
J1 Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon		
J1 Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. St. (10-3) vs. Ohio St. (12-1)	1		
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
J26 Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	13:30
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 Camella	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21	
D15 New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13	
D19 Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 20	
D19 Frisco	Frisco, Texas	Ohio 27, San Diego State 0	
D20 Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20	
D22 Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34	
D22 Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Troy 70, Houston 14	
D22 Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Army 42, Buffalo 32	
D22 Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech 31, Hawaii 14	

## FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Jan. 5 at Toyota Stadium: Frisco, Texas  
North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m.

## BASEBALL

CUBS SCHEDULE	WHITE SOX SCHEDULE
Home games at Sloan Park, Mesa, Ariz.	Home games at Camelback Ranch, Glendale, Ariz.
Sat., Feb. 23 vs. Brewers, 2:05	Sat., Feb. 23 (SS) vs. Dodgers, 2:05
Sun., Feb. 24 at Giants, 2:05	Sun., Feb. 24 (SS) at Athletics, 2:05
Mon., Feb. 25 (SS) at Dodgers, 2:05	Mon., Feb. 25 at Padres, 2:10
Tue., Feb. 26 vs. D-backs, 2:05	Mon., Mar. 1 at Brewers, 3:05
Wed., Feb. 27 at Rangers, 2:05	Tue., Feb. 26 vs. Royals (SS), 2:05
Thu., Feb. 28 vs. Athletics, 2:05	Wed., Feb. 27 at Reds, 2:05
Fri., Mar. 1 at D-backs, 2:10	Thu., Feb. 28 at Mariners, 2:10
Sat., Mar. 2 vs. Brewers, 2:05	Fri., Mar. 1 at Rockies, 2:10
Sun., Mar. 4 at White Sox, 2:05	Sat., Mar. 2 at Cubs, 2:05
Mon., Mar. 4 at Reds (SS), 2:05	Mon., Mar. 4 vs. Angels, 2:05
Tue., Mar. 5 vs. Royals, 2:05	Mon., Mar. 5 (SS) vs. Padres (SS), 2:05
Wed., Mar. 7 vs. D-backs, 2:05	(SS) at Indians, 2:05
Fri., Mar. 8 at Mariners, 7:40	Tue., Mar. 12 (SS) vs. Mariners, 3:05
Sat., Mar. 9 (SS) vs. Angels, 2:05	(SS) at Giants, 2:05
Sun., Mar. 10 at Brewers, 3:05	Wed., Mar. 13 at Dodgers, 9:05
Tue., Mar. 12 vs. Reds (SS), 2:05	Fri., Mar. 15 vs. Cubs, 3:05
Wed., Mar. 13 at Athletics, 3:05	Sat., Mar. 17 at D-backs (SS), 3:10
Thu., Mar. 14 vs. Rangers (SS), 3:05	Mon., Mar. 18 vs. Giants, 3:05
Fri., Mar. 15 at White Sox, 3:05	Tue., Mar. 19 at Reds, 8:05
Sat., Mar. 16 at D-backs, 3:10	Wed., Mar. 20 vs. D-backs, 3:05
Sun., Mar. 17 vs. Rockies, 3:05	Thu., Mar. 21 vs. Rangers (SS), 3:05
Tue., Mar. 19 (SS) vs. Mariners (SS), 3:05	Fri., Mar. 22 at Angels (SS), 3:10
Wed., Mar. 20 vs. Dodgers, 9:05	Sat., Mar. 23 at Dodgers, 2:05
Thu., Mar. 21 vs. Giants, 3:05	Sun., Mar. 24 at Padres, 2:10
Fri., Mar. 22 vs. Rockies, 3:05	Mon., Mar. 25 vs. Red Sox, 8:05
Sat., Mar. 23 at Athletics, 2:05	Tue., Mar. 26 vs. Red Sox, 2:05
Regular-season opener	
Thu., Mar. 28: at Rangers	

## SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>JANUARY</b>	Germany
<b>Jan. 5:</b> Women's tennis, WTA, Shenzhen (China) Open	<b>10-27:</b> Team Handball, Men's World Cup, Oberstdorf, Germany.
<b>Dec. 30-Jan. 6:</b> Men's and women's tennis, ATP World Tour/WTA, Brisbane (Australia) International	<b>11-13:</b> Freestyle skiing, World Cup, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 1:</b> Ski jumping, World Cup, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.	<b>11-27:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup, Alpine, Tignes, France.
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 5:</b> Men's tennis, ATP World Tour, Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Doha, Qatar.	<b>12-13:</b> Biathlon, World Cup, World Cup, Koenigssee, Germany.
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 6:</b> Women's tennis, WTA, ASB Classic, Auckland, New Zealand	<b>12-13:</b> Freestyle skiing, World Cup, Alpine, Tignes, France.
<b>1:</b> College football, Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.	<b>12-13:</b> Snowboarding, World Cup, slopestyle, Kreischberg, Austria.
<b>1:</b> College football, Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.	<b>12-13:</b> Pro football, NFL Divisional playoffs.
<b>1:</b> College football, Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	<b>12-13:</b> Ski jumping, Women's World Cup, Sapporo, Japan.
<b>1:</b> College football, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.	<b>12-13:</b> Ski jumping, Women's World Cup, Sat. di Fiemme, Italy.
<b>1:</b> College football, Sugar Bowl, New Orleans	<b>12-13:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, downhill, Super G, St. Anton, Austria.
<b>1:</b> Hockey, NHL Winter Classic, Boston at Colorado, Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Ind.	<b>12-13:</b> Cross-country skiing, World Cup, Lugano, Switzerland.
<b>1:</b> Cross-country skiing, Stage World Tour, Val Must, Switzerland.	<b>12-13:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup alpine, giant slalom and slalom, Adelboden, Switzerland.
<b>1:</b> Men's and women's skiing, city event, Oslo, Norway.	<b>12-13:</b> Biathlon, World Cup, Sigulda, Latvia.
<b>2-3:</b> Cross-country skiing, Stage World Tour, Oberstdorf, Germany.	<b>13-16:</b> Men's golf, PGA Web.com, The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Great Exuma, Bahamas.
<b>3:</b> Men's golf, PGA Tour, Sony Open, PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions, Kapalua, Hawaii	<b>14-27:</b> Men's and women's tennis, ITF/Tennis Australia, Australian Open, Melbourne
<b>4:</b> Ski jumping, Men's World Cup, Bischofshofen, Austria.	<b>15:</b> Pro Basketball. Last day to sign NBA two-way contracts.
<b>4-6:</b> Bobsleigh and Skeleton, World Cup, Altenberg, Germany.	<b>15:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, giant slalom, Kronplatz, Italy.
<b>5:</b> College football, NCAA Division FCS championship game, Frisco, Texas.	<b>15-20:</b> Cycling, UCI World Cup, Australia.
<b>5:</b> Pro Basketball, NBA 10-day contracts can be signed.	<b>16-19:</b> Men's golf, European PGA, Abu Dhabi (UAE) Championship.
<b>5:</b> Motorcycling, AMA Supercross, Daytona, Fla.	<b>17-20:</b> Biathlon, World Cup, Ruhpolding, Germany.
<b>5:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, slalom, Zagreb, Croatia.	<b>17-20:</b> Men's golf, PGA Champions Tour, Kapalua, Hawaii.
<b>5-6:</b> Pro football, NFL Wild Card playoffs.	<b>17-20:</b> Men's golf, PGA Tour, Desert Challenge, La Quinta, Calif.
<b>5-6:</b> Cross-country skiing, Stage World Cup, Val di Fiemme, Italy.	<b>17-20:</b> Women's golf, LPGA Tour, Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
<b>5-6:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup nordic combined, Otepaa, Estonia.	<b>18-19:</b> Snowboarding, World Cup, slopestyle, halppee, Laax, Switzerland.
<b>5-7:</b> Short Track Speedskating, U.S. Championships, Kearns, Utah.	<b>18-20:</b> Ski jumping, Women's World Cup, Zao, Japan.
<b>5-6:</b> Luge, World Cup, Koenigssee, Germany.	<b>18-20:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup nordic combined, Chaux-Neuve, France.
<b>5-7:</b> Short Track Speedskating, European Championships, Dordrecht, Netherlands.	<b>18-20:</b> Bobsleigh and Skeleton, World Cup, Innsbruck, Austria.
<b>6:</b> Ski jumping, Men's World Cup, Bischofshofen, Austria.	<b>18-27:</b> Figure Skating, U.S. Champ on-ships, Detroit.
<b>6:</b> Auto racing, IMSA SportsCar, Roar Before The Rolex 24 at Daytona, Daytona Beach, Fla.	<b>19:</b> College football, East-West Shrine Classic, St. Petersburg, Fla.
<b>6:</b> Men's skiing, World Cup alpine, slalom, Zagreb, Croatia.	<b>19:</b> College football, NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
<b>6-12:</b> Men's and women's tennis, ATP World Tour/WTA, Sydney International	<b>19:</b> Motorcycling, AMA Supercross, Daytona, Fla.
<b>7:</b> College football, College Football Championship game, Santa Clara, Calif.	<b>19:</b> Snowboarding, World Cup, parallel giant slalom, Rogla, Slovenia.
<b>7-12:</b> Men's tennis, ATP World Tour, ASB Classic, Auckland, New Zealand	<b>19-20:</b> Ski jumping, Men's World Cup, Australia International
<b>7-12:</b> Women's tennis, WTA, Hobart (Australia) International	<b>19-20:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, downhill, Super G, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.
<b>8:</b> Women's skiing, World Cup alpine, slalom, Flachau, Austria.	<b>19-20:</b> Cross-country skiing, World Cup, Otepaa, Estonia.
<b>8-9:</b> Snowboarding, World Cup, parallel slalom, Team parallel slalom, Bad Gastein, Austria.	<b>20:</b> Pro football, AFC and NFC Championship Games.
<b>10:</b> Pro Basketball, NBA contracts guaranteed for rest of season.	
<b>10-13:</b> Men's golf, PGA Tour, Sony Open, Hawaii	
<b>10-13:</b> Biathlon, World Cup, Oberhof, Germany	

## TRANSACTIONS

**FOOTBALL**  
**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Arizona: Placed OL Korey Cunningham on injured reserve. Released S Fifth Smithson from the practice squad. Claimed S D.J. Swearingin off waivers from Washington.

## LATEST LINE

NBA	WEDNESDAY
at Bulls	off
at Orlando	4
at Detroit	5
at Indiana	8
at Miami	off
at Brooklyn	10
at Memphis	10½
at Dallas	2½
at San Antonio	3
at L.A. Clippers	5

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Boise St. 2½	Boston Coll.
Georgia Tech 5½	Missouri
California 1	TCU

## WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Temple 3½	Duke
North Carolina 3	Wisconsin
Vanderbilt 4	Baylor
Auburn 3½	Purdue
Syracuse 1	W. Virginia
LSU 3	NC State
Arkansas St. 1½	Nevada
Michigan 6½	Florida
S. Carolina 5	Virginia

## SATURDAY

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Alabama 14	Oklahoma
Clemson 12½	Notre Dame

## MONDAY DEC. 31

MONDAY DEC. 31	TUESDAY JAN. 1
Cincinnati 5½	Virginia Tech
Stanford 5½	Pittsburgh
Oregon 2½	Michigan St.
Missouri 8	Oklahoma St.
Utah 7	Northwestern
Texas A&M 7	NC State

## NFL

## WEEK 17

WEEK 17	SUNDAY
at Minnesota	5
at N.Y. Giants	6½
at Kansas City	13½
at New Orleans	off
at New England	13½
Philadelphia	at Washington
at Green Bay	7½
at Houston	7
at Baltimore	6
at Tampa Bay	1
at Buffalo	3½
Indianapolis	off
at Pittsburgh	14½
L.A. Chargers	at Denver
at Seattle	off
at L.A. Rams	10

## NFL

## NFC NORTH

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-BEARS	11	4	0	.733	397	273
Minnesota	8	6	1	.567	350	317
Green Bay	6	8	1	.433	376	369
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	293	360

## AFC EAST

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-Dallas	9	6	0	.600	303	289
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	343	348
Washington	7	8	0	.467	281	335
NY Jets	3	12	0	.200	201	398

## NFC SOUTH

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	13	2	0	.867	490	320
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	380	391
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	343	368
Tampa Bay	5	10	0	.333	364	430

## AFC NORTH

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-Baltimore	9	6	0	.600	363	263
Pittsburgh	9	6	0	.600	312	347
Cincinnati	7	7	1	.500	335	366
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	355	439

## AFC EAST

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
y-New England	10	5	0	.667	398	322
England	7	8	0	.467	302	391
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	227	357
N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	330	403

## AFC SOUTH

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Houston	10	5	0	.667	382	313
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	400	327
Tennessee	9	6	0	.600	293	270
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333	242	296

## AFC WEST

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-L.A. Chargers	11	4	0	.733	530	418
x-L.A.	11	4	0	.733	405	320
Chargers	6	9	0	.400	320	326
Oakland	4	11				

## NFL

## Power rankings

BY BRAD BIGGS

Last week's ranking in parentheses



1. **Saints 13-2 (1)**. The NFC playoffs will go through the Superdome.
2. **Bears 11-4 (4)**. Mitch Trubisky has thrown 19 touchdown passes in home games and five in road games. That's an interesting disparity even when factoring two road games he missed.
3. **Chargers 11-4 (2)**. Blew a chance to make a run at the top seed in the AFC with a home loss to the Ravens as the offense showed little punch.
4. **Chiefs 11-4 (3)**. Relied on rookies Charvarius Ward and Tremon Smith at cornerback in a Sunday night loss in Seattle. There's little reason to trust this defense in the playoffs.
5. **Rams 12-3 (6)**. They got a get-right game in Arizona against the lowly Cardinals but need to beat the 49ers to secure the No. 2 seed.
6. **Patriots 10-5 (8)**. No Josh Gordon, no problem? Well, maybe. Patriots have proved they can remain laser focused and overcome a lot, but it seems like it has been 12 months of obstacles.
7. **Ravens 9-6 (9)**. Timing and wording of the team's release regarding coach John Harbaugh was curious. Almost as interesting as combination of defense and a stout ground game.
8. **Seahawks 9-6 (14)**. The rebuild has happened pretty quickly, and now coach Pete Carroll has a contract extension carrying him through 2021.
9. **Texans 10-5 (5)**. They were closing in on a first-round bye and then lost in the closing moments in Philadelphia. Will it be the same ol' disappointing Texans in the playoffs?
10. **Colts 9-6 (10)**. GM Chris Ballard deserves credit with coach Frank Reich for the impressive second-half run. Only 13 players are holdovers from before Ballard arrived.
11. **Cowboys 9-6 (11)**. Locked into No. 4 but playing for real against Giants. "We don't want to, if we can, go into the playoffs with dangling participles — loose ends," Jerry Jones said.
12. **Titans 9-6 (12)**. They've won four straight games, the NFL's longest current streak. They will need a fifth to get into the playoffs.
13. **Vikings 8-6-1 (13)**. The defense is playing pretty well. With a chance to reach the playoffs, it's time for Kirk Cousins to be the missing link the Vikings have been banking on.
14. **Steelers 8-6-1 (7)**. If it wasn't for the Panthers' second-half collapse, this would be the most disappointing fade by any team as they've dropped four of five.
15. **Eagles 8-7 (15)**. Nick Foles is up to his magic again, but they need the Bears to beat the Vikings to sneak into the postseason.
16. **Browns 7-7-1 (16)**. Pretty easy to put together a case that quarterback Baker Mayfield is the offensive rookie of the year.
17. **Packers 6-8-1 (20)**. Davante Adams needs two catches in the season finale and 134 receiving yards to set franchise records. The bet here is Aaron Rodgers gives him a shot.
18. **Falcons 6-9 (24)**. Season finale against the Bucs gives them a chance to finish with a three-game winning streak, but this season has been defined by more lows.
19. **Dolphins 7-8 (17)**. Injuries have been crippling, but it's worth wondering how much talent there was for coach Adam Gase at the start of Year 3.
20. **Broncos 6-9 (18)**. With John Elway's quick trigger and Bowlen family members drawing battle lines over the team's future, how attractive will this coaching opening be?
21. **Bengals 6-9 (22)**. They will occupy last place in the AFC North for the first time since 2010. That has been the benefit of being in the same division with the Browns.
22. **Panthers 6-9 (19)**. Christian McCaffrey eclipsed Matt Forte's single-season record for receptions by an RB, but Ron Rivera wants to find a way to lighten his workload next season.
23. **Giants 5-10 (21)**. You feel like this team could be poised to be a threat next season, as five of the 10 losses have been by five points or fewer. But then you get to the quarterback issue.
24. **Bills 5-10 (23)**. LeSean McCoy didn't start against the Patriots because of a "situation" with coach Sean McDermott. That's likely the kind of "situation" that leads to a roster move.
25. **Redskins 7-8 (25)**. Pro Bowl alternate D.J. Swearinger ripped defensive coordinator Greg Manusky after Saturday's loss to the Titans. On Monday, Swearinger was released.
26. **Lions 5-10 (26)**. Matt Patricia took over a team that had a winning record last season and could wind up with a top-five pick.
27. **Jets. 4-11 (28)**. Todd Bowles isn't leaving without a fight. Distraught, Bowles said. "I thought we were playing two teams. I thought we were playing the Packers and the striped shirts."
28. **Buccaneers 5-10 (27)**. Lovie Smith was fired after a 6-10 season, and the best the Bucs can finish this season under Dirk Koetter is ... 6-10.
29. **Jaguars 5-10 (30)**. Blake Bortles came off the bench to spark a victory over the Dolphins.
30. **49ers 4-11 (29)**. They ought to prioritize re-signing free-agent kicker Robbie Gould in the offseason as he's their best offensive weapon.
31. **Raiders 4-11 (31)**. The hard-core fans occupying the Black Hole deserved the win as the Raiders toppled the rival Broncos in what might have been their final game in Oakland.
32. **Cardinals 3-12 (32)**. They would lock up the No. 1 pick with a loss to the Seahawks. The Cardinals haven't owned the No. 1 pick since 1958, when they played in Chicago.



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Mitch Trubisky is taken down on a late hit by 49ers defensive back Marcell Harris (36) in the fourth quarter Sunday.

### 1. Mitch Trubisky found comfort and rhythm throwing short passes against the 49ers' zone defense.

Credit Trubisky, coach Matt Nagy and the offensive coaches for adjusting their approach in the second half after recognizing the 49ers were playing more zone than the Bears expected.

"We had to dink and dunk a little bit to move the ball down the field," Trubisky said. "They were bailing out, playing zones. They wanted to take away the deep ball and the explosive plays, and they did a good job of that. So we knew they were a tough defense and we had to spread them out. Dink and dunk. Take what they gave us. Create a rhythm first and second down, stay out of third down and get the run game going a little bit."

This wasn't the first — or even second — time this season we've heard Trubisky explain how a defense played more zone than the Bears expected from watching previous games.

A defensive coordinator's decision to play zone is based on several factors, including what coverage suits his personnel in the matchup against the Bears, the defense's fear of the Bears' run-pass option game or Trubisky running against man-to-man, the score and situation of the game, etc.

But as that decision relates to defending specifically against Trubisky, the second-year quarterback is proving his ability and willingness to methodically bite off short completions that require relatively easy reads and throws.

I don't think zoning the Bears out is the best way to defend against him and a receiving corps that has talent but isn't grouped among the best in the league.

The Bears don't consistently stretch the field. Yes, Allen Robinson's diving 43-yard catch in the first half was an absolute gem. But it was his longest of the season, an outlier. Taylor Gabriel, the split end whose speed is supposed to be that vertical threat, hasn't had a reception of more than 22 yards since Oct. 14 against the Dolphins.

To the point, Trubisky took a sack in the second half on second-and-7 when the 49ers played man-to-man and all four receivers ran routes at least 10 yards beyond the line of scrimmage. No one was open, so Trubisky went down.

With Trubisky intent on throwing quickly and short, he commanded his footwork and threw with great timing. He completed several accurate throws with a linebacker or defensive back nearby. The key was being on time and in rhythm with the receiver's break.

The Bears achieved their goal of staying out of long third downs in the second half. Of their six third downs after halftime, only one was longer than 5 yards.

Trubisky was 5 of 6 for 37 yards on those six third downs, converting three. That third-down performance equates to winning football.

A few other statistical nuggets from the dink-and-dunk game: On the Bears' 12-play, 90-yard touchdown drive on their first possession of the second half, Trubisky was 7 of 7 for only 49 yards. The longest completion was 10 yards on third-and-2, and that was the only third down on the drive.

On throws that traveled between zero and 10 yards beyond the line of scrimmage, Trubisky was a perfect 15 of 15 for 110 yards and a touchdown with a 119.4 passer rating, according to NFL Next Gen Stats.

Trubisky averaged 6.5 air yards per throw, his third-shortest average of the season. His only shorter averages were in Week 1 against the Packers (6.0) and Week 2 against the Seahawks (6.3).

### 2. Trubisky's trust in Robinson was evident with the game on the line.

If Trubisky can't trust his \$14 million-a-year receiver against a third-round rookie cornerback making his first NFL start, who can he trust, right?

Still, it's noteworthy that the connection between Trubisky and Robinson continues to mature and solidify

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## OBSERVATIONS FROM REWATCHING BEARS-49ERS

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Chicago Tribune

The Bears' 14-9 win over the 49ers exemplified the winning formula they are riding to the playoffs: great defense and sufficient offense.

Here are five observations from rewatching the game on a combination of the Fox telecast and the coaches' video available through the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

fy near the end of their first season together. On two third downs as the Bears tried to melt the final 7 minutes, 37 seconds off the clock, Trubisky completed passes to Robinson against single coverage by rookie Tarvarius Moore.

"At the end, you're thinking playmakers, not plays," Trubisky said. "When you have the matchup you want and you have a guy like Allen on the outside, who you have that trust in, you let them work a little bit and put the ball in a spot where only he can go grab it. So he separates and makes great plays for this offense."

With 3:25 remaining, the Bears had third-and-4 from their 43-yard line. Robinson was alone against Moore to the left of the formation. Robinson won an outside release, ran 5 yards, then opened up his right shoulder to the sideline. That allowed Trubisky to place a catchable throw low and away from Moore. Quarterbacks have to be able to complete throws when the receiver isn't wide open, and that was great execution by Trubisky and Robinson.

Three plays later, Trubisky went back to Robinson on third-and-3 in man coverage against Moore. Robinson's shiftiness at the snap juiced Moore into a hard step toward the sideline, from which Robinson won leverage for his slant route. Trubisky hit him in stride for what should have been a victory-clinching first down, but Robinson allowed Moore to punch the ball out from behind.

Robinson's lapse in situational awareness notwithstanding, those two plays were good examples of the Bears winning with superior personnel and execution in decisive situations.

### 3. Danny Trevathan's interception was a great example of the team defense concept that has made players and coordinator Vic Fangio proud all season.

His fourth-quarter pick stopped the 49ers at the Bears 14-yard line, protecting the Bears' 14-9 lead. It was a decisive play made possible by several players doing the little things right.

Outside linebacker Khalil Mack jammed receiver Marquise Goodwin immediately after the snap. That disrupted the timing of Goodwin's release and the depth of his drag route.

Up front, Jonathan Bullard con-

tested the throw by getting his hand up. Most notably, he kept his hand up even as he was falling to the ground. Fox had a good replay angle of how Bullard's swat would have been in Goodwin's vision as he looked back for the throw.

Meanwhile, Trevathan did a fantastic job of sagging off Pro Bowl tight end George Kittle. He was in man-to-man coverage, and no one would've blamed him if he had stayed on Kittle's hip as Kittle ran a short out route. But Trevathan saw Goodwin and the throw in his peripheral vision and worked back toward the middle of the field. What a terrific read.

Trevathan's presence got Goodwin to alter his stride. I have no doubt he was cognizant of the hit Trevathan was positioned to put on him.

Finally, Trevathan's reflexes catching the deflected pass were superb. It completed a game-changing play — with a couple of assists from his teammates.

### 4. Roquan Smith disguised the blitz on which he recorded his fifth sack of the season.

On second-and-9 from the 49ers 34 in the third quarter, Smith was motionless before the snap. He gave away nothing on the designed blitz, which was particularly important as Pro Bowl fullback Kyle Juszczyk ran the other way on a pass route through the same gap Smith blitzed. They practically brushed shoulders.

Had Smith taken a step or two before the snap, maybe Juszczyk would've chipped him or the line would've adjusted on the play-action pass. Instead, Smith got a free run at quarterback Nick Mullens, effectively ending the drive.

At another point, Smith blitzed but took two premature steps before the snap. The 49ers easily picked up his rush. Overall this season, though, Smith has done fairly well being patient and not antsy before he blitzes.

"It was a great call by Coach Vic," Smith said. "I saw the line block down, and I knew once he faked it, the quarterback was going to be there. I messed up because I didn't celebrate."

Smith laughed when it was pointed out that celebrating doesn't seem to be his style. This has proved to be the case as Smith has modestly ascended to third on the team sack list behind Mack (12½) and Akiem Hicks (six). For the record, Brian Urlacher had eight sacks as a rookie in 2000.

### 5. Trubisky is at risk of injury any time he runs.

Yes, I can hear John Fox saying, "It's all a risk." And I'm not saying Trubisky shouldn't run. In fact, both of his runs in the span of three fourth-quarter snaps gained first downs (but the first was nullified by offsetting penalties). Both plays, however, were reminders that Trubisky isn't protected from physical harm by the rules or by play design.

On the third-and-5 that ended with the skirmish on the Bears sideline, Trubisky scrambled for the first down. He could've run out of bounds, but he wanted to stay in and keep the clock moving with about 5:30 remaining.

Defensive back Marcell Harris was egregiously late with his hit after Trubisky slid with good, protective technique. Harris was even later than Vikings safety Harrison Smith was on the play that injured Trubisky on Nov. 18.

"I wasn't going out for him," Harris said after the game. "I felt like I laid up on him."

He lies worse than he plays, apparently.

On the ensuing fourth-and-inches, Trubisky took a heavy, legal hit from linebacker Fred Warner on a quarterback sneak. Trubisky lunged head-first for the line to gain and got it, but he was exposed to dangerous contact in the process.

Such is the risk of a quarterback sneak, which Nagy has proved he will call. It makes sense with a quarterback as athletic as Trubisky, but there is risk. Fortunately, Trubisky got up from both hits and appeared OK.

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"The Woman in Black" at the Royal George Theatre.

# SAVE THE SEATS 2018

We have tickets for New Year's Eve comedy, music and theater — all for Tribune readers

BY DOUG GEORGE | Chicago Tribune

This is our 2018 edition of Save the Seats, the annual Tribune feature we've run since 2005 with ticket reservations for Tribune readers for New Year's Eve.

And yes, New Year's Eve falls on a Monday this year. You, dear reader, wise as you are in the Ways of Entertainment, know full well that Monday night is not exactly a big cultural night out. But don't, *don't*, give up and just head to the bar for your Eve — we have other options. Reserved just for you.

### Save the Tables

Turn to Food & Dining for our feature for New Year's Eve restaurant reservations.

If at this late date you're still in need of a ticket or two for New Year's Eve, the Tribune has a bunch reserved at concerts, parties and performances on Dec. 31, some with multiple performance times to choose from. Many are for shows that are otherwise sold out. And they're yours for the buying if you're one of the first to call.

