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President to nation: 'Enjoy the ride' in '19

House, Senate leaders invited to briefing on border

By ANNE GEARAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump got 2019 off to a whipsaw start Tuesday, using Twitter to insult a retired U.S. commander in Afghanistan as a dumb loudmouth, sing the praises of an ultranationalist former aide and telling America to chill and “ENJOY THE RIDE.”

Trump's cheery tone in an all-caps tweet welcoming the new year did not last the morning.

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That may have been before he read all his mail.

Trump went on to bash retired Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal over remarks McChrystal made Sunday, calling the president untruthful and immoral.

“General” McChrystal got fired like a dog by Obama. Last assignment a total bust. Known for big, dumb mouth. Hillary lover!” Trump opined.

McChrystal was forced to resign in 2010 after making disparaging comments

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— Anthony Gay, who knew that when he harmed himself, it would bring contact with other human beings



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Anthony Gay walks down his street Nov. 11, 2018 in Rock Island. He spent in 22 years in solitary confinement.

Pushed to edge of insanity by solitary confinement

Inmate who faced decades of isolation, self-mutilation seeks to change system

By JEFF COEN AND STACY ST. CLAIR
Chicago Tribune

With his mental state deteriorating as he sat in the crushing isolation of solitary confinement, a desperate inmate named Anthony Gay saw a temporary way

out. Sometimes it came in the form of a contraband razor blade. Occasionally it was a staple from a legal document or a small shard of something he had broken.

He would mutilate himself in his Illinois prison cell, slicing

open his neck, forearms, legs and genitals hundreds of times over two decades in solitary confinement. Once, he packed a fan motor inside a gaping leg wound; another time he cut open his scrotum and inserted a zipper.

Each time he harmed himself, he knew that, at least for a little while, the extreme step would bring contact with other human beings. Therapists would rush to calm him. Nurses would offer

kind words as they took his pulse and stitched him up.

“It's kind of like being locked in the basement, and then emerging from the basement and being put on the center stage,” he said. “It made me feel alive.”

Gay entered the Illinois Department of Corrections in 1994 as a young man, convicted of

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All rise: Students and judges find connection

Kids given chance to meet jurists who share background

By KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

Thinking back on what inspired her legal career, Cook County Associate Judge LaGuina Clay-Herron said she can point to a moment in her childhood when her teacher introduced her class to an African-American female attorney.

“She looked like me and sounded like I did,” said Clay-Herron, who grew up in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood and attended Chicago Public Schools. “That gave me a

totally different perspective.”

Clay-Herron, who has been a judge for 12 years, said she keeps that in the back of her mind when talking to students who participate in Cook County's Heritage Courthouse Tours — a program run by the Chief Judge's Office.

For the past 18 years, the program has offered students the chance to see Circuit Court proceedings at the Richard J. Daley Center and then talk to judges from cultural backgrounds similar to their own, said Marta Almodovar, a supervisor in the Chief Judge's Office who coordinates the tours. In

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Judge LaGuina Clay-Herron grew up in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood and attended Chicago Public Schools.

From homeless to emerging hopeful

Unsheltered in Chicago have unique struggles

By CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Johnny Rivers was doing everything right.

For the first 18 years of his life, the Englewood native managed to overcome the disenfranchisement plaguing his neighborhood: He graduated from Jones College Prep, becoming the first in his family to finish high school; started college at a historically black university in Memphis; and found a passion producing music. “I was on a high

horse,” he proudly recalled.

No one could have predicted he'd be homeless by age 19. But by the spring of his freshman year at LeMoyné-Owen College, the stability Rivers had grown up with was stripped away after he heard in an unexpected phone call that his mom had died from heart failure.

“It was just a shaky, unstable road after that,” he said.

For the next five years, Rivers bounced around, searching for a place to plant new roots. He lived with his oldest brother until being kicked out after an argument; with a mentor until the house caught

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An ode to The New Yorker — from the Second City



RON GROSSMAN

Long ago, I came home from class one day to find my girlfriend pasting New Yorker magazine covers on a bathroom wall. She'd saved stacks of back issues, and by the time she finished, every wall in the room was a collage of the smart-set illustrations that were the publication's trademark.

We were students at the University of Chicago. She was there in self-imposed exile from New York, and I was a New York wannabe. I'd discovered The New Yorker on the shelves of the Albany Park branch of the Chicago Public Library. It beckoned me to explore the world beyond a blue-collar neighborhood and a family that read magazines primarily at a barbershop or beauty parlor.

The New Yorker wasn't likely found there. It celebrated a city 800 miles and culturally light-years distant. But that's what made it my North Star.

I was entranced by its first-person reports that I read, substituting "we" when the author wrote "I." Try that while reading this excerpt from a 1955 piece about a celebrated pop singer and perhaps you'll sense how the magazine mentally transported me from a city of corner taverns to a metropolis of magnetic sophistication.

"A very mild curiosity drew me to the vast Cotillion Room of the Pierre one night last week to catch its new floor show, which is unpromisingly advertised as Francis Langford and Fellas."

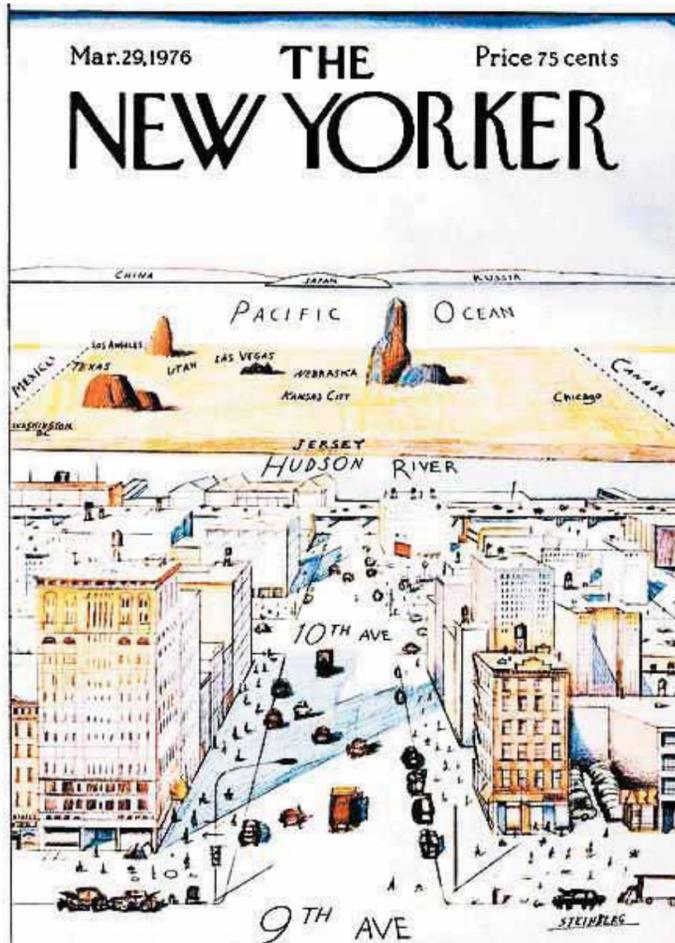
Before I met my girlfriend in biology class, I'd encountered her spitting image in J.D. Salinger's New Yorker stories about the Glass family: a Manhattan clan of precocious, sensitive and slightly wacky children. How could I not endorse her bathroom-wall homage?

I haven't been without a subscription ever since.

With another magazine, I first scan the table of contents for favorite subjects or writers. But when I first found The New Yorker, there wasn't a table of contents or bylines. The author was identified at the bottom of an article, like a friend signing a personal letter. I still treat it as such. I read the articles in order, though maybe not all of each one. Even a friend's Christmas letter is best skimmed in places.

I go through at least a few paragraphs of each piece reassuring myself that they, too, reflect the perspective of what the French call a *flâneur*: a dedicated wanderer who takes careful note of the streets he walks but maintains a certain distance from passers-by. Returning he'd archly observe: "The Sombrero, a night club in Little Neck, specializes in Chinese-America food."

I desperately needed such a pen pal during my years as a graduate student and young faculty member. Harold Ross, who founded The New Yorker in 1925, proclaimed it "not edited for the little old lady in Dubuque." Maybe so, but it was a godsend to me in Midwest college towns where I discovered that an intellectual conversation



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There was shoptalk — who is up for a prestigious post — and combat reports. Flaunting his latest journal article, a colleague exclaimed: "I've got him now!" He'd been debating a minor point in U.S. history with a long-dead scholar. Then The New Yorker would arrive with, say, Hannah Arendt's "Eichmann in Jerusalem." Covering the 1961 trial of Adolf Eichmann, her reporter's eye spotted a curious characteristic of the Nazi organizer of the Holocaust — his ordinariness — and she added an indelible phrase to the literature of totalitarianism: "the banality of evil."

By 1968, I no longer needed The New Yorker as a psychic crutch. I returned to the "Second City," as The New Yorker dubbed it. I fell in love with everything I once found off-putting: shot-and-beer taverns, greasy spoons, in short, its lack of sophistication. I began writing about Chicago and wouldn't live elsewhere.

Yet I still read The New Yorker. It's like an adult-education teacher whose adoring students take whatever course he's giving. A recent issue

offers the opportunity to learn about insomnia, Syria's troubles and Google's origins.

I also read it for a reason I couldn't have imagined when I found a copy in a public library seven decades ago. Chicago is becoming too much like New York. Skyscrapers are replacing two-flats. Trendy restaurants are replacing produce dealers in the Randolph Street market. So it's reassuring to read a New Yorker account of Zauo, a Japanese restaurant where diners catch the fish they'll eat as the staff cheers, chants and strikes a taiko drum.

"Whew," I'll say. "By comparison, Chicago remains my adorable down-to-earth 'Second City.'"

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Search for eagles during the annual "Eagle Watch on the River" program scheduled for Jan. 4 and 5 at McKinley Woods in Channahon.

January is prime time to see area's eagles

Officials say nearly a dozen nests in Will and Cook counties

By **ROB EARNSHAW**
Daily Southtown

The eagles have landed. Officials say there are nearly a dozen bald eagle nests in Will and Cook counties, and early winter is the peak time to catch a glimpse of the soaring birds.

Once listed on the endangered species list, bald eagles are an incredible success story that needs to be celebrated, Cook County senior wildlife biologist Chris Anchor said.

"It (the local bald eagle population) has just been growing," Anchor said. "Every couple years we get another nest."

Anchor said the national-symbol birds are nesting in south Cook County sites including

Tampier Lake in Palos Township, Bartel Grassland near Flossmoor and an industrial area of Lake Calumet. They're also found in preserves further north, including Skokie Lagoon and Busse Woods.

Anchor said the eagles at Tampier Lake, as well as those at the north suburban sites, are getting a lot of attention from photographers because those preserves are more accessible.

But how long the eagles will stick around depends on the weather.

Anchor said the eagles stay in an area as long as there is open water. They generally move south to areas like the Illinois River when the water freezes.

"They follow the rivers," he said.

Anchor said eagles tend to congregate in area where there are rocks or dams because it causes turbulence in the water and causes water to boil up

"The colder the day, the better the chances of seeing eagles along the Des Plaines River."

— Erin Ward, interpretive naturalist

and expose fish.

"It makes for real easy hunting," he said.

The gradual reestablishment of the bald eagle population is an indication of good things to come, Anchor said. He said females usually will come back after a few years to the general area where they fledged and look for nesting areas within five or ten miles.

Thee Forest Preserve of Will County recommends

one nearby eagle destination. Paved paths at McKinley Woods in Channahon should lead to views of bald eagles during the Forest Preserve District's Eagle Watch on the River program this weekend.

But that's not the only place in Will County the eagles are visiting this year.

Erin Ward, an interpretive naturalist with the district, said eagles have been seen at Rock Run Rookery in Joliet, Isle a la Cache in Romeoville, Kankakee Sands in Custer Township, Lake Renwick in Plainfield and Whalon Lake in Naperville.

"And pretty much anywhere there is open water," she said. "I've even seen them fly over Interstate 55 in Shorewood as I have been driving."

"January and February are great months to see eagles. They tend to migrate back north in March." Ward said according to

the Illinois Natural History Survey, there are 30 to 40 pairs of breeding bald eagles in the entire state of Illinois. "These numbers are good compared to 1985, when there was only one breeding pair," she said. "We do not disclose nest locations so the birds are not disturbed."

Ward said more eagles show up at McKinley Woods as the non-navigable Kankakee and DuPage rivers freeze over. Eagles can mostly be viewed in trees along the river.

"The colder the day, the better the chances of seeing eagles along the Des Plaines River," Ward said. "Because the eagle population is rebounding locally and nationwide, the chances of seeing the birds are increasing every year."

Rob Earnshaw is a freelance reporter for the Daily Southtown.

\$8.3 million in property tax overpayments to be refunded

By **GREGORY PRATT**
Chicago Tribune

In the coming weeks, thousands of Cook County homeowners are set to get a few hundred dollars back in property taxes they overpaid to the county, Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

The Cook County treasurer's office is sending nearly 30,000 homeowners refunds totaling \$8.3 million — the average is \$280 — without requiring an application, her office said.

Pappas said her office has spent much more of its budget toward increased technology that can instantly determine if people have overpaid their property taxes.

The money will be going out over the next few weeks, she said.

Property tax overpayments occur for numerous reasons, officials said, including reductions in property taxes after the bill was paid and taxpayers accidentally paying more than what is owed.

"We've taken steps in the past to make the refund application process easier," Pappas said.

"Now we're trying to eliminate the application altogether," she added.

In total, 29,752 refunds are being paid out soon, she said. People interested in checking whether they're entitled a refund should visit cookcountytreasurer.com, select "Your Property Overview" and enter their address or Property Index Number, officials said.

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Cook County, parking operators in dispute

Millions in back taxes that could hit consumers at risk

By GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's administration is doing more than 20 audits of private parking operators dating back seven years to determine whether they owe potentially millions in back taxes related to residential apartment parking, records and interviews show.

The issue has the potential to affect many Chicago-area residents and cost parking lot operators millions that could ultimately be passed on to consumers. If individual parking companies end up getting hit hard by an audit, they're likely to raise their own prices to try and recoup that money, ultimately hurting consumers.

At the heart of the issue is a conflict between Cook County and parking operators over the basic rules around off-street residential parking. Cook County and Chicago charge 9 and 22 percent taxes, respectively, on the monthly charge for parkers, while allowing a tax break for off-street parking that is meant to alleviate overcrowding on congested streets. The operator col-

lects the tax from the customer, then pays it to Cook County.

But in recent months, parking industry officials said, the county has changed how it interprets the exemption by demanding that residential parking agreements be documented in leases or addendums to leases in order to be claimed. As part of the audits it's conducting, the county is reviewing several years' worth of records to see if back taxes are owed—leading operators to cry foul.

Preckwinkle officials, meanwhile, said the county has not changed its rules but has focused on whether parking companies owe money they should have been paying all along. The county said it's constantly performing audits of all types, and this exemption was found in several parking tax audits conducted beginning late last year.

The off-street residential parking issue is potentially thorny for Preckwinkle, who also is running for Chicago mayor, as her political opponents seek to portray her as being overly reliant on regressive taxes, such as the county's now-rescinded pop tax. Preckwinkle's also likely to face questions over the county in 2016 increasing the sales tax by 1 percentage point, an about-face on the key issue that propelled her into of-

fice against Todd Stroger in 2010. She later cast the move as necessary for the county's pensions, debt costs and transportation infrastructure needs.

Preckwinkle also supported a December vote by county commissioners to restore a 6 percent tax on parking reservations made through apps such as SpotHero that was set to be cut this month.

Officials note the parking issue isn't a new tax but an outgrowth of the county's efforts to audit taxes currently on the books. During Preckwinkle's first year in office, the county had five field auditors compared with 21 today, three audit supervisors and six revenue assessment analysts whose focuses include refunds, tax discovery initiatives and bulk sales, officials said.

"Since taking office (Preckwinkle) has simply professionalized the county's operations, and this is another example," Preckwinkle spokesman Nick Shields said. "Before (Preckwinkle), the Department of Revenue primarily collected tax payments. Our efforts to properly administer and audit to our tax ordinances do not equate to a change in rules."

Still, there's tension between the county and affected parties.

County officials said they are working through more than 20 audits. So far, audits

have generated \$700,000 for the county in unpaid back taxes, though the county won't say how many audits that amount encompasses. Officials also declined to say how much they think the county will recoup from its audits but estimated it could be millions.

The Chicago Parking Association and the Chicagoland Apartment Association have expressed concerns, particularly over the county's attempts to reach into past years for back taxes.

"Changing the policy, or (changing) the way they're enforcing it is understandable," CAA Vice President Michael Mini said. "To hold (operators) responsible for not complying with something they thought they were complying with all along and were given no indication they were in violation of is unfair."

Said Shields: "It's our opinion (that) the operators should have been aware of their obligation and collecting this tax all along."

"In instances where there appears to be a genuine attempt by a business operator to comply, we can negotiate to waive penalties," Shields said. "That process happens on a case-by-case basis if the taxpayer can prove that they have made an effort to comply."

Representing the Chicago Parking Association,

attorney Stanley Kaminski in June wrote to county revenue director Zahra Ali, noting there's "controversy over the proper collection of the Cook County Parking Tax as it relates to residential off-street parking."

The county said it would interpret an exemption for apartment residents "in a stricter fashion than the city," Kaminski wrote. The county said it requires that the lease period in the parking agreement "exactly match the same lease period in the apartment lease," Kaminski wrote.

That, Kaminski said, would be a burden on month-to-month parkers and snow birds, among others, whose parking needs don't always match the lease. The county's "overly strict construction of the county exemption defeats the intended purpose of the exemption to not penalize apartment tenants for having to use off-street parking to alleviate the overcrowding of the limited on-street parking in the city," Kaminski wrote.

Part of the dispute revolves around if Cook County's ordinance allows for a separate parking agreement or whether it has to be included in the lease itself.

Chicago allows parking lot operators to provide a "separate writing or supporting documentation" of an arrangement for parking

with its residents.

Through Kaminski, the Chicago Parking Association asked the county to re-evaluate its interpretation of the lease requirements for the off-street parking exemption and apply the law "as we believe it was intended." But, the group said, if the county wants to make a change, the tax should not apply retroactively.

In its response, the county said the section "clearly states that the parking agreement must be part of the house or apartment lease."

"Contrary to your letter, the county has never issued any opinion or made any statement indicating a different reading of the ordinance," Ali wrote.

Assuming that the parking agreement is not part of the lease, the county still expects the parking agreement to cover the remainder of the lease, Shields said.

"A parking agreement that is not in the lease does not qualify for the exemption," he said. "In an effort to work with the parking operators, we have agreed to consider for exemption parking agreements that are separate from the lease provided the terms have a beginning or end date coinciding with that date in the lease."

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Cook Co.'s 1st baby of 2019 is 1st girl in clan

Child born in Hoffman Estates joins a band of 4 brothers

By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
Chicago Tribune

Some may still have been singing "Auld Lang Syne" when the first baby born in Cook County in 2019 made her appearance just five minutes into the new year.

Yarehlie Nava was born to Maria Ramirez and Freddy Nava of Elgin, said Jim O'Connell, a spokesman for Amita Health St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates.

The girl weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 inches. Her mother, 23, said she was in active labor for about six hours before the delivery at 12:05 a.m. She said she wasn't aware that Monday had turned into Tuesday, barely.

"I thought it was before (midnight)," she said of the birth. "I never really thought that it was going to happen like exactly at midnight."

Yarehlie is Ramirez's first girl but fifth child, she said. Yarehlie will soon meet big brothers Leo, 4; Alec, 3; Santiago, 2; and Mateo, 1.

The couple wasn't trying for a girl, and Ramirez was actually skeptical of the news at first.

"I thought I could only have boys, so I wasn't really setting my expectations too high for a girl," she said Tuesday after-



Maria Ramirez feeds daughter Yarehlie Nava, born at Amita Health St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates, on Jan. 1 at 12:05 a.m.

"My due date actually was Dec. 29. ... Her dad would always be telling me, 'Oh, she's going to be born on New Year's (Day), so I think it's because of him.'"

— Maria Ramirez

noon. "When I found out from the ultrasound, I was still not believing it."

It turns out little Yarehlie made her debut a tad late.

"My due date actually was

Dec. 29," said Ramirez, who never expected a Jan. 1 baby. "... Her dad would always be telling me, 'Oh, she's going to be born on New Year's (Day), so I think it's because of him.'"

The couple had their daughter's name picked out right away, Ramirez said.

"Once I found out I was pregnant, me and her dad picked it and never changed it once," she said.

The little girl was first of the 184 babies expected to enter the world in Cook County on New Year's Day, according to statistics compiled by the United Nations Children's Fund.

Lake County's first baby of 2019 was born at 12:23 a.m.

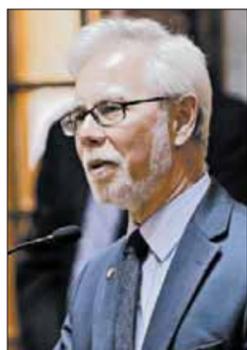
Yarehlie's brothers will have to wait a few more hours before

meeting the family's new addition. The hoopla over having the first baby of 2019 comes with little sleep, said Ramirez who, about 14 hours after giving birth, said she had gotten about three hours' sleep.

"They'll meet her soon, just not today," she said as she headed off for well-deserved rest.

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Indiana State Sen. Tim Lanane introduced a bill to allow voter registration on election day.

Election Day voter registration proposed in Indiana

Bill draws mixed reactions along party lines

By CRAIG LYONS
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Proposed legislation would allow Indiana residents to register to vote on election day.

State Sen. Timothy Lanane, D-Anderson, has filed the bill for the legislative session beginning Jan. 3, and it has drawn mixed reactions in Northwest In-

diana along party lines.

"Once again, I am filing a proposal to allow for same-day voter registration in Indiana. Requiring Hoosiers to register to vote 29 days before an election is an unnecessary obstacle for people to exercise their constitutional right to vote," Lanane said. "I hope that in the upcoming legislative session, Indiana can join the 17 other states as well as the District of Columbia that allow individuals to register to vote the same day as election day. It is time we

start stripping down the countless barriers that exist in Indiana that keep people from being able to get to the polls."

Jim Wieser, chairman of the Lake County Democratic Central Committee, said he's supportive of anything the state can do to make voting more accessible and transparent.

"The concept of same-day registration I strongly support" he said.

During the 2018 midterm election, Wieser said voter turnout doubled from 2014,

and people were actively registering to vote and voting early. Yet, he said, people's ability to vote has been restricted by ID regulations and other measures.

Wieser said he'd support the legislation, but would want to see details about how it would be implemented and what potential local impacts it could have.

Dan Dernul, chairman of the Lake County Republican Central Committee, said he didn't know enough about the legislation to say if he could support it.

"We really need to look at what we have now and see if we could refine it," Dernul said.

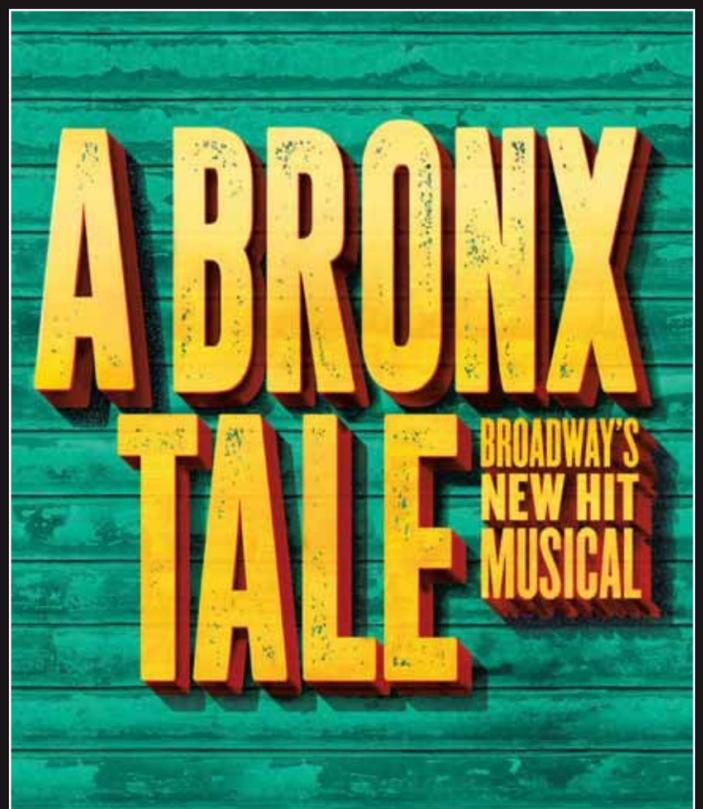
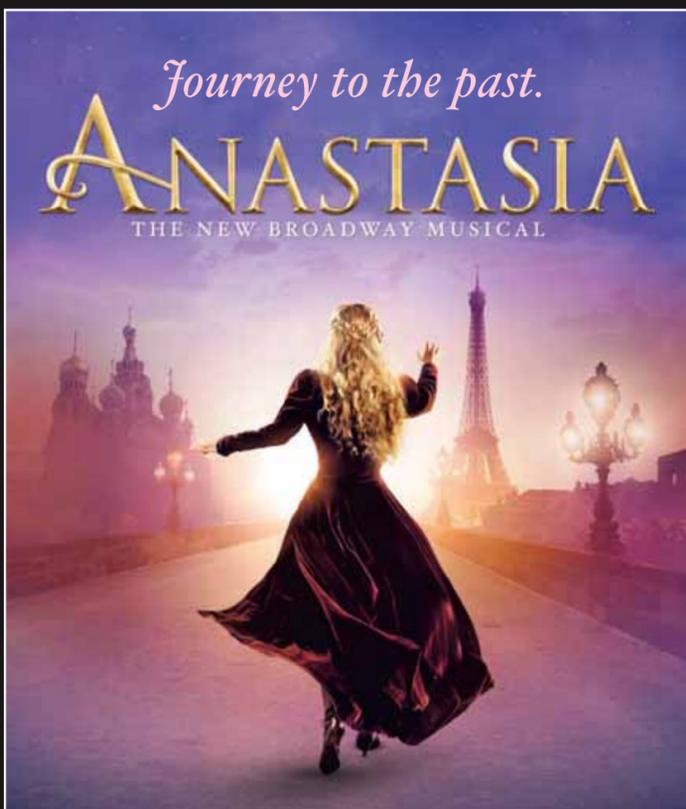
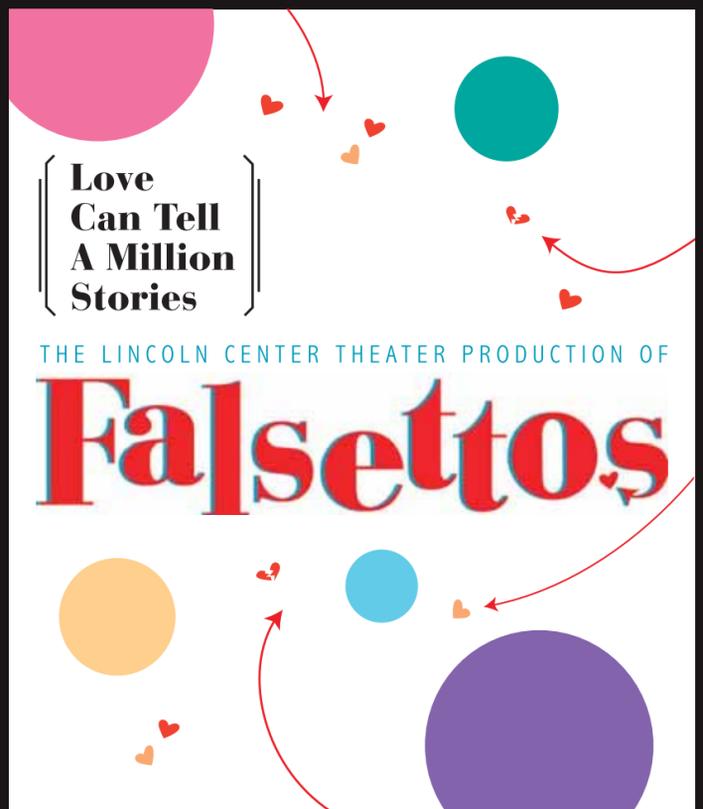
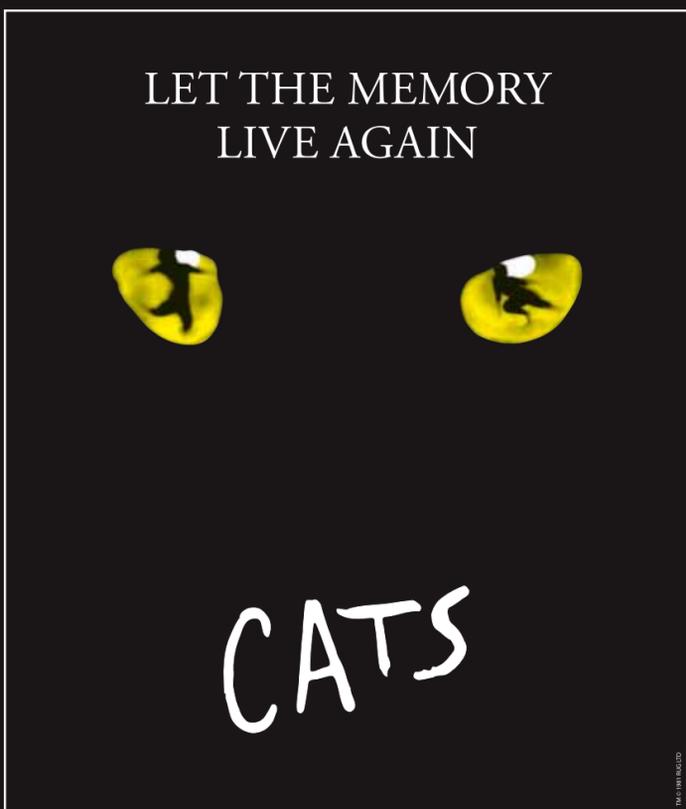
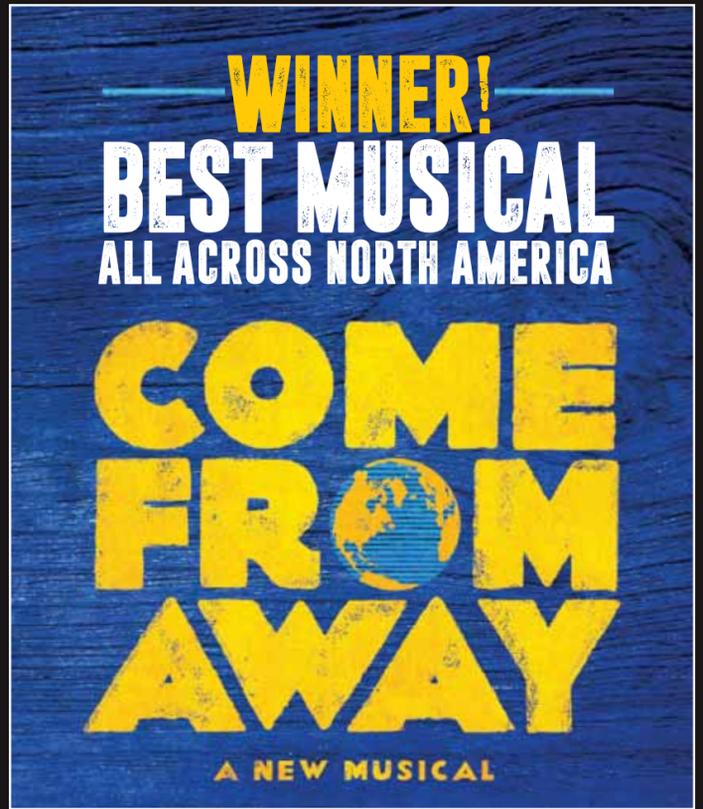
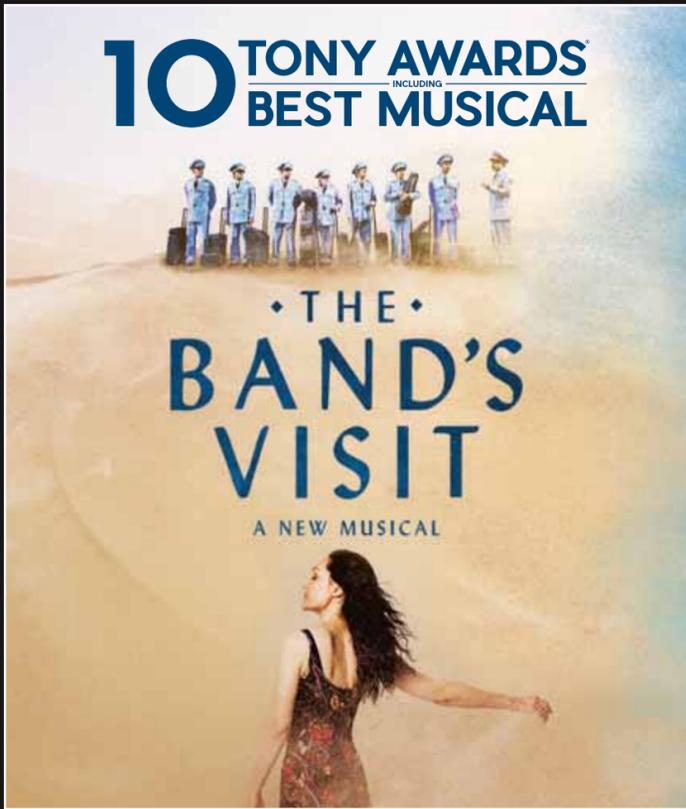
David Woerpel, chairman of the Hammond City Democrats, said closing voter registration almost 30 days before an election never made sense to him. The goal is always to get more people casting ballots, he said.

"I think it'd be a great idea for voters," Woerpel said.

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'THE GUILT STILL HAUNTS ME'

Onetime bully can't forget years of torment, but women forgive cruelty



DONNA VICKROY

It has been eight months of exhaling for the bully and the sisters he helped torment while all were in grade school.

Last April, Bruce Smit made amends for the pain he inflicted upon Kathleen Rys and Lorraine O'Kelly some 60 years ago.

Now, with the three seated side by side at McAlister's Deli in Mokena just days before Christmas, Smit's wife Tammy can't help but observe: "There's a lot of courage on that side of the table."

It was the fifth time this year the three childhood-enemies-turned-adult-friends had gathered since Smit openly apologized for participating in what became a yearslong beat-down of the "new girls in town."

They convened this time to celebrate Smit's 72nd birthday on Dec. 23 and to wish each other a happy holiday. They exchanged hugs and gifts.

And after a few minutes of catching up, the conversation meandered back to their journey's beginning, as they explored the roots of cruelty and the lifelong effect bullying can have on both victims and perpetrators.

O'Kelly and Rys were in third and fourth grade, respectively, when their family moved from Chicago to Monee in the 1950s. As newcomers to Monee Ele-

mentary School, they soon found themselves targeted by their peers.

"I don't know how or why it all started, but by the time I was in sixth or seventh grade, everyone was avoiding them," said Smit, a Frankfort podiatrist.

The other kids alternated between taunting and ignoring the sisters, giggling at them and calling them "Risk," a play off their last name, he said.

He remembers how he and his classmates would back up against the lockers to avoid coming in contact with the girls when they walked down the hall, their heads down.

"It was as if everyone thought they'd catch some terrible disease from us," O'Kelly, 71, recalled.

The ostracizing continued at Crete Monee High School, where the sisters say they did not attend school functions, did not get invited to parties or sleepovers and always ate lunch alone. In fact, O'Kelly remarked, the first time they sat down to a meal with a classmate was that "terrifying" yet "wonderful" day last spring when Smit apologized to them during a breakfast meeting at Panera in Tinley Park.

"We were so afraid to meet him," Rys said.

The feeling was mutual, with Smit remembering how his stomach ached before the gathering.

"But then I decided if it went badly, I would just take my licks. I deserved that," he said.

Little did he know, both Rys and O'Kelly, who'd relied heavily on their faith to get them through all those years of misery, had



DONNA VICKROY/DAILY SOUTH TOWN

Bruce Smit, center, apologized last spring to Kathleen Rys, left, and Lorraine O'Kelly for bullying them in grade school.

forgiven Smit as soon as Tammy suggested the meeting.

"I forgave him immediately," recalled Rys, who today lives in Oak Forest.

"Of course I forgave him," added O'Kelly, of Tinley Park. "How could I not?"

As they chatted and opened cards and gifts on this Sunday afternoon, the three marveled at how, even with the benefit of hindsight, the reason for the persecution eludes them to this day.

Was it because the sisters were shy? Was it because some kids thought they were of Native American or Indian descent? (They're Bohemian.) Or did the reason rest with the bully — a child in search of empowerment perhaps?

It remains a mystery, Rys said, but what is clear is that however petty or fleeting the excuse, the pain of being shunned by an entire student body for years settles deep within a person's soul.

Though all say they feel better since the apology planted the seeds of friendship, each still struggles with the lingering effects of the pain.

don't wonder anymore where they are and how they turned out.

"But the guilt still haunts me," he said, pausing to wipe away tears. "I think about these incidences so long ago and how they affected their lives. It helped to mold them and make them who they are. I wonder what might have been, what they missed in life."

He was heartened, though, years ago when his middle son came home and told him he'd stood up to a bully who was picking on another kid at his school. His son said he pushed the lockers and warned him to leave others alone. His son, he said, was afraid he'd get in trouble.

"I hugged him and told him I'd stand by him if that happened," Smit said. "I was proud of him."

In the months since the reconciliation, Smit and the sisters have been featured in newspapers and on radio and TV, with interviewers always asking the question that can't be answered: Why did this happen?

"I think kids don't realize the impact of their actions," Rys said.

"And they follow the crowd," O'Kelly added.

O'Kelly had hoped Smit's apology would inspire other alumni to follow suit, but no one else past has reached out, she said.

"It doesn't matter," she said. "This is enough. One person apologized and that's all that matters."

The sisters have become local celebrities, though, with store clerks, church workers and others recognizing them and remarking on their bravery.

A friend of O'Kelly's was so inspired by the original article that he penned a

fictional short story recounting the events, titling it "Risk Forgiveness."

"It brought tears to our eyes," she said.

Smit said the realization that he inflicted pain on others began to eat at him while he was in medical school studying to become a healer. For years, he said, the memories tormented him.

There were so many times, Tammy said, when he would wonder aloud, sometimes tearfully, what became of the sisters.

"I had to help him heal," she said. So she located the sisters and arranged the meeting.

Smit continues to hope others from his class will one day apologize.

But recently it dawned on him that some of those individuals may not even realize the pain they inflicted.

He recently reconnected with a man who had been one of his teachers in grade school.

"I told him the story," Smit said. "He said he and the other teachers didn't have a clue this was going on."

"I had to take my jaw and close it," he said.

A new year dawns but O'Kelly and Rys say they are not the kind to make resolutions for the future.

O'Kelly says she is more content with the present, however, now that her past has been liberated.

Smit said he feels the same.

"I feel closer to these two classmates from high school than anybody else," he said.

"These women have really become special to me."

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Fireworks in City That Works

New Year's Eve fireworks explode over the Chicago River on New Year's Day, in Chicago. Arena Partners, the event company that produced Chi-Town Rising in 2015 and 2016, put on a new fireworks show spread out at five launch points between Lake Shore Drive and Wolf Point. Navy Pier still hosted its own, separate show over Lake Michigan.

Elk Grove Village postal staff was shot

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
Chicago Tribune

A postal service worker working in an unmarked postal vehicle was shot multiple times Monday evening in Elk Grove Village, police in the suburb said.

The shooting was the first in the village of about 32,000 residents in two years, according to a news release from the suburb's Police Department.

Village police were called to Brantwood Avenue and Smethwick Lane about 6 p.m. after a resident heard the employee calling out for help, police said.

Witnesses told investigators they saw a dark-colored SUV leaving the area after the shooting.

The victim, whose identity wasn't disclosed by police, was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. His condition was not immediately known, police said.

The department said that the police presence in the area would be bolstered in coming days.

Police ask that anyone with additional information call the Elk Grove Village Police Department at (847) 357-4100.

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Program lets students and local judges share common ground

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2018, more than 1,000 students participated in the office's 10 tours for Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and Arab-American Heritage Month, among others. While any student can participate, Almodovar said she tries to invite schools with students whose backgrounds correspond to the theme of the tour.

The students hear about judges' career paths and have the chance to ask questions, Almodovar said.

"They learn about (the judges') background. They

will, surprisingly, learn that some went to night school; maybe they went to the same Polish Saturday school as them," she said. The program also teaches the kids about the inner workings of the justice system but mainly is designed to "inspire youngsters and say, yes, you can follow in these people's footsteps and become judges too."

John F. Kennedy High School teacher Khetam Khairallah says it's important to show students that they have endless career possibilities, no matter their background. For the past several years, Khairallah,

who teaches law and sociology, has taken her students on various Heritage Courthouse Tours and plans to take a group to the next scheduled tour in February for Black History Month.

"The more (professional career choices) we expose them to, the more they can see that this is attainable," Khairallah said, adding that many of her students at the Garfield Ridge school are preparing to be first-generation college students. "They need to see that connection — this is a person who grew up just like me."

The students not only

talk to judges and hear their paths to success, but also are exposed to other career possibilities in the judicial system, Khairallah said. "When they walk into that courtroom, they see five or six job opportunities, not just judge or lawyer."

"I think it really helps young people if they see someone of their ethnic background in a professional role," added Associate Judge Mark Joseph Lopez, who has talked to students during the county's Heritage Tours. "Maybe that's the first time they've seen a Latino judge or a black judge."

Lopez, whose father was an attorney, said he was the exception as a Latino child growing up in Chicago and the western suburbs because, through his father, he knew attorneys and judges. But for many other minority students, that isn't the case, he said, and a legal career may not seem accessible.

For Judge Clay-Herron, talking to students is her way of giving back and passing along the message: "If I can do this, you can do this."

Clay-Herron first became a teacher and worked in Chicago Public Schools for 17 years — while she at-

tended law school at night, studied for the bar exam and built up a client base over seven years of practicing law. Only then could she afford to quit her teaching job.

Making the leap from education to law was not easy, Clay-Herron said, recalling long nights of studying and grading papers. But the result was worth it.

"I tell that story to the students," she said. "I let them see it's doable, and anything worth having is worth fighting for."

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From homeless to emerging hopeful

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on fire; with friends of the mentor's back in Memphis; and myriad family and friends once he returned to Chicago.

He was grateful for the many houses, couches and beds, but none ever felt like home.

"They let me in," Rivers said of his time in Memphis, "but it was just weird staying with a bunch of strangers and in a whole different city at that."

Living situations like Rivers' are referred to as "doubled-up:" people living in the homes of others because of economic struggles, such as losing their house.

Niya Kelly, state legislative director for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH), says doubled-up living for young people tends to look like Rivers' experience: "couch surfing," "moving from place to place" — particularly at night — and not being guaranteed the same place to stay.

In 2016, there were more than 11,000 unaccompanied homeless youths ages 14 to 24 in Chicago, and 85 percent of them were living doubled-up, according to the most recent data from a CCH estimate.

Because Rivers had temporary housing situations — and his homelessness wasn't as overt as living under a viaduct or casting lots for a bed in a shelter — his circumstances, and those similar to his, wouldn't be counted as homeless by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In the January 2018 Chicago Homeless Point in Time (PIT) count and survey, 310 unaccompanied homeless youths ages 18 to 24, both sheltered and unsheltered, were counted in the city. While the survey acknowledges the challenges of tracking homeless youths because they "utilize their social network of friends and family to find a bed for the night," it doesn't say if the tally describes temporary living arrangements or doubled-up situations.

The HUD-mandated survey, led by Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS), is intended to give a picture of the city's homelessness at one point in time.

Similarly, HUD's Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, a culmination of all the local PITs, was released Monday and revealed that, on a single night, there were more than 36,000 unaccompanied homeless youths in the country, with 89 percent of them ages 18 to 24. The report estimated just



Johnny Rivers is seen at home in December in the South Shore apartment he got with the help of ChildServ.

over 680 unaccompanied homeless youths lived in Illinois.

The numbers are inconsistent, Kelly explained, because CCH is more inclusive in defining homelessness. Excluding doubled-up youths from counts does not give an honest assessment of what homelessness truly looks like in Chicago, she argues, nor does it account for the unique experiences of young adults who are homeless.

The fear of the unknown, of not knowing where they can go next, is a common feeling for homeless youths who are bouncing around or living doubled-up. Kelly says they often try to make themselves "as small as possible, or not eat as much food, or be as hospitable as possible to keep the peace" to be able to stay somewhere.

There's a misconception, too, Kelly said, that having a roof over your head — however momentary it may be — is better than living on the street.

"You don't know what a person has to do in order stay in a house that night," she said, "so it's not always better than living on the street. Some youths have to turn over their disability check or SNAP benefits (to the homeowner). Some girls get trafficked. Just because you're going somewhere at night doesn't mean you're safe."

Rivers' charm and charisma were replaced with dark feelings and a reclusive nature when he was homeless. Thoughts of 'none of this would be happening if (his) mom were still alive' circled his mind. He often felt thrown

into adulthood, wishing he'd been given a little more time to grow and ease into it.

"How I was during that time had a lot to do with just anxiety," Rivers said, "and more of that was a fear of I don't know what's going to happen the next day. It mostly had to do with not having a place to call home."

But light arrived when Rivers felt his situation was the darkest. He was living in his brother's basement in Englewood and working at the Sam's Club in Cicero when his brother gave him a two-week notice to find somewhere else to go.

"Times were getting tough, and I needed somebody to talk to," Rivers, now 25 years old, recalled. He began to share his "troubling times" with a co-worker.

Unbeknownst to Rivers, his co-worker had been through a similar journey — and he told Rivers how he'd made it out, Rivers said.

"He was like, hey, there's this program, Emerge, and then he told me how, when he got involved, they housed him, gave him food, just helped him find more job resources and everything."

It sounded too good to be true, but after another friend confirmed the program's legitimacy, Rivers called ChildServ, the 124-year-old nonprofit that runs the Emerge program.

While the organization's mission is to "protect, heal and educate children and families so they can build better lives," the Emerge program, which started in 2005, focuses solely on helping homeless young

adults ages 18 to 24 by providing them with a home, therapy, health sessions, food and grocery money, job resources and more.

Twenty young adults ages 18 to 24 can participate in the program at one time — 15 individuals and five single parents, with a maximum of two children — for up to two years. Since some young adults transition into independent living sooner than the two-year limit, the program is able to accept more people, helping 38 individuals and families every year.

Within one week of making the call, Rivers was meeting with his case-worker to check out his future South Shore apartment.

"When I was in the program (from October 2016 to October 2018), it still felt too good to be true. I didn't feel like it was mine," he said about the apartment. "Then some months passed on, a year passed on, and it was like, oh, this is my home. Nobody can force me out of here."

Dan Kotowski, president and CEO of ChildServ, says the organization helps young adults achieve their potential by giving them access to the same opportunities as other people. That often starts with a stable home and a job.

"There are a lot of young people in our program who just need to get stable in terms of housing — they really want to work and be productive members of the community," he said. "This program gives them that opportunity and the safety they need first. Then, we sit down and talk about their

goals: 'Now that you have a safe, comfortable, clean place to live, what do you want to do?'"

That answer has always been music for Rivers.

"I'm an artist," he said, "I love expressing myself, but you have to have a place to do that. I got the whole setup sitting right there (in my living room); it's accessible to me." Rivers took over paying the lease for the apartment in November.

Kotowski set up an interview for Rivers with the Lyric Opera while he was still in the program. The theater offered him a three-year, paid, full-time apprenticeship — with benefits — to learn carpentry and more about music. He sets up live plug-ins and speakers, helps build the play sets and stages, and gets "street gigs," like setting up for Justin Timberlake at the United Center and various acts at Lollapalooza.

"Being a part of that, it's exciting," Rivers beamed. "I be amazed at the things we put together. It's just really exciting. And I get to learn while I earn."

Rivers dreams of music taking him to the Grammys and BET Awards, and of securing acting roles.

But for now, he's hoping to be a change agent for Chicago's young people in neighborhoods like Englewood and Austin.

"I feel like people fall victim in those neighborhoods because they don't have the resources to express themselves," he said. "They just need to know it's there."

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Boy, 12, first person shot in Chicago in new year

2018 ended with 561 homicides, 2,948 people shot

By HANNAH LEONE
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A 12-year-old boy peering out of a second-story window in the Englewood neighborhood was the first person shot in Chicago in 2019, Chicago police said Tuesday.

The boy was shot in the hand shortly after 12:10 a.m. Tuesday in the 6500 block of South Union Avenue, police said. He was treated at St. Bernard Hospital.

Around the same time, the rear window of an unmarked police SUV was shot out as officers driving through a West Side neighborhood heard gunshots, police said.

Meanwhile, 2018 ended with two fatal shootings on Monday, bringing the number of homicides to 561, a 15 percent decline from 660 in 2017, the department said preliminary figures show. The number of people shot fell to 2,948, about a 15 percent drop from 3,463 in 2017.

Among the final homicides of the year was a 37-year-old man who was shot in the chest minutes before 10 a.m. in the 300 block of East 53rd Street in the Washington Park neighborhood, police said. The man, identified as Cornelius C. Hart by the Cook County medical examiner's office, was pronounced dead at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Around 2:45 p.m. in the Princeton Park neighborhood, a 25-year-old man walking in the 200 block of East 95th Street was shot in his head and back by someone who got out of an unknown vehicle, opened fire and then fled in the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

In 2018's final shooting, two women, both 25, were wounded inside a car in the 5400 block of West Gladys Avenue just before 11:50 p.m. The shooter used a rifle, a police source said.

The women had been westbound in a Ford sedan when a male suspect opened fire, hitting one of them in the chest and grazing the other on the head, police said. Both were taken to Mount Sinai Hospital and stabilized.

Ambulances were still at the shooting scene in the South Austin neighborhood when the "10-1" call came across police scanners about 12:10 a.m., signaling that an officer needed help.

Officers rushed from the block strewn with yellow numbers marking rifle rounds to the aid of their colleagues, who were not injured but said their silver police SUV had its back window shot out in the 500 block of North Lockwood Avenue.

Dozens of police clustered around the SUV or stood watch down the block as an officer pointed through the shattered rear window and two other officers shook hands.

"You all right?" one asked the other.

"It definitely went through," another officer said.

Police stretched yellow tape in between the crime scene and an unrelated call for an ambulance. Neighbor Pablo Arrollo said the ambulance was for his relative, who had taken ill.

Arrollo couldn't be sure whether he'd heard the gunshot that pierced the window of the police SUV, but he said there had been shooting all day. Arrollo had at least one resolution for 2019: "Move over," he said. Somewhere quieter, he hoped.

Less than a mile down Leamington Avenue, not two hours after the squad car was damaged, a 35-year-old man walking on the sidewalk was shot in his left foot just after 2 a.m. Tuesday. The man was stabilized and taken to Loretto Hospital, police said. He was the second person shot in 2019.

Police said they had two suspects in custody Tuesday morning.

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Boxer hopes for clemency

Charles Tanner says he's learned from his mistakes

By BECKY JACOBS
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Charles "Duke Got Next" Tanner has a bunch of reasons why he's hoping he gets clemency this month, but one of his driving forces is his son.

"What would be a greater gift than to give myself and to be in his presence physically? That's the greatest gift I could give in his lifetime," Tanner said.

The former Gary boxer's clemency request is pending with the Department of Justice. Tanner and his supporters are hopeful his will be included in any requests President Donald Trump may grant during the holiday season.

Tanner, 38, is set to be released in 2030, according to the Bureau of Prisons, after he had his double life sentence reduced.

When he was arrested, Tanner was an undefeated light heavyweight boxer from Gary who had been in a televised fight on ESPN.

Tanner was accused of leading the Renegades, a local gang that trafficked thousands of pounds of crack cocaine and marijuana, and was convicted in 2006 of conspiracy to distribute.

Tanner admits his

crimes and understands he broke the law. But he said he feels he's learned from those mistakes, worked to better himself and is ready to return to society to help people in his community.

Tanner tried for clemency during President Barack Obama's administration, but that request was denied.

This time, he's seeking a commutation of his sentence, which could potentially lead to his release or reduction in sentence but would not clear his conviction or imply innocence, according to the DOJ.

Amy Ralston Povah, founder of CAN-DO, said she sees a chance of clemency for Tanner.

"Tanner is certainly a strong contender," she said.

While Ralston Povah has worked with other inmates across the country in their clemency efforts, she said, "It was kind of hard to ignore Charles' case because it's so compelling."

CAN-DO, or Clemency for All Non-violent Drug Offenders, prioritizes cases of women who received lengthy drug sentences based on conspiracy laws, those with life or long sentences for marijuana and first-time offenders.

Ralston Povah created the nonprofit after her own clemency request was granted during President Bill Clinton's administration. She served nine years

of a 24-year prison sentence on conspiracy drug charges.

Ralston Povah said that Tanner "is almost a poster child for someone who deserves a second chance."

"It's just one that touches your heart," she said.

Tanner is a first-time offender with a nonviolent offense. Since he's been in prison, he's taken classes and worked to improve himself, according to CAN-DO.

Tanner and Ralston Povah said they're encouraged by Trump's discussion about criminal justice reform. This month, the legislature passed a bipartisan criminal justice reform bill. Trump granted clemency to Alice Marie Johnson, who was serving a life sentence for a nonviolent drug offense, and also gave a pardon to heavyweight boxing champion Jack Johnson, who died in 1946.

As of December, Trump had received 825 petitions for pardons and 4,183 petitions for commutations during his time in office, according to the DOJ. Trump has granted seven pardons and four commutations, and he's denied 82 pardons and 98 commutations, the DOJ shows.

When Tanner was sentenced, federal sentencing guidelines were harsher for crack cocaine than for other drugs, which contributed to his initial life



Charles Tanner, right, hopes his clemency request is granted in large part for his son, Charles Tanner III.

sentence. Since then, the U.S. Sentencing Commission changed the amounts of crack cocaine needed for certain terms, and the change was applied retroactively to Tanner.

"I believe, if Donald Trump read my case and my petition, he will let me go," Tanner said.

Charles Tanner III, now 16, was 2 years old when his father went to prison, but he said they "are still close even though he's in jail."

"He still plays a big role even though he's not here," Tanner III said.

Tanner III said his father tries to guide and teach his son to "not make the mistakes that he did."

Tanner is housed in a low-security federal correctional institution in Allenwood, Pa., but he repeatedly says he's blessed and gives credit to his faith.

Tanner knows his family

and friends have suffered with him through the decisions he made, but they also "showed infinite patience with me through this whole situation," he said.

"It taught me about blessing, about what unconditional love was," he said.

Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson said she supports Tanner in his clemency request.

"I think he can certainly send a very strong message. He is remorseful. He has acknowledged his behavior. And that it was not consistent with who all of us believed him to be when he was boxing," Freeman-Wilson said.

If released, Tanner has plans to help and share his story with younger generations, including in the Gary community, he said.

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Anthony Gay becomes emotional during a November service at the Church of Peace in Rock Island, which he has been attending since being released from prison.

Pushed to edge of insanity in solitary

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robbery after brawling with another teen who told police that Gay took his hat and stole a single dollar bill. He expected to serve as little as three and a half years.

Instead, a fight with a fellow inmate led to Gay's first stint in segregation, pushing him into a downward spiral that resulted in 22 years in solitary confinement. Shortly after the segregation started, the cutting and suicide attempts began.

The Illinois Department of Corrections would later identify Gay in court filings as one of a few dozen inmates whose mental illnesses were so acute and dangerous that they required full in-patient care. His psychiatric treatment, however, often consisted of a therapist shouting questions to him through a door.

By keeping Gay in isolation, the state continued the increasingly discredited practice of segregating prisoners from others for long stretches. The American Correctional Association — the organization that provides expected practices for prisons across the country — issued new standards in 2016 that called for limits on restricted housing, including a provision that prisoners with mental illnesses should not be placed in solitary confinement for an extended period.