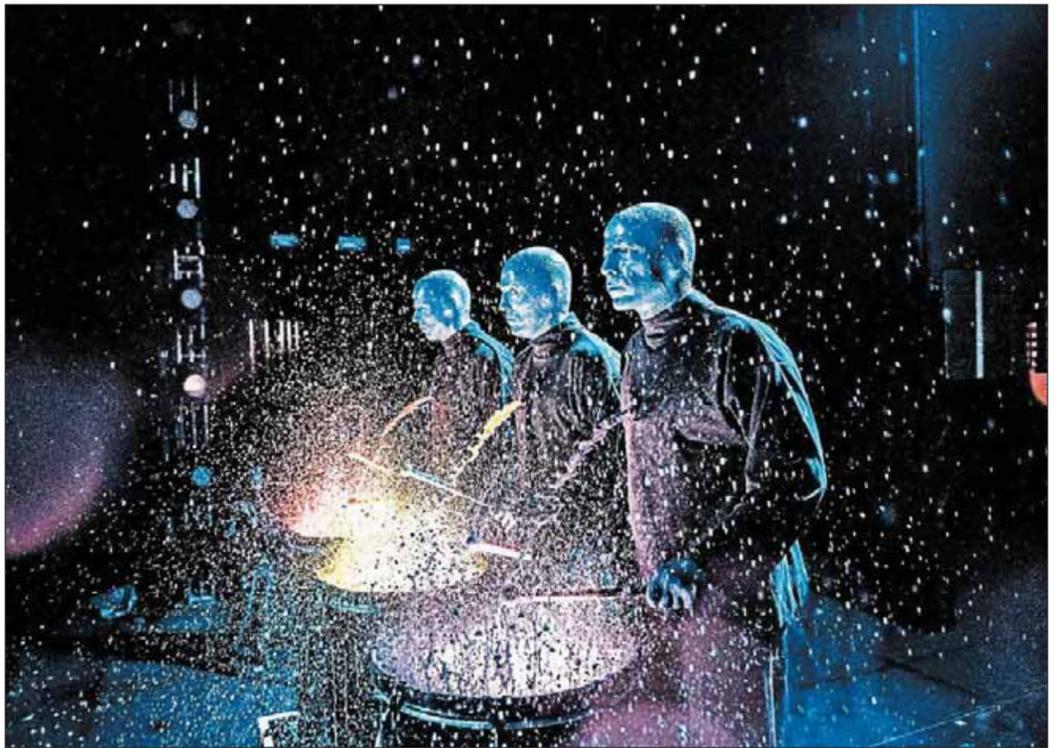
On to the shows.

### Zanies

If you've never laughed in the new year at Zanies, make this the year. The Zanies Comedy Clubs in Chicago, Rosemont and St. Charles all are reserving tickets for Tribune readers, and the late shows all include party favors and a Champagne toast. Pat McGann (recently on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert") headlines on Wells Street. Michael Palascak (recently on James Corden's show) leads in Rosemont. And World Series of Comedy winner Landry does the honors in St. Charles.

**Claim your seats:** Four seats for all shows at all clubs, at 7:30 p.m. (\$30 per) and 10:30 p.m. (\$40 per). For Zanies Chicago, 1548 N. Wells St., call 312-337-4027. For Zanies in Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, call 847-813-0484. For Zanies in St. Charles, 4051 E. Main St., call 630-524-0001.

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BLUE MAN GROUP/LINDSEY BEST

Blue Man Group continues its long run at the Briar Street Theatre.

### HERE'S HOW THIS WORKS

**1. Check out the shows on offer.** The theaters and other venues are holding tickets for their Dec. 31 performances in the Tribune's name, and Tribune readers who call and request them when the box office or ticket line opens Wednesday morning can buy them at face value. Sorry, this is not a promotion, contest or giveaway — the tickets are not free.

**2. Check prices and showtimes,** have your credit card handy and call the phone numbers included here. In

some cases, they're not the usual box office numbers, and sorry, sales are by phone only; no online sales for this one. When you talk to the show's representative, identify yourself as a Tribune subscriber and request the Save the Seats tickets.

**3. If the tickets on offer are still unclaimed,** you can buy them. Complete the transaction and you're all set. In most cases, the tickets will be held for you at the will-call window. Consider this the fine print: We've

made every effort to ensure that showtimes and prices are correct, but some shows also add ticket fees and last-minute changes can occur. Verify all relevant information when booking your seats. If you call a box office before it opens and leave a message, do not assume that you have claimed the tickets. The Tribune made the reservations, but participation and all sales arrangements are up to the venues. The Tribune is in no way associated with these shows; they're just included in our feature.

### YEAR IN REVIEW CLASSICAL PERFORMANCES

## 'Cendrillon,' 'Babi Yar' singularly presented

BY HOWARD REICH  
 Chicago Tribune

To gather the best classical concerts of 2018, I asked John von Rhein, the Tribune's recently retired classical music critic, to excerpt reviews of five performances he covered through June.

Then I commented on five I reviewed, starting in July. And the top concerts were:

**Manfred Honeck conducts the Chicago Symphony Orchestra,**



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Magic overflowed in the Lyric Opera's staging of "Cendrillon."

**Orchestra Hall, Jan. 25.** "Honeck offered a superlative reading of the Mahler, a symphony the CSO has played countless times since the early Georg Solti years, but perhaps never with such blazing commitment as one heard

on this occasion. Mahler's 75-minute journey from darkness to light was plotted so firmly, its sprawling structure filled with such deep emotional feeling, such

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### YEAR IN REVIEW JAZZ PERFORMANCES

## Bridgewater, Jamal among top-tier shows

BY HOWARD REICH  
 Chicago Tribune

The most memorable jazz performances of 2018:

**Amir ElSaffar, Orchestra Hall, Feb. 9.** Musical languages intertwined when former Chicago trumpeter and bandleader ElSaffar led his Rivers of Sound Orchestra in its Orchestra Hall debut. For more than a decade, ElSaffar has been studying the music of his Iraqi heritage and imbuing it with jazz syntax. But elements of blues, classical and other idioms also emerged in this concert, as Western and

non-Western sounds embraced one another. Yet for all the far-flung instruments on stage, the music proved as texturally transparent as it was harmonically complex, as intricately conceived as it was freely improvised.

**"Porgy and Bess," University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium, Feb. 17.** Performances of George Gershwin's masterpiece are not rare, but one as complete as this hasn't happened since the composer penned the piece, in 1935. Because the University of

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CELEBRITIES

# Peter Jackson brings WWI to life in his 1st documentary

BY JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

Peter Jackson has used digital wizardry to conjure J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth and King Kong's 1930s New York, but he has now — in perhaps his most acclaimed film — employed all his technical powers to bring to life the Western Front of the first World War.

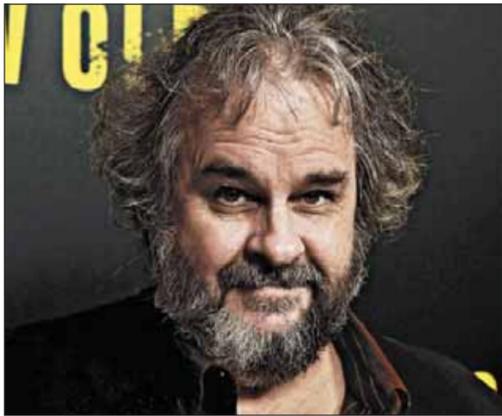
Jackson's "They Shall Not Grow Old" is the 57-year-old filmmaker's first documentary. He assembled the film, commissioned by Britain's Imperial War Museum to coincide with the centenary of the Armistice, from more than 100 hours of footage from the front and 600 hours of audio interviews conducted in the 1960s with surviving British soldiers.

In the course of the five-year project, Jackson restored the heavily damaged, grainy footage, colorized it and transferred the film into 3D. Along with adding battle sound effects, he even employed expert lip readers to recreate the unheard dialogue.

With the kind of technology usually employed on a big-budget spectacle, the fog of time lifted from the footage, revealing the soldiers anew.

"The people on the film became human beings again. Their humanity jumps out at you," Jackson said in an interview. "Their faces and the subtle way they move and their expressions, you just realize you're seeing these people for the first time in 100 years."

"They Shall Not Grow Old," which takes its name from the Laurence Binyon poem "For the Fallen," has already played in the U.K., where it earned Jackson the best reviews of his career. "The effect is elec-



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Filmmaker Peter Jackson restored heavily damaged war footage, colorized it and transferred the film into 3D.

trifying," wrote The Guardian. "The faces are unforgettable."

Fathom Events will screen the film nationwide Dec. 27 before a more traditional release from Warner Bros. beginning Jan. 11.

For Jackson, it's the culmination of a passion project, one undertaken in part as a tribute to the New Zealand filmmaker's grandfather, who fought in the war. The first three years of the project, edited at Jackson's postproduction facility, Park Road Post, weren't spent cutting anything together but sifting through the material and cleaning it up.

"We were just listening, listening, listening, making notes and finding what this film was going to be," he says.

Startled by the clearness of the restoration, Jackson opted to impress as little as possible on the film. The only narration is that of the soldiers recounting their experiences; even dates and locations of battles have been withheld to capture the view of the war from those in the trenches. "They only saw what was right in front of their eyes," says Jackson.

The simple, unclouded lucidity of "They Shall Not Grow Old" offers a small window into the Great War. Jackson hopes it inspires young people to learn about WWI and archivists around the world to make similar restorations of historical film. It's also the first worthwhile 3D film in some time.

"They Shall Not Grow Old" is, in some ways, a characteristically Jackson film, with the notable exception that he wasn't there to shoot any of it. Not that he minded.

"I don't actually like being on set, particularly. I always regard that as being an arduous chore," he says. "So in a way I was quite happy to skip over the shooting part of it. The boys on the Western Front a hundred years ago did all the hard work filming it, and I was able to go straight to the part I like the most."

**Dec. 26 birthdays:** TV host John Walsh is 73. Humorist David Sedaris is 62. Singer Chris Daughtry is 39. Actress Beth Behrs is 33. Actor Kit Harington is 32.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Discerning boyfriend is no Mr. Darcy

**Dear Amy:** My boyfriend is extremely discerning, and I am not. When he cooks something, it's after he's watched 50 YouTube videos and read up on the history of the dish so that he knows the back story of every aspect of it.

I enjoy cooking, but I keep it simple. Everything "Boyfriend" does has to be the best, the fanciest, the most gourmet, and while he's never said anything insulting (it is purely in his demeanor), I can feel him look down on the simpler way I do things.

This happens with everything. When we watch a movie, I don't analyze it as much as he does. When we drink coffee, I can't taste the difference in acidity as well as he does. I'm basically OK with things that are ... mediocre.

I love this man very much, but I constantly feel out of my league. Sometimes I can let go and just learn from him because he does know so much, but most times it makes me feel inadequate. It seems he's never admiring or learning from me.

It has gotten to the point where I don't want to share things with him because he overpowers everything. I'll cook on my own when he's not here. I'll listen to my subpar, repetitive (yes, I know!) pop music when I'm driving alone.

His family members are not mean or intentionally condescending, and often I get "enlightened" to better techniques, and I always feel slighted and unnecessary. What can I do to make the relationship seem more balanced? Am I just out of my league?  
— *Middlin'*

**Dear Middlin':** If your guy were only an obsessive cook, I'd suggest that you sit back and enjoy his expertise. But, according to you, his demand for "excellence" applies to ALL things.

In some respects, I feel sorry for the guy. He will never know the exquisite joy of a ballpark hot dog, topped with sauerkraut and bright yellow mustard. He will never "get" the steering wheel-thumping ecstasy of a great Katy Perry hook. He's missing a lot of miracles that even you deride as "mediocre." Stop stooping to his level. There is beauty in the quotidian. It is exhausting to have to be educated about everything.

The key sentence in your question is: "It has gotten to the point where I don't want to share things with him because he overpowers everything."

That's not a middlin' problem. That's a big one. Many successful couples have different tastes. But until you both stop seeing your taste as "wrong," I don't see much long-term hope for this relationship.

Ask him to reflect on his behavior. Can he laugh about his obsessiveness? Can your Mr. Darcy learn to truly love you as you are? You should find out.

**Dear Amy:** My wife had an affair that began two years after we married and continued (on and off) for 20 years (which is when I found out about it). She said she wouldn't see this man again, and she hasn't. I just found out that they have regular phone conversations — sometimes on her birthday, other times more often.

She says there is nothing wrong since they are now just friends. I say that a continued relationship with this man is just wrong. What do you think?  
— *Troubled*

**Dear Troubled:** I agree. I suppose that compared with 20 years of infidelity, you're "supposed" to feel that an annual phone call isn't so egregious. Yet you find this hurtful — and on this point, your feelings should carry greater weight than hers.

The best "take" on this is the book "Not Just Friends: Rebuilding Trust and Recovering Your Sanity After Infidelity," by researcher and therapist Shirley P Glass, with Jean Coppock Staeheli (2004, Atria Books).

This would provide insight into your feelings. Share it with your wife.

**Dear Amy:** In your response to "Wondering Grand," you said: "If you sent the check with a note addressed to both HE and his wife ..." To HE?

I see and hear the misuse of objective pronouns ("from Bob and I") every day, but I honestly expected better from someone as articulate as you.  
— *Upset!*

**Dear Upset!** I am somewhat flattered by your shock at my mistake. I only wish it had been caught before publishing. Many, many readers wrote in to gently (or not so gently) correct me. Thank you all!

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## Seats

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### "Holiday Inn"

The Irving Berlin song "White Christmas," as sung by Bing Crosby, made its first appearance in the 1942 film "Holiday Inn." That movie made the leap to the stage in 2014 and it's now in its local premiere at the Marriott. The story follows Jim Hardy (Michael Mahler), a songwriter-singer tired of entertaining who decides to buy a farm in Connecticut — and the show manages to squeeze in a whole year of holidays, from Valentine's Day to the Fourth of July to, yes, New Year's Eve, all in one musical.

**Claim your seats:** Eight tickets (at \$60 per) for the 8 p.m. show at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. Call 847-634-0200.

### iO Chicago

The improv masters in the Clybourn Corridor have no fewer than four different shows on Dec. 31. "Your Relationship NYE Edition" is 8 p.m. in the Mission Theater. "NYE: The Improvised Musical" is 8 p.m. in the Del Close Theater. Then Comedy Dance Chicago takes over the Mission room for "Interactive New Year's Eve" at 10:30 p.m. And "NYE Celebration With Virgin Daiquiri & Guests" is in the Del Close at 10:30 p.m.

**Claim your seats:** 10 tickets (all \$25 per) for each show at iO Chicago, 1501 N. Kingsbury St. Call 312-929-2401.

### Neo-Futurist New Year's Eve Party

The Neo's New Year's Eve VIP evening begins with "Burning Bluebeard" and concludes at midnight with "The Infinite Wrench" — two shows for the price of one at the Neo-Futurist Theater. "Burning Bluebeard" is a joint production with the Ruffians, a play inspired by Chicago's Iroquois Theatre Fire in 1903 and told by six soot-smudged clown performers



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The New Philharmonic celebrates New Year's Eve in Glen Ellyn with selections from the Strauss family and Bellini.

who have returned from the ashes and want to re-perform their Christmas pantomime. "Wrench" is the Neo's late-night flagship show that takes up where "Too Much Light" left off, and will conclude with a Champagne toast at midnight with the cast. Plus dinner, drinks and "Poems While You Wait."

**Claim your seats:** Four tickets (at \$75 each) for the party beginning at 7 p.m. at the Neo-Futurist Theater, 5153 N. Ashland Ave. Call 773-878-4557.

### Blue Man Group

Blue Man Group is a longtime Chicago favorite for New Year's Eve — this year with a newly revised show, with new scenes, new instruments and newly awkward interactions with the audience. As in past years, the Blue Men will have four shows on New Year's Eve for different ages; all include a distinctly Blue Man take on "Auld Lang Syne."

**Claim your seats:** Four tickets (at \$99 per) for each show (1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.) at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St. Call 773-348-4000.



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The Neo-Futurists and Ruffians' joint production of "Burning Bluebeard" is inspired by the 1903 Iroquois Theatre Fire.

### Chicago Magic Lounge

The New Year's Eve show at Chicago Magic Lounge is headlined by magician and mind reader Mark Toland, plus Trent James, Ryan Plunkett (in the 654 Club) and band the Dot. Plus all the bar-front and tableside close-up magic this ritzy place has quickly become famous for — the Magic Lounge opened earlier this year. Wear your cocktail attire and show up at the laundromat.

**Claim your seats:** Six main floor tickets (at \$65 each) for the event begin-

### Black Ensemble New Year's Eve Celebration

This annual bash goes all night until 1 a.m. at the Black Ensemble Theater. Expect performances by the musical stars of Black Ensemble Theater, plus dancing, food and Champagne.

**Claim your seats:** 12 tickets (at \$125 per or the \$200 couples rate) for the event beginning 8 p.m. at the Black Ensemble Cultural Center, 4450 N. Clark St. Call 773-769-4451.

### Second City

Pick your poison, Second City has seats reserved at all three of its legendary stages on Wells Street: "Algorithm Nation or, The Static Quo" is the 107th revue on the Mainstage, "Gaslight District" is on the e.t.c. Stage, and the holiday-themed show "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly Sweater" is in the UP Comedy Club. All three are offering their Laughs and Libations tickets for the late shows, which include a drink package, party favors and a midnight Champagne toast.

**Claim your seats:** 10 tickets for each 7 p.m. show

(at \$53.25 each) and ten for the 10 p.m. shows (\$105.25 each) in Piper's Alley, 1616 N. Wells St. Call 312-337-3992.

### "The Woman in Black"

"The Woman in Black" is an old-school gothic ghost story, adapted from the novel by Susan Hill about a young lawyer sent to a remote English house to deal with a dead woman's affairs. Chicago's show is directed by Robin Herford, who made this title a hit in London's West End years ago, and stars Adam Wesley Brown and Bradley Armacost. According to the Tribune's Chris Jones, "this is most certainly the scariest show in town."

**Claim your seats:** Eight tickets (at \$69 per, sold in pairs) for the 7:30 p.m. show at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St. Call 312-988-9000.

### New Philharmonic New Year's Eve Spectacular

The New Philharmonic in Glen Ellyn rings in the New Year with a concert with guest artists soprano Alisa Jordheim and baritone Corey Crider, conducted by the New Philharmonic's Kirk Muspratt. Expect selections from the Strauss family, Bellini, Mascagni and Tchaikovsky, and hits by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Includes a celebratory toast.

**Claim your seats:** Six tickets (at \$67 per, sold in pairs) for the 9 p.m. performance at the McAninch Arts Center, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Call 630-942-4000.

### Metro and Smartbar

Metro and Smartbar are joining forces for New Year's Eve 2018 with STU-DIO 3730, an all-building New Year's Eve party with DJs and drag queens and work by installation artists. Music from Michael Serafini, Garrett David, Shaun J. Wright and others.

**Claim your seats:** Six tickets (at \$35 per) for the event starting at 9 p.m. at Metro/Smartbar, 3730 N. Clark St. Call 773-549-4140 ext. 231.

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# Costume royalty, awards or no

'Black Panther' designer made name for herself

BY TRE'VELL ANDERSON  
Los Angeles Times

Ruth E. Carter wasn't supposed to be an Oscar-nominated costume designer. At least, that's not what she envisioned as a child growing up in Springfield, Mass. Back then she saw everything in the arts as a hobby, things "inner city" kids did in their summer programs to pass the time.

"While you were getting coached or tutored for math and science, they also had a black music program where all the percussions would be laid out on a blanket in the grass and everyone would come around and we'd have this whole drum session where the music just played and played," Carter recalls, sitting in her Mid-City Los Angeles home. "And there was a few of us who loved the whole idea of performance. We would, to the beat, recite poetry and we were doing African dance. I did enough of that to know that I enjoyed it."

When she'd go home, her older brothers "had art going on," leaving behind charcoal pencils and paper that she'd take and try her hand at copying. "But I never thought of any of that as a career."

Fast-forward some 40 years and the 58-year-old is one of the Hollywood's most consistently employed costume designers, working with Spike Lee, Ava DuVernay and Steven Spielberg. And, as awards season kicks into full gear, Carter is already an Oscar favorite for her designs in Ryan Coogler's "Black Panther."

If she receives an Oscar nomination in January, it would mark her third invitation to the show following nominations for Lee's "Malcolm X" biopic and Spielberg's slave ship drama "Amistad."

The road hasn't been easy, she admits. Despite her immense success, the field of costume design isn't the most inclusive. When asked to name the black costume designers who were working when she entered Hollywood, she can remember just one: Palmer Brown who designed for TV's "Family Matters," "Gimme a Break!" and "A Different World."

Long before she found her current success, Carter went to Hampton University to become a teacher. She changed her major to theater arts and instantly



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Ruth E. Carter is the noted costume designer of "Black Panther," the "Dolemite" reboot, many Spike Lee movies and much more.



MARVEL STUDIOS

Danai Gurira, left, and the other Dora Milaje warriors in "Black Panther" wore split-toed shoes, inspired by Japanese culture.

reverted to "that girl who loved to recite poetry and perform." She remembers auditioning and not getting cast in a play but being asked by the instructor to do the costumes.

That was the start, she said, noting that it allowed her to further explore her childhood infatuation with drawing. She went to the library to read up on what making costumes entailed and, taking a textbook approach, went to the local Joann's Fabrics, bought materials with a small budget and made many of the clothes for the production.

"Once I did that, it caught on like wildfire," she said. "By my senior year, I was the costume designer on campus."

After graduation, she interned at a local theater company in her hometown for a season. It was unpaid and she had to live off of food stamps, but it came with an apartment. She next found a job at the Santa Fe Opera, "living a life of hand sewing and immersing into all of the craft work," she said. She quickly realized she didn't want to be a stitcher.

When a relative invited her to move to Los Angeles and pursue a career in Hollywood, Carter said, "the film part of that kind of went in one ear and out the other because I was like, 'I'm going to be a theater designer.' The whole idea of it just didn't have any impact because I hadn't experienced it."

After she settled in LA, she picked up a newspaper and saw a picture of the full staff of the Los Angeles Theatre Center alongside an article about the then-new center. She applied and was hired, talking herself into a leadership role as "more or less a design assistant to the designers that came in."

That's how she met noted choreographer Otis Sallid who, in 1986, was staging his "A Night for Dancing" at LATC.

"I sat watching this performance and (thought) they could use a costume designer," Carter said.

She talked to Sallid and became the show's costume designer, for free. When it returned to its home in South LA at the Lula Wash-

ington Dance Theater, she remained on board as Hollywood types continued frequenting the production.

One night, her longtime friend, casting director Robi Reed, brought Spike Lee to see the performance. Afterward, Lee, who had finished shooting "She's Gotta Have It" by then but had not released it, gave her advice:

"He said to go to USC or UCLA and sign up in the film department to volunteer on a student thesis project," she said. "I did and before long I was on the set of a student project. I just remember thinking how it's just so much different than theater."

Still, she stayed at LATC, all the while receiving postcards from Lee with images from "She's Gotta Have It" on one side and a message on the other.

"Missed you at the screening. What's up?" they'd read.

Then Lee's film screened at the Cannes Film Festival to critical acclaim.

"I was floored when Robi called me and said he won (an award)."

Months later, he called, Carter said, mimicking Lee over the phone. "Hello, this is the man of your dreams. I was, like, 'Denzel (Washington)'?"

Lee asked her to do the costumes for his next movie, 1988's "School Daze." That film, about fraternity life on the campus of a

historically black college, launched a decadeslong relationship between the two.

After "School Daze," she designed the costumes for Keenen Ivory Wayans' "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" followed by "bouncing back and forth between New York and Los Angeles doing 2½ films every year for 10 years," she said.

During that time, she slowly began to develop her own style of working — melding the hyper-indie approach of the East Coast with the more lax energy of the West Coast — which got her noticed.

The awards recognition for "Malcolm X" and "Amistad" established her as an expert in period detail, but playing a central role in this year's blockbuster "Black Panther" has put Carter on a whole new level. In addition to receiving the Costume Designers Guild's Career Achievement Award at the top of the coming year, her Afrofuturistic designs have made her a front-runner for another Academy Award nomination.

"I don't know what she does in private and how she does it, but when I walked in that warehouse for 'Black Panther,' I was mind-blown because there was such thought, detail and organization," Angela Bassett, who starred as Queen Ramonda, said. "It was as if she's a costume ninja."

## Jazz

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Michigan is creating performance and critical editions of all Gershwin's scores, it was the first to present a concert reading of "Porgy" with every note Gershwin wrote (the opera had been cut on opening night and ever since). The performance proved revelatory, "Porgy and Bess" standing as a still more detailed and profound work than previously understood.

**Chucho Valdes and Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Orchestra Hall, Feb. 23.** Two giants of Afro-Cuban pianism shared a stage and showed everyone what brilliant improvisation and collaboration are all about. Though they represented distinct generations, Valdes and Rubalcaba met each other halfway, Valdes' Art Tatum-like hyper-virtuosity answered by Rubalcaba's more modern, edgier keyboard wizardry. The marvel was in how these two musicians listened and responded to one another, creating a music that was still greater than the sum of its parts.

**Johnny O'Neal, Winter's Jazz Club, March 31.** Fine jazz pianists who sing a little and accomplished

singers who play some piano are not hard to find. But musicians who do both at an equally high level, as Nat King Cole once did, represent an endangered species. With this performance, O'Neal proved that he belongs to that elite group, thanks to the majesty of his baritone and the acuity of his pianism.

**Willie Pickens tribute, Studebaker Theater, April 18.** On the day Pickens — an eminent Chicago pianist — would have turned 87, several top musicians from across the city and the country paid homage to their late mentor, friend and role model. Beautifully organized by Pickens' daughter, pianist Bethany Pickens, the event featured indelible performances by pianist Stu Katz, saxophonist Donald Harrison, trumpeters Orbert Davis and Marquis Hill and many more. Said pianist Benny Green in a pre-recorded video, "Like every pianist watching this, I play the same instrument as Willie Pickens, but not as well."

**Paul Marinaro and the Chicago Jazz Orchestra, Studebaker Theater, May 12.** It takes a measure of gumption for a contemporary singer to perform the repertoire of one of Frank Sinatra's greatest albums, "Sinatra at the



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Ahmad Jamal, shown at Orchestra Hall, is still fiery at age 88.

Sands." But that's what Chicago vocalist Marinaro did, in the company of Jeff Lindberg's mighty CJO. This wasn't a mere imitation, however, Marinaro singing the music his way, that luxuriant baritone and singular interpretations making these songs utterly his own.

**Dee Dee Bridgewater, Orchestra Hall, June 1.** Everyone knows that Bridgewater can sing just about anything persuasively, and she underscored the point in music from her

recent album, "Memphis ... Yes, I'm Ready." The songs were all about soul, and Bridgewater offered softly purring lines at some moments, fire and brimstone at others. Though battling an inexcusably over-reverberant sound system, the singer triumphed by virtue of how deeply she dug into this repertoire and how expressively she moved about the stage.

**Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, June 14, Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park.** As our

country has become increasingly polarized, Chicago trumpeter Davis dared to suggest an alternative: respect for everyone's culture and faith. He did so through the world premiere of his "Chicago Immigrant Stories" suite, which proved that Chinese, Indian, West African and all-American jazz can speak the same language, when musicians are so inclined. For those who somehow missed Davis' message, Chicago cultural commissioner Mark Kelly spelled it out. "How timely

that is," he told the crowd, "as literally, at our border, children are being separated from their parents."

**Tony Bennett, Ravinia Festival, Sept. 8.** Hard to believe, but at 92 Bennett maintained the exalted standards that listeners have come to expect from him. He painted dark tones in "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," made a prayer of Duke Ellington's "Solitude," explored the ache of love in "But Beautiful" and conveyed innocence and wonder in "The Way You Look Tonight." It was an extraordinary feat and a testament to Bennett's apparently ageless art.

**Ahmad Jamal, Oct. 12, Orchestra Hall.** Like Bennett, pianist Jamal seems to defy the passage of time. His performance in the city that launched his international career was as melodically buoyant and rhythmically volatile as his work on his breakthrough album, "Ahmad Jamal at the Pershing: But Not for Me." Sixty years had passed since Jamal released that recording, but he somehow has maintained the fire of youth, while gathering the wisdom of the ages.

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Jason Momoa, left, playing Aquaman, seeks to unite the world while his half-brother, King Orm (Patrick Wilson), crusades to save the oceans from careless surface dwellers.

# In eco-friendly 'Aquaman,' villain has a point

Archrival sea king wants to defend seas from humans

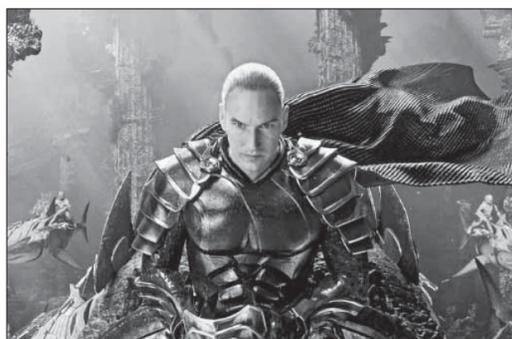
By JEN YAMATO  
Los Angeles Times

In Warner Bros.' "Aquaman," the titular comic book superhero, Arthur Curry (Jason Momoa), seeks to unite the world while his villainous half-brother, King Orm (Patrick Wilson), crusades to keep it divided. For too long, Orm rants, the oceans have suffered at the hands of humans above land whose rampant pollution keeps killing the seas and its kingdoms below. The only answer, according to Orm, is war.

He's a tylosaur-riding villain stirring up alarming currents of xenophobic mania across Atlantis, a self-serious tyrant in an over-the-top spectacle of winking, wanton silliness. He is, rather successfully, rallying the ocean's formidable armed forces toward conflict.

And, reminiscent of Michael B. Jordan's multi-layered "Black Panther" villain Erik Killmonger from earlier this year, Orm isn't completely wrong, filmmakers say. Well, not about everything.

When a very real floating patch of garbage has taken up an estimated 79,000 metric tons of real estate in the Pacific Ocean and overfishing, oil spills and global warming are just some of



To director James Wan, King Orm is "coming from the right place; he's trying to protect the planet."

the man-made disasters harming the Earth's oceans, you can't totally blame a sea king for wanting to fight back.

"I loved how he was a real foil to Arthur, and his initial reasons for going after the surface world seemed completely validated," said Wilson, who fills Orm's fish-faced mask with a sense of pomp and grandiosity befitting the character's comic book origins in the James Wan-directed tale.

After all, we are terrible to the oceans, Wilson says, "and you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who didn't agree with that. So I knew that people would get it. Even if they didn't like him, they would understand him."

That environmental streak was important to thread into "Aquaman," says Wan, who shares a story credit with Geoff Johns and

Will Beall on the film (scripted by David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick and Beall) which is now playing nationwide. The filmmaker credits his upbringing in Australia with keeping the eco-friendly messaging on his mind.

"Australians are very environmentally conscious," he said. "We care a lot about our land, and I think a lot of that stemmed from the first people of Australia and how the land means so much to them. It's something that is sacred and that you should treat with respect, and Australians, we sort of grow up with that mentality."

"I think King Orm is right in that us surface-dwellers have no respect for the planet.... I kind of feel bad for him because he's not wrong in that respect," Wan added. "But it makes the character more interesting; he's not a one-

dimensional villain. He's coming from the right place; he's trying to protect the planet."

Amber Heard's Mera, an Atlantean superheroine in her own right, plays an integral role in expressing the deeper real-world concerns of "Aquaman."

It's Mera who sees Orm misleading the ocean kingdoms toward conflict, defying her own father, King Nereus, to stop it. And it is Mera who embraces the half-human, half-Atlantean Aquaman, urging him to accept the responsibility of unifying his two worlds, rather than stand by and watch them destroy each other.

Heard says she never considered herself the type of actor to star in a superhero blockbuster franchise when first approached by Zack Snyder to introduce Mera in "Justice League," but she found power and depth in her character rooted in the comics. The actress praises "Aquaman" for retaining the socially conscious themes that bring real-world issues to mind, for those who seek them.

"It makes this surreal world — this hyper-reality — grounded, and makes it relevant to us," she said. "King Orm, for instance, is justifying wanting to start this world war and referencing reasons that give you pause and make you think, 'Well, actually, we are poisoning our waters and dumping plastics and trash

into the ocean at an accelerated speed, and it is poisoning our animals, our waters, our food, our friends, ourselves."

"The climate is actually changing, and it is affecting how life on this planet lives. Even though he plays the villain, you can't help but agree with his reasoning."

More parallels to today's political climate can be found in Orm's desire to Make the Ocean Great Again, the filmmakers say. Those themes are also there for people to find, but they aren't overbearing, Momoa says.

"That's one of the really cool things that James and the producers put into it," said the Hawaiian-born actor, whose portrayal of the DC Comics superhero also marks a watershed moment for Pacific Islander representation in Hollywood. "It says its own stuff without being unbearable or being preachy."

Still, it's no accident that the undersea metropolis of Atlantis, where citizens openly display their hatred for the outsider Arthur, boasts a fortified border wall.

"Here's the thing," Wan said. "My movie doesn't take place on another planet. Or another dimension. This is not Middle-earth. This is real Earth, and [Orm] strongly believes that Atlantis is the greatest country in this world — not America, not China, not England, not whatever. It is

Atlantis, and so there is definitely a lot that can be read into that."

The Texas-born Heard's own activism has involved raising awareness of immigration issues and the family separation crisis.

"There are elements that remind you of what's culturally relevant for us in the United States, especially right now, when Arthur comes to Atlantis and is experiencing this world for the first time," Heard said. "It was always something that I respected and liked and encouraged to be there. I remember hearing myself say, 'I hope that doesn't get taken out.'"

In the lead-up to the "Aquaman" release, Wilson said, he was asked about the film's messaging by journalists from across the world whose readings of the film reflect the political climates in their respective countries.

"Of course, people are going to look at the xenophobia and nationalism of the Atlanteans in a different light because of the current climate. And that's okay," Wilson said.

"If you can be a part of that conversation and ... raise some questions through this device of a big superhero movie — or make a child of mixed race maybe feel a little more comfortable with who they are — then we've succeeded."

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## Classical

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finely observed tint and texture, that you were reminded of the composer's oft-repeated dictum that every symphony is a world." — *John von Rhein*

**Kevin Puts' and Mark Campbell's "Elizabeth Cree," Chicago Opera Theater, Studebaker Theater, Feb. 10.** "Exuberantly staged and brilliantly performed by a 14-member ensemble of accomplished singing actors, this courtroom thriller/Gothic whodunit

follows its titular anti-heroine through a series of tightly bound episodes that [mix] stylized shocks and gallows humor with Hitchcockian glee. ... Puts' varied and evocative score, Campbell's taut libretto and David Schweizer's sure-footed staging mesh like a well-oiled clockwork to sustain the darkening atmosphere and to propel the story to its devastating conclusion." — *Jv.R.*

**Pierre-Laurent Aimard, University of Chicago's Logan Center, March 6.** "The masterly French pianist divided his recital between Beethoven's Opus 106 and a selection of piano

pieces by the great Hungarian modernist György Ligeti that pose formidable technical and intellectual demands of their own. It was in every respect a triumphant conclusion to this season's University of Chicago Presents Ligeti Series, built around the participation of Aimard, Ligeti's preferred interpreter of his keyboard works." — *Jv.R.*

**Amy Beth Kirsten's "Savior," world premiere by MusicNOW, Harris Theater for Music and Dance, April 2.** "With 'Savior,' the latest in a series of multimedia works Kirsten calls 'composed theater,' the Illinois-born

composer has fashioned an ingeniously absorbing and quietly powerful retelling of the life and death of Joan of Arc that succeeds remarkably well on its unique, genre-melding terms ... 'Savior' proved to be a splendid addition to MusicNOW's 20th anniversary season." — *Jv.R.*

**Third Coast Baroque and Vivica Genaux perform Vivaldi in Northwestern University's Galvin Recital Hall, April 7.** "The Venetian baroque master wrote dozens of operas that are seldom heard beyond recordings, so the six Vivaldi arias Genaux presented made refreshing discoveries. ... Written to display the virtuosity of some of the leading castratos and mezzos of the Italian baroque, these pieces explode with rapid-fire vocal pyrotechnics — dizzying leaps and descents, dazzling scales, arpeggios and the like — demanding the utmost coloratura agility, precision and brilliance that the Fairbanks, Alaska-born singer summons with ease." — *Jv.R.*

**Leonard Bernstein's "Mass," Ravinia Festival, July 28.** To mark this year's Bernstein centennial, the Ravinia Festival took a huge risk in reviving one of the maestro's most controversial, difficult-to-stage works, "Mass." The gambit paid off, thanks to the combined forces of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Children's Choir, Highland Park High School Marching Band and the ensemble Vocality — nearly 300 people under the direction of conductor Marin Alsop. These musicians made a compelling case for "Mass," reveling in its

populist spirit but also handling its musical eclecticism with aplomb. Alsop cleverly updated the piece by empowering members of the Street Chorus to read self-composed letters addressing issues of our day. In all, a tour de force. — *Howard Reich*

**"Considering Matthew Shepard," Sept. 12, Ravinia Festival.** The long-awaited Chicago-area premiere of this oratorio, a profound contemplation on the 1998 murder of gay college student Shepard, proved to be not only one of the most moving performances of the year but also one of the most hopeful. For composer-conductor Craig Hella Johnson refused to turn his masterpiece into a call for revenge, instead writing serenely melodic, thoroughly accessible music that radiated hope and yearning. The piece, performed by the choral ensemble Conspire, did not flinch from conjuring the horror of Shepard's execution; but it also used the occasion to appeal to humanity's better angels. An eloquent testimony to the consequences of hate, with a poetic response. — *H.R.*

**Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, "Babi Yar," Orchestra Hall, Sept. 21.** CSO music director Riccardo Muti made a bold statement by launching the orchestra's subscription season with "Babi Yar." It's a terrifying evocation of the Nazis' massacre of 33,771 Jews outside Kiev on Sept. 29 and 30, 1941, with 100,000 Jews and others later murdered there by German troops and their collaborators. The work "will remain eternal not only because it's

a great piece of music," Muti told the audience, "but because it's a deep warning, a document that's important for us and the next generation that ... every form of dictatorship should be banned. ... It's about time that we find peace in this tragic world." — *H.R.*

**Jules Massenet's "Cendrillon" at Lyric Opera, Dec. 1.** Everything at Lyric Opera this season had something to recommend it, but "Cendrillon" stood in a class by itself. A production first presented at Santa Fe Opera — and subsequently presented around the world — fit like a glove on the Civic Opera House stage. From its wickedly amusing costumes and hilariously satiric acting to the magical lighting and superb singing (especially Alice Coote in the trouser role of Prince Charming), this "Cendrillon" breathed new life into Massenet's beguiling score. — *H.R.*

**Grossman Ensemble at the University of Chicago's Logan Center for the Arts, Dec. 7.** Expectations ran high for the debut of the Grossman Ensemble, 13 musicians who will serve as house band for the Chicago Center for Contemporary Composition at the U. of C. By presenting four world premieres — each introduced by the composer in a brisk, intermissionless concert — the Grossman Ensemble reaffirmed that new music can be every bit as engaging, provocative and enlightening as time-honored masterpieces. — *H.R.*

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## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Phoebe Waller-Bridge

**"Fleabag"** (10 p.m., IFC): Phoebe Waller-Bridge adapted her own one-woman stage show into this series in which she plays an abrasive but vulnerable woman struggling to navigate the complexities of singles life in London. The series premiere finds Fleabag having a tough day that sees her breaking up with boyfriend Harry (Hugh Sinclair) and enduring a tense visit with her father (Bill Paterson) and his new wife (Olivia Colman).

**"The 41st Annual Kennedy Center Honors"** (7 p.m., CBS): The creative team of the Broadway musical blockbuster "Hamilton" — writer and star Lin-Manuel Miranda, director Thomas Kail, choreographer Andy Blankenbuehler and music director Alex Lacamoire — receive unique recognition of their work as "trailblazing creators of a transformative work that defies category" during this year's telecast from the Kennedy Center Opera House stage.

**"Smokey and the Bandit"** (7 p.m., TCM): It's not "Doctor Zhivago," but as far as car-chase comedies are concerned, they don't get any better than this, which is why TCM leads off tonight's memorial tribute to the late Burt Reynolds with this runaway blockbuster. A legendary driver (Reynolds) and Sheriff Buford T. Justice (Jackie Gleason) play highway cat-and-mouse in this fun 1977 hit, directed by longtime Reynolds associate Hal Needham ("The Cannonball Run").

**"Guy's Grocery Games"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Four veggie enthusiasts demonstrate how nutrient-rich beans and leafy greens pack way more protein than many people realize as they compete in three vegetable-inspired rounds in the new episode "Clash of the Vegetarians." One round tasks them with transforming a meat dish into a vegetarian equivalent, with a diner-style order wheel determining which dinner each contestant must make. Guy takes away their grocery carts before they go shopping for their guilty-pleasure dishes. Judges Richard Blais, Damaris Phillips and Aarti Sequeira decide who wins.

**"Mysterious Islands"** (10:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m., TRAVEL): In the new episode "Georgia's Island of the Geechee People," host Kellee Edwards journeys to Sapelo Island off Georgia's coast to explore the chilling past of this area. Although Sapelo is surrounded by destinations that are overrun by tourists, it's home to the Geechee people, who must struggle to maintain their unique culture. But something eerie seems to be lending its assistance: For more than a century, those who have tried to develop the island have met untimely deaths.

## TALK SHOWS

**"The Tonight Show"** (10:30 p.m., Antenna): Actor Carol Reiner; actress Raquel Welch.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Jennifer Lopez; comic Robert Klein; J Balvin performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Singer Garth Brooks; actor Tim Meadows.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 26

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	The 41st Annual Kennedy Center Honors (N) © ㉔				Magnum P.I.: "The Cat Who Cried Wolf." ©		News (N) ▶	
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Chicago Fire: "Going to War." © ㉔		Chicago Med: "When to Let Go." © ㉔		Chicago P.D.: "Endings." © ㉔		NBC 5 News (N) ▶	
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Goldbergs	American Housewife	Modern Family	(8:31) Single Parents	Modern Family	(9:31) Single Parents	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	blackish © ㉔	blackish: "Lemons."	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) © ㉔		WGN News at Ten (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy	
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	*(6:30) Red River (NR, '48) *** John Wayne. ©				The Horse Soldiers (NR, '59) *** ©			
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)				Nature: "H Is for Hawk: A New Chapter." (N) ©		NOVA: "Apollo's Daring Mission." (N) ©	
	<b>The U</b> 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶	
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Scandal ©				The Long Kiss Goodnight (R, '96) *** Geena Davis. ▶			
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Empire: "Love All, Trust a Few." © ㉔		Star: "All Falls Down." © ㉔		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods: "Framed."		Blue Bloods © ㉔		Blue Bloods © ㉔		Blue Blood ▶	
	<b>Telem</b> 44	(7:05) La sultana (N) ©		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
	<b>CW</b> 50	Riverdale © ㉔		All American © ㉔		Dateline: "Unspeakeable." Chicago ▶			
	<b>UniMas</b> 60	Me caigo de risa ㉔				Rosario Tijeras ㉔			
	<b>WJYS</b> 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
	<b>Univ</b> 66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)	
	CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Live PD: Rewind ©		(8:05) Live PD: Rewind		Live PD: Rewind ©		Storage
<b>AMC</b>		* National-European		(8:15) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13, '89) ***					
<b>ANIM</b>		The Vet Life ©		The Vet Life ©		The Vet Life ©		Vet Life ▶	
<b>BBCA</b>		Doctor Who ©		Doctor Who ©		Dr. Who ▶			
<b>BET</b>		* Madea's Witness		Why Did I Get Married? (PG-13, '07) ** Tyler Perry. ▶					
<b>BIGTEN</b>		* Wisconsin		The B1G		Wisconsin		The B1G	
<b>BRAVO</b>		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives-Atlanta		Watch What	
<b>CLTV</b>		News at 7		News (N)		Chic.Best		Weekend	
<b>CNBC</b>		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No ▶	
<b>CNN</b>		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Special Report ©		CNN Tonight (N)		AC 360 ▶	
<b>COM</b>		South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park ▶	
<b>DISC</b>		Border Live ©		Border Live: "Border Live 12.26.18." (N) (Live) ©		Border ▶			
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<b>E!</b>		Fifty Shades of Grey (R, '15) **		Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. ©		Fifty Shades of Grey ***		Fifty Shades of Grey ***	
<b>ESPN</b>		* Football (N) Scores (N)		College Football: Cheez-It Bowl -- California vs TCU. (N) (Live) ©					
<b>ESPN2</b>		Boxing ©		Boxing		Boxing From Feb. 10, 1990.		SportCtr (N)	
<b>FNC</b>		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
<b>FOOD</b>		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ▶	
<b>FREE</b>		*(6) The Lion King (G) ***		Wreck-It Ralph (PG, '12) ***		Voices of John C. Reilly.		700 Club ▶	
<b>FX</b>		Now You See Me 2 (PG-13, '16) **		Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. ©		Now You ▶			
<b>HALL</b>		The Christmas Cottage (NR, '17)		Merritt Patterson.		Most Wonderful Time of Year ▶			
<b>HGTV</b>		Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		House (N)		Hunt Intl (N)	
<b>HIST</b>		Vikings ©		Vikings: "Hell." (N)		(9:01) National Treasure		National ▶	
<b>HLN</b>		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic	
<b>IFC</b>		* My Cousin		My Cousin Vinny (R, '92) *** Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei. ©		Fleabag			
<b>LIFE</b>		Secretariat (PG, '10) ***		Diane Lane. The story of the 1973 Triple Crown winner.		Marley ▶			
<b>MSNBC</b>		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
<b>MTV</b>		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish ▶	
<b>NBCSCH</b>		NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)		Chicago Bulls (N)		Bulls (N)			
<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends ©		Friends ©		
<b>OVATION</b>	*(6) Angels & Demons (PG-13, '09) **		Tom Hanks.		Bruno Mars: Just the Way		Point Brk. ▶		
<b>OWN</b>	Four Weddings ©		Four Weddings: "... And Sorority Sisters." ©		Weddings ▶				
<b>OXY</b>	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ▶		
<b>PARMT</b>	*(5:05) Jurassic Park ***		The Lost World: Jurassic Park (PG-13, '97) **		Jeff Goldblum. ©		▶		
<b>SYFY</b>	*(5:30) The Fifth Element		Colombiana (PG-13, '11) **		Zoe Saldana. ©		Skyfall ▶		
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Full Frontal		
<b>TCM</b>	Smokey and the Bandit (PG, '77) ***		Burt Reynolds.		Deliverance (R, '72) **** Jon Voight. ▶				
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Rena & Lee's Story." ©		Lost in Transition (N)		My 600-Lb ▶				
<b>TLN</b>	Camp Meeting		Diane		The Three		Life Today		
<b>TNT</b>	The Intern (PG-13, '15) **		Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway. ©		Horrible Bosses 2 (R) ***		▶		
<b>TOON</b>	Gumball		Gumball		Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad		
<b>TRAV</b>	Mysteries-Museum (N)		Egypt's Ten Greatest Discoveries © (Part 1 of 2)		Islands (N)		▶		
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond		Raymond		Two Men		Two Men		
<b>USA</b>	* Harry Potter		(7:48) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix		Mod Fam ▶				
<b>VH1</b>	Notorious (R, '09) **		Angela Bassett, Derek Luke. ©		Training Day '01) *** ▶				
<b>WE</b>	Monster-in-Law (PG-13, '05) **		Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda. ©		Monster-in-Law '05) *** ▶				
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	*(6:30) The Book of Eli (R, '10) ** ©		The Shop		REAL Sports Gumbel		Pacific ▶	
	<b>HBO2</b>	* Thrones		(7:34) Game of Thrones		Maze Runner: The Death Cure (PG-13, '18) ** ©		▶	
	<b>MAX</b>	Kong: Skull Island (PG-13, '17) ***		Tom Hiddleston.		The Hitman's Bodyguard (R, '17) ***			
	<b>SHO</b>	*(6:15) The Bridges of Madison County		When Harry Met Sally... (R, '89) ****		American ▶			
	<b>STARZ</b>	* The Chronicles of Riddick		Fail State (NR, '18) ©		Last House on Left ▶			
<b>STZNC</b>	*(6:01) The Saint ('97) **		Juno (PG-13, '07) ***		Ellen Page.		The Wedding Planner ▶		



Jason Momoa, left, and Amber Heard in a scene from "Aquaman."

## PARENTS GUIDE

Advice about films kids may want to see — whatever the rating — in theaters or opening soon

By **KATIE WALSH** | Tribune News Service

**'AQUAMAN'** ▲ PG-13

**What it's about:** The oceangoing DC Comics character gets his own film, straddling life on the surface and turmoil in the undersea kingdom of Atlantis.

**The kid attractor factor:** The big, bold, bright aquatic adventure will be a draw for kids.

**Violence:** Fighting, shooting, stabbing, destruction, etc., but nothing too gory.

**Language:** Some swearing/strong language.

**Sexuality:** A prolonged kiss.

**Drugs:** Strong beer.

**Parents advisory:** This is a fun spectacle that will please the whole family, but it's too scary for younger kids.

**'BUMBLEBEE'** PG-13

**What it's about:** The cuddliest Transformer of all, Bumblebee, gets his own '80s-set origin story.

**The kid attractor factor:** The young stars, comedy and action spectacle will draw kids and teens.

**Violence:** Several action/fight scenes between Bumblebee and the Decepticons.

**Language:** None.

**Sexuality:** Some flirtation.

**Drugs:** None.

**Parents advisory:** This is family-friendly and a fun Transformers flick that will appeal to all ages — just too violent for the youngest kids.

**'SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE'** PG

**What it's about:** An eye-popping animated film featuring newest Spider-Man Miles Morales and all of the other Spider-people from the other universes.

**The kid attractor factor:** The character, as well as the incredible and beautiful animation.

**Violence:** Some action scenes featuring chasing, beating, explosions, shooting, etc.

**Language:** No strong swear words but some mature language.

**Sexuality:** None.

**Drugs:** None.

**Parents advisory:** Probably too scary for the youngest ones.

## 'The Last Alaskans' remains a compelling reality show

By **HANK STUEVER**  
The Washington Post

Discovery's "The Last Alaskans" remains TV's purest and most respectful example of what reality television might have been if the genre had a soul. In our comparably mild winter chill and shortened days here in the Lower 48, I often find myself thinking of the handful of Alaska residents who, as part of a 1980 congressional act, got to keep their cabins within the 19.2 million acres of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the far northeastern part of the state.

In its fourth season (currently airing Sunday nights), "The Last Alaskans" continues its intimate, ongoing portrait of these hardy few, who are determined to persevere in the refuge as long as they (or their heirs) can maintain this intense yet peaceful lifestyle. The subjects of the series are separated from one another by dozens and even hundreds of miles. They show up after the floodwaters and insects retreat each September, intending to live through the winter and work their trap lines, collecting furs to sell next spring. No electricity, no internet or phone. No media, besides a faintly heard nightly radio show that relays messages to those living remotely.

Each season has followed a set story arc, and it's somehow surprising to see the episodes are as fresh and uninterrupted as when the show's cameras first came along: The residents arrive by boat or small airplane, open up their cabins, wash away the summer mold and set about making repairs while the weather is still on their side. The primary goal during the hasty fall season is to hunt and fish as much as possible, hoping to kill enough moose or caribou



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Scott Nelson sets a trap in "The Last Alaskans."

to eat for the next five months (brains and all), and, in the case of Tyler and Ashley Selden, catch enough salmon to feed their sled dogs all winter.

If "The Last Alaskans" were required to meet a typical viewer's (and network executive's) standards for reality-TV action, it would fail miserably. The hunters often come back empty-handed. The families never argue. Winter comes and they hunker down in between monotonous excursions along the trap lines. It's hard to tell one episode from the next.

Heimo Korth, who has lived in the refuge since the 1970s, acts as the consistent, narrative center of the show, explaining the circle of life as it pertains to nature and hunting, as he's done probably 100 times. Tyler Selden, too, has held forth an equal number of times about the gratification of living in the refuge.

Do they repeat themselves because the producers keep asking them to? Or is there not much else to discuss, given that "The Last Alaskans" steers far clear of politics and other hot-button issues? Would the show be even better if the subjects weren't tasked

with explaining their every move?

It's an interesting thought, because as a work of ASMR (autonomous sensory meridian response), "The Last Alaskans" is both visually and aurally addictive. The footage is vividly presented in high-definition, using the latest tricks of the trade: aerial drone cameras capture the vastness of the refuge in a way a wide-screen vista cannot quite achieve; the crew has learned to hang just over the shoulder of its subjects without ruining their hunts. Slow-motion is used to both enhance the beauty and admit that there's rarely enough going on to fill a one-hour reality show. The sounds, when nobody's talking, are mostly wind and water.

It is deeply calming. The routines are arduous yet simple: Wake, work, eat, ponder, sleep. Television, which so often seeks to enhance the noise and anxiety part of our modern lives, is so rarely this cozy.

It's nothing but respect and, for many viewers, envy. To be far away from it all, to live with such quiet. Imagine: all that time and space to just think.

**Horoscopes**



**Today's birthday** (Dec. 26): Your connections open valuable doors this year. Lead with dedication and focused action. Love sparkles and twinkles spontaneously. Personal accomplishments flower this winter, before shared finances take new directions.

A romantic partnership blossoms next summer, leading to a personal shift. Savor and nurture your friendships.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Health, fitness and your physical labors have your attention. Research options and ideas. You can find the facts you're looking for.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Savor love, relaxation and family time. Romance can blossom. You're especially attractive. Good news comes from far away. Make sweet connections.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Sink into domestic comforts. Enjoy home-cooked meals and relaxing pastimes together with family and friends. Fill your house with laughter, music and candlelight.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Put your thoughts into words. Express your views and feelings. Practice your arts and music. Your muses sing to you. Create a work of beauty.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. There's potentially more money coming in. Your head is full of profitable ideas. Friends or family help you make an important connection. Reach out.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Someone's saying nice things about you. Keep using your strengths and talents for good. Provide leadership to forward a passion project.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. You may find an answer in a dream. Find a peaceful place for contemplation. Natural connections inspire. Meditate and recharge. Breathe and rest deeply.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Group participation produces satisfying results. Coordinate, communicate and organize your efforts. Pull together for a common cause. Deepen friendships and alliances. Exceed expectations.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. A professional assignment has your focus. Stay flexible with shifting circumstances. Prepare for an inspection or test. Strengthen infrastructure.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Plan your itinerary and schedule. Prepare for an educational journey. Make reservations and arrangements. Draw upon hidden resources. Allow extra time for connections.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Align priorities with your partner on shared finances. Strategize for common goals. Follow through on your side of the bargain.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Pay extra attention to your partner. Take care of each other. Both learn and teach. You can be especially persuasive. Share your heart.

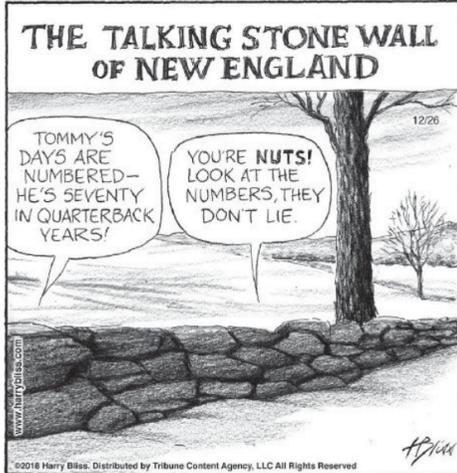
— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn

<b>CELEBRITY CHILDHOOD MOMENTS</b> 12/26	DUSTIN'S FIRST STEPS! I'M WALKIN' HERE!
LET MY TEDDY GO NOW! I WILL NOT LOOK FOR YOU. I WILL NOT PURSUE YOU.	I WISH I KNEW HOW TO QUIT YOU.
NEESON	GYLLENHAAL
SHOW ME THE MOMMY!	LET ME SEE THE TOOTH! YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TOOTH!
CRUISE	NICHOLSON

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**Bliss** By Harry Bliss



**Bridge**

Neither vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>	♠ A 9 6	♥ A Q 4	♦ 7 5 4	♣ 9 8 5 4
<b>West</b>	♠ J 10 7 5	♥ 8 7 5 3	♦ 9 2	♣ A Q 6
<b>East</b>	♠ Q 8 4	♥ 10 9 2	♦ K J 6	♣ J 10 3 2
<b>South</b>	♠ K 3 2	♥ K J 6	♦ A Q 10 8 3	♣ K 7

We are indebted to Matthew Granovetter, editor and publisher of the excellent Bridge Today magazine, for today's deal.

The correct play in three no trump is to go after the diamond suit. A double finesse is called for, meaning declarer first leads a low diamond from dummy to his 10. Win or lose, declarer then crosses back to dummy and leads a diamond to his queen. This is a high-percentage play and, on this deal,

would produce 10 tricks. Something happened, however, on the way to this easy overtrick.

South won the opening heart lead in dummy and led

a low diamond. Instead of playing low, East played his king of diamonds. There was no technical reason for making this play on this deal, although there might have been had partner led a low heart, indicating strength in the heart suit. If so, East might have wanted to grab the lead to return partner's suit before partner's possible ace of hearts was knocked out.

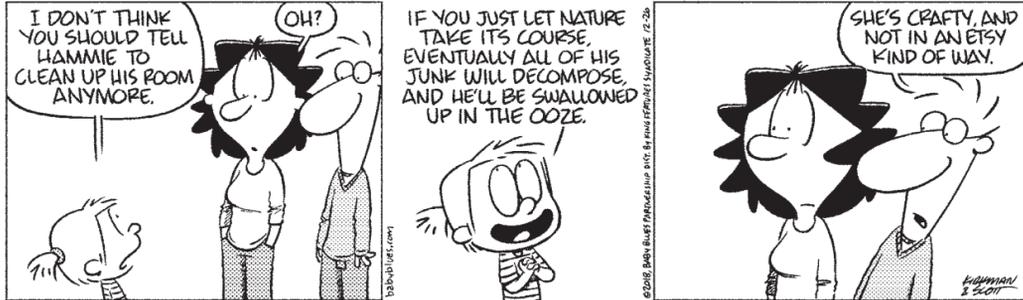
The play of the king had the psychological effect of making South think that East started with shortness in diamonds. There would be no point, in that case, of returning to dummy for another diamond play. South just won with his ace, cashed the queen of diamonds, and led another diamond. East grabbed this with his jack and returned a low club, allowing the defense to take four club tricks and defeat the contract. Granovetter says that he has seen this play work many times, though it is hard to explain why.