An IDOC spokeswoman declined to comment on Gay's incarceration or the treatment he received. The agency also refused to release any records related to Gay's confinement, saying it would be an invasion of his privacy. The Tribune established a timeline of his confinement by reviewing thousands of pages of court documents, medical records and testimony transcripts and conducting interviews with Gay, his relatives, his lawyers, prosecutors and prison experts. Taken in their totality, the paperwork and interviews paint a disturbing portrait of a man whose prolonged isolation caused him to mentally deteriorate to the point where he would do just about anything — including mutilate himself — for human contact.

Gay, now 44, recently filed suit in U.S. District Court claiming that his treatment amounted to torture and that he was denied proper mental health care.

His case comes amid a broader rethinking around the country of solitary confinement, and whether it amounts to excessive punishment.

At any given time, about 67,000 inmates nationwide are spending up to 22 hours a day alone in a cell, according to a joint study by Yale University and the Association of State Correctional



Anthony Gay departs the Rock Island home where he lives with his aunt and uncle after being released from prison.



Gay shows scars on his arms that he got from cutting himself during his years in solitary confinement.

Administrators.

A significant number of those have mental illnesses, though estimates vary. A federal judge recently found that of the roughly 1,100 Illinois prisoners in solitary confinement, more than 900 of them have been diagnosed with mental illnesses. Another measure, provided last month by the Illinois Department of Corrections, found that nearly 1 in 3 prisoners in segregation have a mental illness categorized as serious.

The issue has prompted several states to reform their segregation policies in recent years, though Illinois lags behind. While Illinois has significantly reduced the number of days juvenile offenders spend in isolation and no longer uses segregation as a punishment for young people as part of a consent decree between the department and the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, those policies do not extend to the adult population. That, however, could change following a blistering report from a federal monitor charged with

reviewing the treatment of mentally ill inmates in restrictive housing.

Released from prison in August, Gay said he hopes his lawsuit helps change the system. In some ways he already has. A federal judge ordered the Illinois Department of Corrections in October to improve its mental health services — a groundbreaking ruling made after Gay testified about his troubling treatment in solitary.

With Gay's intelligence and an extraordinary ability to articulate his mental deterioration in solitary confinement, his lawyers believe he could be a pivotal voice in the growing prison reform movement.

"I'm more focused on loving the guys that's still left behind," Gay told the Tribune, "and throwing a rope to pull them out of the ditch."

A rough beginning

Gay's early family life in his native Rock Island wasn't always steady.

He was raised in a work-

ing class neighborhood by an aunt and uncle who adopted him, although his biological mother, who had endured struggles of her own, lived in the same Quad Cities town along the Mississippi River. He sat at the dining room table of his aunt's home on a recent day, surrounded by family pictures, and recalled how as he was entering his teen years he made the fateful choice to leave.

His maternal aunt's home meant stiff rules, homework and curfews, while his mother's two-room apartment meant freedom to come and go as he pleased.

"If I had stayed here, I don't think I would've gotten into trouble," he said. "Went downhill when I left here."

Gay said he had difficulties with discipline when he wasn't wrestling for his school team, at one point being sent to a juvenile home.

He avoided a serious criminal record until age 18, when he fought another young man from a nearby

block after Gay says the teen insulted his sister. Gay was accused of taking the other man's hat and \$1 after beating him.

Gay pleaded guilty to robbery in exchange for a sentence of probation, but that was soon revoked after he was caught driving without a license. Suddenly his life was taking a detour into the Illinois Department of Corrections, where he found himself sentenced to seven years in prison.

Still, with time off for good behavior, the sentence could have meant as little as three and a half years in medium-security facilities such as the Shawnee Correctional Center downstate, where he was sent in his earliest days. But shortly after arriving he had a fistfight with another inmate. Gay was transferred to the tougher Menard Correctional Center, as was the prisoner he fought with. The two soon brawled again, Gay said.

That second fight put Gay into solitary confinement for the first time. And it was in solitary confinement — in one Illinois prison or another — where Gay would remain for more than 8,000 days.

With panic setting in during those early weeks, he first sought attention by remembering something he had done when he was 12 years old back in Rock Island. He had taken a bunch of pills, prompting him to be rushed to the hospital.

"It garnered a lot of sympathy," he said. "Everyone was so concerned about me. ... It felt nice to have people care for me."

Sitting alone in his cell, he recalled the childhood episode and the resulting attention fondly. So without much hesitation, he said he opened the pack of medi-

cation he had been given by prison medical staff, and swallowed all of it.

'I was sinking'

Gay's next transfer was to an Illinois facility synonymous with tough prison life — the sprawling Pontiac Correctional Center in Livingston County, where Gay said conditions in the prison were worse and he spent most of his time alone and struggling with his mental state. The situation grew so intolerable, he says, that he repeatedly attacked guards and disobeyed orders, extending his time in segregation over and over again.

"I don't think I understood it," he said of his steady deterioration. "I was sinking then but not really realizing it."

He would become enraged by simple things, he said, like a guard giving him one piece of bread on his meal plate and not two. By repeatedly earning disciplinary tickets, Gay was slowly eating through all the good time built into his sentence, pushing his release date up to, and eventually beyond, his seven-year maximum.

By 1998, Gay's conduct resulted in his transfer to what was then the newly opened Tamms Correctional Center, a maximum-security facility essentially designed to house the state's worst offenders. For at least 23 hours a day, inmates sat in 7-by-12-foot cells. Meals were served through a "chuck hole" and contact with outside world was sharply restricted.

There were no jobs, no vocational training and, for Anthony Gay, no hope. In continued isolation, he gravitated further toward self-destruction.

"I remember tearing the light switch out, sticking a screw in my ear," he said. "It felt good."

But it took another inmate on his wing seriously injuring himself for Gay's behavior to worsen. The inmate had somehow managed to cut himself, Gay learned, and the incident prompted an emergency response by the staff unlike anything he had ever seen. He watched through the dime-sized holes in his cell's metal door as concerned prison employees rushed to the man's aid.

"Nurses come at the speed of light. Mental health and security," he recalled. "They come running, and ... it hit me. These people really love this dude, they really care. I wanted that kind of attention."

In a twisted plan to receive some of that same comfort and human interaction, Gay tried to mimic his fellow inmate. He threatened suicide with a

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noose that another inmate had made him and left in the shower area. He was bounced out of Tamms to other facilities and then back, all the while hurting himself more and more extremely.

At one point he removed part of one of his testicles and hung it on his cell door, according to court records, as a kind of demented message to his captors. He only left Tamms a second time in late 2012 because the notorious facility shut its doors for good.

"Kind of like a drug addict — you have to up the ante," Gay said. "I learned to tolerate the physical pain. So the physical pain would alleviate the psychological pain."

Lawyers intervene

Therapists diagnosed Gay with antisocial personality disorder and narcissistic personality disorder, describing him as manipulative and anxious in their notes. He believed himself to be in love with his Tamms psychologist.

The Department of Corrections responded by putting him on medication and providing occasional therapy. He continued to mutilate himself, but corrections officials typically dismissed it as a manipulative gesture.

While there's no doubt Gay was trying to manipulate corrections staff to elicit their concern, the extreme self-harm was also — and simultaneously — a symptom of a major psychiatric disorder, his attorneys say.

"The Illinois Department of Corrections was well aware that solitary confinement was driving Anthony insane, but throughout nearly his entire incarceration they did almost nothing to ameliorate it," said attorney Antonio Romanucci, who is representing Gay in his federal lawsuit.

Indeed, a federal monitor blasted the state Department of Corrections in a report released in 2018, decrying the conditions for mentally ill inmates.

The 105-page review details how segregated inmates languish in "filthy, loud" cells that are inappropriate for housing the seriously mentally ill. By not addressing the isolated prisoners' needs, the depart-

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ment is causing problems for both itself and the inmates, according to Dr. Pablo Stewart's report.

"The placement of seriously mentally ill offenders in segregation exacerbates their pre-existing mental illness as well as causing the development of new forms of psychiatric pathology," Stewart wrote.

"It is imperative that the department fully embraces the reality that it is the largest provider of mental health care in the state of Illinois. As such, outdated correctional notions about the use of segregation need to be completely rethought."

Gay garnered the attention of prison reform advocates as far back as his earliest time at Tamms, as lawyers monitored the conditions there and expressed concern about years of isolation for inmates in court filings. And he caught the notice of downstate prosecutors, who also wanted to make a statement about prison culture.

In Livingston County, where Pontiac Correctional Center is situated, the state's attorney's office lodged 21 indictments against Gay between 2000 and 2004 for the many times he threw his own excrement at guards. In what some call "picket fencing," the cases were often stacked separately as the statute of limitations for each charge was about to expire, so the convictions led to consecutive sentences.

The charges were intended to send a clear mes-



Anthony Gay greets other parishioners at the Church of Peace in Rock Island.

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sage to both the public and the nearly 3,000 inmates housed at Pontiac: In a county where the prison employs hundreds of residents, prosecutors would seek tough punishments against anyone caught abusing staff members.

Gay stood trial on many of the counts, typically acting as his own attorney. Ultimately, his 10-month stay in Pontiac resulted in another 97 years tacked on to his sentence.

A judge handling one of the cases noted the unusual nature of the Gay prosecution in a memo to another judge in May 2004.

"The sad thing about this case is that at the age of 19, Mr. Gay committed a minor theft in Rock Island County and was sentenced. ... Because of all of the incidents at Pontiac Correctional Center, he probably will never be released," wrote Judge Charles Frank, according to court records. "I would think a \$2 piece of plastic draping would have prevented all of these. Apparently, no one out there understands that."

Desperate for help and now looking at a lifetime of solitary confinement, Gay began writing lawyers and begging for assistance. Among those willing to take up his cause was Scott Main of the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University. Main and a colleague challenged how the sentence

Just days later, Gay told his complete story in court for the first time, testifying in a class-action lawsuit filed more than 10 years ago by another inmate named Ashoor Rasha, a case that has led to the federal monitoring of the state Department of Corrections.

Lawyers have called Gay's poise and ability to articulate his experiences remarkable, considering his history. After Gay's testimony in the Rasha case, the federal judge issued a new order finding the state was "deliberately indifferent" to mentally ill inmates' needs and requiring state prison officials to address "constitutional deficiencies" in its treatment of those prisoners. He cited Gay in his ruling.

"Part of the reason prisons are as far away as they are is because we don't want to see it, we don't want to look at it, we don't want to know about it," Main said as he reflected on Gay's case.

The state has been ordered to pay \$3.8 million for the inmates' legal fees in the decade-old case, an amount finalized by federal Judge Michael Mihm in late December.

Gay files suit

In addition to the Rasha case, another downstate suit from 2016 filed by inmate Henry Davis is seeking class-action status and a requirement that the state apply new standards that limit the use of extreme isolation in state prisons.

And Gay in October filed his own lawsuit against the state of Illinois and its prisons officials in U.S. District Court in Chicago, forming a third prong in the series of legal challenges buffeting IDOC.

"It was plain for anyone to see that solitary confinement was ravaging Anthony's mind, and that he was in desperate need of appropriate mental health care," Gay's lawsuit reads.

"But instead of placing Anthony in a setting that would alleviate the impact on his mind, or providing him treatment to get better, the defendants responded by prolonging Anthony's extreme isolation, depriving him of access to human contact, programming, mental health care, and activities — for decades."

Alan Mills of the Uptown People's Law Center is an attorney on both the Rasha and Davis cases, and he said those suits together with Gay's case could provide the momentum needed to bring real reform to Illinois.

said Gay's suit is notable because he is seeking damages for what happened to him as an individual.

"What Anthony shows is why the other two are important," Mills said. "It shows the depth of damage that can be done to a person if we don't fix this system. There will be more Anthony Gays coming down the pike."

Recent proposals to limit solitary confinement for adult inmates in Illinois died without even making it out of the General Assembly. More than 30 states — including Texas, California, North Dakota and New York — have taken steps toward reducing the number of inmates held in segregated cells for punitive reasons. And Colorado, once notorious for holding inmates in solitary confinement, now has a policy that bans solitary confinement

for longer than 15 days and requires most inmates must be out of their cells for at least four hours a day.

Both the Association of State Correctional Administrators and the American Corrections Association have championed reforms, acknowledging that such practices do not serve the best interests of inmates or staff. A 2016 joint study by the administrators association and Yale Law School concluded that segregation should be used when "absolutely necessary and for only as long as absolutely required."

"I think there is momentum (for reform). When states both large and small start making these changes, it's hard for other states to ignore it," said Leann Bertsch, the ASCA immediate past president and director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

"Administrative segregation places substantial stress on both the staff working in those settings as well as the prisoners housed in those units. Our highest priority is to operate institutions that are safe for

staff and inmates and to keep communities to which prisoners will return safe."

A new life

Anthony Gay no longer treads anxiously or lives in isolation.

He has a home now, with friends and family. He has a half-dozen lawyers, all of whom are concerned about how he adjusts amid his newfound freedom.

"For the past year and a half I've been worried to death about what's going to happen when Anthony comes out, because ... what has the state done to this person and then said, 'All right, go forth?'" Main asked. "So there has to be some acknowledgment and some awareness and some reckoning to address what we, the state of Illinois, 200 years old, are in the process of doing and have done and will continue to do unless there are conversations like this."

After his release, Gay moved in with his aging aunt and uncle, who see him as their son. His aunt often looks at him for long stretches without saying a

word, just shaking her head and smiling as if she can't believe he has come home.

At his adoptive parents' dining room table, Gay offers guests root beer and shows them where he'd been painting their kitchen. He cannot sit still for long stretches, often finding excuses — Come look at this picture of fourth-grade me in the front room! Do you want to see the handiwork I've done in the basement? — to stand and walk around.

There were no baths in prison, so he prefers them now to showers, he said.

He has marveled at the advancement of technology, and has learned to text. Though his uncle bought him a subscription to the local newspaper while he was in prison, there's still a lot he has to catch up on.

He gets therapy, and he shrugs when a lawyer sitting talked about how he might be the one to shed light on a dark part of the Illinois prison system and help others who now find themselves where he was.

There are deep scars, both physical and emotional, but Gay insists he doesn't hate anyone he believes did him wrong. He won't let himself be eaten up by anger thinking about those who ignored him except when they were pushing food through a slit in a steel door.

"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate," he said, paraphrasing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. "Only love can drive out hate."

He might write a long piece about his experiences, he said, and if not, he would like to get into publishing somehow.

But for now Gay marvels at the small things, like mowing a lawn, having new shoes, and taking out the garbage.

Even a stroll to a small coffee shop is something to be savored.

"The other day, I walked down to the corner, and I just stopped and was like, 'Are you serious?'" he said.

"I'm here."

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Bears record: 8-1-1. Coaches: Hunk Anderson and Luke Johnsos. On Dec. 26, 1943, before 34,320 fans at Wrigley Field, the Bears won their third title in four years. "Sid Luckman was the leading man in the Bears' dramatic pushback to the heights," Tribune reporter Edward Press wrote. "The black haired fellow from Brooklyn fired five touchdown passes, two more than any passer in the National league's history had done in any preceding championship battle. And the sixth touchdown? That went to old Bronko Nagurski, who turned back the years in a smashing exhibition at full back."

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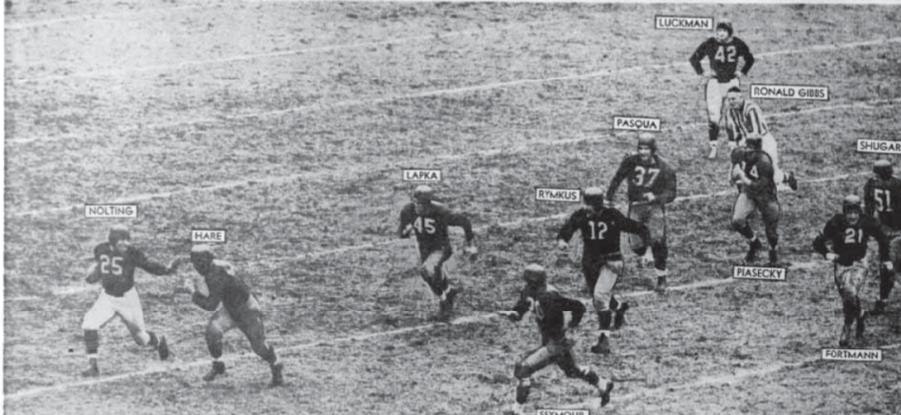
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BEARS CRUSH REDSKINS, 41-2; WIN TWO TITLE



NOLTING TAKES A JOLTING—AFTER A TIME



Ray Nolting, who has been representing the Bears at half back for so long that a national title game with the Redskins is just another Sunday afternoon's work, finally is closed in on by a bevy of Washington tacklers in yesterday afternoon's championship game in Wrigley field, but not until he had picked up a creditable play. The Bears won, 41 to 21. The total receipts broke the all time record for title play.

MOUNT CARMEL LOSES TO JESUIT ELEVEN, 12 TO 0

Table with 2 columns: MOUNT CARMEL and JESUIT. Lists player names and statistics.

Too Tough

By Wilfrid Smith. (Chicago Tribune Press Service.) ... Capt. Ray Coates, as fine a prep football player as you will find in a nationwide search, and his teammates from Jesuit High school, handed Chicago's Mount Carmel eleven a 12 to 0 defeat in this afternoon on a muddy gridiron in City Park stadium.



Victory smiles are the vogue in the Bears' dressing room and best efforts are registered by (left to right) Harry Clark, Sid Luckman, Dante Magnani, and Bronko Nagurski, the regular back field, each member of which was a hero in his own right yesterday.

Everybody but Weather Man Is Rude to Poor Redskins

By Maurice Shevlin. All in all, it was a rude awakening for the Redskins. Yes, rude is the word. The Chicago Bears were extremely rude, as their 41 to 21 victory attests. The general manager, the clubhouse boy, the ushers, and the guardians of law and order were rude to the point of being downright nasty, as George Preston Marshall, owner of the Washington club, vociferously declaimed.

Marshall escorted off field. To hear some of the Redskins tell it, about the only fellow in Chicago yesterday who wasn't rude was the weather man who, for that matter, probably was enjoying a day off. It really wasn't that bad, however, for the Redskins, champions of the National Football league, Washington, D. C., New York City and points east stayed in and pitched until the final gun crack before giving up their title, and Mr. Marshall, ejected just before the first half intermission, also found his way back in the field and was in on the proceedings thereafter.

LUCKMAN LEADS ATTACK WITH 5 SCORING PASSES

34,320 See Farkas Tally Twice. That's It! WASHINGTON (AP). CHICAGO (AP). Redskins ... Sid Luckman ... 5 scoring passes ... 34,320 fans ...

OWNER HALAS FINDS BEARS ARE TERRORS OF OLD

By Edward Burns. J. J. Condr. George Halas, owner-coach in absentia of the Chicago Bears, was very much present at the big game yesterday, joined in the whooping clubhouse celebration after the triumph over the Washington Redskins, and enthusiastically expressed the hope the war situation will be such next August that the Bears will participate in the All-Star game sponsored by Chicago Tribune Charities.

Sigillo Is Bears' Unsung Hero; Logan Injured

The unsung hero of the Chicago Bears' smashing 41 to 21 triumph yesterday over the Washington Redskins was Dominic Sigillo, a 230 pound giant from Xavier university of Cincinnati. Sigillo started at left tackle. "When the game started," said the Bears' coaching staff, "we didn't know whether we had a left tackle or not. But this Sigillo guy soon convinced us we did. He played like a major."

He Retires Again. As soon as he did crash his own clubhouse, Nagurski pulled yard after yard of tape off his aged torso. (Continued on next page, column 4)

In the WAKE of the NEWS

THIS department welcomes the Chicago Bears, champions of the National Football league, to the 1944 All-Star game. They proved their right at Wrigley field yesterday to represent professional football in sport's most glamorous contest. ... For a fellow who can't seem to hold a job, Buck Newsom's all-time record compares favorably with those of a lot who can. ... It may be a long time before we see again see their likes on the same field. ... For a fellow who can't seem to hold a job, Buck Newsom's all-time record compares favorably with those of a lot who can. ... It may be a long time before we see again see their likes on the same field.

Corp. Yashida, American. I thought your readers might be interested in the following which was contained in a letter from my soldier husband on Attu: "Corp. Yashida is a Jap, who was a member of Company 'M' until the time the United States declared war on Japan. He was liked by all the boys, and was a real American soldier, and when the Pearl Harbor tragedy occurred, was sorry to leave for another camp. As a token of his respect, he presented a silk American flag to his company. It was hung in a prominent place in the mess hall. Big John Bahun, the mess sergeant, vowed it would go with the outfit wherever it might be sent. When we attained victory on Attu, a frantic search was made for a flag to raise. None could be found, but suddenly the sergeant remembered Corp. Yashida's gift. Now it flies proudly over this outpost." C. Lundquist.

It Certainly Is. Ain't it a thrill, after visiting the old home town, to find your name in the personal? Mrs. F. F. F. from Woodlawn.

Do You Remember 'Way Back When? Most of our letters begin with "I now take my pen in hand." Zoaky. The young man who owned a rubber tire buggy and a good harness horse turned the key to the door of his new house. The young man who owned a rubber tire buggy and a good harness horse turned the key to the door of his new house.

Dumbbell Fome. Mrs. H. H. H. from Woodlawn. Her family now has seven. Little Alf.

Little White Lies. This garment 88 per cent reused wool, 12 per cent wool. Merely wash to restore its original luster. G. E. Maybanks.

ST. AMBROSE FIVE HOST TONIGHT TO CAMP GRANT. Camp Grant, Ill., Dec. 26 (Special)—The Camp Grant basketball team will go to Davenport, Ia., tomorrow night in quest of its sixth straight victory at the expense of the St. Ambrose college quintet. Tomorrow's game will be the second of a two game excursion into Iowa. Tuesday evening the Warriors will drop into Iowa City to meet the Iowa Pre-Flight team.

The Figures. FOLLOWING are financial figures on yesterday's National Football league championship game in Wrigley field. Official attendance—34,320. Gross gate receipts—\$120,268.62. Federal tax—\$18,854.35. Net gate receipts—\$101,414.27. Park rental—\$16,631.82. Radio—\$5,000. Player's total—\$68,619.28. Bears' share—\$27,986.98. Full share for each winning player—\$1,135.81. Loser's share—\$2,174.65. Full share for each losing player—\$724.60. Gross box office—\$3,433.98. Bears' share—\$1,333.98. Net box office—\$2,100.00. New York player's share—\$3,433.98. (Eastern division runners-up.)

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Criticism mounts over ICE

Agency casts too wide a net, dividing families, critics say

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The officers suit up in the pre-dawn darkness, wrapping on body armor, snapping in guns, pulling on black sweat shirts that read POLICE and ICE.

They gather around a conference table in an ordinary office in a nondescript office park in the suburbs, going over their targets for the day: two men, both with criminal histories. Top of the list is a man from El Salvador convicted of drunken driving.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's enforcement and removal operations, like the five-person field office team outside Richmond, hunt people in the U.S. illegally, some of whom have been here for decades, working and raising families.

Under President Donald Trump, who has pushed hard-line immigration policies, ICE has been exposed to unprecedented public scrutiny and criticism, even though officers say they're doing the same job they did before the election — enforcing U.S. laws that were on the books long before 2016 and prioritizing criminals.

But they have also stepped up arrests of people who have no U.S. criminal records. It is those stories of ICE officers arresting dads and grandmothers that pepper local news. Officers are heckled and videotaped. Some Democratic politi-



STEVE HELBER/AP

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents escort a target to lockup during a raid last October in Richmond, Va.

cians have called for ICE to be abolished.

ICE employees have been threatened at their homes, their personal data exposed online, officials said.

"There is a tension around 'It could be that somebody could find out what I do and hate me for it or do worse than hate me for it,'" said Ronald Vitiello, acting head of the agency.

Vitiello said the agency is monitoring social media and giving employees resources for when they feel threatened.

ICE, formed after the Sept. 11 attacks, had been told under the Obama administration to focus on removing immigrants who had committed crimes.

Trump, in one of his first moves in office, directed his administration to target anyone in the country illegally.

Generally, people arrested by ICE go before immigration judges, who decide whether they must be deported, and then ICE arranges paperwork and flights out of the country.

Government data backs up that ICE is still mostly targeting people convicted of crimes. But the data also shows the agency has greatly ramped up arrests of people who were accused of crimes but not convicted and increased arrests solely on immigration violations.

ICE arrested 32,977 people accused of crimes and 20,464 with immigration

violations during the budget year 2018. There were 105,140 arrests of people with criminal convictions and 158,581 arrests overall. The most frequent criminal conviction was for drunken driving, followed by drug and traffic offenses.

By comparison, in the last budget year of the Obama administration, there were 94,751 people arrested with convictions, 6,267 arrests of those with pending charges and 9,086 on immigration violations. There were 111,104 arrests overall.

Advocates say a traffic violation shouldn't be enough to get you kicked out of the country. They accuse the agency of stoking fear and tearing families apart.

"You need some kind of agency to deal with immigration, but ICE is not that," New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat, said on radio station WNYC. "ICE's time has come and gone. It is broken. ICE has been sent on a very negative, divisive mission, and it cannot function the way it is."

In response, some cities have banished ICE from jails where they could easily pick up immigration violators. Police in New York, Baltimore and Seattle rarely, if ever, give up information on when suspected criminals in the U.S. illegally will be released from custody.

ICE officers now do more street operations and

say they end up with more "collateral arrests," people they happen upon who are also in the country illegally. They rarely knock on doors anymore, instead spending hours surveilling and waiting outside. They haunt courthouses.

In Richmond, the team has a long list of targets, but they're the only officers doing fugitive enforcement so they must prioritize. They've been trailing the Salvadoran man for days.

They split up into two cars and drive over to his apartment. It's pitch black. They wait. The radio crackles. An officer says someone has left but it's so dark it's impossible to see who it is. Lights flash. It's not who they're looking for; it's a woman. They send her on her way. The officers are jittery, thinking the mistake spooked the target. They wait.

The man eventually emerges from his apartment as the sun begins to rise. He's wearing a neon-green shirt and construction work boots. He gets into his blue SUV and pulls out. The officers box him in on both sides and flash blue lights.

He's calm as they search him, and he gives them an expired El Salvador passport. His name: Jose Gilberto Macua Gutierrez.

One of the officers backs Macua's SUV back into a parking spot, and he's handcuffed, driven back to the office, fingerprinted and placed alone in a holding cell.

The operation took too long — they missed the window for their second target.

They will try again.

Brazil's Bolsonaro sworn in, promises big changes

BY YESICA FISCH,
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Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — Jair Bolsonaro was sworn in as Brazil's president Tuesday, taking the reins of Latin America's largest and most populous nation with promises to overhaul myriad aspects of daily life and put an end to business-as-usual governing.

For the far-right former army captain, the New Year's Day inauguration was the culmination of a journey from a marginalized and even ridiculed congressman to a leader who many Brazilians hope can combat endemic corruption as well as violence that routinely gives the nation the dubious distinction of being world leader in total homicides.

A fan of President Donald Trump, the 63-year-old longtime congressman rose to power on an anti-corruption and pro-gun agenda that has energized conservatives and hard-right supporters after four consecutive presidential election wins by the left-leaning Workers' Party.

Bolsonaro was the latest of several far-right leaders

around the globe who have come to power by riding waves of anger at the establishment and promising to ditch the status quo.

"Congratulations to President @jairbolsonaro who just made a great inauguration speech," Trump tweeted. "The U.S.A. is with you!"

In his inaugural speech, Bolsonaro promised to combat the "ideology of gender" teaching in schools, "respect our Judeo-Christian tradition" and "prepare children for the job market, not political militancy."

"I call on all congressmen to help me rescue Brazil from corruption, criminality and ideological submission," he said.

Brasilia was under tight security, with 3,000 police patrolling the event. Military tanks, fighter jets and even anti-aircraft missiles also were deployed.

Journalists were made to arrive at locations seven hours before festivities began.

The increased security came at Bolsonaro's request. His intestine was pierced when a knife-wielding man stabbed him at a campaign rally in September. His sons, politicians themselves, had in-

sisted their father could be targeted by radicals, but security officials have not spoken of threats.

Bolsonaro did little moderating since being elected in October, with progressives and liberals decrying stances that they say are homophobic, sexist and racist.

The new president, who spent nearly three decades in Congress, has also drawn international criticism for his plans to roll back regulations in the Amazon and his disinterest in social programs in a country that is one of the world's most unequal in terms of income.

On the economic front, where Bolsonaro will ultimately lead Latin America's largest economy is unknown, as during the campaign he reversed course from previous statist stances with pledges to lead market-friendly reforms.

He also promised to overhaul Brazil's pension system and privatize several state-owned companies, which gave him wide support among financial players.

On Tuesday, Bolsonaro reiterated his commitment to fighting crime in a nation where more than 63,000 people were killed last year.

"We are counting on



RAIMUNDO PACCO/AP

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, right, and Vice President Hamilton Mourao attend their inauguration on Tuesday.

Congress to provide the judicial support so police can do their jobs," Bolsonaro said, signaling that he may soon submit legislation that would allow police to be tried outside the criminal system when they kill during an operation.

Human rights groups fear that defense of police violence could shield officers from investigations of misconduct and lead to more extrajudicial killings.

The most notable foreign leaders who planned to attend were also associated with far-right movements: Israeli Prime Minister Ben-

jamin Netanyahu and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

Leftist Presidents Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela, Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua and Miguel Diaz-Canel of Cuba, deemed dictators by Bolsonaro, were uninvited by Bolsonaro's team after the foreign ministry sent them invitations.

The United States was represented by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Seven of Bolsonaro's 22 Cabinet ministers are former military personnel, more than in any administration during Brazil's 1964-

1985 dictatorship. That has sparked fears among his adversaries of a return to autocratic rule, but Bolsonaro insists he will respect the country's constitution.

"As a former low-ranking military officer, (Bolsonaro) will be swayed by some of the generals to come down hard on criminality, drug dealers, etc., and that may cause a backlash and many innocent people could be caught in the crossfire," said Riordan Roett, a professor and director emeritus of Latin American Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

NASA craft completes most distant flyby

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

LAUREL, Md. — NASA's New Horizons spacecraft pulled off the most distant exploration of another world Tuesday, skimming past a tiny, icy object 4 billion miles from Earth that looks to be shaped like a bowling pin.

Flight controllers in Maryland declared success 10 hours after the high-risk encounter at the mysterious body known as Ultima Thule on the frozen fringes of

our solar system — 1 billion miles beyond Pluto.

"I don't know about all of you, but I'm really liking this 2019 thing so far," lead scientist Alan Stern of Southwest Research Institute said to applause.

The approach came a half-hour into the new year, and 3½ years after New Horizons' unprecedented swing past Pluto.

For Ultima Thule — which wasn't even known when New Horizons departed Earth in 2006 — the endeavor was more diffi-

cult. The spacecraft zoomed within 2,200 miles of it, more than three times closer than the Pluto flyby.

Operating on autopilot, New Horizons was out of radio contact with controllers at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory from late Monday afternoon until late Tuesday morning. Scientists wanted the spacecraft staring down Ultima Thule and collecting data, not turning toward Earth to phone home.

When a solid radio link

was acquired and team members reported that their spacecraft systems were good, mission operations manager Alice Bowman declared: "We have a healthy spacecraft."

The New Horizons team is already pushing for another flyby in the 2020s, while the nuclear power and other spacecraft systems are still good.

"There's a bit of all of us on that spacecraft," Bowman said, "and it will continue after we're long gone here on Earth."



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Scientist Alan Stern, left, gives a high-five Tuesday to New Horizons mission operations manager Alice Bowman.



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Dems try to shift health care debate

'Medicare for All' the long-term goal that many seek

By SAHIL KAPUR
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — A clamor to create "Medicare for All" has exploded on the left. Democratic presidential hopefuls are racing to co-sponsor legislation, rising stars in the party are embracing it, and national polls show Americans warming to the concept.

But even the idea's most fervent backers acknowledge that the goal is far off in the distance, beyond the next year or even the 2020 election.

Their aim for now is to shift the health care debate.

By making single-payer health care — a model under which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan — the progressive position, advocates argue that gives Democrats representing conservative areas of the country political cover to support more modest proposals to expand the government's role in health insurance.

"Everybody understands we're not going to get Medicare for All enacted in January. But it's a marker about where we want to land, which is to say we want everybody to have health care," Democratic Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii said. "This is about moving the so-called Overton window."

Moving that Overton window — the spectrum of ideas the public will accept — captures the progressive strategy for making the government's Medicare program available for everyone, not just those over 65.

Schatz is a co-sponsor of Sen. Bernie Sanders' Medicare for All legislation, but has also offered a less comprehensive alternative that would give states the authority to let people who aren't otherwise eligible



Rep. Pramila Jayapal, of Washington state, says she would favor modest expansions of Medicare or Medicaid eligibility.

buy into the Medicaid program targeted to aiding low-income individuals.

The maneuvering on health policy comes as the Affordable Care Act, which expanded insurance coverage to millions of Americans, is under a GOP-led court challenge. While the law, known as Obamacare, remains in effect, the court case may drag into the 2020 campaigns for the White House and Congress.

In the meantime, there's a wide range of potential proposals between the status quo and a government-run single-payer system that are gaining support among Democrats.

"We will be having a conversation about many ideas on how we can lower the costs of health care," said Rep. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico.

The Democratic-led House will discuss the Medicaid buy-in that he co-sponsored with Schatz, as well as Medicare for All and "other initiatives members have, as opposed to Republicans who were only intent on repealing the Af-

fordable Care Act," he said.

President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans are unlikely to give up their opposition to Obamacare, much less embrace an expansion of Medicare. Any hope of movement would rely on Democrats riding the issue to control of the White House and both chambers of Congress in 2020.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer declined to say if he supports Medicare for All.

"There are lots of different routes," the New York Democrat said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program Dec. 16. "Many are for Medicare for All. Some are for Medicare buy-in. Some are Medicaid buy-in. Some are public option."

Schumer said Washington has to "do a lot more on health care," and that it'll be "a major issue in 2020."

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, poised to become house speaker in January, has also kept her distance from a federal single-payer program, suggesting states adopt it first.

While Republicans have struggled to coalesce around a health care alternative, they found unity in attacking Medicare for All against Democrats in 2018 House races, calling it a radical and costly government takeover of health care.

Democratic candidates running in swing districts generally distanced themselves from the idea.

But the Kaiser Family Foundation found in March that 59 percent of Americans favor "Medicare for All," a figure that's grown in recent years, while 38 percent oppose it.

Support fell to 53 percent, though, when it was dubbed a "single-payer plan." Meanwhile, 72 percent favor a "Medicaid buy-in for everyone" and 75 percent favor an optional "Medicare for All" proposal that also lets people who already have coverage keep their plans.

The obstacles are enormous. Major changes to health care are politically treacherous as Americans, about half of whom get

insurance from an employer, fear their coverage will be reduced. Opposition from industry and conservatives would make plenty of Democrats wary of such a disruptive change.

"We don't have the support that we need," said Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington state, who will co-chair the Progressive Caucus. She said that she'd favor modest expansions of Medicare or Medicaid eligibility as a step toward Medicare for All.

"I am a big bold thinker; I'm also a good practical strategist," Jayapal said. "It's why the Medicare for All Caucus was started, because we want to get information to our members so people feel comfortable talking about the attacks we know are going to come."

The Democratic Party shift is already under way. In September, former President Barack Obama praised Democrats are running on "good new ideas, like Medicare for All" — a stark reversal after he rejected the idea of a single-payer system at the outset of his

health care overhaul push in 2009.

Medicare for All legislation offered by Sanders is backed by numerous Democratic senators considering 2020 presidential bids, including New Jersey's Cory Booker, New York's Kirsten Gillibrand, California's Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

The Sanders proposal is estimated to raise federal spending by \$32 trillion, according to a study by the conservative Mercatus Center, which also found that it would modestly reduce overall U.S. spending on health care by saving money on provider payments and administrative costs.

In other words, Americans would pay higher taxes to finance universal coverage and save on premiums and out-of-pocket costs.

"Our first job is to defend the Affordable Care Act. Our second is to improve it and make changes, for example to families' vulnerability to the impact of high-priced drugs. And the third is to find a system of Medicare available to all that will increase the quality of care while it decreases the cost of all of us," Warren said.

Jayapal predicted it would be "the top issue of the 2020 presidential campaigns."

Sean McElwee, a left-wing activist and researcher with advocacy group Data For Progress, said there are "significant political hurdles in the way of single payer" and there likely will be attempts to "water down" the idea of Medicare for All so that it becomes palatable to centrist Democrats.

The biggest challenges, he said, will be in the Senate, where less populous, solidly Republican states are on equal footing with larger, solidly Democratic states and there's a 60-vote threshold for legislation.



SAM CLACK/AP

Police restrain a man after he stabbed three people at Victoria Station in Manchester, England, late Monday. Three were severely injured in the attack.

U.K. police raid house, quiz terror suspect in stabbings

By GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON — Police in the English city of Manchester are quizzing a suspect and searching a house for clues about the "terror-related" stabbings of three people at a train station on New Year's Eve.

The attack Monday night by a knife-wielding man yelling Islamic slogans brought terrorism back to Manchester after a 19-month hiatus. It took place at a key transport hub right next to the Manchester Arena, where 22 people were killed in an attack on an Ariana Grande concert in May 2017.

Monday's stabbing attack left a man and a woman hospitalized with "very serious" but not life-threatening injuries and a man in custody, police said. Both the victims have abdominal injuries and the woman also has injuries to her face.

A British Transport Police sergeant who was also stabbed in the shoulder was released after an overnight hospital stay.

Police say they are treating the attack as a terrorist

incident, and the investigation is being headed by counterterrorism police with help from the security services. Tight-lipped U.K. authorities have not commented on a possible motive for the attack, and the suspect in his mid-20s has not been charged or identified.

Assistant Chief Constable Russ Jackson said police believe they have identified the suspect and were searching his home in the Cheetham Hill neighborhood of Manchester. He described the attack as frenzied and random.

"We know the attacker arrived at the location and soon after he attacked two people, a man and a woman, who have suffered very serious injuries," he said.

The attack happened at Manchester's Victoria Station shortly before 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

BBC producer Sam Clack, who was on the train platform, said he heard a "bloodcurdling scream" when the attack started and saw a man dressed in black having what looked like a fight with two victims. Clack said he heard the man with the weapon

shout Islamic extremist slogans during the assault and then the attacker was chased by police.

"He came toward me. I looked down and saw he had a kitchen knife with a black handle with a good, 12-inch blade," Clack said, adding that his reaction "was just fear, pure fear."

Clack said police used pepper spray and a stun gun to bring the man down.

Police say there's no indication that any others were involved in planning or aiding the attack.

The incident is "not ongoing" and there is "currently no intelligence to suggest that there is any wider threat," Assistant Chief Constable Rob Potts said.

The train station reopened Tuesday and extra police were on the city's streets as a precaution.

Prime Minister Theresa May expressed concern for the victims and thanked emergency workers for their "courageous response."

Britain's official threat level has long been set at "severe," indicating that intelligence analysts believe an attack is highly likely.

Trump tweet to Americans: Chill, 'enjoy the ride' in 2019

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about Obama administration officials in a Rolling Stone article. He had been a rising star in the Army, a decorated expert on counterinsurgency tasked with turning around the stalemated Afghanistan war.

Although McChrystal's comments were made on ABC two days prior, Trump did not comment publicly until he responded Tuesday to a tweet from conservative commentator Laura Ingraham.

Ingraham had tweeted an article Monday titled "Media Didn't Like McChrystal Until He Started Bashing Trump." Catching up to it Tuesday, Trump evidently agreed.

Meanwhile, the president invited congressional leaders to the White House for a briefing on border security, the first face-to-face session involving Republicans and Democrats as the partial government shutdown entered its second week.

The briefing will occur one day before Democrats take control of the House and Trump gets his first taste of divided government. It was unclear whether the Wednesday session would break the budget impasse — now in its 11th day — as Trump has demanded \$5 billion in border money, far beyond the \$1.3 billion that Democrats plan to vote through this week.

Trump, who tweeted his opposition to the plan Tuesday, has reiterated that he had no plans to back down.

Officials from the Department of Homeland Security will brief the top two leaders in each party in the House and the Senate.

In the last televised White House session Dec. 11, Trump said he would take responsibility for a shutdown over the wall as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.,



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Trump has invited lawmakers to the White House on Wednesday for a briefing on border security.

"The Democrats, much as I suspected, have allocated no money for a new Wall."

— President Trump tweet

said they would not support wall funding. The shutdown began Dec. 22.

On Thursday, House Democrats plan to use their new majority to vote through measures that would reopen nearly all of the shuttered federal agencies through the end of September, at funding levels Senate Republicans have previously agreed to. Those spending bills contain scores of priorities and pet projects for lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

The Democratic proposal holds out one exception: The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees border security, would keep its current level of funding, with no new money for a border wall. The plan would also extend the department's budget only through Feb. 8, allowing

Democrats to revisit funding for key parts of Trump's immigration policy in a month.

Trump has been holed up in the White House instead of vacationing at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, as planned, because of the government shutdown.

"The Democrats, much as I suspected, have allocated no money for a new Wall," Trump tweeted Tuesday. "So imaginative! The problem is, without a Wall there can be no real Border Security — and our Country must finally have a Strong and Secure Southern Border!"

Trump's first words of the new year were an endorsement of a pro-Trump book by former White House aide Sebastian Gorka. The former Breitbart writer, a frequent television defender of the president, either quit or was fired in 2017 partly in protest that Trump's first major speech about the U.S. military strategy in Afghanistan made no mention of what Gorka called "Radical Islam."

"Dr. Sebastian Gorka, a very good and talented guy, has a great new book just out, 'Why We Fight.' Lots of insight — Enjoy!" Trump wrote.

'Gov. Moonbeam' rides off into sunset

Jerry Brown wraps a 5-decade history in Calif. politics

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — It was a matter of life and death in 2015 when California Gov. Jerry Brown pondered an assisted suicide bill granting terminally ill people the right to choose when they die.

After much speculation, Brown signed the measure, a victory for "death with dignity" advocates and a blow to the Catholic Church, which vigorously opposed it.

Brown, who once considered becoming a priest, added to his signature a five-paragraph statement outlining how he made his decision: He sought contradicting perspectives from the church, families of the terminally ill, his friends and doctors.

And he pondered his own existence.

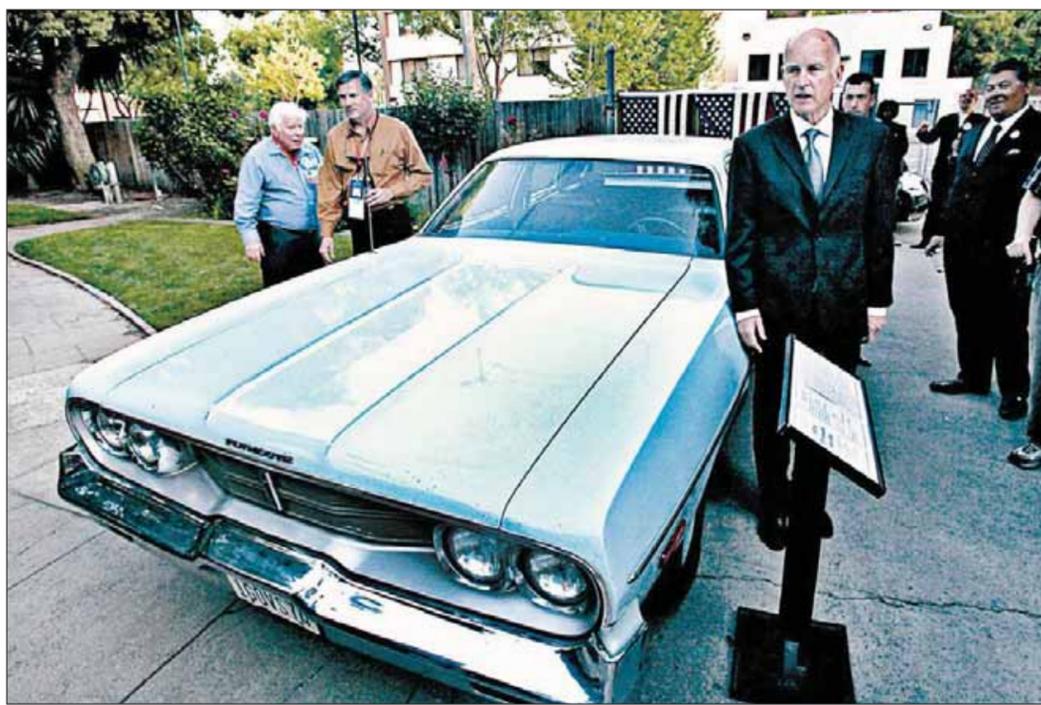
"I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill," Brown wrote. "And I wouldn't deny that right to others."

Brown, who leaves office Jan. 7, has signed thousands of bills, but this one stands out to Dana Williamson, Brown's cabinet secretary at the time.

"His ability to articulate his deliberations and why he landed the way he did — to me that's quintessential Jerry Brown," she said.

Brown has honed that decision-making style over five decades in public life, including a record 16 years as California's governor, first from 1975 to 1983 and again since 2011.

He used the spotlight that comes with governing the nation's largest state to mount three unsuccessful bids for president and urge



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP 2009

Jerry Brown poses in 2009 by one of the Plymouth Satellites he used the first time he was California's governor, 1975-83.

swifter action on climate change — something he'll continue when he leaves office — and he's credited with pulling California out of a financial sinkhole that had observers deeming the state ungovernable when he returned to Sacramento in 2011.

The son of Gov. Pat Brown, Jerry Brown became governor at 36 and built a reputation as an idealist who eschewed traditional trappings of wealth and power. During his first term, he earned the condescending nickname "Gov. Moonbeam" after proposing a state communications satellite.

Now 80, he's still an idealist but one who during the last eight years championed fiscal moderation, a position that sometimes put him at odds with fellow Democrats who wanted more social program spending.

Yet Brown's popularity surged as he took the state

from a deep budget deficit when he entered office to a surplus and \$14.5 billion socked away in a rainy day fund.

He never gave up on the satellite idea. Last fall, at the end of a global conference on climate change that he organized, he announced California would launch its "own damn satellite" to track pollutants.

"Jerry is an original and always has been," said his sister Kathleen Brown, the former state treasurer who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1994.

Jerry Brown was 20 when his father was elected to the first of two terms in 1958. Politics wasn't his plan — he chose to attend a Jesuit seminary. There he learned the Latin motto: "Age quod agis," or "Do what you are doing." He chafes when asked to reflect on his accomplishments or legacy.

"Taking pride is not something that I have been

trained to pursue," Brown said recently at a Sacramento Press Club appearance.

But the priesthood ultimately wasn't for Brown; he instead got a law degree at Yale and a job at a Los Angeles firm before embarking on his political career by winning a spot on a community college district board of trustees.

Brown leaves the governorship with an unmatched history in California politics. He was elected secretary of state in 1971 on a platform of transparency and reform, and then governor in 1974.

Two years later, Brown was running for president. He lost, but his star continued to rise, powered in part by his relationship with popular singer Linda Ronstadt. The two appeared on the cover of Newsweek magazine under the headline "The Pop Politics of Jerry Brown."

Brown again ran un-

successfully for president in 1980, with a slogan that reflected the same sensitivities he has today: "Protect the Earth, serve the people, explore the universe."

After losing a bid for the U.S. Senate in 1982, he traveled abroad, re-entering politics as California Democratic Party chairman and, in 1992, seeking the presidency for a third time and losing to Bill Clinton. He returned to elected office six years later as Oakland mayor then became state attorney general.

In 2011, he won the governorship, and his political comeback was complete.

He prefers the second two terms to the first.

"I was more experienced, the people who work with me were more skilled, I had a wonderful wife who was my partner and companion in all this," he told The Associated Press in a recent interview. Brown's wife, Anne Gust Brown, is a former Gap executive who

friends and advisers say helps Brown execute his ambitious ideas.

The second time around, Brown more easily persuaded the legislature and voters to make politically painful decisions such as cutting services or raising taxes on themselves. Lawmakers often overrode his vetoes in the 1970s, but they did not do it once in the last eight years.

Unlike his early terms, Brown didn't have his sights set on the presidency.

"Jerry Brown One was quirky and an interesting governor. Jerry Brown Two is not quirky. Jerry Brown Two is deliberative, and he likes to have it his way," said Republican state Sen. Jim Nielsen, who served in the legislature from 1978 to 1987 and returned in 2008.

In the 1970s, Brown brought younger, more diverse voices into state government. He appointed his campaign manager, Tom Quinn, to head the state Air Resources Board and quickly advanced policies to curb air pollution. Quinn cracked down sharply on the auto industry for violating California's vehicle emissions standards, still the nation's strictest and now a target of the Trump administration.

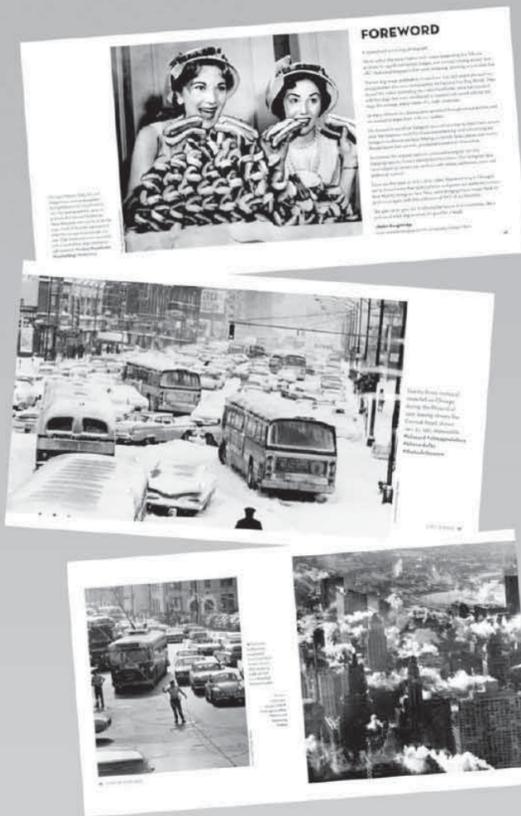
He won passage of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act in 1975, the first in the nation to give farmworkers collective bargaining rights. It was hailed as a victory, but its long-term effectiveness remains disputed.

When Brown returned to Sacramento, he turned California's \$27 billion deficit into a surplus for his successor.

Criticism, bad press, political fights — Brown said he will miss it all when he leaves the governor's office and retires to a ranch he built on family land in rural Colusa County.

"I can't think of a day I haven't enjoyed since I've been governor," he said. "I can't think of one day."

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Family of American arrested in Moscow fears for his safety

MOSCOW — The family of an American arrested in Russia on espionage charges said Tuesday that he is innocent and that they fear for his safety.

Paul Whelan, a retired Marine, was detained by Russia's domestic security services while he was in Moscow for what they described as a spy mission.

Whelan's twin brother, David, said Paul was in Moscow for a wedding of a fellow Marine, which took place at a hotel in central

Moscow on Dec. 28, the day he was detained. Whelan, 48, works as the corporate security director for BorgWarner, an automotive parts supplier based in Auburn Hills, Mich., that has business contracts in Russia.

Whelan's arrest comes as tensions between Washington and Moscow escalate over election interference, the crises in Syria and Ukraine, and the poisoning of a former Russian spy in Britain.

U.S. fires tear gas across border to stop 150 migrants at fence

TIJUANA, Mexico — U.S. authorities fired tear gas into Mexico during the first hours of the new year to repel about 150 migrants who were trying to breach the border fence in Tijuana.

An Associated Press photographer witnessed at least three volleys of gas launched onto the Mexican side of the border near Tijuana's beach Tuesday. It affected the migrants, including women and

children, as well as members of the media.

Migrants said they arrived last month with the caravan from Honduras.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement that the gas was aimed at rock throwers on the Mexican side who prevented agents from helping children who were being passed over the concertina wire. The agency said 25 migrants were detained.

U.S., Israel cite bias in officially withdrawing from UNESCO

PARIS — The U.S. and Israel officially quit the U.N.'s educational, scientific and cultural agency at the stroke of midnight, the culmination of a process triggered more than a year ago amid concerns that the organization fosters anti-Israel bias.

The withdrawal serves a new blow to UNESCO, co-founded by the U.S. after World War II to foster peace.

The Trump adminis-

tration filed its notice to withdraw in October 2017 and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu followed suit.

The Paris-based organization has been denounced by its critics as a crucible for anti-Israel bias; blasted for criticizing Israel's occupation of east Jerusalem; naming ancient Jewish sites as Palestinian heritage sites; and granting full membership to Palestine in 2011.



RUSSIAN MINISTRY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Emergency workers pull a baby to safety from a collapsed section of an apartment building Tuesday in Magnitogorsk, a city of 400,000 about 870 miles southeast of Moscow.

Russian infant rescued after nearly 36 hours in icy rubble

MOSCOW — Laboring through sub-freezing temperatures, Russian rescue workers were digging into a sprawling heap of jagged rubble from a collapsed apartment building when one heard the faintest sound.

It was the sound of life. On Tuesday, they pulled a baby boy out of the rubble alive, nearly 36 hours after the disaster that blew apart his home. His father called it "a New Year's miracle."

The building collapse in the Russian city of Magnitogorsk before dawn Monday has killed at least nine people, and more than 30

people who lived in the building have still not been accounted for.

The collapse followed an explosion that was believed to have been caused by a gas leak.

The boy, an 11-month-old named Ivan Fokin, was in serious condition, officials said, with fractures, a head injury and suffering from hypothermia after his ordeal in temperatures around minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

He was flown to Moscow late Tuesday in an attempt to save his life. Although Ivan's prospects for survival appeared dire,

"it's a New Year's miracle," his father, Yevgeny, was quoted as saying by the RT satellite TV channel.

The father was at work when his wife phoned to say the building had collapsed. She escaped with her 3-year-old son, reports said.

In separate disasters, seven people died in a house fire in the town of Orsk. In Moscow, the mayor fired the director of the city's renowned Gorky Park after 13 people were injured when a wooden pedestrian bridge packed with New Year's celebrants collapsed.

German man rams revelers on New Year's, authorities say

BERLIN — A German man has been arrested after repeatedly driving into crowds of people, injuring at least five, in what authorities said Tuesday appeared to have been intentional attacks against foreigners.

Four people were injured in the western city of Bottrop and one person was injured in nearby Essen, while pedestrians managed to jump out of his path in two other attempted attacks in those cities, police said.

"The man had the clear intention to kill foreigners," German news agency dpa quoted the top security official in North Rhine-Westphalia state, Herbert Reul, as saying.

Some of the victims were Syrian and Afghan citizens.

The attacks began shortly after midnight while people were celebrating New Year's out on the streets.

In Spain: Two African migrants were discovered by police trying to cross the border from Morocco to Melilla, one of two Spanish cities on the North African coast, hidden inside mattresses in back of a van. The migrants said they each paid \$5,100 to a trafficker, officials said Tuesday. The driver fled on foot.

In Mexico: The leftist Zapatista movement is continuing its aggressive criticism of the country's new president, accusing Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of dishonesty and vowing to confront him. They said Monday they are not calling for people to take up arms, but they plan to organize opposition.

Strategic Command apologizes for bomb tweet

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Strategic Command, which oversees America's nuclear and missile arsenal, boasted in a New Year's Eve tweet that it's ready if ever needed "to drop something much, much bigger" than the Times Square ball.

The tweet was accompanied by video of B-2 bombers

dropping two 30,000-pound conventional weapons at a test range, according to CNN, which aired the video.

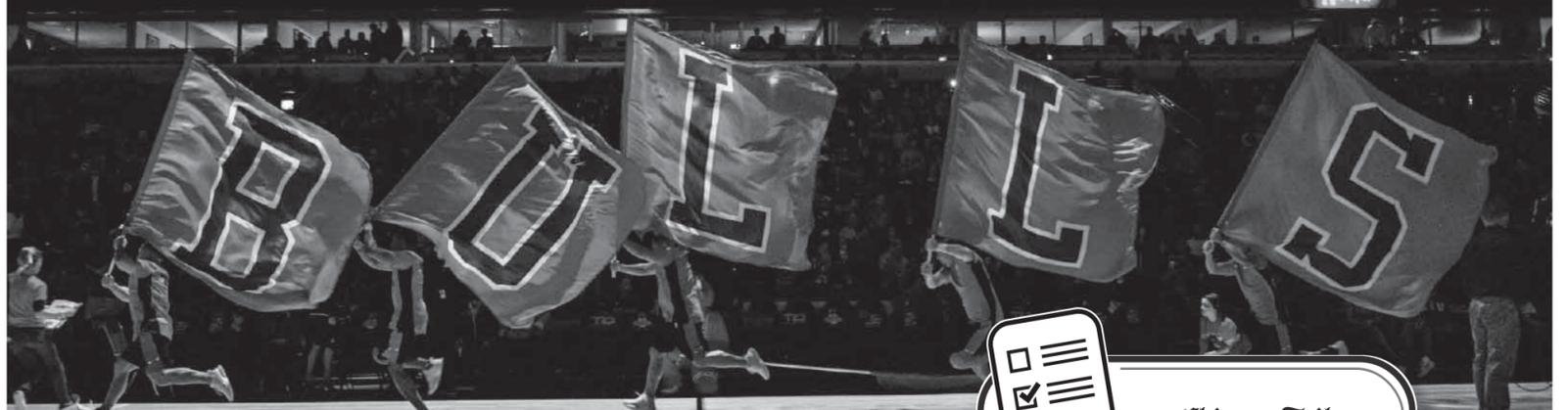
The tweet on Strategic Command's Twitter account was replaced with an apology. "Our previous NYE tweet was in poor taste & does not reflect our

values. We apologize. We are dedicated to the security of America & allies," the tweet said.

The first tweet read in part: "#TimesSquare tradition rings in the #NewYear by dropping the big ball if ever needed, we are #ready to drop something much, much bigger."

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EDITORIALS

Pritzker's predicament

We'd have given a gold-tasseled mortarboard to be in the room when Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker got the news: The Illinois Board of Higher Education has approved a fiscal 2020 budget that would raise education spending by \$314 million. If lawmakers agree, that would be an increase of 16.6 percent, to more than \$2.2 billion. Oh — IBHE also wants \$2.1 billion in capital spending.

Put yourself in Pritzker's shoes. He's taking leadership of a government that's in debt to the top of the statehouse dome. He knows that one agency after another will demand — you knew this word was coming — fat new “investments” in their budgets. Witness IBHE Chairman Tom Cross' call for “reinvestment in higher education.”

During years of Illinois budget struggles, the two-year impasse included, the national trend toward making universities more reliant on their own income, and less on taxpayers, hit this state's schools especially hard.

But Illinois higher ed's idea of reinventing itself for the present and future doesn't go much beyond asking for, yes, more money from taxpayers. IBHE officials talk wistfully — and a little too much — about the generous state funding they

Illinois higher ed wants a 16.6 percent splurge of spending

received in 2002. They call that higher ed's “benchmark year” — as if lawmakers have a way-back machine and billions in spare cash lying around. That's dreaming.

Pritzker campaigned extensively Downstate. So he surely knows that many politicians view public colleges primarily as economic engines. The more taxpayer dollars that flow to their locales from Springfield, the better.

Pritzker also surely knows that the current system looks like the Department of Redundancy Department, with nine self-absorbed boards running 12 unwisely duplicative universities.

And Pritzker surely knows that the majority of Illinois' public universities have seen their enrollment shrink. Many potential customers don't like what Illinois higher ed is selling: We reported in August that since 2000, the number of Illinois residents enrolled outside the state as freshmen has increased by 73 percent. Top students are leaving for out-of-state schools. Many build their families and careers elsewhere.

Pritzker, a businessman, may look at these facts on the ground and wonder why Illinois higher ed thinks it deserves a 16.6 percent raise. We scoured the IBHE's news release and found a familiar ratio: lots of words about more taxpayer investment (sorry) and not one word about a sweeping restructuring of Illinois higher ed to develop and market unique academic specialties beyond each school's general education offerings: *You want biomedical engineering? Every school offers the basics, but these two universities offer advanced, national-class programs.*

The unified higher ed systems in Wisconsin, New York and California are structured more smartly than Illinois' is. With more centralized control, an underperforming university stands out; citizens statewide have a stake in making every campus succeed.

What's more, savings from consolidating back-office functions and the number of pricey administrators statewide would free up dollars for educating students.

Some Illinois legislators of both

parties have been exploring an ambitious restructuring. A governor's encouragement can make that happen.

Legislators seem to understand they have a problem: Constituents complain about the Illinois Exodus of population — college students included. So the lawmakers have passed bills to offer more merit-based scholarships, and to improve year-over-year assurance that state-funded MAP (Monetary Award Program) grants will be available to help low-income students stay in school.

The state Board of Higher Education wants millions more in grants. But Pritzker will have to square calls for a splurge of spending with higher ed's resistance to restructuring. The educators would rather be everything to everyone — too many look-alike schools that, fairly or not, strike many high school seniors and their parents as mediocre.

We hope J.B. Pritzker the businessman wants Illinois higher ed to be a smarter enterprise that spends less on overhead and more on teaching. As is, the governor-elect confronts IBHE members whose Howdy is another ask for lots more taxpayer money.

Race and school discipline

Americans have grown all too familiar with the horror of school shootings. One of the worst ever, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., left 17 dead and provoked the state to tighten its gun laws. The tragedy and others like it have given parents cause to worry when they send their kids to school.

But mass shootings in schools are rare events. What's more common is the daily danger from bullying, threats and violence that many students (and even teachers) face from disruptive students. This problem is far less lethal but can cause psychological as well as physical injury, not to mention its corrosive effect on learning.

After the Parkland shooting, President Donald Trump empaneled a federal commission on school safety. In late December, it issued a report stressing the need for the federal government to help local school districts address their respective discipline issues rather than dictating one-size-fits-all solutions. One of the chief recommendations was to revoke the previous administration's guidance on racial differences in school discipline — which this commission judged to be attacking the wrong problem in the wrong way.

President Barack Obama's Education Department, headed by Arne Duncan, noted that “African-American students without disabilities are more than three times as likely as their white peers without disabilities to be expelled or suspended.” School districts were put on notice that evidence of “disparate impact” in disciplinary outcomes could trigger investiga-



Students and their family members join hands outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., days after a shooting at the school left 17 people dead.

tions of possible racial discrimination.

But why should it? More likely, actual differences in behavior account for the gap. “According to federal data,” Manhattan Institute analyst Heather Mac Donald noted in City Journal, “... black students self-reported being in a physical fight at school at over twice the rate of white students in 2015.” In California, black fifth-graders are five times more likely than whites to be chronically truant.

Mac Donald's point wasn't to say that race determines conduct. She was helping to explain how factors outside school may influence conduct inside school. African-American youngsters are more likely to grow up in poverty, in single-parent homes and in crime-ridden neighborhoods. Such conditions are bound to have a detrimental effect on the behavior of some students, which likely accounts for the racial gap in discipline.

The Obama administration guidance had discouraged schools from removing students who are violent or seriously disruptive. But the new commission cited Judy Kidd, president of the Classroom Teachers Association of North Carolina, who expressed the view that “some school leaders have chosen to avoid potential Office of Civil Rights investigations by eliminating the use of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions, without considering the impact that such practices have on school safety.”

In Oklahoma City, an American Federation of Teachers survey found that 36 percent of teachers said student offenses had become more frequent under a policy aimed at curbing suspensions. In Madison, Wis., suspensions declined by 13 percent between 2013 and 2018, the Wisconsin State Journal reports, but “bad student behavior in Madison schools nearly doubled.”

What's easy to forget in the focus on those who are disciplined is the effect of their conduct on everyone else. In schools that are mostly black, the victims of students who engage in violent or disruptive behavior also are mostly black. When disruptive students of any ethnicity are removed from the classroom, teachers are better able to help kids who want to learn.

By rescinding the old guidance, the Trump administration will empower local school administrators and teachers to craft and enforce discipline policies that are fair to every student. A safe school, after all, should be considered a civil right.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The history of technology in market economies makes it abundantly clear that humans routinely came up with methods that increased the efficiency of agriculture, resource extraction, industry, transportation, and communications. Instead of releasing more toxic effluents into the environment over time, people did the reverse. This happened spontaneously because of a few recurring processes: increased efficiency, resource creation and transformation of waste into valuable byproducts.

Another key piece of the optimistic argument is that in the last two centuries humans have increasingly replaced resources extracted from the surface of the planet (for instance, fuelwood, lumber, rubber trees, wool, indigo plants, whale oil, animal labor) with resources that ultimately originated from below it (for instance, transportation and heating fuels, plastics, synthetic rubber, fabrics, and dyes), in the process delivering greater material wealth while sparing nature. ...

In the short run, fossil-fuel-powered economic development remains the only proven way to lift, and keep, a large number of people out of poverty, to build resilience against a changing climate, and to ensure a sustained reduction of humanity's direct impact on its environment.

Joanna Szurmak and Pierre Desrochers, Quillette

VICKSBURG, Miss. — Acknowledging that she hadn't finished what she was saying in quite some time, family sources confirmed Monday that local mom Debra Garrison has not spoken a full, uninterrupted sentence to her family since 1997. According to witnesses, despite regularly contributing to conversations throughout the past 20-plus years, Garrison has failed to complete a single coherent thought before being talked over by one of her children or contradicted mid-sentence by her husband. ... Recent accounts suggesting Garrison had at long last completed a sentence in the presence of her son were undermined by the discovery that he was wearing headphones and had not heard a single word.

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Chicago's problems run deeper than who governs the city. Instead, average citizens and leaders alike must demand change in how city government is structured.

Mayor's race gives us a shot at a new Chicago Way. Here are 4 ways to start.

BY ED BACHRACH AND AUSTIN BERG

There's an old saying that if you're lucky, life is one damn thing after another. If you're not, it's the same damn thing over and over.

In Chicago, everyone thinks the current race for mayor is something completely different. On the surface that's true. But so far, candidates have not discussed one question that will truly reveal whether they're ready for change, or if the city will continue doing the same thing over and over.

What can Chicago learn from its peers?

Three years ago, we started asking basic questions about local government to dozens of officials across the 15 largest cities in the U.S. Immediately, a common theme emerged.

Chicago's problems run deeper than who governs the city. Instead, average citizens and leaders alike must demand change in how city government is structured. And that change starts in the mayor's office.

Here are a few simple but powerful changes — adopted long ago by other American big cities — that deserve consideration in the mayoral race.

Hold elections when people vote

Chicago is the only major city in the nation to hold municipal elections in February of an odd year. This severe form of voter suppression regularly leads to turnout that's half of what Chicago sees in presidential elections.

This is by design. Only motivated special interests trudge through the slush to go vote, which is almost always to the advantage of the incumbent — particularly the mayor.

Most big cities hold municipal elections in

November, often in presidential election years. In order to effectively prepare for big challenges, Chicago must improve its citizens' ability to participate in government.

Make the legislature a strong check on the executive

There are more than twice as many aldermen per resident in Chicago than the average big city. The degree to which they exercise feudal dominance of their wards is unique.

As a result, Chicago aldermen are too busy overseeing permits, zoning changes, simple business signs and other administrative tasks that invite corruption to challenge the mayor on the most significant citywide issues.

Shrinking the City Council, ending the mayor's power to appoint aldermen and doing away with conventions like "aldermanic privilege" would do wonders.

Fiscal firewalls that help avoid catastrophe

Chicago's financial problems are nothing new. The city holds more pension debt than 44 of the 50 states and more municipal debt per capita than any major city.

Los Angeles, a city with 45 percent more people and double the land area, pays roughly the same amount as Chicago for police and fire protection. And yet Angelenos have remarkable oversight over policing, have a far lower homicide rate, and receive international acclaim for battling California blazes.

We examined three financial measures that can help cities pass better budgets: an elected controller, some form of voter ap-

proval for tax hikes and new debt, and a robust City Council that offers meaningful contributions to the budgeting process.

Of the 15 most populous cities in the nation, only Chicago had none of the above.

Adopt a city charter

Chicago is the largest city in the nation to operate without a charter, a city constitution.

Lasting, structural changes that Chicago needs to catch up to its peers can only come about through a process that includes a charter commission and a proposed charter voted on by residents.

These are just a few of the dozens of best practices we uncovered in other big cities.

So far, Chicago's mayoral candidates have focused on petition challenges, promises of flashy new programs and repackaged old ideas. But no one has yet put forward a vision on how to bring Chicago's government into the 21st century and improve decision-making.

Other cities have faced the same challenges Chicago has faced. But through careful deliberation and democracy, they've weathered the storm and prepared for the future.

With humble leadership willing to learn from those experiences, Chicago can do the same.

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Shutdown tests furloughed park ranger's survival skills

BY SHARON STITELER

One of my early jobs in the National Park Service was flying over the Mississippi River counting birds. I was required to take a "water ditching" class to learn how to survive a plane crash over water. What do you think the federal government recommends you do first, to increase your chances of survival by 50 percent?

You are to say to yourself in a positive tone, "I'm a survivor!"

That's solid advice, advice that I use whenever life feels like it's about to crash — for example, when the federal government unexpectedly shuts down. This is my fourth government shutdown in my federal career. The first three we could see coming, and we had a clear idea of how long they would last. The 2013 shutdown was so obviously broadcast that my federal credit union sent out emails the week before, advertising "great rates" on short-term loans. Back then, I worked for government only part time, and I nudged old editors and clients for writing gigs to fill out my lost income. When I finally landed my dream of working full time at the National Park Service, I knew I should always stash a paycheck or two in savings should a shutdown ever occur again.

This time was different. The Thursday before, we were enjoying an all-staff tamale lunch meeting, marveling how our park visitation grew over the year. Then, mid-tamale, a colleague got a news alert. "You guys, the shutdown is on."

We laughed, saying that he was behind the times. It all worked out; it wasn't happening.

Then he showed us his phone. My



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Trash builds up Dec. 23 along Washington's National Mall as trash collectors are off work during a government shutdown.

superintendent looked grave. "I better go back to my office," he said. "I bet there's a conference call."

The next day, shutdown preparations took precedence over any other work. I work Saturdays, and so I would be one of the first staff members furloughed. When I left work at 7 p.m. on Friday, I knew the next day I would begin the shutdown dance.

During a shutdown, you're given four hours to get your affairs in order. You set your email auto-reply, park social media, website and voicemail to the federally mandated script and water your office plants. You lock up visitor facilities and place notices of the shutdown.

In my ranger job, I partner with other parks, nonprofits and volunteers for programming. I alerted these colleagues that we were closing and they would have to

watch the news to figure out if our ice-fishing workshops or New Year's Eve snowshoe hikes would happen. I couldn't help promote upcoming events or even confirm if I would be present.

Not knowing when we'd see each other again, my co-workers and I had a farewell brunch after we completed our shutdown list. We tried to guess how long this would last and who would return with the most lustrous "shutdown beard" when it was over.

Some think that a government shutdown means federal employees get to party down with a paid holiday. But I've never taken a vacation under such maddening uncertainty. Leaving town is ill-advised; you could be called back to work suddenly. And since Congress has to vote on whether to give us back pay after the government reopens, there is no guarantee we will get compensated for this period. That limits the options for spur-of-the-moment road trips or even just going out with friends.

I'm a planner. I make plans so I can be spontaneous. Not knowing how much or if any money is coming leads to panic attacks at 2 a.m. followed by rage knitting. My gainfully employed husband and I are lucky that we have savings and a geriatric house rabbit as our biggest responsibility. There are people worried about falling behind on their rent or mortgages. There are federal contractors who — regardless of what Congress decides about paying federal employees — are effectively on forced unpaid leave.

As tempting as it is to stay in my pajamas all day, feeling sorry for myself while nursing an Old-Fashioned and bingeing "Gilmore Girls," I can't do that. I keep my

alarm set to the same time. I get dressed, I get in my 10,000 steps.

My co-workers check in with each other via text, and on social media we share our methods for taming anxiety. For some it's taking up bread-making, or heading to the family cabin to find solace in nature. We put up a brave front about not obsessively checking the news or reading comments from people who think that we're reveling in sloth.

During a long shutdown, we try to get some face-to-face time. We find a cheap happy hour. We commiserate at a "We're sorry you're furloughed" party hosted at the home of the head of Mississippi Park Connection, the park friends' group. And I'm more than happy to oblige when a co-worker asks if I'd take their kids out to see a snowy owl, in whatever part of the park might be open to the public.

A supervisor once told me, "You don't get rich working for the federal government, but they treat you more than fair."

None of us took our jobs to get rich. We are public servants, who love what we do. We are incredibly frustrated that we can't do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

For now, while we wait for normal functions to resume, all we can do is tell ourselves in a positive tone: We are survivors.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE

I'm a white evangelical Christian and I stand with immigrants

BY JENNY POTTER

My parents raised me in a conservative evangelical family in suburban Palatine. When I turned 18 they gave me a list of candidates to vote for — all Republicans — and I dutifully followed their instructions. Today, I'm 36 and living in Palatine once again, but in the November midterms I cast my ballot for the Democratic congressional candidate, Sean Casten. My vote, I'm proud to say, helped turn Illinois' 6th Congressional District into one of 43 nationwide that flipped from red to blue.

I'm still evangelical. In fact, I'm a white, educated mother of two and the creative producer of a large church. And although Republican politicians might be surprised to hear it, my faith compelled me to vote for the pro-immigrant candidate.

The reason is simple: Jesus embraced the marginalized and called his followers to do the same. After the Trump administration enacted its "zero-tolerance" immigration policy in April, forcing thousands of immigrant families to be separated, my civic engagement instincts kicked into high gear. I bombarded the phone lines of Peter Roskam, my district's Republican incumbent. On those calls, I could sense his staff's indifference and, by extension, Roskam's indifference to the devastating human rights crisis that he had the power to address.

Separating children from parents is moral bankruptcy. My children, like millions of others around the country, watch the PBS show "Daniel Tiger" and have learned an important lesson:



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Children line up at a tent facility housing immigrant children separated from their parents in June in Tornillo, Texas.

"Parents always come back." It's something I say whenever I drop my boys off at day care. The fact that parents at the border can't make this same promise breaks my heart. It also makes me furious at the politicians responsible for this.

I'm not alone in my outrage. Media reports often overlook the many evangelicals who feel the moral gravity of this moment. The Bible calls us to "welcome the stranger" and if our politicians won't do that, we will cast our ballot for those who will — and hold them accountable to that promise.

Another factor to consider is that our district — like so many around the country — is chang-

ing. The 6th Congressional District has added more than 6,000 Hispanic and Asian-American voters since 2016, according to a report by New American Economy. The report shows that in this election, all of the districts that flipped from red to blue have increased their share of Hispanic and Asian-American voters since 2016 and that, in the races that decided the House of Representatives, the anti-immigrant platform lost. Roskam did not rally for immigrant families, whereas Casten ran pro-immigration ads focused on protections for so-called Dreamers.

This pro-immigration messaging appeals to voters like me who embrace diversity. Immigrants

bring a dynamic energy to suburban Palatine, with new restaurants, culture centers and an entrepreneurial spirit. Our district has more than 3,344 immigrant business owners, and immigrants pay more than \$1.4 billion in taxes each year, according to research by New American Economy.

On a personal note, my neighborhood school offers Spanish immersion in kindergarten, and the class is evenly split between native English and native Spanish speakers. My son, who will start kindergarten this fall, wouldn't have this tremendous opportunity in a town without immigrants. Culturally, economically and educationally, we all benefit from

welcoming immigrants.

As the midterm results made clear, voters care about welcoming refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants. We are a diversifying America that won't stand for anti-immigrant ads or policies — even those of us from traditionally conservative religious communities. As we embark on a new year, the new Congress can count on voters like me to keep bombarding their phone lines with demands: for morally just immigration reform and ending the crisis at our border.

Jenny Potter, 36, lives in Palatine and is a creative producer at a nondenominational church in suburban Chicago.

Elizabeth Warren jumps in first

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., a fiery populist on the left, announced she is forming an exploratory committee for a 2020 presidential run.

Her earnest plea for working people and her attack on the rich and powerful provide a stark contrast both to President Donald Trump's right-wing economic agenda and to those of more centrist Democrats. ("Billionaires and big corporations decided they wanted more of the pie. And they enlisted politicians to cut them a bigger slice.")

Warren is the first in a batch of Senate Democrats — Cory Booker of New Jersey, Kamala Harris of California, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Sherrod Brown of Ohio, to name just four — likely to announce early in 2019. In this case, being first doesn't really confer any benefits,

especially when one announces on New Year's Eve when most Americans aren't focused on politics.

She enters the race with several advantages. While she is 69 years old, she is a fresher face and less crotchety than Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., whose frontal assault on capitalism puts him to the left even of Warren. She already put out a compelling anti-corruption platform that goes after everything from corporate lobbyists to Trump's emoluments. She is, even her opponents concede, whip-smart and exceptionally knowledgeable about bankruptcy and financial reform. In addition, she has already developed a network of supporters and is a proven fundraiser.

Warren, however, is a less formidable candidate than she was a year ago. The Washington Post reports: "While the race for



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Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., has announced that she is forming an exploratory committee for a 2020 presidential run.

the Democratic nomination is only starting, even Warren's supporters acknowledge that she has lost ground in the last few months, both by her own hand and because the November midterm elections redefined Democratic success with candidates who were in many cases a generation younger." Her effort to respond to Trump's Pocahontas jabs with a DNA test was wildly perceived as a blunder, and by some in the party,

offensive.

As a candidate, she at times hectors rather than inspires, sounding more like an activist and law professor than a compelling leader. (Contrast her style to that of President Barack Obama, who sported a very similar resume but was a gripping speaker who assumed the role of movement leader with ease.)

On foreign policy, she has a steep hill to climb to sound like a credible alternative to Trump,

although foreign policy is unlikely to be the most critical issue for Democratic primary voters.

As with the hordes of other possible Democratic contenders, Warren's challenge will be twofold. First, she'll need to distinguish herself from the crowd. (A less cranky Sanders? A more progressive Gillibrand?) While she may drain support away from Sanders, her toughest competitor for the blue-collar populism crowd might be Brown, whose everyman style and Rust Belt roots give him an advantage over a wonkish former law professor. Second, and perhaps most critical, is the challenge of finding a voice and a message that will appeal both to Democrats' hearts and heads. Certainly, primary voters want to swoon over an articulate, charismatic figure, but more than anything, they want to win. Warren will have to wow voters with passion while convincing them she can hold her own against Trump, a task made harder by her DNA flub.

The Washington Post

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Energy independence and a carbon fee

I am responding to the Dec. 27 editorial, "Free markets and U.S. energy independence." Thank you for bringing attention to our "comfortable" energy independence situation as well as our "uncomfortable" challenge — the need to reduce carbon emissions.

The editorial rightly credits the lack of government intervention in free markets for the innovation and growth in demand that has led to U.S. energy independence. And the passage headlined "But we're still burning fossil fuels" touches on the huge social costs, especially global warming that we (and other countries) incurred along with this "success."

We have known about global warming due to carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels for at least two decades, but free markets failed us. The social costs were ignored. The now obvious results of global warming, including recent very destructive hurricanes Michael and Florence, as well as sea level rise

in Florida and wildfires in California, are a wake-up call that emergency action is required. Federal action to place a carbon fee on fossil fuels is long overdue.

The recently introduced Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is the answer to this challenge.

This bipartisan bill would place an increasing price on carbon emissions and return the carbon fee revenues to U.S. citizens in equal dividends. I think this is the best way to obtain broad bipartisan support for a "free market" solution that is big enough for the urgent problem we face.

I encourage everyone to read about this bill at www.energyinnovationact.org and call or write congressional representatives and urge its passage.

This bill would reduce America's carbon emissions by at least 40 percent within 12 years (90 percent by 2050) by providing a free-market stimulus for energy conservation and transition to renewable energy sources.

—Kenneth Mazingo, Yorkville Co-leader, Aurora chapter of

Citizens' Climate Lobby

A bipartisan solution to climate change

The editorial about energy independence makes a strong case for the power of markets to make economic change. The rapid development of fracking for oil and gas vividly demonstrates just how market incentives can drive innovation.

Unfortunately, energy markets in the U.S. send the wrong signal. The enormous damage done by fossil fuels is completely left out of the equation. There is a lot of money being made by the oil and gas companies while they inflict even bigger damage on the rest of us, from polluted air and land and, most of all, from catastrophic climate change. Today's markets ignore this ongoing disaster.

The solution is not to abandon markets but to correct them. We need a price on carbon to reflect the damage done by fossil fuels. Then the market could tell the truth and push us in the direction of clean energy.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act would put a steadily rising fee on fossil fuels, and distribute the money back to the people. There would be an

incentive to move away from expensive fossil fuels and to renewable energy and energy conservation. The market would promote rapid development of the energy of the future, and our country would be much more secure for it.

—Doug Burke, Oak Park

A free-market lesson

The editorial extolling the U.S. free market and the American ingenuity that has led to energy independence should be required reading in every high school in the country. Too many of our kids these days do not understand fully that they are blessed to live in this great nation. Too many are taught to think negatively about our power and our prosperity — strength that maintains a semblance of world order and wealth that allows for extraordinary generosity to people here and abroad.

—Jack Kenesey, Palatine

Gas under \$2

In Niles I recently bought regular gas at \$1.99. It is the first time in years I did not have to go to another state and find that price! Now, Illinois lawmakers

will complain they are receiving less revenue because they will be getting less sale tax! They will probably go so far as to say now is the time to raise gas taxes.

—Jerome C. Malon, Chicago

Lincoln Yards project needs improvements

Blair Kamin's Lincoln Yards article ("Lincoln Yards plan needs to scale down," Dec. 30) was a comprehensive analysis. However, I believe there are three additional concerns that need to be further addressed.

First, the proposed infrastructure improvements will not adequately address both current and future traffic congestion, especially in the east-west direction. Second, if the Lincoln Yards retail streets are improved, as recommended in the article, they will have a detrimental impact on existing Lincoln Park business streets that are already under pressure from online competition and high property taxes. Third, the proposed public transportation improvements will not be sufficient to support the 24,000 workers, 5,000 residential units and a 20,000 seat stadium.

—Allan Mellis, Chicago

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Your Monday guide to managing money, work and the business of life



JILL SCHLESINGER
Jill on Money

Biggest financial lessons of 2018

The news cycle can teach us important economic and personal finance lessons. Here are my picks for the biggest lessons of 2018.

1. When the government spends, the economy grows: The economic expansion (the second longest in U.S. history) got a big boost from the new tax law and by a surge in government spending. The combination likely increased GDP by about 3 percent in 2018, which would be the best showing since 2005.

2. The labor market is not done yet: The economy added just over 200,000 jobs per month, on average, the unemployment rate dropped to 49-year low of 3.7 percent, the broader rate fell and wages finally began to perk up, especially for lower income earners.

3. The Federal Reserve still matters a lot: Citing strong economic growth, the Fed hiked short-term interest rates by a quarter of a percent four times, pushing up the benchmark rate to 2.25 to 2.5 percent. Critics, including the president, worry that the central bank's autopilot policy will slow down the economy and bring the era of easy money to an abrupt conclusion.

4. Trade/tariffs: The Trump administration enacted a number of tariffs: 10 percent on imported aluminum; 25 percent on imported steel; 25 percent on \$50 billion worth of Chinese industrial goods; and 10 percent on another \$200 billion of Chinese consumer goods. The U.S., Canada and Mexico signed on to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which will require companies to use more locally produced steel and also to pay auto workers at least \$16 per hour.

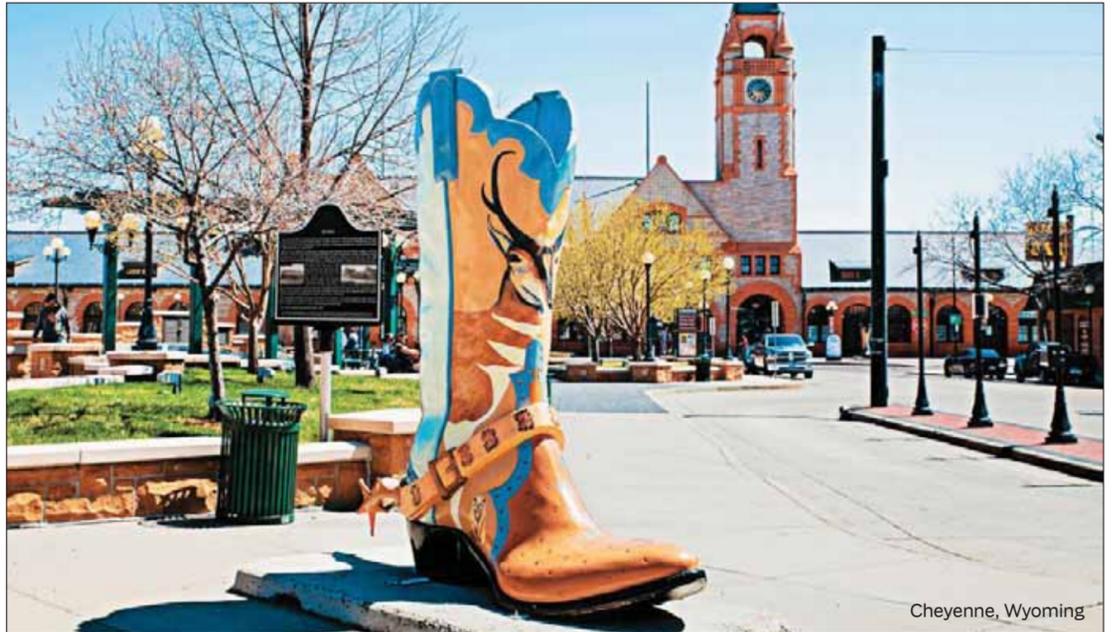
5. Year of corrections and bears: After a relatively placid couple of years, investors endured two corrections, defined as a drop of 10 percent or more. But the damage was worse for many more companies, including the once vaunted FAANGs (Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix and Google parent, Alphabet), all of which stumbled into a bear market, defined as a 20 percent decline from an asset's 52-week high.

6. Diversification works, but not always: Almost every asset class moved in tandem (and in the wrong direction) in 2018, prompting some to proclaim, "Diversification doesn't work!" The point of asset allocation and diversification is that when one investment zigs, another zags. While there are years when the tried and true strategy does not work (see 2008 and 2015), over time it is the best bet for long-term investors. For example, from 2000 to 2010, which included the financial crisis, the annualized return of the S&P 500, including dividends, was just a paltry 1.4 percent per year. During those 10 years, a portfolio of 60 percent equities (split among different types of stocks) and 40 percent fixed income had an annualized return of 7.83 percent.

7. (Some) retail is dead: R.I.P. Toys R Us, which put Geoffrey the Giraffe out of a job and Sears, once the largest retailer in the U.S., filed for bankruptcy protection. At the same time, Amazon held a beauty contest for a second headquarters and was on pace to capture almost half of all online sales, according to eMarketer.

8. Your identity is still not safe: A year after the Equifax data breach, hotel operator Marriott said that hackers have been stealing information from its Starwood subsidiaries reservation systems for almost four years. The breach, one of the largest in history, exposed information of up to 500 million customers.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming

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LIVING LARGE

Money magazine names best place to reside in each state

BY BETSY MIKEL | Inc.

Looking to move to a place where your money will go further? Though everyone's list has different must-haves, many gravitate toward places with healthy economies, a reasonable cost of living and housing they can afford. Low crime, good schools and not terrible weather are also important. So are diversity, job opportunities and access to quality health care. And, there should be plenty to do in your off-hours.

That may be a lot to ask of a place to live, but there are many small cities and towns that make the grade.

At the end of every year, Money magazine ranks the best places to live in the United States, and Frisco, Texas, came out on top for 2018. This year, Money also culled through the data to select the best place to live in each of the 50 states.

Unsurprisingly, big cities with astronomically high costs of living such as San Francisco and New York did not make the list.

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Determining which cities rose to the top

Money considered 70 data points to curate the list. To narrow down the list to desirable places to live, Money got rid of any place that had a crime rate that was double the national average, lacked ethnic diversity or had incomes 83 percent less than the state's national average.

The highest weighted factors were economic health, public school performance and local amenities, including the number of health-care facilities and leisure activities such as dining, cultural institutions and green spaces. Secondary factors were housing, cost of living and diversity.

Money also sent reporters to each place to check it out and gather anecdotal and less tangible data about the perks of living there.



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| Peoria, Arizona | \$70,351 |
| Rogers, Arkansas | \$63,175 |
| Dublin, California | \$129,533 |
| Highlands Ranch, Colorado | \$114,652 |
| West Hartford, Connecticut | \$100,355 |
| Hockessin, Delaware | \$115,124 |
| Weston, Florida | \$102,875 |
| Alpharetta, Georgia | \$99,718 |
| Kapaa, Hawaii | \$62,546 |
| Boise, Idaho | \$59,460 |
| Wheaton, Illinois | \$95,148 |
| Carmel, Indiana | \$110,660 |
| West Des Moines, Iowa | \$77,923 |
| Overland Park, Kansas | \$86,123 |
| Bowling Green, Kentucky | \$42,486 |
| Metairie, Louisiana | \$61,513 |
| South Portland, Maine | \$56,472 |
| Ellicott City, Maryland | \$123,959 |
| Newton, Massachusetts | \$132,258 |
| Novi, Michigan | \$94,025 |
| Woodbury, Minnesota | \$105,346 |
| Gulfport, Mississippi | \$40,751 |
| St. Charles, Missouri | \$60,912 |
| Billings, Montana | \$58,051 |
| Bellevue, Nebraska | \$62,277 |
| Henderson, Nevada | \$70,204 |
| Nashua, New Hampshire | \$72,007 |
| Parsippany-Troy Hills, New Jersey | \$95,779 |
| Rio Rancho, New Mexico | \$64,007 |
| Amherst, New York | \$74,631 |
| Cary, North Carolina | \$99,195 |
| Grand Forks, North Dakota | \$53,261 |
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| Sioux Falls, South Dakota | \$61,673 |
| Franklin, Tennessee | \$95,489 |
| Frisco, Texas | \$119,622 |
| Orem, Utah | \$61,259 |
| Colchester, Vermont | \$69,181 |
| Ashburn, Virginia | \$119,874 |
| Sammamish, Washington | \$154,209 |
| Morgantown, West Virginia | \$38,060 |
| Madison, Wisconsin | \$61,601 |
| Cheyenne, Wyoming | \$61,275 |

BE KINDER IN 2019

Bosses can make a difference with a few simple acts, words

BY WANDA THIBODEAUX

Kindness is the glue that makes people stick with a great leader.

It's what allows people to let down their guard to trust you and connect with you for both better work and higher quality of life. That's what makes committing to compassion one of the most meaningful resolutions you can make.

Here are several ways to show kindness to your team members in the new year:

Bring them coffee or a cupcake.
Extend a deadline if possible when stress

escalates.

Check in regularly just to see how they're doing, rather than for a project update.

Share an inspiring book or quote.
Offer genuine praise or thanks, especially when it's not expected.

Ask what they need.
Leave your phone off or out of reach when you're with them.

Keep communal spaces clean.
Donate your raise toward employee training, bonuses or pay increases, or re-evaluate your benefits package to better meet immediate needs.

Be realistic about quotas and the circumstances workers try to reach them in; set the bar high, but don't let numbers give a false impression of the employee experience or ability.

Hold open doors.
Tell a brief story that demonstrates empathy.

Be honest about your own mistakes so they know it's OK to make them, too.

Ask them about the good that happened in their day.

Be more generous and flexible with breaks.

Donate some vacation time.
Discourage gossip about someone who may be having a bad time.

Order supplies before they run out.
Help for a few minutes on one of their projects (especially if they have to stay late).

Invite them to take a walk, grab lunch or do another activity with you.

Make it easier to work remotely, especially in emergencies.

Mentor or give unsolicited support, no strings attached.

Leave private notes of encouragement on their desks.

Reply to emails quickly.
Listen in moments of anxiety or depression.

Put interesting books and fun games in the break room.

Apologize as soon as possible if you're

wrong and change your behavior to prove you're sincere.

Make sure they get training.
Send them home early or surprise them with a random call to take the day off.

Share positive feedback with their direct manager if it isn't you, ideally in writing.

Ask for their insights so they know you value their opinions and expertise.

Hold the elevator.
Make sure they get away from their desk for lunch.

Take money to the vending machine.
Keep a bowl of healthy snacks or fruit in busy office areas.

Let them go ahead of you in the cafeteria, on the stairs, etc.

Talk about what they do for you, not what their title is.

Say thank you.

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Managing market jitters



BY **ELLIOT RAPHAELSON**
The Savings Game

It's normal to worry about your portfolio when the stock and bond markets become volatile, and when you see your portfolio fall significantly in value. It's natural to wonder what to do, if anything, to protect your portfolio.

The best general advice is to keep focused on long-term objectives. Ideally, you have structured your portfolio based on long-term objectives. If so, you probably don't have to do anything drastic to modify your portfolio. If not, make some changes you can live with.

Consider the following:

Sell some of your stock holdings

The previous nine years have likely been good for your portfolio. If you have significant gains in the stock portion of your portfolio, and have not reduced your holdings, take some profits and reinvest conservatively, if only temporarily. For example, consider Treasury bills, money market instruments or short-term bond funds.

Review your allocation of stocks and bonds

If you are 15 or more years away from retirement, don't be concerned about having too high a percentage of common stocks in your portfolio. However, the closer you get to retirement, the more you should increase the percent-

A few strategies during volatile times

age of your portfolio in bonds.

For example, prior to retirement, I often had 70 percent of my portfolio in stocks. However, as I approached retirement I gradually increased the size of my bond portfolio to 50 percent. In retirement, I have maintained a 50-50 ratio of stocks to bonds for approximately 20 years.

Many retirees maintain a much higher percentage of bonds than 50 percent, which I believe is a mistake. There will always be some inflation, so it is necessary to maintain a significant portion of stocks in your portfolio during retirement both to protect you from inflation and because the expected lifespan for retirees is continually increasing.

In the long run, you should still be investing in stocks even if there are periods in which common stocks don't do that well.

Diversify your stock portfolio

Although I sometimes devote some of my portfolio to sectors I like, such as health care, I maintain the majority of my portfolio in diversified index mutual funds.

There can be a great deal of volatility in individual sectors. If you invest disproportionately in one sector, you run the risk of deeper losses in your portfolio compared to the broader market. A good example is the technology sector in recent months.

If you are the type of investor who looks at the value of your portfolio every day, you will sleep better at night if you

maintain a diversified portfolio of index funds.

Re-balance your portfolio at least once a year

I rebalance more often when there are significant changes in the value of my portfolio. For example, if my goal is to maintain a 50-50 ratio of stocks to bonds, then when my stocks reach 55 percent of the value of my portfolio, I sell the portion of my stocks that have done the best. I then reallocate these funds to the bond portion of my portfolio.

This approach provides more stability in your portfolio when there is a great deal of volatility.

Hold the appropriate types of bonds

Bonds, overall, did poorly in 2018, primarily because the Federal Reserve continually raised interest rates. When the Fed does this, long-term bond holdings fall more in value than shorter-term holdings. It's hard to predict future actions of the Fed.

If you want to ensure that the bond portion of your portfolio is more stable, switch from long-term bond holdings into intermediate- and short-term bond holdings.

Build liquidity

During periods of great volatility, if you can, increase the size of your emergency funds in liquid short-term investments. You can always dollar-cost-average back into the stock market later when volatility becomes tamer.

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TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Maintain some perspective amid market madness

This is a perfect time to reflect on some Savage Truths that sadly must be relearned in every economic and stock market cycle.

■ Perspective is essential to investment success. And it's almost impossible to gain perspective in the midst of a crisis. At the top of a bull market, everyone has forgotten about previous bear markets. And at the bottom, they're too scared to invest. That's as silly as believing that summer will never come because it's cold and snowy in winter. The market and the economy move in cycles.

■ It's your money that counts, not the market. The stock market only makes headlines at extremes. When every pundit has an opinion about where the market will go, remember they have a 50/50 chance of being right. If anyone actually knew for sure what was coming next, he or she wouldn't be opining on TV.

The stock market doesn't care about your money. The economists and commentators may have a longer term perspective, a stronger risk tolerance — or a lot more money — than you do. No one cares more about your money than you do.

■ Self-discipline is the essence of all decision making. Your investment strategy and your self-discipline are really tested when others are in panic mode. If you made a sound plan in calmer times, stick with it. If you have diversified and rebalanced, there's no need to panic.

You'll face two tough tests of self-discipline in a bear market. The first is to keep yourself from selling in a panic. And the second, equally tough decision is to stick to your pre-planned schedule of regular monthly investment contributions even though it seems like throwing money down the drain at the time.

■ It's not wrong to be wrong; it's only wrong to stay wrong. It's not too late now to reassess your risk tolerance, if you can do so calmly. You've been advised before in this space to take some gains and set them aside in safe "chicken money" investments — especially if you've moved 10 years closer to retirement since the last bear market.

Don't be stubborn or afraid to pull some money out, even when the averages are down 20 percent. Remember, many bear markets send the major indexes down nearly 50 percent. And in several instances in the past century, it took a decade to recover.

■ The lessons that cost the most teach the most. Unless you're forced to sell because of a required minimum distribution or an emergency, you can ride out any decline. Remember, there has never been a 20-year period (going back to 1926) when you would have lost money in a diversified portfolio of large company American stocks, with dividends reinvested.

Over the long run — at least 20 years — holding a diversified stock market investment (the S&P 500 stock index fund) has been the wise course.

But riding out a long bear market will be a lesson you'll never forget. Just make sure you actually have the long run and aren't forced to sell prematurely to maintain your lifestyle.

One last thought: What if this time is different? Every bear market engenders that fear. In every case, America has survived and prospered.

If it's different this time, you'll have a lot more to worry about than your stock portfolio. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Backdoor Roth review

Consider tax ramifications of move

BY **KIMBERLY LANKFORD**
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Q. I'd like to roll over some money from my old 401(k)s into an IRA to make it easier to keep track of my investments. But I heard that the rollover could hurt my ability to make a "backdoor" Roth IRA contribution. What is that, and is it a good reason to not do a rollover?

A. If you earn too much money to contribute to a Roth IRA, there's another way to get into this tax-advantaged account: You can contribute to a traditional IRA and then convert the money to a Roth soon afterward, which is called a backdoor IRA contribution. (There are no income limits on conversions.)

If your traditional IRA contribution was not tax-deductible and that is the only money you have in a traditional IRA, your conversion to the Roth would be essentially tax-free. You would only have to pay ordinary income taxes on any earnings in the IRA between the time you made the contribution and when you converted to the Roth.



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But the tax calculation becomes more complicated if you have other money in traditional IRAs that is a mix of pretax contributions — say, rollovers from a 401(k) — and after-tax contributions. Your tax liability on a conversion will be based on the percentage of your overall balance that hasn't been taxed yet. And you can't pick and choose which money to convert.

Say you have \$10,000 total in all of your traditional IRAs and \$8,000 of that is from rollovers, tax-deductible contributions or earnings, while \$2,000 is from nondeductible contributions. Under the formula, 80 percent of the money converted to a Roth would be taxable, and 20 percent would be tax-free.

Be aware that any money you roll over from a pretax 401(k) to a traditional IRA will increase the total IRA balance used in the calculation and could cause you to pay taxes on a larger percentage of any conversion.

For example, if your traditional IRA balance is \$20,000 after rolling over money from a 401(k) and \$2,000 is from nondeductible contributions, only 10 percent of any conversion to a Roth will be tax-free, and the remaining 90 percent will be taxable.

You can contribute to a Roth IRA directly for 2018 if your income is below \$135,000 for single filers or \$199,000 if you're married filing jointly (the contribution amount starts to phase out for single filers earning \$120,000 or more and joint filers earning \$189,000 or more). You have until April 15, 2019, to contribute to a Roth IRA for 2018.

But if you earn more than the cutoff and you want to make a backdoor Roth contribution, it's important to consider the total balance in your traditional IRAs when calculating the tax ramifications.

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Kick that social media habit

Add up all the 10-minute bits you spend mindlessly scrolling Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc. and you might be embarrassed about how much time you waste when you should be working. Here's how to control the beast.



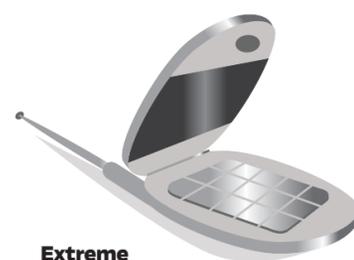
Moderate

Sometimes the obvious solution is also the best: Delete the apps from your phone. You can reduce the distractions that make it harder to be productive at work and also zap the hollow feeling that social media often triggers.



Aggressive

Put your cellphone on mute and stick it in a locked drawer at work so you are less tempted to look at it. Check it only at lunchtime and when you are done for the day. Apps like Flipd can lock your phone from you for a period of time that you choose.

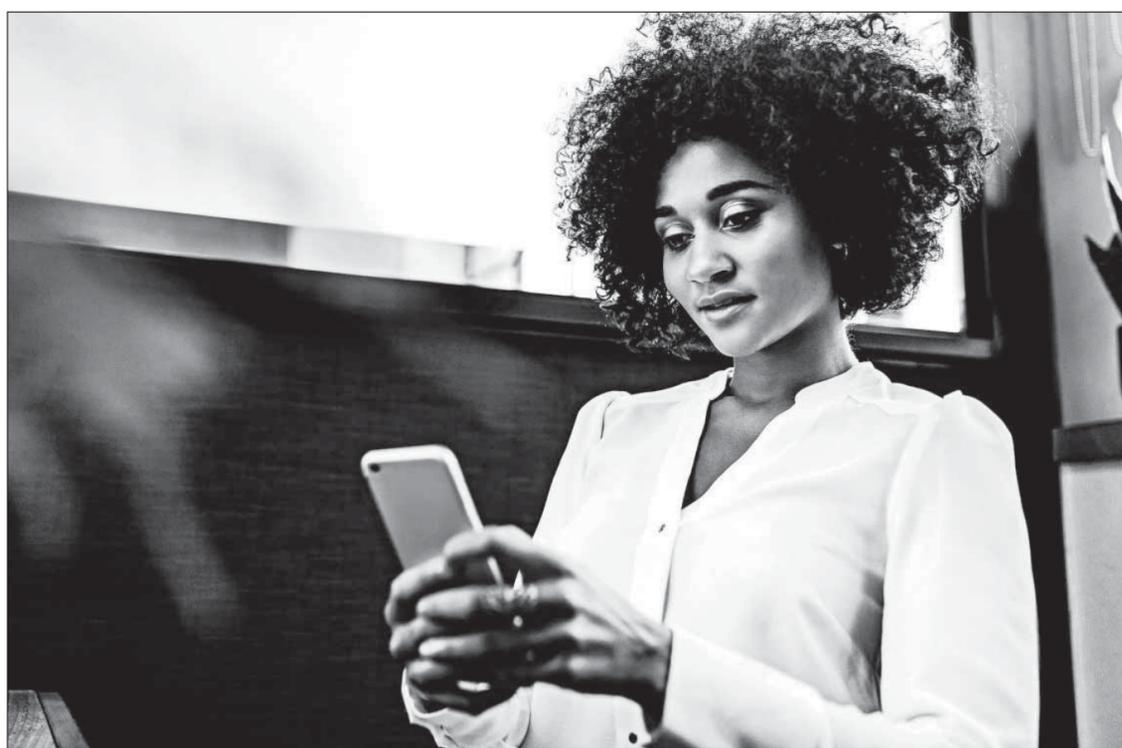


Extreme

If your habit is out of control, get help. Ask a friend or partner to hide your phone for long stretches of time. Or become a born-again Luddite, joining the 23 percent of Americans who don't own a smartphone.

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KEEP IN TOUCH

Why it makes sense to stay connected with rejected job candidates

BY ADAM ROBINSON
Inc.

The U.S. unemployment rate is at its lowest point in almost 50 years and is projected to remain that way for a while.

In many cases, there are more open roles than available talent to fill them, making the hiring market highly competitive for employers.

You're probably looking for every hiring edge you can get, and your team might be overlooking a key candidate pool that is right in front of you: past candidates with whom you've interacted already.

Perhaps you chose not to move forward with them because they weren't quite a fit for your team from a culture standpoint or didn't have the relevant background or experience for a certain role. Maybe you couldn't afford them, or maybe someone else was just a little bit better. That doesn't mean those candidates will never be a fit for your team.

You always have the option to stay in touch and consider these quality candidates for open roles in the future — and the way the job market is going you should seriously consider doing that.

Here's how to build relationships with those quality candidates:

Share honest feedback

Whether job seekers don't make it past the initial stage or make it through several rounds but don't end up receiving an offer, it's important to close the loop with applicants.

Recent data from the Society of Human Resources Professionals found that only 20 percent of candidates on average receive an email from a recruiter or hiring manager, and only 8 percent receive a phone call letting them know they aren't moving forward in the hiring process.

That can be very frustrating. If the initial applications aren't a fit for your open roles or team, an automated email letting candidates know they're out works just fine.

But if candidates complete several steps of your hiring process, such as a prescreen survey, skills tests and multiple interviews, it's important to provide personalized, honest feedback. For example, a candidate who isn't a fit for a given role for a handful of reasons can potentially join your team as a top employee several months down the road in a different role.

Let candidates know how their skill sets and experience could fit with other roles that may come along soon.

Keep in touch

This one's easier said than done. Your team can't hire every great candidate

who applies to your open roles. But if you think they might be a fit for your team down the road, you should make an effort to stay in touch.

A simple way to keep in touch is by connecting with top candidates on LinkedIn. Then, when new roles come up that past candidates are qualified for, you can easily scan through your LinkedIn network to jog your memory about some of your previous top candidates.

You might come into contact with candidates you want on your team but don't have the resources to hire them right away. For example, you might meet a great sales leader at a networking event but don't have the budget for that particular role at the time.

Consider meeting with these people informally every few months for lunch or coffee. Or, if you host job fairs or networking events at your business, invite top connections you have crossed paths with to show you're still interested.

Then, when you do have the perfect open roles for these candidates, they'll remember all the effort you put into building the relationship, feel valued by your team and be more interested in applying.

Today's stiff competition for top talent means employers need to go the extra mile.

Adam Robinson is co-founder and CEO of Hireology, a hiring and talent management platform.



STEVE ROSEN
Kids & Money

Endowment funds can help secure future for students

Two hand-written notes from complete strangers helped bring home to me the importance of endowment funds.

"I cannot express just how thankful I am for your generous support of students like me to get through college with less crippling debt," one student wrote to my parents. "Without scholarships from organizations like yours, my schooling would not have been an option ... I will now be able to finish my last year ... on a positive note."

The other student also credited my parents' generosity, which she said, allowed her to "focus greatly on my studies and other things that matter most."

My parents created an endowment fund a number of years ago, with the strategic goal of providing scholarships to worthy students in the Jewish community in their hometown of Omaha. Even though my parents have passed away, their legacy and financial support live on.

I have received annual statements for the fund for many years, but it wasn't until I read the thank-you notes from the two students a couple years ago that the impact of the fund really hit home.

At a time when there is much hand-wringing over the high cost of higher education, creating a scholarship fund — if you have the financial resources — is a concrete way to make a difference and make college or a trade school more affordable for a young student.

My parents were not wealthy, but they had a passion for helping students reach their dreams through education.

If you want to help students avoid excessive debt by providing scholarship money, there are a number of ways to do so. None of them require having vast financial resources, and donors get tax deductions. And if you don't have the wiggle room in your budget right now, your fund can be established upon your death, for example, from proceeds of your life insurance policy.

There are donor-advised funds that can be opened through companies such as Fidelity, Vanguard or Schwab. These generally require a minimum contribution of about \$25,000.

You essentially donate cash, securities or other assets to the fund and decide later which charities to support.

You can also write a check to your alma mater to be used for scholarships. Community foundations are another outlet, especially for donors with more modest means.

Or do what my parents did, by focusing their giving on one cause. In their case, the endowment was created through the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation. Their fund is now valued at about \$30,000 and money is distributed annually with gifts of \$1,000 here, \$2,000 there.

Howard Epstein is executive director of the Omaha foundation. He said one of his biggest hurdles is convincing potential donors that endowment funds "are not just for rich people. ... These are affordable for someone who is middle-class and above."

Epstein said part of his job is to "try to connect people with their passion. Often I work with people who say they want to give back but don't know what to do."

Epstein advises potential donors to review whether to include a secondary purpose for distributing their funds in case the original plan is no longer applicable. In addition, know how your money will be invested, how much money will be distributed each year and how much will go toward management fees.

"People will be amazed at how even \$1,000 can help" a student cover college bills, Epstein said.

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Delay — or pay me?

When to file for Social Security benefits

BY SANDRA BLOCK
Kiplinger

Many financial planners recommend waiting until at least your full retirement age — or, even better, until you're 70 — to claim Social Security.

You're eligible to file for Social Security as early as age 62, but if you do, your benefits will be permanently reduced by at least 25 percent. Waiting until full retirement age — 66 for most baby boomers — means you'll receive 100 percent of the benefits you've earned. And if you continue to postpone filing for benefits after you reach full retirement age, your payouts will grow by 8 percent a year until you reach age 70.

That, combined with cost-of-living adjustments in most years, is a return you're unlikely to get anywhere else. Yet nearly 60 percent of retirees claim benefits before age 66, and about one-third of those retirees claim benefits at 62.

Figuring out when to file for Social Security usually comes down to a ques-

tion that's nearly impossible to answer: How long will you live?

The longer you live, the more delaying pays off, of course.

The age at which you come out ahead by postponing benefits is known as your break-even age. For example, a 62-year-old top wage earner would come out ahead by filing at 66 as long as he lives past age 77. If he delays filing for benefits until age 70, he would need to live past age 80 to break even. That's below the average life expectancy (84 for men and nearly 87 for women who attain the age of 65), but if you don't expect to live that long, there's no point in postponing your benefits.

However, if your grandmother celebrated her 90th birthday by playing a little golf, and you're fit and healthy, you're probably better off waiting until at least full retirement age — or, better yet, age 70 — to file your claim.

If you're married, there's another factor to consider: survivor benefits. For example, if you're the higher earner and you die first, your spouse will be able to

take over your benefits. Delaying benefits will boost the monthly benefit your spouse will receive after you're gone.

Some retirees remain convinced that they can come out ahead by filing at 62 and investing their benefits. That way, they argue, they won't leave money on the table if they die before their break-even age. This strategy also appeals to retirees who fear that a shortfall in the Social Security trust fund will force the government to cut future benefits.

But in order to beat the guaranteed return you would get by delaying benefits (plus cost-of-living increases), you'd need to invest most of your benefits in stocks, financial planners say. That could work out in your favor, but if the market turns bearish, you won't have years to recover your losses, says Gifford Lehman, a certified financial planner in Monterey, Calif.

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OBITUARIES

TOM WEISNER 1949-2018

Former mayor of Aurora was hailed as 'true public servant'

By **STEVE LORD**
The Beacon-News

Former Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner died Friday after a long battle with cancer, his family has confirmed.

Weisner, a longtime public servant and community benefactor, died with his wife of 46 years, Marilyn, and his family by his side. He was 69 years old.

The Weisner family issued a statement shortly after his passing through a spokesman.

"While we are deeply saddened by the passing of Tom, we are grateful that he was able to spend his last days with those that loved him most. He adored his family, his friends and this community more than words can express. We appreciate the outpouring of support from each and every person and take comfort in knowing that his commitment to serving people will never be forgotten," the family statement reads.

Current Mayor Richard Irvin said in a statement that Weisner "will forever be synonymous with Aurora, Illinois. Leading with passion, persistence and professionalism."

Irvin ran against Weisner for mayor twice and also served next to him as an alderman-at-large for about 10 years.

"Whether it was during our campaigns for mayor or working in tandem for the good of the citizens of Aurora, I learned so much from Tom Weisner personally and professionally," Irvin said. "He was a true public servant who will forever live in the hearts and minds of the people. I know I can speak on behalf of all Aurorans, as well as those who worked with him throughout the region, when I say Mayor Weisner will truly be missed."