— Bob Jones  
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**Dilbert** By Scott Adams



**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



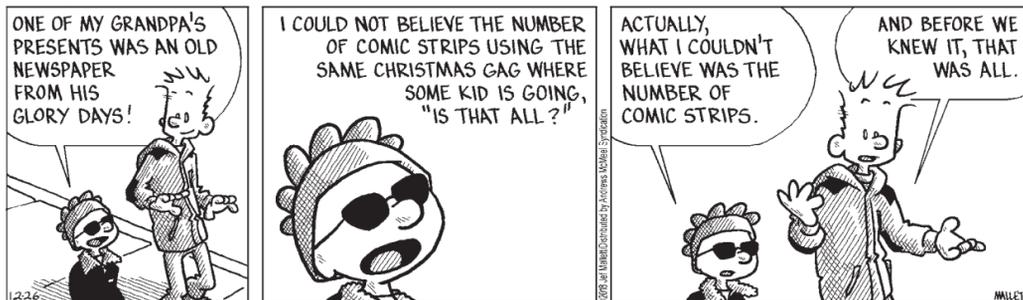
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**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin



**Frazz** By Jef Mallett



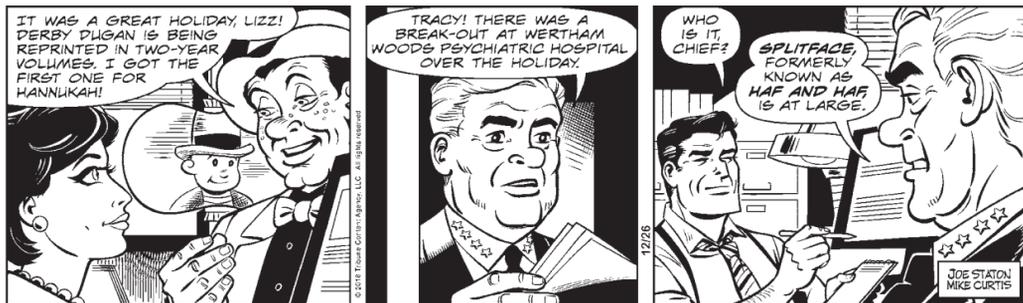
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**Pickles** By Brian Crane



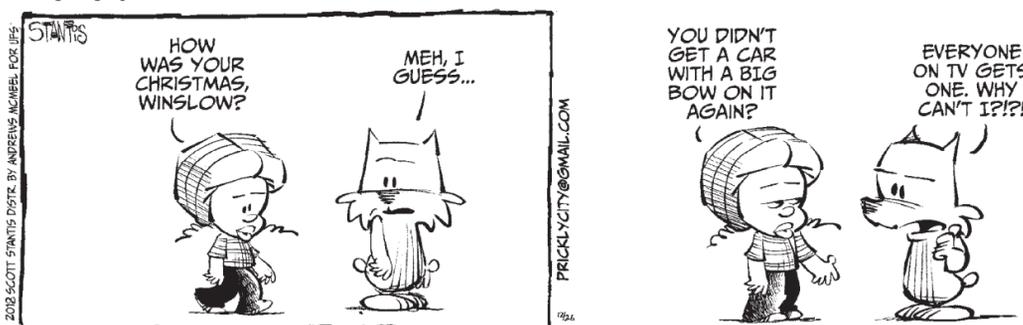
**Dick Tracy** By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



**Animal Crackers** By Mike Osburn



**Prickly City** By Scott Stantis





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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 18° RECORD HIGH: 55° (1971) RECORD LOW: -11° (1983)

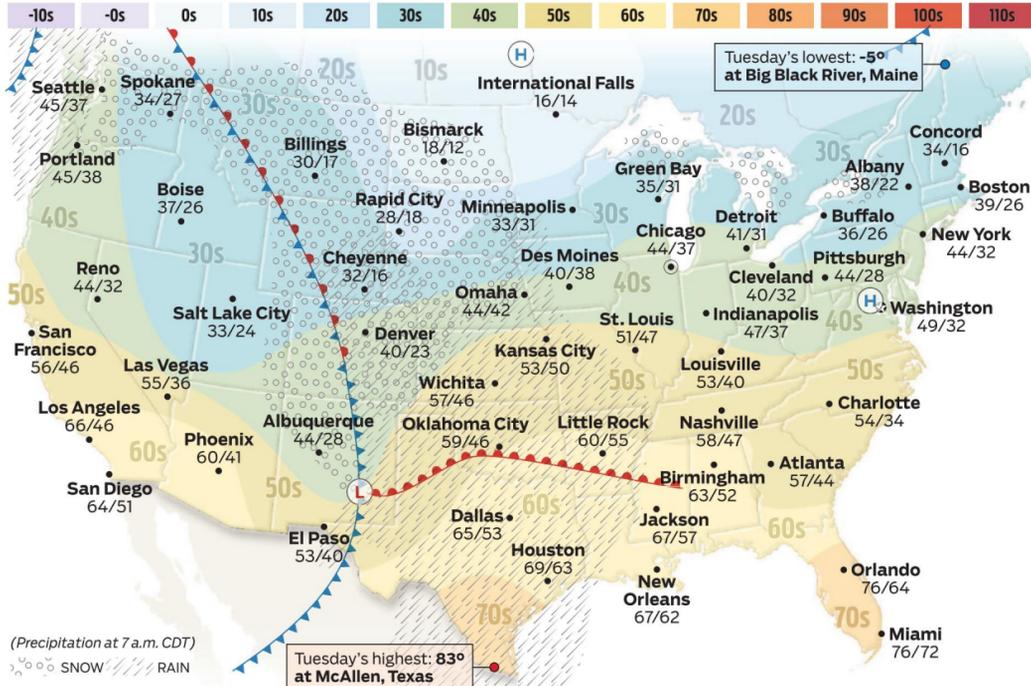
## Chicago not alone with its snowless Christmas

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 44 **LOW** 37

■ Another day with above normal temperatures, the city's 16th in a row.  
 ■ Mixed sun and clouds early, but a lowering and thickening overcast assembles through the afternoon.  
 ■ Continued mild with highs in the middle 40s, a dozen degrees above normal, but east to southeast winds 10-15 mph keep temps a bit lower near the shore.  
 ■ A shower possible by evening, but the rain threat increases overnight as southeast winds strengthen. Lows hold in the middle and upper 30s.

### NATIONAL FORECAST

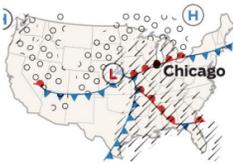


With bare ground on Christmas Day, Chicago was in step with three-quarters of the nation, as just 24.6 percent of the U.S. reported a Christmas Day snow cover, the lowest total since 2005. Chicago's Christmas afternoon high temperatures clustered in the middle and upper 40s as the city's official 45-degree high tied for the 14th-warmest Christmas dating back to 1870. Even milder weather is on tap for the rest of this week as a strong winter storm heads for the upper Midwest. Chicago will be in the storm's warm sector and be the recipient of rain, thunderstorms and temperatures in the 50s, while portions of the northern Plains and upper Midwest brace for heavy snow on the storm's wintry northern flank. More seasonable weather will arrive by the weekend as temperatures return to the 30s.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 27

**HIGH** 56 **LOW** 41

City's warmest day since Halloween (61 degrees). Cloudy, windy and unseasonably mild. Steady rains turn showery in the afternoon. T-storms possible at night. Strong, gusty southeast winds.



### FRIDAY, DEC. 28

**HIGH** 47 **LOW** 28

Windy and turning sharply colder. Morning highs peak in the mid/upper 40s then temps fall to the lower 30s by evening. West winds 20-30 mph and gusty.



### SATURDAY, DEC. 29

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 24

Mostly cloudy and colder with diminishing winds. Seasonable highs in the lower or middle 30s. Some light snow or flurries possible overnight.



### SUNDAY, DEC. 30

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 26

A few lingering flurries then partly sunny. Once again seasonable highs reach the lower or middle 30s. Light winds.



### MONDAY, DEC. 31

**HIGH** 40 **LOW** 25

New Year's Eve 2018 exits on a mostly cloudy note with a chance of a little rain or snow. A bit milder as temperatures rebound to about 40. Southwest winds 10-15 mph.



### TUESDAY, JAN. 1

**HIGH** 35 **LOW** 17

New Year's Day dawns cloudy but some sun emerges by afternoon as clouds break and thin. Not quite as mild as highs fall back to the middle 30s. Northwest winds 8-15 mph.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 I have noticed several instances where one year's record low was followed one year later by a record high on the same date or vice versa. How often has this occurred?  
 — Bill DeMarco, Chicago

Dear Bill,  
 Chicago climate expert Frank Wachowski tells us that scenario has occurred just six times in Chicago since 1871. None is more dramatic than the city's back-to-back Christmases in 1982-83. Fueled by a strong El Niño, Chicago established record highs of 62 on Dec. 23 and 64 on Christmas in 1982. In 1983, with a persistent Siberian Express in control, record lows of minus 21 and minus 17 were logged on the same dates. The other four occurrences are — April 21, 1985, 88 degrees, and 1986, 27 degrees; May 11, 1982, 89 degrees, and 1981, 33 degrees; July 28, 1983, 100 degrees, and 1984, 51 degrees; and Oct. 21, 1953, 87 degrees, and 1952, 26 degrees.

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## Soaking rains to follow city's warmest Christmas in 7 years

### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES



ESTIMATED PEAK WIND GUSTS: Wednesday 9 MPH, Thursday 22 MPH, Friday 28 MPH, Saturday 30 MPH, Sunday 40 MPH.

### THURSDAY PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES



### WARMEST CHRISTMAS IN 7 YEARS!

Ranks among the mildest 10% since 1871

"Normal" Dec. 25 high temperature: 32°

CHANGE FROM 24 HOURS EARLIER	O'HARE	MIDWAY	LAKEFRONT
	45°	47°	46°
	+12°	+13°	+12°

Only 14 Chicago Christmases since 1871 as "warm" or "warmer" (in chronological order)

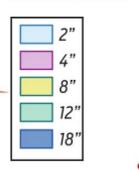
1877	50	1946	46
1891	52	1954	45
1893	52	1957	45
1895	56	1959	45
1922	45	1971	55
1932	49	1982	64*
1936	56	2011	45

\*Warmest Chicago Christmas on record

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

### IN COMING DAYS:

3.3-million threatened by a snow storm; 37.6-million by severe thunderstorms



TOM SKILLING AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

### CHICAGO DIGEST

#### TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	44	29	Midway	47	30
Gary	46	30	O'Hare	45	28
Kankakee	47	31	Romeoville	47	29
Lakefront	46	31	Valparaiso	49	26
Lansing	47	29	Waukegan	42	21

#### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Tue. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.06"
December to date	1.67"	1.89"
Year to date	47.58"	36.53"

#### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	Trace
Season to date	13.0"	9.4"
Normal to date	7.7"	8.0"

#### LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind E 10-15 kts.	SE 20-30 kts.
Waves 1 foot	4-8 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	na/na

#### U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 25	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	24.6%	49.0%
Average snow depth	1.7"	2.7"

#### 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	Moderate
Wednesday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particles

#### BEST WEATHER RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:17 a.m.	4:26 p.m.
Moon	9:18 p.m.	10:33 a.m.

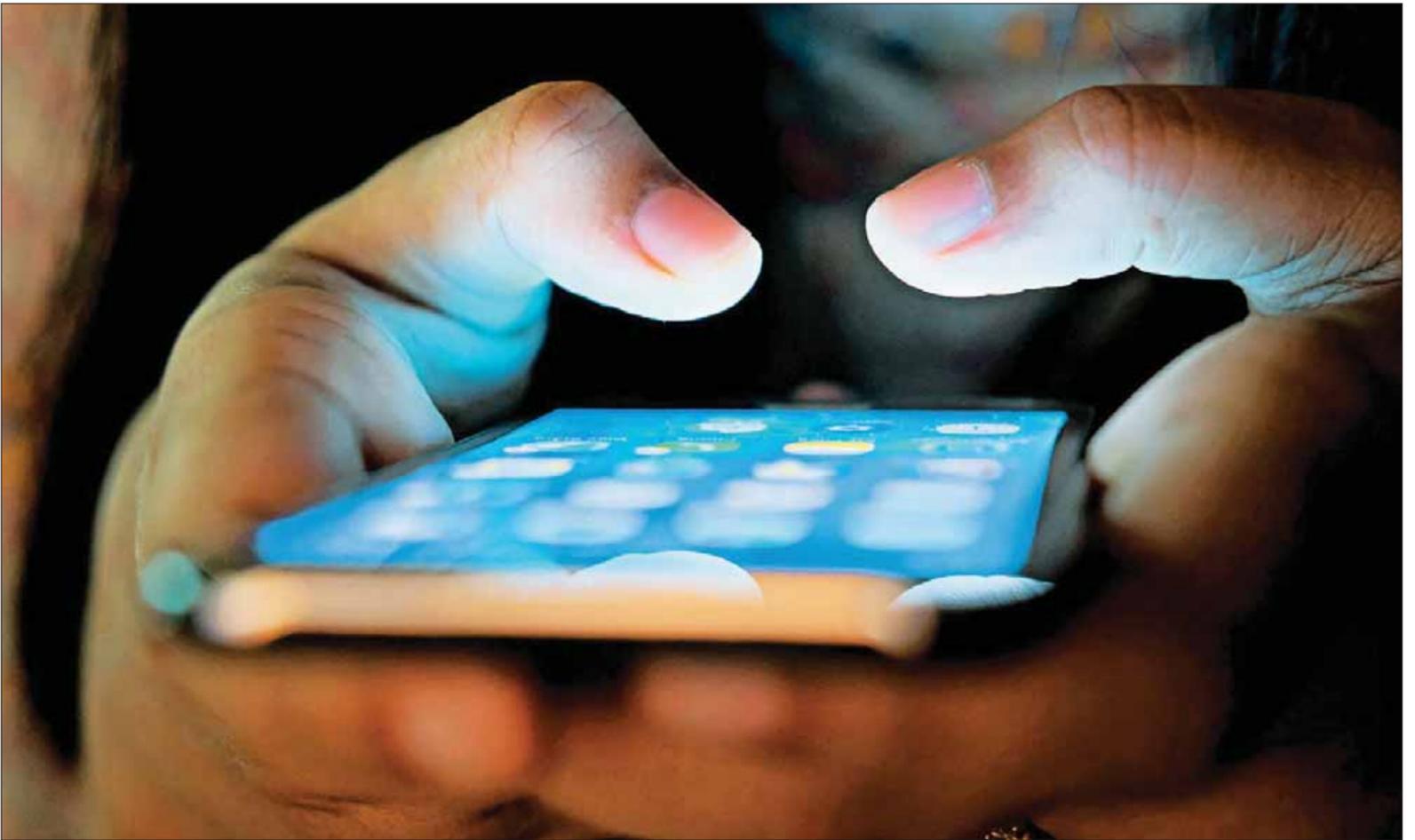
#### WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:51 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
Venus	3:26 a.m.	1:49 p.m.
Mars	11:21 p.m.	11:14 p.m.
Jupiter	5:26 a.m.	2:47 p.m.
Saturn	7:41 a.m.	4:52 p.m.

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

Chicago Tribune

## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY



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Empowered by the #MeToo movement, sexual assault survivors are sharing their stories on social media. However, experts say there could be legal and emotional consequences.

# Sharing sex assault stories?

Survivors are accusing attackers on social media, but there could be repercussions

BY KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago woman took to Facebook earlier this month to describe, in graphic detail, how a man she knows tried to rape her, naming him and including his photo in a post that was shared more than 1,000 times in a matter of days.

The move represents a growing trend in the #MeToo movement, which experts say has empowered survivors to share their stories of sexual assault or misconduct, even outing their attackers by name on social media. But while the move can be cathartic, it's not without consequences.

Although sharing personal stories about sexual assault is not new, forums like Facebook and Twitter have made the practice easier and more wide-reaching. Rape survivor advocates say that in the year-plus since the modern-day #MeToo movement began, they've seen even more victims — who often want to avoid reporting assaults to police out of fear or mistrust of the system — use social media to share their stories. In doing so, survivors often want to warn others about their alleged attackers, or find vindication and healing after courts have failed them.

But because public accusations can lead to defamation lawsuits, damage pending criminal pros-

ecutions, or emotionally harm survivors if they face public backlash, advocates educate survivors on the risks, said Sarah Layden, director of programs and public policy at Resilience, the Chicago nonprofit formerly known as Rape Victim Advocates. Despite the cons, many survivors still want to come forward and often find the experience rewarding, she said.

"When you have systems that oftentimes don't provide the space or accountability for healing, for many survivors, speaking out (on social media) is their way to accountability," Layden said. "For many survivors, it's a very, very validating experience."

The Resilience organization offers workshops for those who are thinking of sharing their stories publicly, so they can "do so from an emotionally safe place," she said. These sessions go over legal ramifications, she said, and prepare survivors for potential emotional consequences.

The Dec. 5 Facebook post from the Chicago woman, who could not be reached by the Tribune, was met with hundreds of comments, both positive and negative. The man she accused could also not be reached by the Tribune. In her post, the woman said she wanted to warn others about the man — something Layden says can be a strong motivator for survivors to publicly name attackers.

"If they put people on notice that this person is harmful, that's taking that control back," she said.

While Twitter doesn't specifically address accusing someone of a crime in its standards policy, there are ways to report offensive content, which the company then evaluates and decides whether or not to remove. There are also guidelines for users on how to label content as graphic.

Facebook, similarly, has ways for users to report posts and then evaluates them, but in the wake of the #MeToo movement, the company revised its bullying policy, making exceptions to allow for victims of sexual misconduct to share their experiences even if they use explicit language or accuse their attackers by name. Such content is often labeled as graphic. "We try to create a safe environment," a Facebook spokeswoman said in a statement.

Adrienne Massanari, associate professor of communication at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said social media companies try to err on the side of free speech and rely on users to report questionable content.

And with these forums, it's important for users to understand the reach of their posts. While survivors have always had to deal with ridicule or people not believing them, social media puts that on a "very large scale," she said.

The reach of social media can be good in these cases, initiating conversations about sexual violence and pointing out problems in the justice system, "but it's a very morally and ethically am-

biguous area," she said.

Many don't realize that social media accusations, even if they are true, can open up the survivor to legal troubles, said Deborah Tuerkheimer, a Northwestern University law professor who has researched sexual violence laws and the trend she calls "unofficial reporting."

"I don't think people have begun to grapple with the implications of this new world," she said, adding that the trend seems to be filling a void in a justice system that often fails victims of these crimes.

When someone makes an allegation publicly, the accuser could be sued for defamation, Tuerkheimer said. And while the truth is the ultimate defense and would win such a lawsuit, "along the way, there's a huge litigation cost," she said. "There's financial cost and psychological cost" to fighting a case, even if the survivor prevails.

When a survivor has also reported an assault to police, a social media retelling of the crime could harm prosecutors' case, depending on how detailed it is, Tuerkheimer said. If a slight detail differs from testimony in court, it could actually help the suspect's case, she said.

As this trend becomes more popular, Tuerkheimer said, lawsuits are already emerging. "As this movement continues to unfold and we see more of this informal reporting, we are also going to see more of this pushback in the form of these kinds of lawsuits."

In October, writer and filmmaker Stephen Elliott sued New York-based writer Moira Donegan in federal court for defamation for including his name on a widely circulated list that accused dozens of men working in media of rape, harassment or other misconduct. Donegan revealed early this year that she was the author of the Google spreadsheet that went viral in the aftermath of allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. Elliott also is suing 30 "Jane Does" who contributed to the list, according to the complaint. He says the allegations made against him are false and have caused him harm.

In a piece Donegan penned for New York Magazine's *The Cut*, in which she revealed herself as the creator of the "S----- Media Men" list, she said she hoped to create an alternative space to report misconduct because so many official avenues fail victims, whether it be the courts or human resources departments, and she didn't realize it would go viral and be so far-reaching.

Tuerkheimer said she's not surprised survivors are motivated by a fear of or dissatisfaction with official reporting channels, and the trend shows the system needs work.

"It's understandable to me that this would seem like the only option," she said. "I hope we can get to a place where these systems don't fail survivors."

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## Gay couple make same-sex Barbie Wedding set



HEIDI STEVENS  
*Balancing Act*

Scottsdale, Ariz., couple Matt Jacobi and Nick Caprio wanted to buy their niece a birthday gift that would serve as a nod to her flower girl duties at their upcoming wedding.

They bought a couple of Barbie Wedding sets — Barbie, Ken, two flower girls, a cake — and

swapped out Barbie to create a Ken, Ken, two flower girls, cake set.

Jacobi snapped a photo of the newly assembled set and posted it on Instagram with a message to Mattel, Barbie's maker: "Happy Holidays. We had a difficult time finding a same sex wedding set to

give to my niece for her 8th birthday. She and her little sister are flower girls in our upcoming May wedding. We thought it would be special to give her something with a little meaning behind it. What a bummer you don't make one with two grooms. Anyway, we had to get creative and make a

couple purchases. I hope our custom gift inspires you to make a #GayWedding set!"

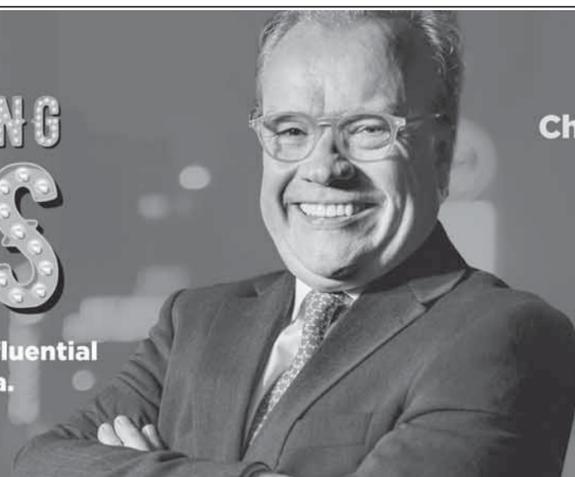
Mattel contacted the couple and set up a January meeting, according to CNN.

Now Care2, an online petition

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# An insidious gateway

Wisdom teeth surgery puts some on path to opioid abuse

By MELISSA HEALY  
Los Angeles Times

For older teenagers and young adults, the extraction of wisdom teeth is a painful rite of passage. A new study suggests that it's probably made more perilous by the narcotic pain pills that patients frequently carry home after the common surgical procedure.

The study offers new evidence of how readily — and innocently — a potentially fatal addiction to opioids can take hold. It also shows how important it is that dentists rethink their approach to treating their patients' postoperative discomfort.

In a group of about 15,000 people whose first prescriptions for opioid painkillers came from a dentist or dental surgeon, researchers found that about 7 percent filled another opioid prescription 90 to 365 days later.

And in the year after their dental procedures, nearly 6 percent of patients who left their dentist's office with a prescription for opioids had a "health care encounter" — a hospitalization or trip to the emergency room, a physician consultation or a session with an addiction specialist — in which a diagnosis of opioid abuse was documented.

That's more than 10 times the rate at which a comparison group of patients who did not receive prescriptions for opioid painkillers got that diagnosis. Patients in both groups were 16 to 25 years old, and all were treated by dentists in 2015. Researchers then were able to track the patients for at least a year.

Compared with the study's boys and young men, girls and young women were more likely to continue using narcotic pain relievers after getting their wisdom teeth out, and they were much more likely to abuse the drugs.

The typical prescription capable of setting such havoc into motion was a pack of about 20 pills of an opioid narcotic such as OxyContin, Vicodin or Percocet.



Teens and young adults who are prescribed opioids for dental procedures may be at increased risk for subsequent opioid use and abuse, a new study suggests.

Published recently in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine, the research comes as opioid drugs are killing 115 Americans a day. Although fatalities are also caused by street drugs such as heroin and, increasingly, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, as many as 80 percent of those addicted to heroin say they started by abusing medications that were prescribed for legitimate purposes.

That in turn has called attention to the medical profession's prescribing practices and its role in the public health crisis. In 2016, as the epidemic of overdose deaths continued its steep rise, those in the medical and dental professions prescribed enough painkillers to medicate every American daily for close to a month.

Although many of the pills are prescribed to manage the agony of patients

with excruciating pain, physicians and dentists still prescribe opioids to patients whose pain could be treated more safely, and just as effectively, with non-narcotic drugs.

The new study also calls into question the wisdom of routinely extracting wisdom teeth, which tend to push through rear-most gums in late adolescence or early adulthood, often crowding other teeth or becoming impacted.

Study author Alan R. Schroeder, a Stanford University pediatrician with an interest in "safely doing less," said the benefits of wisdom-tooth extraction have not been rigorously studied or demonstrated. Nor, he said, have its risks.

Studying the risk of opioid addiction or abuse, at least, seemed like a good place to start, he said.

The surgical removal of wisdom teeth comes with

such potential downsides as dry sockets, gum pain and nerve damage, and risks associated with the anesthesia used during those procedures.

And then there are the drugs. Dental surgeons have been among the most liberal prescribers of opioid painkillers, and they're also heavy prescribers of antibiotics. Those medications can come with side effects, and over-prescription is believed to foster the rise of antibiotic-resistant infections.

Schroeder said the dearth of research about wisdom-tooth extraction makes its frequency hard to judge. And that, in turn, forced Schroeder and his co-authors to make an assumption in their study.

Dental insurance databases are scarce, and many wisdom tooth extractions are paid for out-of-pocket. But given the age of most of

the patients leaving a dentist's office with an opioid prescription, Schroeder and his co-authors figured that the most likely cause was wisdom-tooth surgery (a third-molar extraction in dental parlance). The authors' conclusion that opiate abuse is a possible risk of wisdom-tooth removal rests on this assumption.

But when you consider how many young people have their wisdom teeth removed, and how routinely dentists send their patients home with prescriptions for narcotic pain relief, the implications are pretty alarming.

An unpublished 1999 study by the American Dental Association cited by the authors estimated that there are about 5 million such extractions a year. By 2009, another study had concluded that dentists were the leading source of opioid prescriptions for

children and adolescents ages 10 to 19, accounting for close to one-third of opioid prescriptions in this age group.

The American Dental Association promised that its members will reduce their opioid prescribing. In a statement released in March, association President Joseph P. Crowley called on dentists to "double down on their efforts" to write fewer prescriptions for opioids to treat dental pain, to lower the doses that are prescribed and to shorten the duration of prescriptions — all measures known to reduce addiction risk.

"The dental profession deserves credit for trying to tackle this," Schroeder said. "It's easy to point the finger at dentists — over time, they have contributed a fair amount of the opioid exposure. But they really have made efforts to limit that in recent years."



An Instagram post by Matt Jacobi urges Mattel to make a same-sex Barbie Wedding set.

## Gay couple asking Mattel for same-sex Barbie Wedding set

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and activism site, is trying to collect 10,000 signatures to show Mattel that a same-sex Barbie Wedding set would find a consumer audience.

"What better way to teach kids that families are formed all kinds of ways than through the toys they play with," the petition reads.

Would 10,000 signatures sway Mattel? Who knows. Maybe it's already planning to do the right, inclusive thing.

The company has a relatively strong history of creating dolls that reflect a child's world: Becky, the school photographer doll who uses a wheelchair; Barbie modeled after Muhammad, who wears a hijab; Curvy Barbies; Inspiring Women Barbies, which included artist Frida Kahlo and mathematician Katherine Johnson. (Frightfully thin Frida Kahlo and Katherine Johnson, I have to point out, but Frida Kahlo

and Katherine Johnson, nonetheless.)

Same-sex Barbie Wedding set seems right in Mattel's wheelhouse. Hopefully, Jacobi and Caprio leave their January meeting with a commitment from the company to get it in the works.

But consumer support can't hurt. Too often we contact companies and organizations and elected officials only when we're upset about something. Too often we only let them know what we're against and forget to tell them what we're for.