Born in Batavia, Weisner attended Marmion Military Academy at its campus at Illinois Avenue and Lake Street during the 1960s.

He and Marilyn made their permanent home in Aurora after they returned from the Solomon Islands, where they served together in the Peace Corps.

Weisner began working at City Hall in 1986. He was hired by former Mayor David Pierce to be the Emergency Management Agency director. He started also dealing with the Aurora Transportation Center and administering what was then the new train station at Illinois Route 59.

He then got involved with managing the city's vehicle fleet, which led him into the street department. Under Mayor David Stover, Weisner was involved with developing the organization and community outreach.



CITY OF AURORA

Tom Weisner, who was first elected mayor of Aurora in 2005 and served until November 2016, died Friday.

He helped develop the new city call center in 2000, which continues today to connect citizens with real people when they call in, not audio machines.

In all, he had more than 30 years of community service, something Weisner said in a 2016 interview came naturally.

"The idea of public service was not even something I had to think of, just something that was always there," he said.

He was first elected mayor in 2005 and served until November 2016, when he retired six months shy of the end of his third term. He had announced a year earlier he would not seek a fourth term.

Weisner was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2007 — two years into his first mayoral term. Through two surgeries and more than a decade of treatment, Weisner continued to serve as mayor.

While fighting his disease in the public eye, he used his situation as a cautionary tale to people to get colonoscopies and early treatment.

He stepped down early as mayor to focus on his health.

Shortly after taking office, Weisner began a program focused on three main elements: lowering crime, increasing development and improving quality of life in Aurora's neighborhoods.

Working with the police department, Weisner moved forward with plans to build a new police facility to give officers what he considered modern tools they needed to fight crime in the 21st century.

He prioritized community-oriented policing strategies and implemented changes to the police hiring process, which resulted in an additional 15-20 officers on the street.

Total crime dropped to historic lows, while homicides plummeted, according to city crime data.

In the 11 calendar years prior to Weisner taking office, more than 16 people were killed in Aurora annually, on average, with a high of 26. In the 11 years after he

took office that number dropped to an average of five homicides a year and, in 2012, the city reported zero homicides.

Weisner embarked on an ambitious plan to clean up contaminated properties, which he believed stymied new development along the riverfront and throughout town.

Through public/private partnerships, the city facilitated the cleanup and development of several environmentally-challenged properties. One of the most notable projects went on to be named Thomas J. Weisner RiverEdge Park — shortly after he stepped down as mayor.

A lover of the arts, Weisner was influential in casting the vision that brought live theater back to the Paramount Theatre, which also took on programming for RiverEdge Park.

Shortly after retiring as mayor, Weisner stepped up to lead the fundraising effort for Paramount Theatre's new School of the Arts — a partnership effort between the city-run Aurora Civic Center Authority Board and The Community Builders, a private developer, who will offer affordable artist lofts in the building.

Weisner also prioritized repairing and upsizing Aurora's underground infrastructure. Without these improvements, much of the development along River Street and throughout downtown Aurora would not have been possible, supporters had said.

In 2015, Aurora was heralded by the Intelligent Community Forum as one of the Smart 21 Communities internationally. The group recognized then-Mayor Weisner's forward-thinking technology investments as a model for other cities worldwide.

Under Weisner, the city made the first \$7 million investment in OnLight Aurora, the city's fiber optic network for educational, government and business infrastructure.

He led the battle for more railroad safety, particularly as it passed through Aurora and other Chicago area cities. His regional outlook also brought about formation of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance — a group of more than 80 communities dedicated to helping communities provide a sustainable water supply.

Weisner is survived by his wife, Marilyn Hogan Weisner; son Anthony (Allison), and granddaughters Olivia and Zoe. He was preceded in death by his son Thaddeus, who died from complications of cerebral palsy in 2006.

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ON JANUARY 2 ...

In 1492 Spaniards seized the city of Granada from the Moors. It had been the last Arab stronghold in Spain.

In 1899 Secretary of State John Hay announced the Open Door Policy to promote trade with China.

In 1921 religious services were broadcast for the first time when station KDKA in Pittsburgh transmitted the Sunday service from the

city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1929 the U.S. and Canada agreed on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1942 Manila was captured by the Japanese in World War II.

In 1960 Sen. John F. Kennedy, D-Mass., announced his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1974 a crowd barrier

collapsed at a soccer match in Glasgow, Scotland, and 66 people were trampled to death.

In 1976 the Soviet Union hardened its stand on emigration despite the 1975 Helsinki agreement to permit free movement of people and ideas in Europe.

In 1986 former White Sox owner Bill Veeck died in Chicago; he was 71.

In 1991 Sharon Pratt Dixon was sworn in as the first African-American female mayor of Washington.

In 1999 a blizzard dumped 17 inches of snow on the Chicago area, the largest recorded snowfall for one day.

In 2013 President Barack Obama signed the so-called fiscal cliff deal into law.

In 2015 a 7-year-old Illinois girl, Sailor Gutzler, survived a small-plane crash that killed her parents, sister and a cousin and trekked nearly a mile through thick underbrush in rural Kentucky to a resident's house to report the crash and seek help.

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Jan. 3 Lotto: \$5.25M

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Death Notices

Bataille, Claire Anne

Claire Anne Bataille died Sunday morning December 30th at her home in Oak Park, IL. Claire spent her final days with beloved friends and family. She is survived by her two sons, Isaac Sorsa and Jack Sorsa, their father Don Sorsa, and her brothers Abbot Vincent P. Bataille and retired Army Major General Emile Bataille (Carol). Claire was born on November 6, 1952 in Elmhurst IL to Joseph and Marie (Boivin) Bataille. As a dancer, teacher, choreographer, Pilates instructor and studio director, she was at the forefront of the Chicago dance scene for more than 40 years. Claire was a founding member of the Hubbard Street Dance Company where she graced the stage from 1977-1992, after which she directed the Lou Conte Dance studio until late 2018. She lived as she danced, with grace, high standards, and generosity. She is mourned by a large multi-generational community of artists, friends, family and others who learned from her and loved her dearly. Memorial will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to the "Claire Bataille Memorial Fund" at Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, 1147 W. Jackson, Chicago IL 60607. The fund will support free training for dancers between the ages of 17-23 who are on the cusp of professional careers. Recipients of these funds will also receive career counseling and mentorship from Hubbard Street dancers and staff.

Citron, Myra

Myra Citron, nee Singer, age 86, quietly passed away on December 30th in her home; beloved wife for over 60 years of the late Burton Citron; devoted mother of Glori (Ronald) Weinert and Bernard (late Bonnie) Citron; adored grandmother of Beth (Sean) DeFrates, Kyle (David) Hickey, Maxwell Citron and Hope (Brandon McGuire) Citron; proud great grandmother of Brooks DeFrates. Services Wednesday, January 2nd, 10:00 a.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Waldheim Cemetery, Forest Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to JourneyCare Hospice, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025. For condolence information: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

Crater, William A.

William A. "Bill" Crater, 82, recently of Crest Hill, of Tinley Park 59 years, passed away on Dec. 29, 2018, surrounded by his family. Husband of Sherry Crater and the late Sylvia Crater, 1995. Father of the late Katherine Crater, 2014, Candace Crater, Kyle (Frances) Crater, Lance (Carolyn) Crater, and Greg Crater. Step-father of Ryan (Sarah) Linsner, Rebecca (Ciff) Sinks, Erik (Lisa) Linsner. Proud Grandpa of 16 and Great-grandpa of 1. Brother of the late Janet Larson, Agnes Starks, Ruby Jean Girot, the late Helen Knight, the late Patricia Albright, and James Crater. Born in Custer Park to Lyle and Wilma Crater, Bill, graduated ISU receiving a BA and MA in Secondary Education, Science. He retired after teaching at Bremen Community School Dist. 228 for over 40 years where he chaired the Science Dept. for many years. He also coached Track and Cross Country and was a long-time Drivers Ed teacher. He was the ultimate supporter of his children's interests, especially as the inspiration to his sons band, The Billy's Boys. He enjoyed fishing most on his family farm. Visitation will be held on Wed., Jan 2, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 7:30 p.m. at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL. Committal Services will be privately held at Skyline Memorial Park in Monee. Arrangements entrusted to Heartland Memorial Center. To sign guestbook visit heartlandmemorial.com or call 708-444-2266.

Cunningham, Robert Edward

Robert Edward Cunningham, 72, was promoted from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant on December 24, 2018. He is a 1964 graduate of Luther High School South, Chicago Illinois. He earned a Bachelor Degree in Chemical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology, in Chicago IL, in 1968. He was a licenced Professional Engineer who developed patented processes. He was a regional Chess Champion, in Milwaukee WI. Awaiting the reunion in heaven are his beloved and loving wife of 40 years Roberta (nee Weber); brothers Glen F. (Jocelyn) and David M. (Madeline); sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: David and Sheryl Gibson, Donald and Judith Fry and Janice Weber; three nieces, two nephews, goddaughters, friends and other family members. Visitation at Querhammer & Flagg Funeral Home, 500 West Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014, on Friday, January 4, 2019, from 3-8pm. Funeral Visitation and Service starting at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 932 McHenry Ave., Crystal Lake, on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9am, where a Funeral Service will begin at 10am. Burial at Bethania, Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Church. For information call the Funeral Home at (815) 459-1760.

Cyr, Jane Marie

Jane Marie (Bogucki) Cyr of St. Charles, IL, doting grandma, loving mom, devoted wife, dearest friend and strong, courageous and quiet fighter, was born June 8, 1951 and passed away peacefully December 29, 2018, surrounded by her children, in Chicago, Illinois. She is survived by daughters, Stefanie (Chase) Chavin of Chicago, IL and Jennifer Cyr (Matias Bianchi) of Tucson, AZ; son, Christopher Cyr (Susannah Engstrom) of Chicago, IL; her cherished grandchildren, Colby and Alexandra Chavin; Morena, Camilo and Magdalena Bianchi; and Gabriel and Abigail Cyr; and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, her parents, Phyllis and Ronald Bogucki and her sister, Joanne (Bogucki) Elser. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 A.M., Thursday, January 3rd at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2900 East Main Street, (Rt. 64), St. Charles. Entombment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Geneva. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-8:00 P.M. at Yurs Funeral Home, 405 East Main Street, St. Charles. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lazarus House, 214 Walnut Street, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 or to Breast Cancer Research Foundation 28 W 44th St., Ste 609, New York, New York 10036. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit the funeral home's obituary page at www.yursfuneralhomes.com. For more information, please call Yurs Funeral Home of St. Charles, 630-584-0060.

Mitchell, James R.

The Rev. James R. Mitchell, a longtime Chicago attorney who later became a minister, died Dec. 28, 2018. He was 85. A resident of Pines Village in Valparaiso, Ind., with his wife, Jean, he was hospitalized at Porter Regional Hospital Dec. 24. Rev. Mitchell was born in Emporia, Kan., April 27, 1933 and graduated from Northwestern University in 1954. He received a law degree from Northwestern in 1957 and practiced for many years in Chicago. From 1962 to 1964 he worked in the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He retired from the law in 1986 as a partner at Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell. In the 1980s Rev. Mitchell attended Chicago Theological Seminary and served as an interim pastor at the Rollo Congregational Church in Rollo, Ill. After receiving a master in divinity degree in 1986, he was named pastor of the First Congregational Church of Union City, Mich., where he served for seven years before moving to Wanatah, Ind. He served five years there before joining the staff at the First Christian church in Valparaiso. He retired from the ministry in 1998. He is survived by Jean Mitchell; two sons, Robert and David; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His son, Andrew, died in 2015. A memorial service for Rev. Mitchell is planned.

Potwora, Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Potwora, 72, Niles, IL; left us the evening of Thursday, December 28, 2018. Michael was born August 28, 1946 in Chicago and was a long time Niles resident. Always a devoted worker, he served the United States Postal Service in the O'Hare facility for 43 years as a postal employee with many commendations before retiring. Not long after, he picked up a part-time job at Jewel to keep himself busy and interact with people. Michael was a devout Catholic who served as a Eucharistic Minister for St. Juliana's church in Chicago. Michael met his sweetheart, Mary Kores, on April 18, 2000 and the two dated faithfully until they were engaged on March 18, 2017. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on August 18th, 2018 and they lived happily until the Lord called him home. Michael is survived by his wife, Mary Potwora (nee Kores), his stepdaughter Lauren (nee Kores), her husband Thomas McClaughry, their three children as well as numerous friends and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Genevieve Potwora. We will always love you Michael. Until we meet in heaven to be once again with you. Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 2nd 2018 at Cooney Funeral Home, 625 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge, IL; from 2pm until 8pm. The funeral Mass will occur at Immaculate Conception Church 7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL; at 10am on Thursday, January 3rd, 2018. Interment to follow at St. Adalberts Cemetery, 6800 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

Reger, Thomas G.

Thomas G. Reger age 83 of Winnetka. Beloved husband for 61 years to Carol Reger nee Davoren; loving father of Rick, Christopher, M.D. (Abigail) and Tim (Ann) Reger; proud grandfather of Miles, Gavin and Molly, Emma, Owen, Colm and Liam Reger; dear brother of the Claudine (the late Richard) Hawkinson. Visitation, Saturday January 5, 2019 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at Saints Faith Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street Suite 800 Miami, FL 33131. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

Richardson, Jeffrey Francis

DURHAM: Jeffrey Francis Richardson, 64, of Durham, NC and formerly of Oak Park, IL passed away on Sunday, December 30, 2018 after a long illness. He is survived by his mother, Patricia O. Froetschel of Pittsburgh, PA; and his six siblings, Susan Froetschel Olsen (Doug) of East Lansing, MI, Mark Froetschel (Dana) of Crawford, GA, Terri R. Ballengee (Tim) of Cary, NC, Laurie Mitchell (Jeff) of Durham, NC, Vince Richardson (Jane) of Washington, PA and Joyce Malley (Joe) of Bellevue, WA. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank Richardson; and step-father, Joseph Froetschel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory to SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare. Please make checks payable to The Medical Foundation of NC, Inc., and write in the memo line "Hospice House in Memory of Jeffrey Richardson". Mail donations to the Medical Foundation of NC Inc.: PO Box 1050, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-9981. At his wishes, no services are planned. The family is being assisted by Clements Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. in Durham. Online condolences may be made at www.clementsfuneralservice.com.

Riedl, Lois Jean

Lois Jean Riedl, nee Smith, 89, longtime resident of Glenview, passed away December 26, 2018. Beloved wife for 37 years of the late Frank; loving mother of Cynthia (Dennis) Arnold, Ellen (Daniel) Kirsanoff, Jennifer Case, and the late Timothy Riedl; cherished grandmother of 5 and proud great grandmother of 2. Mrs. Riedl was an active long time member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Glenview. Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 2, 2019 from 4 to 8 pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral Service will be held Thursday, January 3 at 11 am at St. David's Episcopal Church, 2410 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL 60025. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. David's Episcopal Church. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

Schubert, LaVerne

Schubert, LaVerne (nee LeBel) 95, New Port Richey, Florida, died December 27, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Larry Schubert, sister Lorraine Buchanan, brother James LeBel. Survived by daughters Sue, Patti, Beth, Kate, Nancy (Michael Henry), Barb, Jude, Janice (David Latham); 6 grandsons, 2 great-grand children, sister in law Delight LeBel, god-daughter/neice Sandi LeBel. LaVerne and Larry lived in Chicago and Elmwood Park before retiring to Florida in 1984. Visitation and funeral in Florida January 2&3. Dobbies FH/Old CR54

Stavrakos, Charalambos

Charalambos "Harry" Stavrakos M.D. 89 of Palos Park, born in Mavriki (Tegea) Greece May 17th, 1929 and at rest December 29th, 2018. Beloved husband of Maria nee Tsinonis. Loving father of John (Joanna) Stavrakos M.D. and Evonne (Timothy) Iannone. Cherrished pappou of Charalambos and Kostantinos. Dearest brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to many. Harry's undying dedication to his profession, his patients, and his church was selfless and humble. It was more than a career, it was truly his vocation and his calling from our Lord. May his memory be eternal. Visitation Wednesday morning January 2nd from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church 11025 South Roberts Road Palos Hills 60465. Funeral Service to immediately follow at 10:30 AM. Interment Evergreen Cemetery Evergreen Park Illinois. Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc.; Directing. In lieu of flowers, memorials to be made to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. 877/974-9201 or 815/462-0711 or www.orricofuneral.com

Trowbridge, Elaine M.

Elaine M. Trowbridge, nee Kayser, 73, of Elgin and formerly of Bartlett; loving wife for almost 50 years, of John; sister of the late Erick; sister in law of Margie (Bill) Sellke; aunt of Chris; daughter of the late Erich and the late Elsie; daughter in law of Mary M. Trowbridge; dear friend of many and companion of Nelly the rescued family cat. Memorial visitation Thursday, January 3rd, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Rd. (at Stearns Rd.) Bartlett. Cremation will be private at the Countryside Crematory prior to Elaine's memorial. In lieu of flowers donations to Anderson Animal Shelter or PAWS would be appreciated. www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com or 630-289-7575.

Weinstein, Karol

Karol Weinstein. Loving wife of the late Herbert Weinstein. Devoted mother of David Weinstein. Dear sister of the late Donald (Blanche Dougal) Kane and Michael (Ruth) Kane. Cherished aunt of Kathie (Greg) Kane-Willis. Grave-side service Wednesday 11:30AM at Waldheim Cemetery, 1400 S. Des Plaines, Forest Park. Memorials in her memory can be made to Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois 60613 www.anshemet.org favorite charity would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals- Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

Zirlin, Sherri T.

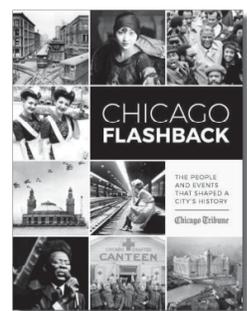
Sherri T. Zirlin, nee Takiff, 49. Beloved wife for 25 years of Todd Zirlin. Loving mother of Lily, Grant, Daisy and Wyatt Zirlin. Cherished daughter of Bobette and the late Sanford Takiff. Loving sister of Lizzy (Josh) Scheinfeld and Jill (Doug) Hirsh. Adored aunt of Charlie, Samantha, Natalia, Louis, Farin, Moriah, Jacob, Daniel, Jordyn, Zoey, Adler, Aston, Mady, Carter and Jolie. Dear daughter in law of Eliot and Nancy Zirlin. Fond sister in law of Donald (Erynn) Zirlin, Corey (Jeana) Zirlin and Brady (Marcy) Zirlin. Service Wednesday 12:30 PM at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Sherri Zirlin at the University of Chicago Medicine. Checks may be made payable to the University of Chicago Medicine and sent to the following address: University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, Sherri Zirlin Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615 or giving.uchicago.edu/sherri-zirlin and complete the form for the Sherri Zirlin Memorial. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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F18100189 WELLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Dwayne Henley; The Chicago Trust Company; The United States of America; State of Illinois, Department of Revenue; City of Chicago; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 13735 6670 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given by Dwayne Henley, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 16 IN BLOCK 3 OF PERRY AND HARTWELL'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 13 1/2 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 20-22-105-057-0000 Said property is commonly known as 6670 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Dwayne Henley and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0708560037 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 1, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

F18110114 WELLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Patrice L. Edwards aka Patrice Edwards aka P. Edwards; City of Chicago; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 14651 846 North Lavergne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651 Perkins Calendar 62 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Patrice L. Edwards aka Patrice Edwards aka P. Edwards, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 3 IN THE RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 28 TO 44 INCLUSIVE IN BLOCK 4 IN HENRY T. GLOVER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 16-04-426-018-0000 Said property is commonly known as 846 North Lavergne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Patrice L. Edwards and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0803810104 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 2, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO

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F18050129 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Plaintiff, vs. Colleen M. Cieczzak aka Colleen Cieczzak aka Colleen Marie Cieczzak; BMO Harris Bank N.A.; Dennis Maue; Law Office of Paul A. Frigo, LLC; Illinois Healthcare and Family Services; Mary B. Egan; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 14260 11045 West 84th Place, Willow Springs, Illinois 60480 Curry, Jr. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Colleen M. Cieczzak aka Colleen Cieczzak aka Colleen Marie Cieczzak, Mary B. Egan, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 6 IN WILLOW WEST ESTATES UNIT NO. 2, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 392.50 FEET OF THE WEST 821.50 FEET OF THE NORTH 332 FEET OF THE SOUTH 506 FEET OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 18-32-307-011-0000 Said property is commonly known as 11045 West 84th Place, Willow Springs, Illinois 60480, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Colleen M. Cieczzak and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0936522088 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 1, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

WWR #10147388 STATE OF ILLINOIS COURT OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF10 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE OF YOUNIA OSHANA, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF YOUNIA OSHANA, DECEASED, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, JULIE FOX, NOT INDIVIDUALLY, BUT SOLELY AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF YOUNIA OSHANA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. CASE NO: 2018CH11436 Calendar: 63 8530 Keystone Avenue Skokie, IL 60076 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Estate of Younia Oshana, Deceased, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Younia Oshana, Deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: The South 1/2 of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9 in Block 2 in Sunset View, a subdivision of Lot 4 in the Subdivision of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 (except the Southeast 1/4 of the North 1/2 thereof) in Section 22, Township 41 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded July 23, 1925 as Document Number 8983653, in Cook County, Illinois Commonly known as 8530 Keystone Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076. Parcel Number: 10-12-211-054-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by Younia Oshana, Mortgagor, to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Instrument Number 0718440111; And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Chancery Department,

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Cook County, Illinois against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file an answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, at the Courthouse, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 1, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL, 60601 Telephone: 312-782-9676 Facsimile: 312-782-4201 ChicagoREDG@weltman.com ARDC No. 6289784 Cook Atty. ID No. 31495

F18060229FVSTVRLM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB D/B/A Christiana Trust not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Successor Trustees of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement dated 10/25/1989; Unknown Beneficiaries of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement dated 10/25/1989; Belmont Heights No. 1 Condominium Association; John Lydon aka Jack Lydon Special Representative for Madeline M. Humpf a/k/a Madeline Humpf a/k/a Madeline M. Schneider, deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15732 3161 North Paris Avenue Unit 104, River Grove, Illinois 60171 Sullivan Calendar 60 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Successor Trustees of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement Dated 10/25/89, Unknown Beneficiaries of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement Dated 10/25/89, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS: UNIT 104 AS DELINEATED PLAT OF SURVEY OF LOT 1 IN JOSEPH J. PAGANUCCI'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 20 BOTH INCLUSIVE IN BLOCK 7 IN RIVER GROVE ESTATES; BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTH EAST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHICH PLAT OF SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT 'A' TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM MADE BY ELMWOOD BUILDERS, INCORPORATED. A CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS DOCUMENT 19519302; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 4.366 PERCENT INTEREST IN SAID LOT 1 IN JOSEPH J. PAGANUCCI'S RESUBDIVISION AFORESAID [EXCEPT FROM SAID LOT 1 ALL THE PROPERTY AND SPACE COMPRISING ALL THE UNITS THEREOF AS DEFINED AND SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION AND PLAT OF SURVEY] IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 12-26-207-009-1004 Said property is commonly known as 3161 North Paris Avenue Unit 104, River Grove, Illinois 60171, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Madeline M. Humpf A/k/a Madeline Humpf, Trustee of the Madeline Humpf Trust Agreement Dated 10/25/89, under the Provisions of a Trust Agreement Dated October 25, 1989 and Madeline M. Humpf A/k/a Madeline Humpf and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0707506010 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 18, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

F18080201 FRDM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, vs. Irina Lelik; Natalia Lelyk aka Natalia Lelyk; Arthur R. Wojtanowski aka Artur R. Wojtanowski; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants CASE NO. 18 CH 11209 1226 Potter Road, Park Ridge,

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Illinois 60068 Lyle Calendar 56 Defendants. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Irina Lelik, Arthur R. Wojtanowski aka Artur R. Wojtanowski and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 25 AND THE NORTH 15 FEET OF LOT 26 IN PETER N. HOFFMAN'S GREATER PARK RIDGE SUBDIVISION IN THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, LYING NORTH OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE RIGHT-OF WAY OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, IN TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SAID COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON AUGUST 25, 1924 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 8564763. P.I.N.: 09-22-310-039-0000 Said property is commonly known as 1226 Potter Road, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Irina Lelik and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1515649160 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 18, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

F17120289 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION 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 Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying 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 HAYES SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 2 IN CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF AND THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT THAT PART OF THE WEST 0.44 FEET OF LOT 32 LYING SOUTH OF THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH HALF 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 263.56 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 16.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 50.49 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 50.49 FEET OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID LINE 16.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 50.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 AS CREATED BY DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,

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RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS RECORDED DECEMBER 17, 2003 AS DOCUMENT 0335103049. P.I.N.: 17-17-201-027-0000 Said property is commonly known as 24 South Aberdeen Street, Unit 2, Chicago, Illinois 60607, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Lucita A. Zamoras and James E. Mescall and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0608241126 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 18, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

F18100196 WFF IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Suneel Chaudhry aka Suneel K. Chaudhry; 2020 Lincoln Park West Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 13736 2020 North Lincoln Park West, 37GH, Chicago, Illinois 60614 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Suneel Chaudhry aka Suneel K. Chaudhry, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: UNIT NUMBER 37GH IN 2020 LINCOLN PARK WEST CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: CERTAIN LOTS AND PARTS OF LOTS IN KUHN'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 31 IN CANAL TRUSTEES' SUBDIVISION AND IN JACOB REHM'S SUBDIVISION OF CERTAIN LOTS IN KUHN'S SUBDIVISION AFORESAID, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN PARTS OF VACATED ALLEYS ADJOINING CERTAIN OF SAID LOTS, ALL IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT 'D' TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 25750509 AMENDMENTS THERETO, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 14-33-208-028-1421 [new]; 14-33-208-028-1422 (old) Said property is commonly known as 2020 North Lincoln Park West, 37GH, Chicago, Illinois 60614, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Suneel Chaudhry and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1526808106 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 18, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

F18100188 WELLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY

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DIVISION Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Rose Mary Toepper aka Rose M. Toepper aka Rose Toepper; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 13805 1409 South Busse Road, Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056 Simko Calendar 58 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Rose Mary Toepper aka Rose M. Toepper aka Rose Toepper, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT TEN (10), IN ELK RIDGE VILLA UNIT NO. 3, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 14, AND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 15, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TITLES OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST 30, 1962, AS DOCUMENT NO. 2052946, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 08-15-401-010-0000 Said property is commonly known as 1409 South Busse Road, Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Thomas E. Toepper and Rose Mary Toepper and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0527221138 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 18, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2006-HE9, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-HE9, Plaintiff, v. DONALD ELY, JR., AKA DONALD A. ELY, JR., AS TRUSTEE OF THE ELY FAMILY TRUST DATED JUNE 10, 2005; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE ELY FAMILY TRUST DATED JUNE 10, 2005; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DONALD ELY, JR., AKA DONALD A. ELY, JR., Defendants, Case No. 2018CH08537 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Successor Trustees of the Ely Family Trust dated June 10, 2005, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 2 together with the northerly one-half of the vacated alley lying southerly of and adjoining said Lot 2, in L. Kluma's Resubdivision of 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 60668 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Michael A. Phelps (6297416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-maphelps@manleydeas.com file number: 18-019140 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

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, Defendant(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, 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, 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 SAID 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

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TO: Farah Hatia; Yasir Sabri Village of Lemont; BP Pipelines (North America) Inc.; BP Pipelines (North America) Inc.; c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Occupant, 12900 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008524 FILED: December 17, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0001039 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 12900 ARCHER AVE., LEMONT, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 22-33-200-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 17, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 17, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 26, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 17, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: December 18, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864

TO: Anacott Properties LLC, c/o Anthony R. Allegra, Reg. Agent; Anacott Properties, LLC; 5th Avenue Construction, Incorporated, c/o Patti A. Bernhard, Reg. Agent; Occupant, 13068 Dunmoor Dr., Lemont, IL 60439; Realty Elite, Inc., c/o George P. Korbakes, Reg. Agent; Realty Elite, Inc., c/o Christopher Budz, President; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008525 FILED: December 17, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0001062 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 13068 DUNMOOR DR., LEMONT, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 22-33-209-025-0000 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 June 17, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 17, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 26, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 17, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: December 18, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864

TO: Millennium Park Professional Offices LLC; Millennium Park Professional Offices LLC, c/o John Einarsen, Reg. Agent; John Einarsen; Amit Kumar; First Midwest Bank; L.J. Sheridan & Co., c/o Patrick J. Caruso, Reg. Agent; Board of Managers for the

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Garland Office Condominium Association, c/o Douglas A. Hanson, Reg. Agent; Garland Office Condominium Association, c/o Douglas A. Hanson, Reg. Agent; Garland Office Management, c/o Bridgette Battle, Property Manager; Schuyler Roche Crisham, PC; Ottenheimer Law Group, LLC; Garfield Merel Ltd.; Newport Advisors Corporation, c/o USCA, Reg. Agent; Newport Advisors Corporation, c/o Matthew D. Brash; Bank of America, N.A., as Successor to LaSalle Bank National Association; Geoffrey L. Kern PHD LLC, c/o Stewart Schechter, Reg. Agent; Geoffrey L. Kern PHD LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Rebecca Bohn, R.N., LLC, c/o Stewart Schechter, Reg. Agent; Rebecca Bohn, R.N., LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Geoffrey L. Kern, PHD & Rebecca Bohn R.N.; Occupant, 111 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 1321, Chicago, IL 60602; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008526 FILED: December 17, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0009356 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 111 N. WABASH AVE., UNIT 1321, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 17-10-309-016-1089 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 June 17, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 17, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 26, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 17, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: December 18, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864

TO: Frankie M. Lyles; Francine R. Anderson; City of Chicago (re: Francine Anderson and Frankie M. Lyles), c/o City Clerk; Midland Funding LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2007 M1-214072), c/o Midland Credit Management, Inc.; CACH, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2011 M1-171322), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; VMD Enterprises, Inc. (re: Francine Anderson; 2018 M1-131379), c/o Victoria Duran; Dell Financial Services L.L.C. (re: Francine Anderson 2018 M1-164902), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC (re: Francine Anderson; 2014 M1-128328), c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2018 COTD 000031 FILED: January 3, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010198 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2009-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3940 W. Jackson Blvd., in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-106-018-0000 Vol. 559 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 10, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 10, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 10, 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, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 GALINA PATTERSON, purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 Dated: December 31, 2018 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net

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May 10, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 10, 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, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 GALINA PATTERSON, purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 Dated: December 31, 2018 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net

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Blackhawks defenseman Connor Murphy gets tangled up with Bruins right wing David Pastrnak during the second period of the Winter Classic on Tuesday in South Bend, Ind.

WINTER CLASSIC BRUINS 4, BLACKHAWKS 2

One cool experience

Outdoor game at Notre Dame something Blackhawks players will always remember



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — As serious as ever, Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews called playing hockey at Notre Dame Stadium an honor.

"I think it even exceeded my expectations," Toews said Tuesday inside the home football locker room after the Bruins beat the Hawks 4-2 in the NHL's annual Winter Classic. "This one is right at the top as far as outdoor games go."

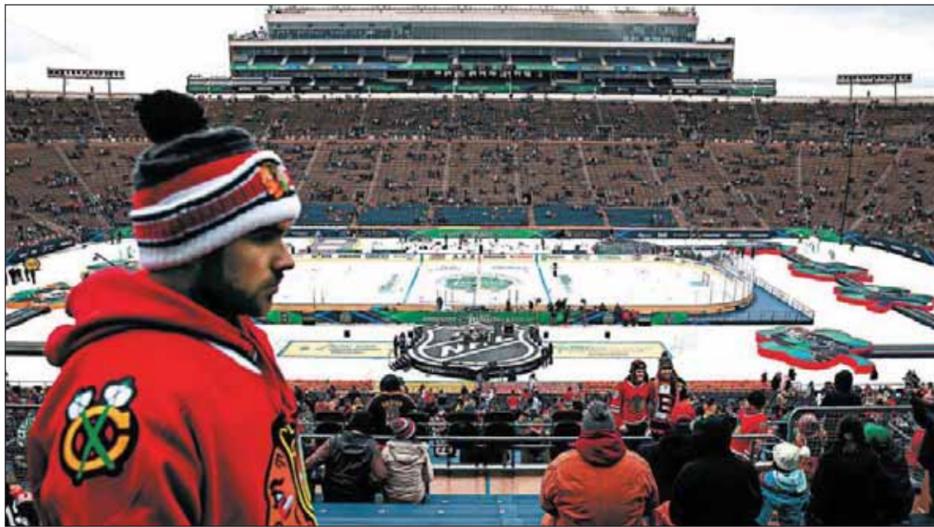
It marked the Hawks' sixth game outdoors, but perhaps no

other offered the tradition that turned NHL players into tourists quite like this one did. Toews referenced his soft spot for the movie "Rudy," hardly a staple for kids growing up in Winnipeg. Teammate Dylan Strome described getting goosebumps skating onto the ice for "a moment I'll always remember."

Coach Jeremy Colliton cut practice Monday to 30 minutes to give players as much time as possible to soak up the Notre Dame culture. Connor Murphy, the most aptly named Hawk to skate in the home of the Fighting Irish — he was even born in Dublin, Ohio — said he arrived early to absorb the atmosphere.

"I think I touched that 'Champions' sign about 10 times," Murphy said.

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Fans gather in the stands at Notre Dame Stadium before the Winter Classic on Tuesday in South Bend, Ind.

How Bulls can have a happier new year

Find right chemistry, stick to a game plan, then fill in the blanks



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

In the calendar year of 2018, the Bulls posted a 24-49 record. They traded Nikola Mirotic. Zach LaVine took his first, tentative steps back from ACL rehab.

The Bulls purposely enhanced their chances of losing in some games. They fired a coach. They drafted Wendell Carter Jr. and Chandler Hutchison, signed Jabari Parker and promoted Jim Boylen.

Ready or not, 2019 begins Wednesday with a home matchup against the Magic. Here's what the franchise needs to see for this calendar year to be considered a success.

1. LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen have to form chemistry.

It's a tired storyline but it's not going away until, in particular, Dunn and LaVine play well together because both seem to thrive as the primary ballhandler. The last two games have shown encouraging signs. Dunn has tied his career-best streak with at least seven straight games of six assists, while their shot distribution has been solid.

Boylen has talked to the team about shared sacrifice. None of the players possesses a selfish, me-first personality. It's on them to stay healthy and prove they can be the core of a championship contender.

2. Boylen needs to stay true to his word and open up the offense.

Mostly lost in the slow-it-down, half-court-oriented-offensive approach is how consistently he has stated his desire to implement more. His current offensive plan is as much defen-

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Buckeyes hold off Huskies' Rose Bowl rally

Urban Meyer ends seven-year tenure at Ohio State with his fifth bowl victory, 28-23 over Washington.

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BEARS

Veterans savor taste of playoffs

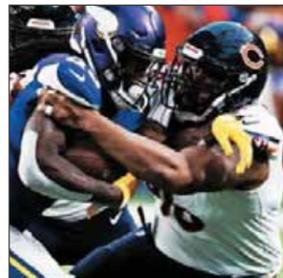
Hicks, Amukamara recall agony of 2017 season

By **COLLEEN KANE**
Chicago Tribune

A year ago Tuesday, Bears defensive end Akiem Hicks sat in the locker room as his teammates packed their belongings and talked with equipment manager Tony Medlin about how special it was to play in the playoffs.

After a 5-11 season, the Bears had announced the firing of coach John Fox that morning, and for outsiders at least, a January with postseason football felt a long way off. Cornerback Prince Amukamara called the day "emotional."

"It hurt a lot," Hicks said. "We were watching teams get ready and solidify their seeds and we're all sitting in the locker room, packing our bags, knowing that this is the end of our season and that potentially half the guys that were here last year aren't here anymore. That happens every year. I have a huge



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Akiem Hicks, stopping Dalvin Cook of the Vikings, has a huge appreciation for the playoffs.

appreciation for (making the playoffs)."

Hicks, Amukamara and their teammates were in a much different spot Tuesday at Halas Hall as the 12-4 Bears began their homework on the Eagles for Sunday's first-round playoff matchup at Soldier Field.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Ready to talk some baseball

The 2019 season is approaching, and though plenty of free agents remain unsigned, it's time to start thinking ahead. Here's a monthly planner for the Cubs, White Sox and Major League Baseball:

January

Cubs Convention: Jan. 18-20 at Sheraton Grand Chicago. Joe Maddon explains what he has learned about millennials this offseason. Business operations president Crane Kenney explains the Cubs Network plans. Anthony Rizzo wedding stories will be told.
Hall of Fame announcement: Jan. 22. Mariano Rivera, Roy Halladay, Edgar Martinez and Mike Mussina are expected to join Lee Smith and Harold Baines in the Class of 2019. Will Barry Bonds or Roger Clemens finally get in? Stay tuned.
SoxFest: Jan. 25-27 at Hilton Chicago. Are they still in the hunt for Manny Machado or Bryce Harper? General manager Rick Hahn again gets to assure everyone that Eloy Jimenez can make the team out of spring training. No, really.

February

Pitchers and catchers report. No dates are official yet for the Cubs and Sox, but most teams are expected to report Feb. 12 or 13.
Cactus League openers. Cubs, Feb. 23 versus Brewers at Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz. Rematch against the National League Central champs. Game 164? Sox, Feb. 23 (split squad) versus Dodgers at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz.; at A's at HoHoKam Stadium in Mesa.

March

MLB season opener: March 20. A's versus Mariners in Tokyo. American League West rivals play a two-game series in Japan one week before everyone else begins. Look for the M's to start newly signed Japanese lefty Yusei Kikuchi in one of the games.
Cubs and Sox season openers: March 28. Cubs at Rangers. "The Reckoning" begins as the Cubs start the season with a nine-game trip. White Sox at Royals. Rematch of last year's opener in which Matt Davidson hit three home runs in a Sox romp. Davidson wound up with 20 homers and was non-tendered by the Sox come November.

April

Sox home opener: April 4. Mariners at Sox. Time for the Sox to turn the corner in the rebuild.
Cubs home opener: April 8. Pirates at Cubs. Natives are getting restless after a two-year championship drought.
Traditional late April call-ups. Elite prospects whom teams want to retain through 2025 (instead of 2024) figure to be up by the end of the month. Jimenez, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Fernando Tatis Jr. are three on whom to keep an eye.
Traditional postponements. Foul spring weather brings dozens of postponements and cries of "Why do the schedule makers make (fill-in-team) play so many home games in April?"

May

Traditional "It's a grind" reminder. Teams off to poor starts remind everyone it's a long season (i.e. "a marathon") and it's not how you start, it's how you finish. Cubs have a 24-day stretch in May that consists of 17 home games and six road games.

June

City Series, Part I: June 18-19 at Wrigley Field. Cubs and Sox begin their annual four-game



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Progressive Field announced to fans last season that it will host the 2019 All-Star Game.

series for the "coveted" Crosstown Cup. The midweek games (Tuesday and Wednesday) are at night.

July

City Series, Part II: July 6-7 at Guaranteed Rate Field. Cubs and Sox conclude their annual series for the "coveted" Crosstown Cup. The Saturday game is at night, while the Sunday game time is TBD. In a scheduling quirk that makes no sense, both teams have a rare Friday off July 5 to prepare.
Home Run Derby: July 8 in Cleveland. MLB's premier event. Bryce Harper is defending champion after his controversial win over Kyle Schwarber at Nationals Park. Assuming he's signed by then, look for Harper to sit this one out.
All-Star Game: July 9 in Cleveland. The 90th Midsummer Classic returns to Cleveland for the first time since 1997. That's seven years after the Cubs last hosted an All-Star Game at Wrigley Field.
Start of second half: July 12. Cubs open at Wrigley versus the Pirates. Sox open in Oakland.
Hall of Fame inductions: July 21 in Cooperstown, N.Y. Rivera is expected to head up the Class of 2019, while Baines and Smith will represent the Sox and Cubs, respectively.
Trade deadline: July 31. Paul Goldschmidt, Nolan Arenado, Xander Bogaerts, Anthony Rendon, Jose Abreu and Ben Zobrist are among the potential free agents after 2019 who might become available at the deadline.

August

MLB Little League Classic: Aug. 18 in Williamsport, Pa. Cubs versus Pirates. Third annual game pitting MLB teams at the site of the Little League World Series. Noah Syndergaard and other Mets starting pitchers sat in the stands with Little Leaguers last year. Look

for the Cubs to keep that tradition alive.

September

Labor Day: Sept. 2. Traditional mile marker for baseball's stretch run. This is where the Brewers began their comeback against the Cubs in 2018, in case anyone forgot.
End of regular season: Sept. 29. Cubs at Cardinals. Age-old rivals finish the season at Busch Stadium after ending things at Wrigley in '18.
Tigers at Sox. Which team's rebuild will be closer to fruition by the end of '19?

October

Wild-card games: Oct. 1 and 2. This is the game the Cubs hope to avoid after the 13-inning loss to the Rockies ended their brief playoff run in '18. But the NL Central should be a dogfight again with the Cardinals adding on this winter.
World Series begins: Oct. 22. Is it Series or bust for Joe Maddon? Will the Cubs' core be dismantled next winter if they don't get here? And can the Sox pull off the Inconceivable Dream of going from 100 losses to the Series in one year?

November

Free agency begins. Players are eligible to sign with new teams five days after the World Series ends. (Spoiler alert: No one does.)

December

Winter meetings: TBD in San Diego. Rumors of blockbuster trades and signings, plus the traditional Scott Boras filibuster. If the last two years are any indication, many teams will wait until the start of 2020, when free-agent prices figure to drop.

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PGA

TV 'experiment' a lot to talk about

By DOUG FERGUSON
 Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The PGA Tour might be taking another step toward connecting players with television viewers.

Several years ago, it asked players in contention on the weekend to allow for TV interviews before their rounds, usually as they were arriving at or leaving the practice range. Now they are looking for volunteers willing to do interviews on the course during their rounds.

It's in the experimental stage at this week's Sentry Tournament of Champions, and the willingness to take part depends on the player.

Brooks Koepka, the reigning PGA Tour player of the year, nixed the idea last year in Shanghai but said he might be OK with it now.

"Don't they do that on the Champions Tour?" he asked.

Justin Thomas? Not so much.

Thomas talks plenty during his round, usually to himself or with caddie Jimmy Johnson. The idea of stopping for a quick interview was not appealing to him.

"I've just been asked about it," he said. "I said no. It's not me. I do a lot of self-talking. That's mine and Jimmy's time, whether we're talking about whatever or even the next shot. For me, there's no benefit. It's only going to make me look worse."

Such interviews are not likely to occur in the final round, and PGA Tour officials are sensitive to the timing of the interviews. A quick spot with Dustin Johnson after his 432-yard drive came within 6 inches of the cup last year at Kapalua might be ideal. Right after a three-putt bogey from 10 feet might not be.

Marc Leishman has experience doing on-course interviews when he plays in Australia, and he doesn't mind the concept.

"If they do end up having them, my advice would be to have someone who has played on tour to do it, to be a little sensitive of the questions and the timing of the interview," Leishman said. "But anything where you can be more accessible to the viewers is a good thing. We want to bring more people to the game. It might be a way to give more insight to what we're thinking at the time."

Rory McIlroy, meanwhile, isn't likely to be among the candidates.

"I've been approached in Europe because they've done it for a couple of years," McIlroy said. "And I've said no every single time."

Thomas has two days between the end of the Tournament of Champions and the pro-am at the Sony Open, enough time for him to fly from Maui to Santa Clara, Calif., watch Alabama play Clemson for the national title Monday night and then get back to Honolulu.

Thomas, who won a national title in golf at Alabama, won't be going to the game, though the thought did cross his mind.

"There were a couple of scenarios that would have made it possible, but it's too much," he said. "It would have involved someone being here who had a plane that I could have swayed into going to the game, and he provides the plane and I provide the tickets and then I go back to the Sony?"

Would that have been a player who made a late decision not to play at Kapalua?

"Yes," Thomas said with a laugh.

Maybe someone who knows the area near Levi's Stadium because he went to Stanford?

Another laugh, without ever mentioning Tiger Woods by name.

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Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins gets a postgame hug from exiting Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer on Tuesday at the Rose Bowl.

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Farewell ends well

Buckeyes send Meyer out on winning note by holding off Huskies

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

PASADENA, CALIF. — Dwayne Haskins passed for 251 yards and three touchdowns, and Urban Meyer finished his coaching career at Ohio State with a 28-23 victory after the Buckeyes held off Washington's thrilling fourth-quarter comeback in the 105th Rose Bowl on Tuesday.

Parris Campbell, Johnnie Dixon and Rashod Berry caught touchdown passes in the first half for the Buckeyes (13-1), who took a 25-point lead into the fourth. But Myles Gaskin threw a touchdown pass and rushed for two scores for the Huskies (10-4), scoring from 2 yards out with 42 seconds left.

The Buckeyes intercepted Jake Browning's pass on the two-point conversion attempt and recovered the Huskies' outside kick to wrap up the final game of Meyer's seven-year tenure.

"I'm a very blessed man," Meyer said. "I'm blessed because of my family, (but) this team, this year, I love this group as much as any I've ever had."

Meyer, 54, is walking away after going 83-9 at Ohio State with one national championship, three Big Ten titles and this Rose Bowl victory, the Buckeyes' eighth

overall in the Granddaddy of Them All.

Meyer cited his health last month in his decision to step down. A cyst in Meyer's brain causes severe headaches that are even worse in a high-stress job.

After this nail-biting finish, it's easy to see why anyone might need a break from the madness of college football.

And after USC's epic win over Penn State and Georgia's double-overtime thriller over Oklahoma the previous two years in Pasadena, the Rose Bowl got another matchup full of late fireworks.

Browning passed for 313 yards and Gaskin rushed for 121 in the final game of the four-year starters' landmark careers at Washington, which has lost three straight New Year's Six bowl games.

But after three poor offensive quarters, the Pac-12 champions made it awfully interesting. The Huskies racked up 266 yards of offense in the fourth, but they had fallen too far behind in their first Rose Bowl appearance in 18 years.

Coach Chris Petersen dropped to 1-4 in bowls during his otherwise remarkable tenure at Washington, including consecutive defeats in the Peach, Fiesta and Rose.

This game might have been Haskins' farewell to Ohio State as well, if the sophomore goes pro.

The Heisman Trophy finalist threw his 50th touchdown pass of the season in the first half while picking away at the vaunted Washington secondary that was minus injured Taylor Rapp, a second-team All-America safety.

Berry caught a 1-yard touchdown pass 14 seconds before halftime, putting the Buckeyes up 21-3.

During the third quarter Gaskin became the fourth running back in NCAA history with four 1,200-yard seasons, but Ohio State increased its lead with J.K. Dobbins' TD run. The Huskies finally scored their first offensive touchdown since the Apple Cup victory over Washington State when Gaskin threw a touchdown pass to Drew Sample with 12:17 to play.

Meyer says his first Rose Bowl is the final game in his three-decade college coaching career. After starting out as a graduate assistant at Ohio State in the 1980s, he has been a head coach since 2001, achieving huge success at Bowling Green, Utah and Florida before his stellar run in Columbus.

After this big finish in Pasadena, Meyer formally turns over the Ohio State program to Ryan Day, his 39-year-old co-offensive coordinator.

These Buckeyes are Meyer's eighth team to finish with one loss or fewer in his 17 seasons as a head coach.

Although Meyer's final season began with an embarrassing three-game suspension over his mismanagement of domestic abuse accusations against former assistant Zach Smith, Day filled in capably during his absence. Meyer then propelled the Buckeyes to another largely dominant regular season, even without star defensive lineman Nick Bosa — although they missed out on the playoff thanks to a blowout loss against Purdue.

NORTHWESTERN

Bowl was a win-win for Wildcats

Fitzgerald tries to calm fans, says NU 'is home forever'

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

SAN DIEGO — Northwestern fans were feeling plenty of angst as Utah built a 20-3 lead in the Holiday Bowl.

But that didn't compare to their level of freak-out regarding the possibility the Packers would make a run at coach Pat Fitzgerald, potentially tearing the heart from the program.

So given what transpired in the final hours of a wet and windy Monday night in San Diego, this was Northwestern nirvana.

The Wildcats forced five second-half turnovers to flip the game, with Utah coach Kyle Whittingham describing it as a natural disaster: "It was like a landslide. The floodgates opened."

And after his team completed a 31-20 victory to finish 9-5, Fitzgerald said this to the diehards who remained in SD-CCU Stadium: "I'm not going anywhere. This is home forever."

Home forever.

Happy New Year, Northwestern fans.

Here are three thoughts as the Wildcats transition to 2019:

1. The bar has been raised.

NU students were once so satisfied by a single victory, they would tear down the goalposts at Dyche Stadium. Gary Barnett took the Purple to Pasadena and won an additional Big Ten championship before flaming out.

Randy Walker adopted a wildly entertaining no-huddle spread offense. Fitzgerald raised the floor, earning nine bowl trips in 11 years. And his 2018 team broke through to win the Big Ten West by three games and acquit itself well in Indianapolis.

Now?

"I feel we laid the groundwork for national titles in the future," quarterback Clayton Thorson told FS1's Jenny Taft on the field.

Said receiver Riley Lees: "A win like this, it motivates everybody. It makes us want more. We won the West and that's the bar now. We have to keep going."

From Fitzgerald: "Coach Barnett got this thing turned. Coach Walker had it going. You look back a handful of years ago, we were able to get that monkey off our back, getting the first bowl win. Now it's become a consistent theme of our program, becoming champions."

2. "Coach Fitz" is Northwestern's ultimate ambassador.

Duh. This is not new. But nights like this re-emphasize it.

Asked if his statement on the field should put the kibosh on the NFL rumors, Fitzgerald replied he would rather talk about the players who completed one of the craziest comebacks in school history.

Fitzgerald later said of Northwestern and himself: "We've made long-term commitments to each other now. We have miles to go. We're far from the finished product as a program. That's my job. I'm going to keep developing the best and brightest guys in the world."

Those close to Fitzgerald would not have been surprised if he had opted to interview with Packers CEO Mark Murphy, who elevated him to head coach at Northwestern. To many, reporting to work on Lombardi Avenue and coaching Aaron Rodgers would be a dream job.

But Fitzgerald has it pretty good in Evanston too: His team just won the Big Ten West. Northwestern's facilities are state of the art. He has a good relationship with his athletic director and school president. He makes, by some accounts, more than \$4 million a year. Next year's presumed starting quarterback, Clemson transfer Hunter Johnson, is a former five-star recruit. Fitzgerald lives on the outskirts of Chicago, the city he adores. He loves saying, "Go Cats!"

And he does not detest recruiting. Shoot, he might actually enjoy it.

"I was texting with our 2020 recruits earlier today," he said, "telling them: 'We're on FS1, Happy New Year, make good choices. They said: 'Get the dub.' There were emojis back and forth. It's a pathetic life we live as coaches."

He laughed.

"I'm sure they were all watching," he said. "Guys want to be a part of this. There's as much momentum as we've ever had."

3. Northwestern cannot afford to start slow in 2019.

The Wildcats open at Stanford on Aug. 31. After a week off and a visit from UNLV, Michigan State comes to Ryan Field. Then it's at Wisconsin, at Nebraska and home against Ohio State on a Friday night.

The Wildcats learned this season that anything is possible, including a Big Ten West title after a 1-3 start and a bowl victory over a solid Pac-12 team when down 20-3 at halftime.

But they might want to go at it more conventionally next season.

Start strong, finish strong.

That will be the goal, anyway.

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BOWL ROUNDUP

UCF's championship claims die on the field

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There will be no self-proclaimed national championship for Central Florida this year.

Just some jokes at the Knights' expense. LSU snapped UCF's 25-game winning streak with a 40-32 victory in the Fiesta Bowl on Tuesday in Glendale, Ariz., spoiling the American Athletic Conference school's bid for more recognition. Tigers quarterback Joe Burrow dissected the Knights secondary for 394 yards and four touchdowns.

Coming from the mighty Southeastern Conference, LSU (10-3) was eager to put the Knights (12-1) in their place.

Safety Eric Monroe held a sign after the game that read, "National Champs LOL!!!" "They was too cocky," Tigers linebacker Devin White said. "Our coaches told us they were cocky. We just wanted to shut them up, and we shut them up."

The Knights entered as one of only three remaining unbeaten teams. The others are Alabama and Clemson, who meet for the national title Monday.

Yet UCF was never in serious consideration for a spot in the four-team playoff and was eighth in the committee's final rankings after playing a relatively weak schedule. Its biggest win came against then-No. 19 Cincinnati in November, but mostly UCF beat up on AAC opponents that don't stack up with the nation's top teams.

Knights fans loudly claimed the system was unfair, but UCF's defense was anything but title-worthy against the Tigers.

"Obviously, everyone in the locker room is really upset," Knights tight end Michael Colubiale said. "We haven't lost a game since 2016. The sophomore class hasn't



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Linebacker Jacob Phillips of LSU tackles UCF quarterback Darriel Mack Jr. during the fourth quarter of the Fiesta Bowl.

even lost a game since they've been here."

A depleted LSU team rolled for 555 yards, easily the most allowed by the Knights this season. Burrow had touchdown passes of 22, 49, 33 and 32 yards.

UCF, meanwhile, managed just 250 yards after entering the game ranked third nationally with 545 yards per game. Red-shirt freshman Darriel Mack Jr., who took over at quarterback late in the season when McKenzie Milton was injured, completed 11 of 30 passes for 97 yards.

"I told everybody remember this feeling," Mack said, "because I know I don't want to feel it again and I know for sure they don't want to feel it again."

Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22: Safety Jake Gervase's interception in the end zone

helped preserve a late lead, and the ballhawking Hawkeyes (9-4) beat the Bulldogs (8-5) in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

Gervase also batted down a fourth-down pass to end the Bulldogs' final drive at the Iowa 32 with 25 seconds left. Two earlier Mississippi State threats in the fourth quarter led to only three points.

The Hawkeyes totaled just 199 yards, with 75 coming on a touchdown pass from Nathan Stanley (214 yards, three TDs) to Nick Easley, but they converted three takeaways into 17 points.

The Hawkeyes netted minus-15 rushing yards, and their three running backs totaled 4 yards on 15 carries.

Kentucky 27, Penn State 24: Benny Snell Jr. ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns to become Kentucky's career rushing leader and help the Wildcats (10-3) wrap up their best season in more than four decades with a victory over the Nittany Lions (9-4) in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Snell scored on runs of 2 and 12 yards in the second half, then carried for a couple of crucial first downs to help Kentucky run out the clock after Penn State's Trace McSorley trimmed a 27-7 deficit to three points despite playing with a foot injury.

McSorley threw for 246 yards and two touchdowns, and the Nittany Lions' career passing and wins leader also rushed for a team-high 75 yards on 19 attempts.

The Wildcats finished with their first 10-win season since going 10-1 in 1977. Snell, a junior who has declared for the NFL draft, broke Sonny Collins' career rushing record on his 12-yard touchdown run that made it 27-7 late in the third quarter.

BULLS

Keys to happy new year

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sive-based as anything. He wants to slow down the game, limit possessions and have players set and positioned for defensive transition rather than rushing down for attempts early in the shot clock.

Under Boylen, the Bulls' offensive rating is 3.1 points per 100 possessions behind the Magic's 29th-ranked offense and, at 98.6, the only rating under 100 points per 100 possessions. The Bulls' pace in the 13 games under Boylen ranks 26th.

But the defensive rating ranks seventh, so Boylen is confident in his tear-it-down approach. When the Bulls' defensive habits become more ingrained, he needs to follow through and play an offensive style more suited for today's NBA, particularly with the personnel he has.

3. Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday have to be traded.

The coaching staff — and meager beat writers — will be disappointed to see the startup veterans go. But despite Holiday shooting the lights out from 3-point range early this season and Lopez enjoying a resurgence of late, neither projects to fit in the rebuild. So get what you can for them, even if you sell for pennies on the dollar.