If you're for kids having the option of playing with toys that reflect the full spectrum of how love and family look in the world around them, maybe you want to let Mattel know.

Join the Heidi Stevens' *Balancing Act* Facebook group, where she hosts live chats Wednesdays at noon. The chats continue Jan. 9.

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## The smiles left behind



CHRIS ERSKINE  
*The Middle Ages*

She used to buy me eggnog; I never had to ask. It'd show up in the fridge this time of year, I'd drink about half, and in mid-January she'd shrug and throw the rest away.

In a hundred thousand ways like that, we will miss her.

My wife was as lovely as a jar of honey. We would be together almost 40 years: four kids, seven dogs, hamsters, cats, dozens of school carnival fish.

The house was always too small, socks everywhere. She seemed self-conscious about it, in a suburb full of showplaces. She'd have been proud of it this past week though — bursting with friends and family, glowing with candlelight. A cozy place. Smelled of coffee and cornbread. And socks.

Home. Posh made it a home, and now she's gone. On Nov. 30, the cancer finally stole her.

It was back and forth for a while, her life extended by the rock star oncologist she grew to love probably more than she loved me. Lynda Roman is her name, and for a while together they kicked cancer's behind.

There were months when it looked as though the cancer might even back down. Cancer may be the most insidious force in nature; the worst word



Chris Erskine and his wife, Catherine (known as Posh in his column) were together almost 40 years. She died of cancer Nov. 30.

we'll ever know. It defies medicine, poisons, ionizing radiation, love, hate, anger, courage and the efforts of her amazing caregivers: Kathy, Randi, Lori and so many others.

For a while, they stayed ahead of it, till the endometrial cancer finally won. She fought it valiantly, despite losing her mom in February, a son in March.

Apparently, anguish plays favorites. Damn this past year and the too-easy explanations.

So sew the curtains shut, kill the lights. Mourn. That's our first inclination, but like many first inclinations, it would be wrong. Better that we turn our faces to the sun and feel Posh and Christopher in its warming rays.

Better that we post her photos, fix her favorite baked macaroni and that famed chicken chili I once told you about, the one I initially scoffed at and grew to love.

Sort of like she did with me, I suppose.

Things weren't always great. We could argue for

three weeks about the color of a \$10 bathroom rug. If I rooted for the Cubs, she rooted for the Cardinals. It was a contentious little relationship. No wonder it lasted only 40 years.

Thing is, we shared a remarkable fertility. We could make a baby with just a glance. She was 44 when she had her last child.

Her given name was Catherine. I called her "Posh" in this column and "sir" in real life. As in, "Yessir, I'll replace that light bulb," or "Yessir, I'd like some French onion soup."

I was the joker, because that's the only way I had to win over this golden girl so many years ago — with flowers and quips, wry asides, Irish pluck.

That can grow old, I guess, and I think she would've preferred a life with someone more like her, a guy with money and no-nonsense Italian moxie.

So, for a while, the kids kept us together. Then, oddly enough, the cancer

brought us closer. In her last weeks, we'd hold hands in bed while she stirred uncomfortably all night.

Now, as they say, life goes on. But does it ever? The girls and I will clean some closets. The little guy and I will try to find our footing without the woman who worried over our every meal. Right now, I can cook maybe three things. And last year, the little guy took a class.

I give us two weeks. Yet it's not our stomachs that pain us. It's the quiet in the house, the hollowness, the echoes of her voice. Indeed, the little guy and I are like empty-nesters. We miss how she'd splash her car keys on the counter when she arrived home, the way she'd rattle the drawers looking for just the right serving spoon.

Yeah, we miss you, baby. In those hundred thousand little ways.

One step at a time we'll go on, because we owe that to each other, and to my son's two bright and beautiful sisters, and their sturdy boyfriends, who have stayed so strong for us all.

In addition to that, we have you.

If there is one thing this awful disease can't conquer, it's you. Like ripples on a pond, what affects one of us, affects us all.

Please don't come at us with grieving eyes. Because even on the darkest days, Posh managed that sly Mona Lisa smile. And so will we.

So long, dear girl.

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## For those with heart failure, flu shot may be a lifesaver

BY STEVEN REINBERG  
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If you have heart failure, a flu shot can truly be a lifesaver, researchers report.

A study of patients in Denmark who were recently diagnosed with heart failure found that a flu shot cut their risk of premature death by 18 percent, compared with not getting a shot.

Annual flu shots also reduced patients' risk of dying from any cause or from cardiovascular disease by 19 percent, the study found.

"Patients with heart failure are at high risk for illness and death, and studies have suggested that infection with influenza can substantially increase the risk for hospitalizations and death in these patients," said Dr. Gregg Fonarow, a cardiologist in Los Angeles.

Heart failure means the heart no longer pumps blood efficiently. The condition will likely increase over the next 10 years as the population ages, and for those people, flu can be serious or deadly, the researchers said.

These new findings add to the evidence suggesting that annual flu shots may be of great benefit to patients with heart failure and help to reinforce current recommendations for annual vaccination, said Fonarow, director of the cardiomyopathy center at the University of California at Los Angeles. He didn't work on the study.

A New York City physician agreed. "This study increases the evidence that a flu shot may be lifesaving," said Dr. Marc Siegel, a professor of medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center.

Flu knocks down your immune system and stresses your body, in-



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Risk of early death dropped among people recently diagnosed with heart failure who got a flu shot, a study showed.

creasing the risk of pneumonia, bronchitis and heart trouble, said Siegel, who wasn't involved in the new research.

Blood clots are more likely to form because of flu, and that can lead to a heart attack, Siegel said. "Since flu shots decrease the severity of flu, they directly reduce the risk of heart attack," he explained.

Flu vaccination also reduces the odds that emphysema, asthma or other chronic conditions will flare up, Siegel added.

Having your shot in September and October, before flu season starts, offers more protection than waiting until November or December, the researchers found. But it's never too late.

The study, published online in December in the journal *Circulation*, was led by Daniel Modin of the University of Copenhagen. He and his colleagues gathered 12 years of data on more than 134,000 Danes recently diagnosed with heart failure. Vaccination rates varied from 16 percent in 2003 to 52 percent in 2015, with a high of 54 percent in 2009.

"Recent studies have indicated that the influenza vaccination coverage of patients with

heart failure is inadequate," Modin said in a journal news release. "I hope that our study can assist in making physicians and cardiologists who care for patients with heart failure aware of how important influenza vaccination is for their patients."

Frequency matters, too. Compared with consistent annual flu vaccination, an occasional annual flu shot offered less protection from any cause of death or death from heart disease and stroke, the research team found.

Flu vaccination "may be regarded as a standard treatment in heart failure similar to medications," Modin added.

In a normal flu season, 40,000 Americans die from the flu. Last winter was severe, with 80,000 dying, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC says everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccination every year. And if you do get the flu, antiviral medications such as Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate) or Xofluza (baloxavir marboxil) can make it milder. The earlier you take these drugs, the more effective they will be, the agency advises.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Using CBD for pain relief proves tricky in drug test

BY JOE GRAEDON  
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King Features Syndicate

**Q: The discs and vertebrae in my spine are degenerating and causing me severe pain. I started taking CBD oil a few months ago.**

**Once it had time to build up in my system, the pain relief was miraculous. Sadly, I recently did a home drug test, and it was positive for THC. I need to talk to my doctor because I have no idea how to address this. It's legal to buy CBD oil over-the-counter in my state, but there's no way to prove that it is the source of any THC in my test.**

**A:** Cannabidiol (CBD) oil is legal in many states because it does not make people euphoric. It is not supposed to have any tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in it. This is the compound that produces a marijuana high.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved one purified form of CBD as a prescription anticonvulsant medication, Epidiolex. Research on CBD oil suggests some benefit against pain and inflammation (*Molecules*, October 2018).

Unfortunately, not all CBD manufacturers are able to remove all traces of THC. One study found that some people tested positive for THC after taking CBD oil (*Journal of Pain Research*, online, Feb. 12, 2016).

**Q: You recently wrote that drinking Coca-Cola could help free a piece of meat stuck in the swallowing tube. This stuff unclogs sink traps, so I guess it is plausible that it might dislodge meat.**

**A zillion years ago, I worked at a veterinary**



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CBD oil is not supposed to have any tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the compound that produces a marijuana high.

**office. On Saturdays, after we finished with dog baths, we were told to pour a liter bottle of Coke down the bathtub drain and let it sit until Monday morning. That bathtub always drained beautifully!**

**I would like to point out that we have teeth for the purpose of chewing food before swallowing it. There are no teeth inside the digestive tract past the mouth. So slow down and chew your food well before swallowing, and it shouldn't get stuck.**

**A:** A reader told us that a large piece of meat got stuck while he was swallowing it. A swig of cold Coca-Cola freed it. To our surprise we found reference to this approach in the medical literature (*Gastroenterology Research and Practice*, online, Nov. 18, 2013).

This remedy is not appropriate if the person has trouble breathing. The Heimlich maneuver and a call to 911 are critical in such cases.

Food should always be chewed thoroughly. If the Coke remedy doesn't work, emergency medical treatment is necessary.

**Q: My brother has had worsening Dupuytren's contracture for the past 10 years. But in the past month he has seen amazing improvement. He can now open his hands nearly all the way.**

**He attributes this change to the turmeric capsules he started taking for knee pain. He said he felt a change happening in his hands within three days of the first pill. Have you ever heard of this?**

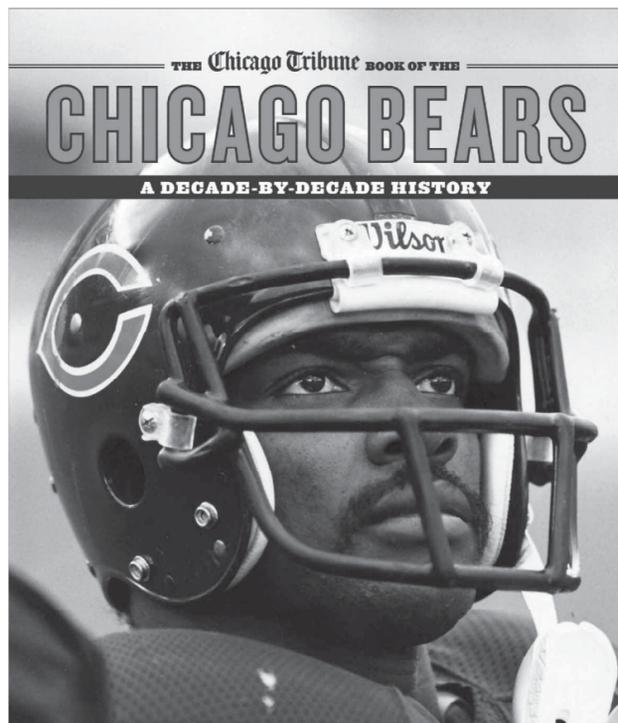
**A:** We had never heard of turmeric helping Dupuytren's contracture. This condition results from a thickening and tightening of connective tissue in the palm of the hand. Frequently the fourth or fifth fingers may curl in toward the palm, making it hard to put on gloves.

Turmeric has anti-inflammatory activity. That may explain why it can be helpful for knee pain (*Journal of Medicinal Food*, May 2018) as well as why your brother has found it helpful for Dupuytren's contracture.

*In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).*

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# This wearable button can save your skin

Researchers release a next-wave UV sensor that may stave off sunburn

By **CINDY DAMPIER**  
Chicago Tribune

Things your phone probably reminds you about: Your mother's birthday. Your kid's doctor appointment. That thing Beyonce said on Twitter. The new episode of "The Romanoffs." Email. News headlines.

Now, thanks to scientists at Northwestern University's Center on Bio-Integrated Electronics, your phone can also tell you exactly how much sunlight your body has absorbed today, based on what you're wearing, what the weather is and where you are physically located on the globe.

Oh, by the way — it's time to reapply sunscreen.

This useful info comes courtesy of a tiny sensor developed by Northwestern researchers John A. Rogers and Dr. Steve Xu that can stick to your skin or clip onto your hat. "It's smaller than a dime, thinner than a credit card," says Xu, "and you can stick it or clip it anywhere, which allows people to customize it."

His favorite application? Using the sensor as nail art. (Scientists love the fingernail as a vehicle for a wearable device, he says, because it's stable, durable and can stand up to adhesives.) The sensor is so small, Xu says, "I often forget I'm wearing it." Yet it packs a lot of power and data-gathering ability: It can accurately measure UVA and UVB radiation, as well as light exposure, runs on solar power without a battery and never needs recharging.

Getting rid of the need to charge not only makes it easier to use, Xu says, "it allows the device to be even smaller, and cheaper to make." It's also virtually indestructible — in the lab, students dropped it into boiling water and simulated running it through a washing machine but were not able to break it.

The accompanying phone app allows users to enter information about sunscreen applied, clothing and activities (such as whether you're in or out of the water). "It's really a platform technology," Xu says, "that can measure light extremely accurately in a novel way."

That's important, he says, because sun exposure is the No. 1 contributor to skin cancer, which has become a growing, global epidemic. "One in five Americans will have skin cancer in their lifetimes, and that's really pretty scary. But if you think about when we're outside enjoying ourselves, we are just guessing about how much sun exposure we are getting, and it's inconsistent with how much sunscreen we put on. Usually, you don't know until the next day, when you get red with sunburn, that you got too much sun."

And every sunburn increases the chance of skin cancer. "All of that," Xu says, "translates to an increased lifetime risk."

The increasing, ubiquitous need for better protection from UV radiation is why there is a consumer version of the sensor, called My Skin Track UV, that was developed with cosmetics



JOHN ROGERS GROUP/NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

New UV sensors developed by Northwestern University scientists are so tiny, they can even be worn as fingernail art.

giant L'Oreal.

It launched in November at the Apple store. You can stick it on your kid, or yourself, and get a phone alert that will warn you before soaking up the sun on your winter break vacation crosses the line into sunburn territory. (Which means you can also spare the rest of us back home that sympathetic cringe we get at the sight of your

neon-red skin. Ow.)

But Xu says the device's next version has other applications that dermatologists like him are excited about: "Light is one of the world's oldest medicines," he says, "and we use it to treat diseases." These include skin diseases, seasonal affective disorder and jaundice in infants.

The new sensor is able to accurately measure light

exposure that patients are getting from light therapy, so that it can be adjusted for greatest benefit. And it will allow doctors to carefully track sun exposure for skin cancer survivors.

"A lot of the things that we do are driven by the problems we see in our patients," says Xu, "and as a dermatologist, I live and breathe skin cancer." Xu is currently testing the sensor

with skin cancer patients to further explore its clinical possibilities and practical use. It's all about finding the best intersections of tech and medicine, he said.

"How do we connect cool technology to really meaningful problems that have impact for people? That's the recipe for what we do."

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## SAVE THE TABLES

# Your reservation is ready

Ask for the Phil Vettel table at 201 restaurants. If you're first, you're in.

By PHIL VETTEL | Chicago Tribune

Welcome back to our annual Save-the-Tables story, a tradition that I've been doing, with only two interruptions, since 1994.

Here's how it works. I've arranged for restaurants in the city and suburbs to reserve a table (or two or more) for New Year's Eve under my name. Starting Wednesday, readers can call those restaurants, ask for the "Phil Vettel" table and claim that reservation for their very own.

First caller wins. But because I have 201 participating restaurants, that's a lot of winners.

To clarify: These are not free dinners. They're not even discounted dinners. These are full-freight, batteries-not-included evenings. The only thing you get (assuming you're the first caller) is a reservation that would be almost impossible to snag at this late date.

Looking for a four-star night out? I've got tables at Acadia, George Trois, Next, Spiaggia and Topolobampo. Glam? Blvd and Tao are on board. If you love views, I've got Gibsons Italia, NoMI Kitchen and the Signature Room.

If you want intimacy, try Brindille, Geja's Cafe or Temporis. If you prefer your celebrations big and noisy, I've got the parties at Crystal Garden, Joy District, LondonHouse and Motel Bar.

Are cocktails your focus? The Aviary, Mordecai and Violet Hour are here. Super casual? Pick a Beatrix; any Beatrix.

I've got the newest restaurants in town: Avli Taverna, Bar Ramone, Funkenhausen, Taureaux Tavern, Twain, Virtue and Yugen. I've got enough steakhouses to start my own ranch.

All just a phone call or email away.

And now, the fine print: Unless otherwise noted, prices are per person and do not include beverage, tax or tip. Menu and prices are subject to change. If you're reading this at 6 a.m., operators are probably not standing by. Do not assume that you're the first caller until a live person tells you so. Participating restaurants have sole discretion in determining the first caller. Some restaurants, you'll note, can be contacted only by email.

Have your credit card ready when you call; in most cases, a credit-card deposit, or even full prepayment, will be required.

Best of luck.

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On New Year's Eve, Blvd will have a prix-fixe, family-style menu for \$125, including a DJ, midnight toast and "surprises."



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Forget fancy New Year's Eve menus. This baked spaetzle can be made shortly before guests arrive.

## CRAVING: Cheese

# Keep New Year's casual with spaetzle



JEANMARIE BROWNSON  
Dinner at Home

Most change is hard. Ushering in a new year, not so much. A fresh start feels good. So does a look back at the best of 2018. For us, we think of time spent with family, our food and adventure travels with friends, a great gardening season, many great beer and wine discoveries, and a comfy new reading chair. Blessed and

grateful.

We also find gratitude in friends who like to keep things casual. My favorite parties center on easy-to-prepare food, a modest variety of beverage choices and plenty of conversation. No longer do I feel the need to pull out all the stops on New Year's Eve with lobster dinners or classic French dishes and expensive wines. I'd rather spend the time with friends and family, and eliminate the kitchen intimidation.

This year, our brewpub dining inspires our New Year's Eve cooking. Some of our favorite spots such as Band of Bohemia in Chi-

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Crusty and tangy sauerkraut and ham fritters, flavored with dill pickles, are inspired by brewpub dining. They fry in minimal oil, not a deep fryer.

## Keep it casual

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Chicago, Greenbush Brewing in Sawyer, Mich., Evil Twin Brewery in Denmark, Local Brewing Co. in San Francisco, Torst in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Deschutes Brewery in Portland, Ore., serve great food along with their inventive beer. Oh, we've happily sampled ales, radlers, IPAs and porters with the likes of charcuterie trays, loaded and truffled french fries, spicy tacos, juicy burgers, and unctuous mac and cheese. Sauerkraut balls anyone? Seems this crusty fried and tangy fritter is having a moment. And we love them. Especially with a cold pilsner.

At home, I tried my hand at frying perfectly round and crispy sauerkraut balls flavored with dill pickles and smoked ham. To keep them round, they need to be quite bread and starchy. I prefer light and tender, so I flatten the balls before cooking to make thick fritters. This has an added bonus: They fry in minimal oil rather than a deep fryer. They reheat well, too, in a hot pan. Serve the fritters as a side to grilled pork chops or smoked sausage, or as an appetizer with the smoked paprika and dill dip that follows.

Some variation of macaroni and cheese features prominently on nearly every one of our favorite brewpubs. We especially enjoyed the baked spaetzle and cheese at Liter House in Indianapolis, where they serve contemporary versions of classic German comfort food. Reminiscent of the hot crocks of kasespatzle we discovered when visiting relatives in Germany, this is com-

## Crispy sauerkraut-ham fritters

**Prep:** 25 minutes **Chill:** 1 hour **Cook:** 20 minutes **Makes:** about 20

Look for refrigerated sauerkraut — it has a much better texture than canned. Always rinse sauerkraut very well in a colander under cool running water, then drain it well.

**2** large baking potatoes, about 1 pound total

**1** cup well-drained refrigerated fresh sauerkraut, about 6 ounces

**1** cup finely chopped smoked ham, about 4 ounces

**¼** cup diced drained dill pickle

**3** green onions, finely chopped, about ½ cup

**1** tablespoon minced fresh dill or ½ teaspoon dried dill

**1** egg, lightly beaten

**2** teaspoons Dijon mustard

**¾** teaspoon salt

**¼** cup each: flour, fine dry breadcrumbs

### Cooking:

About ½ cup dry breadcrumbs

Grapeseed or sunflower oil for frying

Smoky mustard dill dip, see recipe

**1. Pierce** potatoes in several places. Microwave on high (100 percent power), turning once or twice, until tender when pierced with a fork, about 8 minutes. Let cool completely.

**2. Put** drained sauerkraut, ham, pickle, onions, dill, egg, mustard and salt into a large bowl. Mix well. Cut potatoes in half, then use a spoon to scoop the soft flesh into the bowl. Mash potatoes roughly with a fork. Mix well. Add flour and ¼ cup breadcrumbs; mix gently until incorporated.

**3. Shape** 2 tablespoons of the mixture into a ball. Place on a nonstick baking sheet. Repeat to use the rest of the mixture. Refrigerate until cold, at least 1 hour or up to a day.

**4. Shortly** before cooking, heat oven to 200 degrees. Pour ½ cup breadcrumbs into a shallow dish. Roll each ball in the crumbs to coat them on all sides.

**5. To cook,** pour enough oil into a large nonstick skillet to reach a depth of about ¼ inch. Heat over medium until hot enough to smell but not at all smoking. Reduce heat to low. Add a single, uncrowded layer of the coated balls. Cook, turning frequently with tongs or a slotted spoon (I use silicon tongs so I can be gentle with my turning), until beautifully golden and crisp on all sides, 7 to 8 minutes. Adjust the heat under the pan to keep the balls from getting too dark.

**6. Transfer** fritters carefully to a paper-towel-lined tray. Set in the oven while you cook the remaining balls. Transfer finished fritters to a platter; serve hot with the dipping sauce.

**Nutrition information per fritter:** 52 calories, 3 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 9 mg cholesterol, 6 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 2 g protein, 194 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

**Smoky mustard dill dip:** Mix ½ cup mayonnaise, ¼ cup sour cream, 1 ½ teaspoons Dijon mustard, 1 teaspoon hot smoked paprika and 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill. **Makes:** about ½ cup. This dip also goes well with crispy pretzels or the warm bread German-style pretzels sold in the freezer case.

fort food for all ages.

Spaetzle, a ragged-shaped egg pasta, lends a toothsome, interesting texture to the dish. My relatives make their own spaetzle for the dish, but I'm happy to use a boxed version. Small pasta shapes can replace the spaetzle, or you can use small egg noodles.

The cooked spaetzle gets layered with vegetables, bacon and a buttery cheese such as Gruyere or

Emmentaler. Liter House adds roasted butternut to the dish for a sweet and colorful element. I saute store-bought peeled and chunked butternut with an onion to save some time, but you'll need to cut the butternut small so it is tender in the final dish. Other options include thin round slices of small carrots or parsnip. Tiny cauliflower florets taste great here, too, as do roasted red pep-

pers. You can assemble the dish an hour or so before guests arrive and then bake it shortly before serving so it is hot and the cheese melts.

As for beverages, guests can bring their own beer discoveries, and we'll tote a growler or two to our favorite local breweries for fill-ups. Other offerings to go with our beer sampling party include hot links of smoked sausage, such

## Cheesy baked spaetzle with butternut and bacon

**Prep:** 30 minutes

**Cook:** 50 minutes

**Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

**8** ounces Swiss Gruyere or Emmentaler cheese, with rind removed

**4 to 6** thick slices (about 6 ounces) smoky bacon, diced

**1** medium onion, diced

**1 ½** cups (about 6 ounces) peeled butternut squash, cut into ½-inch pieces

Salt

**¼** cup whipping cream, optional

**1** package (8 or 9 ounces) spaetzle or small orecchiette or pasta shells

**4** cups arugula

Freshly ground black pepper

Small parsley leaves

**1. Heat** oven to 400 degrees. Generously butter an 8-by-8-inch baking dish. Shred the cheese on the largest holes of a four-sided box grater. You'll have about 2 ½ loosely packed cups.

**2. Put** bacon into a large nonstick skillet set over medium heat. Cook, stirring often, until bacon starts to crisp and brown, about 10 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer crisp bacon to a plate. Add onion and butternut to the bacon drippings. Cook, stirring often, until vegetables start to soften, 8 to 10 minutes. Season with ¼ teaspoon salt, and stir in cream if using. Remove from heat.

**3. Meanwhile, heat** a large pot of well-salted water to the boil. Add the spaetzle (or pasta) and boil, stirring often, until al dente (still a bit toothsome to the bite), 10 to 12 minutes. (Always check suggested cooking time on package.) Drain well.

**4. Arrange** one-third of the cooked spaetzle in the buttered baking dish. Top with half of the onion mixture, half of the arugula, half of the crisp bacon and a generous sprinkling of pepper. Top with one-third of the cheese. Top with half of the remaining spaetzle, all the remaining onion mixture and arugula. Top with pepper and half of the remaining cheese. Layer on the remaining spaetzle bacon and cheese.

**5. Bake** in the center of the oven until everything is hot and melty, about 20 minutes. Serve hot, sprinkled with small parsley leaves.

**Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings):** 361 calories, 18 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 51 mg cholesterol, 33 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 18 g protein, 248 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

as smoked Thuringer or veal bratwurst, and a tray of sliced salamis and sharp cheese with assorted mustards.

As for formal pairing of the beers with the food — we'll just try them all instead. And welcome a new year with friends.

## CRAVING: Cheese

# Build a board for your budget

BY LOUISA CHU  
Chicago Tribune

When I brought a wedge of cheese for lunch a few years ago, Monica Eng, my "Chewing" podcast co-host, took a knife to the tip. Our recollections diverge, but my gentle suggestion on how to slice the cheese, with no lunging for the knife as she's alleged, was met with wild accusations of *fromage* snobbery.

That particular cheese should have been cut like super skinny pie slices.

The importance of slicing cheese correctly matters whether you're offering a single economical wedge at work or serving an expensive party platter at home. You experience flavors from rind to paste as the cheesemaker intended. Plus, it's a useful conversation starter in this entertaining season, for sure.

Knowing how to slice cheese can help you build a better cheese board, whether your budget is high or low. While I lived in Paris down the boulevard from Marie-Anne Cantin, the queen of cheese, I could only afford to window-shop, salivating at her displays. But even cheese presentation styles change. Do the old rules of including one cow's milk, one goat's milk and one sheep's milk cheese even apply anymore? I visited Lydia Burns, senior manager of procurement at Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread & Wine,

for a lesson at the flagship shop in Lakeview to find out.

First, I had to apologize for invoking the childish idiom associated with our topic. Ironically, many of us grew up with plastic-wrapped Kraft Singles, so we never knew "cut the cheese" referenced the sulfurous smell released when slicing into some dairy products.

"I've worked in cheese about 13 years, so I'm used to it," said Burns laughing. She teaches classes on cheese now, but was raised by a vegetarian mom who topped pizza with Cracker Barrel extra sharp cheddar and mozzarella only.

As for the three-milk rule? That's the first cheese myth Burns busted. "I go by flavor," she said. "Have some range of things." For Friendsgiving, Burns brought an Epoisses and Barber's cheddar. Both are made from cow's milk, but the former is notoriously pungent, soft and French; the latter is firm, aged and made by the oldest cheddar producer in the world, just outside Cheddar, England.

I asked Burns to assemble two cheese boards — one high end and one low — with crowd-pleasing, comparable flavors, and to demonstrate common cuts we should know.

For the pricier board (\$68), she chose the coveted Harbison cheese by Jasper Hill in Vermont (\$20.99 for a whole-round, 9-ounce piece), the fuzzy-rinded

1605 manchego by Finca Sierra La Solana in Spain (\$10.50 for one-third pound), and the dramatic Stilton blue by Colston Bassett in the United Kingdom (\$10.25 for one-third pound).

Accompaniments included a jar of Bee Seasonal Marmeleiro organic Brazilian quince blossom honey (\$5.99 for 4 ounces), cocoa-dusted almonds (\$22.98 per pound), cornichons (\$10.99 per pound), Beaufor whole-grain mustard (\$2.99 for 7-ounce jar) and sliced baguette (\$2.99 for a whole loaf).

For our so-called low-end board (\$32), Burns selected a silky Camembert by Ferme de Jouvence in France (\$11.99 for a whole-round, 10-ounce piece), the manchego-style Campo de Montalban from Spain (\$8.99 for one-half pound) and the local Glacier Penta Creme blue by Carr Valley in Wisconsin (\$6.50 for one-half pound).

She added the baguette, mustard and almonds as accompaniments, too, plus sliced plum membrillo paste by Mítica from Spain (\$8.99 for a 10-ounce package) and picholine olives (\$10.99 per pound).

"I see too many people cut all the rind off their cheese, which makes no sense because that's part of the experience," Burns said. "Plus, their cheeseboards look like they're filled with peeled potatoes." A bit of rind helps identify each cheese.