A league source said the Bulls have tried to package the benched Parker's expiring deal with at least one of Holiday and Lopez in preliminary talks with some teams. Somewhat hilariously, if the Bulls move Lopez and not Parker, it's possible Parker could land back in the big-man rotation with Markkanen, Carter and Bobby Portis. That is, unless the Bulls turn to Cristiano Felicio.

4. Draft well.

It sounds obvious but it's not easy, par-

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ticularly in a year when most scouts project the draft to drop off dramatically beyond the top three or four picks.

In the first year of draft lottery reform, the teams with the three worst records each have a 14 percent chance of winning the lottery. The Bulls begin 2019 with the fourth-worst record, one game "behind" the worst three.

If the Bulls stay healthy, they project to start winning more. That means they might have to pick past the projected draft drop-off. Management has appeared to hit on back-to-back No. 7 picks in Markkanen and Carter (the former drafted by the Timberwolves at the Bulls' request in the Jimmy Butler deal). Can the Bulls roll lucky No. 7 again?

5. Maximize free agency.

The Bulls touted being one of the few teams with ample salary-cap space in 2018 and then burned all of it to sign Parker, which has been a mistake. Because they won't exercise Parker's team option, they project to have roughly \$41 million to spend this summer.

More teams project to have significant cap space, so the Bulls' competition will be tougher. Signing an unrestricted free agent such as Tobias Harris to plug the small forward gap would be ideal. But in lieu of that — and Harris could command more money and interest from better teams — the Bulls need to be more creative than they were last summer.

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All Lauri Markkanen, from left, Kris Dunn and Zach LaVine need is time to develop chemistry.

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Redskins wide receiver Josh Doctson is upended by Eagles cornerback Rasul Douglas.

Eagles secondary a primary concern

Foles needs big game to help offset defensive shortcomings

By DAVID MURPHY
Philadelphia Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — One notable thing about the 373 yards and three touchdowns Nick Foles threw for in last year's Super Bowl was that the Eagles needed every one of them, and very nearly needed more. This is something I keep coming back to as I try to chart a path to another Lombardi Trophy.

Looking at the roster, it is easy to piece together a list of reasons to believe the Eagles have already achieved the hardest part of their journey by qualifying for the postseason. They have an offensive line that, when healthy, is among the best in the game. They have a defensive line capable of disrupting even the most efficient quarterbacks. They have a coaching staff with a history of knowing which strings on the play sheet to pull when and a long track record of out-game-planning opponents. And, of course, they have Foles.

What they don't have, and what they haven't had for much of this season, is a secondary with a legitimate playoff-caliber NFL starter outside of Malcolm Jenkins. While it's true the Eagles defense has performed better as of late, it's also true it has allowed 500-plus yards in each of its two most recent losses, one of them to the team the Eagles would need to beat in the second round to get back to the NFC championship game.

This, more than anything, is the biggest reason for skepticism about the Eagles' chances. If they are going to shock the world for the second straight postseason, they will need a Herculean effort from defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz and the veterans on his unit.

That's not necessarily the worst situation to be in. There's a decent possibility we have yet to see the best of this Eagles defense, something Schwartz alluded to Tuesday. He was discussing the recent performance of second-year cornerback Rasul Douglas, whose interception of Josh Johnson was one of the highlights in Sunday's win during which the Eagles held the Redskins to 89 yards of total offense, the lowest total of any NFL team since 2010.

"He's come up big at the right time,"

Schwartz said. "His journey this year has sort of mimicked the defense as a whole. He's playing his best football late in the season. He's overcome some things. He's put some performances behind him. He's tackled much better. All the things you can say about Rasul, you can probably just put the defense right next to him."

For the Eagles' postseason to last longer than a week, they are going to need more. That goes not only for Douglas and Cre'Von LeBlanc and the rest of the patchwork secondary, but also for — especially for, even — the veterans along the defensive front.

This time of year, it is the quarterbacks who scare you, and while the Eagles will not be at a significant disadvantage in that department against the Bears, awaiting them in the divisional round would be Drew Brees, who, six weeks ago, torched them for 363 yards and four touchdowns on 22-for-30 passing.

The last 13 teams to win on the road in the playoffs did so while holding their opponents to an average of 16.6 points. That's not a barometer by which we can arrive at many scientific conclusions — there are plenty of shootouts in that sample, including the Jaguars' 45-42 win in Pittsburgh last January — but it does support a fairly intuitive notion.

It seems beyond dispute that the biggest impact of a home crowd is felt by the visiting team's offense, via the role stadium noise can play in disrupting communication at the line of scrimmage. For what it is worth, NFL quarterbacks have a 93.0 rating at home versus an 88.8 rating on the road this season, a split that holds relatively consistently over the last several seasons. Thus, it would seem a road team's defense can serve as a bit of an equalizer.

The Bears should not scare you. They are well-coached and quarterback Mitch Trubisky is an excellent athlete with a strong arm and an ability to create with his feet. But the biggest headache from the Eagles' perspective might be the presence of pass-catching running back Tarik Cohen. The Saints have a much better version of Cohen in Alvin Kamara, plus one of the best all-around receivers in the game in Michael Thomas.

The bottom line is that for a second straight Super Bowl to become a reality, the Eagles will need a level of performance from their defense that they simply have not gotten this season. At least, not yet.

Veterans savor life in playoffs

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It will be Hicks' third playoff appearance in seven seasons. He made postseason appearances with the Saints after the 2013 season and the Patriots after the 2015 season. Amukamara has had to wait a little longer for his second chance. He went to the Super Bowl with the Giants in his 2011 rookie season and didn't return to the playoffs until this season.

"I know how hard it is to get here and I know how much work it takes to get here," Amukamara said. "We're a team that's not just excited to be in it. We have a lot of goals that are yet to be accomplished."

Hicks and Amukamara will be two sources of advice for younger teammates on how to handle the intensity and scrutiny that come with the Bears' first playoff appearance in eight years.

They will try to impress upon their teammates the attitude and standard of play needed to succeed in the postseason. "It's one and done," Amukamara said. "The margin for error is very, very small, and all the records are out of the window. Doesn't matter if you were 12-4 or 9-7."

"The last thing is that everybody takes their game to the next level. The intensity is higher. The crowds are louder. The field is a little bit harder and the weather here is going to be a little bit colder, so everything intensifies by that much more."

Hicks said the maturity of rookies such as Roquan Smith and Bilal Nichols and their willingness to accept their roles and meet expectations gives him faith the younger players will be able to handle the challenges that come with the playoffs.

The Bears also draw optimism from the way they tackled their biggest tests this

season. Hicks credited coach Matt Nagy with keeping the team focused on specific tasks throughout the year.

They needed to win three NFC North games in 12 days in November, and they did. They needed to slow one of the most prolific offenses in the NFL when they took on the Rams, and they did. They needed to summon internal drive to overcome a Vikings team with its season on the line in the regular-season finale, and they did.

"We've trained ourselves differently," Hicks said. "We have put ourselves in the positions and put ourselves under stress to come into these playoffs and feel like we can handle it. This past weekend for example, there was so much on the line, playoff implications and so much at stake for the other team. We had to meet and go above what they had as far as energy, and we were able to do it because we have the right mindset."

Hicks and Amukamara said the right mindset started in the spring, when they began to realize a turnaround from their sad 2018 New Year's Day was possible.

"We surprised a lot of people, but we definitely didn't surprise ourselves," Amukamara said. "We knew what we were beginning to build in OTAs, in training camp, and everybody that was inside this building knew it."

"I think the person who believed it the most was Coach Nagy. If only you guys could be inside those meetings, what he was saying and the confidence and the swagger he spoke with, I think it started with him."

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Bears running back Jordan Howard scores on a one-yard run in the second quarter Sunday against the Vikings in Minneapolis.

A valuable tune-up

Four observations:
Bears prove they're ready to take on Eagles

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Bears fans couldn't have asked for a better postseason tune-up than Sunday's 24-10 win against the Vikings. From the defense's suffocation of quarterback Kirk Cousins on third down to Mitch Trubisky's ball security and third-down efficiency, the Bears proved they're ready for the Eagles in the NFC wild-card round.

Here are five observations from re-watching the game on the Fox telecast.

1. Mitch Trubisky's success on third down exemplifies his improvement in avoiding sacks.

Other than Trubisky's 11-3 record as a starter, there's no better measure of his Year 2 growth than how he cut his sack rate in the second half of the season. And Sunday's game was the cherry on top.

Not only was it the first game this season in which he wasn't sacked, he also managed to escape a defense that finished the season tied with the Bears for third in NFL with 50 sacks. And he did so in their loud stadium.

Consider this: Trubisky was sacked 16 times in his first seven games this season. But in the final seven, he was sacked only eight times. His sacks-to-passes ratio fell from 6.7 percent to 4.1 percent during that split.

How did he do it? Trubisky is more comfortable with his hot reads and in sync with his receivers. He's also better at identifying defenses and recognizing whatever key dictates where he should throw the ball.

Also, the offensive line has improved at limiting unblocked rushers because its communication and coordination have improved. It's a collective effort.

All of that was evident against the Vikings, particularly on third down, when Trubisky was 8 of 10 for 119 yards. He also scrambled for a first down as the Bears converted 8 of 14 against the NFL's best third-down defense.

A great example of Trubisky's poise was the 22-yard completion to Kevin White on third-and-6 in the first quarter.

The Vikings rushed five, and the Bears line didn't account for a linebacker's blitz inside. Trubisky sensed he was susceptible to the unblocked rusher and knew to throw to White in single coverage against safety Harrison Smith. It was an accurate throw on time, and White did his part by a running a great route. He got Smith to flatten out with a hard step to the inside, then broke away on a corner route.

On the masterful 9-minute, 5-second touchdown drive in the second half, Trubisky converted on third-and-6 by completing a pass to rookie Javon Wims on a stop route in single coverage against Trae Waynes for 16 yards.

Trubisky released the ball before Wims came out of his break. The timing and anticipation were perfect. Even though Wims didn't separate much from Waynes (a 2015 first-round pick), Trubisky threw him open by delivering the ball on time in the right spot.

Those conversions to White and Wims are even more impressive considering how little game experience they have with Trubisky. But their timing was sharp, partly because of detailed work together in practice last week.

The 40-yard deep ball to Taylor Gabriel converted a third-and-7 against a six-man rush. Tight end Adam Shaheen and running back Jordan Howard stayed in to block, so the Bears had seven blockers against six rushers. That's part of a winning formula, but Trubisky had to do his part by identifying Gabriel in man-to-man coverage and completing the long throw away from the single-high safety.

He let the ball go early, when Gabriel was at the 28-yard line. Gabriel didn't catch it until the 3. He was able to track it, run under it and make an insanely

good catch with cornerback Holton Hill trying to disrupt his hands. Basically, Gabriel caught it one-handed. I'd find it hard to believe there were many catches better than that all year in the NFL.

Nagy singled out how Trubisky over-threw tight end Trey Burton on a third-down corner route in the first half but connected on a similar play in the fourth quarter.

"To me, that's growth," Nagy said Monday. "And you see somebody that understands, 'Hey, I might have missed one, and then I come back and hit another one on the same play or a similar concept.' But he's continuing to build that library of defenses that people are throwing at him. They're testing him in different ways. He has reacted really well."

2. The Bears should feel optimistic about right guard Kyle Long's post-season prospects.

In returning from an eight-game absence because of a right foot/ankle injury, Long's performance in 29 snaps (including penalties) bodes well for however long the Bears stay alive. He moved fairly well in space, was strong at the point of attack and played cleanly in a noisy environment.

Long's timing and push were good on several combination blocks with center Cody Whitehair or right tackle Bobby Massie. That easily could have been a rusty part of his game, given the required work in tandem, but it was quite good. We didn't see Long consistently climbing to the second level and mauling linebackers, but the double teams up front re-established the line of scrimmage and created running lanes.

On Howard's 6-yard touchdown run, Long and Whitehair drove tackle Sheldon Richardson all the way into the end zone. Long and Massie double-teamed Richardson at the point of attack on Howard's 7-yard carry on the Bears' first offensive snap.

On Howard's 42-yard run on the second snap, Richardson slanted inside. Long showed off those nimble feet and got his hips turned to seal Richardson inside and open a huge hole for Howard.

Later on that drive, the Bears converted a third-and-3 with a 9-yard completion to Burton. Long began the play with a balanced, effective pass set against Richardson. When Whitehair slid over to help him, Long kicked out and helped block defensive end Danielle Hunter. That's the combination of athleticism and toughness that makes Long so valuable.

"He did a good job every play of staying consistent," Nagy said. "I thought he looked healthy. He held the line of scrimmage really well. He was great in the run game. When we did throw the ball, he was solid there."

"The biggest thing for him was going to be conditioning and getting in and out of the game, just the normal stuff, and I liked where he was."

3. Trubisky isn't the only key offensive player trending in the right direction. Howard is too.

Howard has averaged at least 4.1 yards per carry in four of the last five games. Suddenly, the Bears offense is more balanced. It's keeping them in manageable third downs and affecting the defense in a way that helps Trubisky in the passing game.

The Vikings "had to bring an extra player to the line of scrimmage to stop the run," Trubisky said. "We were moving around and creating holes so that the defense could not keep the line open. That created one-on-one matchups on the outside, which allowed us to change up our plays" to exploit single coverage.

Just as the running-game problems have been multifaceted, so have the improvements. Howard is looking more like his old self, finishing strong through contact. The line is finishing blocks better and limiting missed assignments.

There are also play-calling and strategic elements. In recent weeks, Nagy has sparked Howard using run-pass options. On Sunday, they got Howard going on runs with the quarterback under center,

some of which included offensive lineman Bradley Sowell as a fullback.

Howard carried 13 times for 89 yards with Trubisky under center, compared with eight carries for 20 yards and two touchdowns out of the shotgun (which includes RPOs).

Even if you subtract Howard's 42-yard run on the second snap, his 12 carries for 47 yards with Trubisky under center equate to a respectable 3.9 yards per carry. When the quarterback is under center, it allows Howard to set up deeper in the backfield and hopefully get a better read of the defense pre-snap and as he builds momentum going downhill.

Most notably, Howard scored both of his touchdowns through contact. That's when he's at his best.

He ran through Hill on the first touchdown. Hill tried to tackle him at the 4-yard line, but Howard lowered his shoulder and kept going, then crossed the goal line after meeting Smith at the 1.

On the second touchdown, Richardson tried to get off left tackle Charles Leno's block, but there was no stopping Howard on that zone-read option give

Howard's 42-yard run was his longest of the season. No one will mistake him for the NFL's fastest running back, but he did unlock that huge gain with a great bit of footwork as he hit the hole.

Safety Anthony Harris tried to fill the gap, while receiver Josh Bellamy got a piece of him. It was just enough of a block to get Harris off his angle, and Howard did a great job of slightly adjusting his track without breaking stride. He had such a good feel for how Bellamy's block would affect the play, and it was obvious Howard saw it well from where he lined up, 8 yards behind the line of scrimmage.

It all added to up Howard's best rushing output of the season: 109 yards.

In fact, if you extrapolate his five-game December production to 16 games, it works out to 1,277 yards, 4.5 yards per carry and 13 touchdowns. That's substantial momentum entering the post-season — for Howard and for the offense's balance.

4. Cody Parkey's timing appeared to be affected just a tick by the high snap on his extra point that hit the right upright.

Although holder Pat O'Donnell got Patrick Scales' snap down and turned, Parkey hit it like a sliced golf shot. Earlier, he barely snuck the extra point he made inside the left upright. With nine other misses this season, Parkey is not exactly operating with the benefit of the doubt among fans.

Of course, the kicker did not blame the high snap in his postgame comments to my Tribune colleague Brad Biggs. You'd be hard-pressed to find a kicker who publicly blames the guys he relies on for the snap and hold.

Nagy tried to spare Parkey some criticism Sunday by citing "other parts to that miss" without specifying when pressed for details.

"We have to be better all around," Nagy said.

Fair enough. Parkey's 10 misses make him a potential Achilles' heel for the Bears in the playoffs.

Parkey is capable of making the next kick. And the next one. He'll have his chance to write the final chapter of his season, and if he makes a winning kick, it would go a long way toward erasing some memories around here.

It's also possible the Bears are good enough to overcome his inaccuracy.

His missed extra point didn't change the outcome against the Vikings. Heck, he hit the upright four times against the Lions on Nov. 11, and the Bears still won 34-22.

Yes, his missed 53-yard field goal in overtime against the Dolphins cost the Bears a win, but otherwise they've been good enough to rise above his struggles. Whether that continues to be the case will be one of the key storylines of the post-season. Buckle up.

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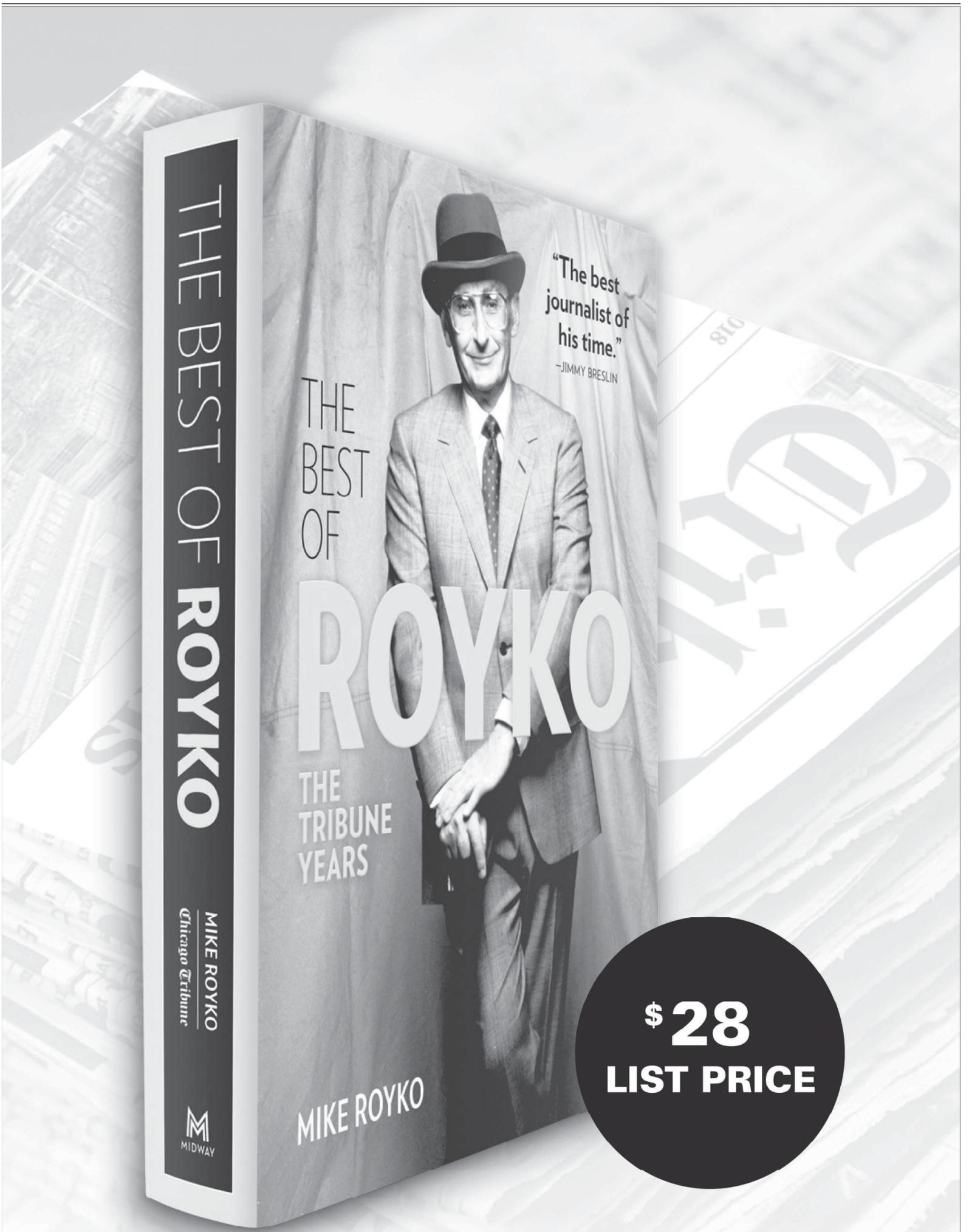
Power rankings

BY BRAD BIGGS

Last week's ranking in parentheses



- 1. Saints 13-3 (1).** They are the Super Bowl favorite in Las Vegas with 9-4 odds to win it all.
- 2. Bears 12-4 (2).** Defense travels in the playoffs, and the Bears allowed a league-low 1,280 rushing yards, the best total in franchise history.
- 3. Rams 13-3 (5).** Jared Goff got rolling in the win over the 49ers with four touchdown passes. That's key as he had a bumpy December.
- 4. Patriots 11-5 (6).** Their tuneup for the playoffs was a 38-3 pasting of the Jets. That earned a first-round bye for the 13th time since 2001.
- 5. Chiefs 12-4 (4).** The lowest-ranked defense to win the Super Bowl was the 2011 Giants, who were 27th. The Chiefs finished 31st.
- 6. Ravens 10-6 (7).** They're riding a ton of momentum. Can Lamar Jackson outduel Philip Rivers and the Chargers for a second time in 3 weeks?
- 7. Chargers 12-4 (3).** They were a little rough in their final two games. Not peaking.
- 8. Seahawks 10-6 (8).** Jarran Reed has emerged as a real force in the middle of a defense that will need to step up in the postseason.
- 9. Texans 11-5 (9).** Bill O'Brien has guided them to the playoffs for the third time in five years. He's 1-2 in postseason games, though.
- 10. Colts 10-6 (10).** They became the third team to start 1-5 and reach the playoffs. They split with the Texans, their wild-card round opponent.
- 11. Cowboys 10-6 (11).** They're getting injured players back at the right time and are 7-1 at home. That bodes well for their wild-card game.
- 12. Eagles 9-7 (15).** They are pinning their playoff hopes to Nick Foles once again. He gets a \$1 million bonus if the Eagles beat the Bears.
- 13. Titans 9-7 (12).** It's tough to come down hard on them for losing Sunday night, but Mariota has missed too much time.
- 14. Steelers 9-6-1 (14).** A season that began with drama surrounding Le'Veon Bell closes with drama surrounding Antonio Brown.
- 15. Browns 7-8-1 (16).** It might be more important to keep offensive coordinator Freddie Kitchens than interim coach Gregg Williams.
- 16. Vikings 8-7-1 (13).** If they learned anything in Sunday's thumping, it's that GM Rick Spielman has to address the offensive line in a big way.
- 17. Falcons 7-9 (18).** Dan Quinn is taking over the defense after firing all three coordinators. The buck stops with him in 2019.
- 18. Panthers 7-9 (22).** Their seven-game losing streak ended. Cam Newton's shoulder needs to heal, and they need to fortify the offense.
- 19. Bills 6-10 (24).** Josh Allen's rookie season gives them optimism. The Bills have to get him some playmakers to work with.
- 20. Packers 6-9-1 (17).** Mark Murphy's hire to replace Mike McCarthy will be fascinating. The Packers must reload.
- 21. Dolphins 7-9 (19).** Adam Gase was fired after going 23-25. Don't be surprised if he lands a better job rather quickly.
- 22. Broncos 6-10 (20).** John Elway doesn't believe the Bowlen family squabbles make his head coach opening less desirable.
- 23. Bengals 6-10 (21).** Marvin Lewis was 0-7 in the playoffs in 16 seasons, but he brought a level of respectability. The next move will be interesting.
- 24. Lions 6-10 (26).** Figure some changes will come after their worst season since 2012, and that's after a Week 17 victory over the Packers.
- 25. Giants 5-11 (23).** Saquon Barkley led the NFL with 2,028 yards from scrimmage. The Giants would be better if they had a young quarterback.
- 26. Redskins 7-9 (25).** FedEx Field was like a home venue for the Eagles on Sunday as Dan Snyder's tenure as owner has eroded the fan base.
- 27. Jets 4-12 (27).** QB Sam Darnold is attractive to potential coaches; the club's structure might not be.
- 28. Buccaneers 5-11 (28).** GM says new coach will have Jameis Winston as his quarterback. Not sure that makes Tampa Bay attractive.
- 29. Jaguars 5-11 (29).** It looks like Leonard Fournette, the fourth pick in 2017, is on his way out, and that does nothing to address quarterback.
- 30. 49ers 4-12 (30).** Robbie Gould told reporters he would like to return: "It's probably been the best two-year stretch I've had of my entire career."
- 31. Raiders 4-12 (31).** It's worth wondering if they would have found a way to keep Khalil Mack had Mike Mayock been hired sooner.
- 32. Cardinals 3-13 (32).** GM Steve Keim survived the purge. Keim says owning the No. 1 pick in the 2019 draft is "embarrassing as hell."



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| | | @NYI 6:30 NBCSCH, AM-720 | | @PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720 | | CGY 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720 | |

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

| TIME | PROGRAM | NETWORK |
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| 7 p.m. | Magic at Bulls | WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670 |
| 7 p.m. | Timberwolves at Celtics | ESPN |
| 9:30 p.m. | Thunder at Lakers | ESPN |
| Men's COLLEGE BASKETBALL | | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Nebraska at Maryland | BTN |
| 5:30 p.m. | Seton Hall at Xavier | FS1 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Tulane at Cincinnati | CBS5N |
| 6 p.m. | Texas Tech at West Virginia | ESPNU |
| 6 p.m. | Harvard at North Carolina | ESPN2 |
| 6 p.m. | Temple at Central Florida | ESPNNews |
| 7:30 p.m. | Northwestern at Michigan State | BTN, WGN-AM 720 |
| 7:30 p.m. | DePaul at Villanova | FS1, WIND-AM 560 |
| 7:30 p.m. | UConn at South Florida | CBS5N |
| 8 p.m. | Indiana State at Loyola | NBCSCH |
| 8 p.m. | Oklahoma at Kansas | ESPN2 |
| 8 p.m. | Iowa State at Oklahoma State | ESPNNews |
| 8 p.m. | Texas at Kansas State | ESPNU |
| 9:30 p.m. | Colorado State at UNLV | CBS5N |
| 10 p.m. | Utah State at Nevada | ESPNU |
| NHL | | |
| 6 p.m. | Penguins at Rangers | NBCSN |
| 8:30 p.m. | Sharks at Avalanche | NBCSN |
| PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER | | |
| 1:55 p.m. | Chelsea vs. Southampton | NBCSN |
| TENNIS | | |
| 2 a.m. | (Thu.) Brisbane ATP/WTA | Tennis Channel |
| 5 a.m. | (Thu.) Brisbane ATP/WTA | Tennis Channel |

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| at Boston | off | | | | | | | | |
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| at Phoenix | off | | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma City | 5½ | | | | | | | | |
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| at UConn | 6½ | | | | | | | | |
| at Bradley | 7½ | | | | | | | | |
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| at Houston | 11 | | | | | | | | |
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| at Arizona | -105 | | | | | | | | |
| San Jose | -107 | | | | | | | | |
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| NFL PLAYOFFS | | | | | | | | | |
| at Houston | 2 | | | | | | | | |
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| at Bears | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| at Baltimore | 2½ | | | | | | | | |
| AHL | | | | | | | | | |
| at Houston | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| at Dallas | 1 | | | | | | | | |

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE

| DATE | BOWL | SITE | TEAMS | TM |
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| Tue | Outback | Tampa, Fla. | Iowa 27, Mississippi St 22 | |
| Tue | Citrus | Orlando | KU 40, UCF 27, Penn St 24 | |
| Tue | Fiesta | Glendale, Ariz. | LSU 40, Kentucky 32 | |
| Tue | Rose | Pasadena, Calif. | Ohio State 28, Washington 23 | |
| Tue | Sugar | New Orleans | Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2) | late |
| J7 | CFP Final | Santa Clara, Calif. | Alabama (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0) | 7 |

OTHER BOWLS

| J19 | J26 | DATE | BOWL | SITE | RESULT |
|-----|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------|--------|
| J19 | Shrine | St. Petersburg, Fla. | East vs. West | 2 | |
| J19 | Collegiate | Pasadena, Calif. | American vs. National | 3 | |
| J26 | Senior | Mobile, Ala. | North vs. South | 1:30 | |
| 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 | Wisconsin 25, Miami 3 | | |
| D15 | Camellia | Montgomery, Ala. | Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21 | | |
| D15 | New Orleans | New Orleans | Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13 | | |
| D18 | Boca Raton | Boca Raton, Fla. | UAB 37, N. Illinois 13 | | |
| D19 | Frisco | Frisco, Texas | Ohio 27, San Diego State 0 | | |
| D21 | Gasparilla | St. Petersburg | Florida 41, Michigan 15 | | |
| D21 | Bahamas | Nassau | Florida International 35, Toledo 32 | | |
| D21 | Famous Idaho | Boise | BYU 49, Western Michigan 19 | | |
| D22 | Birmingham | Birmingham, Ala. | Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34 | | |
| D22 | Armed Forces | Fort Worth, Tex. | Army 70, Houston 14 | | |
| D22 | Dollar General | Mobile, Ala. | Troy 42, Buffalo 32 | | |
| D22 | Hawaii | Honolulu | La. Tech 31, Hawaii 14 | | |
| D26 | SERVPRO | Dallas | Boston col. vs. Boise State, ccd. | | |
| D26 | Quick Lane | Detroit | Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10 | | |
| D26 | Cheez-IT | Phoenix | TCU 10, California 7 (OT) | | |
| D27 | Independence | Shreveport, La. | Duke 56, Temple 27 | | |
| D27 | Pinstripe | Bronx, N.Y. | Wisconsin 25, Miami 3 | | |
| D27 | Texas | Houston | Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38 | | |
| D28 | Music City | Nashville | Auburn 63, Purdue 14 | | |
| D28 | Camping World | Orlando | Syracuse 34, W. Virginia 18 | | |
| D28 | Alamo | San Antonio | Wash. St. 28, Iowa St. 26 | | |
| D28 | Peach | Atlanta | Florida 41, Michigan 15 | | |
| D29 | Belk | Charlotte, N.C. | Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0 | | |
| D29 | Arizona | Tucson, Ariz. | Nevada 16, Ark. State 13 | | |
| D29 | Cotton | Arlington, Tex. | Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3 | | |
| D29 | Orange | Miami Gar., Fla. | Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34 | | |
| D31 | Military | Annapolis, Md. | Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31 | | |
| D31 | Sun | El Paso, Tex. | Stanford 31, Pittsburgh 13 | | |
| D31 | Redbox | Santa Clara, Calif. | Oregon 7, Michigan State 6 | | |
| D31 | Liberty | Memphis, Tenn. | Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 33 | | |
| D31 | Holiday | San Diego | Northwestern 31, Utah 20 | | |
| D31 | Gator | Jacksonville, Fla. | Texas A&M 52, NC State 13 | | |

FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday at Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas
North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m.

NFL

| POSTSEASON SCHEDULE | CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS |
|---|--|
| WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS | Sunday, Jan. 20 |
| Saturday | NFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32) |
| Indianapolis at Houston, 3:35 (ESPN) | AFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2) |
| Seattle at Dallas, 7:15 (FOX-32) | PRO BOWL |
| Sunday | Sunday, Jan. 27 |
| LA Chargers at Baltimore, 12:05 (CBS-2) | at Orlando, Fla. |
| Philadelphia at Bears, 3:40 (NBC-5) | AFC vs. AFC, 2 (ABC-7/ESPN) |
| DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS | SUPER BOWL |
| Saturday, Jan. 12 | Sunday, Feb. 3 |
| Baltimore/LA Chargers/Indianapolis | at Atlanta |
| at Kansas City, 3:35 (NBC-5) | AFC champ vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2) |
| Bears/Dallas/Seattle | CALENDAR |
| at L.A. Rams, 7:15 (FOX-32) | Feb. 26-March 4: NFL combine, Indianapolis. |
| Sunday, Jan. 13 | March 13: League year and free agency begin. |
| Houston/Baltimore/LA Chargers | March 24-27: Annual owners meeting, Phoenix. |
| at New England, 12:05 (CBS-2) | |
| Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia | |
| at New Orleans, 3:40 (FOX-32) | |

2019 NFL OPPONENTS

| AFC EAST | AFC NORTH | AFC SOUTH | AFC WEST | NFC EAST | NFC NORTH | NFC SOUTH | NFC WEST |
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BLACKHAWKS

A cool experience for Hawks

Haugh, from Page 1

The famous Notre Dame sign — “Play Like A Champion Today” — hangs on a wall in the tunnel players pass on their way to the field, just one of many sights and sounds that made Tuesday’s experience more indelible than the outcome for a Hawks team slowly regaining respectability.

“It was disappointing because we did enough to deserve more,” Colliton said. “I’ve got no complaints with how hard we played.”

Nor was anybody complaining about having to work on New Year’s Day.

For the occasion, they remodeled the House That Rockne Built to build a hockey rink, and suddenly the famous mural on the Hesburgh Library became Slapshot Jesus. Nothing happened profound enough for anyone in the press box to mimic Grantland Rice — “Outlined against a blue-gray January sky, the Four Icemen rode again: Kane, Toews, Keith and Seabrook ...” — but the historic meeting of the two Original Six teams was worth celebrating.

A rousing rendition of the national anthem by Jim Cornelson shook the stadium as fans cheered through every stanza the way they do at the United Center. Cornelson salvaged a pregame show that included the leprechaun mascot wiping out on the ice — the second-most embarrassing performance on national TV this week by someone in a Notre Dame uniform. Weezer performed during intermission. Bulls center Robin Lopez braved the elements. Notre Dame football legends Tim Brown and Rocket Ismail signed autographs with a smile.

A sellout crowd of 76,126 made the event the most attended game in Hawks history and the second-largest audience to watch an NHL game, quieting pre-holiday whispers about interest in the game. One pregame tailgate party broke into a chorus of “Bear Down, Chicago Bears.” After both Hawks goals, “Chelsea Dagger” briefly replaced the Notre Dame Victory March as the local song of choice. Enough fans wore red sweaters to make this feel like a far eastern Chicago suburb. Mother Nature cooperated too, something NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman attributed to all the good fathers on campus praying for overcast skies on the dry, 35-degree afternoon.

“I thank Notre Dame for providing the divine inspiration of cloud cover,” said Bettman, who announced the Cotton Bowl in Dallas as the site of next year’s Winter Classic. “The weather was perfect.”

The hockey itself was as imperfect as ever with the improving Hawks playing well enough to win against a Bruins team fighting for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Remember, this was the first day of 2019 and not the middle of June 2013, when all that separated the Hawks and Bruins were 17 seconds in the Stanley Cup Final. This was a national stage for two franchises trying to fight their way back to prominence.

Brendan Perlini recorded the first hockey goal on the football ground at the 8:30 mark when he fired a shot from the slot past Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask. Nearly four minutes later, Bruins forward David Pastrnak tied it on a power play after gathering a Patrice Bergeron shot and beating Hawks goalie Cam Ward. A Dominik Kahun tip with 8:36 left in the second period put the Hawks back on top 2-1.

About seven minutes later, Bergeron made the play of the game. With 1:12 left in the second, he found a soft spot in front of the net and scored an equalizer past Ward after Hawks defenseman Brent Seabrook lost his stick. But the 33-year-old veteran center earned that goal by hustling to strip Kahun on a breakaway before doing his damage on the offensive end.

The game-winner came with 9:40 left when Bruins center Sean Kuraly knocked in a rebound after finding himself with too much room so close to the crease. The ice seemed to tilt toward the Hawks goal for most of the third period as they killed three penalties, ceding momentum and exhausting energy that softened protection around the net.

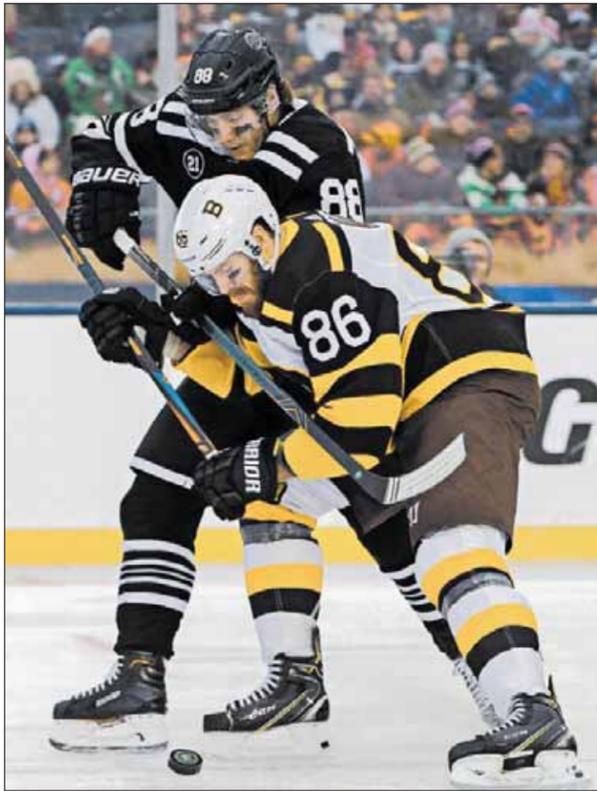
“That’s the stretch we were at our worst,” Colliton said.

It came at the end of a two-week stretch that finally saw the Hawks playing their best in this disappointing season, a 5-2 run everyone in the organization needed.



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Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask wears a look of frustration after giving up a goal to the Blackhawks' Brendan Perlini in the first period Tuesday.



Blackhawks winger Patrick Kane, left, and Bruins defenseman Kevan Miller battle for possession of the puck during Tuesday's game.



Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews glances up at the crowd at Notre Dame Stadium as he leaves the ice after the second period.



Blackhawks center Artem Anisimov trips over Bruins center David Krejci during third-period play in the Winter Classic.

General manager Stan Bowman pulled off what looks like a smart trade over the weekend by unloading defenseman Brandon Manning to the Oilers for promising forward Drake Caggiola. Collin Delia, a 24-year-old goalie prospect, flashed signs of promise. And according to Toews, players get more comfortable with the 33-year-old Colliton every shift.

“We have our compass set right,” Toews said.

Despite a tough loss on a memorable day, the Hawks again look headed in the right direction.

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Classic moments recalled

BY TIM BANNON
Chicago Tribune

SOUTH BEND, IND. — The Blackhawks lost to the Bruins 4-2 on Tuesday at Notre Dame Stadium, the first hockey game there and only the second non-football sporting event. Here are eight takeaways from the 2019 Winter Classic:

1. Conditions were ideal.

On Monday, Notre Dame Stadium was a dismal place: misty and chilly but not really cold enough for ideal outdoor hockey conditions. Temperatures hovered around 40. But Tuesday the rain stopped and the temperature dropped to 34 at puck drop. The only thing missing was light snow flurries.

“It has been sensational,” NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said during the game.

Said Hawks captain Jonathan Toews: “It exceeded expectations.”

2. Surprise, Cam Ward got the start.

Rookie goalie Collin Delia had won his first three starts and seemed a strong possibility to start Tuesday. But he had never played on a stage as large as the Winter Classic, so Cam Ward, 34, got the start.

“We’ve got a lot of confidence in him,” Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said before the game.

And Ward played well, stopping 32 of 35 shots and making some big saves. After the game Colliton said of Ward: “He was good, very good.”

Despite the loss, Ward said of his Winter Classic experience: “It gave me goosebumps from the beginning. This is an opportunity we’ll never forget.”

3. Power plays were the difference.

The Bruins scored two of their goals with a man advantage. The Hawks failed to convert their four power-play opportunities.

“We did enough to deserve more,” Colliton said. “We were aggressive and relentless in the second period.”

Coming into Tuesday’s game, the Hawks had a 15.4 percent scoring percentage on power plays. Tuesday they managed six shots on goal when they had a man up. Overall, the Hawks outshot the Bruins 38-36.

4. So where does this Hawks outdoor game rank?

Tuesday’s game was the Hawks’ sixth one outdoors, the most of any NHL team. They have won only one. Earlier this week, we ranked the previous five. Where does the game at Notre Dame Stadium fit in?

6. Wild 6, Blackhawks 1; Feb. 21, 2016, at TCF Bank Stadium (Stadium Series).

5. Blues 4, Blackhawks 1; Jan. 2, 2016, at Busch Stadium (Winter Classic).

4. Capitals 3, Blackhawks 2; Jan. 1, 2015, at Nationals Park (Winter Classic).

3. Blackhawks 5, Penguins 1; March 1, 2014, at Soldier Field (Stadium Series).

2. Bruins 4, Blackhawks 2; Jan. 1, 2019, at Notre Dame Stadium (Winter Classic).

1. Red Wings 6, Blackhawks 4; Jan. 1, 2009, at Wrigley Field (Winter Classic).

5. Football echoes.

Notre Dame Stadium oozes football history and tradition, so the NHL and the Hawks were eager to celebrate those. Parading by the “Touchdown Jesus” mural on the university’s library, the team was escorted into the stadium by the Chicago Police Department’s Pipes & Drums Corps on Tuesday morning.

And then as the players descended the steps from the home locker room to the rink, they passed and tapped the iconic “Play Like A Champion Today” sign, installed by football coach Lou Holtz in 1986.

“I must have touched that sign 10 times,” Connor Murphy said.

Tim Brown, Notre Dame’s 1987 Heisman Trophy winner, dropped the ceremonial puck.

“It was our intention from the day we announced the game to bring the traditions of Notre Dame into our game presentation,” said Steve Mayer, the NHL’s chief content officer and executive vice president.

6. Almost a full house.

There had been concern that the stadium would not nearly be full because of ticket prices ranging from \$100 to \$500, the Hawks’ poor start to the season and the relatively early game time on New Year’s Day, two hours from Chicago. But the stadium was packed with a boisterous crowd, mostly Hawks fans.

The crowd was announced at 76,126, the second-largest for an NHL game. (Capacity at Notre Dame Stadium is listed at 80,795.) The biggest crowd for an NHL game was 104,173 at Michigan Stadium in 2014.

7. Next Winter Classic.

The NHL announced during the game that the next Winter Classic will be Jan. 1, 2020, at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, with the Stars hosting a team to be determined. In case you were wondering, the weather at noon Tuesday in Dallas was 40 degrees and cloudy.

8. Weezer?

Yes, Weezer, the subject of the best sketch on the Dec. 15 midseason finale for “Saturday Night Live.” In it, Matt Damon and Leslie Jones play neighbors arguing over the band’s merits and whether, as Jones’ character says, “Real Weezer fans know that they haven’t had a good album since ‘Pinkerton!’”

“Weezer?” Beck Bennett, playing another neighbor, chimes in. “I didn’t know they were still a band.”

Well, they are, and they performed next to the rink during the first intermission on a stage shaped like the NHL logo. They opened with a cover of Toto’s “Africa.”

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Doomed from the start

Garoppolo's early-season injury had domino effect for 49ers



By JOSH DUBOW | Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — All the optimism the San Francisco 49ers had coming into the season crumpled less than a month into the campaign when quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo blew out his knee.

Talk of a playoff run and a return to the upper echelon of the NFC was put on hold for yet another year as the 49ers were headed to a fourth straight losing season instead.

Despite the injuries to Garoppolo and projected starting running back Jerick McKinnon, coach Kyle Shanahan said he believed the Niners should have done better than finish 4-12, a drop of two wins from his first season in San Francisco.

"I look at this year and we went through some tough things this year," Shanahan said. "I look back on it and with the stuff we went through, are you going to have a great record? You have a chance to. But, odds are it's going to be tough. We only won four games. I'm not happy with that despite what's happened. I believe specifically going through the games and everything, I think we should have won seven. So, I'm down about that."

The 49ers hope the experience the young players got, plus the expected returns of Garoppolo and McKinnon next season, will be enough for the franchise to end a stretch of losing that began when Jim Harbaugh was forced out as coach following the 2014 season. San Francisco has lost 47 games since Harbaugh left, tied for the worst four-year stretch in franchise history.

The one possible bright spot is that run of ineptitude from 1977-80 led to a Super Bowl title the following season.

Whether the Niners have enough pieces in place even to be a playoff team next year remains in question.

"It's hard to say," cornerback Richard Sherman said. "It's hard to tell without your guys out there. Without Jimmy G, you got your franchise quarterback you lose, what, three games into the season. You lose the running back you just paid, no games into the season. Your starting receivers get banged-up. You lose a safety a game almost every game all the way up until the 10th, 11th game. I think it will be tough to know how good we'll be until we have a consistent unit out there and show some continuity."

As much as the season-ending knee injuries to Garoppolo and McKinnon in September set San Francisco back, there were plenty of other issues on the team that need to be fixed if the Niners are to have any success in 2019.

The defense set an NFL record for futility with just seven takeaways,

including a record-low two interceptions. The defensive members of the 2017 draft class expected to be building blocks provided little impact, with first-round lineman Solomon Thomas getting only one sack, first-round linebacker Reuben Foster getting released after another arrest, and third-round cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon struggling.

Those problems overshadowed the few highlights: a blowout win in the final Battle of the Bay against the Raiders; a home win against Seattle in December that snapped a 10-game losing streak to the Seahawks.

"We're not going to sit here and say anything too positive about this season," said left tackle Joe Staley, one of the only remaining ties to the winning teams under Harbaugh from 2011-13. "It's kind of been a downer for everybody. But the thing I am proud of is we've been out of it for a little bit, but we keep fighting every single week and the guys still show up. I'm proud of the effort of the guys. But at the end of the day, it's not an effort business. It's a results business."

The 49ers will need to get results in 2019 in the third year under Shanahan and general manager John Lynch.

The duo has provided strong leadership and Shanahan has proven to be a top play caller, as evidenced by the success he had late in the season with undrafted free agent Nick Mullens at quarterback.

The hope is the offense will be even

Niners quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo suffered a season-ending knee injury in Week 3 against the Chiefs.

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more dynamic with a full season of Garoppolo at quarterback, the speedy McKinnon at running back after missing the entire season with a knee injury, and big-play tight end George Kittle, who set a record at the position with 1,377 yards receiving for the season.

But questions remain about Garoppolo, who was given a \$137.5 million, five-year contract last offseason after leading the Niners to a 5-0 record as starter at the end of 2017.

Garoppolo wasn't nearly as efficient in his two-plus games this season before the injury. He threw three interceptions in an opening loss at Minnesota, took six sacks the following week in a win against Detroit, then fell behind 35-7 the following week at Kansas City before eventually going down with the torn knee ligament.

But the Niners are counting on Garoppolo to be a difference maker in 2019.

"We put more pressure on ourselves than anyone," Garoppolo said. "All that's just hearsay and stuff. We went through a whole offseason of that last year, so we're prepared for that. We just have to keep getting better as a team, coming together, getting together in the offseason and working. That will help us going forward."

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Sticking around

Jets general manager Mike Maccagnan stands on the sidelines before a loss against the Texans on Dec. 15 in East Rutherford, N.J.

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Despite struggles in the draft and on the field, the Jets will rely on general manager Mike Maccagnan to turn the franchise around

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR. | Associated Press

NEW YORK — It wasn't long after Todd Bowles was fired as the Jets' head coach that frustrated fans started asking the inevitable question:

What about Mike Maccagnan?

The general manager was hired a day before Bowles in 2015, the two linked together — but separately in the team's reporting structure — for the next four seasons that featured lots of losing and disappointment.

A few hours after completing a 4-12 season, Bowles was fired Sunday night by Christopher Johnson, the team's acting chairman and CEO, who opted to keep Maccagnan in place.

"I think Mike is a good talent evaluator, period," Johnson said Monday. "Looking at the plan we have going forward, I'm a believer in Mike."

That declaration raised some eyebrows from some fans and media, who don't necessarily share the Jets owner's confidence in the man who will play a vital role in finding a new coach and building a roster around quarterback Sam Darnold with about \$100 million in salary cap space to work with this offseason.

Bowles deserved a large part of the blame, of course, for New York's 24-40 record in his four seasons. But, the counterargument is that the coach didn't exactly have a roster filled with overwhelming talent and depth.

And that falls on Maccagnan.

"I think there are definitely things, where the team is right now, that are the result of some of the things — some of the decisions I made — that did not work out well," Maccagnan acknowledged. "I understand that. I definitely know I need to do a better job in certain areas. But I also feel confident that we have added some good pieces to this organization."

The trade up with Indianapolis last winter to draft Darnold at No. 3 overall is the biggest positive of Maccagnan's tenure.

Unless, of course, you consider that the quarterback-needy Jets passed on both Deshaun Watson and Patrick Mahomes in 2017 and instead took safety Jamal Adams — who is already a Pro Bowl pick and a team leader, but not a franchise quarterback. And getting one cost New York two second-round selections last year and a second-round pick this year to be sure it was in position to draft one last April.

Adams, by the way, improved the team after the season finale to get more "dogs" on the roster, playmakers who can make the difference between wins and losses. That could be considered an unintentional criticism of Maccagnan, whose draft record might be the most glaring strike against



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Jets quarterback Sam Darnold, left, will be playing for a new coach next season but Mike Maccagnan will remain as the team's general manager.

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—Jets CEO Christopher Johnson, on Mike Maccagnan



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him.

Only 12 of the 22 players selected in his first three years are still on New York's roster. The first-rounders are starters — Adams, Darron Lee (2016) and Leonard Williams (2015) — but several other early round picks have been busts.

Second-rounders Devin Smith (2015) and Christian Hackenberg (2016), and third-rounders Lorenzo Mauldin (2015)

and ArDarius Stewart (2017) are all out of the league. Williams is the only player of the six the Jets drafted in 2015 still on any active roster, let alone New York's.

"Every team wants better talent," Johnson said. "We'd love to have great talent. This team has to get better. Mike knows that."

Maccagnan has had some success with some late-round picks, with right tackle

Brandon Shell (fifth round, 2016), punter Lachlan Edwards (seventh, 2016), wide receiver/special teamer Charone Peake (seventh, 2016) and running back Elijah McGuire (sixth, 2017) all playing large roles for New York this season. Tight end Chris Herndon, a 2017 fourth-rounder, also had a solid rookie season.

But some big-name, big-money free-agent signings and trades have also overwhelmed or backfired during Maccagnan's tenure, namely Darrelle Revis, Brandon Marshall, Ryan Fitzpatrick and most recently Trumaine Johnson, who struggled in his first season with New York and was benched for the finale.

In fairness, there have also been some big-time hits on under-the-radar signings, including a pair of Pro Bowlers in kick returner Andre Roberts and kicker Jason Myers, along with linebackers Brandon Copeland and Frankie Luvu.

Leading wide receiver Robby Anderson was an undrafted free agent in 2016, and Maccagnan also swung a deal with the Colts during the draft last April to land defensive end Henry Anderson, who tied linebacker Jordan Jenkins — a third-rounder in 2016 — for the team lead with seven sacks.

"I think we have some good, young players and we've positioned this team very well in terms of the salary cap, which is going to give us the ability to definitely augment our talent base," Maccagnan said. "We also have, even with the players under contract, the ability of roster flexibility. So, although it's a difficult situation bringing a new coach into the environment, I do think we have the ability to adjust things to kind of fit different schemes and stuff like that, potentially."

Johnson reiterated his support for Maccagnan, saying the GM is the right man for the job as the Jets move forward and try to regain respectability.

"I've worked with Mike now for a while," Johnson said. "We've developed what I think is a good plan. It's a plan we're in sync on and it really came together with Sam. Now, we're going to build with Sam, build around Sam and with some great players we have on this team already. I think it's a good plan and I'm looking forward to working with Mike to take us to the next level — including this coach hire."

That's where the spotlight will be over the next few weeks, with the likes of Mike McCarthy, Eric Bieniemy, Kris Richard and Todd Monken expected to interview for the Jets' coaching vacancy.

After that, it will be largely on Maccagnan to change the narrative on his tenure and mold the Jets into a roster of playoff contenders.

"I think our big thing, like everything else," Maccagnan said, "is to keep trying to make good decisions moving forward."



Felicity Jones, who is British, said she channeled her status as an outsider in portraying Ruth Bader Ginsburg in "On the Basis of Sex."

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REBEL GIRL

Felicity Jones relished the challenge of 'Basis of Sex'

BY MICHAEL ORDONA | Los Angeles Times

One of the more unlikely of today's pop-culture heroes has to be 85-year-old Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

There are viral memes of the 25-year high-court veteran bearing her affectionate nickname, "Notorious RBG" (a reference to the late rapper sometimes known as "Notorious B.I.G." — which Ginsburg has publicly acknowledged and enjoys), often depicting her wearing a crown. She's inhabited by Kate McKinnon on "Saturday Night Live" as a wildly dancing dynamo. And this year, there are two major movies about her. "RBG" is the second-highest-grossing documentary of the year. "On the Basis of Sex," a biopic covering her ascent as a gender-equality crusader, stars Felicity Jones.

"I loved playing this part, every minute of it," says the actress. "Her story is universal. She's alive and kicking and stands for such wonderful things in our society."

"I loved the montage pieces with her students, when they're eating and discussing ideas. It just reminded me of a classic American film, and I always wanted to be in one."

Jones, 35, is British; the Oscar

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Kidman almost gave up acting

BY GLENN WHIPP
 Los Angeles Times

This time last year, Nicole Kidman was working with Oscar-winning makeup artist Bill Corso, perfecting the sun-damaged, sleep-deprived complexion of the LAPD detective she'd play in "Destroyer," developing a leathery look far and away removed from the 51-year-old actress' own fair skin.

Seeing their mom in full make-up for the first time, Kidman's daughters — Sunday, 10, and Fifi, 7 — reacted in the blunt way that kids that age do.

"They called me 'granny,'" Kidman remembers, laughing. "They're like, 'You're our granny now.'"

Which got Kidman thinking. The girls' school in Nashville, Tenn. — where Kidman, musician

husband Keith Urban and their daughters live — was putting on a grandparents' chocolate day. Both Kidman's and Urban's mothers live in Australia. So Kidman told her girls that'd she gladly don a wig and dress up and play their grandmother for the day.

Her idea was met with mortification.

"I thought it'd be kind of quirky and funny and make for a good story for when they were older," Kidman says, curled up cross-legged on a couch on a recent weekend in Los Angeles. And here she adopts a shaky, old person's voice. "Oh ... hello Sunday! I'm here!" And she's just like, "Whatever you do, never, ever do that." So I won't be dressing up as their granny — even though that's what they called me!"

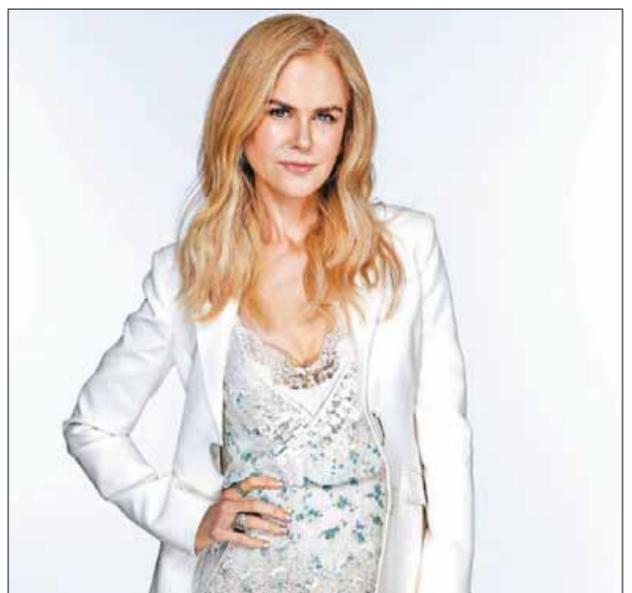
Kidman doesn't exactly need to take on another part right now.

She has two movies arriving in theaters over the next two weeks: "Destroyer," for which she just earned her 13th Golden Globe nomination, opens in limited release on Christmas Day, and "Aquaman," in which she plays the superhero's mother, aka The Queen of Atlantis.

She can also currently be seen in the drama "Boy Erased," winning strong reviews for portraying the supportive mother of a young man struggling to reconcile his sexuality with his evangelical upbringing.

It's the extension of a remarkable run of roles that began with Kidman's Oscar-nominated performance in the 2016 film "Lion" and continued last year with starring turns in Sofia Coppola's remake of "The Beguiled" and

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Nicole Kidman can be seen in "Destroyer," "Aquaman" and "Boy Erased."