You can see in detail how to



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cheese boards don't have to be overly expensive. For \$32, you can serve three cheeses plus cocoa-dusted almonds, olives and plum paste.

slice the cheeses and how the boards are built in the photos and videos.

But what about a cheese board for the broke millennial shopping somewhere like Aldi? Go for cheddar. "Cheddar is like the pizza of cheese," Burns said. "There's really great cheddar, and there's not so great cheddar, but it's all cheddar, and it's still usually tasty enough. It melts, you can cook with it, you can eat it on its own. It's just kind of like the workhorse."

One thing to avoid: containers of cubed cheeses, which usually contain preservatives. "It's going to taste better if you go to the extra effort of cutting your own cheese, and it's really easy and quick," Burns said, adding, "It should be a block. Just give it a little bit of a scrape, and it should

be fine." Even the cheesemongers at Pastoral will lightly scrape cheese to remove any lingering flavor from plastic wrap.

Add baguette, cornichons (which are just mini gherkin pickles), spiced almonds and maybe some pepper jelly, and you're good to go.

But remember: How you cut the cheese can impress your friends.

"There's a little bit of a stigma against cubes in the cheese shop world," said Burns. "I slice it or make kind of rustic crumbles that resemble cubes, but I don't go full on cheese cube, usually."

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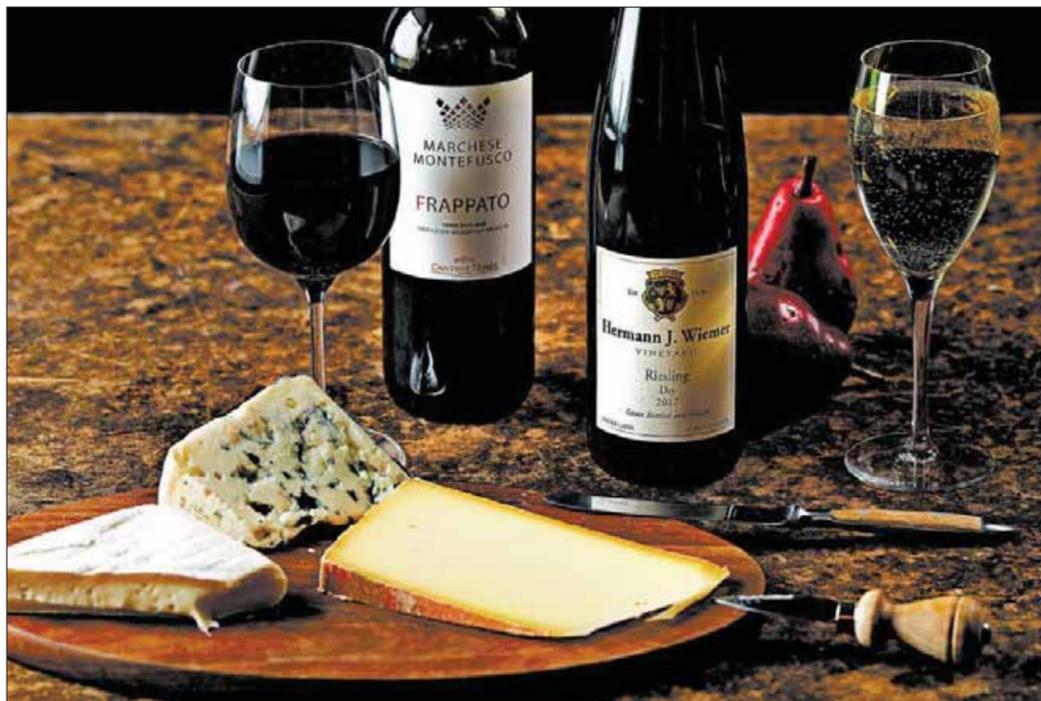
I ruined all my future potential for joy that first time I tasted Roquefort with Canadian ice wine.

I was on a trip with a then-partner in his home region of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a wine-growing area just outside of Toronto, enjoying some time among the vines. I was a novice, with zero knowledge of wine fundamentals, so the tasting room attendant showed me the light. Wanting to expose me to the wonders of nectarlike ice wine, she carved a nugget of salty, funky Roquefort and changed the course of my life.

I took a sip of syrupy, near-cloying wine, followed by a nibble of the creamy cheese. Though, individually, the wine and cheese felt like short, jagged bursts of an incomplete musical score, together, the strong, sharp flavors of the cheese and the luscious fruitiness of the wine felt like a symphony. It was harmony.

I've held on to that memory for a decade now — it has guided my approach to pairing wine with food. I learned that lightning doesn't strike the same place twice, and perfection is a fool's errand.

When it comes to food and wine pairings, few hold the imagination or drive sales quite like dramatic cheese plates surrounded by bottles of wine. Creamy Camemberts, funky epoisses, sharp Vermont cheddar and grassy manchego represent an atlas of flavor on a plate — why not indulge with some vino while you're at it? Unfortunately, a myth prevails that there's a perfect



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Frappato and riesling are two grapes that pair well with a variety of cheeses. From Sicily, try Marchese Montefusco Frappato, left. From the Finger Lakes, try Dr. Konstantin Frank Riesling.

solution to pairing each cheese with a specific vinous suitor.

Question for you: When was the last time you were hanging out by a party's cheese plate, talking with friends and other partygoers about how great the pairings were? Do you remember what you were even eating or drinking? Was there a quiz at the end of the party?

I hope the answer to all these questions is "Oh my, no." Because what a boring fete!

Just like that old convention of pairing red wines with meat, whites with fish, most rules governing cheese pairings are tiresome and keep you in a box. Stop worrying, start drinking.

But I suppose you came here for actual tips, not a treatise. I'll oblige.

The first and last lesson

I've picked up about wine and food pairings is to throw out the tasting notes. There are so many other factors in a wine that make them suitable for food pairings, and knowing that a Beaujolais Villages wine tastes like cranberries, black pepper and violets is less useful than knowing about its texture (weight, minerality, tannins), acidity level, alcohol level and sweetness.

A great wine balances all of these elements, and as such, often makes a great food partner — that includes cheese. Wines that tend toward weighty, oaky, tannic and boozy are often just too much for food, and certainly overpower the often subtle flavors of cheese.

When I'm planning to have friends over for drinks and cheese, I tend to stock up on cool-climate wines, whites and reds. I avoid big,

bruisy wines, which generally hail from warmer regions and tend toward over-ripeness, low acidity and higher alcohol levels. Wines like Aussie shiraz, Argentine malbec and Napa cabernet have their place, sure, particularly those nights I want to channel my inner Olivia Pope or am digging into a giant steak, but for brunch, book club or a casual hang, light and nimble wines do the trick.

Easygoing Sicilian frappato and cool-climate Loire Valley cabernet francs are my go-to reds, mainly because both express softer tannins and higher acidity. They're lively and tend toward funky, a nice foil for grassy or stinky cheeses.

France's Loire Valley and Beaujolais regions produce some of the country's best drink-me-now wines. In recent years, the general "vin de table" (table wine)

or "vin de France" designations have modernized beyond old associations with plonk. You'll find many wines now carrying these on their label instead of vineyard or appellation designations — some contemporary winemakers feel boxed in by traditional methods governed by appellation d'origine controlee certification. The trade-off for eschewing AOC strictures is greater control for the winemaker.

These wines range from \$15 to \$30 — reasonable and not outrageous — and they pack a lot of flavor for the price. Producers I recommend include La Boutanche, whose wines feature cheeky updates on the critter labels of yesteryear, and Domaine Catherine et Pierre Breton, one of the Loire's masters of mind-blowing and complex cabernet franc. Though the

big-name wines of the Burgundy, Bordeaux and Rhone regions still get a lot of love from grocery stores and volume retailers, wines from the Loire Valley have been taking over more shelf space, especially in better-curated wine shops, where small-production winemakers often land.

For frappato, try Marchese Montefusco (\$15), a nice introduction to Sicily's food-friendly indigenous grape. Sicily is a great region to explore value-driven, small-production wines, and this frappato — full of aromatic berry flavors and soft, smooth tannins — is no exception.

When it comes to white wines, I tend to turn to cool-climate U.S. regions. I head south from big-name regions Napa and Sonoma for Santa Barbara's fresh, apple-forward chardonnays, which don't often see the oak treatment so common in Napa. The wines there have a tendency toward freshness and vibrancy, with relatively common apple and pear flavors. Apples go with cheese, right? Seek out names like Qupe, Au Bon Climat and Ojai Vineyard, which have strong national distribution.

Over in the east, New York state's cool Finger Lakes region produces excellent and electric riesling, a far cry from the sweeter blue German bottles of the '80s. Producers to look out for include pioneers Hermann J. Wiemer, Red Tail Ridge and Dr. Konstantin Frank, which all grow and bottle estate fruit, with a hands-on and personal approach to their vineyard practices.

Of course, if all else fails, you can't go wrong with pairing cheese with sparkling wine. Life's a party — stop fretting the small stuff.

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**Acadia.** Table for two at 5:30 p.m. Shanghai-inspired New Year's menu, \$175. 1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500.

**The Albert.** Table for four at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Seven-course tasting menu, \$165; five-course menu, \$125. Optional wine pairing, \$55. 228 E. Ontario St., 312-471-3883.

**Alinea.** Table for two at 8:30 p.m. Multi-sensory, 16- to 18-course menu with "experimental moments," \$425. 1723 N. Halsted St.; email table request to hospitality@alinearestaurant.com.

**Arun's Thai Restaurant.** Table for up to four at 7:30 p.m. 12-course tasting and glass of Champagne, \$150. 4156 N. Kedzie Ave., 773-539-1909.

**The Aviary.** Table for two at 9:15 p.m. Celebratory five-course cocktail experience with food and midnight Champagne toast, \$245. 955 W. Fulton Market; email table request to hospitality@theaviary.com.

**Boka.** Table for four at 6:15 p.m. Five-course menu, \$130 (plus automatic 20 percent gratuity). 1729 N. Halsted St., 312-337-6070.

**Brindille.** Table for two at 9 p.m. Eight-course tasting menu, \$175, wine pairing \$100; five-course menu, \$125, wine pairing, \$60. Regular menu also available. 534 N. Clark St., 312-595-1616.

**Crystal Gardens.** Two VIP tables for four at 9 p.m. Phil Stefani signature food stations, 20 bars, two bottles Champagne per table, party favors, DJ, midnight toast. \$864.30 per table. Navy Pier, 700 E. Grand Ave.; call Jon Landan, 312-560-4422.

**George Trois.** Table for two or four at 8 p.m. 12-course menu, \$205; wine pairings available. 64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka; 847-562-6105.

**Hubbard Inn.** Saving a club-level, six-seat table with open-bar package, bottle of vodka, two bottles Champagne, passed hors d'oeuvres, VIP entry, midnight toast, complimentary happy hour on Dec. 30 and complimentary New Year's Day brunch. Tables starts at \$2,000. 110 W. Hubbard St., 312-222-1331.

**Entente.** Table for 2 at 8:30 p.m. Eight-course menu, \$145, \$260 with wine pairings (includes tax and service). 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553.

**Joy District.** Four tickets for 9 p.m. party; one table for four. Tickets, \$150, include premium bar package, passed hors d'oeuvres, nightclub access, DJ and midnight toast. Table, \$500, includes bottle of vodka, bottle of Champagne and hors d'oeuvres. 112 W. Hubbard St., 312-955-0399.

**LondonHouse Chicago.** Two sets of two tickets for each of the hotel's New Year's Eve parties (doors open 8:30 p.m.). Juliette Ballroom party (\$175) includes four-hour open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, Champagne toast and midnight breakfast buffet. Second party, at LH on 21 (\$150), includes four-hour open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres 8:30-10 p.m. and Champagne toast. 85 E. Wacker Drive, 312-253-2317.

**Next.** Table for two at 9:15 p.m. Retrospective Alinea menu and Champagne toast at midnight, \$385. 953 W. Fulton Market; email table request to hospitality@nextrestaurant.com.

**Signature Room.** Table for two at 8 p.m. Five-course menu, \$225. Live music, midnight balloon drop. 875 N. Michigan Ave., 312-787-9596.

**Spaggi.** Table for two at 6:30 p.m. Featuring an 8-course menu (\$250, optional wine pairing \$140) and a 10-course menu (\$300, optional wine pairing \$175). 980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280-2750.

**Topolobampo.** Table for two at 8:30 p.m. Tasting menu, \$140. Live mariachi, Champagne toast. 445 N. Clark St. 312-661-1434.

**Terrace 16.** Table for two at 5 and 9 p.m. First



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A table is set for a Shanghai-themed New Year's Eve dinner at Acadia, the two-Michelin-starred restaurant helmed by chef Ryan McCaskey.

seating will feature a multi-course menu, \$145; the second-seating menu, \$185, includes Champagne toast at midnight. 401 N. Wabash Ave., 312-588-8600.

**Yugen.** Table for four at 5 and 9 p.m. Mari Katsumura's seven-course tasting menu, \$275; beverage pairing, \$175. 652 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1008.

## \$75-\$150

**20 East.** Table for two at 7:30 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. Talbott Hotel, 20 E. Delaware Place, 312-397-3633.

**210 Live.** Table for two and four at 6:45 and 7:15 p.m. Buffet dinner, open bar until 9 p.m., live music, midnight bubbly toast, \$150. 210 Green Bay Road, Highwood, 847-433-0304.

**III Forks.** Table for two at 7:30 p.m. and table for four at 8:30 p.m. Special a la carte menu; featured entree of filet mignon and lobster tail, \$80. 180 N. Field Blvd., 312-938-4303.

**Acanto.** Table for two at 6 p.m. and table for four at 8:30 p.m. Four-course menu, \$95; optional wine pairing \$55. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763.

**Ada St.** Two tickets for the Guilty Pleasures party beginning 9 p.m., featuring passed hors d'oeuvres, welcome cocktail, midnight toast and more. 1664 N. Ada St., 773-697-7069.

**Artango Bar and Steakhouse.** Table for four at 7:30 p.m. and table for two at 9 p.m. Four-course menu, \$75 (early seating) and \$105 (late seating). Also saving two drink-package tickets, \$35, for 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. 4767 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-208-7441.

**Band of Bohemia.** Table for four at 8:30 p.m. Seven-course tasting menu, \$145. 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710.

**Baptiste & Bottle.** Table for two at 6 p.m.; table for two at 8 p.m. Four-course tasting menu, \$78. 101 E. Erie St., 312-667-6793.

**Bar Biscay.** Table for four at 10 p.m. Four-course menu, \$75. Optional drink pairings, \$25. 1450 W. Chicago Ave., 312-455-8900.

**Bellemore.** Table for two at 8 and 9 p.m. Five-course menu, \$95; wine pairings available for \$50 or \$75. 564 W. Randolph St., 312-667-0104.

**Benny's Chop House.** Table for two to six, 4-11 p.m. Regular menu plus specials; live music; Champagne toast at midnight.

**Bistronomic.** Table for two at 6:30 p.m. and table for four at 9 p.m. Early seating features four-course tasting menu, \$85 (optional wine pairing \$30); late seating features five-course menu, \$105 (optional wine pairing \$30). 844 N. Wabash Ave., 312-944-8400.

**Blvd.** Table for four at 8:45 p.m. Prix-fixe family-style menu, \$125, includes DJ, midnight toast, other surprises. 817 W. Lake St., 312-526-3116.

**Booth One.** Dinner for



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A table for two or four awaits at George Trois in Winnetka, which will serve a 12-course menu for \$205. Wine pairings also are available.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Order off the regular menu at Michael Jordan's Restaurant in Oak Brook for New Year's.

two at 5 and 9 p.m. Early seating features a five-course menu and live jazz, \$65; late seating features a five-course menu, disco party and Champagne toast, \$105. Ambassador Chicago, 1301 N. State Parkway, 312-649-0535.

**Cafe Robey.** Table for two at 7 and 9 p.m. Five-course menu, \$75; optional wine pairing, \$35. 1616 N. Milwaukee Ave., 872-315-3084.

**Carnivale.** Table for four at 7:30 p.m. "Greatest Showman" party includes prix-fixe menu, \$85. Entertainment includes ringmaster, trapeze artist, Bearded Champagne Lady, DJ and more. 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

**Chicago Chop House.** Table for two at 5:30 p.m., table for four at 6 p.m. Regular steakhouse menu. 60 W. Ontario St., 312-552-7729.

**City Mouse.** Table for two at 8 and 9 p.m.; table for four at 8:30 p.m. Three-course menu, \$80; optional beverage pairing, \$40. Midnight toast. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908.

**Circa.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Prix-fixe menu, \$85, including glass of Champagne; optional wine pairing, \$40. The Gwen Hotel, 521 N. Rush St., 312-645-

1500.

**Coda di Volpe.** Table for two at 6 p.m. and table for four at 8:30 p.m. Four-course menu, \$90 at 6 p.m., and \$100 at 8:30 p.m.; wine pairing, \$45. Late seating includes Champagne toast. 3335 N. Southport Ave., 773-687-8568.

**Daisies.** Table for four at 7:30 p.m. Four-course menu, \$75; optional wine pairing, \$35. 2523 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-661-1671.

**The Dearborn.** Table for two at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.; table for four at 8:30 p.m. Four-course menu, \$98; regular menu and a la carte specials also available. 145 N. Dearborn St., 312-384-1242.

**The Duck Inn.** Table for two to four at 7:30 p.m. Six-course tasting menu, \$115; drink pairings available. Signature rotisserie duck and classic bar snacks also available. 2701 S. Eleonor St., 312-724-8811.

**Duck Duck Goat.** Table for two at 6 p.m. Family-style Chinese menu, \$85 (includes tax and gratuity). 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825.

**Dusek's Board & Beer.** Table for two at 9:30 p.m. Seven-course menu, with midnight toast, \$85; wine and beer pairings available. 1227 W. 18th St., 312-526-

3851.

**Dutch & Doc's.** Table for two or four at 6, 8 and 10 p.m. Three-course menu, \$75; regular menu available. 3600 N. Clark St., 773-360-0207.

**Eden.** Table for two at 8 p.m. Five course tasting menus (one vegetarian), \$120; optional wine pairing, \$30. 1748 W. Lake St., 312-366-2294.

**80 Proof.** Two tickets for New Year's Eve celebration; doors open 9 p.m. Specialty food and drink package, Champagne toast and DJ music, \$90. 1500 N. Wells St., 773-966-0404.

**Ella Elli.** Saving its love seat bar stools (two people per love seat). Four seats for two at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Five-course menu, \$95. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552.

**Entente.** Table for two at 8:30 p.m. Eight-course dinner, \$145. 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553.

**Fat Rice.** Table for four at 8 p.m., table for two at 10 p.m. Classique hip-hop dinner features French-inspired menu with twists, \$100. A la carte and luxury upgrades (caviar, Champagne, wine) available. 2957 W. Diversey Ave., 773-661-9170.

**Filini Restaurant.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Five-

course menu, \$85. Radisson Blu Aqua Chicago, 221 N. Columbus Drive, 312-477-0234.

**Forbidden Root.** Table for two at 8 p.m. Open bar, buffet, photo booth, gift bags and more, \$80. 1746 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-2202.

**Formotto's.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Four-course menu, \$79. 925 W. Randolph St., 312-690-7295.

**Found.** Table for four at 9 p.m. Midnight in Havana party features five-course menu for \$75. Early-bird, three-course menu, \$50, available 5-6 p.m. 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, 847-868-8945.

**Geja's Cafe.** Table for two or four at 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m. Four-course fondue dinner with live guitar music. 5 p.m. seating, \$95, and 7:30 p.m. seating, \$115, includes glass of Champagne; 10 p.m. seating, \$130, includes bottle (one per couple) of Piper Heidsieck. 340 W. Armitage Ave., 773-281-9101.

**Gemini.** Table for four at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Four-course menu, \$90, includes Champagne toast. 2075 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-525-2522.

**Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse.** Table for four at 6, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Regular menu featured. 1028 N. Rush St., 312-266-8999.

**Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse Oak Brook.** Table for four at 7:30 p.m. Regular menu featured. 2105 S. Spring Road, Oak Brook, 630-954-0000.

**Gibsons Italia.** Table for two at 8 p.m. Regular menu with New Year's Eve specials. 233 N. Canal St., 312-414-1100.

**GT Prime.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular menu. 707 N. Wells St., 312-600-6305.

**The Heritage.** Table for two at 7:30 p.m.; table for four at 8:30 p.m. Prix-fixe menu, \$75; optional caviar service (\$60) and beverage pairing (\$30) available. 7403 W. Madison St., Forest Park, 708-435-4937.

**Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar.** Table for four at 7 and 9 p.m. Three-course menu, \$75. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577.

**Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House.** Table for four at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Specialty food and drink package, Champagne toast and DJ music, \$90. 1024 N. Rush St., 312-640-0999.

**Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House Naperville.** Table of four at 7 p.m. Regular menu featured. 55 S. Main St., Naperville, 630-548-3764.

**Imperial Lamian.** Table for four at 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Regular menu, with specials. 6 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-9440.

**Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak and Stone Crab.** Table for four at 11 p.m. Regular menu plus midnight toast. 60 E. Grand Ave., 312-379-5637.

**The Kennison.** Table for two at 7 and 8 p.m. Four-course menu, \$75 (wine pairing, \$35); five-course menu, \$90 (wine pairing, \$40). 1800 N. Lincoln Ave., 312-981-7070.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bellemore's stunning West Loop dining room will be the scene of a five-course dinner.

**Kurah Mediterranean.** Table for two at 9 p.m. Three-course menu with passed desserts, \$149 includes tax and gratuity. 1335 S. Michigan Ave.; call Chris Kimpel at 312-624-8611.

**Lawry's the Prime Rib.** Tables for two to four at 5 and 7 p.m. Regular menu; live jazz singers. 100 E. Ontario St., 312-787-5000.

**Le Colonial.** Table for four at 8:30 p.m. Le Colonial's last NYE before it moves around the corner in February. Three-course Vietnamese menu, \$75. 937 N. Rush St., 312-255-0088.

**Michael Jordan's Restaurant.** Table for up to six at 7:30 p.m. Regular menu. 1225 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook; 630-828-2932.

**Michael Jordan's Steak House.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Four-course tasting menu (including the 23-layer chocolate cake), \$110. 505 N. Michigan Ave., 312-321-8823.

**Momotaro.** Table for four at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 820 W. Lake St., 312-733-4818.

**Monteverde.** Table for four at 6:30 p.m., table for two at 9:30 p.m., two bar seats at 9:30 p.m. Early seating features four-course menu, \$110 (wine pairing, \$35); late seating features five-course menu, \$125 (wine pairing, \$40). Live music; midnight toast. 1020 W. Madison St., 312-888-3041.

**Mordecai.** Table for two at 6 p.m. Four-course dinner, \$85. 3632 N. Clark St., 773-269-5410.

**Nacional 27.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Unlimited Brazilian menu and proscutto toast, \$99. 325 W. Huron St., 312-664-2727.

**Osteria Via Stato.** Table for four at 8 p.m. Four-course Italian menu, \$75. 620 N. State St., 312-642-8450.

**Perry's Steakhouse & Grille.** Table for four at 9:30 p.m. Special three-course dinner, followed by midnight toast in Bar 79, \$79.95. (Three-course dinner before 5:30 p.m., \$59.95.) 5 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, 630-571-1808.

**Prime & Provisions.** Table for four at 7:45 p.m. Regular menu with specials; complimentary amuse on arrival, midnight toast. 222 N. LaSalle St., 312-726-7777.

**Proxi.** Table for two at 8:30. Globally inspired, family-style menu, \$80. 565 W. Randolph St., 312-466-1950.

**Restaurant Michael.** Table for four or six at 8 p.m. Three-course menu, \$94. 64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, 847-441-3100.

**River Roast.** Table for four at 7 p.m. A la carte menu of favorites such as prime rib roast and roasted duck. Music by Jamiah Rodgers blues band 8 p.m. to midnight. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100.

**Roister.** Table for two at 7:45 p.m. Regular a la carte menu. 951 W. Fulton Market; email table request to hospitality@roisterrestaurant.com (\$40 deposit required).

**Roka Akor.** Table for four at 6 p.m. Five-course tasting menu, \$138. 456 N. Clark St., 312-477-7652.

**Santo Cielo.** Table for up to four at 5, 6 and 9 p.m. Early seatings feature a four-course menu, \$55;



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

At Portsmouth in the Dana Hotel, order from the regular menu while sipping free bubbly.

optional wine pairing, \$30. Complimentary glass of sparkling wine. Late seating includes four-course menu, \$75; optional wine pairing, \$105, party favors and midnight toast. 123 Water St., Naperville, 630-323-0700.

**Saranello's.** Table for four at 8 p.m. Four-course menu, \$79.95. DJ, dance floor and Champagne toast. 601 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, 847-777-6878.

**Sepia.** Table for two at 6 p.m. Four-course menu, \$90; optional wine pairings, \$65. 123 N. Jefferson St., 312-441-1920.

**Signature Room.** Table for two at 6 p.m. Three-course menu, \$125. 875 N. Michigan Ave., 312-787-9596.

**Steadfast.** Table for four at 5:30 and 8 p.m. Early seating features five-course tasting menu, \$65 (wine pairing, \$60); late seating features 10-course tasting menu, \$110 (wine pairing, \$90). 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899.

**Steak 48.** Table for two at 8 and 9 p.m. Regular menu; midnight toast. 615 N. Wabash Ave., 312-266-4848.

**Swift & Sons.** Table for two at 7 and 9 p.m. Regular menu. 1000 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-9420.

**Tao.** Table for four to six at 4 and 4:30 p.m. A la carte menu. 632 N. Dearborn St., email taochicagonye@taogroup.com and reference this article to claim table.

**Tavern on Rush.** Table for four at 6 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. Party favors, midnight toast. 1031 N. Rush St., 312-664-9600.

**Temporis.** Table for two at 6 p.m. Ten-course tasting menu, \$150. 933 N. Ashland Ave., 773-697-4961.

**Tied House.** Two tables for four at 8 p.m. Tasting menu, \$95; regular menu also available. 3157 N. Southport Ave., 773-697-4632.

**Tiny Goat.** Table for two at 8 p.m. for Stephanie Izard's new pop-up. Multi-course menu of Izard's favorite dishes of 2018, \$125. 820 W. Randolph St. (second floor). Reservations via Tock; to claim table, call 312-600-9601, ext. 203.

**Walton Street Kitchen & Bar.** Table for four at 6 and 9 p.m. Five-course menu, \$90 (9 p.m. seating) and \$110 (9 p.m. seating). 912 N. State St., 773-570-3525.

**Wildfire.** Table for two at 5:45, 6:45, 8:45 and 9:45 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 159 W. Erie St., 312-787-9000.

**\$74 and less**

**312 Chicago.** Table for four at 8:30 p.m. Four-course menu, \$60. 136 N. LaSalle St., 312-696-2420.

**A Toda Madre.** Table for up to four at 5, 6 and 9 p.m. Regular menu with specials, and complimentary shot of mezcal. 499 Main St., Glen Ellyn, 630-474-0969.

**Aba.** Two tables for two, and two tables for up to four at 6 and 8 p.m. A la carte menu with specials; midnight toast. 302 N. Green St., 773-645-1400.

**Anker.** Table for two and table for four at 7:30 p.m. A la carte menu with specials. 1576 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-904-1121.

**Antico Posto.** Two tables for up to four at 7 p.m. Regular menu with specials. 118 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, 630-586-9200.

**Arami.** Table for two at 7 p.m. Regular menu available. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535.

**Avli Taverna.** Table for four at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Four-course menu, \$55; optional beverage pairing, \$35. 1335 W. Wrightwood Ave., 773-857-5577.

**Bar Ramone.** Two tables for two, and two tables for up to four at 6 and 8 p.m. A la carte menu with specials; midnight toast. 441 N. Clark St., 312-985-6909.

**Bar Roma.** Table for four at 7 p.m. and table for two at 8:30 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 5101 N. Clark St., 773-942-7572.

**The Barn Steakhouse.** Table for four at 9 p.m. Regular menu with specials. 1016 Church St. (rear entrance), Evanston, 847-868-8041.

**Beacon Tavern.** Table for two at 6 p.m. and table for four at 8:30 p.m. Regular menu, plus specials. 405 N. Wabash Ave., 312-955-4226.

**Beatrice.** Two tables for up to four guests at 6 and 8 p.m. A la carte specials, midnight toast. 519 N. Clark St., 312-284-1377.

**Beatrice Streeterville.** Two tables for up to four guests at 6 and 8 p.m. A la carte specials, midnight toast. 671 N. St. Clair St., 312-642-0001.

**Beatrice Fulton Market.** Two tables for up to four at 6 and 8 p.m. A la carte specials, midnight toast. 834 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-0370.

**Bernie's Lunch & Supper.** Table for four at 6:30 p.m. Three-course menu, \$65. 660 N. Orleans St., 312-624-9892.

**Bien Trucha.** Table for up to four at 5, 6 and 9 p.m. Regular menu with specials, and complimentary

shot of mezcal. 410 W. State St., Geneva, 630-232-2665.

**Big Bowl.** Two tables for four at 6 p.m. and two tables for four at 8 p.m. Regular menu and specials. 215 Parkway Drive, Lincolnshire, 847-808-8880.

**Bite Cafe.** Table for two at 8:30 p.m., table for four at 9 p.m. A la carte menu from new executive chef Marcos Munoz. BYOB. 1039 N. Western Ave., 773-395-2483.

**Bobby's.** Two tables for four at 5, 7, 9 and 10 p.m. at the Lincoln Park and Deerfield locations. Regular menu with specials, Champagne toast at midnight; 5 p.m. reservation includes take-home bottle of prosecco. 2518 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-799-8555; 695 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, 847-607-9104.

**Brickhouse.** Two tickets for the New Year's party; doors open 9 p.m. Specialty food and drink package, bubbly toast and DJ music. 3647 N. Clark St., 773-377-4770.

**The Bristol.** Table for two at 7 p.m. Four-course menu of classic dishes, \$69. 2152 W. Damen Ave., 773-862-5555.

**Broken Barrel Bar.** Table for two and four at 5 p.m. Regular menu; kids eat free. 2548 N. Southport Ave., 773-327-4900.

**Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular tapas menu plus chef specials; midnight cava toast. 2024 N. Halsted St., 773-935-5000.

**Cafe Lucci.** Two tables for four at 5, 7, 9 and 10 p.m. Regular menu with specials, Champagne toast at midnight; 5 p.m. reservation includes take-home bottle of prosecco. 609 N. Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-729-2268.

**Cafe Spiaggia.** Table for two at 6:30 p.m. Regular menu. 980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280-2750.

**Cantina Laredo.** Table for four at 7:30 p.m., table for two at 8:30 p.m. Three-course menu, \$65 (cocktail pairing, \$15.99); regular menu also available. 508 N. State St., 312-955-0014.

**City Winery Chicago.** Table for two to four at 7 and 9 p.m. Regular menu with food and drink specials. DJ music in dining room; Avery Sunshine performs two shows in concert venue (separate ticket required). 1200 W. Randolph St., 312-733-9463.

**Cochon Volant Brasserie.** Table for four at 7:45 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 100 W. Monroe St., 312-754-6560.

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12 PK





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Champagne  
Extra Dry or Brut  
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Sweet Red  
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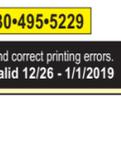
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**Connie's Pizza.** Table for four at 5:45 and 8 p.m. Regular menu. 2373 S. Archer Ave., 312-326-3443.

**Davanti Enoteca.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular menu with specials. 1359 W. Taylor St., 312-226-5550.

**The Dawson.** Table for two at 6 p.m. and table for four at 8:30 p.m. Regular menu with specials; upstairs dance party begins at 10 p.m. 730 W. Grand Ave., 312-243-8955.

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**Ema.** Table for two at 6 p.m.; two tables for up to four guests at 6 and 8 p.m. Regular menu with a la carte specials. 74 W. Illinois St., 312-527-5586.

**Etta.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Multi-course, family-style menu, \$65. 1840 W. North Ave., 312-757-4444.

**Firefly Kitchen.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular menu, plus food and cocktail specials. DJ music; midnight toast. 111 Green Bay Road, Wilmette, 224-408-2494.

**Fish Bar.** Table for two at 6 p.m. Four-course menu and bubbly toast, \$55. 2956 N. Sheffield Ave., 773-687-8177.

**Fisk & Co.** Table for two at 7 and 9 p.m. Regular menu. 225 N. Wabash Ave., 312-236-9300.

**Flight Club.** Table for four at 8 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 111 W. Wacker Drive, 312-284-2474, ext. 623.

**The Florentine.** Table for two at 7 p.m. Regular menu with specials. 151 W. Adams St., 312-660-8866.

**Francesca's on Chestnut.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 312-482-8800.

**Frasca.** Table for four at 7 and 8 p.m. Special a la carte menu. 3358 N. Paulina St., 773-248-5222.

**Free Rein.** Table for two or four at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Regular menu. 224 N. Michigan Ave., 312-334-6700.

**Funkenhausen.** Table for four at 8 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 1709 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4727.

**Fulton Market Kitchen.** Table for four at 7:45 p.m. Five-course menu, \$75. 311 N. Sangamon St., 312-733-6900.



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**The Gage.** Table for two at 6 p.m. and table for four at 8:30 p.m. Regular menu with specials. 24 S. Michigan Ave., 312-372-4243.

**Girl & the Goat.** Table for two at 8 p.m. Regular menu. 809 W. Randolph St., 312-492-6262.

**GT Fish & Oyster.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular menu. 531 N. Wells St., 312-929-3501.

**HaiSous.** Two seats at the chef's counter at 5:30 p.m. Four-course tasting menu, \$65; optional cocktail and wine pairing, \$35. 1800 S. Carpenter St. 312-702-1303.

**The Hampton Social.** Table for four at 8 p.m. at the city and suburban locations. Regular menu with specials. 353 W. Hubbard St., 312-464-0500; 164 E. Grand Ave., 312-414-1861; 705 Village Center Drive, Burr Ridge, 630-219-0009.

**Incontro A Tavola.** Table for two at 8 p.m.; table for four at 8:30 p.m. The first seating features a four-course dinner for two, \$69 per person; the 8:30 seating features the regular menu. 100 W. Higgins Road, South Barrington, 847-836-1700.

**L. Woods Tap & Pine Lodge.** Four tables for up to four guests each at 9 and 9:30 p.m. Three-course menu, \$20.19. 7110 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, 847-677-3350.

**Le Sud.** Table for four at 7:30 p.m.; table for two at 8:30 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 2301 W. Roscoe St., 773-857-1985.

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**mfk.** Table for four at 10 p.m. Four-course, family-style menu, \$65. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540.

**Mity Nice Bar & Grill.** Two tables for up to four at 6 p.m., four tables for up to four at 6:30 p.m. Regular menu. 835 N. Michigan Ave., 312-335-4745.

**Mon Ami Gabi.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular menu plus specials; Champagne toast. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-348-8886.

**Motel Bar.** Two tickets for NYE celebration; doors open 9 p.m. Appetizers, drink package, Champagne toast and DJ music. 600 W. Chicago Ave., 312-786-5525.

**Mott St.** Table for four at 8 p.m. 10-item tasting menu, \$55; 15-item menu (including whole fish), \$75. Tasting menus for two or more; regular menu also available. 1401 N. Ashland Ave., 773-687-9977.

**Naoki.** Table for four at 7 p.m. A la carte menu with Japanese specialties. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002.

**Nico Osteria.** Table for four at 6 p.m.; table for two at 8:30 p.m. Regular menu. 1015 N. Rush St., 312-944-7100.

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**Octavio.** Table for six at 8:30 p.m. Regular dinner menu. 5310 N. Clark St., 773-293-1223.

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**Portsmith.** Table for two and four at 8 p.m. Regular menu plus specials; complimentary glass of Champagne. 660 N. State

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**Prairie Grass Cafe.** Table for four at 6 p.m. at Prairie Grass, which always closes early on New Year's Eve (last reservation is 7:30 p.m.). Regular menu featured. 601 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, 847-205-4433.

**The Press Room.** Table for two at 7 p.m. Regular menu. 1134 W. Washington St., 331-240-1914.

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**Split-Rail.** Table for four at 7 p.m. Regular dinner

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**State and Lake Chicago Tavern.** Table for two and table for four at 4 and 9 p.m. Regular menu with specials. 201 N. State St., 312-239-9400.

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**Stefani Prime.** Table for four at 5 and 8 p.m. Regular menu plus specials. 6755 N. Cicero Ave., Lincolnwood, 847-696-6755.

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**Taureaux Tavern.** Table for four at 7:45 p.m. French-inspired, a la carte dinner menu. 155 W. Van Buren St., 312-624-8778.

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# Make candied orange treats

BY ELLIE KRIEGER  
The Washington Post

Chocolate and orange often arrive together at a holiday party in the form of chocolate-dipped, candied orange peels. Although I am enamored with the flavor duo, I almost always wish the treat were more about the citrus and less about the sugar, as the rind is typically boiled until sticky-sweet in a concentrated sugar syrup.

The accompanying recipe is my wish come true. It captures the pure essence of the chocolate-orange pairing with enough sugar to temper the citrus rind's bitterness without drowning out its flavor. Cutting a whole orange or two into very thin wheels using a mandoline and baking the



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slices at a low temperature — dehydrating them, really — turns them into crisp, almost-stained-glass rounds of concentrated orange flavor. The sprinkle of confectioners' sugar that dissolves into the fruit as it

cooks offsets the intensity of the peel without making it markedly sweet.

The orange crisps are then dipped in melted chocolate and chilled until the coating has set. They make a lovely holiday gift

layered in a box or jar and wrapped with a ribbon — if you can resist keeping them all to yourself.

*Ellie Krieger is a registered dietitian, nutritionist and cookbook author.*

# Chocolate-dipped orange crisps

**Prep:** 10 minutes

**Cook:** 2 hours

**Makes:** 8 servings (makes 24 pieces)

In testing, we found it easier and safer to use 2 oranges to get the 24 slices. The dipped crisps need to be refrigerated for at least 30 minutes, and up to 2 weeks, before serving. Store in an airtight container (layered between pieces of wax paper).

- 1 large or 2 medium navel oranges, well scrubbed
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 5 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped

**1. Position** racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven; heat to 200 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

**2. Use** a mandoline to cut the oranges into 24 very thin slices. Discard any pits (sometimes found even in navel oranges), then arrange the orange slices on the baking sheets in a single layer. Sprinkle them with the sugar. Bake (upper and lower racks) until the slices are dried and crisp, about 2 hours, rotating the baking sheets from top to bottom and front to back after 1 hour. Cool completely. Transfer orange slices to a board. Line the baking sheets with wax paper.

**3. Place** the chocolate in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high in 30-second intervals, stirring after each time, until the chocolate is just melted and smooth. Dip the orange slices in chocolate to coat them halfway, returning them to the wax paper-lined baking sheets once they are dipped. (Tip the bowl as needed to get coverage once the chocolate level gets low.) Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.

**Nutrition information per piece:** 35 calories, 2 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 0 g protein, 0 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

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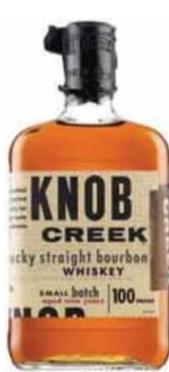
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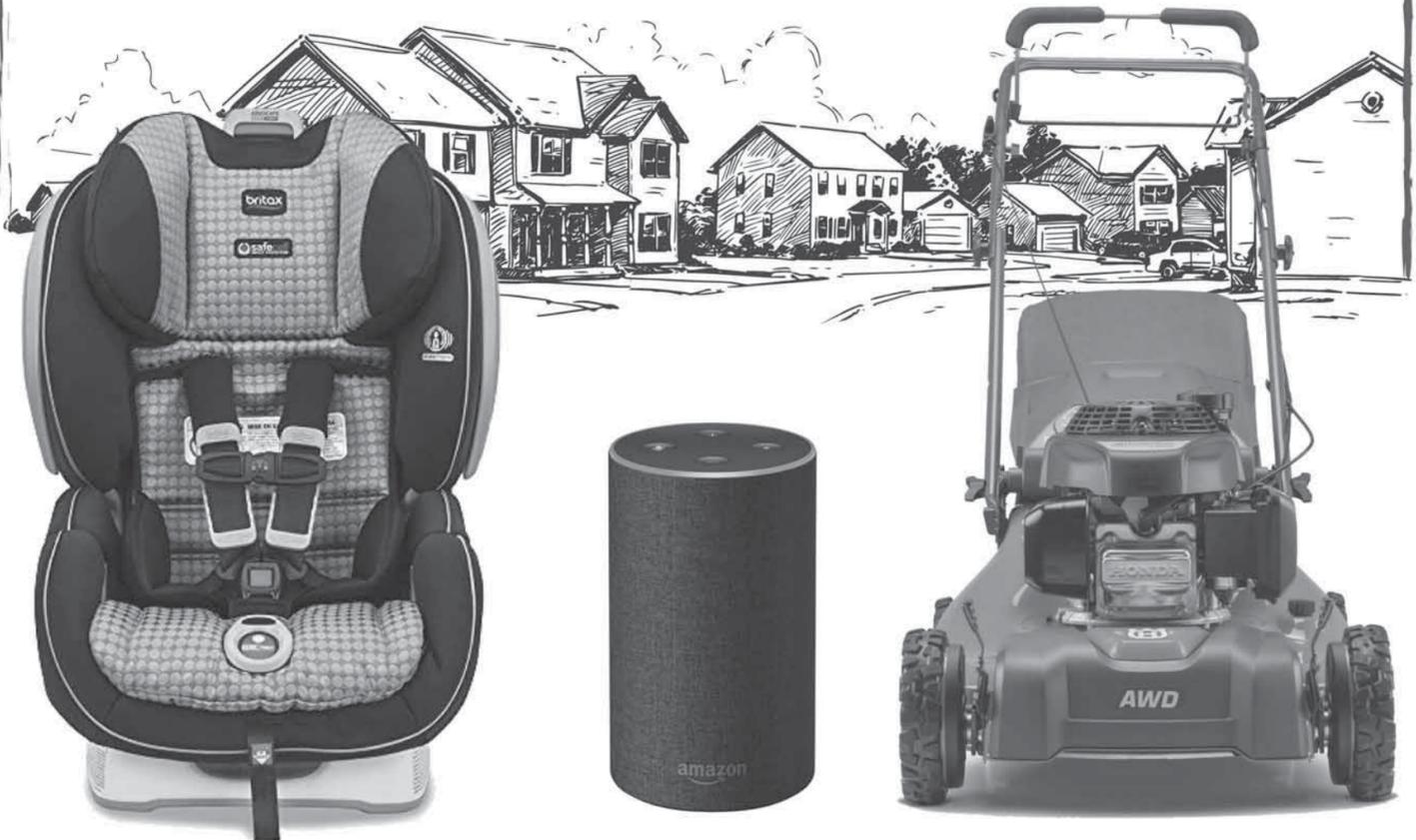
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Cheese toasts are made with a cracker dough and a mix of cheeses on top.

# For party pizazz, try cheese toast

Chef's fancy baked version will add crunch to holidays



**JAMES P. DEWAN**  
Prep School

With 2018 quickly bleeding out, let's take a moment to reflect on what a year it's been. Wild-eyed "Prep School" cultists such as yourselves will recall that in January we recommitted ourselves to preparing our own meals, thereby reducing our dependence on jarred and boxed foods of convenience. Followers of my Twitter account (@jimdedwan) remember fondly the unprovoked attack by a Russian bot regarding April's paean to the beloved sandwich:

"This was the most stupid article I ever read! Who doesn't know how to make a good sandwich? Da?"

Apparently, "Da" is Russian for "Am I right, folks?"

Join me, then, as we exit 2018 reaffirming our obedience to the — dare I say it — conservative notion of providing for ourselves.

And we'll set the bar even lower than that lowly sandwich. My friends, for your delectation, I give you cheese toast.

## Why you need to learn this

In a dozen years, I haven't played this card, but by God, I'm playing it today. Why do you need to learn this? Because I said so, that's why.

## The steps you take

Did you even know that cheese toast is a thing? I didn't. My mother never made it. And I guess I never went to a Sizzler steakhouse, where their cheese toast seems to be as much of a draw as their bloody beef.

In fact, the first I ever encountered those two words together, "cheese" and "toast," was just a few months back, in the kitchen of my colleague, chef Belinda Brooks, who does a very delicious version of it for the bread basket at The Dining Room at Kendall



Use a fork to "dock" the dough strips, sticking the tines into the dough. Then brush with an egg wash.



Sprinkle a generous amount of cheese on the dough strips before placing them in the oven.

College.

Ever since that happy introduction, I've been obsessed.

Think of cheese toast as an open-faced grilled cheese, only better. While

grilled cheese is pretty much just bread and cheese, cheese toast combines grated cheese with additional fat, like butter or — and I know this sounds gross — mayonnaise, along

## Cheese toast

**Prep:** 30 minutes, plus resting

**Bake:** 12 to 15 minutes

**Makes:** about 60 crackers

The recipe is adapted from chef Belinda Brooks, assistant professor of culinary arts at Kendall College in Chicago.

### Topping:

6 ounces Parmesan, shredded

3 ounces cheddar, shredded

2 teaspoons onion powder

1 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

½ teaspoon salt

### Dough:

4 cups flour, plus more for dusting

1 tablespoon salt

¼ teaspoon baking powder

½ cup milk, plus more as needed

½ cup buttermilk

1 stick (4 tablespoons) butter, melted, cooled

2 whole eggs, beaten with a tablespoon of water, for egg wash

**1. For the topping,** pulse all the ingredients in a food processor until coarsely but evenly ground. If not using right away, cover and refrigerate up to 1 week.

**Makes:** 2 ½ cups.

**2. For the dough,** combine flour, salt and baking powder in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook. Mix on low to combine ingredients, about 1 minute.

**3. Combine** ½ cup milk, the buttermilk and melted butter in a separate bowl.

**4. Turn off** mixer; add liquid ingredients. Mix on low to combine, scraping sides as needed, about 2 minutes. Increase to second speed, and mix until just combined, about 1 minute. If dough does not come together, add more milk, 1 tablespoon at a time. Remove dough from bowl, divide into 4 pieces and roll into balls. Wrap in plastic wrap; allow dough to rest, 30 minutes.

**5. Unwrap** one dough ball and place on the counter. Flatten with a rolling pin or the palm of your hand to a thickness of less than an inch; divide it into 2 pieces of relatively even size. Pass one piece of dough through a pasta roller on its widest setting. Be patient, as the dough may still be pretty stiff. Letter fold the dough (fold one side one-third over, then do the same with the other side); rotate dough 90 degrees and pass it through the pasta roller again to make smoother sides. If dough is sticking, dust lightly with flour between rolls. Continue rolling at increasingly smaller settings until dough is very thin, 1 or 2 settings before the smallest setting. (Different pasta machines have different numbering systems.) Lay the rolled dough onto a parchment-covered cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining dough.

**6. When** dough strips are on cookie sheets, dock them heavily with a fork, then brush with egg wash. Sprinkle evenly with the cheese topping.

**7. Cut** into triangles with a pizza cutter. Bake in a 375-degree oven until brown and crisp, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool to room temperature and serve.

**Nutrition information per crackers:** 66 calories, 3 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 11 mg cholesterol, 7 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 3 g protein, 200 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

with other flavoring ingredients.

Some poor souls sear it in a dry saute pan, face down, like a grilled cheese or a mob hit. I prefer broiling face up, just for a couple of minutes, until the cheese melts and turns a glorious George Hamilton brown. I also toast my bread a bit beforehand because I like a little crunch to complement the luscious goo. Other folks eschew this step, preferring their cheese toast's undercarriage to be soft and

yielding. You choose.

Chef Brooks' upscale cheese toast starts from scratch and is more like a cracker than a grilled cheese. As such, the chilled dough is stiff as an Arctic wind. You have to literally pound it maniacally with a rolling pin, flattening it to a thin disc, before rolling it thin with a pasta machine.

Got it? Now, go make us some cheese toast.

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Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label  
**\$36.99**

## UNCORK HUGE SAVINGS

- André Brut or X-Dry..... **\$3.99**
- Cook's Brut or X-Dry..... **\$4.99**
- Blanc de Blancs..... **\$6.99**
- Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut..... **\$6.99**
- Mionetto Prosecco..... **\$8.99**
- Chandon Brut Classic..... **\$11.99**
- Perrier Jouet Grand Brut..... **\$29.99**
- Pol Roger NV..... **\$44.99**



Moët Imperial Brut  
**\$31.99**

Martini & Rossi Asti  
**\$6.99**

### BUY 2 SAVE \$10 MIX & MATCH SUPER BUYS

Buy 2 Bacardi Rum 1.75L, Bombay Sapphire 1.75L, or Dewar's White Label 1.75L & save \$10 with instant rebate. Valid 12/26/18 - 12/29/19. Binny's Card not required to receive \$10 instant rebate.



Bacardi Gold, Silver or Black Rum 1.75L  
**\$11.99** EACH  
*After Rebate*



Dewar's White Label 1.75L  
**\$19.99** EACH  
*After Rebate*



Bombay Sapphire Dry Gin 1.75L  
**\$22.99** EACH  
*After Rebate*

### SAVE UP TO 33% ON OVER 1,500 WINES



Kendall Jackson VR Chardonnay  
**\$7.99**



Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc  
**\$9.99**



Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon  
**\$9.99**



Woodbridge 1.5L  
**\$7.99**



Svedka Vodka 1.75L **\$14.99** Captain Morgan 1.75L **\$19.99** Grey Goose Vodka **\$19.99** Patrón Silver **\$33.99**

Ketel One Vodka 1.75L  
**\$28.99**  
*includes flavors & gift sets*

Canadian Club 1.75L  
**\$13.99**  
*after \$2 instant rebate*

Jim Beam Bourbon 1.75L  
**\$17.99**  
*after \$2 instant rebate*

Hennessy VS Cognac  
**\$26.99**

Jack Daniel's 1.75L  
**\$34.99**

Maker's Mark 1.75L  
**\$39.99**  
*plus, get Binny's cherries for 1c*

Crown Royal  
**\$18.99**

Jameson Irish Whiskey  
**\$18.99**  
*plus, get Binny's peanuts for 1c*

Absolut Vodka 1.75L  
**\$22.99**  
*plus, get Binny's peanuts for 1c*



Heineken 12/12oz btl or cans  
**\$9.99**



Corona 12/12oz btl or cans  
**\$11.99**



Modelo 12/12oz btl or cans  
**\$11.99**



Miller High Life 30/12oz cans  
**\$10.99**



Old Style 24/12oz cans  
**\$10.99**



Miller or Coors 24/12oz cans  
**\$12.99**  
*plus, get Binny's peanuts for 1c*

All bottles 750ml unless otherwise noted. Prices and promotions valid 12/26/18 - 12/29/18 with Binny's Card. Not valid in Bloomington, Champaign or Springfield. Not responsible for misprints or typographical errors. Advertised items limited to quantities on hand.

# WALT'S

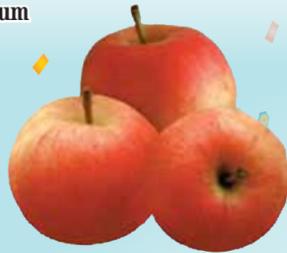
## FOOD CENTERS

**SALE DATES:**  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26th THRU**  
**TUESDAY, JAN. 1st, 2019**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Open New Year's Eve 7 am to 6 pm  
 Open New Year's Day 7 am to 7 pm

Washington Premium  
**Gala Apples**  
 99¢ Lb.



Walt's Premium "All Natural" 80% Lean  
**Ground Chuck**  
 Value Pack  
 \$2.99 Lb.



Extra Large Sweet  
**Roma Tomatoes**  
 99¢ Lb.



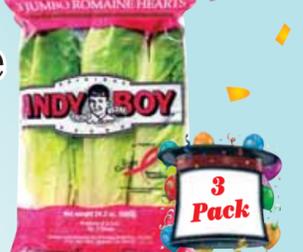
"Green Giant" Potatoes  
 •Yukon Gold •Red  
 \$1.99 5 Lb. Bag



Walt's USDA PRIME "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless New York Strip Steak**  
 Any Size Package  
 \$7.99 Lb.



"Andy Boy" Tender Crisp  
**Romaine Hearts**  
 \$1.99 3 Pack



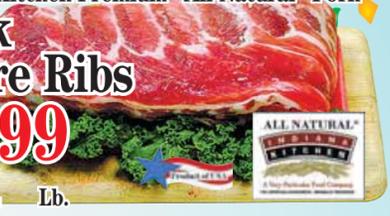
Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken  
**Split Chicken Breasts**  
 \$1.49 Lb.



Dutch Farms Grade "A"  
**Large Eggs**  
 Dozen  
 88¢



Indiana Kitchen Premium "All Natural" Pork  
**Pork Spare Ribs**  
 \$1.99 Lb.



Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"  
**Chicken Wings**  
 Jumbo Pack  
 \$2.79 Lb.



Best Choice/Pleasant View  
**Milk**  
 •2% Reduced Fat •1% Lowfat •Skim Fat Free  
 Gallon  
 \$1.88



Indiana Kitchen Premium "All Natural" Pork  
**Baby Back Pork Ribs**  
 Sold in the Bag  
 \$3.29 Lb.



Dannon Yogurt  
 •Fruit on the Bottom •Light & Fit  
 Selected Varieties 5.3 Oz.  
 38¢



•Snyder's Pretzels 16 Oz.  
 •Ruffles Potato Chips 8.5 - 9 Oz.  
 •Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream 56 Oz.  
 2/\$5 Your Choice



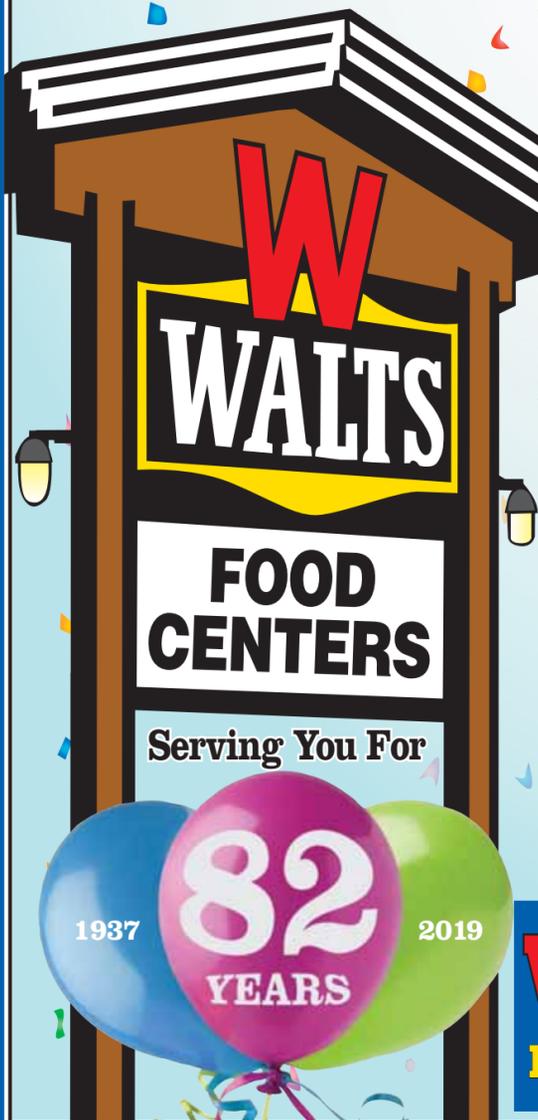
Prairie Farms Sherbet  
 Quart  
 88¢



Flav-R-Pac Polybag Classic Regular  
**Vegetables**  
 12 Oz.  
 88¢



Nabisco Chips Ahoy Cookies  
 9.5 - 13 Oz.  
 \$1.88

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**WALT'S**  
**FOOD CENTERS**  
 Serving You For  
**82 YEARS**  
 1937 2019

From Our Country Bakery  
 Walt's Own Fresh Baked  
**Cocktail Buns**  
 •Regular •Buttercrust  
 12 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
 \$1.49



Walt's Own  
**Turnovers**  
 •Apple •Cherry  
 2 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
 \$1.99

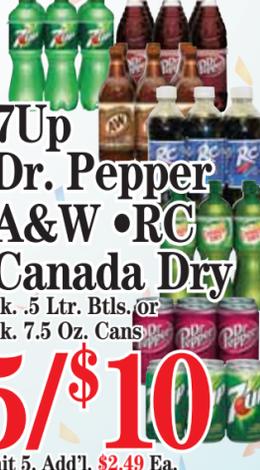


Red Baron  
**Pizza**  
 12 Inch  
 Sale Price 3/\$10  
 Digital Reward Coupon -\$1.00  
 When You Buy 3



Final Price 3/\$9  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

•7Up  
 •Dr. Pepper  
 •A&W •RC  
 •Canada Dry  
 6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. or  
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
 5/\$10  
 Limit 5, Add'l. \$2.49 Ea.