CELEBRITIES

Playing Oliver Hardy was terrifying, inspiring for Reilly

BY ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press

Playing Oliver Hardy, the large comic with the even larger persona, was a burden that became a mission for John C. Reilly.

The actor had early misgivings about becoming the man whose legendary partnership with Stan Laurel is explored in "Stan & Ollie," which was released Friday in the United States by Sony Pictures Classics.

"It was a pretty terrifying prospect," Reilly told The Associated Press in an interview earlier this month after learning the role had earned him a Golden Globe nomination. "Those are some very big shoes to fill, no pun intended. I didn't know that it was going to work out so well. It was really an act of faith."

At the beginning of the process, Reilly developed a deep affection for Hardy through books, through Hardy's letters to his wife and through the more than 100 screen appearances he made with Laurel, played by Steve Coogan.

It was on finding out how neglected Hardy and his partner were late in their lives and careers — the period explored in the film, which documents a trying tour through the United Kingdom in the early 1950s when the men were in their early 60s — that Reilly felt not only a compulsion but also a duty to do it.

"I just didn't feel I was worthy at first," Reilly said. "But when you learn about Laurel and Hardy, and how the world kind of forgot them at the end of their life, I realized I had to do this for Oliver. I would just keep saying, 'I do it for Oliver.'"

He took on the entirety of Hardy for the part, men-



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John C. Reilly portrays Oliver Hardy in "Stan & Ollie."

tally and physically, spending four hours in the make-up chair on shooting days and taking on the full feeling of his body.

"I had weights built into the fat suit so that I could always feel that, you know, the heft of it, so I wouldn't just feel like this light foam suit," Reilly said. "And I think I started to rue that decision by the end because the weight was just like — it was a lot every day to carry."

Other aspects of Hardy were easier to imitate.

"Ollie really loved good times, and was always after wine, women and song. I can relate to that," Reilly said with a laugh. "I mean, I work a lot too, but I can relate to that."

Reilly, 53, has made a specialty of playing sidekicks, from his breakout role behind Mark Wahlberg in 1997's "Boogie Nights" through several second-fiddle roles alongside Will Ferrell, most recently in the newly released "Holmes & Watson."

But with Coogan, he has the equal billing and true partnership of the men they're playing.

"Steve and I not only got to know each other and found a working relation-

ship through all the rehearsals and the singing and dancing, but we also found the guys themselves," Reilly said. "That's what they did all day. So, we started to feel like them after a while."

"We knuckled down," Coogan told the AP at a screening of the film in New York early in this month. "We had a long rehearsal period. We learned the dance routines. We learned the sketches, and we devised some of our own in the style of Laurel and Hardy."

As the two men embodied the characters, they came to see their calling as returning them to the cultural memory.

"It was like this mission to bring back the legacy of Laurel and Hardy," Reilly said. "The film is really just, it's just a signpost pointing to their work. We're hoping this make people re-discover Laurel and Hardy again. It still stands up. It's still funny."

Jan. 2 birthdays: Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 51. Model Christy Turlington is 50. Actor Taye Diggs is 48. Actor Dax Shepard is 44. Actress Kate Bosworth is 36.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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DNA reveals half sib; dad isn't open

Dear Amy: I am one of the many who have found a half sibling through DNA testing. The birth mother never told my father that she was pregnant, and the child was put up for adoption over 50 years ago.

I told my dad about this and he reacted by getting angry and stopping the conversation by telling me to not have contact with the new half sibling. I gave it a few months and gently brought it up again, only to be shut down right away. He does not wish to discuss it. I was going to ask him to tell my sibling that we have a half sibling out there, but I know that is out of the question.

I am excited about my new relative and would like to meet and get to know them. I wish my dad would be open to discussing this. I would like to tell my other sibling about our new half sibling. I am not sure if they will share my excitement but then they can decide if they'd like to pursue a relationship as well. I worry that I am going behind my dad's back and he'll be furious that I have shared his secret. The cat is already out of the bag; all it would take is another relative to take a DNA test for someone else to tell my sibling.

I am feeling anxious about having to keep this a secret. How do I tell my sibling that we have a half sibling if our father is not open to discussing this? I'd like to move forward.

— Reluctant Secret Holder

Dear Reluctant: Your father had no knowledge of this child he fathered, so the existence of your half sibling has not been a

long-held secret. Don't hold this as a secret now.

Your father's response to this is understandable. He feels betrayed and, of course, he is unhappy about it. He does not want to face the imponderable complications of this possible relationship. He assumes it will upend your family, but, if anecdotal evidence I've collected on DNA discoveries is accurate, the toughest part of the experience is the anticipation. Your father will not give you permission to pursue this. Understand it and forgive him for his own reaction.

I suggest you take this in stages. Keep your expectations modest. After you make some initial contact with your half sibling, tell your dad you are going to inform your other sibling. Reassure your dad every step of the way, and if he refuses to discuss it, proceed on your own.

Dear Amy: I believe my husband is cheating on me. I went through his phone once and he had another girl's naked picture on it. He is also on a dating website talking to other girls.

Amy, he works very long hours and comes home exhausted. He is a delivery driver, and I believe he may be delivering more than just packages.

He hardly looks at me or talks to me anymore, and our sex life has been devastating. What should I do? Please help.

— Wronged Wife

Dear Wife: Instincts are powerful. But you also seem to have ample evidence of your husband's extracurricular activities. If your husband is having sex

with random people, you should get tested for STDs.

Surely the holiday season was an especially busy time for your package-toting Casanova. Now it's your turn. You should schedule a special delivery: hand him an ultimatum.

You two need to talk, urgently, about your relationship. And then you have a tough decision to make. Marriages can recover from infidelity — or suspected infidelity. But you can't recover without communication and trust.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your literacy campaign, promoting the idea of giving books to children at Christmastime.

Ever since my three daughters were babies, our tradition has been to give a book on the first night of Hanukkah. The kids are now between the ages of 18 and 25, and they still anticipate their first night book.

Even though the authors have evolved from Sandra Boynton and Dr. Seuss to Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Lin-Manuel Miranda, I have nurtured their literacy and love of books, which I hope they pass to their own children someday.

— Andrea

Dear Andrea: Ever since announcing my annual "Book on Every Bed" literacy campaign, I have been flooded with beautiful literacy stories. Reading them is a warm and wonderful way to get through these dark, cold days. Your story is lovely.

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More blood, more Volvos and more scowls in the film version of 'Luther'

BY LEO BARRACLOUGH
Variety

A movie version of crime series "Luther" is moving forward, with writer-creator Neil Cross working on the script, the show's star Idris Elba confirmed at the U.K. launch of Season 5 in London.

"We are really advancing on getting a movie version (of the show) up on the screen," Elba said. "Neil is beaver away on writing this thing, and I think the remit for the film is to scale it up."

Elba added: "'Luther' has all the ingredients to echo those classic (neo-noir) films of the '90s like 'Seven' and 'Along Came a Spider,' and I think what we would like to do is use that blueprint to create 'Luther' the film."

He continued: "It will be more murder, more Volvos, more frowning Luther ... essentially we just want to try to take it to a much bigger audience and scale, and perhaps international as well."

Asked where else the show could travel to, beyond its native London, Elba said: "The trick is ... it would have to be a city. The reason cities work is there are lots of shadows and so I think those cities that have that Gotham-esque vibe to them, and I think that is mainly Europe. A film version would transfer quite easily to cities in Europe but who knows — wherever there is crime Luther will go."

In a recent interview Elba had said Season 5 is serving as a "segue" to a movie version, if it comes

"We paid attention to what we were writing in this show. If we are to make a movie, this show is essentially a segue to that."

— Idris Elba

together. "This one's very particular because I think it's one of our last TV installments — I shouldn't say that as a matter of fact, but that was designed in the sense that Neil's and my ambition is to take it to a larger screen," he said, according to Drama Quarterly. "We paid attention to what we were writing in this show. If we are to make a movie, this show is essentially a segue to that."

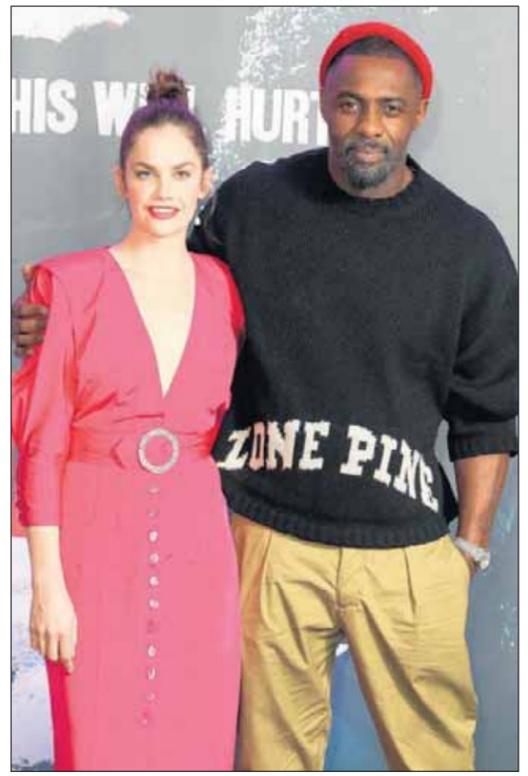
At the Season 5 launch, held in an old court house

in Shoreditch, East London, now converted into a posh hotel, Elba elaborated on how the latest four-episode season, which airs in the first week of January in the U.K. and later in the year in the U.S., stands apart from previous outings. He was joined by veteran cast members Ruth Wilson, who plays femme fatale and evil genius Alice Morgan, and Michael Smiley, who plays computer wizard Benny Silver, and newbies Wunmi Mosaku, cast as Luther's new sidekick, Catherine Halliday, and Hermione Norris, who is the chilling psychiatrist Dr. Vivien Lake.

"In this particular season there is one antagonist ... so many things fall out of that and it becomes a very complex web, and Alice turns up and she isn't here to give me Christmas cards, she's here to give me a headache," Elba said. "What is really special about this particular season is it is four episodes in one movie, and it starts to unfold, and unfold, and unfold ... it is pretty scary."

Elaborating on her character's impact on proceedings, Wilson said: "She creates chaos ... She is always off the rails. (Alice doesn't) stick to any rules; she's always trying to pull Luther to the dark side, and it works quite frequently ... but she's vulnerable and she needs his help."

In the run up to the filming of Season 5 there was much speculation whether Alice would return, and even Wilson wasn't 100 percent sure her character had survived. "I didn't know for sure," she



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Ruth Wilson and Idris Elba of BBC One's crime series "Luther" at The Courthouse Hotel in London.

said. "I watched it and thought: she's not dead. She's never dead. You can't kill her and not see it, right?" However, she had no hesitation when offered the chance to return for Season 5. "Yeah, I was keen to come back and get these two back together. Idris and I had been working on this for eight years, with this relationship growing." But, she concedes, Alice may not have gained a great deal of maturity in that time.

Alice is "like a naughty girl," she said. "It is really fun to do. She plays many different roles, and she's got lots of different wigs."

Halliday is a young cop on the fast-track to the top. "It's a thing Neil is quite fixated on — the old school detective and the new generation, the newer style detective with ethics," Elba said. "With Luther it is always a dilemma. What does he tell this new sidekick? What does he encourage?"

Mosaku, who won a BAFTA last year for

"Damilola, Our Loved Boy," added: "I think she's really bright — she comes up with a lot of different ideas and hypotheses. She's the brains and ...," she trails off, giving a side-long glance at Elba and Smiley. "She's not afraid to speak up, but still ... (Luther is) the boss. She wants to learn but she wants to stick to the rules. They are like chalk and cheese ... but they work well together."

It's been three years since the last season aired, but Elba said he was comfortable with such an extended period between seasons. "It's one of those shows that needs to be made into bite sizes because it is very dark, and I think for Neil Cross, the producers' and my sanity I don't think we can do this the whole time," he said. "I think we like it that way personally, and the audience and the fans have grown to know it doesn't come every year, and that we do it slightly differently."

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When women ruled the studio lot

New six-disc DVD collection pays tribute to female filmmakers

By SUSAN KING
Los Angeles Times

A century ago, female filmmakers were a powerful force in Hollywood.

No, that's not a misprint. Despite the ongoing battle to create opportunities for female directors, progress in this area has been slow. But in the early days of the studios, a number of women gained prominence as directors.

In fact, Lois Weber was one of the top directors at Universal Studios, and in all of Hollywood, in the early decades of the 20th century. Studio chief Carl Laemmle described her as his "best man on the lot."

She wasn't the only female filmmaker at Universal. Weber's peers included Cleo Madison, Ida May Park, Ruth Ann Baldwin, Elsie Jane Wilson, Ruth Stonehouse and Lule Warrenton. Some 170 films were helmed by women at the studio from 1914-1919.

Several female filmmakers worked outside of Hollywood as well. French filmmaker Alice Guy-Blaché, who is considered the first female director, built her own company, Solax, in Fort Lee, N.J. Marion E. Wong founded the Mandarin Film Company in Oakland. And scrappy Angela Murray Gibson operated the Gibson Studios with her sister Ruby in Castleton, N.D.

After World War I, though, female filmmakers faded from view and became hidden figures in film history books. That is, until the last two decades when, slowly but surely, the contributions and artistry of these women — especially Guy-Blaché, who began making films in 1896, and Weber — have emerged from the shadows.

Now Kino Classics is shining the spotlight on several of these early female directors in its recently released six-disc DVD/Blu-ray set "Pioneers: First Women Filmmakers." The collection, which recently received a special award from the New York Film Critics Circle, was executive produced by actress and filmmaker Illeana Douglas and is curated by Shelley Stamp, professor of film and digital media at UC Santa Cruz and author of "Lois Weber in Early Hollywood."

All the films have been digitally restored by Kino Lorber from original archival sources; the discs also include documentaries, commentary and new scores.

Stamp said that whenever she screens these films, women always ask why they didn't know about these pioneers before now. "It's not that there haven't been female filmmakers. We've been told a particular kind of history — that movie making is a guy's game."

What is striking about many of



Film still from "Suspense" (1913), directed by Lois Weber, one of the top directors at Universal Studios in the early 20th century.

these early filmmakers is that they worked in a very collaborative way. "They even sometimes moved from acting to writing to directing and back," Stamp said. "When they got to directing, they collaborated with screenwriters and directors who were pioneers in this field. Lois Weber mentored women who were acting for her and then went on to directing. There's a lot of that kind of collaboration."

Part of that, she added, included collaborating with male partners. Weber collaborated with her husband Phillips Smalley for many years, as well as Guy-Blaché, whose husband was filmmaker Herbert Blaché.

"But there was a reflex to credit the men," she said. "In Weber's case, it was to credit her films to her husband. What I discovered going back and reading the original press about Weber and Smalley's films is that it was very evident to critics at the time that once they began making features that they were her films. They would even say things like 'Why is Smalley being credited when it's clearly Weber's work. So, it's not that people didn't know at the time; it's that, in retrospect, people projected this idea of male author and his female helper onto what was actually a different

situation."

When Universal City opened, said Stamp, there was an election for mayor. "Weber ran on an all-female ticket for all the municipal positions in the city," said Stamp. "This campaign was mocked relentlessly in newspapers all over the country. But Universal, to its credit, said, 'No, this is something that we value. We are a studio that has women with both beauty and brains running the place. We're really proud of that fact.' This was 100 years ago."

And a century ago, Weber was considered a peer of D.W. Griffith and Cecil B. DeMille. She even had the No. 1 box-office film of 1916, "Where Are My Children?," a melodrama dealing with abortion and birth control.

"It's very hard for us to imagine a situation where Universal's top moneymaker is a film written and directed by a woman about abortion and birth control," said Stamp. "Universal wouldn't green light that picture today."

Douglas, who noted that the term feminism was coined back in 1913, found it fascinating to look back at the industry's view of women. "Hollywood, to me, was obviously a very progressive, bohemian place. Originally, they hired women hoping to cultivate women to go to the movies. And it

worked."

Stamp noted that female directors worked in every genre — comedy, western, action-adventure, melodrama and social problem films.

Douglas said studios and producers today are reluctant to hire female directors for movies that aren't considered "women's films." "The best thing to do to thwart that is to go back in history and use all of these examples of female filmmakers in the silent era. That was my inspiration for wanting to see these films because the more evidence you have, the harder it is to not hire a woman in the present day."

So why did the majority of female filmmakers disappear from behind the camera after World War I?

Before the war, Hollywood was "incredibly open to lots of people," said Stamp. "It's relatively easy to get a foothold in the early industry. What happens in the late 1910s and early '20s is that the industry isn't very profitable and power starts to consolidate in the Hollywood studios — the studios that survive today."

Power was also consolidated by the studio-buying national theater chains (a practice later ruled illegal by the courts). "It becomes very hard for independent com-

panies to distribute the films because the studios are controlling the theater chains," said Stamp. "So, it's that point in the early '20s that several independent companies run by women collapse because they can't get distribution deals."

Because the studios borrowed money from Wall Street, "they also bought into the male corporate culture and didn't value the work of women," Stamp said. "They didn't value the female audiences. They didn't value women who were making films and writing films. As a result, they began to rewrite almost immediately the history of Hollywood as a male-driven industry."

She admired Weber, who continued working into the late 1920s, and Guy-Blaché for continuing to fight this narrative to the end of their careers.

"Weber in the late '20s talks in interviews how different it is for her on the set at that point as a woman," Stamp said. "How male crews don't respect her anymore. She writes columns disputing when male studio heads say women shouldn't be directors. She writes syndicated newspaper columns saying 'No, we need more female directors.'"

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Bravo's 'Dirty John' uncovers a softer, more playful John Meehan

Los Angeles Times Staff

Before Connie Britton was formally approached about potentially starring in Bravo's TV series adaptation of "Dirty John," she, like many, was already well aware of the Los Angeles Times podcast and story on which the show is based.

"My agents brought me the material, but what drew me to it was my friends talking about how amazing your podcast was, which coincidentally happened just two days before I got an email from my agents," Britton said.

"I had already heard about this really interesting story that was creating a lot of conversation, and then when my agents sent me an email about it, I was immediately really excited."

"Dirty John," originally a six-part story and podcast about an Orange County divorced woman whose life is put in danger when she meets and falls in love with a mysterious man with a hidden past, launched in October 2017. The podcast quickly amassed more than 30 million downloads, and Bravo announced it was bringing the true-crime story to TV in January.

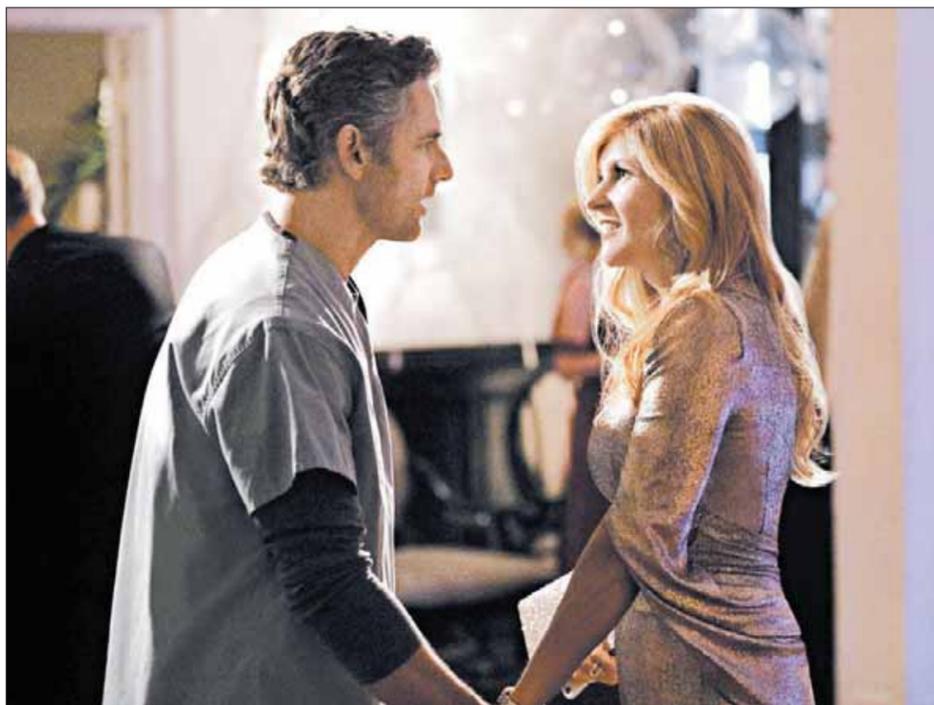
Britton, joined by fellow series star Julia Garner, creator and showrunner Alexandra Cunningham Ham, executive producer Richard Suckle and director Jeffrey Reiner, screened the first episode of the series at the Montalban in Hollywood. The screening was followed by a discussion with Goffard, who also served as a writer on the series adaptation.

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— Richard Suckle, executive producer

Once she signed to star and serve as executive producer of the series in March, one of Britton's first steps in preparing for the project was to talk to the real Debra Newell.

"But really, the reason I was so deeply drawn to playing Debra was because I actually recognized a lot in her from the standpoint of what it is to be a woman shaped by external circumstances. Her family history, the culture she lives in, her religious beliefs, all these things that I think contributed to the woman she is and the choices that she made," Britton said. "So for me, I found it to be a really interesting psychological exploration."



Debra Newell (Connie Britton) falls for John Meehan (Eric Bana) in "Dirty John."

Julia Garner, who plays one of Debra's two daughters Terra, also talked how she came to a better understanding of her character.

"The main thing for Terra is that what I noticed pretty early on was that she gives people chances in a way, and I think that she is like her mother in that sense," she said. "She always hopes. And sometimes it can be to a fault."

Showrunner Alexandra Cunningham was able to find some similarities between the show's central villain, John Meehan, and another infamous bad guy she had previously written for: Charles Manson.

"He was about manipulating other people to do what he wanted, and John Meehan did the

same thing, but John Meehan was a one-man band," she said. "I guess we can be grateful that there was no Meehan family."

Despite the similarities shared with one of the most notorious criminals in U.S. history, director Jeffrey Reiner emphasized the importance of showing the softer, more humorous side of John, portrayed by Eric Bana.

"I also was looking at it through Connie's eyes, and it was very important that we understand that this guy was a living, breathing thing, that he was charming ... why she fell in love with him. It was just trying to get people to find the other side of him," he said. "If he's just so evil from Episode 1 or Episode 2, then

I think the show gets boring. So I wanted to have fun with him, and Eric was really game."

However, playing a real-life figure and retelling a true crime story has its challenges too. Executive producer Richard Suckle talked about the importance of being "respectful" to Newell and her family, especially considering that the events at the center of the series happened only a few years ago.

"We're making a series that's going to ... potentially if not probably stir up a lot of bad memories," Suckle said. "It's important as a producer that you want to make them feel comfortable that you're actually going to be telling their story."

'Mary Queen of Scots' as a mirror to today

Treacherous men and smear campaigns

BY HUGH HART
Los Angeles Times

Long before Beau Willimon created the Netflix political thriller "House of Cards," he hankered to get one of his plays staged at the tiny Bush Theatre in London run by visionary artistic director Josie Rourke. Introduced by their mutual agent, Rourke recalls, "We clicked." Years later, Working Title Films producers asked Rourke to helm their long-gestating "Mary Queen of Scots" project after seeing her Donmar Warehouse production of "Les Liaisons Dangereuses." Rourke enlisted Willimon to write a fresh take, resulting in the recently released royal drama featuring Saoirse Ronan in the title role opposite Margot Robbie's Queen Elizabeth. Over a recent lunch in Beverly Hills, Rourke and Willimon discussed key ingredients of their 16th-century period piece. The following is an edited transcript.

Q: Mary Stuart's tumultuous life and death have been widely covered before. How did you shape your take on the story?

Willimon: I felt it was important to have one historian to rely on, and Josie said the best source would be John Guy's book, "Queen of Scots: The True Life of Mary Stuart."

Rourke: John rolled up his sleeves, went into the archive and learned that the story we've always been told about Mary is not the real story. Even during Mary's own lifetime, Queen Elizabeth's adviser Cecil, played by Guy Pearce in our movie, launched this smear campaign against her.

Willimon: She's often been portrayed as this



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Guy Pearce stars as William Cecil and Margot Robbie as Queen Elizabeth in a scene from "Mary Queen of Scots," directed by Josie Rourke.

reckless, overemotional youth who got into a political jam because she wasn't thinking things through. Our movie argues that Mary was a politically savvy operator who knew exactly what she was doing.

Q: After Mary's been kicked off the throne of Scotland, the queens meet for the first time. How did you go about imagining this encounter?

Willimon: We envisioned a scene that didn't necessarily happen in the historical record, so we asked ourselves: If this meeting had taken place and been kept secret, what would that environment

look like?

Rourke: We shot in an English barn made of wattle and daub, an ancient type of English architecture that weaves slats of wood together. I liked the idea that these two crowned heads of Europe would meet in a wash house where you do laundry.

Q: The meeting goes pretty well until Mary calls Elizabeth her inferior. It's as if she can't help herself.

Willimon: Imagine the reserves of energy and confidence you must construct on a daily basis when people have tried to undermine your legitimacy every step of the way. So even

when Mary stares another queen in the eye who is her equal, even in this moment of dire desperation when she needs help from her cousin, Mary can't let go of this DNA within her that she's cultivated her entire life. She is the queen.

Rourke: Beau understands like no other how to write proper Shakespearean tragedy. It's the idea that the essence of a person is the very thing that will bring her down.

Q: Mary's also brought low by treacherous men, while Elizabeth at one point enters this hallway filled with 100 men and there's not a single woman in sight.

Rourke: I see that scene and go, "That looks like many board meetings I have been in!" (Laughter). Early in my career, you'd walk into these rooms at the Royal Shakespeare Company and there'd be nobody but men in there. You have to psych yourself up to walk out into that sea of men, and that's one of the things Beau captured so beautifully in his script. So often in costume dramas, people put on fancy clothes and it can feel like you're just being seen for beauty or allure or prettiness. But in our film, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth are putting on a kind of armor when they get dressed. It's a political act.

Willimon: Modern counterparts are happening as we speak. Yesterday, somebody on Twitter criticized Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez because of her coat and shoes. Mary and Elizabeth faced a similar kind of scrutiny, except for them it was a matter of life and death.

Rourke: There's always been this obsession with how female political figures present themselves and what they wear. In rehearsal with Saoirse and Margot, we looked at the history of how female politicians have been portrayed. You can read entire articles about (British Prime Minister) Theresa May's shoe collection.



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When Kidman started to doubt her career, she called her mother for help.

Kidman

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Yorgos Lanthimos' unsettling "The Killing of the Sacred Deer" and, of course, her work on the HBO series "Big Little Lies," for which she won the Emmy, the SAG Award and the Golden Globe playing Celeste, a woman hiding the dark secret of domestic violence behind a flawless facade.

Kidman, however, isn't one to shape illusions about her life or her career. She says she almost gave up acting a few years ago, following a disappointing time of making films such as "The Railway Man," "Trespass" and "Before I Go to Sleep," movies that were barely seen and, aside from Kidman's acting, harshly reviewed. The low point came at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival when the audience greeted her Grace Kelly homage "Grace of Monaco" with boos and hisses. Kidman sobbed in her hotel room.

"It's probably not great to talk about when you're old, but you start out as flavor of the month and then you're not; you have some things that work and some that don't, and suddenly no one's interested," Kidman says. "Then it's, 'You've squandered or lost your talent.' And that's not true. It's always there if you're nourishing it. And that's what I was doing. But that doesn't mean it wasn't frustrating."

Unlike Matthew McConaughey and his celebrated, self-labeled McConaissance of a few years ago, Kidman didn't have the luxury of choice. Women in Hollywood don't. She tried to find funding for projects she wanted to produce. She starred in a celebrated production of "Pho-

tograph 51" on the London stage. ("I was terrified no one was going to come," she says. The entire 11-week run sold out.) And she tried to jump-start her film career.

"I wasn't the first, second or third choice for 'Lion,'" Kidman says. "(Director) Garth Davis was told not to cast me. That hurt. And Garth said, 'No. That's what I'm doing. I want to cast her.' And he fought hard for me."

"Destroyer" director Kusama has had her own ups and downs and appreciates the candor with which Kidman discusses her career.

"For her to be honest about feeling she was down in the dumps and not excited about her work is testament to her actual love for the art form," Kusama says. "Because she just powered through those times. And I'm sure she had some really dark nights staring up at the ceiling, but it seems like that ebb and flow and the understanding that there's good times and bad times really informs her work right now."

Kidman remembers thinking that maybe she'd write or just focus completely on being a mom in Tennessee and finding a philanthropic path that would engage her creatively. Looking to vent, Kidman called her mother — a feminist who didn't have the career she probably wanted and challenged her two daughters to reject societal expectations — and her mom repeated what she has always told her. "Do not give up your career."

"And I remember saying, 'I'm tired. I want to,'" Kidman remembers. "And she said, 'Keep your toe in the water. You'll want that.' I'm so glad she said it. Because I'd probably be sad and I would grieve it if I had stopped."



JONATHAN WENK/FOCUS FEATURES

Felicity Jones wanted to capture Ginsburg's humor, as well as her strength, for "On the Basis of Sex."

Jones

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nominee has certainly been in major American films already — "Rogue One" comes to mind, though she points out there was "not much eating in 'Rogue One.'" She was undaunted by being asked to play a living American icon.

"I channeled my status of being an outsider," she says, "which I felt she also felt when she was growing up. When she was at university, she was always the other — she was in a minority of women in a very male-dominated environment."

Of course, by "classic American film," she could as well have been talking about the comic-book genre, as "On the Basis of Sex" feels like a superhero origin story. Ginsburg humbly honed her craft during a time when women were hardly encouraged to practice law — there were only nine in her class at Harvard — much less eventually argue before the Supreme Court.

"Ruth hadn't had it easy; she'd constantly been up against it," says Jones. "She'd fought hard for her successes. I could feel there was someone there with a very, very strong core."

Though Ginsburg has since developed a reputation as a fighter, largely for her fiery dis-

sents in recent years, she's also known for her remarkable civility.

"I liked her shyness. She doesn't put all her cards on the table," says Jones. "She's had to adapt — that's another huge thing! — she's had to adapt so carefully to every environment she's in, but she's a very intuitive person. She read, very well, the temperature of the courts at that time. The way to be listened to was to use language in a very, very careful way."

"You listen to old court cases of her talking; she can keep such a lid on her delivery. But then in moments, there'll be an eruption in her speech, and that's when her Brooklyn accent would come out. And then quickly, it's reined back in. There's such passion lurking underneath, and such fire. She cultivated a manner that was very careful. She knew her power came in the respect she'd get from those around her."

The script for "On the Basis of Sex" is by Ginsburg's nephew, first-time screenwriter Daniel Stiepleman. For the answers Jones couldn't get from the screenplay or her research, the production fortunately had Ginsburg's cooperation.

"I met her before we started shooting," says Jones. She says co-star Armie Hammer (as Ginsburg's beloved late husband, Martin), director Mimi Leder and others "went to visit her in

her chambers. She was incredibly welcoming. Her chambers are full of this humanity, this light. She has a very universal approach, she's very all-embracing. She's very careful about things fans have sent her; she takes great care with everything. She has absolute respect for the position she finds herself in.

"But we wanted to capture her humor as well. There's a real rock star in there. Someone who loves people, who actually has an enormous love of opera, and performing in opera. There's a performer in there, someone who, in the right conditions, likes to take the stage. I definitely channeled that. She has great charisma."

Jones says when she and Ginsburg spoke at length, she asked the justice for advice.

"She said, 'I've seen your movies; I know you can do it,'" says the actress with a laugh conveying her surprise. "I felt really moved that she even had an awareness of me. But also it shows you she does everything so carefully and she's part of every point of the process. It's like a case for her. She has very much been a collaborator on this, all the way through."

When asked if Ginsburg has seen the finished product, Jones laughs and says in assent, "Apparently, she has been telling everyone she meets to go and see the film."

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Nick Cannon

"The Masked Singer" (8 p.m., FOX): Nick Cannon ("America's Got Talent") hosts this new American adaptation of a South Korean game show, in which celebrity panelists must try to identify unnamed performers in a singing competition who are performing under heavy disguises. These masked singers aren't rookies — in fact, the network says the performers have a total of 65 Grammy nominations and 16 Emmy bids between them.

"Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back" (7 p.m., FOX): Chef Gordon Ramsay returns for the sophomore season of his latest unscripted series, which sends him on the road to help eateries that are teetering on the brink of commercial oblivion, usually from multiple problems. First, he sends in a team to record secret surveillance of the restaurant in operation, before paying a visit incognito to witness any issues firsthand.

"grown-ish" (7 p.m., FREE): Zoey Johnson (Yara Shahidi) and her friends begin their sophomore year of college as this spinoff of the Emmy-nominated sitcom "blackish" opens Season 2 with a premiere called "Better." For the students, now that they've managed to get through the gaffes and the obstacles to which most freshmen are prone, they're approaching this new year with a confidence that is both bold and, as they quickly learn, completely misplaced.

"Project Runway All Stars" (8 p.m., 10:03 p.m., 12:01 a.m., 2:04 a.m., Lifetime): Alyssa Milano returns to host the seventh and final season of this fashion competition series, as 14 talented designers — all previous winners of "Project Runway" seasons around the world — vie to be named the world champion of the catwalk. Isaac Mizrahi and Georgina Chapman also return to join Milano as judges.

"SEAL Team" (8:01 p.m., CBS): "Backwards in High Heels" was a famous phrase used to support the premise that Ginger Rogers was a superior performer to Fred Astaire, because she had to dance that way while doing everything else he did. It's also the title of this new episode, which finds Bravo Team doing a different diplomatic dance of their own as they partner with the British Special Air Service.

"Criminal Minds" (9 p.m., CBS): Rossi (David Mantegna) and his BAU team travels to Portland, Ore., to investigate a chilling abduction in the new episode "Night Lights." That case is creepy enough on its own terms, but it's not long before the investigators begin to suspect that kidnapping may share a link with the murder of a local couple who were found slain in their home a week earlier. Elias Toufexis and Mike Faiola guest star; Paget Brewster, A.J. Cook and Aisha Tyler also star.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Former first lady Michelle Obama; Ariana Grande performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Former first lady Michelle Obama; Common performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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| WJYS 62 | Salem Baptist Church | | Joyce Meyer | Robison | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Monument | |
| Univ 66 | Jesus | | Mi marido tiene familia | | Amar a muerte | | Noticias (N) | |
| CABLE | AE | Live PD | Live PD | Live PD (N) | Live PD (N) | Live PD (N) | Live PD (N) | Live PD |
| | AMC | Twister (PG-13,'96) *** Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. © | | | | Double Jeopardy *** | | |
| | ANIM | North Woods Law: Uncuffed: "The Fish & the Fox." (N) | | North Woods Law © | | North-Law ♦ | | |
| | BBCA | The Green Mile (R,'99) *** Tom Hanks, David Morse. © | | | | | | |
| | BET | I Can Do Bad | | White Chicks (PG-13,'04) ** Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans. ♦ | | | | |
| | BIGTEN | Basketball | | College Basketball: Northwestern at Michigan State. (N) BIG Basket | | The BIG | | |
| | BRAVO | Housewives/NJ | | Housewives/NJ (N) | | Watch What | | |
| | CLTV | News at 7 | | News (N) | | SportsFeed © | | Politics |
| | CNBC | Deal or No Deal © | | Deal or No Deal (N) © | | Deal or No Deal (N) © | | Deal or No ♦ |
| | CNN | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | | CNN Tonight (N) | | Tonight (N) ♦ |
| | COM | South Park | | South Park | | South Park: "The Black Friday Trilogy." | | |
| | DISC | Moonshiners © | | Moonshiners (N) © | | Homestead Rescue (N) | | Homestead |
| | DISN | Raven | | Bunk'd © | | Bizaardvark | | Bunk'd © |
| | E! | Botched © | | Botched (N) © | | Botched © | | Botched ♦ |
| | ESPN | NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics. (N) (Live) | | NBA Basketball (N) ♦ | | | | |
| | ESPN2 | College Basketball (N) | | College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) © | | SportCtr (N) | | |
| | FNC | Tucker Carlson (N) | | Hannity (N) © | | The Ingraham Angle (N) | | Fox News |
| | FOOD | Guy's Grocery Games | | Guy's Grocery Games (N) | | Guy's Grocery Games | | Grocery ♦ |
| | FREE | grown-ish | | grown-ish | | (8:02) Life-Size 2: A Christmas Eve (NR,'18) © | | 700 Club ♦ |
| | FX | Thor: The Dark World (PG-13,'13) ** Chris Hemsworth. © | | | | Thor: The Dark World ♦ | | |
| | HALL | It's Christmas, Eve (NR,'18) LeAnn Rimes. © | | | | Sharing Christmas (NR,'17) © | | |
| | HGTV | Property Brothers © | | Property Brothers (N) © | | Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N) | | Property ♦ |
| | HIST | Vikings: "Hell." © | | Vikings: "The Buddha." (N) | | Drilling Down (N) | | Oak Island ♦ |
| | HLN | Forensic | | Forensic | | Forensic | | Forensic |
| | IFC | Road House (R,'89) ** Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. © | | | | (9:45) Road House ** | | |
| | LIFE | Project Runway (N) | | Project Runway (Season Premiere) (N) | | American Beauty Star (Season Premiere) (N) | | All Stars ♦ |
| MSNBC | All In With Chris Hayes | | Rachel Maddow Show (N) | | The Last Word (N) | | 11th Hour ♦ | |
| MTV | Catfish: The TV Show (N) | | Catfish: The TV Show (N) | | (9:02) True Life Now (N) | | Lindsay ♦ | |
| NBCSCH | Beer Money | | tateGATE (N) | | College Basketball: Indiana State at Loyola-Chicago. (N) | | Bulls (N) | |
| NICK | SpongeBob | | SpongeBob | | SpongeBob | | The Office | |
| OVATION | (6) Waterworld (PG-13,'95) ** Kevin Costner. | | | | Crocodile Dundee (PG-13,'86) *** ♦ | | | |
| OWN | Four Weddings © | | Four Weddings: "...and the Georgia Peaches." © | | Weddings ♦ | | | |
| OXY | NCIS: Los Angeles | | NCIS: Los Angeles | | NCIS: Los Angeles | | NCIS: LA ♦ | |
| PARMT | Friends © | | Friends © | | I, Robot (PG-13,'04) ** Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. © | | | |
| SYFY | Earth Stood | | I Am Number Four (PG-13,'11) ** Alex Pettyfer. © | | Ender ♦ | | | |
| TBS | Big Bang | | Big Bang | | Big Bang | | Full Frontal | |
| TCM | On the Waterfront (NR,'54) **** Marlon Brando. © | | | | A Streetcar Named Desire ("51) **** ♦ | | | |
| TLC | My 600-Lb. Life: "Octavia's Story." (Season Premiere) (N) | | | | Family by the Ton (Season Premiere) (N) | | My 600-Lb ♦ | |
| TLN | Camp Meeting | | Diane | | The Three | | Life Today | |
| TNT | The Intern (PG-13,'15) ** Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway. © | | | | Blended (PG-13,'14) ** | | | |
| TOON | Samur. Jack Amer. Dad | | Amer. Dad | | Burgers | | Burgers | |
| TRAV | Mysteries-Museum (N) | | Hindenburg Disaster (N) | | Beyond the Unknown (Series Premiere) (N) | | Monsters ♦ | |
| TVL | Everybody Raymond | | Raymond | | Raymond | | Two Men | |
| USA | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Mod Fam ♦ | |
| VH1 | Love & Hip Hop Miami (Season Premiere) (N) | | Black Ink: Chicago (Season Premiere) (N) | | Love & Hip Hop Miami | | Ink ♦ | |
| WE | (5) Sex and the City (R,'08) ** © | | | | Sex and the City (R,'08) ** Sarah Jessica Parker. ♦ | | | |
| WGN America | Last Man | | Last Man | | Last Man | | Last Man | |
| PREMIUM | HBO | Never Been Kissed (PG-13,'99) ** Drew Barrymore. | | Pete Holmes: Dirty Clean | | Fifty ♦ | | |
| | HBO2 | Game Night (R,'18) *** Jason Bateman. | | (8:45) Blockers (R,'18) *** Leslie Mann. © | | | | |
| | MAX | The Usual Suspects (R,'95) *** Stephen Baldwin. | | (8:50) Out of Sight (R,'98) *** ♦ | | | | |
| | SHO | Maid in Manhattan (PG-13,'02) ** Jennifer Lopez. © | | The Back-up Plan (PG-13,'10) ** ♦ | | | | |
| | STARZ | Along Came a Spider ** | | Country Strong (PG-13,'10) ** Gwyneth Paltrow. | | Shock ♦ | | |
| STZNC | Aliens vs. Predator | | Jeepers Creepers (R,'01) ** © | | (9:34) Saw (R,'04) *** ♦ | | | |

Arturo Sandoval takes on 'The Mule'

Eastwood film score a first for trumpet legend

BY TIM GREIVING
Los Angeles Times

Arturo Sandoval thought he was being asked to write one song for Clint Eastwood's new film, "The Mule." But when Sandoval arrived at the actor-director's office on the Warner Bros. lot, Eastwood sat him down, showed him the whole film and said, "I want you to write the score."

Sandoval said yes without hesitating. "I'm available and affordable," he added with a laugh.

The jazz trumpeter has won Grammy Awards and a Presidential Medal of Freedom, and his collaborators have ranged from Frank Sinatra to Alicia Keys. He's written music for the concert hall, including a trumpet concerto, and even composed an Emmy-winning score for the story of his own life — "For Love or Country," the 2000 HBO movie that starred Andy Garcia.

But at age 70, Sandoval finally has his first big-screen score, and it's something he has wanted badly.

"This is my biggest passion," Sandoval said by phone from his Tarzana home, where he starts every morning with an espresso and cigar, sitting at a piano that once belonged to jazz legend Oscar Peterson. "I love it more than anything else within music — even more than playing gigs. And I pray to God that I could have a lot more chances."

Eastwood is an avowed jazz fan and had seen Sandoval perform in clubs over the years. But he didn't want a jazz score for "The Mule," a movie about a nonagenarian who becomes a cartel drug runner. In fact, he didn't want much music at all — in line



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Jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval, shown in Los Angeles in 2015, fled Cuba nearly 30 years ago. He says he has no desire to return to his native country.

with his sparsely scored body of films, many of which he co-scored himself.

The theme that plays during the main titles is a bittersweet melody for Sandoval's trumpet over delicate string and piano chords.

"He don't want to give away, in the very beginning, all the drama and all the problem that come afterward," the composer said, explaining Eastwood's directive. "It's kind of a neutral feeling."

The rest of Sandoval's brief score — less than 20 minutes total — is mostly devoted to the regret that Eastwood's character, Earl Stone, feels toward the family he neglected. A slow, noirlike theme for muted trumpet fit the bill.

Sandoval also wrote two dance songs for a pool party scene at the Mexican mansion of a drug lord (played by Garcia) — as well as a



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Filmmaker Clint Eastwood showed Sandoval the completed picture and asked him to write the score.

mariachi song that plays on a car radio. Sandoval wrote the lyrics, sang and played every instrument on the latter.

Sandoval played all of the trumpet parts for the "Mule" score, which was recorded at — where else? — the Eastwood Scoring Stage at Warner Bros., with an 82-piece orchestra and a

20-piece big band. He also played most of the piano and some of the French horn, trombone and percussion, and he conducted an orchestra for the first time.

"The beginning, I was kind of nervous," he said. "But after three or four minutes of doing it, man, I start to feel a lot more re-

laxed and confident."

Some critics have been troubled by the film's characterization of Latinos, who are almost uniformly presented as drug dealers and criminals, as well as Eastwood's breezily racist character. Sandoval agreed that films in general need to do a better job of presenting good and bad portraits of ethnic groups, but he isn't bothered by the politically incorrect protagonist of "The Mule."

"You cannot relate that behavior and those lines with the movie itself, or with Clint," he said, citing online footage of the arrest of the man who inspired the story, Leo Sharp. "You have to put it in context, and think about that old man — that was his mentality. That was the way he talked, and the way he thought."

Next year marks the 30th anniversary of Sandoval's flight from Cuba. He

sought political asylum in the U.S., and he doesn't think he would be allowed to go back even if he wanted to.

"I have no interest," he said bluntly. "I don't want to see the situation that's going on there. I don't want to suffer that horrible thing, to see my country completely destroyed. Because the situation in the country is getting worse by the minute. People are completely desperate, people are hopeless. Nobody sees the light at the end of the tunnel, because they cannot even see the tunnel."

Sandoval said it's almost as if his life didn't begin until age 40, when he arrived in America. This is where he raised his family, and it's the land of opportunity.

"I have no words to express my gratitude for everything that happened to us in the U.S.," he said. "It's more than a dream."

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 2): Thoughtful planning lays foundations for good fortune this year. Take charge, and provide what's needed. Enjoy romantic surprises. Reach a personal milestone this winter, before taking a new tack with shared finances. A partnership deepens this summer, leading to personal changes.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. The next two days are good for travel. Educational opportunities present themselves. What you're learning benefits your career.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Keep building a strong financial foundation together over the next few days. Consider the long-term implications before investing.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Negotiate and compromise. Partnership comes easier for a few days. Your collaboration could get lucrative. Join forces with a master. Listen to suggestions and advice.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Discipline benefits your work, health and fitness. Collaborate with a mentor, coach or trainer to grow faster. A new project demands more attention today and tomorrow.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Love feeds your spirit. Plan some fun for the next few days, especially with someone charming. Share your talents, games and enthusiasms. Give and take.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Home draws you in. Get into a two-day domestic phase. Find simple, inexpensive improvements and renovations. Clean, sort and organize.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Dive into a new communications project. Write, articulate and design a persuasive message. Diligence provides satisfying results. Use creativity and style with a domestic renovation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Bring in the money today and tomorrow. Apply creativity and communications savvy to sales and marketing. Have faith in your own imagination.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You're especially strong. Take charge for the result you want. You can make it happen! It could even get profitable. When you're hot, you're hot.

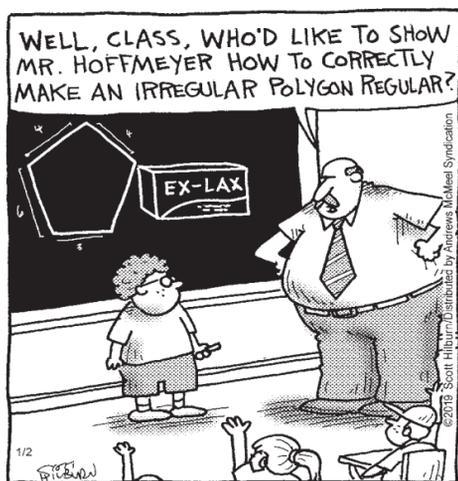
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Rest and recuperate. Your batteries have been running low. Meditate on the road ahead, and choose your course. Make plans and reservations.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Resources, ideas and information flow through your network of friends, allies and colleagues. Consult an expert with a tricky challenge.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Crazy career dreams could seem possible, especially today and tomorrow. Schedule carefully, and streamline your routine. Polish your portfolio, and maintain strict standards.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



"Look, I promise I'm not going to be mad. Just tell me the truth: Did you blow Grandma's retirement savings at the track?"

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

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| North | ♠ Q J 9 8 6 | ♥ K | ♦ Q J 5 3 | ♣ Q 7 3 |
| West | ♠ 7 3 2 | ♥ A J 10 7 3 | ♦ 10 | ♣ K J 6 5 |
| East | ♠ K 5 4 | ♥ 8 6 5 4 2 | ♦ A 9 | ♣ 8 4 2 |
| South | ♠ A 10 | ♥ Q 9 | ♦ K 8 7 6 4 2 | ♣ A 10 9 |

The jump shift by a passed hand to show a near opening bid is a relic from a bygone era. It is often played that way today in social games, but tournament players use it to show an invitational hand with a good fit for partner and a five-card side suit. South in today's deal was Australian expert Margaret Bourke.

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
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| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 2♠* | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 5♦ | All pass | | |

*Fit showing, 5 spades, 4+ diamonds
Opening lead: Ace of ♥

hearts, shedding a club from dummy, and led the seven of diamonds to dummy's jack. A spade to the 10 was successful, and the ace of spades was cashed.

Bourke crossed to dummy by leading the four of diamonds to the five, and then ruffed out the king of spades. Dummy was re-entered by leading the two of diamonds to the three, and both of declarer's clubs went on dummy's two established spades. Bourke's management of the trump spots in this deal was elegant! Also, had she not played dummy's queen of trumps at trick two, East could have defeated the contract by ducking his ace.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



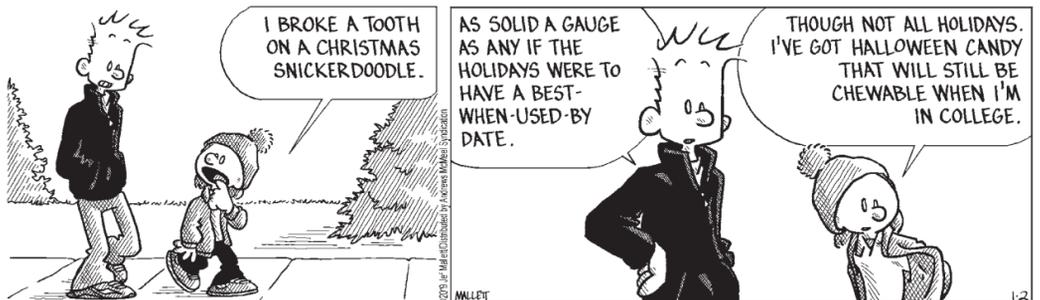
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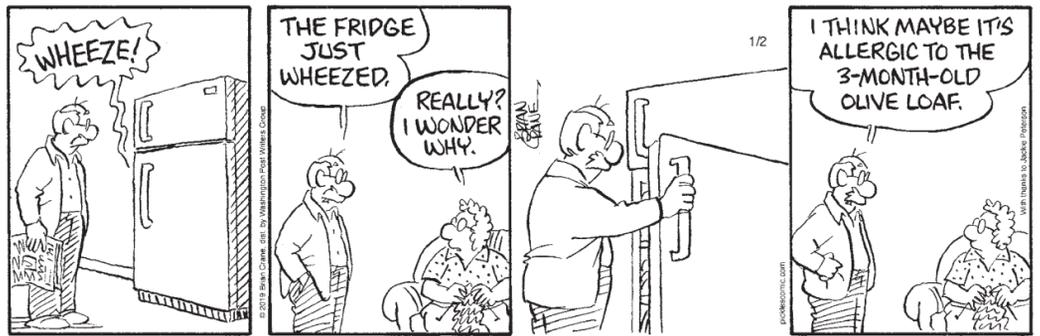
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Classic Peanuts



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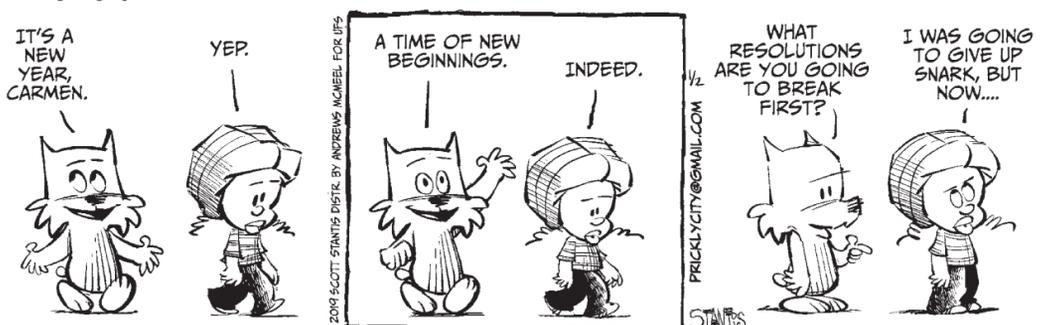
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Animal Crackers



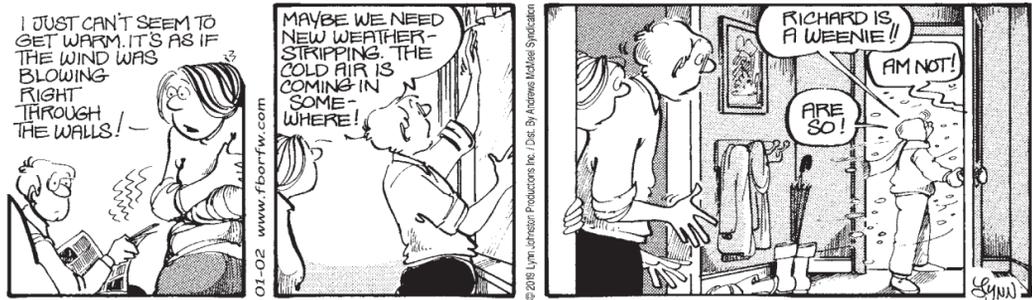
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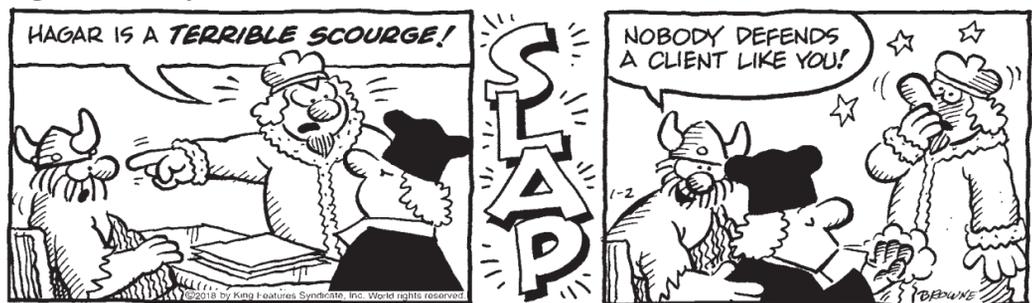
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



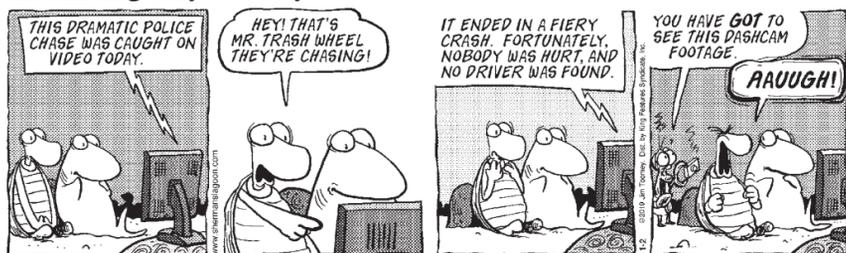
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



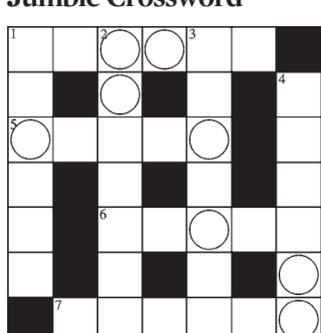
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

In 1935, Amelia Earhart was a visiting professor in aeronautics at what Midwestern university?
 A) University of Illinois
 B) Iowa State
 C) Kansas State
 D) Purdue
 Tuesday's answer: The phylum Echinodermata, which includes starfish and sea urchins, takes its name from the Greek words for "spiny skin."
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Jumble Crossword

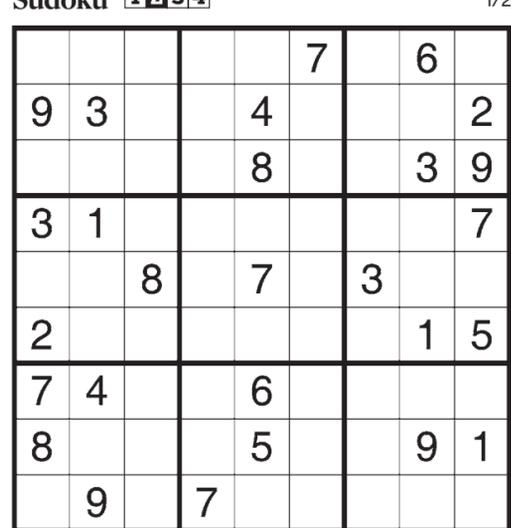


- CLUE ACROSS**
- Older than the rest
 - ___ exam
 - beauty
 - Parthenon home
- CLUE DOWN**
- Extra ___
 - Filling installer
 - Absence of sound
 - ___ wheel

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
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 ANSWERS: 1A-Eldest 5A-Final 6A-Inner 7A-Athens 12-Egypt 22-Dentist 25-Silence 47-Ferret B-Gertrud
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/2



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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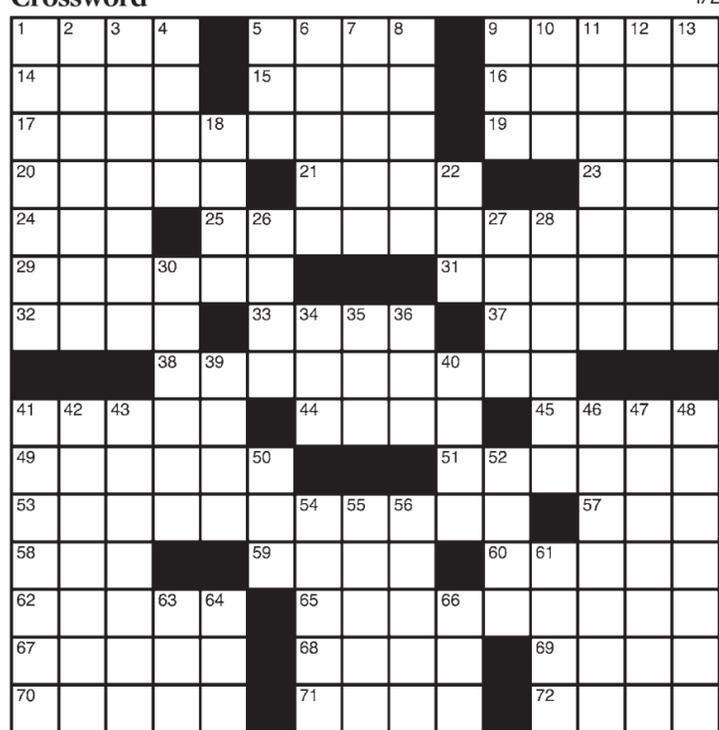
Answer here
 Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: EAGLE MIGHT OUTFIT FINISH
 Answer: They'd never put up wallpaper before. It took them a while to — GET THE HANG OF IT

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Crossword

1/2



- Across**
- Fictional archaeologist Croft
 - Prep for fight night
 - Furry critters who helped disable the shield generator on Endor
 - Major work
 - La Scala song
 - "Mack the Knife" singer
 - Pull together
 - Frenzy
 - Plumeria garlands
 - CIA relative
 - "recall ..."
 - Genre that may be featured in the Eurovision Song Contest
 - Serenade
 - "Good comeback"
 - Palm starch
 - Julia Louis-Dreyfus comedy
 - London insurance pioneer
 - *Sleight-of-hand scam
 - Dispatch boat
 - Apple desktop
 - Former Virginia senator Charles
 - Sesame paste
 - Daffy, for one
 - *Food brand whose products include Caribbean curry paste and Jamaican jerk seasoning
 - Lyft approx.
 - Strike caller
 - H.G. Wells race
 - Actor Pratt or Pine
 - Flower girl, perhaps
 - 1978 novelty song with the line "Eat them up! Yum!" ... and what both parts of the answers to starred clues can be
 - Come next
 - "Dies ___"
 - Exactly, with "to"
 - Baby carrier?
 - Sleek swimmers
 - Gerritsen who created Rizzoli and Isles
- Down**
- Catholic service with minimal ceremony
 - Loss of speech
 - Making a mess of
 - Bubbly city
 - Mattress problem
 - Orwellian worker
 - Didn't feel well
 - Diameter halves
 - College URL ending
 - Pallid
 - Venezuelan river
 - Tacky
 - Moved furtively
 - NCAA's Big ___
 - Mach 1 flier
 - Made on a loom
 - Ian who plays Bilbo Baggins
 - Things used for good measure?
 - Scuttlebutt
 - Nutmeg State Ivy Leaguer
 - Shade tree
 - Vardon Trophy org.
 - Hägar the Horrible's daughter
 - Civil rights gp.
 - Brings into harmony
 - Critter, in dialect
 - "Fingers crossed!"
 - Perform surgery
 - Happens to, quaintly
 - Copper-zinc alloys
 - Party host's bagful
 - Snowfall measure
 - 2004 Jude Law title role
 - Orléans' river
 - Rope fiber
 - ___ index
 - Mongrel
 - Startled cry
 - "___ Just Not That Into You": 2009 film
- Tuesday's solution**
- BANTU ENID PUMPS
 FIBER LORE UBOAT
 FRANC ERAS REPLY
 THE CATCHER
 LUC IN THERE YE GPA
 ONE NOR IDS LOX
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 FRANNYANDZOOEY
 FARCE ARISE
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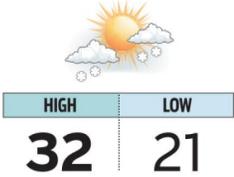
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 61° (2004) RECORD LOW: -16° (1879)

Cloudy skies and light snow will linger in area

LOCAL FORECAST



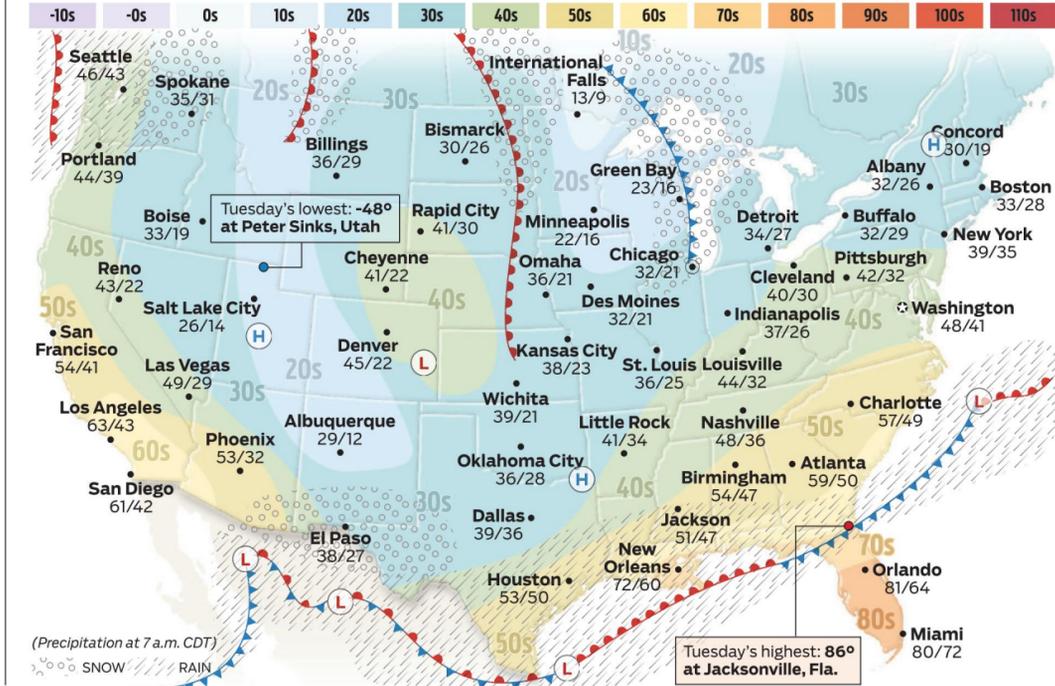
■ With an upper level trough moving through from the west and lower level moisture available, cloudy skies and occasional light snow are likely. With the trough to our east, skies will clear overnight.