Nestle Pure Life  
**Water**  
 24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
 4/\$10



Final Price 4/\$10

From Our Deli Hut  
 Walt's Signature Premium  
**Ham**  
 •Brown Sugar-Honey •Polish Style  
 \$4.98 Lb.



\$2.49 1/2 Lb.  
 Sara Lee  
**Turkey Breast**  
 Selected Varieties  
 \$5.98 Lb.



Florida's Natural  
 Premium  
**Orange Juice**  
 52 Oz.  
 Sale Price 2/\$5  
 Digital Reward Coupon -\$1.00  
 When You Buy 2



Final Price 2/\$4  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Available on the Walt's mobile app or at [www.waltsfoods.com](http://www.waltsfoods.com)  
**39¢** Sweet Baby Carrots  
 1 Lb. Bag  
 Digital Rewards DEAL of the Week  
 Limit 1



# PRODUCE

## Fresh Express Baby Blends

- Sweet & Crunchy
- Spinach & Arugula
- Veggie Spring
- Baby Kale
- 50/50 Mix
- Tender Garden
- Baby Spinach
- Spring Mix

**2/\$5**



Jumbo Sweet  
**Blueberries**  
6 Oz. Pkg.  
**\$1.99**



Fresh Sweet Red  
**Raspberries**  
6 Oz. Pkg.  
**\$2.99**



Fresh Sweet  
**Blackberries**  
6 Oz. Pkg.  
**\$1.99**

## Extra Large Sweet Roma Tomatoes

**99¢** Lb.



"Green Giant"  
**Yukon Gold Potatoes**  
**\$1.99**



California Fresh  
**Broccoli Crowns**  
**\$1.69** Lb.



California  
Sno-White Large  
**Cauliflower**  
**\$1.69** Ea.

## Large Solid Head Lettuce

**\$1.39** Ea.



"Green Giant"  
**Red Potatoes**  
**\$1.99**



Fancy Medium  
**Yellow Onions**  
3 Lb. Bag  
**99¢**



"In the Shell"  
**Tree Nuts**  
• Walnuts  
• Mixed Nuts  
**\$2.99** Lb.

## Washington Premium Gala Apples

**99¢** Lb.



Sunkist  
**Navel Oranges**  
**99¢** Lb.



Super Select Premium  
**Cucumbers**  
**2/\$1**



Sweet Tropical  
**Mangos**  
**2/\$1**

## "Andy Boy" Tender Crisp Romaine Hearts

3 Pack  
**\$1.99**



Extra Large Fancy  
**Lemons**  
**2/\$1**



Sweet Jumbo  
**Kiwi Fruit**  
**2/\$1**



Extra Large Fancy  
**Limes**  
**5/\$1**

## "Hass" Avocados

**99¢** Ea.



Michigan Fancy  
**Jonathan Apples**  
3 Lb. Bag  
**\$1.99**



Extra Fancy  
**Zucchini Squash**  
**99¢** Lb.

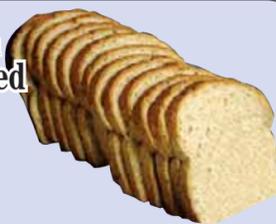


Fresh "Bunched"  
**Green Onions**  
**2/\$1**

# COUNTRY BAKERY

## Walt's Own Fresh Baked Honey Cracked Wheat Bread

1 Lb. Loaf  
**\$1.49**



## Walt's Own Nut Rolls

• Almond • Walnut • Poppyseed  
**\$5.99**



## Walt's Own Homestyle Apple Pie

8 Inch  
**\$4.99**



## Walt's Own Fresh Baked Cocktail Buns

12 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$1.49**



## Walt's Own Turnovers

• Apple • Cherry  
2 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$1.99**



## Walt's Own Chocolate Chip Cookies

12 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$2.99**



## Walt's Own Fresh Baked Buttercrust Buns

• 8 Pk. Regular  
• 12 Pk. Cocktail  
**\$1.49**



## Walt's Own Chocolate Iced Brownies

1/4 Foil Pan  
**\$4.99**



## Walt's Own Glazed Sour Cream Cake Donuts

6 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$2.99**



## Walt's Own Single Layer Buttercream Iced New Year's Eve Cake

8 Inch  
**\$4.99**



# BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken  
**Split Chicken Breasts**  
**\$1.49** Lb.  
 No Added Hormones

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"  
**Chicken Wings**  
 Jumbo Pack **\$2.79** Lb.  
 Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids.  
 Wing Drumettes \$3.49 Lb.

Honeysuckle 93% Lean  
**Ground Turkey**  
 16 Oz. **\$2.99**  
 \*Turkey Breakfast Sausage \*Turkey Meatballs 12 - 16 Oz. \$2.99

Walt's USDA PRIME "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless New York Strip Steak**  
 Any Size Package  
**\$7.99** Lb.  
 USDA PRIME

Indiana Kitchen Premium "All Natural" Pork  
**Pork Spare Ribs**  
**\$1.99** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen Premium "All Natural" Pork Lean & Meaty  
**Pork Shoulder Steaks**  
 Value Pack **\$1.79** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen Premium "All Natural" Pork  
**Center Cut Pork Chops**  
 Value Pack **\$2.29** Lb.  
 Assorted Pork Chops Value Pack \$1.39 Lb.

We Offer The Best Selection of  
**Whole Beef Tenderloin**  
 "Our Value Priced"  
 All Sold Whole in the Bag **\$6.99** Lb.  
 Cut into Steaks or Roast FREE  
 "Customer Favorite" **\$11.99** Lb.  
 "Our Finest" **\$16.99** Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" 80% Lean  
**Ground Chuck**  
 Value Pack **\$2.99** Lb.  
 Ground fresh in store many times daily.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless Chuck Roast**  
 Any Size Package **\$4.29** Lb.

Johnsonville  
**Brats**  
**Italian Sausage**  
 Selected Varieties 19 Oz. **\$4.29**

Indiana Kitchen Premium "All Natural" Pork  
**Baby Back Pork Ribs**  
 Sold in the Bag **\$3.29** Lb.

Dutch Farms Premium Sliced Bacon  
**Sliced Bacon**  
 Assorted Varieties 16 Oz. **\$3.99**

Tennessee Pride Quality Sausage  
**Pork Sausage Roll**  
 Assorted Varieties 16 Oz. **2/\$5**

Johnsonville Pork  
**Breakfast Sausage**  
 \*Links \*Patties 12 Oz. **\$2.99**

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"  
**Top Round Roast**  
 Sold as Roast Only **\$3.79** Lb.  
 Top Round London Broil \$3.99 Lb.

Johnsonville  
**Smoked Sausage**  
 Selected Varieties 12 - 14 Oz. **\$3.29**

Vienna  
**Beef Franks**  
**Beef Polish Sausage Links**  
 12 Oz. **\$4.99**

Hillshire Farm  
**Lit'l Wieners**  
**Lit'l Smokies**  
 Assorted Varieties 12 - 14 Oz. **\$2.29**

Vienna Beef  
**Italian Beef & Gravy**  
 4.5 Lb. **\$16.99**

Cooked Perfect  
**Meatballs**  
 Assorted Varieties 20 - 32 Oz. **\$4.99**

Dutch Farms Bagged Breaded  
**Chicken**  
 \*Tenders \*Nuggets \*Rings 3 Lb. **\$5.99**

## Specialty Shoppe

Surf & Turf . . . . **\$21.95** Ea.  
 6 Oz. Cold Water Lobster Tail and 6 Oz. Beef Tenderloin Filet

Walt's Premium USDA Choice  
**Beef Tenderloin \$19.99** Lb.  
**Filet Mignon. . . . \$19.99** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Crown Pork Roast . . . . . \$2.99** Lb.  
 Please Call in your Order

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Stuffed Pork Tenderloin . . . . . \$3.29** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Skinless Baby Back Ribs. . . \$3.99** Lb.

## Seafood Specials

**CATCH! THE SAVINGS**

Supreme Choice  
**Shrimp Ring with Sauce. . . . . \$4.99** 10 Oz.

American Chef 31 - 40 Ct. Extra Large  
**Cooked Tail-On Shrimp . . . . . \$14.99** 2 Lb. Bag

Frozen 16 - 20 Ct.  
**King Crab Legs . . . . . \$19.99** Lb.  
 Product of Argentina

**Cold Water Lobster Tail. . . \$14.99** Ea. 8-10 Oz.

Ocean Café  
**Crab Cakes . . . . . \$4.99** 5 Ct. 17 Oz.

Hillshire Farm  
**Lit'l Smokies**  
 Selected Varieties 24 - 28 Oz. **\$4.99**  
 Great for Parties

Cooked Cold Water  
**Whole Lobster**  
 16 Oz. **\$7.99**

# Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Everyday

### BUY OF THE WEEK!

Sara Lee  
**Turkey Breast**  
 Selected Varieties **\$5.98** Lb.  
 \$2.99 1/2 Lb.

Sara Lee  
**Chicken Breast**  
 Selected Varieties **\$5.98** Lb.  
 \$2.99 1/2 Lb.

Grandpa's  
**Potato Salad. . . . . \$3.79** Lb.

Garden Fresh Creamy  
**Kidney Bean Salad. . . . . \$3.79** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Pineapple Walnut Salad. . . . \$5.49** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Pumpkin Mousse . . . . . \$5.49** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Seafood Salad. . . . . \$5.79** Lb.

### BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium  
**Ham**  
 \*Brown Sugar/Honey \*Polish Style **\$4.98** Lb.  
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Garden Fresh  
**Packaged Salads**  
 \*Potato \*Macaroni \*Cole Slaw 5 Lb. Tub **\$9.99**

### BUY OF THE WEEK!

Sabra  
**Hummus**  
 Selected Varieties 10 Oz. **\$3.49**

Sabra  
**Salsa**  
 Assorted Varieties 14 - 16 Oz. **\$2.99**

### BUY OF THE WEEK!

Stacy's  
**Pita Chips**  
 Selected Varieties 6.75 - 7.33 Oz. **2/\$5**

King's  
**Hawaiian Rolls**  
 12 Ct. **2/\$6**

Dietz & Watson  
**All Beef Varieties**  
**\$10.98** Lb.  
 \$5.49 1/2 Lb. **Gluten Free**

Dietz & Watson  
**Cheddar Cheese**  
 \*Garlic Roasted \*Horseradish **\$7.58** Lb.  
 \$3.79 1/2 Lb. **Gluten Free**

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Breaded Chicken Breast Tenders**  
**\$4.99** Lb. **Tyson**

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Breaded Chicken Breast Tender Bucket**  
 2 Lbs. **\$9.95** **Tyson**

Dietz & Watson  
**Oven Classic Turkey Breast**  
**\$8.98** Lb.  
 \$4.49 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson  
**Buffalo Style Chicken Breast**  
**\$7.98** Lb.  
 \$3.99 1/2 Lb.

# DAIRY

**Dannon Yogurt**  
•Fruit On The Bottom  
•Light & Fit  
Selected Varieties  
5.3 Oz.  
**38¢**  
Limit 12 Please



**Chobani Yogurt**  
•0% •2%  
•Flips  
Selected Varieties  
5.3 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



**Simply Potatoes**  
20 Oz.  
**\$1.99**



**Pillsbury Cookies**  
16 - 16.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Ore Ida Just Crack An Egg**  
3 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



**Eggland's Best Large Eggs**  
18 Pk.  
**2/\$7**



**Pillsbury Rolls**  
•Crescent 4 Oz.  
•Cinnamon 7.3 Oz.  
•Grands! Biscuits 10.2 Oz.  
•Flaky Biscuits 12 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



**Parkay Margarine**  
•Sticks •Soft Spread  
•Squeeze •Spray  
Selected Varieties  
8 - 16 Oz.  
**\$1.79**



**Frigo Ricotta Cheese**  
15 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Dutch Farms Cream Cheese**  
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat  
•Fat Free  
8 Oz. Box  
**3/\$4**



**Dutch Farms Butter**  
•Regular  
•No Salt  
1 Lb. Qtrs.  
**2/\$6**



**Dutch Farms Cheese Spread**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



**Dutch Farms Cheese**  
•Regular American Singles 12 Oz.  
•Natural Slices Selected Varieties 6-7.6 Oz.  
•Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shredded Selected Varieties 6-8 Oz.  
•Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.  
**3/\$5**



**Dutch Farms Cracker Cheese Cuts**  
10 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**3/\$5 SALE! 3/\$5 SALE!**

**Dutch Farms Sour Cream**  
•Cottage Cheese  
16 Oz.  
**3/\$5**



**Dean's DairyPure**  
•Buttermilk Qt.  
•Whipping Cream 1/2 Pt.  
•Half & Half 14 Oz.  
•Sour Cream 16 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

**Breakstone's Sour Cream**  
16 Oz.  
Sale Price **2/\$3**  
Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 2 **-50¢**  
Final Price **2/\$2.50**  
Must use Walt's App to redeem.



**Dean's Dips**  
16 Oz.  
**3/\$5**



**Dutch Farms Premium Dips**  
11.5 - 12 Oz.  
•Pudding •Gelatin  
4 Pk.  
**3/\$5**



**Dutch Farms Gelatin Rings**  
19.5 - 22 Oz.  
**2/\$3**



**Florida's Natural Premium Orange Juice**  
52 Oz.  
**2/\$5**  
Sale Price  
Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 2 **-1**  
Final Price **2/\$4**  
Must use Walt's App to redeem.



**Noon Hour Herring**  
•Wine •Cream  
12 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



**TruMoo Chocolate Milk**  
Gallon  
**\$3.99**



**Win Schuler's Cheese Spread**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**Dutch Farms Whipped Topping**  
6.5 Oz. Can  
**2/\$3**



**Kraft Jar Cheese**  
5 Oz. Jar  
**\$2.99**



**Kraft Cheez Whiz**  
15 Oz. Jar  
**\$4.99**



**Kraft Shredded Cheese**  
Mild Cheddar  
24 Oz.  
**2/\$9**



**Kraft Velveeta Cheese**  
2 Lb. Loaf  
**\$7.49**



**Best Choice/Pleasant View Milk**  
•2% Reduced Fat  
•1% Lowfat  
•Skim Fat Free  
Gallon  
**\$1.88**  
Limit 2 Total



**Gold Peak Tea**  
52 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Simply Fruit Juice**  
•Minute Maid  
Light Lemonade  
52 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Sunny D**  
Gallon  
**\$2.49**



**Dutch Farms Orange Juice**  
Gallon  
**2/\$7**



# FROZEN

**Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream**  
56 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**DeWafelbakkers Pancakes**  
18 - 60 Ct.  
**\$2.99**



**Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns**  
24 - 32 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**White Castle Breakfast Sandwiches**  
4 Pk.  
**\$3.99**



**Minute Maid Orange Juice**  
12 Oz. Can  
**\$1.99**



**Flav-R-Pac Polybag Classic Regular Vegetables**  
12 Oz.  
**88¢**



**Edy's Grand Ice Cream**  
•Ice Cream  
•Yogurt  
•Sherbet  
48 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



**Good Humor Ice Cream Bars**  
•Strawberry Shortcake  
•Chocolate Eclair  
6 Pk.  
**\$3.99**



**Kemp's Premium Ice Cream**  
48 Oz.  
**3/\$10**



**Best Choice Whipped Topping**  
8 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



**Dean's Twin Pops**  
6 Pk.  
**3/\$5**



**Dean's Classic Ice Cream**  
56 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**North Star Super Bar Variety Pack**  
30 Pk.  
**\$9.99**



**Pepperidge Farm Regular 3-Layer Cake**  
19 - 19.6 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**Ore Ida Potatoes**  
•Onion Rings  
Selected Varieties  
14 - 32 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Birdseye Polybag Steamfresh Vegetables**  
Selected Varieties  
9.5 - 16 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



**New York**  
•5 Cheese Toast 8 Ct. •Garlic Cheese Texas Toast 8 Ct.  
•Ciabatta Rolls with Cheese 10 Oz.  
•Pull Apart Garlic Bread 2 Ct.  
•Ultimate Garlic Toast 11.25 Oz.  
•Sliced Garlic Bread 2 Ct.  
**\$2.99**



**Mrs. T's Pierogies**  
12.84 - 16 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



**Weight Watchers Smart Ones Entrees**  
Selected Varieties  
4.4 - 10.5 Oz.  
**6/\$10**



**White Castle Hamburgers**  
•Regular  
•Cheese  
6 Pk.  
**\$3.99**



**Banquet Chicken**  
•Nuggets •Patties •Tenders  
12.6 - 15 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**Banquet Sliders**  
•Cheeseburger •Chicken  
10 - 11.64 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



**TGI Fridays Appetizers**  
Selected Varieties  
7.6 - 11 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



**Marie Callender's Dinner or Pot Pie**  
10.5 - 15 Oz.  
•Healthy Choice  
Steamer Dinner  
9.5 - 11.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Banquet Classic Meal**  
Selected Varieties  
3.2 - 11.88 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



**Banquet Basic Dinner**  
4.85 - 7 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



**Banquet Pot Pie**  
•Meat •Fruit  
7 Oz.  
**\$4.99**



**Palermo's Thin Crust Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**5/\$11**



**Red Baron Pizza**  
12 Inch  
Sale Price **3/\$10**  
Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 3 **-1**  
Final Price **3/\$9**  
Must use Walt's App to redeem.



**Pizza**  
•Home Run Inn (Classic) 12 Inch  
•Gino's East Deep Dish 9 Inch  
•Edwardos 24 - 28 Oz.  
**2/\$10**



**Bella Nico Beef**  
26 Oz.  
**\$5.99**



**DiGiorno Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**2/\$10**



# GROCERY

Ragu  
Pasta  
Sauce  
16 - 24 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

Barilla  
Pasta  
Selected Varieties  
12 - 16 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

Barilla  
Pasta  
Sauce  
14.5 - 24 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Pompeian  
Extra Virgin  
Olive Oil  
16 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

- Regular, Diet
- Pepsi •Crush
  - Mtn. Dew
  - 7Up •Dr. Pepper
  - A&W •RC
  - Canada Dry



2 Ltr.  
**5/\$5**

Hunt's  
•Tomatoes  
•Tomato Sauce  
14.5 - 15 Oz.  
**5/\$5**

Hunt's  
Manwich  
Sauce  
15 - 15.5 Oz.  
**5/\$5**

Aunt Millie's  
•Sub Buns  
•Kaiser Rolls  
•Onion Buns  
6 - 8 Ct.  
**2/\$5**

Plochman's  
Yellow  
Mustard  
24 Oz.  
**\$1.29**

Libby's  
Vegetables

- Cut or French Style Green Beans
- Whole Kernel or Cream Style Corn
- Sweet Peas



14.5 - 15.25 Oz.  
**69¢**

Heinz  
Real  
Mayonnaise  
30 Oz.  
**\$3.49**

Hidden Valley  
Ranch  
Salad  
Dressing  
Regular Ranch Only  
16 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Bush's Best  
Beans  
•Black  
•Kidney  
•Pinto  
•Great Northern  
15 - 16 Oz.  
**79¢**

Maruchan  
Ramen Soup  
12 Pk.  
**2/\$4**

When You Buy 2  
Kellogg's  
Cereals

- Raisin Bran 18.2 - 18.7 Oz.
- Bite Size Mini Wheats 18 Oz.
- Rice Krispies 12 Oz.



**\$1.99**

Must Buy 2. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.

Kraft  
Barbecue  
Sauce  
17.5 - 18 Oz.  
Sale Price  
**99¢**  
Digital Reward Coupon  
**-20¢**  
Final Price  
**79¢**  
Must use Wal's App to redeem.

Mid's  
Pizza  
Sauce  
16 Oz.  
**\$1.69**

A.I.  
Steak Sauce  
Lea & Perrin's  
Worcestershire  
Sauce  
10 Oz.  
**2/\$4** **50¢** Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 2

Tabasco  
Hot  
Sauce  
5 Oz.  
**\$3.29**

Hills Bros.  
Coffee

- High Yield 30.5 Oz.
- Medium 26 Oz.
- Colombian 24 Oz.
- Perfect Balance 23.24 Oz.



**\$5.99**

Donkey  
Tortilla  
Chips  
14 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Pace  
•Queso  
•Picante  
Sauce  
•Salsa  
15 - 24 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

La Preferida  
Diced Green  
Chiles  
4 Oz.  
**69¢**

Rotel  
Tomatoes  
with Chiles  
10 Oz.  
**88¢**

Hills Bros.  
Coffee

- High Yield 30.5 Oz.
- Medium 26 Oz.
- Colombian 24 Oz.
- Perfect Balance 23.24 Oz.



**\$5.99**

Betty Crocker  
Mix  
•Delights Supreme Brownie  
•Cookie  
16.5 - 22.5 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Duncan Hines  
Perfect Size  
Cake Mix  
8.4 - 10.5 Oz.  
Sale Price  
**\$2.99**  
Digital Reward Coupon  
**-50¢**  
Final Price  
**\$2.49**  
Must use Wal's App to redeem.

Rosen's  
Rye  
Bread  
16 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Vlasic  
Sauerkraut  
32 Oz.  
**\$2.49**

Nabisco  
Chips Ahoy  
Cookies  
9.5 - 13 Oz.  
**\$1.88**

Kibbles 'n Bits  
Dog Food  
16 - 17.6 Lb.  
**\$9.99**

Meow Mix  
Cat Food  
13.5 - 16 Lb.  
**\$10.99**

Alley Cat  
Cat Food  
3.15 Lb.  
Sale Price  
**\$2.49**  
Digital Reward Coupon  
**-50¢**  
Final Price  
**\$1.99**  
Must use Wal's App to redeem.

Bounty Essentials  
Paper  
Towels  
6 Pk. Rolls  
Charmin Essentials  
Bath Tissue  
12 Pk. Double Rolls  
**\$5.49**

Puffs  
Facial  
Tissue  
48 - 64 Ct.  
**99¢**

Nestle  
Pure Life  
Water  
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
**4/\$10**



Dawn  
Dishwashing  
Liquid  
16.2 - 19.4 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Finish Powerball  
Dishwasher  
Detergent  
20 - 32 Ct.  
**\$4.99**

Downy  
Unstoppables  
Gain Fireworks  
Booster Beads  
10 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

Lysol  
Disinfecting  
Wipes  
35 Ct.  
Toilet Bowl  
Cleaner  
24 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

•Scott  
Paper Towels  
6 Pk. Rolls  
•Scott Comfort Plus  
Bath Tissue  
12 Pk. Double Rolls  
**\$4.99**



# GROCERY GOLD VALUES

When You Buy 3  
 •7Up •Dr. Pepper  
 •A&W •RC  
 •Canada Dry  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.  
**3/\$10**  
 Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.

Regular, Diet  
 •Coke  
 •Coke Zero Sugar  
 •Sprite  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.  
**3/\$11**

Regular, Diet  
 •Pepsi  
 •Mtn. Dew  
 •Crush  
 24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$6.99**

Regular, Diet  
 •Coke  
 •Coke Zero Sugar  
 •Sprite  
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$10**

Regular, Diet  
 •Pepsi  
 •Mtn. Dew  
 •Crush  
 6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls. or  
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$10**

Nestle  
 Splash  
 6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.  
**4/\$5**

•Vitaminwater  
 20 Oz.  
 •Coke De Mexico  
 12 Oz.  
 •Gold Peak Tea  
 18.5 Oz.  
**5/\$5**

•Snapple Tea  
 64 Oz.  
 •Vita Coco  
 Coconut Water  
 .5 Ltr.  
**2/\$4**

Bai  
 Antioxidant  
 Drinks  
 18 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Lipton  
 Tea  
 128 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Welch's  
 Sparkling  
 Grape Juice  
 25.4 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Ocean Spray  
 •Cranberry Juice  
 •Cocktails  
 60 - 64 Oz.  
**\$2.99**  
 \$1 Digital Reward  
 Coupon  
 When You Buy 2

Ruffles  
 Potato  
 Chips  
 8.5 - 9 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Tostitos  
 Tortilla  
 Chips  
 9.5 - 12.5 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Snyder's  
 Pretzels  
 16 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Cape Cod  
 Potato  
 Chips  
 7 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Planters  
 NUT-rition  
 5.5 - 7 Oz.  
 •Act II  
 Popcorn  
 6 Pk.  
**2/\$5**

Nabisco  
 •Snack Crackers  
 3.75 - 10 Oz.  
 •Ritz Crackers  
 8.5 - 13.7 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Aunt Millie's  
 Family  
 Bread  
 22 - 24 Oz.  
**\$1.69**

Brownberry  
 Bread  
 24 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Thomas  
 Bagels  
 •Regular •Mini  
 15 - 20 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Smucker's  
 •Preserves  
 Strawberry, Apricot or Peach  
 •Orange  
 Marmalade  
 18 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Nabisco Belvita  
 Breakfast Biscuits  
 8.8 Oz.  
 Sale Price **2/\$4**  
 Digital Reward  
 Coupon  
 When You Buy 1  
 Final  
 Price **2/\$3**  
 Must use Wal-Mart App to redeem

General Mills  
 Cereals  
 •Honey Nut Cheerios 15.4 Oz.  
 •Cheerios 18 Oz.  
 •Cinnamon Toast Crunch 16.5 Oz.  
 •Multigrain Cheerios 18 Oz.  
 •Reese's Puffs 16.7 Oz.  
 •Lucky Charms 14.9 Oz.  
 •Cocoa Puffs 16.5 Oz.  
 •Golden Grahams 16.7 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

## GM/HBC

New Year's  
 •Plates  
 •Napkins  
 Assorted Varieties  
**\$1**

Halls  
 Cough Drops  
 •Honey Lemon •Cherry •Menthol  
 •Honey •Black Cherry •Strawberry  
 25 - 30 Ct.  
**\$1.79**

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 Calendars  
 Assorted Varieties  
**\$1**

Aleve..... 24 Ct. **\$3.99**  
 •Tablets •Caplets  
 Dove Baby..... 13 Oz. **\$4.99**  
 •Lotion •Body Wash  
 Excedrin ..... 24 Ct. **\$3.99**  
 Caplets  
 •Migraine •Extra Strength •Tension •PM  
 Irish Spring  
 Body Wash ..... 18 Oz. **\$3.99**  
 •Original •Moisturizing •Aloe  
 Oral B Indicator  
 Toothbrush ..... **\$1.49**  
 •Medium •Soft  
 Best Choice  
 Nasal  
 Decongestant PE ..... **\$1.49**  
 18 Ct.

Colgate  
 Toothpaste  
 •Regular •Tartar Protection  
 •Baking Soda Whitening  
 •Sparkling White  
 6 Oz.  
**\$1.49**

Head & Shoulders  
 2 in 1 Shampoo  
 •Full & Thick •Classic Clean  
 •Dry Scalp •Deep Clean  
 13.5 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

Herbal Essences  
 Shampoo or  
 Conditioner  
 •Body Envy •Hello Hydration  
 •Color Me Happy  
 10.1 Oz.  
**2/\$5**  
 Your  
 Choice  
 Aussie  
 •Shampoo or  
 Conditioner  
 Mega Moist or Aussome Volume  
 13.5 Oz.  
 •Instant  
 Freeze Gel  
 7 Oz.

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•Miller Lite  
 •Miller Genuine Draft  
 •Miller 64  
 •Coors •Coors Light  
 24 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
**\$13.99**  
 2nd Big  
 Week!

Blue Moon  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.  
**\$12.99**

•Mike's Hard  
 Lemonade  
 •Redd's Apple Ale  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.  
**\$13.99**

New Year's Champagnes  
 Barefoot ..... 750 ML **\$6.99**  
 •Brut •Extra Dry •Rose  
 Korbel ..... 750 ML **\$11.99**  
 •Extra Dry •Brut •Sweet Curve  
 Lamarca  
 Prosecco ..... 750 ML **\$12.99**

New Amsterdam  
 •Gin  
 •Vodka ..... 750 ML **\$9.99**  
 Barefoot  
 Wine ..... 1.5 Ltr. **\$8.99**  
 •Pinot Grigio •Pinot Noir  
 •Chardonnay  
 750 ML \$4.99

•Miller High Life  
 •Miller High Life Light  
 •Icehouse •Rolling Rock  
 •Busch •Busch Light  
 30 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$11.99**  
 2nd Big  
 Week!

•Corona •Corona Light  
 •Corona Familiar  
 •Corona Premier  
 •Modelo •Negra  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
**\$13.99**

•Sam Adams  
 •Goose Island  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
**\$13.99**

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