■ Mostly cloudy with occasional light snow likely with only minor accumulations of generally a 1/2 inch or less possible north of I-80. High temps in the lower 30s.

■ Clearing skies overnight and colder with temperatures dropping into the upper teens over the Fox River Valley.

■ Southwest winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



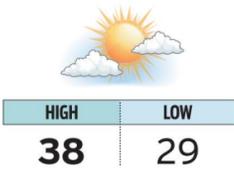
With low-level moisture in place, an upper-level disturbance passing overhead will keep cloudiness and occasional light snow over the Chicago area Wednesday.

Any accumulations will mainly be north of Interstate 80 and generally less than a half inch. As the upper disturbance moves off to the east, skies will gradually clear from the west overnight.

That will be it for the colder air, as southwest winds mark the beginning of Pacific-source air Thursday that will persist for the next several days, giving an extended period of mostly sunny skies and high temperatures in the 40s.

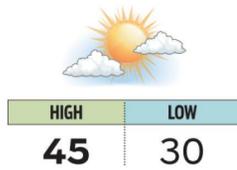
The Chicago area's next chance of precipitation looks to be Monday and Tuesday early next week, as low pressure lifts out of the central Plains passing over our area.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3



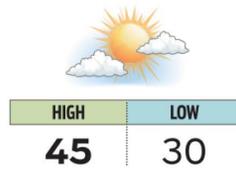
Mostly sunny and not as cold with afternoon highs topping out in the upper 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. West to southwest winds.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4



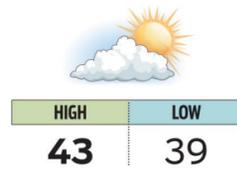
Mostly sunny north with an increase in high cloudiness south. Warmer with highs in the middle 40s. Light westerly winds.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5



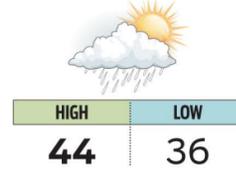
Mostly sunny with highs in the middle 40s. Mostly clear skies overnight. West to southwest winds.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6



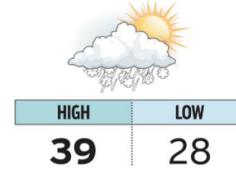
A sunny start but increasing cloudiness during the day. High temperatures 40-45. Cloudy overnight with a slight chance of rain toward morning. Southwest winds.

MONDAY, JAN. 7



Mostly cloudy and cooler with rain likely—best chance of rain farther south. High temperatures in the low to middle 40s. Light rain overnight. Southwest winds shift to the northwest later at night.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8



Mostly cloudy with light rain possible early. Turning cooler with a chance of rain mixed with snow during the afternoon. High temperatures in the upper 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northerly winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What are the lowest and highest temperatures recorded in Chicago? How do they compare to the world records for heat and cold?
— Warren Klews

Dear Warren,
Chicago's official temperature records began on Nov. 1, 1870, and have continued to the present time. The city's highest and lowest temperatures in that period are 105 degrees on July 24, 1934, and minus 27 degrees on Jan. 20, 1985.

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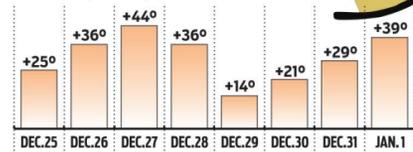


2019 open—more than 30 degrees warmer than a year ago

SINCE CHRISTMAS IN CHICAGO, THIS YEAR'S BEEN RUNNING EXTRAORDINARILY "WARMER"

30.5° warmer this season than last

Temp departures from normal—Period since Christmas (Dec. 25) has been so much warmer



New Year's Day temp comparisons

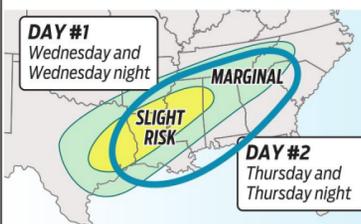
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One year ago, January 1, 2018



STORM TO UNLEASH DOWNPOURS ON THE DEEP SOUTH



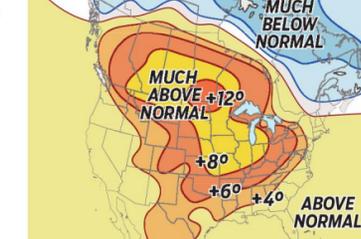
NEXT STORM PASSES TO CHICAGO'S SOUTH

Estimated total 7-day rainfall
Through next 6PM Tuesday, January 8, 2019



TEMPERATURE TREND FORECAST "WARMER" than normal temperatures

Covers the period Sunday, January 6 through Sunday, January 13



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

| TUESDAY TEMPERATURES | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|------------------|
| LOCATION | HI | LO | HI LO |
| Aurora | 34 | 28 | Midway 36 28 |
| Gary | 37 | 32 | O'Hare 34 26 |
| Kankakee | 35 | 31 | Romeoville 35 27 |
| Lakefront | 36 | 28 | Valparaiso 39 33 |
| Lansing | 36 | 29 | Waukegan 34 25 |

| CHICAGO SNOWFALL | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| PERIOD | O'HARE | MIDWAY | |
| Tue. (through 6 p.m.) | 0.1" | 0.1" | 0.01" |
| January to date | 14.2" | 10.1" | 10.1" |
| Year to date | 0.01" | 0.06" | 0.06" |

| LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| WEDNESDAY | | THURSDAY | |
| Wind | SW 10-22 kts. | SW 11-23 kts. | |
| Waves | 1-3 feet | 1-3 feet | |
| Tue. shore/crib water temps | 36°/33° | | |

| U.S. SNOW COVER | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--|
| JAN. 1 | 2019 | 2018 | |
| Area covered by snow | 41.8% | 41.9% | |
| Average snow depth | 3.0" | 3.3" | |

| TRACKING THE COLD | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--|
| SINCE OCT. 15 | O'HARE | MIDWAY | |
| Sub-32° highs | 5 days | 6 days | |
| Subzero lows | 0 days | 0 days | |

| CHICAGO AIR QUALITY | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|-----------|
| Tuesday's reading | | | Good |
| Wednesday's forecast | | | Good |
| Critical pollutant | | | Particles |

| WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Sun | 7:18 a.m. | 4:31 p.m. | |
| Moon | 4:01 a.m. | 2:16 p.m. | |

| WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| PLANET | RISE | SET | |
| Mercury | 6:14 a.m. | 3:19 p.m. | |
| Venus | 3:32 a.m. | 1:42 p.m. | |
| Mars | 11:03 p.m. | 11:10 p.m. | |
| Jupiter | 5:06 a.m. | 2:25 p.m. | |
| Saturn | 7:16 a.m. | 4:28 p.m. | |

| BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------|--|
| PLANET | RISE | SET | |
| Mercury | Not visible | | |
| Venus | 5:45 a.m. | 20° SE | |
| Mars | 5:15 p.m. | 48.5° S | |
| Jupiter | 6:00 a.m. | 8° SE | |
| Saturn | Not visible | | |

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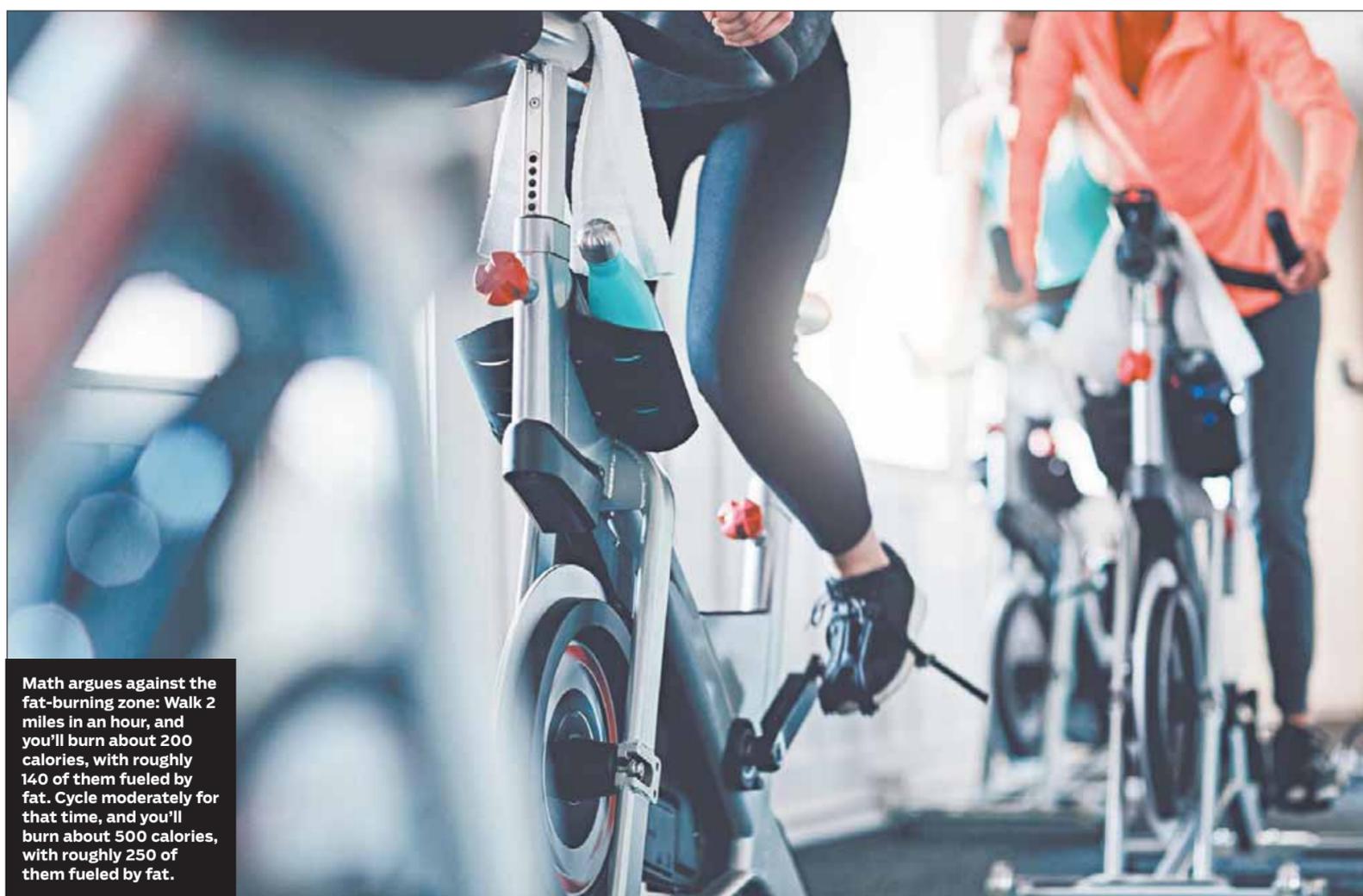
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HEALTH & FAMILY



Math argues against the fat-burning zone: Walk 2 miles in an hour, and you'll burn about 200 calories, with roughly 140 of them fueled by fat. Cycle moderately for that time, and you'll burn about 500 calories, with roughly 250 of them fueled by fat.

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'Fat-burning zone' facts

BY SCOTT DOUGLAS
The Washington Post

Fitness experts say that focusing on keeping heart rate at a certain level of exertion isn't the best way to tackle weight loss

If you're the kind of exerciser who constantly checks your heart rate to ensure you're in the fat-burning zone, you should stop. You'll probably never meet your weight-loss goals that way. That's because there's no special fat-burning zone that's key to getting lean. Here's what you need to know about the myth and about the true relationship between exercise and weight loss.

Yes, we know. If you look at the wall charts or cardio equipment in a gym, or listen to many personal trainers, you'll be indoctrinated about the "fat-burning zone." The standard advice for getting in this zone is to work out at about 60 percent of your maximum heart rate. That level of exertion is relatively low intensity; most people can talk in complete sentences while exercising at it. Working in this zone, it's said, will burn more fat and result in greater long-term weight loss, compared with doing the same exercise at higher intensities.

There's substance to part of this claim. Your body primarily fuels itself by burning a mix of stored fat and carbohydrates. The less active you are at a given moment, the greater the percentage of that fuel mix comes from fat. As your intensity of activity increases, the percentage of carbohydrates in that fuel mix

also increases. At rest, fat constitutes as much as 85 percent of calories burned. That figure shifts to about 70 percent at an easy walking pace. If you transition to a moderate-effort run, the mix becomes about 50 percent fat and 50 percent carbohydrates, and it moves increasingly toward carbohydrates the faster you go.

So it's true that at some workout intensities, you're burning a higher percentage of fat than at other intensities. But that doesn't mean this biological process is the key to losing weight from exercise. Experts explain that those who believe in a lard-melting zone simply aren't seeing the forest — i.e., what it really takes to lose weight — for the fat-burning trees. They're forgetting about calories.

First, although it might sound better for weight loss to burn a higher percentage of fat, the real-world effect of that intensity on your body composition is next to nil. "The idea that all of a sudden when you hit this zone the fat is just being sucked out of your system is simplistic," says Christopher Breen, an exercise physiologist and online coach in Long Island. "That completely ignores that losing or maintaining

weight is basically a matter of calories in versus calories out."

If the key determinant of weight loss were the percentage of fat you're burning, then your best bet would be to remain still, because that's when you're burning the highest percentage of fat relative to carbohydrates. But, as Breen says, total calories burned is what matters, and that fact leads to the second big problem with the fat-burning zone.

"If you're exercising at this lower intensity, you're burning fewer calories per minute," says Christine Brooks, a University of Florida adjunct instructor and the coaching science coordinator for USA Track & Field. "The average person walking for an hour is going to burn only a couple hundred calories." In that time, you could burn more than twice as many calories running, cycling or using an elliptical machine at a moderate intensity.

Let's be real: When you schedule a workout, you probably think in terms of time, not number of calories burned. So, in the likely scenario that you have 30 or 45 minutes for exercise before or after work, you're just not going to burn that many calories if you spend that time in the would-be

fat-burning zone. "I'm all for people being more active, but most aren't going to regularly put in the time at a lower intensity to create a calorie deficit," Brooks says.

Also, if you want to get all geeky, the math argues against the fat-burning zone. Walk 2 miles in an hour, and you'll burn about 200 calories, with roughly 140 of them fueled by fat. Cycle moderately for that time, and you'll burn about 500 calories, with roughly 250 of them fueled by fat — so you'll burn more calories and more fat. "When I worked with people in a gym, I would tell them, 'Ultimately, it's a matter of calories; the fat burn will take care of itself,'" Breen says.

Another chit for more vigorous workouts: You get an after-burn effect. "You maintain a higher metabolic rate after higher intensity exercise," Brooks says. "The reason is that more damage is being done to various systems, so you have an increased heart rate while the body is making its necessary repairs."

"I have a real beef with the way this fat-burning idea is promoted," Brooks says. "It's a very strange way to talk about exer-

cise." She and Breen agree that the myth persists because it's an easy concept to grasp. "It's a way of making exercise machines more appealing — if I'm working at this speed, I'll burn more fat than at another speed," Breen says.

None of this is to suggest low-intensity exercise is a waste of time. Even the top athletes in the world regularly and purposefully work out at a light effort. A gentle jog or easy spin is a great way to clear your head, get re-energized, improve your health, spend time with friends and family, and, yes, burn some calories.

"Mix it up," Breen says about structuring your workouts. "Have some harder, high-intensity days, followed by easier, low-intensity recovery days." Also aim for different durations. When you have the time, do longer workouts at a comfortable level of effort. When you're pressed for time, work a little harder.

Variety in your workouts will keep you fresher physically and mentally than if you do the same thing day after day after day. That freshness will make it more likely that you exercise consistently. And that's the zone that will result in long-term weight loss.

Scott Douglas is a contributing writer for *Runner's World* and the author of several books, including *Running Is My Therapy*.

10 things worth committing to in the new year

From saying 'no' to painting at home, resolutions that don't involve a treadmill

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

This year, ditch that standard resolution about exercise, and let your creative juices flow.

We're not saying you have to skip the gym; we're just saying these 10 things are worth committing to in 2019 and happen to have nothing to do with a treadmill.

Say 'no' more often. Or, if your problem is you stay home too much, say "yes" to everything. The point is to consider what you need more of in life and challenge yourself to do things that feel uncomfortable. If you ended the year feeling depleted and overwhelmed, say no to everything for two weeks in January, and see

how that feels. On the flip side, if you spent December at home feeling lonely, say yes to every invitation or new opportunity — even something as simple as seeing a billboard for a movie and buying a ticket.

Clean out your photo library. You know that feeling of dread

when your photo roll is full and you suddenly have to choose which 30 photos to delete to make room for the new ones? Give yourself the gift of not having that problem anymore. Clean out your phone photo library, and keep the photos you want, either

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A 'terrible' 31 days of fitness

Lessons learned during monthlong challenge

BY CRYSTAL PAUL
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — It began as an office health initiative — “The 31-Day Wellness Challenge” tasked participants with exercising for 30 minutes daily for a month, with extra points for trying new activities. I had planned to participate quietly on my own, but after an ill-advised glass of wine (or three), I posted about the fitness challenge on Instagram. That did it. Now I was locked in by social-media accountability (the worst kind).

The world probably does not need another “I ate nothing but activated charcoal for a month and became a mermaid” story about the latest fitness craze. And I didn’t plan on writing one. But after working out for 31 days straight, I did learn something: It’s terrible.

It starts out feeling great, then it’s terrible, then great again, then completely unbearable. Just before Day 31, you devolve into a sweaty fevered monster oozing self-congratulatory “inspirational” fitness advice for all the lesser beings who didn’t recently jump rope and row-machine themselves into minorly-muscler gym rats eager to post a muscle emoji on any slightly fitness-related social-media message.

When I started, I had already been working out pretty regularly, probably five days a week (or three), so what was two more? Besides, I was pretty sure I’d magically transform body and soul into Beyoncé by the end of the month,

because that’s what happens when you do one of these kitschy “31 days of something kind of unpleasant/inconvenient” things, right?

As the Instagram likes accumulated, friends claiming inspiration decided to join the challenge, and by Day 3, I was certain I would blast through the month like I was in a montage set to Natalie Imbruglia’s “Torn.” But by Day 4, the inspired friends had tapped out, and I was lying cold and shamed on the floor of my apartment attempting a halfhearted home workout.

That’s when I realized the only way I was going to make it through the next 27 days was if I made things more interesting. So on Day 5, I went kayaking for the first time. On Day 6, I beat down my anti-social tendencies and signed up for a group boxing class, where I quickly discovered that hitting things was my life-long calling.

Over the next two weeks I boxed, lifted weights and ran new routes around my neighborhood. I invented games at the gym like a mini “triathlon” — 10-minute intervals on the treadmill, row machine and stationary bike — or what I dubbed “The Mindy Challenge” — climbing 102 floors on the StairMaster in honor of “The Mindy Project” heroine climbing 102 floors to the top of the Empire State Building.

By Day 18, I was sore, stiff and mentally exhausted. I felt like I was on some kind of special exercise-based, obstacle-riddled journey, but there were few actual obstacles

in my 31-day exercise routine. With no kids and few responsibilities outside of work, I could prioritize fitness. I had the money for a gym membership, group classes and kayak rentals. I struggle with asthma, but I have the physical ability to try many different types of workouts. And I still had several days where I just couldn’t find the energy to get myself to the gym.

Privilege plays no small part in one’s ability to successfully complete challenges like this one.

Of course, that doesn’t mean one shouldn’t try to establish sustainable health and fitness habits. But it’s important to acknowledge that we each face different obstacles to exercise, and there isn’t a one-size-fits-all solution.

Something I did gain from the challenge was insight into what does work for me. I already knew that it was easier for me to wake up early and hit the gym before work than it was to conjure the energy after a full day at the office, but the challenge affirmed this. I already knew that I get bored easily and need to change up my routine often, but taking boxing made me want to budget for the occasional group class. I learned that I need to take some days off not just to recover physically but to give myself a mental reprieve from pushing and judging myself if I’m not meeting certain goals.

The best regimen for health is one you can sustain. And what works will likely change throughout your life. What works for one person won’t necessarily work for another, and



CRYSTAL PAUL/SEATTLE TIMES

Seattle Times reporter Crystal Paul went kayaking for the first time once she realized the only way she was going to complete the challenge was to make things more interesting.

working out for 31 days straight likely won’t transform most of us into forever-changed self-help gurus claiming the secret to a perfect body and permanent happiness (or claiming that those might be the same thing).

On Day 32, I stayed in my pajamas all day, drinking

wine and reading, something I hadn’t had much time for during the challenge. And it was glorious! In the end, the challenge became a quirky, sometimes fun, sometimes exhausting thing I did once, not a permanent solution to any particular fitness issues.

Months later, I still work out as regularly as I did before the challenge, probably five days a week (or three), but I do have some new ways of staying engaged when all I have time for is 30 minutes at the gym. For that, I have “The Mindy Project” to thank more than anything.

10 things worth going for in 2019

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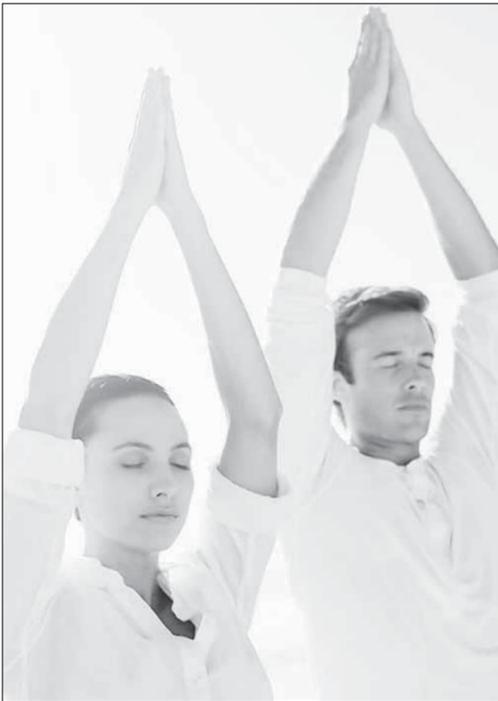
in a storage space like Dropbox or as printed-out hard copies.

Start a daily gratitude practice. Take time to write down what you are grateful for each day, or each week, whatever feels doable. This can be something you write down in a journal, or pieces of paper you put in a jar that the entire family can contribute to and see throughout the year.

Try one new thing each month. This is an easy way to try new things without the pressure of learning an entire new skill in 2019. Instead, write a list of things you’d like to do, and pick one for each month. Options could include taking a piano class, volunteering with a new organization or taking time to hone your finances.

Write a letter once a week. As in paper, with a pen. You might have to locate yours. But this is a great way to calm your mind and show appreciation to people in your life. Let the holiday card bonanza inspire you. Doesn’t it feel nice to receive things in the mail and get your friends’ life updates? Continue that through the year.

Find time to meditate. Meditation can feel intimidating. How long does it really take? How do you even find the right meditation? Do you really have to sit in a certain way and be calm? Well, first, meditations can be as short as three minutes — totally doable at the beginning, middle or end of the day. Apps like Headspace and Calm can help ease you in,



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Find time to meditate this year. If you’re a beginner, apps like Headspace and Calm can help ease you in.

first with a beginner level and then with themed series or a daily offering. Many people will tell you that you can meditate whenever, wherever.

Paint a room. Set aside time for a home project you’ve been meaning to tackle — and it doesn’t have to be a big one. Even something as simple as painting a room, or just a wall, can freshen up your space. Who knows, you might just be inspired to do more.

Put your phone down. We know, we know. You mean to look at your phone less. You want to stop checking Facebook. This is the year you ditch Instagram. Here’s an idea: Spend an hour without your phone every day. Maybe that’s a long walk; maybe it’s working in a part of the office where your phone isn’t right next to you. If you must have it with you, turn it off and put it face down. Or consider putting your phone down any time you’re in

front of another screen. Actually pay attention to that movie.

Cook one new recipe a week. If you’re like many of us, a resolution often includes learning to cook or improving one realm of your cooking, baking or cocktail-making skills. Use this much more specific mantra instead, and pick one recipe a week to try, whether from your Pinterest selection, browsing the web on the way to the store or finally cracking open that cookbook. Another possible source of inspiration: Start a cookbooks club.

Read the books on your shelves. That’s right, the ones you already own and have had great intentions for years to read. Maybe you weren’t in the mood, maybe “Infinite Jest” seemed way too long. But it’s a great time to commit to getting through the books you already own. Plus, it’s free!

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Grief and joy can surge along the same channel



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

The church was packed and our hearts were hollow. My mind wanders on all occasions, and halfway through the memorial I realized that my late wife was more than a mother; she was our religion. All mothers are.

That gave me a moment’s peace.

A wonderful reception followed, and slowly our hearts will begin to mend. Too slowly, if you ask me. But mend they will.

What worries people now are signs of obvious physical decay: the forgotten packages spilling around the mailbox, the kid wearing two different shoes to school.

Of course, friends have rallied. A secret Santa dropped off the eggnog I was missing, and Bittner brought a ginormous roast beast. One mom keeps bringing lunch to the little guy. If we don’t survive this, the obvious reason: Our bellies exploded.

“Everything can wait a day.” That’s what my pal Siskin tells me, and he is sort of a Buddha about life, full of West Coast Zen. Then the 300-pound beagle got sick.

So, no, not everything can wait a day, dude.

Task one: the cards and flowers.

I have opened so many sympathy cards that I have paper cuts up and down my hands. I look like a person who shaves cats for a living.

Thank you. I guess grief is lots of invisible little cuts.

“She was so real. I loved her so damn much,” her friend Kerry writes, which



CHRIS ERSKINE PHOTO

might be the best mini-eulogy ever.

The sympathy cards are now mixing with the holiday cards. That’s stirring and odd, since the Christmas cards often have photos of beautiful families, and ours is so busted right now.

The irony could eat me up. But I keep thinking of something William Hurt once said.

“You cut off the capacity for grief in your life,” the estimable actor said, “and you cut off the joy at the same time. They both come up through the same tunnel.”

So send the photos, send the cards. Grieve. Dance.

The cards are spectacular, as are the flowers. The bigger arrangements sit on tripods around the fireplace. It looks like the winner’s circle at Churchill Downs.

The 300-pound beagle got sick. Maintaining a dog like this is like caring for a very leaky old yacht.

With a million better things to do, we race the beagle to the vet, who mutters a bunch of things about thyroids and further tests.

“You can catch a urine sample with a soup ladle,” the vet suggests.

No, I can’t.

Then one night the little guy gets sick too, his first illness without his dear mom.

I treat him with buttered pasta and a wonderful old Clint Eastwood movie, in which Eastwood plays a pastor-gunfighter, a handy American skill set.

There’s the memorable scene where Eastwood takes off his preacher’s collar and picks up his six-shooter, and slays every evil he encounters. As with every Eastwood movie, there’s a heavy-handed messiah theme.

Yep, Eastwood works alone, though a sidekick shows up suddenly to save him from a sniper.

That’s kind of how I see me and the little guy. I’ve got his back, he has mine. Together, we’ll slay every evil. I mean, we’ve already seen a few.

Task two: Survive the holidays.

The house shimmers with Christmas, thanks to my daughters and niece, though we hung a few ornaments with paper clips when we ran out of hooks.

Posh would be appalled, the paper clips ruining her sense of a Hallmark holiday, which she struggled so hard to accomplish.

Nothing’s perfect. Not this house. Not this family. Not this Christmas.

Not without her, certainly. And not without our wickedly funny late son.

So I guess we’re pretty much all newborns this season, our tears dripping like tinsel.

But those cuts on my hands? The paper cuts remind me of some greater gifts — family and amazing friends.

And the wails of newborns?

Our heartache, our Christmas hymn.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Chewing gum helps with staying awake while driving

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: A reader recently suggested eating sunflower seeds to stay awake while driving. I, too, have looked for an antidote to feeling drowsy while driving. I thought eating something small would help. I didn't want to take in any more calories than I had to. It occurred to me that maybe the act of chewing would work just as well as actually eating something, so I tried sugar-free gum.

It worked like a charm! Whatever the reason, gum almost always keeps that drowsy feeling away, so I keep several packs of gum in the car at all times.

A: Thank you for offering an alternative to sunflower seeds. According to a review of the medical literature, "Many of the studies indicated that chewing exerts a positive effect on attention, and especially on sustained attention, in addition to improved mood and stress relief" (Biomed Research International, online, May 17, 2015).

We remind those who are not accustomed to chewing gum with sorbitol or maltitol that such sugar substitutes can cause diarrhea if you consume too

much of them.

Q: My doctor prescribed a statin to lower my cholesterol. Then I began suffering horrendous cramps in my ankles, toes and calves.

Later I heard on your radio show that statins can cause muscle cramps. I checked with my doctor and stopped taking the statin. Miraculously, my cramps subsided to almost nothing.

During the same radio show, I heard that mustard alleviates cramps within a few minutes. Lo and behold, the next time I got a cramp I swallowed some mustard.

I do not know what I would do without this unbelievable home remedy. I keep a bottle of yellow mustard in my medicine cabinet.

A: What you experienced has a name: SAMS (statin-associated muscle symptoms).

They include muscle pain, muscle weakness, muscle cramps and muscle tiredness. A recent meta-analysis of 12 randomized controlled trials found that coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) supplements eased SAMS better than placebo (Journal of the American Heart Association, Oct. 2, 2018).

You are not the first person to report that a spoonful of yellow mustard can relieve muscle cramps

quickly. We suspect that this remedy works by stimulating sensory nerves in the mouth, throat and stomach.

This in turn overrides the hyperactive neuronal stimulation causing the cramp.

Q: I tried using milk of magnesia on my face at night for rosacea, as I read in your column. I had very severe acne-like breakouts and my skin was very red.

It took a little while, but the results are amazing. My skin is not as red, and I get very few breakouts. Thanks for the great idea.

A: Rosacea (aka acne rosacea) causes flushing, redness and bumps that resemble pimples.

Dermatologists are not totally clear on the cause, but it is suspected that it may be an immune reaction to Demodex mites on the skin.

Another possibility is Helicobacter pylori infection within the digestive tract (BMC Infectious Diseases, July 11, 2018).

We have not been able to locate any clinical trial of topical milk of magnesia for rosacea.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Exercise may work as well as high blood pressure meds

HealthDay

If you have high blood pressure, hitting the gym may be as helpful as taking drugs to lower your numbers, researchers say.

There's "compelling evidence that combining endurance and dynamic resistance training was effective in reducing (blood pressure)," according to the authors of a new report.

The British researchers stressed that it's still too early to recommend that people toss their anti-hypertensive meds and exercise instead — there's not yet been a head-to-head trial of drugs versus exercise for blood pressure.

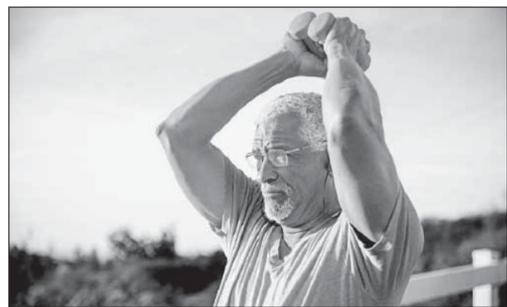
But comparing the numbers from hundreds of blood pressure trials involving either exercise or medication suggests they have the same benefit, said the team led by Huseyin Naci, health policy researcher at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

For now, one U.S. expert said, exercise should be considered an "and" rather than an "or" when it comes to treating high blood pressure.

"Exercise is a pillar in the foundation of treatment for hypertension, but for those patients that require drug therapy, exercise is not a replacement for medication," said Dr. Guy Mintz. He directs cardiovascular health at the Sandra Atlas Bass Heart Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y.

The new research was published online in December in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

In the study, Naci's team analyzed data from 197 clinical trials that assessed the effects of structured workouts on lowering systolic blood pressure, the top number in a reading. The investigators also



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British researchers found that exercise appeared just as effective as most drugs in lowering blood pressure.

looked at data from 194 trials that examined the impact of prescription drugs on blood pressure. In total, the studies included nearly 40,000 people.

Overall, blood pressure was lower in people treated with drugs than in those who did an exercise regimen, the researchers reported. However, for people with high blood pressure in particular — systolic readings over 140 mm Hg — exercise appeared just as effective as most drugs in lowering blood pressure. Also, the effectiveness of exercise against high blood pressure rose the higher the threshold that was used to define high blood pressure.

The types of exercise in the studies included: endurance, such as walking, jogging, running, cycling and swimming; dynamic resistance, such as strength training with weights; isometric resistance, such as static push-ups (planks); and a combination of endurance and resistance.

Naci and his colleagues stressed that there were no studies in which exercise and blood pressure-lowering drugs were compared head-to-head, and the number of people in some of the studies was relatively small. That means that, for now, people shouldn't try to replace blood pressure meds with exercise.

"We don't think, on the basis of our study, that patients should stop taking their antihypertensive medications," Naci said in a journal news release. "But we hope that our findings will inform evidence-based discussions between clinicians and their patients."

Another U.S. heart specialist agreed with that assessment. "Exercise, at any risk level for cardiovascular disease, is shown to improve not only how long one lives, but also lowers the risk of heart attacks and strokes," noted Dr. Satjit Bhusri, a cardiologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

People who are already taking a high blood pressure medication are among "the best to benefit from exercise," Bhusri said.

"It is possible to slowly take patients off blood pressure medications as they improve their lifestyle with exercise and diet management, but for most this is a very difficult goal to reach," Bhusri said. So, "we do not recommend stopping medications until close observation and discussion with their physician," he explained.

For his part, Mintz said exercise works its magic against high blood pressure through a combination of weight loss, improved artery health and changes in chemicals controlling blood flow.

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Your aging brain: Is it 'use it or lose it'?

New research finds a reward in lifelong cognitive exercise

By MELISSA HEALY
Los Angeles Times

Yes, your brain is like a muscle: If you don't strengthen and stretch its capacities, it will not deliver high performance.

But your brain is not like one of those forgiving muscles that lets you engage in a lifetime of indolence and then perks up willingly when you take up weight-training upon retirement. No, your brain is more like one of those muscles that will reward you for having worked it across the full length of your lifespan.

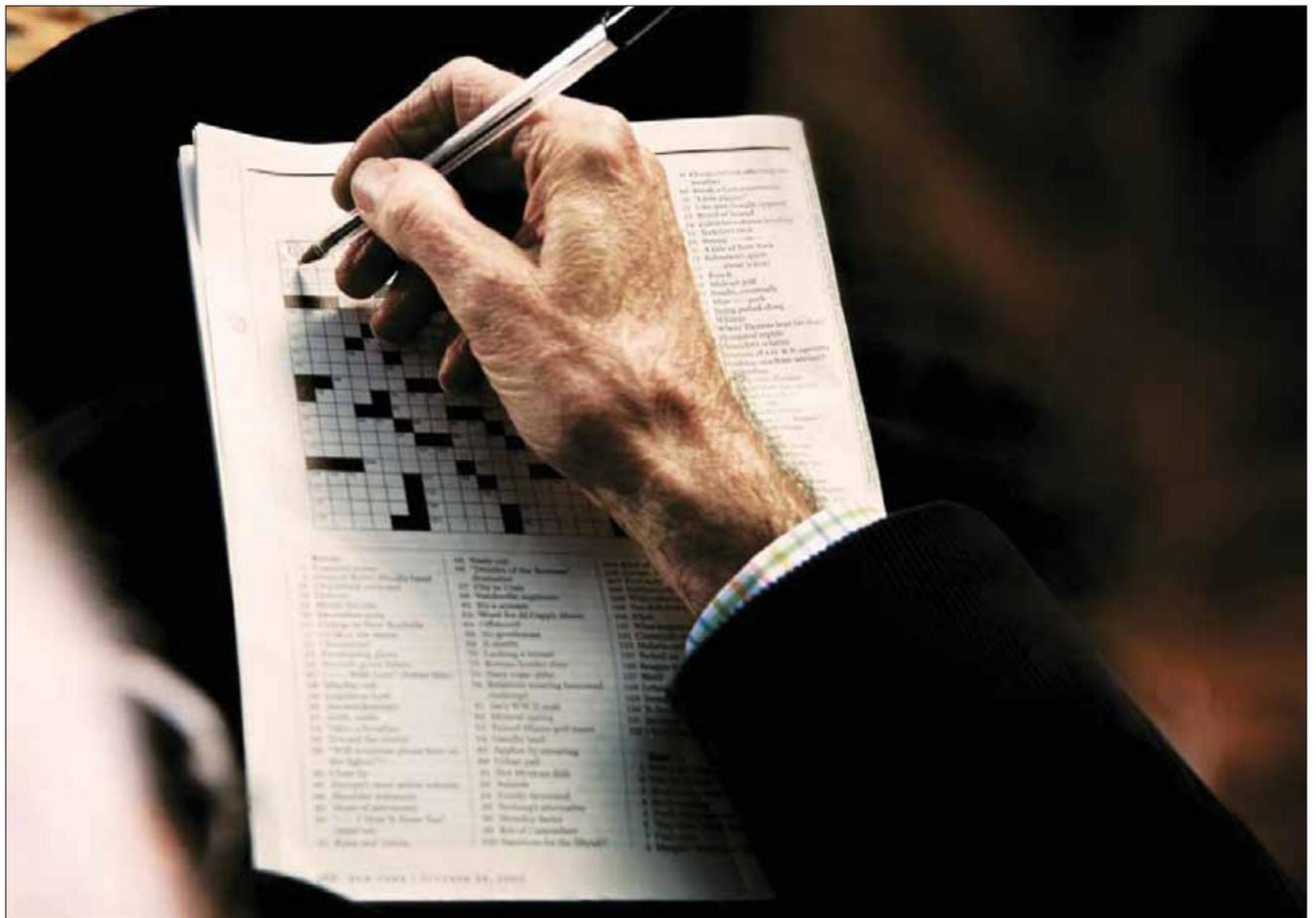
Which is not to say that engaging in lifelong mental calisthenics will protect you from cognitive decline in the end: New research has found that it probably will not.

But while late-life slides in mental performance afflict both the intellectually fit and the disengaged, people who stayed cognitively active will probably start their age-related mental descent from a higher perch. The downward trajectory of these two groups may be no different, but they appear to bottom out in different places.

If you've spent your life in what the study authors call "mentally effortful pursuits," that's supposed to be good news.

Conducted by researchers in the United Kingdom, a study in a recent issue of the BMJ tackles the "use it or lose it" conjecture — the widely held belief that a person can maintain or enhance his or her cognitive function, and offset age-related declines in mental performance, by engaging in intellectual "exercise."

The authors' conclusion: "Investment in problem-solving throughout life could enhance cognitive



Researchers tackle a question asked by many hoping to forestall mental decline as they age: Will taking up challenging mental activities help?

performance, providing an individual with a higher cognitive point from which to decline."

When older loved ones open a holiday gift of brain teasers, a chessboard or Sudoku puzzles, you can cheerfully remind them that such lifelong mental exercise will probably arrest their eventual mental slide at a slightly higher point than might otherwise be the case.

These findings were based on the kind of long-running study of cognitive health you don't find every day: On a single June day in 1947, every 11-year-old child who went to school in Scotland was administered

the same standardized intelligence test. When those schoolchildren turned 64 around the year 2000, researchers caught up with a group of close to 1,000 Scotsmen and women who were tested in Aberdeen and who could still be found in that city.

With a standard measure of childhood intelligence in hand, the researchers recruited just shy of 500 of these people for further study. They recorded the level of education each had attained and gauged each recruit's ongoing level of intellectual engagement. The researchers set out to follow these Scots for roughly the next 15 years,

testing two dimensions of their cognitive health — mental speed and verbal memory performance — four times as they aged.

In the end, the study allowed the researchers to compare the cognitive trajectories of 98 subjects essentially from grade school to the age of 82. While the study's recruits differed in their levels of ingoing intelligence, educational attainment and lifelong intellectual engagement, the researchers could measure and account for these factors to show how they influenced cognitive aging in recruits.

Not surprisingly perhaps, a child's intelligence

tended to drive educational attainment. And both of those factors in turn tended to drive lifelong intellectual engagement, the study found. But even after accounting for those factors, the researchers found that the greater the engagement in problem-solving over the lifespan, the higher a person's late-life cognitive performance level tended to be. And then — yes — it was downhill from there.

The authors, led by researchers at the University of Aberdeen, stress that since the study is observational, it's not possible to infer that any factors linked to cognitive change actually cause such decline. Unmea-

sured factors, such as aspects of an individual's personality, "may govern how much effort older people put into such activities and why," they note.

The findings are generally consistent with the finding that people who are more highly educated, and whose career paths involved more intellectual challenge, build a "cognitive reserve" that can delay the worst depredations of dementia. Compared with people with less "cognitive reserve," such people appear to navigate daily challenges for longer despite having the physical hallmarks of advanced dementia in their brains.

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Chandra Ram's recipe for butter chicken with spiced cashews features chipotle chiles; it's in her cookbook, "The Complete Indian Instant Pot Cookbook."

BEST RECIPES OF 2018

From butter chicken to tahini cookies, here are our favorites

BY JOE GRAY | Chicago Tribune

From cheese toasts to brown butter ice cream with brownie chunks, 2018 for us was a story of big flavors with big impact.

Out of the hundreds of recipes that we tested, tasted and photographed in the Chicago Tribune test kitchen, the biggest influence came from immigrant traditions. Our favorite recipes of the year include butter chicken with spiced cashews, a very personal hack for ramen noodles, Chinese beef noodle soup and lumpia, a Filipino dish.

For your dedicated Food & Dining reporters and editors, another big story was saying goodbye to the Tribune Tower test kitchen — built out in 1995, the last in a succession of such spaces in that 1925-era building. But after moving into a new test kitchen, built sky-high on the 40th floor of the Prudential building, home to the Tribune's new offices, we immediately got to work.

The majority of these, our favorite recipes of the year, come from the new kitchen. Not by design — it just turned out that way. As we look toward 2019 and the dishes and drinks we'll be testing, tasting and photographing for you, join us in one last taste of the best of 2018. **Recipes on pages 4 and 5.**

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What we loved this year in Chicago restaurants

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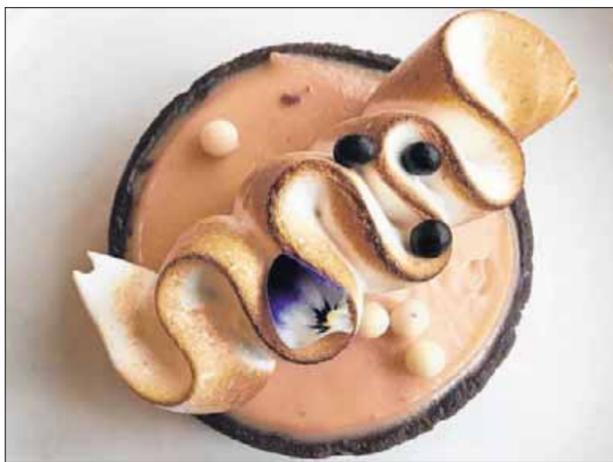
Another year of eating is over — and it was a good year. The bathroom scale doesn't lie. A year of patties and pates, surf and turf, luscious desserts and even a salad now and then. Time to look back at all those indulgences and select the drinks and dishes that really curled our toes in 2018. — *Phil Vettel*

Oyster pie at Bellemore. One of the great signature bites of all time, Jimmy Papadopoulos' self-described "bougie bite" is pure extravagance, consisting of two small pieces of oyster-custard pie, topped with a pristine oyster, diced apple and a soupcon of osetra caviar. It delivers creamy, sweet and briny flavors all at once. The price for two of these triangles, with a flute of Champagne, is an eye-popping \$68, but Papadopoulos sells an awful lot of them. 564 W. Randolph St., 312-667-0104 — *P.V.*

Spanish octopus at Monnie Burke's. Octopus is ubiquitous on Chicago menus, so how to stand out from the crowd?

Michael Shrader, chef at this Pilsen newcomer, begins with a plate painted with pureed black garlic, tosses the super-tender octopus with shishito peppers and roasted potatoes, and finishes it with an 'nduja vinaigrette and manchego cheese. Absolutely sensational. 1163 W. 18th St., 312-243-2410 — *P.V.*

Mrs. Hsing's Wonderful Lemon Meringue Napoleon at Booth One. I dig this dish almost as much for its back story as I do for its terrific flavor. The dessert itself is a modern, layered take on lemon meringue pie. The soft meringue on top is torched, a nod to the famous baked Alaska at the Pump Room (the iconic restaura-



GRACE WONG/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Guava tart at Floriole: breulee meringue, with guava cream and flower petals. \$5.25, 1220 W. Webster Ave.

rant whose space Booth One now occupies). The name recalls the fanciful wordplay that was a signature of Lettuce Entertain You restaurants in the 1970s. And

"Mrs. Hsing" refers to executive chef Doug Psaltis' wife, Hsing Chen, who came up with the idea. 1301 N. State Parkway, 312-649-0535 — *P.V.*

Porchetta at Mordecai. This dish isn't currently on Mordecai's menu, but I pray it returns, even if opening chef Jared Wentworth has departed (working on another venture currently). It's a visual and textural masterpiece. The rolled porchetta, its exterior nicely crisp, sits on a bed of English pea risotto. Around that, fried-puffy chicharron and carrots roasted in barbecue dry-rub spices garnish the stack. 3632 N. Clark St., 773-269-5410 — *P.V.*

Foie gras bibimbap at S.K.Y. Chef/owner Stephen Gillanders is known for his lively flavors and creative riffs on tradition, and his spin on Korean bibimbap is a perfect example. Instead of a soft-cooked egg, Gillanders employs foie gras for silky texture and umami presence, placed over discrete groupings of marinated and grilled mushrooms, charred broccolini, scallions and toasted nori. The idea is for the guest to

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Boot basic breakfast foods

Mix things up with bannock, Welsh cakes

BY ROBIN MATHER
Chicago Tribune

Sick of cereal? Over oatmeal? Extremely sick of eggs? Basic breakfast foods can lose their appeal when they become too familiar. To alleviate that tedium, we have a couple of tantalizing griddle-cakes, plus tangy buckwheat waffles, to freshen up your mornings.

Welsh cakes have a long tradition in Wales, where frugal housewives made them from ingredients on hand for their miner husbands to take into the coal pits. More substantial than a mere cookie, less fragile than a piece of cake, a Welsh cake or two tucked into a coat pocket made a welcome addition to the miner's midmorning tea — or to your Saturday morning errands. This is an eminently adaptable recipe — add grated lemon peel, use different fruit or spices, but keep the flour, butter and baking powder the same.

Bannock, another kind of griddlecake, is a type of flatbread. Traditionally made with oat or barley flour in Scotland, these humble unleavened breads traveled with Scottish emigrants to Canada. There, the First Nations people adopted bannock as their own, although many sources say they had been making flatbreads from corn long before the Scots arrived.

Today, bannock is still much-loved in Canada, but it takes many forms: baked on a griddle, dough shaped around a stick to bake over an open fire, or fried. It is made with oat flour, wheat flour or any other ingredient that can be formed into a simple dough, and today's bannock is usually leavened with baking powder. Since “bannock” just means “bread” — and, like bread, is the same in both singular and plural — they're all legitimate versions. Our bannock is lightly leavened and seasoned with sage and cheddar, which makes it equally good at breakfast with the porky goodness of bacon or sausage, and at supper, with an earthy bean soup rich with kielbasa.

Buckwheat is a cool-weather crop and has sustained people in northern climates from Russia to Northern Europe and across Canada and the northern United States for hundreds of years. With a short growing season of just three months and a tolerance for poor soil, highly nutritious buckwheat has traditionally been the first crop sown on newly broken soil.

Buckwheat pancakes fueled the hard-working loggers in Michigan's pine forests in the early 20th century.

Ralph Hooker, who worked as a lumberjack in that period, recalled in an interview excerpted in Michigan History magazine that breakfasts always included buckwheat pan-



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Welsh cakes are great for breakfast and terrific with an evening cup of hot cocoa.



These savory oatcakes are flavored with sage and cheddar.

Cheddar-sage bannock

Prep: 20 minutes **Bake:** 10 to 15 minutes **Makes:** 10 bannock

Make these savory oatcakes gluten-free by doubling the oats and omitting the all-purpose flour. They won't rise as high and will be a little crumbly, but they'll still have a fine flavor. These are also good alongside a rustic vegetable or bean soup.

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| 1 1/2 cup rolled oats, not instant | 1 teaspoon dried sage |
| 1 cup all-purpose or whole-wheat flour | 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) salted butter, cut into bits |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 1 cup grated sharp cheddar |
| 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt | 1/2 cup milk, plus more if needed |

- Heat** the oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil.
- Buzz** the rolled oats in a food processor or blender to make oat flour; you will need 1 cup. In a medium bowl, combine oat flour, all-purpose flour, baking powder, salt and sage. Using your fingers or a pastry blender, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse sand, with some larger bits remaining.
- Stir** in grated cheese. Add milk, stirring with a fork, until a soft, sticky dough forms. Add more milk, if needed, to help the dough come together.
- Generously** flour a counter or cutting board, and tip dough onto it. Flour your hands and the top of the dough, then knead three or four times, until dough can be handled.
- Pat** dough into a circle or square about 1/2-inch thick. Use a 3-inch biscuit cutter to cut out bannock, rerolling scraps as necessary. Transfer cakes to baking sheet.
- Bake** until golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes. Serve immediately, or let cool and serve later.

Nutrition information per serving: 153 calories, 9 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 19 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 5 g protein, 309 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

cakes — along with fresh meat, “meat grease,” sauces, cookies and hash.

These buckwheat pancakes — or waffles, which is how I prefer them — get an overnight rise with yeast, and then a dash of baking powder to further lighten them before baking. They are crisp and flavorful, and not at all as stodgy as those lumberjack breakfasts. I prefer mine with maple syrup, rather than meat grease, to here

Robin Mather is a third-generation journalist and the author of “The Feast Nearby,” a collection of essays and recipes from a year of eating locally on a tight budget.

Buckwheat waffles or pancakes

Prep: 20 minutes, plus overnight rest **Cook:** 5-10 minutes per batch

Makes: 4 to 6 waffles, depending on the waffle iron

Buckwheat is a seed, not a grain, so is gluten-free, but all-buckwheat waffles may be too strongly flavored and too dense for some. This batter keeps, refrigerated, for up to a week, and doubles exactly for a larger batch.

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| 1 cup all-purpose flour | 1 The night before: |
| 1 cup buckwheat flour | Whisk together the flours, sugar, yeast and salt in a large bowl. (I use a 2-quart glass mixing bowl with a pouring lip, so it's easy to use the next morning.) Stir in 1 1/2 cups milk. The mixture will be rather stiff for a batter; that's OK. |
| 1 tablespoon sugar | 2. Cover the bowl and leave it at room temperature overnight. (The milk will sour ever so slightly, adding a good flavor.) |
| 1 teaspoon yeast | 3. The morning of use: Combine the egg and melted butter, and add to the batter. Add additional milk to thin the batter to your preference (thicker for waffles, thinner for pancakes). Stir in the baking powder; set aside. |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 4. Heat a waffle iron to a medium setting. Pour in about 1/2 cup batter, and bake the waffle until it no longer steams. Repeat with remaining batter, keeping waffles warm in an oven set to its lowest temperature until all are cooked. |
| 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cups whole milk, divided | Nutrition information per waffle (for 6 waffles): 262 calories, 11 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 57 mg cholesterol, 32 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 8 g protein, 278 mg sodium, 4 g fiber |
| 1 large egg, lightly beaten | |
| 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) salted butter, melted, cooled | |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | |

Flavorful and versatile

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

A batch of these saucy, Spanish-style meatballs could serve you well in multiple ways. They can be made several days in advance so they are ready in the refrigerator, waiting to answer any number of calls for good food fast, with just a quick reheat.

Their mini size makes them a toothpick-friendly party food — one that is enthusiastically embraced at a potluck or as a casual nibble for friends who drop in for drinks. They are a lip-smacking dinner-at-the-ready served in a bowl with a simple side salad and some crusty bread for sopping up their smoky, tangy tomato sauce.

Krieger is a registered dietitian, nutritionist and cookbook author.

Tapas-style turkey meatballs

Prep: 30 minutes, plus chilling **Cook:** 25 minutes

Makes: 6 to 12 servings (main-course or appetizer; makes 24 meatballs)

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| 1 pound ground turkey | 1. Put the turkey, breadcrumbs, minced onion, half of the garlic, the egg, parsley, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the black pepper in a bowl. Mix together well with your hands. Form into 24 small meatballs (each about 1 inch in diameter). Cover and refrigerate until firm, 30 minutes. |
| 1/3 cup dried whole-grain breadcrumbs | 2. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large, high-sided skillet over medium-high heat. Once the oil shimmers, add half the meatballs; cook, turning them two or three times, until they are browned all over, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the skillet; repeat with the remaining meatballs. |
| 1 small onion, half of it minced and half of it cut into small dice | 3. Reduce the heat to medium. Add the diced onion to the skillet; cook, stirring, until it has softened a bit, 2 minutes. Add the remaining garlic; cook, 30 seconds. |
| 4 cloves garlic, minced | 4. Add the tomato sauce (it will sizzle and splatter a bit), the vinegar and the remaining 3/4 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the cayenne pepper. Once the sauce is bubbling, reduce the heat to medium-low; carefully return all the meatballs to the skillet, tossing to coat them; (The sauce will not cover the meatballs.) Cover the skillet; cook, stirring occasionally and reducing the heat further as needed, until the meatballs are cooked through, 10 to 15 minutes. Add water a tablespoon at a time to loosen the sauce if it seems too thick. Serve warm. |
| 1 large egg, lightly beaten | Nutrition information per serving (for 12 servings): 120 calories, 7 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 45 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 9 g protein, 240 mg sodium, 0 g fiber |
| 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley | |
| 1 1/4 teaspoons Spanish smoked paprika | |
| 1 teaspoon salt | |
| 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper | |
| 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil | |
| 15 ounces canned, no-salt-added tomato sauce | |
| 2 teaspoons sherry vinegar | |
| Pinch cayenne pepper | |



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These five sparkling wines will help you add some festivity to any day of the year.

Champagne goes with anything

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

Perhaps it is stating the obvious, but it bears repeating: Not all sparkling wine is Champagne. Champagne is the *ne plus ultra* of sparkling wine.

Properly used, the name refers to sparkling wine from the Champagne region in northern France, an hour or two's drive from Paris. The region smacks of history. Chalk quarries that yielded stone for the Roman Empire's northern batiments are today the cellars where top Champagnes are aged. France's kings and queens were crowned in the cathedral at Reims. Some of the fiercest fighting in World War I occurred here, and there are still occasional reports of older wines hidden from the Nazi occupiers of World War II, only recently discovered.

And did I mention that those wines are darned good? Oh yeah, I guess I did.

From the Belle Epoque in the late 19th century, Champagne producers were so successful in marketing their wine as the symbol of luxury and celebration, that even today we equate any bubbly vino with Champagne. CIVC, the association of Champagne producers, has been very zealous — often too much so — in protecting the image and insisting that the name only apply to the wines of the region. And yet, we persist in equating all bubbles with Champagne.

To be honest, if you welcome me to your house with a glass of Champagne and I later see the label and realize it's something else, I won't think any less of you. I will still thank you for your hospitality.

Yet the distinction in terms is important. By calling all sparkling wine "Champagne," we not only insult Champagne but we also do a disservice to Spanish cava, Italian prosecco and bubbles from California and

elsewhere. These are wines in their own right that should be recognized and appreciated for what they are. They should not be lumped together with Champagne or held up to its standards.

Champagne is wine first, bubbles second. This is a point many Champagne producers have emphasized in recent years, but it hasn't always been so. Doug Rosen, co-owner of Arrowine & Cheese in suburban Washington, D.C., recalls visiting a young Champagne producer named Cedric Bouchard in 2005 as he was scouting new talent to feature at his store. Bouchard's father was skeptical of his son's winemaking, which included low yields and minimal intervention in the nascent movement of natural wines. "Champagne is about the bubbles," Bouchard pere huffed.

"No, it's not," Rosen recalls replying. "It's about great wine, with bubbles." Rosen featured the wine, and today, the younger

Bouchard's Roses de Jeanne label is highly sought after by fans of boutique "grower" Champagnes, wines made by the vintners who grew the grapes. These are still rare in Champagne, where the market is dominated by large houses that purchase most of their grapes.

When we think of Champagne as wine first and bubbles second, we can move beyond the celebratory toast and, budget allowing, put a bottle on the dinner table. A good Champagne has depth and complexity to match dishes such as roast poultry and fish. As I'm fond of saying, bubbles go with everything. That's even more true with Champagne. Champers' fiends love it with anything salty, like popcorn.

"Champagne is incredibly food-friendly, which most people don't realize," says Alison Smith Marriot, founder of Bon Vivant DC, a wine education consultancy focused on Champagne. "It's often treated as an aperitif or

Bubbly to try

Here are five affordably priced sparkling wines that will help you turn any day festive throughout the year.

Salasar Cremant de Limoux Brut Carte Azur, France, \$18: Limoux, in the southwest, is reputed to be the first French region where winemaking monks intentionally captured bubbles in their wine. While Champagne commands the cachet, reputation and price of a luxury wine, the bubbles of Limoux often offer surprising value and quality. The Salasar bursts with ripe tropical fruit flavors that are carried by the bubbles to every taste bud in your mouth before slowly retreating, allowing you to appreciate the wine itself.

Bohigas Cava Brut Reserva, Penedes, Spain, \$16 for 750 milliliters, \$32 for 1.5 liters: This is a lovely cava with bright fruit flavors and a hint of chalky earth. It is also available in a 1.5-liter magnum (equivalent of two bottles) with a festive holiday package, so keep this in mind for adding some affordable pizzazz to your holiday soiree.

Juve y Camps 40th Year Reserva Cava Brut, Penedes, \$19: Tart apples and ripe apricots come to mind when sipping this elegant, stylish cava.

Szigeti Gruner Veltliner Brut, Austria, \$20: Gruner veltliner's appealing notes of white flowers and talc come through in this soft sparkler, as does a noticeable amount of sweetness. Enjoy this with something salty or spicy — food or conversation. 12.5 percent alcohol.

Masottina Prosecco Brut, Treviso, Italy, \$17: This prosecco steps above the paradigm of simply bubbles to add an appealing layer of red berries and other tart fruits.

something for caviar, but its high acidity and diversity of styles work with many cuisines. I've paired Champagne with everything from seafood to fried chicken — even steak.

"My little brother loves junk food, as well as great wine, so last time he visited, I served Pol Roger with pork rinds," she added. "The pairing doesn't have to be precious to be exceptional."

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Our favorite recipes of 2018



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Instant ramen noodles hack

For our month exploring noodles, F&D reporter Louisa Chu tackled a ramen tasting. But since a product testing of the myriad ramen brands available proved impossible, she settled on a brilliant solution: Have F&D staffers present their favorite ramen noodles, and how they hack them. The highly personalized dishes were a treat to try, sparking lots of discussion and slurping — and all six worth trying at home. Here we present one of them: Louisa's version, with kimchi, seaweed and dry roasted edamame, which she explains:

Nongshim Shin Ramyun

My Korean-American roommate in Paris, over a decade ago when we were culinary school students together, introduced me to these noodles, the best-selling instant ramen in South Korea.

I start with a medium pot, to minimize the spatter. Pour in peanut oil to coat the bottom. Add about half a cup of kimchi. Turn on the kitchen fan, to minimize the tear gas effect, then blast the heat high.

Half fill a bowl with cold water. When the kimchi sizzles, stir. When it smells like it's caramelizing, add some water to deglaze the pan, then the powder and vegetable packets plus the noodles. Cook, adding water as needed; these chewier noodles take a little longer. Pour into a bowl.

I also add a crisp sheet of seaweed, torn to bits, and a sprinkling of crunchy roasted edamame too. Twirl a bite, and instantly feel restored. A word of warning, my noodles are not for the faint of heart. It's an insanely intense spicy and saline bowl designed to defibrillate me back to life.



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Toscanini's B3

Prep: 30 minutes

Chill: 4 or more hours

Churn: 20 minutes

Freeze: 4 or more hours

Makes: About 5 cups

A visit to Cambridge led "Dinner at Home" columnist Leah Eskin to Toscanini's Ice Cream, a shop where the most popular flavor is called B3, "a reference to the materials: browned butter, brown sugar and brownies," she writes. Leah adapted this recipe from the shop. "B3 does not disappoint," she says. We agree.

1 1/2 cups heavy cream

1 1/2 cups whole milk

1/2 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

3 egg yolks

1 teaspoon water

12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into a few chunks

1 tablespoon instant nonfat dried milk

2 teaspoons vanilla

1 1/2 cups chopped brownies, without nuts

1. Prep: Whisk together cream, milk, brown sugar, granulated sugar and salt until sugar has dissolved. Drop yolks into a tall, narrow 6-cup container that offers an immersion blender a snug fit. Blend in 1 teaspoon water.

2 Brown: Drop butter chunks into a medium saucepan. Set pan over medium heat. Butter will melt, foam, then begin to brown. Turn down heat to medium-low. Sprinkle in dry milk and whisk, scraping up browned bits from the bottom of the pan. In 1 to 2 minutes, butter will turn golden brown, be riddled with brown specks and give off a delightful nutty aroma.

3. Blend: Slowly pour hot browned butter over yolks, while blending with immersion blender until emulsified. Pour cream mixture in slowly, blending. Add vanilla and blend.

4. Chill: Cover and chill 4 hours or overnight.

5. Churn: Pour mixture into an ice cream churn and swirl as directed. Stir in brownie chunks. Scrape ice cream into a storage container. Press a piece of plastic wrap against the surface. Cover and freeze firm, 4 or more hours.

6. Serve: Let ice cream warm on the countertop about 10 minutes. Scoop and savor.

Cheese toast

Prep: 30 minutes, plus resting **Bake:** 12 to 15 minutes **Makes:** About 60 crackers

"Prep School" columnist James P. DeWan wrote for our "Craving: Cheese" month that he is obsessed with the fancy cheese toasts at Kendall College's restaurant, The Dining Room. He talked colleague Belinda Brooks, assistant professor of culinary arts, into sharing her recipe. After some work to get her giant, restaurant-size output down to a batch suitable for home cooks, the crispy, cheesy, salty crackerlike toasts were an addictive hit. Break these out for playoff games.

Topping:

6 ounces Parmesan, shredded

3 ounces cheddar, shredded

2 teaspoons onion powder

1 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1/2 teaspoon salt

Dough:

4 cups flour, plus more for dusting

1 tablespoon salt

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 cup milk, plus more as needed

1/2 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 one week. Makes: 2 1/2 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 1/2 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 four 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 two pieces of relatively even size. Pass one piece of dough through a



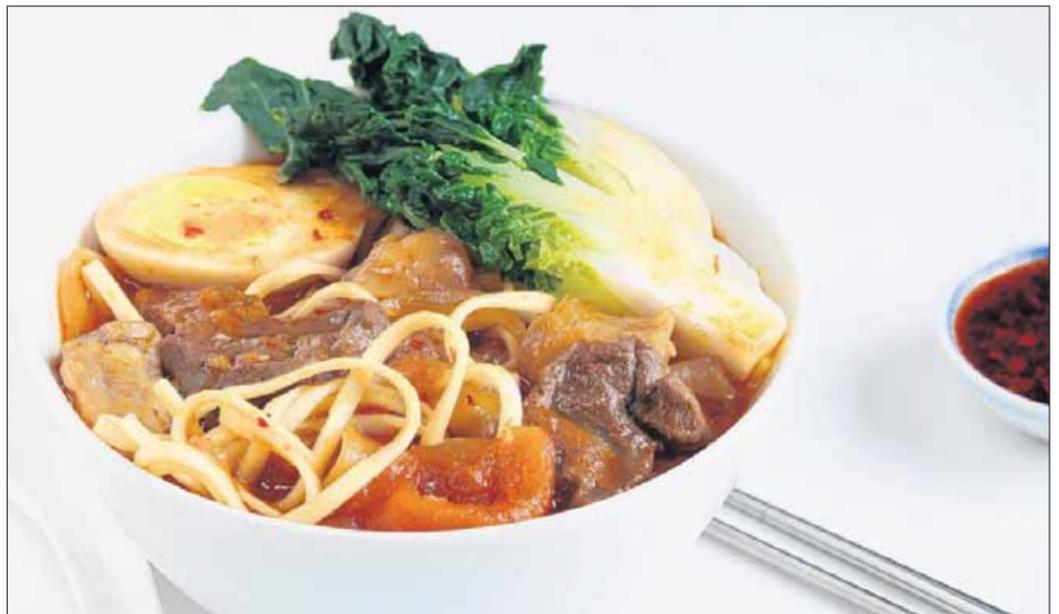
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pasta roller on its widest setting. Be patient, as the dough may still be pretty stiff. Letter fold the dough (fold one side one-third over, then do the same with the other side); rotate dough 90 degrees and pass it through the pasta roller again to make smoother sides. If dough is sticking, dust lightly with flour between rolls. Continue rolling at increasingly smaller settings until dough is very thin, one or two 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 cracker: 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



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Momma Wong's beef noodle soup

Prep: 40 minutes **Cook:** 2 1/2 hours **Makes:** 10 servings

F&D reporter Grace Wong wrote of her mother, Ling Ling Zheng (affectionately called Momma Wong by Grace's friends), and the beef noodle soup recipe she brought from Shanghai to Chicago in the '90s. "A comforting dish to ward off the bitter winter and a sense of loneliness from leaving her family and homeland," Grace wrote. But she had to adapt the recipe to what she could find here at the time, ultimately creating a dish Grace will now eat no other way.

Look for ingredients at Asian grocery stores, such as H Mart in Niles and Hong Kong market in Chinatown. Garlic soybean paste is also known as doubanjiang, douban, toban-djan or garlic bean sauce. For the noodles, Momma Wong recommends Wu-Mu brand dry wheat noodles (medium), but you can use angel hair pasta or spaghetti if those aren't available.

2 pounds beef tendon, cut in 1- to 2-inch pieces

1 golf ball-size knob fresh ginger, unpeeled, thinly sliced

2 star anise

2 black cardamom pods

3 tablespoons rice wine

4 beefsteak tomatoes

2 pounds beef heel meat, cut in 1- to 2-inch chunks

1/4 cup vegetable oil

4 medium onions, cut in half, then cut in thirds

4 tablespoons garlic soybean paste

2 tablespoons spicy chile crisp or chile oil with black beans

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/2 cup lump sugar (also known as rock sugar)

6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled (optional)

3 tablespoons ketchup

Garnish:

Noodles, cooked, drained

6 heads baby bok choy, sliced in half lengthwise, blanched (or stems of Chinese broccoli)

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. You will need enough water to cover the tendons. Place the tendons in the boiling water; cover. When the water boils again, turn off the heat. The tendons should have changed color and should be hard to the touch.

2. Drain the tendons; rinse in warm water, making sure to rinse off the foam. Place tendons in a pressure cooker (such as a 6-quart Instant Pot); add cold water just to cover, about 6 cups, plus the ginger, star anise, cardamom pods and rice wine. Seal the pressure cooker; set for 1 1/2

hours, and start. Once the cooking time is up, allow the pressure to release naturally, 25 to 28 minutes. (No pressure cooker? See note below.)

3. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce. Score the bottoms of the tomatoes in an X-shape; dip into a pot of boiling water to blanch them, about 30 seconds. Transfer tomatoes to an ice bath. Remove the skin; cut each tomato into eighths.

4. Bring about 2 inches water to a boil in a skillet large enough to hold the heel meat. Add heel meat; cook, stirring occasionally, until water returns to a boil. Remove from heat. Drain meat; rinse with warm, almost hot, water to rinse off impurities.

5. Place a large saucepan or Dutch oven over high heat. Add the oil; when oil is warm, add onions. Cook, covered, 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes; cook, covered until tomatoes are soft and the onions start to turn translucent, 10 minutes. Add the soybean paste, chile crisp or oil and 1/4 cup of the soy sauce. Stir, then add lump sugar. Reduce heat to medium.

6. Add the heel meat; stir well so that the sauce coats the meat. If you're using the eggs, add them now. Cover and cook, about 1 minute. Stir in the ketchup. Cook, covered, until the onions are softened, 2-3 minutes.

7. Once tendons have finished cooking and you have released pressure in the pressure cooker, pour sauce and heel meat mixture into the pressure cooker insert with the tendons; stir. Add remaining 1/4 cup soy sauce. Seal and pressure cook, 30 minutes. (Add an additional 30 minutes if you would like more tender heel meat.) Release pressure naturally.

8. To serve, slice the eggs in half. Place noodles in bowls; top with the soup. Garnish with blanched bok choy and an egg half.

Note: You can cook the beef tendons on the stovetop, instead of a slow cooker. Simmer in water to cover until softened, stirring often, 6 hours.

Nutrition information per serving (without noodles): 549 calories, 19 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 167 mg cholesterol, 32 g carbohydrates, 22 g sugar, 67 g protein, 1,543 mg sodium, 7 g fiber



CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Reverse sear rib-eye

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 1 hour and 10 minutes **Makes:** 2 servings

Can you get a good sear on a steak cooked indoors without smoking out the family? F&D's Nick Kindelsperger set out to find a way. And like many culinary challenges he gives himself, he did it. Adapting a reverse-sear method from Meathead Goldwyn's book, "Meathead: The Science of Great Barbecue and Grilling" (Rux Martin, \$35), he produced this beaut for our month of "Craving: Steak."

1 bone-in rib-eye steak, 1 1/2 inch to 2 inches thick, about 2 pounds

Kosher salt

1 tablespoon canola oil

1 tablespoon butter

Freshly ground black pepper

1. Liberally sprinkle salt on both sides of the beef, transfer meat to a wire rack set on a baking sheet and then place in the fridge. Let rest for at least an hour. (If you don't have time, just salt the meat thoroughly on both sides right before cooking, and place meat on a wire rack set over a baking sheet.)

2. Heat oven to 225 degrees. Place the baking sheet in the oven. Cook until the middle registers 115 degrees. Using a digital meat thermometer, check the meat every 10 to 15 minutes. The total time depends on the thickness of the steak, but plan for 45 to 55 minutes. Once the temperature reaches 100 degrees, plan to check the temperature every 5 minutes, so you don't overcook the steak. When it has reached 115 degrees, remove steak from oven.

3. Heat oil in a large cast-iron skillet over high heat until just starting to smoke. Add the steak and butter. Carefully spoon the melted butter over the steak. Flip the steak after 30 seconds. Continue spooning the butter and flipping the steak every 30 seconds, until the steak has been in the pan for 2 minutes. Remove the steak and check the temperature. If it's 125 to 130 degrees, set it aside on a clean plate to rest. If not, return it to the pan for an additional minute of basting, flipping halfway through.

4. Let the steak rest, 10 minutes. Cut the steak into thick slices, season with black pepper and an additional pinch of salt. Divide between two plates and serve.



JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Lumpia

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes

Makes: 30-40 pieces (1 1/2- to 2-inch servings)

Bringing forth a dish of Filipino lumpia, Food & Dining Deputy Editor Joseph Hernandez shared a lesson for our times about being an immigrant child in a new land, "stinky" food and the aching desire to just fit in. Equal parts moving and troubling, while laying out issues of racial discrimination, assimilation and cultural appropriation, the story ultimately ends in redemption and understanding, over his mother's lumpia.

Joseph advises that lumpia can be frozen, making it a perfect dish to cook in batches for dinner tonight and at a later date in the week.

1 1/2 pounds lean ground pork (or ground turkey)

1 small onion, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 carrots, peeled, finely diced

1 rib celery, finely diced

1/2 cup celery leaves, finely chopped

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon soy sauce, optional

1 package (25 count) rice paper egg roll wrappers

Water (or egg wash) to seal wrappers

2 cups vegetable oil

Dipping sauce: Thai chile sauce, banana ketchup, Sriracha or tomato ketchup

1. Mix pork or turkey, onion, garlic, carrots, celery and celery leaves together in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper to taste and soy sauce (if desired).

2. Place a wrapper on your work surface. Place 2 heaping tablespoons of the filling diagonally near one corner of the wrapper, leaving a 1/2-inch space at both ends. Fold in the ends of the wrapper, then fold the side along the length of the filling. Roll wrapper tightly along this length. Once near the end of the roll, moisten the exposed end of the wrapper with water or egg wash, and seal the edge. Cover the roll with a moist paper towel or dish towel to retain moisture. Repeat with remaining wrappers and filling. Once all lumpia are wrapped, use kitchen shears or a sharp chef's knife to cut rolls into 2- to 3-inch long pieces.

3. Heat a heavy skillet over medium heat; add oil to 1/2-inch depth. Heat to 350 degrees. Slide three or four lumpia into the oil. Fry the rolls until all sides are golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes. Drain on a paper towel-lined plate or baking sheet. Repeat with remaining rolls. Serve immediately with dipping sauce.

Nutrition information per serving: 120 calories, 4 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 6 g protein, 37 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Butter chicken with spiced cashews

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 35 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

It was a big year for Chicago's Chandra Ram, editor of restaurant industry magazine Plate. Bill Kim's "Korean BBQ," which she co-wrote, was published in the spring, and her own book, "The Complete Indian Instant Pot Cookbook: 130 Traditional and Modern Recipes," hit in late fall. Her version of butter chicken captures her approach to Indian cooking, wrote Tribune's Nick Kindelsperger — she follows her own path with a nontraditional addition of chipotle chiles for smoke and spice — and the book itself reflects the explosion of Instant Pot guides in 2018.

2 tablespoons ghee or vegetable oil

2 cups finely diced onions

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 tablespoon minced ginger

1 tablespoon minced garlic

1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric

3 teaspoons Kashmiri chili powder, divided

1 teaspoon garam masala

2 tablespoon tomato paste

2 tablespoons chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, pureed or finely chopped

1 cup of water

1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes (with juice)

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 2-inch pieces

1/2 cup raw cashew pieces

3/4 cup heavy or whipping cream

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1. Using the saute function on high, heat the ghee in the inner pot for about 1 minute, until shimmering. Add the onions and salt; cook, stirring occasionally, for about 4 minutes, until the onions are softened.

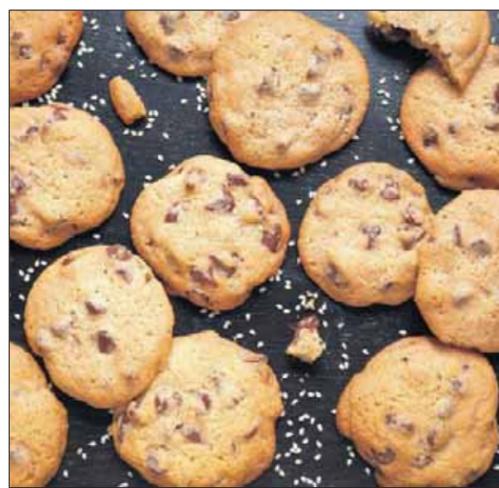
2. Add the ginger, garlic, turmeric, 2 teaspoons chili powder, garam masala and tomato paste; cook, stirring constantly, for about 1 minute, until fragrant. Stir in the chipotles in adobo sauce, water, tomatoes (with juice) and chicken. Secure the lid and cook on high pressure for 8 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, toast the cashews in a small, dry skillet over medium heat, for 3 minutes, tossing the pan frequently, until lightly browned. Transfer to a medium bowl. Add the remaining 1 teaspoon chili powder and toss to coat. Set aside.

4. Once the chicken is cooked, let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes, then quick-release the remaining pressure.

5. Remove the lid. If the sauce is watery, use the saute function on high to simmer the mixture for 5 minutes, until the sauce is reduced to the desired consistency. Stir in the cream and 1/4 cup cilantro. Transfer the chicken and sauce to a serving dish, garnish with the remaining cilantro and cashews, and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 435 calories, 28 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 184 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 30 g protein, 719 mg sodium, 3 g fiber



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Tahini chocolate chip cookies

Prep: 10 minutes, plus chilling time

Cook: 12-14 minutes

Makes: 36 cookies

Frequent F&D contributor Lisa Futterman became obsessed with all things sesame this year. Her story for us explored the seed in varied forms — meatballs, dukka, and cookies. All good, but the cookies, inspired by David Lebovitz's recipe for salted chocolate chip tahini cookies, stood out. Tahini replaces some of the butter for a deep, mysterious flavor, Lisa wrote. Indeed.

1 stick (4 ounces) unsalted butter, room temperature

1/2 cup tahini, stirred

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup light brown sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons flour

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon kosher salt

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips (one 12-ounce package)

Flaky sea salt (optional)

1. Beat the butter, tahini and sugars in a bowl with a mixer until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs and vanilla; beat 1 minute more.

2. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl; add to the butter mixture carefully, mixing until just combined. Gently mix in the chocolate chips. Refrigerate the dough, 6-8 hours or overnight. (If you have room, you can shape the cookies and refrigerate them on a baking sheet overnight instead.)

3. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Form the dough into 2-inch balls; place on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake until golden, 12-14 minutes. Do not over bake.

4. If desired, you may sprinkle a few flakes of sea salt on top of each cookie as they come out of the oven. Allow to cool on the baking sheets.

Nutrition information per cookie: 128 calories, 7 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 17 mg cholesterol, 16 g carbohydrates, 11 g sugar, 2 g protein, 87 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

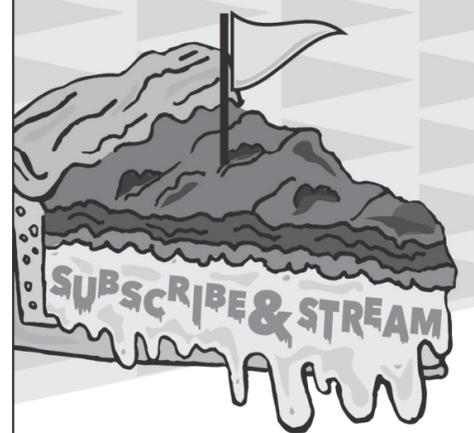
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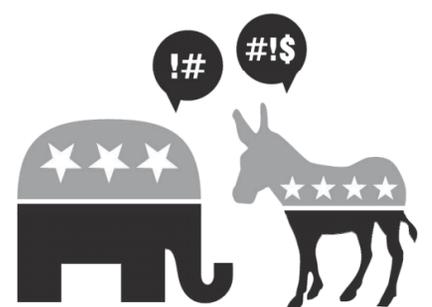
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stir all the ingredients together (mashing up the foie as one might break apart the egg), and add as much spicy/pungent gochujang sauce (served on the side) as one desires and/or dares. 1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077 — *P.V.*

Spring peas and squid sausage at Bar Biscay. You'll have to wait until next year to sample this deceptively simple dish from the "vegetables" section of Bar Biscay's Basque-inspired menu. A base of spring peas mixed with bits of squid sausage support toast points loaded with piperade. Easy peas-y, seemingly, but the ingredients coalesce magically, and the whole dish bursts with fresh, bright flavors. Thoughts of this composition will keep me going through the bitter winter. 1450 W. Chicago Ave., 312-455-8900 — *P.V.*

Whole roasted duck at Pacific Standard Time. This California-inspired restaurant offers a handful of large-format dishes, designed to feed three to five guests. Among them is this \$85 indulgence (remember, it serves at least three), which offers an abundance of sliced duck breast and pickled vegetables alongside a crock of duck-beef meatballs and beans, separate saucers of yogurt and muhammara (pepper-walnut spread). And it comes with the house-made, wood-oven bread that's a cross between pita and naan. 141 W. Erie St., 312-736-1778 — *P.V.*

Potato puree at Etta. There is no shortage of highlights on Danny Grant's menu — hearth-fired pizzas, superior pastas, thinking-man's salads — but for individual honors, I'm picking a side dish. The simple-sounding potato puree begins with potatoes churned into Robuchon-level smoothness, but Grant then applies a textural switcheroo, adding crisped garlic bits, chicken cracklings and toasted panko before finishing with a pan-drippings gravy. This creation will support the most robust protein you can think of, but it's also a killer stand-alone dish. 1840 W. North Ave., 312-757-4444 — *P.V.*

Sweet-potato cremeux at Free Rein. I actually went back-and-forth between this dish and the savory pork-belly roulade with bacon-jus glaze (it's remarkable). My sweet side won out. Pastry chef Evan Sheridan, formerly with

Sixteen (back when it was a two-Michelin-star restaurant), is responsible for this brilliant composition, in which a puffy sweet-potato cremeux sits above white-sesame panna cotta and toasted-ginger pavlova, amid a scattering of torn cake pieces. It looks like the nest of some exotic Seussian bird, and it tastes divine. 224 N. Michigan Ave., 312-334-6700 — *P.V.*

Roasted quail at Le Sud. One of the best late additions to the restaurant Class of 2018 is this Roscoe Village charmer. And of the many enjoyable dishes from Ryan Brosseau's kitchen, none tickled me more than this quail dish, which I liken to Thanksgiving dinner in miniature. It begins with a tasty, juicy, disjointed bird, served astride a plank of savory, walnut-studded bread pudding, which sits above a sauce of chicken jus and cranberry mostarda. All that's missing is Uncle Silas' unwelcome political opinions. 2301 W. Roscoe St., 773-857-1985 — *P.V.*

"Secret" egg roll from Mee Mah. Mee Mah opened in 1982, and since then, owners Sandy and William Wong have kept a deep-fried secret. He was the brother of the late co-owner of the iconic Kow Kow, best known for their distinctive batter-dipped and twice-fried egg roll. For the last year or so, the Wongs worked on a secret, similarly styled egg roll — but don't call it a Kow Kow egg roll, they say. Colossal, with a crackly crust, it is stuffed with pork, shrimp, napa cabbage and a hint of peanut butter, the defining ingredient in Chicago-style egg rolls. No longer a secret, the egg roll can now be found on the menu as the Mee Mah egg roll. Whatever it's called, it's — quite simply — freaking delicious. \$6. 4032 W. Peterson Ave., 773-539-2277, www.meehahrestaurant.com — *Louisa Chu*

Belt noodle Yibin-style at Bixi. You don't need to know Chinese geography and regional cuisines as well as Bixi chef and co-owner Bo Fowler to appreciate her belt noodle Yibin-style. Let the primal urge to attack the big beautiful bowl (filled with crisp, thick and chewy house-made ribbons) take you first. After you regain your senses, heightened by an abundance of fermented black soybeans, pickled mustard greens called yacai, the ma la-numbing heat of Sichuan peppercorns, bundles of bok choy and crushed peanuts, only



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Oyster pie at Papadopoulos: two small pieces of oyster-custard pie, topped with a pristine oyster, diced apple and osetra caviar, served with Champagne. \$68. 564 W. Randolph St.



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Egg roll at Mee Mah: stuffed with pork, shrimp, napa cabbage, a hint of peanut butter. \$6. 4032 W. Peterson Ave.

then should you start searching for the origin story of your new favorite noodle dish. Impressive all around, and it happens to be vegan. \$14, 2515 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-904-7368, bixi.beer — *L.C.*

Guava tart at Floriole. There was an inner battle raging when I ate the guava tart from Floriole: Do I keep eating and enjoy the delicate creaminess of the sweet and tart guava cream, the bitterness of the chocolate crust and the light-as-air meringue? Or do I stop, so I can preserve the beauty of the bruleed meringue, the vibrant purples on the flower petals or the cheerful pink of the cream? I'm glad I went with the former. Because the flavor of this tart changes seasonally, the bakery is now serving a Concord grape tart, a chocolate meringue tart, a Mont Blanc tart and a cranberry tart. \$5.25, 1220 W. Webster Ave., 773-883-1313, floriole.com — *Grace Wong*

Tiebu dejun at Goree Cuisine. I waited a little more than 30 minutes for this dish, and I'd do it again. The tiebu dejun at Goree Cuisine is a feast, with whole fish the star. It's

covered in spices and lightly fried, resulting in crispy skin and flaky, tender meat, accompanied by savory sauteed cabbage, spicy onions and flavorful rice. I still can't decide whether the fragrant vermicelli with savory sauce and sweet plump raisins or the fried plantains were better as a side, but I'm sure when I return, I'll end up ordering both anyway. \$13, 1126 E. 47th St., (773) 855-8120, goreecuisine.com — *W.C.*

Chicharron gordita at Minna's Restaurant. I've been obsessed with this tiny Belmont Cragin shop all year. How could I not be? The all-female crew dishes out freshly made Mexican food with serious care and attention. While I could name a number of the dishes on this list, from the quesadillas and sopas, it's the gordita that gets me. These fat tortillas are griddled until crackly and golden, before being split open and stuffed with your filling of choice. I love the chicharrones en salsa verde, squishy fried pork skins drenched in a slightly spicy green salsa. \$4.50. 5046 W. Armitage Ave., 773-417-7602, www.min-

nasrestaurant.com — *Nick Kindelsperger*

Individual sausage deep dish at Beatrix. While eating around downtown for my ultimate guide to lunch in the Loop, I happened upon an outlet of Beatrix Market, a concept best known for its healthy options. And there, right in the front, I set my eyes upon a spread of mini deep dish pizzas. Not only that, but the pizzas sported an incredible gold-brown crust that was crispy on the outside, soft within. Instead of a deluge of molten cheese, a judicious amount is used, which allows you to appreciate the chunky tomato sauce. It's the last place I thought to look for deep dish pizza, and it's some of the very best in the city right now. \$7.69. Beatrix Market (23 E. Jackson Blvd.) — *N.K.*

House-made Greek gyro sandwich at Charcoal Flame Grill. Until this year, I had no idea that gyros in Athens, Greece, are usually made with pork, not lamb. While lamb is much more popular here, there are a number of places in Chicagoland that serve the pork version. My personal favorite is this restaurant in suburban Morton Grove, which stacks the meat by hand and then cooks it until browned and juicy on a vertical rotisserie. The meat tastes almost like thick slab bacon and comes wrapped up in a soft pita with french fries, tomatoes, onions and a cucumber-heavy tzatziki. \$6.95, 6800 Dempster St., Morton Grove, 847-966-1200, charcoalflamegrill.net — *N.K.*

Original tendon tempura at Hannosuke. It might sound strange to

declare what amounts to a bowl of fried things delicate, but it's hard to think of another way to describe this offering from the Hannosuke stall inside the Mitsuwa Marketplace. Each item sports an absurdly thin coating of tempura while retaining its natural integrity. Pay special attention to plump and sweet shrimp and the whole egg, which manages to retain its molten yolk. \$10, Mitsuwa Marketplace, 100 E. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights. www.mitsuwa.com/ch/, 847-956-6699. — *N.K.*

Pambazo at Xocome Antojeria. It's OK to dream about sandwiches, right? I fell for the pambazo at this family-run spot in Archer Heights so completely that I changed my Twitter avatar to a photo of it. To create it, a roll is coated in a red chile sauce and then griddled until crisp. It's then stuffed with soft potatoes, spicy chorizo sausage, crisp lettuce, tart tomatoes and tangy crema. This is strictly a knife-and-fork affair, unless your shirt has a death wish. 5200 S. Archer Ave., 773-498-6679, xocome-antojeria.business.site — *N.K.*

Spicy beef noodle soup at Yu-ton Dumpling House. Beef noodle soup sounds hopelessly boring, but there's nothing basic about the version of this soup at Yu-Ton Dumpling House inside the International Mall in suburban Westmont. The broth is deeply beefy, with a heat that slowly builds in the background, until you feel consumed by it. The large, luscious slabs of beef break apart at a touch from your chopsticks, while the springy house-made noodles are the perfect texture for slurping. \$9, 665 Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont — *N.K.*

Tip and link combo at Slab BBQ. Most of the best barbecue joints on the South Side have been open for decades, so it was exciting this year to stumble upon a new establishment with something to prove. The rib tips are fat, juicy and absolutely saturated in smoke. The long link of sausage, slit down the middle with a knife, is aggressively seasoned with pepper and more wood smoke. Instead of forgettable frozen fries, Slab uses crispy fresh-cut fries, which taste even better when dunked in the restaurant's tangy and complex barbecue sauce. \$13.49, 8340 S. Stony Island Ave., 312-620-7522, www.slabb-bq.com — *N.K.*

Shrimp scampi without the butter-and-oil slick

America's Test Kitchen

Shrimp scampi is rarely awful — it's unusual for things to go terribly wrong when garlic, wine and butter are involved — but restaurant versions always make me wish I'd ordered differently. I have never been presented with the ultimate scampi, the one that I can almost taste when I peruse the menu: perfectly cooked, briny beauties in a garlicky, buttery (but not greasy) white wine sauce.

When I last made my way through a mediocre rendition, I decided it was time to realize this ideal scampi vision at home. Since shrimp are susceptible to overcooking, I gave my shrimp (1½ pounds, enough to serve four) a short dunk in a saltwater solution to season them and help preserve moisture. I then heated extra-virgin olive oil in a skillet, sauteed a few cloves of minced garlic and a dash of red pepper flakes, and added the shrimp. Once the shrimp turned opaque, I splashed in some dry white wine and followed it with a chunk of butter, a big squeeze of lemon juice and a sprinkle of parsley.

My guests and I didn't go hungry that night, but the scampi was far from per-



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fect. One problem was that the sauce separated into a butter-and-oil slick floating on top of the wine — not ideal in the looks department or for dunking bread into. (While some serve shrimp scampi over a pile of spaghetti, I think it's best with a crusty loaf.) Then there were the shrimp: Some were a little overdone, while others were

still translucent. Finally, the overall dish was shy on both seafood and garlic flavors. For results that I'd be truly satisfied with, some adjustments were in order.

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Shrimp scampi

Servings: 4

Start to finish: 45 minutes

3 tablespoons salt

2 tablespoons sugar

1½ pounds jumbo shrimp (16 to 20 per pound), peeled and deveined, and tails removed, shells reserved

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 cup dry white wine

4 sprigs fresh thyme

3 tablespoons lemon juice, plus lemon wedges for serving

1 teaspoon cornstarch

8 garlic cloves, sliced thin

½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

¼ teaspoon pepper

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into ½-inch pieces

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1. Dissolve salt and sugar in 1 quart cold water in large container. Submerge shrimp in brine, cover and refrigerate for 15 minutes. Remove shrimp from brine and pat dry with paper towels.

2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in 12-inch skillet over high heat until shimmering. Add shrimp shells and cook, stirring frequently, until they begin to turn spotty brown and skillet starts to brown, 2 to 4 minutes. Remove skillet from heat and carefully add wine and thyme sprigs. When bubbling subsides, return skillet to medium heat and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Strain mixture through colander set over large bowl. Discard shells and reserve liquid

(you should have about ⅔ cup). Wipe out skillet with paper towels.

3. Combine lemon juice and cornstarch in small bowl. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil, garlic, pepper flakes and pepper in now-empty skillet over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until garlic is fragrant and just beginning to brown at edges, 3 to 5 minutes. Add reserved wine mixture, increase heat to high and bring to simmer. Reduce heat to medium, add shrimp, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until shrimp are just opaque, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove skillet from heat and, using slotted spoon, transfer shrimp to bowl.

4. Return skillet to medium heat, add lemon juice-cornstarch mixture, and cook until slightly thickened, 1 minute. Remove from heat and whisk in butter and parsley until combined. Return shrimp and any accumulated juices to skillet and toss to combine. Serve with crusty bread, passing lemon wedges separately.

Chef's note: Extra-large shrimp (21 to 25 per pound) can be substituted for jumbo shrimp. If you use them, reduce the cooking time in Step 3 by 1 to 2 minutes. We prefer untreated shrimp, but if your shrimp are treated with sodium or preservatives like sodium tripolyphosphate, skip the brining in step 1 and add ¼ teaspoon of salt to the sauce.

Nutrition information per serving: 323 calories; 165 calories from fat; 19 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 245 mg cholesterol; 1259 mg sodium; 6 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 24 g protein.



NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Minna's cooks sprinkle on just enough tangy cheese to coat the bottom of their quesadillas. The restaurant offers several fillings, including a colorful stew of zucchini blossoms.



NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Xocome Antojeria's pambazo, which is definitely a knife-and-fork affair, is easily one of Nick Kindelsperger's favorite versions of the sandwich in Chicago.



NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

At Slab Bar-B-Que in the South Shore neighborhood, the rib tips are riddled with smoke, and the hot link gushes with juice. The combo also includes a pile of fries.



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The pabellon arepa is stuffed with shredded beef, black beans, cheese and sweet plantains at Rica Arepa Venezuelan cafe in the Hermosa neighborhood.

Best places to eat in Chicago this year

Don't miss these 5 must-visit neighborhood destinations

By **NICK KINDELSPERGER**
Chicago Tribune

This year, I was constantly in awe of the neighborhood restaurant, the independently owned establishment far from downtown. Not just one, but a few, where the quality of the food and the sheer effort exerted by the staff was impossible to ignore.

That's especially true if you grab a seat at the bar at **Minna's Restaurant**.

The small storefront (5046 W. Armitage Ave.) in the Belmont Cragin neighborhood doesn't serve alcohol, though you can order a round of freshly squeezed juice if you'd like. Instead, the bar gives you an uninterrupted view of the kitchen's griddle, where two to three women at a time prepare corn masa creations — tortillas, quesadillas, huarches, sopas and gorditas — from scratch.

Sometimes it's soothing to watch people cook. Not

here. Cooking at Minna's looks hard.

Nearly every dish requires someone to take a ball of fresh corn masa, smash it on a tortilla press to a specific thickness, carefully place it on the griddle and then monitor it like a hawk until it's ready to flip. Leave it too long, and the masa dries out. Pull it too soon, and it's raw in the middle. To make matters even more confusing, the tortillas are thinner than the quesadillas, huarches are bigger than sopas, and the gorditas need to be slicked with oil after a certain period, so the exterior can crackle and brown. At any one moment, all of these dishes could be on the griddle at the same time. Trying to handle all the different cooking times would make my mind explode.

The best neighborhood restaurants also know how to make you feel welcome.

Walk into **Xocome Antojeria** (5200 S. Archer Ave.) in Archer Heights,

and you'll almost always find Bertha Garcia or her son, David Rodriguez, in the kitchen, making tortillas, quesadillas and, my personal favorite, tlacoyos from scratch. Rodriguez used to work as a chef downtown, before deciding to open a small shop in Archer Heights with his mom. The result is family cooking with serious attention to quality. You can actually order tacos with filet mignon, though I'm mostly down for the juicy carnitas and spicy chicharon en salsa verde.

Since it's a family operation, if you visit more than once, you'll probably be on a first-name basis. The owners also love to share their knowledge. On my second visit, I asked Garcia one simple question, and 10 minutes later, she had essentially given me a whole cooking lesson for free.

Like Rodriguez, Nova Sasi worked for years around some of Chicago's trendiest restaurants (Fat Rice and Embeya) before deciding to open something with his mom. The result is **Ghin Khao** (2128 W. Cermak Road) in

Pilsen. The name means "eat rice" in Thai, and it's mostly astonishing for what it doesn't serve: It's the rare Thai restaurant without pad Thai or red curry.

Instead, you'll want grandma's pork belly (\$12.95), thin and crispy slices of pork served with jaew sauce, a funky, fiery and fragrant dip, along with a pile of white rice. Order the som tum salad (\$11.75) "Thai spicy," and you'll encounter a cool and crunchy tangle of green papaya strips coated in a sauce so outrageously spicy and funky, you'll start sweating almost immediately.

Nearly the whole family is behind the counter at **Slab Bar-B-Que** (1918 E. 71st St.) in the South Shore neighborhood. Along with co-owners James and Tonya Trice, you'll also occasionally run into their son James Jr. and daughter Miranda — when the two aren't in school. But that's not the first thing you'll notice when you walk in. No, it's the sight of a hulking stack of hickory wood in the front room and the aroma of smoke and pork

clouding the air.

The best way to indulge is with a tip and link combo (\$13.49), a heaving heap of two kinds of smoke-riddled pork blanketing a pile of fries. The rib tips taste as juicy as well-marbled steak, albeit with the occasional bit of cartilage in the way, while the long link of sausage has a crackly casing and a tender, aggressively seasoned interior. Instead of settling with frozen fries, Slab BBQ makes them from scratch, along with all the sides it sells. Over the past few years, we've seen a distressing number of Chicago's best barbecue joints close (Barbara Ann's and the original Uncle John's), so it's thrilling to witness any newcomer get in the game, especially one that's using an aquarium-style smoker. (The distinctive glass-sided smoker is common to lots of barbecue establishments on the South Side.) I'm not sure there is a better platter of rib tips and hot links in Chicago right now.

Of the restaurant trends I expected to see this year, the proliferation of Venezuelan restaurants wasn't one of them. But due to

increasing uncertainty in that country, a number of immigrants have moved to Chicago, bringing with them their cuisine.

Rica Arepa (4253 W. Armitage Ave.) in Hermosa is owned by Kharim Rincon and Maria Uzcategui. I initially wrote about the two because of their excellent arepas, flat corncakes that are sliced open and stuffed with braised meats and cheeses. But the restaurant also began serving more ambitious meals on the weekends, like sancocho de cruzado, a bursting bowl of beef shank, chicken and half a dozen vegetables.

All of these restaurants help to connect you to a community in a way that a trendy spot downtown never could, and you're far more likely to be greeted with a smile. These are serious cooks, serving top-notch food — often for a fraction of the cost of places downtown.

If there was ever a year to celebrate the neighborhood restaurant in Chicago, it was 2018.

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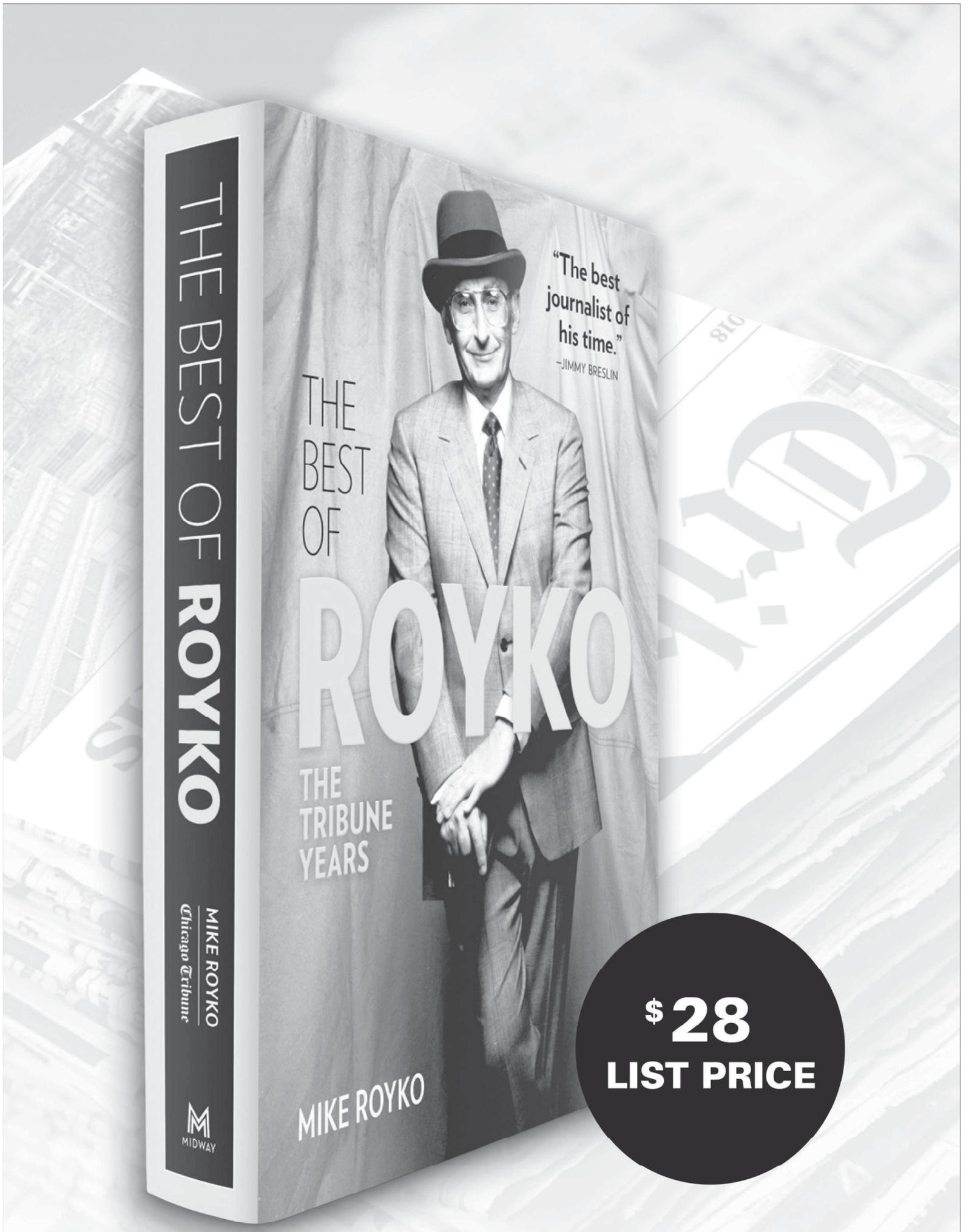
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\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!
Land O' Lakes
American Cheese
Selected Varieties
\$4.98 Lb.
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!
King's Command
Homestyle
Beef Meatloaf
18 Oz.
\$7.99

Garden/Fresh
Steakhouse Potato Salad
\$4.99 Lb.

Garden/Fresh
Broccoli Raisin Salad
\$7.99 Lb.

Garden Fresh
Asiago Pasta Salad
\$5.99 Lb.

Walt's Signature
Premium
Tuna Salad
\$5.99 Lb.

BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Boneless Round Steak
Any Size Package

\$3.79
Lb.

Tenderized Beef Cube Steaks Value Pack **\$3.99** Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Porterhouse Steak

\$7.99
Lb.

T-Bone Steak **\$7.79** Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Combo Pack
Value Pack

\$1.79
Lb.

Chops & Roast

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Beef Bottom Round Roast
Sold As Roast Only

\$3.79
Lb.

Bottom Round Steaks Value Pack **\$3.99** Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops
Value Pack

\$1.99
Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Whole Pork Tenderloin
Sold Whole in the Bag

\$2.49
Lb.

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"
Split Chicken Breasts

\$1.99
Lb.

Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken
Boneless Chicken Breast Tenders
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More

\$2.49
Lb.

No Added Hormones

Walt's "All Natural" Premium 85% Lean
Ground Round
Value Pack

\$2.99
Lb.

Ground fresh in store many times daily

Taste Choice
Skillet Meals
Assorted Varieties
22 - 24 Oz.

\$4.99

Indiana Kitchen
Sliced Bacon
16 Oz.

\$3.99

Oscar Mayer
Turkey Bacon
Assorted Varieties
11 - 12 Oz.

2/\$5

Swaggerty's
Pork Sausage Roll
•Mild •Hot
16 Oz.

2/\$5

Swaggerty's
Pork Breakfast Sausage
•Links •Patties
12 Oz.

2/\$5

Eckrich
Smoked Sausage
•Ropes •Links
8.3 - 14 Oz.

2/\$5

Ball Park
Meat Franks
Selected Varieties
14 - 15 Oz.

2/\$3

Carl Buddig
Premium Lunchmeats
Assorted Varieties
8 Oz.

2/\$4

Tyson
Chicken Breast Strips
Assorted Varieties
12 Oz.

\$3.99

PRODUCE

Large Solid
Head Lettuce

99¢
Ea.

Washington Premium
Honeycrisp Apples

\$1.49
Lb.

California Fresh
Broccoli Crowns

\$1.49
Lb.

Del Monte
Whole Jumbo Golden Pineapple

\$1.99
Ea.

Extra Large
Green Bell Peppers

99¢
Lb.

California
Navel Eating Oranges

99¢
Lb.

Sweet N Juicy

Fresh Fancy
Eggplant

99¢
Lb.

Fancy
Zucchini Squash

99¢
Lb.

"Andy Boy"
Romaine Hearts
3 Pack

\$1.99

Sno-White Fresh
Cauliflower

\$1.69
Ea.

Seedless
Cucumbers

99¢
Ea.

Fancy
Yellow Squash

99¢
Lb.

Seedless
Halos
3 Lb. Bag

\$3.99

"Hass"
Avocados

99¢
Ea.

Extra Large

Jumbo Sweet
Blueberries
6 Oz. Pkg.

\$1.99

Fresh Flavorful Green
Asparagus

\$2.99
Lb.

Fresh Sweet
Blackberries
6 Oz. Pkg.

\$1.99

Fresh Sweet
Cherries

\$5.99
Lb.

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